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FIRST SIX MONTHS BOOKINGS SHOW GAIN OVER 1970

First six months bookings for the Melpar Division totalled \$9,500,000. In addition, Melpar has been authorized by customers to perform an additional \$900,000 of effort on current programs, and has negotiated and is awaiting the placement of orders totalling another \$150,000. This activity compares favorably with actual bookings of \$6,300,000 for the first six months of 1970.

Virginia Leads With Lowest Unemployment

Recent figures released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for May 1971 show the U.S. unemployment rate at 6.2%. The actual number of unemployed persons dropped 300,000. The increase in the % figure was due to seasonal adjustment in the total work force which numbered 83.1 million persons in May.

Several bright spots show up in the national figures. Virginia shows the lowest unemployment rate with 1.3%, Mary-

land has 2.8% and the District of Columbia records 1.8%.

High unemployment occurs in several locations. For example, Alaska leads with 10.6% and Washington state is second with 9.7%. Connecticut shows 6.5%, California has 6.1%, and Vermont and Rhode Island report 5.6%. New York state records 4.2%, considerably below the national average.



30ND DRIVE ENDS WITH 185% INCREASE ... Melpar's recent United States Savings Bond Drive o increase the number of subscribers in the payroll deduction savings plan resulted in an increase of 185%. 245 additional employees signed up for the payroll deduction plan during the drive. Melpar awarded a \$25 bond each week for four weeks and LTV Electrosystems conducted a \$500 bond drawing for all LTVE employees.

B. R. Melton of Greenville Division's Incoming Inspection Group was the LTVE winner. President J. P. Chambers (right) presents bonds to the four winners of the weekly drawings. Left to right: William Cradlin, Matthew Famiglietti, Gina Cooper and Tom Bailey. (See additional pictures on page 3).

SAKAMOTO TO JAPAN

Senior Photographer Richard K. Sakamoto has been selected by the National Capital Area Council of Boy Scouts to lead a contingent of 40 scouts from the National Capital area to the 13th World Scout Jamboree to be held in Mt. Fujiyama, Japan from July 23 to August 11th.



DICK SAKAMOTO

The group will leave Dulles Airport via chartered plane at 1:30 A.M., July 23rd.

There will be 7000 scouts representing the United States. More than 20,000 scouts from all over the world will gather at Mt. Fujiyama for the largest jamboree in the history of scouting.

A jamboree, held every four years, is thousands of scouts from many nations camping together in the cause of world friendship. Such friendship and desire to know one another overcomes barriers of language and differences in custom, race and religion, making scouting relevant to world brotherhood.

The scouts will be taken on a nine-day tour of Japan including Tokyo, Nikko, Koshigaya, Kioto, Nara, Shizuoka and Asagiri, including tours of the Canon Camera Company, the Honda Motorcycle Company and the Judo Karate School. They will ride the Japanese National Railroad "bullet" train (131 MPH) from Tokyo to Kyoto.

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Vacation News

Melpar employees are enjoying summer vacation spots across the nation this year. Here are some of the highlights! "SWEDE" BOREEN toured Florida including Miami and Palm Beach where he visited the Lion Country Safari and Fort Lauderdale where he saw the Porpoise Show, ERNESTINE WILKINS visited her home town of Brighton, Michigan. LACY FARMER enjoyed a week at a cottage on the lake at Hungry Mother State Park near Bristol, Tenn. ANGIE WATKINS spent a month in Germany and ROZELLE NEELY spent a week at Sharbot Lake, Ontario, Canada and says the fishing was great. Ask JIM HAUS-FELD about "Scotty's Beauty Beach," Selina, Ohio. FRANK BATEMAN visited relatives in Blytheville, Arkansas and DEANE PARKER spent part of his vacation taking his Scout Troop to Camp Goshen for a few days.

ELMER BURNHAM took his family to Hopewell, Va., and BILL POE visited his daughter in Los Angeles. H. P. WILLIS toured Florida, and GRACE SMITH took her granddaughter, Bonnie Sue, to Rochester, N.Y. for the 84th birthday celebration of Grace's mother. They also

visited Niagara Falls.

MARIE YAWORNICKY flew to Miami, Florida then to Nassau for 3 days. "Very very British," Marie reports. FRANK DRUMMOND is going to Germany and Austria in September, BOB EARNSHAW visited Charleston, S.C., and JOHN KNAPP went to Ft. Myer's Beach, Florida. ELSIE GORMLEY went to her cottage at McKay's Beach, Maryland. JOY BLEVINS and POLLY HESTON chose Myrtle Beach, S.C. for their vacations. GRACE BRACKETT visited Fal-

mouth and Portland, Maine and is later flying to Zurich, Switzerland to visit her daughter. JANE SIMMS chose Atlantic City and RUTH ASHLEY visited Atlanta, Ga. Denver, Colorado attracted A. K. BOTT, and FAYE WOOD went back to good old Somerset, Ky. VELVA WEEKS went to Roanoke, Va.

ELAINE KNIGHT goes home to Hartford, Connecticut for her vacation. The Ocean City, Rehoboth and Bethany Beach crowd includes MARY GARRITY, ED CONNELLY, FRANK CARAU, OLIVER CALLANEN, TOM KELLY, and JIM KNOX. MARY AMOROSI beachcombed at Wildwood, N.J. and PIERCE CHAMBERS has reservations at Virginia Beach.

TONY DEPASQUALE made his third western safari with his family to Rainbow Bridge via Lake Powell motor launch, a trip of over 100 miles on the water through spectacular canyons of sheer red cliffs. BILL JOHNSON and his wife will shoot the Colorado River rapids by kayak through the Grand Canyon. TOM WOOD retraces previous western jaunts to spend some time in the Grand Teton Valley of Wyoming fishing, boating and golfing. JANE SMITH will tour the Hudson River to West Point, Fort Ticonderoga and Plattsburgh, N.Y., then through the mountains of Vermont and New Hampshire to Moosehead Lake, Maine, The Nags Head clan includes LEE DELANEY, ROBERT SCHAEFER, SAM DEL-LINGER, JIM HALEY, LARRY TERRY, LOUISE HOBBS, TOM WOOD and MA-RION CASON. Last but not least, JEAN GIROUARD hopped in a Cessna Six to the Playboy Club in Atlanta!

BONDS ARE A BETTER BUY THAN EVER

Holdings of U.S. Savings Bonds by individuals are now at an all-time high and there are good reasons for it.

First is the competitive advantage enjoyed by savings bonds in the interest rate paid. Savings and loan associations have been paying 5% annually on pass-book accounts and 5¼ to 6% on savings certificates when a minimum deposit is held for a specific period such as one, two or more years. Bank rates closely parallel these yields but are slightly lower and credit unions range from 4 to 6%.

Savings bonds are currently yielding 5½% when held to maturity and this is a guaranteed rate of return for the life of the bond. Other savings institutions vary their interest rates up or down each quarter if they wish.

Tax shelter on interest earned on savings bonds is another major advantage. First, the interest is exempt from all state and local income taxes and the federal tax is delayed until the bond is actually cashed. And there are additional ways to shelter the bond interest from income taxes.

One way is to buy bonds for a child so that the interest yield is below the income amount taxable to the child.

Another way is to buy bonds for retirement and at maturity convert the E Bonds to government H Bonds and pay tax only on the monthly income paid by the H Bonds. This means you are taxed after retirement and normally this is at a much lower rate than when you were working.

EQUESTRIENNE PAM SCHLIE WINS INVITATION TO ENGLAND

Payroll Clerk Pam Schlie has been selected by the U.S. Pony Club to participate in an exchange tour which will take her to England for three weeks beginning August 30th.



PAM SCHLIE

To qualify, Pam rode in the competition held by the Pony Club in Lancaster, Pa., on April 9th & 10th. Pam competed in dressage; (guiding horse through maneuvers without perceptible use of hands, legs or reins), cross-country riding involving jumps, fence and water hazards and in-stadium riding including ring jumping over a prescribed course.

From this contest, three girls and three boys won selection for their superior horsemanship. Contestants were from all states east of the Mississippi.

Pam was not permitted to compete on her own horse since rules require various mounts to be selected for each contestant by the Pony Club.



Plan For His Tomorrow Today With U.S. Savings Bonds

Picking the Bond Winners



Vice President T. D. Kelly draws the first bond winner's name assisted by his secretary, Merion Cason, The winner was William Cradlin.



Manufacturing Superintendent T. R. Bailey, (second from left) presents our second bond winner, Matthew Famiglietti (right) with the winning ticket as Lorraine Dabney and first week's winner William Cradlin join in the fun.



Vice-President R. B. Power draws the third week's winner, Gina Cooper, to the amazed look of his secretary, Winnie Clark.



Director of Material Fred A. Morley picks the final week's winner assisted by Sophie Payne, Tom Bailey's name was on the ticket.

SAKAMOTO TO JAPAN

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President Nixon has asked the National Area contingent to convey personal regards to the Emperor of Japan who will greet the scouts at a mass gathering.

Dick Sakamoto served as Cub and Scout Master for the past ten years and is presently on the Boy Scout Staff of the Fairfax County District. As Scout Master of Troop #685, Weyanoke, Virginia, ck's scouts established an outstanding achievement record in scouting proficiency and marching competence.

Of Japanese descent, Dick was born in Los Angeles, California and his use of the Japanese language should enhance the enjoyment of his tour members.

ON THE DAIS . . .

W. V. Goodell of the Electro-Optics Laboratory delivered a well-received lecture at the Naval Reserve Officers School 5-7 (M) at Jones Point, entitled "Computers in Electro-Optics." Bill was one of a series of invited lecturers who presented facets of computer usage to a class of reserve officers studying electronic data processing.

A woman telephoned her bank to arrange for the disposal of a thousand-dollar bond. "Is the bond for redemption or conversion?" a clerk asked. There was a long pause, then the woman asked: "Am I talking to the First National Bank or the First Baptist Church?"

THE TAILGATER

Somewhere between the fume-spouting exhaust of the "tractor-trailer" and the dainty white puff of the compact, we find a creature known as a "Tailgater."

Tailgaters come in assorted sizes and shapes — mostly repulsive. You find them everywhere, but mostly two feet from your rear bumper. Undertakers love them, drivers being tailed hate them, empty highways frustrate them, and heaven only knows who protects them!

A tailgater is ignorance with a weapon at its command . . . death with a gleam in its eye . . . and irresponsibility with a driver's license.

A tailgater has the appetite of Dracula, the energy of a 400-horsepower engine, the curiosity of a tail light inspector, the enthusiasm of a horseman chasing Lady Godiva, and the shyness of a fullback three yards from the goal line.

No one else is so familiar with the hospital emergency room or so at home in traffic court. When you're stranded on an empty road, he roars past with a wave. When you don't want him, he's grinning at you in your rear-view mirror. No one else can cram into 20 years of driving, 20 assorted varieties of cars with dented front ends.

A Tailgater is a fabulous creature. You can keep him out of your back seat, but you can't keep him out of the wreckage of your trunk. You can charge him higher insurance premiums, but you can't charge him with the murder of his victims. You can suspend his license, but you can't suspend his driving. He's your terror, your shadow, the cause of your cursing, your constant, too-close companion on the road. But when he finally turns off at a tavern, he's a soothing vacant space behind your car, a toothache that's stopped hurting, a feeling of safety in the world.

And when he gives you the whiplash snap, crackle and pop of the upper vertebrae in a rear-end collision and comes to visit you while you're in traction, he can bring tears to your eyes with those brief, apologetic words: "I ain't got no insurance."

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Safety in Rip Currents

For you beachcombers who like to swim in the ocean, the following information may save your life — or at least the scare of your life.

A rip current, or "tide" as some call it, is a powerful streak of seaward bound water. Usually they are easy to recognize by their choppy waves or foam running perpendicular to the beach. Normal waves break offshore in long lines parallel to the beach.

If you get trapped in a rip current and feel yourself being drawn out to sea, don't panic. Swim slowly and deliberately along the beach or parallel to the beach and you will swim out of the current in a short time. The narrowest part of a rip current is normally only 10 to 20 feet wide.

Sixteen Receive Service Pin Awards

Melpar's third quarterly pin luncheon will be held in the cafeteria in September. Sixteen employees will be honor guests at the luncheon and will be presented their

Melpar service pins by their department heads. One employee receives a 20-year pin, 9 acquire 15-year status, and six will be given 10-year awards.



James A. Schoolar FIFTEEN YEARS



Joy Blevins





William L. M. Hux



Arthur G. Keene





Alexander A. Y. Lee Henry W. Mauldin



Charles W. Parish



Philip A. Thompson Almeda P. Woods





Anthony Barretta



Allen F. Haley



Ruth V. Ashley

Ray B. Hull





Pauline E. Tibbs

PLANNING TO RETIRE? INVESTIGATE AARP

If you are approaching age 55 and are wondering about your retirement years, you may want to look into the benefits of a non-profit organization called AARP, the American Association of Retired Persons.

This interesting idea started in the middle fifties with Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus over her concern about the inequities in teachers' pensions in Califor-

Today this national association boasts over 1,800,000 members who enjoy lowcost medical services, group travel discounts, low-cost health and life insurance, automobile insurance to age 80 and two national publications.

Benefits also include a nursing home in Ojai, California and Hospitality Houses in St. Petersburg, Long Beach and Washington.

In addition, AARP offers a temporary employment service for members and connecting services through more than 650 local community chapters. It also operates Institutes of Lifetime Learning in Washington and Long Beach with programs in music, psychology, creative writing, government, literature, speech improvement and a variety of other subjects.

Membership for a man and wife is \$2.00 for one year or \$5.00 for three years.

For more information you should

AARP, 1225 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036.

Jamily Affairs...

Medi-log:

It may be the good old summertime but it is also the season for accidents and Melpar employees have recorded their share so far this season.

George Keeler broke two ribs in a fall from a ladder in his home.

Harry Crawford was the victim of an unusual accident when charcoal lighter fluid flashed back from the fire causing Harry to throw the can into the air. Burning fluid hit his arms and chest.

Eleanor Duncan suffered painful injuries when she fell through planking on a sun deck at her home.

Al Garnett cut a finger sharpening lawn mower blades.

The cases cited here should remind each of us to be a little more careful. Most accidents happen around the home.

Recent hospitalizations include Faye Wood, Doris Davis, John Reedy, Rosemary Montena and Bernard Smith.

New sons arrived for Mr. & Mrs. John Bobrowicz and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gerber.

Going Up!

Promotions to higher classifications were received by the following employees recently

> R. M. CORBETT Draftsman

L. H. GAITHER Junior Engineering Assistant

J. K. HALL **Human Factors Engineer**

M. HARDING Electrical Engineer

R.C. PHIPPS Senior Quality Assurance Assistant

ANNA B. WILLIAMS Junior Accountant

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