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GIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING ACER'S

In view of the fact that Congress has extended the Selective Service and Training Act with an amendment that childless men from 26 to 29 are now eligible for the draft, a great deal of speculation has been in progress as to the future status of Laboratory ACERs. The following information was recently received from the Washington Office.

"The Congress, by Act approved May 14, 1946, extended, with certain amendments, the Selective Service and Training Act, until June 30, 1946. It appears to be the intent of the Congress in the meantime to enact further legislation to provide a long-term draft policy for the country.

"In the meantime a number of reservists in the NACA desire early discharge from the ACER on the ground that they would be ineligible for induction either because they are fathers or because they wish to return to school.

"The problem has been discussed with the proper officials of the War Department Personnel Division (G-1). In the opinion of the War Department the present desire of certain reservists for discharge from the ACER must be considered secondary to the rights of fathers and candidates for high education who now are in active military service and who are just as anxious to get a higher education or merely to return to civil life. No action on individual requests or requests of groups of reservists will be considered by the War Department pending further action by the Congress, which is expected by June 30. In the meantime, the present ACER status will be continued until July 31.

"In view of the present liability for induction of draft eligibles up to age 29, discharges from the ACER of men reaching 26 will be suspended for the time being.

"There is every proper disposition in the NACA and in the War Department to work out these personnel problems with fairness and justness as quickly as possible, but in view of the unsettled status of the law,

the status quo must be maintained pending further legislation by the Congress or the expiration of the Selective Service and Training Act.

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EMPLOYEES ATTEND CONFAB AT AMES

Several members of the Laboratory staff have gone to the Ames Laboratory at Moffett Field to attend a conference starting Monday on high speed aircraft problems.

Attending the conference are John Stack, Chief of Compressibility; Robert R. Gilruth, Chief of Auxiliary Flight; F. J. Baily, Jr., Assistant Chief of Flight; Dr. Carl Kaplan, Physical Research; A. T. Jones, Head of Stability Analysis; and Arthur Kentowitz, Head of Fluid and Gas Dynamics Analysis.

THANKS TO PAYROLL FOR EARLY PAYDAY

By the grace of the Payroll Section, whose work week was reorganized so that the clerks put in a day's work on Sunday. Laboratory employees were able to plan their Memorial Day holiday with a paycheck on Wednesday instead of Friday as many had feared.

Christine Reynolds, Head of Payroll, explained the setup. "We are unable to start work on the payroll until the

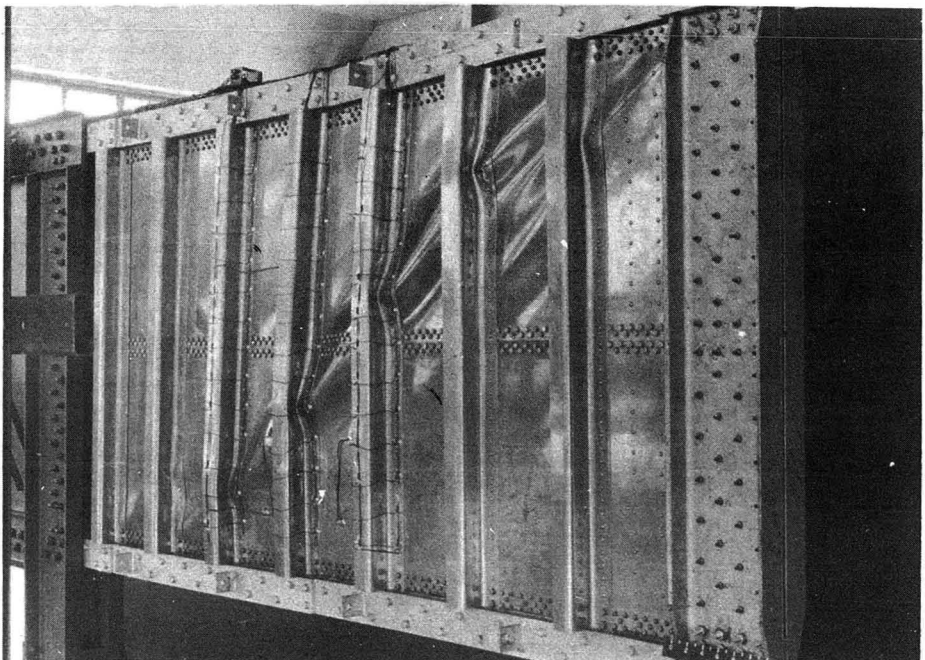
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NEW BUSESSES ADDED ON SEVERAL ROUTES

Beginning June 3, the Citizens Rapid Transit Company will run busses from East Morrison to Langley Field; from Buckroe to Langley; and from Langley to the Newport News City Limits, via Aberdeen Road.

The East Morrison bus, which leaves for Langley at 7:15 a.m. and returns at 4:45 p.m. will run on the following route: Beginning at Jefferson Avenue, Route No. 168, and Davis Avenue, west on Davis Avenue to Ferguson Lane, south on Ferguson Lane to Newport Avenue, east on Newport Avenue to Jefferson Avenue, south on Jefferson Avenue to Yorktown Highway No. 17, west on Route No. 17 to highway No. 651, northeast on Route No. 651 to Copeland Lane (Route No. 649), west on Copeland's Lane to Highway No. 60, south on Highway No. 60 to intersection of Routes No. 134 and 258, north on Route No. 134 to West Gate of Langley Field, then east on West Gate road through Shell Bank to Dodd Boulevard, north on Dodd Boulevard to Main Guardhouse

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The Structures Research Laboratory is equipped with machines capable of applying tremendous forces to various test panels. Shown above is the failure of a large diagonal-tension web. The uprights in the structure are wide-flang Z-sections.

LIFE at the LABORATORY

The Spin Tunnel gang.

had a big blow out in West Area last Sunday inspite of the rain. The main feature of the day was a truth and consequence program fashioned after the radio program of the same name. Ruth Malvestuto, who failed to answer a question correctly, was given a pie and instructed to throw it at her husband, Frank, but she got a bit confused and threw it at Ralph Stone instead. Dick White had the pleasure of drenching Stan Sher with a bucket water, and Red Neihouse held the audience spell bound with his version of the hula - grass skirt and all. Dick White served as announcer, Burke Todd, as master of ceremony, and Ralph Stone as usher. The distinguished continental quartet was also present for the gala affair and was composed of Professor Ralph Stone from Hunter, baritone; Joe Johnson, famous guitar professor who has done extensive studying in New York; Burke Todd, tenor; and Announcer Dick White, basso. The quartet is now available for outside jobs and bids are open.

Tom Stacey, Telephone.

Exchange, is just recuperating from becoming the father of a husky ten pound son.

Marshall Yovits of IRD.

is holding open house at his home on North King Street Saturday night in honor of Samuel Bresticker who recently returned to Hampton.

Another proud papa who is.

getting along as well as can be expected is Leon Kinosid, West Machine Shop, who recently became the father of a son, Larry Donovan.

Employment had a.

weiner roast and wading party at Grand View last Monday in honor of Florence and Clo Wood who leave this week end for the Washington Office.

Al Martina presents a problem.

to opposing batters in the Newport News Merchants League just like he did for two years out here. In five games his opponents have found him extremely hard to get along with getting a total of eight hits and one run among them. In addition to the 21 strikeout, no-hit, no-run, perfect game against the YMCA, he has hurled one one-hit and two two-hit shutouts. The other game was a three hit affair where the opposition got the lone run. In the meantime, his fellow clansmen on the Albert's Sports Center team have tapped opposing pitchers for 41 hits and have given him 42 runs to work with. Al has contributed five hits and three runs and is betting a cool .333 himself.

SOFTBALL MADE SIMPLE

Now that the bowling season is fast drawing to a close, the sports minded Laboratory enthusiasts are moving outdoor for their summer athletics, swimming, sun-bathing, boating, mosquito swatting, and other less energetic pastimes usually connected with lands inhabited by webfooted creatures. However, exciting and refreshing as these forms of outdoor endeavor are, a large group of more athletic males and females attempt to kill themselves in an easier manner. This is called playing softball.

Softball is a game played with a hard spheroid object, on a square which is called a diamond, by otherwise innocent looking people who are demons, and ruled over by umpires whose only requirements are that they be blind parolees from Alcatraz who stole pennies from the eyes of corpses, and be possessed of an ability to be called anything in "Studs Lonigan."

A softball contest is waged between two rival gangs of ruffians known as teams. These teams usually consist of five actual players, one section head, and three three-legged engineers who, every time there is a game, have to be lied to and forced into doing or dying for Dear Old Such and Such. A team is divided into three sections: the battery, the infield, the outfield, plus the general section of the can't field.

Most important to any team is the battery, the pitcher and the catcher. The pitcher assumes a position in the center of the diamond facing one corner known as home plate. One by one, the members of the opposing team must stand by this home plate holding a club nearly three feet long. They swing this club about their heads, some have more than one, while the pitcher studies them.

He attempts to calibrate correctly their swing and when he thinks he has done this he hurls the spheroid object in their direction. The object is to hit their club. Of course the batsman, as the opponents are called, do everything in their power to keep this from happening, and occasionally they can do this. However, the pitcher has three tries at them and if he misses all three times the batsman can return to his bench and is allowed to make derisive comments about the pitcher's ability and parentage. If the pitcher manages to hit the club however, the batsman is forced to run around the diamond while the opposing team takes turns throwing the ball at him.

The other half of the battery, the catcher, has the enviable job of standing behind the home plate, trying to break his fingers off and trying to keep the umpire from seeing the plate. He has one bit of real fun however; when an opponent is streaking for second base, he can throw the ball in the general direction of the base, trying to throw it so far that the runner will be able to come home before it is retrieved.

Four players make up the infield, the first, second, and third basemen, and the shortstop. Whenever the pitcher hits the batsman's bat with such force that the ball bounds near one of these infielders, it is his job to do what is known as "fielding." This is usually accomplished in any of several manners. The fielder may approach the ball in a direct manner, bend over and extend his arms toward the ball, and let it roll between his legs. Or he may, for effect, kick it with his feet. Occasionally he picks it up and amuses the crowd by practicing juggling.

(This usually brings down the house; even his own teammates jump up and down, screaming wildly at his dexterity.) On certain occasions, fielders have been known to make a swift pickup of the ball and throw it at the runner. They will either hit him or miss him by such a wide margin that the ball goes way beyond him. When the latter occurs, the



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FULL SCALE WINS TWO TO TAKE HALF GAME LEAD IN MEN'S LEAGUE

The rampaging Full Scale Tunnel lads, with Roy Lange on the mound, got their third and fourth wins of the season last week to take a half game lead in the men's softball league. The team defeated Low Turb 11-5 and 7 X 10 8-4.

Hal Sweberg did the bigger part of Full Scale's hitting in both games, getting two hits in each. Bart Geer collected two of the five hits pitcher Lange allowed the Turbs. Dale Burrows was on the mound for the losers, allowing six hits.

John Lowery gave up nine hits against FST, with Tony Proterra getting two. 7 X 10 took a four to three lead in the first inning but Full Scale gained three more in the third and were never again headed. Lange was tapped for seven hits, two each going to Warren Tucker and Charlie Donlan.

Sam Vollo came through with a stellar pitching performance limiting IRD to three hits as AFR won another, 3-2. IRD made the most of six AFR errors, counting one run in each the first and second innings. Things settled down until the fifth when AFR came back with their first tally. Harry Clason opened with a double, the first of three hits off Ike Eickmeier. Tom Haynes singled, sending Clason to third. Marv Pitkin, trying to bunt, rolled into a double play, Clason being nabbed at the plate and Haynes going to third. Eickmeier errored Sid Alexander's hit and Haynes scored. In the sixth, Ray Hansen committed two miscues at short, putting Chauvain and Teitelbaum aboard. Vollo then won his own game with a long single that scored both men.

8-Foot continued to surprise all with a 5-4 triumph over 19-Foot. Sam Brown and Bob Pendley got two hits each to lead the assault, Pendley driving in two runs in a sixth run uprising that garnered four runs and wiped out 19-Foot's 4-1 lead. Pat Cancro's single and double and Ingrid Bloxom's triple with two on accounted for the loser's four runs, all of which came in the fifth inning. Baals and Liccini twirled for the winners and Cancro for the losers.

In a madfest with Dynamic Tunnels, 8'HST continued their winning ways with the long end of a 15-11 count. The winners got to Red Neihouse for nine hits while Liccini gave up 11. Bernie Maggin got a single and two doubles in four attempts to lead the losers at the plate. Bob Pendley again was the winners' star, connecting for two singles that drove in a total of four runs. Larry Perry got a single, double, and a triple, while Joe Vincke also got a triple and a single. Perry batted in three runs and Vincke two.

Kurt Strass pitched four innings a hitless, runless ball as his mates

from 16-Foot ganged up on PRT to win 24-0 in the season's most lopsided game to date. Strass allowed only two hits, each a single. Bob Jaquis was shelled for 17 hits and his teammates obliged with 11 errors, four by Artie Assadourian, to account for the score. Conroy, Heiser, Cangelosi, and Himka each got four hits, Himka homering once and Cangelosi and Heiser doubling twice each.

PRT came back into the win column against 7 X 10 however, taking a 6-5 win. Charlie Donlan spanked one of Bob Jaquis' pitches for a home run with one aboard but it was to no avail. Nick Mastrocola got two for four for the winners and John Lowery did likewise for the losers.

Andy Anderson chucked a three-hitter against West Shops, Structures winning 13-1. Andy and Lennie Bartone got half of the Reds' ten hits off Bob Stewart, Anderson with three singles in four tries and Bartone with two doubles in three attempts. Bartone pounded in five runs and Anderson two.

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	G.B.
Full Scale	4	0	---
AFR	3	0	1/2
8'HST	3	0	1/2
16' Tunnel	2	0	1
Structures	2	1	1 1/2
Loads	2	1	1 1/2
19'PT	2	2	2
PRT	2	2	2
Low Turb	1	1	2
AWT	0	1	2 1/2
Dynamic Tunnels	0	2	3
IRD	0	3	3 1/2
7 X 10	1	5	4
West Shops	0	4	4

ACER'S

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"With respect to draft eligibles in the age group 26 to 29, including those formerly in active military service or formerly in the ACER, it can only be said at this time that this new problem is receiving serious consideration with the intent to work out quickly some solution that will make it possible for those who are deemed essential and who wish to remain in the service of the NACA to do so.

"The Laboratory is authorized to use the foregoing information in responding to inquiries of Laboratory personnel. Communications received in the Washington Office from Laboratory personnel will be referred to the Laboratory concerned for answer accordingly."

ACER men who have specific problems concerning their present status may consult Dr. William A. Aery, Room 115, Service Building, telephone 2363.

SOFTBALL

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fielder nearest the play stands with one foot on his base and gestures madly at the ball soaring overhead.



The most adventuresome and least accomplished players are always assigned to the outfield. This section of the playing field is located outside the infield and is divided into three sections, left field, center field, and right field. One player is assigned to each section. The job of fielding in these sectors

is difficult and it usually takes some time to become proficient at it. Whenever the ball sails skyward into a sector, the fielder located there must run after it and try to get hit on the

Sometimes an infielder wants to get in on the play and he runs toward the ball too. Then all three bump heads. This is called a triple play and is very accomplished. The less said about the can't field the better. Any member of either team is eligible for this position and usually fills it.

When the pitcher misses the bats held by three batsmen, he must give up his position in the field, take his team with him, and retire. The opponents take the field and the other team must stand up and be thrown at.

More about the game of softball will be printed at some later date. head with it. If the ball is nearing a dividing line between two sections, both fielders concerned run after it. Since only one could possibly field it, and the other would be disappointed, it is the accepted practice for the fielders to run together and bump heads, thus giving both the same benefits.



CAMERA CLUB MEETS TUESDAY

Kurt Strass, president of the Hampton Camera Club, announces that a meeting will be held Tuesday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Symes-Eaton Community Center.

WANTED: To buy a portable electric hand drill with 1/4-inch chuck. Hank Elksnin.

FOR SALE: Partially damaged Battery Park ketch. Complete with rigging and sails. Alvin Morewitz, Tank #1.

FOR SALE: Furniture for 2 bedroom apartment. Furniture and possibly apartment available July 1. Apt. 3, 3785 Kecoughtan Road, Armstrong Gardens. Telephone - Hampton - 8006.

TAYLOR LIVING LIFE OF RILEY IN PACIFIC

Air Scoop's foreign correspondent, Sgt. Paul D. Taylor, formerly of Training, got his story on the wires just in time to make this issue. In his roaming around, he has run into quite a number of former Nacas and sent in a little dope on each.

It seems that Sgt. Bill Craig, formerly of Personnel is in Manila with Headquarters, 7th AACS Wing at Fort McKinley. Joseph Robbins, ex-purchase employee, is Sgt. Major at the 141st AACS Wing Group in Manila. Cpl. Charlie Berhardt, formerly of Instrument Service, is doing radio repair work at Fort McKinley. Cpl. Sooty Bowlin, of West Machine Shop, is in charge of the propeller shop at Nichols Field, Manila, and Cpl. Bob Effinger, an Instrument repairman at Nichols Field, is on temporary duty at Johnson Field, Tachikawa, Japan, to install some link trainers there.

On the forgotten island of Guam are Sgt. Paul Marchel of East Engineering, who is working as a B-29 electrician; Sgt. Jimmie Weddle of Instrument Service is a mail clerk, PX clerk, and N.C.O. in charge of the E.M. Club; Sgt. Fred Waller of Tank # 1 is line chief in charge of ten B-17's; Cpl. Byron Buntin of Dynamic Model Shop is an electrician on a C-47; Cpl. Claud Irmiter of Dynamic Model Shop is a mechanic at the Guam A.M. school; and Cpl. Jimmy Link of West Machine Shop is a C-46 mechanic.

Sgts. Tommy Kurtyka and Frank Parmenter, both formerly of West Machine, are with the 8th Air Force on Okinawa where Tommy is head of the Machine Shop and Frank is crew chief on a C-47 now making regular runs to Manila, Tokyo, and Shanghai. Alfred Tankersley, formerly of the Tank, is Sgt. Major of the 139th Replacement Bureau at Chofa, Japan.

Taylor says, "As for myself, well my job is to go around and look after the NACA boys. The NACA should be proud of the boys as they have all done real well for themselves and I'm sure that a lot of it is due to the training they received at Langley.

Paul says that he's living like a king, eating in a beautiful dining room from silver plates with Japs serving the food and an orchestra playing while they eat.

THANKS (From page 1)

day after the ending of the pay period," she said. "In this case the day after was Sunday May 19, so the force came to work and started the ball rolling." The twelve folks putting in the hours were: Doris Bloxom, Al Clendenin, Leona Corbett, Louise Sarnhardt, Mildred Gregory, Dot Harmon, Iris Lathrop, Dot Moore, Mary Moore, Virginia Roy, Sara Spangler, and Marie Warlitzer.

What's My Name?



I was born and reared on a farm but never got around to work on it. Farming and I just wouldn't get along too well, I think.

For nearly two years, I was Security Officer here, acting as liaison between the Laboratory and the local police, MP's, and FBI. I used to work for the FBI, you know, which is probably the reason my friends refer to me as everything from "Sherlock" to "Junior G-Men." I put in five years with the Bureau, starting as a clerk and winding up as a special agent, after getting a law degree at Columbus in Washington. Before that I spent 10 months as secretary to the supervisor of a CCC camp near Chic-

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terminal. Return over same route in reverse direction.

The Buckroe bus, which leaves for Langley at 7:15 a.m. and returns at 4:45 p.m., will go on the following route: Beginning at Second Street and Buckroe Road, south on Buckroe Road to Third Street, southeast on Third Street to Route No. 169, south on Route No. 169 to intersection of Routes No. 169 and 258, northwest on Route No. 258 to intersection of Routes No. 258 and 278, north on Route No. 278 to east entrance of Langley Field to Main Guardhouse Terminal.

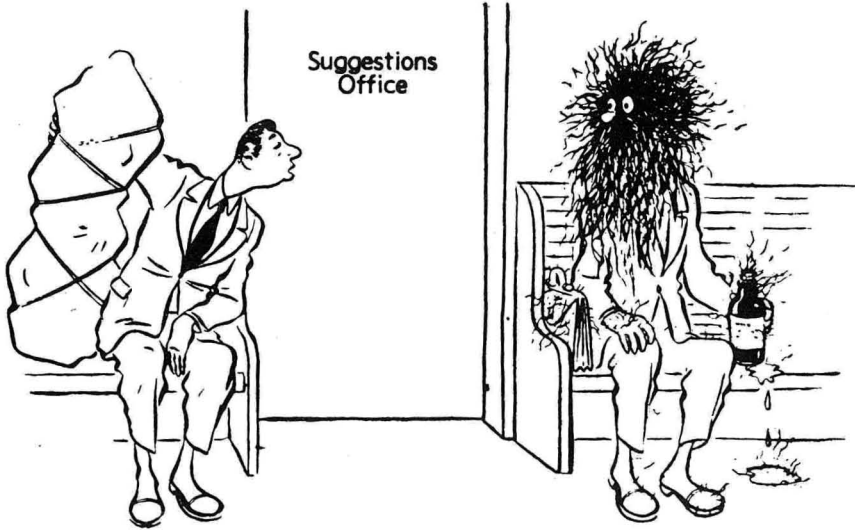
The Newport News bus leaves Langley Field at 4:45 p.m. and goes over the following route: Beginning at the Main Guardhouse, Langley Field, south on Dodd Boulevard and Langley Field Road (Route No. 278), south on Route No. 278 to intersection of Routes No. 258 and 278, west on Route No. 258 to Aberdeen Road (Route No. 611), south on Route No. 611 to 39th Street Extended (Route No. 168), west on 39th Street (Route No. 168) to intersection of Jefferson Avenue and 39th Street, west on 39th Street to City Limits of Newport News.

ago and then business college.

Now I'm Head of the Laboratory's Classification Office, a recent changeover from the job of Security Officer. The office is located in the South end of the Service Building, first floor. Drop in sometime.

For vital statistics, I'm 28, married, one son, expecting an increase momentarily, but I do mean momentarily. And just for the record, I'm not the bandleader of the same name, nor are we any relation.

Charlie Barnett



"And what does your suggestion do?"