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PROFESSIONAL CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS SOON

By T. Melvin Butler, Executive Secretary of the NACA Civil Service Board of Expert Examiners

For the past few months, the officials of the NACA Civil Service Board of Expert Examiners and the Civil Service Commission have been making plans to announce an examination for professional research employees of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, which will lead to permanent appointments for many Laboratory employees who have temporary appointments.

This Civil Service examination will cover the engineers as well as physicists and mathematicians engaged in Aeronautical Research. It is hoped that the announcement will be made in the very near future. A dead line date of January 1, 1947 has been set but there may be many obstacles that will interfere with meeting the dead line.

The work on the announcement, which will be the first examination by the NACA Board of Expert Civil Service Examiners, was started at the Laboratory by the writer

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AIR SCOOP SPONSORS SHARE-THE-RIDE POOL

Already requests have started pouring in to the "Air Scoop" Office to run ads for persons desiring rides home for Christmas. If an attempt was made to fulfill all requests, one complete edition of the paper would consist entirely of ads so once again the "Air Scoop" will act as a Traveler's Aid for Laboratory employees who want to spend this Christmas at home.

Anyone planning a trip and who has vacancies in his car, is asked to send a note to the "Air Scoop" Office, Service Building, listing his name, destination, departure and return dates, and number of vacancies. The plan will be worked on a first-come-first serve basis. Those desiring rides are also asked to list their name and destination with the "Air Scoop" Office.

STACK SPEAKS ON RECENT TRIP

The first in a series of smokers sponsored by the NACA Morale Activities Association was held on Tuesday night in the Activities Building. John Stack, Chief of the Compressibility Research Division, gave an informal chat on his recent trip to Europe. Approximately 500 employees attended this first affair.

Stack stated that conditions in Europe were in pretty bad shape and that the war has really left its mark. The lesson learned by France from this past war was that they were "technically inferior."

As to Germany, Stack pointed out that the country is in almost complete devastation, and that the "war cost Germany its accumulated wealth." The German people are badly in need of food and the "burden is essentially on us." No technical work has been done in Germany since the end of the war.

According to Stack, England is probably the most courageous nation as far as its technical work is concerned. The facilities are not nearly as extensive as ours but the English scientists are not afraid to attack a new idea. An example is the work being done on the Swallow, a tailless airplane - England has tackled this problem with data acquired four years ago from the NACA.



RIDING FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO STAFF

G. D. Donley, Manager of the Riding Stable on Langley Field, announces that the facilities are available to NACA personnel and their families. Three, four, and five gaited horses are available and also hunters, jumpers, a harness cart, a four passenger buck board, and ponies for children.

The fee is \$1.50 per hour for adults and \$1.00 per hour for children. Reservations may be made by calling Donley at Langley Field - 2-1133.

LAB STILL SHORT OF \$8,000 GOAL

As the Community Chest drive at the Laboratory neared a close, \$5525.75, representing 69 percent of the \$8,000 quota, had been collected leaving a deficit of \$2474.25 to be realized by the close of the work day on Monday.

There are still a few employees who have not been contacted by the solicitors. Every effort will be made to give these an opportunity to contribute. Although the drive is scheduled to close on Monday, those who have already been approached and were unable to contribute at the time, may make their donation by contacting the solicitor in the section or the area head, including Lenore D. Hulcher, Administrative Area; Virginia Tucker, Full Scale Tunnel Area; Vera Huckel, south section of the West Area, or Janie Burroughs, north section of the West Area.

Elton W. Miller, chairman of the Laboratory drive, expressed a hope that those who have not yet given their share will find it possible to contribute and push the Laboratory's collection total as

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RETURN CYLINDERS TO STOCK SECTION

The Stock Section requests that Laboratory activities return empty gas cylinders immediately when empty to the warehouse as an additional gas supply can not be obtained without them. Recently one of the suppliers made a trip to the Laboratory with a supply of gas, empty cylinders were not available; a ten day delay was experienced while empties were collected and the company notified.

The return of empty cylinders to the Warehouse is the responsibility of the consumer, and not the Stock Section. A call to Transportation Section will have these picked up. Please do not mark cylinders with paint sticks, use chalk.

Laboratory safety regulations state that no gas cylinder shall be moved without the caps, therefore it is necessary to return the caps with the empties.

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LET'S DO OUR PART

As of noon on November 26, the LMAL Community Chest drive had achieved 69 per cent of its goal - had secured \$5,525.75 of its \$8,000 quota. For the sake of men, women, and children who will be directly helped through eighteen organizations, included in the Elizabeth City County Community Chest, every possible effort should be made by all our Laboratory employees to provide at least \$2,500 more in free-will contributions.

Danger to one is danger to all in any community. If some good for others can be achieved through our gifts, then we are all protected and benefitted in our community life.

We are privileged to have a share in the Community Chest in proportion to our income. We should know, however, that the organizations to be helped - not fully supported - have been studied and approved by local citizens, who, like ourselves, desire to make our community better and safer in health, education, and character.

We support many enterprises that give us immediate satisfaction. This is a good time to support today the Community Chest which benefits others as well as ourselves. We have taken a day off to give thanks for the blessings we enjoy. Why not show our gratitude in a concrete manner by contributing to the welfare of others?

The best of us living in a civilized community enjoy blessings which we do not directly pay for. Surely we can share some of our income for disadvantaged people. We still have a strong hope that we shall achieve our goal of \$8,000 for the Community Chest.

BE THANKFUL

Yesterday was Thanksgiving Day, first set aside by our founding fathers as an occasion for offering thanks. In contrast to the devout living of those early settlers, it seems that our modern world all too often accepts its many blessings as a matter of course.

This, then, is not a time for enumerating the many pleasures and good fortunes for which we should be thankful, but a time for encouraging our fast-moving world to pause and realize that enjoyment is dependent not only upon the blessings that are bestowed on us by divine providence, but by our faculty for appreciating the many privileges and freedoms that go to make up our delightful pattern of living in America.

In short, it is a pretty shallow enjoyment without thanksgiving.

As long as we are regarded as wicked it will always have its fascination. When it is looked upon as vulgar, it will cease to be popular.

--Wilde

LIFE at the LABORATORY

Thanksgiving Day was the big.

day for Katie Banick, formerly of Files, and Dick Braig, Employment Office. They tied the final knot in Katie's hometown in Pennsylvania. Louise Neal, Personnel, was bridesmaid.

Last Saturday the Lab.

lost another eligible bachelor when Dick Dingeldein, Full Scale Tunnel, took his final vows in Petersburg with Betty Rickamore.

One of Training Office's.

former employees, Martha Willis Tamm, is the proud mother of a daughter, Judy Elizabeth, born November 21 in Gordonsville, Virginia.

The Laboratory lost another.

young maiden last Wednesday when Helen Ellett, formerly of Full Scale Analysis #2, took her final vows in Poochanatas, Virginia, with Chevis Horne of Martinsville.

Wedding bells will ring.

sometime next month for Betty Pott, Structures Research. She will marry George Phanos now stationed with the Army in San Francisco.

Passing out cigars.

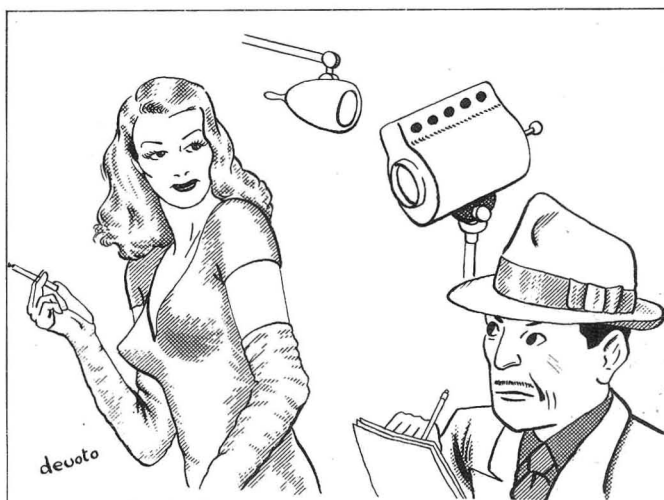
and candy on all sides this week was George MacDougall, Spin Tunnel, who is the proud papa of a son Donald Earl, born November 22.

Making plans for.

for a January wedding is Laurence Gale, Spin Tunnel. He will be married on January 12 to Harriet Frost of Newport News.

Quite a commotion was caused.

Last Monday in the Stenographic Section when a mouse selected one of the IBM machines for his dwelling place. The mouse calmly crawled into the machine and proceeded to make himself at home. It was quite a difficult problem removing the little creature but Clyde Lumpkin, the hero of the story, came to the rescue of the poor distressed maidens.



". . . . And now Miss Laker, what would you say was most vital to your success?"

NOMADS, SHOPS TIE FOR FIRST

As the MACA Touch Football League ends its regular season of play, two teams are tied for the number one position and two for the three spot. By virtue of the West Shops' 20-0 defeat over Structures and Blue Jays' 8-6 win over the heretofore undefeated Nomads, West Shops and Nomads are tied for first with two wins and one loss each. The two under dogs, Structures and Blue Jays, are tied for third with one win and two losses.

On Saturday morning, December 7, at 10:30, the two top teams, Nomads and West Shops, will meet at the Hampton High School to playoff their tie. Since Christmas is just around the corner, this will be the final playoff and the winner will become the 1946 Championship team of the MACA Touch Football League.

In the games played last Saturday, the Blue Jays marred the clean slate for the Nomads with an 8-6 defeat. The Nomads came through with their only score of the day in the first quarter when Billy Bates scored on a pass from Ray Hansen.

He try for extra point failed. The Blue Jays came back to tally when Luke Liccini intercepted a pass intended for Bob Baker and ran the distance to tie the score 6-6. The final score came in the fourth quarter when Ellis attempted to kick from the end zone and was touched for a safety, making the final score Blue Jays 8 - Nomads 6.

The Structures team took a sound 20-0 trouncing from West Shops to wind up the season on the lower end of the ladder. West Shops made their first score early in the game when they took the kickoff from Structures and returned it to the 10 yard line on a series of first downs. A pass from Billy Catlett to Ray Goodman accounted for the first 6 points. Shortly after the first score, Shops put on another drive down field and Catlett took the ball around right end for the second score. Goodman kicked the extra point putting Shops ahead with a 13-0 lead. The final score came in the second quarter when Bill Muhly intercepted a Structures pass on his own 17 yard line and behind beautiful

looking from his teammates, ran the remaining 83 yards for a touchdown. Goodman made good the extra point to give Shops a 20-0 victory over Structures.

FOR SALE: Tuxedo. Bill Poythress, East Engineering.

ANDERSON HEADS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

At the basketball meeting held last Monday night in the Activities Building new officers for the coming season were elected and plans were made to get the league underway on Tuesday, December 3. Andy Anderson, Structures, was elected president of the organization; Jack Kinzler, West Machine Shop, reelected secretary and treasurer; Artie Assadourian, Flight, chairman of the schedule committee; Charlie Clark, 8-Foot, official scorekeeper; and Billy Bates, Free Flight, chairman of the officials and equipment committee. The deadline for submitting the team roster and ten dollars was extended until today.

Teams in the league are: Stability, 16-Foot Tunnel, Flight; IRD, Presbyterian, Air Scoop, Shops, Structures, PAR, 9-Inch Supersonic, PAR, 19-Foot, and 8-Foot.

Fellow employees are all invited to attend these games. In addition to the evening of basketball thrills, the bar and lounges will be open.

STEWART WINS MODEL MEET

The Brain Busters Model Club had its first indoor contest of the season last Sunday at the Balloon Hangar on Langley Field. First place went to Bob Stewart, West Machine Shop, with a 42 second flight; second went to Frank Hilsdon, West Engineering with 41 seconds; third to Joe Boyle, East Model, and Bob Dagend, Sub-depot, with 37 seconds; fourth was taken by Ben Cleveland, West Machine, with 34.5; and fifth by Chuck Mollisse with 31.3.

The hangar will be open for indoor model meets every Sunday from noon to dark until the Army tears the building down. Contestants and spectators are invited to attend the meets.

FOR SALE: Argus 35 mm. camera with light meter, case, sun shade, filters, Kolhart flash gun, and bulbs. \$70. Joe Boyle, 9 Jefferson Ave., Langley View.

FOR SALE: 1946 4-door DeSota. Pencil gray deluxe. Hampton - 4349.

FOR SALE: Seven new leather Weston Exposure meter cases for models #715 and 735, half price. F. W. Schmidt, IRD.

HART WINS GRID GUESSING TEST

In the "Air Scoop's" second grid guessing contest, noone handed in a perfect score and only one person managed to guess eleven right out of twelve. Probably Pittsburgh's 14-7 defeat over Penn. State had quite a bit to do with marring the score sheet. Minnesota's defeat over Wisconsin and University of North Carolina's win over Duke also did their share of damage.

Coming in for top honors with eleven out of twelve was Frank Hart, Instrument Service Section. Hart picked N. C. University, Minnesota, and Pittsburgh to win but spoiled a perfect record when he selected Temple to beat Holy Cross. Fourteen Laboratory employees got ten out of twelve but a final tabulation of the scores put Ray Goodman, West Machine Shop, in second place with 17½ points; Earl Council, West Engineering, in third with 15½ points; and Billy Bates, Free Flight Tunnel, in fourth with 15 points.

The third and last contest closes with this week's games and winners will be announced in next week's "Air Scoop." As has been announced in previous issues of "Air Scoop", in case of a tie, the score of each team will be figured on a point basis. In tabulating scores, 2 points will be given for a score picked on the head, 1 point for a score missed by 1 point; ½ point for a score missed by 7 or less; and ¼ point for a score missed by 14 or less.

First prize will include a carton of cigarettes, one membership ticket to the Hampton Little Theatre, and two tickets good for a movie at the Langley Theater in Hampton. Second prize is two tickets to the Langley Theater and third and fourth prizes will be one ticket each to the Langley Theater.

BRAIN BUSTERS MEET DEC. 3

The Brain Busters Model Club will hold its next meeting on December 3 at 8 p.m. at the Hampton Model Shop, 21 South King Street. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect officers and making plans for the coming season. All members and all persons interested in joining are urged to be present.

FOR SALE: Streit chair, baby carriage, bethinette, and play pen. Bill Thompson, 2610 Kecoughtan Rd.

CAMERA CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At the last meeting of the Hampton Camera Club Kurt Strass, 16-Foot Tunnel, was reelected president of the organization. Other new officers are: Paul Hunter, FRD, vice president and activities manager; John Pilney, secretary and treasurer; and William J. Biabel, Full Scale Analysis, publicity manager.

After the business meeting, Andrew Sea, Photo Lab, exhibited prints and kodacromes taken in Trinidad and the Hampton, Newport News, Williamsburg areas. Sea was appointed technical adviser of the club.

The next salon contest will be held January 15 and the subject matter will be unlimited. A regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Syms-Eaton Community Center. All camera enthusiasts are invited to attend.

CIVIL SERVICE

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with Dr. Samuel Batdorf, Structures Research furnishing the needed technical information. The announcement has been changed in some respects from the original draft because it necessarily had to be referred to the other NACA Laboratories to cover their professional research personnel.

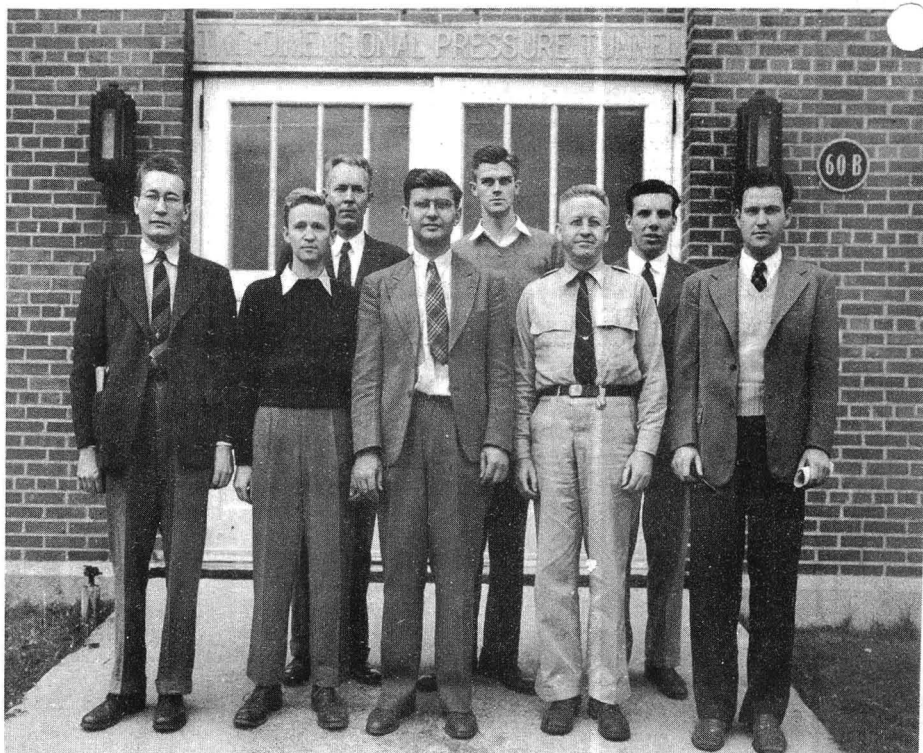
The examination, if approved in its present form, will be unassembled. In other words, applicants will be rated on information furnished in the application which may include college grades, technical papers, etc.

Since the Commission has changed its working procedure, the applications submitted will be rated by NACA officials who are members of the Board of Civil Service expert Examiners and specialists in the field under consideration. More credit will be given to the quality of experience than ever before. In other words, ratings given to competitors will be based more on the quality than the quantity of experience.

The draft of the announcement is now in the Washington Office and every effort is being made to have the announcement out as soon as possible.

FOR SALE: Pair of new 7 x 50 German Navy binoculars with coated lenses and locking, adjustable eye pieces. D. J. Germansky, ICL.

WANTED: Passengers to Knoxville, Tenn., December 1. Daisy Perkins, West Sheetmetal.



A group of University of Wisconsin alumni (above), engaged in aeronautical research at the Langley Laboratory, gathered recently for a picture. They are (from left): Front row - Roger W. Peters, Jack F. Kunkel, John H. Wood, Omar W. White, John R. Erwin. Back row - George J. Heimerl, J. Calvin Lovell, Reino J. Salmi.

CHEST DRIVE

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near the \$8,000 mark as possible. Each employee is asked to give at least five per cent of the actual total of his bi-weekly pay check or, more specifically, five per cent of his bi-weekly take home pay.

Three groups have been reported as having 100 per cent participation since last week's "Air Scoop" was issued, including: Gust Loads, Stability Division Office, and Personnel Division. Groups having reached or exceeded their quota are East Area Cafeteria, Personnel Division, Administrative-Technical Service Division Office, Executive Offices, East Computers, Fiscal Division, Stability Division Office, and Structures Research.

WANTED: Used typewriter suitable for student use. C. A. Hulcher, PARD.

FOR SALE: Penguin sailboat, complete with nylon sails, only one season old. \$295. J. R. Black, PARD.

SOUND LAB LEADS LEAGUE

Sound Lab is leading the Monday night Duckpin Bowling League with eighteen wins and six losses and 19-Foot Pressure Tunnel follows closely behind with sixteen wins and five losses. Last Monday night high game for the men went to Manny Stein, Administration, with 129 and Marge Wilson, Sound Lab, topped the fairer sex with 112. High individual set was taken by Ed Kruszewski, Structures #1, with 357, and Marge Wilson with 289. High team game was won by Sound Lab with 497 and high team set went to Administration with 1379.

Leading the league averages are: Ed Kruszewski, Structures #1, with 103.4; Carl Rossman, Structures #2, 103; Carl Mark, Structures #2, 101.2; Sadie Miller, Structures #1, 91.4; Lilian Brown, FST #2, 91.3; and Marge Wilson, Sound Lab, 89.8.

FOR SALE: Emerson radio, 6 tube table model, 16" long X 8" wide, X 10" high, standard broadcast and short wave. F. W. Schmidt, IRD, or Newport News 2-1714.