

AIR SCOOP

HISTORY OF MURALS IN ROTUNDA OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Four murals, depicting the history of flight, will be hung this week-end on the four walls of the rotunda, located in the South end of the Administrative Building. The actual painting and plans, which were done by J. J. Lanke and Lee Wade of the Illustrators Unit, are best described in the accompanying article by Lanke.

Shortly after my employment, July 1, 1943, at LMAL, in a lull of work, R. E. Mixson referred to a Laboratory desire to utilize the four panels in the Rotunda for decoration. In the heyday of the WPA a competition had been announced for mural designs for these wall spaces, but according to the story I've heard, they were not considered appropriate, or else too far removed in quality to make them desirable for the purpose.

Mixson suggested that I consider the project as a backlog to my duties as head of the Illustrators group. In odd moments the project was given thought and eventually the scheme sifted down to a history of aeronautical endeavors. The problem then became an editorial one - what to use and how to use it. A mass of material that was collected from various sources was broken down into four sections. This led to definite epochs - from the oldest record of flight, 3500 B.C. to the end of the 15th Century being the first panel. The second panel fell more easily into the beginning of the 16th Century to the end of the 18th; the third from the beginning of the 19th Century to its end; and the fourth from the beginning of the 20th Century to late enough to include contributions made by the Laboratory,

BEGIN RECONVERSION OF WAR SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

The Civil Service Commission recently took the first step toward converting War Service Appointments to permanent appointments.

First persons to be affected are those who formerly held permanent appointments but who were put on war service status by reason of transfer after March 16, 1942 from another Federal Agency. These employees will be given an opportunity, as soon as the official procedure can be established, to apply for permanent status once more. Detailed plans are expected to be released in the near future.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL SCHEDULE SATURDAY

Flyers vs. Gimmicks - Armstrong - 9:30
Packers vs. Bombers - Armstrong - 11:30
Presflights vs. Reds - Wythe - 9:30
Characters vs. Eagles - Wythe - 11:30

SUNDAY

Reds vs. Bombers - Armstrong - 12:30
Eagles vs. Gimmicks - Armstrong - 2:30
Packers vs. Hornets - Wythe - 12:30
Presflights vs. Flyers - Wythe - 2:30

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The next problem became one of emphasis. Which event in these four periods carried the greatest impact? Then came the matter of arranging the various elements to make a good pattern as a decoration. A number of water color sketches were made, as pressure of work permitted, until satisfactory designs were achieved. There were many considerations involved - whether to view the project as one of art or as illustration - with a reasonable content of plausibility. Of course, many of the elements of the design were too obviously impossible as realizations

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The Air Scoop has been mimeographed this week due to a shortage of lithographers and the pressure of work in the Mechanical Reproduction Unit. As soon as possible we will resume the regular publication process.

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LIFE AT THE LABORATORY

For once we're

speechless, flabbergasted, and overwhelmed, in other words, we just can't think of anything to say so give us time to pull ourselves together and catch our breath. In an effort to prevent an epidemic of severe shock, we'll try to break the latest scoop to our readers gently. We don't know who the girl is - all we know is that she's a WAC - but Arvid "Lover" Keith turned on all his charms this week and ended up with a wife.

Dan Cupid is still

shooting arrows around rather freely. One of the latest victims is Jay Bird, Stability Tunnel. He is engaged to Llewellyn Cupstid, also of Stability Tunnel, and the wedding will take place shortly before Christmas.

It seems that the

jewelry business is a rather profitable racket here on the Peninsula. Another recent engagement is Daisy Robbins, West Sheetmetal, to Franklin Perkins, West Machine.

Stability Tunnel seems

to be doing its part in upholding Cupid's reputation, Doda Smith was married November 3 to Glen Wessale, Low Turbulence.

If the present marriage

rate continues much longer, the eligible list will soon become obsolete and the ineligible list will extend to

infinity. Floyd Waters, 16-Foot, transferred his name to the latter list when he married Helen Hess, West Sheetmetal, on November 3.

Arnold Emmons, PRT

was passing out cigars in a big way last week. He became the father of a son, Arnold III, on Tuesday, November 6.

Ralph Westphal, Induction

Aerodynamics, is another proud papa. He has a daughter, Susan Kay, born Friday, November 9.

Another Laboratory romance

will reach its height when Mary Ann Wilson, Full Scale Tunnel, and Charles Schnell, Flight, say "I do" on Monday, November 19. Mary Helen Johnston, another bride-elect at Full Scale, will be maid-of-honor.

Peninsula merchants have

been swamped all week by Lab employees swarming to purchase overalls, loud woolen shirts, and red flannel underwear in preparation for this evening's Sadie Dearborn Day frolic at Hampton Armory. One lad reports he assembled one such outfit at a general store (the cracker-barrel type) on the Yorktown road. As the proprietor wrapped it up, he said, "So you NACA boys finally decided to dress like gentlemen, eh? Wal, it's sure enough high time!"

Reports from the

Washington Office indicate that Jerry Teplitz, who recently transferred to that establishment from 19-Foot Pressure Tunnel, is in a sadly depressed condition these days. It seems that custom decrees that each successive new man in the research group inherits the responsibility of computing and adjusting the office League bowling scores. The latest arrival now is John Crowley, Acting Director of Research. As yet no one has acquainted him with the tradition, so Teplitz is still computing and adjusting.

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TERMS DEFINED FOR FORMER MILITARIZED PERSONNEL

Many former members of the Militarized personnel at the Laboratory have asked for a definition for the term "Veteran". The following definition is found in Section 607 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 ("GI Bill of Rights"), approved on June 22, 1944: "The term 'veteran' as used in this title shall mean a person who served in the active service of the armed forces during a period of war in which the United States has been, or is, engaged, and who has been discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable."

Active Military duty, according to "Federal Personnel Manual", October 12, 1945, Chapter R6, Restoration to Duty (Mandatory), page 2, is defined as follows: "Duty other than for purely training purposes, in full pay status in the armed forces of the United States."

FORMER LABORATORY EMPLOYEE DIES IN PLANE CRASH

Lt. Vincent J. Colosimo, formerly of Propeller Construction Section, was killed recently in a plane crash in Alaska. The War Department stated that the plane was wrecked when it struck a mountain in the Chugach range near Anchorage. Five of its seven occupants were killed.

Lt. Colosimo was born April 30, 1920 in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania. On July 1, 1940 he entered on duty at the Laboratory as an under aircraft model-maker in the Propeller Construction Section, and resigned on May 25, 1942 to enter the Air Corps as a cadet. He was in the service four years and had flown in India and China during the war.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Angeline T. Colosimo; a brother, and three sisters.

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WANTED: Ride to New York during Thanksgiving holiday. J. C. Lewis, Dynamic Tunnel Operations.

ENLISTED SERVICE PERSONNEL WITH 60 POINT TO BE DISCHARGED

Third Service Command has informed Langley that enlisted Service personnel, regardless of age, will be called for active duty and discharged when they reach the existing critical score. At present, the score is 60 points.

Service personnel are advised to inform Third Service Command, Baltimore, 2, Maryland, of their current local address.

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How to have fun

during the remainder of your lunch period was demonstrated last week by a young lass in Personnel who, with a friend, went for a boat ride with a couple of sojers. After a short ride, the foursome paddled to the nearest seawall to let the lassies depart for work. The first three got out, leaving our heroine high and dry (temporarily). Then the inevitable happened. While her legs and arms were spread between ship and shore, the boat slowly floated away. That's right; she fell in the drink. With hair stringing, sweater stretching, skirt shrinking, and shoes squirting, she was escorted to the emergency room of the post hospital where she was treated to hot coffee, warm blankets, and a pair of maroon GI pajamas, size 44. She refused to be sent home in an ambulance, for fear it would frighten her mother, but settled on a car with a nurse. Since this is the second case of its kind in two years (that we've heard about), we suggest that the Safety Engineer do something about the Back River. It's nothing but an old industrial hazard.

Wedding Bells will

ring in Portsmouth Saturday, November 17, when Janice White and Charles Garrison, both of Tank, take their final vows. Texie Belle Miller, Full Scale Tunnel, will be bridesmaid.

HISTORY OF MURALS

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of flight, specifically the earlier concepts. These could be treated as whimsical flights of the imagination even though they did reflect the hopes and aspirations of the propel of those periods.

The accuracy of the models then came into question, and with that, the time at our disposal. Obviously, as a backlog project, no money was available for travel for research to see actual models of planes and gliders or to get better reproductions. So, like the owl criticized for bad singing, "We had to do de best wid what we got."

Satisfactory compositions having been achieved, the water color sketches were next shown to H. J. E. Reid, who liked the project well enough to call John Victory's attention to it. It was approved and a definite Job Order given it.

The project was still a backlog one and consequently, the panels were stored for months before there was a sufficient lull in the work load to permit getting under way. In work of this nature it is much better to have no interruptions to the smooth flow of transferring the small size model sketches to the full size panels. Nevertheless, we never saw the time when there weren't interruptions that lasted from days to months, simply because the primary purpose of our group was directed towards illustrating reports and performing such work as had a more direct bearing on research and its recordings.

In the meantime, the Laboratory had acquired more artists from the Army. Of this group, Lee Wade, who came in February, 1945, had the most experience of the kind to carry on the actual painting, and so he was turned loose on the job - long before the fourth panel could be laid out.

The fourth panel was still a problem when the first three were finished

because of its controversial content. It was held up, consequently, until these controversial elements could be adjusted, and a definite time limit of plane development could be settled. There was no point in bringing the panel up to date for the latest model plane would be outdated almost as soon as it could be painted. There was also the inexorable limit of space to be considered, the legibility as it were, of construction, and how far actual detail should go within the limits of our time and resources of this kind of research, and yet conform to some ideals of mural decoration. In all cases, concessions had to be made to strike a happy medium. Now that the job is complete, it is easy enough to find weaknesses.

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