



GOLD SERVICE EMBLEMS AWARDED AT AERO DINNER



AERO's oldest employees and their wives gathered at the Warwick Hotel on Monday evening, March 29, for a special dinner held in their honor by the Company. AERO's President, Virgil Kauffman, and Mrs. Kauffman were host to 35 guests. All the men attending had completed at least 10 years service with AERO as of January 1, 1948; Bob Plum who joined AERO in 1929, had the most years to his credit.

Those attending the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crause, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Franke, Thomas Hassett and Miss Betty Oswald, Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Hodell, Mr. and Mrs. John Korman, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ludwig, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Masino, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Malley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Plum, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rieber, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rihl, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Roser, Mr. and Mrs. Sharon Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Slack, and J. Dean Turner.

After a congenial cocktail, they dined on Supreme of Fresh Fruit Florida, Chicken Saute Sidoli with White Wine and Mushroom Sauce, Potatoes Parisienne and Peas, Chef's Salad, French Pastry and Demi Tasse.

Dinner was followed by presentation of the AERO Gold Service Emblems to all men present. In a brief speech, Mr. Kauffman paid tribute to the loyalty and very real contributions made by these veteran employees in AERO's growth and success. He recalled the Company's early days, its growth, and the energy and enthusiasm which went into AERO's progress. Then, he presented the first Service Emblem to Charles Plum, the oldest employee of the Company.

Mr. Plum responded for himself and the others at the dinner, saying that this occasion meant much to him. He spoke of his pride in AERO's work and his interest in the Company's success.

J. Dean Turner rose then as the veteran of the flying personnel to say that he had worked for AERO and Mr. Kauffman for nearly 20 years. "I won't say it has all been pleasant, because it hasn't, but it has been interesting," said Dean. "I liked it."

Irrepressible Gordon Roser was on his feet next to add that the only place he had been longer than at AERO was Lower Merion High School.



Harvey Randolph, speaking again in a serious vein, recalled some of the group's earlier days at AERO and predicted greater progress for the Company in the years ahead.

Mr. Kauffman closed the dinner with the announcement that the curtain would soon go up on the world premiere performance of "Inside U.S.A.," inviting the party to the Shubert Theater. A few minutes later, AERO's veteran group was part of the huge first-night audience which chuckled over Beatrice Lillie's and Jack Haley's antics, hummed the show's hit tunes, and enjoyed the performance of a top-notch musical comedy.

It was a matter of regret to everyone that unavoidable circumstances made it impossible for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore and Mrs. J. Dean Turner to be present at the dinner and theater party.

Sterling Silver Service Emblems were presented to all employees with five to nine years service as of January 1, 1948. The emblems, along with a letter from Mr. Kauffman, were given to the individual employees by Plant Manager Robert H. Smith on March 30. In part, Mr. Kauffman's letter to these AERO veterans said:

"The growth of any company is the sum of the individual efforts of all the men working for that company . . . In recognition of your loyal and able service . . . I am pleased to present you with the enclosed AERO Service Emblem. When you reach your tenth anniversary, you will receive a gold emblem at a special meeting held annually in honor of the men qualifying for this award. I hope you will accept this emblem as a symbol of AERO's appreciation of your contribution to our development . . ."

Personnel Receiving Silver
AERO Service Emblems

Charles C. Anthony	.....	1941
William J. Benz	.....	1941
Charles L. Brown	.....	1939
Edward C. Brown	.....	1942
Edwin M. Canfield	.....	1940
William G. Couch	.....	1941
Carl M. Crouthamel	.....	1940
George F. Decker	.....	1941
Edmund P. Dupuy	.....	1941
George W. Gause	.....	1941
Matthew J. Gaynor	.....	1941
Hariette S. Gerold	.....	1941
Charles G. Gilman	.....	1942
Harold S. Guiles	.....	1941
Seymour S. Hackett	.....	1941
Douglas H. Harris	.....	1942
Louis B. Harrison	.....	1938
William E. Herr	.....	1942
George L. Hess	.....	1941
Mildred Holmes	.....	1942
Angelina M. Jewell	.....	1941
John F. Jewell	.....	1938
Joseph G. Kelley	.....	1941
John J. Kilroy	.....	1941
Thomas Kirk	.....	1940
J.F. Gordon Kitching	.....	1941
Ernest M. Koch	.....	1942
Herbert P. Lee	.....	1941
Durbin MacIntosh	.....	1938
J. Woodrow Malot	.....	1941
Walter K. McCullough	.....	1942
Harold G. Nilson	.....	1942
Charles O. Quinn	.....	1938
Harry J. Reinmiller	.....	1942
Everett M. Rhodes	.....	1941
Eric M. Rondum	.....	1939
Edward A. Schuch	.....	1938
Bruno E. Sciambi	.....	1940
Robert S. Scott	.....	1941
Anna F. Smith	.....	1942
Robert H. Smith	.....	1940
James Stach	.....	1942
Harry L. Stevens	.....	1941
E. Eric Storms	.....	1938
John C. Templin	.....	1942
Arthur R. Thomae	.....	1941
Don C. Wilson	.....	1940
Gustave W. Winters	.....	1942
George S. Wyllie	.....	1941
Franklin Yates	.....	1941



AN ORPHANED CHILD . . .
who'll find loving care at the Ivy House on Lansdowne Avenue.



A STRANDED GIRL . . .
without family, friends or resources, who'll find shelter, food and friendly aid at the Emergency Lodge.



A PRISONER IN DESPAIR . . .
who'll find sponsorship and encouragement and spiritual aid through the Army's Prison Department.



A BEWILDERED BOY . . .
who'll find wholesome fun and helpful training at one of the Army's six centers for recreation and fellowship.



AN UNWED MOTHER . . .
who'll have the finest of medical care and the kindest of Christian charity at the Home and Hospital on Lansdowne Avenue.



A WOUNDED VETERAN . . .
whose long, bed-ridden hours will be brightened by the cakes and coffee, by the little gifts and big friendliness the Army brings him.



A SLUM YOUNGSTER . . .
who'll enjoy a healthy and carefree vacation at the Army's summer camp at Upland, Pa.



A LONELY OLD MAN . . .
who'll find food and lodging and companionship at the Men's Hotel on Parrish Street.



THE DESTITUTE OF OTHER LANDS
who so sorely need the food and clothing they'll receive through the Salvation Army's world-wide organization.

SALVATION ARMY APPEALS FOR AID

Above we show some of the good things your dollars given to the Salvation Army can accomplish. This great charitable organization, which operates without frills

or fanfare, asks now for your contribution to its work. AERO is responding generously, and if you have not already chipped in and want to do so — Roy Huntsman or Ruth Ross will be glad to accept whatever you want to give. See them today.

AERO TO MAP MORE TURNPIKE

Gannett, Fleming, Corddry and Carpenter, engineers for the Turnpike, have awarded a new contract to AERO for the aerial mapping of a westward extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, from a point near Irwin, Pa., to the Ohio-Pennsy state line. Approximately 70 miles are to be mapped, and flying by the Harris-Decker duo has already started.

BARBARA JEAN LUCAS BORN

Bill Lucas passed out the Havanas happily on April 17, for Barbara Jean Lucas was born that day. Seven pounds, 10 ounces, and doing fine. So's Mrs. Lucas.

AERO's excellent performance of the contract for the eastern extension played its part in this new contract. A check of our delivered maps by the contractor shows a minimum percentage of error, and they have praised AERO's work highly.

And Bill? Someone asked him how he was, and he just keeled over and went to sleep on the desk.

TEMPLIN-ADCOCK BETROTHAL ANNOUNCED

Jack Templin of Magnetometer Division and Jean Adcock of Engineering announced their engagement this month. Wedding bells are planned for sometime in October. Their many friends at AERO offer congratulations and all good wishes.

"TURNPIKE" HESS HAPPY

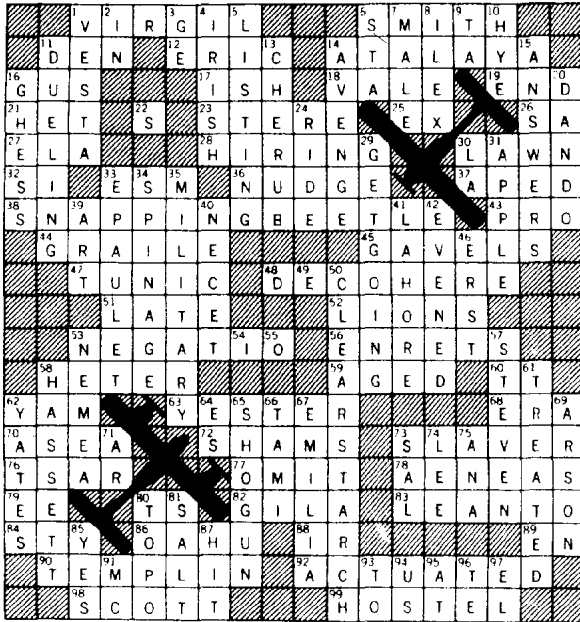
Rumors that George Hess committed suicide while awaiting the outcome of the Turnpike job were slightly exaggerated — the price of gunpowder has gone up and George just couldn't see paying the fare.

RED CROSS CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions from AERO employees to the Red Cross here amounted to \$87.75 this year. The Company contributed \$100 to the campaign.

NO MORE WHISKERS

The secretaries of AERO were invited to see a movie recently entitled "Take the Whiskers Off Your Letters" which was interesting and informative. Two points harped on were "RELAX" and "BE NATURAL". No, ladies, this doesn't mean to let your hair down and give the boss a piece of your mind when he warms up to a letter five minutes before quitting time.



CROSSWORD SOLUTION GIVEN

Stan Town, originator of the brain-racking crossword which appeared in the March PROP WASH, has produced the solution to the puzzle. Said puzzle won him four bets from eager individuals who thought they could deliver the answers fast. If your solution doesn't agree with Brother Town, see the chaplain in the PROP WASH office.

SANDRA LEE HACKETT ARRIVES

"Pappy" Hackett is now doubly deserving of his title. There has been a new addition to the Hackett family, another little girl. Born: March 27 Weight: Over 9 pounds.

There seems to be a liking for the initials S. L., for to Susan Lynn they now add Sandra Lee.

SMITH, JENSEN TRADE OFFICES

Bob Smith and Homer Jensen swapped offices last week. Renee Roser and Ellen Bee also exchanged desks. A few production charts still hang in the office formerly occupied by Bob, and some of the magnetometer maps still decorate their old office walls, but otherwise the switch is complete.

The move was made to give Bob Smith's operations needed room. Harold Nilson now shares space in the adjacent office, where he is to handle certain detail work for Mr. Smith. His functions will include review of specifications and estimate sheets for completeness and map coverage, summarizing progress reports and cost reports, follow-through on various records and details.

PROP WASH still hangs its fedora in the same office, so come round if you have any news.

FIELD SURVEY MOVING FAST

'Tis Spring - and Field Survey crews are on the move again ... Control for Connecticut Highway Department having been completed in less than two weeks, Dupuy, Malot, Gleason, Diehl, White and Sneddeker left early in April for Cleveland. There they rapidly completed control for all available photography, so Dupuy, Sneddeker and White moved on to Minnesota. Eldridge and Shinaman remain in Philadelphia.

MAINE MAGNETOMETER JOB DONE

In co-operation with the Geology Dept. of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, AERO has just completed a magnetometer survey in certain areas of Maine to determine the usefulness of the instrument in locating asbestos deposits. The flying team, who pushed the job through in a very few days' time, was made up of Joe Mullen, Paul Crause and Bob Pate.

CURTIS BACK ON JOB

Foster Curtis of Field Survey is back on the job again after a double siege of mumps and malaria. His AERO friends welcome him back.

PROP WASH NOW BI-WEEKLY

Beginning with this issue, PROP WASH will appear twice a month. The new schedule is being tried out as an experiment to enable your paper to report news more currently and give better coverage to AERO events.

If PROP WASH'S reporters turn in sufficient copy - if our readers like the new timing, it will be continued. We'll see. Meanwhile, if you have any news - we can certainly use it.

IT'S "NOURATHAR"

Don MacKay, in endeavoring to sell color photography, was forced to buy a book written by a prospective client entitled NOURATHAR. He has been going around in circles trying to figure out such passages as:

"Lack of all visibility is an essential to the color involved within which your light message is about to be made. The aura, the nimbus of its glory can then light clearly felt athwart the black".

Any interpretations will be gratefully received.

BOWLING

As the bowling season at Aero goes into its last few weeks, everyone is trying just a little harder to get a part of the prize money. George Eckhardt put his heart and soul into the game on March 22 and came up with a 225, 198, and 166 for a whopping total of 589. Art Dupuy and George Hamilton had the weekly prize money cornered for a while, but now they will have to move over for George Eckhardt.

Charley Gilman's team, the "A's", continues on its toboggan into the basement. If they are not careful, someone will shut the door on them one of these days.

Sal Mestichelli's "Indians" still lead the league and look strong, but one poor night can change the complexion of the league for them.

Here are the standings of the teams as of March 22. They are all fairly close together, and it wouldn't take much to upset the applecart.

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
1. Indians	32	16
2. Senators	28	20
3. White Sox	26	22
4. Browns	26	22
5. Red Sox	24	24
6. Tigers	21	27
7. Yankees	21	27
8. A's	15	33

By way of a sideline, we couldn't help but notice some of the characteristics of the various bowlers and jotted them down so that you could watch for them and properly ridicule the practitioner of the various fakes. Bowlers seem to be divided into groups. There are the fiery ones who figure every strike is right — fully deserved when they get it, but a small sort of a miracle when someone else gets one. Then there are the hobblers. They hobble back to the bench after a lousy delivery as though the ball bumped their knee in the course of its delivery. Or, sometimes they clutch their thumb and grimace as though the ball had somehow stuck and practically disjointed their thumb from their hands. The fellow with the higher average generally resorts to the latter dodge. A little uncommon is a mild combination of both limping and the clutching grimace.

The pin boys get their burden of the blame from the chronic griper. Either the pin boy is too fast or too slow or too young or too something. This sort of gripe is never taken too seriously by anyone except the one who makes it.

Then there are the ones who after a poor showing will look quite closely and intently at the runway to the alley, as though they had fallen into a hole as they ran forward with the ball. This group is generally complaining, "I slipped with one foot and stuck with the other. Must be something on the alleys."

BASEBALL

With the arrival of spring and a little coaxing, some of the fellows get together and said, "I will, if you will." So they did. That started the ball rolling and now Aero boasts three baseball teams.

Magnetometer boasts the following players:

Al Brown, Walthes, Roback, Miller, O'Malley, Joseph, Webster, Navazio, and McGuirk

Brock shook the branches and brought down some real cocoanuts among the following players:

Storms, Lee, Haug, Eckhardt Sebastian, Kilroy, Hassett, Hamilton, Hackett, Caynor, Rooney, Stach, Benz, Yates, Gresko, Albee, and Gauze.

Aero had a face lifting and some shining new faces now glimmer on the diamond:

Dick Brown, Kasperzack, Kennedy, Joe Delahanty, Jablonski, Vollmer, McFadden, Wendell, Plum, Reinmiller, Jerry Delahanty, Winton, Rachuba, and Jewell.

Regularly scheduled games will start the first week in May. Bring your lunch and cheer your favorite team.

HALL LEAVING FOR ALASKA

Ed Hall, geologist and point-picker extraordinary of the Magnetometer Division, will leave AERO late this month to prospect for gold in Alaska. He will go by boat to Sitka, then on from there by burro to certain regions which he considers promising gold country. He expects to spend about four months there before Alaskan weather drives him out.

AERO wishes him all luck in striking pay dirt. If next Christmas' PROP WASH is gilt-edged, you'll know that Gold-dust Hall came back to town with the cookies.

HODELL COPS COOKIES

Charlie Hodell was billed as the speaker at a recent meeting of the City Business Club in downtown Philadelphia. Before the meeting got under way, the head of the organization announced, "Mr. Hodell, we give a door prize at each meeting, and we have a little custom of asking our guest speaker to draw the lucky number for us. Will you see who the winner is today?" Charlie said, shucks, yes, he'd be glad to help out, and then reached in a drew a number. He was a little red-faced when it proved to be his own number. Anyway, they gave him the tie.

He's doing a little better by himself these days, as his last try at this trick was pulling Walter McCullough's and Marie Lump's name for prizes at the opening of the Relief Model Plant about two years ago. McCullough and Marie were in charge of purchasing the prizes.

LEHANTY - McELVANEY WEDDING PLANS

The wedding of Joe Delehanty and Miss Helen McElvaney of Philadelphia is scheduled for June. It will take place on Saturday, June 19, at 10 o'clock Mass at St. Hugh's Church, Mascher and Tioga Streets, Philadelphia.

"THIS WON'T HURT A BIT"

Bill Lebens once more can give out with that Ipana smile, now that those trips to the dentist are over. Molar power to you, Bill. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Ouchi)



SPRING FEVER OVERCOMES ACCOUNTING

The March 15 deadline has come and gone in Accounting Department, and Spring has busted out all over. PROP WASH's faithful reporter there dreamily writes of the "gay colors of new bonnets and the feel of green grass underfoot." Then adds, "Ho hum - never a season just like Spring."

MORE STRIPES FOR AERO RESERVISTS

AERO reservists in the 990th Engineer Battalion have received recognition for the photomapping skills which they bring to this unit. T/Sgt. Herb Lee moved up to the rank of Master Sergeant recently; T/Sgt. Frank Acker has been promoted to 1st. Sergeant; Pfc. Walter Lauer and Pvt. Ray Kennedy have been promoted to T/5s. AERO having made photographs of a local area available, the Battalion is now able to speed up its technical training.

SNOW JOBS

A few weeks ago, on Tom Kirk's last trip to Raleigh, N.C., he wrote Charlie Hodell that the southern city was experiencing the worst snow storm in its history and everything was tied up. Last week Kirk was in Maine and New Hampshire, and it seems these two states were ploughing thru the most severe snow storm in their history. Every time Dando phones Hodell from Minnesota the state is buried in snow.

Hodell wants to know just how long the boys think they can go along with the snow story, and just what gag they are going to use in July.

RELIEF MODEL CONTRACT RECEIVED

AERO's Relief Model Department has been awarded a contract recently by the U.S. Army to produce over 400 super-sonic relief models and glass plotting maps. The Models are to be four by six feet in size. Things will be humming on Luray Street for the rest of the year.

PROP WASH THANKS

PROP WASH is indebted to these busy people for their contributions to this issue: Kay Ferguson, Harry Franko, Roy Huntsman, Walt Jablonski, Johnny Jewell, Marie Lump, Burt McClain, Renee Roser, Ruth Ross, Stan Town, and Frank Yates.

PBY AND DC-3 WORK COMPLETED

Bob Scott's men put in a very busy month in April, getting the PBY in tip-top shape for a special assignment for one of the units of the Gulf Oil Company. There were some long hours and some very intensive plugging to do the job, but it was done and done well. The Magnetometer Division's Electronics Section likewise pitched in and put in shape the ship's electronics equipment.

Pushing along almost at the same time was Scotty's readying of the DC-3 for exhibition at the Denver meetings this month for the geologists and geophysicists of the oil industry. The big plane sparkled inside and out like a bright new penny when it took off on April 24. Dick Leamon was pilot, and Joe Mullen co-pilot. Homer Jensen, E.F. Peterson, Tom O'Malley, Frank Morgan, and George Hess went to Denver with the plane for the meeting.

THOMAS JOHN DAVISH BORN

Thomas John Davish, first child of Tom and Josephine Davish, was born April 9. Young Tom weighed in at 9 pounds, 7 ounces. Mrs. Davish is fine, and Tom's proud grin tells you how he feels.

Weight 8 Pounds and 7 Ounces Eyes 2 Blue	STORK THEATRE CRIBSIDE SEAT 4538 Rising Sun Ave. Philadelphia 40, Pa.	Evelyn and Ed Vollmer present "IT'S A GIRL" starring Deborah Ann TUESDAY, March 16, 1948 - 1:46 A.M. Directed by DR. LEO ALLEN
ADMITS 2	The Management reserves the right to cancel personal appearance if star is asleep.	