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## ARBOR DAY 1976

Fermilab will resume a tradition of Arbor Day tree planting on the site on Friday, April 30. At noon on Arbor Day, more than 200 trees and shrubs will be ready for planting around Sauk Circle in the Fermilab Village. All employees and visiting experimenters and their families are invited to join the planting project. Bring your own shovel. For those needing transportation to the village, taxi service will be in operation.

The 1976 plantings will enhance Sauk Circle, now being developed as a residential community for short-term research visitors at the site. Sauk Circle features the large white farm houses moved there from other parts of the site.

Arbor Day was first held at Fermilab in 1969 when the laboratory offices were housed in the Village. The first trees planted were those in the field east of the present Users Center. Several locations in the Village have fine stands of trees from those Arbor Days. The grove at the northeast corner of Sauk Boulevard and Batavia Road and the shrubs around the Village Barn are among these. The last Arbor Day in 1973 was held in the open space on the east side of the Aspen East complex.

Arbor Day is just one phase of Fermilab's continuing concern for the preservation of trees on the Laboratory site. This concern was brought into focus again recently by a poem sent to Director Robert R. Wilson lamenting the destruction of a tree during installation of a transformer at Site 50. Dr. Wilson's comments in response to the poem (See page 3)



... (L-R) J. Kalina, N. Smith, C. Winters putting trees at Wilson Street entrance...



... Bob Hall, Bob Kraft, Rick Morrell, Darrell Porter, Nino Trevino move shrubs from boundary plantings...



... Rudy Dorner, Site Manager, at nursery on Eola Road...

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ARBOR DAY (cont'd.)



...Other Arbor Days: (L-R) 1973, 1969, 1970

repeat the solicitude maintained by the Laboratory since its inception for the preservation of the natural beauty of the Fermilab site. Major readjustments have occurred several times in the plans for location of the scientific facilities to preserve a stand of native woods.

In a continuing program of planting on the 6,800 acre site, Fermilab has planted at least 40,000 trees and shrubs since 1969, according to Site Manager Rudy Dorner. About 15,000 of these are coniferous varieties; about 25,000 hardwoods. The plantings include windbreaks in the Village, plantings on the site boundary on Butterfield Road, plantings to reduce the use of snow fences, and screenings for the railroad siding area. In the past year, more planting was carried out around the Central Laboratory-Cross Gallery and at the base of the reflecting ponds.

The Fermilab site contains several stands of native trees, the largest of which is the "Big Woods," west of the Central Laboratory, which historical accounts report to be the reason many early settlers were attracted to this part of northern Illinois. The Big Woods originally extended north and west of Aurora. Until Batavia was named in 1840 it was referred to as "Head of the Big Woods."

Many of the trees in the Big Woods were precious black walnut. In 1969, a lumber thief cut down several of the old black walnut trees within the Laboratory boundaries and was preparing to haul them away when discovered by a Laboratory staff member. The trees were stored and, two years later, became the decorative panelling in the Auditorium proper and on the ceiling of the Auditorium lobby.

Everyone is welcome to join in carrying on Fermilab's Arbor Day tradition on Friday, April 30.



...Glen Lee surveys unauthorized felling of black walnut trees in 1970...



...Arbor Day plantings restore woods in Village ...





A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR ABOUT TREES AT FERMILAB

March 31, 1976

It has come to my attention by an anonymous poem that a tulip tree was cut down at one of the farm areas to make place for an ugly transformer. I am personally humiliated that this needless destruction occurred at Fermilab - and not a little angry.

We have gone to great lengths, and considerable expense, to work out technical problems so as to preserve the trees at this site. Our trees are magnificent and are among the few beautiful characteristics indigenous to our site. The Accelerator and the Laboratory building were located at the edge of the remnant of the "Grand Bois" that the previous owners had not cut down to make corn fields. We even moved the position of the ring from a "best" place originally recommended by borings, etc., to a position a few hundred feet to the north so as not to destroy the very lovely grove at the old "Girl Scout" farm. You will notice how the Main Ring road near the RF building departs from its geometrical form in order to dodge around several fine trees there. The crazily curving main entry and exit road was staked out by me personally so as to miss those noble oak trees that would have had to be destroyed by a straight road.

What I am trying to say is that we do care. I do not want any tree to be cut down, and expect to be harsh if one is demolished. There may still be cases where it becomes necessary, but I expect then personally to authorize any such exception.

s/ R. R. Wilson



*...The Big Woods...a priceless heritage on Fermilab's site...*



## PERSONNEL NEWS AND NOTES

A Personnel Policy Guide is widely distributed and maintained for Fermilab supervisors. This blue looseleaf notebook contains general definitions of Laboratory personnel practices and policies, and it is meant to be available to all Laboratory employees.

There are at least 13 copies of the Guide in the Technical Services Division, 24 in the Accelerator Division, 42 in the Research Division, and 49 in the Administrative Division. If you cannot locate a Personnel Policy Guide, there are copies in the Personnel Office and in the Library. Employees who are represented by a union having a contract with the Laboratory should refer to that agreement for guidance on personnel matters.

Keeping the Guide current and circulating all changes to Guide holders is the responsibility of Ruth Thorson's Office in Personnel Services, CL 6E. If you have any questions about the Personnel Policy Guide or its contents, contact the Personnel Office.

### REMEMBER ....

....The Music Club Dance--Saturday, May 1, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Village Barn. Call Larry Jackson for tickets, Ext. 4070.

....There are still openings for exhibits in the NALREC Arts and Crafts Show to be held in the Central Laboratory Atrium May 17-21. All Fermilab-related employees and their families may exhibit. Call Dorothy Poll, Ext. 3232 to register.

....A few tickets remain for "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" to be presented in the Fermilab Auditorium on Friday, April 30, at 8:30 p.m. The award-winning production is brought to Fermilab under the sponsorship of the Illinois Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Organic Theater's version is the first completely faithful stage version of the Mark Twain novel of the same name.

Reservations are necessary for both the dinner before the theater program and for the theater production. Call the Guest Office, Ext. 3440, immediately for tickets.

NOTE: The Cafeteria will offer regular dinner service from 5-6 p.m. only on Friday, April 30, before the special dinner-theater event.

....Keys to the Village Exercise Room at 16 Potawatomi are now available from Jane Theis CL6E, or the Fermilab operator CL1E, or at the Users Center. Individuals are responsible for the equipment in the room while they are using it. Keys must be returned immediately after using the facility so that other people may also use the room.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR... Shish Kabob Dinner at the Users Center Wednesday, May 5, 6 p.m. At 8 p.m. Dan Kaplan and his guests will give an informal evening of chamber music featuring piano, cello, clarinet.

### CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED - used 20" wheel boy's bicycle; call T.Murphy, X3150 or 393-2172.

SUBLET FOR SUMMER - June 10-Sep.30 in Westmont, just off tollway; 2 BR., outside entr.; A/C; DW; 2½ baths; D. Carey, X3952 or 323-7705.

T'AI-CHI CH'UAN CLASS - begins 4/13, 7 p.m. at Batavia Park. D. Winn 960-0316.

FOR SALE - France cycle, 23½" frame, \$225; Sears 10-speed \$100; Sears 26" bike, \$25; hamster cage \$4; call C. Curtis X3724 or 879-2974.

FOR SALE - Bar, stools, access., like new \$150; G.Justic, (815)886-0896.

FOR SALE - Portable crib, playpen, stroller, good cond. Seino X3868.

FOR SALE - '75 Camaro, PB/PS, 350 V8, radio, A/C. call Sandy X3323.