

# AIR SCOOP

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## JUKE BOX DANCE FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Axel Mattson, Social Chairman for the Activities Association, announced this week that plans are underway for the Association to sponsor another Juke Box Jamboree on Friday, March 28 from 9 'til midnight. Admission will be 25 cents per person so reserve next Friday for a night at the Activities Building.

## LITTLE THEATRE SELECTS CAST

The cast for the Hampton Little Theatre's forthcoming production of "Joan of Lorraine", has been announced by David M. Goldenbaum, director. Due to the fact that the action takes place during a rehearsal, many of the characters play dual roles, the parts listed below being their primary characterizations.

The female lead of Joan will be played by Bette Darling. Tiny Hutton will portray Masters, the director, and Charles Rodriguez has been cast as Al, the stage manager. Joan's father, Jacques D'Arc, will be characterized by Ian Ross, and the roles of her brother, Pierre and Jean, will be enacted by Phillip French and Crickett Burr. The three remaining feminine parts will be taken by Sally Rodriguez as Tessie, the assistant stage manager; Mary Campbell as Saint Catherine; and Margaret Baab as Saint Margaret. Other male roles are: Durand Iaxart played by Manny Stein; DeMetz, Ed Hoffman; Poulengy, Joe Herrig; Chartier, Robert Connor; Tremoille, Jack Parkinson; the Archbishop of Rheims, John R. Dawson; DuNois, Marvin Haar; LeHire, H. Granville Derby; Saint Michael, Harry Smith; Father Massieu, Frank Hildson; and DeCourcelles, William Cole.

The selection of two other parts is still underway, and their names will be announced at a later date.

The play, which will be presented at the Hampton High School auditorium on April 24 and 25, is being produced by T. Melvin Butler of the Personnel Division.

## SOFTBALL MEETING SET FOR APRIL 3

Chet Weislo, Chairman of the Activities Committee, announced this week that the organizational meeting of the NACA Men's Softball League for 1947 will be held Thursday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Activities Building. Any interested group may enter a team by meeting the following stipulations:

(a) Entry of team roster (minimum of 10 men), team name, team representative's name, Lab address and phone number.

(b) The payment of an entry fee of \$10.

(c) The presence of at least one team representative at the meeting for the full time between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., equipped with authority to participate in election of league officials.

The obligations outlined above must be fulfilled at the April 3 meeting for entry into the league. Non-compliance will result in exemption; no excuses will be honored.

It is requested that the representatives also determine the equipment needs of their teams as plans for obtaining equipment for the entire league will be discussed.

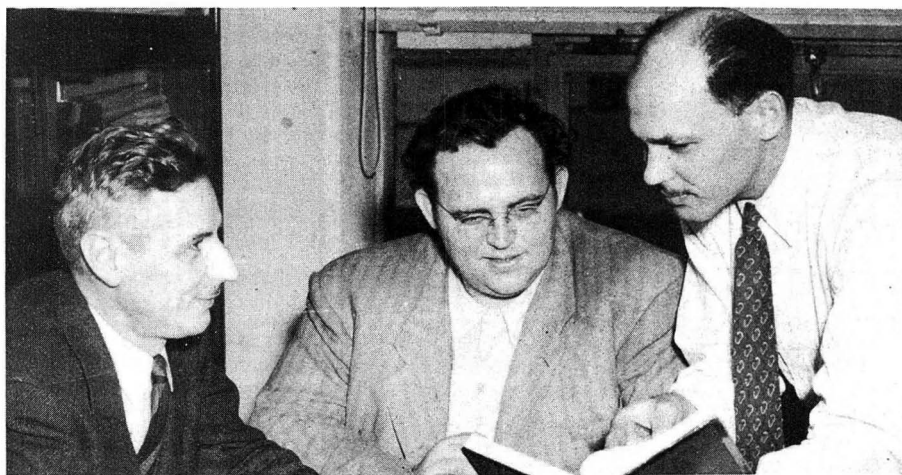
## COLLECT \$3,064 FOR RED CROSS

A total of \$3,064.88 has been collected in the Red Cross drive here as of Wednesday morning, with the Administrative Area contributing \$841; Full Scale Area, \$749.03; West Area (North), \$740.84; and West Area (South), \$734.01. Efforts will be made to close the campaign next week and employees wishing to make contributions are requested to contact the solicitor for their group. Campaign workers are still hopeful of reaching the \$3,500 goal.

Through last Friday, there were 1,636 contributions averaging \$1.83 each. Two thirds of all employees contacted made contributions. Less than ten per cent of the employees remain to be contacted and the solicitors hope to complete the job next week.

The following were 100 percent sections: East Cafeteria, Tank 1, Hydro Div. Office, Heat Treating and Orifice Inst., IRD Stockroom, Mech. Service Div. Office, Adm. and Tech. Service Dept. Office, West Photo Lab, Stability Res. Div. Office, Stability Analysis, West Computers, Aircraft Loads Div. Office, East Computers, Full Scale

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Director David Goldenbaum, right, discusses plans for the Hampton Little Theatre's forthcoming production of "Joan of Lorraine" with two members of the cast. Jack Parkinson, Chief of the Hydrodynamics Division, will play the part of Tremoille and Tiny Hutton has been cast in the dual role of Director Jimmy Masters and the inquisitor at the trial. The play is being produced by T. Melvin Butler.

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## LIFE at the LABORATORY

After the dance last Friday night. . . . .

we thought sure that one of our bachelors had already been impeached from the newly organized Bachelors Club but a call to Flight Research for confirmation disproved the rumor. When congratulated upon his recent engagement and asked about his future wedding plans Phillips promptly declared "No, that's a false rumor.. You'll have to publish a retraction." So with this issue we publish a retraction and in Phillips' own words an "authentic denial" of his engagement.

One of the Laboratory's. . . . .

proudest papas is Rene Berglund, West Engineering. He recently became the father of a son, Rene, Jr.

West Engineering is doing. . . . .

a rushing business this season. Another proud father is John Doyle who recently had a new addition, Sammy James, to his household.

From all we hear from. . . . .

various sources, all the "Air Scoop" will be printing before long is engagements and weddings. Last week we ran across a good lead; it seems that prospective bridegrooms are ordering their engagement rings through the cafeteria. Last week three orders went off but just who is getting these rings, we can't seem to find out so if you hear anything that may seem to be a bit suspicious please let us know and we'll send one of our detectives out to investigate immediately. We got a lead last week that a ring had come in and been delivered to a certain party in Flight Research but we were unable to find out who that certain party was until last Friday but now we know. It turned out to be Philip Weatherwax and he is engaged to Jane Perry also of Flight.

Another section romance. . . . .

has reached the engagement stage. This time it's Isabell Woolard and Jack Queijo, both of Stability Tunnel. Wedding bells will ring sometime in early spring.

Tennyson really had something. . . . .

when he said "In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." Today is the first day of spring and engagement announcements are beginning to pour in already. Another one is the engagement of Helen Sykes, Gas Dynamics, to Wayne Creekmore of Newport News.

Passing out cigars. . . . .

Wednesday morning was Townsend Johnson, Personnel Records. He became the father of a son, Stewart Wise, on March 18.

The Hack Wilsons. . . . .

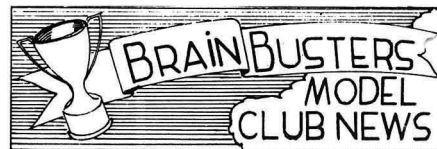
recently had a new arrival to their household. It's a son, Herbert A., III.

Word has just reached. . . . .

the Laboratory that Marijean Saunders, Smith, formerly of Receptionists, is the mother of a daughter, Sylvia Ann, born March 6 in De Land, Florida.

Another proud papa. . . . .

is Wilbur Mayo of Impact Loads. He became the proud father of a daughter on Sunday, March 16. Mary Ellen, the proud mother, used to work in Impact Loads.



By John Worth

Flying in the Balloon Hangar reached a peak last week as the season's largest turnout of indoor models were flown in preparation for Sunday's meet. Joe Boyle, Ben Cleveland, Bob Dagand, Bill King, Chuck Mollisse, Bill Poythress, Jesse Shepherd, Bob Stewart, Ed Swansey and John Worth flew all sizes of gliders and a few rubber powered stick models.

Initial testing of freeflight gas models in anticipation of coming contests was carried out at the West Area flying site by Frank Parmenter, Charles Folk, Reid Hull, Jim Chakamaty, and the Alwoods.

Brainbusters and a representative of the Consolidated Gas Bugs of Newport News met March 12 with members of the Portsmouth Aero Club to coordinate plans for the Virginia State Eliminations Meet to be held in conjunction with the National Championships.

Tentative details agreed upon call for a two day meet scheduled for the week-end of July 4 to be held in the Tidewater Area as follows:

Saturday 5 - Indoor Events at the Balloon Hangar conducted by the Brainbusters while Controline events are conducted by the Gas Bugs at their grounds.

Sunday 6 - Freeflight outdoor events in Portsmouth conducted by the Aero Club, climaxed by a banquet.

Purdy of Portsmouth has been designated overall contest director and the Aero Club will exercise jurisdiction over the joint club activities pertaining to the meet.

Eleven winners will make up the Virginia team as follows: Freeflight Gas Events - four; Controline Events - three; Rubber-Towline Events - two; and Indoor Events - two.

A system of selecting team members has been approved and will be announced in detail at a later date.

Arrangements are currently being made to assure sponsorship of the meet by the State Exchange Club.

FOR RENT: Small single bed room with laundry, light cooking, and refrigerator privileges. \$8 per pay day. Call Mrs. Kirby at Hampton - 6246 after 5:30 p.m.

WANTED: Passengers to New York leaving Friday night, March 21 and returning March 24. Jack Fischel, 4540 or Hampton - 5706.

# BOWLING NEWS

## TENPIN LEAGUE

Alleycats won three games in last week's bowling and as a result remain in first place with a .750 average. Guttersnipes are second with .666, and Psztch jumped into third place with .619.

In taking three games from Miscellaneous the Psztch team set a new high set for the season with 2538. They also captured the high game for the night of 876. Big guns for Psztch were Roger Anderson with a 571 set and high games of 199 and 200; and George Zender who bowled a 204 game. Anderson's set was high for the night while Luke Liccini, Pinbusters had high game of 212. Peg McNulty took high set and game for Rockets, setting a new record for the girls with a 480 set and 184 game.

### STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
Alleycats	18	6	.750
Guttersnipes	16	8	.666
Psztch	13	8	.619
Fiscal-Wrecks	14	10	.583
Pinbusters	12	9	.571
Rockets	13	11	.541
Maplemaulers	11	10	.524
Headpins	10	11	.476
RC & T	9	12	.428
Lets-Strike	9	12	.428
Miscellaneous	7	14	.333
Missilot	6	15	.286
Woodpeckers	6	18	.250

## WEDNESDAY DUCKPIN LEAGUE

Still leading the Wednesday Duckpin League is 8-Foot High Speed Tunnel with 40 wins and 17 losses. IRD RC&T is in second place with 35 wins and 22 losses. Luke Liccini still leads the men with a high average of 108.2. Marge Zender leads the fairer sex with 92.1.

### STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
8-Foot	40	17	.702
IRD RC&T	35	22	.614
PRD	34	23	.596
Deadducks	33	24	.579
Inst. App.	33	24	.579
LTS	30	27	.526
Ragouts	27	30	.474
Deadpins	24	36	.400
Report Typists	20	37	.351
Atomic Bombers	19	35	.331
Rocketeers	17	37	.315

## STABILITY LEAGUE

Round II of the Stability Division Bowling League ended last week with 7 X Foots in the number one spot with 24 wins and 6 losses. This ends the 1946-47 season except for the handicap tournament which gets underway this week. Teams included in the playoffs are Spare Squares,



"Close the window "Brain-Boy", this is no wind tunnel."

winner of Round I; 7 X Foots, winner of Round II; and Balsa Butchers, runner-up for both rounds.

High men's game for the season went to Ray Comenzo with 150; high men's set to Tommy Andrews, with 378; high women's game, Pearl Goodman, 123; high women's set, Edna Lishman and Gay Gilbert, 300; high team game and set, Pin Maulers, 565 and 1539.

Ending the season with high averages are: Johnny Campbell, 103.3; "Red" Nelhouse, 103.2; Ray Comenzo, 102.5; Sadie Miller, 91.7; Edna Lishman, 91.2; and Mary Noble Bennett and Jo Polhaus, 87.6

### FINAL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
7 X Foots	24	6	.800
Balsa Butchers	21	9	.700
Fliers	19	11	.633
Atomic Bums	15	15	.500
Spare Squares	15	15	.500
Scotch 'n Tapers	13	17	.433
Bouncers	13	17	.433
Hot Shots	12	18	.400
Pin Maulers	11	19	.367
Deadwood	11	19	.367
Alley Oops	11	19	.367

**FOR SALE:** Practically new Lionel 75 watt electric train transform with circuit breaker, whistle controller and reversing button. B. A. Aaron, IRD.

**WANTED:** Passengers to Washington. Leaving Friday and returning Sunday. F. W. Schmidt, 4503.

**WANTED:** Passengers from South Hampton to East Area on 8:15 shift. Call Hampton 8636.

## COMING EVENTS

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

- March 24 - FRD Oyster Roast
- March 25 - 7:30 Bridge Club Official Function
- March 26 - Reproduction Party
- March 27 - I.A.L. Party
- March 28 - Morale Activities Association Function
- March 29 - Personnel Division Party.

## CAMERA CLUB HOLDS SALON

The last salon contest, held on Wednesday, March 12 at the Academy Street USO, was limited to pictures taken during the previous work night. With the exception of fifth place which was awarded to Bill Balon, Paul Hunter, Flight, and David Feigenbaum, Stability Tunnel, literally walked away with the contest. Hunter and Feigenbaum split first, fourth, sixth, and second and third places respectively.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26 at the Syms-Eaton Community Center.

**ANTIQUES FOR SALE:** Mahogany Peer table with hand carved corinthian columns; eagle top mirror; gilt frame with mirror; OG crotch mahogany frame with mirror; 2 large platters in old blue color; tripple Florentine mirror; victorian chair; 2 spinning wheels, and other items. 2114 Chestnut Ave.



# BOWLING MATCH SET FOR SATURDAY

Saturday a couple of bowling teams from the Washington Office will journey down to the Peninsula to take the LMAL talent. The contest will get underway at 7 p.m. at the Wythe Alleys.

Bowling for the Laboratory will be the following: Luke Liccini, Johnny Campbell, "Red" Neihouse, Hal Crane, Ed Kruszewski, Ray Comenzo, and Len Bartone. Upholding the feminine interest in the match will be Lillian Brown, Marge Zender, Sadie Miller, Marge Wilson, Dot Comstock, Kit Carson, and Shirley Riley.

# ROSSMAN HEADS BRIDGE CLUB

The Peninsula Bridge Club held a business meeting Tuesday, March 11, at the Activities Building for the purpose of electing officers.

New officers are: President, Carl Rossman, Structures Research; Tournament Chairman, A. Bruce Amole, Activities Building; and Secretary and Treasurer, John Crigler, PRD.

It was decided that these officers, together with two representatives from the club, should meet to draw up a set of by-laws to govern the club.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Activities Building.

# DR. TSIEN WILL SPEAK TUESDAY

Dr. H. S. Tsien, Associate Professor of Aeronautical Engineering at M.I.T., will deliver an address to invited members of the Technical Staff of the Laboratory on "Superaerodynamics" on Tuesday evening, March 25, at the Activities Building. Superaerodynamics is the aerodynamics of the rarefied atmosphere.

Dr. Tsien, who will be at the Laboratory in a consulting capacity on Tuesday and Wednesday, is well known for his work in theoretical aerodynamics. He received his undergraduate work in China and has spent most of his time in this country at California Institute of Technology as Associate Professor to Dr. Von Karman.

# RED CROSS

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Res. Div. Office, Full Scale Analysis, 19' Computers, Bell Computers, 8' Engineers, Physical Res. Computers, Sound Lab, Physical Res. Lab 2, Math Physics Lab, Elect. Stockroom, Photo Stockroom, Stockroom #3, and Full Scale Stockroom.

LOST: Man's diamond ring in vicinity of Full Scale Tunnel. Reward. Jerry Pasamanick, Full Scale.

NOTICE: Will trade top coats with person who took wrong one in West Area Cafeteria. A. G. Willis, PARD, 4447.

# SKYHAWKS AND SKYCHICKS WIN

In a closely matched game played last Monday night at the Activities Building, the Skyhawks finally managed to come out on the winning end of a 49-38 score with Green Acres. Sinking everything that went near the basket, the Green Acres' quintet led 21-16 at halftime but lagged in the third 35-33 to come out on the short end of a 49-38 final score. Eddie Polhamus and Jim McConnell were high scorers for the winners with 15 and 11 points and Taylor and Jobe for the losers with 12 and 11.

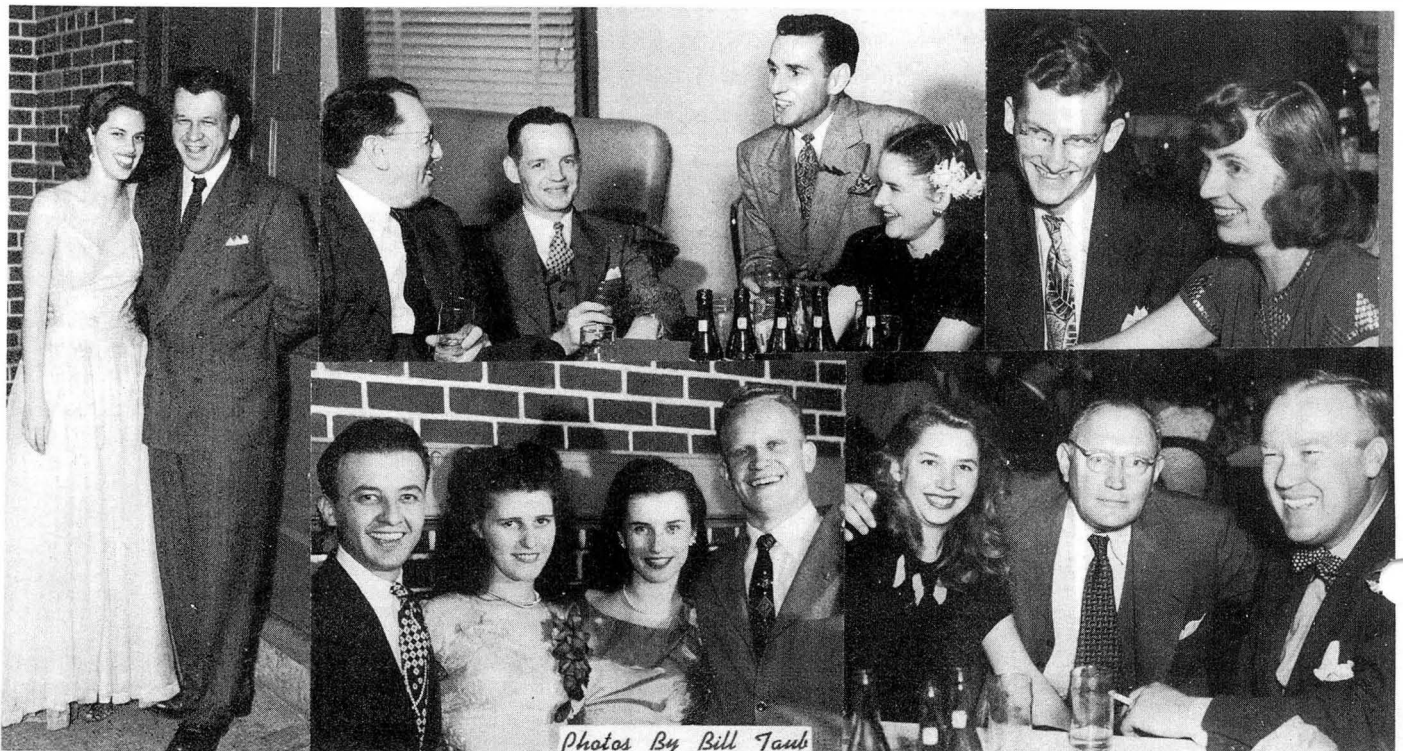
In another close game, the NACA Skychicks came through with a 26-21 win over the Naval Station Waves from Norfolk. With the score tied 10-10 at halftime, the Skychicks took a 20-18 lead in the third quarter to end up on the winning end of a 26-21 score. Becky Boykin was high scorer for the Chicks with 10 points and Robinson for the losers with 19.

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FOR SALE: Ohlsson '23 with aero coil - \$13.50. Forster '29 - \$14.50. Paul Marchal, W. Eng.

WANTED: Passenger from Locust or Greenbriar Avenue to East Area on 8:15 shift. D. F. Rmswiler, Mechanical Maintenance.

# Highlights Of The St. Patrick Dance



Photos By Bill Taul