



#### FOURTH TERM OF APPRENTICE SCHOOL OPENS FEBRUARY 18

The fourth term of Apprentice classes will begin February 18, and as usual, classes will be taught at the Hampton High School on Monday and Wednesday nights from 7 until 9:30 p.m.

While the courses are intended primarily for apprentices and prospective apprentices, any interested employee of the Laboratory may take advantage of such training, provided a nominal fee of \$1.75 is paid for each 25 hour course. Employees who wish to enroll, should contact the Training Unit not later than February 13.

The tentative list of courses to be  
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#### LAB RECEIVES INFORMATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

Several engineers have inquired about the Virginia law which governs the certification of professional engineers. Langley recently received, through official channels, a copy of the Application for Certificate to Practice Professional Engineering: major examination subjects, covering mechanical engineering, structural engineering, highway engineering, electrical engineering, and industrial engineering; and a legal summary which covers reciprocal certification and registration of professional engineers.

A fee of \$25 must accompany the application for Virginia certification to practice professional engineering. The examination covers two full days.

William A. Aery, Service Building, may be consulted for further information on this problem.

#### GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT GOING BACK TO PEACETIME BASIS

In a move which has been eagerly awaited since the end of hostilities last August, President Truman on Tuesday ordered the Civil Service Commission to reconvert the Government's personnel plan to peacetime practices immediately. The Commission got right on the ball and announced new regulations governing Government employment.

The Executive order put a halt to hiring persons under war service regulations and allowed only temporary appointments until applicants who have passed competitive examinations can be certified from the list of eligibles to the agencies.

All current war service appointees who wish to hold their jobs will be given opportunities to take the examinations. Those who pass the exam will be certified to the Lab for permanent status appointments as soon as their names are reached on the list of eligibles. Eligibles will be listed in the usual way, the highest grade first. Disabled veterans will receive an additional ten points and be placed at the top of the register and non-disabled veterans five points in addition to the grade they make on the examination. Those who fail the exams will be subject to replacement.

As part of the new regulations, it was announced that committees of examiners may be set up in the departments and agencies to hold examinations in the scientific, professional, and technical fields for positions which are peculiar to one agency or group of agencies,

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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 procedures.

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**PRESIDENT TRUMAN AGAIN ASKS PAY INCREASE**

By T. Melvin Butler

President Truman, last Monday, pointed out to Congress the need of higher pay for government employees. He stated that adjustments were necessary to compensate for loss of overtime earnings and to meet living costs. He also expressed the view that such adjustment would promote efficiency and economy.

The President went on to say about pay increases: "The elimination last autumn of overtime work for nearly all Federal employees meant a sharp cut in their incomes. For salaried workers, the blow was softened but by no means offset by the increased rates of pay which had become effective July 1. Further adjustments to compensate for increased living costs are required. Moreover, we have long needed a general upward revision of Federal government salary scales at all levels - in all branches - legislative, judicial, and executive. Too many in government have had to sacrifice too much in economical advantages to serve the nation.

"Adequate salaries will result in economies and improved efficiency in the conduct of government business, gains that will far out-weigh the immediate costs. I hope that Congress will expedite action on salary legislation for all Federal employees in all branches of the government."

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**LIFE AT THE LABORATORY**

Well, for the past . . . . .  
 few weeks, Life at the Laboratory has been rather dull and at times didn't exist at all. At the rate people were getting married around here we knew that eventually all the eligibles would join the ineligible list but we didn't think it'd be so soon but it looks like it's here. The trouble doesn't seem to be Dan Cupid's fault 'cause he's really done a good job and put in lots of overtime - the trouble is that there just doesn't seem to be many more unmarried people to work on around here. Old faithful stork has even let us down and worst of all, 7 Y Foots failed to meet their quota of one new arrival a week. As a result, life has been awfully dull.

Despite the fact . . . . .  
 that all the other sections have let us down, one lone section managed to come through with an engagement and a birth. 8-Foot High Speed Computers reported their second diamond since Christmas. Ann Freeman is the lucky girl and she will be married within the near future to Bob Temple of Boston, Mass. At the present time, Bob is sweating out his discharge from the Navy.

The proud papa . . . . .  
 who has done his part to uphold the birth rate is George Hedmon, 8-Foot, who is the proud papa of a six pound son, George Linville, III, born on January 24.

**PRESIDENT TRUMAN ASKS - continued**

"I hope also that the Congress may see fit to enact legislation for the adequate protection of the health and safety of Federal employees for their coverage under a system of unemployment compensation."

It was reported that the House Civil Service Committee expects to take up the pay bill in about two weeks.

WANTED: Ride to New York on week end of February 21. Rita Fockliff, PRT.

BASKETBALL'S BIG 6

Player	Team	FG	F	TP
Anderson	Seals	15	4	34
Eichmeier	IRD	15	3	33
Polhamus	Stab.	15	3	33
McConnel	IRD	12	6	29
Davis	Presby	8	9	25
Vincke	8'HST	11	2	24

7 X FOOTS, AWT, AND 16'-PRT  
CHALK UP ANOTHER VICTORY

7 X Feets won another victory when they defeated Loads 31-12 in a basketball game played last Monday night at the Hampton High School gym. At the end of the first quarter Loads was slightly in the lead, but 7 X Feets took over early in the second quarter and held on to their leading margin throughout the game. Again Jackie Poteat was high scorer, tossing the ball into the basket for 21 points. Dot Beadle led the scoring for the losers.

Leading at half time by the wide margin of 18-4, AWT held onto their lead to crush 8'-Computers 34-10. Becky Bovkin, AWT forward, was high scorer with 21 points.

Taking an early lead, 16'-PRT held onto their luck to defeat PRD, 23-10. Shirley Huxter was high scorer for the winners and Lewellyn Bird for the losers. 16'-PRT was in the lead at half time by a score of 13-5.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pctg.
7 X Feets	3	0	1.000
AWT	3	0	1.000
Presby	2	0	1.000
16'-PRT	2	1	.667
Administration	1	1	.500
Loads	0	3	.000
PRD	0	3	.000
8'-Computers	0	3	.000

GENIUS, INC. WINS FIRST  
ROUND IN BOWLING LEAGUE

The bowlers from the Free-Flight Tunnel, rolling under the distinguished monicker of Genius, Inc. took honors in the first round of the Stability Division league, coming in under the wire with 29 wins and 13 losses.

Scattered back of them, just one game apart were: Dead woods, 28-14; 7 X Feets, 27-15; Gay Nineties, 26-16; Deamons, 25-17;

SKYHAWKS TROUNCE YORKTOWN NAVAL  
MINE DEPOT, 54-41

The skyhawks really found themselves and outsmarted the jinks that had been on their trail all season when they won their first game of the season by trouncing the Yorktown Naval Mine Depot, 54-41, at the Hampton Armory last Thursday night.

Led by center Frank Liberatore, the Hawks got off to an early lead and were never in danger throughout the game. At half time they led, 27-13.

Liberatore took high scoring laurels with 19 points and was ably supported by Cletus Vincke and Billy Bates who chalked up 13 and 11 points respectively,

Defeated by the Portsmouth Gridiron Club in a game played earlier in the season, the Skyhawks will seek revenge next Thursday night, February 14, when they meet the visiting quints at the Hampton Armory at 8:15 p.m.

THREE TEAMS TIED FOR FIRST  
PLACE IN MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

After three weeks of play, three teams IRD, Stability, and Eagles, are tied for first place in the Hampton Community Men's Basketball League.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	PF	PA
IRD	2	0	100	38
Stability	2	0	75	54
Eagles	2	0	62	36
Langley View	1	0	34	23
Seals	2	1	103	61
8'HST	1	1	66	65
16'HST	1	1	40	48
LTS	1	2	57	90
Tank-PRD	0	1	21	36
Flight Blues	0	1	20	63
Flight Whites	0	1	10	58
Presby	0	2	68	76
AFR	0	2	27	35

GENIUS, INC. WINS - (conintued)

Spinners, 25-17; and Twisters, 24-18. Eight other teams brought up the remains.

Red Neihouse led the male element with a 108-8 average and Midge Webster topped the lassies with 93-4. Johnny Campbell and Happy McCartney were in second place with 107-9 and 92-5 respectively.

### ROUTE THREE PRACTICE (continued from page 1)

offered includes: Blue print reading, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Logarithms and Slide Rule, Physics, Mechanical Drawing, Mechanics and Strength of Materials, Machine Shop Theory, Sheetmetal Layout, Metallurgy, Use of Handbook, and Simple Aeronautics.

Exemption examinations will be given in Room 211 at the Hampton High School on February 11 and 13 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for apprentices and prospective apprentices.

### NEW COURSE BEING OFFERED BY UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA EXTENSION

A new course, "Principles of Rotary Wing Aircraft", is being offered this term by the University of Virginia Extension. The course consists of a series of lectures which are designed to acquaint the engineer with the basic principles and problems associated with the design and analysis of rotary-wing aircraft. The subject will be introduced by a presentation of the history and development of various types of rotary craft, followed by descriptions of successful present day helicopters.

It is expected that the student will, at the conclusion of the course, have grasped enough of the principles underlying rotor theory to conduct independent investigations of helicopter problems in his special field and to judge the validity of proposed designs.

Registration for the second section of the classes in Aircraft Engine Mechanics will be held at Hampton High on Monday, February 11, at 7 p.m. This section will include a review of engine and combustion principles and theories and will be taught by James Hartwell, Physical Research.

WANTED: Ride to Washington during week end of February 22. Marshall Yovits, Sound Lab.

WANTED: Ride to Baltimore on week end of February 21. Alice Bronson, PEE.

### GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT GAINING (continued from page 1)

Current war service appointees with at least one year's Government service who pass the examination but whose names are not reached on the list of eligibles will be given regular appointments at the recommendation of the department or agency where they work, provided that the lowest rating reached on the list does not exceed their rating by more than five points and provided that all 10-point veterans ahead of him have been given consideration according to the Veterans' Preference act of 1944.

Laboratory officials stated that as soon as additional information regarding the reconversion is received it will be forwarded immediately to the staff.

Personnel Officer T. Melvin Butler urged that employees keep their heads and not be frightened by newspaper accounts which envision mass termination of war service appointees. Butler said, "Any war service appointee who has done his job well should be thoroughly qualified by his experience, training, and other qualifications so that he will attain a high enough place on the list of eligibles. Although we have received no word as yet regarding the examinations, there is reason to believe that they will not all be assembled written tests, but in some cases may be the simple review, by qualified boards of examiners, of regular civil service applications;

LOST: A book "Meteorology, Theoretical and Applied" by Hughson and Langley. Please return to Flight Meteorology Office.

WANTED: To buy a chevrolet for about \$200 cash. Looks not important but must have good motor. Call Hampton - 3757 after 5:30 p.m.

FOR RENT: Bedroom with kitchen privileges to young couple. Essie Poe, Tank, or 171 Cherokee Road.

FOR SALE: Eb tenor sax. Price - \$75. George Thomson, Vest Engineering.