

Air Scoop



CHILDREN'S PARTY NEXT WEDNESDAY

Laboratory parents are reminded that Wednesday, December 22 is the children's day when the Activities Association will sponsor a Children's Christmas Party at the Activities Building from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Children of Laboratory employees are invited and the party will be free.

Santa Claus will be on hand



to talk to each child and hand out gifts and candy, fruit, and nuts. Other forms of entertainment will also be furnished.

Laboratory employees who are planning to bring their children to the party are reminded that today is the last day they may call the "Air Scoop" Office, telephone 2376 and make reservations. Please do not call the office after today as there will be no one on duty to answer the telephone.

EXPLAIN STATUS OF MEN WITH ARMY COMMISSION

Certain NACA employees who hold commissions as Army reserve officers have recently received a letter and a questionnaire from the Office of the Adjutant General, indicating that they should make personal plans and preparations in anticipation of call to active duty.

NACA Headquarters is informed by the Army that, in the case of any NACA employee who may become subject to call to active duty as an Army reserve officer, the Army will entertain favorably a re-

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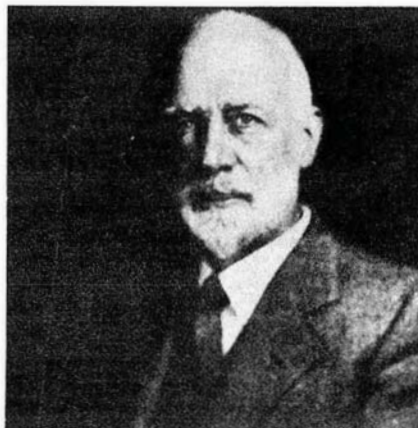
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DURAND RECEIVES MEMORIAL TROPHY

Dr. William Frederick Durand, one of the original members and former Chairman of the NACA, will be the first to receive the Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy when it is presented tonight at the annual Aero Club dinner in Washington, D.C. The award, which is being presented on the forty-fifth anniversary of the Wright Brother's flight, is for "significant public service of enduring value to aviation in the United States."

Dr. Durand, professor emeritus of mechanical engineering at Stanford University, is the dean of American engineers. He was an early authority on propeller theory and design; helped establish the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics of which he was the first civilian Chairman; organized flight training programs for aviators in World War I; headed a group which brought about cross-licensing of air patents in 1917; was instrumental in the establishing of the Langley Laboratory; served on the Morrow Board which in 1925 made a broad study of aviation, and in 1941, at the age of 82, was recalled to active wartime service with the NACA and in the organization of industry to design and build jet engines.

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Dr. William Frederick Durand

PLAN NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Well, Christmas is almost here and first thing you know it will be New Year's Eve. The Activities Association has issued invitations to all Laboratory employees to spend that evening at the Activities Building and give the New Year a hearty welcome. The semi-formal affair will get underway at 9 p.m. and run 'til 2 a.m.

The affair is starting at 9 p.m. so as to give the single maidens

their last opportunity to take full advantage of Leap Year. So make the most of the first three hours of the celebration because at the stroke of midnight Old Father Time and his



helper, Leap Year, will depart and the New Year will make his debut.

Music will be furnished by Robert Christian and his Royal Swingsters. The admission price is five dollars a couple which includes set-ups, hats, noise makers, ice, etc.

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NO MORE BINGO 'TIL JANUARY 6

As was announced at the Bingo Party last week, there will be no bingo next Thursday night due to the Christmas Holiday week-end; however, the next party will be held Thursday, January 6 at 8:30 p.m. at the Activities Building.

Again the grand prize will consist of a number of articles which have a total value of over two hundred dollars. Included in the grand prize list are a Firestone portable radio, Waring Blendor food and beverage mixer, Universal electric blanket, General Electric waffle iron. Cam-

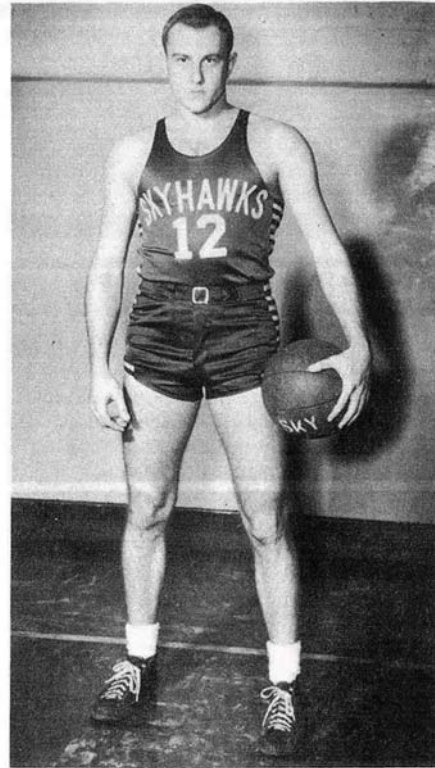
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MEET THE SKYHAWKS



Bob Thompson

Holding down one of the forward positions is Bob Thompson, 7 X 10 foot wind tunnels, who is playing with the Skyhawks for the first time this year. Bob hails from Bluefield, Virginia and started his basketball experience at the Graham High School there.

After high school he played with the V.P.I. team and received a B.S. degree in Aeronautical Engineering in 1944. Shortly after graduation he entered the U.S. Navy as an Ensign and reported to Langley soon after his discharge in 1947.

Bob has played one season in the NACA Basketball League and last year was one of the main sparks of the Stability team, winners of the 1947 Basketball championship.

Bob is 6 feet tall, married, and will reach the ripe old age of 24 next May.

WANTED: Alternate driver from Wythe to W.A. on 8 shift. Rhode, 4449.

FOR SALE: Metal Karryall luggage trailer, Dunning, IRD.

WANTED: Ride for 2 from Raleigh and Electric to E.A. 8 shift, Irma Twyman, FST.

WANTED: Passengers from West Hampton to E.A. on 7:30 shift. Justice, Hampton 7197.

LIFE AT THE LABORATORY

More romances.



It looks as though another young maiden found good hunting during Leap Year. Making plans for a spring wedding is Julia Woodbridge, Gust Loads, and the other half of the twosome is Joe Drischler, also of Gust Loads.

Well, the surprise.

of surprises reached our ears just in time to make the deadline. We're still a bit speechless but we'll try to get the general idea across to you anyway. It

seems that wedding bells rang way back last November 7 for Dottie Mills, TAC, and Reed Barnett, Full Scale Tunnel. The late announcement was a result of the housing shortage. It seems that the young couple thought they had an apartment last November but the deal fell through and they are just now getting one.

Passing out.

cigars and candy is Guy Ferguson, Classification. He became the father of a son, Cornelius Guy, III, on Saturday, December 11.

The Library and Files.

Section came up with a new idea for celebrating Christmas this year and we thought we might pass it on to you. The group is planning to have their Christmas party as usual this year but instead of drawing names and exchanging gifts they are planning to take the money they would ordinarily spend and help some less fortunate family have a Merry Christmas.

Another employee.

who is celebrating the arrival of a new son is Robert Souers, West Engineering. The new addition was delivered on Tuesday, December 7.

The Compressibility Research.

Division had a bang up party last Saturday night at the Activities Building. One of the outstanding features was a fashion show showing some of the new new looks - male models were used. Other entertaining numbers included the Crying Cowboy skit, a scientific skit, a dance act by Virginia Boyd. After the floor show, dancing music was furnished by John Broughton and his orchestra.

Undergoing treatment.

in the Riverside Hospital and wanting some company is "Scotty" Wallace of West Sheetmetal Shop.

Word has just reached.

the Laboratory that Gloria McDaniels, formerly of Training Office, became the mother of a six pound daughter, Linda Teresa, on Tuesday, December 21.

FOR SALE: Set of Harvard Classics, etc. Lyons, Inst. Service.

FOR SALE: 1940 Studebaker and baby carriage. Delpino, IRD.

WANTED: Ride from Morrison to E.A. on 8 shift. Faget, Payroll.

FOR RENT: Room for gentleman. Staples, Hampton 4712.

FOR SALE: Side-arm immersion electric water heater. Harmon, 9-Inch.

WANTED: To join car pool from Wythe to E.A. on 8 shift. Byrd, Hampton 32430.

WANTED: Ride from 336 58th St. to E.A. on 8 shift. Masters, 2303.

FOR SALE: 1939 Buick sedan-\$700. Gentry, Bell Computing.

BOWLING NEWS

MONDAY DUCKPIN LEAGUE

Mechanical Maintenance still leads the league with 25 wins and 11 losses but 19-Foot is running a close second with 24 wins and 12 losses. Taking high bowling honors were H. B. Bland, Mechanical Maintenance, with a 122 game, Harry Davis, 19-Foot, with a 320 set, and Jean Walters, 19-Foot with a 114 game and 292 set.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
Mechanical Maint.	25	11	.694
19-Foot	24	12	.667
Somnambowlists	22	14	.611
Tank	19	17	.528
PRD	18	18	.500
16-Foot	17	19	.472
FGDA	17	19	.472
Rocketeers	16	20	.444
Electrical Shop	12	24	.333
IAL	10	26	.278

TENPIN LEAGUE

The EICS team really hit the high spots last week to break three of the previous records. They now hold high game honors with a 977 and high set with a 2549. Johnny Catlett sparked the other boys by setting a new high individual game record with a 246 and took the evening's high set with a 570. Mary Ackovich, Figures, bowled the women's high game with a 151 but high set went to L. Musil, Waki Sakis, with 386.

LEAGUE A

Team	W	L	Avg.
EICS	20	7	.741
Low Turbulence	18	9	.667
Cost Office	17	10	.629
East Model	16	11	.593
W. Engineering	16	11	.593
Alleycats	12	12	.500
Splinters	10	11	.476
Missilot	10	14	.417
Figures	10	17	.370
Full Scale	8	16	.333
Waki Sakis	8	19	.296

LEAGUE B

Headpins	18	6	.750
Missilleaneous	15	6	.714
Structures	14	10	.583
Pinbusters	11	10	.524
16-Foot	10	11	.476
Flying Pins	11	13	.458
Flight Mechanics	11	13	.458
PARIS	10	14	.417
Deadloads	8	16	.333
Tyros	6	15	.286

FOR SALE: Copies of "The Elements of Aerofoil and Airscrew Theory" by Glauert, Training Office, 2256.

FOR SALE: 1941 Ford super deluxe. \$300. Hall, N.N. 3-1732.

WANTED: Passengers from Briarfield Manor or Copeland Pk. to E.A. on 7:30 shift. Carneal, 2211.

SKYCHICKS OPEN SEASON MONDAY

The 1948-49 Skychick basketball team will open its regular season Monday, December 20 in the Activities Building against the Newport News Eagles when they play a preliminary game to the Skyhawk's game with William and Mary "B" team. Starting time is set for 7 p.m.

On December 7 the Skychicks played a practice game with the Crabberettes from Hampton High. The Chicks showed the promise of having the same fine team as they did last year by winning 36-26. High scorers for the Chicks were Becky Boykin Akin with 12 points and Jo Berry, a new player, with 6. Also tied with 6 were Betty Ann Johnson and Edna Lishman. Van Gorder and Hartman were high scorers for the losers with 11 and 8 points, respectively. A return game with the Crabberettes has been scheduled for January 18 at the Langley Field gym.

BASKETBALL

In a hotly contested battle Variety managed to score two points in the last 30 seconds of play to eke out a win over a scrappy Apprentice outfit. High scorer for the winners was Bill Mulcahy with 18 points. Bill's average for the last three games is 19 points with a high of 25 against West Machine II.

Each team is asked to appoint a representative to send in the game summary to the "Air Scoop" Office, Service Building.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
W. Machine I	5	0	1.000
Loads	4	0	1.000
19-Foot	3	0	1.000
Variety	4	1	.800
16-Foot	2	1	.667
IRD	2	3	.400
Apprentice	1	5	.200
7 X 10	1	4	.200
W. Model	0	4	.000
W. Machine II	0	5	.000

WANTED: Passengers over holiday to:
 Danville, La Prade, 4524.
 Ashville, N.C., D'Orazio, 2229.
 Worcester, Mass., Nurney, 4548.
 Kansas City, Mo., Klevett, 4522.
 New York, Gottlieb, 2249.
 Enroute to Chicago or Indiana (Flying), Fulks, 4522.
 Cleveland, Michael, 2290.
 Dothan, Ala., Smith, 2249.
 New York, Ross, 4216.
 Eastern N.C., Gaskins, 4423.
 Charlotte, N.C. Sharpes, 4521.
 Knoxville, Fowlkes, 4477.
 Pittsburgh, Grana, 2235.
 New York, Steinburg, 4548.

SKYHAWKS PLAY WM. AND MARY

The Skyhawks who won their second victory last Monday night over the American Legion team from Newport News, are out to increase their total number of wins next Monday night when they take on the William and Mary "B" team at the Activities Building.

In the Skyhawks versus American Legion game the Hawks took an early lead and were ahead 27-16 at halftime and continued to increase their lead during the third period. Early in the fourth period, the Legionnaires gave the Hawks a scare when they climbed to within five points of tying the game but the winners rallied to sew up the game and win 57-48. Top scorers for the Hawks were Thompson with 19 points, Luchuk with 18 and Merten with 14.

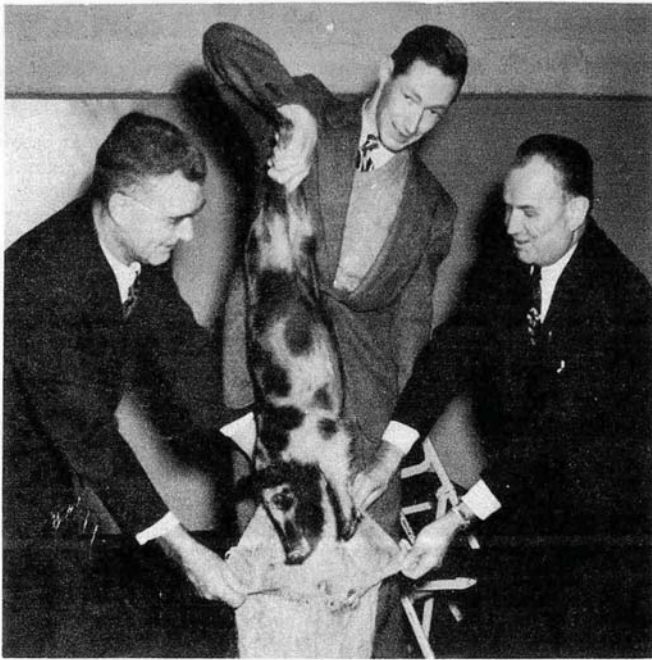
Last Sunday the Hawks journeyed to Richmond to tangle with the Richmond Royals and ended up on the losing end of a 54-52 battle. Despite their loss the Hawks were quite surprised at the outcome of the game in view of the fact that the Royals had defeated the Langley Field Flyers by a one-sided 74-48 score the week before. Failure to come through from the free throw lane hurt the Skyhawks' chances, making only 12 out of 23 attempts.

Bob Thompson again grabbed high scoring honors with 17 points and Merten came in second with 8. Wally Luchuk was closely guarded by the Royals and could net only 7 points.

The Skyhawks' game with the William and Mary "B" team Monday night will be their last during 1948. After the holiday season, the Hawks will open the new year on January 4 with the Little Creek Amphibs at the Langley Field gym. Laboratory employees are urged to come out next Monday night and help their team chalk up another victory.

WANTED: Ride over holidays to:
 Providence, R.I., Wolder, 2216.
 Alabama, Owen, 4472
 Washington, D.C., McGrath, 2383.
 Henderson, N.C., Blum, 2277.
 Washington, D.C., Huston, 4452.
 Reading, Pa., Fisher, 2216.
 Pittsburgh, Barber, 2336.
 Pittsburgh, Simon, 2281.
 Indianapolis, Coope, 2251.
 Newark, N.J., Godwin, 2326.

WANTED: Passengers or driving combination from Stuart Gardens to E.A. on 7:30 shift. Powell, N.N. 26697.



The main feature of the Supervisors Club party last week was the live-stock scramble. A package containing gifts was put in the middle of the floor and spectators told that they could have anything they happened to grab. The box was opened and then the mad scramble for a live

pig, duck, a hen, and chicken. Shown in the picture on the left are Calvert Roberts, Bob Little, and Harold Turner putting the pig in a bag. On the right Marvin Forrest opens the box for the scramble.

--Photos by Bill Taub

BINGO PARTY

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field Pop-up toaster, and a set of 6 sterling silver sherbert dishes.

No one was lucky enough to win the jack-pot so next time 11 numbers will be called and a Polar Cub hair dryer will be added to the list which now consists of a Wilbert electric food mixer, Camfield "pop-up" toaster, Proctor "Never-lift" iron, Universal Pressure cooker, Handy-hot apartment size washing machine, and Handy-Hot electric juicer.

The regular prize list will be announced next week in the "Air Scoop".

NEW YEAR'S

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Tickets are on sale in the East and West Cafeterias and employees are urged to buy them early as only 250 tickets will be sold. Reservations for tables may be made by calling Harry Hamilton or Mrs. Branham at 2378. Since only 250 tickets are to be sold it will be necessary to turn in the numbers of the tickets for all couples in the party when making reservations.

FOR SALE: Lady's alligator week-end bag. Helen Dixon, W. Library.

FOR RENT: 3 room furnished apartment. Mrs. Friedland, 632 28th St.

DR. DURAND

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Dr. Durand has a notable record outside of aviation as consultant for some of the nation's largest hydroelectric projects, such as Boulder Dam.

The memorial trophy was founded this year by Dr. Godfrey Lowell Cabot, of Boston, long active in aviation, as the result of parallel proposals by John F. Victory, Executive Secretary of NACA, and William G. Key, president of the Aero Club of Washington. The trophy is in the custody of the National Aeronautic Association and will be awarded annually by a committee representing all phases of aviation.

VOLLEY BALL

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
9-Inch	11	1	.917
24-Inch	12	3	.800
PARD-Reds	11	4	.733
PRD	9	6	.666
E. Engineering	7	5	.533
Tank #2	6	6	.500
Flight Whites	5	7	.417
Flight Pilots	5	10	.333
PARD-Blues	4	11	.267
Structures	4	11	.267
RMA	4	11	.267

FOR SALE: Norge oil heater and 9 cubic foot refrigerator, Benn, 237 Pochin Place.

EXPLAIN STATUS

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signation of reserve commission provided it is submitted through NACA Headquarters accompanied by an official justification.

Further information on this subject may be obtained by calling the Personnel Officer, telephone 2367.

Coming Events

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

- Dec. 17 - Maintenance Party
- Dec. 18 - 7 X 10 Party
- Dec. 19 - Flight Research West Sheetmetal
- Dec. 20 - Skychicks versus Eagles
- Skyhawks versus Wm. and Mary B Team
- Dec. 21 - Male Chorus
- Dec. 22 - Children's Party
- Dec. 23 - Oyster Roast



FOR RENT: Room for man. Mrs. Seawald, 317 LaSalle Ave.

WANTED: Ride from Maple and 25th to E.A. on 8 shift. Jayne Fromal, Report Typing.

FOR SALE: Electric refrigerator and folding double bed. Smith, Cust Loads.