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We received a note the other day from Neil Carlson, of Vin Lally's GAMP group. Neil and Marcel Verstraete have been manning the GHOST launch station at Christchurch, New Zealand, for the past year or so.

"We recently had a balloon and electronics package returned to us here at Christchurch," he wrote. "Since this is the first one to be returned, I thought it would be a story for one of your 'Staff Notes.'"

We agreed, and here it is.

The latest series of GHOST balloon flights from Christchurch is at the 900-millibar (3000-foot) level. Since these flights are at such a low float altitude, Neil and Marcel have been launching them from the beach at New Brighton, where the prevailing winds carry the balloons out to sea in the general direction of

of South America, away from the high peaks of New Zealand's Southern Alps.

Ten of the eleven balloons in this series are cylinder balloons 27 feet long, designed to carry a special temperature-measuring electronics package. However, the first flight in the series was a bullet-shaped 700-mb balloon, which Marcel had modified to fly at 900 mb, carrying one of Ernie Lichfield's tried and proven sun-angle sensor packages.

This balloon was launched from the beach, but the wind changed and the balloon turned back inland, where it apparently was forced down by a storm. It was found by two children, Glenda and Paul McCormick, on their father's farm in Westerfield. Like all GHOST balloons, this one carried instructions, in English and Spanish, for the finder to contact the NCAR people at Christchurch in order to return the electronics package and receive a monetary reward. The McCormick children became the first recipients of such a reward.

Neil took the picture of Paul and Glenda holding the electronics package when he went down to examine the balloon, claim the package, and pay the reward.

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Effective June 1, anyone who uses the Field Observing Facility's Marshall field site must have a new Marshall site ID card. The present ID cards will expire at midnight, May 31. The new cards may be obtained from Tony Lamb, Room 43, Mesa Laboratory.

Calendar Notes

June 3 thru 7, 1968

MONDAY, June 3

- Luncheon meeting of the beginning Russian Language Series.
11:45 am - 12:45 pm - Monday
Noon - Thursday
NCAR Mesa Laboratory, Chapman Room
- Equipment Demonstration -- Hewlett-Packard Electronics Display Van.
1:00 - 5:00 pm
NCAR Mesa Laboratory, Loading Dock

TUESDAY, June 4

- Luncheon meeting of the intermediate Russian Language Series.
Noon - Tuesday
11:45 am - 12:45 pm - Friday
NCAR Mesa Laboratory, Chapman Room
- Mesa Chowder and Molecule Society will not be held this week only.

WEDNESDAY, June 5

Open

THURSDAY, June 6

- Luncheon meeting of the beginning Russian Language Series..
Noon
NCAR Mesa Laboratory, Chapman Room
- Noon Movie -- Beyond the Valley. Puerto Rico, today and yesterday, described in an award winner of the American Film Festival. Color. 28 minutes.
12:20 pm
NCAR Mesa Laboratory, Seminar Room

FRIDAY, June 7

- Luncheon meeting of the intermediate Russian Language Series.
11:45 am - 12:45 pm
NCAR Mesa Laboratory, Chapman Room

FRIDAY, June 7 (Cont.)

- Noon Movie -- Beyond the Valley. Color. 28 minutes.

12:10 pm
HAO/AG Classroom 138

- Hollow Square -- The Great Eclipse of 1878, John A. Eddy and Marjorie Gay.

3:45 pm - Refreshments
4:00 pm - Talk
NCAR Mesa Laboratory, Seminar Room

Visitors

Here: Roulleau, Madame Maud, State University of
New York at Albany, June 2-5, 1968.
--W.W. Kellogg and G. Goyer

NCAR

CAFETERIA MENU

**LUNCHEON - Includes: Entree,
Vegetable, Potato, Bread and Butter**

ALACARTE

MONDAY, June 3

Soup: Chicken Vegetable	15¢	
• Hand Carved: Corned Beef	55¢	80¢
• Braised Short Ribs in Natural Gravy	50¢	75¢
• Chicken Taco with Red Beans	45¢	70¢

TUESDAY, June 4

Soup: French Onion	15¢	
• Hand Carved: Broiled Flank Steak	55¢	80¢
• Hungarian Goulash with Noodles	50¢	75¢
• Steamed Frankfurter with Hot Potato Salad	45¢	70¢

WEDNESDAY, June 5

Soup: Minestrone	15¢	
• Hand Carved: Baked Ham	55¢	80¢

★ Complete Luncheon:

Italian Spaghetti with Meat Balls	\$1.00	
French Green Beans	Incl.	
Green Salad	Tax	
Hard Roll and Butter		
Spumoni Ice Cream		
Coffee or Tea		

• Minced Ham and Scrambled Eggs	45¢	70¢
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THURSDAY, June 6

Soup: Navy Bean with Ham	15¢	
• Hand Carved: Roast Round of Beef	55¢	80¢
• Bell Pepper Stuffed with Spanish Rice and Cheese	45¢	70¢

★ <u>Patio Special:</u> Hamburger Sandwich, Baked Beans and Potato Salad	50¢	
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FRIDAY, June 7

Soup: Clam Chowder	15¢	
• Hand Carved: Roast Breast of Turkey	55¢	80¢
• Sweet and Sour Pork Chop with Rice	55¢	80¢
• Butter Broiled Halibut Steak with Tartar Sauce	50¢	75¢
• Creamy Baked Macaroni and Cheese	40¢	70¢

SANDWICHES 25¢ to 50¢

SALADS 15¢ 25¢

SIDE ORDERS

Vegetable or Potato 15¢
Bread and Butter 10¢

DESSERTS 15¢ to 25¢

Cake Pie Ice Cream
Puddings & Cobblers

BEVERAGES 10¢

Coffee, Tea, Milk
Hot Chocolate
Refill Coffee No Charge

**CAFETERIA OPEN
7:30 AM**

**CONTINENTAL
BREAKFAST**

Donut 10¢ Danish Roll 15¢
Orange Juice 15¢
Toast & Butter 10¢
1/2 Grapefruit 20¢
Preserved Fruit 15¢
Stewed Fruit 15¢
Cereal 20¢
1 Egg 20¢ 2 Eggs 35¢
Bacon Sausage 35¢
Ham 45¢