

# AIR SCOOP

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## BRIDGE PARTY NEXT FRIDAY

Bridge enthusiasts are reminded to reserve Friday night, August 1 for the NACA Morale Activities Association's Bridge Party at the Activities Building at 7:30. Duplicate bridge will be played.

Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased from the section representatives for fifty cents per person. Prizes will be awarded to first and second place winners and also a booby prize to the low scorer. Prizes will have a total value of a \$25 minimum.

As announced last week, it will not be necessary for groups to form tables as everyone will play against at least half of the players in the game, or if more than one section is required, half of the players in the section will be met. If two or more sections play, prizes will be awarded on a straight percentage basis.

Each player will be expected to have his own partner; however, if it is impossible to secure one arrangement for a partner may be made by calling Bruce Amole, telephone 4583.

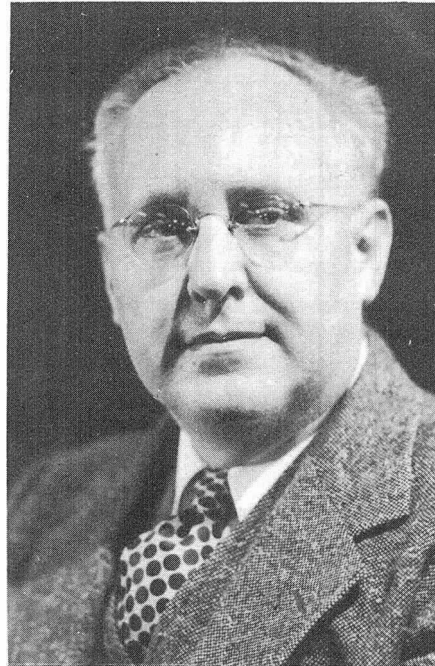
## POLITICAL ACTIVITY RESTRICTIONS NOTED

In response to a request from several readers, the following information has been compiled which shows the restrictions on political activity imposed by the Hatch Act and the Civil Service regulations:

In addition to the right to vote, employees may express political opinions privately; belong to political clubs; make voluntary contributions to political organizations; be spectators at political meetings; and petition Congress.

No employee, however, may use his official position to assist a political party; take active part in any political club, committee, convention, rally, or solicitation of funds; solicit votes or render other service in connection with an election; write for publication in favor of any political party, candidate, faction, or measure;

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Hartley A. Soule, Chief of the Stability Research Division, will give an informal travelog of his recent trip abroad at the Smoker on Friday, August 6.

## ROOMS TO HOUSE EMPLOYEES NEEDED

There is an urgent need for rooms and apartments to house employees now entering on duty at the Laboratory. The present supply of housing facilities is virtually exhausted. Anyone knowing of vacancies is asked to call the Employment Office, telephone 2272.

## LABORATORY STILL SHORT OF GOAL

Laboratory employees are reminded that there is still time to participate in the nation-wide Savings Bond campaign which will run through the month of July. The Laboratory is still short of its goal of 10% or more subscription of the gross salary by at least 90% of the employees.

Employees are urged to purchase their Savings Bonds by means of the Payroll Savings Plan. Persons desiring to increase their subscription may obtain bond allotment cards from the section attendance clerks.

## SOULE TO SPEAK AT SMOKER AUG. 6

The NACA Morale Activities Association will sponsor its third in a series of smokers on Wednesday, August 6 at 8:30 p.m. at the Activities Building. Hartley A. Soule, Chief of the Stability Research Division, will give an informal travelog of his recent trip abroad. Mr. Soule was on official business in England from May 15 to June 6 where he visited various aircraft facilities.

Following the address free beer, soft drinks, potato chips, etc., will be served. Admission will be 50 cents per person and tickets may be purchased at the door.

## ANNOUNCE OPENING OF C. S. EXAMS

The NACA Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners has announced the opening of Civil Service Examinations for the following positions: Aircraft Welder, WB-10, \$2787; Heat Treating and Orifice Installation Mechanic, WB-10, \$2787; Machinist, WB-10, \$2787; Model Finisher, WB-10, \$2787; Structural Metal Fabricator, WB-11, \$2932; and Welder, WB-8, \$2516.

Those who qualify in these examinations may be given a probational appointment leading to a permanent Civil Service status. Those employed under war service or temporary appointments in these positions, who desire to receive a probational appointment to their present positions, should apply. No written test will be given, but applicants will be rated on qualifications and experience.

A copy of the announcement and the required forms have been sent to those employed in these positions. For further information or for application forms, call the Board of Examiners, telephone 2226. Applications will be accepted by the Executive Secretary, NACA Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, until further notice; however, employees are urged to file within two weeks of the date of the announcement in order to be included in the first list of eligible names.

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## LIFE at the LABORATORY

The stork visited. . . . .

quite a few of the Laboratory employees this week. Receiving a visit was Waldo Harrison of Engineering Services Division. He became the father of a son, Waldo, Jr., on Thursday, July 17.

Another proud papa. . . . .

is Tony Proterra, Full Scale Tunnel. He became the father of a daughter on Sunday, July 20. Mama Alice used to work in East Computing.

Coming to work. . . . .

Tuesday with a big sparkler on the third finger left hand was Kitty Joyner of Instrument Research. She is engaged to Bob Gardiner also of IRD. No definite wedding plans have been announced as yet.

Passing out cigars. . . . .

this week is Al Budde, Instrument Research. He recently became the proud father of a two month old adopted son, Paul Anthony.

Another proud father. . . . .

is Kenneth Singleton, Low Turbulence. The new addition is a daughter and arrived on Sunday, July 20.

Another fish story. . . . .

came our way this week which even tops the one last week about Bill Minery catching a 65 pound bonita. It seems that Ralph Hearn, Stock Section, topped this record by thirty pounds when he landed a 95 pound bonita this past week end.

This seems to be. . . . .

baby week or something of the sort with this week's "Life at the Laboratory" being more appropriately named "Babies at the Laboratory." Another new arrival was recently delivered to the John Fedder, Jr., household. It was a five and one-half pound son and papa John works in 24-Inch Tunnel.

Another new arrival. . . . .

who was overlooked for some unknown reason is Virginia Marian Peters, born Saturday, July 5. The proud father, "Prof" Roger Peters, works in Structures Research, and the mother, Sarah, used to work in the 19-Foot Pressure Tunnel

We have had several. . . . .

of the bachelors to drop out of the Bachelor's Club when they became engaged but Dale Burrows, Low Turbulence, was the first original member to actually tie the final knot. He was married last Saturday to Julie Langford at the St. John's Episcopal Church in Hampton. Laboratory employees taking part in the ceremony were Julia Bridges, 16-Foot Tunnel, bridesmaid, and Axel Mattson, 8-Foot High Speed Tunnel, Bart Geer, Maintenance Office, and Ed Hoffman, Tank, ushers.

Another baby arrived. . . . .

just in time to make the "Air Scoop" this week. It was a daughter delivered Tuesday, July 22 to the Robert L. Girouard household. The proud father works in Planning.

WANTED: Ride from 426 Newport News Avenue to W. Area on 7:30 shift. Kenneth Merten, Impact Loads.

FOR SALE: "Air King" electric combination radio and victrola, table model. Call Hampton 3-2924.



By John Worth

Rubber power in a definite comeback is being featured in 40% of the season's meets, according to an estimate by Russ Nichols, Director of AMA.

Competing at Hybla Valley last Sunday, members finished strongly in that field, while placing also with gas entries. Exceedingly high times prevailed as Joe Dodson, West Engineering, totaled over 32 minutes for third place, followed by Joe Boyle in fourth, John Worth in fifth, and Charles Folk in sixth.

Folk has done much, in addition to official duties as Secretary, to promote club recognition in continuing as the most consistent winner this season. At the meet last Sunday he placed fourth in "C" Gas with a total time of 19 minutes, 40 seconds and won fifth in "A" with 11 minutes, 57 seconds.

Bill Poythress proved to be the Dark Horse by coming in fourth in the Towline Event and it has been commented that only by towing on a string could such a feat have been accomplished.

Also heard was that the Yo-yo boys, by not releasing control, must continue to be tied down to a sport that keeps them going around in circles. Bob Shade tried just that by accident with his controliner Sunday and is reportedly contemplating construction of a freeflight ship.

In a meeting with AMA heads during the meet, further steps in the plans for the Technical Conference were agreed upon. Walt Good, of Radio Control fame, has consented to present a paper and Jim Walker, responsible for yo-yo popularity, expressed a similar possibility. Gordon S. Light, prewar rubber power pioneer, will also attend.

A suggestion by Dick Everett has been sent to AMA to the effect that no records be recognized without certification of proper processing with each application.

FOR SALE: 1940 Buick "special 4 door sedan, good tires. 910 De-Gaulle St., Briarfield Manor after 5 p.m.

FOR SALE: Fulton sun shade for any make of automobile. Hampton 3-2535.

WANTED: Alternate driver from Phoebus to E. Area on 7 shift. P. E. Ezell, 2383.

# 1 WEEK REMAINS IN LEAGUE PLAY

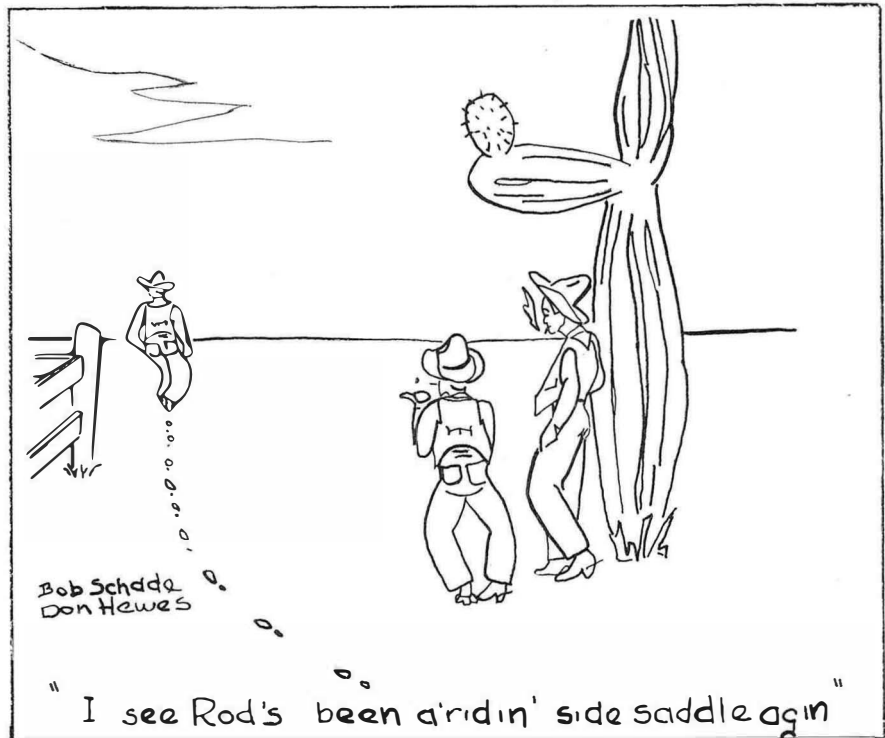
In a closely contested game played last week, Structures Research came out on the winning end of a 6-5 game with Electrical Section. Winning pitcher Johnny Houbolt gave up eight hits, walked none, and struck out four while losing pitcher Earnhardt gave up nine hits, struck out two and walked one. Leading hitters were Ed Kruszewski, for the winners, with two singles and Katchmore and Kellog, for the losers, with three singles.

In another closely played game, Aircraft Loads came out on the winning end of a 16-15 score with 7 X 10-Foot Wind Tunnels. Winning pitcher Ted Skopinski gave up fourteen hits, struck out six, and walked nine while losing pitchers Tommy Andrews and Bob Moss together gave up eleven hits, struck out three, and walked seven. Leading at bat for the winners were P. M. Lovell and Tinglehoff with a home run and a double each. Hitting for the losers were Silvers with a home run and two singles and Miller with three singles.

19-Foot Pressure Tunnel took a 8-0 win over Dynamic Tunnels to tighten their hold onto the number one position with ten wins and one loss. Winning pitcher Pat Cancro pitched a one-hitter, struck out none, and walked three while losing pitcher "Red" Neihouse gave up nine hits, struck out none, and walked six. Big guns for the winners were Harry Davis with a home run and Stan Spooner with a triple and two singles. Coming in to connect for the losers' lone hit of the day was Kliner with a triple.

In a free hitting game 8-3/4 came out with a 16-13 win over Physical Research. Winning pitchers Bob Pendley and Greene together gave up twelve hits, struck out three and walked one while losing pitcher Les Oborny gave up eighteen hits, struck out four and walked none. Heavy hitters for the winners were Hank Fedziuk with three singles and a double, Cletus Vincke with a double and two singles, and Lowell Hasel with a double and two singles.

In a no walk game Low Turbulence finally managed to come out on the winning end of a 9-8 game with Electrical Section. Early in the game the Low Turb boys made a few costly errors which put them behind 8-3. In the sixth ending, however, the winners came through with six runs to win the game 9-8. Jack Kinzler's home run is credited with winning the game. Winning pitcher Luke Liccini gave up 12 hits, struck out



**WANTED:** Passengers to New York leaving Friday, August 1. Ted Berman, 2245.

5 while losing pitcher Phillips gave up 10 hits, and struck out 0. Leading at bat for the winners were Liccini and Gottlied with a single and a triple each. Holding up the batting end for the losers were Rash with a double and a single, and Gregory with a double and two singles.

PARD chalked up another win last Tuesday by trouncing the Model Shop team 15-6. The outstanding event of the game was losing pitcher Harry Nutter's three consecutive home runs. Winning pitcher Harry Clason gave up 6 hits, struck out 5, and walked 3 while losing pitcher Nutter and Schwalenburg together gave up 14 hits, walked 9, and struck out 3. Heavy hitters for the winners were Edmondson with a home run and two singles and Jim Parks with a triple and two singles.

### LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pctg.
19-Foot	10	1	.909
Low Turbulence	10	2	.833
IRD	9	2	.818
PARD	11	3	.786
Dynamic Tunnels	8	4	.667
E.S.D.	6	4	.600
FST	5	4	.556
Structures	5	6	.455
8-3/4 Tunnel	5	6	.455
Loads	5	7	.417
16-Foot	3	6	.333
7 X 10	2	8	.200
PRD	2	8	.200
Electrical	1	10	.091
Model Shop	1	10	.091

## TENNIS LADDER

In a recent ladder match Bob Shanks, Free Flight Tunnel, moved from tenth to seventh place by virtue of a 6-4, 7-5 win over Bill Sperry, Construction Engineering.

### TENNIS LADDER

No.	Player	Section	Phone
1	Kilgore	E. Eng.	2251
2	Erwin	FGDA	2248
3	Cannon	Const. Eng.	2336
4	Campbell	FFT	2282
5	Jordan	E. Eng.	2251
6	Eates	FFT	2235
7	Shanks	FFT	2235
8	Sperry	Const. Eng.	2336
9	Rogin	Loads	4439
10	Martz	PARD	4465
11	Webber	W. Eng.	4452
12	Haar	Tank 2	2394
13	Hagginbotham	PARD	4447
14	Phillips	FRD	2264
15	Morgan	E. Eng.	2251
16	Griffith	Const. Eng.	2336
17	Lide	IRD	4584
18	Katzoff	FSA	2347

**WANTED:** Part-time experienced furniture salesman and collector. Call Hampton 5279 after 7 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** Registered red cocker pups. Hampton 3-2450.

**WANTED:** Ride from Buxton Ave. or Kacoughtan Rd. to E. Area on 7:30 shift. Mrs. Overman, 2380.

**FOUND:** Ring. Owner may have it by calling Raymond Woods, 4444, and identifying same.

## GIRLS' TENNIS

In a match played last week, Alice Aronson, Physical Research, tightened her hold to the number one position by defeating Jerry Couch, 7-5, 7-5. Peggy Winfield, 19-Foot, moved from the bottom spot to twelfth place by defeating Nancy Wall, 16-Foot, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3.

### TENNIS LADDER

No	Player	Phone
1	Alice Aronson	4454
2	Lucy Taylor	4593
3	Becky Boykin	2255
4	Gerry Couch	4527
5	Eleanor Andrews	4403
6	Shirley Huxter	4590
7	Dorothy Comstock	2229
8	Gerry Hilton	2245
9	Frances Butler	2236
10	Mae Meadows	4527
11	Betty Newbold	2236
12	Peggy Winfield	2281
13	Nancy Wall	4590
14	Mary Maline	2255

**LOST:** Dark tan cloth rain coat with cloth hat in pocket. Reward. Mark Nichols, Full Scale Division Office.

**WANTED:** 3 passengers to Cleveland Air Races. Chambers, 4483.

**WANTED:** One passenger from Marshall Courts to E. Area on 7:30 shift. Marvin Saunders, 2259.

**WANTED:** Ride for two from Armistead and Victoria Avenue to E. Area on 7:30 shift. Margaret Clelland, Full Scale.



Just to prove that his story is not just another fish story, Ralph Hearn, Stock Section has the above evidence that will convince any doubtful persons. Hearn caught the 95 pound bonita while on a fishing trip last week end. --Photo by Harry Clason

**FOR SALE:** Three rooms of furniture. P. M. Salake, West Machine.

**WANTED:** Ride for two to Southern Georgia. Will share expenses and help drive. Mary John Plemons, Low Turbulence.

## CAMERA CLUB CONTEST JULY 30

The last meeting of the Hampton Camera Club was devoted to a photographic print criticism session. Prospective prints to be entered in future contests were criticized by Andy See, Photo Lab, with a view to improving them.

The next meeting of the club will be held on Wednesday, July 30 at the Syms-Eaton Community Center at 7:30 p.m. and the main event will be a print contest. Non-members as well as members are invited to submit prints. An entrance fee of ten cents per print will be charged. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners.

## POLITICAL

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bet on an election; or organize, lead or march in a political parade.

By law, appropriations for the NACA may not be used to pay the salaries or wages of any person who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence.

**WANTED:** Ride from Lasalle and Keoughtan to W. Area on 7 shift. F. Schneider, 4587.

**WANTED:** Ride from Marshall Courts to W. Area on 7 shift. Charles Gilman, W. Model.

## YESTERDAY AND TODAY



The two men shown above are the one and same, the only difference being about twenty years. The picture on the left shows Dr. H. J. E. Reid, Director of the Laboratory, as he looked shortly after he became Engineer-in-Charge

in 1926. His office at that time was located in the area now occupied by the East Cafeteria's dishwashing room. On the right is a more recent picture showing Dr. Reid in his present office in the Administration Building.