

**SYMS-EATON COMMUNITY CENTER  
TO REOPEN**

The Syms-Eaton Community Center has again opened its doors to worthy recreational, educational, and charitable organizations. At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors, it was unambiguously voted to resume the activities which have been curtailed since the early part of the war.

The Board elected Bruce Amole to serve as Executive Secretary and to be responsible for the Center's operation. The Center will be open every evening from 7 to 11 p.m. except on Saturdays and Sundays.

Amole stated that there are several club rooms now available and urged that local clubs interested in securing a meeting place contact him at his home, Hampton - 8686.

**SKYHAWKS WIN TWO MORE GAMES;  
LOSE TO NAVY**

Coming out of their doldrums with a will to win, the Skyhawks enjoyed their most profitable week last week, trouncing the Villagers 64-26 and the Unitareons 38-20; both teams are members of the Newport News city League.

Billy Bates was high scorer against the Villagers last Thursday at the Hampton Armory with 14 points. Liberatore contributed 13 markers to the total and Cancero added 10.

Saturday night against the Unitareons in the Newport News Amory, Eddie Polhamus took top honors with 10 points while Liberatore gathered 9.

On Tuesday, the Hawks went to Yorktown where they dropped a thriller to the Naval Mine Depot, 59-47. With the game tied at 47 all with 4 minutes remaining, the badly tiring Lab lads succumbed to a smashing fast break,

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**WRITERS, DIGNITARIES, SEE  
LAB FACILITIES, EXHIBITS**

The Aviation Writers Association and local and national dignitaries were the guests of the Laboratory last Thursday on an all-day visit and tour of research facilities.

Heading the group of distinguished visitors was the former head of the War Shipping Administration, Adm. Emory S. Land, president of the Air Transport Association. With Admiral Land were two of his associates, former congressman, Robert Ramspeck (for whom the within grade promotion is named) and Brig. Gen. M.W. Arnold. Meyors James V. Bickford of Hampton, and Cowles Taylor of Newport News attended the session as did William B. Blewett, chairman of the Lower Peninsula Planning Commission.

The group visited every research division and saw special exhibits that had been arranged for the occasion. These exhibits will be on display at an open house for employees and their families on March 3.

**NO WORK NEXT FRIDAY**

Personnel Officer T. Melvin Butler has asked that the staff be reminded that Friday, February 22 is a national holiday. In other words, George Washington's birthday this year will be celebrated by no work but the usual pay.

**LITTLE THEATRE TRYOUTS SUNDAY**

The Hampton Little Theatre will hold tryouts for "I Remember Mama" on Sunday, February 17, at 2:30 p.m. in the Syms-Eaton Community Center. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

The Air Scoop has been mimeographed this week due to a shortage of lithographers and the pressure of work in the Mechanical Reproduction Unit. As soon as possible we will resume the regular publication process.

Editor . . . . . Tiny Hutton  
Associate Editor . . . Ruth Angel  
Art Work . . . . . Gloria Nestor

The Air Scoop was mimeographed and distributed by the Office Services Division.

#### WELCOME TO NACALAND ONCE MORE

Among the many veterans who have come to work at the Laboratory have been 57 men, to date, who were employed here before they entered military service. Of course we're glad to welcome anyone who has come into our fold from the Army, Navy, or Marines, but we're especially glad to see these old familiar faces among us once more.

The fellows who have returned thus far are: Charles V. Anderson, Purchase; Kenneth W. Ackerly, Construction and Repair; Albert W. Bainbridge, Instrument Construction; John T. Bains, Construction and Repair; William K. Brewington, Construction and Repair; Joseph Briggs, Transportation; David Buchanan, Jr., Stock; Harry R. Clason, West Photo Lab; Vernon S. Courtney, Transportation; Harry T. Davis, Jr., 19-Foot; Jule N. Dews, Gust Loads; John L. Dupere, 8-Foot; Burton T. Eanes, West Machine; William A. Eareckson, Jr., Tank No. 1; Wilbert C. Falk, East Model; Everette J. Forehand, West Machine; Paul G. Fournier, Instrument Construction; Roger H. Fournier, Instrument Construction; William L. Fox, Construction and Repair; Richard R. Giersch, West Sheetmetal; Robert E. Githens, West Engineering; William H. Guy, Jr., West Photo Lab; Garland G. Hogge, Maintenance; Percy Keffer, Jr., AFRS; Martin Kinlaw, Jr., East Machine; Karl Lambroff, West Machine; Donald R. Lapworth, East Model; Lindsey J. Lina, General Aerodynamics; Carl E. Moore, Reproduction; Russel S. Palmer, Transportation; James E. Parker, Transportation

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#### LIFE AT THE LABORATORY

No letdown in births. . . . .

Just a letdown in news reporting came from the 7 x 10 last week. John Riebe was the proud papa, whose news our stooges kept to themselves until we had gone to press. Add to the roster one daughter, Karen Veronica, born February 6.

Dan Cupid even. . . . .

managed to come through with a new conquest this week. Julia Ritter, formerly of Classification, is engaged to Kaz Czarnecki, Full Scale Tunnel, and plans call for a June wedding.

After a terrific let. . . . .

down, the birthrate has started on its climb again. Dwane Collins, Training Unit, hasn't settled down yet but is still all excited about his new adopted daughter, Beth Allen. The red-head lass came to the Collins household about 3 weeks ago,

Aircraft Loads seems. . . . .

to be running 7 x 10 a close race for top honors in the baby derby. Two new arrivals have just been added to the Loads roster. C. E. "Woo Woo" Matheny is the proud papa of a son, Larry Dale; and Richard V. Rhode is still talking about his new son, Richard V., Jr.

Mel Gough will die. . . . .

when he hears about John "Senator" Stack's latest claim to fame. It seems that a state senate committee was holding a hearing on a bill regarding firearms the other day, and Stack, H. J. E. Reid, and George Colonna went to Richmond to listen. So many people came to listen that the hearing was moved from the overflowing committee room to the Senate's chambers, that body not being in session. At the suggestion of Colonna, Senator "Casey" Noland of this district recognized the distinguished high speed authority, Wright Brothers lecturer, and pleni-

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## BASKETBALL'S BIG 6

Name	Team	FG	F	TP
Polhamus	Stab.	23	3	49
Davis	Presby	17	13	47
Eichmeier	IRD	21	3	45
McConnell	IRD	19	6	44
Perry	8'HST	20	1	41
Taylor	Presby	20	1	41

AWT DEFEATS 7 X 10 TO TAKE  
FIRST PLACE IN LEAGUE

The two top teams in the Girls' Community Basketball League, AWT and 7 x 10, clashed at the Hampton High gym last Monday night and AWT proved to be the better of the two, winning 23-14. The 7 x 10 guards, who played on the AWT championship team last year, found the winning forwards still tops and a little more than they could hold down. Jean Scott was particularly outstanding in her position as guard, holding Jackie Poteat, scorer of 21 points in last week's game, to a mere 7 points. Edna Lishman took high scoring laurels for the winners with 12 points.

In a closely played game, Presbyterian managed to nose out Administration 16-14. At half time, Presbyterian led 14-6, but Administration managed to hold them scoreless for the second half long enough to pull their score up to a 14-14 tie. With only 1 minute playing time left in the game, Presbyterian managed to sink their first basket during the half to win the game 16-14.

By virtue of their win over 8-Foot Computers, 16-Foot PRT is now tied with 7 x 10 for third place in the league standings. Leading at half time 10-6, 16-Foot PRT had no trouble holding on to their wide margin and defeated the opponents 18-7. Naomi Haney led the winners with 8 points.

## STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pctg.
AWT	4	0	1.000
Presby	3	0	1.000
7 x 10	3	1	.750
16-Foot PRT	3	1	.750
Administration	1	2	.333
Loads	0	3	.000
PRD	0	3	.000
8-Foot Computers	0	4	.000

## SKYHAWKS WIN (Continued from page 1)

Polhamus hit the high spot of his season with 22 points. Chuck Bennett, reserve guard who was switched to forward for the evening counted 11.

Next Thursday, the Hawks retangle with the Naval Warfare School at the Armory at 8:15. On their previous meeting, the sailors came out on the long end of a 40-23 count. In the league game beginning at 7 o'clock, Tank-PRD meets the Seals from Structures-Electrical.

IRD, STABILITY, REMAIN UNBEATEN  
IN LEAGUE

IRD and Stability continued unbeaten to lead the men's basketball league another week. IRD has the best offensive average with 50 points a game and the best defensive mark with a 15 average.

Team	W	L	PF	PA
IRD	3	0	152	46
Stability	3	0	114	92
8'HST	3	1	166	124
Eagles	3	1	129	82
Seals	2	1	103	61
Presby	2	2	170	140
Aux. Flight	2	2	97	70
Langley View	1	2	89	99
16'HST	1	2	55	89
Low Turbulence	1	3	95	161
Flight Blues	0	2	58	102
Tank-PRD	0	2	52	93
Flight Whites	0	3	26	147

## WELCOME (Continued from page 2)

S. Payne Parker, Jr., West Engineering; Alwyn B. Perry, East Model; George E. Perry, Jr., Dynamic Model; Tandy B. Powell, Jr., West Machine; William R. Rash, Electrical Shop; Fred N. Rector, Reproduction; Lester W. Reynolds, Instrument Service; George H. Sadler, Jr., East Machine; Lloyd S. Scott, Flight Operations; Rollin E. Stapleton, West Machine; Theo T. Starkey, Jr., Instrument Construction; Roy Steiner, Gust Loads; John P. Tribble, East Sheetmetal; John T. Turlington, West Machine; Frank M. Vess, Impact Basin; Joseph M. Vricella, Construction Engineers; Donald H. Ward, East Engineering; Charles H. Warren, Jr.

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potentiary without portfolio from the Hampton Rifle Club and extended to him the privilege of the floor. Stack then harangued the crowd at length to get across some points on firearms and to chalk one up on his friend Gough.

Hidden among reams of official . . . .

propaganda emanating from the Aircraft Loads Division is word of a basketball game. This game is scheduled to take place on the basketball court of the Calibration Lab in March as the feature attraction of a Division picnic. The two teams tangling hooks and hairnets will be none other than the Fighting Ladies sextette and the Upper Crusters, who instigated the game by whispering about that the female element was inferior. The female element promptly challenged the so-called Upper Crusters to a blood battle to the finish. Whereupon the crusty Upper Crusters accepted said challenge under the leadership of Coach Restless Ready Rhode. Since that time, conditions have been considered and a definite set of rules is in preparation. However, we are able to reveal that the Crusters will play girls' rules with six men and the Ladies will play boys' rules with five girls. Both sides have been downright insulting when asked for their tentative starting lineups. This has been partially explained by the following three reasons: (1) both teams want to surprise (a) the opposition, (b) the crowd, (c) themselves by doing this at the start of the game; (2) over half of the Upper Crusters might become physically incapacitated before game time whereby the battle will have to be called off; (3) the Upper Crusters, realizing that the Fighting Ladies might utilize the services of Division wives as players, might force said wives to stay home and mind the baby the night of the game. However, be all that as it may, the

latest dope from the Impact Basin (name withheld) says that the Fighting Ladies have the potential greats of Brick Wall, Whizzer Zepht, Muscles Mulkay, Stonewall Steiner, Crusher Couch, and Bruiser Beadle to choose from, and that Coach Rhode will doubtless start himself, Peroxide Pearson, and Glammer Gal Garvin at forwards, and Dimples Donely and the whirling duo of Woo Woo Warfield and Hubba Hubba Hathaway at guards. Both sides have emphatically denied that the starting lineups will look anything like this but we have listed these names anyway, just for what they are worth. The Loads costume is powder blue shorts and white shirts. Since the gents are playing by ladies rules, they might wear bloomers and bobby socks.

WANTED: Ride to Lynchburg on weekend of February 21. Lona Hammond, Library.

WANTED: Riders to New York City. Leaving Thursday afternoon, February 21 and returning Monday, February 25. Harold Robinson, 8-Foot Tunnel.

LOST: "American Machinists Handbook," by Colvin and Stanley. Finder please return to W. H. Miller, Instrument Service.

VACANCIES OPEN FOR SIX TEAMS  
IN BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Six vacancies are still open in the ten-pin doubles tournament. All interested teams are urged to send in their application to Bill Taylor, Tank No. 1, or Tom Haynes, AFRS, by February 25 so that the schedule can be worked out. Teams will be formed of two bowlers whose total average shall be 280 or less. Teams with higher averages will be handicapped by 2/3 of the difference.