

AIR SCOOP

LANGLEY MEMORIAL AERONAUTICAL LABORATORY

HOLD JUKE BOX DANCE TONIGHT

Laboratory employees are reminded of the Juke Box Jamboree tonight at the Activities Building. The affair, which is sponsored by the NACA Morale Activities Association, will get underway at 9 p.m. and dancing will continue 'til ?

Social Chairman Axel Mattson pointed out that admission is only twenty-five cents per person and everybody seems to have a lot of fun so come out and join the group in an evening of gaiety at the Activities Building. Music is furnished free and the Association has purchased a good selection of recordings by top notch band leaders and vocalists.

EXTEND APPLICATION DATE FOR DRAFTSMEN

The Civil Service examination for Engineering Draftsman, announced by the NACA Board of Examiners, has been amended and applications will be accepted by the Executive Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, NACA, until further notice.

LAB PREPARING FOR INSPECTION

Preparations are under way for the 16th Annual Inspection, scheduled to be held at the Laboratory on May 20, 22, 23, and 28. This year's affair will last one day more than the 15th Annual Inspection, conducted on May 9, 13, and 15 of last year.

Details of this year's inspection, including a listing of some of the various groups and individuals slated to view the Laboratory's facilities will be published in the "Air Scoop" at a later date.

Plans are also being made for a visit on May 14 by the Aircraft Industries Association of America, Inc., which is holding the second conference of its board of governors on May 14, 15, and 16 at the Williamsburg Inn.

The AIA group is expected to arrive at Old Point by Washington

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AMOLE TO HANDLE RESERVATIONS FOR ACTIVITIES BUILDING

Due to the increasing duties of the Chairman of the Activities Committee of the NACA Morale Activities Association, scheduling arrangements for the use of the Activities facilities will be made through Bruce Amole, Activities Building, telephone 4583. This new policy will become effective Monday, April 14. So as not to monopolize the time of any individual, it has been requested that reservations be made between the hours of 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. of each work day.

Since a very large number of persons must be served by the Activities Association and since activities are so diversified, it is necessary to set a procedure to be followed for obtaining the use of the facilities.

A request for the use of the facilities must be made in memorandum form to Bruce Amole, Activities Building, stating the type of function, number of people involved, facilities and equipment required, desired date, time of function, and name of person fostering the affair. Approval and scheduling will be given immediately following receipt of the written memorandum. This memorandum should be in the hands of Amole as soon as possible to insure satisfactory scheduling and also to allow time for publication of the schedule of activities in the "Air Scoop". Before sending the memo, the date should be reserved through Amole. Tentative reservations may be made as much as 60 days prior to the function.

TRAFFIC NOTICE

The driveway between the Warehouse Building and the West Area Transportation Building will be closed to traffic at 4:45 each work day, in order to permit city busses to take on passengers in that area.

The move has been made in an effort to minimize the danger to pedestrians and to permit quick loading of special city busses serving West Area employees at the end of each work day.

The cooperation of all concerned will be appreciated.

EXAM SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW

The examination for Engineering Aide and Scientific Aide will be held in the Morale Activities on Saturday, April 12, at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Applicants have been notified of the time of the examination.

Since the Citizens Rapid Transit does not run busses to the West Area on non-work days, arrangements have been made for Laboratory busses to transport those taking the examination from the East to the West Area. Buses will leave the Administration Building at 7:30 a.m. for the morning group and 1 p.m. for the afternoon group. Buses will also run from the West Area to the Administration Building after the exam.

All those taking the exam are urged to make arrangements, if possible, for their own transportation direct to West Area.

LAB EMPLOYEE DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Donald Frederick Gear, West Finishing Shop, died last Saturday morning at the Dixie hospital after a short illness. Born in Ohio on November 3, 1898, Gear came to the Laboratory on July 31, 1945 as a Model Finisher. Prior to his employment here, he had been in Government service for 10 years, 7 months, his last place of duty being the Navy Mine Depot in Yorktown.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Agnes P. Gear, and two sons, Thomas and Charles.

EMPLOYEES AT MUROC DONATE TO RED CROSS

Elton W. Miller, Chairman of the Laboratory's Red Cross drive, announced this week that the Laboratory's donation of \$3,277.78 has been increased to a total of \$3,294.78 as a result of donations from employees now on duty at Muroc, California.

The seventeen dollar donation was received this week and Mr. Miller expressed an appreciation to the employees at Muroc for their support in the Laboratory's campaign.

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By Bill Poythress
 Despite the disadvantage of a high wind, Joe Boyle and Ben Cleveland flew Baby R.O.G. microfilm covered models in the Balloon hangar last Sunday. Gliders were flown by John Wath, Gordon Cheesman, the Alwoods, and Joe Freeman's group of youngsters.

After much effort on the part of John Wath and Bill Poythress, the doors of the Balloon Hangar have finally been closed and now the club is issuing a call to members to assist in patching up the windows. Club members are also reminded that dues of 50 cents per month, retroactive from April 1, are payable to Gordon Cheesman, club treasurer.

It was announced this week that a beautiful trophy has been secured for the Junior Indoor Glider contest scheduled for Sunday, April 27. In case anyone is in doubt, a junior, according to the Academy of Model Aeronautics, is a person who has not reached his or her sixteenth birthday.

An important club meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15, at the Syms-Eaton Community Center, at which time plans for changing the date of the State Elimination contest from July 5 and 6 to July 12 and 13 will be discussed. Plans for disposing of the club's 24-foot boat will also be discussed.

COMING EVENTS

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

- April 14 - 7:30 p.m. Bridge Club PARD Party
- April 16 - Payroll Office Party
- April 17 - Physical Research Division Party
- April 18 - Stability Division Party
- April 19 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Civil Service Examinations ALD Party

WANTED: 2 girls for room and board. Wythe District. Call N.N. -2-8389.

FOR SALE: Hot blast coal stove. \$25. Cook stove. \$20. Electric bathroom heater. \$8. Jessie Shepherd, West Sheetmetal.

FOR SALE: "Principles of Radio Engineering" by Glasgow and "The Use of Handbook Tables and Formulas". Training Office, 2256.

LIFE at the LABORATORY

Last Sunday was the big day for Isabelle Woolard and Jack Queijo, both of Stability Tunnel, when they took their final vows at the Church of Christ in Newport News. William Letko, Stability Tunnel, served as best man.

It looks as though. the birth rate has taken a definite drop and old faithful stork has given way to Dan Cupid temporarily. However, a bundle from Heaven was recently delivered to one of our employees. The Proud papa is Cliff Adams of Tank and he is the father of a son, Curtis George.



A couple of our contemporaries. were down visiting the Laboratory this week. From the Cleveland Laboratory was Gene Braig, Administrative Officer, and the Washington Office was represented by R. G. Robinson, Assistant Director of Aeronautical Research.

We were a little late. hearing about this one but another of our employees has joined the ranks of the ineligibles. It's Roger Naeseth, 7 X 10 Foot Wind Tunnels, and he was married March 15 to Carol Rankin of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Wedding bells rang. last Saturday when Doris King, Report Control, and Robert Smith, Hampton, took their final vows at the Trinity Methodist Church in Newport News.

Well, another scoop. was pulled on this week when a couple of the Laboratory's love birds, in all the excitement of getting engaged, forgot about the "Air Scoop" and let the "Daily Press" scoop us again. The happy twosome is Ann Zepht, Aircraft Loads, and Ralph Stone, Spin Tunnel. Wedding bells will ring sometime this summer.



Words has just reached. the Laboratory of the engagement of Helen Flanagan, formerly of Aircraft Loads, to Jim Doyle. No definite wedding plans have been announced as yet.

All these engagements and weddings. bring to mind several familiar quotations which we pass on to you. Maybe some of them will prove beneficial or amusing anyway: Thomas Fuller in his "Introductio ad Prudentiam" had a good point in mind when he said, "Keep thy eyes wide open before marriage, and half shut afterward." Moliere said, "Love is often a fruit of marriage"....Lord Dewar points out, "Love is an ocean of emotions, entirely surrounded by expenses."....Goethe had something when he said, "Girls we love for what they are; Young men for what they promise to be"....Douglas Jerrold, "Love's like the measles-all the worse when it comes late in life"....and Byron's familiar "Man's love is of man's life a thing apart, 'Tis woman's whole existence."



15 TEAMS ENTER SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Fifteen teams were represented at the opening meeting of the Men's Softball League last Thursday night at the Activities Building. Officers were elected, committees appointed, and plans for securing equipment were discussed. Newly elected officers are: Chairman, Al Stokke, Aircraft Loads; Assistant Chairman, John Houbolt, Structures Research; Secretary, Johnny Neff, Construction Engineering; and Treasurer, James Fitzpatrick, 19-Foot Tunnel.

Composing the various committees are: Equipment committee - Chairman, Bill Koven, 19-Foot; Dave Newby, IRD, and Stan Scher, Free Flight Tunnel; Grounds committee - Chairman, Chuck Phillips, Clyde Cottrill, and William Kaufmann, all of Electrical Shop; Scheduling committee - Chairman, Chuck Whitcomb, Jerry Helser, and Bill Smith, all of 16-Foot Tunnel; Umpire committee - Chairman, Roy Lange, Full Scale Tunnel, Andy Anderson, Structures, and Ike Eickmeier, IRD; Protest and Rules committee - Chairman, Cletus Stokke, 8-Foot.

Teams entered in the league are as follows: 7 X 10 Foot Wind Tunnels; 8 3/4 Tunnels; 19-Foot Pressure Tunnel, Pilotless Aircraft Research, Engineering Service Division, 16-Foot Tunnel, Instrument Research, Electrical Shop, Physical Research, Dynamic Tunnels, West and East Model Shops, Loads, Low Turbulence, Structures, and Full Scale Tunnel.

GOLFERS MAY USE "PITCHING" RANGE

Arrangements have been made through the cooperation of the Morale Activities Association, for Laboratory golfers to make use of the large open field adjacent to the softball diamonds as a "pitching range."

Plans are underway to clear a long strip in the field to pitch from, and markers of 50, 100, and 150 yards will be put in place to enable the golfers to judge distances.

The field has been made available at the request of several employees who expressed an interest in having a place in the West Area to practice "pitching" after work and on week-ends.

If the interest warrants it, the "Air Scoop" plans to sponsor a series of "pitching" contests in the area for men and women golfers of the Laboratory.

In the interest of safety, it is requested that the area not be used as a driving range. There is not enough area in the field for such activity, especially in view of the fact that private automobiles carrying passengers to and from the Activities Building use the roadway at one end of the field.

BOWLING NEWS

Still leading round 2 of the Tenpin League is the Alleycat team from Sound Lab with a .733 average. Guttersnipes of the Payroll Section are second with .666 and Psztch of Structures Research hold down third with .633.

High set and game went to Psztch last week with a 2600 set and 925 game. George Galleher, Psztch, took high individual set and game, rolling a 567 set and 231 game. Dot Moore, Guttersnipes, rolled a 430 set and Louise Earnhardt, Guttersnipes, had high game of 163.

Luke Liccini, Pinbusters, maintains high average of 172 and Peg McNulty, Rockets, leads the fairer sex in the same department with 142.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
Alleycats	22	8	.733
Guttersnipes	20	10	.666
Psztch	19	11	.633
Pinbusters	16	14	.534
Maplemaulers	16	14	.534
Fiscal-Wrecks	15	15	.500
Rockets	15	15	.500
Headpins	15	15	.500
RC & T	14	16	.466
Lets Strike	14	16	.466
Miscellaneous	10	17	.370
Missilot	10	20	.333
Woodpeckers	9	24	.272

STABILITY BOWLING LEAGUE

In the Stability Division Bowling League, 7 X Foots from 7 X 10 Foot Wind Tunnels came out on the winning end.

High averages for the season were rolled by Johnny Campbell, Fliers, with 103.3; "Red" Neihouse, Spare Squares, 103.3; Sadie Miller, Bouncers, 91.7; and Edna Lishman, PinMaulers, 91.2. High games and sets were rolled by Ray Comenzo, PinMaulers, with a 150 game, Tommy Andrews, 7 X Foots, 378 set; Gay Gilbert, Balsa Butchers, 300 game; and Pearl Goodman, Hot Shots, 123.

High team game and set went to Pin Maulers with 565 and 1539. Runners-up were Fliers with a 529 game and 7 X Foots with a 1532 set.

FOR SALE: Aluminum screen wire - 17 feet of 30 inch and 26 feet of 32 inch. Price \$12.50. Bessie Stokley, Stenographic Section.

WANTED: One rider on 8:15 shift from LaSalle Avenue to East Area. Barney Hudgins, Specifications.

FOR SALE: Man's bicycle with balloon tires. Pat Chiarito, Structures.

FOUND: Sterling silver earring. Owner may contact Lottie Broan, Purchase.

CRIGLER, OLSON WIN TOURNEY

John Crigler, Physical Research, and M. J. Olson, Hydrodynamics Division, took first place with 68½ points and 62.1 percent in the Bridge Tournament held last Tuesday night at the Activities Building. Second place went to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Rawson with 66½ points and 60.5 percent; and third place was won by Bernard Cooper and Beryl Saunders with 63½ points and 57.7 percent.

It was decided that the club will meet at 7:45 on Tuesday nights instead of 8 p.m., as has been the custom. The Peninsula Bridge Club holds a tournament every Tuesday night at the Activities Building and all interested persons are invited to come out and join in the duplicate bridge tournaments.

The family was sitting around in the parlor after church. Dad criticized the sermon, mother the organist and sister the choir. But little Billy's was the crowing remark: "I think it was a darn good show for a nickel." --Camp Callan Range Finder

No Talking While Taking Civil Service Exam



Dwight M. Smith

"This must be a new test, not a darn one of my clues seem to work."

FIFTEEN LAB EMPLOYEES IN LITTLE THEATRE PLAY

The cast of the Hampton Little Theatre's forthcoming production, "Joan of Lorraine", includes many Laboratory employees.

John B. Parkinson and John R. Dawson of the Hydrodynamics Division, and H. Granville Derby of the 8-Foot High Speed Tunnel are no strangers to Hampton Little Theatre audiences, having appeared in numerous past presentations. The most recent of Parkinson's fifteen roles was Rupert Smallwood in "The Enchanted Cottage". Dawson, whose best role was Mr DePinna in "You Can't Take It With You", was last seen as the Reverend Willings in "The Old Lady Shows Her Medals". The part of Rigg in "The Enchanted Cottage" was the most recent appearance for Derby, who will be well-remembered as Howie Newsome in "Our Town" and Paul Sycamore in "You Can't Take It With You."

Two who played their first Little Theatre roles in last fall's "Junior Miss" are Robert Connor of Structures Research, seen as J. B. Curtis, and Marvin Haar, Tank, who portrayed Merrill Fuerbach. Conner has previous training at M.I.T. where he was in eight productions of the Dramashop. Haar has worked backstage on several other Little Theatre presentations.

Another who began his Hampton Little Theatre career in "Junior Miss" is Charles Rodriguez of PAR. The job of stage manager was his first theatrical experience.

A "find" of "The Enchanted Cottage" was Frank Hilsdon of the West Machine Shop, who played the leading role of Oliver Bashforth. He has been in radio and stage presentations of the YMCA Players in Pittsburgh.

Mary Campbell of the Editorial Office has had dramatic training at Westhampton College and was last seen as Mrs. Willis in "The Terrific Dud."

Four newcomers to the Hampton Little Theatre, but not to the stage, are Joe Herrig, Gas Dynamics, Philip French, Instrument Research, Manny Stein, Structures Research, and Dick Cole, Purchase. All four have had dramatic experience in college; Herrig at Iowa State, French at the University of New Hampshire, Stein at the University of Pittsburgh, and Cole at Ohio State University. In addition, Herrig played a cop in the Newport News Little Theatre presentation of "Arsenic And Old Lace".

Harry Hamilton of the Reproduction Section is the only member of the cast who is stepping before the footlights for the first



"Boy! . . . Take these two bags to the bridal suite."

INSPECTION

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steamer on the morning of May 14 and after a tour of NACA facilities, from about 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., will continue on to Williamsburg to open the conference there.

Among those who will attend the conference in Williamsburg are the 20 governors of the AIA, and distinguished guests from the War and Navy Departments and other agencies, including the chairman of the NACA.



TONIGHT ACTIVITIES BUILDING ADM. 25 CENTS 9:00-?

time.

"Joan of Lorraine", directed by David M. Goldenbaum of the Hydrodynamics Division, will be presented in the Hampton High School auditorium April 24 and 25. Production duties are being handled by T. Melvin Butler, Personnel.

TEAMS MAY STILL ENTER PITCH AND PUTT LEAGUE

Frank Hart, who is attempting to organize a pitch and putt league, announced this week that plans are underway for the lights at Green Acres to be completed by May 1 and that the league should start rolling about the same time. Golf enthusiasts are still urged to organize a section team, composed of four players, and list their names with Hart at 2216.

Women are particularly urged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn the game on a small scale or if they are already golfers, to improve on their putting. This league furnishes an excellent opportunity for beginners who have never played the game but have a desire to learn.

The league will operate much the same as the bowling league with matches scheduled at night at Green Acres.

You've no doubt heard of the Scotchman who was nearly pummeled to death because he thought the sign on the door said "Ladies."

A simple way to prevent secret treaties would be to employ women diplomats.

WANTED: Ride on 7:30 shift from James River Bridge to East Area. Bertha Brandt, F. Blueprint.