

## HELPING OTHERS AND YOURSELF



A five year old child sits in a wheel chair in the hospital, a steel rod fastened to the chair with a bottle of liquid hanging from the rod above the child's head. A tube leads from the bottle to his arm, where it is taped securely. The child has leukemia. Drugs are slowly dripping into his arm to fight the disease.

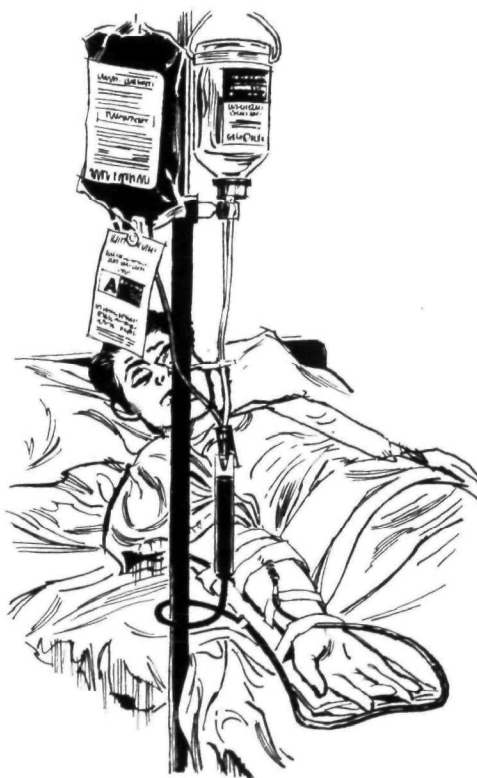
The child is smiling at something his mother said. He is not in pain. But the drugs will interfere with his body's ability to make blood platelets. He needs the tiny, saucer-shaped platelets so he will not bleed internally.

This morning employees in Durham and Research Triangle Park gave blood at the Durham Red Cross Center. Some of their blood will go to this child. The donors are helping the child live for precious months or years while researchers search for a cure for leukemia.

Every day the Durham Red Cross counts on citizens in the community to donate blood--some to be used immediately and some to be stored for later use for accident victims, in surgery, to fight shock.

Twice a month EPA employees are asked to give blood to meet the daily quota for the hospitals in the area. The community counts on us. And in return, we can feel good knowing we help make available the safest blood--voluntarily donated--for ourselves and our neighbors.

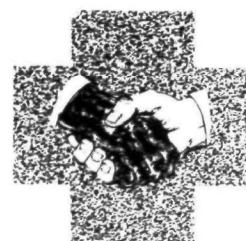
When you are called to give, please say "yes."



Typhoon Pamela recently caused severe damage on Guam and the islands of Truk, Rota, and Saipan. The American National Red Cross has advised us that approximately 14,000 families have been affected by the ravages of this storm and the estimated cost of disaster relief is expected to exceed \$10 million. Also, recent floods in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the Teton dam break in Idaho have necessitated increased commitments from the Red Cross. Over 1,000 families are expected to need aid before the operation ends in Tulsa, and more than 5,000 families in Idaho are estimated to have been affected by the Teton dam break, which will result in Red Cross expenditures exceeding \$3.5 million.

The Red Cross has mobilized its full resources to assist the victims of these tragic disasters. Because these latest disasters come at a time when Red Cross emergency funds have been seriously depleted, it is necessary for the Red Cross to appeal to the American public for help in raising the needed funds through their local Red Cross chapters.

Federal employees have always responded generously when they know the need is great. The need is great now! Please contact your local Red Cross chapter and let them know you wish to provide assistance for the victims of these recent disasters.



## WHO'S UP FRONT

The three secretaries who are "Up Front" for July are Brenda Foil, IPD/IERL, Naomi Teasly, GSD/OA, and Ann Asbill, MDAD/OAQPS.



Brenda Foil

Brenda is secretary to Chick Craig, Director, Industrial Processes Division, IERL. She is married and has a very active two-year old, Jason. She is a graduate of Durham High School and Croft Business College. Prior to her Government service, Brenda was a secretary at General Telephone Company of the Southeast. Brenda started to work for the Government in April 1969, in what was then NAPCA. In 1971 she transferred to Control Systems Division (now IERL). She is the IERL representative for FWP, and a reporter for the Cleaner Times. Her interests are gardening, crocheting, spectator sports (football and basketball), and she's an avid Carolina fan. She also loves animals and has three Basset Hounds.

In the absence of her boss, Chick Craig, we asked Dale Denny, Chief, Chemical Processes Branch, to tell us something about Brenda. He said, "I was really pleased to hear that Brenda had been selected as "Secretary of the Month" for ERC. Brenda

is one of the more competent secretaries that it has been my pleasure to work with. Not only does she handle her own job exceptionally well, but she consistently is able to find time and go out of her way to help other people in the department. She goes about all her work cheerfully and is a true asset to EPA."



Naomi Teasly

Naomi is secretary to Don Hartman, Director, General Services Division, OA. She was born and raised in the metropolitan area of Washington, D.C. She graduated from McKinley High School and attended Strayer Business College. She is married and has two children, Douglas, 10 and Monica, 9. Naomi and her husband, Wilbert, moved to North Carolina in 1971 to open and operate a food service establishment in Franklinton, N.C., but after two years at it they decided to lease out the business and Naomi returned to Federal service. The family now resides in Cary, N.C. Her hobbies include sewing and dress design. She enjoys all sports, especially swimming and tennis and she likes to go camping and horseback riding. Her plans for the future include an early retirement and extensive travel throughout the fifty states.

Don Hartman says, "Naomi has been

a pleasant addition to the division since she started a little over a year ago. Her desire to be helpful has made a big impact on the service capabilities of our office. She has shown unusual initiative in numerous complicated projects to which she was assigned--and always came up smiling. General Services is most fortunate to have Naomi as part of the division staff."



Ann Asbill

Ann is secretary to Joseph Tikvart, Chief, Source Receptor Analysis Branch, MDAD/OAQPS. She is a native North Carolinian, born in Ellerbe, N.C., and educated in the Ellerbe schools. She received her secretarial training at Alamogordo Secretarial School, Alamogordo, New Mexico, and Fayetteville Tech in North Carolina. She and her husband, Gene, who is retired from the military, live in the Walnut Hills area of Cary with their three sons. Her civil service career began in 1962 with the Army at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. She traveled with her husband during his military career and worked on numerous occasions for the Army and Air Force. Her first civil service job with a civilian agency was with EPA and in August she will celebrate her (cont'd on page 3)

## PERSON - TO - PERSON

Leonard Mole, Biochemistry Branch/Environmental Toxicology Division, and his wife Pam, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Caroline Christina, 7 lbs. 11 ozs., born June 24.

Judy Cannon, CMD/OA, gave birth to an 8 lb. 2 oz, boy, Wesley J., June 20.

Gail Drake, HERL/RTP, gave birth to a son, 7 lbs. 7 ozs, June 28.

The second annual carnival for handicapped children was held at the Dorton Arena on July 22. The City of Raleigh's Recreation Department coordinated the event and many others in the community donated their time and equipment to give handicapped children an afternoon of fun. We know of at least one EPA employee who contributed substantially to the affair. This employee insists on remaining anonymous. Though we can't give direct credit, we would like to recognize and commend all employees who support their community--especially when it's for those who are less fortunate.

A luncheon, June 9, at the Villa Capri in Raleigh, honored Ms. Nancy Cash, EMSL Administrative Officer, who resigned to spend some time at home in Creedmoor, N.C. Nancy plans to pursue some of her hobbies, teach music, and open her own gift shop. Even though we'll miss her, we wish her the best of luck in her new endeavors.

Gary McCutchen, ESED/OAQPS, has recently been appointed to the Special Interest Working Group on Triangle J Council of Governments 208 Water Planning Study. Gary represents "Goals for Cary," a citizen group active in local Government affairs. The Research Triangle area was the first in the country to receive EPA's 208 Planning Grant. The Areawide Waste Treatment Management Plan is designed to deal with serious water pollution problems that often plague urban areas. Areawide planning considers a lot more than just the waste treatment aspects of the problem. Related issues of concern include land use, zoning, development, transportation strategies, air quality and solid waste management. Good luck, Gary. That's a big job.

A farewell dinner was given in honor of APTIC employees at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Halpin.

Employees of APTIC are seeking careers elsewhere as services of APTIC are being merged with another activity of EPA. Best of luck to Mary Rice and Phyllis Minton who are now with EPA, Washington, D.C.

EMSL welcomes two new members to its staff: Mr. Harold Sauls, who recently joined our Statistical and Technical Analysis Branch, and Ms. Nell Carras, who has assumed the duties of Administrative Officer.

Mr. A. B. Arnold, Emissions Research Branch, ESRL/RTP, is in the Intensive Care Unit at Watts Hospital. Although he cannot have visitors at present, he would like to hear from his friends and associates.

Mary Daniels, Biomedical Research Branch, HERL/RTP, gave birth to a baby girl, Alison Rachel, 8 lbs. 10 ozs., June 30, 1976.

## EPA'S GRAPHIC DESIGN PROGRAM

Just about a year ago Chermayeff and Geismar Associates were retained by EPA to review existing EPA communications and to develop new tools and methods for improving the visual identity of the Agency. This program is part of a total Federal design program being sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts. It is estimated that savings to Federal agencies will be between 12 and 15 percent in printing and design costs. The cost to EPA for development of a total design concept by Chermayeff and Geismar Associates was \$68,000.

Comments by EPA'ers have been discussed with Mr. Chermayeff and he is now incorporating these suggestions into a final package. A decision on a graphics approach and the possibility of a new logo is expected in the next month or two.

A slide program and accompanying script are available from the Public Affairs Office, ext. 2951, for those of you who missed the formal presentations.

### QUALITY SALARY INCREASES - June 1976

Judith E. Cook - IERL  
Conniesue B. Oldham - IERL  
Betty M. Sorrell - EMSL  
Myra K. Stewart - HERL  
Frank F. McElroy - EMSL  
Vinson L. Thompson - EMSL  
C. Frederick Smith - EMSL  
Kenneth A. Rehme - EMSL  
Joanne Freeland - HERL

### CONTINUED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE:

Bettie A. Haley - ESRL

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fifth anniversary as secretary to Joe Tikvart. However, Ann is not committed solely to her job. In addition to managing a household of four males, she is an active member and participant in the many functions of Cary's First United Methodist Church. She has had a variety of hobbies over the years. Currently, the Asbill family has the camping "bug" and have just acquired a new travel trailer. The remainder of the Bicentennial summer week-ends will find the Asbills at the shore or in the mountains.

Joe Tikvart has this to say about Ann. "Ann has two attributes which all good secretaries should possess but only the exceptional, such as Ann, use on a day-to-day basis. First, she maintains high standards for the quality and appearances of all Branch communications. She is sensitive to the choice of words, possesses a keen eye for the misspelled word or the omitted punctuation mark, and skillfully uses all the modern secretarial aids to develop crisp, error-free written communications. Second, she understands and appreciates the functions of the Source Receptor Analysis Branch and the activities and priorities of myself and other key personnel. Her good judgment and intuition concerning my needs enables her to correctly decide whether or not to interrupt a conference, to make an appointment or to redistribute the typing workload. Best of all, Ann performs these tasks with skill, grace, and good humor. In short, she is a pleasure to work with and makes my job much easier than it would be without her."

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# BICENTENNIAL FACT

TWO CENTURIES OF INDEPENDENCE  
COMMEMORATED

Parades and pageants, prayers and picnics, bell-ringing, candle lighting and fireworks commemorated two centuries of independence, and ushered in the nation's third century over Independence Week-end 1976.

Across the nation and around the world, people paused to note a special moment in the history of the world's oldest, continuously existing republic.

"To Americans, it meant that the blueprints of the nation--the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights--still served them well. To foreigners, it meant that the 200-year-old experiment in self-government continued to stand as a beacon of freedom."

That was the opinion of John W. Warner, Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA), the Federal Agency established to stimulate and encourage participation in the Bicentennial.

Citizen participation was great in almost every community from coast to coast, in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and Territories of Guam, American Samoa and the Virgin Islands.

A simultaneous, nationwide ringing of bells on July 4th heralded the country's entrance into its third century.

Communities, churches, schools, fire departments, universities, and individuals were asked by the ARBA to toll bells and carillons in conjunction with the ringing of the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia at 2:00 p.m. (EDT). The time selected was exactly 200 years from the precise moment that the Liberty Bell proclaimed the independence of the new nation.



Joan Currin started off the July 4th celebrations in the right spirit--adding fun and color to the Director's Office in EMSL. Joan's sister-in-law made her the "colonial" dress and cap for Christmas along with a promise that Joan would wear it for our country's birthday. Thanks for adding to the 1976 spirit, Joan!

## CONFERENCES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

The 28th Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy will be held at the Cleveland Convention Center, Cleveland, Ohio, February 28-March 4, 1977. Deadline for submission of abstracts is September 15, 1976.

The Association of Official Analytical Chemists will hold its 2nd Annual Spring Workshop May 4-6, 1977, at Stouffer's Inn, Cincinnati, Ohio. The 90th Annual Meeting will be held October 18-21, at the Marriott Hotel, Twin Bridges, Washington, D.C.

Richard Stern, Chief, Process Technology Branch, IERL/RTP, will address the 69th Annual Meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers on the subject of "Flue Gas Treatment for NO<sub>x</sub> and Simultaneous SO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>x</sub> Control," in Chicago, Illinois, November 28-December 2.

A National AEROS meeting has been scheduled at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, on August 17-20, by the National Air Data Branch, OAQPS. Region VIII will serve as hosts. The agenda will focus on presentations by the AEROS contacts and personnel of NADB in regard to status of systems and review of current plans and activities.

## EPA REPORTS AIR GETTING CLEANER

The EPA, in its annual report to Congress on "Progress in the Prevention and Control of Air Pollution in 1975," said that the nation's air quality continues to improve, but much remains to be accomplished. The report was compiled by EPA'ers in OAQPS.

Highlights of the report include:

- Year-round average levels of sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and particulate matter continue to decline.
- Of the approximately 20,000 major stationary sources of pollution, 82% now comply with emission limits or are meeting compliance schedules.
- Nearly 600 enforcement actions were initiated against stationary sources. This was more legal actions than in the three previous years combined.
- More than 18,000 gasoline service stations were inspected to ensure that unleaded fuel is being sold. Only 160 samples were found to be in violation.
- EPA monitored approximately 1.18 million vehicles which had been voluntarily recalled by automobile manufacturers for emission-related defects.
- State and local funds for air pollution progress increased approximately 20% (\$17 million) over FY 74 levels, and Federal support during this period increased by 2% (1.6 million).

The editors of the "Cleaner Times" wish to apologize for omitting the following EPA student employees from the list of NCCU graduates in the June issue:

Andrea Purvis  
Linda Lanier  
Daryl Mason  
Robert Davis