

# AIR SCOOP

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## FALL DANCE SET FOR TONIGHT

Tonight the Morale Activities Association will open the fall social season with a semi-formal dance at the Activities Building. Dancing will be from 9 'til midnight and music will be furnished by Shelley Harmon and his orchestra.

Well worth the \$1.50 admission charge will be the fashion show put on by unsuspecting female socialites. Every dress length, from the knees to the floor, will be seen with the main attraction being the new mid-calf hemline for both street and evening wear. In order to become gradually adjusted to the new drastic changes in women's fashions and for an evening of entertainment, attend the dance to night at the Activities Building.

## ANOTHER BINGO PARTY SEPT. 18

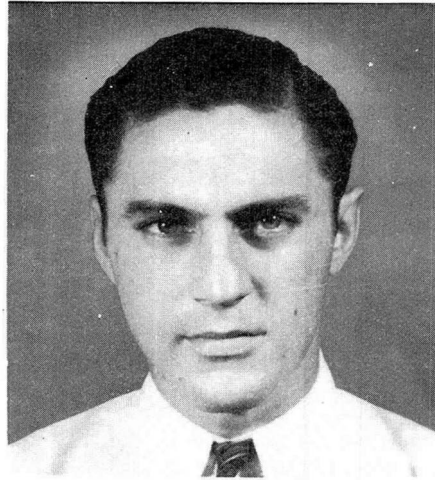
Another Bingo Party, sponsored by the Morale Activities Association, will be held Thursday, September 18 at 8:30 p.m. at the Activities Building. The grand prize will be a Monitor deluxe electric vacuum cleaner. Fifteen games, plus a jack-pot game, may be played for one dollar a card. Cards will be sold at the door.

Since no one won the jack pot at the last party it will be worth fifty dollars and eight numbers will be called. If no one bingos the pot will be increased to sixty dollars and nine numbers will be called at the next party.

The prize list includes: Universal pressure cooker, sterling silver sherbert dishes, Manning-Bowman double waffle iron, lace table cloth, set of six steak knives, brass candlestick holders, Buxton wallet and card case, Parker "51" fountain pen, Pelican disposal can, set of table lamps, a gallon thermos jug, case of Budweiser beer, table cigarette lighter, and Man's genuine cow hide travel kit.

All employees are invited to come out and try their luck.

A picture of the prizes will be found on page 3 of this issue.



Harold Sweberg

## CAR OWNERS MUST HAVE IDENTIFICATION TAGS

On Monday, September 15, the office of the Provost Marshal will begin a systematic gate check of all private vehicles entering Langley Field to ascertain if NACA identification tags are on vehicles operated by Langley Laboratory employees. Vehicles without identification tags will not be permitted to enter Langley Field.

NACA identification tags on vehicles are an indication to the military authorities that the liability insurance required by Army Regulations has been taken out on each vehicle. The Army requires that for all private vehicles entering Langley Field, insurance must be taken out in the amounts of \$5,000 accident coverage for personal injuries to one person; \$10,000 coverage for one accident, and \$5,000 coverage for property damage.

NACA employees who do not have NACA identification tags on their vehicles and who drive on Langley Field are advised to report to the Employment Office in the Service Building and obtain a tag by showing adequate proof that the required insurance is in force. The producing of insurance policy papers or a receipt showing the specific amounts and type of insurance purchased, will constitute adequate proof.

## HAROLD SWEBERG DIES IN NEW YORK

Harold H. Sweberg, Full Scale Tunnel, died last Sunday morning in a New York hospital of a brain tumor. Born May 26, 1918 in Brooklyn, New York, Sweberg received his degree in aeronautical engineering from Louisiana State University and did graduate work at the California Institute of Technology. He entered on duty at the Laboratory on April 1, 1940 and was assigned to the Full Scale Tunnel until his death.

While here he was very active in sports, being a member of the 1943 and 1944 all-star softball teams. He married Toby Berger of New York on June 24, 1944, and was the father of a nineteen month old son, Bobby.

## LITTLE THEATRE TRYOUTS SUNDAY

Tryouts for the Hampton Little Theatre's fall production, "Three Men On A Horse" will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Syms-Eaton Community Center.

Director for the presentation will be Tiny Hutton who is well known on the Peninsula stages. Although this is his first venture with a three-act play, he has twice previously directed for the Hampton Little Theatre. In the fall of 1944 he piloted a musical revue, "Are You Kidding?", of which he was also the author, and the following winter he held the reins of a satirical one-act comedy, "The Passing of Chow-Chow". His most outstanding roles in the group's productions have been Sid Davis in "Ah, Wilderness", Mr. Hyde in "I Remember Mama" and Jimmy Masters in the recent "Joan of Lorraine."

"Three Men On A Horse", written by John Cecil Holm and George Abbott, was first produced at the playhouse Theatre in New York on January 30, 1935 under the direction of Abbott and featuring Sam Levene and Shirley Booth. The cast calls for a total of 15 persons, 11 males, and four females.

"Our tryouts are open to the

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#### FIGHTING WORDS

"This is a hell of a way to die", said the general, as they lifted him into the ambulance.

Put these down as words to be remembered. Remember them as words that speak the bitter tragedy and the utter irony of accidents. Maybe we should put the words on the highway billboards. Or paste them on dashboards near the speedometer or on rear license plates. Better still, pin them in your hat close to your driving sense: "A hell of a way to die".

Tough words of a tough man. A man feared by the whole Nazi Army. A man who had known the stark danger of war - danger that is continuous and terrible even with precaution and preparedness. A man who had seen the bloody violence that is necessary once a war is on. A man who was himself brave and shrewd and appreciative of life.

But General Patton died - a few days before Christmas, 1945 - as a result of an ordinary traffic collision between a truck and the car in which he was riding on a game-hunting trip. Just a peacetime automobile accident. The kind that happens every day on our streets and highways "over here". The kind that may happen just as suddenly, just as violently, just as shockingly, just as tragically, though perhaps not as dramatically, to someone you know. It was what some people call just one of those things.

The eulogies of General Patton have already been spoken and written. But, whatever else is remembered about him and his accomplishments, lets also remember those prophetic words which, without pointing the accusing finger at anyone in particular, do forcefully and convincingly state the whole case against accidents.

Yes, even in his last battle - for his life - hard-fighting Gen. Patton charged forward against any enemy of mankind that is still to be conquered.

For the fight against not only traffic accidents, but all types of accidents, the general gave us a battle cry:

"This is a hell of a way to die".

Reprinted from "Ground Safety Chatter Box"

**COOPERATION:** It touches no man's fortune, it seeks no plunder, it causes no disturbance in society, it gives no trouble to statesmen, it enters into no secret associations. It contemplates no violence, it subverts no order, it envied no dignity, it asks no favor, it keeps no terms with the idle, and it will break no faith with the industrious. It means self-help, self-dependence and such share of the competence as labor shall earn or thought can win, and this it intends to have.

--George J. Holyoake

Mistrust the man who finds everything good, the man who finds everything evil, and still more, the man who is indifferent to everything. --Lavater

## LINE at the LABORATORY

We were beginning. . . . .

to wonder what had happened to our bachelors, if they were just being stubborn or if laboratory maidens didn't feel that they were worth wasting their time on, but it seems that they are just a stubborn group of men because one of the most faithful members has weakened and fallen by the way-side. The latest victim is Blake Corson, 16-Foot Tunnel, and he is engaged to Shirley Hurter, also of 16-foot. Corson's vacancy in the Bachelor's Club will be filled by Earl Stahl in the Dynamic Model Shop. Earl recently celebrated his twenty-ninth birthday. Only four of the original members still remain in the club. They are Chief Advisor Axel Mattson, 8-Foot High Speed Tunnel, John Houbolt, Structures Research, Johnny Knemeyer, Electrical Engineering, and Ed Howe, Fiscal Division. Other club members who have moved up to fill vacancies are Don Loving, 8-Foot High Speed Tunnel, Jim Parks, Pilotless Aircraft Research, Billy Bates, Free Flight Tunnel, Owen Deters, 19-Foot Pressure Tunnel, Harleth Wiley, 7 X 10, Phil Fullmer, Low Turbulence, and Stahl.

Another Laboratory romance. . . . .

was climaxed on August 30 when Margaret Bame, Accounting and Bookkeeping, and Frank West, 16-Foot Tunnel, took their final vows in Salisbury, North Carolina. Edna Cameron, Purchase, served as maid-of-honor, and Ted Himka, 16-foot, was best Man. Dave Maloney, also of 16-Foot, was an usher.

Another Laboratory employee. . . . .

who is a new Ford to the good is M. T. Shilling, 8-Foot High Speed Tunnel. He recently drew the lucky number for the car in Buckroe.

Wedding bells. . . . .

will ring on Monday, September 15 when Marietta Short, Payroll, and Chuck Mathews, Flight Research, take their final vows.

Al Gessow, Flight Research. . . . .

went and got himself engaged last week. The prospective bride is Elaine Silverman of Newport News. No definite wedding plans have been announced as yet.

We were just. . . . .

beginning to wonder if the stork had gone on a strike of some sort when a birth announcement finally came through. The proud papa is Bob MacLachlan of Stability Tunnel, and he seems to be running Eddie Cantor a race. His new daughter moves his total up to three, only two daughters short of the Cantor record.

Cupid slipped. . . . .

into the 7 X 10-Foot Wind Tunnel, pulled back the string and shot two arrows. The arrows found their mark and a romance blossomed. As a result Jackie Poteat and Bill Miller are making plans for a wedding for early December. When asked for a statement, Jackie stopped admiring her lovely ring long enough to exclaim "Love that man!"



## BRAIN BUSTERS MODEL CLUB NEWS

By John Worth

In order to encourage the return of former builders to active competition, the Annual Hydro Meet will be open to those not committed to assist in its operation. However, assistance is needed and the support of all is requested.

Actual organization of the meet will be set up at the meeting on Tuesday, September 16 at 8 p.m. at the Syms-Eaton Community Center. Committees to handle various events will be assigned. This is the meeting that counts if further plans are to be successful.

Announcement of the Morale Activities Association's support was made this week. This action eliminated a major obstacle in the meet plans and thanks are hereby expressed on behalf of all club members.

At last in the process of being printed, the Hydro booklet was completed last week and will be available shortly.

A letter from AMA Headquarters reveals that a chronograph, priced at \$87, has been added to the contest prize list, which has grown to \$1,000 in cash value.

Initial arrangements for the tour of Laboratory facilities scheduled for Friday, October 3, have been made as have details for the construction of the Hydro tank.

Voted in at the last meeting was the decision to permit hand-launching in all but Hydro events.

A Brainbuster team is expected to compete in the Dixie Championships, last scheduled out-of-state meet of the season, to be held at Concord, N. C. on Sunday, September 14.

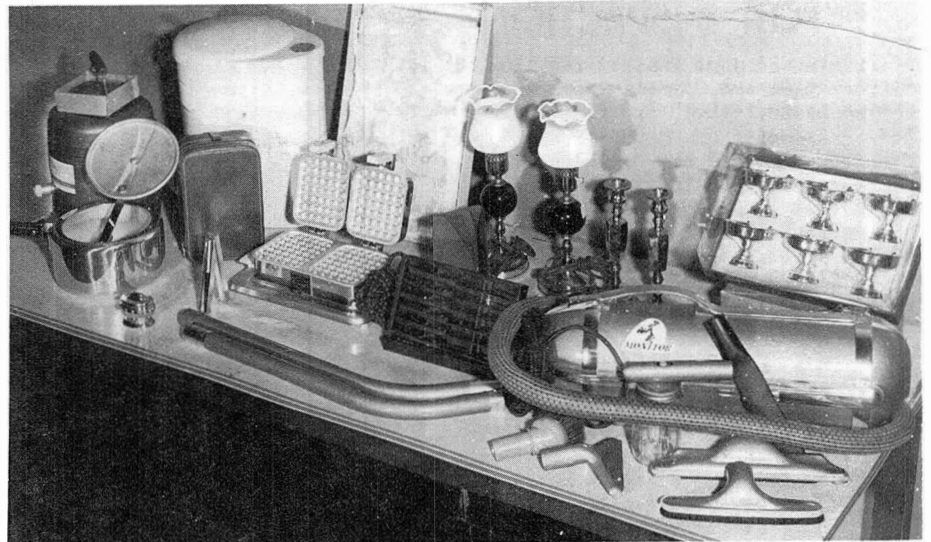
## LITTLE THEATRE

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public," Hutton stated, "and anyone interested in acting or working backstage on the production is urged to attend. We also extend an invitation to all who are not interested in active participation but enjoy plays, to join the Hampton Little Theatre during our membership drive which is in progress and will continue through September 22."

When angry, count four; when very angry, swear. --Mark Twain

FOR RENT: To gentleman a room in down town Hampton. 35 Wine Street. Call Hampton 3-3749.



Shown above are the prizes which will be given away at the Bingo Party at the Activities Building on Thursday night, September 18.

## GIRLS' TENNIS TOURNEY IN SECOND ROUND

The Girls' Tennis Tournament got underway this week with eight players battling for the championship title. In the first round Alice Aronson, Physical Research, defeated Betty Newbold, Files, 6-3, 6-3; Eleanor Andrews, 7 X 10 Foot Wind Tunnels, defeated Julia Woodbridge, Aircraft Loads, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; and Lucy Taylor, Impact Basin, took a 6-4, 6-1 win over Mae Meadows, Aircraft Loads. The final match in the first round between Peggy Winfield, 19-Foot Pressure Tunnel, and Becky Boykin, Gas Dynamics, was called on account of darkness.

Next week Aronson will meet Andrews and Taylor will play the winner of the Winfield-Boykin match. The two winners in these groups will play for the championship title. This marks the first Girls' Tennis Tournament to be conducted at the Laboratory. The winner will be awarded a silver cup.

FOR SALE: Three puppies - three months old. Jean Tabb, Travel Service.

FOR SALE: 1940 special deluxe chevrolet sedan. Call Newport News - 26610.

WANTED: Passengers to West Area from Newport News on 7 shift. Call Newport News - 51755.

## PLAN DOG SHOW FOR SAT. SEPT. 27

On Saturday, September 27, there will be an A.K.C. all-breed dog show at the Newport News Armory. This show is under the auspices of the Lengley Kennel Club and is being sponsored by the Chesapeake Lion's Club.

Trophies will be on exhibit in Hampton during the week of September 15 and tickets are now available from any member of the Lion's Club, or may be purchased at the Y.M.C.A., George's Record Shop in Phoebus, Officer's Club at Fort Monroe, or at Wilson's Veterinary Hospital.

Entries will close at noon on Monday September 15. Anyone desiring premium lists for entering their dogs, or anyone requiring additional information may call Mrs. D. A. Anthony, Hampton 5489.

A surgeon, an architect and a politician were arguing as to whose profession was the oldest. Said the surgeon: "Eve was made from Adam's rib and that surely was a surgical operation."

"Maybe," said the architect, but prior to that, order was created out of chaos and that was an architectural job."

"But," interrupted the politician proudly, "someone must have created the chaos."

FOR RENT: 3-window room, kitchen privileges, telephone service, and transportation. Mrs. Mahler, Foreign Documents.

## CLEVELAND PLANS FOR INSPECTION

Word has just reached the Laboratory that the Cleveland Lab is making plans to hold its First Annual Inspection on October 8 and 9. Some 600 visitors are expected to inspect the Laboratory research facilities among them being leading representatives of the aircraft industry, educational institutions and officers of the military and naval services.

### ROOMS TO HOUSE EMPLOYEES NEEDED

Once again Laboratory employees are asked to assist the Employment Office in locating adequate housing facilities for employees now entering on duty at the Laboratory. The present supply of living quarters is virtually exhausted and employees are asked to notify the Employment Office, telephone 2272, of any existing vacancies.

### COMING EVENTS

Printed below is a calendar of events scheduled to take place in the Activities Building throughout the following week.

- September 16 - 7:30 Bridge Club
- September 17 - Lion's Club Dinner
- September 18 - 8:30 Bingo Party
- September 19 - Stag party
- September 20 - West Sheetmetal Party
- September 21 - Aircraft Loads Division Party

### LATE NEWS

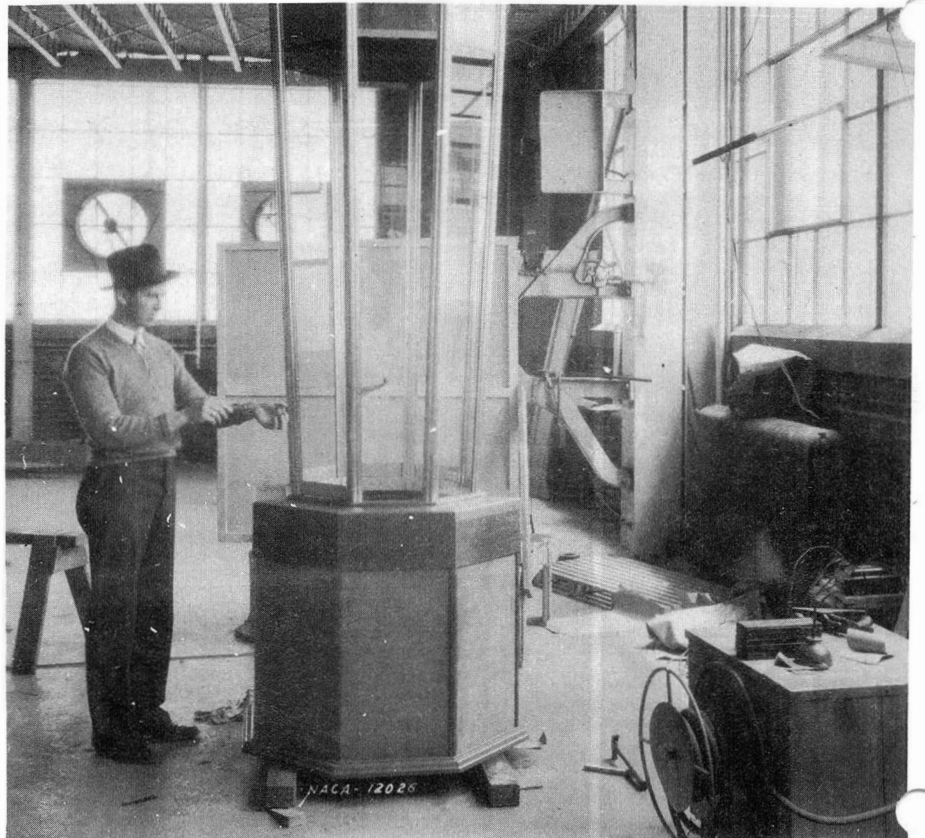
Tryouts for the radio program that the Hampton Little Theatre will put on over station WGH for the Community Chest will be held on Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Syms-Eaton Community Center. All persons interested in radio acting are urged to tryout.

WANTED: Ride from Academy St. to East Area on 7:30 shift. Mitchel Bertram, 2219.

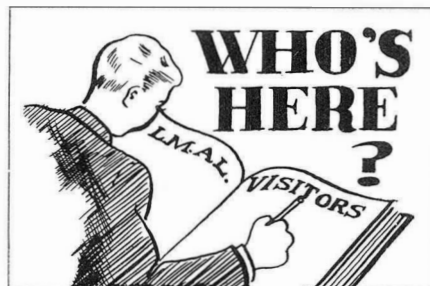
WANTED: Ride from 44th St, Copeland Park to W. Area on 7 shift. Ralph Turner, Inst. Construction.

FOR SALE: Two 600 x 16 Goodyear tires and tubes. Henry Black, Hampton 3-2315.

FOR SALE: 8 room house fully furnished. Vogt, Model Finishing.



The above picture taken back in May 1936 shows Tom Hulcher, Pilotless Aircraft Research, working on the model of the Spin Tunnel.



Several of our cohorts from the Washington Office and Cleveland Laboratory visited here recently.

From the Washington Office were Helene M. Gingras and John W. Ebert.

Representing the Cleveland Lab were Scott H. Simpkinson, Wesley E. Messing, and W. V. Gough, Jr.

FOR SALE: 2 small oil burners, 1 laundry stove, and heatrola. Call Hampton 7326.

FOR SALE: Man's Standard bicycle. Sherman Clevenson, Sound Lab.

WANTED: Ride from downtown Newport News to W. Area on 7:30 shift. Kitty Joyner, 4407.

FOR SALE: One Estate oil-burning heatrola. Call Newport News 31905.

## SEEK BOWLING COMPETITION

The NACA "All-Star men's duck-pin bowling team issues a challenge to any NACA bowling team or combination of five men duckpin bowlers to a knock-down, drag-out match on the Wythe Alleys. The All-Stars would like to arrange one match each week with interested teams.

The All-Star team features such characters as "Hill-Billy" Walter Porter, "Wood-Butcher" Charlie Tucker, "Pretty-Boy" Buck Barber, "Sailor" Charlie Anderson, and "Brooklyn" Johnny Bergbom.

For further information contact Johnny Bergbom, 4515.

WANTED: Passengers to Washington on week-end of Sept. 19. Schmidt, 4503.

WANTED: Ride from Odd to E. Area on 7 shift. Eva Phillips, Mech, Repro.

FOR RENT: Furnished room on Boulevard. Newport News 4-1668.

FOR SALE: 21 x 7 foot boat. Universal 8 hp inboard engine, cabin and accessories. Hampton 5709.