

EDITORIAL

AIR SCOOP

LANGLEY MEMORIAL AERONAUTICAL LABORATORY

LAB UNAFFECTED BY 44 HOUR WEEK

President Harry S. Truman, on July 3, ordered all government agencies except the War, Navy, and Treasury Departments, Veterans' Administration, TVA, and Panama Canal, to cut their work week to 44 hours, effective immediately. The excepted agencies will continue at 48 hours.

As this issue went to press, however, Laboratory officials stated that until further notice, the Laboratory would remain on its regular 48 hour week work schedule.

SEVENTH WAR LOAN GOES OVER QUOTA; REID EXPRESSES THANKS

Last Saturday afternoon, a jubilant Starr Truscott telephoned the Air Scoop Office to announce that the Laboratory had gone over the top in the mighty Seventh War Loan Drive. The purchases of June 30 had pushed the figure up to \$134,500. This pointed to a gross sale of more than \$380,000 in comparison to a \$375,000 quota.

On Monday, H. J. E. Reid dropped by the office to ask that space be held in

this issue for a statement he'd like to make to the staff. The Engineer-in-Charge's message follows:

"At the conclusion of this Seventh War Loan Drive, I want to express my appreciation to the members of the staff for their excellent showing in the drive. While all the figures are not in and won't be for several days, they at present stand at \$134,786. This is some eight thousand dollars over our quota and maintains the very high standard of this laboratory in the matter of bond participation.

I am particularly happy about our showing in the bond drives, because it indicates an excellent spirit of loyalty and patriotism, which I feel is in a large measure the result of the appreciation of the personnel that the work they are doing is important to the war effort. The Laboratory employees should feel proud of this record and proud of the work they are doing. I am looking forward to the day when the veil of secrecy may be removed and it is possible to tell all members of the staff the story about the work of the Laboratory and where it has been so important in our armed forces."

OFFICERS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR IMMEDIATE DISCHARGE

Laboratory ACER's who held commissions are not eligible at present for discharge under the plan as announced in last week's Air Scoop, it was learned recently from the Third Service Command.

COURSE IN CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH OFFERED EMPLOYEES BY ARMY

A course in Conversational French is being offered by the Army and Laboratory employees are eligible for enrollment. Under the instructions of C. E. Topping of Hampton High School, the class will be held in the Post school building on Tuesday and Friday nights.

All persons interested are asked to attend the organizational meeting on the post Monday, July 9, at 7 p.m. At this time the fee and credit received for the course will be announced.



Four of the nine Laboratory employees who successfully completed the standard Red Cross first aid course held recently were on hand last week to receive their certificates and congratulations from Starr Truscott, Chairman of the Executive Safety Committee. Getting his certificate is Fred Chalfont, East Model Shop, and standing in line are Byrdell Sevaren, FST, George Hogge, Maintenance, and Mason Morris, PRT. The group completed a 20 hour course at Hampton High School.

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HOLD THAT LINE

Everybody seems pretty well pleased now that President Truman has signed the pay bill, granting us an average increase of nearly 16 percent. Of course there are a few questions on everyone's lips, such as, "How much is my raise?" "Do I get my Ramspeck now or in 12 months?" "Do I get paid time and one-half for July 4?" "What do you have to do to get off on Saturday?" "Is it true that we're going on a 44 hour week?" "Why do you make us work on the Fourth of July?" "Are they gonna cut out the overtime?" "I'm on 3:30 - 11:30 shift; do I get the extra ten percent for all my hours or just those after six?" "I never heard of an automatic raise; what is it?" "Why didn't they do this two years ago?" "Why does the withholding tax take so much out of my new raise?"

They are a few of the samples that everybody wants to know. Most of us want to know so badly that we go to the telephone and call the people most likely to be able to tell us--the Payroll Office. When you multiply those questions by 3200 employees, brother, you've got something.

The Payroll Office doesn't know everything about the pay bill yet. It's doubtful that Senator Downey who introduced it does. One thing is certain---it's gone through and we'll get the raise. Full particulars are being learned every day and will be furnished the staff as soon as they are complete. Check that sudden impulse to telephone and remember that every time a payroll girl has to stop and answer the phone, she has to stop working on your paycheck. If the calls continue, the checks will undoubtedly be late.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

There are 28 teams, men and women, organized at the Laboratory, who are playing softball. There are as many as four games each day, always two or three. These games are played here at the Field on the new softball diamonds, behind the Southampton shopping center, across from Cavalier Court on a diamond owned by Ed Williams of the Photo Lab, and at Armstrong School.

More than 400 of our fellow employees, with the assistance of the Laboratory, the Industrial USO, and the City-Country Recreation Department, are providing their own recreation and entertainment for others who just come out to watch.

They have a good time, these folks, whether they're on the top or the bottom. They always seem to play better when there's a big crowd, however. Everybody can do his best when there are folks on the sideline pulling for him. You're missing a good bet if you miss the games.

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THE FUN of the LABORATORY

Of the many Laboratory employees. . . .

who entered the 17th annual Hampton Yacht Club regatta held in Hampton Roads last Saturday and Sunday, only two turned out to be real sailors; the others are evidently still in basic training. Don Reiser came in first in the snipe class and Ray Hansen's "My Lady" lived up to her previous reputation by taking first place in the cruising class.

Dan Cupid and Ralph Stone, Spin Tunnel. . . .

seem to be running a race to see who can entangle the largest number of victims into matrimony, and Stoney isn't doing so badly either - he just married off his fifth roommate, Norman Silsby of Flight Research, to Dorothy Harton. Having been so busy with his knot tying duties, Stoney has forgotten the name of the first victim but the others were Dave Newby, Hank Elksnin, and Kent Horton. As to whether the next roommate victim will be Don Loving or Tom Snyder we are not qualified to say; however, consult this paper weekly for the latest developments.

Selma Diamondstein, Files, and. . . .

Lt. Julian Levinson added their names to the long list of newlyweds when they walked down the aisle on June 20.

The stork payed a visit. . . .

to the Jack Bruce household last Monday, July 2. The new arrival is a son. Papa Jack works in Buildings and Grounds and Mama Jean is a former employee of the Electrical Office.

Every year at the regatta. . . .

somebody turns in a sensational performance. Last year it was Bunny Klawans, Flight, who tried lighting a cigarette with the sheet tied down. A sudden gust of wind did more than blow out the match. Last Sunday, Capt. Ray Kenny, New England accented Project Coordinator of the Liaison Office, took to sea with another officer in a 16-foot Comet. (No relation to the tunnel of the same name) In their first race of the morning, they found themselves halfway to the James River before they realized that they were in the cruising class. Figuring they were slightly out their element they decided to return and await more boats of their size. "The harbor was very clean that morning," says Kenny, "all we saw afloat was an empty bottle, an orange peel, and an aircraft carrier." The carrier looked most interesting at that stage so the boys, being on a port tack anyway, made a tour of inspection. Around and around they went and got back to the starting boat after the afternoon race had started. Kenny says the next time he goes he's going to take along a barrel of ice water and some asbestos pants. He has a pair of blisters from the hot deck. The Captain made two worthwhile discoveries during the day: (1) the cannon that they fire is not meant to scare boats away; it simply tells that a certain time has approached; (2) you need wind to sail.

A recent and most welcome visitor. . . .

to his old hangout was Oscar Seidman, former Head of the Spin Tunnel who is now with the Navy Department's Bureau of Aeronautics in Washington. Oscar dropped in for a day or two, and realizing that he couldn't possibly get around to see all his friends, dropped us a line and asked that we pass on his regards to one and all. Lucky boy Seidman has at last succeeded in locating a "one-room" apartment in the Capitol city. Former graduate manager of athletics for the Stability Division, he writes, "I trust that my presence was sufficiently inspiring to enable my team to win its baseball (he means softball) game. Anyway, they're doing better than last year, I'm told."

AWT, PRESBY TANGLE MONDAY

The only two undefeated teams, Presbyterian and AWT, will tangle next Monday afternoon. Presbyterian, the only outside team in the Girls' Community Softball league, has six wins and no losses to its credit and AWT has four wins and no losses. The game will be at Armstrong School and will get under way at 6 p.m.

The two games played last week were push overs for the winning teams. Structures swamped PRD by the score of 19-2 and 8-Foot walked all over Personnel with a final score of 24-5.

STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	PCIG.
Presbyterian	6	0	1.000
AWT	4	0	1.000
Structures	5	2	.715
8-Foot	4	2	.667
Personnel	2	2	.500
16-Foot	2	2	.500
PRD	2	4	.333
TSO	2	4	.333
ALD	1	3	.250

REID FIRST, CORSON SECOND IN MATCH

In the second in a series of eight bi-weekly rifle matches sponsored by the Hampton Rifle Club on the club's range on Woodland Road, H. J. E. Reid, Engineer-in-Charge, took first place in the 20 shots prone 100 yard event. Any sights were allowed. He posted a score of 199 out of a possible 200 and in addition had 14 "x's". Other Laboratory employees who participated in the event and their scores were: Robert Orr 192; H. J. E. Reid, Jr. 190 2x, Louis Goldman 183; J. A. Stora 183 1x, Blade Corson 182 5x; and Harold Dewhirst 111.

Blake Corson took second place in the 20 shots, five each prone, sitting, kneeling, and stand event at 50 yards, with a score of 176 out of a possible 200. Robert Orr came in third with 174. Other scores were: H. J. E. Reid 170; J. A. Stora 170; Louis Goldman 168; H. J. E. Reid, Jr. 156; and Harold Dewhirst 106.

The next matches will be held Sunday, July 15 and will consist of a 10 shots, prone, 50 yards event; 10 shots, prone, 100 yards event, and a 10 shots, standing, 50 yards event. Matches are open to all comers, and entries may be made prior to matches at the range on the date of the event or in advance.

FOR SALE: Completely modern two bedroom home and estate in Sherwood Park. Call Hampton 3445.

WANTED: Ride to New York or vicinity on August 4. Will share expenses. J.C. Lewis, Dynamic Tunnels Operations.

19-FOOT TAKES LEAD AS STRUCTURES LOSES

The Structures Reds and 19-Foot Pressure Tunnel, continuous leaders in the men's softball league, found the going somewhat rougher than expected last week, the Reds losing to IRD and 19-Foot being pushed to extra innings to down Stability.

The Structures loss, a resounding 4-1 defeat, dropped the Red Shirts to second place. Pat Cancro's "Pressure Boys", who the week before had been rained out of a tie game with East Shops, took eight innings to gain a 4-3 victory over Stability.

Among the other leaders, East Shops knocked off Electrical and Reproduction; the Low Turbs clipped Stability, 13-1 and 8-Foot, 4-1; and the Structures Reds won from Tank, 6-5.

With the season more than half over, the selections of the team captains at the beginning of the season are holding true with one exception. East Shops, not picked among the leaders, are in third position in place of Full Scale, which rests in tenth. Other selections were 19-Foot, first; Structures Reds, second; and Low Turb, fourth.

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	PCIG.
19' Pressure T.	10	0	1.000
Structures Reds	11	1	.917
East Shops	8	1	.888
Low Turb	8	2	.800
IRD	9	3	.750
Tank	7	3	.700
PRT	5	4	.555
Flight Blues	6	5	.546
16-Foot	6	5	.546
Full Scale	5	5	.500
West Shops	5	6	.455
8-Foot	4	5	.444
AWT	4	5	.444
Stability	4	7	.364
PRD	3	6	.333
Electrical	3	7	.300
Reproduction	3	9	.247
Flight Whites	2	9	.182
Structures Whites	2	10	.167
Loads	0	12	.000

Softball Scores

Flight Research Blues 4; 16-Foot 7
 Inst. Research 4; Structures Reds 1
 Low Turbulence 15; Stability 1
 East Area Shops 13; Electrical 8
 West Area Shops 10; Physical Research 7
 19-Foot Pressure Tunnel 4; Stability 3
 Full Scale Tunnel 6; AWT 9
 East Area Shops 10; Reproduction 4
 Structures Whites 25; Aircraft Loads 3
 Low Turbulence 4; 8-Foot Tunnel 1
 16-Foot Tunnel 3; Structures Whites 2
 Structures Reds 6; Tank 5

BIDS EXCEEDS FUNDS FOR "REC" BUILDING

Last Friday brought a tinge of disappointment to many recreation minded Laboratory employees when it was announced that bids for the construction of the recreation building in the West Area were in excess of the funds available.

C. W. Lockwood was low bidder with \$124,500. This was considerably over the original appropriation of \$111,330 which also included architects' fees, outdoor picnic and athletic facilities, and equipment for the building and grounds.

Laboratory officials stated that a delay of several more weeks would be incurred in order that they might study the plans and specifications and confer with Williams, Coile, and Pipino, architects, to make the deletions and changes necessary to get the figure under the wire.

In the meantime, work on the picnic area is going ahead at a good rate, they report, and it should be completed in the very near future.

NEWPORT NEWS STORES TO OPEN MONDAY NIGHT

Shoppers who have been doing their weekly buying in Newport News on Saturday night must change their habits and make their trek to many of downtown commercial houses of that James River metropolis on Monday.

In accordance with the results of a poll conducted among local shoppers, many stores will close at 5:30 Saturday but remain open until 8:30 Monday instead. This will go into effect this weekend.

A few of the store managers were undecided as to which hours they would keep, and the local Montgomery Ward head declared that he would continue staying open on Saturday.

Rex Adams, president of the Retail Merchants Association pointed out that the change in hours would not inconvenience war workers, since it merely changes nights, but that it would give store employees a longer weekend.

LOST: Two number four ration books. Finder please contact Mary Louise Shelton, Personnel Records.

WANTED: Ride to Boston or New York between July 10-15. Al La Shane, Free Flight Tunnel.

FOUND: One victory model man's bicycle inventory number 26524. May be claimed at Stock office.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER: T. D. T. Test Chamber, 2240.

USO Offers Trips To Virginia Beach

Beach lovers who heretofore have found it rather inconvenient to reach Virginia Beach through the public transportation system, will no longer have to suffer from the jolts and bruises of an extended trolley ride. All they have to do is get their swimming duds together, round up \$1.50 by some honest or dishonest method, and be at the Industrial USO, 103 N. King Street, by 10 o'clock Sunday morning in order to catch the Virginia Beach bound bus. Reservations for this transchesapeake Bay flight may be made at the Industrial USO or through Bruce Amole at 2300.

VETERANS MAY GET PERMANENT STATUS

Veterans whose names appeared on a register of eligibles for any Civil Service position between May 1, 1940 and March 16, 1942, and who lost their opportunity for employment by entering the armed forces, are eligible for a probational appointment which may lead to permanent Civil Service status, by virtue of an executive order of the President.

Lists of eligibles are maintained by the Civil Service Commission of those persons who qualify for specified jobs.

In order to take advantage of this opportunity, veterans must apply within 90 days after honorable discharge or by July 13, if they were discharged prior to April 13, 1945.

All Laboratory employees who think they might be eligible and who are interested in getting full particulars are urged to contact William A. Davis, Area Civil Service Supervisor, Laboratory telephone 2272.

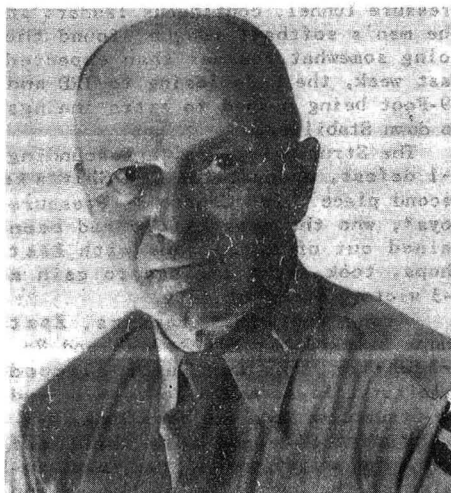
PASSES AVAILAIBLE IN EAST, WEST AREAS

Passes for admitting guests of employees to the softball fields in the West Area are now available to the staff at two locations. East Areas may obtain theirs at the Training Office and West Areas may do the same at the Stock Office.

Passes must be obtained in person as the employee requesting them must sign a receipt for same. A limit of three passes a day may be issued to one person, except in special cases. Persons coming on the field with these passes must use the West Gate only and must confine their visit to the immediate recreation area.

FOR SALE: Four piece bedroom suite and breakfast room set. H. G. Dannull, Instrument Construction.

COL. MALLORY NEW BASE COMMANDER



A new Commanding Officer, Col. L.C. Mallory, took over the reins at Langley Field July 1. A typical "soldier's soldier", Col. Mallory has served with the Air Corps for 28 years, enlisting as a private and coming to his present position through the ranks.

He succeeds Col. John K. Nissley, who had been in command since March 30 last. Colonel Nissley has left Langley Field for his new post as commander of the Big Springs, Texas, Army Air Field.

Rated as a command pilot, combat observer and aerial observer, Colonel Mallory has been a member of the Air Corps and its predecessor organizations since 1917. Before coming to Langley Field, he was for a short time in command at Sioux Falls Army Air Field,

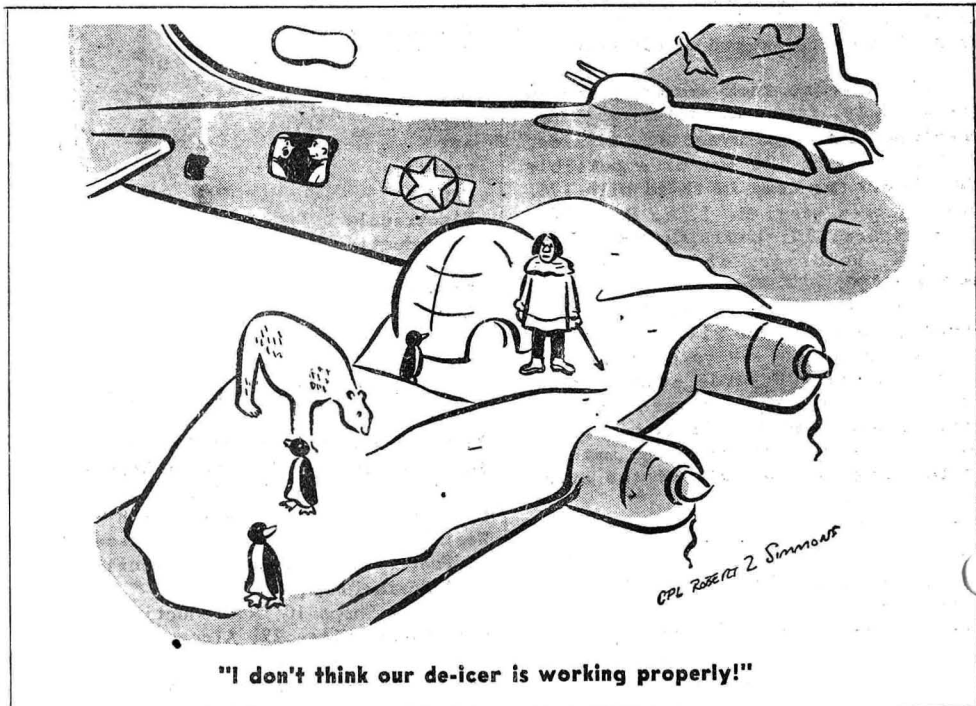
S. D. For four years previous to that assignment he was the commanding officer of the AAF twin-engine flying school at Columbus, Miss.

Entering the military service as flying cadet, Colonel Mallory took his training at Waco, Texas. He received his wings and his commission as a second lieutenant there in 1918 in what was then the aviation section of the Signal Corps. Also in 1918, he took the course for aerial observers at Langley Field.

In 1920 Colonel Mallory received his commission as a first lieutenant in the regular army. In that era when the Army was small and promotions few and far between and on the basis of seniority, Colonel Mallory remained a first lieutenant for more than 12 years although in that entire period no officer was promoted over his head. He attained the rank of major in the regular army in 1939. He was promoted to temporary colonel in January, 1942.

Although his long service has taken him to most of the airfields of the pre-war regular army, including three years in the Hawaiian Islands, Colonel Mallory's most important work has been in the field of air safety. While in command at Columbus Army Air Field, Colonel Mallory inaugurated what is now known as the full-panel system of instrument flying and with the collaboration of Col. Joseph B. Duckworth revolutionized the procedures of instrument flight. By direction of General H. H. Arnold it is now the standard form of instrument flying throughout the Army Air Forces.

While under Colonel Mallory's command the field at Columbus set a world's record for flying safety, accruing a total of 180,101 flying hours between fatal accidents and more than 153,000 hours between serious accidents.



CPL ROBERT Z SIMMONS