

# The Bulletin Board

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## THEATRE GROUP PLANS SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Miss Selma Rapps, secretary of the Theatre Group, has asked that the following announcement be published:

The Theatre Group has held elections for the coming year and the present officers would like to make it a more socially active organization than it has been in the past.

We are inviting the participation of anyone who feels interested in the Theatre Group, but who has not been able to take part in any of its past productions.

The Social Committee is now in the process of planning a Beach Party, or a party here at the Laboratory if the weather is inclement, on August 25 at 5:00 p.m., to enable everyone to get better acquainted, have fun, and at the same time exchange ideas on future productions.

So, if you have been active in the Theatre Group in the past, or if you wish to join the Group, plan on coming to our picnic (or party) and notify any of the following people:

Selma Rapps, Ext. 2313  
Joyce Harris, Ext. 2118  
June Kohler, Ext. 570

## LABORATORY BAND REHEARSING WEEKLY

The BNL Band, which now numbers more than 30 members, is rehearsing weekly on Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. in the Research Staff Lounge, Director Abraham Edelman announced recently, and plans are being made for a concert sometime in the Fall.

Staff members who can play band instruments are invited to join the group and may do so by attending any rehearsal.

## BLUE FISH CONTEST THIS MONTH

A Blue Fish Contest is being held all this month by the BERA Fishing Club. Entry blanks may be obtained from Charles Larson, Ext. 2376.

Fish to be entered in the contest may be taken to any official weighing station and the completed entry blanks forwarded to Frank Jelley, 60 Brookhaven Avenue.

## COMING EVENTS

Music Listening -  
August 16

Theatre Group Picnic -  
August 25

## H. H. GOLDSMITH

Last Sunday death tragically claimed another Brookhaven pioneer, when H. H. Goldsmith was fatally injured in a fall from Hamilton Falls, West River, West Windham, Vermont. The accident occurred while he was vacationing with his wife, and his sons, who were summering at Mill Pond.

Mr. Goldsmith was Head of the Information and Publications Division, which he organized when he joined the Laboratory staff in February of 1947.

A physicist who had made a life work of coordinating sources of technical information in his chosen field, Mr. Goldsmith was widely known here and abroad for his interest in, and familiarity with, the literature of nuclear energy. During the War he served as coordinator of information on physics at the Metallurgical Laboratory of the University of Chicago and was a member of the editorial board of the Plutonium Project Section of the National Nuclear Energy Series.

In addition to his work at the Laboratory, Mr. Goldsmith was co-editor of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, which he helped  
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## SUMMER HEAT

by Maynard E. Smith

Complaints about the state of the weather are accepted by the meteorologist as a routine portion of his life and work, to be endured and forgotten. However, a review of the past two months reveals that the current wave of protests has a more firm foundation than usual. The meteorological record for Brookhaven has not been in existence long enough for us to completely describe a "normal" summer, but a comparison with our own record of last summer, and the "normals" for nearby stations is revealing.

June, 1949, will probably stand for a considerable period as the driest June on record. No measurable precipitation at all was recorded on the Site, although averages in years past for the surrounding area would have led one to expect between 3 and 4 inches. The mean temperature for the month was 66.5 degrees F. as compared to 66.9 degrees last year, so we should probably place lawn damage and the monotony of nearly continuous sunshine first on our list of grievances.

In July, however, the temperature was certainly the offender. The thermometer reached 90 degrees F. or above on eight of the days, although in July, 1948, the 90 degree-mark was never reached at any time during the month. The mean temperature for the month also reflects our suffering, for it was 72.3 degrees F. in July, 1949, and 67.4 degrees F. in July, 1948.

We may console our-

LABORATORY CAT  
PROGENY WINS  
BLUE RIBBON

Cleopatra, a kitten daughter of the Police Department cat, won first prize in the Feline Division at the Pet Show held at Fort Salonga on July 16.

One of a litter of four born about three months ago, the kitten was presented to Paul Broer, 9, son of Patrolman Broer, by Chief Crozier. Paul thought that the kitten's markings--orange, tan, black and white--were similar to the colors on a headdress worn by an actress impersonating Cleopatra in a recent technicolor film and chose the name for his pet.

Patrolman Broer won a first prize with a hawk that he tamed, but he is prouder of the blue ribbon won by his son's pet.

selves for the moment by remembering that we have had no day this summer to compare with the three consecutive days in 1948 when the temperature reached 99 and 101 degrees F. But those days were in late August, so 1949 still has a fighting chance!

(Official temperatures for Brookhaven are obtained from instruments mounted in a shelter which shields them from the sun but allows free air circulation, as is the practice throughout the world.)

MUSIC LISTENING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

The Music Listening Program for Tuesday night, August 16, as arranged by Aksel Bothnerby, will be as follows:

Debussy - Clouds and Festival

Brahms - Symphony #3

Debussy - Iberia

The Group will meet, as usual, in the lounge of the Research Staff Building at 8:00 p.m. Remember that this formidable sounding "Group" is just composed of the people who feel like listening to music, so come along if you're one of them!

H. H. GOLDSMITH  
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to found in December of 1945, and also served on the editorial board of Nucleonics.

As Chief Consultant to the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, Mr. Goldsmith had, for the past year, been compiling the first international bibliography on the scientific aspects of atomic energy. He also served as Head of the Sub-Committee on Publications and Information of the Committee on Nuclear Science of the National Research Council.

The funeral service and interment took place in Springfield, Vermont, Tuesday afternoon.

Ruth Conrad wishes to thank all the Captain's friends who sent the lovely spray of white gladioli and tiger lilies to Arlington for the Captain on July 29.

HIGH TIDES FOR AUG. 15SOFTBALL RESULTS - Week Ending August 12, 1949

<u>Place</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
Freeport	1:37	2:00
Babylon	4:02	4:25
Bayshore	3:22	3:45
Patchogue	4:22	4:45
Bellport	4:57	5:20
Shinnecock O.	11:47	12:10
Shinnecock Canal	4:45	5:21
Montauk Pt. North	12:50	1:26
Montauk Pt. Harbor	1:50	2:26
Orient-Shelter Island	2:50	3:26
Noyack Bay	4:05	4:41
New Suffolk	4:30	5:06
Sag Harbor	3:05	3:41
Greenport	3:10	3:46
So. Jamesport	4:50	5:26
Promised Ld.	2:00	2:36
Northport	5:10	4:35
Stonybrook	3:55	4:20
Port Jeff.	4:30	4:55
Mattituck In.	4:50	5:15

Machine Shop 7 - Nuclear Reactor 2

Materials Control 11 - Chemistry 1

Phubars 8 - Drafting-Fiscal-Purchasing 4  
(1st game)Phubars 3 - Drafting-Fiscal-Purchasing 0  
(2nd game)STANDING OF THE CLUBS AS OF AUGUST 12, 1949

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Materials Control	10	4
Nuclear Reactor	7	5
Phubars	7	6
Machine Shop	6	5
Chemistry	4	7
Drafting-Fiscal-Purchasing	2	9

GAMES TO BE PLAYED - Week of August 15

Daylight Savings Time

Tues., Aug. 16 - Chemistry vs. Machine Shop

Daily Increase - 55 Min.

Wed., Aug. 17 - Nuclear Reactor vs. Phubars

Thurs., Aug. 18 - Drafting-Fiscal-Purchasing vs.  
Materials ControlNEW BOOKS IN BERA  
RENTAL LIBRARY

Let Love Come Last - Taylor Caldwell  
Bound Girl - Everett & Olga Webber  
Twilight on the Floods - Marguerite Steen  
1939 - Kay Boyle  
Jean Barois - Roger Martin du Gard  
The Happy Tree - Sheila Kaye Smith  
The Mudlark - Theodore Bonnet  
Celeste - Rosamond Marshall  
The Tom-Walker - Rari Sandoz  
Wild Calendar - Libbie Block

China Town Family - Lin Yutang  
The Rock Cried Out - Edward Stanley  
I Hear My Heart - Sister Mary Consolata  
Return to Vienna - Ernst Lothar  
Family Circle - Cornelia Otis Skinner  
Del Palma - Pamela Kellino  
World Aflame - Engel & Piller  
Nineteen Eighty-Four - George Orwell  
White House Diary - Henrietta Nesbitt

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JULY SWIMMING POOL  
ATTENDANCE  
SETS RECORD

Laboratory swimmers seeking relief from the heat wave set an all time high for attendance at the swimming pool in July, 1949. Twenty-six hundred and five was the figure recorded--the highest attendance for any month since the pool was opened to staff members.

The Best Way Is The Safe Way.  
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### BOOKS ON BERA RENTAL LIBRARY SHELVES

"THE GIRL ON THE VIA FLAMINIA", by Alfred Hayes --

In "The Girl on the Via Flaminia", Alfred Hayes has written a story of the after effects of war, using as an example a few characters rather than a country as a whole. The crumbling of morals is vividly portrayed in this story of Rome in the days following the defeat of the enemy in Italy. Really not much more than a short story, it tells only of a single episode, the business deal common throughout liberated Europe, between Robert, a lonely American G.I. and Lisa, an Italian girl who is hungry.

Robert, stationed in Rome, wanted a room to come to at night and a girl waiting for him there who was not a prostitute. His side of the bargain was to provide American coffee, candy, cigarettes and other luxuries. The girl, desperate for a home and companionship was to make the whole business less than the usual pick-up on one of the Tiber bridges. Robert rents a room in Signor Puccini's flat and the couple pose as man and wife.

The story concerns itself with the impact of their affair on the others in the flat and the gap that remains between them to the end.

Robert and Lisa struggle to make the venture a success, but all of their meetings are tinged with bitterness and despair with their relationship remaining always the same--that of the conqueror and the defeated one.

Lisa is finally arrested in a raid on the flat, jail-

ed as a prostitute and given a prostitute's yellow identification card. The separation of Robert and Lisa is inevitable, the arrangements they had made preclude the possibility of their ever meeting on a common ground, and Lisa, who has never known a man before Robert, is doomed to join the prostitutes on the Tiber bridges.

The story is refreshing for its simplicity.

### CLASSIFIED

#### For Sale

1933 Pontiac - Four-Door Sedan - Good running condition - New tires - Pleasant to look at - Price: \$150 - George Snow, Ext. 427.

1932 Chevrolet 2-door Sedan - Recently overhauled - In good running condition - \$100 - S. Cornish, Ext. 686.

1937 4-door sedan Plymouth - 1946 Engine - Radio, heater, seat covers - Tires practically new. Ext. 2185.

14 ft. boat - 2-1/2 HP outboard motor - Price: \$85 - W. Lones, Ext. 2141 or Center Moriches 676-W.

#### Wanted

Male Beagle pup - Good ancestry but no papers desired - Call H. Thomas, Ext. 732 or 533.

Any young lady staff members who would like to act as baby sitters for residents of the Apartment Area are requested to telephone Dick Vogt, Ext. 391.

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### FACT 'N FISSION

Sometimes it is hard to tell who is knocking--opportunity or just temptation

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The young schoolteacher had just told a small boy the story of a lamb that had strayed from the flock and had been eaten by a wolf.

"You see," she said, "had the lamb been obedient and stayed in the flock it would not have been eaten by the wolf, would it?"

"No Ma'am," answered the boy, "It would have been eaten by us."

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More than one woman wearing an evening gown appears not to have her heart in it.

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An amber traffic light is something the other fellow is supposed to wait for while you drive through.

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A worried-looking man dropped into a florist's shop and asked for three potted geraniums.

"I'm sorry, sir," said the florist, "We're out of geraniums just now but we have some nice potted chrysanthemums."

"No, they won't do," said the man, "I promised my wife that I would water her geraniums while she was away."