



Highlights of the Week's News

President Truman has authorized resumption of voluntary enlistments, stating that we need the draft to supply men for occupational troops. He has asked that men 18-25 be inducted for a period of two years, and has announced that these troops will be needed by occupational forces:

270,000 men for the occupation of Europe;

830,000 men for the occupation of Japan;

115,000 men for Alaska, Caribbean and nearby islands;

1,185,000 men for this country.

Approximately 13,500 days and nights after Pearl Harbor, American troops began swarming ashore in Japan. General MacArthur arrived with 675,000 airborne troops. At 9 a. m. tomorrow morning the Articles of Surrender will be signed on the U. S. S. Missouri. Admiral Nimitz will take over Yokosuka. Americans have already taken possession of three island forts in Tokyo Bay. Residents of Tokyo must remain indoors. Japs thus far seem friendly.

The names of Rudolph Hess and Herman Goering head the list of war criminals as published Wednesday. It is not expected that confessions will flow freely, but rather that these war criminals must be convicted on carefully prepared evidence. The trial will take place in October . . . the first time that an international court of justice will be asked to try war criminals.

Labor Day Holiday

M. A. C. will close on Labor Day, September 3. It is not expected that any employee will work on Labor Day except those needed for maintenance and protection of the property. Employees required to work will be so notified by their supervisors.

Letter To McDonnellites From General H. H. Arnold

On the occasion of V-J Day, and with V-E Day still fresh in our memories, it is with happiness, pride and sincere gratitude that I salute you and the employees of McDonnell Aircraft Corporation in your plant in St. Louis, Missouri, for your splendid cooperation in making it possible for the Army Air Forces to get the . . . Aircraft which played such an important part in the destruction of our enemies' war machines and the hastening of victory.

We, and every United Nation citizen, are indebted to you for your outstanding service in the arming of America and the crushing defeat of the enemies of democracy.

To those of you who will move with developments into the production of peacetime goods, I say you have served and served magnificently. To those of you who will remain in the aircraft industry, I say the same, and make the added request that you continue your excellent cooperation.

The best of luck to every one of you and hearty thanks of your Army Air Forces.

Sincerely,

H. H. ARNOLD,

Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

New Working-Hour Schedule for Factory Personnel Announced

Beginning last Tuesday, personnel in manufacturing areas other than those located at Curtiss-Wright plant, went on a new working schedule of five 8-hour days per week (40 hrs.). The schedule is as follows:

Method of Applying for Tires Explained

Since V-J Day the War Rationing Board has discontinued its services to War Plant personnel. For two years it has serviced the War Plant industries in the issuance of gasoline and tires.

The manner of handling tire applications has changed somewhat since the end of the war. Applications are still filed with the transportation committee, however, who verifies the last mileage issued on B or C books. From there the applications are mailed to your respective boards; either city, county or out-of-town boards, according to the community of the applicant. The length of time the applicant will have to wait is determined solely by the board and not by the company.

Tire certificates will be mailed either to your department or home.

1st Shift
Start 8:00 a.m.
Smoking period.....9:55 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
Lunch period.....12:00 Noon-12:30 p.m.
Smoking period.....2:25 p.m.-2:35 p.m.
Quit 4:30 p.m.

2nd Shift
Start 4:45 p.m.
Smoking period.....6:40 p.m.-6:50 p.m.
Lunch period.....8:45 p.m.-9:15 p.m.
Smoking period.....11:10 p.m.-11:20 p.m.
Quit 1:15 a.m.

All M. A. C. employees at Bldg. 17A (Curtiss-Wright plant) will continue on current hours of work on a basic schedule of five 8-hour days per week (40 hrs.), as follows:

Office Personnel
Start 7:30 a.m.
Smoking period.....9:25 a.m.-9:35 a.m.
Lunch period.....11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
Smoking period.....1:55 p.m.-2:05 p.m.
Quit 4:00 p.m.

Shop Personnel
Start 7:30 a.m.
Smoking period.....9:25 a.m.-9:35 a.m.
Lunch period.....11:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon
Smoking period.....1:55 p.m.-2:05 p.m.
Quit 4:00 p.m.

As soon as conditions permit, relative to congestion in

M. A. C. Will Occupy 1,208,000 Square Feet of Former Curtiss Plant

By October 1, the majority of M. A. C. departments will begin moving to the former Curtiss-Wright plant at Lambert Field. M. A. C. will occupy a total of 1,208,000 square feet of the buildings vacated by Curtiss-Wright . . . 181,000 square feet of the engineering and office buildings, 672,000 square feet of the main building and 356,000 square feet of the basement building, now known as Building 17A. Our Tooling Division was the first to move, starting Aug. 20. Although the exact schedule for each department's move and the date thereof has not as yet been determined, by October 1 all departments will have been notified.

By moving into this huge plant, M. A. C. will combine under one roof its operations that are now spread across the St. Louis area in 14 separate buildings. The advantages of such a move are numerous: not only will McDonnellites have the opportunity of seeing all phases of production in their relationship to the job as a whole, but close teamwork will be more readily achieved.

All buildings are equipped with fluorescent lighting. A large, air-conditioned cafeteria will operate for all personnel. M. A. C. has also taken over the huge parking lot, which will accommodate all personnel driving to work.

Transportation of personnel to the field may provide a small problem, but the Transportation Section assures us that every effort is being made to find rides for all personnel. In the meantime, all McDonnellites who intend to drive their automobiles to the field are requested to notify the Transportation Section.

cafeateria during lunch, it is planned that the shop hours will be changed to correspond with new hours being established for remainder of operations.

M. A. C. Folks In Focus . . .

Although George Leach was born in England, there's not the slightest peculiarity about him that suggests a Limey. He doesn't even broaden his "a's." He pronounces tomato like every good middlewesterner. Fact is, he can't even remember much about England, other than that he was born in a town of 10,000 named Keighley, right smack in the middle of Yorkshire County.

Although it would no doubt add a tinge of adventure to the story, George did not run away from home and hop a freighter bound for the Statue of Liberty. We admit that would sound pretty sparkling. But George was just an ordinary kid, so he came over safely with his mother and dad by his side. That was back in 1922 when George was 9 years old and a few weeks later the Leaches settled in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Outwardly serious, there's a twinkle in this Asst. Superintendent of Fabrication's eye that suggests that George looks upon life and finds it good. He's got a smile that's almost perpetual. And even when he's giving somebody a helluva bawling out over the phone, you've still got to like him. He does it so well.

Essentially a man of action, not merely of words, a cartoonist might find George a likely subject—playing a huge chess game against the hoary figure of Time, with M. A. C. factories as his board and men and machinery and methods as his pieces.

It's a peculiar thing the way in which George's interest in aviation began. He actually started out to be a commercial artist, studying advertising and commercial art at Bridgeport Junior College. But first thing he knew, he was messing around the hangar at Stratford Airport repairing and servicing planes. One thing leads to another as they inevitably do and it wasn't long before George was working for Sikorsky Aircraft in Stratford. From there he signed up with Major Alexander Serversky on Long Island. Before coming to M.A.C. as Supervisor of Covering Department in Janu-

ary, 1942, he was Fabrication, Sub-Assembly Superintendent at Republic Aviation.

George is a bowler by avocation, and is better than the



George A. Leach

majority of that ilk, having captured the coveted high three championship in the past winter's league. Auto racing also interests him . . . up until '39 he was an active participant in this sport but since that time he's turned spectator. His other hobby is his three junior commandoes, as he calls 'em . . . Norman, 6; Patty, 4; and George, 1 year and 9 months. All cotton tops with big blue eyes, George credits their mother, Irene, with their good looks. The Leaches reside at No. 16-97th Blvd., Ladue.

. . . M. A. C. Bazaar . . .

Lois Hough of Dept. 32, Bldg. 42, has an apartment and wants to share it with another girl. The apartment consists of two rooms and kitchenette and is at 5540 Clemens. If interested call FOrest 6693.

For Rent—5-Room furnished house. Large yard, stoker heat, \$95.00 per month. Near Riverview Circle. Address inquiries to Editor.

For Sale — 2 Story frame house. 6 rooms, stoker. Call HUDSON 1620.

Wanted: To rent a 4 or 5-room house in St. Louis County. O. F. Southers, Dept. 193, Bldg. 12.

Wanted: To swap a box of 20 gauge shotgun shells for box of 12 gauge. J. Dirkes, Dept. 143, Bldg. 47.

Wanted: A four or five-room house to rent or lease, prefers the northwest section of the city. Call David E. Raithel, Dept. 147.

. . . It Seems To Me . . .

McDonnellite Opinions on Questions of the Moment

QUESTION: What feature of your daily newspaper do you miss the most . . . and do you think the radio is doing a good job of covering the news as a substitute for the dailies?

Vern Schmidt, Dept. 144, frankly admits that he's very perturbed about not knowing



Vern Schmidt
Dept. 144

what's going on in the comic strips. "Here they left Terry and the Pirates still fighting the Japanese war. I think Milton Caniff must have planned this strike. He probably couldn't get Hotshot, Terry, and April Kane out of the predicament now that the war has ended, so he took the easiest way out. And then there's Flash Gordon. Gosh, how I miss old Flash and his harem. 'Specially those beautiful blondes. I really don't think the radio is doing a very good job of keeping us informed. In the first place, the commentators talk too fast. You can't keep up with them. And then they're always breaking in with the dumbest commercials."

Rosemary Steltz, Dept. 152, states that the only thing she reads in the newspaper are the headlines and the woman's page. "So these are the only features I really miss. I particularly miss Martha Carr and the other love-lorn columns. I think they're really comical. Radio versus Newspaper? That's a ticklish question, but really, I believe that you can get more out of the newspaper. It soaks in better. Radio devotes too much time to soap operas in the morning, stock market reports in the afternoon, and commercials at night. I prefer getting the news from the paper."



Rosemary Steltz
Dept. 152

When we first asked David Weiss, Dept. 165, to tell us



David Weiss
Dept. 165

what he missed most about the dailies, he replied, "The stock market reports, but of course." But after he found out that he would be quoted in the AIRSCOOP, he changed his mind, thusly: "First of all, I miss the sports news. And next the editorial page. As for the radio, I think it's doing a marvelous job of keeping us abreast of international, national, and local happenings. The only thing is, I never have time to listen to it, so I'm still at a loss to know what's going on." How 'bout turning to page 4, Dave, for a report on the major league standing?

Margaret Shea, Dept. 24, feels this way about it: "I miss the local news most of all. I always like to know what's going on right here in the ole' home town. And I'm awfully worried about Dick Tracy. I'd love to know if they ever caught Breathless. I never liked that woman. I certainly hope she gets what's coming to her. As far as the radio is concerned . . . I think it's doing a terrible job. I have to spend half the night trying to find a 15-minute news broadcast lodged in between "M-a-n-h-a-t-t-a-n Coffee!" "Don't Put Bananas in the Ice Box," and "Dad's Old Fashioned Root Beer!" (in Rhumba time). Nuts!"



Margaret Shea
Dept. 24

In This Issue

The four-colored advertisement inserted in this week's Airscoop appears in the following periodicals:

U. S. News, August 10;
American Aviation, August 15; September Issue of Aviation; October Issue of Skyways.

Going My Way?

Jeanne Kersteine, 727 Leland, University City, Mo., wants a ride to Bldg. 13. Hours: 8:30 to 5:15. Call PA. 0661.

Peter Caleca wants 5 riders. 4721 St. Louis to Dept. 182, Bldg. 13. Hours: 8:00 to 4:30.

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Take-Off Notes

by Scoop, Jr.

Babies and More Babies

Harold Lee, Dept. 202 . . . baby girl, born August 22.
Henry Graham, Dept. 222 . . . baby boy, born August 25.
Nello Farneti, Dept. 210 . . . baby girl, born August 25.
Bob Hankey, Dept. 210 . . . baby girl, born August 14.
Earl Walker, Dept. 210 . . . baby girl, born August 23.
Stephen Parker, grandfather for the sixth time.

Congratulations to Gus Bastianello, Dept. 156, who celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary last Tuesday night.

After three years overseas, Arlene Pipes' husband has returned to the States and is now in St. Louis awaiting discharge. Arlene hails from Dept. 202.

Nick Nicoletti, we hear, cooked dinner for his wife one night this week. It was swell . . . but Nick forgot to peel the vegetables for the stew.



★ In Uniform ★

Coast Guardsman Joseph B. Benskin, (above) Dept. 116 Radioman third class, doubles as mail-carrier aboard a Coast Guard manned Army repair ship while in the Pacific harbor. Benskin, who wears the American, European, and Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbons, served on an Atlantic Coast Guard manned destroyer escort on his last assignment.

Pfc. Robert Gravin, Dept. 181 wrote the Aircscoop from Darmstadt, Germany, where he is serving with the occupational troops. Said Bob, "There aren't too many recreational facilities over here for the occupational troops . . . we manage to go swimming and play ball, however. The German people seem to have changed considerably since the ending of hostilities. They seem to forget that they were ever our enemies."

Morale Boosting is Their Business

Tired? Lonesome? A Stranger in town? No pep, vim, or vinegar? Afraid of losing that waistline? Or maybe you merely crave a new cinch on life . . . want a good time. Well it's all ready and waiting for you, brothers and sisters, at M.A.C.'s Personnel Activities Section, just waiting for you to reach out and grab it, that's all.

Or maybe you don't know exactly what your Personnel Activities Section has to offer? In brief, there's enough planned for McDonnellites to keep them busy having a good time every moment of their leisure.

Take, for example, the case of Susy Doolittle. Susy is a typical case. A stranger in town, she knows no one. A new employee, she hasn't as yet made many friends. But she still wants to get out and do things. So she visits the Activities Section, where Bert Granville, supervisor, and Dottie Moeller, recording secretary, map out for her a good-time table. One night a week, in summertime, Susy goes to the Municipal Opera, thanks to Activities who obtain for her a ticket. Another night, Susy plays shortstop on the women's softball team. She bowls, rides horseback, attends the swimming meets, tennis tournaments, and during lunch hour she gets to see and hear her favorite crooner with a big name band thrown in for good measure. Susy enters the ping pong tournament and becomes an active member of M.A.C.'s archery club.

She likes badminton, too, so she takes a turn in the tournament. She attends M.A.C.'s annual picnic and is made a candidate for Sky Queen. In winter time, Susy still finds plenty to do. She roller and ice skates with M.A.C.'s Skating club, attends the Symphony and American Theatre, bowls at Regina Alleys, sings with the choral club, practices for the company musical. She attends the seasonal dances, dinners and parties, and she goes swimming at the "Y" with a gang from her department.

Not only does Personnel Activities coordinate all of the aforementioned activities, but it also plans other sports such as basketball, baseball, boxing, corkball, dramatic club, golf, horseshoes, model airplane club, rifle club and touch football. When an employee is ill for more than three days, Activities sees to it that he receives flowers. The results of this entire program are plenty, paying off in happy bodies and minds and consequently, increased production.



Why so glum, chum? A stranger in town and also a brand new employee, Susy Doolittle (Juanita Horton) suffers from office pallor. Wishes she had something more to do in her free time . . . but doesn't know where to do it.



Hears about M. A. C.'s Personnel Activities Section. Visits Bert Granville, Recreation Director (Bldg. 49). Learns about badminton tournaments, archery, horseback riding, bowling, ice-skating clubs, and many more. This is for me, thinks she.



Now she's beaming . . . Granville shows her how to hold the basketball. Tells her, too, about calling the P. A. Section for tickets to the opera, American, or most anything. She thinks it's wonderful . . . signs up for everything.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

By Dottie Moeller

Baseball Season Ends

The last game of the season brought McDonnell a tough loss, Wagner trouncing them 9-1! Well, that's all for this year, so the boys have turned in their equipment and uniforms. You players who haven't turned in your uniforms are asked to please do so immediately! Send them to Bert Granville, Bldg. 49.

Sheetmetal Scores Again!

Claude Gibson's Sheetmetalers defeated the Tool Room team in their final game for interdepartmental championship! The score, oh, the score! Nine to three! It would have been a good game if more of the Tool Room men had shown up—you can't win with only seven or eight men, can you? Thus the trophy will again be engraved showing SHEETMETAL as the victors for 1945! Nice going, boys!

Walker-Granville Golf Team Triumphs!

University City Golf Course was the scene last week of the finals of the M.A.C. 1945 team championship tourney. This hotly contested match featured the brilliant golfing of Baird Walker (Bldg. 01) and Bert Granville (Bldg. 49) versus Ellis Blumberg (Bldg. 13) and Neil Ford (Bldg. 4-Curtiss). It was a very close match throughout and resulted in a 1-up victory for the Walker - Granville combine! Granville's approaches were at times erratic but this was offset by Walker's excellent putting and consistent driving. Neil Ford's drives were tremendous and for a time it seemed that this would swing the tide for his team. This closes a most successful season and we're now looking forward to the crowning of the champion of the annual Match Play Handicap Tournament! Good shootin'!

M.A.C. Bowling Leagues Start Rollin'

Last night, August 30, witnessed the inauguration of the 1945-46 season of the M.A.C. League No. 1, at Burton's Alleys. Sixteen teams are competing and it looks as though this will be a most interesting season, with last year's champions, the Penguins, rating the nod as favorites.

League No 2 at Regina Bowling Lanes is reported to have ten teams facing the barrier starting Tuesday, September 4 at 6:45 p. m. This is a newly organized league and much in the line of inter-league competition is expected.

Girls' bowling is just getting under way, so more about that in next week's AIRSCOOP.

Girls' Softball Team Plays Wagner Electric

After a very weak beginning, Walt Whitson's girl's softball team came through as victorious winners of the second half of the Industrial League Season, and are pointing for the championship which will pit McDonnell against Wagner sometime during the week of September 10. The winner of this game will be eligible to play in the finals of the City Championship. Nice going, girls!

Deadline Drama

Scene: Airscoop office

Time: Friday, August 24, immediately after distribution of Airscoop.

(Telephone rings) Voice: "Say whatcha mean, the quail season starts October 10th? Any dope knows it's not until November 10th!"

(Telephone rings) Another Voice: "I want my vacation schedule changed. If the quail season begins October 10th, I'm taking my vacation earlier, that's all there is to it."

(Telephone rings) Still Another Voice: "Is this the Editor of the Airscoop? You're all wet!" (Bang.)

(Telephone rings) Voice: "Say listen here, I'm the game warden for this state and I just want you to know that you're under arrest for cruelty to unorganized quail."

(Telephone rings. Telephone keeps ringing. Editor takes a powder.)

Major League Standings as of Tuesday, August 28

American League

1. Detroit
2. Washington
3. ST. LOUIS BROWNS
4. New York
5. Cleveland
6. Chicago
7. Boston
8. Philadelphia

National League

1. Chicago
2. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS
3. Brooklyn
4. New York
5. Pittsburgh
6. Boston
7. Cincinnati
8. Philadelphia

What's Playing?

(To save McDonnellites the gruesome ordeal of calling places of amusement to find out what's cookin', here is the info.)

AMBASSADOR—"You Came Along," Elizabeth Scott and Robert Cummings.

FOX—"Papa Loves Mama," Leon Errol. "Incendiary Blonde," Betty Hutton.

SHUBERT—"Man From Oklahoma," with Roy Rogers. "Wonder Man," with Danny Kay.

LOEW'S STATE—Short Subjects and News Reel. "Guest Wife," with Claudette Colbert and Don Ameche.

LOEW'S ORPHEUM—"Blonde From Brooklyn," with Lynn Merrick. "Thrill of a Romance," with Van Johnson and Esther Williams.

MISSOURI—"Out of This World," with Eddie Bracken and Veronica Lake.

ST. LOUIS—"A Thousand and One Nights," with Cornell Wilde and Evelyn Keyes. "Affairs of Susan," with Joan Fontaine. "Those Endearing Charms," with Robert Young and Dorothy McGuire.

PARK PLAZA—Crystal Terrace, Dick Scott's Orchestra and "The Hartmans," World Famous Dance Satirists.

CHASE—Merry-Go-Round at Cocktail time, Joe Schirmer's Trio. Starlight Roof, starting Friday, Benny Strong's Orchestra. Dean Murphy (Mimic) and three Ambassadors. Zodiac Cocktail Lounge, Sammy White Singing Comedy; Bobby Swain's Orchestra. Starting Monday, September 3, Don Marlowe.

Baseball Softball Sluggers



Top photo: Part of M.A.C.'s baseball squad, l. to r.: Whitson, Grossi, Ohnimus, Watkins. (In front): Roderique. Bottom photo, left: (l. to r.) Harris, Whitson and McFarland. Bottom photo, Seven stars of the winning Sheetmetal Softball team, l. to r.: front row: Whitson, Gibson, Newberry. Back row: Louis, Hauck, Lauer and O'Keefe.

