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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that the hard effort in preparing "PROP WASH" on monthly schedules is appreciated by readers.

During August all departments continued under high pressure on allotted tasks. A large group of the company have been away part of the month on excursions and have returned to harness in better shape than ever.

Aero Service is referred to by serious outsiders who visit us at times as a "young company of young people," and this impression of youthful vigor and action certainly goes well with me, I hope that we can continue forever with that youthful state, even though our bones grow older!

It does all of us good to hear that Stinchfield of Portland, Ore. has his eye on a 40-pound salmon seen on his mapping flights; that the magnetometer men in Canada have had a bit of time for fishing; that about half the company at home relieves its excess energy at noon-hour and on occasional evenings with intercompany baseball. Doug. Harris in Billingham, Washington, who is the most travelled man in the company, voices the usual seasonal complaint that his good wife is again overhauling the trailer with canned goods which she has picked up from deluxe crops from the section in which he is working!

While we consider ourselves a youthful company, many of us know our oldest employee in good form; most active fettle is 78 years young!

UP IN THE AIR?

News from our pilots and photographers show a wide territory covered: Harris and Decker who are in Idaho have moved to Billingham, Wash.; Stinchfield and Moore from Wyoming to Portland, Ore.; Miller and Turner from Charleston, S. C. to Minnesota; Jones and Quinn are in Fitchburg, Mass.; Woolnough and Slack in Philadelphia. Canadian crews of Gledhill, Dalin, Scott and Irwin expect to return here this next week. Leamon, Gillespie, Clews and Gledhill are in Nassau and Mullen and Crause who were in Canada have now been assigned to Illinois and Kentucky.

HERE AND THERE

"It hit the line." "No it didn't!" "It did!" "It did not!" Yells heard from the shop during a ball game each day as the boys battle it out with coach Charlie. John never did find a rule, so the arguments continue. (Charlie plays the game from the sidelines). Aside from sports the company is putting out some fine work. It's a profile of the company isn't it, Bill and Herb?

SPORTS

The feature of the month in the Softball League was the rise of the Magnetometer team. The early season games gave no indication that the gamma boys could really settle down and plot a smooth profile on the diamond. The pips have all been in the right places.

Drafting is still setting the pace, with the lead that is safer than what the Dodgers have but not so good as the Yankees. Magnetometer and Aero are that close for the next spot, while Graphite looks more like the Phillies every day — it's a good team on paper, but they can't win games.

Being a year older and a year wiser probably is the reason for the improved reaction to the umpiring. The arguments are fewer, shorter, and less heated, which makes for a little more fun for everybody out there.

Leading the pitchers this year is Hackett with 13 wins, 4 losses; Johnny Jewell has 10 against 10, Scheliga 8 against 6, and Haug 8 wins, 3 defeats.

Miller, Bertram, Kennedy, and Fee are the top hitters on each team.

The Nine Old Men tried again, and once again learned that "know-how" isn't quite as good as "can-do". The Youngsters loved VK's pitching and most everybody aided and abetted by misjudging flies, sitting on grounders and failing to hit when needed.

Mr. Kauffman pitched the first game which ended on a score of 14-2. Convinced that there was something wrong, a second game was played, with Matt Gaynor pitching. The old men looked good until the last inning when Gaynor had to leave the box due to injury, and the youngsters scored enough runs to win 7-4. There was one red face when the guy who never struck out in his life went down swinging twice.

Today's Brain Twister: One of our ball players rounded third, turned on the steam and slid over the plate before being tagged. "You're Safe!" yelled the ump. "You're Out" yelled the spectators. Both were right! Puzzled? He was embarrassed.

The Better Philadelphia Exhibition opens September 8 on the fifth floor at Gimbel's. This exhibit, prepared at a cost of \$300,000, was designed to demonstrate the program of public improvements planned for the city in the next six years. Just in case you didn't know, Aero Service prepared the mosaic.

The 1947-48 bowling season is about ready to start. The league consisting of eight teams will meet Thursday evenings at 6:30 P. M. on the Grange Club, Broad Street above Olney Avenue. Visit us Thursday and listen to that always familiar cry, "That was a good hit too." Join the crowd. You'll have to be a bowler to get in on the fun.

The league this year is apparently a lot stronger than in previous years. There will be a lot of new faces among the bowlers this year. The Magnetometer team, an entirely new group of fellows with the exception of "Long" Tom O'Malley will bear watching. They modestly admit they expect to cause trouble among the "Hot Shot" teams of our league. This will course remain to be seen. Good luck fellows.

The starting date will be the 11th or 18th of September. A notice will come out a little later regarding this date. The officers extend an invitation to one and all to be with us opening night any Thursday thereafter to root for your favorite team. Come out and cheer them on to better things. It doesn't cost you anything to holler. We will be looking for you. Thank you.

J. Jewell - President
H. Lee - Vice President
B. Hoffman - Secretary
F. Yates - Treasurer

FIELD SURVEYS

It is noted in the survey stock room, since Eldridge returned from West Virginia, that several tripods have one short leg. Further observation reveals that Wes leans a little to leeward too. Doubt due to the hill down there.

Joe White had the doubtful distinction of being the tallest man in Booneville, Indiana during his recent job there and became a landmark for the inhabitants. He claimed it cramped his style.

Mr. Gardiner says he can still outwalk anyone in the Survey Department and some of the fellows are already conceded. But no one can move as fast as a field man on the day he cleans up a job.

The field men are hoping a big job to break them in. After so many small jobs, the fellows need to be introduced to each other. A big job would make a grand reunion, and besides one gets tired of drinking beer alone and telling the tall tales to the same rodman all the time. He soon gets wise to them.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Johnny Korman, who has recently returned from successfully operating our Photo Lab in Venezuela, has been appointed Department Head of our main laboratory upon the resignation of Ed Broadwell, effective August 15. Harry Franke has been appointed Assistant Department Head as of the same date. Johnny and Harry have both been with us for over 11 years, and we are certain that this background will enable them to successfully perform their new assignment.

Happy days and best wishes to Louis B. Harrison who will be married on September 1 to Geraldine Garber of Mahanoy City, Pa.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Walter McFadden, both former employees at Aero, married in Maine on July 23, 1947. Doris will be missed by many, some of whom have known her since May 1943 when she started work here. Walt was one of our former pilots. Happy landing to them both.

Newest bridegroom in the Photo Lab is Bernard Wendell, married to Navy Nurse Dolores J. Smith on June 21, 1947. She's a lovely girl, Bernard.

Nassau was the scene of a lovely wedding when Robert L. Pate of the Electronics Division married his bride from the States. Our overseas contingent joined in the celebration.

ENGINEERING

Twenty-three of the fellows went deep sea fishing recently, and all had a swell time except about seven — but let's not bring the matter up again. Jim Stach had the largest catch with twenty-four and was walking away with the prize for the biggest fish when the porgie coughed up a lead sinker, so Bill Sebastian won with a three pound black bass.

Hackett, Rihl, Rieber, Stach, Koch and Hess are forming a Wildwood Chamber of Commerce with the idea of having Aero move down there each summer.

Helen Sites returned from her vacation in Chicago, where hubby works, with deeds, mortgages, and plans for that dream house which will have everything, including two baths. Sounds like John's other wife's other John.

Rooney, Guiles, Yates and Bowman are among those who may be after Judge McDevitt's ear, having received notes from their everloving landlords.

Most every day Hannah Smith and Eleanor Lentz return from lunch with lots of flowers. Do they eat in the cemetery?

Jean Adcock is having figure trouble now that she has moved to the country with its fresh air and a resulting huge appetite.

Betty Kelly is becoming more proficient each day in maneuvering Lizzie to and from the office.

CONGRATULATIONS

Added to Aero's humming beehive and with best wishes to the fond parents are the following arrivals this spring:

Mr. and Mrs. Eion Dando, a girl, Patricia.
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jensen, a boy, Peter.
Mr. and Mrs. Sharon Scott, a boy, Johnny David.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Malley, a girl, Maureen.
Mr. and Mrs. John J. Kilroy, a boy, John Dennis.
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert P. Lee, a boy, Michael John.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Fee, a girl, Nora Jean.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wills, a boy, James.
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Crouthamel, a boy Carl, 3rd.