

# AIR SCOOP

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## BINGO PARTY SET FOR AUGUST 21

The last Bingo Party sponsored by the NACA Morale Activities Association was such a huge success that plans are underway to hold another one on Thursday, August 21, at 8:30 p.m. at the Activities Building. Fifteen games will be played in addition to a jack-pot bingo game and cards may be purchased at the door for one dollar.

The fifteenth game will be played for the grand prize and the winner will receive an electric Toast Master. Following this game, everyone may play free for the jack-pot which will consist of \$30. The person binging after six numbers have been called wins. If one bingoes, the pot will be increased ten dollars and seven numbers will be called at the next party. The pot and the numbers called will continue to increase for each party until some one wins.

The prize list included the following: sterling silver salt and pepper shakers, double deck of plastic bridge cards, electric clock, 2 table cigarette lighters, a bar gift set, bath room scales, album of records by Ethel Merman, Ever-sharp pencil, Parker "51" fountain pen, tid-bit set, juice 'o mat set, Corduro leather wallet, case of Budweiser, and consolation prizes in cases of ties.

## VETS MAY ERECT HOUSING PROJECT

Much interest has been shown in forming a non-profit veterans corporation to erect a housing project. This plan has been carried out in many cities throughout the United States under the G.I. Bill of Rights and has proved very successful.

A reputable contractor, who is now building such a project in Portsmouth, has been contacted and has indicated a willingness to do job.

The plan is for the veterans corporation to buy a group of pre-fabricated houses from the government and purchase a suitable plot of land, all under the G.I. Bill of Rights, and reconstruct

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## GOUGH TO SPEAK TO NORFOLK CLUB

Melvin N. Gough, chief of the Flight Research Division, will be guest speaker at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Norfolk Optimists Club at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Albany Restaurant.

The Optimists, an international organization, has been active in Norfolk for the past eleven years. Its principal interest is providing recreation and entertainment for underprivileged boys. The club is comprised of business and professional men of Norfolk and surrounding communities.

## FST STOCKROOM CLOSES TODAY

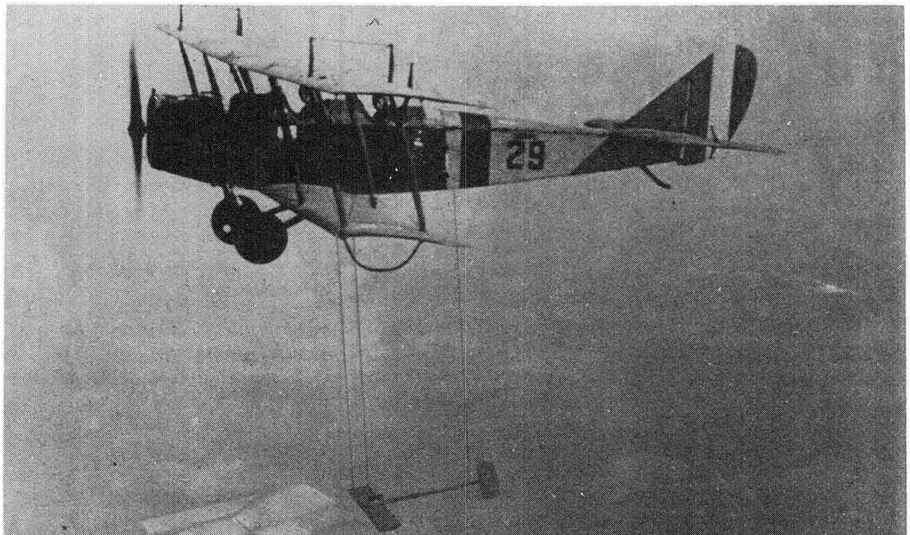
Effective at the close of work today, the Full Scale Tunnel Stockroom will be closed permanently. Stock supplies will be issued from the Warehouse in West Area.

The Full Scale Tunnel Stockroom is being closed for economy and efficiency of operation. The Warehouse in West Area now carries sufficient stocks for supplying the entire Laboratory and has a delivery system which is adequate for delivering supplies to the various Laboratory activities.

## OPEN EXAM FOR APPRENTICE

The NACA Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners has announced an examination for probational appointment to the position of Apprentice, First Year, \$1705 per annum. Apprentices will be appointed in the following trades and applicants will have opportunity to express trade preference at the time of appointment: Aircraft Mechanic, Electrician, Electronic Mechanic, Machinist, Model Maker, Sheetmetal Worker. Upon completion of three years of apprenticeship in some of the above trades, certain apprentices who have shown the required aptitude and ability will be afforded opportunity to receive an additional two years of training and complete apprenticeship in one of the following occupations: Metal Model Maker, Engineering Draftsman, Instrument Maker, and Aircraft Metalsmith.

The examination is assembled; a written test is required. Applications will be accepted by the Board of Examiners until the close of work on Thursday, August 21. For further information or for application forms, call the Board of Examiners, telephone 2226.



The above picture shows a model suspended from an old-time monoplane which, in this case, was a flying laboratory used by two unidentified NACA employees in an early-day attempt at free-flight wing measurement.

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### Message To Staff

"Two paragraphs in a recent letter regarding the allotment of funds for the fiscal year 1948 I believe to be of interest to the entire Laboratory staff, and I hope everyone will read them and will keep them in mind during the year:

"The Committee is grateful for the confidence and support of the Bureau of the Budget and the Congress as evidenced by the funds appropriated for the fiscal year 1948. We can best merit continued confidence and support by demonstrating our ability to make wise and careful use of every dollar that is entrusted to us.

"The entire staff of the laboratory, officers and employees alike, must accept responsibility for making every effort to eliminate unnecessary spending and to achieve administrative efficiency in dealing with appropriated funds. All employees should bear in mind that any example of waste, carelessness, or inefficient use of public monies may do great damage to the interest of the NACA as a whole. Even a single case of negligence can be used as a powerful argument against the validity of future requests for appropriations from the Congress."



### LIFE at the LABORATORY

Sporting a big. . . . .

sparkler on the third finger left hand is Dorothy White, Mechanical Maintenance, and she is engaged to Howard B. Miller of Instrument Construction. No definite wedding plans have been announced as yet.

The Stability Division Social Club. . . . .

will feature Part II of the Division Beach Parties on Saturday, August 16 near the Dunes at Virginia Beach. Part I took place on June 15 and the follow-up promises to be even more entertaining. Beachcombers are invited to come at anytime but food will be dished out at 5 p.m.

After spending all summer. . . . .

in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, Axel Mattson, 8-Foot High Speed Tunnel finally did it. All of his spare time has been devoted to this one particular chase and last Saturday he finally came out on the winning end. No, Axel isn't planning to leave the Bachelor's Club; his big catch was a 51 pound bonita.

A proud father is. . . . .

John Ankeney, formerly of Pilotless Aircraft Research. He became the father of a seven and one-half pound daughter, Martha Galbreath, on Monday, August 4.

Everyone else at the Laboratory. . . . .

seems to be getting in a vacationing mood and taking off for a week or two and the fever has finally hit the "Air Scoop" Office so our office will be closed during the week of August 10 while the staff takes a week's rest. The paper will be published on Friday, August 15 as has been the custom but it will be an abbreviated issue consisting of two pages instead of the regular four. However, we'll be back in full size for the issue of August 22.

## ANNOUNCE BRIDGE TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Approximately 115 persons attended the Bridge Party sponsored by the NACA Morale Activities Association last Friday night. Twenty-seven tables of the twin Mitchell movement were played with fourteen tables in one section and thirteen in the other.

East-West winners were Virginia and Al Stokke, Aircraft Loads, with 96 points and 67%. They received a sterling silver bonbon dish. Second place went to Mr. Michleboro and Mrs. Ward Howard with 95 points and 66%; they received an album of records and a Seaforth gift set, respectively.

Coming in for top honors for North-South were M. J. Olson and A. F. Goodman with 91 points and 66%. First place prizes in this group consisted of an electric clock and a double deck of plastic bridge cards. Second place was won by Dave Blalock and Kenny Cumming with 92 points and 64%; they received a pocket cigarette lighter each.

Trailing along to take the booby prize were Marvin Haar, Tank, and Letha Tindell. Needless to say, they each received a book on the Culbertson system of bridge.

The tournament was conducted by Carl Rossman, Bruce Amole, Ann Merfeld, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wilson.

## CIVILIAN DANCE FRIDAY, AUG. 22

The Langley Field Civilian Recreation Club is sponsoring a cabaret dance for the colored civilian personnel employed by the Army Air Base on Langley Field and have issued an invitation to the colored personnel of the NACA to attend. The dance will be held on August 22 from 8 p.m. 'til midnight at the Boat House.

Music will be furnished by DeWitt Cook and his orchestra. A floor show will also be provided as part of the entertainment. Admission is 75 cents per person and tickets may be purchased from Mrs. W. C. Peddrew, West Area Computing Section, telephone 4570.

WANTED: 2 or 3 room furnished apartment near Wythe or Hampton for married couple. Call Hampton 7635.

WANTED: Ride to Asheville on Aug. 22. Bobby Buckner, Full Scale.

WANTED: Ride for two to Nashville or vicinity on September 5. Ellis Katz, Hampton 3-2469.

# L.T.S. DOWNS 19-FOOT 12-4

After IRD's win over Full Scale Tunnel and Low Turbulence's upset over 19-Foot Pressure Tunnel, it looks as though the league standings will end up with a two-way tie for first between Low Turbulence and IRD, provided Low Turbulence defeats Physical Research, and a two-way tie for fourth between Dynamic Tunnels and 19-Foot.

In a game played Tuesday Low Turbulence won their eleventh straight game of the season by defeating 19-Foot 12-4. The majority of the winners runs came in the third and fourth innings with three for each. The losers chalked up three of their four runs in the third on two walks, a single, and an error. Winning pitcher Dale Burrows gave up five hits, struck out three, and walked five while losing pitcher Pat Cancro gave up eleven hits, walked nine, and struck out two. Leading at bat for the winners were Jack Kinzler with a home run, Bobby Nuber and Burrows with a double and two singles and three singles, respectively.

Dynamic Tunnels took a 29-2 walk-away from Model Shop to tie 19-Foot for fourth place with ten wins and four losses. Winning pitcher "Red" Neihouse gave up five hits to losing pitcher Harry Nutter's twenty-three hits, and fifteen walks. Heavy hitters for the winners were Chuck Bennett with four singles, Jack Paulson with a home run, triple, and single, and Billy Bates and John Cowan with a home run each.

Physical Research came through to take their third win of the season with a 14-12 win over Electrical Shop. With the score tied 12-12 at the end of the sixth, PRD came through with two runs in the eighth to win. The winning run was scored on Les Oborny's double. Leading at bat for the winners were Frice with a double and two singles; Oborny with a homer, double, and single, Rainey with a double and 2 singles, and Staffino with a homer and a single. Bob Jaquis and Les Oborny served on the mound for the winners giving up 15 hits and Phillips did honors for the losers, giving up 17 hits.

In their last game of the regular season of play, Instrument Research took a 12-1 win over Full Scale Tunnel to end up in the top position. Winning pitcher Raoul Bugg gave up four hits, struck out ten, and walked three while losing pitcher Roy Lange gave up five hits, struck out three, and walked seven.

IRD's runs came when they scored six in the first inning, one in the third and fourth, and four in the sixth. Full Scale's lone run came in the last inning. Star batters for the winners were Powell with two singles and Bugg with a home run.

In another free hitting game Structures Research came out on the winning end of a 17-6 game with Aircraft Loads. Winning pitcher John Houbolt gave up ten hits, struck out one and walked one while losing pitcher Ted Skopinski gave up seventeen hits, struck out 3, and walked five. Leading at bat for the winners were Bill Craig with a home run, double, and single, and Ulrich with two homers and a single. Heavy hitters for the losers were Cooney with two homers, Mickleboro with a homer, and P. M. Lovell with three singles.

### LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
IRD	12	2	.857
LTS	11	2	.846
PAR	11	3	.786
19-Foot	10	4	.714
Dynamic Tunnels	10	4	.714
Structures	8	5	.571
Full Scale	6	6	.545
8-3/4 Tunnel	7	5	.538
E.S.D.	6	5	.500
Loads	5	9	.357
16-Foot	4	8	.333
PRD	3	9	.250
7 X 10	2	9	.182
Model Shop	11	1	.083
Electrical	1	12	.078

# GIRLS' TENNIS

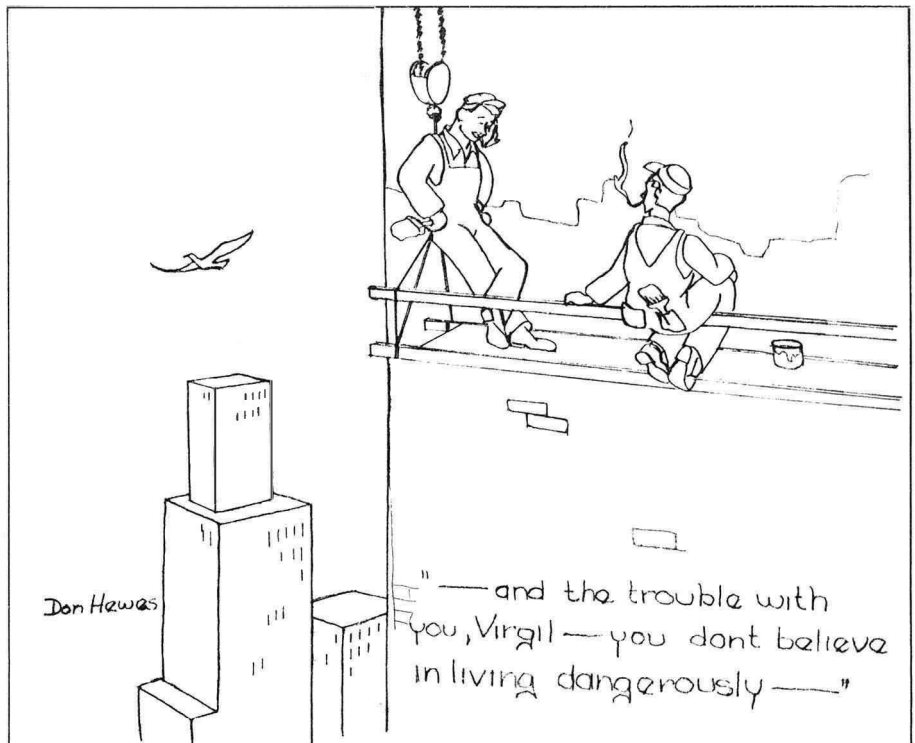
The Girls' Tennis Club seems to be having quite a battle with the number one spot on the tennis ladder changing hands every week. Last week Lucy Taylor took the top position from Alice Aronson, Physical Research, only to have Alice come back this week to take over again by downing Lucy 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

Becky Boykin, Gas Dynamics, managed to hold her own by defeating Gerry Couch, Aircraft Loads, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. In another challenge match, Gerry retained her present standing by defeating Dorothy Comstock, Flight Research, 1-6, 6-0, 6-3.

Plans are underway to hold a NACA Girls' Tennis Tournament within the next few weeks. All girls interested in entering, either singles or doubles, are asked to contact Becky Boykin, telephone 2255.

### TENNIS LADDER

No	Player	Phone
1	Alice Aronson	4454
2	Lucy Taylor	4593
3	Becky Boykin	2255
4	Gerry Couch	4527
5	Eleanor Andrews	4403
6	Shirley Huxter	4590
7	Dorothy Comstock	2229
8	Gerry Hilton	2245
9	Frances Butler	2236
10	Mae Meadows	4527
11	Betty Newbold	2236
12	Peggy Winfield	2281
13	Nancy Wall	4590
14	Mary Maline	2255



## STRASS WINS PHOTO CONTEST

Kurt Strass, 16-Foot Tunnel, took both first and second places in the photographic contest sponsored last week by the Hampton Camera Club. His two winning photos were entitled "The Grin" and "All Day Sucker".

Other winners were: third and fourth places, "Chow Hounds" and "Future Power" won by Sgt. M. D. Brook; fifth, "Derelict" by Sgt. Brooks; and sixth, "Desertion" by W. D. Leonard.

The next club meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Symes-Eaton Community Center. Following the election of a vice president, a discussion will be conducted on cameras and equipment.

Club officials announced this week that the clubs photographic exhibit has been transferred from the Hampton Library to the Activities Building.

## SKYCHICKS DOWN NACHMAN'S 21-8

In a game played last week the NACA Skychicks defeated Nachman's softball team by the wide margin of 21-8. Ann Cock, 9-Inch Supersonic Tunnel, served on the mound for the winners and gave up seven hits, struck out one, and walked none to losing pitcher Ann Hamilton's fifteen hits, five strike outs, and three walks. Leading at bat for the winners were Cal Drumwright with a home run and a double; Jackie Poteat, 7 X 10-Foot Wind Tunnels, with a triple and a double, and Erna Twyman, Full Scale Tunnel, with three singles.

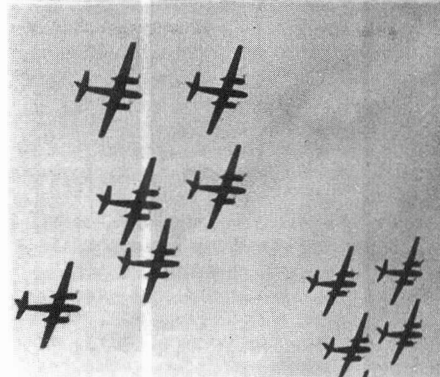
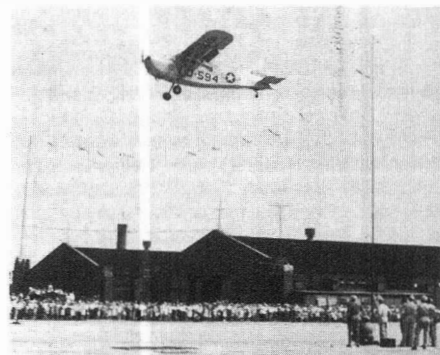
## PERSONNEL ASSISTING IN HOTEL RESERVATION DURING CLEVELAND RACES

Employees planning to attend the National Air Races at Cleveland during the period of August 30 to September 2 and who desire to make hotel reservations may communicate with Miss Louise Neal, Personnel Office, telephone 2367, by 4 p.m. August 11.

Any request for reservations which are received by August 11 will be forwarded immediately to Cleveland in accordance with a request from Cleveland hotels that reservations during the air races be made by August 15.

WANTED: Ride from Hampton Avenue in vicinity of East Hampton Bridge to West Area on 7:30 shift. Paul Marchal. W. Engineering.

## Langley Air Show



The above pictures were taken last Sunday during the Langley AAF-Day Air Show. In the upper left hand corner two P-80's take off. The demonstration on the right shows how an L5 is capable of taking off and landing on short runways. The streak in the middle of the picture is a wire. Lower left Jack Reeder hovers above the crowd in a helicopter. Lower right shows ten A-26's silhouetted against the clouds.

--Photos by Leroy Spearman

## HOUSING

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these houses into nice individual four-room homes. The houses can be lifted by a crane as a unit and transported on a trailer to the project site, thereby saving the cost of dismantling and reassembling the buildings.

If enough veterans are interested, this project could be carried out at a great saving inasmuch as the contracting would be handled directly by the corporation.

Those interested are asked to send their names, section, home address and phone number to Mac Adams, 9-Inch Supersonic Tunnel, as soon as possible so that arrangements may be made for holding a meeting.

NOTICE: Anyone interested in joining flying club with Cessna contact Alec Fulks, I.A.L.

FOR RENT: Room with double bed - Boulevard section. Hampton 5122.

WANTED: Three room furnished or unfurnished apartment. Kenneth Amer, Flight Research.

## WOMEN GOLFERS SLOW TO RESPOND

Very few women have responded to the announcement in last week's "Air Scoop" that a NACA Women's Golf Championship Tournament may be conducted provided enough interest warrants the sponsoring of such an affair. All women golfers, whether they can shoot in the 90's or not, are urged to enter as the tournament will be run on a handicap basis with prizes going to low gross and low net winners. If enough interest warrants the sponsoring of such an affair, playoffs will be held during the early part of September.

In order to determine the extent of interest among women golfers, all interested persons are asked to contact Kay DeSander, telephone 2237 by Friday, August 15.

WANTED: Ride from Wythe to E. Area on 7:30 shift. Nellie Magin, Personnel Records.

WANTED: Ride from Kecoughtan Court Apartments to W. Area on 7:30 shift. E. T. Maher, 4408.