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CAFETERIA CREDIT SYSTEM REVOKED

The NACA Exchange Council notified the staff on May 23, "Due to the misuse of lunch cards, the credit system will be discontinued effective May 31st."

According to Walter Reiser, treasurer of the Exchange, the two chief misuses have been the practice of charging purchases to someone else's card and the losing of cards.

It's impossible for cafeteria cashiers to know the face and name of every employee and to spot every incorrect charge whether accidental or intentional. So, when accounts are payable, some people know that the charges on their cards are more than they have made themselves. They complain to the cafeteria management. Since there is no way of checking, the word of the complainant is taken. The overcharge is wiped off. If a card is lost, since no duplicate record is kept, some estimate agreeable to the holder must be made.

When the charge system was set up years ago the organization was smaller than it is now. When everyone knew everyone else there was little chance for mistakes and this very informal system was satisfactory. With the growth of the staff however, there has been growing dissatisfaction so the cash system will be used hereafter.

Dr. Aery Will Help With ACER Problems

Especially since the end of the European war and the passing of legislation affecting veterans, service personnel working at the Laboratory who have been transferred from active duty to the ACER have had many questions arise regarding their status, etc. These questions cannot be answered in generalities - each individual case presents a different set of facts. In order that satisfactory replies may be given, the Personnel Division wishes to remind ex-service men that they are free to bring these problems,

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HENRY WALLACE, COMMERCE OFFICIALS, VISIT LAB, IMPRESSED BY RESEARCH

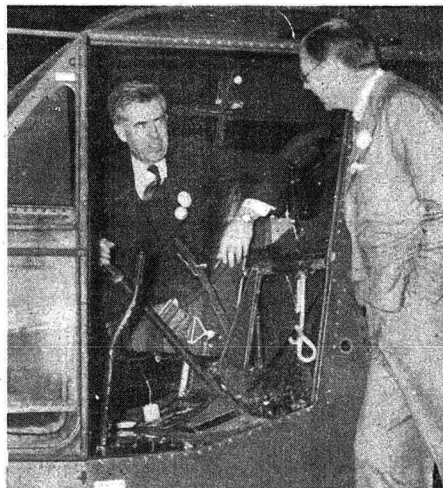
The absolute need for continuing research in aeronautics after the war was cited by Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace and other Department of Commerce officials when they visited the Laboratory and got a look at latest research results. Wallace and his party, consisting of William A.M. Burden, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Air and member of the NACA, and George W. Burgess, assistant to Burden, were accompanied to Langley by Dr. George W. Lewis.

"To keep the United States in the forefront of aviation there must be no let-down in research," said the former Vice-President. "I only hope that we will be able to devote as much effort to basic research in aviation after the war as we have toward the war, so that research may be directed toward civil aircraft with

particular emphasis on airplanes for the private flier."

Burden stated that airplane designers have a real challenge presented to them in designing a suitable all around plane for the individual pilots. The present light planes, according to him, are extremely easy to operate, but after the war, there will be an enlarged demand for airplanes with higher speeds and lower operating costs. He added that the external noise produced must be reduced somewhat out of consideration for those who will live adjacent to airports.

The entire official party was very interested in the work and equipment at the Laboratory, and said that they were greatly impressed with the scope of work, diversity of equipment, and fine personnel. They visited 12 research activities, escorted by H.J.E. Reid and John W. Crowley, Jr. The group arrived here at 10:30 a.m. via the Committee's twin-engined Lockheed. Secretary Wallace, who is building up enough solo hours for his private pilot's license took over the controls from NACA pilot Herb Hoover after the flight was underway. The party left for Washington at 3:30 p.m.



Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace, seated at the controls of a helicopter in the hangar, is discussing future possibilities of aviation with W. A. M. Burden, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Air.

SIDELIGHTS OF VISIT

The most interesting sidelight on the visit of Secretary Wallace came from Flight Operations. Hearing that the Secretary had spent some time at the controls on the trip down, a reporter telephoned Herbie Hoover to check. Hoover wasn't in but someone in the office confirmed the story. A short time later someone in the office telephoned back and said that we'd better wait before publishing that

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STAMP CLUB TO MEET

The next meeting of the Symes Eaton Stamp Club will be held at the Symes Eaton Community Center next Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. All are invited.

A large and interested crowd attended the recent stamp exhibit sponsored by the club which included many unusual collections.

EDITORIAL

From Printer To Private

It would not be practical to bid a fond adieu through these columns to everyone who leaves the Laboratory, but when a person has contributed greatly to the success of the Air Scoop we do feel justified. Fred Rector, Supervisor of the Mechanical Reproduction Unit which prints the paper, dropped in Tuesday to say that he had been asked by his uncle to come and live with him for a while at his summer home in Mississippi. His plantation is better known as Keesler Field.

Fred's association with the publication began when it began as the LMAL Bulletin back in November, 1942. Since that time he has been the number one boy in the printing end. He is the fellow who has had to rush when we missed our deadline and who has cussed and fussed when his press broke down, or when we had to many photographs to splice in, or that time when somebody mistakenly cut the wire that supplied the juice to the press and said nothing about it.

The Army is getting one of the most conscientious and hard working men we know when Fred Rector reports for duty. The staff wishes him a safe and speedy return.

Use It Right Or Don't Use It At All

It isn't long after a person comes to work here that he first hears of Oak Point Lodge. Usually he hears of it as 'The NACA Camp,' a popular Laboratory misnomer, although it might well be called that, judging by the countless Laboratory groups that use it for section and division parties from early spring to late fall.

Oak Point is a private lodge, owned and maintained by certain residents of Hampton, Cleveland, and Washington, who happen to be employed by the NACA. These men use the place for their own well earned vacations, and realizing the need for such a place for the staff, allow us to use it for our picnics and the like.

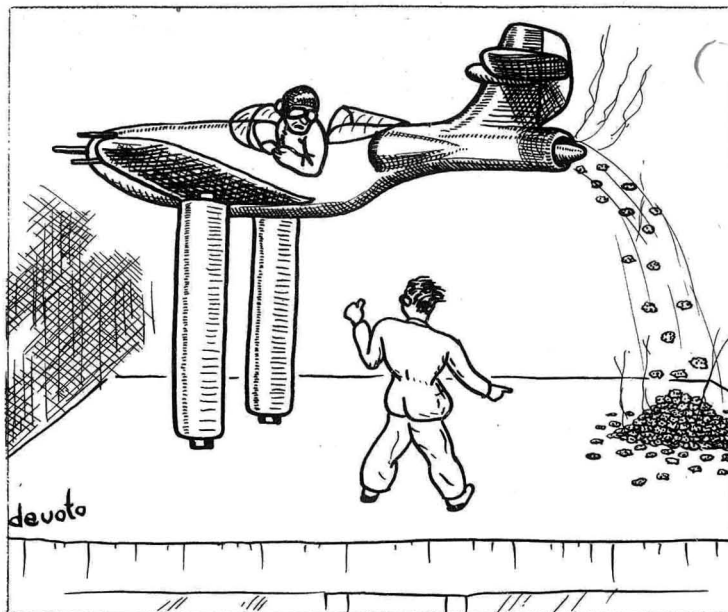
The main thing that we should remember is that it is a private camp and should be treated as such. Silverware, cooking utensils, blankets, and any other things that are up there are put there to use, not to take home or throw away or break. Neither are the house and grounds to be left littered with trash and rubbish.

Recently the lodge was left in the most despicable condition imaginable. This cannot be permitted. The practice, and this was not the first case, must cease or the owners will be thoroughly justified in confining its use to themselves.

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Bumppfudge, check your fuel! The jet keeps making cookies.

ALL THE WAY at the LABORATORY

All the way to Dayton, Ohio

went Joseph Kiacz, Instrument Service, to marry his pretty home-town girl, Pauline Beutle, on May 12. When asked what there was about him that charmed the lovely Pauline, Joe modestly replied, "It must have been my shiny green Oldsmobile."

Only one birth to report this week

but millions of weddings. The one lone proud papa is H. L. Frilmyer of Structures. He is the father of a daughter born May 17.

We have been taking off on

nerve-wrecked fathers but they are really nothing compared to the semiconscious, jittery bridegroom, Abie Cohen of PRT. For the past two months he has been walking around in a daze so last Sunday he finally put himself out of his misery and married Rosaline Quat of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Instrument Service bachelor ranks

are gradually dwindling. Last Saturday Red Schommer added his name to the long list of ineligible when he married Private Katherine Patricia Walsh of HRPE. Said the slightly befuddled groom when interviewed, "Gee!"

Club 55 lost another of its inmates last week

when Benny Cocke, Full Scale Tunnel, decided to follow the example set by several former Club Fifty-Fivers and try his luck at matrimony. He was married to Tony Johnson Saturday, May 19, at First Christian Church in Newport News. Dot Harmon, Leave, was matron-of-honor, and Dixie Carter, Files, was bridesmaid. Charlie Kelly lent his stabilizing assistance to the nervous groom by acting as best man. Ushers were Dick Dingledein and Roy Lange.

The new Personnel Division social club

held its first outing of the season last Sunday at Oak Point with an all day picnic. Flossie and Clo Wood, Frances Arnn, Charlotte Willis, and Tom Hulcher won the prizes in the treasure hunt, three legged race, and huff and puff derby. Rip Collins and Archie Hudson reigned practically undefeated with the horseshoes. Ginny Powell and June Alston had a nice sun burn to show for their bike ride up and back.

16'-PRT, PRESBY LEADING LEAGUE

16-Foot-PRT girls ran up the high score of the season and literally sent the girls of Spin Tunnel in a spin last week when they defeated them 40-0. No one person was particularly outstanding for the losers but the winners had an all star team in the field. Fern Driver hurled for the winners and Mary Radcliff for the losers.

AWT came through last Thursday to defeat AID, last year's champs, 13-4. Margaret Ivey, the winning pitcher gave up 7 hits, and Jerry Crouch, the losers, gave up 11.

8-Foot has chalked up one win and one defeat to their credit. Last week the girls of high speed defeated Technical Service Offices 8-5 in a closely matched game and this week they went down 15-7 before the pitching of Ferne Driver of 16-Foot-PRT.

Presbyterian, the only outside team in the league, are making a good record for themselves. They have come out on top in both games played so far. Their first victory was over Structures 9-6 and the second over Technical Service Offices 16-10.

Standings:

Team	W	L	Pctg.
16' PRT	2	0	1.000
Presby	2	0	1.000
AWT	1	0	1.000
8' HST	1	1	.500
ALD	0	1	.000
Structures	0	1	.000
Spin T.	0	1	.000
TSO	0	2	.000
Personnel	0	0	.000
PRD	0	0	.000

SCHEDULE

The teams in the Girls' Community Softball League are represented in the schedule by the following numbers: 1 - ALD; 2 - AWT; 3 - 16-Foot; 4 - 8-Foot; 5 - Structures; 6 - Personnel; 7 - Physical Research; 8 - Spin Tunnel; 9 - Technical Service Offices; and 10 - Presbyterian.

Week of	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.
May 27	1-7	2-6	3-10	5-9
June 3	4-8		1-10	6-9
June 10	5-3	7-4	2-9	6-8
June 17	7-10	1-3	4-5	2-8
June 24	2-3		5-7	4-6
July 1	1-9	8-10		7-6
July 8	2-10	1-4	3-9	5-8
July 15		2-4	5-10	3-7
July 22	1-5	8-9		3-6
July 29	2-5	4-10	1-8	7-9
Aug. 5	1-6			

All games will be played at Armstrong school at 5:30 p.m. In case of rain or postponement, games will be rescheduled where there are vacancies.

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pctg.
Structures	4	0	1.000
AWT	3	0	1.000
Full Scale	3	0	1.000
19' P. T.	2	0	1.000
PRT	2	0	1.000
IRD	3	1	.750
Flight Blues	2	1	.667
East Shops	2	1	.667
Low Turb	1	1	.500
16-Foot	1	1	.500
Stability	1	1	.500
8' HST	0	1	.000
Tank	0	1	.000
PRD	0	2	.000
Reproduction	0	2	.000
Loads	0	2	.000
S. R. Whites	0	2	.000
West Shops	0	2	.000
Flight Whites	0	3	.000
Electricians	0	3	.000

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

AWT	16;	Loads	2
FST	13;	Stab.	4
Struc.	6;	PRD	3
Struc.	6;	Elec.	5
IRD	14;	FRW	11
Struc.	4;	8' HST	0
PRT	7;	FKE	5
FST	4;	EAS	0
19' P. T.	11;	IRD	1
Stab.	3;	Repr.	1

BRAINBUSTERS TO HAVE GLIDER MEET

Sunday, June 3, has been selected as the date of the next Brainbuster model meet. The contest will be held at the field near LaSalle Avenue and Shell Road, Hampton, from 1 to 5 p.m. and it will be confined to hand-launched gliders of any size. The entry fee is 50¢ and first prize will be 50% of the entry fees, second prize 30% and third prize 20%.

A special event for boys 15 years of age and younger will be held and no entry fee will be charged for this meet. Prizes will be gas model kits of the Pacer "C," the Aero Champ and the Condor.

At the Brainbusters meeting last week, Bill Poythress was elected Acting Chairman, Charlie Folk, secretary and Richard Sladek, Treasurer. Prizes for the glider contest will be awarded at the next meeting of the club.

RIDE AVAILABLE: For four passengers to Washington. Leaving 2:45 p. m. June 1, returning 5 p. m. June 5. Robert Souter, Flight Meteorology.

FOR SALE: Tennis rackets. Reliable restringing and splicing. Minor racket repairs free. Rucolas and Bernhardt, East Engineering.

EARLY COMPLETION OF PICNIC AREA PLANNED

Work on the recreational facilities in the West Area has already been started and it is hoped that the picnic space will be ready for use by the latter part of June. The Maintenance Division is now engaged in cutting the grass and demolishing unnecessary out-buildings in the area and completion is being hurried as much as possible.

Present plans call for a picnic area divided into three parts, each having outdoor cooking facilities, tables, benches, beverage coolers, etc. Two of the units will accommodate about 25 people while a third should handle about 50. Two or all three of the areas may be used by larger groups.

The facilities will be uniformly available for all Laboratory employees and may be scheduled through Bruce Amole, who is now assigned to the Training Division. Employees, however, are urgently requested not to try to make use of this area until it is officially opened.

D. E. Henry, who has recently been employed by the Committee to coordinate training and recreational activities in the three Laboratories, has been assisting the Building and Grounds section in working out details. Henry also plans to conduct classes in outdoor cooking for chefs selected by the various groups. The classes will be held after work at the picnic grounds after the facilities are completed.

Meanwhile, plans for the recreation building are well under way. The design submitted by architects Williams, Coile and Pipino will be submitted to local contractors for bids very shortly and construction will start as soon as a satisfactory offer is accepted.

SIDELIGHTS

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information because the CAA might not like it. Someone should tell that to Wallace and Burden.

The official party lunched most uneventfully in the East Area Cafeteria. There appeared no mob of LMALites just gazing or struggling for autographs. The most unusual part of the meal was the ham which was obtained from the Army. Some folks get it; some don't get it.

The consensus of opinion of the workers who were asked was that Wallace was shorter and greyer than they had pictured him. He is not as tall as Doc Lewis and his Lil' Abner shock of hair has about as much grey as that of H. J. E. Reid.

FOR SALE: Chronograph wrist watch with 12 hour recording and time out feature. Seventeen jewels. For information contact L. H. Goldman, Flight Research.

OFFICIAL WORD ON MUSTERING-OUT PAY

Men transferred from active military duty to ACER status cannot collect mustering-out pay until their final separation from the service. The official word on this matter comes from the Finance Officer of Langley Field who has received many inquiries about it from ACER men employed at this Laboratory. The context of his letter is as follows:

1. Mustering-out payment can be made only at the time of permanent separation from the service or at the time of ultimate relief from active service.

2. Separation from the service to work for the NACA is not considered 'ultimate relief' as all ACER men will be returned to active duty as soon as their employment here is terminated and prior to their full separation.

Any further information on the subject can be had by calling Dr. William A. Aery, telephone 2368.

GEORGIA TECH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PLANS GET TOGETHER MAY 26

The Georgia Tech Alumni Club of Pampton Roads is planning a big hot dog roast at Merrimac Point, located behind South Pampton Apartments, on Saturday night, May 26 at 6:30 p.m. All alumni interested in attending the get together are asked to contact Jerry Hammack, FRD; Ray Hansen, Instrument Research, or Phil Edge, Impact Basin.

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whatever their nature, to Dr. William A. Aery, Administrative Assistant, who has official information available and who will do everything possible to answer, or have answered, any questions brought to him. Furthermore, if the problem is an occupational or personal difficulty, Dr. Aery may be able to suggest the proper steps to be taken toward its solution.

Persons wishing to consult Dr. Aery may arrange for the necessary time off through their immediate supervisors.

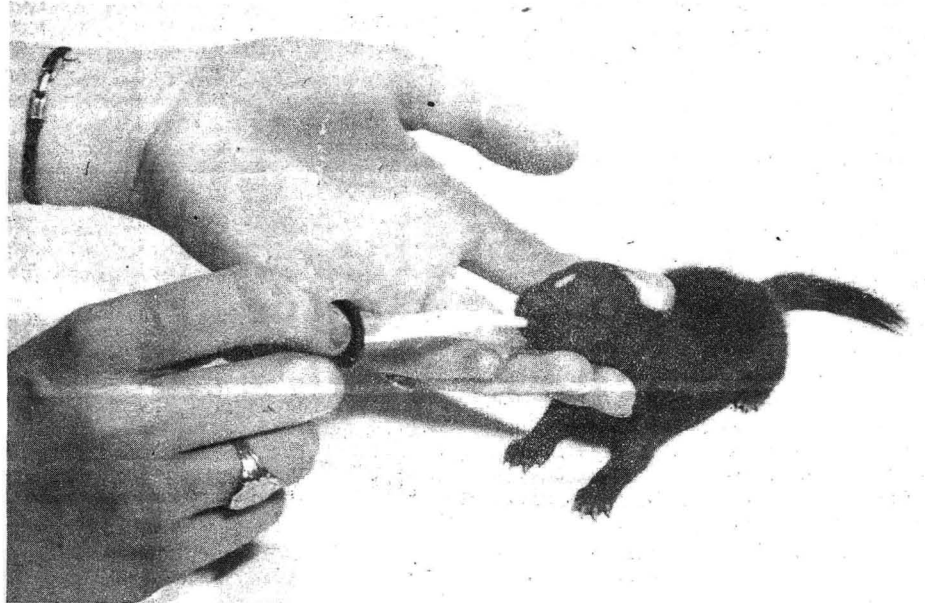
NOTICE FOR EX-SERVICE MEN

Third Service Command, Baltimore, has informed the Laboratory that Service personnel who are carrying term insurance may continue to do so while in ACER status.

Checks should be made payable to the Treasurer of the United States and sent to Collections Subdivision, Veterans Administration, Washington, 25, D.C.

FOR SALE: Lovely home in fine section of Hampton. Two upstairs apartments in addition to first floor. Call Hampton 5919.

MOTHER SKUNK KILLED; SIX LITTLE ORPHANS ADOPTED BY NACA EMPLOYEES



Shalimar, Norwood Evans' adopted wood pussy accepts a small snack. His brothers and sisters, Chanel, Risque, Breathless, Chi-Chi and Tabu also proved to be chowhounds despite the negligible resemblance between the medicine dropper and their late mother.

This is the story of six little orphans rescued from the cold, cruel world by tender-hearted NACA employees. It all happened last Monday when some workmen, cleaning up debris in the West Area, were suddenly faced with a large skunk, eager to do battle. It had obviously passed the "Ready," and "Aim," stages and was just about at the firing point when one of the workmen, instead of making himself very hard to find, struck back, and soon the animal had gone where good skunks go.

Shortly afterwards, however, the reason for the skunk's antisocial attitude was discovered. Nearby was a nest containing six tiny skunklings who were making squeaky noises indicating that some lunch would be much appreciated.

Stricken with remorse, the workmen gathered up the babies and dispatched someone to the cafeteria for whatever skunks eat. The cafeteria was fresh out of earthworms, mice, frogs and other delicacies much esteemed by wood pussies, but the youngsters seemed just as happy with warm milk administered via medicine dropper.

Finding foster homes for the orphans was no problem at all. Offers of adoption came in by the dozen, especially when word got out that skunks can be relieved of their fragrance-dispensing talents by some minor veterinary surgery. The lucky applicants who finally acquired ownership are Norwood Evans, Bill Mayo,

Walter Reiser, Franklin Booth, Tom Hulcher and Bruce Amole.

For the benefit of the dubious, Air Scoop's Field and Stream editor did some research into the matter and came up with some facts of interest. Skunks, contrary to popular opinion do not resort to chemical warfare except when very provoked. However, since it is hard to tell what might provoke a skunk, de-scenting precautions are advisable.

Skunks make clean, affectionate house pets. They are splendid baby-minders though sometimes, when chilly, they display a regrettable tendency to cuddle up in the bottom of the infant's crib. This is always very startling to strangers.

They are an ideal solution to the problem of animal-lovers irked by no-cat, no-dog leases, as very few landlords include no-skunk clauses in tenants' contracts.

They are wonderful aids to the supermarket shopper as nothing makes a line of women at a checking counter scatter quicker than a skunk.

We are delighted to report that the new owners used very good taste in naming their pets, and there's not a Himmler or Tojo in the litter. "Ours are good, clean-living, West Area, American skunks," they state, "not dirty skunks like those boys."

P. S. Disappointed applicants for skunks may be glad to know that Lin Hammack, Reception, has four small kittens she would like to place in foster homes.

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GREEN COW TO FROLIC AT GRAND VIEW PAVILION ON JUNE 7

by Jerry Kayten

Green Cow officials announced this week that a G.C. dance will be held on Thursday June 7, at the Grand View Pavilion. LMAL employees and their escorts or escortresses will glide about the cool beach-front dance floor to the accompaniment of the soft, lapping, moonlit waters of historic Chesapeake Bay. This slurping serenade will, however, be augmented by the more conventional music of Red Overton and his orchestra.

Cow chairman John Houbolt explained that the Pavilion is not available for any evenings except Tuesday and Thursday, and added that he believed that Thursday was as good a night as any for a dance as it cannot be staged on a Saturday.

As a special concession to those males who prefer female dance partners, the committee has offered to admit a young lady with each gentleman bearing a ticket. Said committeeman Pitkin, blushing, "We kinda thought it would be nicer that way."

The Green Cow committee made it known that season tickets may still be purchased from section representatives. Next week's dance will be the third of seven or eight affairs to be offered this year, leaving four or five more after this one, or five or six more including this one except February which has twenty-eight.

The orchestra will sound off at 9 p.m.

WAR BOND PURCHASES \$69,000 AT END OF MAY: \$126,000 IS GOAL

Employees of this laboratory have purchased a total of about \$69,000 in bonds thus far in the current war loan drive. This is a bit over 50% of the \$126,000 quota to be met by the end of June.

Chairman Starr Truscott states that though response has been good, there is still a long way to go, and he hopes that the early enthusiasm brought on by V-E Day would not taper off. "The MIGHTY SEVENTH", said Truscott, "is even more important than previous drives because of the tremendous scope of war in the Pacific. I am counting on my fellow employees to back it up!"

ELECTRICIAN FALLS IN FULL SCALE TUNNEL; NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED

The condition of Henry W. Campoll, Electrical Section, who was injured last Saturday was described as not serious on Wednesday, and doctors at the U.S. Marine Hospital in Norfolk, where he is a patient, said they expected him to be discharged at the end of the week.

Campoll was injured when he fell approximately 18 feet from a scaffold in the Full Scale Tunnel at 3:30 p.m. last Saturday. He was taken to the Base Hospital for a preliminary check and his condition was good enough to allow him to be moved to Norfolk on Sunday. X-rays showed that he suffered no fractures and that his injuries were limited to severe bruises.

A COMMUNITY PROJECT

Several months ago a young sailor, formerly a high school athlete, read in the Daily Press that plans were being made to put in lights at the Darling Memorial Park in Hampton to make it available for night sports. He sent \$20 to the Daily Press as a contribution. Another ex-footballer, now in the Army Air Forces, did the same. Townspeople, business firms, school kids decided it was a good idea and kicked in. Everyone would reap the benefits---everybody would help sow. This week the Daily Press announced that donations, all voluntary, had reached \$3,110, nearly one-third of the total needed to buy and install the lights, put in a cinder track, build a concrete skating area, and plough and seed the football field to put it in first class shape. It takes \$10,000 to do it.

The community, of which we are a big part, stands to gain very much from all this. There will be night football, and those of us who have friends, or kids playing on the local team, or those who just want to see a game won't have to hit the boss for two hours of annual leave on Saturday afternoon to do so. Having a first class turf on the field will mean fewer

The Air Scoop has been mimeographed this week due to a shortage of lithographers and the pressure of work in the Mechanical Reproduction Unit. As soon as possible, we will resume the regular publication process.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORTED FAVORING TIME AND ONE-HALF OVERTIME

The House Civil Service Committee which is considering the Downey Bill proposing wage increases for Civil Service employees, is reported in favor of true time and one-half overtime for employees earning less than \$2980 base pay, an increase opposed by the Senate Committee which recommended straight time for overtime. If the House Committee's recommendation is adopted, it will result in approximately 30% additional over base pay for the present 48 hour week.

The overtime scale would provide a diminishing rate for employees whose salaries are over \$2980, in order to give lower paid employees more money. A \$4000 employee, for instance, would get straight time, while the rate would be reduced to half time for employees whose base salaries are \$6440.

The House Committee has agreed to the Senate provision increasing base pay an average of 15.8%. Overtime pay would be on top of this proposed raise.

COMMUNITY PROJECT - CONTINUED

injuries to ball players who last year found that the ground was more like concrete than dirt. It will do away with those treks to skating rinks for night time skating parties. Night tennis will be possible. There will be track-meets. All in all, our community, will have a first class stadium, fully equipped.

It's a project that needs and deserves our assistance, both moral and financial. We should talk it up among our friends and part with a few of our hard earned dollars to help make it possible. It will do no harm for the rest of the community to know that we are willing to play our part. Donations may be made at the Daily Press office, 5 South King Street, Hampton. Checks should be made payable to Park Lighting Fund.

MEN'S SOFTBALL

Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>Pctg.</u>
Str. Reds	5	0	1.000
19' Pressure T.	4	0	1.000
PRT	3	0	1.000
IRD	4	1	.800
16-Foot	3	1	.750
AWT	3	1	.750
East Shops	2	1	.667
Full Scale	3	2	.600
Flight Blues	2	2	.500
Stability	2	2	.500
Low Turbulence	2	2	.500
8-Foot	1	1	.500
Tank	1	1	.500
Reproduction	1	3	.250
PRD	1	3	.250
Flight Whites	1	4	.200
Electrical	1	4	.200
Loads	0	3	.000
Str. Whites	0	4	.000
West Shops	0	4	.000

Scores

Reproduction 11; Str. Whites 9
 PRD 26; FRW 12
 16-Foot 13; Electrical 12
 8-Foot 9; AWT 4
 Structures Reds 4; LTS 3
 Tank 5; West Shops 0
 PRT 6; Stability 1
 19' Pressure T. 6; FST 0
 IRD 5; FRB 0
 Stability 11; West Shops 10
 FRW 13; ALD 7
 16-Foot 15; PRD 7
 19' Pressure Tunnel 11; Repr. 0
 LTS 3; FST 2
 Electrical 13; Str. Whites 3

NOTICE

The Brainbusters meet for hand-launched gliders will take place on next Sunday in the lot adjacent to the corner of LaSalle Ave. and Shell Road, Hampton. Entry fee is 50¢ except for boys under 15.

PERSONNEL, PRD, WIN FIRST GAMES OF SEASON IN GIRLS' LEAGUE

Getting off to a slow start, the girls of the Personnel Division came through with nine runs in the fourth inning to down Structures, 10-8. Frances Armn hurled for the winners and Sybil Bateman for the losers.

In a closely matched game played last Monday, PRD chalked up 17 runs to defeat ALD's 16. This was PRD's first game of the season and ALD's second.

Standings*

<u>Team</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>Pctg.</u>
Presby.	3	0	1.000
16-Foot	2	0	1.000
AWT	2	0	1.000
Personnel	2	0	1.000
PRD	2	0	1.000
8-Foot	2	1	.667
ALD	1	2	.333
Struc.	1	2	.333
TSO	1	2	.333

*Spin Tunnel has dropped out of the league, thus entitling each team to a forfeit.

PROTEST COMMITTEE FORMED FOR GIRLS' SOFTBALL LEAGUE

At a meeting of the team captains of the Girls' Community Softball League, it was decided that a protest committee, consisting of two umpires and one team captain should be formed. Barbara Wigel, co-captain of Structures team, Chet Furlong, 19-Foot and Fabian Goranson, Flight Research were elected to serve on the committee. It was decided that all postponements or cancellations, other than those caused by bad weather, must be reported to the committee 48 hours in advance and that the captains of the participating teams must be notified 24 hours in advance. It was also decided that seven inning games will be played.

WANTED: Ride to Winston-Salem, N.C. June 20. Return July 1. Call Conrad Lahser N.N. 4-1902.

WILD LIFE AT LAB PICKING UP; NOW IT'S BIRDS, BEES AND TURTLES

Hardly had our story about the skunks been written last week, when other wild life tales began peppering. First there was Mike Favia's blue parakeet which accompanied Mike to work Wednesday and spent the day making bored comments on the quality of his master's work.

Then came the bees! A huge swarm, following its queen, decided on a small bush outside the Instrument Shop as an ideal spot to set up housekeeping. They hung there, like a huge, buzzing melon until removed by two intrepid men from Maintenance who sawed off the branch and took the bees away in an old ice cream container.

But the day wasn't over yet. Marvin Pitkin, that famed explorer, found a large snapping turtle of evil disposition and a taste for engineers' fingers, which had the surprising ability to right itself automatically when turned on its back. Pitkin, a research man to the end, thought this would be a fine quality in an airplane and was all for testing the turtle in the spin tunnel to discover the secret of its self-stabilizing principles. The spin tunnel staff, however, refused to have any part in the project and Pitkin states this narrow-minded attitude has set aviation back a hundred years.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Stability Research Div. Chief - 4446
 Stability Research Asst. Chief - 4563
 Stability Research Office - 4502
 (Located in 7 x 10 Tunnel Bldg.)
 Induction Aerodynamic Lab. Head - 4406
 Research Dept. Auxiliary, Flight
 Research Office - 2340
 Research Dept. Auxiliary, Flight
 Research Engineers - 2341

LIFE AT THE LABORATORY

"Come see the new See".....

is the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Jack See of Southampton Apts. The new See is Jack, Jr., whose six pounds, eleven ounces, came into the world May 17. Pop is one of Garvin's boys in the new ALCL.

Prize boner of the week.....

is accredited to Tom Hulcher's Training Office. The office sent out questionnaires to all those attending the supervisors' conferences to determine their opinions and reactions to the same. On the back of the sheet was a list of topics covered in discussion. Everyone was supposed to mark in order the five topics considered most beneficial. Members of Joe Kotanchik's group were somewhat astonished to find listed, "How To Get Out Of A Technical Report." No, fellers, you weren't asleep that time, what was meant was, "How To Get Out A Technical Report." Is it true, Hulcher, that the P-1's, 2's and 3's who heard of it have swamped you with applications for your new course?

Metropolitan newspapers carried the story.....

of the marriage of Ann Baumgartner, of Bernardsville, N.J. to Capt. Bill Carl of the Liaison Office on May 13. Capts. Eastman, Kenney and Taylor, also of the LO, were ushers.

Another sailor, back from overseas.....

claimed one of the Lab's lassies at a wedding Thursday. Ann Carmines, Stock Files, was the girl, and Charles Ransdell the sailor.

CIGARETTE RATIONING CONTINUED: CIGARS, PIPE TOBACCO INCLUDED

The Army is continuing its tobacco rationing program and after June 3 cigars and smoking tobacco will be included on the ration list.

Laboratory employees are being issued new ration cards which will become valid June 3. These cards will have a number of blocks, each representing one point. One point entitles a buyer to three packs of cigarettes, 12 cigars or two ounces of smoking tobacco. Two points will be allotted for use each week. All tobacco products sold on the Base will be subject to ration except snuff and chewing tobacco (when in a form unsuitable for smoking.)

The ration week will begin at one minute past midnight on Sunday and expire at midnight Saturday. Points are valid only during the week for which they are scheduled. Purchases in advance of the ration week will not be allowed.

Each employee may obtain only one ration card, and upon leaving the Laboratory must surrender the card to the counselor conducting the exit interview.

SERVICE NOTES

Bill Craig, formerly of Personnel, has written from the Marianas to say that he is about as close to the front lines as he wants to get for awhile. He landed there early in May after a 4500 mile plane ride.

Club 55 and Full Scale welcomed Claude Hart back for a brief visit this week. Claude is on his way to Wright Field.

FOR ARMY ACER ONLY

(Several questions of general interest found their way into the office of Dr. William A. Aery recently and he has provided us with the answers to be referred to all those interested. We will continue to furnish information of this type whenever it is available. However, we will print only official information - not carry the latest rumors.)

In case you're interested in USAFI courses, you'll have to forget them for the time being, for the Army advises us that they're available only to men on active duty.

Last week we carried the official word on mustering-out pay. Since that time, one additional factor has been brought to our attention - you will receive your pay when you are finally discharged from the Army without prejudice on account of employment by the NACA, according to the AGO.

The Third Service Command urges all you fellows to continue your National Life Insurance. Available to provide you with complete information and answers to your specific questions is Capt Eric C. Nicholls, War Bond and Insurance Officer, Third Service Command, Baltimore 2, Md.

Any of you fellows who are 40 years old or beyond and who wish to be discharged will have to apply for reordering to active duty before your case can be given further consideration.

WANTED: Ride to Indianapolis or vicinity for two persons around the end of June. Chuck Bennett, Free Flight Tunnel.

BUY WAR BONDS!

AIR SCOOP

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LAB STILL \$56,000 SHORT OF WAR LOAN GOAL; DRIVE ENDS JULY 1

With only two paydays left to go, the Laboratory's quota in the Seventh War Loan drive is still short \$56,000 of its goal, which will mean that at least a \$25 bond must still be bought by each employee to put the drive over the top.

At a meeting of the section War Bond solicitors last Monday, H. J. E. Reid, Engineer-in-Charge, addressed the group and emphasized the necessity for concerted effort. He stated that the war against Japan will be a long and costly one, and that the United States must make every effort to save the lives of its fighting men by supplying them with the equipment and munitions necessary to conquer a fanatical, well-entrenched enemy.

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STOUTZENBERGER, ILLUSTRATOR, GETS TOP AWARD IN ARMY CONTEST

Leo Stoutzenberger, Illustrators Unit, has just been awarded first place in the Third Corps area division of a nation-wide Army Arts contest. "Stoutsie" entered the contest while he was still in the Army, and the winning photograph is a shot of a B-24, riddled with flak, going down to flaming destruction. He took the picture while acting as photographer-gunner on a raid over Austria, and it was syndicated throughout the country last September.

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BIDDING SOON TO BEGIN ON NEW RECREATION BUILDING

Bruce Amole, who is assisting in the expediting of the new recreation program, announces that final plans are being drawn up for the new facilities in the West Area and that contracts and specifications will be released to the bidders shortly.

Actual work will begin on the picnic area this week and the completion date has been set for the last of June. The grounds will consist of one large fireplace with a 55-foot picnic table, two smaller fireplaces to accommodate approximately 35 people, broilers, drink coolers, and all necessary picnic utensils. Outdoor sports such as horseshoes, volley ball, and badminton will be available to picnickers.

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EMPLOYEES MAY APPEAL EFFICIENCY RATINGS TO BOARD IN WASHINGTON

Little known to many Laboratory employees who have recently been associated with the NACA is the Efficiency Rating Board of Review, the body which has been set up to handle grievances of workers who are dissatisfied with their efficiency ratings.

Civil Service regulations call for all employees to be rated annually, as of March 31. As soon as this rating has been given and proper review has been made, the employee receives a report. These reports will be sent out in a short time.

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MUST GET CERTIFICATE SIGNED FOR NECESSARY COURT LEAVE

When a permanent or duration employee is called upon for jury duty or to serve as a witness in behalf of the Federal Government or the District of Columbia, he will not be charged with annual leave but will be granted special court leave to cover the absence, provided that he submit a certificate of attendance signed by the court clerk. The leave Office will furnish to any employee applying for court leave a blank certificate for this purpose, which he will have filled out and signed by the court clerk, and on return to duty will submit to his section head in support of his application for court leave. The section head will forward the certificate through the Leave Office to the Pay Roll Office.

Since the employee is entitled to his regular pay during his absence for service as a juror or witness, he is not entitled to any fee for such service. If any fee is received reimbursement of an equivalent amount to the Government will be required.

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BRAINBUSTER CONTEST SUCCESSFUL, NEXT MEET TO BE HELD JUNE 17

In spite of a high wind which kept average flying time low, the Brainbusters' hand-launched glider contest of last Sunday was a big success, with a good number of entries. Reid Hull placed first with an average time of 40 seconds, Jesse Sheppard second with 30.6 seconds and Bill Poythress third with 27.8 seconds.

In the junior class, Charles Beavers won with an average of 15.3 seconds.

The next Brainbuster meet will be held on June 17. It will be a catapult glider and towline glider contest. Combined entrance fee will be 50¢. Boys under 15 may enter free.

The prizes for last Sunday's contest will be awarded at the club meeting next Sunday evening at the Industrial U.S.O. In addition, movies of local contests and general activities of the brainbusters will be shown. The meeting starts at 8 p.m.

STOUTZENBERGER WINS ARMY AWARD (From page 1)

A native of Washington, D.C., he studied art at George Washington University and entered the Army just a few months before receiving his A.B. He works well in any medium, from pen and ink cartoons to oil paintings and murals. He also authored and illustrated an article on his war experiences which will appear in the July issue of American Rifleman magazine.

LOST: A lady's yellow gold Elgin watch between NACA cafeteria and PX. Reward if returned to Irene Poteat, LTS.

LOST: Brown leather billfold containing money, identification, and keys. Finder please return to Sarah Parks, 8-Foot,

JUNE FIRST ON JUNE FIRST

By Marvin Pitkin

Slender-waisted, blonde, green-eyed June McQueen of the Dynamic Tunnels Operations Shop garnered top honors at the beauty contest staged at the Langley Field Service Club, Friday, June 1. Acclaimed "Miss Langley Field of 1945", Miss McQueen was awarded a red leather wallet to commemorate the event. The hearts of the male personnel were thrown in for nothing.

June arrived at the Laboratory a year ago, June 1. She had come up from North Carolina to the big city (ED. note!!!). Fifty-three engineers promptly learned to whistle. She served on the messenger staff until she was transferred to the D.T.O.S. section. This made the D.T.O.S. crew, Boss Everett in particular, very happy - they had been needing a good modelmaker.

Nineteen year old June's first home was in North Carolina. This was not all together unnatural because her family had already been there six generations. No buses. The McQueen family was well-known in the region. June's father is a peach farmer and while experimenting with the breed, produced nine new varieties - all girls.

USO TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY WITH DANCE AT COUNTRY CLUB

The Hampton Industrial USO will celebrate its second anniversary on June 27 with a dance at the Hampton Country Club.

The dance will begin at 8:30 p.m. and will have as one of its features a gala floor show staged by the USO Mimes.

Mrs. Louise Perfator is chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements and announced that complete details of the dance will be forthcoming shortly. Admission is to be by invitation only.

SEVERAL LABORATORY OFFICIALS ATTENDING CONFERENCE IN CLEVELAND

Several Laboratory officials are in Cleveland this week attending the conference among training and Administrative officers from the three Laboratories with representatives from the Washington Office for the purpose of pooling their experiences in training, morale building and administrative matters, and to agree on uniform overall policies relative to these activities.

Representatives from LMAL will be H. J. E. Reid, Engineer-in-Charge; George B. Colonna, Member of the Subcommittee on Personnel, Buildings, and Equipment; W. Kemble Johnson, Administrative Officer; Tom Hulcher, Chief of Training Division; and Walter Hixon, Apprentice Administrator.

JUNE FIRST

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He topped the deal off with six boys. Names? Ruth, Virginia, Marge, Louise, June, Ethel, Evelyn, Fay, Jaycee, Bernie, Richard, Tommy, Earl. This makes 13. The McQueens ran out of names so the next two were called brother and sister. This was all right until the two kids were 10. At that age you have to be careful whom you call "sister" in N. C. So they self-named themselves Phyllis and Baxter. To give you an idea of the rest of the family, June says that she's the scrawnest of the bunch.

Superwoman June craves no superman. Her ideal guy would stack up as follows:

"He would be of average size - not too goodlooking but pleasant. He would dance well, be decent and considerate and preferably slightly on the screwball side. Age? That's not too important - say between 20 and 28."

Hey fellers, that's me! Good thing I'm married so this stuff doesn't affect me a bit! Gosh - No-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o!!!

EMPLOYEES MAY APPEAL EFFICIENCY RATINGS TO BOARD - (From page 1)

If any employee finds fault with his rating, there are standard procedures by which he may appeal his case. All employees are invited, by Laboratory officials, to present their grievances to their official superiors for settlement. Since ratings are given by the direct supervisor, it is believed that this method of presentment is the most direct and often the most desirable. Should employees fail to be satisfied, they may present their cases to the LMAL Personnel Board through the Personnel Officer. This is made up of the Engineer-in-Charge, as chairman, the three Department Chiefs, and the Administrative Officer, as secretary.

The employee may, at any time he desires within 90 days, make an appeal direct to the Efficiency Rating Board of Review in Washington. The Chairman of this board is Mrs. Helen M. Cox, U.S. Civil Service Commission. The other two members are E. H. Chamberlin, representing the NACA, and William M. Shea, of the Washington Office, representing the employees. T. Melvin Butler has been designated as department representative at the Laboratory to obtain and present to the board information available and pertinent in reply to an employee's appeal.

Appeals to this board should be made on a standard form which may be obtained from the Personnel Office. If not made on this form, all information required thereon must be furnished. This written appeal should contain all information pertinent to the case and must be submitted within 90 days from the date the employee received notification. However, the Board may waive the 90 day requirement for good reasons, particularly where the employee chose to avail himself of the Laboratory's procedure for handling grievances before appealing.

All written evidence submitted will be considered and the Board will

LAB DEDICATED AT CEREMONIES TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO MONDAY

Twenty-five years ago on Monday, June 11, the few employees of the Laboratory and some distinguished guests from Washington gathered at a new brick building on Langley Field for the dedication of a "wind tunnel". "Wind tunnel" was an expression not commonly used in those days which probably accounts for the quotes placed around it whenever it appeared in written form.

This tunnel was the first of the NACA wind tunnels to be built. It was the old Atmospheric Wind Tunnel of the N.P.L. type: a British design.

On the morning of June 11, the NACA's executive committee, aerodynamics committee, and power plants committee held meetings at the Laboratory. Many of the members of the Committee and some of the guest had flown down from Washington while others had come by steamer.

At the dedication ceremonies, which took place that afternoon, the formal remarks were made by Dr. Joseph S. Ames, chairman of the Executive Committee, Maj. Gen. Charles T. Menoher, Director of Air Service for the Army, and Rear Adm. D. W. Taylor, Chief Constructor of the Navy. Among the distinguished guests was Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell, who led a flight of 25 airplanes as a part of the program.

Although the Langley Laboratory had been in existence for several years, this day marked the formal dedication of research. The only other permanent NACA structure on the field was the Research Laboratory, now known as the Administration Building.

There are three employees still here who were present at that day, R.E. Mixson, Charlie Wolf, and Benjamin Bennett.

EMPLOYEES APPEAL - Cont.

vote to sustain or adjust the rating. The decision is made by majority vote. Following the Board action, the employee is advised of the decision and informed of the facts on which it is based.

YOUTH SPORT SHORTS

Injuries plagued two of the league's top teams this week. Johnnie Neff, Structures catcher, dislocated a finger in the Stability game and Roy Lange, Full Scale hurler, had two stitches taken in his pitching hand following a fracas with a broken window. Both will be out some time...Speaking of the Structures Reds-Stability game, Bernie Maggin connected for two home runs off Si Diskin...The Reds' slugging first baseman, Andy Anderson, struck out for the first time that day - the opposing pitcher - Marvin Pitkin.

Electrical finally got on the upgrade after dropping two close ones to the league leaders...16-foot has been the unsung hero to date with only two losses, winning over Low Turb...The AWT-East Shops game is still under protest.

Al Martina came mighty close to a no-hitter last week against Tank. With two out in the last inning and two strikes against him, George Jarvis lashed out a clean single spoiling the perfect game.

MEN'S STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pctg.
Str. Reds	7	0	1.000
19' Pressure	5	0	1.000
PRT	3	1	.750
East Shops	3	1	.750
IRD	5	2	.715
Low Turbulence	5	2	.715
16-Foot	4	2	.667
AWT	3	2	.600
Full Scale	3	2	.600
Tank	3	2	.600
Flight Blues	3	3	.500
PRD	3	3	.500
8-Foot	2	2	.500
Stability	2	4	.333
Reproduction	2	4	.333
Electrical	2	5	.286
West Shops	1	5	.167
Flight Whites	1	6	.143
TSO	0	5	.000

PRESBYTERIAN, STRUCTURES, AND AWT WIN GAMES THIS WEEK

In a game played last Wednesday, 16-Foot lost their first game of the season when Presby downed them 23-18. This defeat dropped 16-Foot from second place to a three way tie for fourth.

In a closely matched game played last Thursday, Structures came through to chalk up their first victory of the season with a 21-18 win over Technical Service Offices. Sybil Bateman hurled for the winners and Lucy White for the losers.

Behind the pitching of Jo Farthing, the "Powerhouses" of AWT put their full force behind the bat to swamp PRD 29-3. Edna Lishman and Jackie Potat, both of the winning team, were accredited with a homerun each. Jo Farthing, the winning pitcher, gave up 3 hits and Barbara Durling, the loser, 21 hits.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pctg.
Presby	4	0	1.000
AWT	3	0	1.000
Personnel	2	0	1.000
PRD	2	1	.667
16-Foot	2	1	.667
8-Foot	2	1	.667
Structures	2	2	.500
ALD	1	2	.333
TSO	1	3	.250

MEN'S SCORES

Tank 6; Reproduction 2
 Structures Reds 5; FRB 1
 West Shops 10; Flight Whites 9
 8-Foot 8; IRD 7
 16-Foot 12; Loads 5
 LTS 11; AWT 5
 19' Pressure Tunnel 3; Tank 0
 Electrical 7; Stability 5
 PRD 13; Structures Whites 12
 Tank 9; Loads 2
 Reproduction 6; Flight Whites 1
 LTS 5; West Shops 1
 IRD 7; Electrical 0
 Flight Blues 5; 8-Foot 0
 East Shops 13; 16-Foot 9
 PRD 14; Loads 3
 Structures Reds 12; Stability 4

WAR LOAN DRIVE

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He told of seeing the terrible destruction wrought by the German V-1 and V-2 bombs in England, and said that the Japanese guided missile, in which a pilot is sent to his death in an attack, is infinitely more effective because it is directed against a specific target instead of being fired on a general area.

"These Japanese suicide attacks," said Reid, "have already caused severe damage, particularly to the fleet, and repairing or replacing these Naval units is a most costly, yet most vital necessity. We've always supported the bond drives which made our victory in Europe and our gains in the Pacific possible - and I'm counting on the Laboratory to expend every effort to bring our war with Japan to an equally successful conclusion."

Starr Truscott, drive chairman, also addressed the group. He reported on progress to date, emphasized the large number of sales which must be made in less than a month, and asked for the fullest possible cooperation on the part of the solicitors to make the drive a success.

BIDDING TO BEGIN

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The new recreation building, which will be ready for use in the fall, will contain the largest gymnasium in Elizabeth City County with the exception of the Armory. Also located in the building will be a stage, a lounge which may be used for special meetings, a bar, lockers, showers, powder rooms, and a kitchen with adequate facilities for preparing meals for 50 people. Plans are also underway for a children's playing area which will include sand boxes, swings, and castle towers.

LIFE AT THE LABORATORY

The stork recently payed a visit.....
to the household of Bertha, formerly of PRT, and Bob Stewart, West Machine Shop. The new arrival was a son, Thomas, born May 31.

Millicent Kicklighter, Tank, and.....
Chief Petty Officer Robert M. Kennedy of the Merchant Marines, recently added their names to the long list of summer weddings.

Not to be outdone by the late.....
arrival of summer, a few courageous picnickers donned their long flannels and ventured out into the storms. Flight Research sampled the weather at Oak Point Lodge last Saturday, and PRT tried the sea breeze at Grand View last Sunday.

The lengthening list of.....
ineligibles added another name last Sunday when Ray (ex-wolfie) Comenzo took his vows with Lucy Guarino in New York.

Tom Hulcher's home.....
was the scene of a quiet wedding ceremony last Saturday. Julie Marsh, Safety Office, and Harry Shoaf, West Engineering, were the principals. The couple now resides at Southampton apartments.

STAMP CLUB TO HOLD AUCTION JUNE 12;
LAST MEETING UNTIL EARLY FALL

The Syms-Eaton Stamp Club will hold a stamp auction at its next meeting on Tuesday evening, June 12, at the Syms-Eaton Recreation Center. This will be the club's last meeting until September.