

# Air Scoop



## BINGO PARTY NEXT THURSDAY

As everyone probably knows by this time, the jack pot was won at the last Bingo Party so next Thursday night the pot will start all over again and five numbers will be called. If no one wins next week, the pot will increase and more numbers will be called at the next game and so on until it is won.

The grand prize next week will be a tailor-made suit for either a man or a woman. With Easter coming up next month, this should be quite an attraction.

As usual the party will be at the Activities Building and the calling will start promptly at

8:30 P.M.

Other prizes included in the list are a set of sterling silver sherbert dishes, a set of hurricane lamps, an electric fan type heater, waffle iron, electric iron, a pair of percale sheets and pillow cases and many other attractive gifts.

## A.S.M.E. MEETING FEBRUARY 17

The Peninsula Chapter of the A.S.M.E. will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, February 17 at the Activities Building to hear two talks relating to air conditioning.

John C. French of the Construction Engineering Section, will give a talk entitled, "Cooling and Drying Requirements for Wind Tunnels." D. R. Zeno, Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, will speak on "Shipboard Air Conditioning for Passenger Comfort." Both talks are timely and should be of interest to Laboratory engineers.

French has just returned from Philadelphia where he delivered his speech to the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers.

Members and friends are invited to attend the meeting.

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## LAB EMPLOYEE DIES SUDDENLY

Richard Henry Wood, Physical Research Laboratory, died of a heart attack last Tuesday while shoveling snow from his back porch. He resided with his sister at 19 Young Street, Hampton.

Born November 19, 1899, he was a native and lifelong resident of Hampton. He entered on duty at the Laboratory October 1945 and was assigned as an aeronautical laboratory mechanic to PRD.

During the second World War he served as a chief petty officer in the navy and was in the Pacific area three years with the "Seabees".

Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson, Miss Eglora Wood, Mrs. Hazel Burbank, and Mrs. G. Alvin Massenburg, all of Hampton, two brothers, William A. Wood, Jr., of Gloucester County, and Nelson Wood of Onancock.

## COKE DRINKERS SLOW TO ACT

Officials of the NACA Morale Activities Association wish to point out to Laboratory employees that spring isn't too far off and that the coke drinkers will soon start looking around for one of those coke machines that they heard so much about early in the fall. Before a machine can be placed in a building, some group must submit a memorandum to the Coca-Cola Committee requesting the machine and assuming the duties and responsibilities associated with the operation of the dispenser.

Only eleven memoranda have been received to date and before anything can be done, a majority of the machines must be assigned to buildings throughout the Laboratory.

Groups desiring a dispenser are asked to submit a memorandum immediately to Ross Levin, Chairman of the Coca-Cola Committee, Structures Research, with the following information: name of build-

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## IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK, GIRLS!

It's later than you think, girls, so hurry and ask him to the Leap Year Dance. Don't put it off until the last minute just because he usually does but act now or you might end up dateless or maybe taking your second choice. 1952 is a long way off and that's the date for the next Leap Year Dance. Don't be four years older before that next chance presents itself. Do it now!

Wives! get your husband's best suit pressed. He has to go to this one since you are doing the asking and footing the bills. It's a chance to air that formal dress too, since the affair is semi-formal.

Tickets will be sold at the door only at the Leap Year Dance on Friday night, February 27 from 10 to 2 in the Activities Building for only \$1.50 whether you are alone or dated.

By the way, just in case you are worried about transportation for your date don't worry about it any more, particularly if he has a car. After all, some men who don't have cars date girls who do and under such circumstances it is usually the woman who supplies the transportation. Well, it can work both ways so let the man furnish the wheels.

## CLASSES STILL OPEN FOR ENROLLMENT

Officials of the Adult Education Program at Hampton High School announced this week that two classes are still short of a number of students. The two courses still open for registration are Mechanical Drawing and Blueprint Reading. Both classes will be taught by Charles Nagy on Monday and Thursday nights for 40 hours and instructions will begin as soon as a sufficient number of students have enrolled. The fee for each class will be \$2.80.

Laboratory employees wishing to enroll for either course may do so by contacting the Training Office, telephone 2256.

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Included among the recent visitors to the Laboratory was William B. Stout, consultant of the research division of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation, who was on the Peninsula to deliver a lecture to the Engineers' Club of the Virginia Peninsula.

Other recent visitors were Adeline Helland and Milton B. Ames, Washington Office; R. Fabian Goranson, former employee and now of the Bureau of Aeronautics; and a group from the Cleveland Laboratory, George F. Kinghorn, Edward J. Cudlin, Scott H. Stimpkinson, John P. Forgas, John H. Disher, and William H. Swann.

## Life At The Laboratory

Gradually recuperating. . . . .

from the nerve-racking experience of becoming a new father is Buck Barber of the Purchase Section. Buck became the proud father of a daughter on Friday, February 6. The mother, Helen, formerly of Purchase.

Another Laboratory employee. . . . .

who is experiencing fatherhood for the first time is Al Braslow, Low Turbulence. He became the father of a son on Thursday, February 5. The proud mother, Myrt, is formerly of Low Turbulence.

Wedding bells rang. . . . .

last Saturday in New York when Bill Norton, Flight Research, took his final vows with Jean Pierce of New York City.

Stock Section employees. . . . .

are convinced of the truth of the old saying that "care saves wear." They reported this week that a platform scale, used in the section for weighing parcel post packages, has been in service for twenty-nine years and is still in good shape. The scale was purchased for use in the Langley Laboratory's Stock Section in 1919, four years after Congress passed the bill creating the NACA.

Passing out cigars. . . . .

in a manner typical of a new father is Walter Kabana, East Engineering Section. He became the father of a daughter, Cheryl Gail, on Monday, February 9.

Laboratory employees. . . . .

made quite a good showing at the Virginia Peninsula Bridge Tournament held at the Chamberlin Hotel last week-end. On Sunday John Crigler, Physical Research, and Jack LaMay, West Machine Shop, came out second in the team-of-four game. Dr. Salasky and his partners defeated the NACA men by a half point. A Peninsula unit of American Contract Bridge League was also organized to hold sectional bridge tournaments. Two Laboratory employees were elected officers of the organization; Bruce Amole, Employees Services, was elected vice president and tournament chairman, and John Crigler was elected treasurer.

In case you. . . . .

haven't already planned to do so, be sure and reserve March 5 for the Basketball Dance at the Activities Building. Music will be furnished by Harry James, Tommy Dorsey, Bingo Crosby, and other big name bands and vocalists. The admission will be 25 cents per person and tickets may be purchased from members of the basketball league. All proceeds will be used towards purchasing an electric score board for the league.

Another eligible went. . . . .

and got himself engaged last week-end. This time it's Stokes Hoffman, Instrument Research, and he is engaged to Betty Van Arsdale of Newport News. Wedding bells will ring sometime during the summer.

FOR SALE: Lucan Phye sofa and coffee table, three end tables, maple finish bedroom suite. 3814 Chesapeake Blvd., after 5:30.

FOR SALE: 1948 Buick roadmaster. Teralsi, Eng. Projects.

WANTED: Ride to N.Y. on Feb. 20. Wiener, ALD.

FOR RENT: Furnished apartment. Call Hampton 6714 or apply at 312 Marshall St.

FOR SALE: Single bed and chipendale sofa. Don Talmage, Flight.

## COKE DRINKERS

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ing, name of district representative to the Activities Association, Sponsoring group, location of dispenser in building, location of storage space, operating personnel (when and how machine is to be serviced), and approvals by responsible authorities located in building.

## Did You Know That...

The custom of having a best man at weddings is believed to be a survival of primitive marriage by capture, when a man seized a woman and carried her away by force. He would naturally, under such circumstances, choose a faithful friend or follower to go with him and ward off the attacks of the girl's kinsmen while he stole away with her. Thus, if this notion is correct, the appearance of the bridegroom with his chief groomsmen or best man really represents a prehistoric marauding expedition.

FOR SALE: "Fundamentals of Radio" by Everitt; "Aerodynamics of the Airplane" by Clark B. Millikan. Training Office, 2256.

WANTED: Ride for 1 to Philadelphia during week-end of Feb. 21. Alexander, 4427.

FOR SALE: 1939 Ford. Les Schneider, 7 X 10, or call Hampton 3-2721.

# STABILITY STILL LEADS LEAGUE

The Stability #1 quintet leads the men's basketball league with seven wins and one loss while Loads follows with a close second with six wins and one loss. Despite their defeat last week, 19-Foot still holds on to the number three spot with six wins and four losses.

Last week Stability #1 chalked another win to their record when they barely neared out Physical Research. The lead changed hands constantly with PRD leading 9-6 at the end of the first quarter; Stability 13-11 at half time, PRD led again in the third quarter 18-13, and Stability finally ended up on top 28-21 at the close of the game. High scorer for the winners was Eddie Polhamus with twelve points and top man for the losers was Ed Kilgore with thirteen points.

9-Inch moved up to a four-way tie for fourth place by virtue of a 39-21 win over Pilotless Aircraft Research. 9-Inch chalked up a wide lead in the first half when they scored 17 points to the losers 7. PARD lost the game in the second quarter when they scored only one point. Taking high scoring laurels for the winners were George Callaher and Lowell Hesel with 12 points each. Top man for the losers was Hanners with 14.

Variety Quintet came through to give 19-Foot their fourth defeat of the season by downing them 36-26. The 19-Footers were a bit slow getting started and were held scoreless in the first quarter while the winners chalked up 11 points, to lead at half time 19-6. Cletus Vincke starred for the winners, chalking up 21 points. Top man for the losers was Harry Davis with nine points.

Stability #2 forfeited to IRD to give IRD another win and add another defeat to the Stability record.

The postponed games will be played on the following dates.

February 17 - 6 p.m. PRD vs. Loads; 7 p.m. Stability #1 versus PARD.

February 18 - 6:30 p.m. PARD versus Stability #2; 7:30 Variety Quintet versus PRD; 8:30 Loads versus W. Machine; 9:30 9-Inch vs. Instrument Research.

February 25 - 6:30 p.m. Loads versus Stability #2; 7:30 PARD vs. PRD; 8:30 IRD versus 16-Foot; 9:30 Stability #1 versus West Model.

The schedule for other postponed games will be announced in the "Air Scoop" as soon as final arrangements have been made.



Player	Team	FG	F	TP	G	Avg.
Mertens	Loads	46	13	105	7	15
Cancro	19'	45	14	104	9	11.6
Himka	16'	47	5	99	7	14.1
Davis	19'	43	7	93	10	9.4
Polhamus	Sta. #1	45	2	92	8	11.5
McMillian	W. Mach.	26	9	61	9	6.8

## Coming Events

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

- Feb. 13 - Flight Research Dance
- Feb. 14 - 7 X 10 Party
- Feb. 16 - Girls' Basketball
  - 6:30 - Belles versus Presby
  - 7:30 - 7 X 10 versus 16-Foot
- Feb. 17 - 7:30 Bridge Club
  - Volley Ball
  - Men's Basketball
    - 6 p.m. - PRD versus Loads
    - 7 p.m. - Stability #1 vs. Pilotless Aircraft
- Feb. 19 - Bingo Party

WANTED: Passenger from Southampton to Administrative Area on 8 shift. Bill Craig, 2381.

LOST OR BORROWED: "Short Table of Integrals" by Pierce David and "Aerodynamics of a Compressible Fluid" by Liepmann and Puckett. Have David Feigenbaum written in front. Call Solomon, 4590.

FOR SALE: 3 1/4 x 4 1/2 Speed graphic and accessories. H. Allison, E. Sheet-metal Shop.

It's good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure you haven't lost the things that money can't buy. --George Horace Lorimer

### STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
Stability #1	7	1	.875
Loads	6	1	.800
19-Foot	6	4	.600
W. Machine	5	4	.556
16-Foot	5	4	.556
Variety	5	4	.556
9-Inch	5	4	.556
IRD	3	4	.500
PARD	3	4	.429
PRD	4	4	.429
W. Model	1	8	.111
Stability #2	0	8	.000

# BOWLING NEWS

## STABILITY BOWLING LEAGUE

The Turkey Luckers are still leading the Stability Division Bowling League with eleven wins and four losses. 7 X Footh and Woodpeckers are tied for second place with seven wins and five losses. Leading the high individual averages for the men are George MacDougall with 103; John Campbell, 102; and John Lowry, 101. Leading the women are Gay Gilbert, 89; Elizabeth Kittrell, 85; Mary Noble Bennett, 85.

### STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
Turkey Luckers	11	4	.733
7 X Footh	7	5	.583
Woodpeckers	7	5	.583
Bouncers	8	7	.533
Fliers	6	6	.500
Scotch 'n Tapers	6	6	.500
Pin Maulers	7	8	.467
Atomic Bums	7	8	.467
Pin Heads	7	8	.467
Hurlers	5	10	.333
Spare Squares	4	8	.333

## GIRLS' LEAGUE IN SECOND ROUND

The second round of the Girls' Basketball League got underway with Belles and Presbyterian coming out on the winning end of their games. Belles lead the league with a perfect record of five wins and no losses.

Monday night the Belles chalked up their fifth straight win by downing the Loads team 29-11. The winners were ahead at half time by the bare margin of 12-9 but managed to strengthen their hold to win by a wide margin. Lorean Cooper and Becky Boykin were high scorers for the winners with 13 and 11 points respectively and Beth Walker was high for the losers with 4.

Presbyterian chalked up another victory when they swamped 7 X 10 to the tune of 32-12. Presbyterian led at half time 16-11 and held the losers to only two points in the second half. Betty Ann Johnson and Leona Hoffman were top scorers for the winners with 12 and 10 points and Sadie Hubbard was high for the losers with 7.

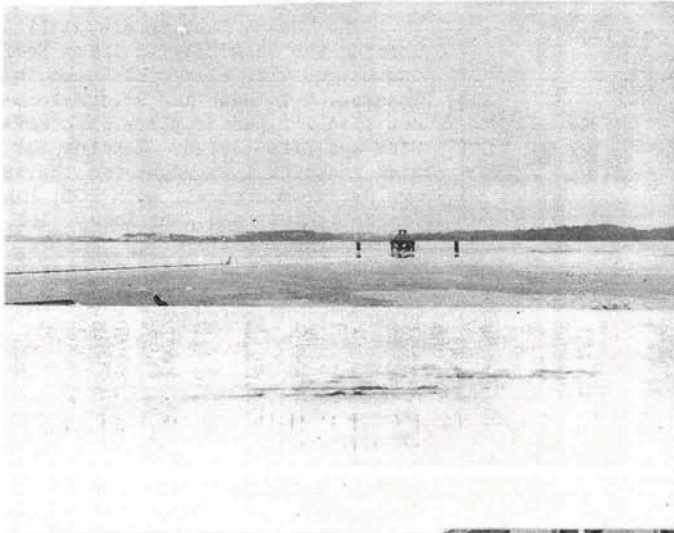
The schedule for the remaining part of the season is as follows:

- Feb. 16 - 6:30 p.m. Belles vs. Presbyterian; 7:30 7 X 10 versus 16-Foot
- Feb. 23 - 6:30 Loads versus Presbyterian, 7:30 Belles vs. 16-Foot
- March 1 - 6:30 7 X 10 vs. Loads, 7:30 Presbyterian vs. 16-Foot

WANTED: Ride from Chapel St. to W.A. on 8 shift. Roberts, 4516.

WANTED: Passengers to N.Y. on Feb. 20. Brody, IRD.

**SNOW SCENES AT THE LABORATORY**



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