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## JAMES BANNISTERS GIVE RARE CATTLE HERD TO U.R.A.

Now grazing on a 20-acre pasture at the National Accelerator Laboratory is a herd of twelve Scottish Highland cattle, a gift to Universities Research Association, Inc. (URA), Washington, D.C., the corporation of 52 universities which operates the Laboratory for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. The cattle are a gift to U.R.A. by Mr. and Mrs. James Bannister of Wind Hill Farm, St. Charles, Ill. The gift reveals the love of two people for these animals as well as the story of their interest in the development of the National Accelerator Laboratory.

When James Bannister's parents emigrated to America from Scotland, among the personal treasures that came with them was a large oil painting of a pastoral Scottish scene. Young Bannister carried vivid memories as he grew up of the shaggy, long-horned cattle in that painting. Many years later those memories were literally brought to life for Jim and his wife, Delta, a professor of dance education at Northwestern University who also loved the painting in the elder Bannisters' home. Delta discovered the shaggy beasts of the painting living on a ranch in the South Dakota Badlands as she travelled to their summer home near Jackson Hole, Wyo. in 1965. On their next trip West a few months later, it was inevitable that they should purchase their first three Scottish Highland cattle. "Mr. Badlands," "Miss Dusty," and "Princess Shirley" came to the Bannisters' 10-acre farm in St. Charles soon after, where a pine grove gave them protection from the hot sun of the summer.

For nine years the trio and their offspring basked in the comforts of the Bannisters' care and attention. They were, with certainty, part of the family. The friendly, gentle animals responded to particular words and commands like "Turn Around." Mr. Badlands was a "total gentleman," according to Delta Bannister. The herd was a delight to passersby on Dean Street. Their thick hair was groomed regularly, and they learned to arch their heads upward so that Delta could stroke the full length of their necks. But as the numbers grew, Delta had to stop this delightful practice -- the clamor for a place in line, right behind Mr. Badlands with his 42-inch horn spread -- was not conducive to Delta's welfare.

An increasing family of twelve created problems for these "parents" with many, varied interests. The decision to part with the loyal band came to the Bannisters last Fall. But, they could not go the usual market route with these close friends.

Once before Jim Bannister had participated in development of the National Accelerator Laboratory. Executive Director of the Fox Valley General Contractors Association and a Harvard alumnus, he was appointed in 1967 to be a member of the "Site Acquisition Committee," a group of distinguished advisers to the State of Illinois for the acquisition of the 6,800 acres in DuPage-Kane counties as a site for the National Accelerator Laboratory. Jim knows the NAL site



...*"Miss Dusty" now resides in NAL pasture...*



...*Mr. & Mrs. Bannister on a recent visit to NAL...*



...Twelve Scottish Highland cattle become newest members of NAL family...

very well from his experience on that committee. He recalls that even then he thought it an ideal place for a herd of Scottish Highland cattle. He followed NAL development in recent years closely enough to know of the interest the Laboratory has in preserving the natural aspects of the site. He knew of the NAL buffalo. He felt that his unique 4-legged friends might fit in well at NAL. The Bannisters contacted Laboratory Director R. R. Wilson about the matter, and their agreement followed shortly.

"We are happy to have found a place nearby where we feel the cattle will be enjoyed by many people," the Bannisters announced. "It is with great pleasure that we make this gift to URA and to the National Accelerator Laboratory which we helped get underway five years ago."

Scottish Highland cattle were first brought to the U.S. in 1922. There are about 12,000 head of registered Scottish Highland cattle in the U.S. at the present time. They are characterized by shaggy long hair and very widespread horns. The Bannisters found the horns to be an integral part of their cattle's personalities; their unique defense mechanism permits them to be gentle and sensitive personalities. They are kept as registered stock primarily by hobbyists and commercially with other beef animals. They are rugged, survive all climates, live longer lives than most beef cattle. "Scotty" calves are small at birth, but grow rapidly on the cows' 10% butterfat milk. Bannisters' cattle are yellow, white, silver, and red; in Scotland, this breed is red, yellow, or black. Because of their heavy hair, they do not accumulate the layer of fat under the skin as is the case with most beef animals. Their meat is not as marbled by fat and so, in this day of weight watchers and cholesterol counters, it is highly desirable.

"We are very pleased to accept this gift from the Bannisters. We know that the public will enjoy this new addition and these interesting animals will remind all of us of the Bannisters' friendship and service to the Laboratory," Donald R. Getz, Assistant Director of NAL, announced.

The Bannister herd consists of Mr. Badlands, two yearling bulls, a bull calf, seven cows and heifers, and a heifer calf. The two youngest animals, a bull calf and a heifer calf, have been named "Bannister" and "Rebecca" (of Ivanhoe) in honor of the donors. All of the animals carry the distinctive names characteristic of registered stock. The herd will be retained as a registered stock herd, according to NAL officials.

*(Photos by NAL Photographers)*

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#### IN THE NAL AREA

...The Argonne Chamber Music Club announces its 1973-74 series of three chamber music concerts by members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The concerts will be presented in the High Energy Physics Auditorium at 8:15 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 12; Tues., Jan. 29; Tues., Mar. 26. Series tickets at \$10 each may be purchased from Jan Ryk, Ext. 3126. Pre-concert dinner will be available in the Staff Club prior to each concert, beginning at 5:30. Reservations requested.

...Jan Ryk, Ext. 3126, has tickets for the program to be given by the Downers Grove Oratorio Society on Sun., Dec. 2 at 3:30 p.m. The chorus and orchestra will present "Coronation Mass" (Mozart) and "Gloria" (Poulenc). Tickets are \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

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## AEC STAFF CHANGES ANNOUNCED

Donald L. Bray has been appointed Area Manager for the Batavia Area Office of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. Mr. Bray has been with the AEC since September, 1960. He has been at the Oak Ridge Operations Office and in several capacities at the Nevada Operations Office of the AEC. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from Auburn University, Auburn, Ala., where he taught civil engineering before joining the AEC. He and his wife, Ann, and their three children are now relocating to the NAL area.

Bray succeeds Fred C. Mattmueller who was appointed Deputy Manager of the AEC's Chicago Operations Office last September. Mattmueller had served as Deputy Manager of the Batavia Area Office from 1968 to June of 1972; he then succeeded K. C. Brooks as Manager. With the AEC since 1953, Mattmueller will now assist Manager Robert H. Bauer as Deputy Manager of the Chicago Operations Office in management of AEC programs in 40 states.

In another important move, the AEC appointed Andrew E. Mravca, until recently Deputy Area Manager of the Batavia Area Office, to be director of the newly-formed Liquid Metal Fast Breeder Reactor Demonstration Project Office to be built and operated by the AEC, Commonwealth Edison, Project Management Corporation, and the Tennessee Valley Authority. The project involves the design and construction of the nation's first demonstration breeder reactor facility, termed by the President as, "Our best hope for meeting the Nation's growing demand for economical clean energy." Mravca will work out of an office in the Chicago Loop, commuting frequently to Tennessee. He had been at NAL since June of 1968, serving as Assistant Area Manager for Technical Operations until September, 1972 when he was appointed Deputy Area Manager.

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## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Wednesday, December 5 - Second annual NALWO cookie exchange will be Wednesday, December 5, from 8 a.m. until noon in the Village Barn. Each person brings 3 dozen cookies from their favorite recipe, and a copy of the recipe. All women associated with NAL are welcome.

Sunday, December 16 - Children's Christmas Party - Village Barn

Saturday, December 22 - Christmas Dance - 6:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. St. Andrews Country Club. (Tickets are now on sale from NALREC representatives. \$5.00 per person.)

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... (L-R) M. Sanders, N. Ramsey, R. Wilson, F. Mattmueller, E.L. Goldwasser at luncheon honoring Mattmueller...



D.E. Bray



A. Mravca

### NAL BLOOD DONATION RESPONSE OVERWHELMING

On the morning of Monday, November 12, Dorothy Poll turned over to the Red Cross Blood Bank the list of appointments of some 60 NAL employees who were to donate that day. A few more people might drop in but she saw little hope that the 200-pint goal could be reached.

The depressing outlook changed quickly as soon as NAL response opened up. As fast as the Red Cross nurses could work, NAL people gave of themselves -- again. They waited in lines; some were angry because they were turned away. By the end of the day, the needed blood had been collected.

An expression of deep thanks goes to the men and women who gave and who tried to give. This story of NAL thoughtfulness should send all employees, now protected from blood emergencies through July, 1974, into the holiday season with hearts thoroughly warmed.

CAR POOLS WANTED

AURORA (Indian Trail West), to Meson Area, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. James Humbert, Ext. 3189.

BATAVIA (1 blk. South of Main St.), to Cross Gallery, days. Ellen Kukcek, Ext. 3701.

BLOOMINGDALE to Central Lab via North Ave., days. Carmen Rotolo, Ext. 3151.

GLEN ELLYN to Magnet Facility, Industrial Bldg. #1, days. Will Hanson, Ext. 3555.

JOLIET (West side), to Village (24 Blackhawk), days. Ray Carra, Ext. 3435.

LISLE (2 blks. east of Highway 53) to Central Lab, days. David Cosgrove, Ext. 3051.

NAPERVILLE to Theory Group, 9-10 a.m., to 4 p.m. Henry Abarbanel, Ext. 3753 or 357-1699.

NORTH AURORA (217 N. Lincoln Way), to Purchasing, days. Al Adkins, Ext. 3521.

VILLA PARK to Transfer Gallery, days. John Bockmier, Ext. 3359.

WINFIELD (near County Fair Grounds), to Central Lab, days. C. Feng, Ext. 3684.

WOODRIDGE-DOWNERS GROVE to Village (24 Blackhawk), days. Ken Fitzgerald, Ext. 3435.

OTHER REQUESTS

Russ Winje, Ext. 3039, is interested in forming a bus group from Naperville. Suggests it might start from shopping centers, north and south side.

Tom Schmitz, Ext. 3043, is interested in forming a bus group from Batavia.

Passengers wanted for mini-bus group to come to Central Lab from Villa Park via Roosevelt Road. About \$1.00 per day, both ways, day shift. Could stop at West Chicago. Call E. Jarzab, Ext. 3396, or M. Pearson, Ext. 3351.

Doris Ferrell, Ext. 3211, is interested in forming a bus group from Aurora (May and Illinois Avenues), days.

It is suggested that employees interested in the same routes and areas get in touch with each other. THE VILLAGE CRIER will continue to offer this service. If you're short just a couple of passengers to get a car pool going, the list of employees by their place of residence may bring results. Call Ext. 3351 for further information. THE VILLAGE CRIER would like to have a photo of the first car pool of four or more employees that is formed. Call Ext. 3351.

Further research has brought the information that mini-busses carrying about 15 passengers can be rented economically by groups of employees, one serving as driver, with good insurance protection. Call Eric Jarzab, Ext. 3396 for further information.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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FOR SALE - '67 Ford Fairlane XL, PS/AC, AT on fl., console, bucket seats, mags, wide ovals, gd. condition. Call Paul Linden, Beeper #112 or 896-4437.

FOR SALE - '69 Chevy Pick Up Truck, 3/4 ton, 4-wheel drive w/snow plow, inside controls. Exc. condition. Call John Frazier, 231-4141.

FOR SALE - '64 Chevy Van, 6 cyl, 194 cu.in., 3-sp., 2 brand new mud & snow tires, engine overhauled, asking \$450. Call Barb, 3674 or 584-4660.

FOR SALE - '72 MGB, 4 sp., wire whls., bronze-yellow, black hard top, 17,000 miles. Best offer. Call Ethel Gary, Ext. 3314.

FOR SALE - Large 2-wheel Tractor, 12 h.p., 3-speed plus reverse, bottom plow, disc's and snow plow. \$150. Call R. Bennett, Ext. 3074 or 898-8374 after 7 p.m.

FOR SALE - Studded Snow Tires, original \$87.49, 4 mos. wear, sell for \$20 ea., Sears E-78-14. Call Norma Johnson, Ext. 3355.

FOR SALE - Ham Band Antenna w/cable. Call Paul Neeson, Ext. 3461.

FOR SALE - Drake R-4 Receiver w/calibrator and noise blanker for amateur radio use. \$250. Call Fred Kleber, 584-5138.

FOR SALE - Nylon Rug, 11x27 ft., olive-gr. sculptrd w/pad, gd.cond.\$75. Call K.Borneman,Ext.3222

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