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A NEW UNIVERSITY NEAR NAL?

A 21-page report was issued last week by the sub-committee of the Illinois Board of Higher Education. The report recommended that no new senior institutions be established at the present time, but it did make the following suggestion:

"In collaboration with other lay and professional representatives, study all aspects of the need for an institution or other educational arrangement at or near the National Accelerator Laboratory at Weston, as well as its priority in the overall need for new institutions."

CONSERVATION FRONT

The State of Illinois plans to purchase 1,250 acres of land for development of a new state park along the Fox River just south of Plano, about 25 miles southwest of the NAL site. The land which will cost the state \$1,400,000, includes nearly two miles of river frontage, seven ponds suitable for fishing and more than six miles of improved roads. Conservation Director William Rutherford said the site will be ready this summer for fishing and hiking. The site formerly was occupied by the Chicago Tribune's experimental farm. The new park is southwest of Aurora, not far from Rte. 34, which runs through Naperville.

NAL SOCIAL CALENDAR

- February 18 Lunch Hour Movie - Curia. 12:25 p.m. Slides of recent visit to Russia, by Dr. Lee Teng, Accelerator Theory Section Leader, and Dr. Francis Cole, Assistant Director for Technical Affairs.
- February 20 Family Skate Night - NAL Cafeteria. 7:00 p.m.
- February 23 Gym night - Indian Plains School. 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- February 25 Lunch Hour Movie - Curia. 12:25 p.m. Footage taken of NAL progress, by Argonne's Motion picture unit.
- (Watch for details on another Ski Night, late in February, at the Playboy Club, Lake Geneva, Wisc.)
- March 21 Monte Carlo Night - NAL Cafeteria.

NAL MACHINE SHOPS - "TOPS" (by Helen Severance)

The National Accelerator Laboratory now has 607 employees. Of these, 58 work in the Machine Shops of the Laboratory. The dedicated machinists work on components for the accelerator system, refine drift tubes for the linac, work on potting fixtures and magnet angles for the Main Ring and make necessary tools, etc. It is interesting that a number of the NAL machine shop employees are actually natives of other countries and have unique backgrounds, as can be seen in the following brief biographical descriptions:

Louis Green, an avid reader of anthropology and ancient history, has an interest in music and aerial archeology. He has spent a good deal of his time in the Linac machine shop working on the prototype machining of drift tubes. Lou and his wife, Margaret, who works in the Booster section, were residents of Manchester, England, before coming to the mid-west two and a half years ago. He appreciates the free and easy manner of working in this country; the fact that the "boss" is approachable - that he is only the boss during working hours.



Louis Green

Lou likes this part of the United States except that there is "no place to walk" - there are too many fences and too many fields posted with No Trespassing signs. He is used to walking - really walking - up and down hills, through the woods, over the streams of his native country. However, he does like the space Illinois provides, especially the sky! He is more than willing to "trade in a few hills of England for the sky of Illinois." As soon as the fences on much of the Laboratory property are removed, you can be sure one of the first people to cover the 6,800 acres on foot will be Louis Green! The Greens reside in Yorkville, Illinois.

Rolf Joseph came to this country a little over ten years ago. He experienced the ravages of World War II in his hometown of Hamburg, Germany, at an age when most young boys are joining the Cub Scouts.

After the war, while living in the British Zone of Berlin, Rolf worked for the British Government. One of his assignments took him to Benghazi, Libya, where he worked as a machinist on tanks and jeeps in the area where General Rommel and General Montgomery earlier fought one of the fiercest battles of the War. Many times he and his co-workers found old German motorcycles, complete with sidecars, that had been abandoned in the desert near Tobruk many years before.

Six months after arriving in the U.S., Rolf was drafted into the U.S. Army and spent 2½ years in Paris as a Military Policeman. He is most proud of his former commanding officer, Col. Bell, for whom he was a driver. Bell was the third U.S. officer to receive the Franco-Belgium Legion Medal - the other two recipients were Gen. Norstad and Gen. Eisenhower!



Rolf Joseph

There is another machinist in the Joseph family - Rolf's wife, Mary, who grinds gears at the Burgess Norton Company in Geneva. They live in St. Charles with their daughter and two sons.



Daniel Snee

New Castle Upon Tyne, England, is the home town of two machinists in the Central Shops; Daniel Snee and George Eastland. Danny started his apprenticeship as a machinist at the age of 16 when most young men are only thinking of getting the family car for an evening or how they can get a part-time job which is more part-time than job! He worked as an apprentice for five years and then, with a wife and small daughter, emigrated to the U.S. to accept a job in Beloit, Wisc. When several of his friends decided to come to work for NAL Danny moved his family to Sandwich, Ill. and became an instrument machinist for NAL. One of Danny's dreams is to work his way around the world - he has a good start on this dream, having already come 4,000 miles on his "trip."

If your Rolls Royce just won't turn over these cold mornings, or if you can't get your fighter plane off the ground to make it to work on time, call your local repair man, George Eastland! He has had experience as a mechanic machinist in England's Vickers Armstrong Company, where he worked on both these types of transportation. At present, he is making tools and components for the accelerator, a special type of transportation for tiny protons. He is an avid sports fan with more than a passing interest in playing bridge. George and his wife Mary, live in Aurora where their son is active in the Boy Scouts and where, once again, George is in the transportation field -- taxiing his son to the scouting events!



George Eastland

Although Richard Lepszy has been in this country for eighteen years, the early years of his life would make a most dramatic cloak and dagger story. Dick was born in Kalomyji, Poland, a few years before war broke out in Europe. His father was a policeman, one of the first to be arrested by the Russian Secret Police and sent to a concentration camp in Ostasghowa, Russia. He sent a postcard to his wife telling her he was alive and asking that she take care of the children. A few months later, in April, 1940, the NKVD arrested Mrs. Lepszy, Dick and his sister because they were



Richard Lepszy

members of an officer's family, and they were shipped off to Siberia along with thousands of other prisoners, in a freight car. For a year and a half, they suffered from lack of food and water, but even worse than starving was the severe cold weather. After receiving amnesty, they were sent to Southern Russia where food was still very scarce, but the weather much warmer. Generals Sikorski and Anders started to organize a Polish Army and Russia agreed to let families of soldiers go to Persia but, because no one in the Lepszy family was in the army, they were not included. Knowing they would perish if they didn't escape, Mrs. Lepszy sold all their belongings and with her two children boarded the train without tickets, depending only on the little money she had, and plenty of luck, to buy her way to safety. They finally joined members of the newly-formed Polish Army at the Port of Krasnowodziu near the Caspian Sea and

eventually boarded a freighter for Persia where they were taken care of by the English and where Dick and his sister finally started school.

In 1945, the Lepszys traveled to Libya where the International Refugee Organization took care of them for five years and where they began to make plans to come to the U.S. Ironically, Mrs. Lepszy's father had come to this country in 1908 with his oldest daughter. He had intended to bring the other members of the family over when he could make the arrangements. Unfortunately, the father died as a result of an accident before he had an opportunity to realize this dream. His daughter was brought up in an orphanage in Massachusetts. In 1951, it was this daughter who greeted a sister she had never seen when Mrs. Lepszy, Dick and his sister arrived in Boston.

After attending vocational high school in New Bedford, Massachusetts, Dick enlisted in the U.S. Army and was sent to Frankfurt, Germany for 29 months as a member of the Ordnance Corps. He received his U.S. citizenship while serving in the Army. Dick and his wife and two daughters are now living in Downers Grove.

These are vignettes on only a very few of the 42 machinists working in the Laboratory -- all of them are professionals in their line of work. Says William Jones, of New Lenox, general foreman of the NAL machine shop crews: "We have been fortunate to assemble a highly-competent and efficient group of machinists to help us prepare for the construction and development of the accelerator. I'll match my staff with any in the Middle West or, for that matter, in the Nation!"



William Jones

ENGLISH, ANYONE?

Roger Thompson's appeal for a list of NAL staff members who have proficiency in other languages and who are willing to serve, from time to time, as translators, has paid off. He advises that the NAL Library now has a list of men and women with competence in translating into English from Russian, German, French, Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Greek and Spanish. If you have a document you wish translated, please telephone the Library.

HUMAN RELATIONS

James Parker, of Glen Ellyn, has been elected Chairman of the Human Relations Advisory Committee of the DuPage County Board of Supervisors. He is a compliance specialist for the U.S. AEC's Chicago Operations Office. Mrs. Rosemary Cole continues as chairman of the group's publicity committee. Mrs. Cole's husband, Frank, is assistant director of NAL for technical affairs; they reside in Wheaton.

<u>NALWO CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY</u>		
February 15	Outdoor Group Lion House, Brookfield Zoo	2:00 p.m.
February 19	Hand Arts Group White Farm	1:00 p.m.
February 19	Literature Group White Farm	1:30 p.m.
February 21	Gourmet Group Snowdon's 1590 Surrey Dr., Wheaton	7:30 p.m.
February 26	Bridge Group White Farm	1:15 p.m.

For further information about any of these groups, see the NALWO Bulletin, or call Jodi Eskey, Ext. 348.

NAL BOWLERS SCORE NEW HIGH

Reaching a new high this season, the first place 11th Framers scored 1,619 points in the scratch series at the Friday, February 6th regular bowling matches held at the Warrenville Bowl.

The evening also found the Chiefs holding second place and The Bisons moving to third place over the Side Hill Gougers.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE - Wurlitzer Model 4140 organ. Shaboom rhythmn section, etc. 4 yrs. old. Best offer. Mildred Meyer, Ext. 225.

FOUND - Man's wrist watch. Found in cafeteria during weekend of Feb. 1st. To identify, call Personnel

To report anything lost or found, call personnel.

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