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On the cover

Our cover this month is a tribute to two groups of people who at first glance appear to be at opposite ends of the spectrum — pensioners and Inco scholars. It symbolizes change — in this case the change that occurs when people enter and leave different phases of life. We salute the 1985 Inco Scholars, people who are entering a new phase of their educational lives. And at the same time we recognize pensioners, people who are also entering a new phase of their lives. Photos and write-ups of the scholarship winners begin on page 4 and pensioners interviews begin on page 20.



Fred Fell is the first Shebandowan employee to be certified as an "Underground Hard Rock Miner". He has had a variety of mining experiences with various mining companies dating back to 1963. He joined Inco in 1973 and during his 12 years with the Company Fred has performed many of the jobs required at the Shebandowan Complex. He has also been a member of the mine rescue team for the last 12 years. Admiring Fred's certificate are, from left, Bud Rohn, mine/maintenance general foreman, Bill Anderson, manager of Shebandowan, Fred Fell and Frank Wolt, safety/ventilation supervisor.



Local 6500 president Ron McDonald, left and Ontario division president Mike Sopko shake hands after signing the new Collective Bargaining Agreement between Inco Limited and Locals 6500 and 6200 of the United Steelworkers of America. The new contract runs for three years and will expire on May 31, 1988.

"Another couple of minutes ... and he would have drowned"

During the summer vacation period many people will be enjoying the beauty and abundance of lakes in our Ontario northland. Most will return from their vacation relaxed and refreshed but invariably there is always the possibility of a tragedy that could have been avoided.

It was just this possibility that prompted Ross Clute, an Inco employee at the oxygen plant, to write to John Robson, superintendent of the oxygen plant about a boating tragedy that was avoided because of the quick action of Gerry Gauthier. Gerry also works at the oxygen plant.

We thought the story was timely and would like to share it with our readers in the hope that it might help avoid a similar tragedy from occurring.

"I didn't mean for this to come out of it," Gerry Gauthier says, his voice trailing off into inaudibility. He was expressing a natural modesty in receiving recognition for something he feels anyone would have done in the same position.

Early in June, Gerry and his wife Mona were at their camp on Lake Nepawassi. The day was noteworthy only because the high wind had whipped up the waves on the lake ruining a day's fishing. In 20 years, he says he has seen the lake that rough only a half dozen times before.

Gerry happened to be looking out the window of his camp when he spotted something flip-flopping over the water a few hundred yards out. At first he suspected it was a piece of plywood because the wind was indeed that strong. Closer inspection with binoculars revealed that the object was an air mattress being blown from wave to wave.

Then Gerry spotted a canoe with



Gerry Gauthier and his wife Mona have first-hand knowledge of the importance of life jackets.

two people in it. One of them stood up in the craft and dove into the water. "I knew there must have been some kind of trouble," he explains. "Nobody jumps out of a boat in conditions like that unless something is happening."

Gerry and Mona, a former lifeguard, got into their 50-horsepower boat and went out to investigate. Approaching the bobbing craft, they found it occupied by a pair of frightened teenage girls. The one who had jumped into the water had fortunately managed to climb back in.

Some distance away they saw the reason for their distress, a third person, a teenage boy floundering in the water.

According to Gerry the girls were attempting to cross the lake, thinking conditions were not as bad as they were. They soon found themselves in trouble and called for help from one of the girl's brothers on shore. He attempted to swim out to them aboard

an air mattress but the strong wind ripped it from his hands and he was forced to swim towards the canoe which was being blown away from him as fast as he could swim towards it.

"When we got there the guy was totally exhausted," Gerry remarks. Another couple of minutes in the cold water and it is almost certain he would have drowned, he feels. Neither the lad in the water nor the girls had a life jacket. "There was not one in sight," he adds.

Gerry was able to pull the struggling swimmer to safety with the help of a paddle.

Gerry says that he and his wife are happy that everything worked out well and the kids are safe. He notes that his camp is the last one in that area of the lake. With the teenagers being pushed past his place, there would have been no one else around to notice them. "God knows what would have happened," he states.

Inco scholarship winners

The Inco Reserved Scholarship Competition was started in 1956 and scholarships have been awarded annually since that time. The scholarships have a possible tenure of up to four academic years and provide tuition and associated academic fees, on a yearly basis, up to a maximum of \$1,500 and a personal grant of \$750. An additional annual grant of up to \$500 is also provided to the university department in which the student is enrolled.

In order to be eligible, students must be enrolled in a full program of studies required for university admission. The winners are chosen by an independent

scholarship committee composed of high school principals. Candidates are judged on the basis of their complete academic record, SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) and TSWE (Test of Standard Written English) scores, personal information provided by the students and a characterization report from their high schools.

This year 20 scholarships were awarded to children of Canadian employees and pensioners. Of that number, 15 were won by students in the Sudbury area, one by a student in the Port Colborne area, three by students in the Manitoba Division and one by a student in a Toronto administered location.

We are pleased to present the 1985 Inco Reserved

Scholarship winners for Ontario.



Douglas Morrison is the son of Don Morrison who is the manager of metallurgical and cost evaluations at the Toronto office. Doug enjoys playing basketball on a recreational and competitive level and relaxes by listening to music. He is a graduate of Erindale Secondary School in Toronto and plans to pursue a degree in electrical engineering at the University of Waterloo. His career goal is to do research work in the field of communications.



Diana Stankus is a graduate of Lockerby Composite School in Sudbury and is the daughter of Justin Stankus, a member of the cleaning services department in Copper Cliff. She plans to attend the University of Toronto to study commerce and has a long term goal of becoming a Chartered Accountant. She enjoys all types of music and plays the guitar and violin. Sports such as skiing, windsurfing, basketball, football and tennis are also of interest to her.



Steven Jay is the son of Frank Jay, manager of mines engineering in Copper Cliff. Steven plans to attend the University of Waterloo to study mathematics and would like to pursue a career in actuarial science. In his leisure time he enjoys listening to music and spending time with friends. He is interested in a variety of sports but especially enjoys tennis. He is a graduate of Lo Ellen Park Secondary School.



A graduate of Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, **Patty Ann Ryan**, will be attending the University of Toronto where she intends to study pharmacology. The field of medical research is where her current ambitions lie. Playing the guitar and sports are her main hobbies. She is the daughter of Peter Ryan, manager, central mills.



The University of Western Ontario is where **Michael Aniol** of Lasalle Secondary School will be going to study sciences. Medicine, particularly microsurgery, is currently his career goal. He is the son of George Aniol, a geologist at Stobie mine. Among his interests are swimming, scuba diving, military modelling, canoeing and camping.



Dan Ewing is the son of Brian Ewing, supervisor of services at the Copper Cliff smelter. He is a graduate of Lockerby Composite School who will attend the University of Waterloo to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering. Following some post-graduate study he hopes to work in the aerospace industry. Sports and outer space are his main interests.



Cindy Maier hopes to eventually work in the medical field at a place such as the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children. She plans to attend the University of Toronto where she will study science. A graduate of Marymount College, she is interested in playing the piano and running. She is the daughter of Alfred Maier, a recent Inco pensioner.



Laurentian University is where **Carlo Crozzoli** plans to go to study commerce. He is a graduate of St. Charles College. His father, Ugo Crozzoli, is a maintenance mechanic at the Murray mine research shop. Tennis, baseball and sports in general keep him active. He hopes one day to become a Chartered Accountant.



A graduate of Nickel District Secondary School, **Peter Kupchak** plans to study engineering at McMaster University. He is the son of Wasyl Kupchak of the tank house department at the Copper Cliff copper refinery. In the future he sees the possibility of working in the field of engineering or medicine or both. Baseball, football, tennis and squash are his favorite pastimes.



Carol Leppinen is the daughter of Richard Leppinen, a grade control technologist at the Clarabelle Open Pit. A graduate of Ecole Secondaire Macdonald-Cartier, her plans involve studying mathematics at the University of Waterloo. In the future she would like to be a chartered accountant. Her hobbies are cooking, swimming, camping and reading.



Susan Prior is the daughter of Tom Prior, superintendent of divisional shops. She is a graduate of Lively District Secondary School who plans to attend the University of Guelph where she will study science. She hopes to become a veterinarian in the future. Most sports and playing the piano are her hobbies.



A graduate of Levack Secondary School, **Deborah Lynn Benoit** plans to study natural sciences at McMaster University. Her ambition is to become a pediatrician. Participating in tennis and volleyball, watching hockey, baseball and football, and reading, are her hobbies. She is the daughter of Robert Benoit, a shaft inspector at Levack mine.



Paula McCann is the daughter of David McCann, an electrician at Stobie mine. Having graduated from College Notre Dame, she plans to attend either Ottawa University or Laurentian University to study translation and interpreting. She hopes to work for the federal government as a translator in the future. Crossword puzzles, reading, swimming and Trivial Pursuit are her hobbies.



Shawn Abigail is the son of Jack Abigail, a shift foreman at the Clarabelle mill. Having graduated from Lasalle Secondary School, he plans to attend the University of Western Ontario to study science. He hopes to enter medical school and would like to work in the field of medical research. Reading, photography and computers are his hobbies.



A graduate of Notre Dame College in Welland, **Ann Sullivan** plans to study occupational therapy at the University of Western Ontario. She is the daughter of John Sullivan a retired chemist from the Port Colborne nickel refinery. Ann's leisure activities include reading, swimming and music.



With plans of studying biology at Sir Wilfred Laurier University, **Michael Simmons** hopes to one day branch off into the areas of biotechnology or genetic engineering. He is a graduate of Lively District Secondary School. His father is Stanley Simmons, an Inco pensioner. Squash, tennis, cross-country skiing, football and reading are his main interests.



Michael Garritsen is a graduate of Notre Dame College in Welland and plans to attend General Motors Institute at Flint, Michigan to study mechanical engineering. He is the son of Peter Garritsen, manager of the Copper Cliff copper refinery. Michael was editor of the school newspaper and yearbook but found time to enjoy curling, baseball and hockey.



D • O • W • N

MEMORY LANE

The winner of the most recent Down Memory Lane contest is Gerry Cullain of Connaught St. in Sudbury. He correctly identified the members of the 1949 Frood Tigers baseball club, champions of the Nickel Belt Baseball League that season. For his efforts he will receive a Science North medallion made from Inco's patented Nigold process. There were several individuals who had sent in correct answers so a draw had to be made to establish the winner.

Thirty three years ago the subjects of the next Down Memory Lane photo not only finished first in regular season play but also went on to win the Nickel Belt Baseball League championship. These boys, representing Coniston, won the final in decisive fashion overwhelming the Copper Cliff Redmen four games to one. It marked the third time Coniston had won the title since it joined the NBBL in 1936. To start aspiring contestants off, we'll tell you that the lads in the foreground are team mascots Butts Blake and Peanuts Gosselin.



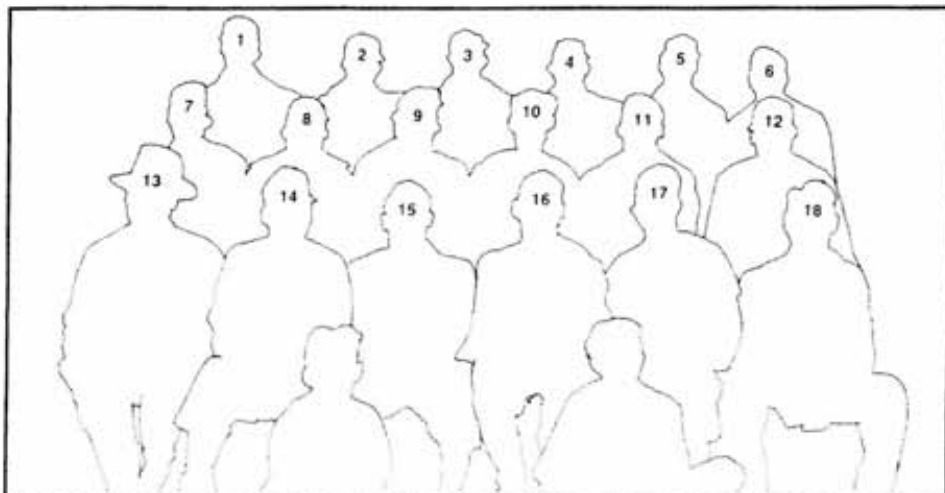
Send your entries to the public affairs department, care of the address on the inside front cover of the magazine. Be sure to clearly mark your envelope "Down Memory Lane Contest."

The individual who correctly identifies the players in the photograph

will be presented with a Science North Medallion. In order to give all correct entries an equal chance of winning, a draw will be made from those entries. If there are no correct entries, the one coming closest to naming the people will be declared the winner. The deadline for entries is August 15, 1985.



The correct identification of the 1949 Frood Tigers baseball club is: front row, from left, Norm Flowerday, Dick Trainor, Bill Huntley, Gerry Wallace, Harry Marchand, Pete Riggan, Dick Tobin; back row, from left, Spike Wormington, John Zimany, Billy Brown, Glen Seeley, Bert Plouffe, Billy Demkow, Jack Duyvestyn.



Mining, men, machinery

New efforts in productivity improvements

With its recent application underground at North mine, the continuous mucking machine promises to contribute significantly to the Company's drive to remain a low-cost producer of nickel and other metals.

The Company purchased a prototype of the continuous mucking machine and modified it for

underground use at the Murray mine research shop last year. Its main features are an oscillating lip and a crawling system, says Dick England, superintendent of the mines research shop.

The crawler, with a push capacity equivalent to a bulldozer, pushes the machine into a muck pile. An

oscillating lip, measuring 18 inches long and 7 feet wide in the case of the prototype, vibrates muck onto an apron. A scraper chain moves the muck up an inclined conveyor where it is then discharged onto a truck or conveyor belt for removal.

The prototype continuous mucking machine has been extracting ore from



Bradley McDonald in front of Jarco 426 haulage truck.

vertical retreat stopes at Copper Cliff North mine since last June. It has, according to Ron Aelick, mine superintendent, been performing well. "Operating results vary substantially," he reports, but rates of 500-600 tons of muck per hour have been attained.

Removal of broken ore from stopes and pillars is one application of the continuous mucking machine. Another is driving drifts and tunnels underground.

The measure of any machine in the mining industry lies in the judgements of its operators. The two production miners at North mine who have been using the continuous loader and a modified Jarco 426 haulage vehicle are Neil Eno and Bradley McDonald.

Neil relates that the continuous mucking machine experiment at North mine, though not without its minor hurdles, is proving successful. "We had a few problems with it at first and we still have some bugs to iron out but this has got to be the way of the future."

"It's not perfect but it's getting there," acknowledges Bradley. "Every shift we're able to improve on something and it's definitely the coming thing."

The continuous mucking machine sits at the cutting edge of new technology that will revolutionize mining. The batch process, the way ore has been extracted for decades, will become an industrial anachronism. What will replace it will be a continuous method.

The reason for the change is bottom-line economics. About half the cost of producing marketable metal lies in the mining process itself. New technology like the continuous mucking machine offers the Company a tool with which it can further control this cost and remain a low-cost producer of nickel, copper and other metals.

Neil Eno at the controls of the continuous mucking machine.



Creighton Complex wins



Levack/McCreedy West

Back row, from left, Marcel Henri, Robert Nerpin, captain, Wayne Arcand, briefing officer, Peter Zieleniewski, Front row, from left, Clement Castonguay, Ronald Gosselin, Robert Parker



Creighton/South Area

Back row, from left, Al Simpson, Phil Fournier, captain, Harvey Parsons, briefing officer, Mike Fahey, Front row, from left, Tom Tano, Leo Seguin, Bob Croteau, Bill Haiman, trainer



Frood/Stobie/Garson Area

Back row, from left, Ron Charboneau, John Lacey, captain, Bob Neville, briefing officer, Guy Guerrette, Front row, from left, Gerry Cloutier, Jim MacLellan, Gil Lavoe

For the second consecutive year the Creighton/South mine Complex has won the annual divisional mine rescue competition held at the Coniston Arena in May. It edged out squads from Frood-Stobie Complex and Levack Complex to earn the right to represent the Company at the Provincial Competition in Thunder Bay on June 6,7,8.

In addition to the oral examinations and field tests the mine rescue teams also faced a simulated mine fire situation. This year the problem involved a fire that resulted from a scooptram going out of control and cutting an electrical cable. A total of 17 men were unaccounted for, two of which were injured and had to be carried to surface.

Each year the mine rescue problem holds an element of surprise to test the squad's collective wits. This time it came in the form of a methane explosion. The teams had to face the problems associated with the presence of an explosive gas, something not common in Inco mines.

Creighton-South mine, represented by Phil Fournier, captain, Al Simpson, Mike Fahey, Tom Tario, Leo Seguin, Bob Croteau and Harvey Parsons, briefing officer, took one hour and 21 minutes to complete the problem, the best time of the day. With a superior

demerits points tally they captured the 1985 title.

The Creighton South mine team went to Thunder Bay to defend the provincial title which Inco has won for the last two years but unfortunately did not win the event this year.



Part of the field test in this year's mine rescue competition involved the operation of a foam ventilator used in fighting fires.



The Frood-Stobie-Garson team members fill their rebreather outfits with cardoxide, a chemical which absorbs carbon dioxide from air expelled by the wearer's lungs leaving whatever oxygen is left to be recirculated.



Captain John Lacey makes a note in his log with Ron Charbonneau providing light from his cap light.



The Froot-Stobie team applies first aid to one of the victims in the problem.

Sudbury suggestion plan awards

Due to space limitations we are not able to publish all the names of suggestion plan award winners. This edition of the suggestion plan saw 103 suggestions earn a total of \$14,995.



Roy Conley
\$1,910



Calvin McFarlane
Shared \$1,035

- \$2,095 **Claude Degagne** of the **Copper Cliff smelter** found that temperature fluctuation and vibration from automatic punching caused matte penetration between the brick and around the tuyere pipe. When cooled, matte or slag pulled away or "spalled" the surface of the brick and contributed to the deterioration of brick and tuyeres. He recommended that a higher quality mortar be used to seal the space between tuyere pipes and brick. Trials proved that this reduced brick and tuyere deterioration.
- \$1,910 At **Stobie mine**, **Roy Conley** suggested that failed drill chucks be bored out and have AL60 chuck bushings installed to replace the existing chuck. This effectively cut maintenance costs.
- \$1,035 **Calvin McFarlane** and **John Laking** of **Garson mine** collaborated and came up with modifications to the braking system on battery locomotives that cut labor and material costs.
- \$855 **Jim Mulligan** of the **Copper Cliff smelter** recommended that worn chrome wear sleeves in the turbo mixer agitator tanks at the matte processing department be recycled, a suggestion that reduced material costs.
- \$465 Labor savings resulted from a suggestion put forth at **Little Stobie mine** by **Victor Proulx**. He proposed converting two unutilized slime cars for use in handling cement.
- \$455 Rather than using heavy duty trailing cables on converter punching machines at the **Copper Cliff smelter** which he found large and difficult to handle, **Ray Newman** suggested that light gauge cab tire electrical cable be used. Not only is the new cable easier to handle but it also is less expensive.
- \$380 **Garnet Avery** of **Frood mine** recommended the use of PVC conduit in the switch room in place of rigid metal conduit. This was found to be less expensive and easier to use.
- \$340 At the **Frood-Stobie warehouse**, **Ray Lagace** cut material costs by suggesting that two stock codes be eliminated and replaced by one.
- \$260 At the **Clarabelle mill**, **Gunther Boehlen** felt an automatic timing device should be installed to regulate sample drying ovens which, though required for only five hours, were left on all day. His idea cut energy costs.
- \$190 Also at the **Clarabelle mill**, **Albert Garon** proposed revisions to the hanger supports for magnets on E floor conveyors to permit some horizontal travel of the magnets. This allows larger pieces of muck to pass more freely and eliminates jams that resulted in damaged troughs and belts.

Ingenious solution

Nature curries no favor for man's creations. Contending with the effect of its formidable force often calls upon the application of all our ingenuity and wit. Late in April, the power section of the utilities department, found itself in this position, dealing with the aftermath of an all-too-sudden spring breakup.

A giant ice flow broke away from Vermillion Lake and, carried by a swift current, crumpled hydro poles along the Vermillion River carrying electricity to the Levack complex and the town of Levack. Jack Hunter, power section general foreman, estimates it measured approximately 300 feet across. Due to the rapid melt this

spring, the ice did not break up into smaller flows as is normally the case.

The ice wreaked its damage in the middle of the night. The felled poles were noticed early next morning by Laurent Rancourt, caretaker at the Richelieu property on the lake. One three-pole stand was completely mangled while a single pole was



Jack Hunter and Laurent Rancourt inspect the damage inflicted on a hydro pole by a huge ice flow on the Vermillion River. All three poles of another set were completely demolished.



A closeup view of the snapped hydro pole.

cracked in another. Luckily, the poles on one stand fell in such a way that the 69,000 volt lines came to rest only three feet above the water. If they had made contact, Jack says, an outage would have occurred.

As far as anyone knows, this sort of natural catastrophe has never happened before, at least not in the 40 years of the pole line's existence. The testy situation commanded immediate action. The poles had to be replaced in some temporary fashion until the extraordinarily high waters receded.

Jack's solution was to fix a pole on a barge which was to be moved into place and sunk to act as a temporary measure. "That's the only thing I could think of," he says. Though the power section has dealt with nature's blows before, like the tornado that hit Sudbury in 1970, it had never to contend with something as "unusual as this," as he puts it. "There was no way to get at it."

Barges were moved from High Falls to the Lockerby mine road and launched onto the Vermillion River. The power was shut off allowing the power section men to accomplish the toughest part of the mission, securing the poles. With the conductors closest to the water flagged and warning flashers up and men with radios stationed to protect the public, the poles were lashed together to prevent them from falling across the power lines.

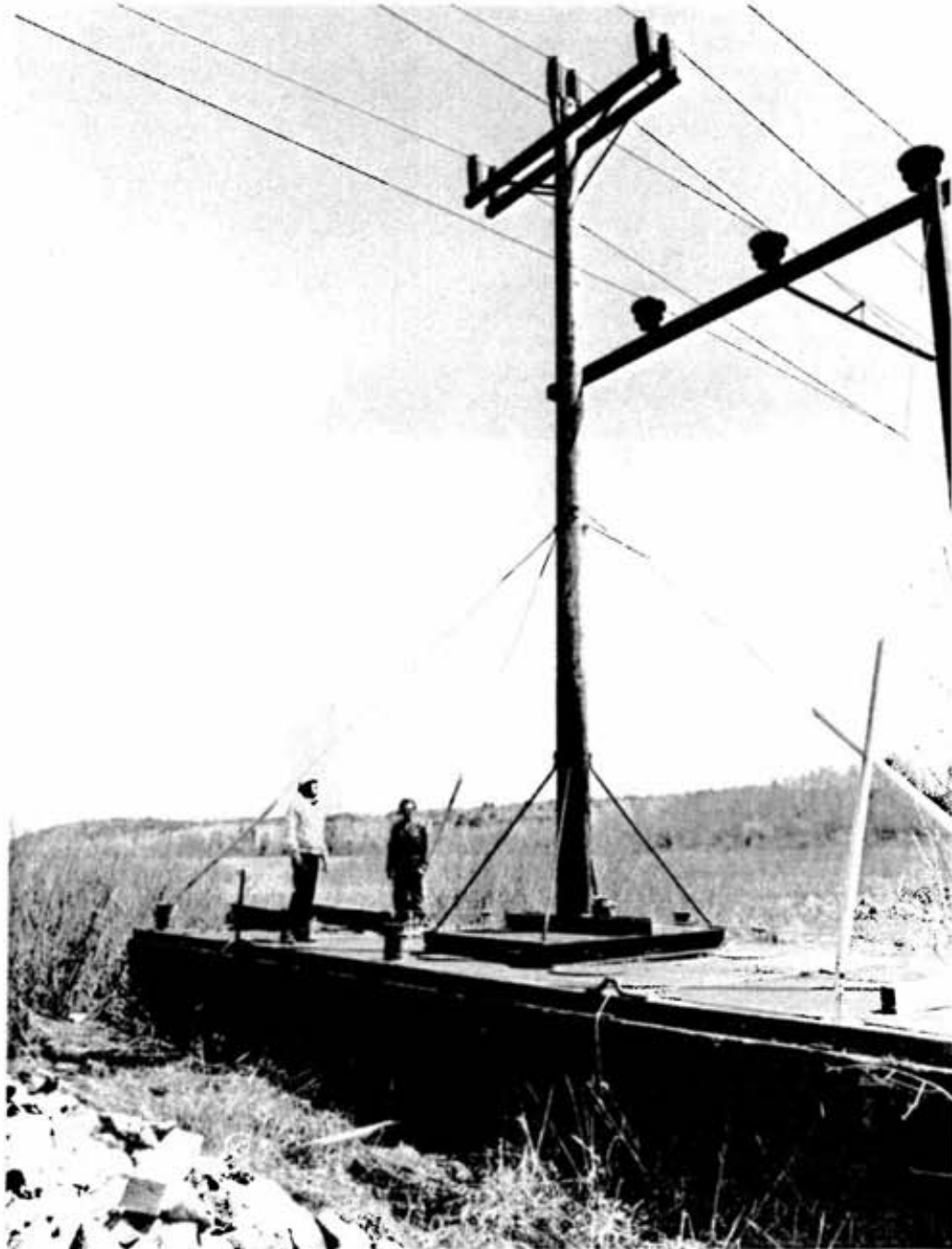
The power lines were then secured to the new, temporary pole. The barge it stood on was filled with water and sunk. Once conditions permit, the pole line will be rebuilt in a new location to avoid the incursions of any ice flows in the future.

The future came a little earlier than most expected as another massive ice flow was spotted moving after a shift in wind direction the following day. This time the power section gang physically broke up the ice flow before it could cause any further damage.

Before the waters receded this barge which supports a temporary hydro pole, was completely submerged



The barge, with a temporary hydro pole in place, was moved into place and sunk.



Safety conscious kids

One force that has been growing consistently in Sudbury in recent years is an army of safety conscious school kids known as the Inco Safety Brigade.

Six years ago CKSO Radio sales manager Gary Duguay and then morning disk jockey Mike Cranston conceived the idea of involving elementary school children with safety. Originally kids were invited to send their names to the radio station. A letter was drawn each week day morning throughout the school year and the child was contacted by the morning DJ. The child had to repeat a safety tip that had been aired earlier in the broadcast. Of all the winners in a month, a name was drawn, and a savings bond issued to that child by the sponsor of the program, Inco.

This past school year the format was changed. Kids were asked to write in their safety tips. From these a draw is made daily and the child is contacted by morning DJ Pat Cochrane and asked to repeat the safety tip. The daily winner receives an Inco Safety Brigade knapsack which contains information about the Company. At the end of the month, a draw is made from the winners. The person selected wins a McDonald's lunch for his entire class. Representatives of Inco and CKSO visit the school on the day of the lunch to talk to the kids about safety.

Gary describes the response to the Inco safety brigade contest as "excellent." In many cases, he adds, the emphasis has shifted from individual initiative to one where kids act in concert with their school mates on a class project basis to come up with safety tips to send. He estimates the number of winners over the last six years as being between 2,500 and 3,000 children.



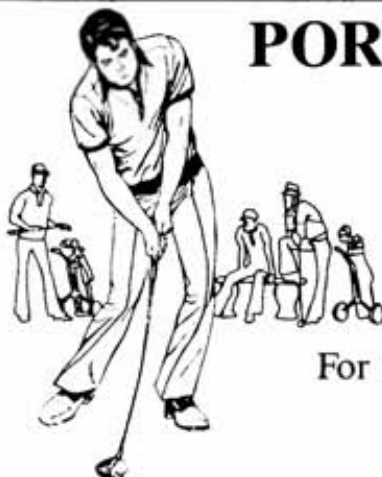
Sid Forster, superintendent of public affairs, congratulates safety brigade winner Keith Joiner, son of Ted Joiner, a supervising analyst in the computer department.



As a result of Keith's participation in the safety brigade contest, he and his classmates at St. Denis Separate School won a McDonald's lunch.

According to Sid Forster, superintendent of public affairs who also acts as safety brigade coordinator, Inco's sponsorship of the

program is in keeping with the Company's continuing emphasis on promoting safety both in the workplace and at home.



PORT COLBORNE EMPLOYEES AND PENSIONERS' GOLF TOURNAMENT

Date: July 24, 1985

Place: Port Colborne Golf and Country Club

For more information contact: Elaine Arnold at 834-3611
or
Les Lewis at 834-6671

IN TOUCH GOLF

Sudbury Golfing Pensioners

Date: August 13, 1985

Place: Lively Golf and Country Club

Entry Fee: \$12, includes meal and green fees

Registration is on a first come first served basis. It will be strictly limited to first 160 entries so be sure and get your entry form in early.

For more information phone Jim Bryson at 675-8236

To enter, fill out and mail in the entry form on this page to:

Jim Bryson
630 Pine Street
Sudbury, Ontario
P3C 1Y8

Name

Phone Number

Please note: The entry fee of \$12 must accompany your entry. Make out your cheque or money order payable to the IN Touch Pensioners' Golf Tournament. Do not send cash by mail.

PEOPLE

Senior singers

For the first time since its inception in 1980, the Walden Seniors Choir competed in the annual Choirfest competition for senior citizen choirs held in Kitchener in June. Numbering 26 the Walden club includes Inco pensioners in its membership. It is directed by Carol Butler, wife of Company employee Bob Butler. Choir pianist is Joan Doherty, wife of Morley Doherty, also an Inco employee.

Variety Night raised the funds necessary for the choir to travel to the competition in Kitchener. Held at the Walden Arena before a sold out house, Variety Night featured a number of musical acts including the Seniors Choir.



Joan Doherty conducts the **Walden Seniors Choir** in a rehearsal prior to appearing in the third annual Variety Night held in Walden recently.

Pension Club

When the Copper Cliff Mechanical Pension Club was first formed by a group of employees of the Copper Cliff mechanical department in 1938 it boasted a membership of 20 men. The tally of members after, as it is known today, the Copper Cliff

Maintenance Pension Club hosted its annual banquet in April at the Caruso Club in Sudbury, stood at 750. The most recent "class" of pensioners alone swelled the ranks by over 200.

Each of the new pensioners was presented with the traditional gold watch as a token of appreciation

from their fellow workers. The festive evening included draws for over \$3,000 in prizes made possible by the generosity of sponsors. Tom Prior, superintendent of divisional shops, was on hand as Company representative and honorary club president to address the pensioners. Special thanks go

to members of the club executive committee: Bob Roberti, president, Bill Doherty vice-president and master of ceremonies for the event; Jean Guy Crepeault, secretary; Paul Levesque, treasurer; Bob Godin, director; Bernie Beaulne, director; Allen Neeley, director.



From left, **Bob Roberti**, president of the Copper Cliff Maintenance Pension Club presents gold watches to the club's newest members **Con Disalle**, **Ozzie Carriere**, **Ken Cushing** and **Paul Levesque**.



Over 700 members of the Copper Cliff Maintenance Pension Club attended its annual get-together in April.

PEOPLE

Birthday surprise

Janet Poulton was wondering how she could make her husband's 40th birthday a memorable one for him. She came up with the unique thought of having his birthday announced as it might have in the 18th century, by a town crier.

On May 10, at noon hour, Doug Poulton, a maintenance

mechanic at Froot mine was summoned to the gate, where town crier George Houston, aided by musician Sean Dempsey, son of George Dempsey of the Copper Cliff plate shop, proclaimed the special day for the entire Poulton clan. The birthday surprise, without doubt, was a cut above cake and candles.



"Town crier" **George Houston**, accompanied by trumpeter **Sean Dempsey**, announces to all concerned, in this case the **Poulton family**, consisting of from left, **Anne**, 7, **Mark**, 10, and **Erin**, 12, and parents **Doug** and **Janet**, the auspicious occasion of Doug's fortieth birthday.

Miners wanted

Miners, either professional or amateur, can once again test their skills this summer as Science North will be hosting its Third Annual Mining Festival at the Big Nickel Mine. Competition for the amateurs is slated for July 13 while the professionals

challenge one another July 14. The hours of both contests are from 10 am to 6 pm.

Competitors will try their hand at four events, mucking machine operation, jackleg drilling, handmucking and scooptram operation. The entry fee is \$5 per event in the form of a cheque payable to Science North. Entries are limited to the first 50 applicants. The closing date for entries is July 5, 1985. Winners will receive cash prizes.



Agricultural leadership



Ellen Heale, horticulturist in Inco's agricultural department is one of 30 people selected for the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program, a

program designed to help young farm leaders meet the challenges and opportunities facing rural Ontario. A native of Sudbury she is a graduate of Marymount College and the University of Guelph. She is secretary of the Sudbury Business and Professional Women's Club and member of the Provincial Advisory Committee for Horticulture, Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

It is a two year program open to men and women from 25-40 years of age who have already demonstrated their leadership qualities, an interest in community activities and the potential for further leadership development. They can be

farmers, employees of agriculture related businesses or anyone committed to agriculture in the province.

Consisting of 12 seminar sessions to be held in various localities, the program objectives are to increase participants' awareness of Ontario's agricultural industry, its relation to national and international communities and its social, political, scientific and fiscal complexities.

The Agricultural Leadership Trust is formed by representatives from the Foundation for Rural Living, the Ontario Agricultural College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

Rockhound Festival

Gem and polished rock buffs will once again have the opportunity to examine the wares of gem and mineral dealers from Canada and the United States at the third annual Rockhound Festival hosted by Science North at the Big Nickel Mine on August 17 and 18. Last year the Festival attracted close to two thousand visitors. Dealers will have jewelry and other creations for sale. It is also a time for rock collectors to meet and swap. For further information on the Rockhound Festival please call Big Nickel Mine at 673-5659.



RETIREMENTS



Stanley Bielanski

Born in Poland in 1922, Stanley Bielanski came to Canada in 1948 and worked the first year on a railroad extra gang. From there he went to a paper mill at Ocean Falls and in 1951, on the advice of a friend, came to Sudbury.



He was soon working at the old sinter plant and a few months later moved to Froid working for Wilbur Herman on construction and also for Jack Bruce in the timber yard. He went to the Clarabelle Open Pit in 1961 and stayed there until retirement.

During the war, Stanley tried to join the Polish partisans but was captured and spent some time as a prisoner in Germany. He later joined the American army and was with them until he came to Canada in 1948.

Krystyna Briel was also born in Poland and came to Canada in 1950. She and Stanley met at the Polish Hall and were married in 1952. They

have four fine sons: Stanley Jr., in Toronto; Henry, on staff at Froid-Stobie mill; Edward, at Elliot Lake, and Christopher, in his last year at Laurentian University. To date there is one very lucky grandson, adored by his grandparents.

Stanley and family have lived in the Donovan section of Sudbury all their married life and like it there. They are members of the local Polish Club and attend St. Casimir's Polish Church.

Stanley is very fond of baseball and hockey on TV and he hopes to do some fishing now. He likes to walk and does daily exercises. With more time on their hands, they hope now to travel more and probably see all of Canada.

A happy and very pleasant couple, they are in good health, have many friends and are enjoying their new found leisure.

Gilles Turgeon

Well known at Creighton where he had worked for some 34 years, Gil Turgeon has taken advantage of the early service plan and is thoroughly enjoying retirement.

While working in Toronto he had seen an Inco ad and came to Sudbury where he was hired at Creighton 5 shaft in 1951. During his years at that location he had worked at all shafts, first on production and development work, then on the cages and skips. He spent many years at 8 shaft and was a cagetender at 9 shaft. Prior to his retirement he was an operating shaft boss at that location.

Gil was born at Levis, Quebec in 1926 where he worked for a time as a camp cook before heading for Toronto and several jobs in that town.

Anita Myers and Gil were married at Sudbury in 1952. Their five children are: Paul, in Halifax; Marc, at Cambrian College; Jacqueline is Mrs. Peter Racippo; and Cecile is married to Mark Henderson; Joanne is Mrs.



Rick Fahey of Thunder Bay. To date there are three grandchildren.

The Turgeons have lived in Lively for 20 years and are content to remain there. Gil has a small garden and likes to fish for speckles. They both enjoy walking and country music, and they have several friends with whom they have some hot euchre games.

They have been to Jamaica and Mexico and have seen both coasts of Canada. They like to travel by car and are planning a few trips in the future.

Both are enjoying good health. Anita has worked for some time in the pharmacy at Sudbury General Hospital and Gil doesn't mind doing some of the housework now. It is obvious that they are very compatible and will have a happy retirement.

Frank Iorfida

Frank Iorfida has retired from the rockhouse at Stobie mine. He first joined Inco in 1956 at the reverbs and from there he went to the Orford building and later to the separation plant. He also worked underground at Frood before moving to Stobie rockhouse.

Frank was born in Italy in 1925 and came to Canada in 1951 to join his father who was working in the bush near South River. In 1953 he came to Sudbury to work for Fraser Brace and helped excavate the base for the iron ore plant stack before hiring at Inco.



In 1954 he brought over his childhood sweetheart and they were married that year in Sudbury. She was Teresa Pissani before their marriage. They have four daughters: Bruna, in Sudbury; Nancy, Mrs. Mike Aitcheson; Rita, Mrs. Nelson Levellier, and Maria, Mrs. Marc Leblanc. And there are seven grandchildren.

Frank has a good garden at his home on Copper St. in Sudbury where he grows most of their own produce. And of course he also makes his own wine. He likes to fish, has a small boat and trailer, and hunts moose each year. His wife enjoys the soap operas on TV.

They have made one trip back to Italy and hope to go again soon. They are active in their church, like to take

long walks and are generally quite happy in their new way of life.

Joe Gudelevicius

Retired from the copper refinery on early service, Joe Gudelevicius has worked at that location since joining Inco in 1948. He started in the tankhouse working for Warren Koth. He transferred to the mechanical gang some 14 years later and worked with them until his retirement.



Joe was born on a farm in Lithuania in 1924 and he recalled that his country was overrun by the Russians in 1940. Later he was taken by the Germans to Germany where he worked until the war's end. After a period in a displaced persons' camp he came to Canada in 1947 and spent the first few months in the bush north of Timmins. After he learned a little English he came to Sudbury and a job with Inco.

Joe married Marie Estler in Sudbury, and they have six children. Tony, in Timmins; Richard, in Sudbury; Ronald, in Windsor and Susan, Betty and Tina, all in Sudbury. There is one grandchild.

Joe has lived in the Gatchell area of Sudbury for over 28 years and he also has 160 acres of bush near Markstay, where he cuts wood. In addition he has a summer place about eight miles north of Markstay where he gets in some fishing, both winter and summer.

He tends a small garden, likes to watch hockey on TV and belongs to the local Lithuanian Club.

In 1971 he made a trip to Australia to visit a brother there but otherwise his travels have been limited. He is in reasonably good health and happy with his family and friends.

Leo Narkiewicz

Retired from the nickel reverbs where he had been a tapper helper for the last several years, Leo Narkiewicz is enjoying his new way of life. He has worked at the smelter since 1948 when he came from a lumber camp near Chapleau to Sudbury. Most of that time was spent in the reverb department, many of it at the sand bins.

He was born in Byelorussia in 1925 and says that it is the third largest of the 16 republics in that country. He grew up on a farm and in 1944 went to West Germany to work on ships. The following year he came to Canada on a contract to work one year in the bush. He did that, learned a few words of English, then came to Sudbury and a job with Inco.

Leo is still single and on reflection admits that he would have preferred married life and a family, but, as he said, when he was young he moved about too much. But he is accustomed to single life now and has a comfortable home in the north end of Sudbury.



Leo built a summer place on the Sturgeon River in 1969 and spends most of his summers there where he does a bit of fishing. He used to hunt but has given that up.

He enjoys soccer and hockey on TV as they are games he understands. He has many friends in town and enjoys a few beers with the boys quite regularly.

He hopes to travel more now and plans to see all of Canada. "I'll go by bus or train," he said. "That way you can see things."

A happy, gregarious man, Leo enjoys good health and is looking forward to many pleasant retirement years.



Alphe 'Pit' Rivais

Pit Rivais has been with the mechanical department ever since he started with Inco at Coniston in 1948. He was born in that town, grew up there and delivered groceries for a time before joining the Company. His father Frank had retired from Coniston.

During his career he worked at many locations including a period as a training supervisor. He was promoted to staff in 1970 and earlier had spent some ten years at the iron ore plant. When the Coniston smelter closed in 1972 he was one of a group who formed what eventually became central maintenance. From 1982 until his retirement he had been a planning foreman.

Pit met Geraldine Squires while skating and married her in 1951. Their children are: Blaine and Randy, in Sudbury; Lynn, Mrs. Kim Conrod of Elliot Lake; and Nancy, Mrs. Raymond Gilbeau of Sudbury. There are four grandchildren that get their full share of attention from their grandparents.

The Rivais have lived in Coniston most of their married lives and intend to stay there. They have a summer place at Lake Kugagami where they spend most of their summers and a good deal of their winters too. "We have cross-country ski trails there now," they said. They are both active cyclists, and before he retired Geraldine had worked at the main post office in Sudbury for a time.

This past winter they took a trip to Cuba and found that tourists were well treated. They have been to Florida and may now take a look at Texas although most of the winter will be spent here.

They both enjoy fishing and swimming and Mrs. Rivais has been a Lionette for many years. And now with more time at their disposal they also plan to see more of Canada. In great health they are anticipating many happy years of leisure together.

Allen Casey

Al Casey has retired from Little Stobie mine after spending most of his Inco years at the Froid-Stobie complex. He was hired in 1947 at the copper refinery but transferred to Froid in 1951 where he worked on the upper levels for Ernie Weisenberger. He later went to Stobie and then with the motor crews at Little Stobie.

Al was born on a small farm in New Brunswick in 1929. He had worked for a short time in a cement block plant before seeing an Inco ad in the paper. So in 1947 he landed in Sudbury and was soon working in the wire bar storage at the copper refinery.



He and Veronica Versteeg were married in 1951. Their family includes three boys: Allen in Kitchener; James in Toronto, and Stanley in Sudbury. And there are five grandchildren. Al also has a brother Charlie working at Froid-Stobie.

After living many years near Lake Ramsey, Al and his wife have moved to a smaller home on Ontario St. where Al is in the process of remodelling the place.

He likes to fish, and enjoys camping with their camper truck. They may make another trip to California where he has a sister. Mrs. Casey has been back to Holland several times and Al still visits his home province.

They were married at Christ the King Church and are active in their church. They have many friends and Al claims he is busier now than when he was working.

He enjoyed his work and especially the fellows he worked with. "They gave me a great send-off and presented me with a gold watch and chain," he said proudly.

His wife is bothered with arthritis but Al is in relatively good health and happy in his new lifestyle.

Roger Seguin

"Inco treated me good and I left there with good feelings with everybody," said Roger Seguin when asked about his recent retirement.

Roger declared that retirement is the best time of his life but he does admit he misses the boys at work. "I go visit them once in a while," he said.

Roger is an active man who is in good health. He spends most of the summer at their camp on the French River where most of the family congregate in summer. Roger gets in some fishing but winter is his best time as he is an avid moose and deer hunter and also helps his brother on his trapline near Noelville. "I love the bush and could spend all my time there," he declared. With a snowmobile and an all-terrain-vehicle he can pretty well go where and when he pleases.

He was born on a farm near Noelville in 1931 and went to work in the bush and at a sawmill when he was 17. On his 20th birthday, May 18, 1951 he joined Inco at the reverbs. He worked with John Weir's gang for



about five years then transferred to Frood and worked on production both there and Stobie, a good part of the time as a longhole driller. The last 10 years he worked with the maintenance crew of the mechanical department.

Roger married Lola Clement in Noelville in 1951 and they have four children: Donald in Sudbury; Roger Jr. at Val Caron; Anne, Mrs. Charlie Bisailon of Espanola; and Linda, Mrs. Danny Hines in the Ottawa Valley. To date there are three grandchildren.

Mrs. Seguin has worked in the post office at Val Caron for 18 years so she doesn't mind Roger being off hunting and fishing. They have lived in Val Caron since he built his home there in 1954. They have made one trip to Florida and may go to Mexico next year.

Boxing is Roger's favorite sport but he does watch hockey and baseball when the playoffs come. He has a small garden at his home but his first love is the bush or camp.



Lionel Chevrier

"I enjoyed my work and I liked going to work," declared Lionel Chevrier. "I worked at Levack more than 40 years and always got along well. And I worked on production right up until I took my pension," he added proudly.

Lionel first joined Inco in 1943 at the reverbs but only worked the winter and went back to the farm for the summer. In 1944 he rehired at Levack and stayed. "I always made pretty good money too," he said. During his time underground he spent seven years as a shaft inspector.

Lionel was born in Quebec in 1926 but the family moved to a farm in Chelmsford when he was about three, where he was raised. They moved to town when he was ten. Before coming to Inco, he worked with the railroad extra gang and on the farm.

In 1950 he and Jacqueline Castonguay were married at Chelmsford. They have one daughter, Pauline, Mrs. Gaston Germain of Azilda. Both love their three grandchildren. Lionel has a brother Rene, an Inco pensioner and Jacqueline has a brother, Rejean who is also a pensioner.

They have a comfortable home in Chelmsford and a summer place on the Vermillion River. Lionel also has a hunt camp near Gogama where they hunt moose and deer and ice fish in winter. "We get pike, and I like them next to lake trout for eating," he said. They also have a garden at their camp.

They enjoy travel, have seen both coasts of Canada and have been to Florida several times, to Mexico, Hawaii and Jamaica. They usually go with several friends.

Lionel likes to watch sports on television and is a Montreal fan. He has now taken up cross-country skiing. That, along with the business of maintaining his home and camp, provide him with plenty of exercise. "Over the years we used to build houses, my brother and I. We've built about 10 around Chelmsford," he said. He's a handy man to have around.

Leo Trottier

The world is a much better place because of people like Leo and Berthe Trottier. They are the dedicated people who quietly go about helping those less fortunate through their church. They have both taken courses which trains them for many duties including the visiting and care of the sick and older people, something they do with joy.

Leo has retired from the South mine where he was a dryman the last 18 years. He has a back problem which limits his activities somewhat. He joined Inco in 1943 but, like other farm boys, went back to the farm in the summer. He did that for a time, worked for Smith and Travers before



returning to Inco in 1951 at Frood mine. Later he also worked at Murray and Levack.

Berthe Paradise and he were married at Blezard Valley in 1946. They have a family of eight children and 12 grandchildren. The children are: Jacques, Donald, Leo-Paul, Andre, and Jean Guy, all of Chelmsford; Gilbert of Sudbury. Daughter Lizette is at home and Murielle is Mrs. Phillip Woodliffe of Sudbury. Mrs. Trottier has a brother Jean Louis retired from Frood, and another brother Leon at the smelter.

Leo and his family have lived in the Chelmsford area all their lives and when the family was growing up used their farm to grow and produce much of what they ate. They now rent the farm. They have a motor home in which they have done some travelling and hope to do more now. And in winter it is travel by ski-doo.

Their one big trip that they have been planning for some time and hope to take next year is to Jerusalem. "We must see that before we die," said Mrs. Trottier.

All the family are musical and mother both sings and calls for square dances. An active couple they do plenty of walking and also ride bicycles and are in good health. They love their family and see some of them every day. "At one time all eight of them were going to school and in the morning the house looked like a battle field," said Mrs. Trottier with a big smile.

A very fine couple are Leo and Berthe who will put to good use the time they now have in retirement.

Eloi 'Lloyd' Lalonde

Lloyd Lalonde is one of a family of 11 kids who grew up on a farm near Wendover, Ontario. At age 19 Lloyd went to work in a local cheese factory where he says they made the very best of cheddar. Later he tended bar for a short time at Smith Falls after which he came to Sudbury. He joined a cousin who owned a store in the Flour Mill.



Hiring at Frood mine in 1947, Lloyd worked on production on many levels for 27 years when he transferred to the mechanical department. He was a drill fitter at Frood from 1974 until his recent retirement on early service. He states that Frood was a great place to work.

It was in 1949 at Rockland, Ontario, that Lloyd and Anita David were married. They have four daughters: Helen, Mrs. Mario Anselmo of Val Caron; Claire, Mrs. Angelo Battocchio, now living in Italy; Lorraine, Mrs. Bruce Everest of Hanmer, and Estelle in Washington, D.C. There are seven grandchildren. Lloyd's brothers, Claude and Charlie are Inco employees working at Stobie mine.

The Lalandes have lived in Val Caron since 1956. They tend a fine garden there. They also have a summer place on the Sturgeon River where they spend much of their summers. Lloyd does a bit of fishing but his main hobby is working with wood.

They have made a trip to Mexico and Mrs. Lalonde has been to Italy to visit her daughter. They hope to travel more now. Lloyd is a member of the Knights of Columbus and a regular blood donor.

In good health they cross country ski, play cards, and enjoy their family and friends. They both admit that they are enjoying retirement.

Laurient Poulin

Larry Poulin is one of 13 children who were born and raised on the family farm near Azilda. There were 10 boys and Larry says that at some time all 10 of them had worked for Inco. "We were poor on the farm," he said. "I can remember helping my dad sell potatoes door to door for \$1 a bag."

Larry joined Inco at Frood in 1950 and then went to Murray mine where he spent 18 years. Except for a brief stint at Levack he remained at Murray until it closed in 1970. The last 14 years he worked at Levack, mostly on motor crews. Earlier he had worked on production and with tramming crews.

In 1949, Larry married Anita Trottier in Chelmsford. They have seven children. Their two sons are Michel, at the smelter, and Gerry in Sudbury. The girls are: Therese, Mrs. Rudy Moncion of Val Caron; Diane, of Azilda; Liliane, Mrs. Claude Michel of Chelmsford; Micheline, whose husband Gilles Lavallee works at Stobie, and Monique. There are 12 grandchildren. Larry proudly states that his family of 13 has grown to 108 grandchildren at last count. He also has three brothers retired from Inco: Aurel from Copper Cliff; Bert from Levack, and Eugene from Murray.

Larry has lived in Azilda the last five years and likes it there. He belongs to the seniors' club and attends many dances and keeps in



shape by cycling. He is also a member of the Legion at Chelmsford.

"We are a close family," he said. "My brothers and I go fishing together and we have fun. And my dad lived to be 93 and my mother 85." And he has a brother, Gene, who is celebrating a 50th wedding anniversary.

Larry likes helping people as well as his family and does so in many ways. One of his family has 12 acres of the old farm and he helps out there at times. He also likes to travel and plans to go to Florida next year.



Antonio Silvestri

Tony Silvestri has lived in Coniston since coming to Canada back in 1951 and it would take a lot to move him now. He is probably one of the best gardeners in that town and he and his wife Teresa have vegetables galore and a riot of flowers. She preserves most of their produce and their children also enjoy that bounty.

Born in Italy in 1927, Tony grew up on a farm and until he came to Canada had worked mostly in farming. He arrived in Canada at Montreal, and spoke only Italian. He worked for a couple of months on a farm before coming to a friend, Leoni Visentin at Coniston. He got a job at the smelter right away working for Andy McLean and when the plant closed in 1972, went to work in shipping at matte processing in Copper Cliff. He retired last year on the early service plan.

Teresa Zecchini, came to Coniston in 1953. She and Tony had known each other in Italy and her brother

married his sister. When Teresa first saw Coniston and compared it to the fertile part of Italy she came from, she wondered if she was doing the right thing. But now she knows that Coniston is just the best town in which to live. And they have helped make it so.

Their son John is with a local body shop and daughter Mary is married to Peter Tulumello. There are two grandsons that are the light of life to Tony and Teresa.

They are active members of the local Club Allegri. He bowls and plays bocci there and this winter had his first go at ice fishing. They have been back to Italy on four occasions and will likely go again. Next winter they hope to go to Argentina to visit her brother. And they also hope to see the west coast of Canada.

A healthy, happy and well contented couple, Tony and his wife are thoroughly enjoying the new life of retirement and they'll likely spend more of their time in their lovely garden.

Fermino Zadra

Well known at Frood and Stobie for the past 35 years, Ferm Zadra has taken advantage of the early service plan. He likes his work but felt this was a good opportunity to leave.



He started in the timber yard at Frood in 1950 working for Jack Bruce and six months later went with Moe Fior on track maintenance. He stayed with the track gang until his retirement, working on both the standard and narrow gauge track. A man who enjoys the outdoors, he

liked that type of work, and was good at it also.

Ferm was born on a fine farm in Italy where the best grapes were grown. He worked there until coming to Canada in 1950. It was with the help of Joe Perusini, (the famous Frood "Boxhole Joe"), that he was able to come here with his wife.

They were married in Italy and lived for a short time on the family farm. Her maiden name was Caterina Gregolon and they have three children. Son Angelo is with IBM in Toronto; daughter Franca is a teacher at Cambridge, Ontario, and Maryann is in TV and radio at Pembroke. So far none of their children are married, so there are no grandchildren but Ferm and Caterina are hopeful that some day they will be grandparents. She loves to sew and make things for little ones and would love to do it for her very own granddaughters.

Ferm is a gardener and grows everything including plums and pears. And of course his wife preserves most of their produce. He loves to work outside and also is a keen hunter and fisherman. "Never miss my moose," he declared. And he likes winter and ice fishing.

They are both active at the local Caruso Club which is near their west end home. They have made several trips back to Italy and hope to go again. Ferm loves watching curling and next year plans to curl with the pensioners.

They are in good health and enjoying retirement together. They agree that Sudbury is the best place to live.

Dea Whissell

Dea Whissell is rightfully proud of the fact that while he only had a little more than three years formal schooling, he is able to read blueprints and knows a good deal of history.

Born on a farm near St. Charles in 1928 they were burnt out when he was five and then moved to the West Arm area. As Dea grew up, he, like many others, worked in the bush in winter and in a sawmill in summer. He did that for six years until 1959, when he came to Coniston and was hired at the old sinter plant.



After nine years there he moved on to a number of locations, first to the mechanics at Coniston, then to Copper Cliff and the Iron Ore Plant; then back to the mechanics, and in 1965 to the carpenter shop at Coniston until the plant closed in 1972. After a couple of other stops he finally landed at the Frood carpenter shop and spent the last 10 years there. "It was a good place to work," he declared.

Before hiring with Inco, he married Jacqueline Lemieux at St. Charles where she was raised. Their family did include three sons, but unfortunately young Jacques was killed in 1969. The other two are twins Paul and Pierre, both at home. Daughter Lillian is married to Dr. J. Fantin of Sudbury, and Jeannine is Mrs. Bruce McDonald of Coniston. There are three grandchildren.

Dea is from a large family of 12 children, and at one time he and five of his brothers were all working at Inco. Ovide has retired from Frood; Gerald is at Stobie; Rudolf and Richard are at Frood, and Claude is at Creighton.

Dea and his family have lived at Coniston since 1950 and he has a fine garden there. He also has a fish-camp near Lake Nipissing.

They enjoy travelling and were able to visit Florida this past winter. It was their first visit but it won't be their last. They also hope to see more of Canada. Dea does a little carpenter work and they like to play cards with friends and generally enjoy their new life.



John Mallick

It took John Mallick six tries before he finally decided that mining was to be preferred over farming. He was born on the family farm in Saskatchewan and was one of 11 children. He first came east in 1948, hired at Murray, worked the winter, then back to the farm. In 1948 it was to the Frood; in 1949 to Levack; in 1950 Stobie and again in 1951. Then in 1952 he came to stay this time at Murray mine. He soon moved over to Stobie and worked there and at Frood until retirement.

He liked mining and had worked on production and development all his Inco years.

In 1951 he married a lovely girl also from Saskatchewan, Verna Palagian. They have a family of three sons and one daughter. John, at Espanola; Harold, at London, Ontario, and Paul in Sudbury. Daughter Susan is Mrs. John Hanninen of Sudbury. There are seven grandchildren and that makes John and Verna happy.

They have lived in the Long Lake area of Sudbury for 30 years and will stay there to tend their large garden. They also have an acre of land on Manitoulin Island where they had a garden at one time but it became too big a chore. And as Mrs. Mallick said, most of what she preserves she just gives away.

They hope now to have more time to do a bit of fishing, swim more and possibly travel, although they have been to both coasts and she has made a trip to Florida. John likes to work around the house and in his spare time plays the violin and guitar. He used to hunt but his knees are giving him some trouble now.

They play cards with friends, read and watch selected TV shows. And both still have relatives in the west that they visit quite regularly.

John admits that although he liked farming he realizes that he has been better off working here, even though it took him six years to realize that. They are in relatively good health and are enjoying each other and their new leisure time.

John 'Yacker' Flynn

To Yacker Flynn, hockey is a way of life and he has been at it most of his life starting back with Gord Alcott and his kids at Copper Cliff. From there he graduated to minor hockey and junior hockey at Copper Cliff then to Guelph in the junior O.H.A.

Then it was off to the pros, starting with the New York Rangers' farm team, the New York Rovers. Next, it was the Atlantic City Seagulls for a couple of years before returning to Sudbury. "I never quite made it to the big league," said Yacker with a grin and no real regret.



While playing hockey he worked in Sudbury as a car salesman and other jobs in the summer. He played with the great Sudbury Wolves for four years when he was part of the famous "Kid Line" and during that period they won several titles. He still plays with the oldtimers and the pensioners and watches hockey games regularly.

Born at Copper Cliff in 1928, son of the best ball player ever to come to that town, Bert Flynn, Yacker started with Inco as a timekeeper in the reverbs in 1955 and three years later went to the capital expenditures

department and stayed there until his recent retirement.

In 1957, at Sudbury, he and Susan Hebert were married. She is from Manitoulin Island. They have one son Richard at home; and two daughters: Cheryl, Mrs. Jamie Dumas, and Elaine, Mrs. Ed Armstrong, both of Copper Cliff. To date there is one grandson and Yacker says he likes being a grandfather.

They have lived at Copper Cliff all their married life and will stay there in their comfortable home where he plans to add a patio this summer for outdoor living. He also cultivates a garden and in summer he plays a bit of golf.

A popular and gregarious guy, Yacker admits he likes to go to one of the shopping malls wearing his bright red Molson's jacket where he attracts many of his old friends and buddies. He has no desire to travel and enjoys living in the Sudbury area.

Mrs. Flynn has been the head cook at the Copper Cliff Club for the past 12 years and Yacker recalled that his dad came here the year the club was built, 1915.

Enjoying his friends, family, hockey and good health, Yacker is very happy in retirement.

Ray Pulvermacher

"It's been a long, long winter," according to Ray Pulvermacher who retired on early service pension November 1st, with 37 years credited service.

Ray started at Levack mine in the fall of 1947 but left in the spring of 1948. "I needed something to tide me over for the winter," he said, "and I did the same thing the next year, but this time I never did get back home, that's why I say it's been a long winter."

He found life, and work, in Levack much different to his home town of Bruno, Saskatchewan. He recalled the "Dirty Thirties" and then his work at Levack. He was a Shaft Inspector Leader at the time of his retirement.

Shortly after returning to Levack, Ray met Honorine (Lorraine) Ritchie, of Massey. They were married in Massey, December 28th, 1949.

They are proud of their four sons. Alan, of the Plant Protection Department in Levack, married Louise Ladouceur and they are the parents of Ray and Lorraine's two grandsons,



and one granddaughter. Brian works in Sudbury for the Workers' Compensation Board. Third son Gary works in Medicine Hat, Alberta and is married to Audrey Maser. Youngest son Glenn is at home.

Ray is a member of the Elks and is a Past Exalted Ruler of that organization. They both belong to the Onaping Golden Age Club, and enjoy travelling with their fifth-wheel camper. They are presently joint Secretary-Treasurer of the Sudbury Area Coachman Voyageurs Trailer Club.

In years gone by, Ray was an avid baseball player. Ray wore glasses when playing baseball and relates what happened to him one day when he forgot his glasses. The opposing batter slammed the ball toward him and he mis-judged it. The result was a real shiner, and Ray figures he would have been saved a lot of pain had he been wearing his glasses.

Both he and Lorraine were great curlers and Lorraine says "We won our share." They are also ardent gardeners. Ray says: "I made the garden twice as big as it was, and it's still too small!" He'll be doing a little fishing this summer, and next winter he and Lorraine will be playing a lot of cards. Retirement for them looks like a busy time.

William 'Bill' McKnight

Young Bill McKnight went right from Sudbury Technical School to an apprenticeship at the Open Pit garage in 1943 and he has been with the mechanical gang ever since.

He spent two years in the army, then returned and finished his trade working as a garage mechanic for

Ray St. Pierre and Campbell Girdwood. In 1949 he was sent to the carpenter shop at Creighton then back to Froid rockhouse due to a force reduction. He trained to be a hoistman and spent the next 19 years doing that at most of the Inco mines. His later years were spent as a hoist inspector at Stobie and Little Stobie.

He was born in Alberta in 1926. He came east with his family when he was 12, first to Guelph then Sudbury where his dad was a mechanic at Davidson's garage on Elm St.

Bill's wife is a local Sudbury girl, daughter of a well known tailor, L. Hunt, who came to Sudbury in 1922. Marian and Bill were married at



Sudbury in 1949 and have two sons: David, a teacher at Lively; and Allen in computer work in Toronto. There is one grandson, well loved by his grandparents.

Bill and family have had a summer place at Trout Lake, near Estaire, for nearly 30 years and they also have a mobile home in Florida. However they have travelled a great deal elsewhere, all across Canada, to Hawaii six times and to many Southern island places, as well as Mexico. They have been to Germany to see the Passion Play and last year were in Victoria for the Brier.

Bill's main interest these days is his job as president of the local Shrine Club, work which he enjoys, even though it takes a lot of his time. His wife is active in St. Paul's Church which is near their home. She also teaches dance exercise classes, knits and weaves and is happily busy in many areas.

They are a happy and active couple who are planning many trips and other activities for their retirement.

Arden 'Rocky' Nelson

Arden "Rocky" Nelson was born in Detroit in 1925. When he was seven his parents moved to Toronto where his dad had been promised a job. The job had evaporated when they arrived so they moved on to Manitoulin Island. He doesn't know where or how the nickname came about, but once he had it, it seemed to follow him.

Rocky had planned on retiring this year but when "the offer" came along he decided to accept, and so after 21 years of credited service he's relaxing and enjoying life.

Arden worked for the Sudbury High School Board for a number of years before joining the staff on the Sudbury General Hospital as a custodian. In 1963 he started with CIL in Copper Cliff and when Inco absorbed that function he came with them. Subsequently he joined the general maintenance department as a mason. He enjoyed that for it allowed him to visit many of the Company's facilities.

Rocky's dad worked for the Company at Froid mine until his death in 1973. He has a cousin, Claude Kerr, who is with the central utilities department.

Rocky is an avid hunter and he and a friend are building a tower for use in deer hunting next fall on Manitoulin Island. He describes it as being about 15 feet at the base and about five feet at the top. The platform will be about 17 feet high. There'll be a roof, for protection, and a railing to keep them from falling to the ground.

In years gone by, Rocky used to hunt rabbits and partridge with a bow, but he allowed the bow to dry out and one day it snapped.

He hopes to visit his many relatives in Toronto and on Manitoulin Island.



Lucien Brabant

Lucy Brabant has retired from Levack where he worked the last 20 years. He first worked for Inco at the old Orford building back in 1948 and went to Levack in 1965, first to the mill and later underground where he did many jobs including level boss and track boss. "I've sharpened steel and done most jobs on the level," he said.



He had planned on working for at least another couple of years but was happy to accept the early service offer and his wife is happy to have him home since she recently suffered a mild heart attack.

She was Monique Byrnes before their marriage in 1949 at Chelmsford where she was born and where they have lived for many years. They have two sons, Roland and Robert, both of Chelmsford, and identical twin daughters, Lynn and Linda. Lucy has a brother, Gerry, who recently retired from Levack and Monique's brother Archie is also a Levack retiree.

Lucy was born at Hanmer in 1929 but they moved to Azilda when he was about four. He left school at age 15 and joined his father working in the bush in winter and sawmill in summer. Later he had worked at the Espanola mill and with Fraser Brace before joining Inco.

The Brabants have a camper which gets plenty of use in summer as they both like fishing and camping. They have never been away in winter but next year plan to visit Texas. She is a member of the local Legion Ladies' Auxiliary. Lucy used to bowl and still goes for his moose hunt each fall.

They used to visit the nearby racetrack but now Mrs. Brabant confines her gambling to bingo. They have many friends in the area and enjoy playing cards with them and Lucy likes hockey and wrestling on TV.

Reino Maki

Retired on early service pension from the geological department, Reino Maki is happily busy in many recreational areas.

A happy, gregarious man, he has lived in the Beaver Lake area since 1968 and has 200 acres of what he describes as bush and rock. But he cuts all his own wood for fuel and he and a neighbor have cut their own ski trail through their joint farms. Being located right on the Vermillion River, fishing is as close as your doorstep. And Reino says there are still plenty of fish in the river.

He was born at Mattawa in 1931. His family moved to Sudbury in 1951 and before joining Inco in 1954, Reino had worked at many jobs including survey work for the Department of Highways. That stood him in good stead when he finally hired with Inco because while he spent the first three weeks in the smelter he then managed to go with the field exploration group. From there he went with the geological research group and worked there until his retirement.

While working for the government in the area near Estaire, Reino met Sherry Kvaltin and they were married in 1954. They had four children but son Bruce was killed in a tragic motorcycle accident about 10 years



ago. Their other son Kevin is an apprentice with Inco. Daughter Miriam is in Scarborough and Serena is still at school. To date there are two lovely granddaughters.

The Makis have made a trip to Florida and Mrs. Maki has been to Finland. She speaks Finnish as well or better than Reino, he readily admits. They have been to Canada's west coast and hope to make a trip east soon. But their big plan is for a trip to Iceland since both are very interested in that country.

Reino curls with the pensioners, does some fishing but has given up hunting. His favorite avocation is working with the Whitefish Lions' Club where he is very active. And sometime soon he plans to start raising a few chickens.

They are a happy and healthy couple who are already enjoying some of the best years of their lives.



Leo Gratton

Leo Gratton was born and raised on a farm near Wendover, Ontario in 1929. He left home in 1950 to work for Noranda mines and the following year he came to Inco.

He started in the converter building and worked in that department for all his Inco service. He was a puncher, a baleman, a part-time skimmer and did numerous other jobs during his time there.

In 1954 Leo and Huguette Jacques were married in Sudbury. They have four children: Richard, at home; Diane, Mrs. Gilles Gaudreau, in Vancouver Island; Carole, at home and Lynne, still in school. They have one grandchild, the son of daughter

Diane, who they don't get to see that often because of the distance. This was rectified this past May when daughter Diane and family came to Sudbury and were able to spend a month visiting.

The Grattons have a house in Val Caron where they have lived for 28 years. Leo enjoys working in the yard keeping his hedges looking their best. Between that and his small garden, he manages to keep occupied during the summer months.

In the winter his activities switch to ice fishing which he very much enjoys. He usually goes to the Gogama area where his son has a camp. "I got a nice big lake trout there this winter," he said.

Leo and his wife put their camper to good use during their frequent trips during the summer. They have travelled much of Canada and now, with more time, they hope to go south for part of the winter.

The Grattons are both in good health and are enjoying their retirement. With their active lifestyle and their family and friends they seem to have found the recipe for a happy retirement — keep busy.

Viljo 'Willy' Virtanen

Willy Virtanen is a very happy man and now that he has retired he is doing what he likes best — working with wood.

He has a summer place at Trout Lake and is now in the process of building a permanent home there from logs he has cut nearby. He will, of course, have a sauna in the house but he also has plans to build a separate log sauna. Perhaps Willy's love of saunas has something to do with the fact that he was born in one on the family farm in Finland in 1925.

Willy and the former Eila Miemi were married in 1950 and came to Canada in 1951. An uncle of Eila's, Toiva Pentola was working at Frood mine at the time and encouraged them to come over.

Willy was able to get hired at Stobie mine where he worked for three years on underground construction. He later moved over to Frood where he worked in stopes and pillars for many years.

The last 10 years of his Inco service he worked with the mine construction gang at several locations.



Willy is one of 16 children and Eila is one of six, but they decided that their two sons are sufficient family for them. Their sons are: Kimmo, in Mississauga and Ray, in Sudbury. There are three grandchildren.

The Virtanens have lived on MacNeil Blvd. in Sudbury since 1954 but are looking forward to living year round at their favorite place, Trout Lake. Willy does a bit of fishing but hasn't too much time to do that now. He has built himself a workshop and that's where he spends most of every day.

They have made one trip back to Finland and hope to go again. They also have been to the Barbados and to Cuba but they like the winters in Sudbury and enjoy cross-country skiing.

They are very happy together and it is plain to see that they are going to make the most of their new life together in retirement.

Alton Specht

When Alton Specht left his home in Digby, Nova Scotia, the idea was to "go out west". He hasn't made it yet, and now has no intention of leaving his home in Hagar, where he and the former Jeanne D'Arc Wissell have lived since 1956.

Before leaving Digby he fished for lobster and sardines. The urge to move hit him and he landed in London, Ontario, where he worked for the London Petroleum Barrel Company. This entailed cutting trees, and later splitting them into barrel staves.

In early 1950 he came to Sudbury

and found employment in the sinter plant. After five months there he applied for and received his transfer to Stobie mine. Then, like many others, it was back-and-forth between Stobie and Frood, but most of his 33 1/2 years were spent there, and it was from Frood he retired last November, on early service pension.

Alton, or "Al" as he was more familiarly called, says: "I miss the guys" and muses about Glenn Plante, Mike Grace and Gary Chicquen, but talks specifically about his mate for the past 16 years, Bill Demkiw.

When he first came to Sudbury, Al lived in a boarding house at 30 Beech Street. Jeanne D'Arc Wissell was working there, and on May 19, 1956 they were wed, in St. Charles. Jeanne was born and brought up in West Arm.

They have four sons: Eric, works for the CNR; as does his brother Danny; Brian is an electronics technician living in Sudbury; Steven still attends high school.

Two of Al's brothers are miners with the Company, Henry at Frood, and Clyde at North Mine.

Al and Jeanne will travel a little and are planning a trip to the Turner Valley in Alberta to visit his sister. They'll take in some fishing together, too, but when it comes to hunting we're told "when moose season ends he's right into deer hunting!" Pressed a little further on how they will fill their time, Jeanne confesses there's lots to do around the house "...and also for my mother and brothers. They always call for Al and Jeanne."

They're content with Hagar, and plan to stay there.



Steve Szewczyk

Steve Szewczyk has taken an early pension for two reasons; one, he liked the early service offer, and two, he felt that by going now he just might make it possible for someone younger to get a job.

Born on a farm in the Ukraine in 1922, he met his future wife, Vera Morozawa, in Germany. She was also from the Ukraine, and they were married the following year in Belgium. That's where Steve went after the war. He worked in coal mines there until coming to Canada in 1951.

They landed at Winnipeg where he was able to find work in the lumbering industry. Later that same



year, he came to Sudbury and got a job at the copper refinery. "I started in the wire bar storage and worked there all the time," he said. He was an inspector for many years and recalled when they made more than 30 different shapes of copper, and now only two.

Steve and his wife have three children: Walter and George, working for Regional Government and daughter Anna, at Cambrian College. There are five grandchildren.

Steve's wife, Vera, speaks Ukrainian, Russian, German, Polish, French and English and she was an interpreter for a time in Germany. She has worked in Sudbury for a number of years in charge of the cafeteria at Notre Dame College.

They live in the Minnow Lake area where he tends a large garden and enjoys taking his two dogs for walks. They are both active in their church and she is the secretary of the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League.

They have travelled to Europe but never to the Ukraine.

This year they hope to see more of Canada and maybe the United States where Steve has some relatives. They are both in good health and Steve likes to watch hockey and soccer on TV. He is also a real chess player. "He'll stay up all night sometimes," said his wife with a smile.

Jim Bett

Jim Bett has retired after 32 years with the Company.

He was born in Granby, Quebec in 1934 and came to Sudbury in 1953 to start work at the old Coniston Smelter. In 1957 he went to Froot mine and a year later transferred to Levack. He worked at Levack until McCreedy mine opened and finished his service with the Company there as a haulage truck driver.

His early days at the Coniston Smelter made him wonder a little about what he had gotten into. "There was one fellow on the shift who was a real card. He kept everyone going. I think his name was Ernie Laforge, but regardless, he was quite a guy. Alex Rivard was a shift boss and the super was a fellow called Murphy, but I didn't see much of him."

Jim met and married the former Laurette Pharand, of Sudbury at St. Jean de Brebeuf Church. They have two sons and a daughter. The oldest child is Richard who is now with Atomic Energy of Canada in Chalk River. Daughter Carole is married to Richard Dube of Sudbury. Jason, at eight years of age is the youngest family member.



They are very proud of all their children, but you can detect a special fondness for Jason. He's in grade two and the Betts report he is doing very well at school. They'll be staying in Sudbury until Jason graduates.

Jim says he'll fill his time with walking which helps keep his legs in shape. He loves reading and watches some of the more important things on TV.

In his younger days he played the guitar and did some singing. For about ten years he entertained at various senior citizens' clubs and for the Ottawa Valley Club. He played for some dances, too, but isn't able to play now. They are hoping to do a little camping this summer as they enjoy travelling.



Aurele Larose

"I worked with, and for the finest bunch of men" is the way Aurele Larose describes his working relationships during his 36 and a half years with Inco — all of them at Froot mine.

Aurele was born in Hull, Quebec in 1922, was educated there and in Ottawa, then worked on a farm for several years before coming to Sudbury in 1947. He spent his first 20 years with the Company as a miner, and then transferred to the maintenance department where he worked as a drill fitter and drill fitter leader.

He met Yvonne Lavigne while living in Hull and they were married in September 1947, in St. Stephen's Church in Old Chelsea, Quebec. They fondly remember the day, noting it was the church's 100th Anniversary.

They are proud of their six children and 12 grandchildren. Son Andre works in Elliot Lake; both Guy and Michel are stationary engineers in Sarnia, and Mario, remains at home. Their two daughters both married Inco men; Rachel, a nurse at Laurentian Hospital is married to Douglas Mazerole of the General Office in Copper Cliff, while Denise is married to Little Stobie miner Gary Creppan.

Aurele is an associate member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 76, Sudbury. Aurele and Yvonne are fond of skiing, ice-fishing and bowling during the winter, while in summer Aurele's "green thumb" produces an excellent garden. They are both avid walkers.

Aurele spends some of his time each fall cutting about 12 cords of wood for their air-tight stove.

The Laroses have no plans to leave Sudbury for they feel they are among the finest neighbors in the world.



Michael Hanuszcak

Michael "Mike" Hanuszcak was born in Lvov, Poland, in 1924, where he was educated. He recalls a bright, sunny Sunday in September 1939. As they left the morning church service they found themselves surrounded by troops. All the young people were rounded up and taken to camps where Mike spent all the war.

He talks candidly about those days and reports he did very little work. His main recollection is that they were often required to stand in line for up to eight hours to get a meal.

He was released in 1945 and remained in the area for three more

years before coming to Canada and Prince Edward Island in 1948. He spent a year on a potato farm and then came to Sudbury where he found work with Fraser Brace and helped construct the tailing line trestle from Creighton to the Copper Cliff mill.

He and a chum quit one day in September, but not before they hired on with Inco at Creighton mine. He recalls Walter Sokoloskie was his boss at six shaft. He worked in the complex as a driller and construction leader until he injured his knee in 1978. At one point he worked steady graveyard shift for a five-year period. Mike says it seemed like 20 years and his wife Mary agrees.

He met Mary Kinnunen, a resident of Long Lake, and they were married by Magistrate W.F. Woodliffe on August 5, 1955. They have one son and three daughters, and about a year ago became grandparents to Chrystal. Son Michael and wife Patsy live in Sudbury where he is employed by CP/CN Telecommunications. Two daughters, Suzanne and Monique live in Brampton, while Shirri-Lin is home.

With 35 years credited service Mike can't wait to get into his garden. He also loves blueberry picking. In the winter, to keep themselves trim, they go ice-fishing and skiing. Mary says he even bought an exercise bicycle, and "he uses it!"

Mary and Mike are happy to remain in Creighton "our home."

Howard McCorriston

"Murray was the nicest mine a man could work in," according to Howard McCorriston who has retired after 35 years credited service.

Born in Ridgedale, Saskatchewan in 1926, Howard tried to work for the Company three times. He was farming with his parents when, in 1947, he felt he could make better money elsewhere. The "better money" was the sixty-two and a half cents an hour he received for each of the 56 hours a week he put in at the copper refinery. He gave up after three months and worked on road construction. In 1949 he had a ten-day stint before leaving. In February 1950 it was a case of "Third time, Lucky!". Howard started at Creighton six-shaft as a production miner, a term he likes to use.

It's hardly possible to keep track of his work history, for he was a great



nomad. After three months at Creighton he went to Murray, then to Garson, back to Murray then to Levack. Back to Murray, over to North Mine and on to Garson and finally back to North Mine, from where he retired. He was on supervision for an 18-month period and then elected to return to "production mining".

Lenna Lewis was born at Spring Bay, Manitoulin Island and after receiving her schooling on the Island became a teacher in Garson. They met, and on July 10th, 1952 they were married. They speak with love and affection of their four sons and four grandchildren. Terry, the oldest, married Margaret Archibald. Two sons are single, Mark lives in Kindersley, Saskatchewan, and Brian is in Toronto.

The McCorristons are avid campers, and a few years ago purchased an old Baptist Church in Spring Bay. They have remodelled it and now spend their summers there, thus giving Howard not one, but two gardens to look after. He hunts deer in the fall and during the long winter evenings they both play a lot of euchre.

Howard says, "I'm not rushing into anything now that I am retired. I'm just looking, and taking my time." Asked if they were considering moving away they both replied "No, we like it here. If we didn't we wouldn't have stayed." Questioned further about his time in Sudbury Howard replied: "You know, when I came here we had electric light in the house, and running water, and inside toilets. My parents didn't have that until a few years later. No, Sudbury is just fine."

Raymond Muise

Raymond Muise came to Coniston to play ball. He was well known in his native Nova Scotia as a pitcher, and when, in early February 1951 he received a phone call from the Coniston Red Sox he was off like a



shot. He arrived here the day of the serious bus accident, February 9th.

His first shift was on Sunday, February 13th in the metallurgical department at the Coniston smelter. Ray spoke of John Rogerson and Fred Murphy in almost the same breath as he talked of Gerry Wallace, and Spike Wormington, and George MacMaster. After his first three months he transferred to the maintenance department and remained in Coniston until that facility was closed.

He worked for the maintenance construction section for two years and then was over to the copper refinery. For about six years he worked as a locomotive engineer. He transferred to the maintenance department and he retired from the electrowinning section of the copper refinery with 34 years credited service.

Two months after starting at Inco, Raymond returned to Digby, Nova Scotia, where, on April 9th he married Evangeline "Vany" Comeau in St. Patrick's Church. Their marriage resulted in three sons, and, eventually 3 grandchildren. Son Gary, has two daughters, while David, who married the former Sharon Harper, has a son. Their third son, Peter resides in Brantford.

Ray's brother, Joseph, currently works in the Copper Cliff casting department, while another brother, Paul, retired in 1979.

Raymond and Vany plan on taking dancing lessons. Raymond is an avid Blue Jay fan and foresees several trips to Toronto to watch them. They have also planned a trip to Nova Scotia.

In their Coniston home, where they plan to continue to live, they enjoy a garden which according to Vany is split between them. "He has the vegetables and I have the flowers."

At hunting time Raymond, his brothers and cousins will be on Manitoulin Island where they rent a hunt camp.

Raymond finally confessed that when he was young, very young, he had a nickname. His even younger brother had trouble saying "Raymond" and called him "Maymon" which eventually became "Mummy". At the same time he told of this, the Triangle elicited the fact he still holds the best "Win-Loss" record in the Nickel Belt League — 9 wins and only one loss! A grand memory to take into retirement.



George Keall

It was in Powassan, in 1919, that George Keall first saw the light of day. He received his education there before turning to work on a fox farm in Kitchener. He moved from ranch to ranch for three years before returning to Powassan.

He joined the RCAF in 1943 and remained with them until he was discharged in 1945. He had learned the barbering trade during this time, so he returned to Powassan and worked there and in Burke's Falls.

In January, 1948, he joined Inco,

working in the nickel reverbs. However, by Easter he had had enough. July saw George back and he has now retired with 36 years credited service. During his working years, all of them in the nickel converters, he worked at every job except the one he really wanted — craneman.

He attended a wedding in Powassan in April 1948, where the bride was Susan Busch, of nearby Nipissing Village. George feels he was very fortunate to be the groom.

George and Susan have two sons and a daughter, and four grandchildren. The two boys, Harvey and James worked briefly for Inco but Harvey is now in London, Ontario, while James is a pilot flying out of Calgary. Lori, their daughter, works for Mid Canada Television.

His brother Clifford is also an Inco pensioner.

George is a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Powassan Branch, and the War Pensioners of Canada.

During their retirement, George plans to continue using his skills as a barber, especially at Pioneer Manor in Sudbury where he has been cutting hair once a week since the Manor opened in 1953. George says there's no way he's going to cut wood though, nor is he going to fish or hunt anymore. He found there were just too many flies. They do plan many visits to their grandchildren.

As for Susan, she says "I like having him around the house; it's different, but I like it."

The Kealls are looking forward to many years of happiness together.

Louis Labelle

When "Black Louis" Labelle tells you reluctantly of his nickname one has to question how it came about. He directed our attention to his black hair. We suggested "Smiley" would have been our choice, for Louis is happy in his retirement.

Born in St. Leon, in Quebec's Gaspé area in 1926 he recently wound up 37 years with the Company.

He went to Bathurst, New Brunswick at the age of seven. His first job was on the waterfront in Halifax at the age of 16, and he joined the army when barely 18, serving with New Brunswick's North Shore Regiment. Discharged two and a half years later, he moved to bush



work in Kapuskasing, and on his 21st birthday, June 10, 1947 Black Louis started in the Mines Mechanical Department at the Levack Mine Rockhouse.

Johnny Campeau was the first man he worked for, and he recalls Tom St. Amand and Ray Beach. He was sent to the Levack sand plant in October, 1982, and it was from here he retired. His partner there was Claude Brunet, whom he remembers fondly. Louis says: "Claude is a very good man."

During his school years another student was Wilma Lagacy. On August 15th, 1949 they were married at a ceremony in Levack. They have one daughter, Loretta, who is married to Jim Patry. They reside in Chelmsford, as do Louis and Wilma. There is one grandson.

Asked if he is a member of any clubs Louis replied: "No; I don't like to be hooked up with anybody — except Wilma". And Wilma admits he gets up early but he doesn't bother her. She says: "It's nice to have him home".

Louis will be hunting deer and moose around Onaping Lake and he has a garden. They return to New Brunswick about every other year and hope to continue doing this. Their big plans at present are for a visit to Vancouver and to Expo '86. Louis has a brother-in-law there and is hoping there's a spare bedroom.

Veikko Malinen

Veikko "Vic" Malinen is a transplanted Finlander, having been born May 16, 1927 in Kuhmo, Finland. Times were difficult in

Finland then, so his father left for Canada before Vic was born. His mother followed in two years. Vic's father, Arne "Big Matti", found work in Froot Mine in 1930, and retired in 1963 from Murray. In 1931 Vic, his brother and sister joined their parents.

Immediately after leaving school Vic started work with the Northern Ski Factory. He remained there for eight months until joining CPR's telegraph gang, spending the next six months repairing these lines.

On February 27, 1947 Vic started at the Copper Cliff copper refinery, and 38 years later he has retired.

Vic recalls working for Herb Shoveller and B.C. Armstrong and, in particular, his co-worker at the refinery, John Dominique. He also talks of another "Dominique", June, no relation to John, whom he married June 1st, 1974 in the First Baptist Church in Sudbury.



They have no children and so are able to engage in very active hobbies together. Golfing heads the list, especially for Vic. June says if it wasn't for fishing, Vic would list golf as number two, also. The fish in Lake Manitou, on Manitoulin Island can expect an onslaught this year, and they will have to be wary in the winter, too. Birds will have to be on the lookout in the fall.

When it comes to cooking they share, more or less, 50/50. They have a camper on their truck and keep a tent, as a spare. June claims the tent and a special screened "kitchen".

June sums up pretty well. "He's jack-of-all-trades, but master of none, I've got it made! I'm glad Inco retired him."

Frank Chirka

Frank Chirka, known to the bowling fraternity as "Fire", was born in Creighton in 1925. He was educated in Sudbury however. By 1947 he couldn't think of any good reason why he shouldn't work for Inco so he joined "Jock" Rennie in Copper Cliff's Miscellaneous Fitters, more commonly known as "The Misfits."

Eventually he spent some time in the separation building and then moved to the Froot-Stobie mill in 1972, and from where he retired with a total of 40 years credited service.

On May 2, 1953, Frank married Anna Mae Parker, a Sudbury "girl". They have five children and two grandchildren. The family is a little spread out. Michael, the oldest is married to the former Cindy Hatch and is working in Toronto, while Miles lives and works in Winnipeg. Youngest son, Mitch, is attending Sudbury Secondary School.

Both daughters are married: Holly to Reino Kotilehti, in Sudbury; and Hope, married to Tom Behenna, also in Sudbury.

Frank is an ardent Blue Jay's fan, although he likes the Expos, too. After all, says Frank, "They're Canadian teams!"

Frank and Anna met through their interest in baseball. He was a coach and she was on his team. Frank used to be a pretty sharp bowler, too.

The Chirkas would like to go somewhere just a little warmer, but that will have to wait until Mitch leaves the nest. He keeps them busy at present with hockey in winter and soccer in summer.



John Sander

John Sander has retired from Stobie mine after 37 years with Inco. His service with the Company started in 1947 when he was hired by a recruiting team in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He started at Froot mine and throughout his working life spent all his time at either Froot or Stobie mines.

He recalls, with a chuckle, his "indoctrination" by Frank Southern. During the hour-an-a-half period the new workers were allowed to smoke when all of a sudden Frank reminded them there was "No smoking here!" He recalls, too, Fred Levert and Bob Mitchell, both dead now, and the man he completed his working days under, Claude Lalonde.

Although recruited in Saskatoon, John actually was born in the small town of Scott, in 1924 and was brought up in Revenue, Saskatchewan. His pre-Inco days included helping his blacksmith father, working on the railroad, and mining in Flin Flon, Manitoba. He put some time in at a pulp mill in Ocean Falls, a shipyard in Vancouver and was a lumberman at Lake Cowichan, B.C.



John married Anne Kovac in Holy Trinity Church in June 1948. Anne was born in Kolibabauce, Czechoslovakia and emigrated to Canada in 1938. They have five children: Dennis, married to Emila Diniro, is employed in the Accounting Department in Copper Cliff; Rodney and John Junior, are both at home; Caroline Anne is now in Ottawa where she is employed by the Department of National Defence. Their other daughter, Mary Rose died in 1973 at age 16. They remember her fondly.

John is a member of the Holy Trinity Men's Club and helps in their

youth camp project. Anne is the President of the Holy Trinity CWL so that both are very active in their church.

They both enjoy walking, although John says "not too far". They wouldn't miss their weekly bingo and in summer there's the garden which comes under John's care. He says "it's only about six feet by 20 but it gives us everything we need. I like doing anything with wood, too."

Their retirement will see them travelling. Perhaps this summer to Sault Ste. Marie, Ottawa, and Hamilton. Next year they plan to visit John's mother who lives alone in Saskatchewan. They'll visit John's six sisters and two brothers, too.



Charlemagne Desforbes

Charlie Desforbes was born on a farm at Hanmer in 1922, one of a family of 12 children. He grew up there and in the Hagar area where he worked in a sawmill at the age of 12.

In 1942 he hired on at Levack, worked with tramming crews for six years, then quit. He rehired the same year, 1948, this time at Garson where he worked until his retirement on early service. He was a diesel motorman at Garson.

The same year he changed mines, 1948, he and Emea Loyer of Chelmsford were married and they have one daughter Gertrude, a secretary in Hanmer and her husband Georges Bouchard works at Stobie. There are two grandchildren.

Charlie and his wife have lived at Hanmer all their married life and plan to remain there. They have a large garden that they both enjoy and last summer bought a summer place at West Arm.

Charlie likes to hunt and fish, winter and summer, and his other hobbies include playing the fiddle,

mandolin or guitar, and doing odd jobs around home and camp.

He and his wife belong to the local Golden Age Club where they meet many friends and play cards. They have travelled all across Canada and plan to travel more, now that they have more time on their hands.

Charlie is no TV fan and limits his viewing to one hour on Saturday when wrestling is on. They are in good health and looking forward to sun and fun in retirement.

Joseph A. Belfry

Al Belfry was born at Espanola but moved to Sudbury with his family when he was eight. That was in 1934 and his father Elwood came to work at Inco. He retired in 1959. Al grew up in the Minnow Lake area and Belfry Ave. is named after his dad.

Al first worked for Inco in 1942 at age 16, at the copper refinery but quit to join the army in 1944. He went overseas with the Queen's Own Rifles and was on occupational duty in Germany. He returned to Canada on the Mauritania along with General Montgomery, and others, and was discharged in 1946.

That same year he rejoined Inco at the reverbs, worked for a few years at the sinter plant, then went to the iron ore plant where he worked until his retirement on early service.

It was at Sudbury in 1948 that Al and Anne Marttinen were married. They have five children: Allan, in Sudbury; Jim, in Elliot Lake; Bill, in Sudbury; Judy, Mrs. Mario Peloso, of Sudbury; and Cathy, Mrs. Glen Mitton, of Elliot Lake. There are six grandchildren.

The Belfrys have lived on Elm St. in the west end of Sudbury since 1951 never dreaming then that they would have a highway past their door



someday. But they are used to the traffic now.

They had a camping trailer for many years but last year bought a place on Manitoulin Island where they plan to spend much of their time now. Al likes his steam bath hot and has a fine sauna at their summer home.

He does some fishing, they enjoy travel, mostly short trips, and they have made many camping trips with their children. Al likes to work with wood and make things for his grandchildren. They both enjoy walking and Mrs. Belfry does volunteer work at the General Hospital. Her dad Vaino, was also an Inco retiree from Frood.

They are a happy couple who are enjoying good health and each others' company as well as that of their family.



Samuel Banfield

Maintenance mechanic first class Samuel "Sam" Banfield has retired after devoting 33-1/2 years to the Company.

Sam was born in Garnish, Newfoundland and worked on a fishing boat out of Halifax before being lured to Sudbury in 1949 by his sister. Her husband, Wilson "Newf" Anstey, worked for the Company. He is now retired.

Sam was unable to hire on immediately so he worked first for Cecchetto and Sons and then for Fraser Brace. He started with Inco in June, 1951 working with "Jock" Rennie, and the Miscellaneous Fitters. He recalls Jack Beaudry, Jock's assistant, and time-keeper Oscar Mei, and Leo Lafrenier. In fact, Sam says, "I worked with so many good fellows I can't even remember them all."

He went over to the Iron Ore Recovery Plant for several years and then transferred to the Copper Cliff

mill where the late Jack Gifford was his boss. Johnny Hamilton worked in the tool room. From there he worked for seven years at the nickel refinery, and it was from here he retired.

Sam's wife of 38 years, Grace Anna (Isnor) was born and educated in Halifax. They were wed December 22nd, 1947. The Banfields have five children, three girls and two boys, and five grandchildren, also three girls and two boys. They are proud of them all.

Bruce, the oldest works in the nickel reverbs. He married the former Terry Brownlee. Their other son, Bryan, is living in Kingston. Sarah (Sally) is the oldest of the girls and works for Bell Telephone in London. Jan is now Mrs. Don Gummerson. Don works for the transportation department in Copper Cliff. Sandra is still at home.

Sam spent most of last winter remodelling their home. He plans to fish and hunt and in winter they will both be bowling. They enjoy daily walks and they share a garden 50-50. Grace Anna says "He digs; I seed, and we both weed."

They are planning a trip back to Newfoundland which will be their second trip since leaving. They'll also try to work in a trip to the other coast in a year or two. In the meantime they'll enjoy their home, family and friends on 4th Avenue in Minnow Lake.

Jozef Gluszek

"He's a good person to have around," is the way his wife feels about Jozef Gluszek's retirement on a disability pension. He spent 28 years in the matte processing department.

Jozef was born in Chwaliszew, in Western Poland in 1933 and at the age of ten, was taken by his parents to Austria. When the Russians took Austria he, and his parents simply left. According to Jozef, "We just locked the door and left everything so it would appear the house was still lived in, and went to a refugee camp in Germany." In 1949 they went to Brazil in what turned out to be stop-over to Canada, and to Sudbury.

Anna was born Anna Burger in Turda, Rumania and she and her family, too, fled to Germany. They met there, but were separated when Jozef left for Brazil. The Burger family followed a year later and they met



again in Sao Paulo where they were married April 30th, 1955.

Just before Christmas, 1955, they left Brazil on their journey to Sudbury. The day they left Sao Paulo it was 105 degrees (Fahrenheit), and the day they first set foot in Sudbury the thermometer dipped to -30!

Jozef worked for Milanov Painters and recalls painting some of the houses then being constructed in Lively. On December 20th, 1956, Jozef put in his first shift for the Company in the converter aisle. Three months later he transferred to the separation building. He recalls there were 65 men working there. When he left work for the last time he left 12 mates behind. He had kind words for them, and talked of William Saunders and Robert Renaud, his supervisors.

He added: "I was very happy there ... there were no arguments ... never a dull moment. I loved working for the Company."

Jozef and Anna have two sons and a daughter. John married Lisa Koivola and they now live in Toronto. Susan, an admitting clerk at the General Hospital, and Tony, who attends Cambrian College, are both at home.

The Gluszeks are members of the Polish Club of Sudbury.

When the Triangle asked what he would do in his retirement Jozef could foresee no problems. He started collecting stamps with a Jewish friend in the early 1940s. He was forced to abandon his collections two or three times, but always returned to it. He has his own "stamp room" and can easily spend eight to ten hours a day there. He trades and deals with friends throughout the world.

We closed our interview on this philosophic note from Jozef. "I told my boys, get to like your job; then you go to work happy!"

Ron Desormeaux

Ron Desormeaux was born in North Bay in 1928 and has retired on early service pension with 38 years credited service. Ron's friends know him better as "Bidoux", but Ron says he hasn't the faintest idea where the nickname came from.

Ron's dad came to Sudbury to work for Fraser Brace in 1930, and Ron had no alternative but to come too. But he says he has no regrets.

He started with the Company in 1947 in the nickel reverbs where he worked as a skimmer until 1978 when he transferred to the Copper Cliff plate shop.

Ron and Georgette Lalonde, of Sudbury, were married at St. Jean de Brebeuf Church in 1949. They have six children, three of each sex, and, as Ron said "two, four, six, eight; yes, eight grandchildren".

Claude is a machinist with Craig Bit in Val Therese; Ron Jr. works for the Good Neighbours Salvage Shop in Sudbury while Tommy keeps them hopping at home. Their three daughters are all married: Claudette to Bob Bodson, of Bon Accord, Alberta; Patricia, to Gerry Laroux in Sudbury; and Jan, to Ron Ouellette, also of Sudbury.

Georgette was unable to meet with the Triangle as she was suffering an injured foot so we do not vouch for Ron's claim that "I built her a greenhouse about two years ago, but I do all the hard work and she just does the planting."



Ron has planned for a couple of fishing trips this summer as well as a trip to Alberta. Although they have a house trailer, Ron said he's going the easy way — driving in their car, and stopping at motels. In the fall there'll be more fishing, hunting, followed by ice-fishing and skiing in the winter.

Emilio Visentin

Retired from the machine shop at Copper Cliff where he had spent most of his Inco years, Emilio Visentin is adjusting nicely to his retirement.

Born at Britt, Ontario where his father worked at the coal dock, Emilio finished his education at Sudbury Mining and Technical School. He joined Inco in 1945 with the mechanics. Laid off after a few months, he worked at Parry Sound and Toronto before returning to Inco in 1947, starting with Jock Rennie's 'misfits', he soon moved to the blacksmith shop and then the machine shop where he operated a drill press. He has taken the early service pension.

Emilio married Argie Grottoli, a local girl from a well known family in 1949. She was born and raised at the end of Copper St. and at one time she recalls her dad raised several hundred pigs along with many chickens. She also remembers Andy Boyce driving his cattle from Martindale Rd. up to their Gatchell graze.



There are two children in the Visentin family: Richard is in Burlington, and daughter Linda, Mrs. Louis Anceriz, lives at Mississauga. There are two granddaughters that are dearly loved by their grandparents.

The Visentins built their own home in the Gatchell area back in 1953 and still live there. Emilio enjoys his garden there and his wife preserves much of what they grow. He also makes his own wine, and is a real television sports buff.

Argie is active with the Catholic Women's League and she enjoys travel but Emilio is happy around home. He likes to walk and does so every day.



Bob Jakob

Bob Jakob and his wife, the former Pauline Tanko were both born in Yugoslavia. Eventually they immigrated, independently, to Canada and they met when Bob was working for Inco and she was living in Creighton. They were married at Holy Trinity Church in August 1948.

Their family consists of three children. The oldest is John, who married Colleen Weaver. He works at the Taxation Data Centre. Diane married Mehmed Chehic. Their other daughter, Carol Ann is married to Maurice Falcioni. There are two grandchildren.

Bob says his dad came to Canada in 1928 and worked at Frood mine. He and his mother followed in 1937. Bob worked on a farm for a while and then went to school to learn English. He was a mechanic at the rockhouse at Frood and when the Frood-Stobie mill was opened he transferred there, a move he doesn't regret.

Recalling their early days in Sudbury, Pauline says she used to buy milk by the gallon from the location now occupied by the Beaver gas station on Lorne Street. Their home on Bessie Street in Sudbury, boasts a garden they are both proud of. Bob used to be a heavy smoker but he quit a year ago. He feels much better but there's been a bit of a side effect; he gained a little weight. The Jakobs have never been back to Yugoslavia but they hope to correct that this fall.

With 44 years credited service, Bob retired partly because he suffered a heart attack a year ago. He's feeling fine now and recalls with fondness the fellows he worked with. He says: "They were a swell bunch of men to work with and were always very friendly."



Joe Grabish

Except for a short break in the mid forties, Joe Grabish has worked all his Inco years at the Froid mine and like many other good miners, Joe admits it was a good place to work.

He was born in Poland in 1921 but the family came to a farm near Swan River, Manitoba in 1928 and that's where Joe grew up. He started work at the tender age of 13, driving a team of horses in a bush camp. When he was older he tried construction at Port Arthur before coming to Sudbury in 1941 and hiring at Froid.

In 1945 he quit to join a brother in the trucking business in Winnipeg but when that didn't work out he rehired at Froid in 1948. "I've done most jobs," Joe said. "I worked on tramping, on 12-8 shift, drove raises, was pillar leader and the last 10 years I was school stoppe instructor at Froid-Stobie. I found that very rewarding work," he added.

It was in 1953 at Sudbury that he and Pauline Chimilar were married. She is from Gimli, Manitoba. They have four children: Larry and David, both in Toronto; Corine in Ottawa; and Dorothy, Mrs. Ron Cail of London, Ontario. There are 11 grandchildren along with one great-granddaughter of which they are very proud.

The Grabishes have a very comfortable home in the Minnow Lake area where they have lived for over 30 years and have one of the best gardens in the area. A few years back they remodelled their home with both of them doing most of the work. They are very happy there and have no plans to move.

They visit their children and both have relatives in the west. "Our summer place is at Gimli," said Mrs. Grabish. They are a very devoted couple who enjoy each other's

company and work well together and are happiest when they are in their own home.

Joe used to hunt and fish but now he likes to work around the place and take short motor trips.

Marcel Brunet

Marcel Brunet was born at Massey in 1933 and was raised on the family farm at Noelville. He left home at the age of 14 and came to Sudbury where he washed dishes in Murray's restaurant which was located in the Coulson block. Later he worked in the bush during winter and the tobacco fields of Delhi in summer.

He joined Inco in 1953 at the roasters and worked there for 13 years before joining the mechanics at Copper Cliff. In 1969 he went with the mines mechanical department at Murray, Little Stobie and Stobie mines and the last few years he was at the new central shops with the component repair centre crew.

He and Claire Roy were married at Sudbury in 1954. They have four children: Robert in Sudbury; Andre, is with Inco's computer department;



Gilles operates the snack bar in the Scotia Tower; and Lynn is Mrs. Paul Desjardins of Kitchener. To date there are eight grandchildren, seven of them girls. Mrs. Brunet is happy making things for them and babysitting as needed.

They have lived on Ester Road near the four corners and have a lakefront property on St. Charles lake so there is no need for a summer place. They also have a camper that sees plenty of use. They both love to travel.

Marcel likes working around his home and does just as much as the mood suits him. Claire is happy to have him at home and they are both in good health. As Marcel says: "I just love this retirement."



Arni Kontturi

Arni Kontturi was born and raised in Copper Cliff and has returned to live in the house that he was born in. His father John retired from the Company in 1959 and Arni joined Inco in 1948 as a machinist apprentice.

He attended school in Copper Cliff with such well known boys as Yacker Flynn and his hockey linemates. He finished his education at Sudbury Technical School and worked a couple of years with the old Sudbury Construction and Machinery Co. before joining Inco.

After completing his machinist apprenticeship he remained in the machine shop. He worked on most of the jobs there but his favorite was the 12-foot planer at which he spent many years on a wide variety of jobs. He liked his work and readily admits he worked with and for some of the best guys you could find.

In 1955 he married Marcelle Foran in Sudbury. Her brother, Frank, and father, Jack, will be remembered by oldtimers at Froid mine. There are three children: Ken, is with the CBC on Manitoulin Island; Dave, is in Wallaceburg; and Marni is at home.

Arni and his wife lived for some years in Lively but now reside in Copper Cliff because it is close to their two camps; one at Black Lake and the other at Biscotasing. Arni likes to hunt and fish and in winter uses his snowmobile for ice fishing.

They hope to travel more now, in Canada and possibly head south in winter. Arni is active with the Copper Cliff Legion as well as the Creighton-Lively Elks Club. Arni enjoys the odd poker game with the boys and he is also a football fan.

They are happy in retirement and are looking forward to spending more time at both of their camps.

William 'Bill' Mills

Bill Mills was born in Canada's potato growing province but he admits that the spuds he grows on his acre of land on Manitoulin Island are as good or better than those grown at P.E.I.

Bill was one of 10 children on the farm during the depression and things were tough. He left the farm for the army in 1941, saw considerable service overseas and was wounded at Normandy. He was back in action before the war ended and then spent over a year with the occupational army in Germany.



After discharge he went back to the farm but on the advice of a friend in the army, came to Sudbury in 1947 and hired on at Levack. "The best place I ever worked," he declared. "And Charlie Lively was a real great character. I just loved being there." He had worked on production and development including 11 years driving raises. The last 10 years he was on sandfill.

Marie Snow had come from Newfoundland to work at Levack and that is where she met Bill. They were married in 1952. Son Billy is a graduate from Laurentian, working in Sudbury, and their two daughters are: Barbara, Mrs. Dan Jiricka, a nursing director at Saskatoon Hospital. She was an Inco scholar in 1973; Brenda, is Mrs. Brian Deziel of Onaping. There are four grandchildren.

The Mills have lived in Levack for 38 years and plan to stay. They have a garden at home in addition to their acre of potatoes. Mrs. Mills enjoys working and she still does at the Levack High School and at the ski hill in winter.

Bill is a moose hunter and claims he hasn't missed in 26 years. He is also a sports buff on TV and enjoys curling. He is a charter member of the Levack-Onaping Legion and they are members of the Golden Age Club.

They love their grandchildren and both declare that it is the best thing that has ever happened to them. They are very happy in retirement with their family and many friends.

Matti Asu

Big, hearty, cheerful Matti Asu has decided to retire from Inco but that doesn't mean he has retired. He is as busy, or busier than ever in his involvement with several local organizations. And that is what he enjoys doing, and does well.

Born in Finland in 1926, he had worked for Inco at the Petsamo mine in Finland for a year before the Russians took over. Matti served on two occasions in the Finnish army and is now the president for all of Canada of the Finnish Second World War Veterans.

In 1951 he decided to come to Canada and since his wife had an aunt in Timmins that is where they went. Matti worked a couple of years at the McIntyre gold mine before coming to Inco in 1953. He worked a short time at Creighton five shaft, was laid off and soon recalled to the copper refinery where he worked the next nine years. In 1964 he went with the mechanics and for the last 12 years was a diesel mechanic at the South mine.

It was in 1949 that he and Sisko Myllykoski were married in Finland. They grew up in the same area. Their family includes one son Ahto in



Toronto, and three daughters; Kielo, married to Randy Carlson of Newmarket; Kaija, who is a very familiar and friendly face at the Sudbury library. Her husband Claude Malloux is a lineman with Inco; and Marjatta, still attending university.

Matti is very active with the Sudbury South Lions' Club and that keeps him pretty busy. But he enjoys being involved in community work and gives much of his time to it. They have lived near the four corners area for some 25 years and will stay there. They have made several trips back to Finland where they both have relatives. Matti's mother is 99 years of age. They are also members of the Finnish Lutheran Church.

They have done some travelling in Canada and hope to do more and perhaps go south some winter. They enjoy visiting with family and friends and they have many of them.



J. Kenneth Conibear

J. Kenneth "Ken" Conibear spent 33 years with Inco and upon his retirement February 1, 1985, was senior mines project engineer.

Born in Ingersoll, Ontario, in 1925, Ken received his early education there. It was interrupted immediately after V.E. Day with service in the Army of Occupation. Returning to the University of Toronto, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree as a Mining Geologist, in 1950.

After graduation, Ken spent a year in the field before joining the Creighton mine engineering staff March 19, 1952. His boss then was Lyn Goard, now retired, and living a short distance away from Ken's summer retreat at Honora Bay, on

Manitoulin Island. Another nearby resident, and also a former associate is Merv Dickhout.

After ten years at Creighton, Ken was moved to the Copper Cliff mines office for three years. He spent seven years at Garson as Area Engineer, and in 1972 rejoined the mines engineering department as a planning engineer.

Ken has travelled widely for the Company including New Caledonia, mine planning in Nevada, and for the McBean gold mine in Kirkland Lake.

On February 16, 1952, just a month before starting at Creighton, Ken married Margaret Dickhout. She was born and lived on a farm at Salford, Ontario and it was the scene of their wedding. She and Ken have two sons; Richard who is at home, and Paul, living in Vancouver.

Ken will maintain his interest in their church, St. Paul's United Church, Garson, where he currently serves as Council Chairman. He says "I'm going to catch salmon in British Columbia," but qualified it to say "well, at least I'm going to try, but I caught some nice ones last year". He'll look after his camp on Manitoulin Island and enjoys wood-working of all kind, although admits to building construction as being his chief interest.

Margaret will maintain her interests too. They include service to the Sudbury Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and to the Hospital Auxiliary Association of Ontario, where she is currently a vice-president. She is well-known in the area for her quilting expertise and will continue with this avocation.

Robert Langstaff

Bob Langstaff has taken an early service pension and is now enjoying some of the best times of his life. "I feel great, have lots to do and now have the time to enjoy more things with my wife," he said.

He was born at Port Arthur in 1929 and his family moved to Sudbury when he was a baby. His dad worked for Nordale Construction and helped build the copper refinery. Bob grew up in the Gatchell area of Sudbury and the only job he had before joining Inco was setting pins in the bowling alleys at the Inco Club.

He hired on during the war at age 15 and worked in the mail room at the general office until he was 18 then



went with the metallurgical department. He quit in 1949, and spent one season on the Great Lakes steamboats, then returned to Inco in 1951, at the sinter plant. Six months later he went with the maintenance mechanics and worked at most mines. He later went underground at Levack where he drove raises and drifts. He returned to the mechanical department at Levack in 1975 and in 1983 went to Froid as a first class rigger and finished up his service there.

His wife, the former Marlene Thornton, is also from an Inco family. Her dad Fred had been with the riggers at Froid and retired from there. Bob and Marlene were married in Sudbury in 1951. Their three children are: Robert Jr., in Edmonton; Donna, whose husband Paul Berube works at Levack; and Carole-Lee whose husband Wayne Riley is in the Armed Forces. There are five grandchildren.

Bob and his wife have lived in Levack for over 30 years and also have a summer place at nearby Windy Lake. They have a motor home and have been south many times and plan to continue spending their winters in the south and summers at Windy Lake.

Bob likes to fish, has a garden at camp and Marlene preserves much of the produce. Bob is an active member of the Elks Club.

Bernard 'Barney' Forest

Barney Forest is one of the most gregarious, happy and busiest pensioners one is ever likely to find. And now that he has retired he'll be busier than ever, if that is possible.

He is an active sportsman. "I've

been in hockey for 38 years, but I only play twice a week now," he said. "We are a tournament team and have been to Lake Placid and Banff." He also played for several years with Sudbury Hardrocks football team.

Woodworking is something he loves, making fine wood toys for his children, grandchildren and friends. His shop burned down recently but he has salvaged some fine wood from some old garages at Levack and plans to build a bigger shop.

If that isn't enough he has a hobby farm on Lake Mindemoya and welcomes scores of friends as well as family. He and his wife are happiest when there is a crowd at their place. And yes, they have a large garden too, and Barney is a keen fisherman.

He was born at Sudbury in 1933, joined Inco in 1950 at the smelter, went from there to Stobie, then to Levack where he worked 12-8 shift for 14 years until McCreedy West opened. He was a payloader operator there until retirement.



In 1957 he and Doris Demers were married at Levack. Her father, Urgel, had worked there and she has two brothers, John and Roger who have retired from that same location. Barney has one brother Gerry at Stobie. Their children are Danny and Paul at Elliot Lake, and daughter Lise in Sudbury. There are two granddaughters.

The Forests have travelled Canada from coast to coast and may do more travelling now, if they find time. In addition to Barney's activities, Doris is the librarian at Levack. They are a very happy couple who are entering retirement with enough enthusiasm for ten people and their love of life is very evident in their actions.

Mike Zatezalo

Mike Zatezalo has taken advantage of the early retirement plan and is happily enjoying his new style of living. He and his charming wife are happiest when they are at the family farm near Alban, and that is where they spend a good deal of time, summer and winter.

Mike met Agnes Greer, a Scottish nurse from Windsor, in Muskoka in 1962. They were married the following year. Their two nationalities seem to blend well and they are obviously very happy together.

Mike was born in Yugoslavia in 1925 and his father brought the family to Canada just before war broke out. The family bought a small farm near Wahnapiatae and that's where Mike was raised until he joined the Canadian Artillery in 1944.



He saw action overseas and was discharged in 1946 but it took him 10 years of other jobs before he realized that Inco was the best place to work.

He started at Creighton five shaft in 1956 and went to Levack in 1958 where he worked on the level and on surface before joining the mechanics. He worked at several different mines and finished up his last few years at the matte processing department.

Mike and his wife have a comfortable home in the New Sudbury area and will continue to live there. They enjoy travel, have seen most of Canada and made several trips both to Yugoslavia and to Scotland. His wife says that many of her friends from Scotland have taken winter vacations in Yugoslavia.

The family farm near Alban is what they refer to as their retreat. They enjoy being there and as Mike says, "we always have lots of company."

And they both like that. Mike likes to work around the place, cut a little wood but he is not into raising any livestock.

They are a happy and healthy couple who are enjoying retirement and obviously are pleased to have more time now, to spend together.

Aime Lepage

Aime Lepage, who retired recently from the mechanics at Copper Cliff, has had an interesting and varied career. He was born at Sudbury in 1924 and went straight from school to a job as a delivery boy for a drug store. Then he joined Nordale when he was 16 and helped build the Murray headframe.

In 1942, he joined Inco at the copper refinery but quit in 1945 to help his brother with their store on old Borgia St. When his brother joined Ken Brown as Brown and Lepage, Aime ran the store for a time, spent a year with Crawley McCracken and ran a store for Capreol Bus Lines for three years. He came back to Inco for a year at Coniston but quit again and returned to being a storekeeper, then in 1951 he rehired to Inco this time to stay.



He had worked with the mechanics in many locations at Copper Cliff and for the last several years worked with 'Moose' McQuarrie.

Aime has also been active in the Union over the years but mainly in the recreational field, working with Kerry Size. He has been president of their mixed bowling league for many years and is still active with their Sports and Recreational Committee.

He married Marguerite Davis at Sudbury in 1947. Their five children

are: Maurice and Marcel are in Toronto; Paulette, Mrs. Reg. Blanchard; Nicole, Mrs. Richard Doyon, and Gisele, Mrs. Ken Hytti, all of Sudbury. There are five grandchildren.

Aime and his family have lived in New Sudbury for 30 years and Mrs. Lepage works at the Health Care Pharmacy there. Aime likes to fish and bowl, and they have travelled to both coasts of Canada and to Florida three times.

They are a close family who are very happy together and have many friends.



Peter Zwarich

Peter Zwarich was born on a farm near Winnipegosis in 1921 and tried several other avenues before coming to Inco to work. After leaving the farm in 1939 he joined a brother at Beardmore but couldn't get on at the mine so went to work in the bush. Later he worked at Leitch gold mines from 1940 to 1943 when he joined the army.

He went overseas with the Princess Pat's in 1943 and in 1944 was with the Canadian contingent in Italy. A year later he was in Holland and when the war ended he served with the occupational troops in Germany.

After his discharge in 1946 he returned to the family farm then went to B.C. and worked in gold mines there until 1951 when he came east and a job with Inco. He started at Creighton three shaft and later went to six shaft. In 1970 he went with the ventilation crew and worked there until his retirement.

He and Mary Rozmarnowich were married in 1947 at Winnipegosis

which was her home town. Their six children are: Leonard, in Hanmer; Peter, at school; Darlene, Mrs. Paddy Kidd of Sudbury; Debbie, Mrs. John Boyuk of Sudbury; Brenda, Mrs. Kevin Jack of Calgary; and Kim, just graduated from Western in occupational therapy. There are six grandchildren.

They have lived in the Minnow Lake area since 1952 and plan to stay there. They are both interested in gardening and preserve much of their produce. Peter enjoys all sports and used to play both blooper ball and broomball. His wife states that he is a very handy man around home.

Now that they have more time they hope to travel more. They still visit back home and are a close family with their children. Peter is a member of the Legion, Branch 76, and he has no hesitation in stating that he is enjoying retirement.

Albert 'Ab' Amos

A well known and popular member of the mechanical gang at Copper Cliff for well over 30 years, Ab Amos has taken early service pension. He has been troubled lately with a heart problem so he felt the wise thing to do was take his doctor's advice and ease up now.



The thing he misses is the competitive sports he once played, especially bowling where he was on many winning teams. However, he hopes that he will be able to bowl again later this year and possibly golf this summer and ski in winter.

Ab has been very active with the Copper Cliff Maintenance Pensioners' Club. He was president for the past 12 years. He was also involved with

the youth bowling movement in Sudbury.

Born at Fredericton in 1926, he apprenticed as a plumber in 1941 then joined the army the following year and saw service in Canada and overseas. Upon his discharge he returned to Fredericton, completed his plumbing apprenticeship and worked there and in Toronto as well as in Sudbury for a couple of years. He knew Ev Staples well and went to school with Bubba Jewitt and played ball with them in his home province. He only played a few games with Garson here.

He and Marjorie Tims were married in Fredericton in 1948. Fredericton was also her hometown and they met while he was with the army. Their son Dale is with the Taxation Data Centre in Sudbury and daughter Cyndie is married to Paul Bois.

Ab and his wife moved to Copper Cliff last year after living many years in Sudbury. They like it there because Ab is known and knows so many people. They have a summer place on Ham Lake and spend their summers at camp where they do some fishing, play golf at the French River course and cultivate a garden too.

They have been to California and Florida and also Canada's west coast and that is where they may spend some time in winter now. They also visit back home to Fredericton.

Ab enjoys sports on TV, likes to read, walk and exercise. He and his wife Marjorie are very happy together and are anticipating many pleasant retirement years.

Don Forbeck

Retired on disability pension with a kidney ailment, Don Forbeck is busy as ever in many areas. He is an ardent hunter and fisherman and each year looks forward to the moose hunt. He fishes winter and summer.

Born at Poole, Ontario he had worked with his dad in the painting and decorating business until 1952 when he came to Sudbury. He hired on at Creighton five shaft in that same year. At Creighton he was fondly known to many as "Cannonball", and was very popular at the mine.

For a number of years he worked with tramping crews and was also a hoistman for several years. He joined the mechanics as a garage mechanic in 1976 and a year later transferred to the iron ore plant. The last few months he worked at the nickel refinery.

In 1954, Don and Aldene Moxam were married in Sudbury. She is a member of the well known Moxam family of Waters. Her dad, John, had worked for the Company for 25 years.



The Forbecks had four children but one son, Kenneth, was killed while walking on the highway back in 1975. The other children are: Bruce, at Cambrian College; Perry, with Noront Steel; and Brenda, Mrs. Ronald McCauley works at the Memorial Hospital. And their two grandchildren are, as they put it; "The light of our lives".

Don had a camp on Penage at one time and would like to have one again. They have a tent trailer that has been busy but their energies and talents are directed more to their church, the Waters Mennonite Church, where both have made, and continue to make, great contributions of their time and talents.

Don is a very handy man, has built his own home, and can make or fix most anything. Woodworking is his specialty. He is in great demand by church, family and friends and is always happy to oblige.

Don and his wife have travelled through much of Canada and have made one trip to Florida. They are happy with their many good friends and neighbors and this year they hope to find time to golf. They are a happy, dedicated couple who are an asset to any community.



Ray Desloges

Thirty-nine years at Frood is Ray Desloges' credited service with the Company. He's one of three family members to retire November 1st, leaving only Harvey still working at Frood.

He was born near MacFarlane Lake on February 24th, 1927. Ray worked on his father's farm before joining the Company's work force in 1946.

Starting as a miner at Frood, Ray transferred to become a drillfitter in 1960. He served as a shift boss from 1965 to 1972 and then chose to transfer to Creighton. In three months' time he was back at Frood's drill shop, from where he retired.

Ray married Rachel Deschamps in St. Eugene Church, Sudbury, in October 1949. They have no children.

In his years he has picked up the skills required to be an excellent hunter and fisherman, and holds a trapping license in the Townships of Broder and Dill. He enjoys trapping, and all outdoor activities. To enhance his skills he attended Cambrian College's "Fur Farming" course, which he found not only interesting, but helpful too. He's very unhappy with trappers who abuse animals and is pleased that the "Fur Farming" course is now compulsory for all future trap-line operators.

Ray and Rachel have seen Canada from coast to coast "from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island, and we've been as far south as Mexico City". In the future are fishing trips in the north, and they are especially looking forward to visiting the North West Territories, perhaps next year. On their travelling schedule is a trip to Greece.

In the meantime they maintain a

trailer at the Ranger Bay Trailer Park, near Alban for relaxation and easy living. They both look forward, with great anticipation, to their retirement.

Charles Wilkin

Charlie Wilkin has retired from the Copper Cliff nickel refinery where he has worked since 1972. "I started with Charlie Brownlee's gang in 1948," he recalled. From there he went to the old crushing plant and worked for Jack Gifford until that plant closed.

Charles was born at Little Current on Manitoulin Island in 1925. He grew up there on the family farm and is the third generation to do that. Before joining Inco he had worked one season on great lakes steamboats.

Charlie and Doris Paulenko were married at Sudbury in 1944. They met while she was working at the smelter during the war. They have one daughter Beverley, Mrs. Leslie Foreman of Kingston, and there is one granddaughter ready for college.



They are very active members of the local Berean Baptist Church and live their religion daily. They have lived in Copper Cliff since 1958 and over the years have developed a small business growing plants. "We have met some of the nicest people," said Mrs. Wilkin. "And they come back each year." She and Charles set out some 3,000 — 4,000 plants, but it is work they enjoy doing. Charlie used to make wooden ornaments but has no time for that now.

They have a summer place on Manitoulin Island which they enjoy. Mrs. Wilkin would gladly live year round on the Island but Charlie is not ready for that yet, he says. They have a big garden as well as their

greenhouse and much of their produce is preserved.

They are a fond couple who are happily busy doing things they both find rewarding. They have not done too much travelling but hope one day to make a trip to Great Britain.

Lyall Gibson

Lyall Gibson has taken advantage of the early service plan and has retired from Garson where he spent most of his Inco years. He started at the Coniston smelter in 1948, worked the best part of a year, spent a few days at Copper Cliff then went to Garson and worked on production for the next 20 years. "And I always made pretty good bonus too," he said.

He later went on the hoist at Kirkwood mine and when it closed down went to Garson as a hoistman until retirement.

He was born near Cobden in 1925, and had worked on the farm and for Ontario Hydro before coming to Sudbury. "I had about nine uncles who worked here at one time or another," Lyall said. He is glad he came here. "I've had a good living, have a comfortable home and raised my family, so I'm happy," he declared.

He and Ruth Williams were married at Sudbury in 1950, she is from the Garson area. Their three children are: Bill, in Elliot Lake; Brent, at Stratford; and Gail, Mrs. Willie Kellar, of Val Terese. There are three grandchildren. Lyall has a brother Denzil, working with security at Copper Cliff.

The Gibsons have lived on the Skead Rd. since 1956 and Lyall has a fine garden there and Mrs. Gibson preserves much of the produce. They have a trailer and both love to fish so they go to many different places. They have high praise for the Provincial



Parks. In winter, Lyall snowmobiles and does some ice fishing.

Both are active in their church at Garson and Lyall is a handy and busy man around their home. They are a close family and enjoy regular visits from the children. He likes to watch sports on TV and is happy and positive in his approach to retirement. Both he and his wife are in good health and obviously get along well together.

Winston Moir

Winston Moir was born at Enterprise, Ontario and raised at Levack, where his father, Clayton, had worked. At age 16 he went to work with the Foundation Company on construction. He also did other construction work but he is proud of the fact that he helped build the Levack mill right from when the first drill hole was made for its excavation.

Winston joined Inco in 1959 and was with the diamond drill crew. He worked underground for 17 years at Levack, Coleman and McCreedy West. He then transferred to the mechanical department at the mill and stayed there until his recent retirement on a disability pension.

In 1965 he and Marlene Walker were married at Levack. She is from Dowling. They have two children; Terry, who is studying to be a mechanic, and Kathy, a student at Levack High School.

Winston's uncle, Bruce Moir, is an Inco Pensioner. His brother, Bob, works at McCreedy West mine.

The Moirs have always enjoyed living in Levack. Winston likes to hunt and fish but is not too sorry if he doesn't get anything. He used to bowl and may start again. He enjoys somewhat limited physical activities. Learning to live with his limitation is taking some time but with the help of his wife he is making good progress.



Crescenzo Ciolfi

After 26 years at the Port Colborne nickel refinery, Crescenzo Ciolfi has taken an early retirement.

Born in Castrodignano, Italy on May 25, 1922, Crescenzo arrived in Canada in December of 1953. He worked for two years with a construction firm in Toronto and was hired by Inco in December of 1955. Crescenzo started out in No. 4 building and worked in the warehouse for over 15 years. He was a shear operator and a laborer before retirement.

On March 24, 1945, Crescenzo and his wife Cesarna were married in Italy. The couple have six children, Nick, employed by the Canadian National Railway in Sarnia; John, at an electrical shop in Port Colborne; Pat, a mechanic in Stoney Creek; Angelo, at Atlas Steels in Welland; Maria, with a drafting firm in Toronto and Mike, a Grade 10 Port Colborne High School student.



They also have four grandchildren, Tammy, Chris, Timothy and David.

Crescenzo says he enjoys working in his large garden during his spare time. "Actually there hasn't been much spare time when you are raising a big family. Six children can really keep you busy," he said.

Crescenzo also finds plenty of work to do on his Steele Street home. The couple have travelled a few times in the past and enjoy visiting their children.

Lawrence Burton

A supervisor at Garson for the last 20 years, Lawrence Burton has retired on early service pension. Although he admits missing his work



and the men he knew, he is thoroughly enjoying his new leisure.

He is an ardent outdoorsman and has a hunt camp for moose hunting in the fall, an ice fishing hut on Lake Wahnapiatae for the winter, plus a boat and a trailer so that he is able to spend his summer months at many different locations. He plans to park his camping trailer at a small park in Wahnapiatae this year.

"We used to have a summer camp when the kids were growing up," he said. "But we sold it and bought the trailer. And we like that."

Lawrence was born and raised in Garson and recalls that his father worked for both Mond and Falconbridge. Lawrence joined Inco in 1948 at Garson and worked on production all his Inco years. He was a shift boss and relieving general foreman the last couple of decades.

In 1949 Lawrence married Beatrice Barsoleau in Garson. They have four sons: Gary in Timmins; Arnold in Sudbury; Andy in Toronto, and Darren at home. One daughter, Diane, is married to Jack Vandettie of Skead. There are five grandchildren who have a very proud and happy grandpa. "I really enjoy them," said Lawrence. "And we enjoy our family life."

Lawrence has two brothers who are also retired from Inco; Henry from Levack and Frank from Garson.

He is in relatively good health and plans to do more travelling now both in Canada and possible a trip to Arizona at a later date.

He enjoys sports and wildlife shows on TV and is a happy man with his home and family. He has lived in Garson all his life and plans to remain there and enjoy his family, friends and retirement.

William 'Willy' Signoretti

Willy Signoretti is enjoying his retirement and between his big garden at their home on Kelly Lake Rd. and his woodlot farm near Horseshoe Lake and his other activities he is a busy and happy man.

Willy was born "on the hill" at Copper Cliff in 1923. His dad Rudy had come over from Italy in 1912 and had worked for the Company. But when Willy was three the family returned to Italy and he grew up there, attended school, worked in a sawmill and spent nearly four years with the Italian Navy.



He returned to Canada in 1950 but didn't weigh enough to get on at Inco. However, his cousin Boogy, the well known ball player, told him to eat lots of bananas which he did and in about six months he was hired at the sinter plant.

He worked there and the Orford building where he operated the crane. He was also a craneman for 17 years in the casting building. The last seven years he spent with Super Bertuzzi's mechanics.

Willy married Sabauda Serafini at Sudbury in 1952. They have four children: Robert, in Calgary; Paul, at Echo Bay; Sarah, Mrs. Grant McLean, is also at that location; Cathy is still at school. There are five grandchildren.

Like all good Italians, Willy is a great gardener and also makes the best of wine. He has his own greenhouse and grows all his own plants. From his woodlot farm he cuts all his own wood and plans to subdivide and sell most of that property some day.

He made a trip back to Italy in 1970 and has been to Mexico. He may go somewhere else in the south next

winter. He likes to watch sports on TV and enjoys fishing and hunting. "I had my own boat but I sold it," he said. A former member of the Caruso Club he used to bowl and play bocci.

In good health, apart from an injury to his foot, Willy is glad to be retired and hopes to see more of his grandchildren now.

John Miatello

John Miatello was born and raised in Espanola. His first job was working along with his dad on the construction of Inco's plant at Lawson Quarry. His father worked at Frood prior to the first war. When the plant was built John was laid off and for the next year he worked in the bush and with the CPR.

In 1942 he joined Inco at the reverbs, worked at many jobs, then in 1953 transferred to the transportation department as a laborer. Later he worked with train crews on all jobs and since 1972 has been surface boss. He has taken advantage of the early service plan although he was considering retiring since he turned 60 this year.

John and Anne Ranich were married at Sudbury in 1946. Mrs. Miatello recalled that they met while she was working at Inco during the war. Their family of four includes: Don and Bob, both in London, Ontario; Sue, at Edmonton, and Bev attending Cambrian College.



They have lived in the Hillcrest area of Sudbury since 1960 and will probably stay there. John is an avid darts player and belongs to the local Nickel Belt Dart League. His wife also plays and they attend many competitions both here and away.

They are both members of branch 76 of the Legion.

John attends a health spa and exercises regularly. Their travel is pretty well limited to visiting their children. John watches hockey and baseball on TV and he enjoys reading. He finds that he is thoroughly enjoying his retirement.

In good health they are looking forward to many happy years in retirement.

Rheal 'Ray' Seguin

Ray Seguin has been bothered with a back problem for some years so has decided to take his retirement. He injured his back in 1975 and has been on modified work at Frood since that time. Earlier he had operated a scooptram on 800-level.



He first joined Inco in 1949 and worked on the reverbs until 1964 when he decided that mining was what he wanted to do. So he transferred to Garson and was very happy as a miner. He had worked on production there, and in 1973 went to the Frood. "I liked Frood, it was a good place to work," said Ray. "I was in the dry the last few years."

Ray was born and raised on a farm near Noelville. He quit school when he was 15 and worked a couple of years with the CPR before joining Inco.

He and Marguerite Mallette were married at St. Jean de Brebeuf Church in Sudbury. She was born in Sudbury. Their four daughters are: Collette, Mrs. Denis Gagne of Sturgeon Falls; Suzanne, Mrs. Michael Brunelle of Chelmsford; Pauline, Mrs. Robert Proulx of Niagara Falls; and Rachel, in

Sudbury. To date there are five grandchildren.

Ray and his family have lived at Val Caron for 30 years but their favorite spot is their summer home on Trout Lake which is only about six miles from where Ray was born. He likes to fish, used to hunt, and enjoys cross-country skiing. These activities, along with his favorite hobby, woodworking, keep him as busy as he wants to be.

Mrs. Seguin has had a rural mail route for the past 15 years and enjoys that. It hasn't prevented them from taking several trips to Florida and one to Hawaii. They hope to spend longer periods in Florida now and may even buy some property there and just keep the camp here.

They are a very close family and enjoy visiting. At their summer place they have a fine large garden on their two acres of prime land.

John Mihajic

John Mihajic has the ideal vacation spot although it is some distance from his home in Levack. It is on the Island of Kirk in the Adriatic where he was born in 1924. "It's a beautiful place," he said. "The climate is great and now it is a favorite tourist area. When I grew up there, we didn't have tourists, just our farm."

John's brother looks after the family home there and he and John exchange visits about every five years. They have been back there three times and plan to spend longer there now.

John's dad, Tony, came to Canada and a job at Froid in 1935. He later moved to Levack where he retired in 1963. John and his mother came to Canada in 1939. He had finished grade school in Yugoslavia but started at grade one here and in four years was through school.

He was hired at Levack in 1942 as an electrical apprentice and worked with that department until his early retirement. "And it has been a real good place to work," John declared. "And Levack is a good place to live," he added.

John didn't have to take his wife on the proverbial honeymoon to Niagara Falls because that is where Mary Carr was born and raised. They were married in 1949 and have four children: Ron, an electrician at Levack; Jim, at McCreedy West; and Peter, at school and Nancy, Mrs. Ed

Lahaie, of Milton. There are four grandchildren.

John bowls and curls and used to hunt and fish but has lost interest. He is active with the Elks Club, the Golden Age Club and their church. "An electrician is always welcome," he said with a smile.

They have travelled across Canada and made one trip to Florida. But their real joy is their family and the visits to the homestead on the Island of Kirk.



A fine, happy couple, they are in good health and pleasantly active in their retirement.

Lionel 'Leo' Gervais

Leo Gervais has retired on disability from Froid on his doctor's advice. He had earlier been injured at work and since then has had two open heart surgery sessions. And while he is feeling quite chipper he is heeding his doctor's advice.

Born on a farm near St. Charles in 1922, one of a family of nine children, Leo had worked on the farm and in the bush before joining Inco in 1941 at the copper refinery.

He worked there until 1945 when he quit to return to the farm, this time to operate his wife's family farm. But after five years he realized that in order to educate his children and make a decent living, he needed a steadier income than the farm could provide.

So in 1950 he rehired at the Froid mine and worked underground in pillars for many years. An injury put him on the disabled list for some time

and when he returned, it was on a modified work program as a warehouseman. He would have liked to have continued mining but was unable to do so.

In 1942 he married Claire Savage at St. Charles where she also was born. They are very proud of their family. Son Gatien is a professor at Laurentian University, and Bernard is a lawyer in Sudbury. Daughter Denise is married to Cleo Lemieux who works at the sulphur products department, and Joanne is at home. There are four grandchildren.

Leo has lived in the New Sudbury area since 1953 and they plan to stay there. They both love to travel and have seen Canada from coast to coast as well as travelling to Hawaii, Mexico and Florida. Some years ago they took a quick trip to Europe and next year they plan to take a more extensive trip there.



They both bowl, Leo likes hockey on TV and they enjoy the new Seniors' Club in their area. He also likes to work with wood. And they have many plans for a happy retirement.

Don Knutson

Don Knutson admits that ever since he was a young fellow back on the farm in Saskatchewan he thought that he would like to be a miner. So in 1948, he came east and got a job at Garson. "Foster Todd was the superintendent then," he recalled. "And I'm glad I came here, I prefer mining to farming," he added with a grin.

At Garson he worked on production



and construction and the last 15 years was shaft inspector. He liked his work and was planning on retiring next year but took advantage of the early service plan.

It was in 1955 that he and Gertrude Poysor were married at Sudbury. She came here in 1951 to work at the General Hospital. They have two sons: Robert, of Val Caron; and Terrence at home. There is also one grandson.

The big project for the Knutsons at the moment is finishing their permanent home at Lake Nepawassi where they have had a camp for many years. They have lived in the Levesque subdivision the last 27 years and now are looking forward to spending all their time at the lake. He is building their home himself with the help of his two sons and hopes to have it finished soon.

Don likes snowmobiling and still does some water skiing. Mrs. Knutson enjoys babysitting their grandson, knitting and preserving. They plan to have a garden at their new home.

The Knutson family reunion, which is held every two years, will be held this year at their home at Nepawassi. Don and Gertrude are enjoying retirement and anticipating year round life at the lake.

Andy Wisniewski

Born on a farm in Manitoba in 1934, where his parents had homesteaded, Andy Wisniewski grew up there with his nine brothers and sisters. He left the farm in 1953 to join two brothers working at Inco.

Andy was hired at the Coniston smelter, went to Frood in 1954 and then to Levack that same year. He

worked on production and development work and was a shift boss from 1967 until his recent retirement on early service pension.

Andy is a happy and very active man who has participated in most sports including curling with the pensioners. He has a summer place at Lake Onaping, runs a regular trapline and has other interests as well. He uses a snowmobile in winter and gets in some ice fishing too.

He and his wife the former Claudette Laberge, were married in 1957. They both play badminton and she enjoys that sport despite having had open heart surgery three years ago. She has nothing but praise for the local heart unit and feels just great after her operation.



Claudette Laberge is a Levack native and her dad Oscar is a Levack retiree. She also has a brother Larry working at Levack.

They have three daughters: Karen, an optometrist in Toronto; Laurie, whose husband Enio Pidutti is also an optometrist, and Marcia at University in Waterloo.

They have been to Florida and hope to spend more of their winters there now. They have also travelled Canada from coast to coast and plan to do even more travelling now. They have both taken up cross-country skiing and are active in the Levack community where they have lived all their married life.

A relatively young, healthy and happy couple, they are looking ahead to many pleasant years in retirement.

Leonard Beaulieu

Len Beaulieu worked with the mechanics at Copper Cliff most of his Inco years and has now taken

advantage of the early service plan.

Hiring on at the reverbs in 1951, he moved over to Jock Rennie's gang in 1957 then spent most of his time working with the mechanics at the separation and matte processing departments. "I liked my work," he said. "But I was going to retire soon so I was glad to take this offer."



Born on a farm near Noelville in 1932, he came to Sudbury when he was 18 and worked on several construction jobs around town before joining Inco in 1951.

Len and Laurette Soucy were married at Hanmer in 1960. She is from Rimouski, Quebec. They have four children: Lucien, in Sudbury; Gabriel in Garson; Diane, in Sudbury; and Helen, in Ottawa. There are no grandchildren to date but Len would like some as he is from a family of 10 children. He has one brother Gerry at the nickel refinery and brother John is retired from Frood.

Hanmer has been home to Len and his family since their marriage and he has no plans to move. He enjoys putting around his home where he has a small garden. Next year both he and his wife plan to take up cross-country skiing.

Len used to hunt and fish but has given that up. He is a very happy man who obviously enjoys life and may yet find some small job that suits him.

They belong to the local Seniors' Club and he is active with the Knights of Columbus. Now with more time, they hope to see more of Canada. They still visit back at the farm and enjoy their children. "We are a close family," he said.

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