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SKYHAWKS PLAN TO REORGANIZE

The NACA Skyhawks, a basketball team organized on its own hook last year to represent the entire Laboratory, is making plans to reorganize again this year. The team is composed of players from all sections on the field and represents the Laboratory in competition against other amateur and service teams in the area.

All interested basketballers are asked to contact Frank Hart, Instrument Service; Charlie Clarke, 8-Foot High Speed Tunnel; or Billy Bates, Free Flight Tunnel.

PENNINGTON SPEAKS TO ENGINEERS CLUB

The Engineers' Club of the Virginia Peninsula will present Lee R. Pennington of the Washington Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as their guest speaker at a meeting to be held January 16, at 8 p.m. at the Parkview School.

Pennington's subject will be "Plant Protection in Peacetime." This topic is of timely interest to the laymen as well as the law enforcement officers, since everyone is vitally concerned with protection.

Pennington was born in Martinsburg, West Virginia, on November 19, 1894, and early in life moved to the State of Maryland. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 1915, receiving a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering. In 1928 and 1935, he received his B.C.S. and M.C.S. degrees in Accounting from South-eastern University, Washington.

He entered the service of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on May 6, 1929, and is an Inspector assigned to the Headquarters of the FBI in Washington, D. C.

On Saturday, January 18, the Engineers' Club will inspect the Camp Manufacturing Company at Franklin, Virginia.

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EXAM FOR P-1'S STILL OPEN

The examination for Engineers, grade P-1, which was announced by the Fourth United States Civil Service Region in Winston-Salem, N. C., is still open. The following options are included in this exam: Aeronautical, Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Metallurgical, Mining, Naval Architecture, and others.

Anyone holding a war service or temporary appointment in one of these positions, who has not applied for this examination, should do so at once if they wish to receive a probational appointment to their present position. For further information and application cards, call the Employment Office, telephone 2272.

LITTLE THEATRE TRYOUTS SUNDAY

Tryouts for the Hampton Little Theatre's forthcoming mid-winter production of "The Enchanted Cottage" will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at the St. John's Parish House. The romantic fantasy by Sir Arthur Wing Pinero, will be directed by Mrs. John B. Parkinson and produced by Mrs. George B. Colonna.

It is hoped that all persons interested in dramatics will attend tryouts.

BRIDGE TOURNEY WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Peninsula Bridge Club held its regular meeting Tuesday night at the Copeland Park Rental Office Number 3. The Howell Movement was played by club members and John Crigler, PRD, and Gene Frank, Safety Office, were first place winners. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Parker and Manny Stein and Ed Kruszewski, Structures Research, tied for the second place position.

The club meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 at the Copeland Park Rental Office. All persons interested are invited to attend the meetings.

EMPLOYEE WORKS ON PROJECT IN ALASKA

After spending the summer in Orlando, Florida as NACA representative on the joint Thunderstorm Project, Jack Funk of the Aircraft Loads Division will now spend several midwinter weeks in Alaska working on radar evaluation with American Airlines.

The 'hunderstorm Project is a joint research project of the Weather Bureau, Army, Navy and NACA. It has as its aim the complete measurement and better understanding of thunderstorms with an ultimate view toward improved safety of flight. The Aircraft Loads Division, long a leading group in the investigation of atmospheric turbulence and gust loads on airplane structures and which had previously initiated and carried out a smaller thunderstorm investigation at Langley Field in 1941 and 1942, conducted the flight measurements of turbulence and draft circulations in the joint project at Orlando. This project will be continued in 1947 in Ohio where thunderstorms of different types will be investigated.

The American Airlines radar evaluation project is being performed under contract with the Navy Bureau of Ships. Again, the Aircraft Loads Division is participating because of the turbulence aspects of the investigation. Funk left for Seattle, Washington on January 1 to install turbulence measuring instruments in a DC-4 cargo airplane. This air-

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JUKE BOX DANCE FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

The NACA Morale Activities Association will sponsor its second Juke Box Jamboree on Friday night, January 17 from 8 p.m. 'til 12. Admission will be twenty-five cents per person and music will be furnished free.

Chairman Axel Mattson stated that the last jamboree was a great success and urged that employees come out and join in the fun.

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LIFE at the LABORATORY

Well we're back in print again.

after a very pleasant and lazy two week vacation, but from all reports Dan Cupid and old faithful stork have really been putting in a little overtime. More new diamonds are being flashed around and some people managed to beat the income tax with a brand new addition to the household and others weren't quite so fortunate and missed the big refund by a few hours.

Us'ering in the New Year in the proper.

manner was P. M. Lovell, Aerodynamics Loads, who decided to start off the New Year with a new partner. He was married to Catherine Bradley in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. While honeymooning in New York City, the newly weds were featured on the radio program "Honeymoon in New York".

Two couples who managed to.

beat the income tax by one day were the W. H. Steins and the Jim R. Thompsons. Jim Thompson, of Flight Research, and wife Ray, formerly of Purchase Office, became the proud parents of a daughter, Ann Elizabeth, at 4:52 a.m. on December 30. Four minutes after the birth of the Thompson child, W. F. Stein, Mechanical Maintenance, became the father of a son, W. F., Jr.

Passing out cigars Tuesday.

was Bud Mulac, Classification, he became the proud father of a 7 pound, 10 ounce daughter, Tony Elizabeth, on Friday, January 3. Mama Betty used to work in 19-Foot.

Major R. A. Kenny.

Liaison Office, who became the father of a son, Richard Andrew, on December 30, says that after much research he has found it to be the consensus among new fathers that all new arrivals may be distinguished by a patch of dark fuzzy hair, blue eyes, and a very rosy complexion. Despite this, he claims that he has a very exceptional son.

Another of the Peninsula's.

leading bachelors can be crossed from the eligible list now that Sid "Not-so-Fatso" Batterson, Impact Basin, went and got himself engaged during the holiday week. The prospective bride is Zella Morewitz, Secretary to Manager E. R. Sharp of the Cleveland Laboratory.

Speaking of diamonds.

the biggest thing we've seen in a long time is the 2.4 karat sparkler that Mary Frances Mikell, 7 X 10, is sporting. She's engaged to Bill Sleeman, also of 7 X 10, and wedding bells will ring sometime in March.

7 X 10 really did a rushing.

business during the holiday season with two more engagements coming. Louise Straughn is engaged to Steve Privette of Newport News, and Ernest Moore is making plans to marry Lois Powell.

Listen, if you think it's.

monotomous reading about all these weddings, engagements, and births think how it must be to write all of them up, we've even run out of ways to say it but here goes again. Buck Barber, Purchase Office, and Helen Hanks, formerly of Purchase, are apartment seeking and making plans to setup housekeeping.

Another proud papa.

came in the office Monday passing out cigars and candy. It's Harold Crate, Structures Research, and he became the proud father of a son, David Alan, on December 30.

Another diamond being flashed.

around this week in Personnel is Janet Weston's, Personnel Records. She's engaged to Bobby McGee of South Hill.

Another proud papa, and this is.

the last one we've heard of for this week, is Charlie King, West Sheetmetal. He recently became the father of a seven pound, twelve ounce daughter.

Well, another birth just.

slipped in under the wires. Jim Delano, 8-Foot High Speed Tunnel, became the proud father of a son, Brian James, on Tuesday, January 7.

We wish to express our.

appreciations for the beautiful Christmas cards sent to the Langley employees from AERL and Ames.



JUKE BOX JAMBOREE

Fri. Jan. 17th

Adm. 25¢
per person

8:00-12:00

MUSIC FREE!

Activities Building



BASKETBALL LOOP RESUMES PLAY

After a two week vacation, the Basketball League reopened its season of play with three games Tuesday night at the Activities Building. In the opening game, Structures took a 29-18 win over 9-Inch Supersonic to remain undefeated. The quintet from Supersonic managed to hold the winners to a 7-7 tie in the first quarter and were behind only two points at halftime. However, Structures chalked up a good 21-9 lead in the third quarter and came out on the winning end of a 29-18 score. High scorer for the winners was Gallagher with 14 points and leading the losers was Bill Boatwright with 8.

16-Foot had no trouble defeating PRD 28-13. Taking a 6-3 lead in the first quarter, the winners managed to increase the margin in the second quarter 13-5 and 22-7 in the third. Ted Himka was the star for the winners with 10 points and Bob Jacquis lead the losers with 12 points.

In the last game, 19-Foot Pressure Tunnel took an easy win from Flight with a final score of 28-8. Ray Salmi was top scorer for the winners with 11 points and Jack Reeder chalked up five of the losers' eight points.

Games scheduled for next week are: Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. - 16-Foot versus Stability; 7:45 - 8-Foot versus Structures; 9 p.m. - PARO versus PRD. Wednesday, January 15 at 6:30 - 19-Foot versus PRD; 7:45 - 9-Inch Supersonic versus Flight; and 9 - IRD versus West Shops.

EMPLOYEE

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plane has been equipped with radar as a navigational aid for the hazardous weather and terrain conditions of the flights between Seattle and points in Alaska. Continuous turbulence records and radar observations will be made on these flights in order to evaluate radar as means of detecting or warning against severe conditions of turbulence.

FOR SALE: 1941 Oldsmobile sedan in excellent condition. Ed Vogt, Model Finishing Shop.

FOR SALE: Ohlsson '23; just factory overhauled. Reid Hull, East Engineering.

STABILITY LEAGUE ENDS FIRST ROUND

As the Stability Division Bowling League completed its first round of play, the Spin Tunnel's Spare Squares came out on the winning end with 24 wins, nine losses, and no ties; Balsa Butchers from Dynamic Tunnels Operations was second with 21 wins, 12 losses, and 3 ties; and Free Flight's Fliers followed close behind with 20 wins, 13 losses, and 4 ties.

High averages went to Ray Comenzo, 7 x 10, with 102.1; Jack Paulson, Free Flight, 101.6; Johnny Campbell, Free Flight, 101.2; Edna Lishman, 7 X 10, 93; Sadie Miller, Stability Tunnel, 90; and Ruth Malvestuto, Free Flight, 87.7.

High individual games went to Ray Comenzo with 150; Sanger Burk, Spin Tunnel, with 145; Marion McKinney, Free Flight, 141; Jackie Poteat, 7 X 10, 117; Eva Carpenter, Free Flight, 115; and Edna Lishman, 115.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T
Spare Squares	24	9	--
Balsa Butchers	21	12	3
Fliers	20	13	4
Pir Maulers	17	16	7
Alley Oops	17	16	7
Deadwood	16	17	8
Scotch 'n Tapers	15	18	9
Hot Shots	14	19	10
7 x Foots	14	19	10
Bouncers	14	19	10
Atomic Bums	13	20	11
Guided Missiles	13	20	11

ENGINEERS CLUB

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This is one of the largest paper mills in this area, and carries the manufacture of paper all the way from making the pulp from logs to the final rolling of the finished paper. The Club will meet in Suffolk at the Elliott Hotel for lunch at 11 a.m., then proceed to Franklin.

WANTED: Ride from Briarfield, Betsy Lee Gardens, or Copeland Park to East Area on 8:15 shift. Gordon Mercer, Research Staff Office.

FOR SALE: Share in 40 horsepower Cub flying club. Good opportunity for solo pilot to build time inexpensively for private license. Carl Sandahl, PARO.

BOWLING NEWS

Leading the Monday night Duckpin Bowling League is 16-Foot Tunnel with 24 wins and nine losses. Sound Lab and 19-Foot Pressure Tunnel are tied for second with 21 wins and 13 losses.

High individual game for the men went to Charles Phillips, Electrical, with 126, and high set was won by Harry Davis, 19-Foot, with 340. Taking high game and set for the women was Virginia Tucker, Computers, with a 111 game and 285 set. High team game and set was won by 19-Foot with 492 and 1424.

Leading the league with the highest averages are Carl Rossman, Structures #2, with 102.4; Ed Kruszewski, Structures #1; 100.9; Lillian Brown, Full Scale #2, 91.2; and Marge Wilson, Sound Lab, with 91.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pctg.
16-Foot	24	9	.727
Sound Lab	21	12	.636
19-Foot	21	12	.636
Struc. #1	19	14	.576
Struc. #2	17	13	.567
Tank	18	15	.546
FST #2	14	19	.424
FST #1	13	20	.394
Administration	12	21	.364
Electrical	11	22	.333
Computers	10	23	.303

As the Wednesday night Duckpin League ended its first round of play, IRD RC & T and 8-Foot High Speed Tunnel were tied for first place with 21 wins and nine losses; PRD came in third with 20 wins and 10 losses.

High individual averages are: Luke Liccini, 8-Foot High Speed, with 107.1; Arvo Luoma, 8-Foot, 100.6; and Harold Crane, Flight, 99.3. Leading the women are Marge Zender with 93; Dot Comstock, Flight Research, 91.1; and Ruth Green, Flight, 87.7

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pctg.
IRD RC & T	21	9	.700
8-Foot	21	9	.700
PRD	20	10	.666
LTS	17	13	.567
Deadducks	16	14	.533
Inst. App.	16	14	.533
Ragouts	16	14	.533
Deadpins	14	16	.467
Report Typists	10	20	.333
Atomic Bombers	8	22	.267
Rocketeers	6	24	.200

FOR SALE: Electric refrigerator. Call Hampton - 6163.

NOTICE: All persons interested in taking a course in American Literature are asked to contact Betty Newbold, Files.

Ring Out The Old Ring In The New



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