

Incentive Awards To Be Presented To 15 Employees

Fifteen NIH employees, to be cited for superior performances or suggestions for improvements, will receive cash awards totaling \$1,960 at a ceremony to be held tomorrow (Wednesday) at 1:15 p.m. in Wilson Hall.

The awards will be presented to the members of their respective Institutes and Divisions by Dr. Kenneth M. Endicott, Director, NCI; Chris A. Hansen, Chief, DRS; Lealon E. Martin, Acting Chief, ORI; and Dr. Jack Masur, NIH Associate Director for Clinical Care and CC Director.

Also scheduled to participate in the awards presentation ceremony are Richard L. Seggel, NIH Executive Officer, and Dr. Harold P. Morris, Head of the Nutrition and Carcinogenesis Section, Laboratory of Biochemistry, NCI, and Chairman of the NIH Board on Employee Awards.

Individual awards will be presented to:

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UGF Drive Extended

With NIH 16 percent short of its UGF quota of \$79,305, Dr. Roderick Murray, DBS Director and NIH campaign chairman, distributed the following memo, dated November 17, to Institute and Division campaign chairmen and vice chairmen: "The Secretary of HEW has expressed a desire to meet with and address all workers of the NIH United Givers Fund organization. Accordingly, arrangements have been made for the Secretary to appear in the CC auditorium at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, November 21.

"As you know, some of our efforts this year have not been productive in reaching our goal as had been hoped. It is therefore extremely important that each keyman and each chairman and vice chairman and all other workers, attend this meeting. Will you please take the necessary steps to insure participation by each individual concerned in your organization."

Top Cottage, Crowded Out, Will 'Retire to the Farm'

Top Cottage, long an NIH landmark, is doomed to disappear from the reservation—and soon. But there are indications it may have a life hereafter—down on the farm.

For the second time during its 22 years as a part of NIH, the little buff building stands in the path of progress.

Moved to its present site in 1938 to make way for construction of the Clinical Center, the four-room, one-story building with a history of many and varied uses, is about to be crowded out by the 11-story Office Building now well on its way to completion.

On the first of last month, Top Cottage was turned over to the Norair Engineering Corp., under terms of the contract for construc-

tion of the Office Building. And it was assumed that the little frame and stucco cottage would be torn down and turned into scrap.

But Henry Norair, head of the construction firm, like many another before him took a fancy to the cottage. He decided it would look cozy and be useful too, on his 500-acre farm in nearby Prince Georges County.

Discloses Plans

In a telephone interview with the *Record* last week, Mr. Norair disclosed his honorable intentions. He plans to disassemble the cottage and transport it by truck in pieces and sections to his farm on East Capitol Street Extended, just three miles beyond the District Line in Maryland.

Mr. Norair anticipates that the job may prove difficult, but he likes the cottage and wants to reconstruct it near his farmhouse. He says that within a few weeks he expects to have a crew start cutting the roof and wall sections apart.

Once he has it reassembled, Mr. Norair says, the *Record* is welcome to come down and take a picture of it in its new and rural setting.

In its original location here, Top Cottage stood on the top of a wooded hill near the present main

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5,000 Expected To Participate In AMA Meeting

Between four and five thousand physicians and surgeons from all parts of the United States, including a number from NIH, are expected to attend the 14th Clinical Meeting of the American Medical Association, to be held in Washington, D.C., November 28 through December 1.

Headquarters for the Clinical Meeting will be the Sheraton-Park Hotel, where the AMA's governing body, the House of Delegates, will also hold its semi-annual sessions. All scientific program sessions of the Clinical Meeting, however, will be in the D.C. National Guard Armory.

Meets in Sections

Three sections in both morning and afternoon sessions will meet simultaneously in separate rooms at the Armory. One section will be devoted to presentations of formal papers, another to panel discussions, and the third to symposia.

All of the sessions this year will stress the theme, "New Developments in Old Diseases and Old Developments in New Diseases."

PHS Surgeon General Burney will moderate a symposium on the Present Status of Poliomyelitis Immunization, on Wednesday, November 30, and Dr. Roderick Murray, Director, DBS, will speak on the Standardization, Licensing and

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Plan Bus Routes



After receiving reports of the recent NIH traffic survey, showing that approximately 1,800 employees are interested in using direct bus service to and from work, D. C. Transit System officials visited the reservation last week to determine possible bus routes and stops. Conferring in front of the Administration Building with George P. Morse, Chief, Plant Safety Branch, DRS (center left), and Matthew J. Peters, PSB (center right), are the company representatives, William E. Bell, Superintendent of Schedules and Traffic (left), and I. B. Goad, Director of Transportation.

5-Time Run of 'Annie Get Your Gun' Is Announced by NIH Theater Group

This year for the first time, an NIH Hamster production will run for five performances. The R&W theater group is rehearsing now for "Annie Get Your Gun," a musical with a cast of 35, which they will present shortly after the first of the year.

Also for the first time, the CC patients, their relatives and friends will be guests of the NIH staff at the opening performance. The CC Nutrition Department will serve

punch and cookies on this occasion.

The production cast for "Annie" is: director, Paul Blank; producer, Dr. Arnold W. Pratt; business manager, Bess Grabiner; costume chairman, Alida McBirney; musical director, Melvin Bernstein; set designers, George Marsden and Walter Clark; set construction staff, William F. M. Campbell, Donald B. Spencer, and Philip R. Joram.

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'PERSONNEL' TO PERSON

ALL EMPLOYEES should be aware that benefits provided under their Federal Employees Health Benefits plans do not apply to expenses for the treatment, care, or services rendered for any condition, ailment, or injury for which the enrollee is covered under the Federal Employees Compensation Act or other workmen's compensation legislation.

On page 5 of the brochures for all FEHB plans, under the heading "THIS PLAN DOES NOT PROVIDE BENEFITS FOR," the following exclusion is listed: "Illness or injury covered by workmen's compensation."

The Civil Service Commission has pointed out that this exclusion applies to Federal Employees Compensation Act (Bureau of Employees Compensation), as well as State workmen's compensation coverage.

CSC Explains Policy

The following excerpt from a letter received from the Civil Service Commission explains the reason for this exclusion:

"Each of the brochures which describe the respective approved plans contains a statement that illness or injury covered by workmen's compensation is excluded from coverage. These brochures reflect the provisions written into the contracts so that the premium dollars available under the health benefits program could be used to provide the widest possible health benefits for Federal employees rather than to duplicate protection already available to them under the Federal Employees Compensation Act and other workmen's compensation legislation."

This means that an employee who is enrolled in a plan under the Federal Employees Health Benefits program and who suffers a

CC Patient Votes



As Chief of the Reception and Information Section of the Clinical Center, Fay Povich spends much of her time at the reception desk in the main lobby. But she is voluntarily "on call" to perform notary public service for patients without charge. During the weeks preceding Election Day she was busier than usual, assisting patients in preparation of their absentee ballots and affixing the notary's seal. The patients' appreciation is reflected in this one's smile.

work-connected injury or illness covered by the Federal Employees Compensation Act or State workmen's compensation, would receive no benefits from his Health Benefits Plan for the expenses incurred by reason of that illness or injury, even though he had not utilized the hospital and medical services available to him without cost under Bureau of Employees Compensation.

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Before July 1 of this year, permanent and indefinite full-time employees could take 15 days of military leave per calendar year for active duty with the National Guard or Reserves of the Armed Forces.

Effective last July 1, the 15-day limit applies to the fiscal rather than the calendar year.

It should be noted that this

The NIH Spotlight

Development of Radioactive Drugs Is New Field for CC Pharmacist

By Peg O'Brien

Clinical Center Information Office

There are perhaps only three or four hospital pharmacists in the United States who, in addition to possessing the knowledge required of their profession, also command a working knowledge of radioisotopes. William H. Briner is one of them.

As Chief of the Radiopharmaceutical Service, Pharmacy Department, CC, Bill Briner is developing radioactive drugs that can be used safely on human beings. Though used only occasionally for therapeutic purposes, in medical research these formulated radioactive pharmaceuticals are an invaluable aid in the study of the behavior of the human body and the functions of its many biologic systems in both health and disease.



Mr. Briner

Three days ago, recognition came to Mr. Briner in the form of a citation from his alma mater. The General Alumni Association of Temple University awarded this energetic, 34-year-old pharmacist a Certificate of Honor in recognition of his "outstanding" contribution to society through the advancement of knowledge in the field of pharmacy.

He is the author of many technical articles about his work. Several of them appeared in major hospital journals during the past year, including "Certain Aspects of Radiological Health," "Radiopharmaceuticals Are Drugs," and "Nuclear Medicine Has Come of Age."

Articles Cited

After five years in the Navy, during which he served as a flight engineer, he returned to his home town of Lewistown, Pa., and took an administrative job at the Lewistown Hospital. Although he had had no previous experience in hospital work, he found it to be a real challenge and determined then to build his career in hospital administration.

"Luckily," Mr. Briner says, "it happened that the man I worked for—the hospital administrator—was also a pharmacist. He interested me in studying pharmacy as a stepping stone toward a career in hospital administration."

Thus convinced, he left his job at Lewistown Hospital and went to Temple University in Philadelphia to study pharmacy.

It was a "rough haul." He at-

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Rock Salt Additive In; Car Corrosion Out

Motorists previously concerned about the corrosive action of salt water on their cars, resulting from wintertime applications of rock salt to the NIH roadways, can now stop worrying.

Word comes from Milford D. Myers, Chief of the Grounds Maintenance and Landscaping Section, PEB-DRS, of a solution to this problem.

The solution is a chemical corrosion inhibitor which will be used at NIH this winter for the first time.

When mixed with rocksalt, which is used to lower the melting point of snow and ice to facilitate removal, the preparation is 100 percent effective, Mr. Myers said, in counteracting the corrosive action of the salt on metal. The chemical, he said, will be tinted for visibility.

Mr. Myers also reminds motorists that the abandoned car is an obstacle to snow removal. He advises them to stay with their cars until they can be towed out by the snow removal crews in a relatively short time.

Dates Announced for NIH Winter Lectures

The Special Events Section, CC, has announced the dates and lecturers of the remaining three of the winter series of NIH lectures. They are:

December 14—Dr. Leon A. Hoppel, Chief of the Laboratory of Biochemistry and Metabolism, NIAMD, who will speak on "An Enzymatic Approach to Nucleic Acid Chemistry."

January 25—Dr. John T. Edsall, a member of the Biological Laboratories, Harvard University.

March 15—Dr. Robert J. Huebner, Chief of the Laboratory of Infectious Diseases, NIAID.

All three lectures will be delivered in the CC auditorium beginning at 8:15 p.m. Subjects of the January and March lectures will be announced later.

change will permit an employee who took 15 days of military leave during the period January 1 to June 30, 1960, to be granted another 15 days during the period July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961.

Dorothy Hughes Wins Performance Award

A superior performance award consisting of a citation and a check for \$115 was presented to Dorothy S. Hughes, Section on Test Development, Laboratory of Viral Immunology, DBS, at a ceremony in the Seminar Room of the new DBS building on November 4.

The citation commended Mrs. Hughes for having "set for herself a personal standard far beyond the demands of her position" and for her rapid acquisition of valuable technical skills and facility with new techniques which "have contributed to the morale and productivity of this Laboratory."

Attention was also called to Mrs. Hughes' work on genetic markers for live poliovirus vaccines, "for which assignment she has been cited in a recent WHO publication for technical assistance."



Dorothy S. Hughes, Laboratory of Viral Immunology, DBS, receives a superior performance award check from Dr. George A. Hottle, Chief of the Laboratory, at a recent ceremony in DBS.

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Availability of (Polio) Vaccine at the same symposium.

Also moderating a symposium on Virus Infection in Common Respiratory Disease, on the same day, will be Dr. Robert J. Huebner, Chief of the Laboratory of Infectious Diseases, NIAID. Symposium participants from NIH will be Drs. Joseph A. Bell, Robert M. Chanock, Karl M. Johnson, and Leon Rosen, all of NIAID.

Others from NIH and the titles of papers they will present at the scientific sessions are Dr. Joseph E. Rall, NIAMD, the Role of Radioactive Isotopes; Dr. George Z. Williams, CC, the Clinical Pathologist's View-Point; and Dr. Donald S. Frederickson, NHI, Fat Metabolism as a Background to the Development of Coronary Atherosclerotic Disease.

Also, Dr. Frederic C. Barter, NHI, Physiology and Mechanisms of Edema; Dr. Paul A. di Sant' Agnese, NIAMD, Cystic Fibrosis of the Pancreas; and Dr. Eugene J.

'ANNIE' REHEARSALS ARE UNDER WAY

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Verece Silverman, as Annie, has some dealings with Ozzie Grabiner, who plays Charlie Davenport in "Annie Get Your Gun." Members of the chorus are (from left) Eleanor Cohen, Doris O'Brien, Bobbie Dutton, Diana Dalrymple, Virginia Ford, and Bess Grabiner. The R&W Hamsters are rehearsing now for the musical.

Study Section of DRG Sponsors Workshop

A workshop conference on Health Studies of Human Population, sponsored by the Human Ecology Study Section, DRG, under a grant from DGMS, was conducted at the Graduate School of Public Health of the University of Pittsburgh, November 13-16.

The conference, part of an investigation of community population study centers, was planned to establish guide lines for use by investigators contemplating projects in this field, and by NIH Study Sections and Councils evaluating project applications.

The first three days of the conference were devoted to panel discussions of case material on study center projects. Topics were the size and character of the population in relation to the objective; methods of collecting and analyzing data; and the administration, staffing, and financing of projects.

The final session, November 16, summarized some of these problems that arise most frequently in connection with the design and analysis of population investigations. These were discussed under four broad categories: the types of inquiries best suited to population studies; the problems of data collection; inferences and generalizations; and permanent field "laboratory" versus "flying squad" survey team.

Van Scott, NCI, Psoriasis: The Value of Antimetabolites and Other Chemotherapeutic Agents.

In conjunction with the scientific sessions, scientific and industrial exhibits will also be presented in the Armory.

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Christine Andronicus, Film Librarian, and Rose Daniele, a secretary in the Photographic Section, DRS, in the amounts of \$175 and \$185 respectively, for "achieving notable work records, reducing unit costs by better utilization of facilities and establishing effective controls on purchase-supply procedures."

Dorothy Horlander, Chief of the Special Events Section, CC, \$200 for "outstanding initiative and efficiency in important public relations activities."

Esther Kohn, a secretary in the Community Services Branch, NIMH, \$50 for an adopted suggestion which will effect annual savings for NIH of over \$1,500.

Clifford F. Johnson, now Chief of the Public Information Branch, ORI, \$300 for "effective leadership in creating and conducting an Information Career Development Program, a program believed unique in government information work."

Pauline H. Wall, Visual Information Specialist, NCI, \$200 for the "outstandingly successful scientific exhibits at the Fourth National Cancer Conference in Minneapolis in September." Mrs. Wall arranged for the design and construction of 30 exhibits as well as for continuous showing of scientific and health motion pictures which contributed "substantially to the success of the conference."

Group awards (cash to be shared) will be presented to:

Staff Nurses Marie Altman, Mary Mitchell, and Mary Shea, of the Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases Nursing Service, \$420 for superior performance. The three nurses have been commended by

Animal Welfare Group Cites CCNSC Chief For Humane Research

Dr. Stuart M. Sessoms, Associate Director, NCI, and Chief of the Cancer Chemotherapy National Service Center, has accepted a citation from WARDS, (Welfare of Animals used for Research in Drugs and Surgery), presented in recognition of the Center's "pioneering achievement toward stress-free research animal handling and housing."

The citation was presented at the 11th Annual Animal Care Panel in St. Louis, October 26-28.



Dr. Sessoms

The CCNSC was commended for sponsoring the Central Diagnostic Center, which helps control epidemics among experimental animals by periodically testing animal colonies for evidence of salmonellosis and ectromelia.

All breeders and handlers participating in the CCNSC drug screening program adhere to rigid housing and care specifications established by the Institute of Laboratory Animal Resources in Washington, D.C. WARDS lauded the CCNSC and its participating contractors for observing this 1957 Code of Minimum Standards.

Czech Symposium Hears Reports by Dr. Eklund

At the Symposium on the Biology of Viruses of the Tick-Borne Encephalitis Complex, held October 11 through 14 in Smolenice, near Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, Dr. Carl Eklund, Head of the Insect-Borne Diseases Section at NIAID's Rocky Mountain Laboratory, Hamilton, Mont., presented two papers on Colorado tick fever virus.

Following the symposium, Dr. Eklund visited Austria for one week to observe at firsthand some of the work in that country on spring-summer encephalitis.

Dr. Joseph Bunim, Clinical Investigations Director, NIAMD, for a "high degree of cooperation in staff nursing on new research projects" as well as for "more than usual devotion to duty."

Kenneth G. Carney, Marion L. Gundy, Dorothy B. Potbury, Elva R. Sawyer, Helen N. Smith, and Martha B. Smith, all employees in the Drafting Unit, Medical Arts Section, SRB-DRS, \$430 for "outstanding dedication to the job and consistent application of original ideas and planning."

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entrance of the Clinical Center, a part of the country estate of Mr. and Mrs. Luke I. Wilson.

Long used as a guest house by Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, the cottage was included in their initial gift of 45 acres to the Federal Government in 1935, which led to the relocation here in 1938 of the then National Institute of Health.

When NIH began its move here, the cottage was overgrown with honeysuckle and assorted vines, and its kitchen was equipped with a coal-burning stove, according to Clarence May, then Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, now NIH engineering consultant since his retirement in 1957.

Cottage Renovated

Mr. May promptly assigned a crew to clear, patch, and paint the building, and eventually replaced the old-fashioned kitchen stove and furnace with more modern equipment.

As NIH grew, Top Cottage was much in demand. The PHS Commissioned Officers met there each week, the lab chiefs used it for their luncheon meetings, the Commissioned Officers' wives held meetings there, and others used it regularly. It was also a popular spot for parties and receptions.

Moved on Skids

Then, in 1948, plans for the 14-story Clinical Center located the lobby of the proposed structure on the spot where Top Cottage then stood.

The contractor of that day solved the problem, according to Mr. May, by jacking up the cottage, putting it on skids, and sliding it down the hill to its present location.

There, for the next 12 years, it continued to serve NIH, but less and less as a meeting place. As the NIH population increased, it was found too small to accommodate the larger groups, and in due course Wilson Hall and other conference rooms were used instead.

In Use to the End

But up until its last days Top Cottage was still the place for a party. During its final month as a part of NIH, the old cottage was the scene of five evening parties and one seminar.

Many who have enjoyed its friendly atmosphere will view its passing with regret.

"I'm certainly sorry to see it go," said Clarence May. "Mrs. Wilson had a feeling for the place . . . and so do I. It was needed for a long time after she gave it to us, but I guess it's not needed now."

One cup of dark roast coffee contains one-fourth to one-third of the adult daily minimum requirement of niacin.

TOP COTTAGE, THEN AND NOW



This wintertime picture, resurrected from the NIH photo files, reveals Top Cottage in its original location, atop the wooded hill on which the Clinical Center now stands. In 1948 it was moved to . . .



. . . this location on the north side of Center Drive, where it now stands beneath the skeleton of the new 11-story Office Building. It will soon be disassembled for reconstruction on the Prince Georges County farm of Henry Norair, head of the firm constructing the Office Building.

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tended school with the help of the G.I. Bill of Rights, while working nights as a full-time pharmacy apprentice at Germantown Hospital.

Upon graduation he entered the Public Health Service and served a year in the Hospital Pharmacy Internship of the USPHS Hospital in Baltimore. Because of his demonstrated ability there, he was recruited for the pharmacy staff at the Clinical Center.

Here he showed such promise that his superiors selected him for training in the rapidly growing field of nuclear medicine. PHS sent him to the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies and the Robert A. Taft Sanitary Engineering Center to study radioisotope techniques and radiological health.

Thus equipped, Mr. Briner has since concentrated on the practical application of his knowledge and on the even greater mission of promoting a wider acknowledgement of the fact that radioisotopes used in medicine are, in fact, pharmaceu-

tical entities—and should be treated as such.

Mr. Briner is a full grade pharmacist in the Commissioned Corps of the PHS, was President of the Maryland Association of Hospital Pharmacists in 1956-57, and served as Chairman of the Committee on Radiopharmaceuticals of the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists during the last year of its existence.

Hoping to add a personal note to the story of Mr. Briner's career, this interviewer asked him what his interests were outside his work. What did he do in his spare time?

Mr. Briner laughed. "I'm embarrassed," he said. "I seem to have no spare time. Perhaps this incident will show you what I mean.

"One night I came home after a many-houred, three-day stint in the radioisotope lab here and was met at the door by my little boy and girl, Nicky and Barbara. Obviously they had been rehearsed by their mother, but they cried out in unison, 'Mommy, Mommy, there's a strange man in our living room!'"

Three from NIH To Participate in Cholera Meeting

Three NIH scientists will participate with more than 50 other scientists from SEATO countries and Japan at the first Conference on Cholera, to be held in Dacca, East Pakistan, December 5-8. The conference is sponsored by the South East Asia Treaty Organization and NIH.

Representatives from NIH are Dr. Joseph E. Smadel, Chief, Laboratory of Virology and Rickettsiology, DBS, who is chairman of the NIH Cholera Advisory Committee; Dr. John C. Feeley, Laboratory of Bacterial Products, DBS; and Dr. Robert S. Gordon, Jr., Laboratory of Cellular Physiology and Metabolism, NHI.

Lab to Be Dedicated

Dr. John D. Porterfield, Deputy Surgeon General, PHS, will attend the conference and bring greetings from PHS Surgeon General Leroy E. Burney. Also attending will be Dr. Fred L. Soper, NHI, who is the recently retired Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and Regional Director of WHO.

On the first day of the conference the new Pakistan-SEATO Cholera Research Laboratory will be dedicated by Lt. Gen. Mohammed Azam Khan, Governor of East Pakistan. The laboratory, a three-story wing of the Institute of Public Health in Dacca, was converted by the Government of Pakistan for research and ward work. Laboratory equipment was purchased by NIH with SEATO funds.

To Plan for Future

The conference, under the direction of Lt. Col. N. M. Haque, Dacca Medical College, will explore the latest findings in cholera research and will plan for future investigations aimed at the eventual eradication of cholera.

The seven sessions will cover the management of clinical cholera in established hospitals and in field stations, physiological changes in cholera, pathology and pathogenesis, vaccines and immunity, epidemiology, and a panel discussion on *Vibrio cholera* laboratory identification.

Jane Stafford, Medical Research Program Specialist, ORI, will serve as Scientific Information Consultant to the conference, with responsibility for the immediate analysis, interpretation and dissemination throughout the world of scientific information presented at the meeting. Miss Stafford will also be the associate editor of the conference proceedings.