

Air Scoop



PRESENT AWARD TO DR. DURAND

Dr. William F. Durand, former member and chairman of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, received the Medal of Merit from General Carl Spaatz, Chief of Staff of U.S. Air Forces, at ceremonies held at the Ames Laboratory on February 20.

Dr. Durand, 88, received the award in recognition of his services during the war to the United States as a member of the NACA.

General Spaatz made the award in behalf of President Truman. He stated, "In honoring Dr. Durand, we also honor the many scientists who have contributed much to the freedom of the United States."

Following the presentation of the Medal of Merit, Dr. Durand described how he was in on the early development stages of jet propulsion, adding that jet propulsion has won a "definite and assured" place in aeronautical engineering.

In closing Dr. Durand stated, "For people my age there are only memories. And none of my memories rank higher than my years with NACA. Long may it live and serve our country as effectively in the future as it has in the past."

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LITTLE THEATRE TRYOUTS SUNDAY

The Hampton Little Theatre will hold tryouts for its spring production, "State of the Union" Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Syms-Faton Community Center. The presentation will be directed by Mrs. John B. Parkinson with Mrs. George B. Colonna serving as producer. H. Granville Derby, 8-Foot, has been named assistant director.

"State of the Union" was the Pulitzer Prize play of the 1945-46 season and enjoyed a long Broadway run. The cast calls for fourteen men and six women of the

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TO GIVE AWAY EASY IRONER

As usual, next Thursday is Bingo night at the Activities Building. The grand prize for the affair will be an easy ironer. In addition to the grand prize the jack-pot game will be played. This time the jack-pot is worth eighty dollars and numbers will be called until someone binges.

After next Thursday's game, the jack-pot game will be worked on a different basis. Rather than add money, the jack-pot will start off with about a fifty dollar prize and each time another prize will be added until someone wins.

The prize list includes: a sterling silver carving set, waffle iron, radio, electric iron, pressure cooker and several other prizes that haven't been selected yet. There will also be a children's game.

NAME RED CROSS DRIVE WORKERS

Solicitors for the Laboratory's 1948 Red Cross campaign have been selected and the drive for \$3500 in contributions is now in full swing. Solicitors are making an especial effort to contact each employee in order to afford them an opportunity to contribute toward success of the campaign, scheduled to conclude March 23.

Although a financial report on the progress of the drive was not available as the "Air Scoop" went to press, it was learned that the Stability Research Division Office and Report Distribution and Storage were the first 100 per cent activities to be reported.

In addition to drive workers at the Laboratory, Junie Black at Wallops Island and Walter C. Williams at Muroc are assisting

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WRITTEN FOR THOSE WHO CARE

Sick leave of 15 days a year accrues at the rate of 1 1/4 days each month. It is to be used only in case of actual sickness or when quarantined--not just slight indispositions. Don't abuse it.

It's a good account to build up, especially in view of the fact that you never know when it will be needed. Ask anyone of several at the Laboratory who have had to be away for extended periods because of sickness whether or not it meant much to them when confronted with doctor and hospital bills with no other income.

When you have to stay home because of illness, be sure and call the Laboratory early in the morning and explain the necessity for your absence. Your supervisor not only has a right to know but a legal responsibility for knowing.

Sick leave may also be granted for dental or optical appointments, but in cases of this kind must be requested and granted in advance.

Abuse of sick leave privileges may lead to loss of pay, suspension or discharge, and will definitely hurt your efficiency rating and chances for promotion. Don't abuse your sick leave privilege.

LIFE AT LABORATORY

Grinning from ear

to ear and passing out cigars in a big way is Ray Comerzo, Gas Dynamics. Ray became the father of a seven pound, fifteen ounce, son, Raymond Vincent, on Saturday, March 6.

We haven't heard

of any Bing Crosbeys in our midst but we seem to have an Eddie Cantor working in the West Sheetmetal Shop. It's Clyde Thiele who just became the father of his fourth daughter. The daughter, who has no name as yet, was born Saturday, March 6 and weighed five pounds, fourteen ounces.

Fayroll was quite

stunned last week when they learned of the surprise marriage of Mildred Gregory to Everett Landrum Page of Langley Field. The wedding took place on February 29, Leap Year Day.

We're a little late

in hearing this but we've discovered that the Laboratory wasn't left out when the Leap Year babies were delivered after all. It seems that John Pritchett, West Sheetmetal, became the father of a son on February 29.

Another new father

who is passing out cigars right and left is Bill Huston, Aero Loads. He became the father of an eight pound, two ounce son, Herbert Arthur, on Saturday, March 6. The proud mother, Dot, is formerly of Loads.

The highlight of the

Loads Division party last Saturday night was a basketball game between the girls and boys with the members of the fairer sex coming out on top by a score of 18-10. As a result of the game, the girls claim that they now lead the Men's Basketball League in view of the fact that they defeated one of the league's top teams. The boys were slightly handicapped in that they wore huge flight mittens, the referee was not impartial and the girls used recruits from the boys team dressed in paper skirts. Miss Mertens took high scoring laurels.

FOR SALE: 1942 Dodge coach with radio and heater. \$800. Call Hampton 7440.

WANTED: Alternate drivers from Elizabeth Rd. to E.A. on 8 shift. Thornton, 2377.



By Joe Blanco

In one of the most interesting meetings held in recent months, the Brainbusters made headway on matters of importance which should make news this summer and fall. Attendance at the meeting was well above par despite adverse weather conditions. Another new member was inducted into the club bringing the total of new members to three within the past two weeks.

There have been requests from a model airplane club in Italy for old American magazines dealing with model aviation. Since the Italian Club has already sent the Brainbusters a number of foreign magazines, it was decided that the local club reciprocate and send copies of 'Model Airplane News' and 'Air Trails' to Italy. All magazines not being used by club members should be turned over to club officials who will send them overseas. Members are requested to bring the old magazines to the next club meeting.

A committee was named to formulate rules for the forthcoming Ornithopter contest being sponsored by W. B. Stout. Committee members are as follows: Bill Poythress, Bob Champine, Paul Marchal, and Caldwell Johnson. The rules will be discussed and voted on by the club at the next meeting.

On Sunday, March 14, record trials will be held at the Old Pond between the two traffic circles connecting the Langley Field road with Back River Road. These record trials will be for hydro planes and other types of free flight models.

WANTED: Passengers to E.A. from Southampton on 8 shift. Gale, 2245.

WANTED: Ride from Newport News to E.A. on 8 shift. Bill Laughlin, 2259.

FOR SALE: 12-foot row boat. \$15. Call Hampton 4522.

WANTED: Ride to N.Y. this weekend. Rockett, 2394.

WANTED: Passengers from Victoria Ave. to E.A. on 8 shift. Mahler, 2305.

WANTED: Ride from Apple Ave. or vicinity to W.A. on 8 shift. D. Waddington, Special Projects IRU.

WANTED: Ride from Hill St. to W.A. on 8 shift. Hathaway, 4470.

TOURNEY OPENS NEXT MONDAY

The Men's Basketball Tournament will get under way next Monday with 3 games and the remaining games in the first round will be played on Wednesday. As the "Air Scoop" went to press four games in the regular season were to be played during the week. If our predictions are right, it looks as though Stability #1 and Aircraft Loads will be tied for the number one spot, 16-Foot and Variety Quintet will tie for third, and West Machine and 19-Foot will hold down the number five spot.

As the "Air Scoop" went to press the pairings for the first round in the playoffs were undetermined; however, the starting time for the games are as follows:

On March 15 three games will be played with starting times set for 7:30, 8:30, and 9:30.

The starting time for the four games on Wednesday, March 17 are 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, and 9:30.

STABILITY DOWNS FLYING SAFETY 53-46

Last Monday night in the Activities Building, the Stability #1 team came out on the winning end of a 53-46 game with the Flying Safety team from Langley Field. The Stability five really played heads-up ball and were leading at half time 28-25. During the first half the lead changed hands several times by only a one point margin until near half time when Stability led by three points. During the second half the winners chalked up an eight point lead only to have the losers narrow it down to three than the Stability five ran up a ten point surplus and ended the game seven points ahead.

Thompson was top scorer for the winners with eighteen points. Eddie Polhamus came in second with sixteen points and Chuck Bennett and Billy Bates were third with nine each.

WANTED: Passengers from Copeland Park to E.A. on 8 shift. Fetter, 24-Inch.

WANTED: Ride from Chesapeake and Claremont to I.A.L. on 8 shift. Barbara Weigel, 4522.

FOR RENT: Bedroom with single bed. #1 preferred. 340 LaSalle Ave or call H-6246 after 4 p.m.

WANTED: Passengers from Newport News to E.A. on 8 shift. Hall, Newport News 3-1732.



Player	Team	FG	F	TP	G	Avg.
Mertens	Loads	80	14	174	10	17.4
Himka	16'	56	9	121	9	13.4
Cancro	19'	51	16	118	10	11.8
Polhamus	Sta.	53	2	108	10	10.8
Davis	19'	44	8	96	11	8.2
McConnel	IRD	39	12	90	8	11.3

SKYCHICKS LOSE FIRST GAME

The Skychicks lost their first game of the season last Saturday night when they played a combination team from the Naval Air Station Civilian Office and Waves and Naval Base Waves. The Chicks lost 34-25, however; the game was played under protest due to the selection of officials and due to the fact that the game was scheduled with the Naval Air Station Civilians and not a combination of top scoring pick-ups.

Becky Boykin and Betty Ann Johnson were top scorers for the Chicks with eight and seven points, respectively. Neda Moore was outstanding in her position as guard.

On Tuesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. the Skychicks will meet the Newport News Zombies in the Newport News Armory.

Coming Events

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

- March 12 - W. Engineering Party
- March 13 - Planning Office Party
- March 15 - Playoffs in the Men's Basketball Tournament
- March 16 - 7:30 Bridge Club Volley Ball
- March 17 - Playoffs in the Men's Basketball Tournament
- March 19 - Personnel Party
- March 20 - Full Scale Party

WANTED: Ride from 50th and Huntington to E.A. on 8 shift. Morton Levin, Inst. Serv.

FOR RENT: 2 single rooms for single men. Mrs. Thompson, 93 33rd St. N.N. 2-4345.

FOR RENT: 3 1/2 room water front furnished apartment. Available April 1. 1117 Chesapeake Ave.

BOWLING NEWS

STABILITY BOWLING LEAGUE

Leading the league is the Woodpeckers team from Stability Tunnel, with 15 wins and only 6 losses. The DTOS Turkey Luckers are second with 14 wins and 8 losses. Taking high individual averages for the men are MacDougall with 103.1 and Johnny Campbell with 102.6. Leading the women are Gay Gilbert with 88.9 and Mary Noble Bennett with 85.7.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
Woodpeckers	15	6	.714
Turkey Luckers	14	7	.667
7 X Footers	13	8	.619
Atomic Bums	12	9	.571
Pin Maulers	11	10	.524
Scotch & Tapers	11	10	.524
Bouncers	12	12	.500
Fliers	10	11	.476
Pin Heads	10	14	.417
Hurlers	8	16	.333
Spare Squares	4	17	.190

WEDNESDAY DUCKPIN LEAGUE

In the Wednesday Duckpin League Sound Lab and G.R.I. tied for first place and a match of three games was played to determine the winner of the trophy. G.R.I. proved to be the better team by defeating Sound Lab two out of three games. Henry Block, G.R.I., rolled a high game of 123 and Ike Eichmeier, G.R.I. bowled high set of 318.

The four top teams, G.R.I., Sound Lab, Tank, and 16-Foot will participate in play-offs with the four top teams of the Monday Duckpin League as soon as the second round is completed.

TENPIN LEAGUE

The Pinbusters are now leading the league with 10 wins and 5 losses, however, Headpins and Splinters trail in a close second with nine wins and losses. Last week Rogers, Fast Model rolled a high game of 223 and Pete Price, Splinters, took high set with 598. Barbara Durling, Fiscal Wrecks, took high honors for the women with a 168 game and 412 set. Pinbusters came through with 871 to take high team game and East Model took high set with 2358.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
Pinbusters	10	5	.667
Headpins	9	6	.600
Splinters	9	6	.600
Paris	10	8	.555
East Model	10	8	.555
Low Turbulence	8	7	.534
Structures	8	7	.534
Kissilot	9	9	.500
Aces	9	9	.500
Alleycats	8	10	.445
Pinpoints	8	10	.445
Missilleaneous	6	9	.400
Fiscal Wrecks	4	14	.222

NAME WORKERS

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in the campaign at their respective stations. The four Lab area chairmen include Lucy Bainbridge, Administrative; Helen Northcross Foley, Full Scale; Janie L. Burroughs, West Area (North), and Vera Huckel, West Area (South).

The solicitors and their activities are as follows:

Administrative Area - Vivian Adair, Comp. Res. Div. Office and Gas Dynamics; Frances Arnn, Second Floor Administration Building; Frances Branham, Reproduction; Frances Butler, Files, Library, and Telephone Exchange; Betty Jane Clark, Construction Engineers; Katherine DeSander, First Floor Administrative Building; Ann Elksnin, Electrical Engineering; Harry Lyons, Instrument Service; Neda Moore, Office Services; Elizabeth Patterson, Low Turbulence; Fred Posey, Janitors and East Transportation; Sarah Rickman, E. Cafeteria; Lilibel Spearman, Editorial Office and Foreign Documents; Margaret Stassi, 24-Inch; Helen Talbott, Fiscal Division; Sandra Yoakum, Engineering Services; Margaret Young, Personnel Division.

Full Scale Area - Estelle Deuell, Project 506; Sue Underhill, Full Scale; Rosemary Eryant, Full Scale Analysis; Kitty Ruggles, Bell Computers; Bonnie Justice, Free Flight; Ina Riddle, DPOS; Carrie Tardy, East Model and Dynamic Model; Emma McSmith, E. Sheetmetal; Beatrice Carroll, E. Machine; Marjorie Ramsey, E. Engineering; Rachel Salmi, 19-Foot; Louise Crain, Edith Morrisett and Janice Wells, Flight Research; Ann Merfeld, 8-Foot; Frances Rideout, Tank #2; Louise Phillips, Tank #1; and Beatrice Thomasson, Spin Tunnel.

West Area (South) - Elaine Price, FRD; Doris Pate and Jacqueline Burton, IRD; Thelma Savage, Purchase; Hugh Watson, Proc. Control; Pat Forehand, 16-Foot Tunnel; Lelin Byrd, PARD; Dale Perry, W. Engineering; Alverta Barnes, Stock; Daisy Perkins, W. Sheetmetal; Jacklyn Field, W. Machine; Mabel Oss, Surface and Finishing; Myrtle Buchanan, W. Transportation and Construction and Repair; and Elaine Price, 4-Foot Supersonic.

West Area (North) - Shirley Weil, Stability Analysis and Division Office; Florence Rosenberg, Stability Tunnel; Jacqueline Miller, 7 X 10; Mary Morris, Structures; H. H. Dewhirst, Const. Engineering Inspectors; W. H. Payne, Power Generating; Coretta



Visiting the Laboratory this week were the following persons.

From the Cleveland Laboratory were E. C. Braig, Jr., Administrative Office; and J. McFadden, Chief of Tabulating Section.

Representing the Washington Office were Ruth Scott, Finance Officer; Suzanna Garner, Chief of Payroll; Margaret Muller, Chief, Office of Aeronautical Intelligence, and Helene Gingras, Librarian.

LIONS CLUB DANCE TONIGHT

Tonight the Chesapeake Lions Club will sponsor a dance in the Virginia Room of the Chamberlin Hotel. The proceeds from the semi-formal affair will be used for the benefit of the club's Activities Fund.

Joel Vause and his orchestra will begin playing at 9:30 and dancing will continue until 12:30. Tickets are \$1.80, stag or drag, and may be purchased from any member of the Chesapeake Lions club or at the door.

FOR SALE: Handy Hot junior size washing machine. \$18. Brad Jones, West Machine.

FOR SALE: Davino couch. 302 Cherokee Road.

FOR SALE: E-6-B Aircraft Navigation Computer. Ben Miller, Exper. Inst.

WANTED: Ride for 2 to N.Y. March 25. Deter, Aero Loads.

FOR SALE: Chrysler 8 Marine Engine with 2 to 1 reduction gear, 36-foot plywood landing barge, bath, for \$250. Bill Trail, PRD.

Forrest, W. Model and Foundry; Charles Shobe, Heat Treating and Orifice Install.; Dorothy Miller, Mech. Maint. and W. Heating; Louise Griggs, Electrical Shop; Mirjam Kangas, 9-Inch Supersonic; Margaret McCutcheon, W. Computing; Virginia Fox, Aero Loads and Division Office; Frances Lewelling; Gust Loads; Edith Reisert, Loads Calibration; Catherine Lovell; Impact Basin; Regina Dickinson, IAL; and Clara Anderson, Report Distribution.

DR. DURAND

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Prior to Dr. Durand's speech, John F. Victory, NACA Executive Secretary, described Dr. Durand's accomplishments.

He told how at the age of 81 he came out of retirement to serve without compensation from 1941 to 1945 as a member of the NACA. He cited his chairmanship of the Division of Industrial Research and Engineering, National Research Council and his membership in various committees of the National Academy of Sciences.

He remarked that Dr. Durand was one of the original members of the NACA appointed in 1915 when Congress created the organization. He was the first civilian chairman and served as such during World War I.

TRYOUTS SUNDAY

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following descriptions:

James Conover, a quiet-spoken, middle-aged politician; Spike McManus, a genial Washington political reporter; Kay Thorndyke, a smart woman, the kind who is found talking to men more often than women; Grant Matthews, a hugely successful industrialist whom Conover is seriously considering as a possible candidate to head the Republican party ticket in 1948. Mary Matthews, Grant Matthew's attractive wife; Sam Parrish, an exuberant, successful business man; Judge Jefferson Davis Alexander, a typical Southern judge; Mrs. Lulubelle Alexander, wife of the judge; Mrs. Draper, a woman politician; William Hardy, a labor leader; Senator Lauterback, a typical Senator; two butlers, one bell-boy, one waiter, three labor leaders, and two maids.

Many backstage staffs will also be needed and anyone interested in either acting or production work is urged to attend the tryouts. Refreshments will be served and an entertaining afternoon is anticipated.

Additional tryouts will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Syms-Eaton center for those unable to attend Sunday.

FOR RENT: Room with twin beds for two men. Hampton 3-3285.

FOR RENT: Bedroom and study. 410 Algonquin Rd., Hampton 6752.

NOTICE: Anyone wanting wartime aircraft pictures for office may contact Walter Reiser, 2280.