Supply Catalog Is An Invaluable Aid To NIH Offices

One of the most important and widely used publications on the reservation is the NIH Supply Catalog. Tucked away among the teaching activities of the Supply Management Branch in Building T-13 is the office of the Supply Catalog—& a one-man operation with part-time secretarial help and a large measure of responsibility. The responsibility consists of keeping the scientific, medical, administrative, and maintenance personnel informed—through the medium of the Supply Catalog—of the “wares” immediately available from the well-stocked Central Storeroom.

Mr. Cohen, an employee of the Supply Management Branch calls attention to the finished product: the amount of planning, imagination, and ingenuity that is focused in the production of the Catalog. The author of this publication is Ben Cohen, an employee of the Supply Catalog. (See Catalog, Page 4)

New-Style Scientific Exhibits Are Lightweight, Portable

The new look in scientific exhibits designed by the Medical Arts Section, DRS, will be translucent plastic panels illuminated by fluorescent backlighting.

The design is open, free, and air contemporary as the materials it controls—fiberglass, Plexiglas, aluminum, and, occasionally, Formica, pegboard, and other plastics. Two exhibits incorporating the new design were displayed by the Institutes at scientific meetings held in 1960.

One of the two has 315 square feet of information surface, yet packs into space occupied by an old-style exhibit less than half that size.

Trend Is Recent

A third exhibit has been designed for a forthcoming meeting, and others are in the planning stage.

The trend toward lightweight, portable exhibits for NIH use began about two years ago after George P. Marsden, Chief of the Section, introduced the use of small exhibits that can be shipped in mailing tubes.

Mr. Marsden continued the search for new materials and new methods, and a year ago combined the contemporary approach in

Child Health Center Is Authorized for NIH

As this issue of the Record went to press, NIH top staff were meeting with PHS and DHEW officials to work out plans for prompt implementation of President Kennedy's order of February 8, authorizing establishment of a Child Health Center here as an extension of the research effort of the Public Health Service.

DHEW Secretary Ribicoff, pledging “fullest possible backing and encouragement” to the President's new program, pointed out that the proposed Child Health Center can be established within the Division of General Medical Sciences without the need for legislation.

Snow Dismissals Here to Follow Area Procedures

With Old Man Winter consistently providing heavy snowfalls and subfreezing temperatures, the question of “weather or not?” in relation to transportation and working hours has become one of mounting concern to Government offices and their thousands of employees within the Metropolitan Area of the Nation’s Capital.

For the information of the approximately 7,600 NIH employees within that area, Personnel Management Branch has prepared, and the Record is printing the following policy statement.

“On rare occasions, weather conditions will make it necessary to excuse or to dismiss employees of the National Institutes of Health, except for employees engaged in services which cannot be suspended or interrupted. When there is hazardous weather, the following procedures will be observed:

Excusing Personnel

“The Director, NIH, has determined that the National Institutes of Health will follow the procedure of the Metropolitan Area for excusing employees from work because of hazardous weather. Therefore, when there is a public announcement that Snow Emergency Plan No. 5 is in effect, this announcement will apply to NIH employees.

“Snow Emergency Plan No. 5 states that ‘those Federal and District Offices in the Washington area will remain closed today, and their employees excused from duty without charge to annual leave.’ . . . This announcement does not apply to those employees and those activities engaged in work which cannot be suspended without risk to the security of the United States, or danger to persons and property, or for other special public reasons. Such personnel have been previously designated by their Department or Agencies for this purpose.”

Early Dismissals

“The Director, NIH, will determine the need for early dismissals. (See DISMISSALS, Page 4)
NIAMD Mobile Unit Extends Arthritis Research Program

By Lillie Bailey

One of NIAMD's most unique approaches to arthritis research is a sleek, laboratory-equipped trailer unit operated by Dr. Thomas A. Burch of the Institute's Arthritis and Rheumatism Branch.

Working in close cooperation with local health authorities, Dr. Burch takes his mobile clinic not only into towns and cities in nearly every state of the union but frequently parks his unit at the very doorsteps of the patients' homes.

His follow-up studies on former participants in arthritis research studies at the Clinical Center may range from a one-day suburban trip to a swing through many states, extending over a period of several weeks.

Operations Extended
Although the use of mobile units for health and research purposes is not new, their operations have usually been restricted to a specific geographic area, where they have participated in field studies or conducted otherwise unavailing clinical services to isolated, house-bound patients.

NIAMD has extended the operation of its mobile research unit further than ever before, in order to cope with a necessary patient follow-up program and to determine the occurrence of Sjogren's Syndrome— a disorder closely related to rheumatoid arthritis—in the immediate families of Clinical Center patients with this disorder.

Trailer Is Compact
Physical examinations, X-rays, blood tests and other procedures are performed in this compact little clinic, a 22-foot self-contained trailer which also serves as Dr. Burch's living quarters while en route.

The carryall truck is equipped with a special 3,000-watt generator to provide electrical power for the special overhead lights and for the standard, portable X-ray machine. The trailer closet has been lined to provide protection from radiation and a safe storage space for exposed and unprocessed X-ray film. A 10-vial centrifuge rests on the sink drainboard, which doubles as a laboratory bench.

Families Are Studied
At the present time, follow-up and epidemiological studies are conducted on the families of patients who have been referred to the Clinical Center with Sjogren's Syndrome.

The patient and each of his relatives (15 years of age or over) is examined, and then similar studies are made on a neighbor of the patient of the same age, sex, and race, who does not have arthritis, and on her relatives.

Working alone on any given day, Dr. Burch may talk to and examine anywhere from two to 15 individuals of the patient's family or the chosen "control" family.

Evenings Are Busy
His busiest time comes in the evening, when most of the participants arrive after work. Then he carefully records any new illnesses or operations which the former patient may have had; notes the clinical history of each relative and control, with special reference to arthritis, rheumatism, or other joint involvement, and makes X-rays of the hands, feet, and neck.

He also takes blood samples for quantitative studies of certain blood components such as the rheumatoid factor, a substance found in the blood of most persons with rheumatoid arthritis.

Each patient and control is given a Schirmer's test to determine the degree of eye dryness, an indication (Continued on Page 4)
Photo Council Reelects Taylor to 4th Term

Vernon E. Taylor, Assistant Chief, Photographic Section, DRS, has been reelected to the National Council of the Professional Photographers of America, Inc., it was announced recently by Lawton Osborn, president of the 81-year-old professional group.

Mr. Taylor will be serving his fourth consecutive two-year term, continuing through December 31, 1962, and will act as a liaison officer between the Association and affiliated State, regional, and local photographic groups.

He will also be a delegate at the Ninth Annual National Industrial Photographic Conference and the Seventieth Exposition of Professional Photography, scheduled for next July 29-August 4, at the Statler Hilton Hotel, New York City.

Mr. Osborn said that members elected to the Council "have attained this position through demonstrated administrative ability and their unselfish devotion in advancing the photographic profession."

The Council includes 197 leaders in professional photography from all 50 States, Washington, D.C., and all Canadian provinces.

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due to hazardous weather conditions. Information concerning early dismissals will be released to the Institutes and Divisions through the Telephone Unit. All employees, who can be spared, will be released from duty by their supervisors, without charge to leave.

Tardiness

"Tardiness due to hazardous weather and/or transportation difficulties may be excused by supervisors without charge to leave.

Essential Services

"Institute Directors and Division Chiefs are requested to designate personnel who are employed in activities that must continue regardless of the weather. These employees should be informed that they are expected to report for duty or to remain at work in spite of weather conditions so that there will be continuation of essential services without confusion."

Taxpayer assistance days are Monday and Friday at local offices of the Internal Revenue Service. Hours are 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. A telephone call to your local office may save a trip.

Credit Union Sets Up Branch Office, Elects New Board Members

The NIH Credit Union opened a branch office in Building 12 on January 30. The new facilities are located in Room G-1622, at ground level on the west side.

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Offering the same services as the main office in Building 10, the new branch will also have a partitioned area to provide privacy for those applying for loans. The present stuff of two will be increased when necessary.

At the Credit Union annual meeting on January 19, the following members were elected to serve two years on the Board of Directors: John A. Beglin, OD; Dr. Jane Taylor, NCI; Dr. John E. Sherman, NIAMD; Dr. Morris Belkin, NCI; and Jeanne H. Walton, NHI.

Catherine V. Porter, NCI, and Margaret A. Badger, CC, were elected to serve two years on the Credit Committee.

As of December 31, the Credit Union reported 5,597 members and total assets of $1,730,355. A 4% percent dividend was paid to members for the last half of 1960.

Free and open design, backlighting, and lightweight plastic panels distinguish the new-style scientific exhibit (bottom) from the cumbersome traditional style (top). Packing space required is illustrated by boxes, right. Sketch by George P. Marsden, Chief, Medical Arts Section, DRS.

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J.T.T.

Robert E. Margraf, DRS, is the first NIH Credit Union member to transact business in the new Credit Union Branch Office in Building 12. Margaret Barron is one of the two CU employees now on duty in the new office.

the use of outsized or odd-shaped pieces.

The panels, frames, and lighting fixtures are designed as independent units that can be easily attached and combined in endless variety. The basic design can be supplemented with racks, shelves, and table or tilt-top surfaces.

Walter C. Ashe and Elaine S. Hamilton are working with Mr. Marsden in designing the new-type of exhibits. Philip R. Joram, the Section's plastics expert, is constantly on the lookout for new developments in plastics research that can be adapted to exhibit design and construction—J.T.T.
Dr. Mabel Ross Named Consultant to BSS
Dr. Mabel Ross, former Regional Mental Health Consultant for DHEW Regions I and II, was recently appointed Consultant to the Bureau of State Services.

Dr. Ross’ activities will be directed to extending the incorporation of mental health principles and practices into operating programs of BSS, and to maintaining liaison and close cooperation between NIMH and BSS.

The position was jointly developed by the NIMH Director, Dr. Robert H. Felix, and the BSS Chief, Dr. T. J. Baer.

Dr. Ross served previously as a psychiatrist at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and the Colorado Psychopathic Hospital, and was Executive Director of the Guidance Center in Buffalo, N.Y. During World War II she was a psychiatrist for the British Ministry of Health.

After heading the U.S. Commissioned Corps in 1947, Dr. Ross became Director of the Prince Georges County Mental Hygiene Clinic, and in 1951 was appointed to NIMH as a Regional Consultant.

Shirley Burdette Wins CSC Honor Certificate
Shirley Burdette, a clerk-stenographer with the Employee Relations and Services Section, PMB, recently received an Honor Award Certificate for her previous contributions as a member of the Civil Service Commission’s Health Benefits Task Force.

Prior to her NIH appointment last March, Shirley spent six months at the CSC as a member of the work group which was cited for “shaping the tremendous job of implementing the Federal Employee Health Insurance Plan into the nation’s largest employee health insurance program.”

‘Mrs. Feathers’ Dies
Blanche H. Featherstonhaugh, 69, former manager of the Building 1 cafeteria, died suddenly January 30 in Suburban Hospital.

Known affectionately as “Mrs. Feathers,” she was manager of the cafeteria from its opening in January 1939 until her retirement 20 years later. Before her GSI assignment at NIH, she was a nutritionist at Woodrow Wilson High School.

A native of Marion, Iowa, Mrs. Featherstonhaugh was educated at Vanderbilt University and the University of Chicago. She came to Washington in 1930 and at the time of her death had been a long-time resident of Bethesda.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Raymond E. Baker; a son, Arthur C. Featherstonhaugh; and a brother, Marshall J. Hickman.

Research Extended by Mobile Unit (Continued from Page 2)

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Mr. Sommerville Will Give Talks on Work With Parasic Nematodes
Mr. Sommerville will also address the Helminthological Society on Mar. 16, at 8 P.M., in Wilson Hall.

Dr. Larson is Visitor at Pasteur Institute
Dr. Karl L. Larson, Director of NIAID’s Laboratory in Hamilton, Mont., is a guest worker at the Institute of Pasteur in Paris where he started on the nine-month assignment last September.

In association with Dr. Jean Breyte of the Tuberculosis Service of the Pasteur Institute, Dr. Larson is studying an adverse reaction to typhoid in Paris. He is conducting a study of the factors which influence the growth and development of the Pasteurella in in vitro cultures.

Dr. Larson also expressed his interest in the extension of chemotherapy to the treatment of human disease.

Dr. Brown Wins Award for Hormone Studies
Dr. J. Harold Upton, Brown, Executive Secretary of the Physiology Training Committee, Research Training Branch, DGMAS, was awarded the Sigma Xi Science Award in December at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., for his work in intracellular localization of anterior pituitary hormones.