LANGLEY MEMORIAL AERONAUTICAL LABORATORY

# LARGER DONATION TO CHEST NEEDED TO ATTAIN GOAL

The high cost of living affects us all and we have all had to adjust ourselves to changing conditions and to get along without things we think we need, but that is no reason for failure to do what we can to help those who have a harder time than we. A good way to do that is to give to the Community Chest.

It may be that some are inclined to underestimate their obligation to the community in which we live and to ask, "What has the community ever done for me?" and "Why don't we have public parks, playgrounds, libraries, museums, and other facilities such as we had 'back home'?" Chances are

To was a much larger and wealth-

community paying the taxes that supported those facilities. If anyone feels that he owes little to the local community, let him consult the people who work at Wallops Island.

Our local Chest is better managed than many. Dr. H. J. E. Reid, Director, is chairman, and William J. Whelan and E. Walter Chapman, of our Fiscal Division, are on the Board of Trustees and making it their business to investigate the operating conditions of each of the agencies benefitting from the Chest, we may rest assured that (Continued on page 2)

# ONE WEEK 'TIL Halloween Dance

Laboratory employees have only one more week to get those costumes



o get those costumes ready for the Halloween shindig at the Activities Building on Friday, October 31. Prizes will be awarded to the man and woman with the most outlandish out-

fit so start throwthings together now because the prizes are really worth winning.

Dancing will start at 9 o'clock and continue 'til midnight to the music of Shelley Harmon and his orchestra. Tickets are \$1.50, stag or drag, and may be purchased at the door.

## SICK LEAVE ABUSERS ENDANGER PRIVILEGE

Sick leave abusers are making trouble for everyone, and this small minority will have themselves to blame if sick leave is abolished, according to Jerry Kluttz, Washington Post columnist, in his recent discussion of the congressional inquiry on sick and annual leave benefits for Federal employees.

The leave investigation is being conducted by the Senate Appropriations Committee and the entire leave problem is scheduled to be debated next year by Congress.

Pointing out that the sick leave abusers are the real worry of Federal officials and their honest and sincere coworkers, Kluttz commented that a crackdown on employees who abuse this privilege is already under way in some Government agencies, and predicted that it will spread to others.

The Langley Laboratory, realizing that sick leave is a desirable privilege in the interest of employee welfare, is making a concerted effort to check the abuse of this privilege in order that the hundreds of conscientious workers who value their sick leave will have it aveilable when needed.

# SECOND PERFORMANCE SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT

The Hampton Little Theatre will present its second and final performance of the hilarious farce comedy, "Three Men On A Horse", tonight at 8:15 in the Hampton High School auditorium. Membership tickets will be available at the door.

be available at the door. Laboratory employees taking part in the production are John Houbolt, Structures, as Clarence Dobbins, the brother-in-law; Marvin Haar, Tank, Charles Rodriguez, PARD, and Dick Everett, E. Model as the "three men"; John R. Dewson, Hydrodynamics Division, as Mr. Carver, president of the Holry Cheer Greeting Co.; Dare Blalock, Bell Computers, as the hotel mend; and T. Melvin Butler, Personnel Division, es the tailor.

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## CELEBRATION SET FOR SATURDAY

Laboratory employees and their families are reminded that Saturday is the big day for the first anniversary celebration of the Activities Building. The affair, which gate underway at 3 p.m. and runs 'til midnight, is being sponsored by the NACA Morale Activities Acsociation. All entertainment will be free and stends will be set up in the area for those who want to purchase a bite to eat or drink during the course of the day.

Chet Wcielo, Chairman of the Activities Committee, announced that at 3 p.m. all the activity facilities will be open and that exhibition matches have been arranged. Playing in the doubles tennis match will be Ed Kilgore, Coleman Donaldson, Bill Jordan, and Jack Erwin. Plans are also underway to hold a horse shoe tournament, and to have several rubber powered models fly for the spectators. In addition, a jet propelled minature car demonstration will be conducted by Eddie Polhamus, Hal Johnson, Page Hogart, and John McKes.

At 5:30 the entertainment will be turned over to Social Chairman Axel Mattson who has arranged for Sam Brown and his hillbilly orchestra to be on hand to furnish music (Continued on page 3)

# ANOTHER BINGO

Attracting more attention than anything else at the Bingo Farty next Thursday night in the Activities Building, will be the jackpot which has grown to be worth eighty dollars. This time eleven numbers will be called and according to the law of averages some lucky person should walk away eighty dollars richer.

As has been the custom, all fifteen games may be played for a dollar a card. In addition, a special game will be held for children only and the winner will receive a pair of roller skates.

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### Wedding bells rang. . .

last Saturday when Connie Denton and Charles Seacord, both of Pilotless Aircraft Research, took their final vows at St. John's Episcopal Church in Hampton. Laboratory employees who took part in the big event were Gloria Hemilton, Flight Research, as maidof-honor; Herman Ankenbruck, Pilotless Aircraft, best man; and Jack Erwin, Gas Dynamics, and Bill Gardner, PARD, groomsmen. After the wedding the honeymooners left for a trip to California

Now honeymooning. . . .

with his new bride is Steve Roden of 24-Inch Tunnel. Steve was married Saturday, October 18 to Catherine Gilder of Birmingham, Alabama.

Passing out cigars. . . .

is Joe Robbins of Purchese Office. He became the father of a six pound, eight ounce daughter, Rebecca, on Tuesday, October 14.

#### Sporting a new. . . .

sparkler on the third finger left hand is Blanche Sponsler, Head of West Computers. She is engaged to William J. Fitchett of Newport News and wedding bells will ring Saturday, November 1.

### Leaving the Laboratory. . . .

to make plans for a December wedding was Alice Fensterwald of Stability Analysis. Alice is engaged to Bob Strauss, formerly of Instrument Research, and the big event has been scheduled for December 21.

#### Another Laboratory. . .

maiden who will join the ranks of old married folks during the holiday season is Dorothy Minna Brevoort, Office of the Chief of Pilotless Aircraft Research. She is engaged to Andrew Nowell Smith of Lincoln, Nebraska.

#### Visiting the Laboratory. . . .

this week and greeting old friends was Edward W. Betts, Superintendent of Shops at Ames Laboratory, Moffett Field, California.

Laboratory employees interested in picking up. .

a few of the finer points of bridge now have the opportunity to receive instructions from one of the nation's top ranking bridge players. The Morele Activities Association has secured the services of Dr. Arthur Salasky of Newport News and he will hold bridge classes on Tuesday nights at 7 at the Activities Building.

WANTED: Passengers to Washington on Fri. Oct. 31. Leaman, N.N. 31674.

FOR SALE: Kermath Marino engine, 80 hp. H. A. Barritt, W. Sheetmetal.

FOR SALE: Lensmatic compass and Clarvos ten piece drawing set. Bill Hart, Flight. WANTED: Alternate driver or passengers from Copeland Park to E. Area on 8 shift. Pursiful, 2251.

FOUND: Pocketbook near W. cafeteria. B. G. Bennett, IRD.

LOST: Tan leather Buxton wallet. Frank West, 16-Foot.



By John Worth

Although the planned Hydro Record Trials scheduled for last Sunday had to be cancelled, due to the dismantling of the launching tank which could not be postponed, the turnout for the Hand-launched events resulted in a successful meet.

Joe Boyle turned in the best performance of the day in losing his Class A job out of sight after eight minutes and placing also in the rubber event. He was awarded the Reiser perpetual trophy in its first postwar presentation.

Dick Everett consistently averaged over  $2\frac{1}{2}$  minutes with his Class D Rubber powered "Slicker" to place first among rubber entrants.

C. C. Johnson followed in second place flying a CO2 powered job that averaged elmost two mimites despite incomplete adjustment which indicates definite competitive possibilities for this relatively new form of power.

### CHEST CAMPAIGN

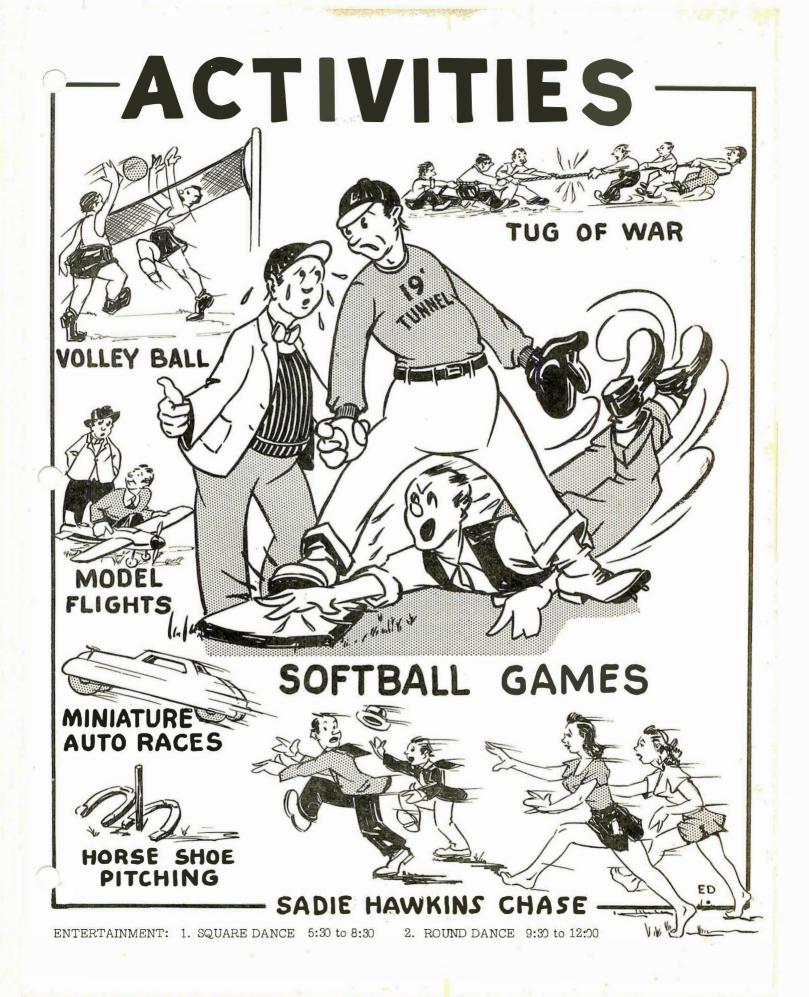
(Continued from page 1) none of the money is wasted or unwisely used. They have worked on the budget and have decided that the needs of the budget are greater this year, and that means that we should each give a little more.

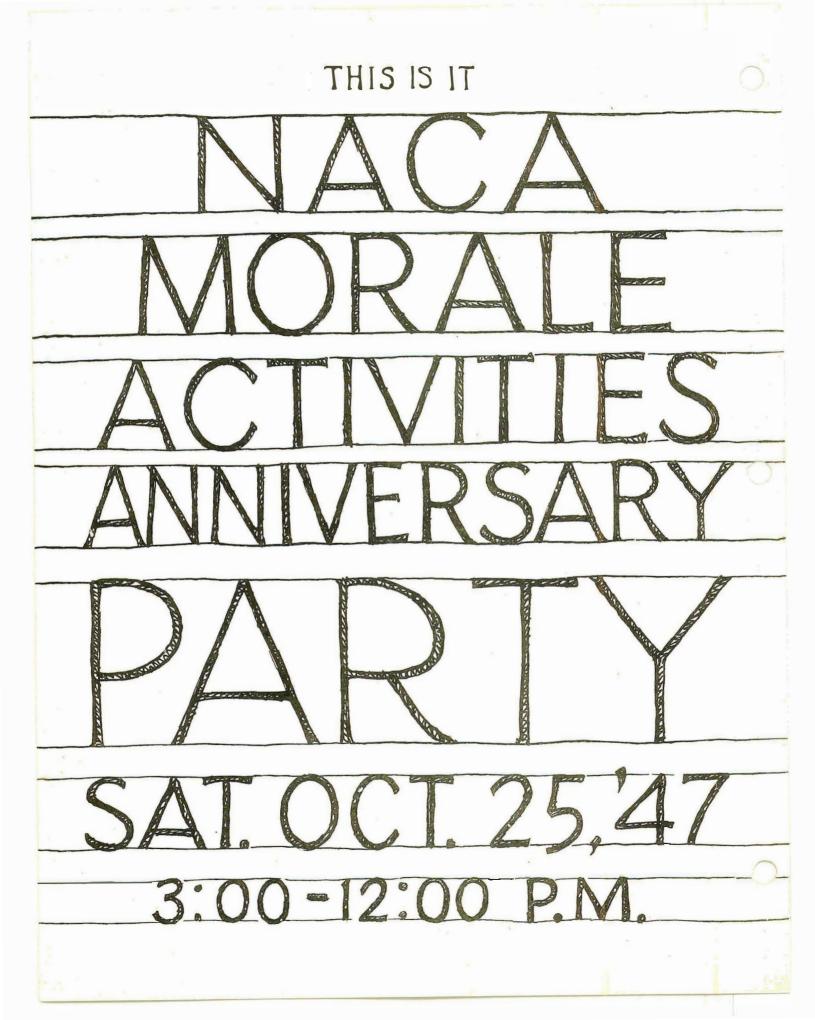
As to the amount we should give, each one must decide that for himself, but it is hoped that he will make this decision on the basis of the needs and merits of the case and not on his own convenience alone. The usual request of the Community Chest in cities including Norfolk and Newport News is one day's pay. Our goal may be realized with contributions of less then half this amount as indicated in the table published in former issues of "Air Scoop" if everyone does his share.

The results of the campaign as the "Air Scoop" went to press were: Administrative Area \$1339.40; Full Scale Tunnel Area, \$889.32; West Area (South), \$1193.47; and West Arca (North), \$1326.78, making a total donation of \$4748.98.

Sections or units having realized their goals are Fiscal Division, including Payroll and Accounting; Editorial Office, Gust Loads, and Structures Research. 72% of the staff have been

Thus it is obvious that unless there is an increase in the size of contributions, we will fall far short of our goal of \$10,000.





## DESCRIBE COMMUNITY CHEST MEMBER GROUPS

GIRL AND BOY SCOUTS - Miss Elizabeth Hartman is executive secretary of the Girl Scouts and has organized day camps for the first time this year. The Girl Scouts aim to own a full-time camp with facilities for individual and troop camping throughout the Summer. This year the 4 Girl Scout 1-week camps ran from 9:30 to 3:30 Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and from 2 to 7:30 Thursday, concluding the week with a cookout and campfire program that night. The camp programs teach the girls the American way of democratic life - serving others and having fun. The Boy Scouts learn and practice trustworthiness, loyalty, helpfulness, friendliness, courtesy, kindness, obedience, cheerfulness, thrift, braveness, clean thinking and living and reverence. VISITING NURGE ASSOCIATION - Miss Bessye A. Crowder is supervisor of nurses and Mrs. Chester Bradley is President. The Association helps many who are living in "an impossible habitation" - no stove, no equipment for cooking. Its nurses clean up these habitations as well as give nursing aid. These nurses also help find clothing for the needy who are sick. The Association receives fees from those who can pay and thus multiplies some of its efforts which receive Community Chest aid. CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY - Throughout Virginia there are children who need adoption. The Society makes every possible effort to have the right child placed in the right home.

VIRGINIA CANCER FOUNDATION - Aims to prevent cancer by public education as to its causes. A second activity is research into the cause of cancer. Community Chest money is spent on helping cancer patients, who have no funds, at 10 clinics certified by the Medical Society of Virginia.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS - The Community Chest assists 18 PTA's in carrying on their health work among school children in the improvement of hearing. teeth, tonsil condition, proper weight, and eating habits. PTA'S conduct free health examinations; provide school lunches wherever necessary; and arrange for free or inexpensive dental treatments. WELFARE COUNCIL - Studies the sore spots in the community life of Elizabeth City County. It endeavors to coordinate the work of all existing agencies. It provides better service for clients and eliminates duplication of social-welfare service. The Council, a volunteer and nonprofessional group of local citizens, is concerned with problems of health, education, delinquency, care for the aged and protection of youth.

PHILANTHROPIC COMMITTEE OF PHOEEUS WOMANS CLUB - Since 1919 Mrs. Felix Lardella of Phoebus as Chairman and Miss M. P. Grady as Treasurer have been trying to do all that they could to help those whose luck had temporarily run out. The Committee has no overhead expense. It has at times conducted auction sales to raise money. It has

### SICK LEAVE

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It has been noted that very little sick leave is taken on pay days, although on the day following each pay day the amount of sick leave taken goes up a marked degree, sometimes 50 per cent over that taken on other days. Leave records also indicate that on Mondays, rainy days and periods of bad weather, more than the normal amount of sick leave is taken.

FOR SALE: Auto trailer, Ben Vogel, W. Engineering.

### ANNIVERSARY (Continued from page 1)

for an old-fashion square dance. After three hours of strenuous dancing the remaining part of the evening, from 9 'til midnight, will slow down to a waltz, for trot, and maybe a little jitterougning when Bernie Lederman and his knaphts of Rhythm take over the band stand. All admission fees will be FREE!

WANTED: To join car pool from Indian River Park to E. Area on 8 shift. Jones, Classification, 2381.

taken care of needy cases that no other group could or would handle.

FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICE - It has interviewing centers in the Hampton City Hall, Copeland Park, Newsome Park and Hilton. Through Clay Payne, ececutive director, it offers counseling service to teen-agers and adults. The Service helps in problems of family budgeting and child-parant attitudes.

TRAVELERS' AID SOCIETY - Member of the National Travelers' Aid Association. Its executive secretary is Mrs. Josephine Burns. The Society, with headquarters in Newport News, has booths in the bus and railroad stations to which men, women, and even children may go for assistance and guidance.

COMMUNITY RECREATION - The headquarters of the Community Hecreation Association is at the Syms-Eaton School, where since 1937 a community-wide, evening recreation program for teen-agers and adults has been underway. The daytime, outdoor program is carried on by the Elizabeth City County-Hampton-Phoebus Recreation Association. J. M. Eason is the local director and has succeeded in winning, sepcially for the Syms-Eaton Community Center, a great deel of volunteer assistance. He has staged valuable recreation dances for teen-agers. The hobby clubs have attracted many adults. The community recreation program also includee men's baseball leagues, boys' and girls' softball leagues, boys' touch-football leagues and swimming classes.

NEGRO COMMUNITY CENTER OF HAMPTON - It has a corporate board of 30 Negro citizens. This center dates back to the close of World War I and has a well-developed and well-managed recreation program.

NEGRO COMMUNITY CENTER OF PHOEBUS - The Phoebus program is similar to the one at Hampton, but is somewhat restricted on account of financial support.

WELFARE HOSPITALIZATION - The Community Chest assists the Public Welfare Departments in caring for deserving, indigent cases that need hospitalization. All Community Chest cases treated at the Dixie Hospital are carefully investigated and approved by the Public Welfare Department workers.

WEAVER ORPHAN HOME - The Weaver Home, under State regulation, cares for 20 Negro orphans. Hampton children have preference, but children from anywhere in Virginia are admitted, provided there is room. Children are taught in small groups.

BOYS HONOR CLUB - Negro boys learn how to govern themselves by having their own court set-up. The Club program includes singing, boxing, motion pictures, and parties. Negro boys are taught respect for law and order and other people's rights.

FORT MONROE YMCA - The recreation program includes standard activities. Special use of the swimming pool, however, has been made by the groups that are under the direction of J. M. Eason and also by the local Boy Scout troops.

## **BINGO PARTY**

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Prizes to be given away next Thursday night include: Toastmaster, table radio, waffle iron, pearlwick clothes hemper, 14 piece set of socket wrenches, pressure cooker, set of sun valley dinner ware, Everhot airflow electric fan type heater, Westinghouse electric iron, electric clock, Firestone sealed beam spot light, plus three other gifts to be named later.

The grand prize will be a washing machine.

# **BOWLING NEWS**

### TENPIN LEAGUE

Last week the Alleycats won 3 more games for a 9 out of 9 record to take a firmer grip onto first place. Close behind are the Pin Points with 7 wins and 2 losses. This week Racul Bugg rolled high game to tie the 222 record set last week by George Callaher. Watson bowled high set with a 558. Betty Johnston, Splinters, took high honors for the women with a 331 set and 122 game. P.A.R.I.S. rolled high team game and set with 814 and 2153.

### WEDNESDAY DUCKPIN

As the NACA Wednesday night Duckpin League enters its fourth week of play, Gutter Rats lead with three wins and no losses followed by Flight Ragouts with seven wins and two losses.

High men's geme for last week was rolled by Carl Noce, GRI, with 117. Taking top honors for the women was Marge Zender of Structures with a 116 game and a 313 set. High set for the men went to Bill Norton, Deadpins, with 300. High team game was rolled by GRI with 484 and high team set went to Structures with 1389.

MONDAY DUCKPIN

Leading the Monday night Duckpin bowlers is FRD with eight wins and one loss while Mech. Maint. follows close behind with ten wins and one loss. High individual games and sets were rolled by H. Youngblood with a 125 game and 329 set and Barbara Durling with a 109 game and 301 set.

|              | STIND | INGS |       |
|--------------|-------|------|-------|
| TEAM         | Mon   | Lost | Pctg. |
| PRD          | 8     | 1    | .888  |
| Mech. Maint. | 10    | 2    | .833  |
| FGDA         | 7     | 5    | . 583 |
| Library      | 7     | 5    | .583  |
| Project 506  | 7     | 5    | ,583  |
| Deadducks    | 5     | 4    | .555  |
| 19-Foot      | 4     | 5    | . 144 |
| Full Scale   | 5     | 7    | . 416 |
| IRD          | 4     | 8    | .333  |
| Stenographic | 3     | 9    | .250  |
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VOLLEY BALL

An organizational meeting to form a Men's Volley Ball League will be held on Tuesday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Activities Building. All groups interested in entering a team in the league are urged to have a representative present at the meeting with the complete roster. The close of the meeting will be the deedline for entrance into the league.

WANTED: Ride to Cleveland on Oct. 25. Mrs. Cverman, Planning.

## JIM LINDELL HEADS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Seventeen teams were represented at the Basketball meeting held last Monday night in the Activities Building. The election of leegue officials were held with Jim Lindell, E. Sheetmetal, being elected president and Bill Muhley, Planning, Secretary and Treasurer.

Plans are now underway for the first league games to begin during the week of November 10. It was also decided to list the championship team for each season on a large permanent trophy. Plans were also discussed for an electric score board to be built for use during the coming season.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28 at 8 p.m. at the Activities Building. A representative from each team is urged to be present.

FOR SALE: Philco 1201 radio-record player. C. V. Bennett, Free Flight or Hampton 7746.

AVAILAHLE: First of month a three room furnished apartment. 415 Melville Rd.

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### CIVIL SERVICE NOTICE

The Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners announced this week that Laboratory personnel may reopen examinations in the positions listed below if they are entitled to 10-point preference. If they receive an eligible rating in the examination they may become eligible for a permanent status. Some of the examinations which may be reopened are Clerk, Telephone Operator, Engineering Aid, Library Assistant, Scientific Aid, Personnel Assistant, and Placement Officer.

For further information or for application forms, contact the Board of Examiners, telephone 2226.

FOR SALE: Dinnette set. Buzz Walters, E. Library.

WANTED: Ride from Buckroe to E. Area on 8 shift. Mae Mahoney, E. Library.

FOR SALE: 2 large lots on Newport News Avenue extended. Marian Norman, Payroll.

FOR SALE: Maple bedroom suite, twin beds. Iris Winborne, Hampton 7694.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Printed below is the quarterly report of the NACA Morale Activities Association giving the profit and loss summary for the period of July 1 through September 30.

| INCOME - SALES, ADMISSIONS, ETC:   |
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| NET INCOME:  |
| Counter Sales  |
| Juke Box   |
| TOTAL - SALES, ADMISSIONS, ETC   |
| COST OF GOODS SOLD:  |
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| Mdse.Inventory 7-1-47 \$ 308.02<br>Purchases   |
| Cost of Goods For Sale \$1,247.50  |
| Mdse. Inventory 10-1-47 \$ 335.59<br>Mdse. Dispensed Free 63.57 399.16                         |
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| Cost of Goods Sold   |
| GROSS PROFIT   |
| OPERATING EXPENSE:   |
| Wages  |
| Miscellareous  |
| Prizes   |
| Orchestra  |
| Depreciation Expense (Gov't Purch. Equip.) 194.23  |
| Deprediation Expense (Ass'n. Furch. Equip.) 33.09  |
| Mdse. Dispensed Tree   |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE  |
| NET PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS   |
| Add Cash Over  |
| NHT PROFIT - Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1947   |
| PREVIOUS NET WORTH - June 30, 19473 1,087.30<br>NET PROFIT - Qtr. Unding Sept. 30, 1947 615.66 |
| PRESENT NET WORTH - October 1, 1947\$ 1,702.96   |