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MORE CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS NOW OPEN

The Board of United States Civil Service Examiners of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics at Langley Field, has announced the opening of Civil Service examinations for the positions of Aeronautical Laboratory Mechanics and Aircraft Mechanics, with salaries ranging from \$1,705 to \$3,057 per annum.

Employees in these positions should take the examination if they wish to be given probational appointments. No written test will be given, but applicants will be rated on experience and training listed in their applications.

Applications must be on file with the office of the Executive Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, NACA, Langley Field, not later than Monday, February 3. For further information or application forms call the Board of Examiners, telephone 2272.

Civil Service examinations are now open for the positions of Administrative Assistant, Placement Officer, Classification Officer, Personnel Assistant, Job Analyst, Wage Analyst, and Junior Administrative Technician. For application forms and information as to closing dates call the Employment Office, telephone 2272.

ACTION UNDERWAY TO CLEAR UP TRAFFIC

Laboratory officials announced this week that every attempt is being made to clear up the traffic congestion upon entering and leaving Langley Field in the mornings and at the close of the work day. Daily surveys have been made and it has been found that a small change of fifteen minutes in the working hours will not help the congestion. In order to clear up the situation in any way, employees would have to report to duty about forty-five minutes to an hour earlier or later than has been the custom. Since this is not feasible, officials stated further that any improvement will have to come as a result of a joint action with the Army and NACA and that steps are being taken to bring about such action.

LAB EMPLOYEE DIES FROM FALL

Sanford James Coulson, Instrument Service Section, died as the result of a fall down a flight of stairs in the Activities Building about 11:30 last Saturday night while attending a section party.

Coulson, who had been an infantile paralysis victim since he was five years of age and was able to walk only with crutches, was born April 6, 1909 in Woodlawn, Virginia. He came to work for the NACA in September, 1943.

According to reports, no persons witnessed the accident but Coulson was found unconscious at the foot of a set of cement stairs. Rushed to the Base Hospital, he was pronounced dead at 11:50 P.m.

Dr. Paul J. Parker, coroner of Elizabeth City County, who investigated, gave a verdict of accidental death. He said that Coulson, being a cripple, probably made a misstep and fell down the stairs.

LITTLE THEATRE SELECTS STAFF

Mrs. John B. Parkinson, who is directing the Hampton Little Theatre's forthcoming production of "The Enchanted Cottage" announced this week that she has appointed members of the director's staff. In addition to O. C. Horstmann, who will act as stage manager, Mrs. Parkinson will be assisted by the following groups.

The property committee, headed by Lenore Hulcher, is composed of Tess Maume, Vivian C. Groome, and Julia Lankford. Assisting Frances Maguire, chairman of the makeup committee, are Margaret Bame, Martha Helmer, Regina Peters, and Jean Israel.

Mary Ann Wagner has been named prompter for the play and scenery will be handled by Marjorie Petterson and Dare Blalock. Miles E. Farster and Stanford Neice will assist in the staging.

Work is now underway on the preparation of costumes by a committee composed of Helen Kef-

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VALENTINE DANCE FRIDAY, FEB. 14

The NACA Morale Activities Association will sponsor its first semi-formal affair for 1947 with a Valentine Dance on Friday, February 14. Music will be furnished by Bob Savage and his orchestra and dancing will be from 9 'til 12. Tickets are \$1.50

stap or drag and may be purchased from the District Representatives to the General Assembly of the Morale Activities Association.

Social Chairman Axel Mattson stated that ample notice of the coming affair is being given and the price of tickets has been reduced so reserve February 14 for a night at the Activities Building.



PLAN SMOKER FOR FRIDAY, FEB. 28

Plans are now underway by the NACA Morale Activities Association to present its second in a series of smokers at the Activities Building. Dr. Antonio Ferri, Head of FGDA, will speak on conditions in Italy prior to and during the war and elaborate on some of the research work done there.

The affair will be held on Friday night, February 28 and admission will be fifty cents per person.

PERSONNEL SERVICES OFFICE DISBANDED

The Personnel Services Office, which handled the issuing of NACA car tags and securing of housing and transportation for employees has been disbanded. Mrs. Alma Alexander, who was formerly in charge of the office, has been moved to the Receptionist's Desk in the Administration Building. She will keep a list of available housing facilities for use by employees. Her new telephone number is 2242.

Employees wishing to secure NACA car tags may do so by seeing Mrs. Ethel Beamon in the Induction Office, Service Building.

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LIFE at the LABORATORY

With this issue of "Air Scoop".

we wish our Art Editor, Harry DeVoto, bon voyage and the best of luck in his new job with the NACA at the Ames Aeronautical Laboratory, Moffett Field, California. Harry has been on the staff for about a year and has contributed much time and talent to the "Scoop". We will miss him but here's wishing you the very best, Harry.

One of the proudest.

mothers anywhere around is Helen Wheary, formerly of Personnel Records. She became the mother of a seven pound, six ounce daughter, Julia Kyle, on Wednesday, January 22.

The marriage rate seems.

to have taken a drop this week but the birth rate is still going upward. One of the Laboratory's proudest fathers is Dave Newby, Instrument Research. He became the father of a daughter on Saturday, January 25.

Passing-out cigars this week.

was Mike Panz, West Machine Shop. He became the father of a daughter, on Monday, January 27.

Another former employee.

who recently became a proud mother is Virginia Lange Groome, formerly of Tank. She became the mother of a daughter, Sally Brennan, on Saturday, January 25.

SKYHAWKS OPEN SEASON TONIGHT

The NACA Skyhawks, a basketball team organized on its own hook to represent the entire Laboratory in competition against other amateur and service teams in this area, will open its season of play tonight at 8:30 when they meet the Pogooson five at the Pogooson High School gym.

The team, which is composed of players from all sections on the field, is coached by Frank Hart, Instrument Service Section. Charlie Clarke, 8-Foot High Speed Tunnel, is manager of the organization.

The team is composed of the following players: Billy Bates and Chuck Bennett from Free Flight Tunnel; Eddie Polhamus, 7 X 10-Foot Wind Tunnels; Ted Himka, 16-Foot Tunnel; Jim McConnel, IRD; Luke Liccini, 8-Foot; Lowell Hasel, 9-Inch Supersonic; Bob Jacuis, PRD; and Ben Tinglehoff, Loads.

Laboratory employees are invited to attend the game and support their team.



Several of our contemporaries from the Washington Office and the Cleveland Laboratory were among our visitors last week. From the Washington Office were: E. H. Chamberlin, Tom Smull, Daniel Baker, and Eugene E. Miller. Representing Cleveland was Robert Sessions.

A. T. Moskovitz, formerly of Aircraft Loads, was among the visitors from the Bureau of Aeronautics, Washington, D. C.

FOUND: Man's tan garberdine raincoat. Owner may contact Compressibility Research Division Office.

WANTED: Passengers on 7:30 shift to West Area from Matthews County. C. W. Wilson, Electrical Shop.

BALSA BUTCHERS LEADING LEAGUE

As the Stability Division Bowling League ends its fourth week of Round II, the Balsa Butchers from D.T.O.S. are leading with nine wins and no losses; the Free Flight Fliers are in second place with eight wins and four losses. Ray Comenzo, 7 X 10, is high bowler with a 150 game and 359 set; Fat Scher and Edna Lishman are leading the women with a 119 game and 300 set, respectively. High team game and set were rolled by the 7 X 10 Pin Maulers with 565 and 1539. Leading the high averages are: Johnny Campbell with 103.8; Ray Comenzo, 101.9; John Lowry, 100.8; Edna Lishman, 91.5; Sadie Miller, 91.2; and Mary Noble Bennett, 88.9.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pctg.
Balsa Butchers	9	0	1.000
Fliers	8	4	.667
7 X Fouts	7	5	.583
Spare Squares	7	5	.583
Pin Maulers	4	5	.444
Bouncers	4	5	.444
Scotch 'n Tapers	5	7	.417
Atomic Bums	5	7	.417
Deadwood	4	8	.333
Hot Shots	4	8	.333
Alley Oops	3	6	.333

CLUB WILL AWARD MASTER POINTS

The Peninsula Bridge Club, of which the majority of the members are NACA employees, recently received certification of membership to the American Contract Bridge League. At an early date the club will start awarding fractional nationally recognized master points at its tournaments. The club donated entry fees of the January 21 tournament to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis instead of awarding prizes to the winners.

Winners last Tuesday night were Dr. Arthur Salasky and R. D. Falter with 74 match points. Second place was won by Nancy Wall, 16-Foot Tunnel, and Bunny Klawans, Flight Research, with 73 match points.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday night, February 4, at 7:30 at the Activities Building.

WANTED: Passengers on 8:15 shift from South Hampton to East Area. Lawrence Gale, Spin Tunnel.

NOTICE: Persons who had left watches to be repaired with Sanford Coulson are asked to contact George Magnus, Instrument Service Section.

BASKETBALL LOOP ALL TIED UP

As the Men's Basketball League enters its sixth week of play, it looks as though the end of the season may find about five teams tied for the top position. At present the Seals are leading with five wins and two losses but they received their second defeat of the season Tuesday night when PRD came through with a surprise performance to knock the Seals from the win column. Five other teams are pushing for the top position with only two losses to their credit. IRD is temporarily in the number two spot by virtue of their four victories but Stability, 19-Foot, 8-Foot, and West Shops are lagging close behind due to the fact that they have played only 5 games this season.

In the games played Tuesday night, PRD came through with the surprise game of the season thus far with a 30-27 win over the Seals. PRD out played the losers through out the game, leading them all the way. PRD led at halftime by the bare margin of 15-14 but never gave way to the opposition. Gordon Fitch was high scorer for the winners with 9 points and George Galleher for the losers with 6.

In the IRD versus 16-Foot game, IRD came out on the winning end of a 40-29 final score to move up to second place with four wins and two losses. The winners led at halftime by a score of 19-11. Ike Eichmeier was high scorer for the winners with 10 points and Bob Boswinkle for the losers with a like number.

In the games played last week, Stability came through with a 30-22 win over 19-Foot to give the losers their second defeat of the season. With the losers leading 8-7 at the end of the first quarter, Stability finally managed to hit the basket to take a 16-13 lead at halftime and chalk up a 22-15 lead during the third quarter. High scorer for the winners was Eddie Polhamus with nine points and Pat Cancro came through with a like number for the losers.

In a free for all battle with plenty of fouls, 16-Foot Tunnel took a 25-23 win over West Shops. 16-Foot took an early 8-4 lead in the first quarter but a halftime ops had climbed up to a 12-11 lag. The losers managed to take the lead in the third quarter but 16-Foot put on a power drive to win the game 25-23. Ted Himka was high scorer for the winners with 9 points and Jim Dawson for the losers with the



Player	Team	FG	F	TP	G	Avg.
Polhamus	Stab.	26	2	54	5	10.8
Jacuis	PRD	24	4	52	6	8.7
Galleher	Seals	22	5	49	6	8.2
McConnell	IRD	15	17	47	6	7.7
Kilgore	PRD	17	12	46	6	7.5
Himka	16'	18	7	43	5	8.6

same number.

Trailing 8-5 at the end of the first quarter, 9-Inch Super-sonic put on a power drive to tie the game at halftime 10-10 and end up with a 27-23 win over PRD. Jim Huggett was high scorer for the winners with eight points and Bob Jacuis for the losers with 12.

Thursday night saw the Flight Research five give the Seals a run for their money. Trailing 18-8 at halftime, Flight came through to give the winners a battle in the last half but succumbed to a 32-26 defeat. Andy Anderson was the big gun for the winners with 10 points and Jack Reeder for the losers with 10.

In a rough and tough battle that ran into overtime, IRD finally managed to nose out 8-Foot by a 27-26 win. It was a close game all the way with the score tied 6-6 in the first quarter and 24-24 at the end of the fourth. In the overtime period, Cletus Vincke sank a basket for 8-Foot but Ike Eichmeier came back with one for IRD to tie the score 26-26. Jim McConnell made good his foul shot to win the game 27-26. High scorers for the winners were Eichmeier and McConnell with 10 and 9 points each. Vincke took high scoring laurels for the losers with nine points.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pctg.
Seals	5	2	.714
IRD	4	2	.667
Stability	3	2	.600
West Shops	3	2	.600
8-Foot	3	2	.600
19-Foot	3	2	.600
9-Inch	3	3	.500
16-Foot	2	4	.333
PARL	1	3	.250
Flight	1	4	.200
PRD	1	5	.167

PRESBY, AWT, 16-FOOT WIN

As the Girls' Basketball League entered its second week of play, 16-Foot Tunnel and AWT came out on the winning end to chalk up their second victory of the season.

Leading over Administration at halftime 13-9, 16-Foot chalked up eight more points to win the game by a score of 21-15. Maxine Horne took high scoring laurels for the winners with 11 points.

AWT literally walked away with their game over PRD, downing them 30-9. The losers managed to score only three points to AWT's 16 in the first half and six to the winner's fourteen in the second. Lorean Cooper and Becky Boykin were high scorers for the winners with 16 and 10 points respectively.

As the "Air Scoop" went to press no information could be obtained on the Loads-Presbyterian game other than the fact that Presbyterian won by a score of 26-18.

BRAINBUSTERS HOLD MODEL MEET SUNDAY

By John Worth

Following initial testing last week, the Rubber Powered Speed models to be entered in Sunday's Brainbuster meet are undergoing last minute adjustments and changes in anticipation of a wide open contest. Based on last Sunday's flying at Langley Field, if any single entrant has an edge it is Joe Boyle of East Model Shop; however, indications are that no favorites will reign during the actual meet, evidenced by the undercurrent determination to "beat Boyle".

Meanwhile plans are underway to sponsor activities directed toward younger model builders with definite arrangements already in progress. Parents and wives are also included in the plans designed to educate and entertain those who are not already model enthusiasts.

FOR SALE: G. E. arc welder, 220 volts, 200 amps - \$250. 4-Inch heavy duty vice - \$15. Direct spray compressor and gun - 40-55 pounds pressure - \$8. Acetelene welding outfit - \$65. One-half ton chain fall yale - \$40. Double wheel bench grinder with three wheels - \$7.50. Bos of small tools - \$12. John Hagerman, 7 X 10-Foot Tunnels.

How To Play Golf

By Leroy Spearman

If you are looking for an interesting, inexpensive, healthy, educational sport then you should begin to play the fascinating game of golf today.

Little equipment is needed - little balls and little clubs. The balls are small and usually round and are about the size of golf balls. They can be obtained for a few pennies at most all stores that have them and when you have completely worn them out you may sell them to any golf driving range. The golf club is just a long stick with a crook at one end - well, some people may think there is a crook at both ends - anyway, just before the end of the club hits the ground it is bent almost at right angles so that it is an "L" of a looking thing.

The game could be played with only one club but most golfers carry a bag containing a dozen or so odd clubs some of which are never used and have no practical purpose except to create an impression and to give the caddy something to do. A caddy is the person hired to carry the clubs although his chief duty is to back up any stories you may tell about your game after you finish.

It might be possible to play a game with only one ball but to be on the safe side in case you misplace a ball it might be wise to have an infinite number of them on hand.



Golf is played on a golf course which occupies several acres of ground too rough and hilly to be used for anything else. It is covered with ditches, water holes, sand traps, trees, cows, and other people playing golf. Spaced spasmodically about the course are a number of small holes and the general idea is to knock the ball with the club until it lands in each hole in turn. You should use as few strokes as possible and try not to hit the ditches, water holes, sand traps, trees, cows, and other people playing golf.

Very little skill is required

COMING EVENTS

Printed below is a calendar of events scheduled to take place in the Activities Building throughout the next week.

Feb. 3 - Reserved for official use.
 Feb. 4 - Men's Basketball
 6:30 - 19-Foot versus IRD
 7:45 - 8-Foot versus 16-Foot
 9:00 - 9-Inch versus West Shops
 Feb. 5 - Men's Basketball
 6:30 - Seals versus Stability
 7:45 - Flight versus PRD
 9:00 - PARD versus IRD
 Feb. 6 - 5-6:30 Skyhawk practice
 7:00 - 10 - Girl's Basketball
 7 - 8 - Loads vs. Administration
 8 - 9 - AWT vs. Presbyterian
 9 - 10 - 16-Foot vs. 7 X 10
 Feb. 7 - Hydrodynamics Party
 Feb. 8 - 16-Foot Tunnel Party

THEATRE

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fer, chairman, and Irene Farster, Winifred Hughes, and Mary Moore.

The play, written by Sir Arthur Wing Pinero, will be presented in the Hampton High School auditorium on February 27 and 28. Mrs. George B. Colonna is the producer.

FOR SALE: Used Singer feather weight, portable sewing machine. Ellwyn Angle, PARD.

FOR SALE: 1940 Hudson, country club, 8 cylinder. Good condition. Call Hampton - 4402.

for the game. All you need is patience, luck, and nothing else to do. Hitting the ball straight is only a matter of time. Some balls curve to the right, some curve to the left, but some times they go straight. Probably the most difficult thing to accomplish is to be able to throw the ball out of ditches and sand traps by hand without being seen.

After you have hit and chased the ball around from hole to hole you come out at the same place you started with only a few more gray hairs, a little less religion, and not looking a day over ten years older than you did when you started.

Now all that's left is to compute your score - if you think it worth while. To do this, add up your total number of strokes (excluding sun and epileptic) and subtract 50. As far as anyone knows this is your score. Well, that's how easy it is, so if you wish to build up a healthy mind and body, don't waste your time at home - do it at the golf course.

BOWLING NEWS

MONDAY NIGHT DUCKPINS

Sound Lab is leading the league with 28 wins and 13 losses. 16-Foot Tunnel is trailing close behind with 26 wins and 13 losses and Structures #1 and 19-Foot are tied for third with 24 wins and 18 losses. Last Monday night high individual games and sets were rolled by Ferne Driver, 16-Foot, with a 119 game; Charles Schnell, Full Scale #2, 124; Kit Carson, 19-Foot, with a 298 set; and I. B. Bloxom, 19-Foot, 302. Structures #2 rolled high team game and set with 505 and 1454.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pctg.
Sound Lab	29	13	.680
16-Foot	26	13	.666
Struc. #1	24	18	.572
19-Foot	24	18	.572
Tank	22	17	.564
Struc. #2	21	18	.539
FST #2	20	22	.476
FST #1	18	24	.428
Administration	14	25	.359
Electrical	15	27	.357
Computers	12	30	.286

TENPIN LEAGUE

Leading Round II of the Tenpin League are the Rockets with three wins and no losses. Five teams, Fiscal Wrecks, Guttersnipes, Pinbusters, Miscellaneous, and Headpins, are tied for second place with two wins and one loss. High individual sets were rolled by Raoul Bugg, RC&T, with 595; Luke Liccini, Pinbusters, 587; Peg McNulty, Rockets, 451; and Ann Robinson, Fiscal Wrecks, 422. High games were made by Shepard Levine, Maplemaulers, with 243; Raoul Bugg, 234; Ann Robinson, 160; and Peg McNulty, 159. Leading the high individual averages for the men and women are Luke Liccini, with 177; and Peg McNulty, with 141.

END OF ROUND I

Team	W	L	Avg.
Pinbusters	28	8	.777
Psztcn	23	13	.639
Headpins	22	14	.611
Miscellaneous	21	15	.583
Maplemaulers	19	17	.527
Let's-Strike	19	17	.527
RC&T	18	18	.500
Alleycats	17	19	.472
Woodpeckers	15	21	.416
Guttersnipes	14	22	.389
Rockets	13	23	.361
Fiscal Wrecks	13	23	.361
Missilot	12	24	.333

FOR SALE: Montgomery's Riverside deluxe 600-16 four ply tire. Never been used - \$15. Arty Assadourian, Flight.