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Holiday Reflections

As we look toward the holiday season, it seems a good time to reflect on our experiences during the past year and to examine the tasks that we have ahead of us in 1985.

1984 has been a year of transition for Melpar. We have taken the necessary steps to prepare for growth in future years. Of particular importance is the organization of Melpar into three strong operating units, positioning us for the Melpar of the 1990's. It is especially interesting for me to observe that each of these units has a business base as large as the Melpar I came to in 1978. The challenge for these three operating units will be to grow in the next six years to be as large and as strong as the whole of Melpar was at the time that I arrived.

In 1985, I believe we will continue our momentum that will create opportunity for professional growth for all of our employees with programs such as DORADO and TEAL RUBY. I also see continued opportunities for expansion in other areas including Remotely Controlled Reconnaissance Systems, Security Sensors and Production Electronics. The depth and breadth of Melpar's expansion and diversification into new customer product areas have given Melpar a stability we did not have five years ago.

What we become in 1985 will depend on all of us. The secret to our success so far has been the superb performance by our employees on all of our programs. As our number of employees grows in 1985 - as it must to perform new work now under contract to us - we must all work to help these new employees become a part of the Melpar team and to exhibit the same enthusiasm and dedication for excellence that we have achieved over the past five years.

I wish you all a happy, joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Talbot S. Huff

MELPAR AWARDED NAVY CONTRACT

E-Systems, Inc. has been awarded a contract in excess of \$40 million for the U.S. Navy for the development, production, and testing of a full-scale engineering development model of the Battle Group Passive Horizon Extension System Surface Terminal (BGPHEs-ST).

The award follows the successful completion by the Melpar Division of a multimillion dollar system definition and design contract. The new contract will also be performed by the Melpar Division, a leading supplier of Electronic Warfare and Reconnaissance

Systems to the U.S. Department of Defense.

BGPHEs-ST will support combat needs of at-sea commanders in tactical operations. The Melpar Division is the prime contractor, supported by a team of subcontractors. The engineering development contract will culminate with shipboard installation and evaluation at sea.

The operational capability provided by this system will satisfy key Navy tactical requirements through the 1990's.

TRAUMA UNIT BENEFITS FROM HOLIDAY DONORS



Artist, Elisabeth Markel (left) and Pat Stewart with display posters for Children's Hospital fund drive.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Melpar's involvement with the Children's Hospital National Medical Center. Located in Washington, DC, Children's Hospital serves any child who needs serious medical attention regardless of the parents' ability to pay. This service is available for children up to the age of 18.

1974 was the first year that Melpar employees began contributing to Children's Hospital. Beginning as a small gesture between employees to

replace sending Christmas cards to each other, the gesture quickly grew into a significant financial drive for the purchase of various equipment needed to treat sick children. Last year Melpar's contribution of \$9,000 exceeded its goal by nearly 50 percent.

Every year people involved in the Children's Hospital drive have come up with original and imaginative ideas to help make the holidays for these often seriously ill children a little

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Security Spotlight

The tattered old saying "familiarity breeds contempt" is unfortunately true, particularly when one is involved on a daily basis with a particular subject or product. Such is the case with our "carve out" or special access programs when accessed users become so accustomed to the caveats and special control procedures that they forget not all employees are briefed, nor do they have a "need to know." These forgetful users fail to ensure authorized access before they release classified information.

Personnel involved in the SAR programs must be aware that all employees within Melpar may not be briefed on a particular SAR program. Before releasing information under caveat, custodians are encouraged to determine the recipient's authorization to receive the information being released.

This need also applies to our sister Divisions within E-Systems, Inc. Not all Divisions are involved in all SAR programs being pursued by Melpar; therefore the SAR status of the Division concerned must be determined before disclosure is made. Employees of other Divisions visiting Melpar may have been briefed previously on a "one day" basis for a program; however, this does not authorize continued access. Accessed employees of Melpar must continually guard against the tendency to believe that others have been briefed on a particular SAR program, because of commonality of techniques, programs, and security requirements connected with similar efforts.

Your continued observance of the "need to know" principle and SAR access procedures established on classified programs is necessary to an effective security program here at Melpar.

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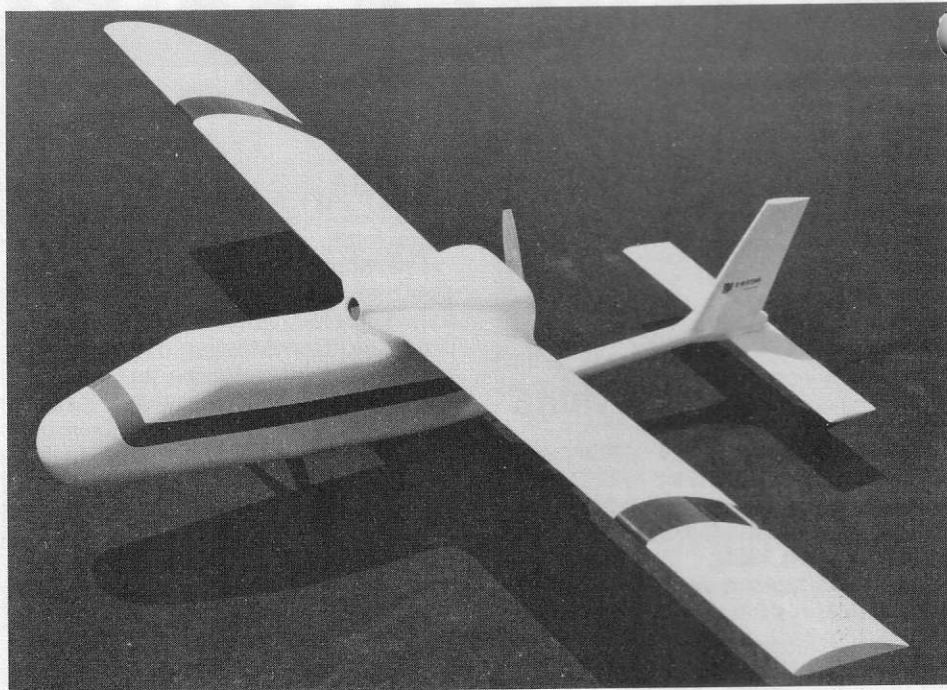
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Seasons Greetings

from your

MELPARTICULARS STAFF

RPV HIGHLIGHTED AT TRADE SHOWS



E-260A RPV as recently photographed for FORTUNE (October 29, 1984) article on E-Systems.

The Melpar Division finished up the 1984 trade show schedule by participating in six conventions this fall. The fall schedule included corporate-sponsored displays at the Air Force Association (AFA), September 17-20; the Association of Old Crows (AOC), October 8-12; the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA), October 16-17; and the Cairo Defense Equipment Exhibition held in Cairo, Egypt, November 10-15. The E-BUS™ was featured in Melpar displays at two local area network conventions: FOC/LAN '84, September 17-21; and Local Net '84, October 10-12.

Melpar's new E-260A Remotely Piloted Vehicle (RPV) was displayed

at the AFA, the AUSA, and in Cairo. This full-scale model represents a class of RPVs, the gross weight of which ranges from 160-325 pounds. It has a 14-foot wing span and a 12-foot length.

Using airplane wire, Melpar engineers and exhibit specialists carefully suspended the model from the ceiling. Hovering above the exhibitors, the RPV offered the viewer a chance to see Melpar's RPV in flight.

Plans for 1984 include 11 domestic trade shows and two international exhibitions.

*E-BUS is a trademark for the distributed processing system developed by the Melpar Division of E-Systems, Inc.

SL1 TELEPHONE TRAINING CLASS HELD

An SL1 Telephone Training Class was presented to 75 SL1 instrument users this fall by the Industrial Relations Department. The one hour class, taught by Centel Representative Lydia Hill, focused on the features and usage of Melpar's SL1 Telephone System.

The objective of the course was to allow participants the opportunity to review the phone features and learn about new capabilities of their phone system. Another goal of the class was to stress telephone courtesy. The course covered a variety of topics: answering calls promptly, identifying oneself, taking complete messages, and assuring telephone security. Courtesy and efficiency are appreciated and remembered by all.

E-TEAMERS EARN BLOOD DONOR PINS

The Red Cross bloodmobile was held at the Melpar facilities on October 9. One hundred fifty-eight pints of blood were donated. The following employees have earned pins for their generous contributions to the Red Cross:

1 Gallon — Carmen Benitez, Chris Coogan, Kevin Tester, and Barbara Trimmer; 2 Gallons — Kate Finn and Phil Kless; 3 Gallons — Richard Schiller; 4 Gallons — David Black.

The next bloodmobile will be on February 19, 1985 at Falls Church and on February 20, 1985 at Fairfax.

MELPAR'S TALENTED EXHIBIT THEIR CRAFTS

SHOWS HELD DURING LUNCH AT:



Fairfax



Falls Church



Merrifield

REGISTRATION OPENS FOR GWU SPRING SEMESTER

The following courses for the 1985 spring semester will be offered at the Falls Church facility for students pursuing a master of science in communications (EE) and for students in the computer science degree programs (CSci).

- EE 204 Stochastic Signals and Noise — Tuesdays (Dr. Podell)
- EE 208 Digital Image Processing — Mondays (Dr. Bisignani)
- EE 242 Coding Theory — Thursdays (Dr. Crepeau)
- EE 248 Computer Communications Networks I — Mondays (Dr. Williamson)
- EE 277 Satellite Communications — Wednesdays (Dr. Mehrotra)
- CSci 203 Microprocessors and Microcomputers — Thursdays (Mr. Husson)
- CSci 208 Computer Programming — Tuesdays (Dr. Eisner)
- CSci 268 Operating Systems II — Wednesdays (Dr. Scharen-Guivel)

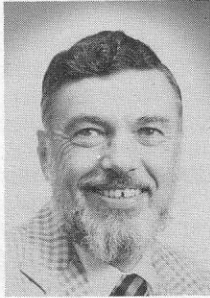
Classes begin on Monday, January 14 and end on Monday, April 29. All courses are for three semester hours of graduate-level credit, and classes will meet one evening each week from 6 to 9 p.m.

Admission to degree candidacy in either program requires an appropriate undergraduate or graduate degree. Admission is subject to all regulations of the GWU School of Engineering and Applied Science. Students admitted to either program are fully accepted GWU students. They may register for GWU courses on campus as well. On-campus registration will be held from noon to 7 p.m., January 9-11.

Tuition is \$273 per credit hour or \$819 per credit course. Tuition may be paid in full by check, VISA, or MasterCard, or it may be paid in installments by cash or check. Professor Pickholtz will conduct a program orientation. He will be available for individual academic counseling during registration for the spring 1985 semester. Registration will be held in the Falls Church Training Room on Tuesday, January 8 from 5 to 7 p.m.

For additional information on academic matters, contact Professor Pickholtz on campus at 676-6538. For general assistance on administrative matters, interested associates may contact program coordinator John Williams at 676-7029.

NORM JEFFRIES REELECTED DIRECTOR OF LOCAL OFFICE



A Melpar employee for 26 years, Norman Jeffries Jr. was reelected in November for a second 3-year term as Director of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District.

Jeffries, who is a Technical Assistant to the Manager, Integrated Systems Support Engineering, has been active in solving local problems since 1973. His involvement stemmed from a complaint he made concerning the fact that children could not cross Braddock Road safely to get to a local park. Someone suggested he get involved, and he did just that by designing a bicycle path that would ensure the safety of the youngsters. Today, he is the Director on the Board of the Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation District. The Board promotes the control and prevention of soil erosion, the prevention of flood water, and sediment damage and furthers agricultural and nonagricultural aspects of conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water in the District.

Aware and concerned about conservation problems in the state, Jeffries outlined some of the solutions the District Board of Directors have implemented. "One of our biggest problems is erosion and sediment from construction sites," Jeffries said. "Our main concern is devising methods of containing the sediment within the sites rather than having it flow off and accumulate in nearby bodies of water."

To counteract these problems, the District Board plans to promote Best Management Practices (BMP) through demonstration projects. One of the projects the Board is working on is an

experimental storm water retention pond to filter pollutants being transported by storm water flowing off the land. Jeffries explained, "Instead of using man-made methods such as concrete fixtures, we are investigating bioengineering techniques that use natural material to control water flow and prevent serious erosion damage to stream banks."

The District is a political subdivision of state government whose boundaries are analogous to those of Fairfax County. "The budget is drawn from the state, county, and, despite recent cutbacks, some federal grant money is received," Jeffries said. The Board of Directors meets once a month to establish policies and provide direction for the staff. An autonomous political jurisdiction, the Board is seen by Jeffries as an example of grass roots democracy.

Northern Virginia was once a large dairy farming region, but, because of urbanization, the farmlands and forests, along with the wildlife, have been sizably reduced. "We are the only county that has agricultural districts as small as 25 acres," Jeffries said. According to Jeffries, industry is light in this area; so the only air pollution problem is car exhaust fumes discharged as a result of extensive commuting to and from Washington, DC. Another problem is noise pollution from Dulles airport.

When asked if he believed people were more or less aware of conservation problems than they were 10 years ago, Jeffries was very positive. "We definitely are more aware. The newspapers have helped by exposing the problems to the community, and the County has begun implementing its own educational programs as well." Jeffries himself is studying Urban Planning and working towards a master's degree.

Credit Union News

NEW SERVICE — Prepare for Christmas 1985 by opening your Christmas club account now. These accounts will earn 6 percent interest, compounded quarterly. Visit the Credit Union office for further details.

THANKS — for your patience . . . Because of favorable interest rates offered by the Melpar Employee Federal Credit Union and the current condition of the economy, our request for loans exceeded our funds available. We activated our waiting policy, and with the cooperation of our members, we fulfilled most of our loan requests.

MILESTONE — Our 2000th account will soon be opened, and when it is, the Melpar Employees Federal Credit Union will deposit \$50.00 in it to celebrate the occasion. Who will open account number 2,000????

ren's Hospital is one of the best in the country and is recognized as such worldwide. Organ transplants, delicate newborn nursing attention, and treatment for trauma patients are just a few of the medical services offered for the young children that are admitted. The need for this sort of specialization in pediatric care is revealed by the fact that traumatic injury is the leading cause of death among children between the ages of 1 and 14.

Paul Woehrle, assistant director of development for Children's Hospital, praised the Washington community's supportive involvement for ensuring a steady stream of necessary private donations. Woehrle pointed out that it is a common fallacy to believe that Children's Hospital is well endowed with grants from the Government and other national agencies.

Children's Hospital was founded in 1870. Woehrle stated that the Hospital's reputation nationwide is excellent and its proximity to the nation's capital is a factor in the international reputation the Hospital has established. According to Woehrle, health care has become a billion dollar industry, and, with the spiraling cost of equipment and maintenance, Children's Hospital is more dependent than ever on contributions from the private sector. He emphasized how much the Hospital values the continued support received from companies such as the Melpar Division of E-Systems.

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brighter. Last year Melpar employees took the initiative to acquire drawings and paintings from local fifth and sixth graders, post them during the campaign, and then have them framed to adorn the rooms of the little ones.

Each year, as part of the holiday spirit, a Melpar artist has designed a storybook card. This year Elisabeth Markel of Publications has shown her creative gifts. All employees who contribute will get a chance to sign Elisabeth's card. The card is then presented, along with our check to the

staff at Children's Hospital. This year the money will again go to the shock trauma unit.

The cochairperson for this year, Ethel Lorenzo, organized kickoff breakfasts on December 6/7. The Children's Hospital drive was held during the week of December 10. Patricia Stewart, cochairman, and volunteers from different departments coordinated the fund drive for the Division.

Today the pediatric services offered at the Hospital are extensive, boasting more than 40 outpatient clinics. Child-

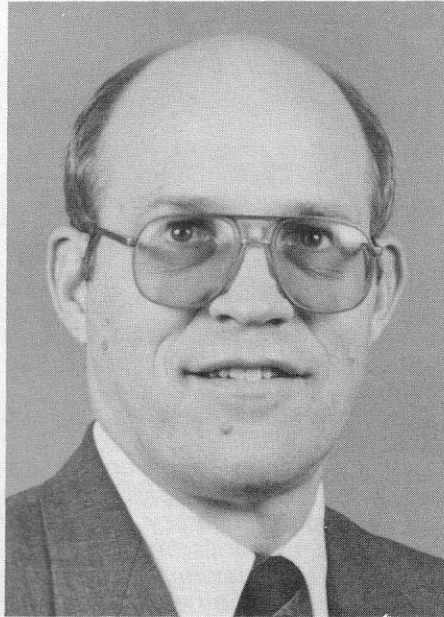
THREE NEW DIRECTORS NAMED



**DIRECTOR —
DAVID L. BROWN**

Mr. David L. Brown has been promoted to Director of Technical Services, reporting to A.J. Wavering, Vice President of Support Services. Mr. Brown will be responsible for the Technical Services Group at Melpar.

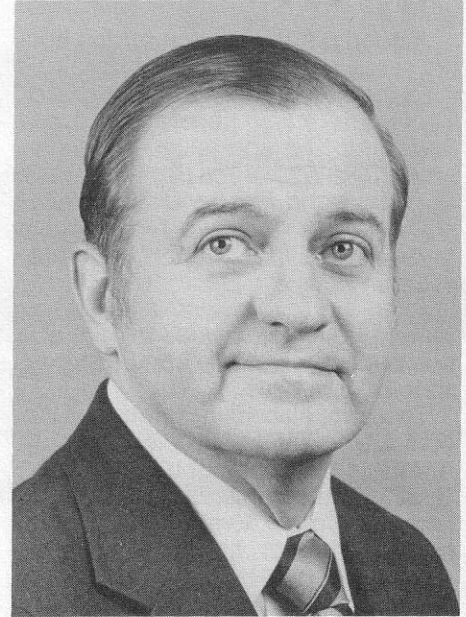
Mr. Brown has a background in management. Prior to joining Melpar, his responsibilities at Xerox included management and administration in support of computer systems and responsibilities for facilities engineering. Mr. Brown previously worked for Melpar from 1957 to 1967 as a design and drafting supervisor. Mr. Brown holds a degree in Business Management from the LaSalle University extension. He has also attended University of Virginia and Georgia Tech.



**DIRECTOR —
SAMUEL M. WARREN**

Mr. Samuel M. Warren has joined Melpar's Advanced Development organization as Director of Communications Products, reporting to Mr. N.H. Ishman, Vice President of Advanced Development.

Prior to joining Melpar, Mr. Warren was manager of the Communications Systems Department for Watkins-Johnson. His responsibilities included planning, new business acquisitions, and operations for the Department. He provided strong technical direction to many programs. His principal areas of expertise are the management of small and large programs involving system design, hardware development, and production of electronic systems. Mr. Warren earned a BSEE degree from Kansas State University in 1958 and an MSEE from the University of Maryland.



**DIRECTOR —
ANTHONY N. HANSBERGER**

Anthony N. Hansberger has been promoted to Director of Field Engineering and Technical Support Department Services reporting to Mr. Roy Krebs. Mr. Hansberger will be in charge of all field support and I&T personnel. In his previous positions, he has managed groups in the Ground Systems and the Communication products department.

Mr. Hansberger joined E-Systems in 1972 as a Senior Engineer. Before his recent promotion, he was responsible for managing various projects that included design, development and integration, and testing of computer-driven intelligence collection systems. Other responsibilities included coordination of technical problem solving in deployed systems and training and deployment of support personnel. Prior to joining Melpar, Mr. Hansberger was employed for 13 years by the Bendix corporation, where he worked on the Apollo Manned Space Flight program with NASA. Mr. Hansberger served in the U.S. Army assigned to the Army Security Agency. He received an ASEE degree from Southwestern College and a BSEE degree from the University of California.

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN RESULTS

Once again, the Melpar Division of E-Systems was actively involved in the Washington, DC area United Way Campaign. Chairman Ernie Short, Falls Church; cochairman Dr. Joe Zablotney, Fairfax; and Jim Woods, Merrifield, coordinated this year's fund raising drive.

The campaign started off with a free blood pressure check, symbolizing the services offered by the 200 human

care agencies. Throughout the month of October, Melpar Division held the drive collecting \$34,500 from all three facilities.

Short emphasized that the help from all the people involved this year was excellent. The Melpar Division would like to thank everyone who contributed to and helped on the 1984 United Way Campaign.

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needs your input. Submit material to

Anne-Marie Eid, ext. 2717

Library Up-date Reading is FUNdamental

A good gift suggestion for the holiday season is a technical book or magazine for your favorite engineer. There are many general textbooks that would be appreciated as references. The *Reference Data For Radio Engineers* and *Mechanical Engineers Handbook* are the two basic source books. The *IEEE Standard Dictionary of Electronics and Electrical Engineering* and the *Encyclopedia of Computer Science and Engineering* are also two reference volumes that every EE should appreciate.

There are also many magazines that computer-oriented people will enjoy. Among the most popular titles are *Byte*, *80 Micro*, *Dr. Dobbs Journal*, and *Hot Co Co*. Every brand of personal computer has its own users magazine such as *In Cider* for the Apple, *Sync* for the Sinclair, etc. The TRS-80 has *Basic Computing*, which is for all levels of users. It would be suitable for both beginners and advanced level hackers. Another magazine of interest, which has switched its title from *Popular Electronics* to *Computers and Electronics*, covers all aspects of computers and computer electronics. *Creative Computing* explores personal computing applica-

tions and software and includes articles on Apple, Atari, Commodore, IBM, and TRS-80. For those without a business orientation, any book or title with dBase in its name is important today. The *dBase User Guide*, the *dBase News*, *dBase II* and *dBase III for Every Business*, *dBase Book of Business Applications* all show how the term can be used in business transactions such as accounts payable and receivable, investments, maintenance and update of inventories, and calculation of dates and durations.

Perhaps some basic books might be good gift ideas for those of us who have a sneaking suspicion we are computer illiterate but are too afraid to ask. *Computer Literacy for Middle Management* sounds pretty comprehensive. *Harnessing Information Techniques* combines all the new technology for both home and office information seeking.

Many computer stores also sell software packages. So, to make your engineer's eyes twinkle Christmas morning, a stocking filled with floppy disks may be the ticket. Just make sure they're compatible. Information on all of the above can be found at your Technical Library.

Know Your Benefits...

Long-Term Disability Insurance

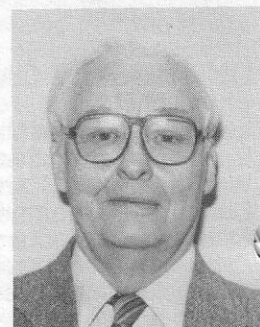
Long-Term Disability insurance is one of the many benefits offered at Melpar. This insurance benefit is not included in the FlexComp package, but it is accounted for by the separate heading of LTD Insurance on your paycheck stub.

The disability plan is designed to meet the needs of a disabled employee by providing a continuing income, payable during an employee's normally productive years. The prospect of any family being deprived of its income because of the breadwinner's inability to work resulting from injury or sickness is disturbing. Employees are considered totally disabled during the first two years they receive disability benefits, provided they are under a doctor's care and are wholly and continuously disabled by illness or accidental bodily injury which prevents them from performing any and every duty in their normal occupation. Thereafter, totally disabled shall mean an employee is unable to perform any and every duty for which he/she is reasonably fitted by education or training experience.

Benefit payments begin after six consecutive months of total disability. If you become totally disabled, your monthly benefits will equal 66 2/3 percent of your basic monthly earnings up to a maximum benefit insured salary of \$2,000.00 per month, less any primary and dependent benefits paid or payable under social security. The cost of this insurance policy to the employees is 38 cents per \$100 of coverage.

No medical examination is required as evidence of insurability, if you apply for insurance within one month of employment or during FlexComp enrollment. Should you have any questions regarding the coverage, contact Shannon Porter in the Industrial Relations Department.

FLEX REGISTRATION...CANDIDLY SPEAKING

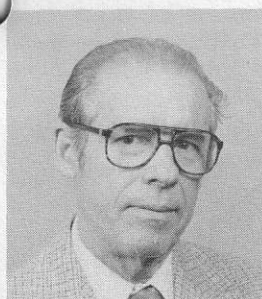


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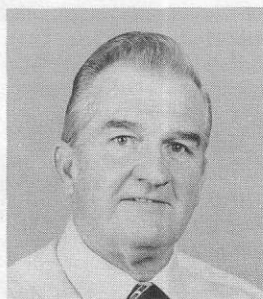
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1984 SERVICE AWARDS — FOURTH QUARTER

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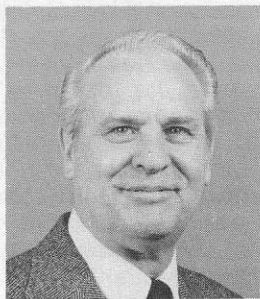


Martin Butler

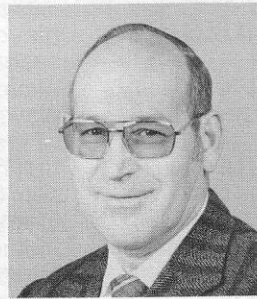


Ron Wright

Thirty Year Service:



Willis Allen



Atley Fristoe



Jack Lynch

Twenty-Five Year Service:

Frank Arnold
Sallie Bowman
William Breads
Clifford Dalseide
Doris Davis
Carlton Gammon, Sr.
Al Myers, Jr.
June Pollet
Walter Rooks
Carl Seese

Twenty Year Service:

Virginia Milton

Fifteen Year Service:

Stan Scalsky
Linda Turner

Ten Year Service:

Ivan Dietrich
Wanda Dobbins
Richard Gable
Yee Jarm
Robert Taylor
Catherine Wade

Five Year Service:

Chil Abbott
John Allen
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PROMOTIONS — SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER

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D.E. Tosh	Software Analyst	Software Supv
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SKI ROUNDTOP — About 120 miles away in Lewisberry, PA, Roundtop has 11 trails with a lift capacity of 7,660 people per hour. Roundtop has added a new slope this year, tacking on an extra 50 feet to its vertical drop.

SKI LIBERTY — Located in Fairfield, PA, Ski Liberty is only 65 miles away and offers 14 slopes. The lift capacity is 6,800 people per hour, but Ski Liberty is usually the most crowded because of its proximity to Washington.

SEVEN SPRINGS — Located in

Somerset, PA, Seven Springs is approximately 190 miles away and offers good slopes for intermediate and beginner skiers.

Lift tickets usually cost between \$15 and \$22. Most ski areas offer attractive options for those who enjoy watching others "vattel" down the slopes but do not care to partake in the sport directly. And nothing beats an après-ski hot toddy on a cold day in front of a blazing fire...!

Sports Corner

BUSHWACKERS' WINNING TRADITION CONTINUES

The fall softball season proved very successful for the Melpar Bushwackers. The team began the season with guarded optimism. The Bushwackers' summer season, though a winning one, had been disappointing. Injuries to key players and just plain bad luck seemed to plague the team throughout the summer months.

The Bushwackers were assigned to the weekend division of the fall league. This division, which was composed of eight teams, proved very competitive. Nevertheless, the Bushwackers put on a striking show and won the division with an impressive 12-2 record.

By winning the division, the Bushwackers were qualified to play in the fall league Tournament, a playoff between the top two teams from each division in the league. The Melpar team won the first three games in the tournament, only to lose the fourth game to the division rival, Fastrax. But the Bushwackers regrouped and played on, winning the next three games back to back, beating Fastrax twice to win the Tournament championship.

Robert Kimble, a maintenance mechanic in the Facilities department, was named Tournament MVP. Also turning in outstanding performances were Reggie Beal, Jerry Coffey, Marty Cunningham, John Hall, Jeff Hamlin, Charlie Jones, Louis Klepec, Gerald Twombly, Danny Villani, and Gary Villani.



Melpar Bushwackers left to right standing: Robert Kimble, Lou Klepec, Jeff Hamlin, Reggie Beal, Gary Villani, and Marty Cunningham. Left to right kneeling: Danny Villani, John Hall, Jerry Coffey, and Charlie Jones.

GOLF FINALS

The 1984 Melpar Golf League finished its season in late October with playoffs to determine the first and second place winners. Moving into the playoffs were the top three ranked players from the first and second halves of the season. The top three from the first half were, in order, Reynold Jamison, Charles "Buck" Buckingham, and Gerry Johnson. Second half winners included Gary Peterman, Guy Hollister, and Bill Breads. Buck and Jami emerged from the first half playoffs. Buck won the semifinals to go into the final 18-hole match. Bill Breads and Gary Peterman played in the semifinal for the second half. Bill moved into the finals against Buck. In the 18-hole final (in which Buck would later describe Bill as "the best 10-handicapper

around the green I've ever seen"), Bill came out the winner.

The Golf League held its annual banquet on November 27 at the Elk's Lodge. The following awards were presented by General Manager Talbot Huff at the banquet:

First Place — Bill Breads; Second Place — Buck Buckingham; Low Net (27 for 9 holes) — Gary Peterman; Low Gross (tie) (39 for 9 holes) — Dan O'Donnell and Rick Holland; Hole-In-One — Pete Piraneo; Closest-To-Hole (tie/6 feet) — Dan Daline and Doug Dailey; Most Improved (8 strokes) — Gary Peterman.

As the first order of business at the banquet, Richard Tallman announced his resignation as president of the Golf League. A new president is to be selected.



Standing with golf awards and Talbot S. Huff (left to right) are Doug Dailey, Gary Peterman, Bill Breads, Buck Buckingham, and Pete Piraneo.

AREA SKI SLOPES RATED

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While the Washington area cannot boast of skiing conditions similar to the midwest or the west coast, more than a dozen ski areas within 200 miles from the Washington area provide an outlet for the die-hard skiers or gentle slopes for the courageous beginner. Some of the more popular resorts are highlighted below.

BLUE KNOB — Located in Claysburg, PA, Blue Knob is 150 miles away. Blue Knob has 15 slopes with a lift capacity of 3,100 people per hour. It has the longest run of nearby resorts.

MASSANUTTEN — Is located in Harrisonburg, VA, approximately 125 miles away. There are 10 slopes and trails with a lift capacity of 5,200 people per hour. It has one of the best slopes for young children.

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