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EMPLOYEES OF LAB SIGN AFFIDAVITS

Pursuant to an act signed by the President on July 23, 1946, all personnel are required to sign an affidavit to the effect that they will not strike against the Government of the United States. As this law was attached as a rider to the NACA appropriations bill for the Fiscal Year 1947, all persons must execute this affidavit in order to draw their August 8 pay check.

Members of the Personnel Office have already contacted each section to get these affidavits signed, but some employees were missed. Stragglers are advised to execute their affidavits as soon as possible. For the convenience of those working in the West Area the affidavits may be signed before John Bergbom of Procurement and Control and in the East Area in the Personnel Records Section, Building 104. Persons who have not signed by the close of business August 6 will have to present a signed affidavit, obtained from one of the above mentioned places, to Bill Whelan of the Payroll Office in the Utility Building in order to obtain their August 8 pay check.

ADDRESS INQUIRIES TO PERSONNEL OFFICE

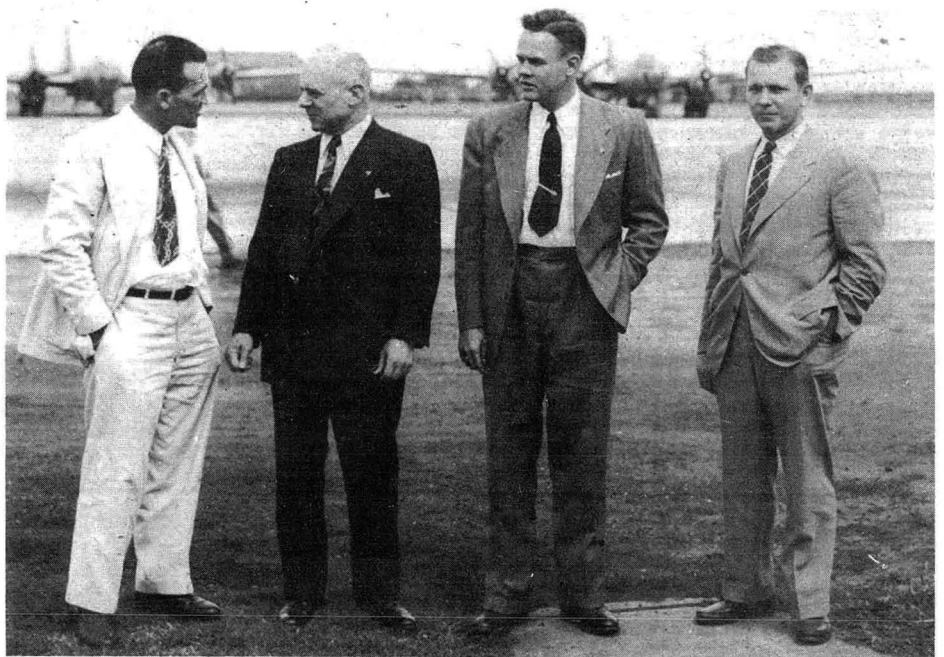
All employees are requested to direct correspondence and telephone inquiries on personnel matters or questions to this Agency's Personnel Office. Many letters are submitted by employees to the Civil Service Commission's central and regional offices covering matters (a) which are not within the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission, (b) on which the Commission does not have complete information without contacting the agency, or (c) which could more appropriately or just as appropriately be answered by the agency's personnel office.

As a result the time of employees and of the Commission is frequently wasted because there is nothing the Commission can do except refer the writer back to the agency's personnel office.

Some of the subjects covered in inquiries addressed to the Commission which should have been sent to the

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JIMMY DOOLITTLE VISITS LABORATORY PRAISES RESEARCH WORK DONE HERE



Grouped on the runway shortly after the arrival of Jimmy Doolittle on Wednesday are, left to right: Mel Gough, Doolittle, J. S. Hoppook of the aviation department of Shell Oil, and Herb Hoover.

Jimmy Doolittle, minus the uniform and brass that marked him as the wartime commanding general of the 8th USAAF, dropped in at the Laboratory Wednesday for the first time in more than six years. He is preparing to leave on a trip to Europe next week and wanted to get abreast of the latest of the latest developments in research before heading overseas.

Piloting his own B-25, reminiscent of the 1942 bombing raid against the Jap homeland, Doolittle, or rather Dr. Doolittle for he holds a Ph.D. in Aeronautics from MIT, landed shortly before noon and was escorted around the Lab by old friend Mel Gough, Herb Hoover and Henk Fedziuk. J. S. Hoppook, of the aviation department of the Shell Oil company, accompanied Doolittle. The former general has returned to his pre-war position as head of the aviation department of the oil company.

"I am very happy to have had the opportunity to visit the Lab-

oratory again after a six-year absence," Doolittle said as he prepared to leave yesterday afternoon, "and to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. The work which is being done here is of such fundamental character as to be extremely important not only from the standpoint of saving lives but also from the standpoint of keeping us in the front in aviation as is so necessary from the standpoint of world affairs." He added that he hoped to return from Europe in about two months and tell what he had seen in similar fields abroad.

Doolittle showed a keen interest in all he saw, showing especial interest in research directed toward solving stability and control problems particularly in the transonic speed range. He has recently visited both of the other Laboratories of the NACA, hitting Cleveland a few months ago and Ames during the recent inspection.

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COPELAND PARK UNITS FOR SALE

Housing units at Copeland Park are now up for sale but will be sold only to corporate groups that are sponsored by governmental agencies. For example, a group of veterans, endorsed by the American Legion, could apply to the Virginia Corporation Commission for a charter. Then that group could apply to buy Copeland Park building units, provided such a group was sponsored, in turn, either by Elizabeth City County board of supervisors or by the Newport News City Council.

The housing units will be sold at the following rates: One bedroom, \$660; two bedrooms, \$770; and three bedrooms, \$880. To these basic costs there would be added those incident to demounting, moving, and re-erecting.

The present cost figures for demounting, moving, and re-erecting the Copeland Park housing units hover around \$1600 per unit, regardless of the size of the unit. However, an effort is being made to bring the cost figures to something near \$1000 per unit through the employment of a local contractor.

NAVAL OFFICERS ON VISIT

A group of 23 post-graduate students of the Naval Academy at Annapolis is visiting the Laboratory this week as a formal part of the officers' training before they go on to studies at MIT or Cal. Tech.

The officers, most of whom are combat veterans, are headed by Lt. Comdr. P. Shumway. While here they are being conducted on a two-day tour of the Laboratory's research facilities.

Four hundred forty second classmen of the United States Naval Academy accompanied by ten officers will visit the Laboratory on August 23 while on a summer cruise on the carrier U.S.S. Randolph.



When you're
down
in the mouth

REMEMBER

JONAH

He came out
all right



Life at the LABORATORY

Plans are underway

for another fall wedding. Lucille Hart, East Computing Section, came in the other day sporting something new on her third finger left hand. She will be married in early September to John E. Beck, Western Electric representative here at the Lab.

One of the Lab's

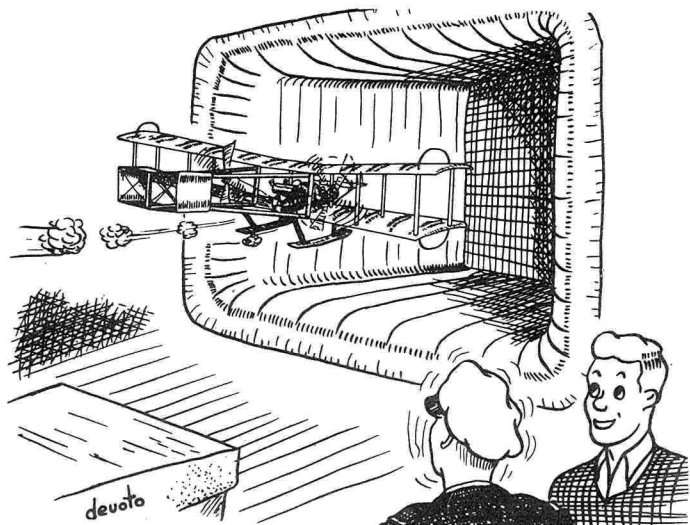
proudest papas is Roy Stigberg of Auditing and Book-keeping. He recently became the father of a daughter.

The 3-Foot high speeders

threw a farewell party for Ralph Bielat and Mary Carol Allen at the West Area Recreation Center on Friday, July 26. The main event, next to the food, was a softball game between the men and women. Behind the stellar pitching of Miss Fortune alias Don "Burly" Beals, the weaker sex came through with a 21-10 victory.

Henry Campoll will find shaving

a much easier chore these days. The electrician's with whom he worked presented him with a new electric razor last week on the occasion of his leaving the Lab.



"It started when they began all that talk about Air Force Day."

DREAM OF THE ROOKIE SOLDIER

By Joe Herrig

The world was in an awful mess
As I could plainly see,
And I felt I should do my part
To keep our people free.
So yesterday I joined the corps,
And all the guys they had before
Could now sit out a future war
For all they need is me.

Now officers are useless brass
As most GI's agree.
They'd take the credit for my job
And leave the work to me,
But I'll keep "Ike" to get things done
And "Tooey" Spaatz for liaison.
I know that we can carry on,
Just Tooey, Ike, and me.

There's no more need for any draft
With Tooey, Ike, and me,
And discharge points are out at last
With Tooey, Ike, and me,
We three are now the milit'ry,
For I've just joined the infantry,
And we will have security,
With Tooey, Ike, and me.

Our carriers will go for scrap
And cruisers leave the sea.
No battleship will dot the map
Or sub go on a spree.
We'll hold the ports and rule the sea
From Bengal Bay to Zuyder Zee,
We can junk the whole navy
With Tooey, Ike, and me.

More potent than atomic bombs
Are Tooey, Ike, and me,
And "Uncle Joe" will read the psalms
For Tooey, Ike, and me.
Now no more despots will there be,
They'll come to us on bended knee
And we can handle Germany,
Can Tooey, Ike, and me.

They'll fashion medals by the ton
For Tooey, Ike, and me.
We'll pin them on both back and front
For all the world to see.
It's well deserved all will agree
When everyone turns out to see
Old Harry pin the DSC
On Tooey, Ike, and me.

A hero's life is really fine.
I live in luxury.
But what is that infernal noise?
Aw, Hell! it's reveille.
And now that I'm awake I see
That I'm not yet a PFC,
So all the cheers I heard must be
For Tooey, and Ike, not me.

We can all perceive the difference
between ourselves and our inferiors,
but when it comes to a question of
the difference between us and our
superiors we fail to appreciate
merits of which we have no proper con-
ceptions.

--Cooper

DALE BURROWS HURLS SECOND GAME IN LEAGUE NO-HIT NO-RUN

Dale Burrows put his name near the head of the list of Laboratory softball immortals last Monday when he pitched a no-hit no-run game against IRD. Low Turbulence won, 3-0. It is the second perfect game that Burrows has pitched in four years of Laboratory competition.

Other hurlers with no-hit no-run games to their credit in the league are Carl Cecil, '44; Si Diskin, '44; and Al Martina, '45.

Burrows was also a big man at the plate for the Turbs, getting two singles in three trips. He banged in the first run and advanced the second and third.

Ray Bugg took the loss for IRD despite a brilliant performance. He gave six hits, walked only one, and struck out twelve.

With only two more games to go, 8'HST is nearing the end of the season with only one loss, the best record to date. Two other victims were added to the High Speed string last week, West Shops who went down 15-1, and PRT who succumbed 16-6.

Carl Cecil was hung with 17 hits in the Shop game with Arvo Luoma getting three singles and Jim Delano a home run and a single. Liccini pitched for 8'HST.

A parade of home runs featured the game with PRT with Liccini, Luoma, and Delano of the winners and Al Marino of the losers hitting for the circuit.

Pilotless Aircraft split their two games, winning from Loads, 10-4, and being shut out by Structures, 5-0. PAR put the Loads game on ice in the second inning, scoring seven runs on seven hits. The feature of the Structures encounter was a home run by Bull Moose, sometimes known as Structures' outfielder Harold Crate.

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT SET FOR AUGUST 13

The next duplicate tournament of the LMAL Bridge Club will be held on Tuesday, August 13, it was announced this week by president of the club Carl Rossman. Rossman said that he had found that many members were confused because the previous matches had been played on alternate Tuesdays and were expecting one on August 6.

The club is now holding all its meetings at the Syms-Eaton Community Center and a regular evening of contract bridge will be in session on August 6.

FOR SALE: 1937 Hudson four-door sedan. James C. Emery. FGDA.

FOR SALE: 15-Foot sailing rowboat, newly painted, complete, ready to sail. Price - \$135. Call Francis Wolak, East Model Shop.

Structures took another win during the week, dropping Loads, 11-3.

Dynamic Tunnels produced a single run in the sixth inning to break a tie and defeat 16-Foot, 5-4. Jack Paulson was the big gun for the winners with a double and two singles. Bernie Maggin hit for the circuit. John Cangelosi, 16-Foot, also clouted a homer.

In the only other game of the week, 19-Foot took a last inning win from PRT, 3-2, after the propellor boys had tied up the game in their half of the seventh.

The league protest committee ruled that the Full Scale-Dynamic Tunnels game must be replayed. Full Scale got credit for the original contest, 5-3, in 13 innings.

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	G. B.
8'HST	10	1	----
FST	9	2	1
PAR	9	3	1 1/2
19'PT	9	3	1 1/2
Low Turb	8	4	2 1/2
Structures	8	4	2 1/2
AWT	6	3	3
16' Tunnel	5	3	3 1/2
Dynamic Tunnels	3	6	6
Loads	3	8	7
7 X 10	2	10	8 1/2
PRT	1	9	8 1/2
West Shops	1	9	8 1/2
IRD	1	10	9

THIS WEEK'S SCORES

8-Foot High Speed 15 - West Shops 1
Low Turbulence 3 - IRD 0
16-Foot Tunnel 5 - Dynamic Tunnels 4
19-Foot 3 - PRT 2
PAR 10 - ALD 4
Structures 5 - PAR 0
8-Foot High Speed 16 - PRT 6
Structures 11 - ALD 3

FRANK HART WINS GOLF PLAYOFF

Frank Hart, Instrument Service, shot a round of golf at 104, which coupled with his handicap of 38 strokes won second net honors in the playoff of the first annual NACA golf tourney last Saturday at the Hampton Country Club.

Art Vogeley, Flight, nosed out Bill Sperry, Construction Engineering, for the third spot with 95-19--76. Sperry shot 105-27--78. All three men had tied for second spot in the regular tourney play the week before.

LOST: Black leather wallet containing identification cards and money. L. Diesendruck, Full Scale Analysis, phone 2347.

FOR SALE: Man's light weight bicycle in excellent condition. Price \$25. Call Newport News 2-2556.

What's My Name?



I was born January 12, 1906 in Clifton Forge, Virginia. At the age of one year, my family moved to Lynchburg and since they had no other alternative, they took me along. I went to Lynchburg high school and played football and basketball. During the summers I managed a skating rink, playgrounds, served as life guard, coached a tennis team, and acted as business manager for a semi-pro baseball team. After high school I went to Virginia Episcopal Prep School near Lynchburg and managed to make the all-state football team as center in 1924. I spent a year at VPI in Blacksburg and then went to work in a men's clothing store in Lynchburg. I stayed there for five years and then went to work in the chemical lab of the DuPont Celcophane Company Richmond. The depression came along about that time so back to the clothing business and from there to the Blue Buckle Overall Factory 'til 1942 when I came to the NACA's Tank. I played on the section's football team and was sometimes referred to as the "Tank's one-man-gang". I was also a charter member of the Hydro-sots. In 1943 I was center on the NACA all star football team. After pushing the Tank carriage around for about two years and a half, I got mixed up in recreation and ended up as chief cook and bottle washer for section parties at the new West Area recreation Center. During my stay here on the Peninsula I have also taken an active part in the Industrial USO and the Syms-Eaton Community Center.

Somewhere along the way I managed to get married and am the proud papa of an eleven year old son.

v. Bruce Amole

FOR SALE: All metal hand operated clothes wringer, practically new. John Ankeney, Training Unit.

INQUIRIES

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agency's personnel office are: Employment status, leave, effective date of appointment, compensation for injury, adjustments in pay, retirement rights, promotion, reassignment, transfer, removal, position classification, reduction in force, or other questions on personnel matters.

Employees are also asked not to communicate with the Civil Service Commission regarding the results of examinations before they receive their final notices of ratings. It is the policy of the Commission to notify competitors of the results of examinations as soon as possible after all papers have been rated.

Requests for the results of examinations interfere with the rating process, delay the establishment of the register, and prevent the prompt distribution of notices of rating.

What we call progress is the exchange of one Nuisance for another Nuisance.

--Havelock Ellis

In my youth I thought of writing a satire on mankind; but now in my age I think I should write an apology for them.

--Horace Walpole

A pessimist is one who feels bad when he feels good for fear he'll feel worse when he feels better.

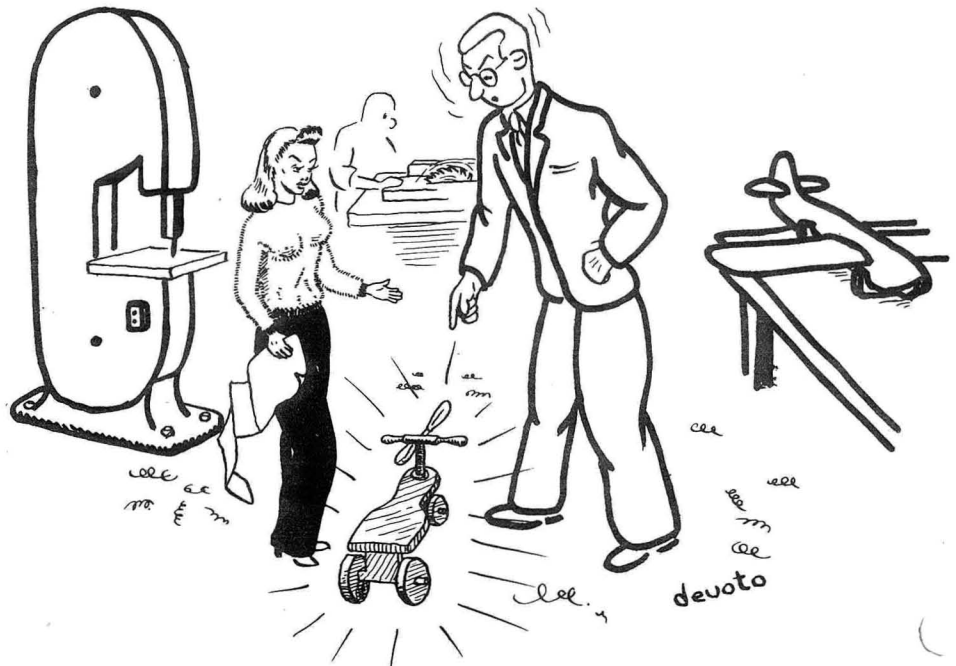
TENNIS NEWS

The NACA Tennis Club has scheduled two matches to be played off in August. One will be played with the Portsmouth Gridiron Club at the Langley Field Courts on Saturday, August 10, at 2:30 p.m.; and the other with the Northside Tennis Club of Norfolk on their courts on Sunday, August 18.

Five matches were played last week. Bill Jordan managed to hold to his fourth place position with a 6-4, 6-4 defeat over John Kelly; W. C. Morgan defeated Hewitt Phillips, 4-6, 6-1 8-6; Bob Shanks took a 6-0, 4-6, 6-0 win from Gordon Griffith; Clinton Frost held his own with a 6-3, 6-4 defeat over Guy Ferguson; and Mayo Greenberg defeated Morgan 6-3, 6-0.

The current standing of the ladder is as follows:

No.	Player	Section	Phone
1	Erwin	FGDA	2248
2	Cannon	S.E.P. (East)	2352
3	Campbell	FFT	2282
4	Jordan	E. Eng.	2251
5	Kelly	PRD	4587
6	Mogin	Loads	4439
7	Haynes	PARD	4537
8	Martz	PARD	4537
9	Dunlap	ICL	2216
10	Shanks	FFT	2235
11	Weber	W. Eng.	4452
12	Greenberg	8'HST	2292
13	Sperry	Const. Eng.	2336
14	Griffith	Const. Eng.	2336
15	Hagginbotham	PARD	457
16	Morgan	E. Eng.	2251
17	Phillips	FRD	2264
18	Frost	DTOS	2246
19	Ferguson	Class.	2381
20	Weislo	IAL	4522
21	Rubinow	PRD	4597



"Now don't tell me they expect that to fly."