

LANGLEY VIEW HOMES ARE OPENED TO LAB VETERANS

At long last some Lab employees have been accepted again as eligible for housing in Langley View, it was announced this week by the Housing Office.

While no vacancies exist at present, and the normal turnover rate is slow, veterans who would like to move into the development are urged to contact the Laboratory Housing Office as soon as possible and have their names put on the waiting list. The project is restricted for those who are not making more than \$3000 a year.

It was pointed out that a certain number of civilians are already living in Langley View and any vacancies created by their moving out will be filled by other civilians. Veterans will not be eligible to move into those homes vacated by military personnel. There is a very small civilian waiting list at present.

Originally, NACA employees were allowed to move into Langley View and many of them still live there, but several years ago, the Army decided that it needed all the remaining units for its own personnel and their families so the project was closed to all others.

SUB AGENCIES LISTED FOR AUTO TAG BUYERS

In addition to the main office of the division of motor vehicles, at 900 Kecoughtan Road, three sub agencies have been opened in other Peninsula areas to facilitate the purchase of state auto tags.

The offices and their Saturday hours are: Hampton: Commissioner of Revenue's Office, Court House, 9:30 - 12:30. Newport News: Tidewater Motorcycle Co.,

EXAMS ANNOUNCED FOR TYPISTS, STENOGRAPHERS

The Fourth U. S. Civil Service Regional Director, M. J. McAuffe, has announced examinations leading to permanent status for all Civil Service employees who are doing stenographic or typing work. All Laboratory employees in these categories are urged to apply for the exam.

Those who attain eligibility and who meet the conditions for classification in their present positions may have their non-status appointments converted to appointments with Civil Service status, without change of grade or salary.

Complete information may be obtained by calling the Employment Office, 2272 or 2325.

LAB RED CROSS CAMPAIGN LAGGING; \$2313 IN TILL

With the drive set to close and only \$2313 contributed to date, Laboratory officials expressed a definite disappointment that the 1946 Red Cross Campaign had done no better at the Laboratory.

The percentage of employees taking part and the average contribution was felt to be a good bit lower than in previous years.

East Area totals were \$1252 matched with \$1061 from the West.

All employees who have not taken part are urged to do so in the next few days.

25th and Huntington, 9 - 1. Hilton Village: Administrative Building, Station and Depot, 8 - 12.

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### LIFE AT THE LABORATORY

Whoever said. . . . .

"The world is full of surprises" can certainly say that again. The scoop of the year reached our office Monday and we pass it on to you knowing that you will be just as shocked as we were so a word of warning! Those with a slight heart ailment are advised to stop here - do not read any further - this may be the final blow. But to those with a strong constitution we wish to announce that Pat Chiarito, Structures, has gone and got himself engaged to Marian Dodson. Wedding bells will ring sometime in April.

Another basketball fiasco. . . . .

will be enacted Monday night at 9 at Hampton High when the AWT male and female contingents do battle with one another. Girls' rules will prevail. Defending the honor of the ladies will be Bellerin' Boykin, Lukewarm Lishman, Cutthroat Call, Rebound Read, Hot Shot Scott, Muscles McKinstry, and Murderin' Mikell. Attempting to prove the superiority of the males (?) will be Bowlegs Bates, Romantical Rossi, Jitterbug Johnson, Sentimental Smith, Cuddles Comenzo, Beaucatcher Bridges, and Mermaid McKee. And they aren't even charging admission.

Wedding bells will. . . . .

ring March 31 when Neal Tetervin, PRD, journeys north to marry Debra Rubin of Brooklyn.

### THE HOT STOVE LEAGUE

by Dale Burrows

Spring is probably definitely here and rumors are floating about softball. Last year's mitts, bats, and balls are being dragged out of the closet and slightly sore arms will soon be the topic of conversation.

A lot of old faces have left us but a good healthy nucleus is coming back to life and it looks like we will not miss our chance to have a smooth functioning softball season this year, in as much as past NACA softball organizations have weathered the stiff going during the war.

There are a few harbingers of the old ball diamond enthusiasm that have been breathed around in general. For instance, IRD hints that Eickmeier has developed a new super, legal, unquestionable beyond a shadow of a doubt, and we've got movies to prove it pitch, and they promise to have more women, children and dogs on the field than ever before. Last year's ace umpire, Joe Kotanchik, Structures' enthusiast and player if necessary, says the games this year ought to go faster, seein' how the batter's box is large enough according to the new rules for two fellows to bat at the same time. But he warns, that as before, he will tolerate no one's stepping closer than 2.98 inches from the plate before the ball passes the batter.

Bobby Nuber has scanned his roster of Low Turbulence possibilities and found Fred Rice missing. He figures that the new rule that does away with the short fielder has saved him. However he hasn't stopped to think about Rice's .431 batting average. The smack of the horsehide and hickory is resounding around the Structures Lab and "Whispering" Schildcrout (my grammaw coulda dun betta) is working on some new vocal spasms with which to harass the unsuspecting opposition.

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Another bride-elect. . . . .

is Oleta Church who is leaving the Spin Tunnel April 5 to become Mrs. Freck Norwood of Norwood, N. C.

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**GIRLS' COMMUNITY BASKETBALL LEAGUE ENTERS PLAYOFFS**

The Girls' Community Basketball League completed its play of league games last Monday night and went into the first round of playoffs.

Running true to form, Administration lost another close game by a 2-point margin and 16-Footer came out on the better end of a 22-20 victory. With the score tied 10-10 at halftime, Administration kept close on the heels of the winners, playing them basket for basket.

Tackling two games in one night, the brave 16-Footers found Presbyterian a little more than they bargained for, losing 23-17. At half time Presby was well ahead by a score of 13-5.

In the first game of playoffs, 7 X Footers walked away with a 32-9 victory over PRD and led at half time 20-4.

Jackie Potcat was high scorer for the winners with 15 points. On Monday, April 1, the 7 X Footers will play the winner of the Presbyterian-Loads game.

The following tournament games will be played next Monday night at the Hampton High School gym; 7 p.m. - 16-Footer versus Administration; 8 p.m. - Presbyterian versus Loads; and 9 p.m. - (non-tournament game) AWT Girls versus AWT Boys.

**FINAL STANDINGS**

Team	W	L	Pctg.
AWT	7	0	1.000
7 X Footers	6	1	.857
Presby	5	2	.714
16'-PRT	4	3	.571
PRD	3	4	.429
Administration	2	5	.286
Loads	1	6	.143
8'-Computers	0	7	.000

**FIRST SOFTBALL MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY NIGHT**

A meeting of all softball captains or team appointed representatives has been called for Tuesday, March 26, by Dale Burrows, last year's league chairman. The meeting will be held at Symos-Eaton and will start at 7 p.m. Officers will be elected and committees appointed.

**BASKETBALL'S BIG 6**

Player	Team	G	FG	F	TP	Avg.
Eickmeier	IRD	11	60	15	135	12.3
Liccini	8'HST	12	49	25	123	10.3
Davis	Presby	9	49	19	117	13
Perry	8'HST	11	48	19	115	10.5
Liberatore	IRD	10	41	31	113	11.3
McConnell	IRD	10	47	18	112	11.2

**HYDROSOTS TAKE FIRST PLACE IN MEN'S TENPINS**

The boys from the Tank have finally found some sport they can win. The Hydrosots, composed of Howard Zeck, Ted Eales, George Jarvis, B. Corbett, and Charles Cromlee easily rolled their way to the 1946 tenpin crown. However, one team, the "Smiling Irishmen" held the "Brooklyn" jinx over the sots, pinning their ears back seven times out of nine.

The race for second place was close all season with the Pin Busters edging in on the last night of play. Kream-puffs won the title for the most improved team of the year and in a couple of years, should give any cellar team a run for their money.

Individual high records went to the following: High game - Carl Stempin, Kreampuffs, 233; Raymond Watson, Missles, 231; and Howard Zeck, Hydro-sots, 225. High set - Watson, 594; Tom Haynes, Missles, 561; and Mayo Greenberg, Irishmen, 556. Season average - Haynes, 163.2; Corbett, 160.1; and Watson, 159.5.

**FINAL STANDINGS**

Team	W	L
Hydrosots	39	21
Pin Busters	32	28
Smiling Irishmen	21	29
Woodpeckers	20	30
16 Footers	19	31
Missile Aneous	19	31
Kaplan's Kreampuffs	19	37

LOST: Automatic 4-color pencil, gold plate, Reward. F. W. Diederich, Aero Loads.

## FREE FLIGHT'S FLYING

## FOOL AWARDED DFFFC

At impressive ceremonies held last Friday before the assembled staff of the Free Flight Wing, Capt. "Smilin' Jack" Paulson, flight leader of the 338th FFTBU, was awarded the Distinguished Free Flight Flying Cross for "meritorious achievement on flights against overwhelming enemy installations during the period 1 March 1946 through 13 March 1946.

Col. O. A. "Raider" Carlson of the FFT Materiel Command made the presentation while Major Herman Ankenbruck, Acting Wing Adjutant read the citation. Capt. Paulson then stepped to the reviewing stand alongside Brig-Gen. John Paul Campbell, CO of the FFT Wing.

A pilot of the test model used in the Free Flight Tunnel, Paulson was getting in some flight time early in the month. He went out on his routine missions unaccompanied and every time was confronted by 14 of the enemy, each a plate glass window in the tunnel side. In the face of superior forces he came through with "kills" on five occasions in 13 days. The five broken windows, stencilled on the fuselage of his model, make him the ranking flyer in the squadron and first ace in the history of the entire FFT Wing.

Capt. Paulson in a statement to the press said calmly, "Shucks, it wasn't nothing. It was just as simple as fly-a kite."

Gen. Campbell issued a formal statement denying charges that tunnel operators are being forced to draw lots to see who goes in with Paulson. "A situation would never be allowed to get that far out of hand in the FFT," he boasted, "we've simply grounded Capt. Paulson pending his reassignment as Deputy Chief of the Kite Research Division at our Research Institute in Keccughtan Court. There is a real place in our organization for flying scientists of his ability."

## FIFTH TERM OF APPRENTICE

## CLASSES BEGINS APRIL 1

The fifth term of Apprentice classes will begin April 1, and as usual, classes will be taught at the Hampton High School on Monday and Wednesday nights from 7 'til 9:30 p.m.

The Training Unit wishes to emphasize that while the courses are intended primarily for apprentices and prospective apprentices, any interested employee of the Laboratory may take advantage of such training provided a nominal fee of \$1.75 is paid for each 25 hour course.

The tentative list of courses to be offered includes the following: Blueprint Reading, Shop Mathematics, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Physics, Mechanical Drawing, Mechanics and Strength of Materials, Machine Shop Theory, Sheetmetal Layout, Metallurgy, Use of Machinery's Handbook, Simple and Advanced Aeronautics and Practical Electricity.

To register contact Frank Penland on or before March 27 at the Training Office, telephone - 2256.

## THE HOT STOVE LEAGUE

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Red Neihouse has a gleam in his eye as he looks toward the Stability bullpen now that short fielders have been outlawed. . . . Full-Scale is in the market for a new arm for Roy Lange. . . . Marv Pitkin is coaching his dog Pete so that the latter will be a full fledged base umpire in another month. . . . Walt Woods is still talking about his one extra base hit. . . . Ray Comenzo, not admitting his increasing ponderosity looks upon the shortened base lines as a boon to the fat men. . . . Everyone is hoping that Martina gets a chance to go with a major league team. Everybody but 19-Foot. . . . (Ed. note: And Dale Burrows wonders why with all the changing rules they don't build higher, wider backstops.)



### BASKETBALL FINISHES WITH TOURNAMENT PLAY AND DANCE

The second annual basketball tournament is set for next week with the final game in the men's tourney, a girls game with AWT versus the All Stars, plus a victory dance scheduled at the Hampton Armory on Thursday, April 4.

Blair Blanton and the Southerners will play for the dance which starts after the games. The women's game starts at 7 p.m. and the men's final at 8.

Preliminary games in the men's play will begin Tuesday night at the YMCA. Two games will be played. Starting time is 6:45. Also at the "Y" on Wednesday, three games are carded beginning at 6:45.

The quarter finals are set for Saturday afternoon, March 30, also at the "Y", starting at 1:30. The semi-finals will be played Tuesday, April 2 at 7 and 8 p.m.

### UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA EXTENSION OFFERS COURSE IN PILOT GROUND SCHOOL TRAINING

The University of Virginia is offering an extension course in Pilot Ground Training. The class will consist of 32 hours lecture and carry two hours of college credit. The lectures will include Civil Aeronautical Regulations, general maintenance and inspection of aircraft, aerial navigation, and meteorology. Satisfactory completion of the course will fulfill the requirements set forth by the Civil Aeronautics Authority for a private pilot's certificate.

A registration fee of \$15 is required and class will meet on Monday or Wednesday evenings, with a possibility of meeting both nights in order that the class may be completed sooner than the normal 16 week period. De Beeler of Aerodynamic Loads Section will be the instructor.

Persons interested in attending the class may register at Hampton High School, March 27, at 7 p.m. in Room 202.

**FOR SALE:** Two walnut chest of drawers, bedroom rocking chair, clothes hamper, and ironing board. Don Talmadge, FRD,

### LIFE AT THE LABORATORY (continued from page 2)

A supreme blowout. . . .

at the earliest possible moment, was the first order given to Bill Schryer, newly elected president of the newly organized East Machine Shop Hubba-Hubba Club. Thirty-three members have joined and in addition to Schryer, elected Bill Lind vice-president and Tommy McGrath secretary and treasurer. Len Taylor, Harry Thompson, and Frank Pucorri are on the social committee. Smilin' Bea Carroll has been named sponsor.

### BRIDGE CLUB PLANS TOURNAMENT APRIL 9

At its first meeting Tuesday night the LMAL Bridge Club set Tuesday, April 9 as the date for its first duplicate tournament.

Complete plans for the tourney are being formulated by Carl Rossman, Bruce Amole, Bill Sperry, and Gene Frank. Details will be released next week.

The club meets every Tuesday night at the Academy Street USO at 8 o'clock and rubber bridge is played except on tournament nights. All interested employees and their families are invited to attend.

### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY ALUMNI TO MEET NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

The first meeting of the New York University Alumni Association will be held at 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 26 at the Academy Street USO. The meeting will feature the N.Y.U. versus Notre Dame basketball game held this past month and the Eastern Championship game of 1945 between N.Y.U. and Ohio State.

### NORFOLK GETS VIEW OF "LIFE WITH FATHER"

"Life With Father," the male "counterpart" of "I Remember Mama" visits Norfolk for three days on March 22, 23, and 24.

The professional road company will give five performances, matinees Saturday and Sunday, on the stage of the Center Theater.

### 19-FOOT TUNNEL SCENE OF DUAL MISHAPS MONDAY

Lightning might never strike the same place twice but there are two fellows from the 19-Foot Pressure Tunnel who might want to argue over the matter. They are James G. McHugh and Ralph Westfall who are both improving following twin mishaps last Monday.

Some type of foreign noise was making itself heard in the main drive of the big pressure tunnel, so while it was blown down, a party went in to investigate. They were trying to locate the noise. McHugh was attempting to reverse the path of the blades when his foot accidentally was caught between a blade tip and the floor of the tunnel.

He was rushed to the Base Hospital where x-rays showed a fracture. A temporary cast was put on post haste and he was transferred to Buxton Hospital for the permanent cast.

Meanwhile the work in the tunnel went on. Westfall was helping to turn the prop, his foot carefully placed on a brace. His foot slipped and the accident was repeated. Division Chief Clint Dearborn was really overwhelmed when he left McHugh on his way to the hospital, stopped by the Dispensary, and there saw Westfall getting emergency first aid. The staff at Buxton x-rayed Westfall and applied the cast for his fracture. The two accidents were 25 minutes apart.

### PENINSULA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB TO REORGANIZE

The Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, which was made up, in the prewar period, of the radio amateurs of the lower peninsula, is now making plans for postwar activities. It was announced by Club Secretary, W. G. Walker, W3AKN, that the first postwar meeting will be held on Friday night, March 29, at 8 p.m. at the Hampton USO, located on Academy Street (one block east of Locust Street.)

A cordial invitation is extended to all radio amateurs and others interested to attend the meeting to become acquainted and take an active part.

**WANTED:** 10 h.p. outboard motor. Call Hampton 8442 after 5:15 p.m.

### IRD AND 8'HST END BASKETBALL SEASON TIED FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

On Wednesday of last week, the 8-Foot high speeders, with their hopes for a share of the championship hanging by a thread, took a slim 37-36 win from Stability to close their season.

The superior all around team play by 8-Foot was the deciding factor as their smooth clicking combine was too much for the ailing Stabilityites. Minus their high-scoring forward Eddie Polhamus, Stability depended chiefly on Bill Bates to keep them in the ball game. Bates was high point man with 15 markers, played a stellar defensive game, and brought the crowd to its feet numerous times when he dropped in long shots from mid court after the fast break failed to materialize down court. Chuck Bennett added nine points to the cause before he went out in the final period with a broken bone in his foot.

Joe Vincke kept the winners' offense moving smoothly, working the ball in to Larry Perry and Luke Liccini who tallied 11 and 10 points respectively.

A rough and tumble Presbyterian team pushed over a surprise 40-27 victory over IRD Wednesday to tumble the leaders into a tie with 8'HST.

The loss of high-scoring Ike Eickmeier early in the first period hurt the Ird's offense and forward wall of their defense. Frank Liberatore took top honors with 17 points while big Jim McConnel was held to eight. Corbett and Smith with 12 and nine led the winners.

### CHAMPIONSHIP GAME SET FOR TUESDAY AT 8:45

The champion of the men's basketball league will be determined Tuesday night, March 26, when IRD and 8'HST meet at the Fort Monroe YMCA at 8:45.

The tentative starting lineups (unless Eickmeier's ankle mends in time) are:

8'HST		IRD
Fedziuk	F	Liberatore
Perry	F	Barr
Liccini	C	McConnell
Vincke (c)	G	Schettler (c)
Beiduk	G	Mann