

J. EDGAR HOOVER

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February 13, 1935

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to speak a word for Mr. Durant, who, I understand, has applied to you for a position. While I would not ask any special consideration or anything which you would not feel justified in doing, I do want to say that I have known him for some time and think he is a fine type of young man. I know that his work with the New York Constabulary has been very good, but he feels that there is not much future there for him.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 14, 1935.

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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:-

I have received your communication dated February 13th with respect to Mr. Henry C. Durand of the New York State Troopers, who has filed an application for appointment as a Special Agent in this service.

I am very glad indeed to know of your interest in Mr. Durand and I want to assure you that I will give his case my careful attention in connection with the filling of vacancies in this service.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

August 8, 1936

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My dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for  
your letter of July 28 and for the  
information about Mr. William B.  
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Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

cc: Mrs. Charles Foyweather

February 7, 1938

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My dear Mr. Hoover:

Mrs. Roosevelt is planning on writing an article on crime among youth. Would you be good enough to have some one send her any statistics you might have on the increase or decrease of youthful crimes, and any changes which might have occurred in the average age of young criminals. She would also appreciate any other information you could send her which she could use in the article.

Very sincerely yours,

Malvina T. Scheider  
Secretary to  
Mrs. Roosevelt

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

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Re: C.C. Harney  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**  
February 8, 1938.

Mrs. Malvina T. Scheider,  
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Scheider:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 7, 1938, with reference to the article which Mrs. Roosevelt is contemplating writing on youth and crime.

I was very glad indeed to learn of this article since I feel that the youth problem in crime presents a situation that is most unwholesome to our national life, for in 1937 there was a decided increase in crimes committed by youths over the preceding year. During 1937, the Federal Bureau of Investigation examined the criminal records of 520,153 individuals whose fingerprints were received during that year. Of this number 93,853, or 18%, were less than 21 years of age. In 1936, out of a total of 461,589 arrest records examined, 17.4%, or 80,353 of the individuals whose fingerprints were received in the Bureau, were under 21, thus indicating that last year persons under voting age became implicated in law violations to a greater extent than in the preceding year.

I have noted that in 1932 until the middle of 1935, the 19 year-old group predominated in the frequency of arrests. Since 1935, however, the 21 and 22 year-old groups have been most frequently represented. Last year more persons 22 years of age were arrested than in any other single age group. There were 22,875 individuals 22 years of age, 22,244 21 years of age, 21,930 23 years of age and 21,642 19 years of age who were arrested. While only 18% of the total number of persons whose fingerprints reached the FBI last year were under 21 years of age, nevertheless that 18% accounted for 902 persons under 21 who were charged with murder or manslaughter, 3,884 who were charged with robbery, 3,256 who were charged with assault, 13,661 who were charged with burglary, 19,632 who were charged with larceny and other related crimes, and 6,872 who were charged with auto theft. These figures are extremely conservative because in many jurisdictions juveniles are not fingerprinted or their fingerprints were not forwarded to the FBI.

Mrs. Malvina T. Scheider.

February 8, 1938.

In 1937 a total of 146,305 persons of all ages were charged with crimes against property, such as robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement and fraud, forgery, counterfeiting, receiving stolen property and arson. Of that number, 45,303, or 31%, were less than 21 years of age. In 1936 only 28.5% of the total crimes against property were committed by persons under 21 years of age, which, of course, indicates an increase in the proportion of such crimes committed by youths.

The one factor that has caused me so much worry in recent years has been the large number of youths who have been arrested for the commission of serious crimes and who possessed previous records. Over 50% of those under 21 years of age who are arrested and fingerprinted have a previous record of law infractions.

The thought has occurred to me that possibly Mrs. Roosevelt would like to consider the extent of crime which was committed in the United States last year. In all, over 13,500 cases of murder and manslaughter were committed, representing a decided increase of such crimes over 1936. There were a total of 8,518 rape cases which were committed in 1937, as against 7,881 in 1936, representing an increase of 8.1%; 59,786 robberies were committed in 1937 as against 55,660 in 1936; 45,478 cases of aggravated assault occurred last year; there were 292,870 cases of burglary last year as against 278,823 similar offenses in 1936; a total of 780,031 cases of larceny occurred in 1937 as against 716,674 in 1936, and a total of 215,569 cases of auto theft were reported in 1937 as against 213,712 in 1936, making a total of 1,415,816 serious offenses committed in 1937 as against 1,333,526 serious offenses in 1936. The daily average number of serious crimes during 1936 was 3,644, as compared with 3,879 crimes daily in 1937. This is an increase of 235 major crimes each day over 1936. Every 22 seconds last year a major crime was committed, or one major crime for each 91 persons in the United States. Every 8 minutes in 1937 there was a crime of murder, manslaughter, rape or assault to kill.

I trust that this information will be helpful to Mrs. Roosevelt and if I can be of any further assistance I hope you will not hesitate to call on me.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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May 31, 1939

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been told that you have some information on the American Youth Congress, either recently or taken some time ago, which would indicate a number of people are either Communists or Fascists. I would be extremely grateful for any information which you can give me on the subject.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

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June 15, 1939

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am very glad to see the records on the Youth Congress. William Hinckley is no longer the chairman. Joe Cadden is now the chairman, but they change every year and there will be a new one this year.

Of course, all these things which are said by Communist leaders, and the fact that they claim this organization and others to be Communistic, seems to me just so much nonsense. If their members choose to work for things which we in this country are keen to see done, that is very pleasing, but I hardly think it is much of a gain for the Communist cause except insofar as Communism may be changing to good Democracy.

For the rest, I see nothing very terrifying in the report. Here and there they have stood apparently for one or two rather radical things, but many of these things are either rejected or they are changed in their latest declarations, and new ones will be made at their Congress in July. For instance, they no longer support total disarmament.

It always amuses me to see young people's organizations treated as though they were already mature and settled. I am glad, however, to have this information as it shows me the type of fact which has been used to substantiate the Roman Catholic attitude that this organization is Communist controlled.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Dept. of Justice

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

June 8, 1939

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Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter dated May 31, 1939, I am pleased to inclose the attached memorandum setting forth information concerning the American Youth Congress.

I want you to know that it is indeed a pleasure for me to be able to make available to you the data contained in this memorandum.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

Inclosure

August 21, 1939

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Many thanks for your letter and for the cordial invitation you extend to me to address the graduating class of the FBI National Police Academy on September 30. I deeply regret that it is not possible for me to accept, as I shall be away, on a lecture trip, the latter part of September.

You were kind to ask me and I should like so much to be with you on this occasion.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

August 17, 1939

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

You have demonstrated such a splendid interest in the work which we are doing in the Federal Bureau of Investigation that I want to extend to you a most cordial invitation to address the Graduating Class of the FBI National Police Academy at the graduating exercises which will begin at 10:30 A. M. and be held in the Great Hall of the Department of Justice Building on September 30, 1939. Thirty seven representatives of local, county and state police agencies are members of the Graduating Class, and in addition, there will be present three hundred and seventy former graduates of the Academy, who will hold their Reunion and Retraining Course here during the week ending September 30, 1939.

The purpose of the Academy, as I am sure you are aware, is to train these selected officers so that they may return to their own departments and instruct the remaining members of their organizations. The three hundred and seventy graduates to date, for example, are making available through training schools increased knowledge and efficiency in law enforcement to police personnel numbering more than seventy five thousand in their own departments.

The Great Hall of the Department of Justice Building is air conditioned, it has a seating capacity of approximately nine hundred and judging from previous experiences, the Hall will be filled to capacity. The Attorney General and the official staff of the Department of Justice will be present, as well as many of the members of the families of the Graduating Class and the alumni group.

I know that everyone present would be most interested in hearing you and I feel that the message of encouragement and inspiration which you would give them would be one that would serve to stimulate law enforcement activities on a national basis, so that law enforcement would advance even more rapidly and more definitely to a professional status.

I am sincerely hopeful that you can be with us and I want to take this occasion also to express to you my sincere appreciation for your continued friendly interest and encouragement in the work which we in the Federal Bureau of Investigation are doing.

With assurances of my best wishes and highest esteem, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
August 28, 1939

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Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Your letter of August 21, 1939 has just come to me. I am disappointed, of course, to learn that you will not be able to address the graduating class of the FBI National Police Academy. Besides my own personal regret, I am sorry that it will not be possible for the law enforcement officials attending the Academy to enjoy the honor of your presence. I understand that the extreme demands upon your time have prevented your acceptance of my invitation, and I want to thank you for your kind consideration of my suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

December 22, 1939

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I am distressed that again I must refuse your invitation to address the graduating class of the FBI National Police Academy.

On March 30 I will be in the west on a lecture trip. I leave on the night of the 25th of March and do not return until the 14th of April.

With many regrets, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

December 18, 1939

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

May I take the privilege of referring to a letter addressed to you on August 17, 1939, extending an invitation for you to address the Graduating Class of the FBI National Police Academy at the graduating exercises on September 30, 1939. I regret very much that prior commitments prevented your accepting this invitation. However, I have so deeply appreciated your interest in the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and your interest in the problems of law enforcement that I desire at this time to extend another invitation for you to address another Graduating Class of the FBI National Police Academy in the Great Hall of the Department of Justice Building in Washington, at 10:30 A. M., on March 30, 1940.

The purpose of the Academy, as you are undoubtedly aware, is to train selected police officers from local, county, and state police agencies so that upon completion of the twelve weeks' course of training they may return to their own departments and instruct the remaining members of their organizations. There are 406 graduates of the Academy to date, and it is expected that there will be forty additional graduates as members of the class completing the training on March 30. These graduates are making available through the training programs in their own organizations knowledge concerning improved law enforcement methods and work to the thousands of officers in their own departments.

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
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December 18, 1939

The Great Hall of the Department of Justice is usually filled to capacity on the occasion of these exercises, and the Attorney General and members of the staff of the Department of Justice and other interested officials are usually present on these occasions.

Knowing of your own interest in the work which we are doing in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I am most anxious to have you give favorable consideration to this invitation. I am, therefore, communicating with you at this early date even before the class begins in order that if at all possible you can be with us at these exercises.

May I again express to you my sincere appreciation for your friendly interest and encouragement in the work which we in the Federal Bureau of Investigation are doing.

With assurances of my best wishes and highest esteem,  
I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

December 28, 1939

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have received your letter of December 22, 1939, and of course am extremely disappointed that you will be unable to address the graduating class of the FBI National Police Academy on March 30, 1940. I understand your inability to do so and am hopeful that it will be possible for you to address a graduating class of the Academy at the conclusion of a later session.

Please accept my thanks for your very kind consideration.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours

J. Edgar Hoover

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May 12, 1940

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I have known ~~a~~ Miss Charlotte Kraus for sometime. She is an Austrian with an Austrian mother and a Jewish father and she is very happy to be in this country and has taken out her first papers and is making every effort to get her parents into some country where they can reside in safety.

However, she has asked me for a letter of endorsement and before I send it to her I should like to have you send some one to check up on her. I would want this done in a kindly manner and as unostentatiously as possible so I would be running no risk by giving her the letter she requests. She reported to me that the janitor in her building had talked to her a great deal about the Nazi bunds.

I have no reason for suspecting her except that no one can be sure what kind of tactics are being used by Hitler today.

I should like this information as quickly as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

Her address is:

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Hyde Park, New York  
July 25, 1940

J. Edgar  
Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would be very grateful if you would tell me whether Viola Lina is listed with you in any way. I am trying to find out if anybody has ever preferred charges against her, and, if so, what investigations have been made and are on the record now.

Walter Winchell said that she had been investigated by government agencies in 1934 and found to be a Nazi. She says this is not true.

Very sincerely yours,

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AMG July 24, 1940

Walter Winchell, in his regular Sunday night broadcast on July 14, 1940, made the following statement:

"Viola Ilma's picture was published in many newspapers last week. They described Miss Ilma as one of the founders of the American Youth Congress. This is to report to the Nation at large that Viola Ilma was investigated by Government agents in 1934. They found out that Miss Ilma not only got a free trip on a Nazi boat, but that she was not then an American citizen. Viola Ilma's real name is Waldmeier."

-- From the script of the broadcast, as dictated over the telephone by Bernard Hoffman, representative of the program sponsor, Jurgen's Lotion Co.

This statement was repeated in essence in Winchell's column in the N. Y. Mirror, July 15, 1940, as follows:

"Viola Ilma's picture was published widely last week. She was described as one of the founders of The American Youth Congress...Miss Ilma was investigated by Government agents in 1934. They discovered (according to a Congressional probe) that she made a free trip via a Nazi boat to Germany, and that she was not an American citizen at the time. Real name: Waldmeier."

Note that although Walter Winchell makes no direct charge that I was, or am, a Nazi agent, such an inference may be drawn from the conjunction of "facts" that he gives. Unfortunately, the inference has been drawn by many persons, including professional associates and other persons upon whose good will the success of my placement efforts for a social agency depends. The statement has reacted greatly

to my detriment, personally and professionally. Not all who hear him believe Walter Winchell's word to be gospel truth, but undoubtedly many of the millions who heard the loosely flung charge believe that I am an agent of a despicable foreign power. Therefore I am making this public denial.

I was never a Nazi agent. I was never a Nazi. I most emphatically deny the implications of the statements cited above.

Mr. St. Clair McKelway, in a series of articles in the New Yorker recently, thus records Walter Winchell's veracity (New Yorker, July 13, 1940, page 23):

"In order to estimate how often Winchell is right, how often he is partially wrong, and how often he is wholly wrong, all five of Winchell's Monday columns for the month of April were clipped out of the Mirror and dissected. In these five columns were 239 separate items. Of these, it was discovered that 108 were unverifiable because they were what gossip writers call 'blind' items, in which no names are mentioned, or were expressions of opinion, or were items which the persons concerned refused to confirm or deny. Thus, 131 items of the 239 were verifiable. Of these, fifty-three were completely accurate, twenty-four were partially inaccurate, and fifty-four were completely inaccurate. The percentages are as follows: 41.2 per cent completely inaccurate, 18.3 per cent partially inaccurate, 40.5 completely accurate. In other words, Winchell was not quite half right in the month of April."

At best, Walter Winchell's "facts" about me fall into the half-truth category; his calculated association of these "facts" gives them the power of insidious untruths. He never bothered to check the real facts with me, <sup>or</sup> offered me an opportunity of affirming or denying ~~that~~ his imputation, or asked for an explanation. Not that he worries about possible libel charges, since his contract relieves him of

the costs of libel suits, and the companies which employ him have a libel lawyer check his copy. Hence the vagueness of the exact wording of his statement about me, the cleverness of the implication. He presents what is presumably sensational evidence and leaves his hearers and his readers to draw their own conclusions.

The reader might well ask why Walter Winchell makes such a statement, suddenly, out of the blue. Obviously it was made to discredit the American Youth Congress, by imputing that one of its founders was a Nazi agent.

This is ~~ironical~~, since at the time of the First American Youth Congress I was accused of being a fascist by the liberal-radical group that took the congress away from my leadership; and later was charged by John L. Spivak, writing in the New Masses, of being a Nazi agent. Walter Winchell has often quoted Mr. Spivak for anti-Nazi purposes in the past, and can hardly be unaware of the charge that Mr. Spivak made against me in 1934. Why, then, did he not make his charge openly? For the simple reason that it is unfounded. Neither John L. Spivak nor Walter Winchell, not even with the aid of the mysterious Government agents ~~that~~ whom he mentions can prove such a charge.

He does, however, resort to half-truths, about my citizenship, my name, and about a trip abroad. I must therefore answer in detail.

What is the truth with regard to my citizenship?

My father, who is an American citizen today, was the son of a Swiss Quaker missionary. My mother was born in

New York City. While they were studying music together in Germany, I was born. I was brought to the United States when two years old, and have resided here ever since. My mother had lost her American citizenship through marriage to a Swiss citizen, but she availed herself of a law passed some twenty years ago to regain American citizenship. Because I was a minor at the time, she presumed that I too had become an American citizen, and the State Department issued a passport to that effect. Following a trip abroad, the Department of Labor ruled that I was not a citizen, while the State Department maintained that I was. Much correspondence is on file to this effect, in both departments. Finally I applied formally for citizenship, went through long-delayed routine, and at last in 1938 was granted citizenship.

A simple question with regard to this would have illuminated Mr. Winchell. I was not an alien monster, tricking the U. S. government, as he implies.

What is the truth with regard to my name?

My paternal name is Waldmeier. It sounds German when Walter Winchell presents it in the curious context of his statement. It is Swiss. My father's full name is Alfred Ilma Waldmeier. Ilma was his mother's name, and it has been used by him throughout his professional career, on the concert stage, in the theater, and as music teacher - since before my birth. I began using the name Ilma long before 1934, actually in 1928, when I first sought a career. There was no fraud or deception in its use, as Walter Winchell implies.

The most serious part of his charge concerns the  
"Congressional probe" and the "free trip/to Germany"  
on a Nazi boat

To my knowledge there has been no Congressional probe into my activities. Certainly I have never been questioned by Government officials or Congressional investigators as to the matters Walter Winchell presents. If such records exist and are available to Mr. Winchell, they exist as charges which I never had the opportunity to answer, publicly or otherwise.

I never made a "free trip on a Nazi boat to Germany". I did make a trip abroad in 1933, and like thousands of other people who were not Nazi-conscious in those early days of Hitler's rise to power, I sailed on a Hamburg-American liner. But the trip was not "free". Nor did it carry me to Germany. Being bound for London, I disembarked in England. However, there were complications to the trip which provided John L. Spivak with the basis for his "guesswork" charge against me. For that reason the details are presented here.

In 1932 I founded and edited the literary magazine Modern Youth, which was devoted to the problems of Youth (under thirty) versus Age. The many letters I received from jobless, homeless, cynical youths who were suffering from the worst effects of the depression without hope of any kind, aroused my interest in the youth problem and stimulated a critical view of the world that seemingly age had made unfit for youth to live in. Some of this spirit crept into the magazine. But Modern Youth never paid for itself. It

was supported for a time by donations, and after a few issues ~~failed~~ had to be suspended. It was while trying to keep it alive that I met Vincent Bendix, who in turn introduced me to Dr. Edward A. Rumely, then secretary of the Committee for the Nation. Dr. Rumely put me in touch with Arthur Garfield Hays, attorney for the American Civil Liberties Committee. Both Dr. Rumely and Mr. Hays are important to this story, because when Modern South failed, Mr. Hays urged me to take a trip to Europe, and Dr. Rumely, on the chance that I would visit Germany, gave me a letter of introduction to an old friend, Dr. Putzy Hanfstaengl.

I sailed for London, bearing also credentials entitling me to observe the Disarmament Conference at Geneva for the New History Society, for which organization I had spoken to an international women's congress in Chicago shortly before.

After visiting London and Paris, I went to Geneva, and there I received a message from Mr. Hays, then in Berlin/with his daughter, inviting me to join them, (to observe the Reichstag Trial) In the course of my brief visit to Berlin I met Hanfstaengl, then chief of the Nazi foreign press bureau. I also met several young Nazi leaders, in the company of Mr. Hays, and questioned them about the Nazi youth movement. What I saw of the youth movement electrified me with its spirit of enthusiasm and hope. I contrasted this with the apathy and dullness and hopelessness with regard to youth at home. Hitler was doing "something" for youth, and this part of his program I endorsed without comprehension of what it would ultimately

lead to -- militarization, forced labor camps, war and destruction. I understood this much, however, that his program was not for America, and publicly stated as much on my return.

Lack of a program for youth, and apathy about the problem, was still all too evident when I returned to the United States in late 1933. I talked Youth morning, noon and night, to everybody who would listen. I tried to interest New Dealers in the question, with ~~intense~~ ~~enthusiasm~~ an obsessing enthusiasm for the cause of youth and the vaguest idea of what program was needed. Finally, in 1934, I began organizing the First American Youth Congress, inviting all the youth groups I could find -- Republicans, Democrats, Silver Shirts, Communists, Boy Scouts, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Socialists, Technocrats, Newman Clubs, etc. They convened at New York University early in August, 1934.

Sponsors included Mrs. August Belmont, Arthur Taussig, Ogden Mills, Arthur Brownlow, Christopher Morley, Arthur Garfield Hays. Speakers were A. A. Berle, Mayor La Guardia, Arthur Garfield Hays.

Many of the delegates felt that the program was too vague and the conduct of the congress too undemocratic. The gathering split when I refused to permit election of a chairman from the floor. Charges of fascist were flung at me. Presently I found myself outside the youth movement, puzzled as to exactly what I was. Soon, on grounds that I had talked to Hanfstaengl, I was accused by John L. Spivak in the New Masses of being a Nazi agent seeking to gain

control over the American youth movement. I denied the implications in his article then, knowing that despite my confusion I was not a Nazi. His charges were vague, and rested upon pieced together half-truths and implications. They served to discredit me in the eyes of youths who were actively organizing themselves into the present American Youth Congress, and from that time on I remained outside the youth movement.

During the next year or so I unlearned many youthful misconceptions, relearned lessons about democracy. I began to understand the nature of fascism, hated it, and publicly recorded my opinions in articles. My ~~opinion~~ opposition to fascism, like that of all democracy-loving people, has grown with the years. And in the meanwhile I have spent several years serving youths released from reform schools, by job training and placement, in a private social agency. <sup>field of juvenile delinquency</sup> This is an intense school for democracy in itself, showing what improvements must be made in our democratic way of life if fascism is not to grow in our midst.

And now comes this renewal of implications that I am or was a Nazi agent, based on the same unproved assertions, and tending to cause <sup>me</sup> personal and public embarrassment. ~~and~~ I was guilty of nothing more than obsessing zeal for youth, and juvenile mistakes, long outgrown. But lies based on half-truths die hard. The walter winchells seem to thrive on them, regardless of the damage they do to their victims.

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January 23, 1941

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My dear Mr. Hoover:

I should like very much to know what your man, Mr. Mulroy at the Rock Island Arsenal really had confidentially on [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], Fall River, Massachusetts.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
FBI  
Dept. of Justice

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J. Edgar Hoover:

I should very much like to know what your man, Mr. [REDACTED]  
at the Rock Island Arsenal really had confidentially on  
[REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Street, Fall River, Mass.

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January 30, 1941

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Mrs. Roosevelt asks me to thank you  
for the full report you sent her on the case  
of [REDACTED]

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
Mrs. Roosevelt

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

January 25, 1941

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

In conformity with the request contained in your letter of January 23, 1941, complete information concerning [redacted], as available to this Bureau, is furnished in the attached memorandum.

As you will observe from the memorandum, the investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation was at the request of the Acting Commandant of the Rock Island Arsenal and the facts developed have been submitted to the United States Attorney at Springfield, Illinois, for his consideration.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

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January 25, 1941

### MEMORANDUM

Re: [REDACTED]

The Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois, has inaugurated a school to train Civil Service employees from the various Ordnance Procurement Districts throughout the United States as inspectors, in order that they might be competent to adequately inspect ordnance materials being manufactured by private companies in connection with the national defense program.

Each class is given three weeks of general instruction in all types of weapons and three weeks of special instruction in the construction of a particular type of gun. The courses in which the students are to specialize are designated by their Ordnance Districts before their departure for the school.

Because of the secrecy surrounding the construction of the recoil mechanism of the French 75 millimeter gun, the officers in charge of the school requested all Ordnance Districts to limit the number of students sent to specialize in this particular mechanism. [REDACTED] was one of the students sent from the Hartford Ordnance District to attend this school and was one of those students designated to specialize in the study of the recoil mechanism of the French 75 millimeter gun.

The course started on September 3, 1940 and continued without interruption until October 11, 1940. At the start of the course, all students were advised by a member of the faculty that they were not to divulge any information obtained in the school to anyone other than those properly authorized to receive same, and that no information of a secret or confidential nature pertaining to the construction of a particular weapon should be carried away by the students, in the form of notes or drawings.

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The students who were to specialize in the study of the recoil mechanism of the French 75 millimeter gun were again informed by members of the faculty of the secrecy surrounding the construction of this mechanism. At the time they undertook the study of this weapon, they were informed that all notes taken on this mechanism had to be turned in at the expiration of the course and they were specifically instructed not to make carbon copies of these notes. The school ended at noon on October 11, 1940, and the notebooks were collected on this date and turned over to a clerk in the inspection school.

Shortly after the notebooks were collected, Captain [REDACTED], Officer in charge of the inspection school, was informed by this clerk that the typewritten notes turned in by the subject clearly indicated that carbon copies had been made of them, since the punctuation marks on the back of each sheet were clearly visible, indicating that a carbon had been used.

Since [REDACTED] was to depart for his home District within an hour, Captain [REDACTED] immediately secured a search warrant from the Police Magistrate at Rock Island, Illinois and, accompanied by officers of the Rock Island Police Department and police officers attached to the Rock Island Arsenal, went to [REDACTED]'s room in Rock Island, Illinois and searched his quarters. There were found in [REDACTED]'s room a carbon duplicate of his notebook and rough draft drawings of the French 75 millimeter gun.

[REDACTED] was arrested by officers of the Rock Island Police Department when he returned to his room and was lodged in the county jail at Rock Island, Illinois on a charge of disorderly conduct. His hearing on the instant charge was set for October 22, 1940, before the local Police Magistrate.

The Springfield Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was notified of [REDACTED]'s arrest by Colonel [REDACTED], Acting Commandant, Rock Island Arsenal, on October 13, 1940. Special Agent [REDACTED], who was attached to the Springfield Office at that time, was assigned this case. Rock Island Arsenal officials advised that the matter was being referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to determine if [REDACTED] was a member of any espionage ring and stated that regardless of the facts developed, they were going to recommend his dismissal.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed by this Agent at the Rock Island county jail on October 14, 1940, and although admitting making the carbon copies of his notes, he denied that he was aware that this was forbidden. He had no recollection of any of the school officials' cautioning the students against making drawings, carbon copies or retaining any notes in their possession after the expiration of the school.

He stated that he was born in Fall River, Massachusetts on November 21, 1918, that his parents were born in Kieve, Russia and came to the United States in 1898. He stated that his father is not naturalized and operates a tailor shop in the family residence at [REDACTED] Street, Fall River, Massachusetts.

He stated that he has two brothers and one sister. One brother is employed as a motion picture operator and the other is a graduate physician of the Kansas City Medical School who has not obtained his license to practice in Massachusetts due to his inability to pass the state medical examination.

[REDACTED] advised that he attended grammar school and high school in Fall River, Massachusetts and attended three years at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, but was unable to complete his course at this school because of the lack of funds.

He was employed from May of 1938 to the end of June, 1940 at the Fore River Shipyards in Quincy, Massachusetts. He was appointed as an Assistant Inspector of ordnance material at a salary of \$1,800.00 per annum on August 26, 1940, as a result of an unassembled, noncompetitive examination. His headquarters were designated as the New Haven Substation at the Hartford Ordnance District, Winchester Arms Plant, New Haven, Connecticut.

He advised that he took detailed notes at the school and made carbon copies of these notes because he was afraid that the original notes would not be returned to him until some time after his arrival in his headquarters District. He advised that he desired to impress his supervising officer at Hartford with his thoroughness and his flair for detail, and that he knew this would be impossible unless he had the notes in his possession at the time of his return.

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██████████ also furnished the names of various professors at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and at Fall River, Massachusetts who could vouch for his character and reputation.

The United States Attorney at Springfield, Illinois was immediately apprised of the facts in this case and advised that before rendering a decision as to any prosecutive action, he desired to have an investigation conducted at Fall River, Massachusetts to ascertain ██████████'s background, character and reputation in that community.

Various professors were contacted at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and they advised that the subject was very unpopular during his attendance at this school, with both the teachers and the students because of his know-it-all attitude and his attempt to ingratiate himself upon the members of the faculty.

He was also described by a former professor as being egotistical and lacking in character and tact. Several of them were of the opinion that he was a psychopathic case. All advised that he exhibited no radical tendencies during the time he attended this school.

His record at the Fore River Shipyards, Quincy, Massachusetts, was satisfactory and his general reputation in his home community was found to be good.

██████████ was released from the Rock Island county jail on October 22, 1940. He was suspended by the Hartford Ordnance District under charges preferred against him by the Commanding Officer of the Rock Island Arsenal on October 17, 1940.

The United States Attorney at Springfield, Illinois has not as yet rendered a decision as to the prosecution of ██████████ and this case is still pending in his Office.

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Mr Magee

Have you  
had this?

C.S.J.

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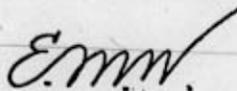
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mrs. Roosevelt

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have the first report on  
the [REDACTED] case which I attach hereto.



E. M. W.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 25, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL WATSON:

I have gone over carefully all of the papers in this case. It appears that Mr. [REDACTED] was reported by fellow students, probably for very slight reasons. However, as only recently a similar report resulted in discovering an employee with drawings of our secret bomb sight, the Ordnance people are highly suspicious.

They communicated with the F. B. I. who procured a search warrant and an arrest warrant. Mr. [REDACTED]'s rooms were searched with the result that complete pencil notes and carbon copies of original notes which students are required to turn in, as well as pencil sketches of recoil mechanism of the 75 mm gun were discovered. Mr. [REDACTED] was arrested by the Department of Justice and detained in jail. He denied being aware of restrictions against retaining notes. He was released from arrest after several days' retention and questioning.

I doubt if [REDACTED] had any ulterior motives. The recoil mechanism of the 75 mm gun is considered secret, although the Germans have captured so many of these guns that this is now only fiction. Mr. [REDACTED]'s action in making carbon copies of restricted notes and sketches of so-called secret drawings was certainly dishonorable and illegal, but it would take a vivid imagination to consider it dangerous. On the other hand, the Ordnance Department would have been culpable had they not called in the Department of Justice on receiving reports of suspicious activity. There have been too many cases where these reports were justified.

I do not believe there has been the slightest personal animus and prejudice in this case. While Mr. [REDACTED]'s previous record apparently has not been very good, and he has been in some personal difficulty on account of misrepresenting his status in order to obtain credit, these facts were not known at the School.

My personal estimate is that Mr. [REDACTED] violated instructions in order to compile a superior set of notes for presentation on his return to his permanent assignment with the idea that in so doing he might overcome any previous bad impression. He has been dropped from the rolls of the Ordnance Department, but as far as I can find out, no civil action is being proposed.

W. B. S.

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MEMO FOR GENERAL WATSON:

Mrs. Louis Howe brought me these papers with the remark that it looks as though we had some officers in the Army who are anti-Semitic or pro-Nazi and that things were happening here which happened in Germany, or else there was something in this case that did not meet the eye.

I have read all these things through and it seems to me that the young man has never been given a proper opportunity to clear himself, or had a proper trial.

As far as I can see, he has never really been told what the F.B.I. people have against him. From his own account, it would seem if he erred it was from a real desire to do a good job.

I think we should be extremely careful to give everybody a sense that they have been given an absolutely fair chance. We must not have things happening here such as have happened in Europe.

Is there any way in which you can see that this case is followed up? I would like to see that the boy actually comes before the court, that he has a lawyer from the outside represent him and I will see that he has one if you will ask that I be informed when the hearing takes place.

Please return these papers to me because I want to give them to the lawyer.

E.R.

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January 12, 1941.

Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

*(F B I Field man, Le Claire Hotel Moline Ill.)*

About three months ago I was thrust into a very unpleasant and embarrassing situation in Rock Island, Illinois---you can probably familiarize yourself with the details, from your records.

When I was allowed to leave the place where I had been 'detained' in Rock Island, on October 22, I was presented, by authorities, with a suit-box which I was told had been sent over for me from the arsenal. It had apparently been taken from my room, and was now being returned to me, with contents.

The contents included (apparently) all that had been taken from my room with the exception of the written working notes and carbon copy of the Log Record which I had constructed in connection with the course which I had been sent to attend at Rock Island Arsenal.---I assumed that these items were all that had been retained---I believe you were made familiar with them at the time.

On October 22 I tried unsuccessfully to get in touch with arsenal officials to find out the status of my job, etc., (I telephoned you that evening, if you remember) so the next best thing seemed for me to start for the Hartford Ordnance District, from whence I came, that evening. Since the papers which were returned to me in the suit-box had been thrown together in an awful mess, I had no time to go through them carefully, before packing for my return trip to the East; however, I did assume that carbon copies of letters, etc., which were my personal property, had been returned to me---evidently everything in my possession that was typewritten or legible, as well as my inspectors' school notes, had been taken from my room by those who had been sent over to do the official swiping.

I had neither the time nor energy to go through what personal material had been returned to me until a short time after I had returned home. When I did go through the stuff, I found that a number of carbon-copies of job-seeking letters, etc., which had accumulated with me during the summer, before I got the assistant ordnance

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material inspector's job appointment in the Hartford Ordnance District, and which I am sure I still had with me at Rock Island, had not been returned to me. I assumed that this material had been retained by proper authorities for further analysis of my character, or something of the sort, since I do believe that much favorable information concerning my character could have been gleaned from those letters---but I have since had no clear communications in the entire matter, and I am having my doubts.

I paid a visit to the Boston office of the F. B. I. recently, hoping that they could shed some light on the situation for me, but the man who spoke with me (a Mr. ██████████) didn't believe that the F. B. I. at the Rock Island end would have retained the material I have mentioned for any reason and agreed with me that it might be advisable to write to you.

The material which was taken, but not returned to me (aside from my inspectors' school notes, that is) consisted of carbon copies of eight or more letters which I had addressed to heads of various departments at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford, Conn., where I plugged for a job last summer; at least one letter which I wrote to a manager of the Hotel Bond, during the same period, in connection with my sub-campaign for a tiding-over job in Hartford; two letters which I wrote to a department head at the Pratt & Whitney tool & gage Co. of West Hartford, the first discussing the functions of an original Michelson light-wave interferometer, the second explaining that I had no intention to offend his ego---in response to a somewhat strongly worded and entirely uncalled for reply\* which he had sent me in response to my first letter...

\*You made reference to this letter to me, I believe, in your interview with me, and I'd like also to call attention here to the fact that among what was returned to me was an empty envelope return-addressed Pratt & Whitney tool & gage Co., with the word 'important' penciled across the front.---Since the only communication I ever received from that address was the one which I asterisked in the above paragraph, that must also have been retained---and I do hope that the 'importance' which was attached to it was duly considered in company with both my letters to the gentleman who wrote it.

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Since I kept no inventory of my correspondence material, I am not sure exactly what else might have been retained. But there may have been letters (carbons, etc.) which I wrote or received as early as last spring, while I was still at school, concerning matters of personal business.

Also retained, apparently, were one yellow and one white sheet which had been given to me at my home office in the Hartford Ordnance District, containing details and orders in my assignment to the inspectors' school course at Rock Island Arsenal for specialization in recoil mechanisms.

I do believe that all of this material, and especially all that was my personal property, should have been returned to me by now, and since it hasn't, I would like to know who has possession of it.

I hope that the individuals who created that most unpleasant incident for me at Rock Island had no ulterior motives for what they did, that they were made of the finer stuff of which men of honesty, integrity, and patriotism are made, that they were in no way inclined toward prejudice or similar feelings---but my doubts do ever increase ---and I think this hope is but a bit of wishful thinking.

I'd very much appreciate it if you could advise me soon concerning the whereabouts of this material which I have described to you, Mr. [REDACTED], and I would also like to know c/o what office or address I might address you in the future, for I may want to write you again very soon.

I am enclosing a self-addressed envelope for your convenience. Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Street,  
Fall River, Massachusetts.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

Received  
November 20, 1940  
Hartford Ord. District

File [REDACTED] Incl.

[REDACTED], Assistant Inspector, Ordnance Material,  
temporary (CAF-4) at \$1800 per annum in the Ordnance Depart-  
ment at Large, Hartford Ordnance District, Springfield, Massa-  
chusetts, will be dropped from the rolls, as of October 17,  
1940.

By order of the Secretary of War:

(Rubber stamp)

John W. Martyn  
Administrative Assistant

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HARTFORD ORDNANCE DISTRICT  
95 State Street WHM:hmc  
Springfield, Mass.

In reply refer to  
HOD No. [REDACTED]

December 5, 1940

Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Street  
Fall River, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Attention is invited to the inclosed  
instrument from the Office of the Secretary of War.

Yours very truly,

Signed: W. H. Martell  
Captain, Ord.-Res.  
Assistant

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HARTFORD ORDNANCE DISTRICT  
95 State Street  
Springfield, Mass. WHM:elk

In reply refer to  
H.O.D. No. [REDACTED]

Subject: Suspension from Duty.

To [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Street  
Fall River, Mass.

1. You are hereby suspended from duty with the Hartford Ordnance District, as of 10:30 A.M., October 17, 1940, pending final disposition of your case by the Secretary of War.

2. The reasons for this suspension are contained in an indorsement from the Commanding Officer, Rook Island Arsenal, appertaining extracts, some of which are as follows:

" [REDACTED] violated instruction of Officer in Charge of Inspection School by collecting and recording secret information obtained from "Secret" drawings and by making several sketches of secret recoil mechanisms.

It is recommended that [REDACTED] be discharged from the service upon his relief from custody and return to the Hartford District."

3. Checks due you will be forwarded to your last known address upon the disposition of your case.

By order of the District Chief:

Signed: W. M. Martell  
Capt., Ord. Res.  
Assistant

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Major [REDACTED]

- Head of army inspectors  
at Pook Island Asend,

Capt. [REDACTED]  
(Reserve)

- officer-in-charge  
of Inspector's  
School.

???

- Capt. [REDACTED]

is "secretary" - young  
fellow whom Capt. called "art".

Mrs. [REDACTED]

- Member of student body, who  
was one of those who met me to inform me  
of "cloud of suspicion" on night of arrest (?).  
- Apparently an investigator of some link.

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October 25, 1940.

To the Chief of Ordnance,  
Washington, D. C.,  
c/o Hartford Ordnance District,  
Springfield, Massachusetts.

To Whom This May Concern:

This letter is submitted as my first personally written and personally executed complete statement which I have been allowed or been able to make since the commencement of an incident in Rock Island, Illinois, at about 5:30 P.M. on October 11, which made me an unfortunate principal character.

At that time I was just returning to my place of residence in Rock Island for the purpose of preparing and grooming myself for attendance at local Synagogue services that evening which were to mark the beginning of observance of the Yom Kippur Holiday, the Day of Atonement, the holiest day of prayer in my religion, one which I had never yet spent away from my family, but which I intended to keep, in Rock Island, till expiration of the Holiday at sun-down of the following day, following completion of Synagogue services, and after which time I expected to start my trip back to the East, from whence I had been sent by the Hartford Ordnance District six weeks earlier to attend an Inspectors' training course at the Rock Island Arsenal, the course having been completed on the morning of Friday, October 11.

Waiting for me, at the entrance to my place of residence, were four men, two in policemen's uniforms, and two in civilian dress whom I recognized as having been present among the seventy-two students in the Inspectors' School course which had been completed that day. I was informed that my room had been 'searched', under orders of Inspection School authorities, and that the discovery of a carbon copy of the Log Record of the notes which I had taken in the course and had typed over and submitted at the school that morning, with my originally written notes containing sketches, made it necessary for me to be 'detained' for 'investigation' by local authorities.---The rest was a nightmare.

It would be painful to try to describe to you what my sensations were at that instant. Thoughts of the weirdest possibilities popped into my mind--- among them that the Nazis were taking over America

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and that a round-up of non-aryans had begun.---The Captain who had been the Officer-in-Charge at the Inspectors' School arrived in an automobile, from which he alighted, and into which I was directed. I was quite frantic, knowing that there must have been some serious incident leading up to all this, and begged the Captain to explain things to me, or if it was absolutely necessary to 'detain' me, to at least allow me to attend that evening's Synagogue services, even if I had to do so with an armed guard at my elbows. All that came in reply was a glaring expression and an order to the police to 'lock (me) up'.

I was driven immediately to the Rock Island County jail and interned in a detention cell. It became quite apparent that I would have to spend this year's Yom Kippur in a jail, and not in a Synagogue, but one of the policemen was kind enough to get a prayer book for me at a near-by Synagogue, and I did appreciate that, for I was then able to attend services in word and spirit, if not in body.

On the following morning I was visited by some men, apparently arsenal representatives, who informed me that I was being held on 'suspicion', that the absence of the Commanding Officer at the arsenal made it necessary to 'continue' my stay at the jail for ten days, until October 22. They informed me that it had been asserted that I had not followed instructions regarding material which was and was not to be included in notes to be submitted at the end of the course and that I had retained material, at the end of the course, which I was supposed to have submitted---and I will leave my statement on that till later in this letter.---Before the gentlemen finished their visit with me I understood that my situation was quite serious, although the implications were ridiculous and fantastic, and I implored them to allow me to make a statement to someone who had authority in the matter, for their job, apparently, was only to tell me what was supposed to have happened, and not to ask me why. They implied that I would be given a hearing before arsenal officials later---but I was never given such a hearing.

I was returned to the detention cell, and when Sunday came I begged for permission to send a telegram to my family letting them know that I would not be home on that day---for I had promised to return on Sunday, in a letter which I had written my sister during the previous week. The jailer refused to accept the responsibility of transmitting the telegram to my family, even though it carried no intimation of the plight I was in---

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---for I was sure the incident would iron out all right, and did not wish to alarm them unnecessarily---  
---and I was forced to add this to my running record of terrible experience which had begun not forty-eight hours previous.---Sir, this was the first time in my life that I had been unable to keep a home-coming appointment with my family without notifying them of my delay by wire or phone, and if my sensations of the previous day were of misery, then this was rock-bottom suffering---and I regret that I cannot tell you exactly how I felt, for I lack the eloquence.

On Monday, the 14th, I was photoed and fingerprinted, also interviewed, in the morning by a Rock Island County investigator. In the afternoon, I was visited by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that was the first and only opportunity I have had before this, to make a statement that meant anything at all to anybody.

After my interview with the FBI representative, I was allowed to telegraph my family that I 'could not get home', and that was certainly a load off my chest. By this time, I had determined to be philosophic about the humiliation of my being in jail, for I did appreciate that 'suspicious characters' had necessarily to be detained thus, until their honor could be ascertained. I did appreciate being allowed, at least, to let my family know that I was still alive, but it was still a painful situation.

I was transferred to a cell 'block', and was visited by no one, concerning my detention, till the following Thursday. At that time, I was visited, just before noon, by a young fellow whom I recognized as the school secretary, from the arsenal. He had with him a statement of the 'charges' against me, which was contained in a space of about 3" x 3", and signed by Captain [REDACTED], the Officer-in-Charge at the Inspectors' School. The implications of these charges did practically bowl me over, and when I was told that I was required to make a statement 'explaining' myself, in words few enough to fill a limited space of about 3" x 4", typewritten, I felt that justice, too, had finally come into mass production and precision fits. I started to write my statement, in reply to Captain [REDACTED]'s charges, as briefly as I could, on a scratch pad, for later condensation by the school secretary, and was verbally prodded into haste, during this, by the young fellow, for he told me he might be late for his lunch hour. Although I realized my own future might possibly be hinged on this miniature statement

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which I was requested to make, it undoubtedly did not mean as much to the fellow as the thought that he might have to forfeit a few minutes from his lunch hour. I sacrificed what I could to the pressure of time and space which was thus imposed upon me, and when the school secretary condensed and typed my statement over, in my presence, it was also made necessary for me to concede to him at least three errors in spelling and grammar, for which he was responsible in his rush, and which he said it was 'unnecessary' to rectify in his typewritten statements (original and four carbons)---considering that he might miss part of his lunch hour---but to which I was nevertheless required to sign my name.

I was told by the school secretary, before he left, that I would probably not get to see anybody at the arsenal, for a hearing or interview, and I regretted very much that I had not written a letter to the arsenal authorities on the previous day---for letter-writing days at the county jail are limited to Wednesdays, no matter to whom or for what.

I was asked or told nothing more concerning my 'case', until the following Tuesday, on the eleventh day of my jail stay, when I was released from the county jail, without having been told the status of my job, or anything else. I tried to get the arsenal authorities who had jurisdiction over the school on the telephone from the time I was released from jail, on the morning of October 22, till late afternoon, but could get in touch with neither Captain [REDACTED] nor Major [REDACTED]---for I wanted to be allowed to talk with either of them before returning to my home district---and decided that I was definitely out in the cold, as far as particular Rock Island Arsenal authorities were concerned, particularly Captain [REDACTED].

I returned to the Hartford District to find out what the tidal wave of misfortune had left for me there, in its wake, and when I arrived, on Wednesday afternoon, October 23, at the New Haven sub-office, from which I had originally been dispatched to Rock Island Arsenal, I was served with resignation papers---which I have as yet, nor see any reason to, not filled out. I paid a visit to the Hartford District main office at Springfield, Massachusetts, on Thursday, October 24, and have been informed of my 'suspension' from my job, as of October 17.

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I was told that I must await the final decision of the Chief of Ordnance in Washington, regarding disposition of my case, and hope that what I have to say in this letter will facilitate more complete understanding in the situation.

Two months ago, when I was first dispatched to Rock Island Arsenal by Captain [redacted] at the New Haven sub-office, I was told---with other fellows who were dispatched to other arsenals for similar training courses---that we were being sent out to learn how things 'were done' at other arsenals, for the benefit and assistance of our own ordnance district, in the current emergency. We were told to come back with reports on what we had learned, what we had done, and what ideas we had gotten, if any. Captain [redacted]'s orders were short, but to me they carried a world of instruction and request.---We were being sent away to learn, and to learn enough so that we could actually contribute to what we had learned, upon the inspiration of what we could get to know, and know well.

My orders carried an assignment to the study of Recoil Mechanisms at Rock Island Arsenal. I went to Rock Island with all the enthusiasm of a young fellow who had been given a responsible job by his Government, and one which he determined to live up to. I realized what cost my training would make in my country's budget, and determined to give my fellow Americans their money's worth of all the ability and energy I could muster to the cause.--- And if I have committed any extremity in the carrying out of my assignment, it has been neither in the ignorance or disobedience of rules, but in the best interests of my job and my duty to my country.

When I went to Rock Island Arsenal, I had the intention of coming back to my home office with a report on Recoil Mechanisms, a Log Record of all activities in which I had participated, and all information which I had obtained, and a letter of submittal, in which I expected to make non-technical suggestions, hoping to be able to present technical suggestions in my report on Recoil Mechanisms.

As soon as the course began at Rock Island Arsenal, I was forced to disrupt my planned method of attack, because of the manner in which the course was scheduled. Apparently very little time was to be devoted to specialization, and that would be carried till the latter part of the course. Also outside drawing and study assignments were provided, and I found it necessary to allow my originally planned schedule to go to the winds.

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What finally turned out is that I just barely got my Log Record typed up, containing a reorganized, somewhat elaborated upon, and fairly understandable resume of all the notes which I had taken at the arsenal. This last I worked on all night, Thursday, October 10, until 6:45 A.M., in order to be able to turn in the job on the morning of the last day at the Inspectors' School, which procedure had been requested earlier in the course.---And at the time that it was first suggested that we turn in copies of our notes, which would facilitate grading us in our work at the school, it was suggested that we turn our notes in, typewritten, if possible, and that we would be requested to turn them in in time enough before the close of the course to facilitate their correction and return to us before our departure for our home districts. We were later informed that time and quantity made it necessary for us to turn our notes in for correction, to be left at the arsenal, and that they would be returned to us at our home offices, in due time.

I made a carbon copy of all that I was able to type up, so that I could submit it at my home office, immediately upon return, and I expected that it would be turned back to me, for my own reference, after my original typewritten copy had been returned to my home office, for what I presumed would be their permanent files.

At the time I submitted the original typewritten copy of my notes to the school secretary, on the morning of October 11, I told him very distinctly that I would get a letter of submittal written over the week-end, which I would mail into the school for clarification of my submitted notes, and for explanation of what I hoped later to submit---that is, a separate prose-report on Recoil Mechanisms, in which I had wanted very much to submit several very good suggestions, of technical and practical value, which had popped in my mind during my study in the Recoils Department at Rock Island Arsenal.

I do not plead ignorance of any rules or instructions which were given to the class, in my presence, at any time, nor did I disobey any of them. I paid strict attention to all that was said in each day's introductory morning session, and I'm sure I didn't miss a thing, much less over-look any rule or instruction. There is only one possibility---and that is, that Captain [REDACTED] may have made some very pertinent suggestions regarding what all was to be turned in at the end of the course, during my absence from school on the 3rd and 4th of October. I took those days off, with Captain [REDACTED]'s

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permission, and made them up on the previous and following Saturdays, that I might be able to attend local Synagogue services in observance of the Rosh Hashonah Holidays. Unless there were special instructions given on that Thursday or Friday preceding the last week of the course---and when I came back I asked everyone, including the school secretary, whether any important instructions had been given, and was answered negatively---on which days I was not present, I know that I violated no rules or instructions set forth in the course.

The sketches of recoil mechanism sections which I had in my notes were absolutely necessary in order to facilitate my final presentation of assembly information and functional details, in my typewritten Log Record of notes and information, which I submitted, and I hoped also to make some attempt to reconstruct them in my Report on Recoil Mechanisms, which I hoped to construct and submit from my home office, at the earliest opportunity, to Rock Island Arsenal and my home District Office.

I worked principally from the 75 mm. model, since it embodied the principals, in simplest order, of all the other hydro-pneumatic types, as well, and since it seemed the most convenient size mechanism from which to work in what I wanted to submit as a substitutional design for a hydro-mechanical recoil mechanism. I thought a great deal of this new, simpler, and what I would consider to be, still, a much more safe and satisfactory type of recoil mechanism, and even spoke to Captain [redacted] during the last week of school about the possibility of being allowed to spend more than my allotted time at Rock Island, for the purpose of setting forth my ideas to proper arsenal authorities.---Captain [redacted] had the usual cold water to pour on my earnestness, and suggested that I take the matter up at my home office.

I determined to take the matter up at my home office, and by correspondence, with the Rock Island Arsenal, as soon as I could complete my report on Recoil Mechanisms, upon which I could base my arguments ---or suggestions.---I was unable to do very much about this in jail.

Besides the original suggestion which was made by Captain [redacted], in class, at an early date, that we keep adequate notes, so that there would be some substance upon which we could be graded for our work at the end of the course, there was only one other important statement on the subject that I remember him making: That was during (about) the second week of school; the Captain had apparently received

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a number of complaints from members of the class concerning the practical difficulty of taking notes and taking it easy, at the same time; he stated, for all those that were interested, that they could take notes on fewer things, if they wished, and that they could note only things that they were fearful of forgetting, that might be of later value to them.

I am afraid that if it is true that I had more notes, and notes of very pertinent nature, than anyone else in the school; at the end of the course, it was not because I over-stepped any restrictions, but probably more because they over-stepped privileges of relaxation.

Regarding rules which I should have known from the 'Inspection Manual', which contains statements concerning the care of secret or restricted information, I must confess that I did not spend too much time studying that manual, for the principal reason that that was one book we could depend on having available for study at our home offices. However, I am sure that that manual, in its statements on the care of 'secret' information, applies, with reference to sketches or drawings, to printed matter, or material from the drafting rooms, and did not object to the manner of rough schematic sketches which I made in my notes on several mechanism units.

Furthermore, I did use discretion in obtaining my material. What information I obtained from plans, in the Recoils Shops, did not go into anything of secret nature. All plans that have anything of secret nature in them are marked Secret, and are not kept with the regular groups of shop plans in the Recoils Department, and I did not work from any such plans, in any of my plan study exercises to which I frequently referred in my typewritten notes which I submitted.---For verification of this fact I have referred those people who did visit me, while I was in jail, to Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED], chief inspectors in the Recoils Department at the Rock Island Arsenal, but they have apparently not been consulted---else I do not see how the charges that were apparently left standing against me could possibly exist, yet.

I was also told by Mr. [REDACTED], that a young fellow in the previous class which attended at Rock Island Arsenal had gone through quite the same procedure that I did on the 75 mm., on the 155 mm. gun. ---And although I was considerably heckled for my note-taking activity in the recoils assignment period by other (also much older) 'students' in that option, they did condescend to come to me for explanations in a number of instances, and I'm quite sure I left the

part of the course which was devoted to specialization knowing a little more of the inspection of recoil mechanisms than did, perhaps, some of my fellow recoils students.

Regarding the suggestion that I obtained some of my notes from 'secret' documents, I insist that such suggestion is entirely without grounds or reason. If the 'order of assembly' and 'functions' details which I devised in my typewritten submitted notes seemed 'too' accurate, it was because I had devoted my energy and intelligence to the task too thoroughly, perhaps, but certainly not because I had copied such material. If my spirit of originality and my interest in the job which I had set myself to do brought me into dangerous territory, it was not a willful invasion, but an accidental one.

Nor would any carelessness on my part have jeopardized any information contained in my notes, in any way. On my trip to Rock Island, I kept my briefcase with me constantly, and would not have given my papers any less care on the return trip.

I do hope and trust that the wild idea of 'ulterior' motives in any of my work has been overruled by the reason of the individuals who may have started all this action against me, and if they would have allowed me, I could also have proved to them that I violated no rules or regulations---unless they were deliberately kept from me. Very probably, I stuck by all the rules and regulations just a little more than some other people. I certainly devoted my time, fully, while at the Arsenal, to the task which I was sent to perform, by my home district, and spared none of my energy. There were many other individuals among the student group who were quite as conscientious as myself, I'm sure, but there were very many who operated considerably below par, and it was certainly very questionable as to why such proceedings as did occur, were lodged against me, if there was an 'example' sought to be set, of someone.

I want to say that I spoke with Captain [REDACTED] on several occasions concerning suggestions which I wanted to make for the improvement of the course, but none of them were received with more than the enthusiasm of a cold rain. I took it for granted, after a while, that Captain [REDACTED] just did not like me, for whatever reason he may have had---I would rather not state my guess---but I do hope that that had nothing to do with his apparent enthusiasm to have something 'happen' to me as a result of my imprisonment and investigation.---I sincerely hope that his attitude is not now one of disappointment, but I would like to know if his conscience had anything to do with his refusal to talk with me, even by phone, after an arsenal secretary had contacted him, when I phoned, on the day that I was released from jail.

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I am afraid that my interest in my work, at the Rock Island Arsenal was more enthusiastic than it should have been, and if that may be considered an offense, in itself, of a violation or rule, than I am very sorry for the impressions which have resulted, and I hope they will adjust themselves with knowledge of the truth.

If I accomplished my work, in such as I submitted it, with accuracy enough to land me in jail, then certainly, if you can only satisfy yourself that I am honest and as patriotic as a fellow can be, such accuracy should not be cause for expelling me from my job. I do appreciate the reasons that made it necessary to detain me in jail and investigate my character, once a suspicious eye was cast upon me, for times are dangerous, and anything is possible; but I do hope, that after all this is over, and if you can only satisfy your authority that there has been a mistake made in my case, that it will not be considered necessary to leave me out on a limb, merely because I have been put there, and it will require another reach to bring me back.

My conscience would bother me terribly, if, after investing all that it has, in my education, my Government refused to accept what I want the opportunity to show that I can do. I am sincere in this, for I have paid for education before this, and I know what it is worth.

I swear by my Faith in God that all that I have tried to say of myself in this letter is true, and if I can but be given the chance---not a second, but a first, for I have not even been given that, yet, since I have held the job which all this concerns---I will prove myself to the satisfaction of all who may be curious or doubtful.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this letter.

Very Sincerely Yours,  


 Street,  
Fall River, Massachusetts.

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January 30, 1941

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My dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 27 in answer to mine. It was very good of you to write me in detail.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover

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November 4, 1941

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I was deeply interested to learn of the recreation program which the FBI is sponsoring and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing me in this connection.

In view of the present state of congestion existing in Washington, I think it would prove extremely beneficial if more programs of this sort could be sponsored by the various Government departments.

Very sincerely,

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
October 30, 1941

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

In view of your sincere interest in the welfare of Government employees, particularly young men and young women who are coming to Washington to participate in the defense program, I thought you might be interested in knowing of some of the steps taken in the Federal Bureau of Investigation to aid these young people who enter the Bureau in carrying on recreational activities of a constructive, wholesome nature.

For many years one of the most active Government associations of employees, the FBI Recreation Association has been carrying on extensive programs for the benefit of its employees. The program of the Recreation Association in the last two years has been extended materially until today practically every employee of the FBI at the Seat of Government is participating in some phase of the program sponsored by the Recreation Association.

Monthly dances are held by the Association and in addition, with the rapidly expanding personnel, dances are held by the individual divisions in the Bureau in order that new employees might have the opportunity of becoming socially acquainted with each other and with the officials. As a matter of passing interest, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find space adequate in size for the number of Bureau employees who desire to attend these functions.

Practically every Saturday and Sunday afternoon and evening, there is some program activity going on such as wiener roasts, outings, theatre parties, barbecues, and other similar activities for the employees.

The Recreation Association sponsors regular baseball, softball, and basketball teams for both the young men and women in the Bureau and in addition, there are several bowling leagues participated in by hundreds of Bureau employees. There are also such other activities as the Ice Skating Club, the Riding Club, the Tennis Club, the Golf Club, Chess Club, Dramatic Club, and numerous others.

We have found that the extensive program of the FBI Recreation Association has been most helpful in assisting the new employees to become acquainted and has furnished them an outlet for their abundant, youthful energies under wholesome auspices.

The FBI Recreation Association has its own organ called "The Investigator," which is prepared by the employees of the Bureau and goes to all members of the FBI Recreation Association throughout the United States. In this connection, I thought you might be interested in glancing through one of the recent issues of "The Investigator" which I am enclosing.

I have been concerned for some time over these young people coming to Washington but now that the program of the Recreation Association in the FBI has become so extensive, I feel that their leisure time is being pretty well accounted for, coupled with the fact that approximately 70% of the employees in the Bureau are attending educational courses in the many Washington colleges and universities. As you know, we have long followed the basic policy of encouraging our clerical personnel to go to school in order that they might equip themselves for greater responsibilities in the Bureau when openings occur.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

ATTENTION  
DANCE ENTHUSIASTS  
OF DIVISION FOUR

JOE BALDWIN'S  
12 PIECE BAND

HAS BEEN ENGAGED TO PLAY  
AT THE  
DIVISION DANCE!!  
SATURDAY, NOV. 8th

THIS BAND IS ONE OF THE  
CITY'S FINEST, SO LETS ALL  
BE ON HAND.

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AT

MAYFLOWER HOTEL

SAPPHIRE ROOM

MUSIC BY SIDNEY

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SUNDAY NOV. 2

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**MAYFLOWER HOTEL DANCE Saturday**  
 MAIN BALLROOM  
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 \$1.50 couple  
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Regular rate . . . 55¢  
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Suit, lockers, towel  
Weekdays 1<sup>00</sup> P.M. to 10<sup>00</sup> P.M.  
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Oct. 1, '41 to March 1, '42

## SWIMMING Club

Ambassador  
Reg. rate . . . 44¢  
F.B.I.A. members 29¢  
lockers, towel, sun lamp  
Daily, 9<sup>00</sup> A.M.  
10<sup>00</sup> P.M.



TABLE TENNIS

## Day Force

Preliminary reports from the Day Force Table Tennis Club indicate a high grade of talent. The first 10 are indicated by the following ranking: (compiled after 2 weeks of intensive competition).

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|-------------|----------------|
| 1. Barnhard | 6. Langholz    |
| 2. Zangle   | 7. McLeod      |
| 3. Lowry    | 8. Devlin      |
| 4. Reinke   | 9. Mooney      |
| 5. Duckett  | 10. P. Chapman |

Attention - Table Tennis Fans:

The Day Force Club meets every Saturday afternoon. The Nite Force every Thursday AM - 10:00 o'clock. The Mid-nite force meets every Friday AM - 8 o'clock. Come one!!! Come all!!!  
The Place - Columbia Table Tennis Courts - 14th St. near Park Road.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

E. Noble of the Day Force and L. wherry of the Nite Force will battle for the championship - both were tied in the final rounds. Champ will be announced next week.

NATIONAL DEFENSE

On Sunday, October 12, in the most spectacular and grueling game in the history of softball, the team composed of N. D. clerks defeated the Supervisors' team by a score of 6 to 4. Both teams have now won a game apiece, and the play off will be held on Sunday, October 19th. Since each side is firmly convinced that victory is within its grasp, Sunday's game should be a real "thriller". (Ed. note - This game will be covered by our most capable and unbiased sport columnists, and a complete report will be in the next issue - we hope!!

SUNDAY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

The FBIRA husband and wife league got off to a flying start at the Lafayette Bowling alleys on October 5th with 32 couples participating. The Cougars, paced by the Aggsen combination, led the scoring, with a total of 1113 pins. They won 3 games from the hapless Longhorns. Aggsen's 340 set was high for the men, while Mrs. Dupuy rolled a neat 328 set and 134 high game, to lead the women's delegation. Much interest points toward a highly successful season.

SWIMMING

Ambassador and Shoreham Hotels - Reduced rates for FBIRA members.

ICE SKATING

A merry time is had by ice skating fans every Sunday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Chevy Chase Ice Palace.

RIDING CLUB

A streaming horde of 35 FBI Horsemen and horsewomen, nearly twice the usual number, riding horses of every description, received an hour's free riding last Friday, as a reward for the record turn-out. Violent contacts with mother's earth initiated Betty Dillavou (ouch!! ouch!!) Christine LaFont and Kay McCann to the inner circle. Next Friday's ride: Meet at 9:15 AM at 9th and Penn. ave. NM--Get your boots and saddle!!!

TOUCH FOOTBALL

Two teams have been organized. These teams play in the Government League. Come out and see the boys play on Sundays - 10:00 AM - Reflecting Pool Gridirons.

YOU

PISTOL "BIG" SHOTS

GET ANOTHER CHANCE \_\_\_\_\_

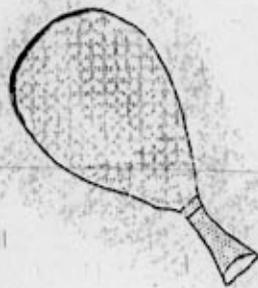
TO JOIN A NEW FBIRA PISTOL CLUB TO BE ORGANIZED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

GET BUSY IF YOU WISH TO JOIN IT. AS PART OF THE PROGRAM THE FBIRA WILL SPONSOR A SHOOTING MATCH TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED. THIS CLUB IS OPEN FOR PRO AND AMATEUR, GIRL OR BOY - JUST FILL OUT FORM BELOW IF YOU WISH TO JOIN.

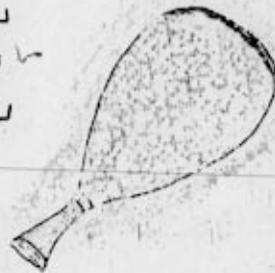
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NAME (In Full) .....  
SECTION.....  
EXT. ....  
DAY FORCE \_\_\_\_\_ NIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ MIDNIGHT \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF THE FBIRA PISTOL CLUB BEFORE?



# TABLE



# TENNIS CLUB

THE DAY FORCE F.B.I.R.A. TABLE TENNIS CLUB  
WILL HOLD THE INITIAL SESSION OF THE '41 - '42  
SEASON ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th AT 1:30 P.M.  
AT THE COLUMBIA BOWLING ALLEYS, 3230 14th ST.,  
N. W. (one block above Park Road).

ALL THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED ARE URGED TO  
ATTEND, WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE ALREADY  
INDICATED THEIR DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE.

FLIGHTS AND TEAMS WILL BE DETERMINED AT THIS  
SESSION THROUGH ACTUAL COMPETITION, AND SCHEDULES  
ARRANGED ACCORDINGLY. NOVICES ARE WELCOME.

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TECHNICAL SECTION  
ROOM 7603  
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# ICE-SKATING

THE ATTENDANCE AT THE FBIRA SKATING SESSIONS REACHED A NEW HIGH LAST WEEK WHEN OVER SIXTY OF THE MEMBERS AND THEIR FRIENDS WERE PRESENT.

LET'S TURN OUT EN MASSE AGAIN THIS SATURDAY AND HAVE ANOTHER GOOD TIME.

## THE PLACE

CHEVY CHASE ICE PALACE  
4461 Connecticut Ave., N.W.

## THE TIME

EVERY SATURDAY (6 - 8 PM)

## THE COST

FORTY-FOUR CENTS ON PRESENTATION OF FBIRA CARD.

SKATES CAN ALSO BE REANTED AT A NOMINAL COST.

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Food and  
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Family or Date Welcome

### Sunday Oct. 26

3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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## Dupont Park



THIS IS HOW  
YOU GET  
THERE.



FILL OUT AND RETURN TO MR. GLAVIN'S  
OFFICE, ROOM 5519, NOT LATER THAN  
THIS SATURDAY OCTOBER 18

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GUESTS ACCOMPANYING YOU: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU DRIVING? \_\_\_\_\_

CAN YOU ACCOMMODATE OTHERS? \_\_\_\_\_ HOW MANY? \_\_\_\_\_

# "WINTER"



## TABLE TENNIS

Schedule	DAYS
Day Force	Sat. 1:30-3:30
Night Force	Thurs 10:00-12:00
Mid-Night Force	Fri. 8:00-10:00 A.M.

COLUMBIA TABLE TENNIS  
CLUB

## Ice Skating

Chevy Chase Ice Palace  
6:00 to 8:00

4461 Conn. Ave.

F. B. I. R. A.

SCHEDULE DAY FORCE FOOTBALL

<u>TEAM 1</u>	<u>TEAM 2</u>	<u>TEAM 3</u>	<u>TEAM 4</u>	<u>TEAM 5</u>	<u>TEAM 6</u>
Juggernauts	Recording	Bobcats	Tworps	Paperweights	Greyhounds

<u>TEAM 1</u>	<u>TEAM 2</u>	<u>CAPTAINS</u>	<u>TEAM 4</u>	<u>TEAM 5</u>	<u>TEAM 6</u>
Mendelsohn	Norton	McGinnis	McCarthy	Devlin	Graham

Sat. 10/4 Teams - 1 vs 2 and 3 vs 4 (FIELD II and III)

Sun. 10/5 Teams - 5 vs 6 (FIELD III)

FOLLOWING GAMES WILL ALL BE PLAYED ON THE THREE FIELDS SOUTH OF REFLECTING POOL  
ON SATURDAYS FROM 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.

Sat. 10/11	Teams	1 vs 3	2 vs 5	4 vs 6
10/18	"	1 vs 4	2 vs 6	3 vs 5
10/25	"	1 vs 5	2 vs 4	3 vs 6
11/1	"	1 vs 6	2 vs 3	4 vs 5

FIELD II IS SOUTH OF REFLECTING POOL

FIELD III IS BETWEEN 20th STREET AND 21st STREET SOUTH OF CONSTITUTION

Federal Bureau of Investigation Recreation Association  
United States Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

October 3, 1941

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FBIRA

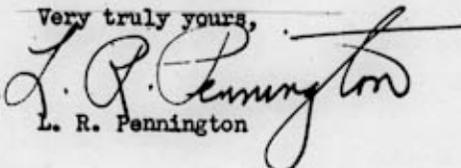
Because of increased requests from the members, to sponsor wholesome social and athletic activities for employees assigned to night duty as well as to day duty, the FBIRA wishes to ascertain from its members their desires in this respect. It will, of course, be necessary to obtain the assistance of all employees who are particularly adept in any of the avocations that may be requested.

It is felt that interest in many of the athletic sports and other avocations has not been as keen as possible due to a lack of knowledge or ability on the part of many who, due to their lack of ability in that particular recreation, have been reluctant to engage in such activities. It is further believed that many would be interested in receiving instructions from Bureau personnel in one or more of these many phases of entertainment.

I cannot impress upon you too strongly the importance and benefit of a program sufficiently broad in scope to offer the entire personnel an opportunity to engage in their favorite pastime. It is believed that this will be of particular benefit to those who have recently come to Washington and have a limited number of acquaintances here. If you are interested in such a program will you kindly fill out the attached form and hand it to your Supervisor.

Your cooperation is earnestly solicited and, as President, I want each of you to feel that this is your organization and realize that the amount of benefit you will derive from it depends entirely on the concerted enthusiasm of its many members.

Very truly yours,

  
L. R. Pennington

Enclosure

FULL NAME (Miss, Mrs., Mr.) \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION OR DIVISION WHERE EMPLOYED \_\_\_\_\_

HOURS OF DAY \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the questions which relate to avocations in which you are most interested and would like to participate.

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SWIMMING

Are you presently an expert swimmer? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, would you be willing

to instruct others? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to receive instruction?

\_\_\_\_\_ Would you care to join a Bureau "swimming club", participating  
as a member only and not in any of the above activities? \_\_\_\_\_

GOLF

Are you presently an accomplished golfer? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, would you be

willing to instruct others? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to receive instruc-

tion? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you care to join a Bureau "golf team" only as a  
participating member? \_\_\_\_\_

TENNIS

Are you presently an accomplished tennis player? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, would

you be willing to instruct others? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to receive

instruction? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you care to join a Bureau "tennis club"  
only as a participating member? \_\_\_\_\_

SOFTBALL

Have you played a considerable amount of softball in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you care to join a Bureau "softball club"? \_\_\_\_\_

BASEBALL

What is your degree of efficiency as a baseball player? \_\_\_\_\_

In the event additional "baseball clubs" were formed, would you care to participate in these clubs? \_\_\_\_\_

DANCING

Would you be willing to instruct Bureau personnel who do not dance at the present time? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to receive dancing lessons from Bureau personnel? \_\_\_\_\_

GYMNASTICS

Have you ever instructed or received instructions in gymnastics heretofore? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, would you be willing to instruct others? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you care to receive instructions in gymnastics? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you care to join a Bureau "acrobatic, gymnastic or tumbling team"? \_\_\_\_\_

AVIATION

Are you presently a licensed pilot? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, are you licensed to instruct others? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to receive instruction in flying? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you care to join a "flying club" either to receive instruction from outside sources collectively or individually? \_\_\_\_\_

BOWLING

What is your degree of efficiency in this sport? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you care to join Bureau "bowling teams"? \_\_\_\_\_

SHOOTING

Are you presently a member of the club's "pistol team"? \_\_\_\_\_  
What experience have you had in target shooting (name the type of gun)?  
\_\_\_\_\_ If you are a target shot, would you be willing to assist in instructing others? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you care to receive instruction in shooting? \_\_\_\_\_

CHECKERS AND CHESS

Are you an accomplished checker or chess player? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, would you be willing to instruct others? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to receive instruction in either of these games? \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you care to join a "checker or chess club" merely as a participant?  
\_\_\_\_\_

TABLE TENNIS

Are you an accomplished table tennis player? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, would you be willing to instruct others? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to receive instruction in table tennis? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to join a Bureau "table tennis club" as a participant only? \_\_\_\_\_

BADMINTON

Are you an accomplished badminton player? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, would you be willing to instruct others? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to receive

instruction in badminton? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to join a Bureau "badminton club" as a participant only? \_\_\_\_\_

BASKETBALL

What experience have you had in playing basketball? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you care to join a Bureau "basketball team"? \_\_\_\_\_

RIDING

Are you experienced in horsemanship? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, would you be willing to assist in instructing others who are not? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you care to receive riding lessons? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you care to join a "riding club" merely as a participant? \_\_\_\_\_

VOCAL

Have you received voice training? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to receive lessons in voice culture? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you be willing to assist in giving vocal lessons? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you care to join a choir or chorus sponsored by the FBIRA? \_\_\_\_\_

DRAMATICS

Have you had any experience on the stage either amateur or professional? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, would you be willing to assist others who have had little or no stage experience? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to receive instruction in dramatics? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you care to join a "dramatic club" or "dramatic group" in any capacity other than those enumerated above? \_\_\_\_\_

BREAKFAST CLUBS

Would you be interested in the organizing of "breakfast clubs" among the members of the FBIRA? \_\_\_\_\_

ARCHERY

Have you received instruction in archery? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, would you be willing to assist others who have not? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to receive instruction in archery? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to join an "archery club" in the capacity other than enumerated above? \_\_\_\_\_

HORSESHOE

Would you be interested in joining and participating in horseshoe tournaments? \_\_\_\_\_

MUSIC

Do you play any musical instrument? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, are you sufficiently adept so that you could instruct others? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Would you care to receive instruction on any musical instrument? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you sufficiently accomplished on any musical instrument to join a band or an orchestra of the FBIRA in any capacity other than enumerated above? \_\_\_\_\_

HANDBALL

Would you be interested in joining and participating in a FBIRA sponsored handball tournament? \_\_\_\_\_

ART

Are you particularly interested in or accomplished in any of the arts?

\_\_\_\_\_ If so, identify. \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive instruction in any of the arts? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you care to join an "art club" merely as a participating member?

\_\_\_\_\_

PHOTOGRAPHY

Are you an expert photographer? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, would you like to

instruct others? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to receive instruction in

photography? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you be interested in joining a FBIRA

"camera club" as a participating member only? \_\_\_\_\_

LITERATURE

Are you interested in any particular branches of literature? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in joining a group of FBIRA members to further your literary studies? \_\_\_\_\_

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Do you presently speak a foreign language? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, to what

degree of efficiency? \_\_\_\_\_ If you do speak a foreign language

do you speak it well enough to teach others? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you be

interested in receiving instruction in any foreign language? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in joining a group of FBIRA members for the purpose

of receiving collective instruction in any language? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, specify the language. \_\_\_\_\_

STAMP COLLECTIONS

Are you presently collecting stamps? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you care to  
join a "stamp collectors group"? \_\_\_\_\_

BOATING

Do you own or have access to any small water craft? \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you be interested in the organizing of a "boating club" among the members  
of the FBIRA? \_\_\_\_\_

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If you are interested in any other forms of entertainment, recreation or avocations please comment on them below, setting out your degree of efficiency and any suggestions you may have. Also, set out any suggestions you may have that may be helpful in initiating this program. It is to be understood, of course, that these programs are to be conducted in such a manner that they will not interfere with our official duties.

LAST FALL THE FEIRA SPONSORED  
A  
TOUCH FOOTBALL  
LEAGUE

IT IS HOPED THERE WILL BE ANOTHER BIG TURN-  
OUT THIS YEAR.

IF YOU WISH TO PLAY PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM  
AT ONCE.

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"MEN OF THE  
FBI"



## "MEN-OF-THE-FBI-1941"

Whether La Marche du Temps, or La Marcha del Tiempo, or plain March of Time, the man behind the movie camera on the cover page is the man behind it all - forty-two-year-old Producer Louis de Rochemont. Energetic, sincere, a man's man and American through and through, Mr. de Rochemont has made many friends in the FBI in the past weeks while carefully moulding the current feature of the March of Time around the activities of the FBI.

Mr. de Rochemont was born on January 13, 1899, in Boston, Massachusetts, and spent the greater part of his youth in New England. When he was a high school student, fourteen-year-old de Rochemont was already a camera enthusiast, put together a camera for himself, spent a good part of his after school time, and in his own words, "some teachers thought too much of his school time," taking pictures of news events for a Boston paper.

He was a line-officer with the U. S. Navy from 1917 to 1923, continuing his work with the camera as he could, and this skill proved valuable in an assignment in the Near East. From the Navy, he became associate editor of International Newsreel. Later he was a director for Fox and in 1934 with Roy Larsen, Vice President of Time, Inc., began the intensive planning for the March of Time, first released the next year.

"Louie" de Rochemont, as his staff, grown from four to seventy, affectionately call him, has globe-trotted the world, and his camera has recorded his impressions of strange lands and strange things, important men and significant crowds.

Each March of Time release is the product of intense dedication both by de Rochemont and his friendly, capable staff. Honors in his field have been many for him and his "Men of the FBI - 1941," will be liked by its most critical audience - the men of the FBI themselves, because of its understanding and factual portrayal of the work to which they are devoted.

For the confidence and faith he has expressed, Louis de Rochemont will be remembered in the FBI by the closing words of his fine production - "it is determined that in the uncertain days that lie ahead, men of the FBI shall be known by their motto: Fidelity - Bravery - Integrity."

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## *In Memoriam*



ROBERT L. FAGAN  
1904 - 1941

With the passing of Robert L. Fagan on April 1, 1941, the Bureau lost one of its finest and most respected Special Agents. Entering on duty in September of 1933, it was not long before the warm, friendly personality of Robert Fagan won him a host of friends in the Bureau. The clever wit and humor for which he was noted traveled with him from Charlotte, to Washington, to Savannah and Atlanta, his offices of assignment. In each, his industry and efficiency rated him an outstanding investigator.

Special Agent Fagan was born December 12, 1904, at Fort Valley, Georgia. After graduation from high school he attended Emory University from which he received a Ph.B. degree in 1925. He received his legal training at Atlanta Law School, graduating in 1928 with an LL.B. degree. Prior to entering the Bureau, Agent Fagan was employed in the legal department of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in Atlanta, and the Georgia State Department of Agriculture. Special Agent Fagan was a member of Sigma Nu, Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Delta Phi Fraternities, as well as the Georgia State Bar Association.

The memory of Special Agent Robert L. Fagan should forever serve as an inspiration to those who follow in his steps. The FBI pays tribute to a man whose character truly represents the creed of all Special Agents -- Fidelity, Bravery and Integrity.



## *New Bureau Seal*

UNVEILED RECENTLY WAS THE NEW BUREAU SEAL WHICH IS PICTURED ON THE PRECEDING PAGE. IT WAS ADOPTED AFTER CONSIDERABLE RESEARCH AND STUDY BY BUREAU OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTS THE SPIRIT OF THE FBI AS SYMBOLIZED BY THE FOLLOWING HERALDRY:

THE BLUE FIELD SIGNIFIES JUSTICE. IN HERALDRY THE COLOR BLUE REPRESENTS JUSTICE, INTELLIGENCE, TRUTH, HONESTY, LOYALTY, DEVOTION AND FRIENDSHIP.

THIRTEEN STARS FORM AN ENDLESS CIRCLE AROUND THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION COAT OF ARMS AND SIGNIFY THE ENDLESS UNITY OF PURPOSE TO MAINTAIN JUSTICE WITHIN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSION WHICH IS LIKENED TO THE UNITY OF THE THIRTEEN ORIGINAL STATES.

THE MOTTO ON THE WHITE SCROLL, "FIDELITY, BRAVERY AND INTEGRITY" IS DESCRIPTIVE OF THE MOTIVATING FORCE BEHIND THE MEN AND THE HIGH PRINCIPLES OF THE FBI.

AS IT DID FROM THE EARLIEST DAWN OF ANCIENT CIVILIZATION, THE LAUREL LEAF SIGNIFIES ACADEMIC HONORS, DISTINCTION AND FAME. THE FORTY-SIX LEAVES IN THE SPRIGS OF LOYALTY REPRESENT THE FORTY-SIX STATES IN THE UNION AT THE TIME THE FBI WAS ORGANIZED IN 1908.

THE BALANCED SCALES OF JUSTICE APPEAR ON THE GOLD CHIEF ABOVE THE RED AND WHITE STRIPES.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RED AND WHITE STRIPES ARE FOUND IN THEIR COLORS. THE TWO WHITE STRIPES SIGNIFY "LIGHT AND TRUTH", AND ARE STRENGTHENED BY THE BORDERING RED STRIPES OF "COURAGE, STRENGTH AND POWER".

THE WORDS "DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE" AND "FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION" ARE INSCRIBED BETWEEN TWO BANDS OF GOLD.

THE COAT OF ARMS IS CIRCUMSCRIBED BY TWO BANDS OF GOLD AND A PEAKED BEVELED EDGE SYMBOLIZING THE CHALLENGE AND THE RUGGEDNESS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION IN ATTACKING THE ENEMIES OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY.

## DIRECTOR HOOVER RENOMINATED

Director Hoover, who has served on the Board of Trustees of The George Washington University since 1935, has again been renominated by the General Alumni Association of the University for a three-year term. Alumni of the University are represented by six members on the Board of Trustees, two nominations being in order each year.

In addition to Mr. Hoover, the Alumni Association has nominated the following candidates: Dr. David R. Covell, Episcopal clergyman; Robert E. Freer, member of the United States Trade Commission since 1935; and Mrs. Herbert E. Hawkes, noted educational consultant of New York City.

In its March issue, The George Washington University "Alumni Review" declared that:

"The career of Mr. Hoover has been an inspiration to thousands of George Washington University students. Entering the Department of Justice in 1917, Mr. Hoover was a special assistant to the Attorney General from 1919 to 1921, Assistant Director of the Bureau of Investigation from 1921 to 1924, and in that year became head of the Bureau. His fame as a public servant has grown with the increasing responsibilities which the Congress has delegated to the Bureau. In 1931, on the recommendation of the General Alumni Association, he received the Alumni Achievement Award for 'notable achievement in public service'."

Mr. Hoover has taken a prominent part in the activities of the Board

and is a member of the Committee on Educational Policy, the Committee on Nomination of Trustees, and the Committee on Alumni Relations.

## NEW HEADINGS

As the staff of the Investigator threatened recently, the field offices in the future are to be designated by pictorial illustrations of the identifying features of the town or state in which the offices are located. This issue marks the appearance of the new group of headings. It is naturally expected that some of the offices will object to their lot, and we challenge them to furnish a better product.

## SPECIAL AGENTS' INSURANCE FUND

On March 22, 1941, an audit of the Special Agent Insurance Fund reflected the following status of this fund:

Cash in the Chief Clerk's Office	\$ 1,000.00
Deposits in bank	
From Contributors	16,755.00
Interest earned	255.89
Total amount in fund	\$18,010.89*

\*Since the date of the audit, the sum of \$5,000 has been paid to Mrs. E. M. Fagan, mother of Special Agent Robert L. Fagan, who died of natural causes on April 1, 1941.

As of the date of this audit, all Agents who are assigned to field duty are members of the fund. New Agents are being taken into the service at a rapid rate and it is very pleasing to note that the new Agents are joining the Special Agent Insurance Fund so that there is no question but what there will be a 100% membership.

THE GREEKS STILL HAVE A WORD  
FOR IT

According to the latest survey, the ranks of Special Agents are filled with members of Greek letter societies. Leading the fraternities in number of employee members is Sigma Nu with seventy-one brothers. SAE and Phi Delta Theta are in second and third place with fifty-eight and fifty-six members respectively. To prevent complaints of unfair discrimination, the Investigator publishes the complete list and number of FBI employees who are members of men's undergraduate organizations listed under the National Interfraternity Council without comment:

Sigma Nu	71
Kappa Alpha	52
Phi Delta Theta	56
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	58
Sigma Chi	49
Kappa Sigma	49
Delta Tau Delta	26
Beta Theta Pi	43
Pi Kappa Alpha	34
Sigma Phi Epsilon	25
Phi Sigma Kappa	18
Delta Sigma Phi	14
Alpha Tau Omega	39
Phi Gamma Delta	28
Pi Kappa Phi	13
Chi Phi	15
Delta Chi	11
Delta Upsilon	10
Theta Chi	10
Acacia	6
Delta Kappa Epsilon	16
Phi Kappa Psi	11
Phi Kappa	8
Theta Kappa Nu	5
Beta Kappa	4
Chi Psi	5
Sigma Pi	5
Theta Xi	4

Zeta Psi	7
Alpha Gamma Rho	2
Alpha Sigma Phi	3
Delta Phi	6
Sigma Phi Sigma	4
Tau Kappa Epsilon	7
Alpha Chi Rho	1
Delta Sigma Lambda	1
Kappa Delta Rho	1
Lambda Chi Alpha	13
Phi Alpha	1
Phi Beta Delta	2
Phi Kappa Sigma	3
Phi Kappa Tau	5
Phi Mu Delta	2
Phi Sigma Delta	3
Sigma Alpha Mu	1
Sigma Phi	3
Tau Delta Phi	1
Theta Kappa Phi	1
Theta Upsilon Omega	1
Zeta Beta Tau	1
Alpha Delta Phi	5
Alpha Kappa Lambda	1
Alpha Kappa Pi	1
Alpha Phi Delta	3
Delta Psi	1
Phi Epsilon Pi	2
Pi Lambda Phi	1
Theta Delta Chi	1

MARCH OF TIME

The March of Time feature "Men of the FBI -- 1941" was released on April 10 in the motion picture theaters throughout the Nation. The Bureau cooperated fully in the production of the picture and it is thought that the FBI employees would like to make arrangements so that they can see this feature at their local theaters.

POSSIBLE CLUB

SA T.D. Webb, while firing the Practical Pistol Course, Quantico, Va., on March 15, 1941, was successful in firing a perfect score.

# CONGRATULATIONS



Smiling behind bouquets of flowers is Miss Helen Gandy, "The Boss's 'Boss'", who celebrated her twenty-third anniversary with the Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation on March 25, 1941.

As a young girl Miss Gandy entered the Department of Justice in 1918 and shortly after Director Hoover became head of the Intelligence Division of the Bureau, she became his private and confidential secretary. This is the enviable position she holds today. Noted for her charm and vivacious spirit, Miss Gandy is held in esteem by all FBIers and has become an integral part of the Bureau.



Ten years of meritorious service is the record of amiable W. Richard Glavin, shown here basking in glory on his anniversary, surrounded by the Supervisors for whom he says he "carries the ball."

Mr. Glavin, who has been identified with the Chief Clerk's Office for many years, was rewarded with numerous gifts from his associates, and without benefit of a cigar he managed to get out a thanks to the boys responsible for the celebration.

An inveterate pipe and cigar smoker, "Dick" Glavin will have to spend many more happy years in the Bureau to finish all that were given him.

# TRAINEE

CHARLIE SPANNA



# ACTIVITIES



## RECREATION ASSOCIATION

### FBIRA THEATRE GROUP

Another radio play left its indelible imprint on the world's troubled airways one recent Sunday afternoon when the Group cleared its collective throats and presented Imelda Wall Coleman's "The Winnah!" over WJSV. The lucky few who came early and were able to crowd into the studio will not soon forget such sterling characterizations as those turned out by Eleanor Miller in the role of a coloratura-soprano newsboy, and by Bill Mirabella in any number of ventriloquistic disguises ranging from bel-lowing fight-announcers and punch-drunk heavyweights to a purring and shuffling Oriental butler. Jane Vogt and Bill Barnhard had the local antennae melting with their realistic readings of the recurrent romantic interludes. Jack McCormick's portrayal of the announcer showed that it runs in the family. Gertrude Kane proved a real triple-threat by philosophizing, chewing gum, and calling elevator signals all at the same time. Paul Neuland growled out the lines of the irate big-business-man in a somewhat convincing basso-profundo register. Bettye Nichols effused a gloriously

elated debutante, while Art Baker shifted gears to perfection as the poetical and communicative taxi-driver. Jack Alsaugh handled a mean skillet as the staunch exponent of the theory that a man's place is in the kitchen, while Ann Carr and Dot Striegler ad libbed their way through crowd after crowd mob after mob, not the least bit phased by the disconcerting exigencies of a few rapid-fire montages. Everette Adolf was at the console throughout, handling the musical background and the bridges of his own composition like the maestro he is.

Then came the One-Act Play Tournament when the Group forsook the air for the boards and presented Lewis Beach's "The Clod" at Roosevelt High School. Paul Neuland did the directing and Jeannette Morrell played the feminine lead with a sensitivity of interpretation that highlighted the production. Art Baker and Mitchell Johnston came through in their first stage venture with the Bureau by pairing off most convincingly as the Southern soldiers who were looking for their man. Veteran Stan Nygren turned in another crackerjack performance as the fugitive Northerner. Jack McCormick was scheduled to play the

part of the bird-shooting husband, but dress rehearsal on the eve of production found him running a fever and nursing a cold, so the director had to do some hurried memorizing and step into his shoes. Production Manager Bettye Nichols and her committee scoured many a private home and all of the higher-class junk shops in the District to secure the delapidated props required. Milton Wolfson and Ed McCarthy did a beautiful job designing and constructing the setting. Paula Heath handled the tickets and publicity like a feminine Grover Whalen, while Ann Carr thoughtfully held the script as a prompter.

Loads of others helped out in various ways, both in the radio skit and in the stage play, but they won't mind if this recital is cut short here and the house darkened until the next curtain.

## GIRL'S BASKETBALL TEAM

The Girls' Basketball Team lost its Coach, Geoffrey Knutson, when he entered a Special Agents' Training Class, and replaced him with one of their own sex, Emily Harrington of the Files Section. Under the tutelage of Coach Harrington, the team is continuing its winning ways. It is tied for first place in the Government League. The quintet has lost only two games this season, one to the Agriculture Department in the first half of the Government League, and another to the Treasury Department in the semi-finals of the A.A.U. Tournament. The girls are odds on favorites to capture the title for the second successive year.

## MENS' BOWLING

The Assembly Team nosed out the Mechanics to win the 1940-41 FBI Men's Bowling Championship. The Assemblers wound up the season with a record of 49 wins and 32 losses, while the Mechanics recorded 48 wins and 33 losses. Close behind in third place were the Readers, who finished four games behind the leaders. Individual honors were won by Appler, who lead the League with a 113 average. Pool with a 112 average and Guthrie with a 110 average finished in second and third positions.

The five top bowlers will roll in a contest against the Night Force and Midnight Force Bowling Leagues to determine the all-Bureau Championship.

Final standings of the teams are:

Team	Won	Lost
1. Assembly	49	32
2. Mechanics	48	33
3. Readers	45	36
4. Accidentals	43	38
5. Circle-Stars	40	41
6. Vouchers	39	42
7. Essefpeez	37	44
8. Laboratory	36	45
9. Ready-Cules	35	46
10. Ulnars	33	48

### FBI League Individual Standings

Name	Average
1. Appler	113
2. Pool	112
3. Guthrie	110
4. Jaffe	108
5. Henderson	108



# SEAT OF GOVERNMENT

## CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE

This is to prove that it isn't only in dreams that vacations last forever. Miss Betty Lou Harrison, while vacationing in Miami, prolonged her stay to permanency by transferring to the Miami Field Office. As if Florida didn't have its share of sunshine! Among the chief mourners are the sixth floor personnel boys.

Miss Louise Day and Miss Hilda Guigon also grabbed themselves a bit of sunshine in the Flower State to tide them over till spring.

But the hardy Mr. Jack Wilcox headed north on a midwinter vacation for Canada. Brrrrr.

Have you noticed that beautiful new diamond that Joanne Whinrey is wearing? She won't say when, but it looks like wedding bells soon.

We have had to say farewell to several chief clerks--among them Mary Duggan, who transferred to Omaha, Nebraska, and Florence Lydeard, who transferred to Boston, Massachusetts.

We've been missing Elizabeth Conlon, who has been on sick leave for the past month.

Welcome to the Chief Clerk's Office to new Supervisors Mohr and Lee. Farewell to Agents Spears and Belmont.

March 12 was quite a day, apparently, in the front office of the CCO. The Mrs. Juanita Hewlett and Marjorie Shermer were sporting lovely gardenia corsages. The numerous inquiries elicited the information that it was their mutual birthday, which fact was met with much incredulity.

Then there was the girl from Texas in the Chief Clerk's Office who wept a bitter tear as she read the last serial on an applicant file, "killed".

Pictured below is Mary Ellen Irwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Irwin, Jr.



Twenty years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation! That is what March 18 marked for Mrs. Jane J. Wackerman, head of the appointment section, and we want to extend our heartiest congratulations.

Ella Blake will become Mrs. Frederick Settle on April 11. Good luck and much happiness to you both, Ella.

## CRIME RECORDS

Recorded is the arrival of Virginia Mosley from the midst of Mississippi and the return of Joan Miller who was re-routed from the Files Section.

Ping pong expert Jim Dunlap amazed his associates by edging into the semi-finals of the recent Bureau tournament before being blackballed.

Anne Stuntz was drafted into the Navy and will report to Ensign Norman Short of the USS Tuscaloosa in June for culinary duties.

The sure sign of spring was the sparkler Anna Kriechbaum blossomed out with one March morning.

"Clark Gable" Starke, "Rhett Butler" Suttler, "Dead End Kid" Judell, and "Ann Sheridan" Chapman may soon be Hollywood bound if the talent scouts catch their startling performances in a flicker soon to be released at your neighborhood theaters.

Addie Maxwell may not have been eligible for the Academy Award but nevertheless she got an "Oscar" --- he came all the way from Memphis just to see her.

## CRIME STATISTICS

Maybe it's a crime to be so statistical, but:

Of Crime Statistics' erstwhile

personnel of 24, 12.5 percent have in the last few weeks been transferred; 4.1 percent have embarked on Special Agents' training; 8.3 percent have bought cars; ditto homes; 8.3 percent have suffered accidents of one kind or another; 20 and-you-figure-out-how-many-tenths percent have received Selective Service questionnaires; 100 percent someday probably will describe to their grandchildren the horrors of the March 7th blizzard.

Transferred were Floyd Barrus and George Maginness to Files; and Dennis Bragdon, of Florida, to the Miami Field Office.

Jack Paul deserted his desk for the Agents' school at Quantico.

Mr. Leonard is wheeling around in a new Buick. (By coincidence, Buicks handle like baby carriages, as everyone knows). Bob Hynes, who drives a punching machine all day, drives home nights in a new second-hand Buick.

Proud possessors of new homes are Mrs. Tilson (Louise Brew), and Mr. Cantwell.

R. T. Harbo, Section Chief, hurt his wrist trying to disengage his car bumper from that of another machine in one of the blizzard's many minor motoring mishaps. Hynes had bad luck, too (and two)...(1) A keg of refreshments fell on his foot, and he's still limping. That didn't hurt as much as, (2), The fender dent in his Buick, inflicted in a brush between Foreign Service Student Hynes and a diplomat. Blame the blizzard again.

The long arm of Selective Service reached into "Crime Stat" and deposited questionnaires with Tony

Rosser, Bill Pike, Matt O'Brien, Jack Paul, and Bill Clark.

### DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

It will be quite some time before it will be possible to fill the void left in the Director's Office by the departure of Charles Halter "Chuck" Drussel, Esquire. "Chuck" entered the New Agents' Class on March 10th, and it's mighty hard to find someone with a size 15 foot to fill his shoes.

The Director's Office has also lost Loring Gingell, better known as just plain "Jing". "Jing" doesn't believe in doing things in a half-way manner, so has moved into the new house he has just built and has resigned his position in the Bureau to accept one with an insurance company.

### LEAKS FROM THE FILES

Due to the vivacious charm of Mrs. Helen Wright, Recording Unit, and the dashing personality of Mr. John Sullivan, Searching Unit, the drive for Metropolitan Boys Club went over 100% in the Files Division. Our hats off to both of you!

The Front Office Gang has been outdoing itself sending congratulatory messages to the boys who have taken the fatal leap. Best wishes were sent to Mr. and Mrs. George Christman, and this little ditty was received by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cochran: "Now there's a merger of two into one,

A happy Files romance has begun,  
A sincere wish of joy is the Day's  
call,  
We wish this and more--and it comes  
from us all."

Why is it that Messrs. Coleman and Norwood are so anxious to deliver files to Mr. Foxworth's Office? Only the other day Francis Norwood was accusing Estes of being the type who would cut another man's throat.

Things are coming to a pretty pass when Francis McBride has to resort to an appendectomy to get back to Boston to check up on a certain girl friend.

The little man with the bow and arrow has been very busy in the Files Division of late. His latest victims are Margaret Rose, Carolyn Martindale, Anita Chapman, Doris Batson, Charlotte Wolf, Geraldine Suchomel, Ethel Frazier and Irene L. A. King.

We certainly miss Bob Cartwright since he went into the Agents Class. The supervisory reins in Personnel Files have been taken up by Dudley Peeler, former Supervisor of the Front Office.

They're in the Army now!  
George Monk at Fort Bliss, Texas;  
Reuben Long somewhere in Virginia;  
and Reid Dees in Arizona.

Jean McInnis has left the Files Division on transfer to the Field Office back home. We daresay the operators miss that Boston accent.

We are happy to know that Mrs. Mary L. Pumphrey, who has been ill for some time, is now improving.

A vacation in the Florida sunshine is most popular these days.

Mr. Patterson returned with a beautiful coat of tan, and Mr. Seyfarth followed suit.

## INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Gordon Nicholson, former Fugitive Supervisor, received a subpoena calling for his appearance at Denver as SAC. Those of us who have worked with him for the past year feel confident he will make an excellent witness for the Bureau.

Our remarks in the last Investigator about the Investigative Division being a hardy lot were a little premature inasmuch as "Old Man Flu" finally caught up with a number of us.

Those Agents who have investigated "Con-men" cases will imagine the surprise of an Agent in the Dallas Office who received a lead to interview "Judge Baker" (the perennial jurist in all con-men cases) for information in his possession concerning the subjects in a certain case. The Agent in question was so surprised that he attempted to cover the lead and after several inquiries reported that it was the conclusion of the persons interviewed that Judge Baker didn't live in Dallas and was possibly a fictitious person.

After much hard and conscientious work, Jim Fazziola, a former clerk in the Investigative Division, has won his spurs and upon completion of the present New Agents Training School will report to Cleveland for assignment.

H. Albaugh who served so ably in the Assistant to the Director Edward A. Tamm's Office will have an opportunity to benefit from this experience upon the completion of the

present New Agents Training School.

We thought our stenographers were grown-up but the recent outbreak of Measles in their ranks makes us wonder.

With the coming of the baseball season Jack Minor reports an "assist". Jack has been "put-out" of a lot of hours of sleep since the cause -- a 7-pound boy who already has the alias "The Battler".

We may all expect to see Parker Breeze at the next Bureau dance because one of the high pressure glamourized ticket sellers has learned that in his earlier days Parker won several prizes for his Terpsichorean accomplishments.

## LABORATORY

The laboratory greets two new document examiners who have just taken up their duties:

George W. Kyl comes to us from Bloomfield Teachers College, Bloomfield, Iowa, where he has been teaching for the past three years. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Wayne State Teachers College of Wayne, Nebraska, and a Master of Science degree from the University of Iowa. He has also done graduate work at Iowa State College and the University of Wisconsin.

From Athens, Tennessee, comes Hubert Lee Davis, Jr., who for over six years previous to coming into the Bureau was engaged in the banking business in Athens. Davis holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Western Kentucky State College at Bowling Green, Kentucky.

The lab's just getting to be a better place to work every day. The newest reason is one Betty Jones who has been added to the staff of the typing pool. It's gotten so it's much easier to walk over to the pool and explain the change necessary, rather than write it out on a routing slip and send it over.

Fellow employees are wondering when our veteran examiner "Charlie" Appel is going to buy his one-way ticket for Hollywood. Charlie, of course, denies any such intentions. The fact remains, however, that Charlie combed his hair (?) for the first time in a month during the recent shooting of the M. O. T. Anything that can cause such a radical change from his usual custom must be looked upon seriously.

Pictured below is Clark Martin, son of J. Martin of the Laboratory.



### MECHANICAL SECTION

Welcome to E. A. Bundy, B. J. Gilles, R. S. Harpine, P. J. Kenney, R. J. McDonald, P. Noel, J. P. Vorkink and J. A. Glauque, who have recently joined our ranks.

And speaking of ranks - we would like to wish the best of luck to Bill Barnes and Artie Bartz who

are doing a little "shouldering arms" down at Fort Bliss, Texas.

We bid goodbye to Winton King, who is now a stenographer in the Chief Clerk's Office; and to E. C. Upton who is now a Special Agent.

By the time this article goes to press, Mechanical Section Bowling Team will be in first place (we hope) and will have walked away with the \$80.00 first prize.

After four years of faithful study of legal jurisprudence at Georgetown University, Carlton Gartner is now a full-fledged attorney. He has just received word that he successfully completed the December Bar Examinations.

The Kleig light industry invaded the Mechanical Section last week and took several "shots" of the boys in action; now we will probably invade the movie industry for the next few weeks to see ourselves in action.

Congratulations to Lyndall Shaneyfelt, a "first-time" father upon the birth of a son, Terry LeRoy. Cigars were in order and the "trio" are doing well. Below is a photo of Terry at the ripe old age of two weeks.



And to Joseph Krahling, the "once again a father", upon the birth of a boy, Reeves Anthony, pic-

tured below. Editor's Note: The accomplishments of this latest edition of the Krahlings is published in a separate pamphlet, and will be furnished upon request.



A. G. Wiley, Assistant Chief of Mechanical, is having his troubles these days. After two years of "dickering", he finally sold his house, but now he can't find another one in which to live.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE

The National Defense Division is indeed happy to welcome Assistant Director P. E. Foxworth as its chief. The greeting extends to Mrs. C. S. (Kitty) Henley and Miss Louise Haithcock, who were moved down with the furniture and will no doubt keep things running smoothly.

And a fine big blanket welcome to all you new stenos, typists, messengers, etc.

## S T U F F

Division Five welcomes the arrival of SA T. H. Pirnie....it bows graciously to the Investigative Unit for giving us their Leo L. Laughlin ...it congratulates SA John O'Leary for doing right by his country (a boy this time)....it has reasons to believe that "Superman" Cimperman is up to no good when he dashes off to the country for the week end...pre-

sumably to take pictures....it says "best wishes and much luck" to Dot Massey who recently received a "sparkler" from a certain man in the Navy Department....the Bureau Dances wouldn't be complete without the presence of Supervisor J. B. Little who has that certain "sumpthin".... Art Thurston and Jack Savage are Division Five's "Glamour Boys"...we understand they enticed motion picture men (who were at the Bureau to take pictures for the March of Time) to give them a screen test....the latest comments are that the "Great Profile" has plenty of competition with the latter hot in pursuit of his title....Supervisor Youngs has been having quite a time these days on account of the "stenos" taking him for a "file boy"....Supervisor P. J. Wacks has everything a man would want...a wife, a son, and a dog but he still complains because he wants more "sleep"....Lib Minor, our steno from them thar hills of Tennessee, has annexed a new name... ..it's "Daisy Mae".....

## THINGS WORTH MENTIONING

Margaret Lucey's and Martha King's contemplated boat trip, Elva Mason's new diamond, the very personable new messengers in this division, Marjorie Carder's new Plymouth convertible, that noticeable gap in the front office caused by the emigration of Billie Biles and Virginia Rice back to the Training Division.

## TOURS

For the past month the Tour Room has been comparable to Grand Central Station. So many employees have visited us for a week and then have immediately entered the Agents' Classes that it is even hard for the regular Tour Leaders to keep track

of the new ones. Needless to say, we wish them all the luck in the world and only hope their brief stay with us helps them with their training.

Some of the recent In-Service schools have all the marks of a Tour Leaders Reunion.

St. Patrick's Day found several loyal sons of Eire and produced one disappointment. "Questions" Berens and Al Mueller (Irish with a name like that?!) sported green ties, but Pete Noon, a one-hundred-percenter, showed nary a trace of the great color.

"Professor" Clayton is waiting for his landlady to go to Florida and he then promises a "party" at the country estate.

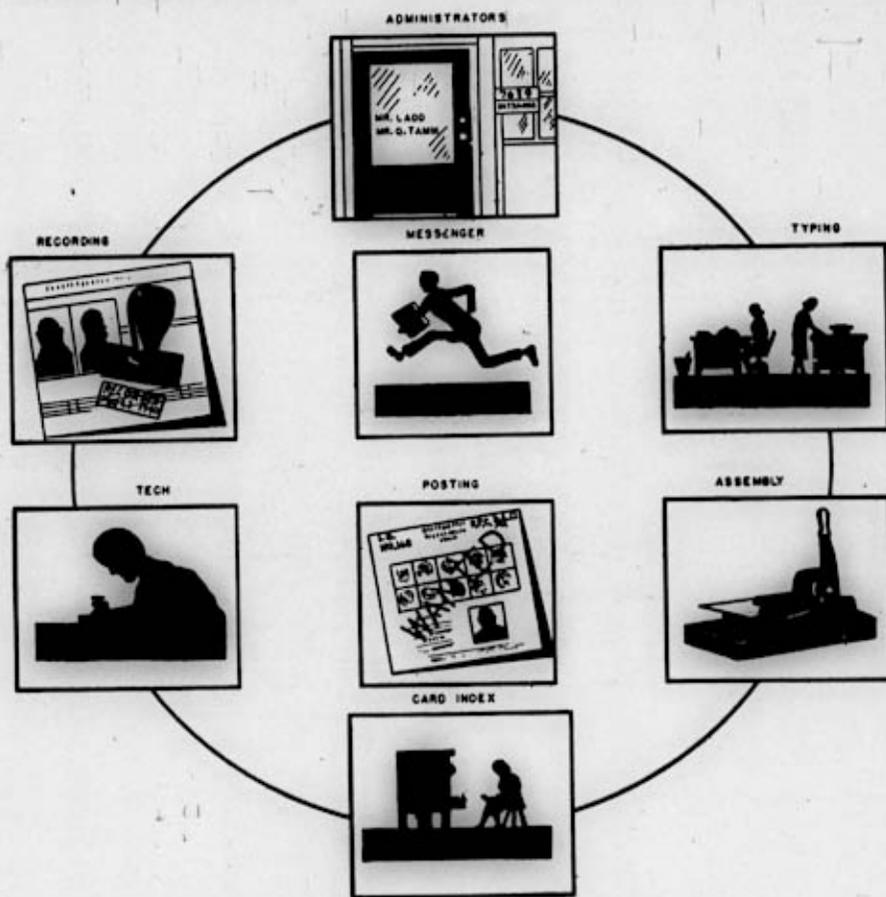
Joe Dosh would like to get married and settle down, but he started figuring the other day and finds it will be better to stay single and settle up.

Sub-Yardbird Floyd is gaining all the traits of a super bigamist. In the last two weeks he has introduced three beautiful young ladies to us as his fiancées! His motto must be "Safety in Numbers". And on top of this, he is thinking of incorporating his correspondence under a Lonely Hearts charter.

"Pseudo" Pool has finally reached the high scoring position in the Bureau bowling league. Evidently the practice he received while the rest of us were working on night tours has paid dividends.



# IDENTIFICATION



# DIVISION

## DAY FORCE



## ASSEMBLY SECTION

Seems as if The Investigator deadline forces the columnist to blend a combination of prognostication and history in order to make news.

Thus it is that we are forced to offer a combined honorarium and obituary to the Assembly bowling team. They'll have to take their choice of which is necessary at the time this meets their jaundiced eyes. The team is rolling along in first place by one game, with nine to go, after a climb from eighth place.

Among illustrious Assembly men in the star-packed lineup is ace anchor man "Pinky" Appler. "Pinky" has resembled a rabbit leading the greyhounds he has been so far out in front of the league most of the season.

Jerry Buckley has curved them in in fine style all season.

Then there is "Rough House" Gardner who is expected to hike his average with the arrival of girl friend "Kansas City Cutie".

"Grin and Bear It" Grabowski has been slightly hampered by short

rations of explosive sausage, while "Ace-Deuce" Granger has run hog wild in the latter part of the season.

Of course we must not fail to mention the great substitute, Mayor John Cleveland of Cleveland, S. C. It seems that John has preferred to be called plain John, because mayor, when pronounced with a southern accent, sounds too much like a female "hoss". We regret to announce that his position of importance as the scion and head of a thriving community, consisting of a filling station (food or gas), a grist and water mill, a post office, the general store, and many crowing roosters, did not prevent a recent discoloration around the right optic.

One of our boys, Crowder, is leaving to join the Navy Air Corps. Keep your feet on the ground when you're up in the air, lad.

Sure was a strange sight to see "Little Mogul" Blase standing next to his car with an acetylene torch, a sledge hammer, a stick of dynamite and a six-inch field piece. The lock on his car wouldn't work, and we have it on reliable authority that Sam finally compromised and cut a hole in the floor boards. Now when he leaves the car at home, the kids and Nellie can use it for a "kiddie car". Sam says it saves money too, a little push with the feet now and then makes for better gas mileage.

Best wishes to Elmer Grattan, John Clarke and Joseph Keller in their future efforts as seventh-letter-of-the-alphabet men.

We understand that "Marse" Caton took advantage of the recent heavy snow to plant road markers across his farm land and thus had

his place furrowed free of charge by the state snowplow.

Verifier Bowers has turned into a star gazer - as a hobby.

The Assembly Section, in addition to the Constitutional rights of free speech and religion, enjoys at this time of the year, free jelly beans, by courtesy of Dorothy Colliflower.

### CARD INDEX SECTION

Miss Rita Vernon recently underwent an appendectomy and Miss Dorothy Taylor underwent the doubtful pleasure of a case of measles.

One of our "old timers", Miss Molly Pagan, recently left us, resigning to marry Lt. Clarence Purdy of the U. S. Navy. Molly also has left the United States to take up residence in Hawaii.

Other recent brides in the Card Index Section are Mrs. Kathryn (Stowell) Kuehn and Mrs. Velma (Wilson) White. We sincerely hope both of these brides the best of the greatest happiness.

Soon to tread the bridal path is Miss Lyola Olson, who is marrying Mr. Charles Frazier of the Technical Section on May 31st. In the nearer future, in fact on April 19th, Miss Edith Blincoe will likewise forsake the ranks of single blessedness when she will become Mrs. Floyd Stehman.

We regret the resignation of Mrs. Dolores Clarke. Husband John, now Special Agent Clarke, is assigned to the Little Rock Office of the Bureau. We wish all the success

and happiness to both.

A motley horde of beggars, immigrants, and assorted hoodlums repaired one evening recently to the residence of Mrs. Charlotte Hogan and husband, John, at Indian Spring Village, to officially warm the new house.

Lost to the Boston Office - Virginia Irwin - Lots of luck, Virginia.

### POSTING SECTION

Ward McCabe left on March 11th for the O. D. K. convention sponsored by Tulane and Louisiana State Universities at Baton Rouge, La. Ward is secretary-treasurer of the G. W. Chapter.

In early March, Posting had a visit from our former Supervisor S. A. Horace S. "Bus" Hallett, now assigned to the New York Field Office.

Jack Southard just returned from two weeks leave. He is supposed to have been working on accounting lessons, but we wonder if it wasn't G. L. that induced him to take such an early vacation. PS. G. L. doesn't mean "Grand Larceny".

Ward, Alec and Frank say that keeping the Section supplied with work keeps them busy all during the day, and then they have to spend their free moments at lunch, explaining the riddles told in the morning, to Metcalf.

### RECORDING SECTION

It just ain't what it used to be -- at first it was the aliens

(and still is) and now it has no Willie Pond. On March 1, the Recording Section said goodbye to Mary Hoffenberg and Willie in the form of a dinner at Schneider's. Mary resigned to convince her husband that she really can cook, and Willie was transferred to Administrative Files after ten years in Recording.

But we are doing our best to make up for the lost personnel. Margaret Rosetta will be helping us out around July, and from the looks of the registers we would be a good recruiting agency for the draft. Our new personnel includes Barry, Carroll, Coverston, Curran, Duane, Foley, Girard, Holm, Holmes, Hurley, Idell, Napoli, McSorley, Osterman, Palmer, Robinson, Shepsle, Sutton, Thomas, Turpin, and Walters.

We're all waiting for Hank Cochran, the Baltimore Barrymore, to admit it.

On the subject of altercations, we would like to know whatever happened to the "battle of the century"?

Recording claims two good reasons why the Bureau basketball team had such a good season -- George DeWitt, ex-Maryland University and All-Southern Conference player, and Gene Studebaker, one of the Five Wonder Boys of Roanoke University. Nice going, fellows.

"Farmer" Cochran still doesn't believe that there's any such thing as a blue cow that had to be milked three times a day.

We are told that every morning Corporal Jim Kennedy has to line up his Tech Report squad and make them count off.

We don't know whether we are going to lose our Supervisor or not since Mrs. Welliver made her screen debut in the Laboratory. She will probably be going through on a special tour one of these days.

At least our Jo knows that she has a physically fit husband, even though she hasn't got her husband. He's at Fort Story, Virginia.

Recording does pretty well in supplying future agents. On St. Patrick's Day, John (Pat) Rooney and Paul Tierney entered the class. We all wish them luck.

## SINGLE FINGERPRINT SECTION

Since the last issue of The Investigator, the Single Fingerprint Section has celebrated an "Old Home Week" and had the pleasure of greeting some of the old employees of the section. The first visitor was Mrs. Garland McPhail who stopped over for a visit on her way to New York City from Kansas City. Her husband, Special Agent R.K. McPhail, was recently transferred to the "Big City". However, we didn't even get so much as a peek at the pride and joy of the family, Jo Kathleen. Next to return to the old haunts was Jerry Murphy, a former fingerprint expert of the section who is now with the Interstate Commerce Commission. The last of the "Old Guard" to put in an appearance was F. M. McCullough, alias the "Silent Southerner". Mac was on his way to Atlanta from Philadelphia by way of transfer. Last but not least, the section had the pleasure of welcoming back Merle Wilson who has been on a special assignment on the West Coast since last June.

Our hats are off to Mr. and

Mrs. John R. Robyak who on the 7th of March were presented with a bouncing baby girl, Martha. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Robyak.

During the past month we have unearthed a new Tom Edison, Alexander Graham Bell or what have you in A. H. Pursell of the section. "Shorty" popped up with an invention for the taking of palm prints. We tried to get a few photos of it, along with a biographical sketch of his life, but like all great men he is on the bashful side. Maybe we can worm something out of him for the next issue. In the meantime, he will be working on a patent for the new machine, which seems to have merit and has received some fine comments from those who have viewed it.

Congratulations to George E. Irwin, formerly a fingerprint expert of the section, who left us to go into the agents' training class on the 3rd of March. Good luck, George!

## TECHNICAL SECTION

March came into Washington in the lion-like manner that is supposed to presage a gentle exit. However, the first two weeks showed no lessening of the lion's spirit. Two snows were recorded, and the ancient and honorable order of Hibernians fought its way to St. Patrick's Day celebrations through a fifteen degree chill that withered the proud shamrocks, turning the Kelly green into a dull, autumnal color. The tidal basin might have been a Norwegian fjord, except for the dingy color of the piles of snow surrounding it. Tennesseans recalled with envy their fellow states-

man, Sam McGee, in his furnace.

Cecil Bowman, John Creighton and Tom Devlin were observed with two tumblers each, pouring water from one to the other in a serious and assiduous manner. It was learned that they had visited a local theater where they saw a talented gentleman who could conjure up any known drink by the simple process referred to above. A silent participant was Joe Haggerty, who sat perusing the wine list of an exclusive hostelry. "He's thinking for us," the others explained. While it has been noised about that the three gentlemen mentioned above did require assistance in the accomplishment of cerebral acts, this amounted to the first official confirmation, and is noted with interest.

As the bowling season drew to a close, the four teams in the FBI League made up of Tech men were having only moderate success. The highest position attained by a Tech team as of March 19th was fourth, held by the Accidentals. The Circle-Stars, despite a late-season spurt by L. J. Rice, high-strike man of the 1940 league, had slumped to fifth place. The Ready-Cules and Ulnars were in eighth and ninth places, respectively.

The Sunday mixed doubles bowling league, composed of Tech men and their spouses, climaxed a successful season with an informal dinner held on March 23rd at the Lafayette Grill. Prizes were awarded to the winning teams in the two brackets, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burke and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Metcalf receiving the awards. Leading feminine bowler was Mrs. Douglas Abbott, with 87. This organization has been so thoroughly

enjoyed by all those participating that it is planned to make it a Bureau-wide affair next year.

Pictured below are Kathleen Noble and Marlene Stewart (left to right), charming small daughters of E. J. Noble and E. Stewart.



Bill Marlow, of the Tech clerical force, took third place in the fifty-yard dash at the A.A.U. track meet on March 10th. The race ended in a photo finish, the three leaders being inches apart. The winning time was 5:5.

Eugene Stewart and Kenneth Glennon have been designated by Mr. G. J. Engert to organize the F.B.I. Softball Team. A majority of candidates for this team are Tech men. Returning stars include Ed Noble, Norman Anna, Paul Luther and Marvin Schneider.

Strangers in the Tech Section are occasionally surprised to hear

some of the following words called out in a loud voice: "Forestall"; "Today"; "Tonight"; "One Gill"; "One Peck". It might be explained to them that these noises are only the Messrs. Stahl, Day, Knight, Gill and Peck giving their total of prints searched and ready for collection.

## TYPING SECTION

Someone said something about January to April being a rather bad time for news: No weddings, no blessed events, vacations, etc., but your inquiring reporter after casting her eyes up and down the aisles of Typing has come to the conclusion that Winter, Summer, Spring or Fall - in Typing, there's never a dull moment.

Since the last time we were around Typing, with romance does abound -  
First, there's Mrs. Brigulio  
She used to be Dorothy Hair, you know;  
Then there's Lily Bowen, too -  
On March 12th, she said "I Do!"  
And of course there are weddings  
in the Spring  
When trees are green and birdies sing.  
In March or April, let come what will  
Ruby will marry Jimmie Hill;  
And Mary Mullican will do the same  
But Mrs. Lichner will be her name.  
And we want to welcome back with joy  
Dorothy Jones - 'twas a baby boy!  
And we're sorry to hear Mrs. Walker is sick  
And we hope she gets well very quick.  
And so we come to the end of this rhyme,  
But we'll have more news for the next time.

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What's this we hear about the mock wedding the girls put on for the benefit of Mary Mullican at her surprise shower? Is it true that the wedding march was Tommy Dorsey's recording of the "Sugar Blues" and that the flower girl came truckin' down the wide staircase?

Little Typing: Jeanette Caldwell has returned to the office after spending the past three months with her son, Richard.

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We hope to see Mimi Griffith back with us soon - she has been out quite some time recuperating from an appendectomy.

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Definite plans are being made for the weddings of Mary Yingling in May and Ellen Graham in June.

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Correspondence Fun: Mrs. Martha Fitz-Hugh ("Fritzie") has been vacationing at Miami Beach for the past three weeks. It must be nice to be able to "loaf" all day on the sands, while the folks back home have to make their way through snowdrifts in order to get to work.

Miss Helen Weimer surprised us by her marriage to Mr. Allen Faidley. Mr. and Mrs. Faidley are building their new home in Hampshire Knolls and we are all looking forward to the "house warming".

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Checking on the Card Checkers: Tony Splendore "middle aisled" it to the tune of the Wedding March on April 14th. Congratulations!

Ed Kadell has left the ranks of card checkers to be head messenger. Sure do miss you, Ed!

Wouldn't be surprised if Ed Hauser was asked to be a guest on

"Information Please". He seems to be doing very well out at the 10th street entrance.

The Spotters: To one of our young men, interest in the international feudin' bee has run a slow second for many weeks. Reason for "Reader" Richard Crist's preoccupation has been the purge conducted by the D.C. Bar Examiners. Dick survived the ordeal successfully, however, and the section is happy to congratulate him.

One reader has an exemption for next year's taxes. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ross who are now the proud parents of a daughter, Patricia Anne, born March 7th and weighing 7 lbs., 2 oz. "Poppa" Ross came through with candy and cigars for all the girls and boys in the section.

Those who have had matrimony in the back of their heads for some time are beginning to pop the question. Our Joe Cogan (the hospitalization man) is one of these - not taking any chances on losing Florence when called to the colors.

Wanted: Instruction in driving by Wade Fuller. Now we know why Wade comes in limping (if at all) after every snowstorm. Go easy on the clutch, Wade - you won't get anywhere with your foot on the clutch. Try skis in bad weather, then if the worst happens you won't have the trouble with your feet.

Mathel Young no longer commutes from Baltimore. Mathel and her husband are residing on 16th street now and her days are cut in half. Come on over, you other Baltimoreans, and catch up on your sleep.

B. C. Johnson has been confined to his home for several weeks with a severe case of mumps. B. C. figures it isn't so funny being a kid again.

At the current writing, the bowling team is in third place, only two games behind Assembly, but we hope to finish in first place before the season ends.

Duplicator Gang: Investigators come and go, but up in 7746 life moves on at pretty much the same old tenor. Every now and then, however, a carbon copy does turn out:

The tall and short of the Duplicating Room are out on the casualty list at this printing. The big lad, Homer Hatten, was in the hospital at Huntington, Virginia, where he underwent an appendectomy and at the last writing was looking forward to a return to the Bureau soon. Norman Ritz, the short of the duo, is confined with blood poisoning in his foot, which we hope will not be too serious. Wish them both a speedy recovery and return.

Faces lost and gained: Archie Fisher tendered resignation from the Bureau in February to enter private business and we wish him the best of luck. At a farewell party, about twenty members of the Duplicating Room gathered at the Nightingale Club in Alexandria, Virginia, where a festive Saturday night was enjoyed.

Along about the same time, the Recording Section took three old faithfuls from us by the transfer of Lou Napoli, Don Albaugh and Bernie Norton.

Of course, along with a loss

we also gain--something about "an ill wind, etc." - for several swell fellows from the Night force were given a shot at day work and it looks now like they might stand up under the pressure. Joe Bunsu, that National Boxing Champ, and three six footers, Al Marks, Keith Macdonald and Joe Moran. With a quartet like that around, we are all going to have to stay on our toes. Glad to have you with us fellas' - GOOD LUCK!

Favorite Pastimes: Willie Shaeffer discussing botany; Grace Stinnette studying music and short-hand simultaneously; Stan Mattern visiting the nurse; Mike Carroll and the little Irish girl in the Chief Clerk's Office; Dick Smith anticipating a western visitor for Easter; Keller and Stoddard arguing the merits of National and Georgetown; Joe Moran studying opera; Marks and Macdonald collecting telephone numbers; and Mrs. Swann reminding the boys that there's too much noise.

## NIGHT FORCE



## ASSEMBLY SECTION

Mr. Jerry "Sloughfoot" Coughlin after a journey in the direction of Greenwich Village, Boston Common,

and other interesting points, reports that there is only one thing better for a young man than a trip home, and that is a trip away from home. He oughta know--ask Typing. But that's going too far, says F. Stricklin.

Which reminds us of Gene "Diver" Sheehan seen walking pretty fast along F Street late one night. The observer reports there is no doubt about the 'pretty'.

In the meantime, several more good men have arrived in Assembly and the Night Force is glad to welcome Messrs. Bowers, Breuggeman, Foley, Patterson and Smith as new members. They have already shown considerable interest in Fred Crowley's hair which, though still thin in spots, is staging a remarkable comb-back.

Although there may be nothing unusual in a Massachusetts man (?) wearing a flashy tie, when "Junior" Schmidt also begins bragging about the "weather" in Atlanta, it seems something should be investigated.

"Sleuth" Carroll (another mystery man on certain subjects relative to the seventh floor) inadvertently has revealed himself as a sports authority and, as such, will defend mid-western basketball at the drop of a hat.

Mr. D. B. (Dive-Bomber, etc.) Rhodes, Supervisor, has decided that there is nothing small about Irvin "Foots" Madigan--or his feet, either. He says he is always putting his foot into it anyway, but the pay-off (for Uncle Sam) came when "Foots" decided to become more expressive and shoved a size twelve-C (?) through a glass door.

The section regrets losing Lee Spence, a likable lad who has left for the New Orleans Field Office.

## CARD INDEX SECTION

Flash! Marjorie Denning's trip to Florida, mentioned in our last column, had a purpose. Result - a week's honeymoon in Pennsylvania and a new name - Mrs. C. J. Honetor!

Cupid's Department: Mr. Stone, student instructor in Tech, and Miss Dabney Ledyard have been collaborating with "Dan" in matching Tech boys and C. I. girls for the Bureau dances. And with no little success, we hear.

Despite a hard day at the office on Friday, the more sturdy of our group manage to bowl a few strings. They meet at the Recreation Bowling Alleys. It's quite a show to see Lee Miller bowling in his cowboy boots.

Thursday our ping pong enthusiasts join with those from Tech. Two of our employees, Mary Palmer and Lillian Holm were entered in the Government Employee's Tourney. (Ask Jane Colley how her game is these days).

From the new diamond crop - Nancy Hall has received a solitaire from Richard Welty of FHA. The marriage is to take place in the fall.

Dotty Burnell has a ring from a D. C. Guardsman, Jack Maier, at Fort Meade. We know she won't like that year's training period Uncle Sam has prescribed for the Guard.

A surplus of males was taken care of by transfer to Recording

Day Force. Their places have been taken by some very attractive replacements - too bad the boys had to leave.

Our section's proud fathers have brought in these photos of the new generation. Depicting nature in the raw is Bernard A. Osterman, Jr., aged nine months. Bernie is rightfully proud of his chubby little son and when he brought him down one night he won the hearts of all the girls.



Martha Stanfield, Efton Stanfield's two year old daughter, is taking a lesson from her pretty mother in how to make a snowball. She's from the heart of Texas and

her first winter up north is quite a thrill.

## RECORDING SECTION

Attention should be given to the new night force in the Recording Section, consisting of Bernie Osterman, Griff Barry, Bill Idell, Eugene Walters, Francis Dewitt, and Wayne Turpin. The first three are from Card Index Section and the others from the Messenger Force. With the registering of all aliens, these boys certainly have their hands full.

It must also be remembered that we have a new night force in the Recording Annex, which consists of Mary Palmer, Nelda Coverston, and Lillian Holm, who put finishing touches on the work put out by the boys in Recording.

Mary Palmer says she was closing the window the other night when she fell off the window sill into the wastepaper basket. Her story is that she fell into the wastepaper basket to avoid disturbing the "Aliens".

## TECHNICAL SECTION

Robert A. and Kathryn Reilly Sherman have just returned from their honeymoon and so have the Honetors, "Chuck" and Marjorie. Incidentally, Mrs. Sherman was seen at the FBIRA dance.

Other Tech men who have joined the ranks of the Benedicts are G. M. Hand and S. F. Farnham.

New Arrival: Dixie Lynn Harvey, seven pound, nine ounce daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Harvey.

Recently inducted:

J. M. Dunn, Fort Bliss, Texas  
W. F. King, Fort Bliss, Texas  
P. T. Well, Fort Bliss, Texas

Gene Irvin's "Owls" banged out a season record set of 1605 at Recreation the other day.

And while we're on the subject of bowling, that race for the highest individual average will bear watching. The standings at this writing are:

Stone	-	105	-	45
Houser	-	105	-	14
Ravson	-	105	-	13

We'd like to get a good look at the chicken and mink farm that is prospering under the guidance of Messrs. Hoar, Errion, Packer and H. B. Smith.

Jack G. Wilson of the midnight force is the proud father of baby daughter Jacqueline Louise Wilson, 7 lbs., 3 oz., born March 7, 1941.

TABLE TENNIS

During the winter months here in Washington, members of the FBIRA have taken to table tennis. There has been a great deal of enthusiasm and interest displayed by those taking part in the weekly games and matches. Almost every section of the Bureau has been represented by a champ.

Recently members of the FBIRA table tennis players took part in a tournament for all Government employees sponsored by one of the newspapers in the District. While none of the FBI team members came out on top, there were enough entered in the tournament to cop the

trophy for the Department having the most entries in the contest. Everyone is looking forward to a bigger and better season next year and to capturing more than just the cup for the most entries.

WONDERINGS OF A NIGHT TYPIST

The night force is growing so fast, I'm beginning to feel like a newcomer myself. The girls seem to be younger and prettier each time a new bunch arrives.

We are going to lose Theresa Lyon though. She is marrying Frank Putnam and going on the day force all at the same time. And here's a new one--the boys in the section were all invited to a shower for Theresa.

But that's just half of it - Anna Louise Heflin got a diamond on March 15th, but the date hasn't been set yet. Cupid is rather busy these days.

And speaking of Cupid, Al Carroll spent the week end at home in West Virginia recently.

Eleanor Thomaides and Mary Horner are just returning from Florida, while Jean Watson is leaving for the "Sunny South".

NEWS FLASH: For the information of all those interested, the "Disappearing Packard" belonging to Howard Beazey, after being stolen twice, was returned for the second time. This time "The Packard" was found at Fort Meade - Maybe it was caught in the draft, Beazey!

Johnny "Texas" Moore still wants to know why they can't move Texas up here.



# B O W L I N G



ASSEMBLERS  
DAY FORCE  
CHAMPS



MECHANICS  
DAY FORCE  
2ND PLACE



# T A B L E T E N N I S



G. LOWRY  
DAY FORCE  
CHAMP



E. AKERS  
NITE FORCE  
CHAMP

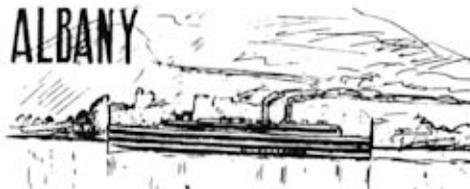


R. T. RYAN  
RUNNER UP  
NITE FORCE





## ALBANY



Greetings from the North Country! Even Juneau hasn't had anything on the Albany weather these past few days. The hardest hit is an Agent who, it's rumored is in the pay of the California Chamber of Commerce, he spends so much of his time extolling the virtues of his home state. The other day he sent a wire to SAC CLEGG addressing it Albany, California. Good thing Western Union always finds its man!

Albany's grown some more since our last writing. To our SA ranks have been added G. R. BLUE, R. C. CARDEN, LEO FOX, W. J. McDONNELL and J. J. ROONEY, fresh from Training School; CARY CARLTON from Pittsburgh; J. B. REYNOLDS from Richmond; and LLOYD ARMS from Miami.

By the way, ARMS has been flaunting several well-worn snapshots of himself with an alleged catch of marlin off Miami shores. It's rumored he plans to try his luck off

the Albany Night Boat docks soon.

We bid two new night men welcome; E. C. BROOKS from Syracuse and BILL SHEEHAN, a local boy. RAY MOHR joined the day staff after more than a year on the owl shift.

A couple of our Agents are going in for bowling in a big weigh and we hear it's effective.



We hope Miami appreciates our sending that office some very good SACs. It is with regret that we give up SAC DANNER to the Sunnier South. We're going to miss Mrs. DANNER and little DICKIE D., too.

We are very happy to have numerous new Agents who have arrived

during the past few months and would like to tell the readers something about each one. However, we haven't had time to attach the right name to the right Agent yet, much less pick up any personal data. This delinquency is due to the absence of Agent McARDLE from this area.

Chief Clerk MIKE MICHAEL took a well-earned vacation in North Carolina and spent his time thinking about how to mechanize the Chief Clerk unit. He returned with plans for a motorized chair so he can cover ground without getting up.

Stenographer MARTHA WHIGHAM spent a week-end in Annapolis recently and returned proudly displaying navy insignia for third finger, left hand. Also a sabre pin for her lapel and an emblem for her sleeve. When she walks into the office mornings we are not sure that we shouldn't salute.

Agent BOB HELD was so susceptible as to come down with Nazi measles while working on an Espionage case.



The consensus of opinion among the Stenos is that "business is picking up" here of late, and those who are leavening the burden are the following newly-arrived Agents:

H. R. ARNOLD  
M. M. CHAMPLIN  
L. GRADY  
O. H. HAGE, Jr.  
P. W. HAVILAND  
E. F. HUMMER  
H. L. KENNEDY

J. M. O'CONNOR  
T. A. PHELPS  
J. J. WALSH

The notice below recently appeared in the Washington, D. C. and Birmingham papers causing a mild furor among the office force:

"Dr. and Mrs. William Ramsey Huckaby, of Guntersville, Ala., announce the engagement of their daughter, Virginia Huckaby, to Mr. John A. Hanley, III, of Washington, D.C., and Sarasota, Fla. The marriage will take place on March 29, 1941, at Guntersville."

Much happiness is wished to "Big" John and his bride.

The Irish seem to be overcoming the Texas majority in the Baltimore Office. The sons of Erin are SAs O'CONNOR, CALLAHAN, WALSH and GRADY. SA CALLAHAN, by the way, is taking his inheritance seriously. Below is a snapshot of his latest contribution, Miss PATRICIA LILLIAN CALLAHAN, aged five weeks:



It has of late become so obvious that it is impossible to overlook it any longer or to chalk it up to coincidence -- that if a man makes good in Baltimore he shall be needed by the New York Office. New York is well represented by former Baltimore personnel, and now we are relinquishing an excellent clerical employee; namely, W. W. WELDEN.

Night Clerk JAMES COCHRAN, formerly of the Bureau, recently visited Miami for what promised to be a highly profitable vacation and arrived back in Baltimore with the sum of four cents -- we don't know whether this was before or after taking a streetcar from the station.

#### "PIONEER"

A new and revolutionary agent upon his arrival in the Baltimore Office from the Indianapolis Office decided to vary the otherwise stereotyped style of applicant report writing and since this was his second office it wasn't long before he received his big chance -- an applicant case. To the astonishment and disconcertion of the office a rough draft report was received from said agent stating that "thorough investigation failed to reveal any 'exotic proclivities' on the part of the applicant." The SAC was so amazed he almost signed it.

Not to be outdone by the feats of athletic prowess of the Bureau Stenos who, according to the Investigator, bowl, ski, and ice skate proficiently, Stenos HOSMER, RUZICKA, and THOMPSON have joined the local Y.M.C.A. The girls are limping in bravely after early morning sessions of calisthenics and table tennis and receive the jibes of the rest of the force with promises of mayhem when they complete the course.



Baltimore can't take no brunt -- must be on account of they don't have any invigorating cold weather. March winds blew the VALENTINES back --- and almost blew the clothes off I. B. HALE -- TEX BLAYLOCK ran into familiar odors on his first visit to the famed Boston Fish Pier --- his nostrils dilated --- FOOTS CROSBY residenting at Worcester, Mass., -- Woster to you uneducated people --- that little round man, JIMMY COULTER, proceeding on or returning from a special --- the neophyte SAS racing their respective motors -- the eligible ones trying to decide which steno is whicher --- PHIL BREED returning from In-Service with complete pictures of fellow in-servicers --- the thin blooded boys from way down looking in vain for just one little sign of spring --- V. W. PETERSON bemoaning the dearth of hours in one day --- and griping about the way the lusty winds toss his 138 pounds around with such abandon --- the morning scramble for automobiles --- listening to the moanings of recent arrivals confused and confounded by Boston's paved cow trails --- meaning by name LONNIE H. BRASHEAR, OLIVER C. BRUMM, HOWARD E. ZELLERS, GAIL E. BURBRIDGE, CHARLES M. DUNCAN, EDWIN B. CONNOLLY and R. H. WYNN. --- the arrival of grasshopper E. B. BRUNINGA who left his jalopy snowbound in Philly en route from D. C. --- wheel horse CHARLIE PELLETIER notarizing income tax returns --- amazement at the hearty welcome extended to the bits of heaven added to our steno staff ---

by way of transfer from D. C. --- we mean, of course, VIRGINIA IRWIN, JEAN McINNIS and MILDRED COREY --- listening to the torrid details of the manner in which our quasi evening clerk, Frank super XX O'DONNELL has been welcomed by the better families of Waltham --- fried chicken and stuff --- he IS in --- we haven't seen the heart throb yet --- trying to tear down the invisible wall of mystery surrounding GERT NOWLAN who is now ensconced in her own private sanctum sanctorum --- but JOSEPHINE (you know Josephine) FOSTER makes faces at her through the window --- and for some reason the chief of the chief clerks, FLOR- ENCE LAGALLEE always asks of arrivals from Washington, "Who says hello to me" --- no one ever mentions the right guy's name -- wonder what ever happened to Quantico Quandaries --- could be that Chip Hicks is too busy?



Welcome to new agents DAVE SILVER, R. A. BEHRMANN, H. L. GRIFFIN and FRANK POLLNER.

IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE - BUT DID: A teletype was recently received bearing the title "Frank Davis was Fugitive, etc. etc." Upon its being routed to a rookie of the office for attention he queried: "Frank Davis was a fugitive? Well, then, why are we looking for him?"

TO THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE - who recently requested in an extortion case that the Buffalo Office locate subject and "obtain additional specimens of this individual." Wouldn't

one be sufficient?

To a departing SAC. We can't tell whether the smile is due to the fact that Buffalo had its first day of sunshine for a long time or whether it was due to his transfer to Baltimore in the land of sunshine



SAs JONES, WILBER and HOPPER state definitely now that after all of their electro-copyist work of the recent past, in case of emergency they can always find work in their new found profession.

**BRIGHT SAYING OF THE MONTH:**  
"What day of the week is Easter this year?" (We wouldn't dare give you the author of that question).

**PHILOSOPHY OF THE MONTH:**  
Don't brood. You're a man, not a hen.

How Niagara Falls looked to SA CHICK FRANICH. If we can only interest him in matrimony a honeymoon to the world-famous falls from here wouldn't be too expensive.



New agent personnel recently arrived from training school in the persons of GEORGE R. FLETCHER, ERNEST J. VAN LOON, JOHN O'CONNOR and ROBERT V. SMITH, III, were indeed greeted with open arms, (figuratively if not otherwise).

Henceforth the "Editor" for this publication in the Butte Office will be none other than SA JOHN J. MATTHEWS, who recently returned from a trip on subpoena to the Huntington Field Division with a home-cured smoked Virginia ham and a box of Levi Garrett's best snooze. It just goes to prove that old saying "You can take the boy out of the country -----."

Contrary to the popular impression throughout Bureau mailing lists no winter has as yet been experienced in Butte. We have had days on end when overcoats were "excess baggage" and spring has no doubt arrived which is much more than reports from some of the so-called banana belts indicate is taking place in their respective localities. Any Bureau personnel passing through this territory are cordially invited to attend the swimming party to be held by the Butte Office staff on Wednesday next. And if you think we are kidding or that this is a "screwy lead," you need merely accept the invitation.

#### WIT AND HUMOR

Women were made before mirrors and have been before them ever since.

They say that money talks but all it says to the most of us is "good-bye."

Mary a girl burns up her boy friend with an old flame.

Man is that peculiar animal who can get a hearty laugh out of pictures in an old family album and then look in the mirror without so much as a grin.

During the past winter SAs JERRY CAMPBELL and BILL NITSCHKE in covering an expedite lead, went into Yellowstone Park to the Yellowstone Canyon Hotel by snowshoe and have photos to prove it, some of which will soon be forwarded for publication. They report that winter scenes in the Park surpass those seen by the summer tourist and are extremely interesting for the reason few persons have had the opportunity to make such a trip. The wild game consisting of elk, deer, moose, mountain sheep, antelope and buffalo were in abundance and viewed the two agents with some curiosity and in some instances from exceedingly close range.

"Nimrod" NITSCHKE, who incidentally has secured one of about every kind of wild game in this section this year climaxed his remarkable performance with bringing down an elk, a large portion of which was consumed in a "feed" while all "hands" were in Butte during the last conference.

*Charlotte*

The employees of the Charlotte Office were very much interested to learn of the recent marriage in Hawaii of Special Agent J. H. POLK-INHORN, who formerly worked in this territory. This is also quite a surprise, as heretofore POLKY had been regarded as an incorrigible bachelor.

Someone has observed that our noses are becoming sharper. That is what comes of keeping them to the grindstone.

Recent arrivals at the Charlotte Office include Special Agents J. M. SHARP from Miami, R. H. VOGEL from Newark, and JOSEPH M. KELLY and WILLIAM R. HULBERT, Jr. from Training School. Our clerical staff has also been augmented by Miss WINONA EWBANK, of Hendersonville, N. C.

This office was recently requested to investigate the person described as follows for Selective Service violation: cauliflower ear, blind in one eye, one arm off and peg-leg.

Mrs. ANNA DELIS CALLAHAN, our Chief Clerk, is resigning in April so that she can devote her undivided attention to her husband and new home.



The Bureau Bulletin on length of stay of a new agent in his first office created quite a palpitation of the heart of one of our stenographers.

Mrs. E. S. BLAKESLEY presented her husband, SA BLAKESLEY, with a First Lady. What a change in SA BLAKESLEY now.

Most of us just couldn't stand that much at once, but CAROL JARM, one of our stenographic "buds," left us in a big week-end whirl, her immediate program being: Friday night - first train ride (to Atlanta); Saturday - her wedding to Robert Nelson; and Monday - assuming her duties as stenographer in the Atlanta Field Division. Hope you'll like her as much as we did, Atlanta.

New clerical employees are being gathered from varied places. Marjorie Mussell and Martha Myers, stenographers, hail from Des Moines, Ia., and Champaign, Illinois respectively. Martha Pinson, of Chicago, now graces our reception desk.

Latest additions in Chicago from training school are; A. P. CLARK, E. J. FOLTZ, W. A. CROW, AND W. E. WOOD. Other transferees are W. E. ASSMUS, W. W. GREGORY, P. F. KRIETHE, P. V. ROBE, K. R. SCHRAEDER, J. A. LYNCH, P. M. SMITH, and C. M. TYNER.

We have all missed that charming steno, LENORA MARSCH who recently underwent an appendectomy and hope she'll be back with us soon.

Our most recent arrival is J. L. FINLINSON,



At this point I "disremember" where I stopped the count last issue, but in glancing around from my vantage point I see THOMAS KEATING, a Yankee from Connecticut, "brand new"; JOE CAMPISI (rhymes with easy), also a neophyte, who claims Noo Yawk as his home; DAVID A. JENKINS (time out while I find out where his home is)--oh yes, Milwaukee, Wisc. I don't know why I am always so interested in the original environs of the new folks, but to a little gal who is a native of dear old Cincy, and who has an itchy foot, it is of interest to meet my co-workers from other parts of the U.S.A. We also welcome "KIT" KITTELSEN from St. Louis.

There's a double welcome -- I

should say triple -- for our two new typists, JIM DETMER and BERNARD RIPPE, and our lovely new steno, Miss ELEANOR JETER. One glance at ELEANOR accounts for the sudden rush of boys who want to dictate.

We have a lot of news for the gazette this time with a darling new baby and a beaming bridegroom. BILL CRAWFORD announces the arrival of little Bill on March 5, 1941, and as soon as little Bill gets big enough to travel, his daddy is taking him to the big city of New York on transfer. JOE DONAHUE put on the chains of matrimony when he married Miss JULIA LANGE of Franklin, New Jersey, at St. Peters in Chains Church in Cincinnati on February 22. JOE did all right for JOE when he married JULIA, as the office gang can testify, for she had us all over to sample her culinary accomplishments on her first week's anniversary.



The clerical force gave a small farewell dinner for typist TOM SCHRINER and night clerk R. C. MCKAY who are in the Army now. This very pleasant affair was only saddened by the fact that we were saying goodbye to two boys whom we had all come to know and like very much.

Getting to the brighter side, welcome to our new SAC, L. H. RICHMOND, who comes to us from Grand Rapids. This is the second time Mr. RICHMOND has been assigned to the Cleveland office, and he is doubly welcome.

The welcome mat is out also to H. F. DANNER, G. M. KIRK, B. H. MATHEWS, Jr., and R. W. MOHRMAN, all from training school; A. J. QUINN from Philadelphia, JOHN LUNSFORD from Detroit, and R. M. LYONS from Portland.

Incidentally, the wife of Agent DANNER is from Puerto Rico and has offered to teach some of the girls in the office Spanish as well as the rhumba; however, it has been decided to forego the Spanish and concentrate on the rhumba.

While reporting new arrivals a few paragraphs back, we omitted the most important arrival--R. J. LALLY, II, born February 22, 1941.

A most welcome addition to the stenographic force is Miss STELLA M. RYMELL.

SA R. A. GUMP recently took as his bride the former BILLIE LOUISE NAIL of Dallas, Texas. The marriage was performed at Dallas and the couple returned to Cleveland by automobile.

Through a very confidential source it has been reported that SA S. E. HOBBS was seen in the Toledo Library reading up on the the etiquette of the marriage ceremony by Emily Post.



A little bundle of heaven was left on the steps of the George Gatins family. Mr. and Mrs. Gatins are very happy to welcome little Miss ANN MARIE.

The OBE WENIGS and young son DON were having dinner in the home of new friends, and little WENIG, to the embarrassment and humiliation of Mom and Pop, said, "Mrs. ----, will you get the catsup before you sit down." Upon being reproved DON said "Well, I, at least did not wait for her to sit down."

The Dallas Office was forced to make a replacement in its ranks when RED McMILLIAN received instructions from the Bureau to report to Special Agents training. This, to his first office, "be kind to him, he is our boy."

About all our SAC ever says about the two little KITCHINS, BO and BUCK, is that they are rowdies. Well BO won F. J. BLAKE of this office when he met him at the door and asked, "what did you brought me."

#### BELIEVE IT OR NOT

A letter was directed to a sheriff in a small town in the Dallas Division, requesting facts surrounding the recovery of an automobile by his department: His reply follows:

"Dear Sir: This car that you are Speaking about Was found in a Field and was Demolished and the People came over and Sold the Reck to Mr. Mack Murrell the Shiverolet Dealer Here. They was not any one caught with the car."

The following are excerpts taken from rough drafts submitted by illustrious young agents assigned to the Dallas Office:

"It is, therefore believed advisable to again contact HENRY BROWN for any information he may have in this matter and to vaguely interview him for any possible suspects he may have in mind."

"Mr. --- said that the applicant was just as reliable as ten cents is to get a couple of doughnuts."

"Peculiarities: Looks like Dopey of the Seven Dwarfs."



We are now in receipt of a new SAC in the form of G. A. NICHOLSON, and everyone was happy to meet him. We know that he will enjoy working and living in this territory as everyone does.

Transfers in continue - ROBERT AULENBACHER, CHARLES BERTSCH, ADRIAN C. SMITH (who is known as Kelley with the red hair), W. C. DANNEVIK, J. GARETH HITCHCOCK and RALPH F. McCAY arrived from Training School and FRANK T. GRASSY from the Des Moines Office. We welcome them all and hope their stay is of long enough duration to enjoy "Springtime in the Rockies."

Miss BERTHA McGLOTHLAN, a new stenographer, has been added to the roll of the Denver Office.

Mrs. SAM L. DEVINE recently underwent an appendectomy; however, latest reports from husband SAM are that she has returned to their residence and in no time will be baking cookies and having things nice for "Old Sam."

THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE DENVER OFFICE!!! Cupid has been darting hither and yon in the places and at times where and when least expected.

Stenographer KATHRYN SCOTT was recently married to WYETH H. GOOCH who is Assistant Office Manager of the Denver Oxygen Company in Denver, Colorado.

With spring coming on and all that goes with it - birds whistling, flowers budding, and grass rizzing - we are dubious as to whether or not many of the young bachelors in the Denver Office, such as SA HENRY W. BECKER and HENRY L. TUCK will be able to maintain their present status.



#### PROFIT

Agents from Training School: JEROME V. O'GRADY, DAN H. SHELL, CLYDE C. MILLER, MARVIN W. LEWIS, JOHN S. GILMORE.

New Clerical Employees: JAMES C. McCONNELL, Stenographer; Miss PAT SHEEHAN, Typist; CARL V. EDWARDS, Typist.

#### PROPAGATION

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. "KIRK" OLSEN announce a son, THOMAS KIRK, born February 21, 1941.

#### MATRIMONY

1. C. C. MILLER, Jackson, Tenn., HELEN MARIE DUNCAN, Bemis, Tenn.
2. D. H. SHELL, Okolona, Miss., ELEANOR EASTER, Okolona, Miss.

#### FUGITIVES

Agent KENNETH WHITE reports in memo that a gentleman recently submitted himself for apprehension at the Resident Agent's office in Sioux City, explaining that he was a fugitive from justice. Said the fugi-

tive: "I have stolen a man's soul and broken a woman's heart." Disposition: State Hospital for the Insane.

SLIPS THAT PASS

Telegram to SAC J. L. DALTON from Agent G. V. MYERS: "Proceeding Walnut (Iowa) care Post Office official business govt. rate."

Agent F. S. PENNY describing an informant; "He is well established in Davenport with a good business and seven children."

SPRING

Miss MARION GRANEY'S screaming red turban....her vocal demonstrations....

PHOTOGRAPHY

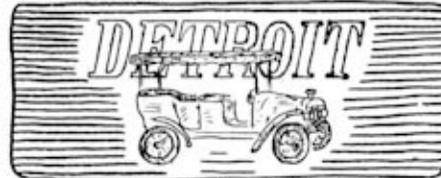
HAYNE A. THOMPSON, JR., born December 13, 1940, Sioux City. Reporter's note: It is rumored that Junior already handles paste boards as deftly as does the old man.



A girl who used to marry a man for better or worse now marries him for more or less.

CHATTER

Agent KENNETH WHITE ventures forth on an icy Sioux City street sans chains....a fall....a broken finger....Agent J. V. "Just call me Jerome" O'GRADY meeting his comely wife as she docked at Des Moines from New York City for the first time... a box of lovely roses under Jerome's arm...a Hollywood embrace...."Buck" BRIDENSTINE'S on the job again... looks fine....SAC J. L. DALTON and No. 1 Man DON LADENBERGER rounding out a season of forensic accomplishments...radio...sororities...Father and Son banquets....law enforcement conferences....Agents' "Barbecued ribs" society....Wednesdays and Saturdays....Franklin Hotel....



Agent FRANCIS P. "I got a contact" PARKER has just returned to us after a sun-tanned honeymoon in Florida with ROSEMARY, his bride of three weeks. Many of the boys are going to follow suit, at least to the extent of walking the aisle to the final "I do." DAN JOHNSON will hear the bells ring on March 22nd and even now has a new hair-cut for the event; while JOE McFADDEN will have that lost look for another few weeks until April 26th, when a certain Philadelphia beauty will join him and make the McFADDENS two. ED STANTON middle-aisled it two short weeks ago with DIANE SMITH of Washington, D. C. Among the prospective bridegrooms are HENRY ONSGARD, who spoke the "Will you?" to MARGERY BROWN two weeks ago and hasn't set the date, while R. B. YADON and DAN HRUSKA, a couple of perennial Briggs Bachelors are reported to be looking

in jewelry store windows (not for watches either).

SAC BUGAS is the head man in Detroit, but outside the office his chubby, auburn-haired daughter "PAT" is his Director, Inspector and SAC.

Speaking of head men, "BOB" SNYDER claims to be the king-pin in his baliwick, but of course he never makes such statements when his wife is around. The other day he said his wife wanted a new car, but that he was satisfied with his old car; and lately BOB has been noticed several times looking at new cars.

Recent arrivals include RUSSELL ASH, C. M. McCRACKEN, W. I. STAPLES and "Sherlock" SCURLOCK, who joined us from Quantico a couple of weeks ago; CARROLL WHEELER, the long tall Texan who arrived from "Jim" Kennedy's "monkey on your back" university this week; LOWELL DUNHAM, the Oklahoma professor.

"MIKE" LIODAS recently tried his wings on a long cold road trip but got back just before rigor mortis set in. ROGER GLEASON breezes in and out of the office. The shining faces of CLARENCE DUNKER and "CLIFF" WHALING, our residents are seen infrequently. "BOB" ROSS and JOHN WOLF are permanently behind locked doors as a precautionary measure after it was noticed that they were becoming affected by some of the people they had to interview (they were letting their hair grow long and looking for soap boxes). And so, despite telephone men, desk movers, and general confusion, the office ticks along toward Spring.

Our clerical staff has grown rapidly in the recent past with the addition of EILEEN GRENIER, BONNELLE LAY, BETTY EVANS, MARGUERITE

McKEOWN, "STEVE" LABADIE, "JIM" KRAUS, LORRAINE WILLS, and GEORGE FISHER.



We wish to extend greetings to our new SAC, M. WILSON McFARLIN, and bid "adieu" to LLOYD H. RICHMOND our former SAC, who has taken over the helm in the Cleveland Office.

If it weren't for a clerical check up, someone would have had considerable difficulty locating a subject, as agent's notes designated the address as Route 2, Dreamland; it later being ascertained the correct address was Route 2, Greenland.

Our graveyard shift clerk, GENE O'BRIEN was called by Uncle Sam.

Agents BROWN and MURPHY, who are the proud papas of less than six-months old sons and heirs, are having verbal duels to see who can tell the best story about their "little men."

After Stenographer RUTH FREEMAN fell off and was kicked by a horse, she proceeded to purchase a 1941 Chevrolet, and thereby started the ball rolling, as the personnel are now Chevrolet-minded, and five agents have made deals, are presently making deals, or contemplate making deals for new "Chevies" also, the only controversy being over the colors.

We have since acquired W. D. EDWARDS from "sunny" California, via training school, and JACK STEWART, a Cornell "grad," also from training school. We hope they like our Michi-

gan winter, Agent EDWARDS having claimed he never saw snow before.

Four-year old ROBBIN, who has lovely blonde curls, had to be reminded by the receptionist that he wasn't at home, since he was attempting to crawl under the gate while lustily squalling for his "mommie."



Lost and Found Dept.: LOST: One Agent to Atlanta - complete with crutches! When AL MEANS undertook the journey from the Sunny Hawaiian shores en route for the Red Clay Georgia hills he was exhibiting what the well dressed man will wear in the way of crutches, all brought about by a mysterious infection which we hope will be cured by those famous healing springs of Georgia.

FOUND: One Agent, complete with Bride! Disembarking from the good ship Monterey Agent GEORGE ALLEN found among his luggage one bride, gathered in the last minute rush of packing in Los Angeles - upon settling down to the business of an interview he informed that Mrs. ALLEN was the former MURIEL BARKER of the Los Angeles Office.

We gave out a fair warning recently about the suspected intentions of JOHN HENRY POLKINHORN so the feminine contingent should be more or less prepared for the news that he took unto himself, for better, for worse, etc., BARBARA KLEIN of Sacramento, California, in a charming afternoon wedding, dramatically taking place immediately after POLKY'S release from the hospital after a bout with the Flu. Apparent-

ly Mrs. Polkinhorn numbers among her talents "nursing" for POLKY has coughed not a cough since the ceremony. We have it on good authority that the vote of the assembled was torn between the groom and the best man, there being those who contended POLKY was the handsomest, while opposition arose in favor of the merits of "Boone" FLETCHER, the best man. Dear Reader, we leave the decision with you!

The Honolulu Office has seriously considered renting a room at one of the local hospitals, anticipating a special rate, for the personnel has managed to maintain an unbroken stream of clients for that honored establishment. PHYLLIS BERGER followed POLKY and the latest to succumb to hospital charms is CLINTON ECKHARDT, our sorely missed night clerk. His reason for patronizing the place being one unruly appendix. He is progressing nicely and his friends may substitute notes of congratulation for flowers.

For those who think it can't happen here, may we advise the Paradise of the Pacific has, like many of the clay-footed gods, let us down! Honolulu 'ks just recovered from a thorough seige of Strike, during which time not a sign of any public transportation other than taxis appeared on the streets. This condition existed for an entire month, and it became quite a game to see how many different rides could be had by the not-so-lucky pedestrians, from those more fortunate automobile-owning citizens, who were more than cooperative. So, you see, even in Paradise there is discord.

Since the last issue in which news of this office appeared another great event has taken place. Our erstwhile operatic stenographer,

Harriette Gordon, has become Mrs. Walter I. Black and removed to the hills of Denver. Romance really stalks the shores of Waikiki.

Below is a photograph of SCOTT RICHARDSON DOUGLAS, at the tender age of eleven weeks, son of SA DAN M. DOUGLAS. He was born September 24, 1940, at Hilo Memorial Hospital, Hilo, Hawaii.



## HOUSTON



The Houston Office wishes to extend a hearty welcome to those new employees who have arrived on duty since the last edition of the Investigator. This list includes not only those "willful workers from Washington" F. E. RODERICK, N. N. BRAND, J. A. DEARDORFF, R. M. ECKELBERGER and J. D. LOCKREM, but also other such distinguished Special Agents as "Tiney" A. T. (Ted) DEERE, B. H. HENDRICKSEN, and WILLIAM NEWMAN, who hail from Louisville, Dallas and San Francisco respectively. And the list wouldn't be complete without mentioning J.D. (WSTA) MCKINNEY, from Oklahoma City, W. C. INGMAN, R. J. (J for jive)

CLEMENTS who breezed through the office and on to the resident Agency at Corpus Christi, E. E. ABBOTT, and J. I. CONDON. Here's a special greeting to our new Typist Miss JEWEL COLEMAN.

Flash - We hear that Special Agent INGMAN has found a discarded grass skirt in Honolulu, where he has just been transferred; he is following the clue. Since this news came in we hear that SA CONDON is going out to help.

Clerk JUD ADAMS is still trying to figure this one out. He went into a restaurant and ordered a cup of coffee without cream. After having been gone 30 minutes the waiter returned and asked, "will that coffee be all right without milk, we haven't any cream?"

Resident Agent L. C. TAYLOR of Laredo, Texas near the border is the proud father of a boy, LEWIS JAMES.

That grand old man of the Southwest, Special Agent CHARLIE DAVIS, beloved from west of the Pecos to Bolivar Bay by man, beast, woman and child, was asked by a new Agent -- "Which are the wet months in Houston?" Our old friend looked him in the eye, with a squint to the left and glasses cocked, and answered, "Son -- the last 26."

TOM JACKSON, our patriarch before having taken unto himself a spouse, receptionist a-la- "may I help you?" LOUISE (nee Trammel) is now as one in second childhood with vigor and rejuvenation, he having moved almost into the Y gym, and playing at "lido-life" every night with a milk julip under his sunlamp.

Chief Clerk DILKEY took a few

days leave, for one reason, we understand, to brush up on her golf. P.S. it rained every day.



We welcome SA DALE H. TANNER from the Richmond Field Office and Special Agents WADE E. KNAPP, R. FENTON GARFIELD, and JAMES L. PUGH, all from the Training School.

And just about the time we learn that SA GARFIELD is an "eligible" bachelor he proceeds to change his status. On March 14, 1941, this Agent and Miss EVANGELINE KEENAN of Los Angeles, California, were united in Holy Matrimony at Ironton, Ohio. Much happiness to both of you.

The clerical force received with "open arms" Steno VIVIAN WHITE who was transferred from Assistant Director P. E. FOXWORTH's Office, to alleviate the congested stenographic situation.

We just can't wait to see our Steno VIRGINIA C. RIGGALL who has been on sick leave for a month, having had a tonsillectomy and that much needed and recommended rest.

A knowledge of agriculture as well as law would be of assistance to agents in West Virginia as was recently learned by SA D. H. TANNER when advised by an individual that he had not seen the fugitive since "cucumber pickin" time which fact was disputed by a witness friend who stated that the fugitive had not been around since "Blueberry pickin" time.



The family circle has been enlarged by the following Special Agents: C. NEIL JOHNSON, Jr., CHARLES B. FLACK, Jr., GEORGE F. MUNRO, GEORGE W. HYMERS, JOHN L. DAVIS; and by the following clerical employees: ROSEMARY STEPHENS, transferred from the Bureau, SIBYL BORMAN, PHILIP CORRELL and WILLARD FARRIS.

We were just as glad as our neighbor, the Collector of Internal Revenue, when March 15th finally arrived. We were worn out with stray visitors inquiring for income tax blanks or looking for a short cut to the Collector's office through ours.

The prize winning getup for an agent at the last winter firearms training was a pair of white corduroy trousers, pale blue sweater, tough army shoes, short yellow oil-skin jacket, topped by a white tropical helmet. It must have been fetching in the snowstorm that day!

The identity of the speed demon below is Cary Neil Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. NEIL JOHNSON, Jr.



It has been said that it was quite an inspiration recently in a local night club when the orchestra burst forth with "The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You," to see three Agents from Texas jump to their feet and sing all the words to that "little old" song with great fervor.

Just made the deadline: Agent and Mrs. HARRY W. HANKINSON announce the birth of DOROTHY ELLEN early in the morning of March 19th, weight 9 lbs. Congratulations!

We understand Stenos HELEN HUTCHINSON and GLEETA GRAVES have gone in seriously for bowling.

MARY ANN FLACK, daughter of SA and Mrs. CHARLES B. FLACK, Jr., is just about to dive into her first birthday cake.



While driving back to town from a speaking engagement one cold winter night, SAC WYNN was horrified to have the battery of his car die. There he was, miles from town at nearly midnight. It is said there were strange new words added to the English language that bitter quarter of a mile Mr. WYNN walked before that good Samaritan appeared, picked up Mr. WYNN and towed the car to town.

Said the high tide to the low tide, "Lo, Tide." Said the low tide to the high tide, "Hi, Tide," and then they waved and waved and waved!

In training for future household duties is Jean Marie Russell, daughter of SA (A) LOUIS J. and MRS. RUSSELL.



## KANSAS CITY



The "Welcome Mat" is not worn out despite its heavy use. Across the threshold there have trod Special Agents F. G. LYMAN from Washington Field; J. A. CARLSON from Newark; R. H. WILLIAMS from Los Angeles; O. R. TALBURTT and J. A. WALTER from Houston; R. T. SPENCER, N. F. MURPHY, F. J. HOLMES, J. A. DUFFEY, C. W. ELLSWORTH, T. P. DOWD, D. A. SURINE, and A. J. DICKINSON from Training School.

SPECIAL: Number One Man, J. R. RUGGLES, since the birth of his 8 pound 8 ounce daughter, GALE CHRISTINE, on December 26 has really

become a proficient father, and we mean proficient! Do you get the idea?

#### BETWEEN TELETYPES

Petite CHARLOTTE GELWIX, steno, is no more. Reason? She is Mrs. Chester Stiles now. More Lohengrin. Now there is a Mrs. Night Clerk CLEM BOULANGER. It happened March 8. She was Miss Margaret Hamberd. Joy and happiness to all concerned.

#### BETWEEN TELEPHONE CALLS

ROSMA B. BATES and GRACE JOAN MESIMER - both blondes - with smiles are on the stenographic force. MILTON W. CORSON and GERALD E. TERRY are new cohorts for JACK HINDS, Chief Clerk.

#### BETWEEN TELEGRAMS

SAC BRANTLEY is taking his boys to the Federal Pen tomorrow. Don't get me wrong - its firearms training.

#### BETWEEN FUGITIVES

Agent LYNCH was conducting a discreet investigation. Interviewing a colored gent he said: "My name is Lynch." The darker one replied "So's mine. Ain't that a contrast."



Some recent technical training in the Knoxville area involved the production of "acceptable pictures" with the result displayed in the next column, showing the office of the Agent in Charge, (but only after midnight and before dawn!) Some of the personnel are wondering when the Agent in Charge is going to run

cetera, et cetera, and et cetera.



BILL BORGER and DOC LIGGITT are learning at first hand the pre-constitutional and inherent right of all free born Tennesseans to preserve corn for wintry evenings and chilly ayems, contrary laws notwithstanding.

JOE MANNIX'S education has been substantially improved with his learning the differentiation between the Y.W.C.A. and the Y.M.C.A. (Both buildings are on the same street, but on opposite sides). At first he wondered why the girl at the desk (at the "W") looked at him rather queerly when he inquired as to rates there on a monthly basis.

C. R. DeFORD and A. G. MACDONALD our newest recruits from training school, are gradually getting their eye teeth cut on how a G-man operates. C. W. NAIL, late of New Haven, and J. S. McLEOD, ditto of Richmond, appear to be slated to fill the vacancies caused by BURKART'S and ROCHE'S departure, while R. E. SHERK from Pittsburgh fairly exudes in enthusiasm over his wandering assignments.



The new wing of the Federal Building is going up all too fast, for when it is completed this Field Division will move over there and will no longer be able to haunt the "Blue Room" where you can get a plate lunch complete with salad for two bits, but you'd better get a ham on rye instead.

From training school we have L. I. PROSISE who already has served a term under DOUG SMITH, Resident Agent at Fort Smith, only to be released by ADOLPH HAUER's presence in that city for the same purpose. Also from Training School we have DON E. RONEY whose claim to distinction is that he is an airplane pilot, bona fide or otherwise we wouldn't know; CHARLES J. LAFOND arrived late for the perfectly marvelous reason that his son and heir, TOMMY, also arrived. W. L. BRUMLEVE wasn't late but nevertheless managed to get married in Cincinnati before reporting; JOHN ATKINSON is a marvel at deduction--on income tax returns. KEN R. (SHORTSTOP) ROUTON is trying hard not to let us know that he wants everyone to know that on March 24, BERNICE became Mrs. ROUTON at Lynchburg, Virginia. RALPH DUNKER blew in from Cleveland and blew right out again for Retraining. "DAUNTLESS" DAVE GROSE can really handle a telephone, so much so that our regular operator TONI MICEK betook herself to Washington on a vacation, from which point she takes apparent delight in sending everyone picture postcards of the Bureau.



Upon asking SAs SMITH and PARRY who owned a rather decrepit umbrella noted in their room, they chimed, "Chamberlain," simultaneously. They both admit they're squirrels.

We're taking up a collection to buy new vests for proud new fathers D. L. O'CONNOR and JOHN J. HORGAN. Little PATRICIA is the cause of DAN'S pride and JOHNNY's "lease-lend bill" is named JOHN FRANKLIN HORGAN.

Steno GARY SAWTELLE certainly isn't being neglected these days. He is getting all sorts of letters from a Mail Order Romance Club. How are the prospects? If we hadn't been told to the contrary, we might think Steno HOMER YOUNG had been a member because the other day he eloped to Las Vegas. The clerical force gave him and ANNADALE a "kitchen shower" and gifts included a rolling pin, Flit, bed bug killer, can openers, and a lovely set of Pyrex.



On March 2nd SA GEORGE ALLEN and Miss MURIEL BARKER made their vows in a lovely ceremony, and on the 5th they sailed on the SS Monterey for Honolulu.

By way of resignations and transfers, four of our loveliest girls have left the fold. MARY GUNDERT is giving the St. Paul Office a break; ANNE SUTTON will work in the San Francisco Office after her marriage to EDWARD McDONNELL. JEFF VAN DYKE resigned to take up residence in Omaha with her husband, and MURIEL BARKER ALLEN is learning the hula.



"Subject waived hearing, extradition and signed a removal order." Extracted from a report.

A woman caller appeared at this Office with a puppy on a leash. She desired to see an Agent and was invited to be seated for a moment. She replied, "How long will it be? I don't mind for myself but puppy does get so restless."

Now for transfers, we have added to our personnel W. A. HILGENDORF, J. T. MOONEY, W. W. REAMY, W.L. ROLLER, V. K. ANTLE, M. W. HOUGHTON and E. C. McMILLAN from Training School, as well as W. T. MARCHESSAULT from New Orleans, and EDDIE GEBBEN from Denver.

The pulchritudinous level of the Louisville Office as regards the stenographic force, has been raised to a marked degree. Reason - BLANCHE MITCHELL and GENE DOYLE have been introduced into the intricacies

of dictation, report writing, etc.

Steno HARRY CAMPBELL (he says 'super steno' but we think he's a little out of practice) is the new Chief Clerk. Now he thinks stenographers should make up all sorts of index cards. Prior to his appointment, however, he was definitely "agin it."

DO YOU KNOW -

That the nearest thing to perpetual motion is PAUL CUNNINGHAM in an old rocking chair.

That DAVID "Chiseler" MAAS sold his girl friend a radio, removing the tubes on the sly.

That "My Man" (W.A.) HILGENDORF is chief factotum of "Buck" JAHN, the latter who appeared before the Grand Jury identifying himself as a Special Agent - Class 1-A.

We have an addition to the clerical force in the person of JIM LEONARD, Typist. How are the "ruf" drafts Jim.

One of our applicants recently observed that since two years of a foreign language seemed to be a requisite for the position of Special Agent, he had studied Latin for two years in high school and felt that in a short time he could brush up sufficiently well to be able to deliver an address in Latin.



ADIOS-----SAC FLETCHER  
BIENVENIDA-----SAC KUHNEL  
"A fair exchange is no robbery."

The wonders of our southland are ever being unfolded to our friends from the West and North. Agent JERRY O'DRISCOLL hired Theresa, a colored girl, to look after his five year old daughter and it was little Geraldine's first meeting with a "lady of color." Outwardly she showed no signs of the puzzle in her little red head, but when Theresa dozed in her chair, Geraldine began to rub her arm to see, as she told the amazed Theresa, whether the color would come off.

The favorite son of a favorite Agent was born February 1, 1941, and the best we can wish for him, to quote Steno NAILL, is that he'll be a Chick off the old block. The parents are Agent and Mrs. Chick Oliver Wendell Holmes and the baby Thomas Wendell Holmes.

The sorrow of the Memphis Office in saying goodbye to SAC FLETCHER and family is echoed in the City of Memphis by the Memphis Commercial Appeal newspaper and by the many friends and contacts of the charming FLETCHERS. We members of the office have received expressions of sympathy on all sides from Memphians who know how deeply sad we feel in seeing them leave. Lucky people, New Orleans.

Our welcome newcomers are: DENNIS F. SHEA, MERRILL V. GREGORY, J. J. CASPER, RICHARD HELD and RUSSELL ORTMAYER from Training School; L. E. KINGMAN from San Antonio; and G. ARLAN WILSON from St. Louis.

Many people have resolved to take their vacations late in the season to avoid the rush of people taking their vacations early in the season to avoid the rush.



Since the publication of the last Investigator the Miami Field Office has been honored by a visit from The Director, and his Assistant Messrs. CLYDE TOLSON and E. A. TAMM.

Our clerical staff has been enhanced by the very charming BETTY LOU HARRISON, stenographer. Miss HARRISON, formerly of the Bureau was vacationing here, and fell so hard for Miami, she immediately applied for a transfer.

Our best wishes to Very Special Agent J. F. O'MELIA, who, on February 15, at Bangor, Maine, said the fatal words to Miss AUDREY EVERETT. According to Mr. O'MELIA he was the best looking groom north of Boston in 25 years????

On February 25, Special Agent and Mrs. H. A. FITZGIBBON became the proud parents of BARBARA JEAN FITZGIBBON. It seems Barbara Jean was very anxious to please all concerned as her hair is two colors - titian like her papa's, and black like her mama's. The occasion was duly celebrated with candy and cigars.

At exactly 4 P.M., March 12, Mrs. RUTH CRAWFORD became the mother of a baby girl, now known as CAROLYN LEE. RUTH CRAWFORD is the former RUTH BAUERCHAMPER, stenographer, who was transferred from the Bureau to the Miami Office.

Definition of a budget: Telling your money where to go instead of wondering where it went.

Miss ERNESTINE EBERT is recuperating from the extraction of two wisdom teeth.

Recent communications received -

"Too much alien sympathy in this community. If you have one of your human ferrets convenient to this locality please send him around."

Warrants investigation!!

"Mr. John Blank is known to have transported Miss Suzy Smith from here to Miami for a moral purpose.

We wonder -

Why Night Clerk "O Johnny" BAADE looks a bit sad these days?

When Steno ART KRAUS is going to invite us for that turtle soup?

If you all knew SA F. R. HAMMACK was from Atlanta, Gawgia?

Are they really applicants, SA MADALA?



We're not entirely sure but believe a new requirement has been added for Special Agents - that of smoking a pipe. Among the new pipe smokers recently attached to our office are SA JOHN HOWARD (Detroit transferee), SA L. W. DISHONGH (Washington Field), SA F. M. FUDALI (Philadelphia), and SA E. P. GREER (Des Moines). And then we have several new Agents from the Training School: F. D. HEREFORD, H. DUDLEY PAYNE, K. M. BIERLY, E. D. GROSSMAN, and JOHN E. EDWARDS.

There's something about the Bureau(?) SA JAMES G. WHITE flew to Texas a couple of weeks ago, was married, and flew back, all in a week-end. Translator ELIAS REES journeyed to Salt Lake City and brought his bride back to Milwaukee. SA P. V. KOBE, transferred to Chicago, took enough time off to proceed to Oklahoma and get married. Mass congratulations to all.

The clerical force just keeps growing and growing. St. Paul has given us three new typists: PAULINE NORTHFELDT, LU VERNE O'SHAUGHNESSY and ARCHIE BANN. Stenographer SIGNE J. LUTHER has also been added to our roster. We certainly need reinforcements if the flu continues to take as heavy a toll as recently.

SA H. W. SEGURA introduces with pride "JOE" and "RED." RED has just recently been a blessed event but between the two of them, Agent SEGURA has quite a few sleepless nights. He has persuaded JOE to pose but RED is still a little camera shy.



# NEW HAVEN

SA HARRY "HAP" DAVIS who has been following Sir Roger Williams footsteps in Rhode Island, just beams from ear to ear in relating how easy it was for him to identify that 7½ lbs. boy at the Providence Hospital early in March. Young Harry Douglas it appears, refuses to keep any clothes on himself. It must be that hot Alabama blood. Mrs. Davis is doing nicely but "HAP" is still on the danger list.

Other arrivals in the New Haven Field Division out of the spot light are an accountant (Allah-be-praised) W. P. MORIN from New York, R. N. HOSTENY from Houston, sans Texas drawl, A. R. KANE, H. W. McMILLLEN, J. M. SKEFFINGTON and G. F. KNUTSON from Training Division and G. J. McDONOUGH from Richmond. Most important, however, are Misses JOAN

(SCARLET) O'HARA, EILEEN REISNER and MILDRED SHANLEY who have been thrice welcomed as new members of our clerical staff.

A Selective Service Act subject in calling at the office per SA C.F. PURDY's request, worked up enough static electricity in ambling across the new office rugs to get a startling shock when he sat down and accidentally touched the radiator. He bounced out of the chair shouting "I didn't do nothing, I swear. Let me out of here. I'll volunteer, I'll do anything." P.S. - He was let out, he did volunteer, case closed.

SA CHARLIE (FATSTUFF) MAHAN after a two weeks grapefruit diet, is more cherubic than ever. Our confidential information is that after a fiery two minute oratorical outburst at the recent dinner of the Greenwich PD, he can now be seen before the bathroom mirror each morning practicing for his forthcoming speeches.



Editor's Note: This is proof that there is a  
New Haven, Connecticut



Some puns from some of the wits in the Chief Clerk's Office:

One, as the St. Patrick's Day Parade passes: "Has anyone any Orange confetti?"

Another, on being asked to check the index for MINK: "M-I-N-K, as in coat?"

Something about how Louisiana became a Unit of the United States, copied from a periodical entitled "The Grip" issued by an organization which recently met in the Masonic Temple Building, New Orleans, La.

#### LOUISIANA PURCHASE

"The Post Office Department at Washington, searching the titles to post office sites in Louisiana, was dissatisfied with one because it went back no farther than 1803. To the Department's request for earlier information, the attorney for the owners replied as follows:

"Please be advised that the Government of the United States acquired the Territory of Louisiana including the tract to which your inquiry applies, by purchase from the Government of France, in the year 1803.

"The Government of France acquired title by conquest from the Government of Spain.

"The Government of Spain acquired title by discovery of Chris-

topher Columbus, explorer, a resident of Genoa, Italy, who, by agreement concerning the acquisition of title to any land he discovered, traveled under the sponsorship and patronage of Her Majesty, the Queen of Spain.

"The Queen of Spain had received sanction of her title by consent of the Pope, a resident of Rome, Italy, and ex-officio representative and vice-regent of Jesus Christ.

"Jesus Christ was the son and heir apparent of God.

"God made Louisians.

"I trust this complies with your request."

Greetings to Agents REYNOLDS, MOONEY, MACLE, BURGESS, DEWEY and ANDERSON, and to our new clerical help RUTH BOOTH, MARGARET TEST and FRANK JOHNSON.

NEW ARRIVALS - To Mr. and Mrs. FLOYD JONES, a future "G" man, who has now taken over the Jones household in the name of Stephen. Photographic evidence of this will be forwarded at a later date.

The New Orleans Office is anxiously looking forward to the influx of "Smiling" JIM SHILEY and MARIE. It is expected that they will arrive in style in that new Buick, which Agent SULLIVAN claims to have sold them.

One of our brand new Agents called the office the other night to report his whereabouts. He added, "I will be alone until nine-thirty," and hung up, leaving the night man to wonder who would be with him after that.

It has recently been ascertained that LELIA TERRY, affectionately known as "Sis" is about to take the fatal step in April. The lucky man is Dr. ROBERT PROSSER MORROW, Jr. "Tough luck fellows."



NEW OKIES: Agents TOM C. ALLEN, JOHN K. BARDEN, C. F. McATEER, J. F. McLAUGHLIN, E. T. MILES, J. R. VICARS, E. M. SCHEELE, H. M. SCHWARTZ, J. A. COST, M. W. KEEFER, R. L. REITMAN, and W. L. PARKER. Our steno force is now graced by two more newcomers: NANCY COLVIN, daughter of ex-Agent, RALPH COLVIN, and BONITA HURT, niece of Agent C. O. HURT, who came from Washington Field. Nothing is too good for O.C.

With this steady expansion SAC H. E. ANDERSEN is seriously considering the possibility of a double decker desk arrangement for the agents' room.

WARNING TO ALL SINGLE AGENTS!!! Two of the newer Agents have been infected by the germ of matrimony since coming to O.C.; viz. JACK REYNOLDS vs. HELEN (LONERGAN) REYNOLDS and AUBREY S. BRENT vs. SARAH (SWISS) BRENT. After two fretful weeks of suspense, wondering whether the Mrs. Brent-to-be could find him in this wide Western country, Agent Brent finally found his bride, the church and the time here before he knew it. Good luck and best wishes to both couples!

Agent MILES just arrived from training school with a new store of knowledge and a new wife of some two weeks, nee FRANCES HOLLAND. Best

wishes.

Is there something unusual about this Oklahoma atmosphere to promote all this courage? Could be!

Other changes that should be noted: OLIVE SHOLDERS now officially Chief Clerk, CHARLOTTE COX secretary to SAC ANDERSEN, MARTHA MOORE our new receptionist, and BYRNIE REID and MARGUERITE BAXTER answering all the new clerks' questions from behind their typewriters.

INCIDENTALLY WE HEAR: Agent SCHWARTZ, who has been dividing his time between Tulsa and O.C., complaining of having to maintain an apartment in each city and also bear the expense of custom-made shoes-- we wonder if he commutes on foot between the two...ROY (GABBY) ROSS inquiring as to whether he could dispose of a used typewriter ribbon or return it to the Bureau to be re-wound...MRS. COST asking JOHN COST who Enid is...Agent PARKER receiving invitation to sample soup from a party who gave him a complaint of sabotage in the form of wire and miscellaneous objects being placed therein.



An optimistic report has been made recently by the Western Nebraska Cattle Growers Association. They report that due to heavy snows, pasture will be excellent from Grand Island west.

Inspector LEE PENNINGTON recently fought the Battle of the Marne at Grand Island, when he addressed the State Convention of Department

Adjutants and Commanders of the American Legion of Nebraska. He also renewed acquaintanceship with Major Biff Jones, coach of the famed Nebraska football team. LEE used to scrimmage against Biff Jones in France.

Newest additions to the Omaha Office's Agent personnel are Special Agents JAMES A. HUNT, W. J. MCCORMICK, G. R. MASSET and J. D. VAN EPS, all from training school.

Miss MARY DUGGAN, formerly of the Bureau, has now taken over the duties of receptionist, et al, in the Omaha Office. Mary says Hello to Tom in Communications. (?)

We should also like to present our newest stenographer, Miss ELEANOR HAGELIN.

SA A. S. GORDON arrived in Omaha under transfer from the Springfield Office, and has already fluently expressed himself regarding Nebraska's sandhills.

Bachelor Agents desiring a prize-winning rhumba partner are advised to designate the Omaha Office as their preference, where Miss GERRY ZINK is a stenographer during the day time.



STATISTICS - It is just one year since the FBI moved to the U.S. Court House at 9th and Chestnut St. Since that time, additional space has been allotted us to accommodate the increasing number of employees, so that we now have the greater part of the fourth floor assigned to us.

So many new faces appear from day to day that we have difficulty in remembering who belongs to us. Now, when one stenographer, at dinner, whispers to another, "Don't look now, but there's a strange man smiling in our direction," the second nonchalantly replies, "Oh that's all right -- he must be another new agent."

To assist in the stenographic department have come VIRGINIA DAVEY, HELEN ACOBACY, and RICHARD CAMPBELL. Additions to the Chief Clerk's office are EDWARD CRAIG, late of Quantico; VINCENT MCINTYRE, formerly of the War Department and Mrs. MADELINE MEDD, a sister of JOHN and JOSEPH CREEDEN, of the Bureau.

And so, while the wheels of industry hum (and ALBERT MILLER whistles) the Philadelphia Office cheerfully does its part for the National Defense.

EDUCATION - "To sleep or not to sleep" has apparently been decided in the negative by FRANK ROESLER, night clerk, and ALBERT MILLER, stenotypist, who are now Freshmen at Temple University in their spare time.

WEDDINGS - The arrival of Miss EILEEN HOPPS from California marked the end of bachelordom for Special Agent ROBERT MORAN. They were married on March 19, 1941, at St. Francis de Sales Church, Philadelphia. Special Agent W. G. SIMON, a classmate of Agent MORAN's at St. Mary's in California (himself a bridegroom of only a few weeks) served as best man.

And only a few weeks ago, SA CALVIN W. EVANS journeyed to Kansas City and brought back his bride.

OUR BABIES - Miss Paula Travers has come to live with Special Agent and Mrs. PAUL TRAVERS.

The VECHERY twins proudly announce the arrival of a baby brother JAMES RUSSELL.

THE "WE MEET SUCH INTERESTING PEOPLE" SECTION - In reply to an inquiry about a subject in connection with subversive matters, a police department listed under Modus Operandi - "Beats his wife and children." The report went on to state that the Subject "used to beat his wife, but, due to his age and heart condition, he was unable to beat her as in former years, and the table has turned and she now beats him at regular intervals."

DAVIS - Philadelphia is still the mecca for agents named DAVIS. Our newest arrival of that name is R. C.

And below, we present a photo of the youngest Davis in our midst-- JOSEPH, the son of SA E. R. DAVIS, with Mrs. DAVIS.



Even here in Phoenix, where the ever brilliant sun compels us to look at the world through rose colored glasses, we are forced to face a stark reality as our SAC RAY J. ABBATICCHIO, Jr., pulled up stakes for Houston.

The desert is now in full bloom and so in full dress rehearsal we have greeted Special Agents EDWARD J. ROGERS, LEO BRENNEISEN, ROBERT A. MAHEU, HERBERT J. O'MALLEY and JOHN T. BYRNE all from the training school Special Agent JOHN P. HYLAND, Jr. came wandering in from Houston. Special Agent G. E. SMART arrived from New York City in time to see the annual Phoenix Worlds Championship Rodeo.

SAN FRANCISCO BEWARE. An Indian recently called at this office and asked to see the Agent who had previously interviewed him. He did not know the identity of the agent, but stated his picture was hanging on the wall and pointed to the photograph of JOHN DILLINGER. Our peril is now past as Special Agent JAMES B. HENDERSON, for whom the Indian was looking, now signs the San Francisco Office log.



Greetings from a much bigger and better Pittsburgh Office. Ex-Pittsburgh Agents would have to have a guide to find their way about. We've

not only increased our personnel, but have bursted through the Chief Clerk's wall and spilled over into three lovely new offices. We even rate a switchboard now, and pity the poor, uninitiated operator who will have to learn that DANDY DE LILLY, MR. DE LILLY-O and MR. DELILAH are all aliases of our own dear Agent DANTE DiLILLO.

Chief Clerk TONY FRAHLICH was so excited that on moving day he came in with the coat of his blue suit and the trousers of his brown one. Or maybe the mix-up was caused by the dachshund pup TONY recently acquired for his 3-year old heir to the throne - MICKEY. TONY tells us the pup has the playful habit of grabbing MICKEY by the seat of the pants.

We've been having lots of fun around here. SAC and MRS. McKEE had the most delightful party for us all a few weeks ago at their home in Sewickley. We missed the presence of PINKY and DENNIS, the McKEE's two little boys but they slept right through the hub-bub and didn't miss us at all.

FROM AN EXTORTION LETTER:  
"I almost did something I would always have regretted - I almost killed you and then myself."

One of SA ED BOYLE's dark eyes is somewhat darker these days - claims it was damaged during a recent handball game. However, a peek behind his dark glasses reveals a beautiful "shiner" with delicate pastel shading.

To most of us, February 22nd was just George Washington's birthday, but not to our No. One Man, HUBERT K. JOHNSON - it was his wedding day! And to pretty LOIS PATTERSON of the New York Office.

## Richmond



Recently we welcomed into our midst SAs THOMAS J. GRAHAM, PAUL L. TUTTRUP, WILLIAM H. CARPENTER, WILLIAM H. GRAY, DALE H. THOMPSON.

SAs E. L. BARTON, W. J. POWELL and our No. 1 Man, R. L. MURPHY have recently been "vacationing" at an In-Service Training class at the Bureau for a two weeks period.

Mrs. VIRGINIA Y. GARRIGAN, who left us in November, 1940, has returned to our "fold" and is again a hard working FBI stenographer - Welcome back, GARRIGAN, we missed you.

### OF NOTE:

SAs EDWARD J. GREENWALD, Jr. and JACK VICKREY have recently "taken the fatal step" - both wives are home town girls. SA B. A. HORN will arrive back in the Richmond District in April and will be married to Miss EVELYN BROWN of Petersburg, Virginia Congratulations all!!



### PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

#### Net Profit:

CHARLES HIGDON, former University of Tennessee basketball star, who dribbled his way down from Chicago.

CURTIS NELSON, formerly of the

Norwood, Ohio, Police Department, a recent graduate of the "diploma mill" at Quantico. Special Agents HERMAN O. BLY, from Chicago; SIDNEY A. AMDUR and VINCENT L. SULLIVAN from Oklahoma City; JAMES COAN from Huntington; ERNEST C. GHRIST, FRED HALL, ARVEL M. KOEHLER, from Training School.

#### Net Loss:

LEO FRUTKIN, who figures Chicago is a little too populous for a small townner (he's from Brooklyn).

HENRY MARTIN, who has been practicing up on "Howdy, Sheriff" for use around Dallas.

WADE BROWWELL, whose good-looking new Buick will feel right in place on New York City's Broadway.

One of the charming misses in this office (and they're all very charming, we mean) will soon hit the two-way trail. Miss DOLORES ALMON is to become the bride of Mr. CARLOS MOSS, of St. Louis, the first of May.

In order to keep up reader interest, we'll say now that there will be an important Winchellism to report in the next issue.

Congratulations and best wishes to newlyweds, Special Agent and Mrs. FRED HALL. Mrs. HALL was the former Miss ELLA PEARL PINSON of Hapeville, Georgia.

WILLIAM FENIMORE is now taking care of the late night assignment, and a welcome addition to the clerical force!

Give a man enough rope and he'll be tied up at the office.

## SALT LAKE CITY



The recent deluge of new arrivals brought Special Agents DANIEL SULLIVAN, JAMES HITCHKISS, JOSEPH PRESLEY, M. G. O'MELIA, GRANT JONES and EDWARD W. BUTLER, all from Training School. The stenographic ranks were augmented by Miss VIRGINIA RICHES.

When Special Agent HAROLD "Pop" SKELLY recently entered the office with his expanded chest protruding through the bursted vest buttons, the boys asked him whether the new arrival was a boy or girl. Quoth SKELLY - "This office needs stenographers, not Special Agents." (Brevity is the soul of wit.)

Special Agent HENRY B. WELCH "The Alabama Clipper," has proved beyond all doubt that these Southern gentlemen have a way about them. Henry did a little selecting for himself at Local Selective Service Board #10, and chose Miss SERETA JONES, a Salt Lake City girl as his bride to be in the very near future. Congratulations, Henry!

Special Agent JAMES HITCHKISS recently brought himself a new Buick and has the boys puzzled as to whether or not he said he would get seventeen miles to the gal. or seventeen gals to the mile.



Pay close attention to R. J. KEENEY'S diction, brogue and dialect

or you are in for many a foreign complaint - KEENEY is a character deluxe of verbal variations. He can dance too.

Special Agent W. A. GODFREY sporting and basking in the Texas sunshine a new '41 convertible (red job) Plymouth - along with the new Mrs.

BRUNO DREYER relates that he now counts files and dreams of index cards instead of - sheep.

Among others, the following is a prize document received in this office, I quote:

'I ricived your litter where you said that I failrue to complite a questionareeo, or notify change of my address. I dont change my address bifore becuse I dont now noting abuot. But here I am now at Knott, Tex, and my address is this. and this is -

signed.  
at  
Knott, Texas'  
unquote.

He wasn't prosecuted either.

The new themes for this field office are: "DARK EYES" and "FROM DAYLITE TO DAWN."

The bright eyes and shining teeth of Mrs. MAMIE LEVINE are still sparkling after over twenty-five years with the FBI. Her ability to remember the names of all callers and give a one sentence summary of their background make her an invaluable employee.

BARNEY WIELAND is back in civilization, and gallantly trying to get back in circulation.



The welcome mat in front of 1729 is becoming well worn. Look at our new 'uns: ANN BURNS, C. B. CAMPBELL W. H. CLARK, M. S. COPELAND, STANLEY EAGER, O. A. EZELL, J. F. GARDNER, W. J. GRAHAM, LEONARD GREENBURG, D. J. GRIFFIN, W. M. GROGAN, ELIZABETH HAND, D. E. IRWIN, E. C. KENNELLY, G. M. LANGDON, DOROTHY JOHNSON, P. J. McNICHOL, P. W. MOOTHART, M. B. MYERSON, D. F. O'DONNELL, L. A. SCHON, P. T. SEXTON, H. H. SULLIVAN, DOROTHY TAYLOR, E. J. TUCKER, A. G. WELLS, H. P. WINTER.

P.S. - The man with the big shoes and his gang are here again.

Evidence of our wonderful reputation of "cure all" is an item on our log of March 4 as follows:  
"8:35 P.M.--Woman called asking advice as to how to figure her income tax."

Whereas the ladies go in for new hats as the Spring urge comes over them -- and the agents just wish they could sit in the sun or go fishin' -- the Spring moving urge has hit this office week after week as the SAC gets out the squad and begins moving desks and files. To those who have visited us in the past, you'll never recognize the office. We have agents, clerks, typists, stenos in every nook and corner. Files are ceiling high, and in one section of the office one could get lost in the files. Ladders help our Messenger STANLEY EAGER

perform the impossible--he finds files. Everything is double-decked, except the crew hasn't figured a way to hang desks from the ceiling. But we may find a way to do this yet -- we may have to, as we figure we've reached the end of the proverbial rope on space.

A blessed event at the home of SA D. J. KENNEDY. Daughter Elizabeth Lyn was born January 28, 1941.

Cupid is still taking his toll in the SF Office. March 8, DOROTHY LARMOUR became Mrs. Richard Johnson. On April 19 the wedding bells will ring for Miss CECILIA LENNON of St. Paul, Minn. when she takes Special Agent ROBERT E. MAYER of the SF Office for better or for worse. We wish them every happiness.

Rumor hath is that Special Agent WILLIAM GROGAN is quietly spending much of his time these days in the torrid interior of the Elks Club Steam Bath. Can it be that this action was precipitated by a cartoon that found its way to the SF Office Bulletin Board one morning recently and referred to "Big Fellow Grogan?"

Pictured below is the "sub-deb" daughter of Special Agent and Mrs. P. G. BOWSER: namely, Miss STEPHANIE BOWSER.



ARRIVALS: SA W. A. BAKER from Houston, SA W. L. SHEA from Training School and SA R. E. WRIGHT from Washington Field Office.

The FBI Old Glory was the first one seen here since the American Army left, after taking possession in 1898. Its meaning wasn't understood at first but they are sort of getting the idea after 23 of the Nationalists have been sent to the penitentiary for violation of Federal laws. Now that the Army and Navy have moved in the flag appears quite often on the streets in parades. But its appearance, even at the head of a column of troops or on the Governor's car, still brings forth the exclamation - Ave Marie! - the G-Men.'

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Water is turned off after midnight and most holidays in San Juan and vicinity. You can't drink it anyway but it does help for bathing purposes.

Temperature hovers around 80 to 85 in San Juan's air-conditioned quarters.

All San Juan's FBI sleep under mosquito nets.

The only good steaks that reach San Juan are those in the advertisements in the Saturday Evening Post.

A woman may be taken for granted but she never goes without saying.

## SAVANNAH



SA H.A (Hoo Hoo) DONAHOO struts around these days with that superior air he's entitled to have because he's the first to receive the greater knowledge dispensed at the recent Agents Re-Training School.

There's no doubt about it. The extra work caused by the national emergency is having its effect. An agent was heard muttering to himself the other day. Translated, it was:

I wish I was a little rock  
Settin' on a hill;  
I wouldn't do nothin' but  
Just set there and be still.

I wouldn't eat, I wouldn't sleep,  
I wouldn't even wash,  
But just set there a thousand years  
And rest myself, B'gosh.

SA C. J. PETERSON, alias Arizona Wildcat, Pistol Pete (known to Atlanta as Sweet Pete), has been out gunning for a girl. Close behind Sweet Pete in the race for Romance is SA W. H. (Shadow) JAHN, Jr. The Savannah Office has been giving tips on all the leads in this Division as well as advice on how to handle them. Nobody can say we aren't doing our best to make this office a memorable one for these two!



We welcome to the Seattle Field Office staff from Training School

Special Agents H. M. BIGLAN, J. O. BISHOP, R. G. BOES, PAUL J. CHENET, T. S. CRUISE, A. G. JACOBS, C. B. RICE, ROLAND P. RICHARDS, JAMES J. SHORT and J. W. SILER, Jr., also RICHARD D. AUERBACH from Houston, E. L. DuBOIS, Jr., from San Francisco, ELMER H. ROTH from Los Angeles and F. H. SCHMIDT from Chicago. We have also joyously added to the clerical staff the following: BARBARA LATSCHAW, BETTY EKREM, JOE NOLAN, MARGARET TRZCINSKI, WILLIAM R. WALL, MARY GALBRAITH and SIG JOHNSON.

Not only has our office added to the personnel but the personnel has added to some of its families; i.e., SARAH JANE DAVIS was added to the family of SA and MRS. ALAN DAVIS on January 26th, and although pretending to be nonchalant PAPPY ALAN quite often slips and proudly exhibits photos of cute little black-haired SARAH JANE and is often heard expounding upon the subject of what a wonderful child she is.

SA J. O. BISHOP has bestowed the name of Mrs. J. O. BISHOP upon Miss ANNE WHITLEY, also from North Carolina.

Mr. Jones had just returned from the office and was introduced to the new nurse, who was astonishingly pretty.

"She is sensible and scientific too," said Mrs. Jones. "And she says she will allow no one to kiss the baby while she is near."

"No one would want to," replied Mr. Jones.

The British Empire totters!....  
The Italians are invading Greece!..  
The Rumanians are in revolt!.....  
AND...."Please send an investigator immediately" said a voice over the long distance phone from one of the

Army barracks in the State of Washington, "A fresh peach pie has been stolen from the mess hall and we want the culprit caught and punished."

On the following page is DONALD ARTHUR CORNELIUS at the age of 11 weeks, looking just about as important as his daddy, SAC ARTHUR CORNELIUS, does in his nice new office. A. CORNELIUS, Jr., may be in charge of the Seattle Division of the FBI but we have an idea about who is the head of his household.



This Office has grown no end recently. Since we last went to press we have four investigative additions namely, REICHEL C. LINDSAY, ARTHUR E. HACKING, C. F. BARNES and WILLIAM F. NORTON. In the clerical section, we have two new night typists: ORVILLE RUSSEN and HAROLD P. WOERTINK.

Description quoted from the files: Scars and marks - Raised welt across back; teeth bad; dresses nearly. SA R. L. NALLS sez, quote, No wonder they can't identify that guy!



Special Agents R. C. CAHOON, T. HAWTHORNE PHILLIPS, LESTER C. WILHELM and CHARLES E. McNABB arrived from Training School to show us how to run the office. However, they have been out on the road so extensively that we have not received any benefit from their larnin' as yet. We are also happy to welcome Special Agent J. J. RAGAN from the St. Louis Office, who is now the Resident Agent at Danville, Ill., "POP" MAYNOR being back in his old Southern Illinois territory.

Chief Clerk EDWARD CLARKE was looking so woebegone that our SAC took pity on him and granted him two days' leave, which he spent in Chicago.

We are happy to announce the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH HORN. He arrived on January 25, 1941, just too late for the deadline of the last Investigator.

Recently a letter was directed to a Chief of Police in a small town in connection with a 100 case, enclosing a form which asked for information as to the subject's description, contacts, sources of income, etc. A few days later we received a letter from the Chief as follows: "Yes, I know subject well but he is out of the city at present. I am keeping your form and when he returns I will have him fill it out."

# WASHINGTON

Well the little boy with the bow and arrow has been on the job again in this office and the results of his handiwork are as follows: Agents J. B. COOK and W. H. CORRIGAN were married on February 15th and 20th respectively; Clerks D. C. BOOKER and J. GIAUQUE were married on February 20th and 8th respectively. They were all presented with a waffle iron and grill combination, and we were able to eke out an invitation and judging from the looks of all four and the absence of any sick leave, maybe we'll take them up on it!

Guess it would be appropriate to mention at this time that Miss LOIS FULCHER CORE arrived on February 9, weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. and is her poppa proud.

We wish to extend our best wishes and good luck to Stenographer M. K. COREY - transferred to Boston and BONITA HURT - transferred to Oklahoma City.

Stenographer MARY WOOD went roller skating one fine Sunday and arrived on Monday with a broken arm. Better take heed girls. No telling what'll happen to you at a roller skating rink.



The hardy and intrepid little band of the Bureau's outpost, the Juneau Office staff, send chilly

greetings. The icy blasts from the north country which carry these words of welcome are about to give way to long awaited Spring. Soon it will still be bright at ten in the evening, and warm enough to discard at least one of our three suits of winter longies.

We have noticed a somewhat dazed expression on the face of our Chief Clerk HUGH "THE BLUSHER" NORTON. At first we thought it might be he had done something foolish, like falling in love. But then it was recalled he had signed up for the Bureau accounting course, and probably had gotten himself on the wrong side of the balance sheet.



Ah, Spring!



Fred Harvey, Sergeant of the Bismarck, North Dakota, Police Department, has something new in the line of signatures. He uses his fingerprint over his signature, and we are very sure that no one can copy that.

Edward Murphy Davis, Junior Inspector of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, has been transferred from their Traffic and Safety Division to the Police Training Division. Last year Ed. handled the instruction of 640 police officers and business men in first aid training.

Merle Arbogast of the Bloomington, Illinois, Police Department, and a member of the 15th Session has been promoted to Head of the Fingerprint Division.

Tom Boustead of the Rockford, Illinois, Police Department, reports that he has just finished a training course attended by 110 police officers. He ran it for 12 sessions of 2 hours each. Men

attended from his Department and also from surrounding cities and sheriffs' offices.

Pictured below are the members of the California National Police Academy Associates at their original meeting in Bakersfield: First row - Horace V. Grayson, R. B. Hood, O. J. Jahnsen, Ross McDonald, J. W. Vincent. Second row - Francis X. Latulipe, Frank Bergon, T. H. Keating, Forbes Barrett and Stanley Decker.



Chief Harry B. Nelson, Jamestown New York, has just finished a training course for his men. Incidentally your Secretary-Treasurer attended as a lecturer and took with him no other than former Chief Howard Travia. Howard is now with the Fire Underwriters Association, and his talk on arson was one of the best ever heard.

Congratulations are in order to Chief of Police Arthur A. Busick of Flat Rock, Michigan, whose family was increased on the 6th of March by the arrival of Sharon Elaine.

The orchid of the month goes to our good friend and President of the Connecticut State Association of FBI National Police Academy Graduates, John Teufel, on his promotion to the captaincy of the Detective Bureau of the Greenwich Police Department. President John presided at the recent quarterly banquet of the Connecticut NPAs at Waverly Inn, which was attended by all the Agents of the New Haven Office and NPA Graduates in that vicinity. On April

15th a testimonial dinner in Teufel's honor was given and he had the pleasure of letting someone else swing the gavel for a change.

Major J. F. Ingoldsby, Superintendent of Police, Roanoke, Virginia, is famous for his collection of some 80-odd guns and other weapons. Each weapon has its story and they are mute evidence of gunplay from the early pioneer days to suicide and murder in recent police annals. Major Ingoldsby's collection is on display in a trophy case in the Reception Room of the Police Department in Roanoke.

Believe it or not. While conducting a training school recently in Rock Island, Illinois, a Bureau Agent ascertained that a Patrolman of the Rock Island Police Department in March, 1932, won a three round decision over Joe Louis, the present heavyweight champion of the world during the Golden Gloves Tournament in Chicago.



Photograph taken at the Banquet of the Sixteenth Session of the FBI National Police Academy at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., March 26, 1941.

November 21, 1941

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I was very much interested to see  
"The Investigator", your employees' magazine,  
and want to thank you for sending me a copy.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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November 17, 1941

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I was very glad to receive your note of the 4th and to learn of your interest in our recreational program. In this connection I thought you might like to see a copy of "The Investigator," our employees' magazine, which has just been published.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

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August 27, 1942.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Mrs. Roosevelt will appreciate it very much if you would let her know whether or not your Bureau has any record on Mr. Luigi Antonini who is one of the Vice Presidents of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. She does not want an investigation made, but just wants anything you might have.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Washington, . . C.

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August 17, 1942

LUIGI CRISCUOLO

Hon. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I thank you for your letter of the 13th. Forgive me for venturing to disagree with you regarding the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, but mainly from the standpoint of the persons who are the top men in that organization. Although brought up in a different sphere of life, as a product of "Wall Street", I have always been a firm believer in Capital bending over backwards to be just and even liberal to Labor. My stand on this question can best be understood if you would take the trouble to peruse the enclosed pamphlet entitled "Let The Slogan Be--I Will Employ!", part of which appeared in the New York Times, November 1931, several years before the New Deal. I have marked portions of it which I believe were prophetic.

At the same time, those of us who know something about the development of the Italian community in New York City, know the real character of the Antoninis. We have heard many stories about the real views of the workers toward their leaders whom they regard as tyrants and dictators of the worst sort. If anyone who listened to Luigi Antonini talk on Saturday morning over the radio, in Italian and in English, he would form a true conception of what that man is, and would not be inclined to have very much sympathy for the Garment workers to have allowed such a man to gain a position of leadership.

I am a firm believer in the democratic system of Government and in the right of open criticism, but I believe that any man that criticizes another should ask himself two things: (1) Is the criticism true and (2) Is it in the public interest? Luigi Antonini does not work that way, and recently he has been attacking me over the radio, as he is attacking other reputable citizens who would not dream of associating with him, even in politics, because they know what the man is and how he misrepresents the people he claims to serve. Only last Saturday he addressed his hearers in criticism of mine and evidently the censor at radio station W. E. V. D. obliged him to delete from his speech almost a printed column of material about me because of its libelous nature. If that is the kind of men leading the American Labor Party, sensible Americans can come to the conclusion that such party is simply a racket that uses its 200,000 votes to serve as a balance of power, allowing its leaders to make a "deal" with either of the two major political parties who are willing to pay the most.

August 17, 1942

Mr. Antonini's violent attack on me was due to the fact that a few weeks ago I was selected as Chairman of an organization which has been formed in New York under the auspices of the New York State Department of Education and the State War Council called "Council of Americans of Italian Origin." I went to this meeting as the Chairman of a large organization of Americans of Italian origin and although I knew very few of the people present, much to my surprise, I was selected as its Chairman. Of course, this incensed the Antonini group who do not like the presence of people in their organization with clean linen and clean finger nails. As the proposed Council is selected to do a job of Americanization of Italian aliens, and as I wanted to contribute something to the war effort, I could not refuse the nomination and I expect to continue my work. Among those at the meeting aforesaid was Lieutenant Governor Poletti who expressed his approval of my views at that meeting.

After having read the above, I am sure that you may want to suggest that the Federal Bureau of Investigation make a study of Mr. Antonini's background from the time when he lived in the Bronx, and many people thought he was an Anarchist.

With cordial personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

John A. Smith

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LET THE SLOGAN BE—  
I WILL EMPLOY!

BY  
LUIGI CRISCUOLO

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see inside*



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NEW YORK  
November  
1931

LET THE SLOGAN BE—  
I WILL EMPLOY!

Foreword

Unemployment is fundamentally the biggest problem we have today because it hits at the foundations of the State . . . *the individual*. Take away from the individual the right to work for a living and you make life *not* worth living. The derangement of the economic forces of the world led to the depression, and the depression led to unemployment. But unemployment is not only a result of the depression; it is also an accentuator of the depression, prolonging it so that the end is not within sight. It is like short selling, which in itself is not so harmful as the derangement it eventually causes in the market. For a strong short selling movement does not only depress the market to a certain point; it also catches stop-loss orders. The selling out of people who cannot put up more margin creates a secondary downward movement unless there is enough buying power to absorb the selling in an orderly fashion. The lack of buying power, caused principally by the lack of confidence in our leaders, has created new price levels for commodities as well as securities. Unemployment causes a similar derangement.

Artificial means are being used to cure the depression, just as they were used to help win the war in 1917. Emergency measures are whooped up in great shape because it is so easy to accomplish something when work-

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ing along the lines of least resistance; at least, it is easy to accomplish something quickly even though the cure is but temporary. It has the effect, however, of making thousands of people say, "Well, the Wall Street crowd is not so bad, after all. Look what they did for the unemployed." But when the money is gone, we have to start all over again and ask everybody to "Share."

The fundamental way to cure the depression is to mobilize the resources of the country *in order to employ people*. The depression can be cured, and the remedy along sound economic lines is in the hands of 50 financial, industrial and political leaders. There is no use in mentioning the names of these men. Some of those men who were "big fellows" in 1929 are "little fellows" today and either do not know it or will not admit it; and the purpose of this pamphlet is not to offend the susceptibilities of fallen banking and industrial monarchs.

The 50 leaders referred to can mobilize the forces of the country along the lines traced in the accompanying article, and they can cure the depression and unemployment the moment they want to. They simply have to get together at lunch and pledge all of the resources they control to the winning of the struggle against economic forces.

Will they do it? Well, if they do not, they will be simply allowing history to repeat itself. They used to say that the "Bourbons forget nothing and learn nothing." It seems to me that our great leaders have so much information at their command that they should forget a lot and learn something by the present crisis. If they do not, they will be unconsciously feeding the flames of a different economic order which will send capitalism by the way of feudalism, and a new and untried era will be ushered in that will lead to God only knows where.

In closing I wish to say that much of the criticism and

abuse that has been heaped upon President Hoover for the present depression is as ungenerous as it is unwarranted. The seeds of the present depression were sown under the Coolidge administration. Yet, while Hoover has had to bear the brunt of criticism for four years, Coolidge has so far gone down into history as a great sage, philosopher and statesman. Let us remind ourselves that it was under the Coolidge administration that bankers and business men as well as the Administration at Washington refused to heed the signs of the coming disaster.

Let us hope these men will see the danger signals before it is too late.

New York, November 1931.

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Let the Slogan be: I WILL EMPLOY!

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America was unprepared for war in 1917 and unprepared for peace in 1919. No sound foundation was laid for post-war reconstruction. We simply jumped from mass production for war into over-production for peace, with no time set apart for the study of the problem of stabilization. We organized devices for raising funds by appeals to sentiment, with brass bands, speeches and posters. It had to be done that way because there was no time to do otherwise. But we should have learned something from our unpreparedness. In the period from 1918 to 1920 we should have organized ourselves, as many sound thinkers advised. We did not do so and the present depression is largely the result of our neglect.

If good banking had been the rule we would not have had the high prices in stocks and commodities that prevailed from 1926 to 1929. But we would not have had the tremendous deflation that has taken place since, with the terrible toll of misery and unemployment, the loss of fortunes and hard-earned savings. The cause of it all was loose thinking on the part of our economists and bankers, the absence of a plan, the selfishness of some of our rich men, an unbalanced mentality of those political leaders who would not face the facts.

This defect in our make-up, of loose thinking and haste, is being repeated in the effort to solve the unemployment problem. We are again waving flags and adopting slogans. Yesterday it was: BUY A BOND! . . . DO YOUR BIT! . . . while today it is I WILL SHARE! As in every past crisis the people who are

asked to share are those who can ill-afford it. Mass-production methods are used to coax money out of the pockets of people who have been hurt most by the depression: working people, small business men and professional people who have not been able to amass fortunes. Relatively these classes have suffered more than the very rich. It is one thing to have been worth 20 million dollars in 1929 and to be worth only 5 million today. It is different to have been worth 50 thousand dollars in 1929 and to be worth *nothing* today, and atop of that to have no job!

The drives aimed to collect money for the unemployed are most worthy in principle. But they are purely temporary measures. The Emergency Unemployment Committee in New York aims to raise 15 million dollars in a few months. It does not require a large stretch of the imagination to realize how little such a sum will help when it is figured that there are 750,000 persons unemployed in New York. Even assuming that but one-fifth of these are actually without relatives upon whom they can depend, and allowing them but 3 dollars a day for six months, it will require 81 million dollars to sustain them. Even if the Committee makes a success of the proposed city directory enterprise, that cannot possibly provide very much money.

The raising of 15 million dollars is an insignificant piece of financing when it is realized that financing done by Wall Street in times of ordinary prosperity was as much as 100 millions a month. Raising 15 millions was ordinarily the operation of a few hours for one banking house. If the present drive is like the charity drives we had during the war, when they assumed the proportions of pure rackets, organized by promoters who got a percentage, then that is another story. We can treat it in the same fashion and not expect too much of it. But,

with all the banking talent arrayed in the present "drive," it seems that something more fundamentally sound might be organized as a secondary plan to take care of the unemployed after the 15 millions are exhausted.

The cry of I WILL SHARE should be soon replaced with I WILL EMPLOY, and every person, every store, every factory, every mine that can do so, should employ more people. The savings of individuals are for the purpose of tiding them over periods of unemployment, illness or trouble. The surpluses of corporations are for the same purposes. Corporations that have large surpluses represented by cash or securities *are hoarding* when they discharge employees simply because they have no demand for their products. They think that in discharging they have conserved their assets for their stockholders. As a matter of fact, by so doing, they have only accentuated the depression. The man who hoards his money or reduces his scale of living is being condemned as an aid to the depression. He is no worse than the corporation which does the same thing.

Last September, the head of a large business corporation stated at the Boston Conference on Retail Distribution that if 20 million consumers would spend \$100 each business would receive that impetus which is so necessary to keep factories working. A large savings bank in New York City sent out a letter to its depositors urging them to withdraw some of their savings and to spend that money wisely. That was a fine gesture, but the depositors did not withdraw very much money. The trouble with these two plans was that they were artificial. I was at the Conference and I said so.

After all, John Smith has a job, but he is not buying a new suit or a new hat for the simple reason that he is afraid that next week he may not have his job. He may

have money in the bank, but he is keeping that money for a rainy day. He fears that conditions may get worse than they are today and he is economizing to the limit. This is a very serious condition because it has affected the retailer's business, particularly on luxuries and semi-luxuries. The retailer is dependent upon John Smith and Mrs. John Smith to buy goods, but John Smith must be sure of his job before he is going to spend any more money than he can help.

There are many industries in this country, particularly in retail lines, which can afford to guarantee jobs to their employees for a definite period. In such cases, if a company could say to its employees, "Now you go ahead and spend what money you usually spend for your winter clothes, and we will guarantee your job for six months," I believe that would solve the problem, even if the wage scale were slightly reduced in cases where wages were at too high a level compared with commodities.

Perhaps we have got to go back to Liberty Loan days when the country put all of its resources back of the war. This is really no different a situation, but the people who should make the biggest contribution are the people who have the most money, because, in the final analysis, those people have the most to lose.

Money in the savings bank is a reserve for a rainy day which can be used by the individual. The surplus of a corporation is a reserve which should be used in emergencies like the present to pay dividends and maintain employment on a level which will permit industry to tide itself over the depression.

If some form of guaranteed employment is put into effect on a large scale, people will spend more money in our retail stores, the stores will buy additional goods, the manufacturers will have to buy more raw material, the raw material people will have to employ labor to dig

it out, or produce it. Thus the wheels of industry will receive the necessary impetus. This won't necessarily solve the problem in a week or six months. But it is a natural stimulus and not charity. And people don't want charity, they want work. Otherwise we will be reduced to the state of demoralization of the British workers that has humiliated the British Empire of yesterday to where its financial condition is practically on a level with the poor countries of another era.

Capital should be the first to share and should contribute the largest proportion. Because if capital wants to remain in control of the situation, if it wants to retain its supremacy against some other form of economic control . . . then it is up to *capital* to take the lead and place all of its resources back of a movement to bring back prosperity. Back of the reason for the decline in securities values lie not declining prices and liquidation . . . but those things that cause the condition . . . lack of confidence, lack of leadership, and selfishness. If capital would back up the Nation by pooling its resources for the common cause that would stem the tide of communism or socialism which will get stronger if the stomachs of the people continue to be empty for six months more. And in that case, what will be the value of bonds, stock certificates and other symbols of property?

The slogan should not be I WILL SHARE but I WILL EMPLOY! A wave of employment backed up by the surpluses of the corporations and by the money of thousands of people who still have money, would be the greatest natural impetus to trade and the greatest move for restoring confidence of the people in their leaders, their institutions, their banks and their Government.

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October 15, 1942

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for your letter  
of October 5, reporting on your investigation  
of the "Eleanor Clubs". I appreciate your  
making this investigation.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
FBI, Washington

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~  
SPECIAL MESSENGER

Miss Malvina C. Thompson  
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

*Handwritten signature/initials*

My dear Miss Thompson:

This will acknowledge your letter of September 28, 1942, with which you conveyed to me Mrs. Roosevelt's desire that appropriate investigation be made concerning the mention made of the formation of "Eleanor Clubs" in Macon, Georgia by columnist W. T. Anderson in the September 23, 1942 edition of the Macon Telegram.

Please be advised that Mr. W. T. Anderson has informed an Agent of this Bureau that his comments as set forth in the reference editorial were based solely on rumors and that he had no information of a specific nature concerning the formation or existence of any so-called "Eleanor Clubs". Furthermore, inquiry in Macon, Georgia and in that area generally has failed to disclose the existence of such clubs.

I trust the above will be of assistance to Mrs. Roosevelt, and pursuant to her desire, there are returned the letter from Mr. Frank McCallister of the Southern Workers Defense League and the tear sheet with the marked item.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

*Handwritten initials*

Enclosures

# Southern Workers Defense League

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September 23, 1942

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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

You will be interested in the enclosed tear-sheet from The Macon Telegraph, a column of which makes reference to alleged "Eleanor clubs" being formed in Macon.

Although I realize you have tried to lay this false story to rest before, it seems to me this particular case is important because of the standing of the writer of the column. Mr. Anderson, publisher and editor of The Macon Telegraph, is one of the most powerful men in central Georgia. He is also very reactionary, as you can imagine, and is an ardent supporter of Governor Talmadge and his policies.

Since The Macon Telegraph is the most widely read paper in central Georgia, I would urge you to turn this report over to some governmental agency and if they find it to be false, as I am sure they will, make demands on Mr. Anderson that he retract his silly and damaging story.

Very sincerely,

*Frank M. Callister*

Frank McCallister

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*A Vigilant, Non-Partisan Defender of Labor's Democratic Rights*

**Weather**  
 GENERAL: Little change in temperature.  
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 (For report on Page 1)

# The Macon Telegraph

Do Your Part for Victory!  
 Buy War Bonds and Stamps  
 From Your Newspaper Boy



MACON, GA., WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 21, 1943

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## Such a World

**Farmer Must Feed Us As His Part of War Work, But Is Denied Today's Labor Cost**  
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**Bumhogle Wide Open While We Busy With Leak at the Spigot**  
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**Labor Quits Farm at \$1 Day and Goes to War Work at \$15—Who Wouldn't?**  
 By W. T. Anderson

W. T. ANDERSON, Georgia columnist, editor of agriculture, writes today that every person directly or indirectly interested in agriculture will read in Georgia newspapers and magazines at Washington personal statements expressing support of proposals to include cost of farm labor in determining parity prices for farm products.

It will be recalled by those familiar with the parity matter that "parity" was fixed by Congress on prices farmers received for their crops from 1909 to 1918—the year 1914 being the time when World War I began. Up to the outbreak of that war there was no war-time advance in costs of industrial output, in wages or labor advances came about as the war proceeded. Industry which uses machinery, etc., which the farmer had to buy was forced to increase its charges on account of increased labor charges, and both industry and farms labored in the present war have been increased.

Mr. Linder is quite correct in pointing that our farmers should have the increased cost of their being considered, because industry's increased labor costs have been added for in the fixing of the parity's formula, otherwise the farmer always receive the short end of the stick when his time has to be fixed.

Mr. LINDER will be following the program to all war and reconstruction, and we are all interested in it. However, "There you see support proposed to include cost of farm labor in determining parity prices for farm products," says Mr. Linder's head and correct cooperation with Agricultural Adjustment Act in fixing parity could be fixed in country's war effort. Present course of William Henderson

# Favors' Slayer Guilty; Must Die Oct. 23

## Farm Parity Fight Looms In Senate

**Roosevelt May Lose On Ceiling Ban**  
 BY RICHARD L. TURNER  
 WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Senators endorsing of writing higher parity prices ceilings into the pending inflation bill gained support at such a rate Tuesday that Administration leaders believed an early advancement and passage of the measure was possible.

Senator Ewing (D-Mich.), despite his repeated overtures to stabilize the cost of living, finally voted today that the measure would be passed and approved was to be added to the bill of the inflation.

Senator McNary (D-Ind.), the administration's chief leader, announced and replied:

"Do you expect me to say we are backward?"

**ENOUGH VOTES CLAIMED**  
 Earlier in the day administration leaders had claimed "enough votes" to pass the Farm Price Ceiling bill.

The Office of Price Administration, setting the date of the parity bill amendment, said Tuesday night it would result in a four or five per cent rise in the cost of living index.

Under the provision in the House bill for a 10 per cent or parity, OPA, and the cost of living would increase by 40 to 50 per cent.

Under the new parity formula proposed by the Farm Price Ceiling bill, the increase would be 10 to 15 per cent.

Meanwhile a general discussion of the inflation bill continued in the Senate. It found favor with many Senators, but some of the farm labor costs are included in the new measure of parity prices, agricultural production and the cost of living.

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**This Way to Far-Off Alaska**  
 HERE'S A SCENE on the route of the "Alaska" highway leading from the United States through Canada to Alaska. U. S. Army engineers are building the road, a link in the North American defense system.

## Naval Plant To Need 2,500 More Workers

The Naval Ordnance plant needs 2,500 additional workmen workers between now and Jan. 1, and is making an appeal to the people of Macon to assist in housing these workers.

Commander A. C. Lovell, of the Reynolds Corporation, joined the plant commander in Macon.

## Col. Thompson Takes Over Wheeler Post

Colonel Harold Thompson has arrived here and taken over his new assignment as commander of the Wheeler post. He will be in charge of the post's operations.

## Nazis Take Two Streets In Stalingrad

**Russians Fight Hard To Halt Aggressors**  
 BY R. D. BALL  
 The bloody fight for Stalingrad started in 1942 for the city with the many streets in the hands of the Nazi invaders. According to the military correspondent, the German forces in what appeared to be an attempt to cut the city were the Russians said. The Germans already have hit 2,000 men in two days of these fighting.

Reports for the loss of the two streets, the Soviets were holding their own fairly well in the middle of the city.

Into the industrial Soviet defense line a uniting stream of reinforcements and supplies the fact was that the factor weighed heavily against the defenders, and not all from outside aid.

**FIGHT WITH BAYONETS**  
 Fighting through the city, the situation now was one of close fighting with bayonets and rifles. Many houses and buildings in a matter of minutes were being destroyed in the city.

One Soviet account related to a pitched battle in "the square," the center of the city, where the battle was progressing slowly to the center of the city.

"Alaska don't talk," Franklin's way newspaper reported from the western city. Red Star said not only every house and every street was being destroyed but each story, each room and corridor was being destroyed.

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**Auxiliary Chief**  
 MRS. ALFRED J. MATHRAT of Alameda, Calif., was elected national president of the American Legion Auxiliary at the annual convention in Kansas City. She defeated her rival candidate, Mrs. P. I. Dixon of America, Ga., by 14 votes.

## Jack Lee Dies In Air Crash Near Decatur

While his parents waited in vain at the local airport for their son to land for his second war home since enlisting in the U. S. Army Air Corps, Jack Lee, former popular member of the local council, died in a crash at Decatur, Ga., Tuesday afternoon.

The young man was one of two to die when the Army bomber crashed. Five others escaped.

Mr. Lee's father, J. A. Lee, deputy tax collector of Bibb county, and mother had gone to the airport to meet him at 4 p.m. The plane did not arrive. Returning to his office in the courthouse about 4 p.m., Mr. Lee found a telegram

## Negro Soldier Is Calm As Jurist Pronounces Doom for Murder Here

Private Edmund Reed, Negro soldier, was convicted of murdering Policeman J. G. (Doc) Favors by a Bibb superior court jury last night, and sentenced to die on Oct. 23.

The verdict was returned by the jury after an hour's deliberation. Private Reed was calm as Judge A. M. Anderson pronounced sentence, but Reed's mother left the courtroom weeping hysterically.

Deputy Attorney T. A. Justice Jr. and W. T. Walden announced they would file a motion for a new trial. They had the jury pinned individually after the verdict was announced, and each juror stated he had reached the verdict of "guilty" with his own will and accord.

In the closing arguments, Solicitor Charles Garrett charged that Reed had taken the pistol from Whitmore before anyone had hit him, and had made up the mind to "escape" by murder if necessary.

**WRITES DEATH SENTENCE**  
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## Lower-Priced Bond Tickets Put on Sale

Tickets for the Virginia Lake bond sale in Macon Monday night were placed within purchase range of nearly every worker here last night.

Mr. Barry, general campaign manager, announced that blocks of tickets for a \$100 bond purchase section, a \$50 bond purchase section and a \$25 bond purchase section were being placed on sale effective today.

"This, if anyone can't afford more than a \$25 bond, he can get to attend the general rally in which the gorgeous Virginia will star Monday night.

The tickets were placed in the First National Bank, the Citizens and Depository Bank and the City Bank and Trust Company, Barry announced. They are to be placed in the hands of bond purchasers who make the purchase at that time, or who have completed the amount of purchase.

"This is a bond purchase section, and it is not a lottery," Barry said. "If you buy a bond purchase section, you will be entitled to tickets or shares on presentation of contribution to the bank."

The \$100, \$50 and \$25 bond tickets are in the hands of the auctioneer, O. L. Taylor, pending as high as \$1.00, with the \$25 and \$100 bonds.

## House to Vote On Elimination

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December 31, 1942.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

At the President's suggestion  
I am sending you the enclosed letter. I  
have had several from Miss Adams along  
the same lines and may have sent you one  
or two before.

Very sincerely yours,

\*Re: Story printed by Pegler ~~xxxxxxx~~ from  
"tankworker". It was bitterly anti-union  
and anti-administration. The Tank worker boasted  
that Pegler had asked him to write it, etc.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 29, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR

MRS. ROOSEVELT

I suggest you send this,  
with a personal letter, to J.  
Edgar Hoover.

F. D. R.

Enclosure

*to SP  
12/29/42  
D. M. E.  
12/29/42*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Copy sent to Miss Adams - 1/8/43

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~  
SPECIAL MESSENGER

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I want to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 31, 1942, transmitting at the suggestion of the President a letter received by you from Miss Josephine T. Adams. It is noted that Miss Adams refers to a letter, stated to be bitterly antiunion and antiadministration, which Westbrook Pegler caused to be printed on November 27, 1942. The author of this letter, according to Miss Adams, is indicated to be pro-Nazi and on the basis of affidavits prepared by "Baldwin workers" to have Bund connections.

Apropos of this matter, the President in our conversation on December 10, 1942, advised me of a letter received by you from Miss Adams who had, in turn, received a communication from one Robert Block Heineman indicating that the letter was in possession of certain information concerning Pegler. This information was stated by Mr. Heineman to be of such character as to prove that Pegler gets some of his material from "out and out Nazis."

As a result of this information, Mr. Heineman was interviewed at which time it was determined that he had no significant data to offer apart from the fact that while employed by the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, some of the employees of this company indicated that another employee stated to be pro-Nazi had boasted of having written a letter which appeared in Pegler's column. Mr. Heineman observed that the particular article by Pegler which incorporated the letter signed a "Tank Worker" appeared during the latter part of November 1942 in a Philadelphia newspaper. I have previously supplied Major General Edwin M. Watson for the President's consideration a copy of Pegler's

column of November 28, 1942, as it appeared in the Washington Daily News. A review of Pegler's articles for the latter part of November indicated that this was the only column which approximated that which Heineman appeared to have in mind.

I have also previously supplied General Watson with a photostatic copy of an article bearing the caption "Pegler Uses Hitler-Admirer's 'Ammunition' to Attack Arms Workers." This article was written by Walter Lowenfels and appeared in The Worker, Sunday edition of the Daily Worker for December 20, 1942. This article related that "it was not difficult to trace this treacherous pro-Nazi letter from Pegler's column to Baldwin's tank shop." Going on the article identified one Andrew Hercha "who had long been suspected of pro-Nazism by the other workers" as the author of the letter.

It appearing that Andrew Hercha was the author of the letter incorporated in Pegler's column, I have caused an inquiry to be made concerning this individual. All persons contacted in the course of this inquiry have uniformly expressed the opinion that Hercha, whose full name is Andrew J. Hercha Jr., is engaged in no activities which are un-American and that he entertains no sentiments inimical to the internal security of our country. As of interest in this regard, I have been advised that upon resigning his employment with the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Hercha stated he was dissatisfied with the production of Army tanks at the Baldwin Locomotive Works and that he felt more tanks could be produced and blamed the retarding of progress in tank production on union activity. Specifically in this regard Hercha is indicated to have stated that rules of the union prevent transferral from one portion of the plant to another of workers who are in unoccupied positions and who could be placed on production lines in other parts of the plant. It might be noted that Hercha has admitted having written a letter to Westbrook Pegler which subsequently appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer complaining to Pegler of the slowdown in production at the Baldwin Locomotive Works.

I hope that the foregoing information will be of assistance to you in considering the substance of Miss Adams' letter

Mrs. Roosevelt

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which I am returning to you herewith.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Inclosure

o/o Brenner DEC. 22 1942  
2090 Morris Ave  
New York City.

Dear Mrs Roosevelt:

Most of my  
mail has wandered about  
from place to place because  
people left out care of Brenner.  
A lovely wreath of partridge  
berries from Miss Lape  
enclosed a note telling  
me that you were interested  
in the Baldwin affair.

Unfortunately it took  
nine days to get here, then  
I was not at home to receive  
it when it came because

Pro-Nazi of the "Jim" Roosevelt  
and washing Hitler were low  
types so well known to us  
all. The Union turned the  
material over to the F.B.I.  
last week. I lay may crack  
down on the man himself  
but I have a strong hunch  
that the Pegler always get  
by for the same reason that  
the Couglins, Camerons  
and Walshes do.

I hope to get down to  
Philadelphia soon and  
can probably track down more  
by going to some of the  
more intelligent and powerful

I am working a two jobs now  
one for my living and one for  
love. Commercial printing  
in the morning and nursing  
in New Jersey in the afternoon

This is the story -

Pegler printed a letter from  
a "tank worker" on the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
of November. It was bitterly  
anti-union and anti-  
administration. The tank  
worker boasted of how Pegler  
had asked him to do it  
and was located by the  
union at Baldwin. He  
was fired from the Pennsylvania  
Railroad as a boasting

labor leaders I knew. Has Sam  
Darcy is back there and would  
help if he could. since he knows  
many Baldwin workers.

I had planned to go down  
this week for a wedding and  
meant to follow thru up.  
But I find that painting millions  
of dummies on scrap basket  
in the week keeps me flat  
on Saturday because I am not  
accustomed yet to the fumes  
of the cheap paint, the bad  
light or the high-speed. I  
shall leave it soon for something  
better I hope but am glad to  
have experienced piece work  
somewhere else than in novels.  
I shall let you or mess paper  
know at once if I can find

out either the mans name  
or where Pegler knew him  
and I think I can. I have  
tried as well as I could by  
long distance and with  
such long hours of work  
to prevent the story coming  
out first in the Sunday  
Worker which was planned  
by the union maybe because  
it was the only place they  
could get. My point is  
not a criticism of that  
paper but that it reaches  
so few and can be read  
as source material by  
you only with the risk of  
bringing more Pegler wrath

I can arrange for more direct  
contact with a reliable  
union source for you by  
going to Philadelphia I am  
sure and will try to make it  
this week. There are affidavits  
from Baddow workers as to the  
mans kind connections. He  
was obviously a stupid  
bracket and tool.

Sincerely yours  
Joseph J. Adams.

Hi - Ho

February 21, 1944.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of  
February 18th in reply to my telephone  
inquiry. I am glad to have the facts  
and appreciate so much your sending  
them to me.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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X Mrs. Thelma Parker

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
February 18, 1944

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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

With reference to your telephone call to me this morning relating to the interviewing of Mrs. Hilde Frankel at the residence of Mrs. Trudy Pratt in New York City, I wanted to advise you that I have made a complete check into the facts in this matter, which are set out hereinafter for your confidential information:

A short time ago the Norfolk, Virginia office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was advised that Mrs. Hannah Rothschild Sinauer, a German alien, had travelled from New York City to Newport News and taken up her residence there without securing the travel permit required prior to travel by alien enemies. An inquiry into this matter was initiated for the purpose of determining whether any irregularity had occurred in this situation and data subsequently developed disclosed that the husband of Hannah Rothschild Sinauer, Ernest Sinauer, was a sergeant in the United States Army stationed at Camp Patrick Henry of the Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation. Sergeant Sinauer was determined to be a naturalized citizen of the United States of German birth and according to information furnished by Military Intelligence, is utilized because of his knowledge of the German language in interviewing prisoners of war who are brought to the United States. The Military Intelligence Division advised that Sergeant Sinauer had travelled in Italy in 1937.

A reliable confidential source furnished to the investigating agent a letter addressed to Sergeant Sinauer by Mrs. Hilde Frankel, 190 Claremont Avenue, New York City, in which Mrs. Frankel stated --

"Many thanks for your long and interesting letter.  
Don't be scared, we do not work for an organization,

"just for a private group and all letters, outgoing and receiving are kept strictly confidential. Your letter was just what we are looking for \* \* \* \*."

In order to eliminate the possibility that Sergeant Sinauer was furnishing forbidden Military information relative to the Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation or to the arrival of prisoners of war to an outside source or to possibly an espionage group, the New York office of the FBI was requested by the Norfolk office of the FBI to determine the identity of Mrs. Hilde Frankel, the identity of the organization with which she was associated and, if desirable, to interview Mrs. Frankel about this situation.

Two Special Agents of the FBI in New York City on two occasions went to the listed residence of Mrs. Hilde Frankel at 190 Claremont Avenue for the purpose of interviewing her. On neither occasion was Mrs. Frankel at home and on the occasion of the second call the Agents inquired of the superintendent of the building concerning her knowledge of Hilde Frankel. The building superintendent stated that she knew Mrs. Frankel and, as a matter of fact, cleaned her apartment. The investigating Agents asked the superintendent whether there was contained in Mrs. Frankel's apartment any contraband material, the possession of which is prohibited to alien enemies, such as shortwave radios, firearms, etc. The superintendent indicated that to her knowledge there was no such material in the apartment. At no time did the Agents request of the superintendent or of any other person authority to search Hilde Frankel's apartment and no such search was made.

Having determined that Mrs. Frankel was employed by Mrs. Trudy Pratt, the investigating Agents on February 16th between 11:00 and 11:45 A. M. interviewed Mrs. Frankel at 245 West 11th Street. No one was present during this interview. Mrs. Frankel was asked whether she preferred to be interviewed at her apartment rather than at her place of employment and she indicated that she had no objection to the interview being conducted at Mrs. Pratt's. Inquiry was made of her as to the nature of the organization by which she was employed, as to the nature of the information which was requested of soldiers and as to the disposition made of this

information. Mrs. Frankel advised that she was employed by Mrs. Pratt in connection with an educational survey being made to determine primarily the types of literature and speeches available to men in the armed services. She stated that Mrs. Pratt had asked her to write letters to certain soldiers, which she had done. She advised that the data compiled from the answers were furnished to a group of private citizens and specifically mentioned a Mr. Mark Starr of the International Garment Workers' Union.

Mrs. Frankel was asked whether she had in her apartment or possession any contraband items, the possession of which is forbidden to alien enemies, such as shortwave radios, firearms, etc., and replied in the negative. Mrs. Frankel expressed her satisfaction that this matter was being cleared up and at no time gave any indication of being unduly concerned about the interview, which was shortly thereafter terminated.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

April 29, 1944

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

In reference to my talk with you yesterday about the discussion group at Walter Reed, they would very much like to have you on Thursday, May 18, and I hope you can go.

I am sure you will find the men deeply interested and their questions good.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
FBI

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July 6, 1944

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just read your address  
to the graduates of Holy Cross College  
and found it very interesting.

Sincerely yours,  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Address of J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal  
Bureau of Investigation, at the Annual Com-  
mencement Exercises, Holy Cross College,  
Worcester, Massachusetts, 2:30 P.M., E.W.T.,  
June 29, 1944

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A GRADUATE'S RESPONSIBILITY

A graduation exercise is like the passing of another milepost. It brings you a little closer to your destination. When you will reach that destination depends on how you have charted your course.

College graduates this year face a detour -- a detour made necessary by a system the world permitted to develop when it failed to recognize human values. Only the value of the human being to the state counted, until four years ago, when the explosion point was reached, causing a world conflagration in which the innocent were forced to suffer with the guilty. The rise of Nazism and the development of Japan's military might were long ago recognized as harbingers of ill omen, but, unfortunately, those who first recognized them were viewed as alarmists.

The Japanese, for decades, have been portrayed as funny little men whose chief trait was politeness. The Nazis were regarded as "crack-pots." The past few years have taught us otherwise. Even as we gather here today, precious American blood is being spilled on the world's battlefields because the world was not prepared to act when it might have acted with a minimum of sacrifice.

Here is a harsh lesson, but if heeded the lives of our brave fighting men shall not have been lost in vain. If America is more secure, if the world is more civilized, and if the Brotherhood of Men becomes a reality, the interruption in the lives of young men like you will have been worthwhile.

That the war will be won is certain. After winning it, we should be a little closer to our goal if we but learn from the lessons of the past and present. The heritage of every free-born American is life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The founding fathers won it against superior foes and they preserved it against doubt and uncertainty. Now, the responsibility is ours to preserve our heritage for the future. Our own American way has been won through toil and hardship, and we shall defend it at any cost. We would be traitors to our souls if we did otherwise.



The struggle in which we are engaged calls upon every man, woman, and child to be Americans first, last, and always, for America is merely the aggregate of all her peoples. She can never be any stronger than

her people. Water does not rise above its level except by force beyond that provided by nature. So it is with a democracy. When the state rises above its people, democracy no longer exists. Fascism, Nazism, or some other synthetic form of enslaved life is then developed.

Even though you college graduates of today face a temporary detour, you could well resolve now that come what may, you will recognize your own individual responsibility. It will not be easy, because of a current trend that departs from fundamentals. We are living in a sophisticated age. Standards are set, whether we like it or not, on a superficial basis. Thus, individuals too often defer to the opinions of their associates with no thought of whether they are right or wrong.

There was a time when success was gauged in terms of service. Today, a new standard has evolved. Many people regard success only in terms of ornate homes, shiny cars, well-tailored clothes, and glittering tinsel that characterizes superficial forms of entertainment and ultra-sophistication. There is more to life than that; there is the matter of conscience and conduct.

Great and fickle is the tyranny of public opinion, and many lack the fortitude to brave it. People like to be talked about, but not against. Many people, at times, refrain from doing what they should for fear of being criticized. It is well to remember that if you are not criticized at times, you should immediately take inventory of yourself. Criticism from certain sources is a mark of achievement. Sad indeed is the individual who cannot face facts and issues and take a stand for the right. It is never possible to please every one. We might well turn to the Scriptures for our guidance and solace in our daily contact with life, wherein it is written, "...what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." It is important to live so that our actions are the targets of those who adhere to wrong rather than right. If you are true to yourself, you will be true to your fellow men.

And this code of life is as equally applicable to groups and professions as it is to the individual. We of the Federal Bureau of Investigation know that when we protect society by arresting some saboteur or subverter of our institutions, we will be criticized bitterly by the spokesmen of the underworld and their mouthpieces and stooges. If we succeed in bringing to justice a desperate criminal, we know that the last defense of the scoundrel is the cry of deprivation of his liberty.

Criminals are being turned loose in the name of civil liberty, not because there is any question of their guilt, but because certain public officials of our land are prone to guard more zealously the alleged civil rights of confessed criminals at the expense and the detriment of disregarded civil rights of the victims of their crimes. The same standards should govern the rights of the victims of crime as are so rigidly applied to the rights of the criminal transgressor. We need a governmental and national psychology that lends its support to law. We need an end to sentimentalism that favors the killer; an end to sob-sister nonsense that weeps over the kidnaper; an end to petting of youthful desperadoes. We need a revival of old-fashioned discipline.

Liberty, too, has its fundamentals. Liberty is not fool-proof.

It always carries an implication of license to those unsuited to enjoy its fruits. Without discipline, liberty cannot long exist. It must be guarded in order to be enjoyed. Among the corrupt and unprincipled, it is a high-sounding term. Anarchy may be the result.

It was not long ago when whole communities were in the clutches of organized bands of public outlaws. Exacting their tribute from every man, woman, and child, this malignant growth in our body politic obeyed only the laws of its own choice. Liberties of whole communities were endangered. This is not ancient history, for even as I speak to you today, an average of 157 serious crimes are being committed each hour, day and night, throughout the year in this land of ours.

This tragic condition is due to a lack of conscience, which in turn comes from a lack of religious training. There is a necessary connection between crime and the decline of faith and religious practice. When men do not know God and His justice, they do not respect His laws. The way to make America safe from crime, the way to make her people moral, is a return to religion. Religion is a necessary factor in a healthy and well-ordered society.

The criminal who robs and plunders is not the only enemy of society. There are large numbers of persons who would take the law into their own hands. Some, indeed, place themselves above the law and common decency. They scorn justice and fair play. They beat down and trample the fundamental rights of man. The dollar is all that matters, regardless of how it is gained. Bigoted and intolerant, they wax and grow fat from the toil of the less fortunate. It is a blasphemy upon America that people can prosper from class struggle.

The "Dollar Patriot" is more contemptible than the saboteur who attacks as the advance agent of a foreign foe. Enemy saboteurs we have been able to keep from America, but not the "Dollar Patriot" who would, if possible, send faulty equipment to our brave fighting men because of greed and avarice.

The black market would disappear overnight if enough citizens discharged their personal responsibilities by refusing to purchase commodities over illicit counters. If a nation-wide boycott could be organized against dealers in stolen property, burglaries and thefts would radically slump. Extend the boycott to the international confidence men who deal in alien and un-American ways of life, and America would be a cleaner and more wholesome place in which to live.

Ten years before Hitler came to power the seeds of Nazism were being sown in the United States. They sprouted and were beginning to blossom before we became aroused. Even after the Nazi attack on institutions of higher learning, library bonfires, and attacks against temples of God, our people were lackadaisical. We here in America were slow to act while the seeds of hate were taking root in our social structure. We were literally asleep at the switch.

Even now, I shudder at what might have happened had we of law enforcement not been able to act. The FBI went on a full war basis years before Pearl Harbor. The obstacles that were thrust in our way were legion. It is hard to believe, but the fact remains that powerful forces in our national life endeavored to prevent Special Agents of the FBI from ferreting out the potential enemies of America. Every stratagem and maneuver was employed, from the familiar smear

attacks to the more subtle technique of applying pressure on higher authority.

You of Holy Cross College will be happy, I know, to learn that one of your own graduates was among our staunchest defenders in our effort to preserve the internal security of our nation. I refer to Honorable Matthew McGuire, now Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, who in those trying days was the Assistant to the Attorney General in the Department of Justice.

The Fascists and Nazis were not the only menace to our internal security. To their forces must be added the American Communists with their Godless, truthless, philosophy of life. They are against the America our forefathers fought and died for; they are against the established freedoms of America. They pose behind a dozen fronts; they have endeavored to infiltrate practically every strata of life.

When they preach unity, let us not forget that when we were struggling to prepare for defense, they preached pacifism and fought our efforts to aid our allies and to build our common defenses. For true Americans there can be no unity with the enemy within and no compromise with those who would destroy all that we fight for. There is a distinction between respecting our ally Russia and respecting those within our country who would destroy all that we believe in. No one wishes to detract any from the glorious war history being written by the Russian people in protecting their soil. They are a great fighting nation and have done a masterful job at war.

But when it comes to governmental systems, we prefer our own American way, and we do not want the Communists in this country attempting to undermine our democracy or any of our institutions. I have said it before, and I repeat it now -- America cannot exist half democratic and half Communist or Fascist. The Fascist-minded tyrant is no different from the native-born Communistic corruptionist. We are proud of our American form of government. If we want to improve on it, we will do it in our own way, in our time, and with our own blueprint.

Over the years, the American Communists have developed a propaganda machine and a nefarious and elaborate school system of their own. Their officials in secret and public meetings urge that the propaganda phase of their work must be accelerated. Brazenly, they have urged the development of courses, lectures, and assemblies as media to espouse the ideologies of Marxism and to establish Marxism as a school of thought in the United States. And even in the chameleon cloak with which they have now enshrouded themselves, the American Communists still proclaim their loyalty to Marxism, the antithesis of American democracy. The Communist Trojan Horse has now become the Trojan Snake in American life.

They continue to pervert and complicate the solution of our perplexing domestic problems. That we have a growing problem of juvenile delinquency is known to all informed persons. The Communists also recognize this and see in it an opportunity for further infiltration. The mere association of the names American and democracy with the Communist youth movement does not make the organization either American or democratic. One Communist "front" organization is now actively engaged in fostering Youth Recreation Centers. A laudable project, were it not for the sinister purposes that motivate it. The enemies

of our institutions realize the value of youth and recruit them for their purposes. They make many recommendations, but they overlook the one fundamental cause of delinquency, the American home. In fact, they openly state that the responsibility for the rise in juvenile delinquency must be placed elsewhere than upon "the family in general."

The American home is still the basis of our social order, and the nation will never be any stronger than the home. I urge that you who graduate today resolve, despite the interruption that faces you, to do your bit to preserve an American heritage for your children still unborn and I hope the day will come when you will take your place in American life with a determination to restore it to its honored and rightful place in the social order.

The rising youth problem in crime stems directly from the home. Every day we of the FBI see cases that are heartrending. The one thing that most juvenile offenders have in common is a lack of proper home training. This takes us back to fundamentals. There is no character-building agency that can take the place of a good home. The church alone cannot do the job. We must go back to the basic unit of society -- the home. Things do not just happen.-- trees when they are being cut down fall on their leaning side. The place of the family in American life cannot be substituted without undermining the nation's cornerstone. Homes that are blemished or broken by unstable parents, divorce, desertion, or other demoralizing conditions inevitably leave their imprint on children.

The disruption of homes by the departure of fathers to the battle fronts cannot be avoided. The rise of divorces and the breaking of homes because of inordinate selfishness, moral corruption, absence of understanding, and a lack of fortitude is something that can be remedied with tolerance, prayers for Divine guidance and proper conduct.

The future destiny of this Nation rests upon the shoulders of young men like you throughout the land. The future inevitably will bring varying measures of disappointment, suffering and sorrow. There will be times when our faith will be sorely tested. The cynicism of the faltering and unfaithful will have its effect on less resolute wills. Do not let yourselves depart from the guiding voice of the faith and teachings of this great Christian institution. When challenges come, as they will, stand firm. When you need help, seek it from Higher Authority, for in the words of the Holy Scripture, ". . . there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God."

Another real responsibility which you as graduates should assume is that of tolerance toward your fellow men. Though winning the war, the people of this country could repeat the mistakes of 1919. In the postwar years, America could be plagued anew with the Ku Klux Klan delusion or some similar recurrence of racism, hate, greed and injustice -- such as would shame every patriot and God-fearing man.

The current conflicts between groups in our large cities are not truly religious but racial. Prejudice and hate spring up and break out from hearts, juvenile and adult, where God has not entered and where His word has not penetrated.

Too many do not believe in a religious creed, and therefore do not live it. They bring forth from their personalities no fruits of vital religion.

Bestir yourselves to live by God's word and apply practically in your dealings with your fellow-men the teachings of justice and equality toward all in all things. The mere recognition of this principle of tolerance is not enough; it must be translated into fact. The invoking of the procedures of law cannot accomplish it. There must be a willingness and determination by all to recognize it and live it.

What the postwar crime era brings will depend upon how well we can protect the home front. If there is a careful planning, if industry is quickly converted, if women who have left the home to help alleviate the manpower shortage return to their normal pursuits, if we can preserve our democratic ways, America should be bountiful enough to provide those who will work with a living that should satisfy the normal desires of life.

If circumstances force us to revert to fundamentals, if they require that superficialities be eliminated, then that will be a blessing to future generations. The path to truth is found in adversity which leads men to religion. America was ordained from on high, her destinies have been guided from on high, and if we Americans would only return in unison to the faith of our forefathers, to the simple faith that embraces hope and charity, our problems would appear as a mirage of the desert. It will not suffice to have a lofty ideal. There must be a fearless, stronghearted devotion to that ideal if it is to become a part of our American life.

The Nation's call to duty, like God's call to man, is a personal one. It can be answered only by individuals. Care not what others may think! Be right! As you answer the call to duty, you merit the rights which are yours as an American.

As we respond to the duty of discharging our personal responsibilities, we should translate into action the words of George Washington -- "Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair; the rest is in the hands of God."

September 30, 1944.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

X Corporal Mark Austad at Walter  
Reed Hospital telephoned to remind me of  
my promise to ask you to talk to the men  
out there at 10:30 a.m., any day except  
Saturday. I wonder if you could now plan  
to go?

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 26, 1944

MISS THOMPSON:

Corporal Mark Austad, Radio Room,  
Walter Reed Hospital, called to remind  
Mrs. Roosevelt that she promised to ask  
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover to talk to the men  
out there.

The time would be 10:30 A.M., and  
any day except Saturday.

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*Handwritten notes:*  
J. Edgar Hoover  
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January 22, 1945.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Many thanks for your letter and the report showing the activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Recreation Association. I was interested to see it and think it a fine program.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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January 20, 1945

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Knowing of your interest in the welfare of Government employees, I thought you might be interested in the attached copy of the annual report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Recreation Association, covering the calendar year 1944.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

Attachment

Federal Bureau of Investigation Recreation Association  
United States Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

January 5, 1945

REPORT TO DIRECTOR JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
REGARDING ACTIVITIES OF  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION RECREATION ASSOCIATION  
DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1944  
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For your information there is set out below a report of the activities of the FBI Recreation Association for the calendar year 1944:

Generally, the activities have been planned on a weekly basis, in order that our employees might have an opportunity to participate in some activity each week. The bowling teams formed by each Division meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights, from October through March, with approximately 750 employees participating. In March of 1945 a tournament for team and individual prizes will climax the present season.

Commencing in November, 1944, the Uline Ice Arena has been rented every other Monday, for the exclusive use of our employees, and through this arrangement approximately 300 of them enjoy ice skating at a 40% discount from the usual admission price.

On Tuesday evenings, from November through March, the girls play basketball at Anacostia High School, their league consisting of ten teams. From these teams are chosen 25 players to represent the FBI Recreation Association in the Inter-Bureau League, which meets twice weekly at the Heurich Gymnasium. The men's basketball league, consisting of six teams, plays on Thursday nights, and this league is now in full swing.

Weather permitting, horse-back riding groups of approximately 30 met for early Sunday morning rides at the various stables just outside of Washington, and for those who enjoyed swimming the pool at the Ambassador Hotel was obtained exclusively for our employees, a total of 450 attending three swimming parties.

Last spring, after the basketball and bowling seasons were ended, softball leagues were formed, with 18 girls' teams, consisting of approximately 250 girls, and 17 men's teams, with approximately 200 men participating. From these teams were chosen the players to represent the Recreation Association in the softball league at Ballston Stadium, where the games were played under lights. The season reached a grand finale with FBI Night at the Stadium, before an over-flowing crowd, when a picked team of men from the FBI Identification Division defeated a team from the Justice Building, and a picked girls' team from the Identification Division tied the girls' team from the Justice Building.

During the fall of 1944, the men played touch football on Sunday mornings, approximately 20 men participating in these games.

Throughout the season picnics were held by the various Divisions, and to them the FBI Recreation Association loaned all softball, basketball, volley-ball and football equipment, along with phonograph records purchased by the Association for the use of its employees. These records are also used by the Files Section and the Identification Division to entertain the employees at the beginning and closing of each work day.

Saturday evening dances, held once a month, were attended by approximately 500 people, and are rapidly increasing in popularity. On December 23, 1944, a free dance was given for all employees who had become members of the FBI Recreation Association for the 1945 season, and this furnished another source of pleasure for our employees, who had been entertained that day in the many Christmas parties sponsored by the various Divisions throughout the Bureau.

In August, 1944, a dance was held on board the S.S. Potomac, this moonlight cruise proving to be refreshing entertainment, after the sweltering August heat, for the 1300 employees who attended. A contract has been signed for the use of the S.S. Potomac for another FBI cruise during August of 1945.

Continued progress has been made by the Choral Group, this excellent musical unit meeting weekly, on Wednesday evenings, in the Identification Division, for practice sessions. It has given recitals, in response to invitations received, before various church groups in Washington, as well as groups of our armed forces.

During the past year the FBI Recreation Association dramatic group on three occasions dramatized FBI cases on the radio.

A valuable service is being rendered to our employees through the Recreation Association loan fund and check cashing facilities. Approximately \$25,000 was loaned to new employees during 1944, to aid them until the receipt of their first check. This fund is also available to all employees for loans in cases of emergency. Through the check cashing facilities, approximately \$200,000 in personal and government checks was cashed during the past year, this service having been inaugurated because of the difficulty encountered by new employees in cashing personal checks in Washington.

The ten, twenty, and twenty-five year service award keys, purchased by the Recreation Association, are continuing to boost the morale of those receiving them.

In addition to purchasing all the sporting goods, phonograph records, and other equipment which would benefit all of our employees, the Recreation Association compiled a list of all places in Washington where employees, on presentation of FBI Recreation Association membership cards, could receive a discount, and distributed this list to all members of the Association.

Plans and arrangements have been made for dances on February 3 and March 17, 1945, for the formation of a cheering squad to encourage our athletic teams, for a bridge tournament in the near future, and for other ice skating get-togethers at the Uline Ice Arena.