

# Air Scoop



## MILLER HONORED AT FAREWELL PARTY

Elton W. Miller, former Executive Assistant, was honored at a farewell dinner last Tuesday in the Administration Building on the occasion of his retirement.

T. Aubrey Harris, Chief of the Stability Research Division, served as toastmaster and introduced a number of guests, including a dozen employees who began their NACA career at about the same time that Miller did. Dr. William A. Aery offered the invocation.

John F. Victory, executive Secretary of the NACA, and Dr. H. J. E. Reid, Director, briefly traced Miller's career at Langley, pointing out the important part he had in the design and construction of some of the earlier wind tunnels and other equipment

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## LAB EMPLOYEES TAKE TOURNEY

NACA bridge players walked away with top honors last Tuesday night when the Virginia Peninsula Unit of the American Contract Bridge League held its monthly master point game at the Chamberlin Hotel.

Taking first place for North-South in Section A were Ann Merfeld, 8-Foot High Speed Tunnel, and Bruce Amole, Employee Services. Second place honors went to Bill Sperry and James McNulty, both of Construction Engineering. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Samet, Fiscal Division, took first for East-West.

First place for North-South in Section B went to Mr. and Mrs.

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## PLAN BOATRIDE DANCE FOR SEPT.

After a brief summer vacation from dances and other forms of entertainment, the Morale Activities Association opens its early fall season with a boatripe dance.

Paul Taylor, Social Chairman, announced that plans are being completed to rent the C & O boat the "Wauteka" for a four hour moonlight cruise in Chesapeake Bay and Hampton Roads. There will be an orchestra to provide music for dancing and plenty of room to dance to the fast ones. Beer, soft drinks, sandwiches and ice will be sold on the boat with the Morale Activities Association acting as concessionaire, so prices will be the same as usual. One or two of the pieces of entertainment which proved so popular at the carnival will also be along.

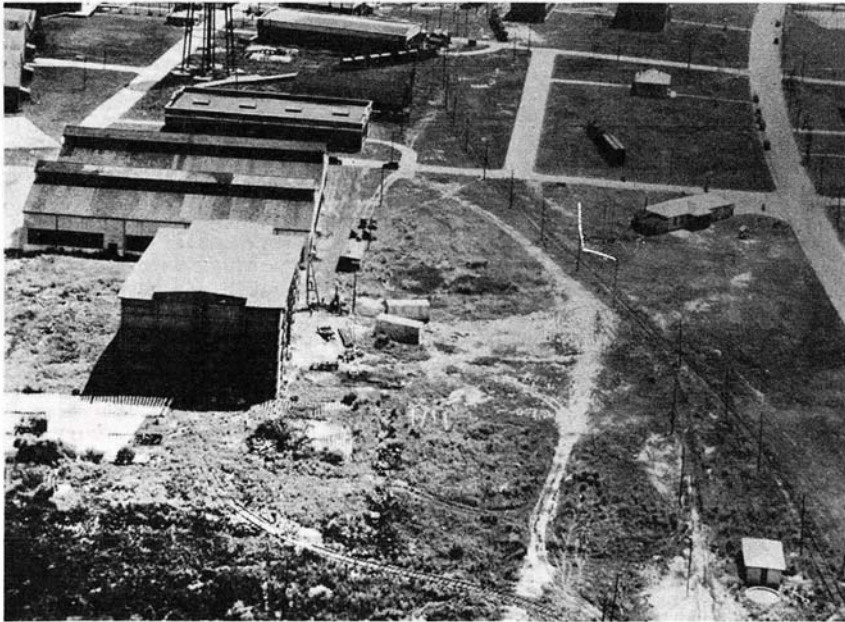
There is only one hitch and that is the fact that the boat will comfortably accommodate only 550 people so ticket sales will be limited to 275. The cost "stag or drag" will be \$3 per ticket. A fair means of ticket distribution is now being worked out and points where tickets can be purchased will be given in next week's "Air Scoop". This much we can say, there will be no tickets sold at the gangplank. All tickets will be sold in advance sales.

## CHILDREN'S AREA BEING COMPLETED

Ed Hoffman, Chairman of the Children's Committee for the Activities Association, announced this week that a playground area has been set aside for children and that equipment is being installed and should be completed within the next week.

The children's playground is located in back of the old Collier Home. One set of swings has been put up and another set is being installed this week.

## Air Scoop's Picture Album



Shown above is an aerial view of the old Propeller Research Tunnel taken before 8-Foot High Speed or Full Scale were constructed. Shown in the background on the right are the Administrative and Technical Service Buildings.

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## LIFE AT THE LABORATORY

After a week's. . . . .

lull in business the stork came through this week with quite a record. Loads Division is still receiving visits and still holds the Laboratory record with a total of thirteen new additions since January. If any other Division can top that figure we certainly would like to know about it. The two most recent arrivals to the Division included a daughter, Yvonne, to the Earl Brinckley household on Friday, August 6, and a son, Mark Edward to the Bernard Wieners on Saturday, August 14. The Division's record now stands at 7 boys and 6 girls.

Visiting the Laboratory. . . . .

and greeting old friends are Flossie and Clo Wood, formerly of the Lab but now of the Washington Office, and Jane Collins, formerly of Purchase now stationed at Muroc, California.

Passing out cigars. . . . .

this week is George Wentland, Engineering Projects. He became the father of a daughter on Thursday, August 12. The mother, Mary, is formerly of Gas Dynamics.

Friday the thirteenth. . . . .

proved to be a lucky day for Gordon Jones of Classification. He became the father of a seven pound daughter, Judith Lorraine.

Another proud papa. . . . .

who seems to be recuperating rather rapidly is Charlie Anderson of Purchase. His new son arrived on Sunday, August 1.

Making plans. . . . .

to join the ranks of old married folks is George Wood of Physical Research. George is engaged to Mary Earle Prince of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and wedding bells will ring sometime early in September.

Members of the. . . . .

Continental Quintet will have their big night Sunday when they appear on the Joe Brown's Search For Talent program over WCAV, Norfolk. The group will broadcast between 5 and 6 p.m. and will sing their version of "Wagon Wheels". The winner of the contest will receive a wrist watch and their main worry right now is how they will split the watch five ways. Members of the quintet are Dick White, Todd Burke, Paul Kloetzer, and Ralph Stone, all from the Spin Tunnel, and Joe Johnson, Free Flight Tunnel. The group will be accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Kloetzer.

Another proud papa. . . . .

these days is Bill Thompson, West Engineering. He became the father of a daughter, Jean Ellen, on Monday, August 16. The mother, Mary Jean, is formerly of Selective Service.

Singers and dancers. . . . .

are reminded not to forget the Male Chorus rehearsal and dancing class next Wednesday. The Male Chorus meets at 4:30 at the Activities Building and the Dancing class starts at 7:30.

WANTED: Ride from 48th and Washington or Huntington Ave. on 7:30 shift to W.A. Mary H. Culotta, 4522.

WANTED: Ride from 2801 Newport News Ave. to E.A. on 7 shift. John H. Kaetchie, Reproduction

FOR SALE: 5 X 7 View camera, between the lens and focal plane shutters, cut film and film pack tripod. \$35. Hunter, H - 3-3240.

FOR SALE: Norge washing machine and Tappan table top gas range. Call Hampton 4968.

## BRAINBUSTER NEWS

By Bill Poythress

On Sunday, the first day of the record trials, a few of the model builders showed up but even with consistent good flights no new records were broken either in free flight or control-line. This is not as bad as it sounds because they were flying models in classes where the records were quite high. This is probably due to the fact that these classes are very popular and no one built a special airplane to try for a record.

The next club meeting on Tuesday, August 24 will be very important because it will be the last regular meeting before the big contest on Sunday, September 5.

Everyone who is interested in the successful running of this big event is urged to be at the meeting. All the final organizational plans will be made so it is important that everyone be present.

The Brainbusters would like to take this opportunity to express their appreciations to all who have helped to make the contest possible.



The Washington Headquarters were well represented at the Laboratory this week. Included among the list were the following: Charles H. Helms, James J. Kelly, Jr., Milton B. Ames, Ira H. Abbott, and John F. Victory. Kelly and his family are spending their vacation at the Chamberlain and he dropped by to greet old friends.

Representing the Ames Laboratory was former employee Donald H. Wood.

Visiting from Cleveland were Charles S. Moore and W. B. Gough, Jr., Mel's brother.

WANTED: To join car pool from 6207 Virginia Ave. to E.A. on 7:30 shift. Hugh DuBose, 2231.

WANTED: Ride from 35th and Marshall to W.A. on 7:30 shift. Smith, 4568.

FOR SALE: Man's light weight bike. Feigenbaum, Stability Tunnel.

# SOFTBALL NEWS

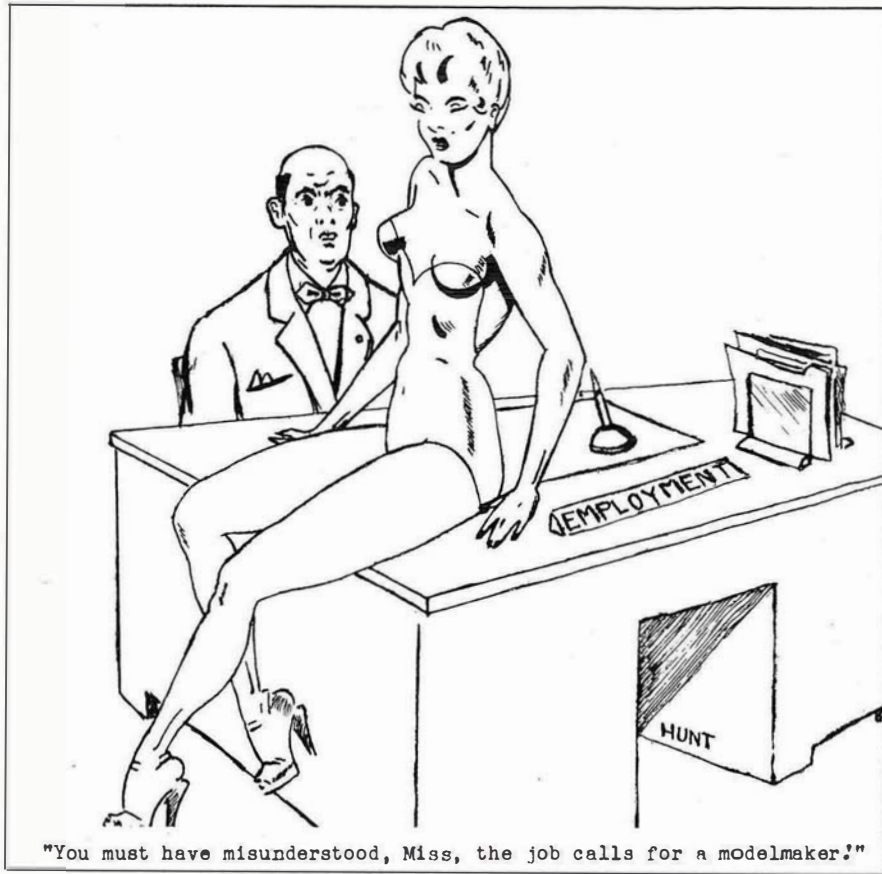
West Machine came close to having their perfect record marred last week when they barely nosed out 16-Foot 4-3. West Machine scored one in the first, 16-Foot came back with one in the fourth, West Machine took a one run lead in the fifth, both teams scored one in the sixth and 16-Foot tied things up in the first half of the seventh but pitcher Freddie Eubank came through with a home run to win his own game by one run. Winning pitcher Eubank gave up 4 hits, struck out 3, and walked 6 while losing pitcher Hunt gave up 9 hits, and struck out 2. Leading batters for the winners were Eubank with 2 triples and a home run and Freeman with a single and a home run.

Last Monday Structures and 9-Inch played off a protested game which ended up in another protest. The game was protested the first time at the beginning of the tenth inning and the teams took it up from there last Monday to determine the winner. With bases loaded in the first half of the thirteenth, George Zender connected for a home run to win the game for Structures 9-4. Winning pitcher John Houbolt allowed 6 hits, struck out 15, and walked 1.

Induction Aerodynamics held their own this week with one win and one loss. The defeat came at the hands of Pilotless Aircraft. The winners scored 11 runs before the losers chalked up their first one. IAL rallied in the seventh inning but lost 11-6. Winning pitcher Roy Niewald gave up 4 hits, struck out 6, and walked 13 while losing pitcher Persh gave up 9 hits and walked 3. Leading batters for the winners were Church, Niewald, and Hinners with 2 singles each.

IAL evened things up when they trounced Instrument Service to the tune of 14-3. The winners scored 2 in the first and 6 in the third to take an 8 run lead and coast throughout the remaining part of the game. Winning pitcher Persch gave up 5 hits, struck out 1 and walked 2 while losing pitcher Horstmann gave up 8 hits, walked 11, and struck out 1. Leading batter for the winners was Bloetscher with 3 singles.

IRD chalked up their ninth win this week by trouncing PRD 12-1. Winning pitcher Bugg hurled a 2-hitter and struck out 11 while losing pitcher Lassiter gave up 16 hits and struck out 1. The winners scored in every inning and the losers' lone run of the day came in the sixth. Star batters were Newby with a single,



FOR SALE: Garden tractor - 4½ hp - all attachments. Call Poquoson - 5561 after 4 p.m.

WANTED: Passengers from Newport News to E.A. on 7:30 shift. A. H. Whitcomb, 2377.

double, and triple, and Ferguson and Youngblood with a single and triple each.

## STANDINGS - DIVISION I

Team	W	L	Avg.
19-Foot	9	0	1.000
Electrical	8	1	.889
Structures	7	2	.778
9-Inch	5	5	.500
Engineering Serv.	4	4	.500
West Model	4	4	.500
Dynamic Tunnels	4	5	.444
Loads	4	5	.444
Low Turbulence	3	5	.375
Spin Tunnel	2	7	.222
East Shops	0	10	.000

## STANDINGS - DIVISION II

Team	W	L	Avg.
West Machine	9	0	1.000
IRD	9	1	.900
Full Scale	6	3	.667
E. Compress.	5	4	.556
7 X 10	4	4	.500
16-Foot	4	4	.500
PARD	4	6	.400
IAL	4	6	.400
PRD	3	6	.333
Inst. Service	1	7	.125
8-Foot	1	9	.100

## LEADING BATTERS

Listed below are a few more league batters who are batting .400 or better.

Player	Team	AB	H	Avg.
Goodman	W. Mach.	29	16	.550
Brockett	IRD	32	17	.531
Smith	W. Mach.	22	11	.500
Edwards	IRD	28	14	.500
Boulton	IRD	22	11	.500
Hoffman	IRD	34	16	.471
Catlett	W. Mach.	35	16	.456
Freeman	W. Mach.	16	7	.438
Eubank	W. Mach.	20	8	.400

## DUCKPIN LEAGUES MEET WEDNESDAY

Plans are now underway for a Mixed and Men's Duckpin League. Teams interested in entering either league are urged to have a team representative present at the organizational meeting on Wednesday, August 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Activities Building. Plans will be discussed as to where the league games will be played this year and rules and regulations will be set up.

FOR SALE: 18-Foot sloop-rigged "International Flattie" sail boat. Newly painted and overhauled. Niemann, Hampton 3-3156, or Davis, Hampton 3-2408.

# CLOSING DATE SET FOR EXAMINATIONS

The NACA Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners wishes to remind Laboratory employees that the following examinations will close next Thursday: Aircraft Welder, Auto and Truck Mechanic, Boat Operator, Boat Operator Group Leader, Burner and Cutter, Cleaner Foreman WB-8, Diesel Engine Mechanic I through IV, Diesel Engine Mechanic Shift Leader, Electrician I through IV, Engineer P-2 through P-5, Engineering Draftsman SP-2 through SP-8, Equipment Maintenance Mechanic II WB-10, Equipment Maintenance Mechanic Group Leader, Heat Treating and Orifice Installation Mechanic, Helper (Aircraft Mechanic), Helper (Electrician), Helper (Electronic Mechanic), Helper (Heating Plant Operator), Helper (Machinist), Helper (Sheetmetal Worker), Labor Foreman WB-7, Machinist WB-10, Painter, Painter Group Leader, Pipefitter, Pipefitter Group Leader, Refrigeration Mechanic Group Leader, Rigger Structural Steel Worker WB-9, Stationary Boiler Fireman, Transportation Group Leader, Truck Driver, and Welder.

Applications for these examinations must be received by the NACA Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners by the close of business on Thursday, August 26 in order to be accepted. For further information or for application forms call the Board of Examiners, telephone 2226.

## Coming Events

Listed below is a calendar of events scheduled to take place in the Activities Building through out the coming week.

- Aug. 20 - Flight Research Party
- Aug. 21 - Impact Basin
- Aug. 22 - 8-Foot Farewell Party for Moberg and Vincke
- Aug. 24 - 7:30 Bridge Club
- Aug. 25 - 4:30 Male Chorus  
7:30 Dancing Class

WANTED: Air pressure bottle or tank. G.F. Schartz, IRD.

WANTED: Ride to W.A. on 7:30 shift from Newport News Ave. Beverly Peacock, 4593 or Hampton 3-3419.

FOR SALE: Simmons bed, bedroom set, and other furniture. Eckstein, 4559.

FOR SALE: 75 pound Coolerator ice box, \$35. Poquoson - 3471.



Dr. H. J. E. Reid, Director, bids farewell to Elton W. Miller, former Executive Assistant, on the occasion of Miller's retirement from the Laboratory. Shown in the picture (from left): Ira Abbott, formerly of Langley now with Washington Headquarters; Dr. William A. Aery, John F. Victory, Executive Secretary; Miller, Aubrey Harris, Chief of the Stability Research Division; Reid, George Colonna, and Floyd L. Thompson, Chief of Research.  
--Photo By Walter Sopstyle

## CARD OF APPRECIATION

A message of appreciation for the kind expressions of sympathy by officials and staff members of the Langley Laboratory on the death of Dr. George W. Lewis has been received from Mrs. Lewis. Dr. Lewis was NACA Research Consultant and the former Director of Aeronautical Research.

## BRIDGE WINNERS

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L. C. Dickinson and Dr. Lo and George Griffith, both of Structures Research, captured top honors for East-West.

The regular meeting of the NACA Bridge Club will be held next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Activities Building. All persons interested in playing are invited to attend.

FOR RENT: 2 furnished rooms. R. V. Kemp, N.N. 3-1996.

WANTED: Ride for 2 to Buffalo, N.Y. or vicinity on September 3. Lorraine Reece, 4454.

FOR SALE: 2 screen doors with necessary hardware. Pat Chiarito, Structures, or call N.N. 3-1245.

## FAREWELL PARTY

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and praising his ability not only as a scientist but as a "successful developer of men."

As a token of appreciation from his former associates, he was presented a gift of luggage and a book of photographs showing some of the early scenes at the Laboratory and depicting some of the growth of the Peninsula research center during the past 27 years. The presentation was made by Floyd L. Thompson, chief of Research.

WANTED: One or two passengers to Central Georgia on September 18. Worthington, 2259.

WANTED: Passengers from Raleigh Ave. or Hampton Roads Ave. to E.A. on 7:30 shift. Jules Miller, 2212.

FOR SALE: 1942 Studebaker Champion. Call Hampton 3-2333.

WANTED: Ride from Orcutt Ave. to E.A. on 7 shift. Leroy Keffer, 2254.

WANTED: 2 passengers to Chicago or vicinity leaving August 20. George Read, Wallops Island.