

THE 606 SOCIETY

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NEWS

This will be your last 'Circle' from me. Beginning next year Ron Hoeflin will govern distribution. There should be no break. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Ron for agreeing to my request that he undertake and underwrite this valuable link between us. Future donations to this newsletter should be sent to Ron, and not to me. If you have not as yet done so, please fill out the membership ROSTER and do forward this to me: I will fill this role. I shall also have printed our brochure. You will receive copies when these are available. I would hope Ron would also see fit to publish each form of his new test in the circle, and that our members would assist him by filling it out. The Guinness Book of Records have expressed the wish to put my Skyscraper Test in their '82 edition and the 606 Society. This we have agreed to, and baring misfortune these should find inclusion. It is hoped that Ron's MEGA Form (derived from the best items from each of his 7 forms) will have sufficient top to top the Skyscraper and will in due course find a listing with Guinness as will his MEGA SOCIETY. This may not emmerge for a year or two, or three? much depending on the level of cooperation he can obtain and the time he can devote to this. I think one should realise that any world record is a level inevitably to be eclipsed representing the 'vigor' of our culture. Having achieved such a distinction, one may rest proud that one has been 'top line' in the knowledge that one is in this sense complete and that one can really add nothing to ones achievements from that point. One should be content to 'make way' . I wish Ron the best of luck with his endeavours in taking out his own world record. I shall do my best to place his work before Guinness in an official claim capacity when figures become available. This I firmly pledge to do. You may be a part of this work, and perhaps you could be a secret MEGA Brain. No doubt Guinness will be interested in the identity of the person who tops MEGA!. Ron also suggests that the end result might be a book such as the Leta Hollingworth one "Children with IQ's of 180 and above" only for adults rather than children. I recall the Hollingworth cut off was 1/100,000 some what below Ron's proposed level, so should have even more sensational impact on Psychologists and readers in general. I would dare say the market could stand a number of such books devoted to the top end of the scale: Are any of our other members interested in writing one? Could some scheme of collaboration be arranged? Does any member have any specific proposal for a study of MEGA Members, members of 606, 4 Sigma, Xenophon, ISPE, Triple Nine, or any other group?. We have a much superior position in the study of each other since we do not have the Psychologists problem of looking up the mental scale to something he may not understand!. While those who would be drawn to such a study are likely themselves to be very bright, still too may the dull find fascination in us.

FROM RON HOEFLIN:

"..The wall certificates merely stating that one is a 606 member seems more reasonable to me as a method of raising money".

Ron also mentioned that he attended the annual 4 Sigma meeting in San Francisco the weekend of August 14-16. The big news from Ron is that he will be shortly founding two new Societies, the Xenophon Society for those who rate 99.99 %ile in his new series of IQ tests, seven in all planned, with Forms H and O so far published, and the MEGA SOCIETY for those who rate 99.999,9 %ile. He says Mega will probably require a special test, possibly obtained by splicing together the best items from each of his proposed 7 tests. Only One Mega will be granted membership to each 100 Xenophon Members, with this used as a statistical base for validation of the Mega level. Ron will be sending each 606 member copies of his test, and may well have done so by time you receive this. Please give it a go. Since we take in 6 per Million, there is a small possibility that this could be YOU!. In VIDYA Issue 27 for August '81 Ron mentions that application of the Kuder-Richardson formula 20 (The famous KR-20 test of item validity for tests) yielded a reliability coefficient of 0.886 for his Form H. He hopes the rest of his test series will be equal or better. This will make for an impressive result. It will be some time before Mega gets off the drawing board, but Ron has so far located 6 Xenophon members on the basis of Form H.

AND FROM ME:

I was reflecting recently on the possibility of "Creating" a Superscope. For those who don't know, one of my interests is Astronomy. I own a 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch Newtonian F/6.68 (F.l. 81.8 inches). Using a 4 mm Orthoscopic Eye Piece combined with a X3 Barlow lense yields 1,558 Magnifications, about 127 per inch of aperature, which is usable with seeing conditions rated above 6 on a scale zero to 10. About 17 % of nights and perhaps 27 % of mornings?. At a rating of 8, the highest ever being 8 $\frac{1}{2}$, the viewing is astonishing in the case of the Lunar landscape for this kind of magnification. Phillips Australia inform me that a commercially available light amplifier yielding X70,000 gain is now available for the meager sum of \$1,500. With a suitable microscope-eye piece this would place a ceiling magnification somewhere around 412,000. Of course it would be unusable even if given perfection in the optical surfaces and perfect columation of these on account of atmospheric disturbances. From my experience there are none the less brief moments of visual clarity. Still with a brain recognition lag estimated at 50 miliseconds they can be spotted to occure. What might happen over not 1/20 second but 1/1,000 second?. Why not a microprocessor picking out the rare sharp image?. Since at the moment of sharpest image the air will have it's moment of best transparency, the images one seeks can be defined without ellaborate analysis of an images detail. All one would need would be a variable standard for image acceptance with the time increasing exponentially beyond a certain point to take account of seeing at the time and projection of the acceptance images to a TV screen for viewing. REMINDER-- PLEASE FILL OUT THE 606 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER SHEET WHICH YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED BY NOW.