

# The Bulletin Board

Brookhaven Employees' Recreation Association, Upton, N. Y.

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## FOUNDATION FOR SABINE HOUSE COMPLETED

Spurred on by the good weather that prevailed all last week, Laboratory staff members completed the foundation for the Sabine house. The construction of the frame for the house will be started next weekend, and Budd Pollock stated this morning that additional help is needed. Any staff member who wishes to assist in the building should call Budd on Ext. 423.

After the ground had been levelled early in the week by the Brookhaven Highway Department, using fill that they provided, 25 cubic yards of cinders were placed for the foundation base. The cinders were provided by Charles Dott of Patchogue at less than retail cost and were hauled to site by Leopold Mikkelsen of Patchogue for a sum well below the usual trucking charge.

Laboratory staff members, donating days from their vacation allotments, worked on the foundation from Wednesday until Saturday evening.

The plans for the house were drawn by John Lorenc of the AM Department and construction will be supervised by George Wagner and Robert Young of the same Department.

Loper Brothers of Port Jefferson have offered to supply building material at cost price and Charles Brown of Holtsville has offered to finish the floors  
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## BADMINTON LEAGUE STARTS PLAY

Several badminton players attended the first session of the newly formed league on Thursday evening, January 13, in the Gymnasium. The next meeting will be on Thursday night, January 20, and all interested staff members are invited to attend. Rackets and shuttlecocks are available for those who do not have them.

For further information call Dick Vogt, Ext. 391 or Dr. Andrew McReynolds, Ext. 602.

## VOLLEY BALL PLAYERS

Starting Monday, January 17, and continuing every Monday thereafter, the volley ball courts will be set up at 5:00 p.m. Team challenge matches and pick-up games may be played. If you are one of those people who want or have time for "just a little exercise each week", this is it.

## PANDEMONIUM - HALF LIFE THREE HOURS. By Richard Botts

After one of the longest runs in rehearsal of any American play, the atomic extravaganza, "Life and Half-Life", produced by the BERA Theater Group, was presented to two packed houses Thursday and Friday nights.

Audience response was overwhelming and certain of the music and refrains have already passed into the Brookhaven language (for example, "Speeches, speeches....all the time speeches").

The show was directed by Leonard Heyman. Audience sentiment agreed that the spirit of the mythical laboratory known as Creekhaven represented in the play, had an amazing resemblance to another laboratory known as Brookhaven, and for this main credit goes to the principal script writers, Saul Harris and John Karas. It is said that the original writing team was composed of Harris, Karas and Fistaras, but Fistaras dropped out and at various times some 20 or 30 persons served on the Script Committee between last June and the time of the play's production.

The audience reserved extra special applause for certain thespians who not only doubled but tripled or octupled in the parts they played. After all, some 25 players accounted for 80 characters with  
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### COMING EVENTS

Film Study Group  
Presentation -  
"The Lives of a  
Bengal Lancer"-  
January 24

Photo Contest -  
February 6

Choral Group  
Spring Concert

## YOUR BERA TRUSTEES

Frank W. Walsh is BERA representative from District No. 6, which covers the Buildings & Grounds Division. He is vice-president of BERA and will be responsible for the coordination of activities of the various committees.

Frank was born in New York City and has lived in Patchogue for the past 20 years.

He was first employed at Camp Upton in 1940 as a civilian employee of the War Department. From 1941 to 1946 he was in the U. S. Army stationed in England and had attained the rank of Major when he was discharged. He returned to Camp Upton as a civilian employee in 1946 and has been here through the various changes that preceded the establishment of the Laboratory. He is executive aide to D. E. Mallory, head of the Buildings & Grounds Division.

Frank, his wife Dorothy, and their two children, Patty, age 5, and Gregory, age 1, live on Rose Avenue in Patchogue. Golf and bowling are his main hobbies and he is interested in all types of athletic activities.

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FOUNDATION FOR  
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without charge.

The necessary financial arrangements have been expedited through the courtesy of Mr. Irvin S. Hawkins, vice-president of the Union Savings Bank of Patchogue.

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Every accident is a notice that something is wrong with men, methods or material.

1040-A MUST  
ACCOMPANY  
WITHHOLDING  
STATEMENT

The Department of Internal Revenue has announced that wage earners whose earnings were less than \$5,000 last year, cannot file their income tax returns for the year 1948 simply by sending in the Withholding Statement, form W-2, as they have been able to do for the past five years.

Those who wish to use the W-2 form, however, may do so again this year provided it is attached to form 1040-A, and, of course, provided their earnings during 1948 were less than \$5,000. Others must use the 1040 form.

The Payroll Department said today that the Withholding Statements for the year 1948 will have been distributed to all employees before January 31.

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PHOTO CONTEST  
DATE NEAR

Only a few weeks remain in which to submit photos for the contest to be held the week of February 6. Entries must be in the hands of the Committee before that date if they are to receive consideration. All subjects are eligible both in black and white and color classes. Send entries to Dick Vogt in the Gymnasium.

A meeting of staff members to discuss the formation of a Camera Club will be held in the Research Staff Lounge on January 24 at 12:00 noon. Everyone interested in amateur photography is urged to attend.

For further information call Herman Bohnhorst, Ext. 460, or Robert Walton, Ext. 2180.

YOUR ASSOCIATION  
by Margaret Chiuchiolo  
Secretary of BERA

The Board of Trustees of BERA feels that not everyone fully realizes the functions of the organization and that an educational program is called for.

With employment at Brookhaven goes membership to BERA. It is your organization. The Board of Trustees are elected by you to carry out your desires and act in your behalf. It is not always possible for a representative to know everyone in his district, but it is the responsibility of the member to know his representative. The "Bulletin Board" is currently running thumb-nail biographies of the Trustees to familiarize you with your representatives.

If you are interested in activities not already scheduled, let your representative know about it. Don't keep it to yourself and fret because it is not available. Make this your organization, take an active interest in it and get enjoyment from it!

Watch this space for information about your Association.

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WANNA SWAP?

Several staff members with Yankee horse-trading proclivities have asked to have a Swap Column included in each edition of The Bulletin Board. If enough individuals are interested, such a column will be inserted in future editions. What have you got to trade and what do you want for it? Send your offers to The Bulletin Board, 55 Pascal Place.

BNL BOWLING LEAGUES STANDINGS - Jan. 14, 1949

<u>TUESDAY-MEN</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>HIGH TEAM GAME</u>
1. Utilities	45	20	<u>Men</u>
2. Fire Dept.	37	33	
3. Electronics-B	31	29	Fiscal 892
4. Purchasing	29	31	
5. Meteorology	33	37	<u>Ladies</u>
6. Photography	25	30	
7. Bldgs. & Grnds.	26	34	Director's Office 688
8. Mach. Shop-B	24	36	

TUESDAY-LADIES

			<u>Men</u>
1. Director's Off.	24	9	
2. Accelerator	18	12	A. Dick 591
3. Fiscal	19	14	(Mach. Shop-A.)
4. Purchasing-B	21	18	
5. A. E. C.	16	17	<u>Ladies</u>
6. Biology	9	18	
7. Purchasing-A	10	23	M. Chiuchiolo 493
8. Medical	7	23	(Accelerator)

WEDNESDAY-MEN

			<u>HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME</u>
1. A. E. C.	44	26	<u>Men</u>
2. Fiscal	36	29	
3. Info. & Pub.	34	35	R. McKee 231
4. Mach. Shop-A	33	37	(Info. & Pub.)
5. Director's Off.	31	38	
6. Personnel	27	38	<u>Ladies</u>

WED.-THURS.-LADIES

			S. Webb. 195
			(Communications)
1. Biology	14	7	
2. Communications	9	9	<u>HIGH INDIVIDUAL AVER.</u>
3. Physics	9	9	
4. Info. & Pub.	7	11	<u>Men</u>

THURSDAY-MEN

			A. Dick 170
			(Mach. Shop-A.)
1. Central Drftg.	44	21	
2. Paint Shop	40	20	<u>Ladies</u>
3. Nuclear Reactor	34	31	
4. Accelerator-A	25	35	K. Boysen 138
5. Electronics-A	20	40	(Director's Office)
6. Accelerator-B	27	43	

HIGH TOTALS (WITHOUT HANDICAPS) FOR MATCHES UP TO DATEHIGH TEAM SERIES

			<u>Men</u>
Fiscal	2524		
			<u>Ladies</u>
Director's Office	1813		

WONDERING WHY WHISTLES WAIL?

Probably every staff member has wondered why the Laboratory fire whistle has been blowing so often during the afternoon. To satisfy the curiosity of everyone (including the editor), an investigation has been made which disclosed these facts.

Certain craftsmen, employed by The H. K. Ferguson Company, work seven hours a day, others eight. For the benefit of the workers, the whistle blows ten minutes before quitting time; for example, 3:20, and again at the half hour. The same process is repeated for the benefit of the workers who quit at 4:30. On pay days (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays) the men quit work half an hour earlier; therefore, the whistle blows at frequent intervals between 3:00 and 4:30 p.m.

RADIO AMATEURS TO MEET JANUARY 21

Edward F. Schwinge of the AM Department, president of the Suffolk County Amateur Radio Club, announces that the next meeting will be held Friday, January 21, 8:00 p.m., at the Willowbrook Inn on the Sunrise Highway, 1/2 mile west of the Islip traffic light.

There will be door prizes and a good old-fashioned auction will supply an evening of entertainment and good buys in radio gear.

Every radio-minded person is invited; bring the YL's, as there will be a door prize for them too.

LISTEN TO MUSIC GROUP TO MEET TUESDAY

Staff members interested in forming a Listen to Music Group are asked to meet in the Research Staff Lounge, 32 Brookhaven Ave., at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1.

A program of recorded music, selected by Merrill Lustgarten, will be presented and plans for further meetings will be discussed.

## PANDEMONIUM

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multiple duties falling particularly on Saul Harris, Sam Millman, Ben Ami Lipetz and George Cox.

Perhaps the most professional parts of the production were the stunning sets designed and executed by Mr. and Mrs. George Cox, who have had professional experience, and the music by Roy Sutter. However, "The Age of Nuclear Fission" by Mr. and Mrs. George Cox also proved to be a catchy tune.

Next to the musical talent the audience seemed to be most surprised by the glamour talent as exemplified by June Kohler, Gerry Davison and the girls of the line, Joyce Harris, Mildred Terwilliger, Selma Rapps and the other luscious morsels who constantly distracted the audience's attention from the plot (and a good thing, too).

Completely outside the plot, but recipients of thunderous applause, was the barbershop quintet, composed of W. Higinbotham, V. W. Cohen, W. Charlesworth, P. Richards and A. Christoffersen, with R. Kassner at the piano.

Another group which confirmed the decision to make this BERA production a musical was the well-received hillbilly trio composed of S. Harris, F. Bennett and W. Higinbotham.

In a class by himself was the Russian spy, played to the hilt by Danny Ryan, apparently with some assistance from a phonography record behind the curtain.

The most surprising item in the production to many was the discovery,

within the cloistered precincts of the Library, of a romantic musical lead named John Binnington, who keyed the whole production with his assured performance as the graduate of the Fuller Brush Institute who was mistaken for an FBI man.

Special mention is due Jules Levin for sound effects, Margaret Stirton for work on costumes and John Weil, who had the thankless task of following a difficult lighting score which included the spectacular effects climaxing the dance of the girls in the Security Office.

Others whose work was not spotlighted were Rosalie Lichenstein, who did the choreography for the "Left Foot Forward" routine; Buddy Watterson, Walt Milian, Dick Seitz and Ralph Folsome, who composed the orchestra; and C. Osborne for excellent piano arrangement.

Out of this world was the performance of Anthony (Buddy) Cox, age 10, who played Dr. Dr. Van der Van and managed, without any difficulty, phrases such as, "the hypotenuse of the oblique".

The rabbit was also a rare theater moment, played by Joyce Harris, who will probably never be allowed to forget it.

In spite of heavy expenses, the show netted a handsome profit for BERA.

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Under the spreading chestnut tree,  
The village blacksmith stands,  
And stands, and stands,  
and stands, and stands--  
Mighty few horses these days.

## FACT 'N FISSION

FOR SALE - Strapless evening gown, Never worn. Call Julie Vault. (Adv. in Bulletin Board)  
'smatter Julie? Scared?

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Economist - A man who can save money by cutting down some other person's expenses.

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An old man collapsed on the street and a crowd gathered, all trying to help and each making suggestions. One, Maggie Riley, kept shouting, "Give the poor man whiskey", but little attention was paid to her. Finally the agonized voice of the old man rose above the din: "Will the lot of you hold your tongues and listen to Maggie Riley?"

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WOLF WHISTLE DEPT. (Adv. in Riverhead Review.)

For Sale - Beautifully made woman's coat.

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When a woman can read a man like a book it's time for him to turn over a new leaf.

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Frank Walsh likes the story about the man who, returning from a spree, tried to blow out a lighted candle and his alcohol-saturated breath burst into flames. Shocked, he begged his wife to bring the Bible, muttering, "I gotta swear off." Placing his hand on the Bible he mumbled, "Before heaven I swear I will never blow on a lighted candle again."

## LABORATORY ACCIDENT RATE REDUCED

Although more than 200 additional employees joined the Laboratory staff during 1948, the accident rate was reduced to half that of the preceding year.

None of the accidents involved scientific personnel and none resulted from scientific experiments or work with radiation. The types of accidents which did occur, such as falls, strains, etc., are common to industry and were found mainly among maintenance and service employees.

The Laboratory, which holds membership in both the National Safety Council and the National Fire Protection Association, has an extensive safety program designed to meet the specific needs of each department as well as the Laboratory as a whole.

According to Safety Supervisor, Julius Hannoch, every possible mechanical and personal protective device is provided to prevent accidents, and regularly scheduled meetings of all members of each department keep employees thinking in terms of safety. All plans and specifications are reviewed from an engineering safety and fire protection standpoint before construction is begun and a safety inspection of all facilities is made periodically.

The hospital is a nice quiet place to figure on the costs of accidents.

## CLASSIFIED

### For Sale

Japanese "Superikonta" camera with tripod and filter.

Baby's crib with mattress - Good condition.

1 Winchester rifle - 22 caliber - 6-shot magazine - Bolt action.

Call A. Fowler, Ext. 2193.

1939 Plymouth 4-door sedan - Original owner - Very good mechanical condition, body and paint - Relatively low mileage - Reasonable price - Call Ext. 602 (or Patchogue 2478-M evenings).

1948 Ford - Super Delux - V-8 - 4-door - Radio and heater - Less than 10,000 miles - Call Ext. 395.

1940 Delux Ford sedan - 4-door - 4 new tires - Radio, heater, new motor - Call Robert Reich, Ext. 2124.

1 yr. old Mercury 11 camera, cost new \$85 - 6 mo. old case, cost new \$8.50 - Never used flash attachment, cost new \$5.95 - Will sell complete for \$75 - Call Ext. 448, Mrs. Varney.

One or two acres of land located at Crane Neck Farms, Oldfield South - All inquiries welcomed - Call Henry A. Veillette, Ext. 2418.

Semi-bungalow type, hollow tile stucco - Corner lot 55 x 100 ft. - Located at corner of Hill Street and Summit Avenue, Patchogue - Very reasonable - Call Jerry Bowie, Ext. 2185.

### New Houses For Sale

Houses are 27 x 20 on plots 100 x 240. Each has two bedrooms, living room, kitchen with cabinets and electric stove, bath, expansion attic, built-in stairway and ample closet space. Heat is oil hot water radiant heat. Price is \$8,650 with \$850 cash down payment, with \$7,800 F.H.A. mortgage at 4% interest for 25 years. This interest may be increased by 1/2% to cover F.H.A. insurance. However, this interest rate is still below the prevailing local interest rate of 5%. Houses are located at Lindner Farms development, Smithtown, a short distance to the north of the Jericho Turnpike, and can be seen by appointment with the Housing Office, Ext. 2218.

### For Rent

Furnished house for rent for adults only - 85 South Main Street, Sayville - Four rooms - two bedrooms, living room, kitchen and complete bath. Coal hot water heat. Kitchen has gas range and refrigerator. House has a brick front and has been fully decorated inside. Conveniently located. Will lease for one year. Available now. Rent \$65 a month without utilities. For further information, or an appointment to see, call Mr. B. E. Keene, Ext. 596 or the Housing Office, Ext. 2241.

### For Sale

John Wood 30-gallon hot water heater (bottled gas) - Used one month - \$65.00 - Call James Maguire, Ext. 639.