

# AIR SCOOP

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## ASK EMPLOYEES TO RESPECT GROUNDS

For quite sometime the Laboratory has been complimented by visiting representatives and various Army personnel on the appearance of the grounds surrounding the buildings. The conditions of the grounds was accomplished through hard work and considerable expense. However, a few employees thoughtlessly park their cars improperly and drive over the seeded area, all of which is destructive, an unnecessary expense to the Committee, and most discouraging to those in charge of the maintenance of the grounds.

Laboratory employees are urged to take pride in their grounds and attempt to discourage any practice that may be damaging to them.

## PLACE BOXES IN CAFETERIAS FOR RELIEF TO CHINA

Plans are now underway in the community to put on a campaign for United Service to China. No official drive will be conducted at the Laboratory; however, boxes have been placed in both the East and West Area Cafeterias and employees are asked to drop in their spare change.

The United Service to China is now in its sixth year as a central U. S. agency which collects funds and distributes them, through various cooperating organizations, to projects in China dedicated to expanding educational systems, medical foundations, colleges and universities, child welfare programs, and small industries.

Elton W. Miller, Executive Assistance, will be in charge of the collection at the Laboratory.

## SPONSOR SMOKER FRIDAY, FEB. 28

On Friday night, February 28, the NACA Morale Activities Association will sponsor its second in a series of smokers in the Activities Building. Guest speaker will be Dr. Antonio Ferri, head of the Gas Dynamics Analysis Section of the Compressibility Research Division.

Dr. Ferri, who came to the Laboratory in September of 1944, will give a first-hand account of conditions in Italy prior to and during the last war, and discuss certain phases of aeronautical research done there.

Before coming to the United States, Dr. Ferri was head of high speed aerodynamic research at the Italian Ministry of Aeronautics Laboratory at Guidonia, Italy, from 1935 to 1940, and head of aerody-

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## PLAN DANCE FOR MARCH 14

Social Chairman Axel Mattson announced this week that plans are underway by the NACA Morale Activities Association to sponsor a St. Patrick's Day dance at the Activities Building on Friday, March 14. Dancing will be from 9 p.m. 'til midnight and music will be furnished by Bob Savage and his orchestra.

Tickets will be \$1.50 stag or drag and may be purchased from the District Representatives to the General Assembly of the Morale Activities Association.

## ARMED FORCES SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT HERE

Approximately 150 students of the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk visited the Laboratory last Friday.

The group viewed some of the facilities here and also witnessed a showing of a film on pilotless aircraft.

The college is comprised of Army, Navy, and Marine Corps officers and was established in the interest of coordinated armed service activities.



Last week Marshal Li-Huang Wei of China and his staff visited the Laboratory and toured a few of the research facilities. Shown above in the Full Scale Tunnel are (from left) Floyd L. Thompson, Acting Chief of the Research Department; Marshal Wei, and Hack Wilson, Head of Full Scale Tunnel.

--Photo by Warren Nelson

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## WELL-LIVED at the LABORATORY

Passing out cigars. . . . .

in a manner typical of new fathers is Cletus Vincke, 8-Foot High Speed Tunnel. He became the proud father of a daughter on Wednesday, February 12.

In an impressive ceremony held. . . . .

at the Laboratory last Monday morning, J. Norwood Evans, Employment, was honored by the President of the United States with a Selective Service Medal and Certificate of Merit which read "In appreciation of your loyal and faithful adherence to duty given voluntarily and without compensation to the impartial administration of the Selective Service System, the Government of the United States expresses its gratitude in this public recognition of your patriotic services." - signed Harry S. Truman, President. In the absence of the president, T. Melvin Butler presented Mr. Evans the Certificate of Merit and the Selective Service Medal, ribbon, and lapel pin.

Another proud parent is. . . . .

June Alston, formerly of Personnel Records. She became the mother of a daughter, Patsy Jo, on Thursday, February 13.

Remember the Rose Bowl game of. . . . .

a few years ago when California's All American Roy Regels made a beautiful touchdown run but got the goals mixed up. Well, a similar incident happened last Wednesday night in the 16-Foot versus PARD game. Jim Parks, PARD guard, had the ball and headed for the first goal in sight which turned out to be the opponents'. Jim started to shoot at the basket but luckily dropped the ball before he had a chance to add two more points to 16-Foot's 33-17 win.

Full Scale had a party. . . . .

to top all previous ones last Saturday night at the Activities Building. Plenty of spirit went into the organizing of the affair and Charles Schenll, Hangar, turned in a professional performance as a black faced master of ceremonies. A super-duper floor show was put on by the burlesque queens which included a black-face comedian act, six dancing girls in a chorus routine, a melodrama, and last but not least - Queenie Dingeldein in "Show Us Some More, Richard!"

Another Laboratory romance. . . . .

has reached the engagement stage. It's Shirley Stubbs, Office of Chief of the Stability Division, and Joe Weil, 7 X 10. Plans are underway for a spring wedding.

Wedding bells will ring. . . . .

tomorrow when Doris Rudd, Bell Computers, takes her final vows with Robert Porter of Newport News. The wedding will take place at Bruton Parish, Williamsburg.

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FOR SALE: 1935 Plymouth coupe, four new tires, completely rebuilt engine, in excellent condition. N. R. Chew, Instrument Development.

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WANTED: Ride for two to New York City on March 1 and returning March 9 or 10. Will consider making two trips with different drivers. Car Rossman, Structures.

WANTED: Ride on 8:15 shift from Huntington Court to 19-Foot Tunnel. Doris Rudd, Bell Office or call Hampton - 6494.

FOR SALE: 1941 Plymouth deluxe sedan, radio, heater. Call Newport News - 2-1448. Car may be seen at 2211 Orcutt Avenue.

## NACA ACTIVE IN LITTLE THEATRE

The NACA is well represented on the director's and producer's staffs of the Hampton Little Theatre's production of "The Enchanted Cottage", to be presented February 27 and 28 at the Hampton High School auditorium.

Laboratory employees on the director's staff are: Staging assistance, Stanford Neice, Low Turbulence; Properties, Lenore Hulcher, formerly of Personnel; Makeup, Margaret Bame, Payroll; and Scenic Painting, Marjorie Patterson, PARD, and Dare Blalock, East Computers.

Included in the producer's staff are: House Manager, T. Melvin Butler, Personnel, assisted by Paul Taylor, Construction Engineering, and John Houbolt, Structures; and Ushers, Nancy McCarthy, Files, and Louise Neal, Personnel.

With the exception of Neice and Nancy McCarthy, all have participated in previous productions of the organization. Mrs. Hulcher, long active in the group was seen most recently as Dorothy Pringle in "Kiss and Tell", as Aunt Jenny in "I Remember Mama", and was producer of "The Old Lady Shows Her Medals" and "The Terrific Dud," which was written and directed by Margaret Bame with Dare Blalock as assistant director.

Marjorie Patterson joined the Little Theatre as Evelyn Heath in "Guest In The House" and has since enacted the roles of Lucille in "Two Crooks And A Lady", Flora in "On Mill Hill", and Dorothy Schiller in "I Remember Mama".

Butler and Taylor both gave their initial performance in "You Can't Take It With You", with Butler as a G-man and Taylor as Henderson. The following fall Butler was seen as Private Earhart in "Kiss and Tell".

## SMOKER

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namics at Guidonia from 1940 to 1944.

Following the address, free beer, soft drinks, potato chips, etc., will be served. Admission tickets are fifty cents per person and may be purchased from the District Representatives to the General Assembly of the Morale Activities Association.

WANTED: Ride on 8:15 shift from Newport News Avenue to East Area. Call Hampton - 8910.

# LOOP IN LAST WEEK OF PLAY

As the Men's Basketball League enters its final week of play, IRD is definitely one of the top teams with eight wins and two losses. 8-Foot and Stability are still on the top shelf with only two losses each.

In the games played this week, 8-Foot knocked PARD for a loop to the tune of 48-26, to strengthen their hold to the top bracket with seven wins and two losses. 8-Foot took a 22-15 lead at halftime and more than doubled the score in the second half to walk away with another win. Luke Liccini and Burly Baals were high scorers for the winners with 16 and 14 points respectively. Bill Martz came through for the losers with 12.

Ending up their regular season of play, West Shops came through with a 44-30 win over Flight to tie the Seals for fourth place in the league standings. Jim Dawson and Bill Munden were big guns for the winners with 3 and 11 points and Jack Reeder for the losers with 16.

IRD came through with a 30-22 win over the Seals to end the season on the top shelf. Leading at halftime 9-7, IRD lagged behind long enough for the Seals to mark up a 15-15 tie in the third quarter, but the winners' 15 points in the final period proved too much for the Seals' 7. Ike Eickmeier was high scorer for the winners with 10 points and George Galleher for the losers with seven.

In the games played last week, 8-Foot High Speed Tunnel took a 28-20 win over Physical Research to strengthen their hold on the number one spot. During the first quarter both teams played basket-for-basket with a score of 5-5, but 8-Foot took a 12-9 lead at half time and held onto it throughout the remaining part of the game. Hank Fedziuk was high man for 8-Foot with 9 points and Bob Jaquis for the losers with 12.

The West Shop quintet, who started the season off like a house on fire, took their fourth defeat when the Seals downed them 33-21. The Shop boys led 4-3 at the end of the first quarter but the Seals took a 15-11 lead at halftime and ended up on the winning end of a 33-21 score. Murray Schildcrout was high scorer for the winners with 8 points and Jim Dawson for



Player	Team	FG	F	TP	G	Avg.
Polhamus	Stab.	49	2	100	8	12.5
Eickmeier	IRD	36	20	92	10	9.2
Dawson	Shops	40	10	90	10	9
McConnell	IRD	33	20	86	10	8.6
Liccini	8'	32	14	78	9	8.7
Jaquis	PRD	35	6	76	8	9.5

## SKYHAWKS WIN GAME 26-25

In their second game of the season played last Friday night, the NACA Skyhawks managed to come out on the winning end of a 26-25 score over the TAC "B" team at the Langley Field gym. Leading at halftime 15-8, the game looked as though the Skyhawks would be sure winners, but the second half found them napping and the opposing team pulled up to give them a close race.

High scorers for the winners were Billy Eates, Free Flight Tunnel, and Bob Jaquis, Physical Research, with 10 and 6 points respectively.

On Monday, February 24, at 8 p.m. the Skyhawks will take on the Langley Field officers at the post gym. NACA employees are invited to come out and witness the battle.

FOR SALE: Seven room house in Fox Hill. R. W. Hogg, Impact Basin.

the losers with a like number.

Outplaying the opposition all the way, 16-Foot Tunnel trounced PARD 33-17. The first quarter found the winners leading a scoreless PARD team six points. Bob Boswinkle was big gun for the winners, getting 15 points and Bill Martz for the losers with 8.

### STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
IRD	8	2	.800
8-Foot	7	2 3	.778
Stability	6 8	2	.750
Seals	6	4	.600
W. Shops	6	4	.600
19-Foot	4 5	4	.500
9-Inch	4	5	.444
16-Foot	3	5	.375
PRD	3	6	.322
PARD	1	7	.125
Flight	1	8	.111

## LOADS, PRESBY, AWT WIN GAMES

With only two more weeks of play remaining in the Girls' Basketball League, AWT still leads with four wins and no losses. 7 X 10 is in the number two position with three wins and one loss.

Last Monday night Loads came out on the winning end of a 15-4 score over PRD. Dot Houston was high scorer for the winners with 10 points. PRD's four points were divided evenly between Sadie Miller and Alice Aronson.

7 X 10 defeated the Presbyterian quintet 33-21 to move into second place in the league standings. The winners' points were distributed evenly with Jo Polhamus getting 12, Billie Jones 11, and Jackie Poteat 10.

Running true to form, AWT came through with a 28-12 win over 16-Foot to hold onto their number one position. This defeat dropped 16-Foot from second place to third. Lorean Cooper was high scorer for the winners with 13 points and Shirley Huxter for the losers with 10.

### STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pctg.
AWT	4	0	1.000
7 X 10	3	1	.750
16-Foot	3	2	.600
Presbyterian	2	2	.500
Loads	2	3	.400
Administration	1	3	.250
PRD	0	4	.000



By John Worth

Despite poor weather last Sunday, Brainbusters managed to turn in several speed flights. As no actual contest was held, all models underwent considerable testing. More than a dozen members turned out in a preview of coming club activities with gliders, rubber and gas powered models on hand plus two diesel powered ships.

Permission to use the Langley Balloon Hangar has been obtained, largely through the efforts of club president Bill Poythress. Indoor flying will be resumed this Sunday and attempts to establish new records will be in order as official AMA record trial sanctions are still in effect.

Already two goals have been set as Brainbusters work toward a new Class "A" glider mark and try to boost Joe Boyle's current Class "B" record.

# BOWLING NEWS

## WEDNESDAY DUCKPINS

Leading the Wednesday night duckpin league is 8-Foot High Speed Tunnel with 32 wins and 13 losses. PRD is running a close second with 29 wins and 16 losses. Last Wednesday night high team game and set was rolled by Deadducks with a 505 game and 1468 set.

Leading the men are Luke Luccini, 8-Foot, with a 106.9 average; Harold Youngblood, Structures, with a 144 game; and Chris Kraft, Flight, with a 351 set.

Marge Zender came in to capture all the top honors for the women with a 92.2 average, 122 game, and 352 set.

### STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pctg.
8-Foot	32	13	.711
PRD	29	16	.644
IRD RC&T	28	20	.584
LTS	26	19	.578
Deadducks	26	19	.578
Inst. App.	25	20	.555
Ragouts	19	26	.422
Deadpins	20	28	.417
Atomic Bombers	18	30	.375
Report Typists	17	31	.354
Rocketeers	15	33	.312

## MONDAY DUCKPIN LEAGUE

Sound Lab is still leading the Monday night Duckpin League with 34 wins and 17 losses. 16-Foot is trailing in second with 30 wins and 18 losses. Last Monday night high games were rolled by Ed Kruszewski, Structures #1, with 130, and Bobby Buckner, Full Scale #2, with 112. High sets went to Norris Dow, Structures #1, with 326, and Bobby Buckner with 287. Structures #1 rolled high team game and set with 491 and 1432.

Leading high individual averages for the men are: C. M. Marks, Structures #2, with 101; Harry Davis, 19-Foot, 100.8; and I. B. Bloxom, 19-Foot, 100.2; for the women - Lillian Brown, Full Scale #2, 92.5; Marge Wilson, Sound Lab, 91.6; and Kit Carson, 19-Foot, 89.8.

### STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pctg.
Sound Lab	34	17	.667
16-Foot	30	18	.625
Structures #1	28	20	.583
Tank	27	21	.563
Structures #2	26	22	.542
19-Foot	26	22	.542
FST #1	25	26	.490
FST #2	25	26	.490
Electrical	19	32	.372
Administration	16	32	.333
Computers	14	34	.292

## TENPIN LEAGUE

Last weeks bowling in the tenpin league resulted in a four way tie for first place honors. Fiscal

# COMING EVENTS

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

- Feb. 24 - Reserved for official use
- Feb. 25 - Men's Basketball playoffs
- Feb. 26 - Men's Basketball playoffs
- Feb. 27 - 5-6:30 Skyhawk practice
- 7-8 - 7 X 10 versus AWT
- 8-9 - 16-Foot versus Presby
- 9-10- PRD versus Administration
- Feb. 28 - Smoker
- March 1 - East and West Model Shop banquet and dance.

# BANKS WILL CLOSE SATURDAY, FEB. 22

So that no one may be unduly inconvenienced, the banks of the Peninsula have asked that Laboratory employees be reminded that they will not be open for business on George Washington's birthday, Saturday, February 22, as it is a National holiday.

Employees are also reminded that since the holiday falls on Saturday, that no other day has been set aside as a holiday for Federal employees. The regulations state that in the event a national holiday falls on Sunday the following Monday will be observed, but no official provisions have been made for a holiday falling on Saturday.

Wrecks, Alleycats, Pinbusters, and Psztch struggle for undisputed possession of the top spot. Pinbusters tightened their grip on first place in high team sets with a resounding 2492 total and their 871 team game was high for the night.

Les Oborny of Alleycats had high set of 562, and Sam Vollo, Missilot, and Pet McNulty, Rockets, had high games of 218 and 165 respectively. Luke Luccini, Pinbusters, has high average with 174. Joe DeSorbo, Fiscal-Wrecks, holds a second place average of 166; and Peg McNulty stays on top with 140.

### STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pctg.
Fiscal-Wrecks	8	4	.666
Alleycats	8	4	.666
Pinbusters	8	4	.666
Psztch	6	3	.666
Guttersnipes	7	5	.583
Headpins	7	5	.583
Missilot	5	4	.555
Lets-Strike	4	5	.444
Rockets	5	7	.417
Maplemaulers	4	8	.333
RC & T	4	8	.333
Miscellaneous	3	6	.333
Woodpeckers	3	9	.250

# DR. KAPLAN TO SPEAK MONDAY

Dr. Joseph Kaplan, Director of the Geophysical Institute of U.C.L.A. will deliver an address to invited members of the Technical Staff of the Laboratory on "The Composition And State of The Upper Atmosphere" at 8:15 p.m. Monday, February 24, at the Activities Building.

Dr. Kaplan, who is the brother of Dr. Carl Kaplan, Head of the Physical Research Division, is a leading authority on the spectra of the aurora borealis and of the light of the night sky, which are among the principal sources of information on the properties of the atmosphere above 80 miles.

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# CAMERA CLUB WILL MEET WEDNESDAY

The next meeting of the Hampton Camera Club which will be held on Wednesday, February 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Syms-Eaton Community Center, will feature a photographic salon contest. The contest will be limited to pictures taken at the club's last work night meeting; however, there will be no limitation placed on the number of photos that may be exhibited.

Camera fans are invited to view the exhibit.

# ARMY VETERANS

To avoid a last-minute rush and resultant delay in payment, Army veterans who have not filed claims under the Terminal Leave Bill, for unused furlough time, should do so immediately.

Claim applications with complete instructions may be obtained at any post office. A limited number of forms is available at the Selective Service Office, Room 117, Service Building.

FOR SALE: Youth bed. May be seen at 46C Elizabeth Road.

FOR SALE: Black cocker spaniel pup with first class papers. Ike Edgett, Instrument Service.

FOR SALE: Electric refrigerator. Ray Windler, Const. Engineering.

WANTED: Ride on 8:15 shift from Newport News Ave. to East Area. Call Hampton - 8910.

WANTED: K & E 10-inch or 5-inch slide rule. M. I. Haar, Tank.