



## PRICE APPOINTED MEMBER OF NACA

Vice Admiral John Dale Price, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Air), has been appointed a member of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, succeeding Vice Admiral Duncan on the Committee.

Vice Admiral Price was born in Augusta, Arkansas in 1892. He is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy and has had a career of active and distinguished service in the Navy. A naval pilot and holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, he has been in naval aviation since 1920. He played an active part in early carrier aviation, setting flight endurance records in 1924 and performing outstanding service in experimental work aboard the carrier USS Langley. In the last war, as Commander of Fleet Air Wing Two, Vice Admiral Price received the DFC for brilliant and courageous attacks on Wake Island.

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## ANNOUNCE RESULTS OF SURVEY HERE

"Have you taken a Civil Service examination?" This was the question 902 war service and temporary employees were asked a few weeks ago by the Personnel Records Section during a survey conducted in accordance with a request from the House Appropriations Committee.

In an effort to speed-up the reconversion of Civil Service to the former peace time basis, Chairman John Taber, Republican Representative from New York, requested the information which included such data as the number of war service and temporary employees, the number who have taken examinations, and the number who have received notices of eligibility.

As a result of these surveys being conducted by each Federal agency, the Civil Service Commission will be required to speed up their examination program so that all war service and temporary

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## GALS GET GOIN' GRAB A MAN

The women's race for men is now going into the stretch and there are a lot of would-be Lotharios who are becoming mighty worried that their date book for February 27 is still blank. Some have even resorted to an attempted face-saving plan of asking the girl. This technique of course is not cricket and the women who have accepted are in the leap-year dog house. Don't let him scare you, gals, tell him no!! This time you do the inviting, paying, and even breaking at the dance. This is your chance to pick a dancing partner and the numbers you have always wanted to dance with and to, so make the most of it.



You married women had better start asking, too, lots of husbands are "sweating out" an invitation from the wife. If you want to see a change in some of the couple combinations ask "that man" now and bring him to the Leap Year Dance on February 27 from 10 to 2 in the Activities Building where the motif in garb is semi-formal. The music you will ask him to dance to is by Joel Vause and his orchestra and the turnstile release is set for \$1.50 (looped or loose).

### MONDAY CLASSES MEET NEXT TUESDAY

Since Monday, Feb. 23 is a holiday, the University of Virginia Extension classes which normally meet on Monday nights will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at the regular time.

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Dr. George W. Lewis, former Director Aeronautical Research and now Research Consultant, receives from Dr. George C. Hunsaker, Chairman of the NACA, a testimonial on behalf of the Committee. Also shown in the picture are Dr. Vannevar Bush and General Carl Spaatz, both Committee members.



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By Joe Blanco

With the first signs of spring just around the corner, the Brain-busters have again become active in model flying after a winter of planning and building.

Last Sunday at Langley Field, several attempts were made at new world records and two were unofficially broken.

Joe Dodson, West Engineering, flying in the new CO<sub>2</sub> class piled up the record total time of 14:58 for three official flights. The highest single flight was 9:02 with 4:17 as second best. 1:39 rounded out the three flight average.

The airplane, designed and built by Dodson, weighs about six ounces and has a wing area of 150 square inches. Joe has been building CO<sub>2</sub> models since the past contest season and it took quite a while to get the right combination of power, launch, and engine run to set the record. The time has been sent in to A.M.A. headquarter at Washington, D. C. to be officially recognized and recorded.

Dick Everett also established a record with his helicopter averaging 1:26. Highest of the flights was 1:38. Dick's model was a weird contraption and many of the spectators had their doubts as to whether it would fly. However, the time it accumulated removed any doubts from the minds of the skeptics.

Charlie Folk, West Machine Shop, was the third to establish a new unofficial record. This was done in Class "A" control line flying. He flew his model at an average speed of 109 m.p.h., surpassing the old record of 93 m.p.h. However, this record cannot be recognized due to the fact that all official records in control line flying must be clocked with three stop watches. This speed run was clocked with only one watch and therefore the record was nullified.

These records should act as a barometer of things to come in the new contest season.

The next club meeting will be held Tuesday, February 24 at 7 p.m. at the Syms-Eaton Community Center

FOR SALE: 6 x 30 binoculars, German make. H. Clason, W. Motion Picture Lab or Hampton 4945.

FOR RENT: Furnished room for young man. Mrs. J. R. Burgess, H-4400.

FOR SALE: Baby carriage. R. H. White, Instrument Research.

## FOR WOMEN ONLY!!!

Since the first plans were announced for the Leap Year Dance, we have been hearing all sorts of disparaging remarks from the women. It seems that the majority of them are highly insulted when they discover that they are expected to pay the admission, to say nothing of the trimmings that go with a dance. Girls, this is leap year and it comes only once every four years and this is the last time you will be asked to make such a great "sacrifice" until 1952.

Whether you realize it or not, the majority of the men have been to a Leap Year Dance or attended dances at girls' schools where all the breaking and bill paying were handled by the members of the fairer sex. They know how such dances are run, so they are expecting you to ask them to the dance, break at the dance, pay the admission, wait on them, see that they have a good time, and furnish everything else that goes with such an affair just as they have been doing in the past.

For the past few years, women have been trying to establish themselves on an equal basis with men, but now that it is their time to foot the bills the majority of them are trying to crawl "daintily" back upon the pedestal, which they relinquished years ago, and sulk because they have been "insulted". This is 1948, not 1848, so stop putting on the act and join in the fun. The success of this party is in the hands of the women, so let's show the men that we can do things up right, too.

## Life At The Laboratory

Whether it was intentional. . . . .

or purely coincidental, could not be determined as the "Air Scoop" went to press, but it seems that Norma Blevins, Report Typists, picked Valentine's Day to change her name to Mrs. Hart. She was married last Saturday in the Base Chapel to James Hart of Eporia. Betty Burch, Report Typists, was the maid-of-honor and only attendant.

One of the Laboratory's. . . . .

leading romances reached the engagement stage on Valentine's Day. The two love-birds are Julia Bridges, 16-foot Tunnel, and Chet Weislo, Pilotless Aircraft Research. Wedding bells will ring some time during the late spring or as soon as the couple can find an apartment.

Dan Cupid seemed to have had. . . . .

quite a week-end of love-matching. Coming to work Monday with a new sparkler on her third finger left hand was Nell McDonald, R.M.A. She is engaged to Ed Cason, G.R.I., and no definite date has been announced for the big event.

Tomorrow is the day. . . . .

when Jean Humphrey, Flight Research, will change the "Miss" to "Mrs." She will marry Stephen Brock and the wedding will take place in the Langley Field Chapel. Laboratory employees taking part in the ceremony are Ruth Green and Jim Matthews, both of Flight Research.

Another Laboratory employee. . . . .

Homer Heigler, Jr., IRD, joined the ranks of old married folks last Saturday when he took his final vows with Doris Peterson of Wythe.

Passing out cigars. . . . .

is Lewis Fisher, Stability Tunnel. He is the father of a son born February 16.





# LEAGUE MAY END IN TIES

As things stand now, it looks as though the Men's Basketball League may end up with several ties. Stability #1 is currently leading the league due to the fact that they have played two games more than Loads, who are holding down the number two spot. Both teams have only one defeat to their credit. Tied for third position are 19-Foot, West Machine, 16-Foot, and Variety; however, some changes should result soon as several deciding games are yet to be played. 19-Foot and West Machine have yet to tangle with Loads; 16-Foot will have to get by IRD to remain in the third spot; and Variety has to take on PRD.

Despite the fact that West Machine defeated West Model 39-26, it was still a close game and West Model almost came out on the winning end. Leading at half time 15-9, the West Model five gave way to the opponents to lose, what looked like a sure win during the first half. High scorer for the winners was Bill Munden with fourteen points and tops for the losers was Roberts with eight.

Stability #1 managed to chalk up another win and Stability #2 added another defeat to their record last week when Stability #1 took a 54-14 win over their opponents. Both teams are trying to hold their own with Stability #1 in the number one spot and the #2 team at the bottom of the league standings. The #1 team was well ahead at half time by the score of 28-4 and they added 26 more points in the last half to the losers 10. Thompson was high scorer for the winners with sixteen points and Shufflebarger was big gun for the losers with six.

16-Foot managed to hold their own in a four way tie for the number three spot by barely nosing out Physical Research 25-23. It was a close game all the way with 16-Foot leading at half time by the score of 11-5. Top scorer for the winners was Bob Boswinkle with nine points and high point man for the losers was Reece with 10.

Variety added another win to their record when they trounced 9-Inch 42-20. The score was fairly close at half time with Variety leading 19-13 but the winners got their second win to widen the margin by 22 points. High scorer for the winners was Luke Liccini with ten points and tops for the losers was Hasel with eleven.

The schedule for the remaining



Player	Team	FG	F	TP	G	Avg.
Mertens	Loads	46	13	105	7	15
Hinka	16'	49	7	105	8	13.1
Cancro	19'	45	14	104	9	11.6
Polhamus	Sta. #1	51	2	104	9	11.6
Davis	19'	43	7	94	10	9.4
Liccini	Variety	26	16	68	9	7.6

## LAB HOLDS AIRCRAFT LOADS CONFERENCE

The NACA Conference on Aircraft Loads was conducted Wednesday and Thursday at the Activities Building with approximately 200 representatives of the aviation industry in the United States in attendance.

Speakers for the two-day conference included employees of the Langley and Ames Laboratories.

R. H. Abbott, Washington Office, was conference chairman.

FOR SALE: 1946 2 door Ford sedan with radio and heater. Doris Topping, Editorial Office.

WANTED: Passengers to Winston-Salem over week-end of February 27. Clara Haynes, Low Turbulence.

WANTED: Passenger from Hampton to E.A. on 8 shift. Mahler, 2305.

part of the season is as follows:  
Feb. 24 - 6 p.m. Loads versus PRD; 7 p.m. Stability #1 versus PARD.

Feb. 25 - 6:30 p.m. Stability #2 versus Loads; 7:30 PARD versus PRD; 8:30 IRD versus 16-Foot; and 9:30 Stability #1 versus W. Model.

March 2 - 6 p.m. PARD versus IRD; 7 p.m. Loads versus 19-Foot.

March 3 - 6:30 PARD versus Stability #2; 7:30 Variety versus PRD; 8:30 Loads versus West Machine; and 9:30 9-Inch versus IRD.

### STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
Stability #1	8	1	.889
Loads	6	1	.600
19-Foot	6	4	.600
W. Machine	6	4	.600
16-Foot	6	4	.600
Variety	6	4	.600
9-Inch	5	5	.500
IRD	4	4	.500
PARD	3	4	.429
PRD	3	5	.375
W. Model	1	9	.100
Stability #2	0	9	.000

# BOWLING NEWS

## MONDAY DUCKPIN LEAGUE

Leading the Monday night bowling league is Mechanical Maintenance with 35 wins and 13 losses. High bowlers were Luke Liccini with a 331 set and Harry Davis with a 118 game. Leading the members of the fairer sex was Irma Twyman, Full Scale, with a 133 game and 309 set. Since Monday is a holiday, the games previously scheduled for next week have been postponed until the end of the round.

### STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
Mech. Maint.	35	13	.729
FGDA	33	18	.647
PRD	30	18	.625
19-Foot	28	20	.583
Project 506	29	22	.569
IRD	26	22	.542
Deadducks	23	25	.479
Full Scale	19	32	.373
Stenographic	16	32	.333
CELEC	16	32	.333
Library	16	35	.314

## WEDNESDAY DUCKPIN LEAGUE

Sound Lab leads the Wednesday Duckpin League with 28 wins and 14 losses, followed by G.R.I. with 27 wins and 15 losses. Last week's top bowling honors went to Charlie Seacord, PARD, with a 135 game; John Baker, Sound Lab, with a 352 set; Louise Crane, Ragouts, 113 game; and Ruth Greene, Deadpins, 281 set.

### STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
Sound Lab	28	14	.667
G.R.I.	27	15	.643
Tank	23	19	.548
Gutter Rate	21	21	.500
Flight Ragouts	21	24	.467
16-Foot	18	21	.462
Structures	17	22	.436
PARD	18	24	.429
Flight Deadpins	16	29	.356

## TENPIN LEAGUE

Pinbusters, with five wins and one loss, and Missilot, with 6 wins and 2 losses, are running a close race for the number one spot. Last week high scoring honors went to Florence Blythe with a 162 game and Ferne Driver with a 162 game and 411 set. Karnhardt was high for the men with a 220 game

Team	W	L	Avg.
Pinbusters	5	1	.833
Missilot	6	2	.750
Low Turbulence	4	2	.667
Splinters	4	2	.667
Headpins	6	3	.667
Pinpoints	5	4	.556
Structures	5	4	.556
Paris	4	5	.444
Missilleaneous	3	5	.375
Aces	3	6	.333
Alleycats	3	6	.333
East Model	3	6	.333
Fiscal Wrecks	2	7	.222



## RETURN OIL DRUMS TO WAREHOUSE

The Stock Section requests that all oil drums, particularly those from the Texas Oil Company, be returned to the warehouse when empty. Oil drums are purchased by the Laboratory at \$2.50 each and are exchanged for full drums when oil is delivered. Containers of this type should not be used for waste oil nor should they be mutilated in any way that will make them unserviceable.

A supply of government owned nonreturnable drums, which may be used for waste oil or other purposes, may be obtained from the warehouse, telephone 4590. The cooperation of the Laboratory staff is requested as the lack of drums for exchange increases the price of the oil and sometimes delays shipment.

The nonreturnable drums are for government use only and cannot be sold to individuals.

## SURVEY

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workers may be certified as provisional appointees not later than the tentative date of Sept. 30.

The survey at the Laboratory revealed that there are 902 war service and temporary employees. Of this number 629 have taken examinations and 273 have not. Of those who have taken examinations 185 were eligible, 56 were ineligible, and 388 have not been informed of the test results.

All employees who have not taken an examination to qualify them for competitive status are urged to make every effort to do so.

## PRICE NAMED

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In addition to the DFC, he holds the Navy Cross and the Legion of Merit with Gold Star. The Gold Star was awarded in place of a second Legion of Merit, in recognition of his services as Commandant of the Naval Operating Base, Okinawa, from July 1945 to February 1946. He returned to the U. S. in March of 1946. Other awards held by Vice Admiral Price are: The Mexican Service Medal, Victory Medal, Yangtze Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Order of the Crown Cavaliere Ufficiale (for the Balbo flight Dec. 17, 1930 to January 15, 1931.)

WANTED: Ride from Fox Hill to E.A. on 8 shift. B. Simms, 2259.

FOR SALE: Automatic gas hot water heater. Hampton 3-3829.



3% Paid On Savings For 1947

## JUKE BOX DANCE FRIDAY, MARCH 5

Don't forget to reserve Friday, March 5 for the Juke Box Jamboree sponsored by the Basketball League. The affair will be held at the Activities Building and good music will be furnished by several big name bands.

The proceeds from the dance will go towards buying an electric score board for the use of both the girls' and men's league. Admission is only 25 cents per person and tickets may be bought from members of the basketball leagues.

## SKYCHICKS STILL ON WINNING STREAK

So far the Skychicks have had a perfect season with eight wins and no losses. Last week the Chicks downed the Eagles, leaders in the Newport News League, 26-17. High scorer for the winners was Leona Hoffman with 12 points and tops for the losers was Atkins with 9.

Last Friday the Chicks journeyed to Norfolk where they upset the Naval Air Station Civilians 43-37. Becky Boykin and Edna Lishman starred for the winners with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

The Chicks chalked up their eighth straight win last Monday night when they swamped the Hampton Crabberettes to the tune of 37-13. Lorean Cooper and Leona Hoffman took high scoring laurels with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

FOR RENT: Bachelor's one room apartment with kitchen and bath. Newport News 2-6228.

WANTED: Passengers from Wythe to E.A. on 8 shift. Margaret Spear, 2214.

WANTED: Passengers from Copeland Park to W.A. on 8 shift. Hodges, 4572.

## LITTLE THEATRE PLAY SET FOR NEXT WEEK

The plot of "The Little Foxes", which will be presented by the Hampton Little Theatre in the Hampton High School auditorium next Friday and Saturday revolves around a Southern family who might well be called the epitome of selfishness and greed.

The evil-doings commence when Ben and Oscar Hubbard and their sister, Regina Giddens, make a deal with William Marshall, a Chicago businessman, to erect a cotton mill on their land and profit by the cheap labor available. Regina and her brothers are to have a controlling interest in return for the sum of \$225,000, one third of this money to be provided by each of them.

Ben and Oscar have no trouble in raising their portion, but Regina encounters difficulty with her husband, Horace, who is hospitalized in Baltimore for a heart ailment. Although she prevails upon him to come home against the doctor's orders, he refuses to furnish the money for her share in the project.

After discarding several schemes, among them the marriage of Oscar's son, Leo, to Regina and Horace's daughter, Alexandra, Ben and Oscar decide to resort to plain, old-fashioned larceny. It is a simple matter for Leo, who works in the local bank, to remove from Horace's safety deposit box \$75,000 worth of bonds which are sent to Marshall to complete the transaction.

However, Horace discovers the theft and makes a decision which brings out the innate avarice of the Hubbards and turns each against the others, which results in all three getting their just deserves.

The cast includes Walthall Hamilton as Regina Giddens, Tiny Hutton as Ben Hubbard, Willis Cowling as Oscar Hubbard, John B. Parkinson as Horace Giddens, Beverly Anne Farster as Alexandra Giddens, Dorothy Alfrey as Birdie Hubbard, Oscar's wife; Bobby Harrell as Leo Hubbard; Dr. Ellis L. Rabben as William Marshall and Winifred Hughes and Wilbur Moore as Addie and Cal, the house servants.

David M. Goldenbaum is directing the drama, assisted by Mrs. John D. Williams. Tom Hulcher is in charge of the production duties.

LOST OR STRAYED: Millikan's "Aerodynamics of the Air Plane" with A.R. Stokke inside front cover. A. R. Stokke, Aero Loads.

FOR SALE: Colt Super .38 automatic with ammunition. \$55. 214 Apt. #2 Regent St.