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CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Today is the quarter century mark in the service of one of the Laboratory's oldest employees in length of Service, Spencer Watkins. Prior to his stretch of 25 years here he worked five years for the Army at Langley Field, making a total of thirty years of Government Service.

Spence came to the NACA on July 3, 1922 and was sent to the Hangar where he operated a Navy Torpedo Retriever. At that time the Laboratory did some work on seaplanes and the boat was used to service them. He spent several years on the boat before he was sent to the Hangar to work on the airplanes there.

Spence was such an old hand with boats that he travelled to work from his home in Messick in a one cylinder Chesapeake Bay canoe for twenty-four years and eleven months. Still a mystery to the line crew is how he always managed to hit the boat house even when the fog was so thick that you couldn't see in front of you. For this reason, Mel Gough claims that Spence had the first radar equipment ever used on Langley Field.

Spence was born in Messick on January 16, 1889 and has always lived there. He once took a trip to Bull Island and, so the story goes, that is the furthest he has ever been from home. Another of his favorite tales is that when he was twenty-one years old his father bought him a pair of shoes and told him he could hitch-hike to Newport News to see the trolley car.

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HOLD CONFERENCE AT CLEVELAND

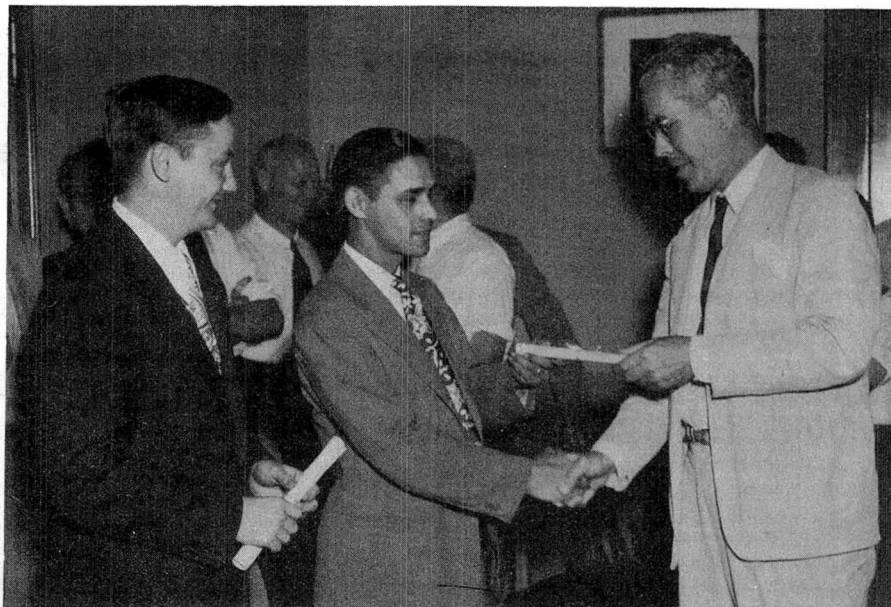
Prevention of flight hazards due to icing was the subject of a conference conducted by the NACA at the Flight Propulsion Research Laboratory in Cleveland for the benefit of engineers from the aircraft industry, airlines, and the military services. Principal topics discussed at the two-day conference, held June 26 and 27, were results of the NACA's extensive

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FAMILY USE OF PICNIC GROUNDS

All facilities have been completed for the full use of the picnic grounds in the Morale Activities Area. Several units are designed for family or small party use. The forward part of the fireplace permits the use of the reflector oven and broiling board, as shown in the photograph on page two, and the rear section of the fireplace is designed to permit broiling or roasting processes such as frankfurters and the various types of broiling done on skewers.

The tables will comfortably seat 10 persons each and additional tables may be moved into the area when the party is expected to exceed the number normally provided for. The reflector oven and broiling boards may be checked out of the equipment storage of which Bruce Amole is in charge. Abundant wood is provided and running water and garbage disposals are available. Bruce Amole takes considerable pleasure in assisting in the planning of menus for parties of this type and gives good counselling on the amount of food needed for the party.



Dr. H. J. E. Reid, Engineer-in-Charge, congratulates Ernest F. Perkins for successfully completing his trade in the Apprentice school. Looking on is George E. Meidinger who graduates as a Metal Modelmaker.

Photo by Bill Taub

APPRENTICE SCHOOL GRADUATES TWO

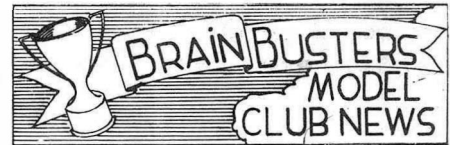
The fifth Apprentice graduation exercise was held in the office of Dr. H. J. E. Reid, Engineer-in-Charge, at 12:51 p.m. on Monday, June 30. George E. Meidinger graduates as a Metal Modelmaker and Ernest F. Perkins as a Machinist. Both graduates are now assigned to the West Machine Shop. Members of the Apprentice Board were invited to attend the ceremonies. After Dr. Reid congratulated the apprentices for successfully completing their trade a luncheon was served in the private dining room.

Attending the dinner in addition to the Apprentice Advisory Board were: Floyd Thompson, Chief of the Research Department; Gene Miller, Washington Office; Bobby Goodness, representative from the West Machine Shop; Frank Penland, Training Office; Walter Reiser, Chief of Maintenance Division; Kemble Johnson, Administrative Officer; Howard Morris, Assistant Chief of the Administrative and Technical Service Department; and Edmond Buckley, Chief of the Instrument Research Division.

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By John Worth

Taking advantage of a temporary lull in the schedule, members are building and testing ships in preparation for three meets slated during July:

July 13 at Portsmouth - Free-flight gas. Entries must be registered in advance and are obtainable at the Hampton Model Shop.

July 20 at Hybla Valley - limited to 500 entries, Freeflight Gas, Yo-Yo, Rubber and Towline events in two age groups will be held. Contact Joe Dodson, West Engineering, or the Model Shop for details.

July 27 at Suffolk - Freeflight Gas, Rubber and Hand-launched glider events. Entry blanks are available at the Wythe Sport and Hobby Shop.

Club proposals for AMA rules changes, in booklet form, are now being distributed nationally and individual copies may be obtained at the Model Shop.

LIFE at the LABORATORY

Members of the.

Bachelor's Club seem to be on a strike of some sort but the waiting list for membership is gradually shrinking. We lost another up and coming eligible this week when Mae Harris, Tank, and Ed Hoffman also of Tank went and got engaged last Friday night. Wedding bells will ring today.

Gradually getting back.

to normal after going through the ordeal of becoming a father is Chester Robbins of Construction Engineering. He became the proud papa of a son, John Lee, on Thursday, June 26.

Instead of the.

traditionally one cigar, Paul White of Pilotless Aircraft Research has been passing out two. He became the father of twin boys on Sunday, June 27.

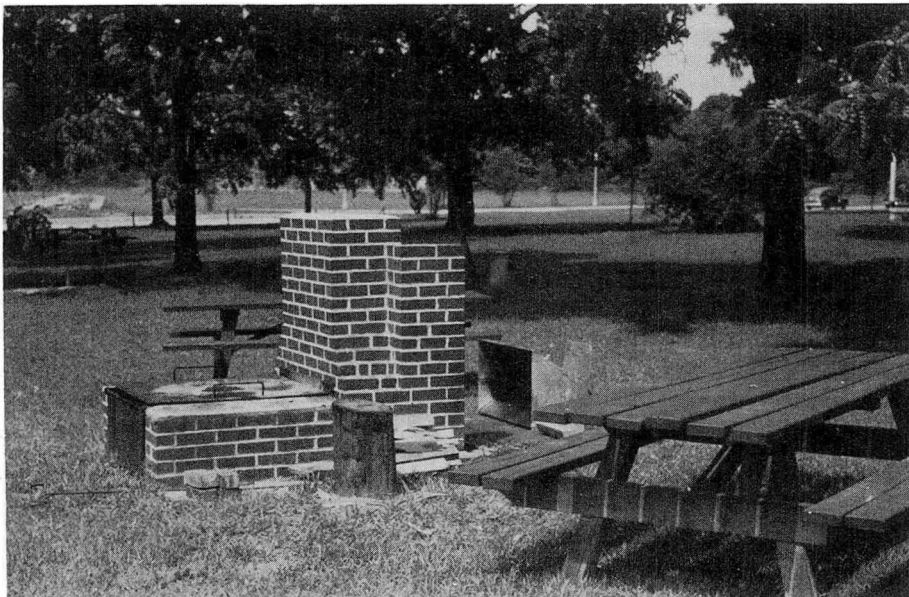
Wednesday, July 9.



marks the significant milestone in Bill Craig's life when he marries a home town girl presently Clara Lutz soon to be Mrs. C. Pittsburgh plays host to the ceremony which Bill claims is to be quite an affair. The future Mrs. Craig and husband will join the other Laboratory spliced and singles in calling Southampton home.

Word has just reached.

Laboratory that Audrey Skinner, formerly of Aircraft Loads, is sporting a big sparkler on her third finger left hand. She is engaged to Gayle Gardner of Purdue University and wedding bells will ring in late summer.



Shown above is one of the small fireplaces in the Morale Activities Area designed for family or small party use.

Photo by Bill Taub

CONFERENCE

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research in the field of ice prevention, one of the important aircraft operational problems.

Subjects covered included NACA thermal ice prevention systems, heat requirements, definition and analysis of icing weather conditions and protection of vital elements such as propellers, wind shields, air induction systems and radio masts and antennae.

Society would be a charming affair if we were only interested in one another. --Chamfort

WANTED: Ride from 35th and Washington to E. Area on 7:30 shift. Laura Malnick, 2324.

WANTED: Ride from 32nd and Jefferson to E. Area on 7:30 shift. Arnette Howell, 8-Foot.

WANTED: To rent furnished or unfurnished apartment. Wacholder, I.C.L.

FOR SALE: Latest edition of "Machinery's Handbook". Training Office.

LOST: Yellow rain coat in W. Area Cafeteria. Vickie Gray, 4530.

FOR SALE: Wall type kitchen sink with large drain board. C. Gammage, West Sheetmetal.

LOST: Lord Elgin wrist watch near Electrical Building. Russell, Electrical Section.

LOADS BREAKS LOSING STREAK

Probably the outstanding event of the week is the fact that Aircraft Loads finally broke their losing streak to win not one but two games. In a game played last Thursday, Loads came out on the winning end of a 11-5 score with Electrical. Winning pitcher Ted Skopinski gave up five hits, walked four, and struck out two while losing pitcher Earnhardt gave up eight hits, walked five, and struck out one. The outstanding play for the winners came when Cooney knocked a home run with two men on bases. Heavy hitters for the losers were Katchmore who got a triple with bases loaded and Moore who connected for two doubles.

Loads' other win came last Monday when they took a 7-3 win over Physical Research. Skopinski served on the mound for the winners giving up eight hits, striking out three, and walking three. Losing pitcher Joe Martin gave up ten hits, walked two, and struck out one. Top batters for the winners were Cooney with a double and two singles and Watkins with two doubles. Staffino came through for PRD with a homerun and Brown connected for two singles.

With the game going into ten innings, Dynamic Tunnels took a 4-3 set back from Pilotless Aircraft Research to take their second defeat of the season. Pilotless Aircraft led 3-2 in the seventh but the tying run came when Billy Bates got on base on an error, and stole second, third, and home. The winning run came in the tenth when Bill Martz got on base on an error and Edmondson connected for a triple over the right fielder's head. Winning pitcher Sam Vollo gave up four hits struck out nine, and walked seven while losing pitcher "Red" Neihouse gave up nine hits, struck out one, and walked three.

Structures Research came through with two wins to their credit this week. In the 7 X 10 versus Structures game, Structures won by the one-sided score of 13-2. Winning pitcher John Houbolt gave up five hits, struck out five, and walked one while losing pitcher Tommy Andrews gave up thirteen hits, struck out four and walked three. Leading batters for the winners were Ed Kruszewski with a home run and Andy Anderson with a double and two singles. Leroy Spearman starred for the losers, getting a homerun.

In a closely played game, Struc-



Spencer Watkins

FOR SALE: Boy's bicycle in good condition. \$15. L. L. Barger, Tank.

FOR SALE: 1938 Ford Coupe. J. W. Bailey, 16-Foot.

FOR SALE: 25-20 Marlin rifle with pump action or will trade for set of men's golf clubs. Grady Mitchell, PARD.

WANTED: To buy set of ladies' golf clubs. Katherine Lovell, Impact Basin.

tures came out victorious in a 10-9 game with 8-3/4 Tunnel. Structures led all the way but the going got a little rough in the last half of the seventh. With Structures leading 10-8, pitcher John Houbolt walked one man, and one got on base on an error so Andy Anderson came on the mound to try his luck. He walked one, struck out one, then walked in a run and struck out the next batter to give Structures a bare 10-9 win. Bernard Budiansky chalked up a homerun for the winners.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
19-Foot	8	1	.889
IRD	7	1	.875
Dynamic Tunnels	7	2	.778
PARD	7	2	.778
Full Scale	5	2	.714
E.S.D.	6	3	.667
Low Turbulence	6	3	.667
Structures	4	5	.444
Loads	4	6	.400
8-3/4 Tunnel	2	5	.286
16-Foot	2	5	.286
7 X 10	2	6	.250
PRD	2	7	.222
Electrical	1	7	.125
Model Shop	1	8	.111

25 YEARS

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Youthful in his ideas and always ready with a cheerful word, Spence is a person that few people ever forget. So dynamic is his personality that he is usually remembered by visitors to the Laboratory and he has received letters from such noted figures as the late General Mitchell.

Whenever anyone goes by the Hanga to look over the airplanes, they are met at the front door by Spence who examines their credentials to determine their aeronautical capability before permitting them to see the planes. This is his favorite trick when the Army pilots come by.

According to Mel Gough, one of his outstanding features is his ability to forecast the weather. Despite the fact that Souter has all the necessary equipment, Spence is still his leading competitor.

About thirty-eight years ago, he married his childhood sweetheart, the former Grace Forrest, also of Messick. They have one daughter and two grandchildren.

GIRLS' TENNIS

Moving up to second place by virtue of a 6-2, 6-3 win over Lucy Taylor of Impact Basin is Dorothy Huston, Aircraft Loads. Dot started out on the bottom of the ladder. Alice Aronson, Physical Research, managed to hold onto the number one spot by defeating Julia Woodbridge, Loads, 7-5, 6-4.

TENNIS LADDER

No	Player	Phone
1	Alice Aronson	4454
2	Dorothy Huston	4527
3	Lucy Taylor	4593
4	Gerry Couch	4527
5	Eleanor Andrews	4403
6	Julia Woodbridge	4527
7	Shirley Huxter	4590
8	Becky Boykin	2255
9	Dorothy Comstock	2229
10	Gerry Hilton	2245
11	Frances Butler	2236
12	Mae Meadows	4527
13	Betty Newbold	2236
14	Nancy Wall	4590
15	Mary Maline	2255
16	Edna Cameron	4558

WANTED: Passengers to New York leaving Thursday, July 3. T. Berman, Spin Tunnel.

FOR SALE: Complete set of golf clubs. Frank Hart, Instrument Service.

WANTED: Ride from Beaconsdale to W. Area on 7 shift. Decker, 4587.

WANTED: Ride to Virginia Beach on July 3. Alice Aronson, 4454.

Shipwreck Highlights



Shown above are a few of the sights at the shipwreck dance last Friday night in the Activities Building. Upper left - Arty Assadourian, Flight, dances with Mary Rankin McKenzie. Center - Edna Cameron, Purchase, pauses for a picture with Guy Thibodaux, PAR, and upper right

Bunny Klawans, Flight, dances with Mary Campbell, Editorial Office. Lower left - Shirley Huxter and Blake Corson, both of 16-Foot. Center - Ann Merfeld and Axel Mattson, 8-Foot, do a little jitterbugging and lower right is Mrs. Mike Adams. -Photos by Bill Taub

SUBMIT FORM 2806-1 EARLY

Long delays in forwarding to the Commission executed copies of Form 2806-1, "Designation, Change, or Revocation of Beneficiary," are revealed by a survey of copies of this form which the Commission has recently received. Such delays, can and do, have serious results.

The Form 2806-1 is the form which an employee uses to designate a beneficiary to whom shall be paid, in the event of his death, any money remaining to his credit in the retirement fund, or to change or revoke such a designation. In order to be effective, it must be received in the Civil Service Commission prior to the death of the designator.

One recent example will illustrate the importance of forwarding the forms to the Civil Service Commission without delay. An employee of one of the large agencies in Washington had a valid designation of beneficiary on file with the Commission. Because of a

change in his family relationship, he desired to change his beneficiary. He was seriously ill at the time. Accordingly, he executed a new Form 2806-1 and filed it with his employing agency. Unfortunately, the employing agency neglected to forward the new designation promptly, with the result that it was not received in the Commission until three days after the employee's death. The delay in this case made it impossible to carry out the last wishes of the designator, and there was no alternative but to pay the retirement deductions to the original beneficiary.

A delay of even one day may invalidate the designation, and so defeat the expressed intention of the designator concerning the sum to his credit in the retirement fund.

To eliminate the possibility of unnecessary delays, and for the protection of his own interests, each designator should forward his Form 2806-1 directly to the Civil Service Commission.

TECHNICIANS VISIT LAB

Dr. E. Willis Whited, Senior In-Plant Training Technician, and Charles W. McDowell, Apprentice Standards Technician, of the Bureau of Apprentice Training Service, United States Department of Labor, visited the Laboratory last week.

As requested by the Department of Labor these representatives, who are considered as top authorities in this type of work, assisted in developing the technical phases of the related instruction for the trades being taught at the Laboratory. They were very complimentary about the organizational structure of the apprentice program and stated that the apprenticeship standards have been held exceptionally high.

To get into the best society nowadays, one has either to feed people, amuse people, or shock people.

--Wilde