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## TRAINING UNIVERSITY TO ISSUE CATALOGUE

Taking full advantage of the atmosphere lent by young folks clad in plaid shirts, sweaters and skirts, saddle shoes, and sh-h-h bobby socks, Tom Hulcher plans to lend more of a collegiate air to the Laboratory campus by the issuance of a fall catalogue of his Training University.

"This catalogue will give complete coverage to all the classes that will be offered during our fall and winter semesters," declared Dean Hulcher, "Courses for these months will include engineering, professional, related technical, and general interest subjects." Copies of the catalogue will be available through sections and bulletin boards.

Dean Hulcher also announced that the conclusion of ESMWT and War Training programs has necessitated the establishment of other methods which will require some participation by the students in defraying the cost of classes. (Ed note: In other words, it ain't for free no more.) Arrangements

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## NEW MODEL CLUB FORMED

During the past two years organized flying has been at a stand still, due to war time restrictions and lack of flying fields; however, there have been a few old timers who have continued to build and fly models, not of the usual free flight type as in pre-war days, but models of P-47's, Hellcats, XP77's and various other types, powered by one cylinder air cooled motors. The models are flown on two lines around a circle with a circumference of 100 feet in diameter. The operator of the ship can actuate the elevator of the airplane by a slight movement of his wrist, whereby the plane will dive, climb, or loop, and in some cases fly inverted.

This type of flying has been very popular on the West Coast but is slow in advancing on the East. In order to stimulate control line modeling and to

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## NACA GI-CIVILIANS FORM ORGANIZATION

A meeting was held last Sunday night at the Hampton Armory for servicemen who have been placed on inactive duty to work at the NACA. The purpose of the meeting was to form a permanent organization to function along recreational and social lines and at the same time to try to iron out the problems now affecting the men.

Melvin D. Tullos, temporary secretary, stated that the meeting had been misinterpreted by a few who publicized it as a meeting to air grievances and to find out definitely when "they could go home and leave the NACA."

Tullos further stated that of the 800 GI-civilians now working at the Laboratory, only a few of them have received their mustering out pay. This was one of the aims of forming a group, to represent the men and negotiate their problems. The NACA, he said, has been very cooperative in assisting the

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## TWO FORMER EMPLOYEES SEE FOREIGN DUTY

Of all the NACA employees who went into service through the replacement plan, only two are known to have seen foreign combat duty. They are Pvt. Bert C. Deis, formerly of the East Machine Shop, and Pvt. James N. Eckley, West Machine.

Both were inducted into the Army on January 26, 1945, and since that time their military careers have been parallel. After 18 weeks in the States, a large part of it spent in basic training at Keesler Field, they were shipped overseas by air to Tinian Island and remained there for two months before the declaration of peace. Both are in the 1st Ordnance Group, 20th Air Force, and they wear the POA ribbon.

Eckley was one of the newer employees, having been with the NACA only seven months before his induction; however, Deis had been with the Committee since early 1940 and was graduated from the Apprentice School as a toolmaker.

## LABORATORY NOW ON 40-HOUR WORK WEEK

After working four years under pressure of the war emergency program, the Laboratory has once more resumed its peace time operations. Effective as of August 27, the administrative work week was reduced from 44 to 40 hours, consisting of 8 hours a day, five days a week, Monday through Friday. All legal holidays will be observed as non-work days and the 20-day restriction on the amount of annual leave that may be granted will be lifted as will the 12-day restriction on the amount of leave granted in one continuous period.

Holidays that will be observed as non-work days by the Laboratory are: New Year's Day on January 1; Washington's birthday, February 22; Memorial Day, May 30; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, the first Monday of September; Armistice Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November; and Christmas Day, December 25. Should any of the holidays occur on a Sunday, as does Armistice Day, the following day will be observed.

All existing authorizations to perform excess overtime in addition to the 40 hours a week were cancelled and no further overtime authorizations will be issued except in actual emergencies.

## FOR ACER'S

The Third Service Command has announced that the age limit for discharge of enlisted Reservist has been officially reduced from forty to thirty-eight years.

The termination of the ACER status for Militarized Personnel, men who have not been on active duty, is under consideration in the War Department, but with no indication as to the decision that may be expected.

The mustering-out pay problem has been brought to the attention of the Fiscal Director of Third Service Command and the Administrator of the NACA Militarization Plan. Langley is expecting early action of the War Department which will give the discharged Service personnel the mustering-out pay to

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# EDITORIAL

Thanks, For A Job Well Done

The following letter was received this week by Mrs. Alma Alexander, Chairman of the NACA Transportation Committee, the lady whose job it has been to see that Laboratory employees got the gas and tires necessary to keep bringing a full load of passengers to and from work. Other employees who have held the job in the past are Carrie M. Love, Tiny Hutton, George C. Lumpkin, William A. Aery, T. Melvin Butler, and W. Kemble Johnson.

OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION  
Richmond District Office

Dear Mrs. Alexander:

Now that the war has been won and gasoline rationing is a thing of the past, I desire to express for the Office of Price Administration our sincere appreciation of the splendid work which you and your associates on your Transportation Committee have done in the interest of conserving gasoline, tires, and automobiles. Without the help you have given so willingly and so effectively we could not have stretched wartime transportation resources far enough to assure even at your plant the daily arrival of your workers at their appointed hours. Yours has been one requiring courage and patience, a hard and trying task, but you have the satisfaction of knowing that your work has played no small part in our glorious victory, which was achieved partly by our armed forces and partly by those who held the line at home and kept our troops fully supplied with the required material of war. Please express for me to each member of your Committee our gratitude for their wholehearted efforts in doing this job so well.

We have appreciated especially the fine cooperation you have all given to our Mileage Coordinator, Hugh M. Burroughs. We are justly proud of the magnificent work he has done in this field, and we know that you who have been associated so closely with him share our feeling of regret that he has found it necessary to answer a call to private business.

Owing to the continued scarcity of certain component materials for civilian use, we must for sometime continue to ration tires very strictly, and we shall have to ration new automobiles until they can be made in sufficient numbers to meet substantially the demand for them. This means that local Boards in allocating tire quotas must continue to have all possible help from plant transportation committees in determining the essentiality in the public interest of the work being done by applicants for new tires. Therefore, to help us to conserve tires so long as the emergency lasts and to see that your own important workers who really need tire replacements receive full consideration of their applications we ask that you continue to examine all tire ration applications submitted by your personnel and that you approve only those where real need for an occupational purpose is manifest. We sincerely hope that you will continue to

assist your government in performing this valuable service until we are given a sufficient supply of tires to meet normal needs.

Very truly yours,

J. Fulmer Bright  
District Director.

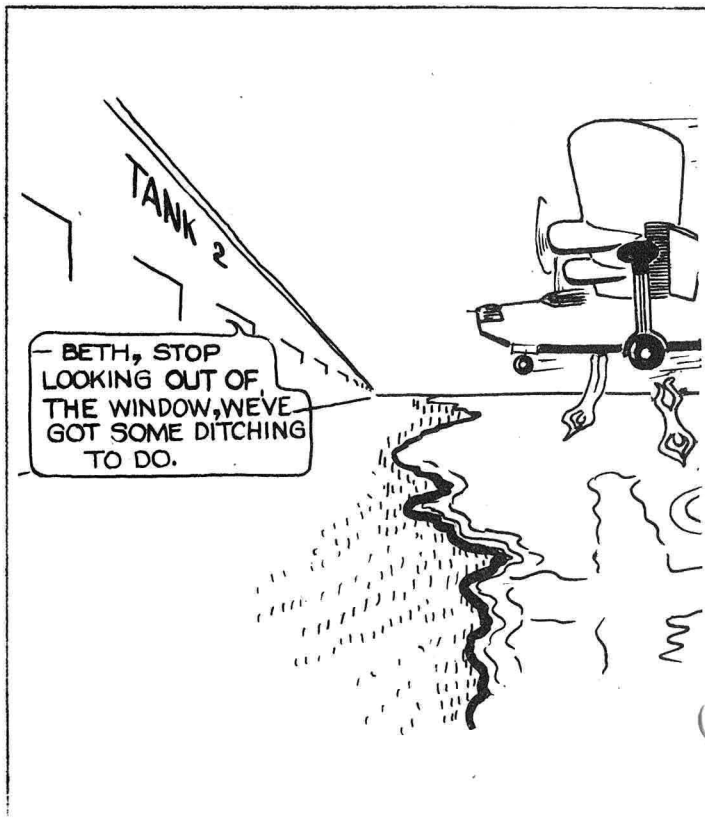
## FILE of the LABORATORY

It was only after he got married . . . . . that Si Diskin, Structures, realized one of man's greatest ambitions - he now spends every night in Anne Wythe Hall. Faced by a shortage of furnished apartments he and his recent bride took a room in a building reserved for couples in similar circumstances - that is married and without an apartment.

Despite the fact that the birth rate . . . . . in Tank continues to rise and the stork finds that he is a bit overworked as far as the Hydro Division is concerned, he still manages to satisfy his customers. After making bets with the staff and threatening to drown it if he were blessed with a "lousy girl", John R. Dawson was quite relieved when the nurse announced that stork had taken sides with him and delivered a boy, the second one, to the Dawson household. Bo McKann, also of Tank, balanced the records with a daughter, born Thursday, August 23.

Feeling that he needs protection . . . . . from the feminine charms now flitting around the Laboratory, Bill Effler, Instrument Service Shops, has taken steps to secure a permanent bodyguard - it's Dorothy Rapien of Ohio.

Another couple whose post-war . . . . . plans included marriage was Dorothy Zaruba, Messenger and Bert Batzold, West Sheetmetal. They tied the final knot on August 18 at the Hampton Baptist Church. Charlie King, also of West Sheetmetal, was best man.



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# STRUCTURES, 19-FOOT WIN FIRST GAMES IN SEMI-FINALS

With 19-Foot in first place by virtue of a 1-0 win over East Shops, and Instrument Research in fourth after taking the measure of Low Turbulence, 4-0, the semi-final round of playoffs for the league championship began this week.

On Monday, the Structures Reds banded together behind the stellar pitching of Andy Anderson to down IRD, 5-1. Anderson allowed three hits and one walk while striking out 14. Hal "Bull Moose" Crate led the Reds at the plate with a double and a single in three attempts. Dave Newby had a perfect day for IRD, getting two singles in two trips; he also scored their only run.

Tuesday afternoon saw the 19-Foot champs, minus their ailing catcher and leading hitter Pete Deters, come home with three runs to East Shops' zero. In what was termed by many as "scraping the bottom of the manpower barrett," Jerry Kayten performed in left field, so left fielder Bill Conner could play shortstop, so shortstop Pat Cancro could catch and wonder when Deters is coming back. Stan Spooner led the hitters with three for three. Bill Conner collected a single and a triple in three attempts and tallied twice. Kayten scored the other run on an error, sacrifice, infield out, and Conner's single off pitcher Gurski's shins. Read and Schrenell each got two hits for the Shops.

The semi-finals are expected to be wound up this week and finals started as soon as possible. All games are played on the Southampton diamond and start at six p.m.

Team	W	L	Pctg.
19-Foot	18	1	.947
East Shops	16	3	.842
Structures Reds	16	3	.842
IRD	15	4	.789
Low Turb	14	5	.737
AWT	12	6	.667
Tank	10	7	.588
8-Foot	11	8	.579
PRT	9	7	.563
16-Foot	10	9	.526
Flight Blues	10	9	.526
Full Scale	9	9	.500
West Shops	6	12	.333
PRD	6	13	.316
Electrical	5	11	.313
Stability	5	14	.263
Reproduction	4	14	.222
Structures Whites	4	15	.211
Night Whites	2	16	.111
ads	1	17	.056

# AWT AND PRESBY TIE FOR FIRST

In a closely matched game played last week, 8-Foot came through with the biggest upset of the season to defeat Presbyterian, the only undefeated team in the Girls' Community Softball League, with a final score of 3-2. This defeat tied AWT and Presby for first place and Structures and 8-Foot for third. B. J. Ratliff, the winning pitcher, gave up two runs, six hits, walked 1, and struck out 3; Patty Fordette, the loser, gave up three runs, three hits, walked 2, and struck out 2. Ruth Etter, 8-Foot shortfielder, was the star hitter of the game, getting two of the three hits, a double and a single.

### FINAL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pctg.
Presby	8	1	.889
AWT	8	1	.889
Structures	6	3	.667
8-Foot	6	3	.667
16-Foot	5	4	.556
TSO	4	5	.444
Personnel	3	6	.322
PRD	3	6	.322
ALD	1	8	.111

# SOFTBALL STATISTICS

With softball playoffs underway and still a few games remaining in regular season play, statistics on several teams have been completed, showing four batters thus far in the charmed circle of .400 hitters. Ray Comenzo, AWT shortstop, is top man with .489 and Walter Woods, Structures Reds' second baseman, is close behind with .478. It is the second straight year that both men have broken .400; Comenzo hit .455 and Woods .475 last year. Other .400 hitters are Fred Rice, Low Turb shortfielder, .431, and Roy Spearman, AWT second baseman, .409.

Statistics on the Structures Reds, 19'P.T., Low Turb, and AWT show the following:

Player	Team	AB	H	R	Avg.
Comenzo	AWT	45	22	20	.489
Woods	SRR	44	21	23	.478
Rice	LTS	51	22	14	.431
Spearman	AWT	44	18	15	.409
Burrows	LTS	48	19	8	.396
Johnson	AWT	52	19	12	.365
Deters	19'	61	16	16	.361
Cancro	19'	52	18	13	.346
Lockwood	AWT	43	11	18	.339
Spooner	19'	54	18	23	.333
Wallace	LTS	33	11	7	.333
Rossi	AWT	30	10	9	.333
Silvers	AWT	31	10	8	.323
Anderson	SRR	54	17	13	.315
Teeter	AWT	35	11	11	.314
Koven	19'	52	16	17	.308
Nuber	LTS	49	15	16	.306

WANTED: 8 mm movie projector. Sid Kaplow, Aerodynamics Laboratory.

WANTED TO BUY: Vacuum cleaner or rug sweeper and electric refrigerator. Jules Miller, Research Staff Office.

# TRAINING

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are being completed with officials of local schools and the University of Virginia which will keep the cost at a minimum. Apprentices and approved prospective apprentices will continue to receive their related instruction without cost except for the cost of materials and text books.

Additional information of the fall and winter program may be had by telephoning the Registrar's office, 2300.

Says Dean Hulcher, "It will be a new step in the path of T.U. Who knows? We may even graduate someone *maxima cum laude* of non compos mentis."

# FOR ACER'S

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which they are legally entitled.

Langley will keep all ACER men fully and promptly informed as to official actions taken by the War Department.

Service personnel concerned with the question of restoration rights in any former position because of membership in the ACER at this Laboratory, will be interested in the following statement which appeared in the Civil Service Commission Departmental Circular No. 523, dated July 31, 1945: "Persons transferred temporarily to the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve for duty with the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics...are returned to active duty immediately upon termination of this employment. This Temporary transfer has no effect upon their restoration rights."

# GI-CIVILIANS

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men and this problem has been ironed out satisfactorily.

Attending the meeting were H. J. E. Reid, Engineer-in-Charge; T. Melvin Butler, Personnel Officer; Dr. William A. Aery, Administrative Assistant; and George B. Colonna. Reid explained the status of the men and said that they were placed on inactive duty to work for the NACA to fill the manpower shortage because of their qualifications and skills.

Frank W. Perrin was elected temporary chairman and Tullos temporary secretary; both men are from Physical Research. The next meeting will be held September 9 at 7 p.m. at the Hampton Armory; all Laboratory ex-servicemen are invited.

WANTED: One passenger to New York, Leaving after work Thursday, September 6 or following morning. M. I. Haar, Tank #2.

LOST: Benrus man's sport watch lost near Administrative Building. Reward. Janet Weston, Personnel Records.

FOR SALE: Hampton One Design sailboat in excellent condition. Call C. G. Prospero at Hampton - 6274.



# Wanna Buy a Jeep?

If things had gone as planned early this week, you wouldn't be able to drive a car on the field for the jeeps. Everybody was going to get a jeep. There were at least 500 names on various lists. Five hundred folks were going to buy jeeps--anything from brand new ones in crates for \$250 to slightly used models as cheap as \$62.50. People called everybody to get their name on a list so they wouldn't be left out. One ambitious soul even called the Personnel Officer to have his name put on the list of those who wanted to buy a jeep. He explained that they were being sold someplace over at Norfolk near Virginia Beach. Others had the drop on lots at HRFE, Norfolk Navy

Yard, Naval Operating Base, The Reconstruction Finance Corporation in Richmond, UNRRA, and the Jefferson Avenue five and dime store. Veterans could get them free according to one ex-GI. Instead of a chicken in every pot it was to be a jeep with every discharge. All you had to do was to dial nearly any number in the telephone directory and they could put you on a list that would have your jeep for you in a day or so. Then suddenly, somebody with a completed list tried to find out where they were on sale. At last report, he and 499 others were still looking. Anyway, we received a note from one of the list takers who is tired of inquiries. He wishes he had never heard of it all.

# MODEL CLUB

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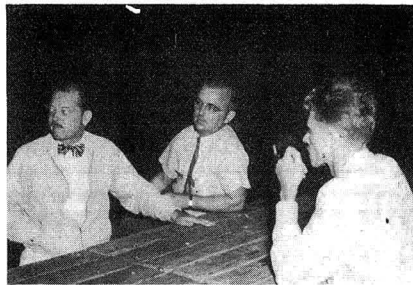
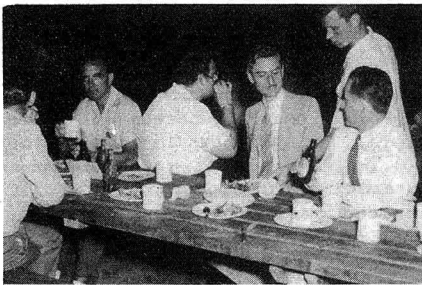
create sportsmanship, craftsmanship, and the knowledge of modeling, the Consolidated Gas Bugs model club was formed and a flying area has been secured at the Community Center in Copeland Park. Several members have attained speeds of over 100 m.p.h., while others are able to loop, ground strafe, and hedge hop the plane.

All persons interested in joining the club may contact Ted Schindler, Dynamic Model Shop.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER: Recreation Project, located at the old Collier home, 4583.

WANTED: Ride for two to New York City on September 6. Sam Leshnover, Impact Basin.

## GRADUATING CLASS ENTERTAINS DIVISION AND DEPARTMENT CHIEFS



The newly completed Picnic Park in the West Area was the scene of a delicious ceremony last Thursday when 29 scholars of Chef Dolph Henry's self-styled Grand Academy of Culinary De-

lights cooked the graduation meal and served it to Division and Department Chiefs and other invited guests. Chicken, baked beans, salad, pork chops, biscuits, beer, coffee, and soft drinks

provided the evening's entertainment.

Picnic Park is available for use by sections and divisions who want to hold their picnics and suppers there. Arrangements can be made by calling the Training Division, 2300.