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## BERA BOARD BRIEFS

by John P. Binnington

A ping pong table is not a ping pong table on the mornings of the second Tuesday of every month, for then it supports twenty-eight elbows belonging to the BERA Board of Trustees. Busier than a party line, this group feels that readers of The Bulletin Board should know more of the Board's business--so here is some of it in brief.

The first meetings of the present Board were spent in self-organization and the clarifying of many BERA policies and procedures. The Board felt this was necessary to provide for maximum efficiency and speed in assisting the various activities with their needs. For this purpose the Finance Committee, the Properties and Facilities Committee and the Scheduling Committee were established. The Finance Committee has already proposed modifications in requisitioning. These proposals have been in effect over a month.

The Properties and Facilities Committee has been active in supplying the Board with ideas and estimates for a major program of redecorating and furnishing the Recreation Building, which will commence this Spring. In addition, this Committee has requested an inventory of property from all activities. When this is completed all BERA property will be marked and will be properly insured.

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## "THE SEVENTH VEIL" NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

"The Seventh Veil", a British film starring James Mason, will be presented by The Film Study Group at the Theatre, 12 Brookhaven Ave., next Monday night, March 24 at 8:00 p.m.

This film, the third in the series of foreign films being shown here, tells the story of a lovely concert pianist who is rescued from suicide and placed under narco-hypnosis. By delving into her past an understanding psychiatrist resolves her present crisis.

Membership tickets in the Film Study Group, entitling the holder to attend this showing and the rest of the series may be obtained at the door of the Theatre or from John Binnington at the Library.

## BERA SPRING DANCE

by Marge Chiuchiolo

In response to the many requests of the rabid fans of BERA dances, the Dance Committee has drawn up plans for one to be held in the Research Staff Lounge on April 21.

Because of the popularity of the dance contests at the last shindig, the program for the evening includes waltz, fox trot and jitterbug contests, so pick your partner and start practicing.

Music will be furnished by Mike Greco's Orchestra, set-ups, pretzels and potato chips will be furnished by BERA, beer will be available. Door prize to holder of lucky ticket--fun for all--and the price only \$1.00 plus 20¢ tax.

## COMING EVENTS

Music-Listening  
April 10, 8:00 p.m.  
Research Staff Lounge

Car Instruction Class  
April 12, 5:30 p.m.  
27 So. Railroad St.

Band Rehearsal  
April 12, 8:00 p.m.  
Research Staff Lounge

Bridge Club  
April 18, 8:00 p.m.  
Research Staff Lounge

BERA Dance  
April 21, 9:00 p.m.  
Research Staff Lounge

"The Seventh Veil"  
April 24, 8:00 p.m.  
Theatre

## BRIDGE CLUB WINNERS

Mrs. John A. Miskel, whose husband is a member of the Chemistry Department staff, and Mrs. Harrison, a guest, were the North and South winners at the Bridge Club session held last Tuesday night. Mrs. Elda Zeldis and David Balber again took East and West honors.

The next regular session of the Club will be held Tuesday, April 18, at 8:00 p.m. sharp, in the Research Staff Lounge. All staff members are invited to attend and take part either as players or spectators.

### BOOKS ON BERA RENTAL LIBRARY SHELVES

"THE DREAM MERCHANTS", by Harold Robbins--

When Johnny, adopted son of a carnival operator, Al Santos, rented a room in Peter Kessler's hardware store building in Rochester to open a Penny Arcade, he had no idea that from this small beginning would develop one of the biggest moving picture companies in the business. Nor did Peter Kessler realize that from this transaction would come a series of events that would result in making him owner of Magnum Pictures. And had anyone told Al Santos that he would become an influential banker dealing in million dollar loans he would have laughed at the idea.

Yet all of these events took place in a logical manner as the movie industry rapidly grew from Nickelodeons to strings of super movie houses all through the country.

Harold Robbins, in an exciting tale, has faithfully chronicled the story of the growth the movie industry and the success that came to the small men who started with two reelers shown in former store buildings and lived to see and to profit by the rapid expansion.

To follow the fortunes of this group of simple, uneducated men as they struggled to maintain control of the mushroom growth in face of many financial crises makes interesting reading and readers will recognize some of the real life characters from whom Robbins has apparently drawn his word pictures.

The struggle of the pioneers with the financiers for control of the industry is dramatically outlined and the inevitability of neither side permanently winning is ap-

### NEW BOOKS ON BERA RENTAL LIBRARY SHELVES

A Long Days Dying - Buechner

The Year of the Spaniard - Caster

The Cardinal - Robinson

Star Money - Winsor

The Threshold - von Wahl

The Feast - Kennedy

The Intruders - Bright

Black Ivory - Collins

Touchstone - Janey

The Duke's Daughter - Corbett

To Every Man a Penny - Marshall

Germany's Underground - Dulles

And There I Stood With My Piccolo - Wilson

30 new mysteries.

### CHESS CLUB STANDINGS

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
1. Chernick, J.	6.5	1.5
2. Cook, C.	5.5	.5
3. Kaplan, I.	5	2
4. Korsos, T.	4	3
5. Bothner-By, A.	3	4
6. Slavin, M.	3	4
7. Edelman, A.	2	3
8. Mede, J.	2	5
9. Webster, E.	1	5
10. Cox, G.	0	5

Copies of Dr. Singleton's article on "Vegetables for the Home Garden" and Edgar J. Hunter's article on "Planning and Maintaining a Lawn" are still available to staff members without charge. Call Ext. 2305.

parent. Anyone who has read the newspaper stories of such struggles that have actually occurred during the past decade will realize that Robbins knows what he is talking about.

### LAB GAB by Irene Kozak

#### Engagements:

Ruth Ella Strandberg (Library) to Ralph Hoergner, Patchogue.

#### Marriages:

Margie Crane (Admin.) and Antone J. Regula, April 22.

Jane Peterson (AEC) and Martin Murphy, April 15.

#### Births:

A daughter, Marilyn, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Logue (Accel.), on March 25.

A son, Eric Stephen, to Dr. and Mrs. Simon Pasternack (Physics), on April 3.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. John Kunstadter (Reactor) April 4.

#### Departures:

Vince Knittel (Accel.) left the Lab. on March 31 to take a position with the Navy Department in New York City.

William Parrott (Reactor) has resigned in order to take up his new duties as Village Clerk of Patchogue.

### CAMERA CLUB

Don't forget the Camera Club meeting this week, Wednesday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m., Recreation Hall.

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION OF CONTACT PRINTING AND ENLARGING WILL BE GIVEN.

### BERA BOARD

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Next week the agenda for this column will be The Bulletin Board, the Journalism Club and more about the redecorating of the Recreation Building.

Don't forget that the minutes of all Board meetings are available in Recreation office in the Gym.

BULLETINS  
by Bob Shaw

BNL BOWLING STANDINGS  
AS OF MONDAY, APRIL 10

The Rifle & Pistol Club held its scheduled monthly "Lead Burners" Convention on Monday evening, April 3, at the Recreation Building on York Lane. All members and guests enjoyed a short business meeting, interesting moving pictures and a surplus of refreshments. The success of all activities of your Rifle & Pistol Club is achieved through the cooperation and hard work of many members with special thanks, in this instance, extended to Arnold Runge, Ted Waechter, Mrs. Guy Inman and Bob Brouwer.

Work on the Range Club House is progressing and the house-warming will be held on Saturday, April 15 as scheduled. The next edition of The Bulletin Board will include a brief description of the activities planned for that occasion. It is suggested that you plan now to be present since you definitely will not want to miss this event.

It is rumored that "Flip" Hallock is very curious about the reasons that moved Red Macauley to designate him as Instructor to the gals firing .22 caliber rifles. Red will not tell him. There is no indication to date, however, that "Flip" ever thought of refusing this assignment.

SPECIAL BOWLING  
MATCH, APRIL 19

The high score bowlers of the Wednesday Night Men's League have accepted the challenge issued by the top men in the Thursday Night League.

The match will be rolled on Wednesday evening, April 19, immediately after the regular scheduled games. This should be an interesting and exciting contest and all staff members are invited to attend.

Tuesday - Ladies

	W	L
1. Purchasing	24	12
2. Fiscal	22	14
3. Administration	20	16
4. Claecephacs	20	16
5. Biology	17	19
6. Communications	17	19
7. Medical	15	21
8. Info. & Pub.	9	27

Schedule - April 11

Communications vs. Administration  
Infor. & Pub. vs. Medical  
Purchasing vs. Fiscal  
Biology vs. Claecephacs

Wednesday - Men

	W	L
1. Mach. Shops	23	10
2. Pile Operators	23	10
3. Cosmos	22	11
4. Purchasing	16	17
5. Central Drftg.	15	18
6. Cyclotron	14	19
7. Paint Shop	10	23
8. Physics	9	24

Schedule - April 12

Cyclotron vs. Purchasing  
Paint Shop vs. Cosmos  
Mach Shops vs. Physics  
Pile Operators vs. Cen. Drafting

Thursday - Men

	W	L
1. Accel. Techs	22	14
2. Fiscal	22	14
3. Photography	22	14
4. Bldgs. & Grnds.	20	16
5. Electronics	20	16
6. Pile Drivers	16	20
7. Bookacs	12	24
8. Meteorology	10	26

Schedule - April 13

Electronics vs. Accel. Techs.  
Meteorology vs. Photography  
Pile Drivers vs. Fiscal  
Bldgs. & Grnds. vs. Bookacs

High Game - Ladies

D. Pistor . . . . . 191

High Series - Ladies

M. Chiuchiolo . . . . . 476

High Game - Wed. - Men

J. Augustine . . . . . 220

High Series - Wed. - Men

J. Augustine . . . . . 547

High Game - Thurs. - Men

R. Dvorak . . . . . 227

High Series - Thurs. - Men

R. Teitel . . . . . 584

SOFTBALL  
MAY 1

Plans for the 1950 Softball Season are now underway. At a recent meeting of team representatives, rules and regulations were discussed and Monday, May 1 was set as the opening date.

Team entry blanks, available at the Recreation Office, must be returned on or before Wednesday, April 26.

For additional information call Ext. 391.

WANTED

Share in a carpool to and from Sayville - P. Prentky, Ext. 542.

Furry Manx kitten with 1-inch tail needs a home - Yellow long-tailed models also available - C. Reed, Ext. 2254.

FOR SALE

1932 Chrysler 6, 4-door sedan - Good operating condition - Reasonable - Handloser, Ext. 2134 or Eelipport 763-R.

**KNOW YOUR ATOMS**

by Frank Herold  
(From Railroad Magazine)

Frankly, I don't understand all I know about atoms. But does anyone? Do you? Do the railroad companies? Railroads may one day be the largest industrial users of atomic energy, yet are they preparing for it? Whether they are or not this will at least help them to understand it. And you railroad workers should familiarize yourselves with atomic energy now because at you become proficient in using it on the job you can put that proficiency to work at home and vice versa.

This article, told in simple language, is intended mainly to help you railroaders -- employer and employee -- to "know your atoms". We'll take it in five steps: (1) foreword on atoms; (2) the theory of atoms fully explained; (3) atomic energy for home use; (4) atomic energy for railroad use; and (5) general review.

(1) Foreword on Atoms - For years, even in boyhood school days, we heard of the greatest ambition of the scientists. We were told that unbelievable wonders would take place when they realized it. We'd not have to work any more. Some of us would not have to work period. In 1945 science realized its ambition: the atom was smashed.

Our forefathers used kerosene lamps and candles. When they ran low, junior was sent to the store for more. Then came gas, and junior put a quarter in the meter. Now it's electric lights and junior runs to the drugstore for bulbs. Once our predecessors cut and burned their own wood and junior made many a trip to the woodshed. With the advent of coal junior headed for the cellar with a coal scuttle. Today we set a thermostat in October, phone the oil company and forget about it

(except for bills) until the next October. Time marches on!

Now science has smashed the atom, and its energy in a highly concentrated form will be used for heat, light, power, medication and what have you. For a while we will not be aware of it but, time changing all things, the day may be at hand when junior will be off to the store for a dollar's worth of freshly smashed atoms. Or a quarter's worth of split ones. Or a dime's worth of raw ones. Who knows? And soon railroads may not only use atomic energy for fuel but may actually manufacture it as they go along.

Ever since the atom was smashed in 1945 there have been many articles and diagrams on the subject. All too technical. Too complicated. They have vaguely explained how the tiny atom was split and smashed, but they've given no recipe for home or industrial use. Well, I've given scientists their chance to assist their fellow-men. Since they've failed, I'll do it myself, now that five years have passed without one atomic article for laymen.

Science tells us that atoms are so small we can never hope to see one, not even with the most powerful of microscopes. I don't believe it! How can you split and smash something that you can't even see? We'll proceed therefore, in this article, on the assumption that the scientists are wrong: you can see an atom, even with the naked eye. For instance, did you ever note the tiny specks of "dust" in the sunlight as a beam enters your window and hits the floor? Those specks are probably atoms. Scientists just haven't looked in the right places.

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**Houses For Sale**  
**Almost New**  
**Smithtown Branch**

The Riverhead Savings Bank is foreclosing the mortgages on several houses in the "Lindner Farms" development. They are seventeen miles from the Laboratory, about one-half mile east of Smithtown Branch and just north of the Jericho Turnpike (Route 25).

These houses, a year ago, cost \$8,650 and \$850 cash was required. The balance is an R.H.A. 25 year mortgage. Monthly carrying charges, including interest, amortization, taxes and insurance, are \$59.00.

The houses can be bought today for approximately \$7,900, including about \$300 in cash. Anyone interested, call Mr. Atlee at the Riverhead Savings Bank, Riverhead 3600, or the Housing Office, Ext. 2145.

**For Sale**

Kitchen Stove - Kerosene - Good condition - \$25 - E. Bernatzky, Ext. 2248 or St. James 6965.

Proctor electric roaster - Roasts, broils, bakes - Porcelained enameled cooking well, adjustable rack - 3 aluminum kettles, broiling unit and cord - Recipe and instruction book - \$15.

Also

2 burner electric stove - Open type element - Two snap switches - Left burner has high heat of 990 watts - Right has medium heat of 660 watts - Chromed top, white enameled steel body - \$3

Also

8 cup electric percolator - No cord - \$3

Also

Sandwich grille - No cord - \$1 - E. C. Foster, Ext. 326.

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