

Air Scoop



LYONS RETIRES AFTER 26 YEARS

Harry A. Lyons, Instrument Service, retired from the Laboratory on June 13 after 26 years of service with the Committee. Born December 10, 1887 in New York City, Harry attended grammar school and high school and in 1918 enlisted in the Army Air Service. He was discharged in 1919 and spent the next two years with the Engineering Department at Langley Field.

Harry says that he had his first and last airplane accident while working at Langley when the plane in which he was flying ran out of gas just before reaching the runway and cracked up in the Chesapeake Bay. The airplane took a nose dive into the mud but Harry and the pilot were able to walk to shore.

Harry entered on duty at the

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SERVICE EMBLEM PRESENTED TO 19

Nineteen employees of the NACA were awarded the NACA's Meritorious Service Emblem last week at Committee Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Dr. Hugh L. Dryden, Director, presented the awards at this, the first such ceremony in NACA's 34-year history.

Average length of employment of the nineteen was 25 years, with John F. Victory, Executive Secretary and NACA's first employee, heading the list with 34 years of service. Miss Ruth Scott, Finance Officer, was next with 32 years of service, followed by Edward H. Chamberlin, Executive Officer; Miss Margaret M. Muller, Chief, Office of Aeronautical Intelligence; and Miss Ada R. Raup, Chief, Information Dissemination Section, each with 31 years; and Miss Catherine Wheeler, Technical Assistant to the

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46 EMPLOYEES AT U. OF VA.

Last week-end 46 Laboratory employees left for Charlottesville where they will do graduate work towards a masters degree at the University of Virginia. The graduate program was arranged last fall to assist Laboratory employees in obtaining advanced training in the fields of aeronautical, civil, electrical, and mechanical engineering.

At the close of the summer session on August 19, most of the students will have reached the half-way mark in obtaining a masters degree. To receive a masters degree, a candidate must complete 24 semester hours of graduate work, 12 of which may be obtained in night school courses, and the remaining 12 hours of graduate work in two 8-week Summer sessions in residence at the University of Virginia. The candidate must also write a thesis

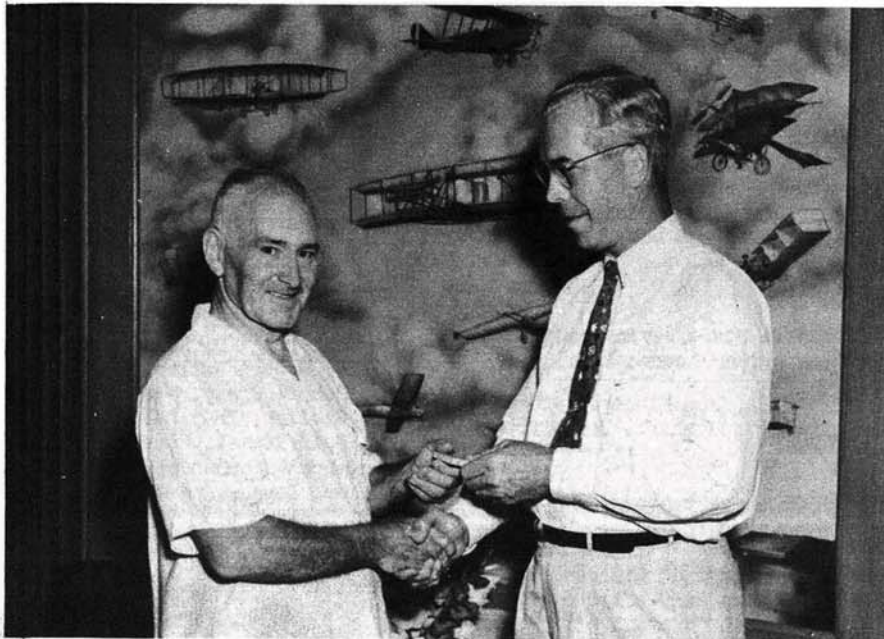
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APPRENTICE SCHOOL GRADUATES FIVE

Five apprentices received certificates of completion of their apprenticeship training at the seventh annual graduation last Wednesday. The certificates were presented by Dr. H. J. E. Reid, Director.

Following the presentation, a luncheon was held in the private dining room which was attended by the Apprentice Advisory Board, Division Chiefs, Section Heads, and immediate supervisors of the graduates.

The graduates and their trades are as follows: Jack G. Barbour, East Sheetmetal Shop, sheetmetal worker; Frank K. Gough, Jr., West Machine Shop, metal modelmaker; Arthur Henry, Flight Operations, Aircraft Mechanic; William J. Leftwich, Jr., East Sheetmetal Shop, aviation metalsmith; and John M. Moore, formerly of East Machine now on military furlough, metal modelmaker.



Harry Lyons, who retired from the Laboratory on June 13, receives the NACA's Meritorious Service Emblem from Dr. H. J. E. Reid, Director. Lyons, who has been with the Committee 26 years, was the first NACA employee to receive the award.

—Photo by Bill Taub

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and complete satisfactorily a final comprehensive examination.

The faculty for the summer session consists of the following: Dr. Adolph Busemann, Aerodynamicist, NACA; Dr. Irving G. Foster, Associate Professor of Physics, V.M.I.; Dr. Joseph Kaplan, Professor of Physics, University of California; Dr. Lawrence Reginald Quarles, Professor of Electrical Engineering, University of Virginia; Dr. G. N. Ward, Professor of Applied Mathematics, The University, Manchester, England; and Dr. Gordon Thomas Whyburn, Professor of Mathematics, University of Virginia.

Laboratory employees attending the Summer session at the University of Virginia are: Jerold M. Bidwell, Full Scale Analysis; Robert W. Boswinkle, Full Scale Analysis; Emanuel Boxer, RMAAS; William J. Bursnall, Low Turbulence; Sherman Clevenson, Sound Lab; Raymond Comenzo, Gas Dynamics; Morton Cooper, 4-Foot Supersonic; Jerome Eckerman, Special Projects; Owen Deters, Roger Fournier, Paul Fournier; Richard B. Fahrner, Gust Loads; Kenneth Foss, Aero Loads; Robert W. Fralich, Structures; Campbell Henderson, Aero Loads; Arthur Hiners, PARD; Sherwood Hoffman, PARD; Joseph Judd, PARD; Walter Klinar, Spin Tunnel; Roy Lange, Full Scale; Barney Little, IAL; Jack Marte, 4-Foot; Clarence W. Matthews, 8-Foot; Bernard Mazelsky, Gust Loads; William Michael, Stability Tunnel; Wayne Mikel, IRD.

Joseph Milillo, 8-Foot; Howell Munson, IRD; Herbert Nelson, PRD; Kenneth Pierpont, Full Scale Analysis; Manuel Queijo, Stability Tunnel, Wilmer Reed, Flight Research; Harry Runyan, PRD; Alexander Sabel, IRD; Martin H. Schindler, Gust Loads; Milton Schwartzberg, Low Turbulence; Norman Silsby, Flight Research; Allen Shapiro, IRD; Henry Shapiro, PARD; Robert Smiley, Impact Loads; Manuel Stein, Structures; Morton Stoller, IRD; Ralph W. Stone, Spin Tunnel, Homer B. Wilson, Low Turbulence; Martin Zlotnick, Aero Loads; and William C. Sperry, Construction Engineering.

FOR RENT: 2 bedrooms - board if desired. Mrs. Davis, 1259 Langley Field Rd.

FOR RENT: Room with twin beds for 2 men. Mrs. Braig, 250 Newport News Ave., Hampton 5286.

WANTED: Ride from Fox Hill Rd. to E.A. on 7:30 shift. Norman, 2298.

LIFE AT THE LABORATORY

Here's one we've been trying to print for the past four weeks and now it has finally happened. Passing out cigars in a manner typical of a new father is Chuck Bennett, Free Flight Tunnel. He became the father of a seven pound, fifteen ounce son, Charles Virgil, Jr., on Sunday, June 26. The mother, Mary Noble, is formerly of East Engineering.

Making plans to join the ranks of married folks is Bernard Mazelsky, Gust Loads. He is engaged to Jane Finkal of Newport News and wedding bells will ring in the early Fall.

Keeping the Bob Osborne household awake nights is seven pound, nine ounce Frederick John who arrived on Sunday, June 26. The father works in 8-Foot High Speed Tunnel.

Wedding bells rang last Saturday when Betty Johnston, Editorial Office, and Bob Ruggles, formerly of Tank, took their final vows at the Hampton Presbyterian Church. Anne Platt, Physical Research, played the wedding music.

Making plans to take a nose-dive into the sea of matrimony is "Wally" Schulze, Rotating Machines. He is engaged to "Bobbie" Lassiter, of Hampton, and the big event will take place during the Christmas season.

Sarah B. Rickman Manager of the NACA Exchange, who is undergoing treatment at the Riverside Hospital wishes to express her thanks and appreciation to employees who have been so kind and considerate during her illness.

Dan Cupid scored another victory last week when Helen Wall, Aircraft Loads, tied the final knot with Dr. Arthur Lorwin Thiele of Tucson, Arizona. The wedding took place at the "South Isle Plantation" in Charlotte County and Laboratory employees taking part in the affair were bridesmaid Rina Conner, 7 X 10, and ushers Bill Connor, 19-Foot, and Bob Shanke, Free Flight Tunnel.

IRD is still in the news Number 20 arrived this week and this time it was a seven pound, ten ounce son, William T., Jr., to the William Nurney household.

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Laboratory in November 1922 and went to work at the hangar as an airplane mechanic. He was transferred to the Instrument Section and later spent about fifteen years at PRD before being transferred back to Instrument Service.

Harry played second base and outfield for the old NACA baseball team and he claims his super playing won him the position of second baseman over John W. Crowley, Jr., now at NACA Headquarters.

For a number of years, Lyons

WANTED: Ride from Electric and Pear to W.A. on 7:30 shift. Doris Crumpler, 2259.

FOR RENT: Large bedroom. 704 Armistead Ave., Hampton 4706.

FOR RENT: Room with kitchen privileges, Hampton 8459 after 5 p.m.

managed to give Dan Cupid the slip but he succumbed to the fatal dart when he married his high school sweetheart on November 9, 1945.

Now that he has retired, Harry says that he plans to loaf, travel, and dabble in politics.

SOFTBALL NEWS

East Model had their perfect record of no defeats marred last week when Structures came out on the winning end of a 2-0 shut out. Winning pitcher Andy Anderson, who has hurled two no-hitters this season, allowed only one hit while losing pitcher Lewis was tabbed for 4.

8-Foot came through to take their second win since 1947 by defeating Tank 6-1. The winners' runs came with 2 in the first and 4 in the sixth. Winning pitcher Milillo gave up 7 hits while Insley gave up 8.

Behind the no-hit pitching of Lewis, East Model trounced IAL by a 20-0 shut out. Lewis is the third pitcher this season to hurl a no-hitter. Losing pitcher Persh was nabbed for 17 hits.

Electrical had their winning streak broken last week when an eight man West Model team came out on the winning end of a 6-3 battle. Carmines allowed 8 hits while Knemeyer gave up 12.

In a game played last week West Sheetmetal took a 19-8 victory over Loads. The winners big inning came in the second when they chalked up a total of 10 runs. Winning pitcher Cunningham gave up 11 hits while Walls allowed 18.

In a closely played game, Apprentice managed to score four runs in the sixth to take a 16-14 win over West Model. Buck served on the mound for the winners while Carmines did the honors for the losers.

Structures added another win to their record by defeating Loads 18-7. The winners' big inning came in the fifth when they scored 9 runs. Winning pitchers Anderson and Kruszewski gave up 10 hits while Walls and Aiken allowed 16.

In a closely played game 16-Foot came through in the last inning to score 4 runs and take a 6-4 win over Construction Engineering. Hunt served on the mound for the winners and allowed 8 hits while Dykes was tabbed for 12.

West Machine continued on their winning streak with a 15-2 win over Flight. Winning pitcher Freddy Eubank allowed only 3 hits while Householder gave up 11.

Scoring 5 runs in the first inning, IRD came through with a like number throughout the other innings to take a 10-3 win over 8-Foot. Eichmier gave up 10 hits while MacIntosh allowed 13.

West Sheetmetal added another victory to their record when they took a 12-4 win over Low Turbulence. Winning pitcher Cunningham gave up 8 hits while Newman allowed 12.



Shown above are the employees at NACA Headquarters who were awarded the NACA's Meritorious Service Emblem last week. Front row (from left); Miss Ada R. Raup, Miss Catherine Wheeler, Miss Ruth Scott, Miss Margaret M. Muller, and Miss Ruth A. Conover. Second row (from left): Frank J. Clarke, Joseph F. Vanier, Ira H. Abbott, Mrs. Helen G. Hopkins, Charles H. Helms, John F. Victory, Mrs. Virginia Kerlin, Edward H. Chamberlin, Mrs. Alexandrine M. Johnston, Russell G. Robinson, John W. Crowley, Jr., Edgar N. Hammerley, and Dr. Hugh L. Dryden who presented the awards. Absent when the picture was taken were Addison M. Rothrock and Mrs. Louise V. Lawhorn.

—Photo by Bill Taub

WANTED: Ride from Huntington Pk. area to W.A. on 7:30 shift. Moore, 4476.

WANTED: Passengers to Bedford and Johnstown July 8. McVay, 2206.

West Machine led all the way to come out on the winning end of a 12-5 game with 7 X 10. Stewart hurled for the winners and was tabbed for 10 hits while Andrews allowed 8.

Full Scale came through in the seventh to score 2 runs and take a close 6-5 win over West Model. Winning pitcher Roy Lange was nabbed for 5 hits while Poteet gave up 9.

19-Foot continued in the win column by taking a 7-4 victory over IAL. Conner hurled for the winners and gave up 9 hits while Popp gave up 5.

Structures Research added another win to their record by defeating Instrument Service 19-4. Winning pitcher Anderson allowed 12 hits while Ingebritsen gave up 22.

Instrument Service came back to redeem themselves by taking a close 22-21 win over Tank. Tank made one last effort to tie things up in the seventh with 6 runs but fell one run short. Winning pitcher Ingebritsen allowed 18 hits while McSmith gave up 20.

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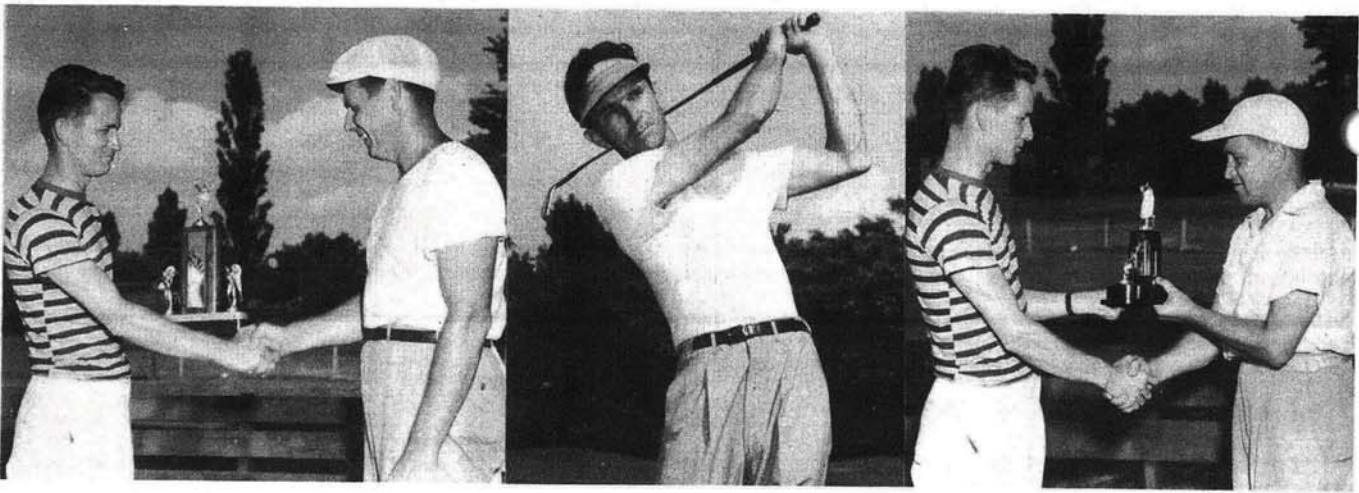
Director, 30 years.

Others receiving awards with length of service were: Frank J. Clarke, 29, Chief, Administrative Service Division; John W. Crowley, Jr., 27, Associate Director; Mrs. Alexandrine M. Johnston, 26, Administrative Assistant; Edgar N. Hammerley, 26, Technical Illustrator; Mrs. Helen G. Hopkins, 23, Methods Examiner; Addison M. Rothrock, 22, Assistant Director; Charles H. Helms, 21, Assistant Director; Miss Ruth A. Conover, 20, Librarian; Ira H. Abbott, 20, Aeronautical Consultant; Mrs. Louise V. Lawhorn, 18, Chief, Editorial Section; Joseph F. Vanier, 18, Translator; Russell G. Robinson, 18, Assistant Director; and Mrs. Virginia M. Kerlin, 18, Purchasing Assistant.

The Headquarters ceremony will be followed shortly by similar presentations at the Langley, Ames, and Lewis Laboratories.

FOR SALE: Deluxe automatic ironer-won at carnival. \$220 value will sell for \$175. Batterson, Impact Basin.

FOR SALE: Army surplus pneumatic life raft - 12 feet long. Call Hampton 5693.



T. Melvin Butler, Personnel Officer, presents Harold Crate, Construction Engineering, with the second flight trophy in the "Air Scoop's" Fourth Annual Golf Championship Tournament. In the center Jim Bertoci, 16-Foot

Tunnel, demonstrates the swing that helped him win the first flight and the 1949 golf championship title. On the right, Butler presents the third flight trophy to Gene Guryansky, Full Scale Tunnel.

BERTOCCI WINS GOLF TOURNEY

The finals in the "Air Scoop's" Fourth Annual Golf Championship Tournament were held last Sunday with Jim Bertoci, winner of the tournament in 1946, coming back to defeat George Griffith, 1948 champion, 1 up - 20 holes. With the match all tied up at the end of 18 holes Griffith and Bertoci both parred the nineteenth. Both players got good drives on the twentieth but Griffith's second shot hooked into the rough to the left of the green. Griffith came out of the rough with a beautiful shot but the ball bounced on the hard green and landed on the other side. Bertoci came through with a par to win the match.

Bertoci reached the finals by defeating Abie Bloxom 3 and 2 and Mel Gough, 3 and 1. In the match with Gough, Bertoci shot a 74 against Gough's 79. Griffith reached the finals by defeating Grady Mitcham 2 and 1 and he came through to shoot a 3 under par 32 on the front 9 to knock Walter Bressette out of the running.

In the second flight Harold Crate, Construction Engineering, shot an 83 to defeat Harry Norris, Pilotless Aircraft, 2 up. Crate shot 7 pars and 2 birdies against Norris' 8 pars. Crate reached the finals by defeating Wiley Jenkins, 5 and 3, Jack Paulson, 3 and 2, and Dick Braig, 5 and 4. Norris reached the finals by defeating Wallace Albertson, 1 up - 20 holes, Billy Bates, 3 and 2, and Harper Geringer, 4 and 3.

In the third flight Gene Guryansky, Full Scale Tunnel, closed out Bill Sperry, Construction En-

GOLF LADDER

The NACA Golf Association ladder has been posted on the bulletin board at the Hampton Country Club. The ladder will be revised weekly as of 12 noon on Monday. Winners of challenge matches should forward the results to Harold Crane, Flight Research. Until July 15 challenges 5 positions up the ladder are permissible.

Three ladder matches have been reported with A. H. Geringer, #11, defeating Harold Crane, #7, 3 and 2; Harold Crate, #18, defeating Gordon Griffith, #15; and Frank Hart, #16, exchanging places with Bob Helfrich, #12, on a forfeit.

Members of the Association who are interested in entering the Alexandria Bi-Centennial 4-ball Amateur Invitational Golf Tournament on July 7, 8, 9, and 10 may obtain entry blanks from Frank Hart, Instrument Service.

FOR RENT: 2 rooms for men. Mrs. R. H. Scarborough, 112 Manteo Ave.

gineering, on the thirteenth hole with 7 and 5. Guryansky got 5 pars and 1 birdie. Guryansky reached the finals by defeating George McGhee 4 and 2, Sam Huston 1 up - 20 holes, and Bill Dunn 1 up. Sperry reached the finals by defeating Ray Goodman 5 and 3, Chuck Bennett 3 and 2, and Joe Loviner, 4 and 3.

Tying for the blind bogey were Dick Braig, Classification, Wiley Jenkins, Erection Shop, Harold Crate, and Joe Loviner, Heating Plant. The secret holes were six, eight, ten, and sixteen and the winning total number of strokes was 21.

Prizes were awarded the winners immediately following the final round by T. Melvin Butler, Personnel Officer.

RETIREMENT ACT AMENDMENT CITED

Information concerning the recent amendment by Congress of the Civil Service Retirement Act has been received from NACA Headquarters. The act, retroactively effective to January 24, 1942 enables former employees of the Government separated subsequent to January 23, 1942, and prior to April 1, 1948 with less than 20 years' civilian service to elect to forfeit their rights to retirement annuities at age 62 and obtain in lieu thereof refund of retirement deductions with interest. It also provides for refund of their tontine deductions when the separations were involuntary, not by removal for cause on charges of misconduct or delinquency.

Employees who were separated between January 24, 1942, and April 1, 1948, with more than 10 years and less than 20 years of civilian service did not have the same rights to refund of retirement deductions as those separated on and after April 1, 1948. The recent amendment, Public Law 98, corrects this inequity and the act of Feb. 28, 1948, Public Law 426, permits an employee separated on and after April 1, 1948, with less than 20 years of civilian service to elect a refund of his retirement deductions with interest in lieu of an annuity at the age of 62.

Former employees who applied for refunds but received nothing or only a partial refund because of 10 or more years of service should submit new applications if they wish the refunds instead of the discontinued-service annuities, provided their total civilian service is less than 20 years.