



## LANGLEY MEMORIAL AERONAUTICAL LABORATORY

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### LABORATORY TO CONTINUE PAY ROLL SAVINGS PLAN

It has recently been learned by Laboratory officials that the Inter-departmental War Savings Bond Committee in Washington will continue the Pay-roll Savings System for employees of the Federal Government. In a recent letter Secretary of Treasury, Fred M. Vinson, explained that the Treasury would continue to issue and sell savings bonds and stated, "It is my sincere hope that you will continue to make the Pay-roll Savings Plan available to your employees both now and in the future and thus help to perpetuate the habit of systematic saving which has given so many Americans an opportunity to establish financial independence."

### REGISTRATION FOR BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL COURSES HELD MONDAY

Laboratory employees interested in taking business and technical courses, and who have not registered at the Hampton High School, may register at the Training Office on Monday, January 14. Classes will be held on Monday or Wednesday evenings and a fee of \$1.75 will be charged for each 25-hour course. Classes to be offered are: Beginners English, Elementary and Advanced Shorthand, Elementary, Intermediate, and Advanced Typing, Simple Aerodynamics, and Aircraft Engine Mechanics. Interested persons may also enroll in the apprentice related study classes which include Algebra, Blueprint Reading I, Sheetmetal Layout, Use of Handbook, and Strength of Materials. For further information call Training Division, telephone, 2300.

### REDUCTION IN FORCE

#### WILL AFFECT 350

In the December 28 issue of Air Scoop, it was indicated that a further cut in the Laboratory staff would probably take place within the next three months. Since that time, officials have been informed that this cut will become an actuality and the Laboratory, which now has 2700 employees, must reduce its force to 2350 by March 31. This total reduction of 350 is to be made up of all regular separations which will occur during the months of January, February, and March plus whatever reduction-in-force is necessary to bring the total reduction to 350. Reduction-in-force, of course, will be carried out in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations and will depend upon efficiency, length of service and veteran status.

In order that the reduction be accomplished orderly and with a minimum of disturbance to the entire staff, it would be of valuable assistance to the Laboratory if employees, who are planning to resign during the next few months would do so as early as possible. Advance notice is desired so that as few as possible of the personnel who desire to remain at the Laboratory will be affected by the reduction-in-force.

It will be appreciated if those intending to resign will notify the Personnel Officer as soon as possible.

### TAX FORMS AVAILABLE

Laboratory employees who have not received Federal income tax forms may secure them from Personnel Services, Service Building.

The Air Scoop has been mimeographed this week due to a shortage of lithographers and the pressure of work in the Mechanical Reproduction Unit. As soon as possible we will resume the regular publication process.

Editor. . . . . Tiny Hutton  
Associate Editor. . . . Ruth Angel  
Vari-typist . . . . Laura Lineback  
Art Work. . . . . Gloria Nestor

The Air Scoop was mimeographed and distributed by the Office Services Division.

### HELP NOURISH THE KITTY

Despite the fact that the war is over and peace has at last come to America, we still have some 150 ex-employees serving with the armed forces in all corners of the world. These men and women are awaiting the day when they can return to civilian life and their old jobs. During this long wait, we can do our part by keeping them up to date on the activities here at the Laboratory through the Air Scoop. The weekly drain on the postage kitty now amounts to approximately five bucks and the funds are shrinking to a low ebb.

The idea of mailing the Laboratory paper to the service men and women originated in the Photo Lab in July, 1943. Their system of collecting money was handled by placing a container in a convenient place and spare change was dropped in it from time to time. The rest of the Laboratory picked up the idea and it has continued ever since.

As expressed in their many letters to us, these men and women really appreciate this thoughtfulness on the part of Laboratory employees, so get those containers out again and help finance this small service to our ex-employees.

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FOUND: Gold wrist watch. Owner may have it by contacting Katie Banick, Files, and identifying.

### COME OUT AND BACK YOUR TEAM

The NACA Skyhawks, a basketball team organized on its own hook to represent the entire Laboratory, will open its home game series next Thursday night, January 17 at the Hampton Armory. The coaches, managing staff, and squad have worked hard and spent much time in rounding the team into shape and their success depends largely upon your backing, so come out and lend your support. The schedule will be continued on succeeding Thursday nights with the promise of stellar performances with the booking of top notch local and neighboring teams, and admission will be only 25 cents. The entire team wishes to express a note of thanks to Captain Cleary, Officer in Charge, for his fine cooperation in helping the Skyhawks secure the Armory for a home court.

### LIFE AT THE LABORATORY

*From all reports . . . .*

it seems that Peninsula automobile dealers soon will be swamped by NACA employees - that is if the strikes ever end and they start making new vehicles again. Even those who weren't planning to buy a new car right away are finding it necessary to invest in a late model as soon as they are put on the market. Despite the sleet and snow covered highways leading from the Peninsula during the holiday season, eager employees still tried to make the Christmas trip that they had planned for so long, and from all reports it appears that very few of these dare devils were lucky enough to return with the same shiny limousine that they left in - most of them had at least a dented fender or a smashed-in side. The most amazing fact, and one that Bob Ripley should surely grab for his "Believe It or Not" column, is that Bunny Klawans' pile of junk, that black and white job that rattles onto the field every day,

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## FORT MONROE FACILITIES MAY BE USED BY MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

A meeting of the Hampton Community Men's Basketball League was held last Tuesday night with representatives of twelve NACA teams and one Hampton team present. Pete Korycinsky, president, stated that plans are now under consideration for use of the Fort Monroe facilities and that three games will probably be played every two weeks. Teams represented were: Tank-PRD, IRD; Low Turbs-Full Scale, Stability, Flight Blues, Structures-Electrical, 19-Foot, Flight Whites, 16-Foot, 8-Foot, West Machine-Erection Shop, Auxiliary Flight and Langley View.

## TRYOUTS FOR TWO ONE-ACT PLAYS TO BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY

Tryouts for the Hampton Little Theatre's forthcoming production of two one-act plays, to be presented February 1 at the Hampton High School, will be held Sunday, January 13, at 2 p.m. at the Academy Street USO.

"The Terrific Dud", an original play written and directed by Margaret Same, Fiscal Office, calls for four women and three men. "The Old Lady Shows Her Medals" by Sir James M. Barrie, will be directed by Cricket Burr and roles are open for five women and two men. Lenore Hulcher, producer, urges that all persons interested in dramatic art come to the USO for tryouts.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL LEAGUE OPENS SEASON MONDAY NIGHT

The Girls' Community Basketball League will open its season next Monday at the Hampton High School gym when PRD meets 7 X Foots at 8 p.m. and 8'-Computers match their strength with Presbyterian at 9 p.m. A practice game between 16'-PRT and Loads is scheduled for 7 p.m. of the same evening.

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FOR SALE: Hearing aid batteries and Telex hearing aids. R. B. Bland, Gust Loads.

FOR SALE: Cushman motor scooter in excellent condition. T. L. Gammage, West Sheetmetal.

## SKYHAWKS OPEN SEASON IN PORTSMOUTH NEXT SATURDAY

The fleet-footed NACA Skyhawks will open their 1946 basketball campaign when they trek to the mainland to engage the Gridiron Club of Portsmouth on Saturday, January 12, at 7 p.m. at the Woodrow Wilson High School gym. The game will provide the opener of a twin-bill shared by the Wilson "Presidents" who are also making their '46 debut.

Coach Harry DeVoto pointed out that the holiday vacations have undoubtedly had their effect on the Skyhawks who will go into the fray with only one post-holiday practice under their belts. That, plus the mystery surrounding the record and ability of the Gridiron Club, should provide the Skyhawks with a real test and the coaching and managing staff with a headache which, it complains, already are growing too numerous.

According to the coaching staff the team is favored to win. The starting line-up is still pending; however, the starters will probably be picked from the four members of last year's basketball all stars: Eddie Polhamus, Billy Bates, Frank Liberatore, Pat Cancro, and the two second team selections, Chuck Bennett, and Bob Jaquis. Other capable cagers who will no doubt see plenty of action on the floor are: Gordon Fitch, Lowell Hasel, Doc Parker, Andy Anderson, Jim Lindell, Lawrence Perry, Joe Vincke, Luke Liccini, Jim Dawson and Hank Fedziuk.

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WANTED: Ride for one to New York on January 25 or 26. Bob Souter, Meteorological Laboratory.

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## T. MELVIN BUTLER APPOINTED ASSISTANT TO DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE

Laboratory officials announce that T. Melvin Butler has been designated as an assistant to the Department Representative of the Efficiency Rating Board of Review to assist the Board in obtaining such information as is desired in connection with appeals.

## LIFE AT THE LABORATORY

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actually took him all the way to Washington and back.

*As usual, people are still . . . .*

getting married, engaged, or something. Ruby Glenn, Purchase Office, selected Christmas Eve as her wedding day and Lt. Thomas Blaughter of H.R.P.E. as her husband.

*Bill Taylor, Tank . . . .*

returned after his vacation to announce, much to the surprise of his fellow-workers, that he had killed two birds with one stone - got himself married and reduced his income tax.

*Honesty pays and sometimes . . . .*

in actual cash was proved last week when Chief of Police T. M. Parker sent a letter to Victor Ivanoff, former Laboratory employee, enclosing two one dollar bills which Victor found on the sidewalks of Hampton and turned over to the Police Department on June 12, 1945. In a copy of the letter sent to the Laboratory, Chief Parker stated that no one had called or reported the loss and commended Ivanoff for his honesty and integrity.

*Apparently none the . . . .*

worse off from the nerve wracking experience, Gene Guryansky returned to work last Monday and announced to the Full Scale Tunnel that he had just become the father of a bouncing baby girl, Judith Ann, born Sunday, January 6.

*A new son was . . . .*

recently added to the Norman Land household. Mama Land used to be in Personnel Records and Daddy Norman works in Tank #1.

*More people went off . . . .*

and got themselves tied down during the holiday season and the latest one to reach this office is Ray Spaulding's engagement to Virginia Forbes of Long Island.

COW COMMITTEEMEN TO BE  
NOMINATED BY JANUARY 16

Once again it's time for Laboratory employees to settle down and give some serious thought to the election of the Executive Committee of the Noble Order of the Green Cow for the year of 1946. As most members of the staff already know, the major duty of this highly esteemed committee is to plan the much talked about social gatherings for Laboratory Green Cowites.

As has been pointed out from year to year, four members are elected to serve for a term of one year, and any member of the Laboratory staff is eligible for nomination except the retiring committee which consists of the following committeemen: Chairman John Houbolt, Marvin Pitkin, Harry Shoaf, and Don Talmage.

So that the records can be kept in order and prevent stuffing of the ballot box, all nominations must be made on the form below, which is reprinted in this issue for the benefit of employees who have just returned after spending the holiday season "down home". Ballots should be filled out completely and returned to the Air Scoop Office, Utility Building, before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16.

The ten persons who receive the highest number of nominating votes will be designated as official candidates for the committee and voted on the following week. An official ballot for this purpose will be provided in the January 18 issue of Air Scoop.

(Detach this nomination ballot and return to Air Scoop Office, Utility Building by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16.)

*I hereby nominate:*

*For the Executive Committee of the Noble Order of the Green Cow,*

*Signed:*

*Section:*