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## War Service With This Agency Brings Medal For Merit To ASA Civilian Chief



WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN photographed with Mrs. Friedman and their son, John, at the Pentagon when Mr. Friedman was given the Medal of Merit, the highest civilian award.

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### WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN, "AMONG WORLD'S FOREMOST AUTHORITIES," DECORATED BY GEN. WECKERLING

An unusual honor for a Government career man was accorded to William F. Friedman, Director of Communications Research of the Army Security Agency, 11 March when he received the Medal for Merit in a ceremony at the Pentagon building.

This award, issued from the White House, has been granted to fewer than 100 civilians since the proclamation of a state of emergency in 1939. Others who received it have been former Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, the late Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, and former Director of Censorship Byron Price.

"Mr. Friedman's work was equal if not superior to that of any one in the world operating in his field today," said Brig. Gen. John Weckerling, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2, in making the presentation. "This award might be regarded as a fitting climax to his career except that I am sure he will make even greater contributions in the years to come."

"The award of this highest civilian honor is most gratifying to all his friends," said Col. Harold G. Hayes, Acting Chief, ASA, who was present at the ceremony "for it recognizes not only Mr. Friedman's wartime contributions, but the splendid service he has rendered

during the past 25 years."

The medal was awarded to Mr. Friedman, according to the citation, "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service, conspicuously above the usual. By untiring and self-sacrificing devotion, by exceptional technical ingenuity in an extremely specialized field, which ranks him among the world's foremost authorities, by able leadership by initiative and zeal above and beyond the requirements of duty, Mr. Friedman distinguished himself in contributing directly and tremendously to the successful prosecution of the war."

The citation was signed by President Truman and Secretary of State James F. Byrnes.

Present at the ceremony were Maj. Gen. Harry C. Ingles, Chief Signal Officer, Maj. Gen. Frank E. Stoner, Assistant Chief Signal Officer, Brig. Gen. Paul E. Peabody, Chief, MIS, Brig. Gen. Carter W. Clarke, Deputy Chief, MIS, Mr. Alfred McCormack, State Department, Col. M. A. Solomon, Col. Leslie R. Fornay, and Maj. John M. White, all of G-2, Col. Hayes and the ASA staff, Mrs. Friedman and John Friedman, Mr. Friedman's only son.

As officer and civilian, Mr. Friedman has been connected with the War Department almost without a break since he was commissioned a first lieutenant.

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## Cafeteria Bakery Cuts Use Of Wheat Flour

FOOD-SAVING PRACTICES AFFECT BREAD AND PIE COUNTERS ONLY

Arlington Hall's cafeteria's last week initiated two food-saving practices in line with the recommendations of the President's Famine Emergency committee, Capt. Joseph M. Hitzel, Jr., post-restaurant officer, said.

To stretch the supply of white flour as far as possible, the cafeteria is now serving cornbread or other non-wheat rolls or muffins twice a week instead of white bread. All pies baked in the cafeteria are now of the one-crust type and will remain so until further notice. The new 'dark white' flour may not be expected to appear here for some time, Capt. Hitzel stated, until present flour supplies are exhausted.

Since the cafeteria does a full day's

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## Motor Pool Beats Fire Laddies To The Draw

We congratulate S. Sgt. Thomas Coffman, who is a comparatively new man at AHS.

Early Monday morning, a group in the Motor Pool day room noticed a fire on a nearby roof. Leaves were burning ignited by sparks from the chimney. Tec 4 William Evans with quick foresight immediately called the fire department.

Meanwhile, the gang at the Motor Pool were busy getting the trucks and cars out of the way so the fire trucks could get through. But Sgt. Coffman, who has had 36 months overseas, outwitted everyone.

He immediately grabbed one of the fire extinguishers from the Motor Pool and climbed up onto the roof. With a few well-placed squirts the fire was out, leaving the fire department only the job of washing off the burned leaves from the roof.

## Last March Dance At Arlington Clubhouse Saturday Mecca For Officers Here And Guests

SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT, DOOR PRIZES FEATURE NEWEST EVENT ON LOCAL CALENDAR TOMORROW

Some novelties in the way of entertainment are promised to those who attend the regular semi-monthly dance of the Arlington Officers' club to be held at the clubhouse, Third road and Park drive, tomorrow night.

For the first time there will be door prizes for two lucky individuals, a man's prize and a woman's.

Dance music will be dispensed by the

increasingly popular Jack Morton organization. The vocals will be handled by Arlington Hall's own Peggy Palmer who got her start at USO affairs near her home in Martinsville, Va., and who in her three years here, has appeared in programs and at private parties in most of Washington's better known hotels. Miss Palmer's evocation of the indigo mood, critics say, is something out of this world.

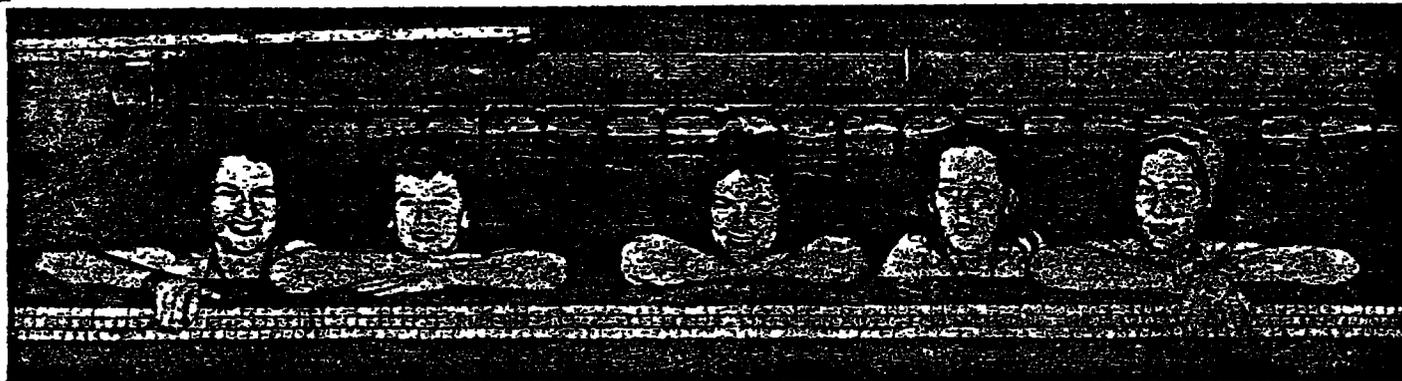
Preparations are being made for an unprecedented crowd, since that is the

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SCENE OF THE evening planned for those who attend the club dance tomorrow night is the Arlington Officers' clubhouse, Third road and Park drive.

Photo by Lab Branch



Isabelle Passa

Kay Rabilly

Pat Loeffler

Annette Fossette

Trilby Kalvin

Photo by Lab Branch

## Anybody Hear A Splash? Civilian Women Get Initial Wednesday Dunking In Swimming Pool

WEEKLY DIPS, 4.30 TO 6.00, FOR ANY AHS GIRL WITH BATHING SUIT

Let the sun blaze and the temperature rise—on Wednesdays! Let the coming Virginia summer do its worst to heighten tempers and lower morale—on Wednesdays! Civilian women at AHS will be in a position this year to make an airy finger-face at the weatherman's most vindictive efforts.

Every Wednesday the swimming pool in the gymnasium will be open from 4:30 to 6:00 pm to all civilian women employed at the Post, according to an order from Lt Col James H. Frier, AHS commanding officer. Any type of swimming suit is permitted, but it must be provided by the swimmer herself, as well

as her cap, if she wears one, her towels and her soap.

Locker room and shower facilities are available, and there is always hot water in the showers, Lt N O Robbins promised.

The pool was made available on Wednesday of this week, and those who tried it were enthusiastic in their appreciation.

Head lifeguard is Isabelle Passa, who is registered with the Red Cross as a senior lifeguard and who, incidentally, will be glad if others similarly qualified will volunteer to assist her. It is planned to have a guard present during the whole of every swimming period.

Any further information can be obtained by calling Mrs Florence E. Palmes, ext-205.

## Did You Know—

That Doris Lavington, Arlington Hall's dramatic and comedy star of 1945, is really a professional actress by training, experience and inclination?

Miss Lavington who says she has never missed an opportunity to act in plays, from grade school all the way through college, will leave the Hall next month and hopes to get into a summer stock company somewhere in New England in time for the 1946 season. She spent one season with the Sayville Players of Sayville, L I near her home and has recently completed a course in play directing at Catholic university.

Those who saw the two productions put on by the drama group here last year remember her as the intense, repressed Olivia in *Night Must Fall* and the humorously pessimistic Annabelle in *George Washington Slept Here*. Miss Lavington has no particular preference between drama and comedy. She says she likes to do anything on the stage, as long as it doesn't involve singing.

She is a member of the Entertainment Advisory committee, the organization which is standing by to assist any Arlington Hall group in promoting entertainment programs. The committee can supply any such group with a reserve and of more than \$400, earned from previous productions, with a set of flats waiting in the Post Theater for any one to use them and with the script of a musical comedy, *Signals Mixed*, a fantastic funfest about Arlington Hall which was written for production last summer and never used. The only thing which kept the dramatic organization from becoming a notable one in these parts, Miss Lavington said, was the epidemic of discharges which hit the Post after VJ day. However, it can be reorganized whenever a sufficiently ambitious group are interested.

## FRIEDMAN

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in 1918. At that time he was sent to France to work in the Radio Intelligence Section of the General Staff. He was demobilized in 1919 and returned to the Office of the Chief Signal Officer in a civilian capacity in 1921. The following year he was commissioned a Signal Reserve captain and called to active duty in 1940 as a lieutenant colonel.

After a medical discharge in 1941, he was engaged for a year in making the studies and writing the texts which became the basis for SSA, and in 1942 he became this organization's Director of Communications Research.

## PX Committee Formed for EM and EW at AHS and VHF

A new Post Exchange committee has been formed among enlisted men and women at Arlington Hall Station and Vint Hill Farms in accordance with an order from Col Frier.

Chairman is 1st Sgt Frank S. Horwath, AHS. 1st Sgt Lawrence T. Greenwalt, VHF, is assistant chairman, and other committee members are Tec 3 Margaret Jordan, AHS, secretary, S Sgt Harry Chuback, VHF, Sgt Dorothy Zustin, VHF, and Tec 5 James C. Burritt.

The committee will meet during the last week in March to discuss matters arising from the change of management at the PX.

All enlisted personnel who have suggestions for better service or who are dissatisfied with the present system are invited to call on Sgt Horwath and give their gripes and opinions.

Sgt Horwath and Mr David W. Miller, the new general manager, have arranged and organized sales of scarce items to military personnel only. "It is requested that EM do not abuse these privileges by purchasing scarce items for non-military

## Form 57 and All That

By Filler Ian

It seems those typing and stenographic examinations are due any time now. They will be adequate, bulletin-boarded, with plenty of time to get applications in, and it will be the responsibility of the individual employee to see that the Civil Service commission has an application on the prescribed date.

The announcements on the bulletin board should be studied carefully too, Lelia Blocker, Civil Service representative at Arlington Hall, said, for a list of the forms to be submitted. Mrs Blocker has a supply of these forms and will hand them out on request.

Since the examinations will be held in Government offices, Government typewriters will be available this time, and it will not be necessary, at least in the Washington area, to rent a typewriter as was formerly done.

It is quite possible that war service of at least a year will be counted as probationary service. Those who have been on war service appointments for less than a year may have this time counted as part of the year's probationary period which must be served to attain permanent status.

In this column of 8 March it was stated that an employee might determine whether he was a war service or a Schedule A appointee by looking it up on his original appointment sheet (Form WD-50). This is true with one exception. Some persons originally appointed under Schedule A have since been transferred to war service appointments. These, however, should have a subsequent WD-50 taking note of the change. Anyone who does not have these forms in his possession can verify his status by having a qualified person refer to his 201 file.

## CAFETERIA

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business on only five days, he explained, the introduction of non-wheat bread twice a week will cut wheat-flour consumption nearly two-fifths.

Other food-saving practices recommended by the committee have long been standard practice at the cafeteria. Excess bread is always crumbed and saved for dressing, stuffing and bread pudding. Fats are clarified and re-used as often as possible and then sold as salvage. Bread purchased from outside bakeries is kept under proper refrigeration so that it can be used on more than one day.

personnel who work on the Post," Sgt Horwath said. "This practice prevents others from getting items for their wives, girl friends and members of their immediate families, who should have priority."

## DANCE

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kind the club has been getting from the time of the first Saturday dance. At the last one, 9 March, more officers and their guests than ever before discovered the club's advantages as a place to spend a delightful Saturday evening.

At a meeting last Wednesday, club members voted to amend their consti-



Miss Palmer

Photo by Lab Branch

tution, extending membership to two groups not heretofore eligible.

Officers who retain a reserve commission and civilians employed by this agency who were formerly commissioned officers or warrant officers here may retain their membership or have it reinstated.

Honorably discharged commissioned officers or warrant officers who were not previously eligible to join the club may do so now if they are employed at AHS in a civilian capacity.

## CORRECTION

Daily Lenten masses will be held at St Thomas More church at 6:30, 7:15 and 8:30 in the morning, not in the evening as was stated in the Hall Herald of 15 March.

## BULLETIN BOARD

For Sale:  
Solar-Photographic enlarger 24"x34". Freewheel model. Also Remington semi-automatic shotgun, 12 gauge. Call GI-4823 or ext-353.  
One Hollywood bed, new \$25. Two small tables \$2 each. One dressing table and bench, \$10. Call Howard Ebbels on ext-395.

Wanted:  
Washing machine, any size, any make, in repairable condition. Call Lt. Wray on ext-306.  
Do you have a furnished apartment or house that you would like to sublet for the months of April, May and June? If so, call Polly Wolf on ext-421.

Also Wanted:  
To send from Arlington Hall apt 2107 S st, NW. Lucile Kenny. De-1674.