

AIR SCOOP

LANGLEY MEMORIAL AERONAUTICAL LABORATORY

BANKS QUIT EXTRA HOURS ON PAYDAY

The three banks which serve most of the Laboratory employees, Merchants' National, Citizens' National, and Bank of Hampton Roads, announced this week that they are discontinuing their policy of staying open in the late afternoon of the day when Laboratory employees are paid.

They explained that their policy was inaugurated during the war when employees were working a six day week and found it impossible to bank during regular hours. During the past few months, the number of employees using the special hours has decreased and more and more people find it convenient to bank on Saturday morning or to mail their checks for deposit.

The Merchant's National has instituted a complete "bank by mail" service, full particulars of which may be obtained at the bank.

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In case you have noticed the back page and are wondering what it's all about, these are the Laboratory lassies who were entered in the Miss Langley Field contest which was sponsored by The Tailspinner, the post newspaper. Entries were made by interested parties on the post who gave tips to the newspaper staff. They then interviewed the girls and took the pictures.

In case you don't recognize them, the girls are: upper right, Dixie Carter, Personnel; upper left, Kitty Joyner, Personnel; center, Julie Lankford, Personnel; lower left, June McQueen, LTUS; and lower right, Louise Neal, Personnel. It is understood that several other Lab girls were entered but were too bashful to pose. Shame, shame.

SYMS-EATON STAMP CLUB TO HOLD MEETING NEXT TUESDAY

A meeting of the Syms-Eaton Stamp Club will be held on Tuesday, December 18, at 7 p.m. at the home of R. H. Dewhirst, 252 La Salle Avenue. The pur-

IMPROVING



Dr. George W. Lewis, Director of Aeronautical Research, NACA, who is reported to be improving following a recent illness. During Dr. Lewis' absence from work, John W. Crowley, Jr., is Acting Director.

GIRLS' HOOP LOOP TO USE H.H.S. GYM

The Girl's Basketball League will play its games this year in the Hampton High School gym, it was learned yesterday from Margaret Ivey, league chairman.

Thus far, eight Laboratory teams and one Hampton team are entered in the league, but other teams may enter by contacting Mrs. Ivey at the 7 x 10 Foot Tunnel, telephone 4403. Also any girls who are interested in playing but who have no team in their section may get a complete list of all teams looking for players. For this too, they should call Mrs. Ivey. Men who would like to play basketball and who are not already on a team may also call and get complete information. However, they should not call Mrs. Ivey whose phone will be busy enough with the women, but should call Frank Read at 2251.

At the meeting will be to elect officers for the coming year. All members are urged to be present.

KORYCINSKI TO HEAD RECREATION COUNCIL

The newly elected LMAL Recreational Association's General Assembly held its first meeting last Tuesday afternoon and elected Pete Korycinski president. Korycinski will also preside over the executive council of the group.

Other officers and council members elected at the meeting were: Dave Goldenbaum, vice-president and chairman of the rules committee; Len Bartone, treasurer and chairman of the fiscal committee; Jack Bruce, chairman of the buildings and grounds committee; Axel Mattson, chairman of the social committee; Bill Lawton, chairman of the arts and crafts committee; Margaret Ivey, chairman of the children's committee; and Chester Furlong, chairman of the activities committee.

The assembly voted to allow representatives of organized activities at the Laboratory to become non-voting members of the assembly. The proposal of the Temporary Recreation Council to have the activities chairman elected from among the non-voting members was turned down.

BOND DRIVE REACHES GOAL; END EXTENDED

With cash sales amounting to \$49,791.25, the Laboratory has gone over its cash quota for the Victory Loan Drive. However, according to Starr Truscott, chairman of the drive "Since the rest of the country failed to keep pace with the sales of Liberty Bonds at the Laboratory, Treasury Department officials decided to keep the drive running until December 31. We will follow suit and see how big we can swell our total."

The West Area, guided by Pete Korycinski and assisted by Nancy Wall, is leading the Lab units with sales amounting to \$22,425. Don Talmage and his North Area group are in second place with \$16,506.25, and E. J. Shave at the Administrative Area have \$10,860. Shave was assisted by Maude Agnes

EDITORIAL

"....and fully as important...."

The big news of the war was of course the Atomic Bomb, and Fleet Admiral Ernest King, in his final report, paid tribute to the men in the laboratories who developed it and who "fought a war against time no less compelling, only a little less arduous and fully as important as any campaigns waged on the battle lines."

The Admiral was not referring to the atomic scientists alone, however, but to all the men in the laboratories, thousands of miles from the scene where their products were paying off.

Quoting from the New York Times article on the report, "As a direct result of the organization of our scientific brains we were enabled to increase the speed of our fighter planes from 250 miles an hour to 550, their effective range from 300-400 miles to 1,000 and their hitting power by many fold. Other types were developed in comparable measure." Sounds kinda good, huh?

BACK IN PRINT

Well, we're back. After nearly two months via mimeograph the Air Scoop is making its appearance in its usual style. We hope it's for good this time. We've missed the cartoons and photos as much as anyone.

However, the folks in the Duplicating Office have been very faithful to us in getting out our paper each week in addition to their regular line of forms, memos and the like, so to them and to everyone else who helped us in our hours of need go our sincere thanks.

Remember that it's impossible for us to find out everything that makes good copy without your help. So you folks who call us regularly about the births, engagements, marriages, parties, and other interesting happenings to people you know, please continue, and you who haven't been doing it at on the ball.

THANKS TO THE BANKS

As noted elsewhere in this issue, the banks are cutting out the practice of staying open in the afternoon of payday so we can cash our checks and deposit our money. There will undoubtedly be certain loud mouthed so-and-sos over the Laboratory who will yell to high Heaven about this unfair discrimination and express a desire that they were back for good in dear old Podunk or Hick Town where such things don't happen. Tsk, tsk.

The banks rendered us a great service during those days when we had no opportunity to get in town during regular hours. They saved us leave, money, worry, and wear and tear on our wives or whoever else would have had to do our banking. Now that many of us have started taking care of this detail on Saturday morning, surveys at the banks show that there isn't sufficient need to warrant the extra hours on their part. After all, they have to get employees to stay over-employees who would like to get home early as much as we do.

We have shown that we no longer need the extra service. Let's thank them for giving it to us when we did need it and to our banking in our leisure time - not theirs.

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ATTENTION of the LABORATORY

As usual around Christmas time

Dan Cupid has a tendency to hold back his long list of victims until after the holiday season and then he usually rushes us with quite a few couples that he has managed to snare into his trap. The only sound reasoning that we can give for this slowing up period is that Cupid has worked out this plan in order to kill two birds with one stone - give her that engagement ring and Christmas gift all in one. So until after the slacking period, this column will probably be rather short on engagements.

Cupid may have his off

seasons but whether it be New Year's or Easter old faithful, dependable stork always seems to meet his schedule. His latest visits were to the Roland Kick household with a boy, Joseph August, and to the Ben Vogel's with a girl on December 11.

Foreseeing that quite a few new diamonds

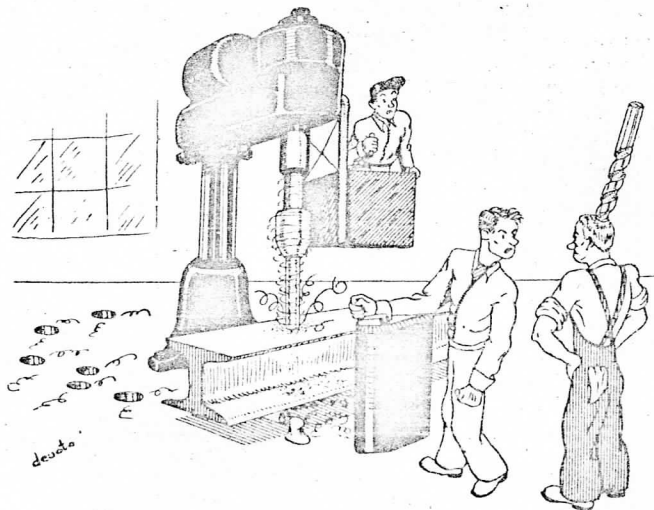
will be flashed around after Christmas and that wedding bells will soon be ringing rather frequently, we dug into our book of recipes until we found one that we wish to pass on to all past, present, and future bride-elects. The recipe is 'Try Perserving a Husband' and is important that the directions be followed carefully. 'Be careful in your selection; do not choose too young, and take only those who have been reared in a good moral atmosphere. When decided upon and selected, let that part remain forever settled and give your entire thought to preparation for domestic uses. Some insist on keeping them pickled, while others are constantly getting them into hot water; this only makes them sour, hard and sometimes bitter. Even poor varieties may be made good, tender and sweet by garnishing them with patience, well sweetened with smiles and flavored with a steady fire of domestic devotion and served with peaches and cream. When thus prepared they will keep for years.'

It has been reported

That 'Prof' Roger Peters of the Structures Wolf pack is taking full advantage of the hunting season. He left last Friday to seek big game in the Carolina hills. Good hunting, Prof!

Look for another

new member to the Committee shortly; Admiral Marc Mitscher has been reassigned to sea duty and a new starry boarded salt will be taking over his desk as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Air.



"What's that? . . . You say you work downstairs . . ."

PRESFLIGHTS CLINCH TOUCH FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

By virtue of another victory, the undefeated Presflights clinched the touch football championship last weekend with a 16-2 win over the Eagles. As usual, the potent passing of Pat Cancro lead the winners to their seventh consecutive victory. In the first quarter, a pass from Cancro to Bob Neely was good for a touchdown and the extra point was scored on an aerial from Cancro to Spooner. In the second quarter, the Eagles chalked-up their only score of the game when Jack Kinzler tagged Cancro behind the Presflight goal line giving the losers a safety. In the third quarter, a Cancro pass was made good when Chuck Bennett, on the receiving end, went over for a second touchdown. Again the Cancro-Spooner twosome made good the extra point. The final score came in the fourth quarter when the Presflights caught one of the opponents behind their own goal line and ended the game with a 16-2 victory.

HORNETS TAKE TWO

Starting off the season at a slow pace, the Hornets made a sensational comeback last week with a 7-0 win over the Reds and a 11-6 victory over the Gimmicks. The Gimmicks drew first blood when a pass from Ray Hansen to Carl Cecil found its mark and was made good. The attempt for the extra point failed. Playing tight defensive ball all the way, the Hornets staged a comeback in the second quarter when Bob Turner intercepted a Gimmick pass and went over for a touchdown. Mastrocola converted via dropkick, putting his team in the lead 7-6. Two safeties, scored in the third and fourth quarters, gave the Hornets their final score and a 11-6 victory.

GIMMICKS BOMB BOMBERS

The Gimmicks evened up their percentage when they downed the Bombers 12-0. A pass from Hansen to Cecil accounted for the first score. The attempt for extra point failed. In the third quarter, Ike Eichmeier tossed to Cecil who again went over for a score. Again the attempt for extra point proved futile.

REDS BACK IN WIN COLUMN

After receiving a defeat the week before from the Hornets, the Reds were all out to win when they met their old rivals, the Packers, last weekend. The end of the first quarter found both teams scoreless but the reds came through in the second quarter to score the winning touchdown when Murray Schildereut went over for a score. Andy Anderson dropkicked the extra point.

CHARACTERS DROP TWO

As usual, the Characters went down

again last week. The Eagles handed them another defeat last Saturday with a final score of 19-0. The first score came early in the game on a short pass from Bob Grant to Jack Kinzler. The try for the extra point failed. The Eagles came through again in the second quarter when a wide end run from the ten yard line was good for a score; Bob Little carried the ball. Again the extra point was missed. Little ran the ball over in the fourth quarter for the final score and the extra point was good.

The Flyers handed the Characters their second defeat for the week and sixth for the season with a score of 13-0. The first touchdown and extra point were scored on passes from Charlie Forsyth to Jim Thompson. The final score was made when Bob Baker carried the ball over from the two yard line. Warren Tucker was outstanding for the Characters.

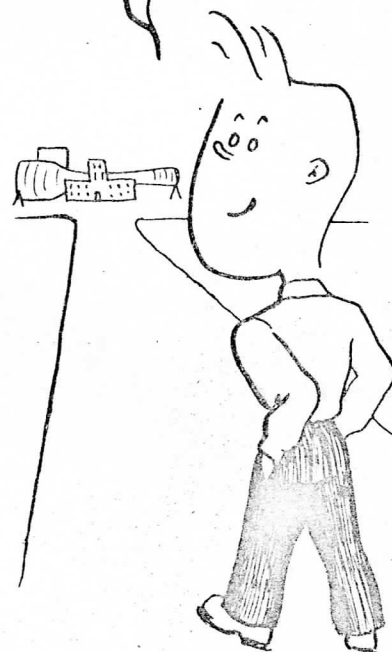
COMPLETE SCORES

- Characters 0 - Gimmicks 0
- Bombers 7 - Eagles 0
- Hornets 7 - Reds 0
- Presflights 12 - Packers 0
- Presflights 16 - Eagles 2
- Reds 7 - Packers 0
- Hornets 11 - Gimmicks 6
- Gimmicks 12 - Bombers 0
- Glyers 13 - Characters 0
- Eagles 19 - Characters 0

STANDINGS

| Team | W | L | T | Pctg. |
|-------------|---|---|---|-------|
| Presflights | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Bombers | 4 | 2 | 1 | .643 |
| Reds | 4 | 3 | 0 | .571 |
| Gimmicks | 3 | 3 | 2 | .500 |
| Packers | 3 | 3 | 1 | .500 |
| Hornets | 3 | 3 | 1 | .500 |
| Flyers | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 |
| Eagles | 1 | 4 | 2 | .286 |
| Characters | 0 | 6 | 1 | .071 |

Watch for AIR SCOOP'S SUPER contest - coming SOON!!!



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FOR SALE: Two burner laundry stove - never been used. Price \$12. Mable Oss, Model Finishing Shop.

FOR SALE: Girl's pre-war bicycle with 26-inch wheels. Price - \$35. Edith Sudman, Induction Aerodynamics.

FOR RENT: Southampton apartment. Available immediately. Dorothy Pendley, Personnel Records or Hampton 7178.

NOTICE: Will the person who removed my wallet from the West Area mail desk please keep the money and return the wallet to me. Harry Hamilton. West Area Photo Lab.



MISS BLOTZ WILL NOW SING THE DUET FROM LUCIA

McCall

