

The OBSERVER

Volume 1, No. 2

January 31, 1962

Page 1

Report of Men's Activities
Committee - O. Bowyer

(continued)

Basketballs and volleyballs have been purchased and the NRAORA has received permission from the Board of Education to use the Cass Gymnasium.

Basketball and volleyball teams have been selected, with Carl Davis, Arnold Davidson, Tom Carpenter, and Jerry Shears as Captains.

The first basketball game was played January 25, and Davis's team lost a hard, fought game to Shears. The second game played on January 29 was won by Carpenter's team beating Davidson's.

The two winning teams (Shears and Carpenter) and the defeated teams (Davis and Davidson) will have a big playoff game on Thursday, February 1, 7:00 pm. in the Cass Gym. Come out and see the winning teams and losing teams play. Come One - Come All -- See the "Greatest Show on Earth".

Every male member of the NRAORA has been placed on one of the above teams, but if by some twist of fate you have been left off, see Omar.

If all goes well, these teams will continue to play, and will play some softball and football during the summer months. So, see your captain - he needs your help.

Basketball Standings at 1/31/62

Team	W	L	Pct.	P.F.	P.A.
Shears	1	0	1000	44	38
Carpenter	1	0	1000	39	30
Davis	0	1		38	44
Davidson	0	1		30	39

The NRAORA Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting on January 9, 3:30 pm. in the conference room. The next regular meeting of the Board will be February 13.

This newspaper is put out by the NRAORA. Phyllis Jackson is Editor, Gene Crist, Associate Editor, and Dick Hiner, Beaty Sheets, Omar Bowyer and Dewey Ross, reporters.

HOLIDAYS DANCE-PARTY

On December 29, 140 employees and their guests met in the Laboratory Conference Room for the first annual NRAORA Dance-Party.

The room was beautifully decorated with a blue, star sprinkled ceiling, with clusters of balloons and bells hung throughout the room. By candlelight we danced to the music of "The Searchers", an orchestra from Covington, Virginia.

The ladies never looked lovelier, and the men were at their best, and the Association will mark this dance-party up as a tremendous success, and one long remembered by everyone.

The success of the NRAORA Dance-Party was due to the cooperation of all the members of the Association. Phyllis and Harry, co-chairmen of the dance committee are most grateful for the help they received in the decorating, etc., and thank everyone who helped make the dance-party the gala affair it was.

NRAO HOLIDAY ! !

Thursday, February 22 (Washington's Birthday) is a holiday for NRAO employees.

By the Way --- Theory may raise your hopes, but it's practice that raises your salary.

BUFFET DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Irvine entertained on Sunday, January 7 with a buffet dinner at their home in Green Bank. Their guests included Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Claude StClair, Mr. and Mrs. John Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Bowyer, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Waslo, Miss Margaret Irvine, Mr. Emilio Filloy, and Mr. Ruben Dugatkin. A birthday cake for Mrs. John Parker was served during the evening.

PICTURES FOR SALE

The NRAORA will have for sale pictures of the Children's Christmas Party at 60¢ each. These pictures are posted on the Works Area bulletin board and the upstairs bulletin board in the Laboratory building. If you would like to have any of these pictures, add your name to the list posted with the pictures.

ICE SKATING

Located behind the Laboratory building is a 50' x 150' ice skating pond, which can be used by anyone (children included) who likes to skate. The next time there is ice, and you have the opportunity, bring your family out and skate. Anyone is welcome to skate there.

Dr. Findlay was speaker at a seminar at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, on January 12.

Facts and Figures

Mrs. Pat Bryant, secretary to Mr. Plunkett, has resigned, and Miss Carolyn StClair, daughter of Claude, came to work for Mr. Plunkett on January 22. Before coming to the Observatory, Carolyn worked for the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company, Covington, Va.

On Saturday, January 27, "Sis" Michael drove to Morgantown to bring her daughter, Jane Kay, home for the semester vacation. Jane Kay is a freshman at the University.

Mr. Riffe's office has a good supply of both West Virginia and federal tax blanks. If you need any of these forms, stop by his office. You can also get these forms at any bank or postoffice.

February Birthdays

Feb. 6 - Emilio Filloy
14 - Jim Simmons
16 - Fred Cole

Mr. Orville Barr, of Sophia, West Virginia, has been employed as an iron-worker. He came to work the first of January, and is living in Green Bank.

An auction is where you get something for nodding.

On January 3, Phyllis Jackson went to Los Angeles, Calif. for the funeral of her grandmother. She returned to work on January 15.

On New Years Day, Dr. Struve fell on the ice near the Laboratory and fractured his shoulder.

The Observatory was visited on January 17 by several employees of the Naval Radio Research Station at Sugar Grove.

Scope Skoops

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vance on January 28 in the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital. This is their second child.

The Observatory again this year will have a graduate student program. Notices have been sent to approximately 50 colleges and universities asking for applications.

Mr. John Radar has joined the technician group. John is from Coca, Florida, and has moved his family to Cass.

Leah Moore, who worked at the Observatory last summer, visited here one day last week.

A "Talk-A-Phone" system has been bought for the electronics lab. The master control will be installed in Dr. Hvatum's office, with Carolyn at the "key".

The Marlinton Squadron CAP would welcome new members. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursday nights of each month, at the Junior High School building in Marlinton.

300' News

The drive package for the 300-foot, built by Link-Belt Company, will be completed on February 15, and delivery to the Observatory will be shortly thereafter.

Work will start on the 300-foot control building within the next two weeks.

Dr. Findlay spoke to the ASME, Tri-Cities Section, in Kingsport, Tennessee on January 23, and he and Sidney Smith visited the Bristol Steel & Iron Works, Bristol, Virginia, on January 24.

You Must Be Joking Department

And then there was the fellow who was so unpopular that even his barber wouldn't talk to him.

Women Employees Guests of Observatory Wives

All women employees of the Observatory were guests of the Observatory Wives at their December Meeting held in the upstairs lounge of the Residence Hall on the evening of January 10. Everyone enjoyed an evening of fun over a cup of coffee and cookies served by the hostesses, Mrs. Howard Brown and Mrs. Frank Callender.

Invited NRAO employees present were Naomi Daniels, Pearl Clarkson, Isabelle Michael, Harry Wooddell, Patricia Bryant, Carolyn Dunkle, Beatrice Sheets, Lillian Ness, and Joan Crampin.

A Good Deed

You're always told of your mistake
Too small to warrant even mention,
But good you do for mankind's sake
Is seldom called to your attention.

Verna Tracy is away from work this week because of illness.

Virginia Irvine was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Waslo on January 29. The occasion was Mike's birthday.

Don't forget February 14 is Valentines Day.

Skiing

Weiss Knob, Davis, W. Va., is open daily December to April - night skiing. Weiss Knob is located at the head of Canaan Valley. On 600 acres of mountainside skiers will find a variety of slopes to suit all tastes. Approx. 70 miles from Green Bank.

Weiss Knob will operate daily from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. They will operate under lights on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 7:30 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. Skiing available other nights for groups of 20 or more.

<u>Rates</u>	<u>Daily</u>	<u>1/2 Day</u>	<u>Night</u>
Adults	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Juniors under 16	1.00	.50	.50
Spectators -	\$1.00 per car		

Rentals (Daily)

Finest in boots, poles and skis.
Poles \$.50. Boots \$.75. Laminated wood skis \$2.25. Head skis \$3.75.
Reservations suggested.

There are several good lodging places near Davis.

Dr. Findlay and Dr. Hvatum were at Weiss Knob recently skiing, and if you would like to know further about skiing there, you might ask them.

Did You Know That -

Back in 1659 the colony of Massachusetts passed a law that read, "Who-soever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas, or the like, either by forbearing of labor, feasting or in any other way, shall be fined 5 shillings."

The law remained in force for over 20 years, and early American history records that numerous persons who refused to work on Christmas either went to jail or paid fines. It wasn't until late in the first half of the 19th century that Christmas was established as a legal holiday throughout the country.

For Those Who Doubt

The frozen field
In spring will bloom with clover
The sun stays on ...
The winter clouds blow over!

Eager Beaver's Department

LUCKY - Bedford Taylor won a \$125 diamond ring. This ring was given away by the Wooddell's Jewelry Store in Marlinton.

Good Movie in Marlinton Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (3,4,5) "Breakfast at Tiffany's".