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## NAL TO OBSERVE FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Most fires can be prevented by simple precautions that everyone should know. To date, NAL has been relatively fortunate in that there have been only a few fires on its 6,800-acre site and none has caused any major injuries or damage to permanent structures.

In the hope that the record of fire damage will continue to be relatively small on the site, NAL Fire Chief Leonard Grimstead is planning an educational program for employees as part of the Laboratory's first formal participation in the national Fire Prevention Week program October 4 through 10.

"We need the continuing co-operation of every NAL, DUSAF and subcontractors' employee to minimize the fire hazard during this organizational and construction period," observes Grimstead, who, at 37, has had 15 years of fire-fighting experience as a member of both the Cicero, Ill., and the Argonne National Laboratory's fire departments.

During the National Fire Prevention Week, Grimstead plans to stage special fire-extinguisher training programs for every employee on October 5, 6 and 7. "The object will be to make certain that employees both in the Village and at the Main Site are properly trained in handling the emergency fire extinguishers which have been placed around the entire site," he explained. In addition, each employee will receive a package of fire prevention literature prepared by the National Fire Protection Association, Boston, Mass.



LEONARD GRIMSTEAD

Grimstead, a member of the Kane County Fire Chiefs Association, presently heads a force of 18 volunteers. John Dinkel, electrical engineer, Booster, is assistant fire chief. The volunteers are employees of virtually every NAL scientific, technical and administrative section. They are on call from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily and receive extra compensation for after-hours drills and work on the maintenance of the three pieces of equipment garaged at the north end of Sauk Boulevard in the NAL fire house. The fire department is under the general direction of Rudy Dorner, Site Manager.

After hours, the NAL site is protected by the Batavia fire department under a contract between that city and the Laboratory. Some NAL volunteers have been responding to Batavia fire calls to receive additional training. Batavia is a member of the Kane County mutual aid fire protection unit, which also includes another NAL neighbor - West Chicago.

In any emergency, NAL employees are asked to Dial 13 on the Laboratory telephone system and to provide the operator with details. She immediately will broadcast the alarm over the "beeper system" -- portable radios carried by the NAL volunteers. The village siren no longer is used to alert the volunteers; it only is used to alert employees and others of possible tornadoes in the area.

Grimstead estimates that he can turn out from 10 to 16 volunteers on any week-day

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alarm. He says that the first five minutes are the most critical in terms of how fast his department will be able to get a fire under control and pleads for immediate alarms of any fire, however small it might first appear to be.

Some of the hazards on the NAL site, as seen by Grimstead, include: (1) the tinder-like grasslands; (2) abandoned farm buildings which are targets for would-be arsonists; and (3) paper-strewn offices with hot plate appliances that might be left on inadvertently at night.

"I am pleased by the record in the Village. We have not had any major fires in it to date and this is due largely because our employees are conscious of the hazards," he says.

Specifications are being developed now for a fourth piece of fire equipment -- a specially-built emergency truck which will have compartments for unique equipment, including a Six Kw generator, flood lights and air masks.

On November 5, the Laboratory will be host to the Kane County Firemen's Association meeting at an evening meeting. It will include a tour of the site and an inspection of the equipment. It is expected that about 125 members of various fire departments in the Fox Valley area will attend.

Following is a partial text of a report to Rudy Dorner on a fire which took place at Farm Site 66 (Wilson Road) early Friday, September 4:

"At approximately 2:40 a.m. the Wackenhut Security Patrol discovered a fire in the barn at Farm Site 66 on Wilson Road. The Batavia Fire Department was notified and were on the scene at approximately 2:50 a.m. At approximately 3:00 a.m. Unit 101 of the N.A.L. Fire Department responded to the scene in time to supply water to the Batavia Fire Department units on the scene. Unit 101 remained on the scene manned by N.A.L. firefighter Charles Grozis on stand-by.

At approximately 3:15 a.m. the N.A.L. Fire Chief was notified by telephone and responded to the scene.

The barn and its contents of baled hay were consumed as well as an adjoining building. A wood shed structure immediately adjacent to the burning barn's Southwest corner was saved through the quick action of the Batavia Fire Department.

A wood building to the East of the fire was found to show signs of attempted arson, in that undamaged wooden siding was broken off and piled inside the doorway in such a way as to leave no doubt that another fire was at least being prepared. Apparently this second fire was not set because of either the rapidly developing barn fire or the arrival of the Security Patrol.

The Bataiva Fire Department was released at about 8:15 a.m. while N.A.L. Unit 101 stood by until approximately 8:30 a.m.

A fire watch was then employed using a farm management group employee until further steps could be taken, once it was established the fire could not spread."

This fire took place only a few hours after fire swept through the vacant Kane County Home for the Elderly just to the west of Kirk Road on Averill Road about a quarter mile from the northern end of the NAL site. It was the fifth fire reported in the County Home within a 16-hour period Friday. The 100-year-old building, which was being demolished, was totally destroyed by the fire. An empty wine bottle was found in the attic after one of the fires.

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Photo Courtesy of Chicago Sun-Times

....MEANTIME, A CONCRETE SUBJECT: Work continues on the Main Ring enclosure -- four miles in circumference and 1.24 miles in diameter. Thanks to good planning, hard work, and better-than-expected weather, the enclosure for the largest single component in the NAL accelerator system has been more than half completed. Present plans call for the enclosure to be finished about mid-October. After the enclosure is sealed together, earth shielding will be back-filled atop it. It is hoped that the entire Main Enclosure system, including magnets, will be completed early in 1971....



## WHERE WE LIVE

Where do NAL employees live? That is an often asked question. A recent survey by Mrs. Sandra Rumble, Public Information, provides the following informal break-down:

Aurora	150	Lisle	13
Batavia	45	Lockport	18
Chicago	44	Lombard	17
Downers Grove	30	Naperville	39
Elgin	19	North Aurora	20
Geneva	19	St. Charles	21
Glen Ellyn	29	Warrenville	14
Joliet	33	West Chicago	29
LaGrange	10	Wheaton	43

### Other Communities In Which We Live (\*)

Addison	Elmwood Park	Mount Prospect	Sandwich
Arlington Heights	Forest Park	Newark	Sheridan
Barrington	Glendale Heights	New Lenox	Somonauk
Bartlett	Hanover Park	Niles	South Elgin
Bedford	Hazelcrest	North Riverside	South Holland
Berwyn	Hickory Hills	Oakbrook	Streamwood
Bolingbrook	Hinsdale	Oak Lawn	Villa Park
Bridgview	Justice	Oak Park	Waukegan
Broadview	Lemont	Odell	Wayne
Brookfield	Lyons	Oswego	Westchester
Carol Stream	Maple Park	Palos Heights	Western Springs
Carpentersville	Maywood	Park Forest	Westmont
Cary	Millbrook	Plainfield	Winfield
Clarendon Hills	Melrose Park	Prospect Heights	Wood Dale
Elburn	Merrionette Park	Riverside	Woodridge
Elmhurst	Montgomery	Romeoville	Yorkville

(\*Fewer than 10 employees per community)

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### 65 APPLY UNDER TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

To date, 65 NAL employees have requested applications for participation in the Laboratory's tuition reimbursement program for the Fall Term of 1970. Any degree program or formal course which the Laboratory deems appropriate and relevant will be approved for reimbursement. Reimbursement is contingent upon the receipt of a grade accepted by the school for credit or a statement of satisfactory completion from the school. William Butler, Personnel, is in charge of the Laboratory's programs for employee education and development. Copies of catalogs for both public and private colleges in the area are available at 21 Sauk, NAL Village.

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REMINDER: Anti-flu shots can be obtained by NAL employees during the month of October at the First Aid house at 24 Sauk in the Village.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The second annual Halloween "Costume Capers" will be held Saturday, October 24, at 8:00 p.m. in the NAL Village Barn.

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HAPPENINGS AT THE 200 BeV AREA OFFICE ~ By Minerva H. Sanders

A "good-bye" luncheon was held for Pamela Bassett and Louise Schusler on September 15 at the Viking Steak House. Louise has made plans to visit relatives in Texas and Pamela has signed up for a modeling course at the Patricia Stevens Modeling and Charm School in Chicago. A \$25 U.S. Savings Bond was presented to each of them on their last day.

We extend a warm welcome to Loretta Miller, who replaces Ruth Salach as secretary to our engineering staff. Loretta comes to us from our CH Construction Division, Argonne. Also new on the scene is Richard Figlik, electrical engineer. Richard, his wife, Marilyn, and their two boys reside in Elburn, Ill.

Latest word from John Ryan, our structural engineer, is that he hopes to be back on the job next week. John recently underwent surgery, but as you can see all of our prayers got through and he's feeling fine now.

Andy Mravca, our Assistant to the Area Manager for Technical Operation, (how about that for a title?) and his family just returned from a vacation in Florida. Naturally, Andy told us about the big one that got away while he was fishing.

On September 16, Fred C. Mattmueller, Deputy Area Manager, "did his thing" in keeping the Area Office in the limelight by being the featured speaker before the Society for Advancement of Management Clearing Chapter. The meeting was held at the Clearing Building in Chicago. Cocktails were served at 5:30 p.m., dinner was at 6:00 p.m. and at 7:15 p.m., Mr. Mattmueller gave his talk on "Creating and Organizing for a 200 BeV Accelerator Facility Near Chicago, Illinois."



--- ANDREW E. MRAVCA ---

William A. Donato, Counsel, has been assigned to us five days a week now. (Sorry CH, but we need him more than you do.) How glad we are!!!!!!

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METROPOLITAN CRUSADE OF MERCY - 1970

During the month of October the Laboratory will be participating in the Metropolitan Crusade of Mercy. Ralph Wagner, of Personnel, will serve as Campaign Manager. Close to 100 community chests and united funds share in the drive along with the Chicago Community Fund and the American Red Cross.

Pledge cards will be available in the near future and a one time payroll deduction will be available to accommodate contributions.

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**SPEED READING:** If you are interested in enrolling in a Speed-Reading course-- which could be held in the NAL Village after working hours -- please contact William Butler, Personnel, at Ext. 397. A rapid reading course was held in the Village for NAL employees last Spring and it was regarded as quite a success by many enrollees.

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**HAPPY HOURS:** The next NAL Happy Hours in the Village are scheduled for Wednesday, October 21; Thursday, November 12; Tuesday, December 1, and Wednesday, December 23.

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SEEK VOLUNTEERS FOR "HEAD START" PROGRAM

Warren Cannon, of the Equal Opportunity office, has passed along a request from the Kane County Council for Economic Opportunity. The Council has opened the Aurora "Head Start" program in the Main Baptist Church, 816 East Galena Blvd., Aurora, and there are three classrooms bulging with children who need someone to assist in challenging them toward achievement and motivation. Each classroom needs a volunteer each day. NAL, DUSAF and AEC wives and friends interested in taking part in the program are asked to contact Mrs. Dan Schifeling by calling 879-2182. The Kane County Council headquarters is at 10 West Wilson, Batavia

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BIKE RACES TO BE HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

The third annual NAL bike race has been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 6, during the lunch hour -- at 12:30 p.m. It originally was scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, but was postponed due to inclement weather. There will be two races, one for men and another for women. Starting point will be 21 Sauk in the Village. No modified bikes will be permitted; only Lab bikes or their equivalent. Raleighs may be ridden, but because of the diminishing number of them, there will not be a separate race for them. Don Champion is chairman of the event. "To enter, just appear at 21 Sauk with a bike and lots of energy," he says.

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NALWO BULLETIN  
(Mrs. Nancy Teng, Editor)

COMING EVENT: First regular monthly meeting of  
NALWO, Village Barn, October 20,  
1:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!!!!

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR RENT - Townhouse, 2 bedroom, basement finished, full carpeting, air conditioning, swimming pool and club house. Car pool available. Call 879-2900, Ext. 237. Located in Brandywine.

FOR SALE - Slightly used flute and clarinet. Excellent tone. Call Fran, Ext. 351. A real steal at \$50.00 each.

FOR SALE - 1968 Triumph 250 CC. motorcycle. 1,500 miles. Need kickstand. \$450. Also 1926 Victor phonograph in cabinet with voice box, extra needles and record "Home Sweet Home." \$175.00. Call Mike Hall, Ext. 521.

FOR SALE - Dodge Dart '64. Green color, automatic transmission, power steering. \$370.00 Call P.M. Jhaveri, 879-2900, Ext. 242 or 261-9127.

FOR SALE - 2 Pontiac rims with tires. 8.25-14. \$25. Call J. Zouganelis, Ext. 275.

FOR SALE - Burroughs adding machine. \$20. Call Dick Utt, Ext. 246.

FOUND - Key to G.M. auto in parking area along Neuqua between Main Ring and Booster. Call Ext. 351.

FOR SALE - 10 cu. ft. refrigerator \$75.00, GE dishwasher \$60. Call F. Mehring 879-7580 or 424-3429.

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