

# Air Scoop



## WILL GIVE AWAY VACUUM CLEANER

The grand prize for the Bingo Party in the Activities Building next Thursday at 8:30 p.m. will be an Air-Way Sanitizer vacuum cleaner with all attachments. Included with the cleaner will be a free demonstration. Attracting quite a bit of attention is the jackpot which has grown to \$120 and next week nine numbers will be called.

Included in the prize list are a Pressure cooker canning unit, electric blanket, waffle iron, electric iron, kitchen wall clock, musical clock radio, Parker "51" fountain pen, sterling silver compote, lace table cloth, carving set, and several other gifts to be selected later.

## MARCH OF DIMES BEGINS AT LAB

The Laboratory's active participation in the annual "March of Dimes" campaign began this week and employees are asked to cooperate in the effort by placing their contributions in containers located in the various buildings here.

The Laboratory's effort is being directed by James C. Tingle, Health Services Supervisor, who is cooperating with the Elizabeth City County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in helping to make this, the tenth anniversary of the organization, a record year.

Half of the funds realized here will remain in the local community for use in carrying on the year-round fight against infantile paralysis in this area, while the remaining half goes to the National Foundation for research, training of personnel in modern methods of treating polio, for combatting epidemics wherever they occur, and for many other worthwhile programs.

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## BILL HERRNSTEIN BIDS FAREWELL

William H. Herrnstein, Jr., better known as "Bill", bid his many friends farewell at a dinner party held in his honor Monday night in the NACA cafeteria. Bill is leaving the Peninsula tomorrow, after more than 20 years of service at the Laboratory, to become associated in business with his father in Chillicothe, Ohio.

As assistant to Dr. H. J. E. Reid, director, Bill is well known not only to employees of the Laboratory but to the hundreds of representatives of other agencies and the aircraft industry who were welcomed by him in one of his capacities as official greeter.

Mel Gough, chief of Flight Research, was toastmaster for the dinner party. Dr. Reid, Elton W. Miller, executive assistant to the director, and Herrnstein spoke briefly. One of the gifts re-

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## DR. REID CITED FOR WAR WORK

Dr. Henry J. E. Reid, director, was presented the medal of merit by Gen. Carl Spatz, chief of staff of the U. S. Air Force, in impressive ceremonies held yesterday in the Pentagon in Washington. General Spatz acted on behalf of President Truman who made the award.

Dr. Reid received the medal for his exceptionally meritorious service during the war as a laboratory director of the NACA. He was cited specifically for "effective leadership of a rapid expansion of facilities and staff while, at the same time, pushing to successful completion a large number of research projects vital to the evolution of improved airplanes."

The award was the second this week for Dr. Reid, who was presented the Medal of Freedom Tuesday by Lt. Gen. Elwood R. Quesada, com-

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Lt. General Elwood R. Quesada, Commanding General of the Tactical Air Command, congratulates Dr. H. J. E. Reid, Director, for receiving the Medal of Freedom for his "exceptionally meritorious service while a member of the scientific group of the Alsos mission, G-2, war department."

--Photo by Bill Tauh

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By Joe Blanco

At the club meeting held Tuesday night, new officers for the present year were elected. Heading the group as president is Frank Parmenter, West Machine Shop. Other officers are: Joe Dodson, vice president; Paul Marchal, Treasurer; Charles Folk, correspondence secretary; Bill Poythress, club secretary; and Ralph Moscatel, Sergeant-at-arms.

Other business taken up at the meeting was the reading of reports by club members on Hydro flying, float construction, adjusting of floats, and contest flying. These reports will be edited and submitted to a national magazine for publication in the near future. In conjunction with the report, it is requested that anyone who has any pictures of past Hydro meets submit them to club members or bring them to the next club meeting as the pictures are needed to round out the report.

Two members of the Brain-busters were elected to AMA District IV positions. Frank Parmenter was elected vice president and John Worth was elected to the contest board.

FOR RENT: Expect 3 room furnished apartment to be available soon. Herbert Cohen, I.A.L.

FOR RENT: Room for two men. 325 LaSalle Ave., Hampton - 4967.

FOR SALE: Drone diesel with glow-plug head. Salake, W. Machine.

FOR SALE: Super syke - \$15, Cannon - \$5. Charlie Folk, W. Mach.

WANTED: Passengers from Marshall Court to E.A. on 8 shift. Myrtle Massey, Cost Office.

WANTED: Ride for 1 or 2 to N. Y. to attend I.A.S. meeting. Al Gessow, 2229.

be withheld until definite plans had been completed. As a reminder to other maidens, Leap Year is still in its infancy so there is plenty of time to avoid membership in the Spinners Club which will of necessity be an outgrowth of the present year. The members of the Bachelors Club have long felt that it was undemocratic and unconstitutional for them not to share their fame and glory of single bliss with the members of the fairer sex.

## Life At The Laboratory

Wedding bells will ring. . . . .

Saturday when Virginia Kash and Tom Snyder, both of Spin Tunnel, take their final vows. Assisting in the big affair will be Margaret Kash, Structures Research, as maid-of-honor, and Sadie Miller Hubbard, Stability Tunnel, and Fay Wilkes, Spin Tunnel, as bridesmaids. Assisting the groom will be Bill Kemp, 7 X 10, and Jake Cliner and Ralph Stone, Spin Tunnel.

Sporting a new sparkler. . . . .

on the third finger left hand is Jean Hunphreys of Flight Research. She is engaged to Stephen Lafayette Erock of Roy, New Mexico, and the wedding will take place on February 21.

Passing out cigars. . . . .

is Norman Skinner, IRD Special Projects. He recently became the father of a nine pound son, Nelson Wesley.

We thought we printed. . . . .

all the engagements last week for the coming season, but apparently we over looked a few. Another Laboratory twosome who are making plans for a June wedding are Jackie Burton, IRD, and Fred Eubank, West Machine Shop.

Still another one. . . . .

that slipped up on us is the engagement of Polly Pollard, Impact Loads, to Frank Hart, Instrument Service. Wedding bells will ring sometime during the spring.

Another Laboratory maiden. . . . .

who is making plans to join the ranks of "old married folks" is Regina Dickinson, IAL. She is engaged to Capt. Will Maguire of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

With the advent of the New Year. . . . .

Axel Mattson was relieved of his responsibilities as Social Chairman of the NACA Morale Activities Association. He would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of the Laboratory staff for their whole-hearted support during the first year of operation. It is your support of the social activities that has assured the financial success of the activities - so vital to the operation of the Association. He would also like to extend to his successor, Paul Taylor, best wishes for a successful tenure of office, which with your support will be inevitable.

Making plans for a. . . . .

January 31 wedding are Mary Raney, Physical Research, and Roland Begor of Buckroe Beach. The wedding will take place in Bethlehem chapel of the Washington Cathedral, Washington, D. C.

Leap year is well along in its third week. . . . .

of existence and the Laboratory maidens are still a bit slow to take advantage of the chance of a life time. However, one young maiden waited until the new year was only 112 hours, 29½ minutes old to exercise the prerogative that comes to the so-called weaker sex every fourth year. For such romantic proposals some young couples pick the Warwick-on-the-James overlooking the beautifully moon-lit waters, others select the much heard of Boulevard, but it seems that this couple has found a new place, "the babbling fountain overlooking the beautifully florescent lighted halls of Tank #1, which is in reality the water cooler in the computers office. The young maiden pounced upon her victim and without wasting any time popped the question. It seems that the poor speechless victim had no choice so he consented; however, the couple requested that their names

# LOADS REMAINS LEAGUE LEADER

Aircraft Loads still leads the Men's Basketball League with three wins and no losses. Stability #1 is in undisputed second place with four wins and one loss and Stability #2 is holding on tight to the bottom spot with no wins and five losses.

In a close game played last week, Physical Research came out on the winning end of a 33-31 game with 9-Inch. PRD lead at half time by a score of 18-15 and managed to hold onto the narrow margin to win. High scorer for the winners was Ed Kilgore with 13 points and top man for the losers was Andy Anderson with nine.

In a one-sided game, the Variety Quintet swapped West Model Shop to the tune of 47-22. The winners were well ahead at half time by a score of 20-9 and went on to increase their score by 27 more points. Taking high scoring laurels for the winners was Luke Liccini with thirteen points and top man for the losers was Balmer with nine.

In a closely played game that was tied up 21-21 during the last few seconds of play, Stability #1 finally managed to sink the winning basket to defeat West Machine 23-21. The game was all tied up at half time 10-10 and remained close throughout the remaining part of the game. High scorer for the winners was Eddie Polhamus with 12 points and tops for the losers was McMillian with 10.

IRD took another beating last Wednesday night when Loads kept their record clean by winning 25-23. The game was close all the way and the half time was tied up at 12-12. Harper was high scorer for the winners with ten points and Ellis came through with six for the losers.

Stability #2 managed to hold onto the bottom position in the league standings by losing to West Machine Shop by the score of 44-20. West Machine lead at halftime 17-10

## STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
Loads	3	0	1.000
Stability #1	4	1	.800
PARD	3	1	.750
W. Machine	4	2	.667
PRD	2	1	.667
Variety Quintet	3	2	.600
19-Foot	3	3	.500
9-Inch	2	3	.400
16-Foot	2	3	.400
IRD	1	3	.250
W. Model	1	4	.200
Stability #2	0	5	.000

# BELLES STILL LEAD LEAGUE

The Belles continued on their winning streak to defeat Presby by a score of 38-22. The Belles were well ahead at half time 21-10 and managed to hold onto their margin to remain undefeated. High scorers for the winners were Louise Crane with 13, Becky Boykin, 13, and Lorean Cooper, 12. Tops for the losers was Betty Ann Johnson with 12.

16-Foot chalked up their first win of the season by defeating 7 X 10 34-26. 16-Foot led by a bare 16-15 margin at half time but ran their lead up by an eight point margin during the second half. High scorer for the winners was Maxine Horne with 17 points and high for the losers were Billie Jones with 13 and Sadie Hubbard with 11.

## STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
Belles	3	0	1.000
Presbyterian	1	1	.500
Loads	1	1	.500
16-Foot	1	1	.500
7 X 10	0	3	.000

# VOLLEY BALL

## STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
Structures	11	4	.733
S & C-PAR	11	4	.733
9-Inch	10	5	.667
GA-PAR	7	7	.500
24-Inch	7	8	.467
E. Engineering	4	7	.364
Gas Dynamics	5	10	.333

# PLAN TO FORM RIFLE GROUP

Officials of the Morale Activities Association announced that plans are underway to sponsor an indoor rifle shooting activity for the purpose of providing entertainment in the form of conventional indoor small-bore rifle shooting for Laboratory employees.

The primary purpose of the group is to encourage an interest in target rifle shooting and to serve as a means of providing instruction to inexperienced marksmen in the proper handling of firearms from the standpoint of safety, marksmanship, and technique.

Joe Stora, Construction Inspectors has been appointed senior range officer and it will be his duty to conduct the range in accordance with established safe practices.

Membership is open to all NACA personnel and may be obtained by written application to Joe Stora.

# BOWLING NEWS

## TENPIN LEAGUE

As the Tenpin League enters the final match of the first round, Missilleaneous holds a one game lead over the Alleycats with 25 wins and 8 losses. The two teams will meet next week in the finals and either group may end up in the number one spot.

Last week Betty Johnston, Splinters, bowled a new high women's set of 437 and also took high game with 156. Watson, Missilot, was tops for the men with a 215 game and 562 set. Finbusters took the high team game with 841 and the Alleycats came through with high set of 2366.

## STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
Missilleaneous	25	8	.758
Alleycats	24	9	.728
Pinbusters	22	11	.667
Aces	19	14	.575
Missilot	18	15	.545
Pin Points	19	17	.528
Structures	16	17	.485
Headpins	14	19	.425
Paris	13	20	.394
East Model	13	20	.394
Splinters	12	21	.364
Low Turbulence	11	22	.333
Fiscal Wrecks	10	23	.303

## WEDNESDAY DUCKPIN LEAGUE

Leading the Wednesday Duckpin League are the Gutter Rats with 18 wins and 9 losses. Following closely behind is the Tank team with 19 wins and 11 losses.

Top honors went to Morris, Tank, with a 133 game and 367 set. High for the women were Sally Rodriguez with a 100 game and Marge Zender with a 277 set. High team game and set were rolled by Tank with 524 and 1459.

## STANDINGS

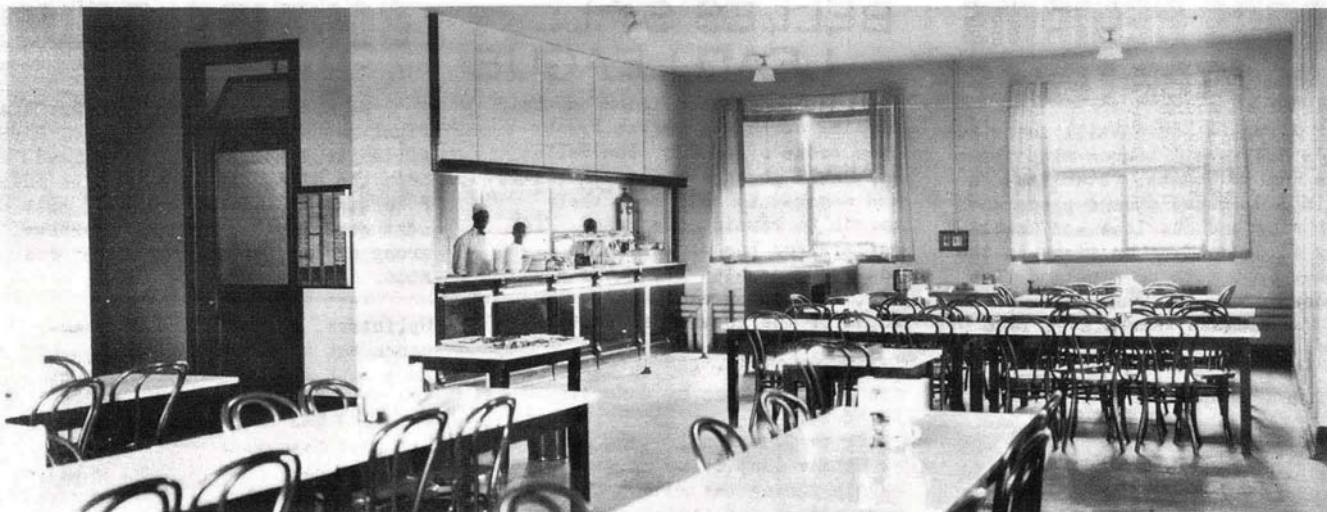
Team	W	L	Avg.
Gutter Rats	18	9	.667
Tank	19	11	.633
Sound Lab	18	12	.600
Flight Ragouts	16	14	.533
G.R.I.	15	15	.500
16-Foot	13	17	.433
Structures	13	17	.433
PARD	10	17	.370
Flight Deadpins	10	20	.333

WANTED: Ride for 2 from Southampton to E. A. on 8 shift. Martha Needham, 2317.

FOR RENT: Double room with private bath. 1611 Chesapeake Ave. Call N.N. - 4-1897 or Indian River 5079.

FOR SALE: 1939 Buick convertible. Larson, Low Turbulence.

WANTED: Ride from Buckroe to W.A. on 8 shift. Mable Wyman, 4527.



The above picture was taken quite a number of years ago when the cafeteria was located on the second floor of

the Administration Building and had a seating capacity of 96 as compared with the present capacity of 180.

## KEEP JAN. 29 OPEN FOR ANNUAL MEETING

"The greater the interest that members show in an organization the more successful it will be", E. J. Shave, President of the LMAL Federal Credit Union pointed out as he urged all members to attend the annual meeting on Thursday, January 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Activities Building.

Mr. Shave also stated, "We have completed a very successful year of operation and we want all members to attend this meeting so that they may find out how they can help to make the coming year the most successful in our history."

## TYPIST AND STENO EXAM STILL OPEN

The Typist and Stenographer examination (announcement No. 4-47-192) is still open. Any employee who has not applied or who received an ineligible rating may apply for the examination by mailing an application card Form 5000AB to the Fourth U. S. Civil Service Region, Temporary Building "R", 3rd Street and Jefferson Drive, S. W., Washington 25, D. C.

The examination will be given in Newport News. For application cards or for further information call the Board of Examiners, telephone 2226.

## HERRNSTEIN

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ceived by Bill was a scrapbook of pictures of buildings and personnel at the Lab, some of them dating back to the time in October, 1927, when he entered on duty here.

## DR. REID

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manding general of the Tactical Air Command, acting on behalf of the Department of the Army. The ceremonies were conducted at the Base Theatre before more than 300 employees and other friends of the director.

The Medal of Freedom award cited Dr. Reid for "exceptionally meritorious service while a member of the scientific group of the Alsos mission, G-2, war department, in the European Theater of Operations from October 1944 to March 1945." The citation stated, in part, that, "While acting scientific chief of the Alsos Mission, Dr. Reid developed the initial intelligence plan for the field operations. This plan was later used as a basis for the plans for field operations throughout the war."

Accompanied by his wife, Dr. Reid was flanked by the following other NACA officials who received from General Spaatz the Presidential Medal of Merit for their contributions to the furtherance of aeronautical science during the war: Dr. Jerome C. Hunsaker, chairman; Dr. George W. Lewis, former director of research; Dr. Lyman J. Briggs, war-time vice chairman; John F. Victory, executive secretary; Smith DeFrance, Ames director; and Edward R. Sharp, Cleveland director, the latter two being former employees of the Langley Lab and well known on the Peninsula.

WANTED: To rent house with two or more bedrooms. Harry Shoaf, PARD.

WANTED: Ride from Boulevard near Claremont to E.A. on 8 shift. Margaret Spear, Free Flight Tunnel.

## URGE INCREASED USE OF OLD WEST GATE

In view of the congested condition of traffic on Langley Field Road during the morning, employees living in the Southampton, Wythe and Newport News areas are urged to make use of the old west gate in driving to work in the mornings.

The gate has been opened to traffic from 6:45 to 8:10 a.m. and 3:45 to 5:10 p.m. A number of NACA employees have reported that their use of the old west gate has considerably shortened the time usually required in driving from home to the Laboratory.

Increased use of the old west gate will serve to alleviate the congested condition on Langley Field Road, especially until steps are taken to correct the present morning tie-up at the east gate.

## MAY SPONSOR AFTER WORK WORK-OUTS

Officials of the NACA Morale Activities Association announced this week that if enough employees are interested in gym work-outs after 4:30 p.m. on work days that arrangements will be made to have the Activities Building open from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Efforts will also be made to purchase the necessary gym equipment.

Employees interested in this form of activity are asked to contact "Red" Neihouse, 2245.

"Not failure, but low aim, is crime".

--Lowell

WANTED: Ride for 1 or 2 to I.A.S. meeting in New York. Prefer to leave Sunday. Amer, 2229.