NIH Wins Two Honors in Bethesda Christmas Parade

CASH AWARDS GO TO TWO EMPLOYEES

At the close of last month two NIH employees were the recipients of cash awards totaling $550, one for an outstanding suggestion, and the other for special service.

The employees are: Vernon E. Taylor, Assistant Chief of the Photographic Section, Scientific Reports Branch, and Donald W. Shaw, Physical Science Aid, Laboratory of Clinical Sciences, NIMH.

Mr. Taylor's award of $300 was presented to him on November 21 in ceremonies held in Building 1. Mr. Taylor was commended on his special service and superior work performance in developing a copying process in the photo lab effecting a 20 percent saving in time and for outstanding contributions toward maintenance of high standards of photography at NIH. John E. Fletcher, Chief, SRB, presented the check to Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Shaw first made the observation (See Awards, Page 2)

NIH topped two honors as Bethesda officially opened the Christmas season with a parade along Wisconsin Avenue on December 4. Myra Embrey, Miss NIH, was chosen Christmas Parade Queen over four other contestants from the area, and the NIH float was awarded Second Prize in the Civic Float Division.

The theme of the parade was "The Wizard of Oz." Using "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" as background music, the NIH float featured a disgruntled witch consulting her "cauldron-side book of diseases" at one end, and a medical wizard standing amid golden props labeled "prevention, cures, and treatment" at the other. Arched between the two was a rainbow with the word "research" superimposed on seven bands of color representing the seven Institutes. Miss Patricia Kelly of the CC was seated under the rainbow. Carl Harwood, SP, was the wizard, and the witch, according to reliable sources, was imported from Oz.

The float was planned and developed by a committee headed by Charlotte Hoyle, SRB, Art Cosing, NHI, and Edith Maeda, CC. Members of the Carpentry, Paint, and Electrical Shops and the Landscaping Section, BMB, constructed (See Parade, Page 4)
John E. Fletcher, left, presents $300 check to Vernon E. Taylor, as Scott Adams, Chairman of NIH Board on Employee Awards, looks on.

**HONOR AWARD DEADLINE JAN. 15**

Closing date for nominations for the two top Departmental awards for civilian HEW employees has been moved up to January 15, according to an announcement made by Scott Adams, Chairman of NIH Board on Employee Awards. The original deadline was February 1.

The awards, which will be presented in April, are the Distinguished Service Award and the Superior Service Award. They are given to HEW employees in recognition of outstanding or superior contributions to health, education, welfare, or administration within or beyond the call of duty. Either award may be granted to individuals or to two or more employees working as a team, or an organizational unit.

Nominations should be submitted in memorandum form in quadruplicate to the Office of the Director. For further information, contact Mrs. Margaret Eurich, Executive Secretary of the NIH Board on Employee Awards, Room 21, Bldg. 1, Ext. 2454.

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**VIENNESE DOCTORS JOIN NINDB STAFF**

Two Viennese doctors, Hans Bornschein and Theodor Wanko, joined the NINDB staff recently as Visiting Scientists in the Ophthalmology Branch.

Dr. Bornschein is noted for his contributions in the field of sensory physiology, and especially for his work on improving the electroretinographic technique. He will set up a laboratory here for experimental work on electroretinography and will develop a research program in this and other phases of electrophysiology of the eye.

Dr. Wanko, a neurologist, will assist Dr. Ludwig Von Sallmann, Chief of the Ophthalmology Branch, in various aspects of the problem concerning central nervous control of intraocular pressure. Dr. Wanko has done extensive research in human and experimental neurophysiology and clinical work in electron microscopy.
imperfecta in a racial isolate with multiple hereditary defects.


Kety, Seymour S. Human cerebral blood flow and oxygen consumption as related to aging.

Leone, N. C., et al. Acute and subacute toxicity studies of sodium fluoride in animals. Lewis, John A. Relationship of the Public Health Service to state alcoholism programs.

Liddle, Grant W., et al. The 2-methyl hydrocortisones: a new series of steroids with enhanced potency and prolonged action.


Mickelsen, Olaf. Intestinal synthesis of vitamins in the non-ruminant.


Patrick, D. W. Clinical Center reports on two years' growth.


Segal, Stanton, et al. An enzymatic spectrophotometric method for the determination of pyruvic acid in blood.

Shannon, James A. Book review: "Anti-infective and Cancer" by The American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Small, Lyndon F. Plant alkaloids: properties.

Shimkin, Michael B. Book review: "Anti-infective and Cancer" by The American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Steffee, C. Harold, et al. Dissecting aneurysm in hamsters treated with cortisone; effects of various drugs on the aneurysm.

Tasaki, Ichiji. Studies on the process of production of an action potential at a single node of Ranvier.


Walker, Gordon N. Synthesis of dehydrophylloquinone acetate.

Weinbach, Eugene C. Pentachlorophenol and mitochondrial adenine nucleotides.

Williams, Richard, et al. How to make a community survey of the needs of old people.

Winkop, Bernhard. Imine-enameine systems and the mechanism of their oxidation.

Wollman, Seymour H. Nature of the inhibition by thiocyanate of the iodide concentrating mechanism of the thyroid gland.

**NIH Spotlight**

Back in March 1954, a dark-haired young man entered the gates of NIH straight from the windy city of Chicago where he had been working for another scientific organization, the Baxter Laboratories (Morton Grove, III.), as Chief Medical Photographer.

He is Leonard T. Pimental, who now holds forth in the NINDB Laboratory of Neuroanatomical Sciences as Research Photographer and claims this is the "best place" he has ever worked. Here he displays his skills in three-dimensional cinemography as well as other highly technical types of photography. He is a member of the research team studying regeneration in the brain and spinal cord. His part in this undertaking is to record the results of neurological studies being made by means of biological photography. In his spare time, he is pursuing the study of oceanography through the USDA Graduate School.

Born in New Bedford, Mass., Len attended public schools there and then went to work on the New Bedford Standard Times as a news photographer. In 1945 he joined the Navy and became a Radar Controlman, serving in the Atlantic theater of operations.

After his discharge he began his formal photographic studies at the Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, N. Y., and in 1950 received a degree in Photographic Technology. He then attended the Rochester School of Medical Photography and interned for one year at the Rochester General Hospital, which is connected with the school.

As an active member of the R & W, he is now on the executive council representing NINDB, and is also a member of the Fencing Club. Last spring, when the Hamsters presented "Life at NIH," Len was assistant stage manager.

Being a native New Englander he has a natural love for the sea; but in addition to that, he says, "I come from a long line of seafaring folk." He is an ardent sailor, who, like all good sailors, hates motor boats and the smell of "gasoline on water."

Len met the "romance of his life" a few years back when he was attending school in Rochester and then he lost track of the young lady. But, upon his arrival in Washington, he met his "Barbara" once again and in October they were married. They now reside in their brand new apartment in Takoma Park.
RETIREMENT ANNUITIES RAISED BY LEGISLATION

Increased annuity payments to retired Federal employees and additions to regular annuities for those who retire before December 1957 are provided under Public Law 369, 84th Congress.

Additional annuity is computed in accordance with a table setting up percentage increases for six-month periods. The law does not affect annuities above $4,104 per year.

Questions concerning retirement annuities should be referred to the Employee Relations Section, ext. 2454.

DR. LEAO JOINS NIMH AS VISITING SCIENTIST

Dr. Aristides A. P. Leao, prominent neurophysiologist from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, recently joined the Laboratory of Neurophysiology, NIMH, as a Visiting Scientist.

On leave of absence from his post as Chief of the Division of Electrophysiology, Institute of Biophysics, University of Brazil, Dr. Leao plans to spend several months at NIH. He is continuing his studies of the relation of oxygen exchange and spreading cortical depression. His observations on this reaction, discovered while a graduate student at Harvard University, constituted a primary discovery of a phenomenon which many people had encountered, but never recognized.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH NOTES

Statistics reveal that work production and personal efficiency are significantly reduced in many women each month because of the discomforts associated with menstruation.

Dysmenorrhea is one of the unsolved problems of medicine. Scores of therapeutic measures to control these discomforts have been tried with varying results.

At the present time the Employee Health Service is cooperating in a program designed to study and to aid in the control of dysmenorrhea. Employees interested in participating in this program may inform the nurses in either of the Health Units.

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housekeeping functions other than those in the Clinical Center, communications, space control, and miscellaneous administrative services, will be set up in the Division. Mr. Richard H. Henschel, former CC Executive Officer, has been appointed Division Chief.

The technical and engineering functions of the OD will be organized into the Division of Research Services. This will include the Biometrics, Laboratory Aids, Sanitary Engineering, Scientific Reports, and Plant Engineering and Shops Branches. As yet no Chief has been appointed to this Division.

The service functions assigned to the Clinical Center include transportation and housekeeping for the CC building, laundry for NIH, and certain administrative services for the patient care functions. These services will be administered under the overall supervision of the CC Director, assisted by Mr. Philip P. Simon, newly appointed CC Administrative Officer.

The NIH Director’s immediate staff will include an Associate Director for Intramural Research, the Associate Director for Extramural Activities, the Executive Officer, the Chief of Research Planning, and a Chief of Medical Research Information.

PARADE Cont’d

the float. Other helpers were Alida Mc Birney, NIMH, Walt Ashe, SRB, Bob Pumphrey, SRB, and several control patients. Funds for the float were contributed by the R & W.

CHAPLAIN INSTALLED IN DEC. 4 CEREMONY

Installation ceremonies for the Reverend William R. Andrew, first Resident Chaplain of the Clinical Center, were held Sunday, December 4, before an audience of more than 250 persons in the CC Auditorium.

Guest speakers were Bradshaw Mintener, Under Secretary, HEW; and the Reverend Grainger Westberg, Chaplain, the University Clinics, University of Chicago. The choirs of the Westmoreland Congregational Church and St. John’s Episcopal Church furnished the music. Ceremonies were under the sponsorship of the Washington Federation of Churches.

DR. DAVIS RECEIVES 1955 STITT AWARD

The Edward Rhodes Stitt Award for outstanding work in the field of antibiotics was recently presented to Dr. Dorland J. Davis, Chief of Laboratory of Infectious Diseases, NIH, at the 62d annual convention of the Association of Military Surgeons in Washington, D. C. The award consists of a lifetime membership in the Association, a metal plaque and an honorarium of $500.

Dr. Davis was honored for his work in identifying Hemophilus aegyptius as the positive agent in epidemic conjunctivitis occurring in Georgia and Texas and determining the effectiveness of antibiotics in the treatment of this disease. The studies were carried out in cooperation with Dr. Margaret Pittman of DBS.