

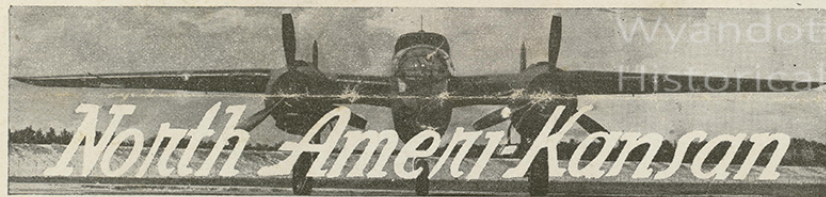
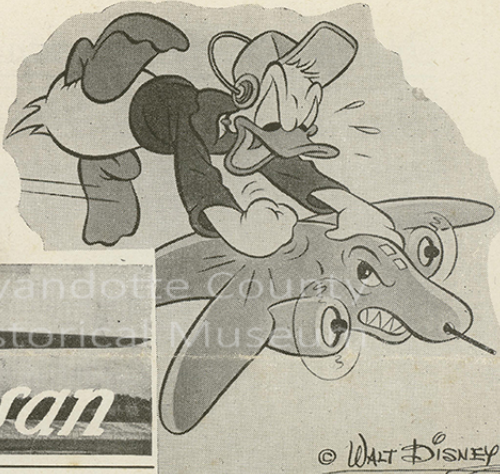
Donald Holds Sway Over Test Pilots

Donald Duck, famed creation of Walt Disney, now performs officially as a sort of patron saint Q-B of the test pilots of North American Aviation, Inc., of Kansas. The insignia at the right was created by Mr. Disney for the Duck king's new job.

The sketch and Mr. Disney's generous permission given to the test pilots to count Donald their leadman were transmitted to them

through Gunther R. Lessing, vice president of Walt Disney productions.

In the ritual of the take-off, the test pilot first approaches the Duck Roost, addressing Donald: "O, Cantankerous One, I rise in flight. Cast your spell, Duck; cast your spell!" At which Donald enjoins: "Well, go ahead and rise. But be careful!" Thanks, Mr. Disney.



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'On Job' Score Goes Up

Second Week on End Plant Presentee Record Is Broken

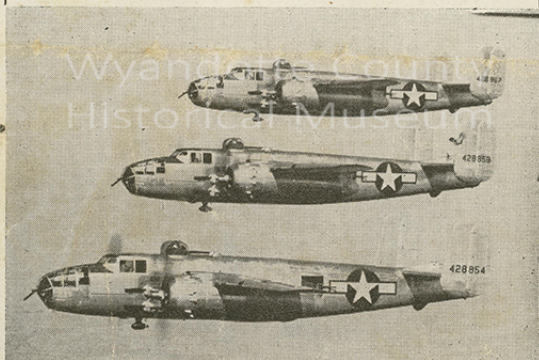
The week-old all-time record for presence on the job which North American employees chalked up last week was broken this week, the research group of the Industrial Relations Dept. announced Wednesday.

After the adding machines had finished their work, the new low absenteeism mark was found to be 4.4 per cent. Last week's winning figure was 4.5 per cent, which was the best mark since November, 1942.

The men who give B-25s their final grooming before test flight this week won the Mitch award for staying on the job.

In manufacturing departments, Dept. 62, the ground test group, won with an absentee rating of only 1.0 per cent and Mitch said farewell to Dept. 29, winner last week. In supporting departments, the men of Dept. 67, flight test, took Mitch away from the Cost Dept. with a presentee figure of 0.7 per cent.

☆ A Portrait of Precision ☆



Lay a ruler down alongside the noses of these three B-25s flown by Test Pilots W. C. Cantrell (top), Bill Ashcraft (center) and Eddie Fisher (bottom) and you will get a better

idea of this piece of precision flying. The men were homeward bound from test flights when they posed for the picture. Jess Blevins flew the camera ship.

Former NAA Employee Helps AAF Install Aerial Camera In Mustang

Pfc. Darrell Bennett, a former employee of Dept. 31, was a member of the Ninth Army Air Force Service Squadron which first installed an aircraft camera in the tail of the famous P-51 Mustang, a news release from the Ninth Air Force has reported.

The camera installation was accomplished one week after the commanding general of the Ninth Air Force fighter command gave Private Bennett's squadron permission to attempt the installation.

"Soon many more Mustangs were camera-equipped," the re-

lease stated, "and planes of the only tactical fighter reconnaissance group in any theater were streaking over enemy territory, blasting at Nazi targets with their .50-cal. machine guns, 'shooting' sites and installations with their newly installed cameras to give intelligence officers vital pictorial information.

"With the new large camera, pilots go out over enemy territory at the Mustang's best flying level—where enemy planes can't match their speed and the chances of bringing back important photos, the planes and themselves, have been tremendously improved."

Figure Your Own Presentee Rating

What is your PERSONAL absenteeism percentage?

Figure it out yourself. If you work 50 hours in a 5-day week, and miss one shift, your personal absenteeism rating is 20 PER CENT.

Fairfax Hills Housing Units Nearly Ready

The Fairfax Hills garden apartments, housing project on the bluffs southwest of the Fairfax district, will soon be ready for occupancy and employees can apply for units in the project by going to the Housing office.

The Fairfax Hills apartments consist of 308 units containing two bedrooms, tub bath, a large living room and combination kitchen-dinette, and 42 units containing one bedroom, tub bath, a large living room, kitchen and dinette.

Beautifully Situated

Fairfax Hills is built on high, landscaped grounds with ample playground space. The buildings are of the four, six and eight-family types, and of (Continued on page 8)

Presentee Honor Roll

The following departments didn't win Mitch, but chalked up high presentee scores for other departments to shoot at.

Manufacturing Depts:	
Dept. 4.....	1.8
Dept. 35.....	2.3
Dept. 29.....	2.5
Dept. 15.....	2.9
Dept. 12.....	3.2
Supporting Depts.:	
Dept. 55.....	0.9
Dept. 52.....	1.0
Dept. 50.....	1.4
Dept. 51.....	1.5
Dept. 99.....	1.6

Luncheon Programs

August 7-11

Day Shift
 Mon.—"Hellzapoppin'," comedy feature with Olsen and Johnson, first half.
 Tues.—"Hellzapoppin'," second half.
 Wed.—"Hot Club of NAA," soloist, presentee award.
 Thurs.—"NAA Swingers," soloist.
 Fri.—"Brown Bombers," soloist.
Night Shift
 Mon. and Tues.—"Hellzapoppin'," feature.
 Wed., Thurs., and Fri.—Dance bands and soloists.

☆ No One Yelled "Fire" so Party Went Smoothly ☆



Night shift members of the fire brigade picknicked at Swope Park July 23. The volunteer firemen, the majority of whom have been brigade members two years, are:

Back row, left to right—Pretz, Hughes, Ash, West, Hayden, Cassidy, Lee, Ament, Tunks, Bell, Carl, Webb, an unidentified member, Husted, Crabtree, Crane, Myers.

Front row—Johnson, Hunsaker, McCarthy, Habensale, Lt. J. M. Donahue (instructor), Root, Benedict, Kunzweiler, Allen.

Other men who have been members

about two years who also attended the picnic are Thoman, Popejoy, Eastman, McClure, McClain, Decker, Day, Tucker, Sands, Short, Naylor, Beck, Reising and Sprague.

Fairfax Hills Apartments

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one and two stories. They have locker and laundry facilities, front and rear entrances and stairways for each unit.

Rental rates are \$62 a month for 2-bedroom units and \$58 a month for the 1-bedroom units. This rate includes utilities except electric lights, electric cooking and refrigeration. Each unit is provided with a 7-foot electric refrigerator which has a monthly rate of \$3.00 and a 3-burner and oven electric range with a rate of \$2.50 a month.

Parking Space Reasonable

Parking bays along the streets accommodate 134 cars without charge. Private car parking spaces, limited to 154, are provided off the streets for \$1.50 each monthly.

The eligibility of all tenants for the Fairfax Hills apartments must be approved by the War Housing Center in Kansas City, Kan. Applicants must be workers in essential industry and must meet one or more of the following requirements:

1. Workers who have come to Kansas City since Apr. 1, 1942.
2. Workers whose travel to and from employment requires excessive time or expense.
3. Workers now improperly housed.



Celia McKee (13, M.C.) and Belle Dougherty were married June 17. Paul Keach (53, nights) and Florence Brashear of Jefferson City, Mo., were married May 28. July 21 was the date of the marriage of Mary Hixson and John Caldwell (M.C. 39).

☆ Trullinger Carves a Mitch ☆



When Harry R. Trullinger, leadman on milling machines, Dept. 1, nights, saw the figure of Mitch carved from wood and mounted on his pedestal as the trophy for highest departmental present score from week to week, he felt a twitching in his whitening hand. No slouch whittler is Trullinger. Trullinger had a choice block of Missouri walnut. He looked over and saw in his mind's eye a miniature

Mitch that would rival the professional carving of the trophy. Twenty hours later he came up with a Mitch six inches high carved with fine fidelity to the original of the trophy made from Bill Champe's pen-and-ink Mitch. Above, Trullinger's Mitch carving is shown standing on the base of the trophy. Also, Trullinger is shown with the small figure standing in the palm of his hand.

CAP Group Offers Course in Aerial Photography

Kansas City Civil Air Patrol Squadron 4, composed of North American employees, will begin a class in aerial photography and map reading at its meeting, 7:45 p.m. tonight in Room 212, Manual Training high school, Jerry Manning, squadron "CO" announced.

The opening session will be under the direction of B. E. Duval (11), photographic officer. Any North American employee may arrange to attend the course, which is free of charge, by contacting a squadron officer at the meeting, Manning said.

Interest in the squadron is being further stimulated by the formation of flying clubs, Manning asserted. Further information about CAP activities can be obtained at the regular Friday night meetings of the squadron at the high school.

Three Weeks of Camp Happyland Season to Come

Three weeks of camp life are still available to the children of North American employees at Camp Happyland, the summer camp near Kansas City, Mo.

The camp does not close until Aug. 27, Mrs. Leta Richmond, Employee Relations Director, asserted, and children can be enrolled for the one, two or three weeks that remain.

The cost of living at the camp for one week is \$7. Children can be enrolled at the Employee Relations office.