

Air Scoop



PRIMARY ELECTION SET FOR TUESDAY

The primary election for representatives to the General Assembly of the Activities Association will be held next Tuesday and the final election has been slated for Tuesday, November 8.

All Laboratory employees are eligible to serve on the General Assembly but each candidate must sign a petition stating his willingness to serve if elected and each petition must have ten supporting signatures of Laboratory employees.

In the primary election which will be held next Tuesday, each employee may vote for three candidates. Ballots shall be placed in ballot boxes and each employee shall sign a register upon casting his ballot. There shall be no voting by proxy. Persons on leave lose their opportunity to vote.

The Balloting Committee, upon receiving all returns, will take the names of the 51 candidates receiving the greatest number of votes and will place them on the final election ballot. This voting shall take place on Tuesday, November 8 and shall be done in the same manner used in the primary election. The 34 employees receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.

As was pointed out sometime ago, the primary purpose of the Activities Association is to operate the buildings, grounds, and equipment of the recreation area for the benefit of the Langley staff; to operate all revenue-producing concessions; to employ such personnel as are deemed essential to the operation of the recreation area; and to operate the project in a businesslike manner in order that the project may be self-supporting. The Executive Board will be elected from the General Assembly. Employees are reminded not to take the election lightly but to keep these qualifications in mind when voting.

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Marian Primavera, Payroll, has been selected to play the part of Emily, the feminine lead in the Hampton Little Theatre's forthcoming production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" which will be presented November 18 and 19 at the Hampton High School auditorium. This will be Marion's first appearance on a local stage.

—Photo by Taub & Nelson

EMPLOYEES MAY GET PAY RAISE

As the "Air Scoop" went to press the President had not signed the pay bill which was passed by the 81st Congress but a memorandum will be sent to staff if and when the bill is signed.

If approved, the Classification Act of 1923 will be repealed and will be superseded by the Classification Act of 1949, which will become effective October 30.

This act applies to all Laboratory employees who are serving in P, SP, CAF, and CPC grades. The P, SP, and CAF grades are abolished and these services are merged in a new General Service (GS) grade and the basic rates of compensation have been changed. The basic rates of compensation for the CPC grades have been revised.

As soon as the bill is signed by President Truman, a new wage schedule will be sent out to each employee concerned showing the new grade and salary as compared with the old grades and their basic pay.

The new act changes the basic rate of compensation to be received upon promotion. An employee receives an increase equivalent at least to one within-grade advancement step of the grade from which he is promoted. For example, an employee in GS-5, step 4, would be placed in step 3 upon promotion to GS-6 or an employee in GS-4, step 3, would be promoted to step 2 in GS-5.

The within-grade advancement regulations have also been changed by this act. The new increment for grades 1 through 4 is \$80, 5 through 10, \$125, 11 through 14, \$200 and grade 15, \$250. The waiting period for GS-1 through 10 is 52 weeks and 78 weeks for GS-11 through 15. Three additional longevity steps have been added for grades GS-10 and below. After an employee reaches the maximum step of his grade he may receive three additional increments providing he has had ten years of service in

PLAN HALLOWEEN DANCE NOVEMBER 5

The Activities Association will sponsor its third in a series of bi-weekly dances on Saturday, November 5 at 9 p.m. at the Activities Building. The dance will be a costume affair with Halloween being used as a theme. All socialites are reminded to get their old costumes out of the attic and start sewing up moth holes as a prize will be awarded the man and woman with the best outfit.

Dancing melodies for the affair will be furnished until one in the morning by Blair Blanton and his orchestra featuring vocalist Shirley Coleman, PARD.

Employees are reminded that reservations may be made for section parties by calling Bruce Amole between Monday noon and Friday noon on the week of the dance. No reservations will be accepted

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Life At The Laboratory

Dan Cupid seems.

to be falling down on the job but the stork is working overtime. Celebrating the arrival of a new heir is Ray Schaefer, Low Turbulence. The new son arrived on Saturday, October 15 and has been named Robert George.

Another proud.

papa who is passing out candy and cigars is Jerome Eckerman, Instrument Research. His new daughter, Teresa Rose, arrived on Thursday, October 13.

Keeping the.

Wade Cason household awake nights is a daughter, Nancy Marie, who made her debut on Wednesday, October 12. The proud father works in the West Machine Shop and the mother, Nell, is formerly of Rotating Machines.

As usual.

Instrument Research is getting more than its share of visits from the stork and we have lost count as to the number that has been delivered to that Division since January 1 but it must be up in the forties now. Celebrating the arrival of a six pound, twelve ounce daughter, Catherine Joy, on Thursday, October 6 are Dot, formerly of Aircraft Loads, and Frank Hughes, Instrument Research.

Still more.

babies. Virginia, formerly of the 7 X 10-Foot Wind Tunnels, and Marvin S. Finch, West Sheetmetal Shop, became the parents of a son, Marvin, Jr., on Monday, October 24.

VOLLEY BALL

Flight Pilots have increased their lead in the Volley Ball League by a margin of six games. RMA is in second place with 10 wins and 2 losses and 9-Inch Supersonic Tunnel is in the number three slot with 14 wins and 4 losses.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
Flight Pilots	17	1	.944
RMA	10	2	.833
9-Inch	14	4	.778
24-Inch	10	8	.555
PARD	8	10	.444
E. Engineering	7	11	.389
Structures	4	14	.222
Flight Research	1	11	.083
PRD	1	11	.083

Mistrust the man who finds everything good, the man who finds everything evil, and still more, the man who is indifferent to everything. —Lavater

A cynic is a man who knows the price of everything, and the value of nothing. —Wilde

SKYCHICKS NEED MORE PLAYERS

All girls interested in playing on the Skychick Basketball Team are reminded that there are still a few vacancies to be filled. All persons interested are asked to come out to practice every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Activities Building.

The Skychick team is composed of girls from the various sections throughout the Laboratory and is organized to represent the Laboratory in outside competition. In addition to playing local teams, the group also plays several service organizations.

So near is false hood to truth that a wise man would do well not to trust himself on the narrow edge.

—Cicero

Men are wise in proportion, not to their experience, but to their capacity for experience. —Shaw

WANTED: To buy child's bicycle. Barnett, Classification.

BRAINBUSTER NEWS

By Joe Dodson

At the next meeting of the Brainbuster Model Club there will be a discussion on the ways and means of obtaining sponsorship of the Regional Wakefield Elimination Contest. All members and former members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics who would be interested in competing in the Wakefield Elimination, providing such a contest could be held on the Langley Air Force Base, are requested to attend. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Syms-Eaton Community Center.

COMMUNITY CHEST CAMPAIGN PLANNED

Employees are reminded that the 1949 Community Chest campaign will get underway at the Laboratory next week and efforts will be made by drive workers to have another successful effort on behalf of Community Chest organizations on the Peninsula.

H. Lee Dickinson, Employee Services Section, will head the Laboratory campaign this year. Area chairmen and other drive workers will be announced in next week's "Air Scoop". Employees are requested to make their contributions at the Laboratory in order to help the local group meet its quota.

Representatives of the Laboratory met this week with campaign officials of the Elizabeth City County Community Chest, at which time it was announced that the county's goal this year is \$45,000.

COMING EVENTS

Printed below is a calendar of events scheduled to take place in the Activities Building throughout the coming week.

- October 28 - Free Flight PARD
- October 29 - 19-Foot IAL
- October 30 - Full Scale Tunnel Project 506
- October 31 - Basketball Meeting Skyhawk Practice Ping Pong Club Volley Ball
- November 1 - Bridge Club Skychick Practice
- November 2 - Official Function Male Chorus Bridge Class Skyhawk Practice
- November 3 - Aircraft Loads Division Party
- November 4 - Compressibility Division Party
- November 5 - Association's Halloween Dance

BOWLING NEWS

TENPIN LEAGUE

In the Tenpin League Cherokees will lead the Monday League with 10 wins and 5 losses and Miscellaneous leads the Tuesday bowlers with 12 wins and 3 losses. Leading with high individual game and set is Bill Martz with a 221 game and 554 set.

MONDAY LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Avg.
Cherokees	10	5	.667
Flight	9	6	.600
Equip. Eng.	9	6	.600
LTS-I	8	7	.532
Structures	7	8	.466
West Eng.	7	8	.466
Const. Eng.	7	8	.466
Pinbusters	7	8	.466
LTS-II	6	9	.400
Misselot	5	10	.333

TUESDAY LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Avg.
Miscellaneous	12	3	.800
Alleycats	11	4	.732
Repro's	11	4	.732
Headpins	10	5	.667
16 Foots	9	6	.600
Tyro's	6	9	.400
Elec. Eng.	6	9	.400
7 X 10	5	10	.333
Kibitzers	4	11	.267
11" Tunnel	1	14	.066

WEDNESDAY DUCKPIN LEAGUE

West Engineering are tied for first place with 12 wins and three losses and three other teams are tied for third and three tied for sixth. Earl Justice and Frances Hoback lead with high individual averages of 112.8 and 93.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
W. Engineering	12	3	.800
16-Foot #1	12	3	.800
GRIS	9	6	.600
PARDners	9	6	.600
Sound Lab	9	6	.600
Stenographic	6	6	.500
West Model	6	6	.500
Flight Ragouts	6	6	.500
16-Foot #2	7	8	.467
Free Flight Tiers	5	7	.417
Tank	5	10	.333
Independents	2	10	.167
Flight Deadpins	2	13	.133

IRD LEAGUE

The tie in the IRD League was broken this week with Pinhookers taking a one game lead over the Rebels.

Team	W	L	Avg.
Pinhookers	16	5	.762
Rebels	15	6	.714
Nodamgoodnies	12	9	.571
Wheels	11	10	.524
Wrecks	11	10	.524
Gremlins	11	10	.524
Woodhounds	10	11	.476
Utter Rats	9	12	.429
Unholy Rollers	7	14	.333
Aristocrats	3	18	.143

BASKETBALL LEAGUE MEETS MONDAY

All basketball enthusiasts are reminded that an organizational meeting of the NACA Men's Basketball League will be held Monday night at 7:30 in the Activities Building.

The last meeting held had such a poor attendance that this meeting has been called to give other teams a chance to enter the league. All teams interested in entering the league are urged to have a representative present as this will be their last opportunity to enter. Plans must be made so a budget can be set up and the election of officers will also be held. Persons interested in playing but who are not affiliated with a team are asked to attend and register.

HALLOWEEN DANCE

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before or after these times and reservations will be held until 9:30 p.m. As has been pointed out previously, the Activities Association reserves the right to designate table location due to the seating arrangement that may be necessary because of odd numbers of couples; and reservations will be made for section parties only.

Admission will be the usual one dollar, stag or drag, and tickets may be purchased at the door.

FOR RENT: 3 room furnished apartment. 261 Holt St.

FOR SALE: 4 to 6 room Norge oil heater. Hampton 3-3788.

WANTED: Ride to N.Y. October 28. Hart, 4427.

MONDAY DUCKPIN LEAGUE

PRD still leads the Monday bowlers with a record of 9 wins and 3 losses and Free Flight Fliers and Strike Sures have moved up into a tie for second with 10 wins and 5 losses each.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
PRD	9	3	.750
Free Flight Fliers	10	5	.667
Strike Sures	10	5	.667
Gutter Balls	9	6	.600
Mech. Maint. #1	9	6	.600
Lucky Strikers	7	5	.583
Stock Section	7	8	.467
Demons	5	7	.417
Scotch 'n Tapers	5	7	.417
Rocketeers	6	8	.400
Gas Dynamics	5	10	.333
Mech. Maint. #2	5	10	.333
Gutter Rats	3	9	.250

TURKEY SHOOT NOVEMBER 19

Laboratory employees who are interested in having either turkey or ham for Thanksgiving will have an opportunity to win one at the Turkey Shoot on Saturday, November 19 at the Activities Building. The affair will be sponsored by the Activities Association and the various shooting events will get underway at 8:30 a.m. and run until 5:30 p.m.

Final plans have not been completed by the contest committee but complete details will be published in next week's "Air Scoop".

MISUSE OF DECALS FOR AUTOS CITED

Employees who have been issued NACA automobile identification decals for their windshields are reminded that they have certain responsibilities in connection with the proper location of the decals on windshields and with proper disposal of them when the vehicle for which they were issued is no longer in their possession.

Laboratory officials have pointed out that some vehicles with NACA decals have been seen in used car lots on the Peninsula and investigation has disclosed that the vehicle was disposed of by the NACA owner before he destroyed the decal by removing it completely with a razor blade or similar sharp instrument. It is important that employees remember to destroy the decal in such instances in order to eliminate the possibility that the car later may be used by a person not employed here.

One other responsibility which has not been fulfilled is the requirement that the employee place the decal on a windshield in the blind spot created by the rear view mirror. Some vehicles without rear view mirrors have been noted with decals in spots where the rear view mirror normally would be located. Others have been seen with the decal applied just above the State inspection sticker. Both of these examples are unlawful and drivers of such vehicles are liable for prosecution under Virginia traffic laws. Provisions have been made for vehicles not having a rear view mirror inside to continue using the black-embossed aluminum identification tag.

Any employee having any doubt as to the legality of their present use of a decal may obtain information by telephoning Claude F. Ingels, 4547.



On the occasion of Harry Lyon's recent visit to the Ames Laboratory at Moffett Field, California, a group of the old-timers who had known Harry at Langley gave a luncheon in his honor and presented him with an exposure meter as an expression of friendship. After the luncheon the entire group was photographed on the step of the Administration Building. Shown on the front row (from left) are: John F. Parsons, Edward W. Betts, Herbert Dunlap, W. H. McAvoy, Harry Lyons, Clindon G. Glass, James H. Rummins, Raymond E. Braig, Walter Quigg, and Arthur B. Freeman. Second row (from left): Henry Boyd, Edward H. Schnitker, John P. Houston, Joseph Jurscaga, James A. White, Carlton Bioletti, H. W. Kirschbaum, George E. Bulifant, Donald H. Wood, and Smith J. DeFrance.

BLOODMOBILE TO VISIT LAB

A staff memorandum with reference to the Blood Donor program to be administered at the Laboratory by the American Red Cross is being currently circulated. Accompanying the memorandum is a registration blank for those employees desiring to participate in the program. This blank is to be completed and returned to the East Area Dispensary where a file of prospective donors will be set up so that a sufficient number of persons will be available to meet the quota of 100 pints of blood when the Bloodmobile makes its first visit to the Laboratory on December 22.

Blood obtained through this program will be taken to the Blood Center in Norfolk for processing and distributed to hospitals in the area. The blood will be given to patients without cost for the product, the only charge being made by the physician and hospital for administration.

FOR SALE: Thin tube cast iron radiator - 16 sections - $33\frac{1}{2}$ square ft. radiation - \$20. Electrosteem electric plug in steam portable radiator - \$20. Henry, Hampton 5934.

FOR SALE: 1940 Pontiac 4 door sedan. \$575. Haley, Inst. Service.

FOR SALE: Registered cocker pups. Jones, 539 F St., Copeland Pk.

WANTED: Ride from Wythe to W.A. on 8 shift. Pasteur, 4479.

WANTED: Ride to Baltimore or E. Pennsylvania week before Thanksgiving. Hampton 7636.

WANTED: Ride or riding combination from Betsy Lee Gardens to E.A. on 8 shift. Bell, 2281.

FOR SALE: Stork-line crib. Lodge, Newport News 2-0398.

FOR SALE: 1935 Pontiac coach - best offer takes. Also 8' utility trailer, Krabbe, H-8104.

WANTED: Ride to Baltimore November 4. A. Alexander, 2242.

PAY INCREASE

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a position or of an equivalent or higher grade. The waiting period between each of these three increments is three years.

The meritorious within-grade promotion and cash award plans have been revised. Information concerning these regulations will be explained in a later memorandum to staff.

HOME BUILDERS FORUM OFFERED

Home builders will be interested in a new discussion group to be designated as the Home Builders Forum, a part of the Vocational and Adult Education Program at the Hampton High School.

Last year two successful groups of the Home Builders Forum were organized to operate for 30 hours and they proved so popular it was necessary to extend the forum for several weeks. Prospective home builders are now being offered an opportunity to participate in these new discussion groups. The first section of the Home Builders Forum will be established on Wednesday night and will be in session from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. for 15 weeks. Abbott R. Diamant, former New York designer of residential and commercial establishments, will again act as discussion leader.

Diamant intends to make this an information section for prospective home builders and modernizers. Questions scheduled to be discussed include masonry construction, functional arrangements, conventional planning, the selection of the most favorable heating system, lighting arrangements, schemes of interior decorating, etc.

The first section of the course is scheduled to start during the first week in November. It is essential that persons interested register Monday night so that schedules may be completed. Registrations will be accepted at the Victoria Avenue entrance to Hampton High from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Further information may be obtained by calling the night school office, Hampton 6135 or the Training Office, 2256.

FOR SALE: Thor automagic electric ironer, gas stove. H-32106.

WANTED: Ride to Baltimore or Washington November 10. Betty Fuller, 2322.

FOR SALE: Philco cabinet record player - \$10. Kloetzer, DTOS.