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## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY MONTH AT M.A.C.



From the passenger cabin of the Navy's Beechcraft piloted by Lt. Commander William Danbury, Bureau of Aeronautics representative, F. Dale Smith, chief of MAC photo laboratory, took this unusual picture of the 1,200,000 square foot sprawling plant of McDonnell. This is the home of the famed Phantom now in production for the U. S. Navy. Payroll has reached a near wartime peak. Huge plant signs will be painted on the walls of the high bay area's early next week.

#### Name 26 To Handle Accuracy In Listing Plant Phone Directory

With automatic dial phones, your company telephone directory is your telephone operator—its efficiency depends entirely upon the correctness of the information it contains. In order for the directory to serve you efficiently and well, changes must be reported at once.

Any change affecting your station number, location, department number, home address or home phone number should be reported to the person designated for your particular group. The following persons have been appointed to receive directory changes:

Harriet Agee (Purchasing), Sta. 565; D. M. Archibald (Factory Administration, Receiving and Stores, Shipping and Transportation), Sta. 507; Myrle Bequette (Treasurer's Office—Depts. 11 and 12), Sta. 223; Lillian Bentzinger (Public Relations), Sta. 500; E. H. Bube (Inspection), Sta. 504; Lorraine Daniels (Legal), Sta. 241; Helen DeLargy (Plant Engineering), Sta. 441; Sue Golder (General Accounting and Office Management), Sta. 225.

Lucille Hendrix (Helicopter), Sta. 358; Nancy Herzig (Material Control, Production Control and Production Planning), Sta. 533; W. C. Hillix (Army Auditors), Sta. 235; Cecil Kane (Facilities Control and DPC), Sta. 501; Frank Kern (Personnel and Cafeteria), Sta. 427;

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## Celebrate First Year In New Plant Seven Years As St. Louis Industry

With a current backlog totalling more than \$34,000,000 (thirty-four million), McDonnell Aircraft celebrates its first year of occupancy in its new plant. Today MAC ranks as a leader among aircraft manufacturers throughout the world, and is a major industrial plant of St. Louis.

Seven years ago the organization had on its payroll about 20 people. Today almost 3,000 St. Louisans are employed. Numbering among these are 600 engineers, over 2,000 production workers, and hundreds who guide the wheels of organization and administration.

During this time the facilities of the company have grown from a small second floor office in a building at Lambert Field to a sprawling plant of more than 1,200, 000 square feet.

During the war, McDonnell manufactured approximately 7,000,000 lbs. of airframe. Its war orders totalled over \$68,000,000. Net profit to the company was less than one-half of one per cent. McDonnell starts its second year in its new plant with orders totalling over \$34,000,000 and with a payroll almost exceeding war time peaks.

Outstanding among its developments

during the recent years is the manufacture of the famed Gargoyle, a 1,000 lb. self-propelled, armor piercing bomb, which flies with radio control. The Kadydid, a high speed, radio controlled, target aircraft, powered by a pulse jet engine.

The end of the first year in its new plant also brings about the start of production on the Navy's famous jet propelled fighter—the PHANTOM. The first production PHANTOM is off the assembly line, and is being flight tested for delivery to the U. S. Navy late this fall.

Also outstanding during the past year has been the announcement of the experimental flight tests of the world's largest and first twin engine helicopter.

The Gargoyle, Kadydid, Phantom and Helicopter have been developed in collaboration with the Bureau of Aeronautics of the U. S. Navy.

The accomplishments of the past years are a tribute to the ingenuity, the aggressiveness and the loyalty of the men and women who have contributed so much to the growth and development of McDonnell Aircraft.



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#### Better Business Bureau Cautions Fuel Savers

With the approach of the new heating season, one of the old frauds attempted at this time is that involving coal savers, warns the Better Business Bureau. These coal savers, salesmen tell you, lower your fuel bill, reduce smoke, soot and ash. Some of the products on the market claim they will save from 25% to 45% on your fuel bill. Investigate before you invest. When in doubt call the Better Business Bureau, CE 2834. The Bureau cautions GIs.

# Among Ourselves

#### Engineering

It's good news from Elaine Zager (former secretary to H. A. Steel, administrative engineer). The Zager's have a new baby girl born at De Paul hospital last Monday. The baby weighs  $6\frac{1}{2}$  lbs.—just a little kid. Congratulations, Elaine!!!

Merton Walker (design engineer) was taken to the Christian hospital last week in a very serious condition. He is now recovering from an appendectomy. Here's hoping that he'll be on his feet again very soon!

Mary Branstetter (former secretary to Mr. W. D. Montgomery, chief structural engineer) left the company this week to join her husband in Kansas City. He was recently discharged from the army. Mary should have lots of fun in K. C. where everything is up to date!

Al Edmondson (service engineering) has returned to work following a vacation spent in good ole St. Louis, Moe. Al has a few added gray hairs and has lost about 50 lbs. but says that his new baby daughter is well worth all the kidding he's getting about walking the much-publicized floors.

Several of the girls in the engineering department were honored by their coworkers at a dinner held last Friday night at the Forest Park Hotel. The bride and brides-to-be who were the guests of honor at the party were: Mrs. Henry Kane (Thelma Heinsohn — formerly guided missiles); Audra Bryant (time-keeping); Virginia Kleissle (clerk file) and Kay Wisdom (clerk steno).



From where the camera was focused it looked like a perfect picture of love in bloom—and that it is for Betty Meers and Dennis Abouris (mail room). The announcement of their engagement this week wasn't too big of a surprise to those of the personnel who have watched each noon-day rendezvous. They plan to middle-aisle it next June. Best wishes to you both.



Offering a light to Seymour Frisbee, weights engineer, is Rollie Brower (above, center). Rollie left M.A.C. after 2½ years last Friday to enter the army. Prior to his leaving the boys presented him with several gifts and a farewell party was held Friday night. Pictured with Rollie and Frisbee here are David Dwyer and Wint Simpson. Good luck, Rollie!

#### Manufacturing

The friends of Gene Dunn (second shift foreman in plant engineering) will be happy to hear that he is now permitted to receive visitors at the Missouri Baptist hospital. Gene was recently operated on for acute appendicitis.

The following letter has been received in the AIRSCOOP office:

Dear Friends:

Your thoughtfulness in sending such beautiful flowers for my wife was so very much appreciated. My daughters and sisters join me in thanking you for this kind remembrance.

"Cap" Kloeber (tooling department).

John Dorris, former experimental mechanic, has been named foreman in fuse-lage assembly. Congratulations, John.

Good luck also to Dave Macy, formerly a coordinator in plant engineering, who is now tool crib supervisor.

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H. E. Moore (chief inspector) has returned from a two weeks' vacation spent at the Indiana State Park with a report that he has never seen so much food in his life—especially meat.

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Welcome back to former Army inspector-in-charge during the war, Walter Kountz. Walt joined the production planning department as of last Monday.

#### Fiscal

Adrienne Sullivan Hantoon (formerly assistant to F. L. Crawford, office manager) was back at M.A.C. on a welcome visit last week seeing her old friends.

## Shop Training Courses Start County Vocational School, Oct. 15

#### Classes One Night Weekly For Period Of Ten Weeks

11 shop training courses have been arranged and will get underway beginning the week of 14 October. Beginning Machine Shop Mathematics will operate every Tuesday, beginning 15 October. Another course in the same subject will begin on Wednesday, the 16th, and still another on Thursday, the 17th. The interest in this course is so widespread that 3 classes are necessary to accommodate the group.

Advanced Machine Shop Mathematics will start on Wednesday, 16 October. Beginning Machine Shop Blue Print Reading will operate on Tuesday and a second class will operate on Thursday. These courses begin 15 October and 17 October, respectively.

A class in Engine Lathe work will start on Wednesday, 16 October.

Two classes of Blueprint Reading for Assembly will be operated; one will start Monday, 14 October, and one on Wednesday, 16 October.

For the personnel in Fabrication, a

class in Blueprint Reading will start on Thursday, 17 October.

All classes will operate one night a week for ten weeks from 7 to 10 P.M. More classes will be formed if the personnel indicate an interest in them. It is necessary to have at least 15 persons interested in any training program before the course is offered.

All training will be held at the St. Louis County Vocational School at Wellston. If you are interested in forming classes other than those listed above, contact your supervisor who will, in turn, contact A. C. Baudek, employment mana-

### Going My Way?

The following persons need rides to the field:

7:30-4:00

Ruth Wheeler—Sta. 511—Union and Natural Bridge; Norman Landgraf— Sta. 395—3637 Nebraska. The following persons have room for

7:30-4:00

Raymond Wise (Production Machines), 8900 Apache Lane, Overland; G. W. Eckrich (Fuselage Assembly), 2330 Compton; Martin Ryan (Fuselage Assembly), 3038 Sheridan; Earl Phillips (Subassembly), O'Fallon, Mo.
Joseph Vocenic (Production Machines), 4751 Heidelburg, has room for riders on the 3:45 shift.

8:00-4.30

R. Mohrmann (Engineering), 2922
Michigan; Walter E. Kountz (Planning), 1242 Purdue; Paul Clark (Sta. 556), Natural Bridge and Grand; Allen Reinecke (Engineering), Richmond Heights; Henry Bechtien (Sta. 303), New Jamestown Road over Highway 140 to the plant; Wint Simpson (weights), 6100 Page near Hodiamont.

#### Group Of Plant Executives Personally Award Service Pins To 12 Employes

Virgil J. Wiltse, industrial relations director, accompanied by groups of plant executives, presented 12 five-year service pins to personnel whose anniversaries occurred through 26 September, last week. Among those in the groups presenting the various pins were G. C. Covington, chief engineer; C. L. Zakh, chief engineer helicopter division; William A. Roth, factory manager; A. P. Wilks, plant engineer, and A. E. Honey, shop superintendent.

Those who received five-year pins were: John J. Bogard (Sheet Metal Fabrication); Robert W. Fiebig (Covering and Painting); Wilson A. Glover (Subassembly); Charles W. Goedde (Budgets and Estimates); Charles E. Gruenwald (Covering and Painting); John F. Hosie (Navy Experimental Shop); George F. Klenk (Plant En-gineering); Milton C. Moeser (Engineer-ing); Arthur E. Naeger (KUD-1 Assembly); James J. O'Keefe (Tool Cribs); Thomas J. Page (Tool Cribs) and Frederick H. Schaefer (Production Machines).

#### Free Copies of St. Louis Aviation News Ready

If you haven't received a copy of the interesting new tabloid newspaper, St. Louis Aviaton News, you can obtain a copy from Airscoop's office. If you want your name on the regular monthly mailing list, send your name and address to Airscoop, room 121.

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Jeminine SPOTLIGHT



ANN MUDD

She's the gal who knows all of the ups and downs of the Flight Test Department. As secretary to the chief flight test en-gineer, she takes care of all flight test reports, flight data analysis and helps arrange the flight programs-a job that is enviable especially at present as our new planes start rolling off the assembly line and make ready to take the air.

Ann's husband is a McDonnellite alsohe works in Experimental on the XF2D -but the FD-1 is Ann's baby. She likes her job here-finds her days pass quickly in the flight test area and her work "is exciting."

She loves to sew, ride horses, play the piano and fly. The fellow who wrote about a woman's hair being her crowning glory must have had Ann's auburn locks in mind!!!

#### M.A.C. Veteran Bowling Team



Members of the Machinist Bowling team of the National Bowling League shown here are: reading from left to right: Ed Schafer, Paul Stewart, John Connolly, Elton (Mac) McBroom; Fred Schafer and Bill Lippold. Fred Schafer (turret lathe operator), John Connolly (sub-foreman in machine shop) and Elton McBroom (engineering lab) have been bowling together for more than 5½ years.



# SPORTS NEWS Letters

#### SPORTS **EVENTS**

#### National Bowling League Standings as of 26 Sept.

Won	Lost
10	2
8	4
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7	5
7	-5
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#### Women's Bowling League Standings as of 25 Sept.

Team	Won	Lost
Hippos	7	2
Tigers	7	2
Pandas	6	3
Phantom-ettes	3	6
Hyenas	2	7
Wolves	2	7

Have you heard about the gal from engineering on one of the bowling teams who goes with the ball almost ev'ry roll? Better gain some weight or get a lighter ball, honey.

#### Basketball Trophy On Display

The Y.M.C.A. Industrial Basketball League trophy, which was awarded to our team at the conclusion of the 1945-46 basketball season, is now on display in the reception room of Bldg. 17A. The team had a wonderful season last year and is looking forward to an even better one this year. There are several regular positions on the team still to be filled. Call the recreation office, Sta. 410, if you are interested in joining the boys. The Scott Field team, which is always a worthy opponent, has challenged our boys already. An Industrial League schedule is being mapped out and will be announced later.

Interdepartmental basketball teams are also being formed. Three teams are signed up. Bert Granville is anxious to have 3 more teams in this interdepartmental league play.

#### American Bowling League Standings as of 1 October

Team	Won	Lost
Invaders	14	4
Electrons	13	5 .
Final Assembly No. 2	13	5
Phantoms	12	- 6
Sportz	11 .	7
Bombardiers	11	7
Navy Inspeltion	10	8
Final Assembly No. 1	10	8
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Skykings	8	10
SMT's	7	11
Woodchoppers	7	- 11
XFD's	5	13
Flyers	5	13
Maintenance	5	13
Radio Electrons	5	13

#### Pheasant Hunters For S. D. Air Trip Wanted

Plans are being made to charter a plane which will leave Lambert Field on a Friday evening, take the hunters to South Dakota and return here Sunday night. If enough members of the persomel indicate an interest in such an expedition, final arrangements will be made by Bert Granville for the trip. Expenses will be limited to the cost of the trip itself on a non-profit basis. Call Bert Granville at Sta. 410 for details.

#### Join The Table Tennis Team

Any girls interested in joining a table tennis team are urged to contact Mildred Wollscheidt in the personnel department,

Men interested in joining the table tennis Industrial League team are urged to contact Bert Granville at Sta. 410.

#### Birds Best Brooklyn Bums

Beset and completely upset by the St. Louis Redbirds were the Brooklyn Bums yesterday—and on the Dodger's own stomping ground, too. Nice going, Cardinals. Ditto, Brooklyn Dodgers. Our sympathy (but not exactly heartfelt) is extended to the Dodger fans. See you at the series, St. Louis!!



### TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

A stop sign should be placed at the entrance to the Brayton Flying Service Mechanics school (the old M.A.C. building) on the Brown Road cut-off. Watch your step as you drive by as cars pop out of the Brayton parking lot and serious accidents might result from carelessness. Safety Sam.

Dear Editor:

Thousands saw the "Phantom" on display during the open house held at Lambert Field Sunday. I think that the Aviaton Council and the Airport Operators Association should be congratulated for their fine handling of this program. The series of "Know Your Airport" events sponsored by these organizations were both interesting and educational. I especially enjoyed the privilege of viewing M.A.C.'s jet fighter plane. The rest of the display of other airplanes was not very impressive.

Very Sincerely, An Aviation Enthusiast.

Dear Editor:

Why doesn't someone fill up the big hole in the highway alongside of Interstate Airmotives hangar? It is large enough to wreck a car or damage a tire.
Worried Motorist.

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The following letter has been received by Mr. A. C. Grosse, supervisor of safety and insurance:

Dear Mr. Grosse:

I want to express my appreciation for the fairness and rapidity of the settlement of my recent claim for hospitalization and surgical expenses under the M.A.C. Group Hospitalization policy. Please accept my congratulations and sincere thanks for the efficient handling of the claim by your organization.

Sincerely Yours, Harry B. Horne, Jr.

#### CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: Brownie Reflex Camera complete with flash attachment and portrait attachment, perfect condition. Contact Charles Southard (Machine Shop)—JE 6302.

For Sale: Used typewriter (L. C. Smith). Good condition. Call H. Vanzart—CA 1508.

For Sale: 4 room house. Electricity, steam heat. Burke City, Mo. (Near Ferguson).—8, minutes from airport. Call George Ruth, Sta. 486.

For Sale: Console radio. Call Mrs. Armstrong (First Aid Station)—CA

For Sale: Century oil burner complete with all instruments and 250-gallon tank. Excellent condition. Call Mildred Wollscheidt (personnel)—Sta. 402.

Wanted: Used car—any model or make. Call S. Frisbee, Sta. 304.

Wanted: Apartment or house, two bedrooms, furnished or unfurnished. Family with three children who are away from home at boarding school during week. Phone TErryhill 5-2850, Stations 360 or 344. Ask for Lt. Comdr. DeCarebio. DeCerchio.