



## EBERT TELLS SUPERVISORS OF VISIT TO GERMAN LABS.

For the second time in as many years, the supervisors of the Laboratory, some 300 strong, met at the Hampton Country Club Wednesday night to put a good dinner under their belts and listen to a member of their number tell of his experiences as a member of a scientific intelligence mission to Europe.

H. J. E. Reid, who did the speaking honors last year, introduced this year's Gulliver, Bill Ebert, Head of Open Water Research, who with Carlton Kemper of AERL, spent six months in Germany, France, and England as a member of the ALSOS mission.

Ebert's talk, illustrated by both black and white and color slides, included accounts of his visits to German research installations at Goettingen, Braunschweig, Deseau, Oberannagau, Althshausen, and Hamburg, where work on jet propulsion and missiles had been underway. Ebert went overseas in April, 1945, and returned in October.

The other speaker on the program was John F. Victory, NACA Secretary, who was celebrating his birthday. Victory was introduced by Starr Truscott in one of the shortest talks on his record. A birthday cake, sans tell-tale candles, was part of the trimmings.

Other guests introduced during the evening were Mrs. Bill Ebert, Jack Victory, and Jim Kelly and Parmely  
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## CAR BREAK-INS

A number of cars were reported to have been broken into at the banquet Wednesday night. The victims are asked to call Sheriff Anderson at Hampton 3061. The Country Club is in the county and not in the city.

## CARL ALEXANDER, TWO OTHERS PERISH WHILE DUCK HUNTING

A week long search for the three men who perished on a duck hunting expedition last week ended Wednesday afternoon when Robert Elliott of Hampton found the body of Carl Alexander, Flight Research, the last of the three to be accounted for.

Alexander was accompanied on the hunting trip by Calvin Tennis, area manager of the USES, and Maurice Pruitt, also of Hampton. Pruitt's body was found around noon on the day of the accident and Tennis' was recovered on Saturday afternoon.

Alexander had been employed at the Hangar since September 1944. He was formerly traffic sergeant on the Hampton police force. He was born in Ohio in 1911 and moved to Hampton with his family a year later. Two of his three

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## DEVOTO, JOHNSON, FORSYTH, EALES ELECTED TC COW COMMITTEE.

Harry Devoto, Illustrators; Hal Johnson, AWT; Charlie Forsyth, Flight; and Ted Eales, Tank, were elected to the Executive Committee of the Noble Order of the Green Cow in last week's election. DeVoto was named chairman by virtue of his receiving the most votes.

A total of 66C ballots were cast and the complete voting was as follows: DeVoto, 442; Johnson, 433; Forsyth, 282; Eales, 267; Joe Martin, 251; Pat Chiarito, 216; Carl Cecil, 213; Leo Rogin, 185; Les Schneider, 183; and Dan Savitsky, 168.

The new committee will take over its formal duties after the February 8 dance, the final effort of John Houbolt, Don Talmage, Marvin Pitkin, and Harry Shoaf.

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 process.

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**LIFE AT THE LABORATORY**

*Another long-lived . . . . .*

Laboratory romance reached the engagement stage last week-end. We'd been expecting it so long that when it finally came we were a bit shocked. Yep, it's Mary English, Editorial Office, and Chet Furlong, 19-Foot Pressure Tunnel. The couple kept very closed mouth when questioned as to the date of the event but we feel sure that popular usher Jack Paulson will have another opportunity to usher - soon.

*The 7 X 10 Tunnels . . . . .*

seem to be outdoing themselves in an effort to capture top honors in the Lab's baby derby. Their previous record of one new arrival a month surpasses all other local competition but now they are striving for a higher goal and their new average is now one a week. The fourth new addition for the month of January arrived last Sunday and the proud papa is Fred Inlay.

*Another proud papa . . . . .*

is James Dawson, Erection Shop, who became the father of a son last Sunday. Mama Loretta used to work in the Photo Lab.

*For as while it seemed . . . . .*

that this column was filled with nothing but weddings, weddings, weddings; but now its babies, babies, babies. Charles Phillips, Electrical Section, recently became the father of a son, Paul Ray.

**HUNSAKER ASKS FOR BIGGER WIND FROM 16-FOOT TUNNEL**

In an independent office appropriation reported to the house this week, the government proposed to modernize the 16-Foot Tunnel at Langley at a cost of \$2,990,000. Dr. Jerome C. Hunsaker, Chairman of the NACA, testified during hearings on the bill that \$2,701,000 will be used to provide more power for the 16-Foot Tunnel and that the remainder will be used to modify the two-dimensional pressure tunnel for use of freon gas, and to install power factor correction equipment "which we have to install to be able to operate our supersonic wind tunnels efficiently."

Dr. Hunsaker pointed out that "The equipment has a limit of 500 miles an hour and we can salvage our investment and increase the air speed of the 16-Foot Tunnel by providing more power and strengthening the tunnel itself."

**GREEN COWS TO HAVE DANCE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

The retiring Committee of the Noble Order of the Green Cow will have their last dance on Friday night, February 8, at the Hampton Country Club. Following the dance, the old committee will step into the background and the new one will take over. Music will be furnished by Eddie Travis and his orchestra and dancing will be from 9 'til 12.

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LOST: Double strand of pearls on Kecoughtan Road between Regent Street and Elizabeth Road. Catherine Simpson, East Computing Section.

LOST: One black fur lined glove. Jack Erwin, FGDA.

FOR SALE: Two-year correspondence course in accounting. Walton School of Commerce. Frances Moreland, Library.

WANTED: Passengers to Neward, N. J. Leaving on February 20 on 2 p.m. Cape Charles Ferry, and returning after March 4. B. M. Sponsler, Newport News 6-1062.

## ZENDER FAMILY ROLLS HIGH TO HELP STRUCTURES UPSET

George and Marion Zender combined to lead the Structures Woodbutchers in a 2-1 upset last week over the second place IRD Jerks in the Mixed Duckpin League B. The male half of the combination posted a season's high game of 141 while his better half scored the second high women's game of 118. Marion Newby of the Jerks also posted 118.

Other upsets of the night were: Low Turbs 2 - Flight Ragouts 1; 8-Foot Tunnel Rats 3 - AWT Characters 0; PRD 2 - Flight Deadpins 1; and Hydrosots 2 - Flight Deadducks 1.

The Flight Ragouts are currently leading the league with a record of 28 wins and 8 losses.

Arvo Luoma leads the men bowlers with a 105 average and teammate Midge Webster tops the women with 97. She also has the high game of 124. Louma and Dan Bridges are tied at 366 for high individual set and Marion Zender has the high ladies' set of 318.

## ALEXANDER, OTHERS PERISH

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brothers work at the Laboratory, Alfred (Piggy) in Flight Research, and Wendell in the West Machine Shop.

The party left in a small boat from the home of Chippie Booker, Stocks, on Langley Field Road early on Thursday morning. At about 7:15, I. B. Bloxom, Full Scale, heard cries for help as he was leaving for work. He reported this to the Military Police at the gate and his wife called the Hampton police. Their son, I. B. Bloxom, Jr., who works at 19-Foot, reported that he saw a man clinging to an overturned boat and that he stripped off his heavy flying jacket and plunged into the icy waters and attempted to swim to his rescue. He swam for approximately 50 or 60 yards but he was forced to turn back. He then went to Booker's home and borrowed a boat which he tied to the back of a car and towed across the snow covered

## LANGLEY FLIERS CRUSH SKYHAWKS, 66 TO 18

Biting off more than they could chew, the Skyhawks found the Langley Field Flyers a little more than they could digest and ended up on the low end of a 66 to 18 score in their basketball game Wednesday night at the post gym. The Flyers literally took wings and found very little use for their first team during the entire game.

Taking the lead from the very start, the Flyers were never in the slightest danger and were well ahead at half-time with a score of 29-8.

The entire team seemed to play an outstanding game but Lt. Crowthers, lately arrived at Langley from Sheppard Field, Texas, and Donham accounted for more than half of the Fliers' total with 18 points each.

It was the third straight loss for the Skyhawks with the Portsmouth Gridiron Club, and the Naval Mine Depot the other conquerors.

Next Thursday night, the Skyhawks will play a return game with the Naval Mine Depot at the Hampton Armory. A preliminary game will be furnished by two league teams - Low Turbulence and Auxiliary Flight.

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Daniels of the Washington Office.

A. E. Von Doen, pff played a violin solo, accompanied by Mrs. von Doenhoff. Group singing was led by Tiny Hutton to the piano accompaniment of Mrs. Mary Noble Bennett. John Ankeney arranged the plans for the banquet.

road and ground. When he got this to the water's edge no one was in sight.

Emergency apparatus from the county, city and Langley Field was put into service in an effort to find the bodies. Jack Reeder in a helicopter and the other NACA pilots maintained an almost constant air patrol until the bodies were recovered.

DON'T FORGET THE CREDIT UNION DINNER MEETING, JANUARY 30

### COURSES IN ADVANCED PHYSICS MAY BE OFFERED TO EMPLOYEES

Laboratory employees have shown a considerable amount of interest in advanced physics and the University of Virginia Extension is contemplating offering a series of guided reading and discussion courses which will cover the material usually studied in a graduate course of study in physics. These courses will involve much more effort on the part of the student than the lecture courses which have been given previously. The first course in this series will be based on the Introduction to Theoretical Physics, by Slater and Frank and will provide a background for more advanced courses in atomic and nuclear physics which will be offered at a later date. Those interested are invited to attend an organizational meeting which will be held Thursday, January 13, in the Projection Room at 4:50 p.m.

### SIX LABORATORY EMPLOYEES GET PARTS IN LITTLE THEATRE PLAYS

Six Laboratory employees have been cast in the Hampton Little Theatre's production of two one-act plays which will be presented at 8:15 p.m., February 1, at the Hampton High School auditorium.

Marjorie Cullifer, Payroll, has the lead in "The Terrific Dud", an original play written and directed by Margaret Bame, Fiscal Office. Other Lab employees taking part in the production are: Bunny Klawans, Flight Research, as Dick; Mary Campbell, Editorial Office, as Mrs. Wills; Ann Robinson, Leave, as Mrs. Brown; and Arty Assadourian, PRT, as Mac.

The second play, "The Old Lady Shows Her Medals", by Sir James N. Barrie, will be under the direction of Crickett Burr and includes two Lab employees: Dorothy Harmon, Leave, as Mrs. Twymley, and John R. Dawson, Tank, as Rev. Williams.

Both plays are under the production of Lenore Hulcher.

### 7 X FOOTS, AWT, AND 16'-PRT WIN LEAGUE GAMES

The Girls' Community Basketball League entered its second week of play with three games; at the Hampton High School last Monday night. AWT, last year's champs, downed Administration 27-11. At the end of the half AWT led 15-6 and held on to that margin all through the game. AWT's 27 points were divided rather evenly among the three forwards with Louise Crane scoring 10, Becky Boykin 9, and Edna Lishman 8. Frances Arnn was outstanding for Administration scoring 6 of their 11 points.

Leading throughout the game, the girls from 16'-PRT downed Loads 20-8 in their opening game of the season. Naoma Haney chalked up 10 points for the winners and Edna Scott was outstanding in her position as guard.

7 X Foots scored their second victory of the season by defeating 8'-Computers 18-9. Holding the winners to a 6-3 margin at half time, the 8'-Computers evidently found Jackie Poteat who chalked up 16 of 7 X Foots' 18 points a littel more than they could fight.

#### STANDINGS

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

### BOXES TO BE PLACED AT LAB FOR "MARCH DIMES" FUNDS

"The March of Dimes" which is now being conducted throughout the nation for the benefit of those afflicted with infantile paralysis will have no active solicitation here at the Laboratory; however, boxes will be placed at convenient places for those who wish to donate to the cause. All residents, whether temporary or permanent, are eligible for assistance from the local chapter.