



LANGLEY MEMORIAL AERONAUTICAL LABORATORY

# CONGRESS OKAYS PAY BOOST

*New Nacar*

## Senate Approves Time And One-Half; Bill Goes To President For Signature

The United States Senate on Tuesday put its okay on the report of the two house conference, which allows for time and one-half for overtime, thus hurdling the last legislative barrier in the way of the Civil Service pay increase. The bill has now gone to the desk of President Harry S. Truman for signature. The President has been in San Francisco and is expected back in Washington the latter part of the week.

Allowing for an average 15.8 percent gross increase to all Government employees, the bill provides for the first overall Civil Service raise since 1923. Included in its provisions is a 20 percent raise on the first \$1200 of base pay, ten percent on the next \$3400, and five percent on all above. In addition to the time and one-half overtime pay, which diminishes after \$2980 (revised base pay),

there is also ten percent additional for night work. The within-grade Ramspeck raises will also come at 12 months for those under \$3800, and 18 for those over, instead of the 18 and 30 months as before. A complete table of all grades and salaries appeared in last week's Air Scoop.

## COW FROLICS AT GRAND VIEW JULY 5

*by Rhett Race*

Basing his claim on the results of recent investigations performed by the county health officer, Chairman John Houbolt of the Green Cow Committee declared late last night that the beach at Grand View is perfectly safe for dancing. The wooden floor at the Grand View Pavilion makes the site particularly well suited for activities of this sort, he said, and next week's Green Cow dance will be held as scheduled on Thursday, July 5.

In an address at the high-school stadium to the Peninsula chapter of Boer War Veterans (Medium Artillery), Inc., Houbolt, who is quite a Boer himself, stated, "These charges of pollution are not well floundered. They don't hold water. They make me tide. Our beach is perfectly surf, you may be shore." He looked out upon the sea of faces, his eyes swimming. Having nothing further to say, he said, "I wave extra diction."

Red Overton and his orchestra have accepted the committee's challenge to attend the sanitary dance, and will most likely bring their instruments.

## SOME ACER MEN TO BE DISCHARGED

Members of the ACER employed at the Laboratory who are over 40 years of age, or who have 85 or more points to their credit, will be immediately recalled to active duty and considered for permanent discharge, it was learned this week from the Third Service Command.

Army ACER's will be ordered to active duty for discharge, provided the Military Occupational Specialty under which they are qualified is not included by the War Department on the list of scarce-category skills.

Persons eligible for discharge under these provisions should contact the Personnel Director or Dr. William A. Aery, Administrative Assistant, for further information at once.



Brig. Gen. Edward M. Powers has been appointed to the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics to replace Maj. Gen. Oliver P. Echols. A command pilot, Gen. Powers has been in the Army Air Corps since 1917. At one time he headed the Power Plants Laboratory at Wright Field. He is one of the two Army representatives on the Committee, the other being five star General Henry H. Arnold.

### OPEN BIDS FOR RECREATION BUILDING JUNE 30; CONSTRUCTION SOON

Bids are scheduled to be opened on Saturday, June 30, on the recreation building. Following the awarding of the contract, construction is expected to be begun as soon as possible.

The Lockwood construction firm entered the low bid on the picnic area for the project, which will include fireplaces, tables, and other outdoor picnic facilities.



**LEAVE SECTION MOVES TO FISCAL DIVISION JULY 2**

The Leave Section is transferring to the Fiscal Division July 2, and will move on that date from its present location in the Service Building to the second floor of the Utility Building. The telephones, 2303 and 2387, will remain the same.



"Sometimes I wish I wasn't so congenial!"

**WANTED:** Three passengers from Buckroe to East Area - 8:15 to 4:45 shift. Cecil Burtner, Flight Maintenance

**SOFTBALL STANDINGS**

Team	W	L	Pctg.
Structures Reds	10	0	1.000
19' P. T.	9	0	1.000
East Shops	6	1	.857
Tank	7	2	.777
Low Turb	6	2	.750
IRD	8	3	.728
Flight Blues	6	4	.600
PRT	5	4	.555
Full Scale	5	4	.555
16-Foot	4	5	.444
Stability	4	5	.444
8-Foot	3	4	.429
PRD	3	5	.375
West Shops	3	5	.375
AWT	3	5	.375
Electrical	3	6	.333
Reproduction	2	8	.200
Flight Whites	2	9	.182
Structures Whites	1	8	.111
Loads	0	10	.000

**Softball Scores**

Full Scale 8; 16-Foot 5  
 Structures Reds 10; PRT 0  
 Tank 11; IRD 5  
 Stability 20; Flight Whites 6  
 West Shops 6; Loads 5  
 Structures Whites 8; FRW 6

**FT. MONRGE DEFEATS NACA TENNIS CLUB**

by Tommy Toll

Members of the NACA tennis club played the Fort Monroe tennis team on Sunday, June 24, at Fort Monroe. The NACA tennis club was represented by Ed Kilgore, East Engineering; Charles Brandes, Planning Office; Bob Swanson, Stability Tunnel; Hewitt Phillips, Flight Research; Everett Dunlap, Instrument Calibration; and Tom Toll, Stability Tunnel. The Fort Monroe team won five of the six singles and all three doubles, though the NACA team made a good showing in several of the individual matches. Ed Kilgore defeated Lt. Abner Benisch, Fort Monroe's singles champion, for the only NACA win of the afternoon.

After dropping the first set 4-6, Kilgore came back to defeat Benisch 6-4, 6-2. Cpl. George Heasley defeated Brandes 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; Major F. T. Treadway took Swanson 6-4. S/Sgt. William Scott won from Dunlap, 6-0, 6-1. Lt. R. R. Stanwood defeated Phillips, 6-1, 6-2. Max Schroecker overcame Toll, 6-3, 6-0. In the double matches, Major William Boers and Benisch beat Kilgore and Brandes, 6-4, 8-6. Heasley and Warrant Officer Frank O'Neal defeated Swanson and Dunlap 6-1, 6-1. Sgt. I. Rappaport and Pvt. G. Miltbold won over Phillips and Toll, 7-5, 7-5.

Tentative arrangements were made for a return match to be played on the NACA courts in about a month. Members of the NACA tennis club are anxious to get in some good practice before the return match and invite anyone interested in playing with the team to contact one of the club members mentioned above.

**RIFLE MATCH TO BE HELD SUNDAY JULY 1**

The second in a series of eight bi-weekly 22-caliber rifle matches will be held on Sunday, July 1 at the range on Woodland Road (formerly known as County Poor House Road.)

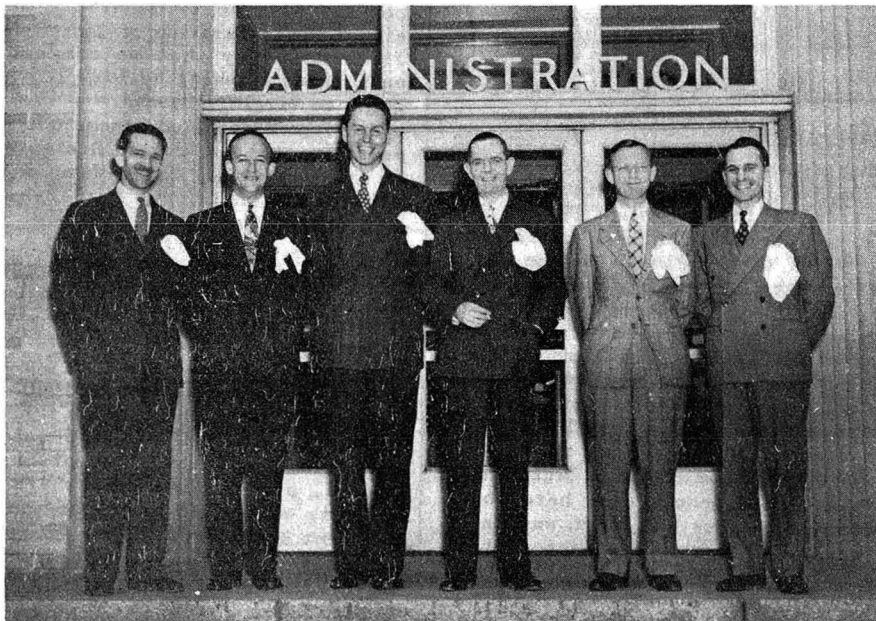
Starting time will be at 3 p. m. and matches will consist of a 50 yard event, five shots in each position - prone, sitting, kneeling, and standing; and a 100 yard event, 20 shots prone.

Matches are open to all comers and entries may be made prior to matches at the range or in advance. Entrance fee will be fifteen cents per match without ammunition and fifty-cents including ammunition.

**NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER**

Instrument Research Division, Special Projects - 2362 - Located on first floor, Utility Building.

**OFFICIALS POSE A LA COLONNA**



A couple of weeks back the Administrative Officers of the three Laboratories met with Washington Office officials in Cleveland to discuss their problems and establish uniform procedures. When the group assembled for official photographs, George B. Colonna, of the bright tie and flowing hankie, stepped in to direct the scene and insisted on a more stylish appearance. In keeping with George's best tradition, the fellows out-Colonnaed Colonna and posed as above. Behind the flowing white banners they are, left to right, Parmely Daniels, new NACA Personnel Officer; Gene Braig, AERL Administrative Officer; Ralph Ulmer, Technical Assistant to E. H. Chamberlin, Assistant Secretary of the NACA who is next in line; Kemble Johnson, Langley Administrative Officer, and Arthur Freeman, Ditto for Ames. How's that, Colonna?

## Four Star Pa



Franklin Pressey

With four sons in the armed forces, Franklin H. Pressey, Maintenance, rates at the Lab's champion dad.\* Two of the Pressey boys are in the Army - James F., 23, is now in Belgium and Warren H., 24, is in France. The other two are serving in the Navy. Isaiah, 19, is a Motor Machinists Mate 2/c. He received his boot training at Great Lakes and was sent to Hampton Institute for his further studies. Wilton J., 18, is Steward 2/c. Wilton, incidentally, enlisted when only 15, was in the African campaign and subsequently served 22 months in the Pacific before being assigned to his present duty at a Naval Air Station in Florida.

Papa Pressey, who will be 46 in November, is, needless to say, very proud of his boys, all of whom have seen active duty and he is, like fathers all over the world, eagerly awaiting the day of their safe return.

\* As far as we know.

### DICK EVERETT BACK AT WORK AFTER ACCIDENT

Dick Everett, Head of the Dynamic Tunnels Operations Shop, has returned to work after his unfortunate tussle with an industrial fan two weeks ago. His right index finger, which suffered the severest injury, is in splints, but, through the grace of penicillin and medical attention, it is still attached to his hand and should be okay in a few weeks.

The fan, which suffered somewhat slighter damage, is now also restored to working order.

FOR SALE: New and used tennis rackets, \$5 to \$20. Guaranteed restringing, \$3 to \$9. Jack Jenkins, East Engineering.



by Leroy Spearman

Now, while everyone is busy thinking up reasons for asking holiday leave on the 4th of July, we should take time to consider what a great country this is, and look back a bit on its history.

It all began back in 1492 when a man named Columbus, of the Lisbon Yacht Club, chanced upon a new land while looking for a route to India. This goes to show how far off the track a person can get and should serve as a note of caution to adventurous souls who are always looking for new ways to get from Hampton to Langley Field. Anyway, the land was named America in honor of some one else who had practically nothing to do with it and was not even a member of the Yacht Club. Today, we appreciate the fact that Columbus found us, but we can't do much to make him feel better about it now, even though at least one town in every state is named Columbus.

Due no doubt to the high-pressure tactics of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, several tourists from Europe landed in this vicinity in the early part of the 17th century. They landed at Jamestown, which is now an historical site. Hampton is another hysterical sight. The famous "Lost Colony" was founded, and subsequently lost, south of Norfolk, and if you've ever seen the country around there you can understand how it got misplaced. In spite of these confused beginnings, more and more people came here and a government was set up which was later to be upset. For awhile, the seat of the government stood in Williamsburg so you can see that Virginia was getting the lion's share of publicity at that time.

However, everyone got pretty tired of British rule after awhile, and when they put tacks in our tea it was too much. So we threw a St. Patrick's Day tea party for them in Boston and

FOR SALE: B & S vernier depth gage. H. Guttman, Instrument Construction.

FOR SALE: Argus Slide Projector, 35 mm. \$25. H. Newlin, Purchase Office.

FOR SALE: Pre-war studio couch and rocker. Doris Nichols, Purchase.

started a war. (You can almost start a war in Boston to this day by suggesting that St. Patrick's day be celebrated with as mild a beverage as tea.)

The British weren't too hard to beat because they were frightful dopes about camouflage, and wore red coats. Whenever we saw red we shot at it with fairly fatal results, but they never did learn about camouflage and soon we had them beaten. Here again, the trusty Chamber of Commerce came through and arranged to have Lord Cornwallis, the English commander, surrender to General Washington at Yorktown, thus adding another tourist attraction to an already lengthy list.

Long before this historic event, on July 4, 1776 to be exact, we had signed the Declaration of Independence. It is this day that we commemorate each year by taking holiday leave and going to Virginia Beach.

George Washington became our first president and the United States began to grow like mad. Since then, we have progressed under the leadership of many other great men including H. J. E. Reid. (It never hurts to try.)

Today our beloved country, including North Carolina, Brooklyn, and Texas, heads the list of the world's great nations and we continue to grow. When the census takers went around increasing the population in 1940, they found that we now have about 1 mile of area for every 100 square people, or something like that. Exceptions, of course, are the beaches, where this value is multiplied by 10<sup>6</sup> as you will see next Wednesday.

So we forged ahead under such men as Jefferson, Jackson, Wilson and Jesse James - all great forgers - leading our country through war and peace. We might conclude that if all the famous men who contributed to the growth of America were to return to life today it would be the outstanding miracle of all times.

WANTED: Portable typewriter. Harry Bedwinek, Fiscal Office.

WANTED: Child's tricycle. Eleanor Gobble, Flight Research

WANTED: A motorcycle. Karl Schmieder, Structures Research, Office 1.