

## Inside Indianapolis

ONE OF THE men responsible for Indianapolis becoming the center of technical developments for the entire aviation world is Donald McDonald Stuart.

It started in 1937 over a glass of beer and a sandwich in a Ben Davis tavern named "The Bloody Bucket."

Two young Civil Aeronautics Administration engineers from Washington, D. C., working on a new air navigation aid at Weir Cook Municipal Airport, were lunching with I. J. (Nish) Dienhart, then airport manager.

The engineers, Mr. Stuart and Joseph Hromada, told, Mr. Dienhart that CAA was seeking a site for an experimental station.

The agency sought a spot in the vicinity of Washington where radio equipment and flying safety devices could be tested and perfected.

## How About Indianapolis?

"WHAT'S THE matter with Indianapolis?" Mr. Dienhart asked. Then, he launched a Chamber of Commerce sales talk on the possibilities offered by the airport, including the fact that CAA already had considerable equipment installed there.

Trips to Washington, conferences with the city fathers and an exchange of official letters and CAA opened an office in the airport administration building.

In May, 1939, the CAA hangar across the field from the administration building was dedicated. The ever growing staff of technicians, sent here from Washington, moved into its new quarters.

Four years later the same two engineers who with Mr. Dienhart were instrumental in bringing the CAA Technical Development Center here took over the top positions in the organization.

Donald McDonald Stuart became the big boss. He acquired the imposing title, "Director Of the Office of Technical Development, CAA." He holds that title today. But they call him Don. There are 200 employees now.

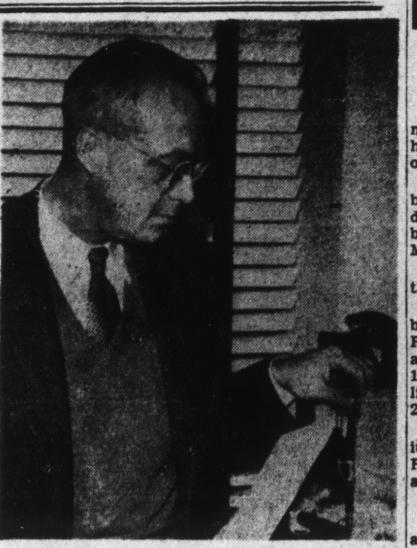
An engineer in charge of the CAA laboratories, Mr. Hromada became his right hand man and Mr. Dienhart, his airport engineer. A firm friendship has formed among the three men. The noontime snack of 1937 has been repeated many times.

Employees at the rapidly expanding experimental station and his colleagues throughout the industry regard Don Stuart as a wizard in electronics.

Findings he made in basic research on radio crystals when he was with the National Bureau of Standards in the early '30s are still in wide use in the radio field.

His work on air navigation and landing aids following his transfer to the Bureau of Commerce in 1934 resulted in the setting up of an entirely new air traffic control system on the Federal airways.

Shortly after the outbreak of World War II he went to South America on a technical mission, uncovered German attempts to sabotage the Bra-



Donald McDonald Stuart . . . a sandwich and a glass of beer.

zilian airlines, cleaned out the Nazis and revamped the airways system there.

The 43-year-old electronics specialist then returned to the United States in time to help formulate plans for international standardization of airway radio systems.

He holds important posts in a large number of high-sounding technical organizations. He is the author of many technical papers, reports and articles about radio in civil aviation. He was the chief patrol pilot for the CAA.

## Talks Like Man in the Street

HIS CONVERSATION is an non-technical as that of the man on the street.

Grey-eyed and sandy-browed, he has a dry, wry sense of humor.

Mr. Stuart has three hobbies—flying, reading and cooking. He flew to Washington over Thanksgiving to read a cook book and roast a turkey for his wife, Elizabeth, and two children.

The trip won't be necessary many more times because he plans to bring his family to Indianapolis as soon as he can find a suitable home. He's hunting.

His vital statistics include the fact that he was born in Des Moines, Ia., received a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Minnesota, is five feet, 11 inches tall, weighs about 165 and would rather puzzle out a problem in mathematics than eat. (By Jack Thompson.)

## Rites Wednesday

## For Sgt. Ballard

## Killed at Foggia When Plane Hit Tent

WESTFIELD, Nov. 27.—Sgt. Eugene Ballard, who was killed April 17, 1944, in Foggia, Italy, when a plane crashed into his tent, will be buried in Summit Lawn Cemetery, Westfield, following services at 2 p. m. Wednesday in McMullen Funeral Home there. He was 22.

Sgt. Ballard was serving as a member of an Air Corps ground crew on the Foggia Air Base when he met his death. A native of Westfield, he was graduated from high school there. Before entering the service he had been employed by Schwitzer-Cummings Co. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Condo Ballard, Westfield; a sister, Mrs. Gene McCurley, Plainfield, and two brothers, T. Sgt. Max Ballard and Lowell Ballard, Noblesville.

Mrs. Frank Page

Mrs. Dora Page, 51-year-old housewife, died yesterday in her home, 1222 Lafayette St. A native of Hopkinsville, Ky., Mrs. Page lived in Indianapolis 34 years and was a member of the Twenty-fifth Street Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, Frank Page, she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Helena Langford, Mrs. Rose Baker and Mrs. Frances Owens, Indianapolis; three sons, James, Harold and Joseph Gains, Indianapolis; five sisters, Mrs. Bertha Grishy, Terre Haute; Mrs. Ermeline Mitchell, Madison, Ky., and Mrs. Maggie Carter, Mrs. Nellie Smith and Mrs. Laura Primus, Indianapolis; two brothers, Joe and Daniel Royster, Indianapolis, and seven grandchildren.

Burial will be in Floral Park Cemetery following services at 2 p. m. Monday in the Twenty-fifth Street Baptist Church.

Prices Announced On 1949 Buicks

The 1949 four-door Buick Special sedan will sell for \$2190, a \$50 increase over the 1947 model. Buick automobile dealers here said today.

The new models are on display in Monarch Buick Co., Inc., 1040 N. Meridian St., and Community Buick, Inc., 57 W. 38th St.

The super series will cost a buyer \$2427, which is \$100 more than last year. The Roadmaster Dynaflo series will sell from \$3003 for the four-door sedan to \$3426 for the convertible coupe.

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## Hoosier Profile

## School Plans Pass Initial Hurdle

## New Manual Gets Board Unit Approval

The building and grounds committee of the School Board today had approved preliminary plans of the new Manual High School. Specifications will be reviewed by Virgin Stinebaugh, superintendent of public schools, and Wilbur Barnhart, acting principal of Manual.

Minor revisions are probable, the committee said.

The new building, which will be located at Madison Ave. and Pleasant Run Pky., will house an auditorium seating about 1200 persons, according to preliminary specifications, as well as 24 to 26 classrooms.

Also included are a gymnasium seating about 4000, cafeteria, ROTC rooms, offices and shop and home economics spaces.

## Gymnasium at Rear

The building will face Pleasant Run Pky., but a Madison Ave. entry will also be provided to the auditorium.

The gymnasium will be at the rear of the new building, but all units will be connected.

Minor changes in the plans and board approval will come before bids are called for, the building committee said.

School board members believe construction can be started next year, although no definite date has been named.

The new building is expected to cost about \$4 million.

## Times Amusement Clock

MURAT

Indianapolis Symphony, Fabien Sevitzky conducting, with William Kapell, piano, at 8:30.

COLISEUM

Santa Lucia, 1949 Hollywood Ice Review, at 8:30.

CIRCLE

"Miss Tatlock's Millions," with John Lund, Wanda Hendrix, Barry Fitzgerald, and others, at 8:30.

"Bungalow 12," with Tom Conway, Margaret Hamilton and Richard Cromie, at 11:30, 2:35, 5:45.

"Raiders of Devil's Canyon," with Allan Lane, Robert Blake, and others, at 15:30.

"Flowing Gold," with Leo Gorcey and the East Side Boys.

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## Neighborhood Theaters

DOWNTOWN

ALAMO—"Billie Holiday," "Sis Hopkins," "The Kid Returns" and "Ambassador."

AMBASSADOR—"Deep Waters" and "Raiders of Devil's Canyon."

BELMONT—"One Touch of Venus" and "Raiders of Devil's Canyon."

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