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E-TEAMERS TAKE STOCK IN AMERICA



Advertising Council photographers pose E-Teamers for U.S. Savings Bond Ad pictured below.

Six Melpar E-Teamers were recently photographed to partake in a national public service ad put together by the Advertising Council, Inc., in conjunction with the U.S. Savings Bond Division of the Department of the Treasury. This ad will appear in a number of national publications beginning this April and extending through the summer months.

According to the Ad Council twenty-three million American families hold United States Savings Bonds. The Advertising Council is a non-profit organization through which American business advertising and the communications industries contribute their skills and resources to promote voluntary citizen actions in solving national problems.

During the past 40 years, bonds have been used to build financial security, help provide college educations, buy new homes and cushion retirement years. Series EE U.S. Savings Bonds now earn 9% when held to 8-year maturity. The U.S. Savings Bond Ad Program features employees enthusiastically endorsing the buying of bonds through the company payroll savings plan. Carl Seese,

97% of the almost 10,000 people at E-Systems save with Bonds.

Carl Seese—Shipping & Packing Group Leader
I've been saving for 15 years and I'm proud of it. I've been able to buy a new home and a car. I've also been able to save for my children's education. I'm proud of my savings plan.

Lorraine Dabney—Assembly Supervisor
I've been saving for 10 years and I'm proud of it. I've been able to buy a new home and a car. I've also been able to save for my children's education. I'm proud of my savings plan.

Lucille Ferrante—Secretary/Facilities
I've been saving for 10 years and I'm proud of it. I've been able to buy a new home and a car. I've also been able to save for my children's education. I'm proud of my savings plan.

Dennis Krausman—Engineering Manager
I've been saving for 10 years and I'm proud of it. I've been able to buy a new home and a car. I've also been able to save for my children's education. I'm proud of my savings plan.

Richard Bottenfield—Engineer
I've been saving for 10 years and I'm proud of it. I've been able to buy a new home and a car. I've also been able to save for my children's education. I'm proud of my savings plan.

Peggy Mayhugh—Operations Analyst
I've been saving for 10 years and I'm proud of it. I've been able to buy a new home and a car. I've also been able to save for my children's education. I'm proud of my savings plan.

Take stock in America.
Buy U.S. Savings Bonds

Shipping and Packing Group Leader; Lorraine Dabney, Assembly Supervisor; Lucille Ferrante, Secretary/Facilities; Dennis Krausman, Engineering Manager; Richard Bottenfield, Engineer, and Peggy Mayhugh, Operations Analyst are Melpar's E-Teamers who are representative of 97% of the almost 10,000 people at E-Systems who save regularly with bonds.

NEAL ISHMAN ADDRESSES BENEFITS OF IEEE

Almost two decades have passed since the formation of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Inc. (IEEE). Today the Institute is the largest professional association in the world with over 200,000 members and its activities now extend far more widely than its forebears could ever have foreseen. It remains, however, just as almost a century ago, the premier spokesman for the most significant and exciting technological field of its time. Today as in the past the IEEE offers a forum for excellent technical exchange among members with their publications on the most advanced happenings in the fields of electrical engineering and computers.

According to Neal Ishman, Vice President Advanced Development, and Treasurer of the Northern Virginia Section of the IEEE, the benefits of the IEEE to individual members are many. He views the IEEE as an excellent means for engineers to keep current with technology. Thru seminars, periodicals and journals, the IEEE motivates and encourages its members to keep abreast of the latest "state-of-the-art". The IEEE programs include sponsorship of conferences, papers, transactions and periodicals as well as a wide range of educational courses. The Institute also conducts surveys and reports on matters of professional concern to members. The IEEE has two publications of general interest to engineers: "Spectrum" and the "Proceedings of the IEEE".

There are three sections of the IEEE serving the Washington Area — the D.C., the Northern Virginia (NOVA) and the Maryland Sections. The NOVA Section has about 4600 members, the majority living in Arlington, Alexandria, and Fairfax County, including Fairfax City and Falls Church. Each month the sections and chapters hold open meetings of general interest with

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MELPAR ON THE MOVE TO FAIRFAX

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Melpar as I see it:

Monday, March 15, was an exciting day in the history of Melpar. For the first time since becoming a part of E-Systems, we are now a division operating in two facilities. We have outgrown our present facility and see continued growth for the future. During the year we will see additional growth and the opening of a second wing at the Fairfax facility. All of this should give us excitement and optimism about the future of our Division.

With this expansion step we must begin to operate in a new mode. The key to our success will be organization and communication. By organization, I mean we must use planning to insure that meetings occur at a time and place convenient for both those at Fairfax and Falls Church. This will enable us to spend more time working and to minimize the travel required. As for communications, it is still necessary to maintain close communication between the Advanced Development organization and the Systems organization. We must continue to work together as a united team instead of dividing into two separate organizations.

I have no doubt that the employees of Melpar will respond to these new challenges. As always, success depends on the contributions and efforts of all of us.

Talbot S. Huff

LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER BECOMES ACTOR ON NATIONWIDE TV

Pete Piraneo, known to Melpar E-Teamers for his work in the Photography Department and as Senior Design Engineer in the Systems Department stepped into the limelight on Tuesday, March 30th and again on the evening of April 1st. Pete played the role of one of President Reagan's secret servicemen in the docudrama "The Saving of the President." The docudrama was produced by George Washington University Medical Center in conjunction with WJLA-TV and was aired on local TV just one year after the assassination attempt of President Reagan. "The Saving of the President" was viewed nationally on ABC's 20/20, giving the program two viewings in the Washington area and one nationwide.

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Library Up-date

When anyone is relocating either at home or at the office, items tend to be misplaced. The Technical Library wants to remind all employees at the new location that the books they have checked out are still their responsibility and the procedure for quarterly recall is still in effect. The librarians will assist in every way possible to renew your books if you wish to do so.

Library losses are a concern in every type of library; the average price of a technical book today is forty dollars. In the long run, the patron will be the loser. Please remember all library material marked Melpar Library is the property of Melpar and either belongs in the library or is for your use with proper checkout.

A little concern for library material will help keep our collection up to date and rounded out in our specialties.

ANNUAL CREDIT UNION MEETING WELL ATTENDED

The 9th Annual Business Meeting of the Melpar Employees Federal Credit Union (CU) was conducted on Friday, February 26th in the cafeteria. Light refreshments were served.

Annual reports were given by the Treasurer's Office, the Credit Committee and the Supervisory Committee. President of the Board of Directors, Bill Mitchell, followed with his report. Bill noted that a major goal had been reached by the credit union this year, with the issuance of All Savers Certificates for CU members. The dollar amount issued in certificates in 1981 exceeded \$100,000.

The annual business meeting resulted in the addition of two board members, bringing the total to nine. Board of Directors for the coming year now include: Paul Browne, James Guiliano, Allen Haley, Linda Key, Ethel Lorenzo, Harold Marine, Bill Mitchell, Stan Scalsky and Jane Smallwood. Credit Committee members are Kathryn Cooper, Lorraine Dabney, Ben DeGroot, Joe Tompkins and Robert Wright.

The staff of the Credit Union, elected officials, appointed committee members and office workers spend many of their off-duty hours serving in a volunteer capacity. A Certificate of Appreciation was prepared and presented to members who have given of their time and talents. (A special presentation was made to Frank Brown for his artistic contributions.

Security Spotlight

For detailed guidance when transmitting classified material between Melpar-Falls Church and Melpar-Fairfax, refer to Paragraph G, Section III, Melpar's Security Manual. Extracts of this paragraph are:

- Use Document Control facilities whenever possible
- If you must be the courier and are going to retain custody of the material, ensure that it is double wrapped with appropriate "to and from" addresses
- When custody of the material is to be transferred, you must use Document Control
- As a courier, you must check in with the guard/receptionist at both the departing and arriving plant to record the movement of the classified material
- Courier letters will not be required for transmission of classified material between the Falls Church and Fairfax plants

Support the "P R E V E N T" LOSSES PROGRAM

GW SUMMER PROGRAM ORIENTATION SCHEDULED

Dr. Pickholtz, advisor for the George Washington University Graduate Program in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, informs us that there will be a briefing and orientation session for all persons interested in the program in Communication and Computer Science, on Monday May 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Melpar Cafeteria. The courses offered this summer will be:

EE144 Elements of Communication Engineering Design

Mon. and Wed., 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
CSCI 154 Digital Computer Design

Tues. and Thur., 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Classes begin the week of June 14th and continue through the week of August 2nd.

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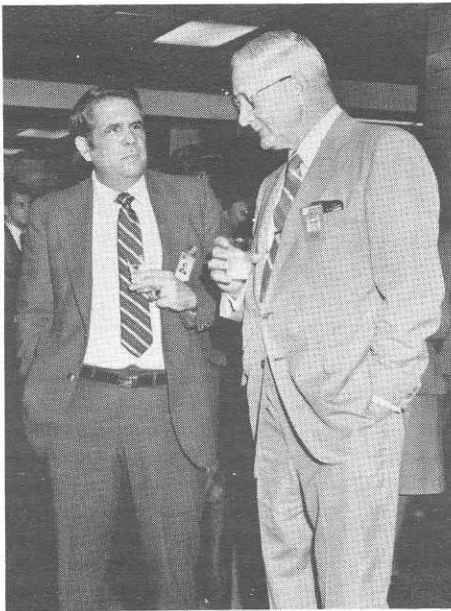
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MELPAR HOSTS ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REVIEW DINNER

Each year John Dixon, President and Chairman of the Board of E-Systems, visits the Divisions to personally greet employees and review the past business year and the Corporate goals for the future. On February 16th the Melpar Division was host for the Annual Management Review Dinner. Attending were Corporate officers from Dallas, E-Teamers from CAPA, Garland — ETAG, and the Washington Office.

Introduced by Dave Tacke, Electronic Systems Group Vice President, Mr. Dixon presented the corporate overview and a synopsis of each Division. Highlights that reflect our growth include our surpassing one billion dollars in backlog and a high probability of making the Fortune Five Hundred list this year.



Tony Maestri, Director, Production Electronics at Melpar, chats with John Dixon.

JERROLD BUDIANSKY RECEIVES CASH AWARD



Jerrold H. Budiansky, an engineering manager in Melpar's ECM Department was presented an award of \$100 by Vice President and General Manager Talbot Huff for his published technical paper entitled "Unattended Drone-Borne Homing System." Mr. Budiansky prepared the paper in December of 1981 and presented it at the ERASE (Electromagnetic Radiating Source Elimination) Defense Suppression Technology Review held at the Naval Ocean Systems Center in San Diego, California in January of 1982.

Mr. Budiansky's paper discussed the development and flight test demonstration of a mini-attack drone. The work, performed under sponsorship of the U.S. Army, was directed towards demonstrating the feasibility of using a small drone to conduct C³ countermeasures. His presentation described the basic operational concept of the mini-attack drone. The drone is auto-

nomous and does not need ground control or data links, once it is launched. A typical mission scenario including preprogramming, navigation to a target area, loiter and search, and terminal attack was discussed. This was followed by a description of the equipment: including - a Radio Frequency homing set, a miniature drone and associated autopilot/guidance. The results of both computer simulation and demonstration flight tests to validate the viability of this concept and demonstrate the required effectiveness were presented.

The ERASE program has been the principal source of antiradiation missile (ARM) guidance/emitter location technology for all three armed services. Principal objectives of the program are to develop concepts and technology to expand ARM seeker/avionics frequency and waveform coverage to stay abreast of current threats.

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frequent joint activities between chapters. Within the NOVA Section are a number of society chapters whose work pertains to ours at Melpar: Acoustics Speech and Signal Processing; Antennas and Propagation; Computers; Electromagnetic Compatibility; Microwave Theory and Techniques; Reliability; and Vehicular Technology.

We at Melpar have a number of engineers who are actively involved in the IEEE as committee chairmen. Neal Ishman is Chairman of the Budget and Financing Committee, Fred Kelley is Chairman of the Public Relations Committee and Dennis Krausman is Chair-

man of the Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing Society. At the time of his death this past January, Dr. Charles Ammerman, Systems Associate for Advanced Development, was Chairman of the Northern Virginia Section of the IEEE.

Another familiar name to Melpar engineers, Dr. Raymond L. Pickholtz, was recently elected a Fellow by the NOVA Section. Dr. Pickholtz, Faculty Advisor to our George Washington Graduate Program in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, was singled out for his contributions to the design of digital communications systems and to engineering education.

He was honored at the annual awards dinner held this past March 12th.

The IEEE has many events that may be of interest to you. From time to time "Melparticulars" will highlight people and events of interest to Melpar E-Teamers. According to Public Relations Director Fred Kelley, local events for the IEEE can be found in the Business Section of the Washington Post on Mondays. For technical information or copies of proceedings applicable to your work, check with Mary Albertson in the library as we regularly receive some thirty periodicals from the IEEE.

HERE WE GROW AGAIN . . .

MELPAR-FAIRFAX

Melpar-Fairfax became a reality on the weekend of March 13th as Melpar expanded its horizons and moved into its new location on Waples Mill Road in Fairfax. Approximately two hundred E-Teamers packed up their gear and moved west. With relatively little inconvenience E-Teamers left their desks at Melpar-Falls Church on Friday and resumed work on Monday in Fairfax.

For those in Facilities the move to Fairfax had been in the planning stages for a long time. Their staff has been right behind the construction crew getting Melpar-Fairfax ready for a smooth transition. During the March 13th weekend, Facilities spent many hours coordinating the move.

Although there are friends who are going their separate ways and car pool logistics to work out, Melpar E-Teamers are enthused about the move to Fairfax with its brand new facilities and open, lighted areas.

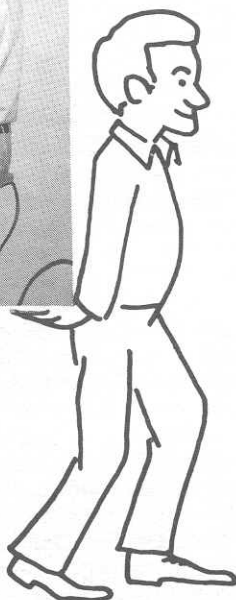
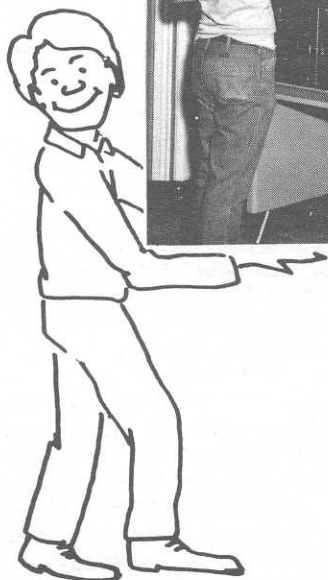


Welcome to Melpar-Fairfax!

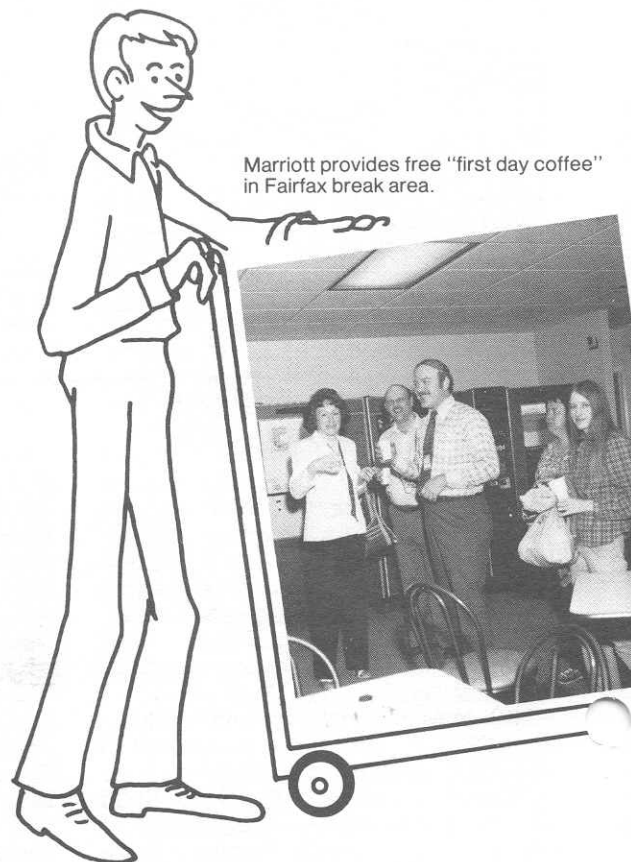


Pack one day . . . unpack the next!

Temporary stands put microwaves into service.



Marriott provides free "first day coffee" in Fairfax break area.





Hurry up and take the picture. These boxes are getting heavy!



I'm sure this is the crate we packed it in!



More test equipment for Fairfax.



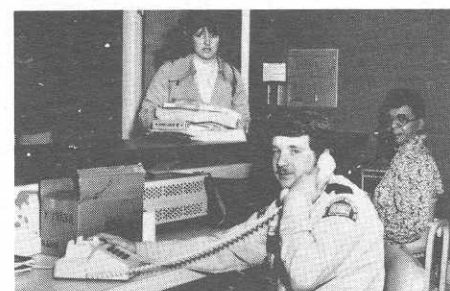
First day of work on the new assembly line.



A smooth move ready to unload.



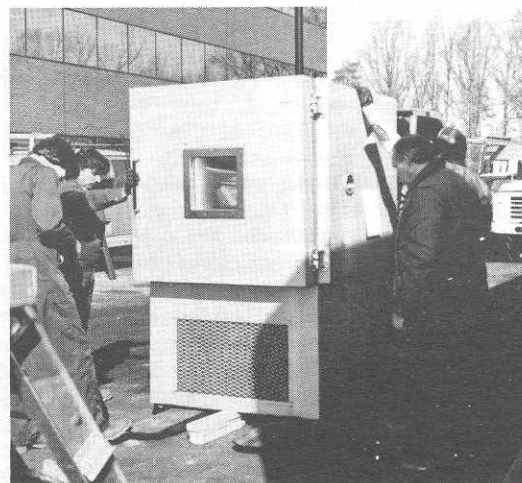
Assembly's farewell luncheon.



The reception desk getting it all together.



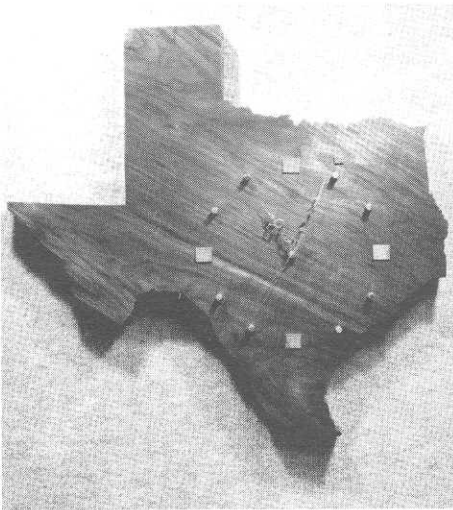
Everyone gets into the act on moving day.



Special handling for a thermotron.



What! Leave my glider at Falls Church . . . never!



BURKE SHIRE'S RESPONSE TO "TIMELY" QUESTIONS

"It has been requested that I explain, in a short dissertation, why I chose to build a decorative and functional time-piece backed by a solid piece of walnut shaped, roughly, like the State of Texas. The answer to such a question is not as simple as it may seem. Wood-working is one of my many spare time hobbies, and a request from a friend to build him a clock backed by a configuration of the State of Minnesota, brought forth the idea. His clock was pretty, but the background was so oddly shaped that I was forever explaining the rugged outline as being that states' perimeter, and not an abstract vision of my personal choice, or the errors of my bandsaw.

The fact that E-Systems headquarters is in Texas, and the unmistakable outline of that state lending no doubt to its identity, were the deciding factors in the production of my latest conversation piece.

I thank E-Systems and the Melpar Division management for the opportunity to display my handicraft. I had no idea the project would be accepted with such interest.

Such acceptance, however, has launched, prodded and goaded another project into existence. One VP has offered the comment that he doubts if my bandsaw is capable of even remotely conforming to the outline of the State of Virginia. For the sake of maintaining smooth public relations, and to atone for building a Texas clock first, I am now engaged in producing a timepiece so magnificent in design, so beautifully finished, so architecturally adaptable, that it is possible I may be forgiven for my past follies when my fellow E-Teamers note the time as they pause to admire the Virginia clock which will soon enhance a wall of Melpar."

RADIO RELAY ALMOST READY

Work on the Melpar Amateur Radio Club repeater relay is continuing with many club members contributing to the effort. It is planned to be in operation during the next 60 to 90 days. The repeater, a land-based radio relay, operating on the 2 meter band (VHF-FM), will greatly improve individual ham radio coverage. It will work by sending radio signals through a transceiver centrally located at the Falls Church facility. With approximately half of the club members relocated to Melpar-Fairfax, the repeater will be a great asset. It will give us another communication link between our facilities and provide back-up communication during an emergency or power blackout.

A set of American Radio Relay league materials has been ordered for employees to use in the library. Club meetings are scheduled for noon on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month in the Camden Room at Melpar-Falls Church.

MELPAR HONORS LONG-TERM EMPLOYEES AT WESTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

On Tuesday evening the second of March, fourteen E-Teamers and their guests attended a dinner honoring their service of twenty-five or thirty years with E-Systems. The dinner was held at the Westwood Country Club. 1981 had the largest number of employees in the history of the Melpar Division to reach this milestone. Celebrating their "thirtieth" this year are Mary Jane Barentine, Ben DeGroot, Mary Hanson, Joe Lewis and John Lofquist. Melpar employees celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary are: Frank Brown, Charlie Caldwell, Ted Campbell, Tony DePasquale, Mike Dumal, Cletus Fox, Wes Goode, Craddock Granger, Don Hixson, Louise Hobbs, Bill Hux, Art Keene, Freddie Lucas, Charlotte Maltby, Henry Mauldin, J.R. Ross, Harry Vorhauer, Estelle Williams, and Kirby Wong.

ELAINE SHAFFER SERVES AS CHAIRPERSON OF TASK FORCE FOR THE DEAF

Elaine Shaffer, a photo composer in Melpar's Publications Department has been elected Chairperson of a special Task Force for the Deaf. Fairfax County's Commission for the Handicapped, a part of the Office of Human Services, set up the Task Force for the purpose of reaching out to the deaf community to identify their needs as compared to existing services; and to develop a comprehensive plan to address these needs. The Commission will review the Task Force report and submit it to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for approval and then incorporate it into its own work plan next year. Represented on the Task Force are the Virginia Association of the Deaf, the Northern Virginia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, the Potomac Silent Club, and HEAR NOVA. County agencies represented were the Department of Social Services, the Recreation Department, the Health Department and the School Division. Presentations to the Task Force were made by Library Services, Office of Consumer Affairs, Fire and Emergency Services and the Police Department.

Elaine is also involved with activities in the Virginia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (VRID), as Vice President of Programs. At present she is working on convention plans for this April. At the local level, she is working with the Northern Virginia Registry of Inter-



preters for the Deaf (NVRID). Both organizations, formed by interpreters and supporters, are interested in encouraging, upgrading and professionalizing the service of interpreting for deaf people.

Born in Louisiana, Elaine graduated from Gallaudet College, the only liberal-arts college for deaf in the world. She and her husband Kenneth, also a Gallaudet graduate, have two children and one grandchild. Elaine started working for Melpar's Publications Department in 1968. Melpar recently acquired a telecommunications device (TDD) which enables a deaf person to communicate over telephone lines in captions instead of by voice. Elaine has found the TDD invaluable and enjoys the communication accessibility it provides.

MELPAR SERVICE AWARDS 1ST QUARTER

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR SERVICE:

Joseph C. Bullman, Jr.
William A. Meyer
Alfred M. Ross, Jr.
Joe B. Tompkins
Rudolph L. Wilke
Faye L. Wood

TWENTY YEAR SERVICE:

Edward K. Stachew
Annie L. Tuck

FIFTEEN YEAR SERVICE:

John F. Knapp

TEN YEAR SERVICE:

Benjamin W. Glass, Jr.

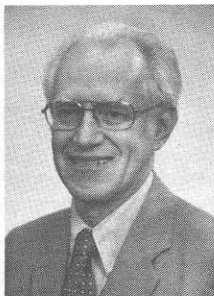
FIVE YEAR SERVICE:

Jerry B. Adams
Sheila B. Adams
Waid P. Alexander
Donna P. Alter
John T. Bize, Jr.
Ed Clevenger
Christine Furr
Joel C. Goldberg
Patsy A. Hamrick
Carol G. Herman
Penney L. Hoar
John R. Hood
Roger I. Lohman
John A. McCarthy, Jr.
Malcolm C. Mercer, Jr.
Mercedes Otero
Gary W. Peterman
Marilyn W. Ritchey
James E. Roots
Harry K. Schlegelmilch
Stephen A. Sommer
Kenneth L. Taggart
Alan M. Tapper
Carol A. Wheaton

HENRY MAULDIN NAMED DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

The promotion of Henry W. Mauldin to Director of Technical Services was announced by Mr. Talbot S. Huff, Vice President and General Manager. Mr. Mauldin joined Melpar in 1956 as an engineer and progressed to Manager Airborne Systems prior to his promotion to Director. He received his BSEE degree from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1943 and returned to Georgia Institute in 1949 continuing his studies as a special graduate student until 1953.

As Director of Technical Services, Mr. Mauldin will be responsible for Publications, Drafting, Logistics and



Configuration Control. He brings many years of experience and considerable technical depth to his new position. These qualities are key to the planned future role of Technical Services at Melpar. Emphasis will be placed on the establishment of configuration management for software/hardware/system products, expansion of technical writing and audiovisual capabilities and initiation of employee training in division procedures. His knowledge of the development/documentation processes will enhance the ability of Technical Services to support the divisions movement into automation. He will report directly to Charles Isbell, Vice President Engineering.

Mr. Mauldin and his wife, Fran, reside in Vienna, Virginia. They have four married children and five grandchildren.

PROMOTIONS — JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

FROM:	TO:
C.B. Abbott	Eng Design Asst
D.V. Billick	Assem Tech Grp Ldr
D.G. Black	Prin Software Analyst
D.J. Bowman	Sr. Metrology Tech
C.H. Caldwell	Sr. Mech Tech Grp Ldr
P.J. Crone	Mach A
B.L. Deskins	Assembler 1cl
P.G. Franks	Sr. Elec Eng
T.E. Harvey	Engineering Mgr
J.M. Hope	Prin Op Analyst
J.L. Jones	Programmer Asst
C.S. Lawson	Engineering Mgr
M.C. Lopez	Sr. Report Typist
R.A. Magon	Prin Engineer
H.W. Mauldin	Director Tech Services
E. Melendez	Sr. Elec Eng
L.J. Morley	Prin Software Analyst
M. D'Orto	Assoc Elec Eng
H.L. Payne	Storekeeper Grp Ldr
T.A. Real	Sr. Elec Eng
J.T. Shannon	Program Mgr
M.L. Simmons	Assembler 1cl
E. Stachew	Sr. Metrology Eng
A.W. Starliper	Prin Design Eng
A.J. Stefanelli	Prin Eng
W.H. Storey	Programmer
C.J. Stultz	Engineering Supv
J.A. Zett	Prin Elec Eng



A scene from "The Saving of the President", showing Pete Piraneo in the Shock Trauma Unit at G.W. Hospital.

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The film opens with a reenactment of the shooting at the Washington Hilton, as retold from the point of view of Secret Service agent Jerry Parr, played by Peter Piraneo. Parr pushed the President into the back seat of the limousine and rode with him to the hospital. Most of the rest of the film takes place in the hospital where those seen working on the President are the actual doctors, nurses, and orderlies present

at the time. The only actors are the Secret Service agents.

Pete was cast in the production of "The Saving of the President" as a result of his involvement with the Little Theater of Alexandria. For the past six years, he has been known to the acting community for his fine photographs of the Little Theater's productions. Pete donated approximately 80 hours of his time for the shooting of the film.

Sports Corner

GOLF SEASON STARTS APRIL 26

'Tis spring and a person's fancy turns to discussion of grip, stance, alignment swing path, pronation and other esoteric matters relating to golf. The officers and rules committee of the Melpar Golf League have been busy planning for the 1982 League season. As in past years, we will be playing our 9-hole matches on Monday and Wednesday evenings. However, this year, we will be playing at Penderbrook Golf Course (located just west of I-66 on Rt. 50) instead of Cedar Crest Country Club. We are hoping that the proximity of Penderbrook to Melpar will benefit all players. We will have guaranteed tee times on the 1st and 10th tee for our league play. The greens fee will be \$4.00.

No significant changes from last year are contemplated in the match play or scoring format. Present plans call for league play to start on Monday April 26. All Melpar golfers are welcome to play. Please watch for further announcements and information about the golf league, which will be posted on the various bulletin boards around the plants. Questions can be directed to Bill Moeller, ext. 2286.

SOCCER NEEDS SIGN-UPS

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the activities board for persons wanting to play non-competitive soccer. As in the past we will challenge other industrial teams, including the Hazelton Research Team, and keep our feet "kicking" with occasional in-house games. We are still on the waiting list to join the county soccer league. For more information, call M. Krawczyk, ext. 2328.

TIME OUT!



As of March 1st Melpar's time clocks were retired. Assembly technicians, Vearley Edwards and Karen Duran, symbolically put the ax to one.

OUTLOOK FOR 1982 SOFTBALL...GOOD

The Melpar Softball Team has come a long way since 1976 when they won one game. Last year Melpar made the Industrial League Tournament, which is composed of the top four division leaders and the eight next best teams. With 40 E-Teamers signed up to play, this season looks especially good. Practice began on March 24th, and the first scheduled game is on April 25th. There are 23 scheduled games planned and the team may also partake in the Early Bird Tournament.

The manager of the team this year is Joe Bullman and the Assistant Manager is John Hood.

MELPAR TENNIS LADDER

The Melpar Tennis Ladder will commence play sometime in early May. A notice will be posted on the sports activities board at that time along with rules and procedures. Present plans are to run one ladder set up with both last year's players as well as newly interested participants. For further details, watch the bulletin boards, or contact Tim Garney. We all are looking forward to enjoying a fun-filled season.

EAVESDROPPERS MAKE THE BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

The Melpar Eavesdroppers rebounded from two narrow defeats to Fairfax Hospital, 49-48, and Technitrux, 55-52, to route the league-leading Letter Carriers, 78-63, in a do-or-die finale for both basketball teams. That victory left Melpar and the Letter Carriers tied for second with 8-2 records, one game behind Technitrux, who finished 9-1.

Melpar unluckily drew the most talented team in the 88-team "B" league in the first round of the playoffs, Bruton's Auto Body. The Eavesdroppers lost this game 78-65. Previously the Eavesdroppers had held their opponents to an average of 55 points a game while scoring 66 themselves.

Everybody on the team contributed significantly to the year's effort: Pat Melbourne's all-around, flashy play, Ronal Butler's inside moves, Greg Taylor's outside shooting, Tim Garney's floor leadership, Jim Wildey's inside play, Mike Christofferson's heads-up team play, Bill Georgen's outside shooting, Ken Taggart's inside strength and Scott Warner's aggressiveness. A knee injury to player-coach Mike Dutchak and a back injury to Keith Heigl prevented them from playing the last half of the season.

MELPAR'S BLOOD DRIVE IS A RED LETTER DAY

On February 23rd, Melpar conducted its first blood drive of the year. We surpassed our goal of 125 pints, collecting 127 pints with 25 pints from first-time donors.

According to Pam Halcrow, Director of Blood Services for the Fairfax Chapter of the American Red Cross, Melpar continues to have the highest number of first-time donors in the area. This figure includes all individual drives held at companies, corporations and schools in the area. The blood collected on donor day helps to meet all patient demands and continues to provide an adequate, safe supply for our community's needs.

Our special thanks to Nurse Shirley Kissinger, who does an excellent job in organizing and coordinating the blood drives at Melpar. We can all be proud of our participation and caring evidenced by our record turnouts. The next blood drive is scheduled for June 15th.

OKAY.
WHOSE TURN IS IT
TO GIVE BLOOD?

