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What do these men have in common?



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On the cover

September has been designated safety month by Inco and Local 6500. The five employees featured on the cover represent the thousands of Inco employees who work safely every day at their jobs. They are, front, from left, Andy Cloutier, Doris St. Louis, and Ollie Moxam; back, from left, Nick Harrison and Bob Canapini. See story on this page for more details.

... Safety

"Safety in September" - is the name of a promotion designed to increase safety awareness at Inco. The Company and Local 6500 have designated September as safety month with the objective to increase the awareness of all Inco people and their families of the vital importance of safety and accident prevention both at work and at home.

While the focus on safety will be consistent throughout the Company, each mine and plant area will hold special promotions and activities to encourage the participation of all employees.

This is the first time that this type of promotion has been held at Inco. It is not the intention to set statistical goals but rather to focus attention on safe practices in all aspects of daily life and demonstrate what can be done to prevent accidents when everyone puts their minds to it.

The employees featured on our cover are examples of what can be accomplished when people make safety a part of their lives. Among them they have more than 165 years of accident free service and each of them has something to say about their years of safe service.

Doris St. Louis

Doris works on a tram crew at Frood mine and has more than 30 years of service without an accident. "If you're not certain about something then you should stop and think about it," he said. "You always have to be thinking."

He is married with two children and says that his family is the main reason he always tried to be safe through the years. They were counting on him to return home every day.

Ollie Moxam

Ollie is a first class maintenance mechanic in the roaster department (formerly the Iron Ore Recovery Plant) at the Copper Cliff nickel refinery complex. With more than 33 years of accident free service he attributes his safety record to "common sense."

"If you look over the job and determine how it can be done safely then the chances are it will be done safely," he stated.

Ollie is married and has five children.

Andy Cloutier

With more than 38 years of accident free service Andy Cloutier says straight out that safety is a pretty simple matter when it's put into perspective. The smelter refractory controller has three children and he says, "If I get hurt I can't work and if I can't work, I won't be able to help my children pay for their education. And that's the most important thing for me. So I really had the best incentive in the world to be safe."

Bob Canapini

Bob Canapini, a first class winder in the winding shop, attributes his 34 years of service without an accident to the continuing emphasis on safety at work. "The meetings, presentations, discussions and movies all contribute to making you aware of safety," he said.

"We're reminded almost everyday of something - good housekeeping keep your tools in good working condition."

Nick Harrison

A stope leader at Creighton mine, Nick Harrison has more than 33 years without an injury. His wife and six children gave him more than enough reasons to be careful.

"You obey the rules and all the safety practices and have a constant vigilence and common sense, that's the most important thing," he stated. "Without safety you are nowhere, on and off the job."

Family Album

Family Album Photos

If you are an Inco employee and would like your family to appear in the Family Album section of the Triangle please let us know by calling 682-5425, or send in your name to the address on the masthead.



Joe and Suzanne Bedard children are, from left, Celine, 9, Rose, 12, Angele, 16 months, and Claude 14. They live on Third Avenue in Levack, not far from McCreedy West mine where Joe is a production miner. He has been with Inco for 19 years. Fishing, hunting, camping, music and baseball are some of this clan's activities.



Robert and Suzanne Hubley make their home on Vaillancourt Crescent in Chelmsford. They have two daughters, Jennifer Lynn, 6, and Ashley Ann, six months. Family activities include bowling, camping, fishing and biking. Robert, a maintenance helper at the Copper Cliff smelter, has been with Inco for 12 years.



James Bett is a veteran of 32 years at Inco. Presently he is a truck driver at McCreedy West mine in Levack. He and wife Laurette have three children: Richard. Carole and Jason.8. The Bett's live on Bond St. in Sudbury. Their favorite pastimes include camping, fishing, family gatherings and the Ottawa Valley Club where James plays the guitar.

North mine Family Day

Thanks in large part to the efforts of two employees at Copper Cliff North mine. Moe Tremblay and Brian Lafleur, that mine was able to host its first Family Day in recent memory in June. Both thought a tour of the operation would help give wives and children a better understanding of what the work of a modern day miner entails.

Moe and Brian termed the Family Day a success. Visitors were treated to

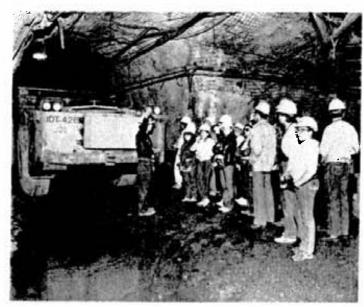
tours of the Clarabelle open pit, the North mine hoist room and North mine's 3935 foot level. Volunteer guides provided informed commentary about various aspects of the operation for the over 400 people who attended.



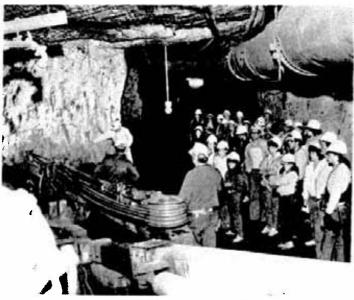
Moe Tremblay and Brian Lafleur, organizers of the North mine Family Day, go over a list of events.



Cal McFarlane and son Nathan model a baseball cap issued to commemorate the North mine Family Day.



Relatives of North mine employees were briefed by Rick Godin on the use of a JDT 426 truck on the 3935 foot level.



This hydraulic drill jumbo attracted the attentions of this group during an underground tour of North mine



Vaino Luolaja offers some insights into operations at the Clarabelle open pit to visitors viewing it at the look-out.



Giant Euclid trucks were a big attraction for many youngsters.



Rick Godin, a mine foreman acting as a guide at the North mine Family Day, shows a drill bit to a group of visitors



Dennis Collin, production miner, helped this young visitor get the feel of a jackleg drill.

The faces of Pensioners' Days

Sudbury edition

The dialogues were loud and long as former workmates gathered over four days in June at the Caruso Club during the annual Pensioners' Days event. Over 2,300 retirees attended the four day event making this the largest gathering yet of Inco pensioners.

The increasing number of pensioners necessitated the move of

the event to the larger confines of the Caruso Club. There they were treated to a sumptuous buffet and the opportunity to play bocce, horseshoes, cribbage and euchre.

While the competition for the various championships was intense, it placed a very distant second to the

pensioners' main pastime at the annual get-together, conversation. They made the most of this special reunion to catch up on news with individuals they hadn't seen in years. For that reason alone, this year's Pensioner Days, like the others before it, was declared a success.















Employees tee off

The blast of a shotgun sounded the start of an 18 hole guest for honors by 237 golfers in the annual Employees Golf Tournament held at the Idylwylde

Golf and Country Club on June 8. Once the strokes were computed at the day's end, Sid Segsworth. superintendent of the Copper Cliff copper refinery, was acknowledged as

the low net winner.

The following week the top 20 golfers were feted at an awards banquet held at the Copper Cliff Club.

EMPLOYEES GOLF TOURNAMENT TOP TWENTY

- Sid Segsworth
- 2. Rob DiFilippo
- 3. Mike Curry
- 4. Chuck McCoy
- 5. Mike Gaudette
- 6. Steve Cote
- 7. Leo Hayes 8. Brian Crowder
- 10. Cec Chellew
- 9. Ed Knezacek

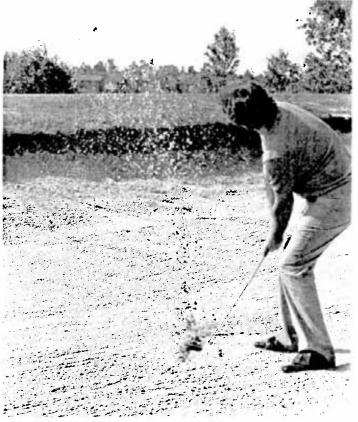
- 11. Graham Squirell
- 12. Mike Doniec
- 13. Steve Woods
- 14. Albert Rebellato
- 15. Al Massey
- 16. Terry MacGibbon
- 17. Doug Bonden
- 18. Ed Lacoste
- 19. Marty Puro
- 20. Ray Sokoloski



Sid Forster, superintendent of public affairs, presents runner-up Rob DiFilippo, centre, and winner Sid Segsworth, right, with their prizes at the Employees Golf Tournament awards banquet.



Darryl Hryciw found himself in a peck of trouble at one point in the tournament but, judging by the photograph, managed to chip out of it nicely.



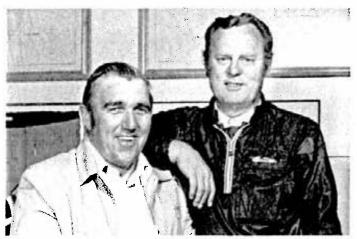
This unidentified competitor had to blast out of a sand trap.



This foursome, consisting of, from left, Jim Black, who also acted as tournament chairman, Al Stephens, Carl Jorgensen and George Canapini discuss club selection on the 10th hole of the ldylwylde Golf Club.

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 109 suggestions earn a total of \$18,015.



Fraser Oakley, right and Ron Tessier split \$5,000.

\$5,000	Fraser Oakley and Ron Tessier of the Stobie mine drill shop addressed the problem of handles on SAL60 Joy drills breaking off at the cylinder end and the wastage associated with them being thrown away. They cut away the broken section and replaced it with a modified adapter that is welded to the handle making the handle reusable. Considerable savings in material costs resulted.
\$1,540	Aurele Larose of Frood mine noticed salvageable parts of equipment that evidently had been forgotten. He recommended that they be refurbished and restocked thereby saving material costs.
\$1.220	At the Copper Cliff nickel refinery , Art Lebel suggested that Draeger tester tubes required for testing for the presence of carbon monoxide in the IPC department be reused. Savings resulted on the purchase of tubes.
\$795	Three employees at Stoble mine , Ron Raymond , Philip Wendell and Normand Arseneault put forth an idea to reduce the size of cordet primers by half. Once implemented it was found to cut material costs.
\$700	Gerry Paquette of the utilities department proposed that a multiple filtration system be used in place of a single unit for processing metals samples in the process tech lab. This proved to be a more productive, safer means of performing the work.
\$645	Frank Champagne of the Clarabelle mill received an additional award for his idea of installing a timer on the shaker of dust collectors at the tipple.
\$565	In order to prevent expansion joints on the roaster system at the matte processing department of the Copper Cliff smelter from filling up with dust and hardening, Robert Emond suggested the installation of an air line which would be used periodically to purge the joints. This was found to cut maintenance costs.
\$500	Claude Genereux and Richard Kirkland at the Frood-Stobie mill cut maintenance costs by recommending that the inking system on recording instruments be replaced with a better system.
\$475	At the Copper Cliff nickel refinery , Dennis Taylor and Gil Papineau reduced maintenance costs by suggesting that ABS pipes and fittings be used instead of the PVC variety in replacing floor drains of the roaster building.
\$235	Ivan Moore and Ron Morin of Garson mine proposed that pre-punched roof bolt washers be purchased to eliminate the time and labor involved drilling out the centers.

60th Anniversary



John and Emelia Vrab

John Vrab and Emelia Gregor celebrated another milestone on May 10 which marked the 60th anniversary of their marriage. We reported on them in IN Touch on their 50th anniversary and stated at that time that the celebration included plenty of dancing in which they joined. But as John said then, not like when they were married

in Czechoslovakia, then they danced all night and into the next day. But they had to marry on a weekend because those were the only days away from work.

For this recent celebration they had a somewhat quieter party at their son's home with family, relatives and friends attending. John and Emelia are not able to dance as they had earlier but they did enjoy having their family all together.

They have three children; daughter Ann, Mrs. Raymond Dube, Milan and Blanche, Mrs. Alexander Blaikie of Don Mills. And there are six grandchildren.

John came to Canada in 1928, his wife in 1936. He worked for a time at the Port Colborne nickel refinery then worked his way through much of the west before hiring at the copper refinery in 1935. He retired from there in 1960. He was born in Czechoslovakia in 1901 and that is also where his wife was born.

They have both made trips back to their homeland but not recently. They went in 1958 and 1962 and doubt they will go again.

On the occasion of their recent anniversary they received congratulatory messages from major political figures and expect to also receive a scroll from the Queen and the Pope.

They have lived on Regent Street for many years and they will probably stay there with help from their family, nieghbours and friends.

The Triangle offers its congratulations along with the others on this 60th wedding anniversary of John and Emelia Vrab.

Golden Anniversaries

Ontario and Anita Rupoli

Ontario 'Terry' Rupoli and Anita Cardivale were married at Sault Ste. Marie on June 23, 1935 and have enjoyed a happy 50 years together. And now, as Terry says, they are on to their second 50.

To celebrate their anniversary they repeated their vows at St. Stanislaus Church in Copper Cliff, then had a celebration at the Italian club where a large crowd of friends and relatives gathered to pay tribute to this fine couple. There were friends from several places in the U.S. as well as many places in Ontario.

The happy couple were presented with several gifts, including money, as well as cards and telegrams. And they also received congratulations from the Pope, Governor-General and the major political figures.

Terry was born "on the hill" in Copper Cliff and still lives in the house where he was born. His father Joe had worked with Inco from back around 1912. Anita was born in Copper Cliff but was raised in Sault Ste. Marie. They met when she was visiting Copper Cliff.

Terry joined the Company in 1934 and retired in 1974. He had worked in



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the Orford building where his dad worked, but spent most of his years in the plate shop.

Their present home overlooks the Italian Club of which Terry was one of the original founders and for a number of years was the financial secretary.

Mrs. Rupoli was president of the Ladies' Auxiliary there for many years also.

The Rupolis have two sons, both in Mississauga. Norman and Melvin are in business down there and doing very well. There are six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter who were all present at the celebration.

In reasonably good health, Terry and Anita are happy together and obviously have great respect for each other. Their advice to young couples today: don't give up when things go wrong; stick with it and eventually everything will work out. "You have to give and take a little," said Terry.

Rizzieri and Florence Benedetti



Rizzieri Benedetti and Florence Brisbois, better known as Zerie and Babe to their friends, were married at St. Anne's church in Sudbury on November 29, 1934. And to celebrate their 50th anniversary they recently renewed their vows of marriage. Their family then arranged a party for them which was well attended by their many relatives and friends. They were presented with many beautiful gifts including money, and also received cards and flowers from those unable to attend. They also received the customary congratulatory plaques from government figures and flowers from the mayor.

Zerie was born in Italy in 1913 and came to Canada the following year. His father was already here working at the old roast yards but later went into business for himself, operating a store. Zerie was raised in Copper Cliff, Garson and Coniston and joined Inco at Coniston in 1935. He worked there until the plant closed in 1972 when he took his retirement.

Babe Brisbois was born in Blezard and they met on a blind date but it was almost three years before they were wed. They have two daughters, of whom they are very proud, and there are four grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren who are all very dear to this couple's hearts. The daughters are: Marina, Mrs. Ken Glibbery of Coniston, and Noreen, married to a well known resident of Coniston, Joe Barbe who works at Copper Cliff.

Zerie recalled that at one time there were five brothers all working for the company. Zerie and his wife had lived in Coniston until 1978 when they moved to Sudbury where they are very happy in their comfortable apartment downtown.

Over the year they have visited Italy four times and have also travelled much of Europe. They are both trilingual, speaking French, Italian and English.

Enjoying reasonably good health although Zerie has a respiratory problem, they are very happy together. Their marriage has been a rewarding one and they both agree they would change very little if they had to do it over again.

Ed and Grace Smith

More than 100 relatives and friends gathered in Fonthill Legion on April 28th to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Ed and Grace Smith.



Born in Burford, Ontario, Ed was raised in Niagara Falls. While working on the Beauharnois hydro project in Quebec he met his future wife, Grace Good. The couple were married on June 12, 1935 at the Beauharnois Presbyterian Church, and moved to Sudbury where Ed worked at Frood mine. He transferred to the Port Colborne nickel refinery in 1940 and retired in 1970 after 35 years service with the Company. He also served for four years in the Royal Canadian Navy.

The couple have one son, Gerald-Edward of Port Colborne, and two daughters, Sharon Meyer of British Columbia and Bonnie Latondress of Fort Erie. They also have 11 grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

"Ed planned the whole anniversary party," says Grace. "It was a big chore to get the entire family together. That is why we held the celebration earlier than our official anniversary date."

The couple received many gifts and cards for the occasion. Letters of congratulations along with scrolls and plaques were received from the Federal and Ontario Governments, the Province, Lt. Governor John Black Aird, Governor General of Canada, Jeanne Sauve, and the City of Port Colborne.

The couple are enjoying their retirement years at their home on Knoll Street. Ed is a member of the Masonic Order and Branch 56 of the Royal Canadian Legion of which he is a past president. He is also past president of the Port Colborne Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Golden Anniversaries

Guido and Lena Signoretti



A popular and well known figure in the Sudbury area for many years, Guido 'Boogy' Signoretti and his wife Lena celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 30. They were married on that date in 1935 at Creighton by Father O'Leary.

Mrs. Signoretti is a Creighton girl who grew up there, was taught by the legendary Miss Black who attended their wedding and Lena still cherishes a note from her on that date.

Guido is a gregarious fellow who was a member of several baseball teams in the days when baseball was top calibre in Sudbury. In addition to his ability to play, Boogy provided plenty of entertainment for the crowd and he and Joe MacDonald always had a trick or two to liven things up.

At the time of their marriage both Guido and his wife were working, he at the copper refinery and she with Gamble-Robinson, so after the wedding there was no time for honeymoon, it was back to work for both of them. But they are not complaining and indeed consider themselves very fortunate to have the life they have had and are still enjoying together.

Both are active in their church, St. Anthony's. Guido is a lay priest and takes communion to shut-ins and visits the sick. He is happy doing it. He is a life member of both the Caruso and Italian Clubs.

Their three daughters are: Dorothy, whose husband John Jaworski is at the machine shop at Copper Cliff; Valerie, Mrs. Rodney Allison, (his dad 'Butch' was the well known first aid man at Stobie for many years); and Linda, Mrs. Gerald Savard, in London, England. There are three grandchildren that Guido and Lena take great joy in minding.

A gathering of family and close friends at the Caruso Club celebrated the occasion for this fine couple who are both enjoying good health. They have had a happy 50 years together and while starting from scratch, today they are quite content in their comfortable home on the Copper Cliff Road where they have lived for over 48 years.

Chris and Katherine Lemieux



Chris Lemieux and Katherine Bouillon, both Blind River natives, were married there on May 6, 1935. Chris was working at the time but shortly after their marriage the mills shut down and he did many jobs to earn enough for them to get by. Times were tough but they both agree that working together to make a go of things has helped to make their marriage a success.

They repeated their vows in May at their church in Chelmsford where they have lived for several years now. Their nephew officiated at the ceremony.

Their children arranged a party for them at the church hall and while only relatives attended there were more than 100 present.

They received the customary congratulatory messages from leading politicians and many cards and calls from friends. Some of the relatives came from Sault Ste. Marie, Blind River and Ottawa.

Chris is the brother of Guy Lemieux who was well known in Sudbury, especially when he managed the arena. There are six children in the Lemieux family: Marcel in Azilda; Robert, with the OPP at Mitchell, Ontario; Michel in Hanmer; Colette whose husband Roland Demers is at the smelter; Lucille, Mrs. Leo Beaudry, and Nicole, Mrs. Magella Lemieux of Chelmsford.

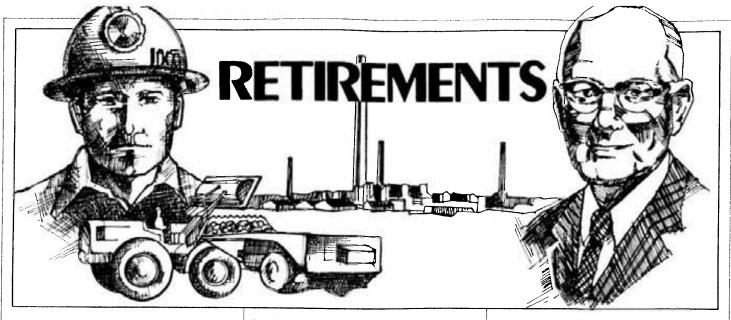
There are 13 grandchildren in their family to date and they both are accustomed to and like large families. Chris is one of 10 children and his wife is from a family of 13.

Chris came to Sudbury in 1941, worked at Nordale for a couple of years then in 1944 hired to the silver building at the copper refinery and retired from there in 1976. "I worked for Jack Duncan and George Smith," Chris recalled. "And I liked my work."

He and his bride are a very pleasant couple with a great deal of mutual respect and they are glad to be living near several of their children who are always available when needed.

Attention Sudbury area employees and pensioners

The Ontario Motor League/Canadian Automobile Association is pleased to offer Inco Sudbury area employees and pensioners special discount rates on membership. Employees can save \$10 off the price of membership and pensioners can save \$15. This offer was negotiated by the Sudbury and District Chamber of Commerce and is made available to Inco employees and pensioners because Inco is a member of the Chamber. For further information just call the CAA at 522-0000 or drop in and see them at the Oaks Mall at 2140 Regent St. South: If you join before September 30, 1985 free bonus days will be added to your membership.





Edmund 'Jerry' Tovey

Jerry Tovey and his wife Lena are among the many people who are very community minded and give much of their time helping the less fortunate. They are assistant coordinators of the Sudbury Youth Encounter group and spend much of their time helping the young people. They also do considerable parish work with their church including pastoral care and singing in the choir.

Jerry worked at Creighton all his Inco years and declares it was a great place to work. "I really liked working there," he said. Starting in 1950 he had worked at most shafts, in the cave area at 3-shaft, helped sink 7-shaft and was on cages and skips at the other shafts. He was with tramming crews for a number of years also and worked underground until his recent retirement.

Born in Perth, Ontario in 1923, his

family had lived at several locations before coming to Sudbury in 1938 where his dad worked for Fraser Brace.

Jerry joined up with the Royal Canadian Engineers in 1940 and was overseas almost five years before his discharge in 1945. He made a trip back to Britain in 1976 to visit some of the folks he had met while in that country. And next year he and his wife hope to go there again and also to Europe.

After discharge and before joining Inco, Jerry worked at several jobs in the Toronto area. He and Lena Ouchas were married at Toronto in 1947. They have six children. The boys are: Michael in Sudbury; Tom in Toronto, and Joe just graduated from high school. Daughter Judi is Mrs. Pierre Demers of Lively; Louise is in Sudbury, and Angela, who was married this summer, is at Thunder Bay. To date there are three granddaughters.

The Toveys have lived in Lively since 1952 and there they will stay. They have a camper which takes them to many provincial parks during the summer. Jerry is quite a wine maker, using many types of fruit and he says his friends all like his wine. He is also a gourmet cook and does pickling and preserving as well. And each day their pet dog takes him for a walk.

They are a very happy couple who have much to offer their community and are doing just that in good health.



Edgar Jeanveau

Edgar "Ed" Jeanveau was born in Estaire and has lived in the area all his life. His wife, Laurette Giroux, was born in Warren and moved to Sudbury after they were married in St. Jean de Brebeuf Church on September 13th, 1958.

They recall that they were to be married in June, but his vacation was changed to September, so the wedding plans had to be changed too. The marriage produced three sons: Claude, a machinist at Algoma Steel in Sault Ste. Marie; Michel, a chef at Brampton College, and Gilles, who manages a shoe store in Mississauga, Ontario.

When he started with Inco in 1950, Bill Acheson was the Smelter superintendent and Ernie Puro was a shift boss in the casting department. Although he first worked in the converters he soon transferred to the

casting building and worked there until 1975 when he transferred to the maintenance department. When he retired he had 34 years credited service.

Ed's three brothers Aldege, Adelard and Uliva also worked for the Company, so it was quite a family affair. Aldege is a pensioner from Frood mine.

In his retirement, Ed plans on working around the house and getting it into shape. His garden is partially planted and the onions are up already. He'll be planting cucumbers and wax beans, too.

Although he never seemed to have time for fishing, he hopes to find a partner to go out with. In the meantime he walks two miles every day and this helps him keep in shape. Ed is an accomplished bowler and figures he'll teach Laurette in the fall. They are looking forward to joining a club, and doing some travelling.

Germaine Lamarche

"No one ever had a good word for you. It was Go, Go, Go all the time; and there was no fooling around," according to Germaine Lamarche, who continued, "now Inco, that was different. It was a great place to work."



Germaine was comparing his days in Windsor with those in Sudbury.

He was born in Neelville in June

He was born in Noelville in June, 1931 where he grew up. At 16 he left the family farm to work in the bush for four years and then, on May 25, 1951 started his first shift in the sintering plant, at Copper Cliff. He

remained there until it closed in 1960 and then was transferred to the FBR. He worked there until 1965 when the wanderlust caught him. This was the time he went to Windsor to work in the automobile industry.

He spent about two years in Windsor before returning to the FBR on August 8, 1967. In 1968 he transferred to mines mechanical and worked in the Frood machine shop. This led to a posting to the Copper Cliff plate shop, and finally to the mechanical construction gang, from where he retired with 31 years' credited service. Germaine said it was always a case of learning. On every job he worked, he always learned something helpful.

Shortly after he first started with the Company, Germaine married Lorraine Demers, of Noelville. She died in 1978 leaving a family of two girls and two boys. Guy is in Pickering; Gilles, died in 1976 when he was 14; Nicole, Mrs. Rick Miller, is in Sudbury; as is Anne.

Germaine is proud of the fact he was never hurt on the job. He's going to take things easy for a while. He has a camp on the Vermillion River, where he loves to slip into his canoe and paddle silently around. As he says: "No noise, no motor, just a paddle and quiet." He doesn't fish or hunt, but you may see him on snowshoes in the winter, and once in a while he'll do a little cross-country skiing.

In the future he may take a trip to France and Hawaii, but right now he has some catching up to do.

Thomas Bujold

Tom Bujold was asked if he belongs to any service clubs and his reply was instant: "Yes; I sure do, the Tom Bujold Club at Nepawassi Lake." That's where he and his wife Helen spend much of their time. Tom does a little fishing there, and a little hunting "elsewhere". With 41 years of service with the Company behind him, Tom reviewed them for us.

He was born in Bonaventure, in the Gaspe area of Quebec, October 8, 1923. He went to school there, then worked on his dad's farm and did a little work in the bush. In 1942 he worked for the Spruce Falls Power and Paper Company in Kapuskasing but left there in the fall to start his Inco career.

He started at the Copper Cliff concentrator (mill) under maintenance foreman Tom Strong. After a couple of years he thought he'd like to try mining and transferred to Creighton. He was laid off in 1945 and found work with a gold mine. Recalled in 1946, he worked underground until 1975 when he became an operating shaft boss at Creighton's 9 Shaft.

On June 11, 1947 Tom and the former Helen Sloan were married in All Saints Church in Minnow Lake. Helen was born in Vinton, Quebec, not far from the nation's capital. Their immediate family consists of two sons and three daughters, who have, in turn, provided six grandchildren.



Roderick is in Ottawa; Robert is in Hanmer; Another son, Tommy, was killed earlier this year in a motorcycle accident; Robert is in Capreol; Paulette is married to Leo Salo; Corrine is in Sudbury; and Roxanne is at home.

They plan on seeing Canada and with this in mind are planning a trip to Vancouver next year where they have some relatives.

Helen's father, Emerson Sloan, worked for 40 years with the Company, mostly at Frood mine, while brother, Ellard, retired recently after 43 years with the Central Shops.

Tom says, and Helen echoes, that "So far we haven't been bored, and I don't think we will." Helen adds: "It doesn't bother me to have him around the house. As a matter-of-fact he's a good help."

Velko Stojanovic

Yugoslavian born Velko "Vic" Stojanovic, in telling of how he ended up in Canada, credits some friendly Germans. Vic was being sent from his native Yugoslavia to Germany to a work camp when the train he was on stopped suddenly and they discovered a bridge on their route had been blown up. Vic says: "We just took off and I ended up in Greece, and eventually in Taranto, Italy." He worked in various jobs until 1949 when he came to Belleville. He worked on a farm for about a year, and then for the Belleville General Hospital.

Vic came to Sudbury in May, 1950. The next day he was interviewed at the old Inco Club and started work the following day, May 26, at the Coniston Smelter.



Vic worked there until shortly after the fateful early-morning bus accident in Coniston. Vic was on that bus, and the accident discouraged him from working there any longer. He was able to get a transfer to the copper refinery tank house. He was injured December 20, 1976 and was off work for a year. He then returned to the rehabilitation section at Copper Cliff. It is now located in the old Iron Ore Recovery Plant and it was from here Vic retired.

On September 21, 1974 Vic married the former Dorothy Caddel in St. Peter's United Church on York Street, Sudbury. Their's was the second marriage in the newly renovated building. Dorothy was born in Espanola and educated in Massey.

They have two sons, Harvey and Lucien Richer. Vic and Dorothy are very proud of their seven grandchildren.

During his time in Italy Vic joined the British Army serving in an artillery Regiment. He is currently a member of Branch 564 (Lockerby Branch) Royal Canadian Legion.

Vic has a large garden to keep him busy and this year added some ducks and geese. Living in the Richard Lake area makes this possible. They have had beaver and muskrat in their back yard fighting with their dog. Vic adds that he'll do lots of walking; "Me and my doggy go walking a lot." And while he's doing this Dorothy will be busy driving a school bus. She currently making three trips a day carrying on the average 300 children a day.

Dollard St. George

Some fellows can be pretty secretive! Dollard St. George married Jeannine Robert in Lavigne in 1952, where both were born and raised. But it was not until we had a chat recently that Jeannine learned that for all his 31 years at Inco Dollard was known as "Half a Buck"! We asked how he came by it. "Well, you know, Dollard is like a dollar, and that's a "buck" so they called me half-a-buck". Jeannine's instant reply was: "That's the first time I ever heard that!"

Dollard retired as a diamond driller at Levack, but he's been around a bit. He farmed and worked in the bush around Lavigne and in saw mills at Verner and North Bay. He first worked at Creighton, starting in May 1951, but left in 1956. He returned in 1957 and says he worked at every mine except Frood and South mine. Rosair Mallet was his first boss who



gave him some handy tips. His mate during those first six months was Owen Sonier, who also ended up as his partner for the last three years.

The St. Georges have three boys and three girls. The boys are all at home. Guy and Marc are both students at Cambrian College, while Ricky is in Grade 8.

Their three daughters are: "Pete" (Pierette) who is Mrs. "Red" Lalonde; Louise, in Azilda; and Lise, a former registered nurse who died in 1980.

Dollard is a Third Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus, and has now joined the Golden Age Club in Azilda. Jeannine let it be known rather quickly that they wouldn't accept her yet; she's not old enough!

They plan to stay in Azilda until the boys have finished their education, but may consider moving then. They own a hunting camp in the Gogama District, and Dollard also does a little ice-fishing there. He planned to do a little fishing this summer and has a garden which requires attention. Both play bingo once a week. Jeannine is a real "Bingo Nut".

Dollard sat for a minute or two, then said: "You know, I should start skiing again. I used to do it a lot. Yes, you've given me an idea. I think I'll start again."

Richard Lampman

Richard Lampman was looking for work in 1950 — something to keep him going over the winter. Born in Woodstock, Ontario on May 15, 1931, he had moved to Saskatchewan in 1949 but farming was only summer work. He found himself at the UIC office one day and they-told him Inco was hiring so "Here I am", he told us. "Of course, I intended going back to Saskatchewan the next spring!"

His first day was October 29, 1950 at Frood mine where he spent the next 15 or 16 years. He then transferred to the Frood mechanical repair centre, and subsequently to the divisional shops component repair centre, at Copper Cliff. He retired recently from the centre with a total of 34 years service.

During his years at Frood, Richard was a member of the mine rescue team.

In May, 1952, Irene Gauvreau became Richard's bride in a ceremony in Coniston. Her father worked for the Company for many



years. Their five children are: Ivan, in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan; Danny, in Bomberton, Ontario, (near Red Lake); Nelson, in Fort McMurray, Alberta; Dianne and Patsy, both live in Sudbury.

Richard expects to be quite busy during his retirement. He is well known in the area for his various sporting activities, his deepest interest being ringette. Richard says he coaches a team, which means three games a week plus a practice, "and then I probably referee another three games a week."

He'll just relax in the summer and then, when fall comes, he'll be out hunting moose. Richard says: "I have to! I haven't got one yet so I have to keep going until I do!"

Reno Deluca

To the boys in the machine shop at Copper Cliff, this is "Peewee", but to everyone else he's Reno Deluca, of the loco shop.

Actually Reno is a carpenter. He started on the stripping floor in the Orford building at Copper Cliff on March 24, 1947 but after a month there was transferred to Jock Rennie's "Misfits". Four months later he moved to the carpenter shop in Copper Cliff. For the rest of his 37 years he worked as a carpenter, although he was a member of the transportation department for the last few years. Reno enjoyed his work and will miss it, but he's now free to come and go as he pleases.

Reno has three children. Debbie is married to Nolan Rocque and lives in Val Caron; Susan, and son Derek are both living in Saskatchewan. Reno's dad worked for the Company, and prior to that for the Mond Nickel Company. He retired in 1953 with 32 years' service, while a brother, Lucio, has recently retired with 35 years of service.

Asked about what he'll do in his free time Reno replied, "Well, you know, I have a Mercury Lynx, and I have a customized van. It's just a van, not a motor home, or anything like that, but it's the most beautiful van in the world. I'm going to spend a lot of time roaming around."



He admits to missing the gang at work and says they were a great gang, while foreman "Johnnie Jukas was the best foreman in the world." He also admits to being a pretty good cook. He closed the interview by reminding us: "I like to go wherever I want, when I want." And with a twinkle in his eye he added: "I won't move away, unless of course, I meet a rich, very rich, widow!"

Frank Kubena

Frank Kubena can't say enough about the good life he enjoys in Ridgeway. "I used to get home quicker from the refinery than the guys who live on the west side of the canal," Frank says in commenting on is choice of living in nearby Ridgeway. "I never had to worry about the canal bridges blocking my route going home."

Frank is now wondering how he ever found the time to get things done around his one-acre property, while working for 34 years at the Port Colborne nickel refinery.

Born in Wallaceburg on February 7, 1932, Frank moved to Port Colborne

at the age of four. In September of 1950, he landed a job as office boy at the refinery, a position he held for only six weeks before being moved to the storehouse. He also served as jitney and ambulance driver. By 1954, he moved to the payroll department and four years later, was back in the storehouse where he remained for the rest of his career, retiring as clerking supervisor.

On October 3, 1953, Frank married the former Nancy Baker of Ridgeway. They have a daughter, Susan, who is a teacher in the Sault Lookout, and a son, David, an electrical engineer with the General Motors Company.

Frank has numerous hobbies including golfing, landscaping, and woodworking. He and his wife crosscountry and down-hill ski at Banff and Vermont. They also love to travel and last year took a Caribbean cruise. "We intend to go to Expo 86 in Vancouver and attend the 1988 Olympics in Calgary. Also, we have our sights set on a trip to Alaska," Frank says.



Nancy, a Bell telephone operator, has also added another hobby to the couple's life. She is part owner of a thoroughbred race horse. "A few of the girls at work went in on purchasing a race horse" she said. Both Nancy and Frank can now be found at the Fort Erie race track when the four year old is training and racing. "You really feel part of the race scene by having your share in a horse," she states.

Frank proudly points out that his father Frank Sr. is a former Incoite who had 28 years of service at the refinery.

Maurice Jacques

Maurice Jacques enjoys bowling in the winter months and playing golf when the summer rolls around.

Maurice has plenty of time now to enjoy his favorite sports after taking an early service pension from the Port Colborne nickel refinery where he spent 30 years.

He was born in Robertsonville, Quebec on February 27, 1935 and moved with his family to Port Colborne in 1944. For a short period of time, he worked for ACE Roofing before landing a job with the yard gang at the refinery in 1953. "I worked pretty well in every department after that," he said. Maurice was in the ENR for 13 years then moved into process tech for the last 15 years at the plant. He retired as process assistant.

Maurice and the former Elizabeth Oppel of Buffalo were married on April 7, 1956. They have four children: Timothy, who works on construction in Welland; Peter, a roofer in Port Colborne; Nanette, married and living in Port Colborne, and Denise, at home.



"I travel the circuit when it comes to playing golf," Maurice says. "I don't like being a member of one club. I like to play the various area courses."

Maurice is also keeping himself busy maintaining his two acres of property near Highway 140. He also cuts plenty of wood to keep a good supply on hand for the winter months. He is thinking of doing some part time school bus driving in the future.



Armando Pambianco

Armando Pambianco says he misses a lot of his friends at Inco now that he has retired on disability pension from the Port Colborne refinery. "Everybody knew me at the plant," he said.

Born in Italy on April 14, 1928, Armando worked for about nine years in his native country as a bricklayer before coming to Port Colborne in 1956. He started at the refinery in 1957 in No. 5 building and did various jobs in the shears department, precious metals and yard. He was a janitor for seven years before becoming disabled.

Armando met his wife, Giuseppa, in Italy and they were married on April 26, 1953. They have four children: Franca, a school teacher in Brampton; Grace, a teacher in Toronto; Angelo, a mechanical engineer in Fort Erie; and Ambra, who works at Family Shoe Stores in Port Colborne. They have one granddaughter, Theresa.

Armando enjoys hunting, fishing and woodworking. He usually hunts and fishes in Northern Ontario. "My real hobby used to be building fireplaces. I did a lot of fireplaces in Port Colborne," he says. Armando and his wife have been members of the Italian Mutual Benefit Society for over 20 years. Armando was chairman of the building committee that was responsible for a new addition to the Italian Hall.

Armando also likes to play a little bocce when he gets the chance.

Gino Foresi

Gino Foresi is enjoying the quiet life in Fonthill now that he has taken

an early retirement from Inco after 36 years at the Port Colborne refinery.

Born in Port Colborne on March 14, 1929, Gino spent all his working career at the refinery. In 1948, he began working in the ball mill and then moved to the shops. He became mechanical department foreman in 1971, a position he held until retirement.

Gino and the former Mary Hornick, also of Port Colborne, were married in the lakeside city on January 21, 1950. The couple have three children: Laurie, a part time accounting employee in Fonthill; Lana, a registered nurse in St. Catharines; and John, who holds a position with Campbells of Toronto. They also have six grandchildren.

Gino has fond memories of being a member of the refinery's first aid teams. With Gino as captain, the Port team won the coveted Parker Shield in 1969.

"We moved to Fonthill about five years ago because it is more central to our family," Gino says. He enjoys carpentry and doing odd jobs around the house. He also has a hand in gardening, along with taking care of his mini-orchard in his spacious backyard.



"This past winter, I joined a couple of fellows in cutting wood from a 10 acre bush. I kept some of the wood and gave the rest to my children," Gino said.

Gino and Mary, who is a part time RNA and stenographer, enjoy travelling, especially to Florida each winter. "I wouldn't mind owning a place around the Fort Myers area where we drive to each winter," he states.

Doug Lampman

The Port Colborne nickel refinery was Doug Lampman's home away from home for 44 years.

Now retired, Doug fills his days by working in his backyard garden and assisting in his wife's painting career.

Born in Welland on April 28, 1924, Doug came to the nickel refinery in 1940 as an apprentice machinist. After four years in the apprenticeship program, he became a journeyman for five years. He elevated himself to first class machinist and was foreman of the machine shop in the refinery for 12 years before retiring.



On February 17, 1945, Doug married the former Mary Mathew at First Presbyterian Church in Port Colborne. The couple have three children: Linda Law of Welland, Debra Lanneval of Port Colborne, and Dale of Port Colborne. They also have four grandchildren.

Doug and Mary celebrated their 40th anniversary in Hawaii this year, the islands where they have spent four previous vacations. "Hawaii is our favorite spot," they say, although the couple have also visited England and Scotland.

Mary, a renowned artist, has been painting with oils and water colors for the past 25 years. It has become a full time job for Mary, who has numerous showings at various galleries throughout the province each yeaf. In addition to constructing the frames for Mary's paintings, Doug is also chauffeur for the couple who travel by van to shows.

Doug, when he gets the chance, also enjoys fishing in the Buckhorn Lake and Peterborough areas. He is also a member of the Port Colborne Lions' Club.

Alfred Cyr

Fred Cyr's dad worked at the Worthington mine before it caved in back in the late twenties but after that he left mining and worked his farm. That is where Fred was born in 1922. He grew up there and his first job away from home was in the bush for a winter. He held several other jobs including diamond drilling, before hiring with Inco in 1941 at the smelter.

The following year he left to join the army and served with the 1st Armoured Brigade through the Italian campaign. After discharge he returned to Frood where he had transferred from the smelter. From then until his recent retirement on early service, Fred had worked at most Inco mines except Garson and Kirkwood. He was a driller for many years and also stope boss in the school stope at one time. He liked mining and says he had worked on most every job except the raise borer.

It was in 1953 at Sudbury, that he and Loretta Teahen were married. Her dad Harry had retired from Frood, and her brother Jim had also worked for the company at one time.

The Cyrs have seven children including three sons: Mark in Sudbury; Alfred with the army in Toronto, and David also in Toronto. The daughters are: Lois, Mrs. Claude Ouimette of Levack; Gwen, Mrs. Pat Leonard of Wawa; Elaine, Mrs. Mark Allen of Toronto; and Helen attending Laurentian University. There are six grandchildren.

Fred has lived in Azilda for the past 27 years and has a fine garden there. He also has a lot on Grassy Lake. He used to hunt and fish but has given



that up. He enjoys working with wood and will now be busy making things for his several children and grandchildren.

They hope next year to do some travelling in Canada and they both enjoy cycling. But Fred admits he is not yet used to having so much spare time. In good health he plans to make haste slowly with respect to any major leisure plans.



Mike Sesto

Family members aren't likely to forget Mike Sesto's birthday.

He was born in Port Colborne on Christmas Day, 1935. After attending local schools, Mike sailed the Great Lakes for a couple of years. He started at the Port Colborne nickel refinery in 1954 in No. 4 building, and then moved to the sinter building. He worked with the yard gang for 10 years and finished up in the warehouse. Mike spent almost 30 years with the Company before taking a disability pension.

On September 13, 1958, he married the former Sonia Radvilas. For the last 15 years, Sonia has worked in the office at Maple Leaf Mills.

The couple have three children: Carey, in his third year of dentistry at University of Western Ontario; Peter, who is enrolled in biology at the same university, and Rhonda, who is working in St. Catharines.

Mike says he enjoys fishing and working in the garden. "I am also learning some woodworking." At one time he did a lot of pleasure sailing on Lake Erie.

Mike and Sonia are also avid travellers and are planning a trip back to Europe in the near future. They have also vacationed in Cuba, the Bahamas, Spain, Morocco, Florida and the Carolinas.



Jerome 'Jerry' O'Connor

Jerry O'Connor has taken an early service pension from Levack where he had worked since joining Inco in 1943. "I worked 38 years underground on production," he said proudly. "And the last three years I drove the service truck on surface."

Jerry was born in 1921 on a prosperous dairy farm in Glengarry County and besides working the farm had spent some time in lumber camps and paper mills before coming to Inco. He is glad he came here; he liked mining and admits he made pretty good bonus too.

He was married at Pickering in 1947 to Bernice O'Hare and they make a fine Irish couple. They had 10 children of whom Michael is deceased. The other four boys are: Pat at Kilbride, Ontario: Sean at Prince Albert; Erin and Tim at home. The girls are: Colleen, Mrs. Peter St. Jean of Val Terese; Joan, Mrs. Jim Erb of Sault Ste. Marie: Marv-Kathleen, Mrs. Dustin Spitzig of Timmins; Kelly-Anne, Mrs. Pierre Duguay, also of Timmins, and Maureen of Sault Ste. Marie. There are eight grandchildren. Jerry and Bernice are very proud of their family.

They have lived at Levack all their married life and will likely stay there where they have a fine garden and a camp on nearby Windy Lake. Jerry does some hunting and fishing and enjoys that type of show on TV. They may join the local seniors' club later but right now Jerry feels he is too busy. They both agree that Levack is a good place to live and raise children.

Mrs. O'Connor, who refers to herself as sentimental Irish, says the good Lord has taken care of them well and for that she is thankful. She is very happy to have her husband at home. And he has plenty to do, can fix anything and has demands on his time from others besides his family.

They are a happy couple who obviously enjoy each other and their family and who will make good use of this new leisure time. They hope soon to see both coasts of Canada among other places.

Walter Pierce

It was perseverance that landed Walter Pierce a job at the Port Colborne nickel refinery in 1951.

"I came from out west looking for a job," Walter recalls. "I stood in line at the front gate of the refinery from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nis Nissen was doing the hiring then and told our group there wouldn't be any more hiring on that particular day. However, I managed to linger on and convince Nis that I really needed a job."

He started out in the furnace department, then moved to the ENR and on to the mechanical department. Before taking an early service retirement after 33 years at the refinery, Walter was a tradesman leader.



He was born in Saskatchewan on May 5, 1934. Before coming east, he worked on a farm and cut wood in the bush at Carott River.

On February 14, 1953, Walter married the former Edna Stephens in the Dunnville Baptist Church. The couple have six children: Ron, who lives in Edmonton; Tim, employed at

Stelco in Welland; Theresa and Patrick, both at home; Brenda, married and living in Dunnville; and Shelley who is married and lives in Brampton. They also have three grandchildren.

Walter and his wife travelled to Saskatchewan for a family reunion this summer. The couple also enjoy camping in Northern Ontario. Walter enjoys playing a few rounds of golf each year.

Antonio Sceppacerqua

Antonio "Tony" Sceppacerqua will be relaxing in sunny California this winter, instead of shovelling snow around his Port Colborne home.



"I have relatives in Palm Springs and expect to spend four months down there this winter," Tony says. Last winter, he and his wife spent a month in California and are looking forward to a longer stay when the temperatures begin to drop. For the summer, the couple get plenty of sun around their backyard pool.

Born in Castropignano, Italy on April 5, 1924, Tony worked in his native coutry as a laborer for a short time. He arrived in Port Colborne in 1951 and was employed for a couple of months at Maple Leaf Mills. He then joined Inco in Port Colborne and began in the furnace department. He spent the next 31 years as a fork lift operator in the shipping department, before taking an early retirement.

On December 22, 1947, Tony married the former Rosina Sassano in Italy. The couple have three children: Albert, a postman in Port Colborne, and twin daughters Rosemary and

Diane who are both secretaries. They have two grandchildren.

Tony is well known throughout the area for his popular Italian radio show on CHOW, which was broadcast for 11 years each Sunday evening. "The shows were each five and a half hours long," Tony recalls. "I did some radio work while in school and in 1968 the manager of CHOW encouraged me to do my own show featuring Italian music." Tony did everything from announcing to playing his own recordings. "It was popular but it became too much after 11 years. I also travelled all over the place selling the advertising to keep the program going," he said.

Tony now keeps himself busy as chairman of Club Castropignano in Port Robinson. "We get a lot of dances and weddings at the club. It also gives me a chance to talk to a lot of my good friends," he says.

Domenic Tavano

Domenic Tavano enjoys watching all kinds of sports on television.

"Soccer, baseball, hockey. You name the sport and I'll watch it," says Domenic, who is on a disability pension from the Port Colborne nickel refinery.

"I spent twenty six-and-a-half years at the plant and made a lot of friends," he recalls.

Born in Gimigliano, Italy on December 15, 1934, Domenic left his home country 20 years later and arrived in Port Colborne. He worked at the Maple Leaf Mill and Erie Peat



Moss before taking a job with Inco in 1955. He started in No. 4 building, then moved on to the warehouse. For seven years before his retirement, Domenic was a shear laborer in the warehouse.

It was on January 21, 1955 that Domenic married the former Josephine Poane in St. Theresa's Church. The couple have four children: Sam, an employee at National Trust in Toronto; Sarah, married and living in Port Colborne; Antony, manager of McDonald's Restaurant in Fort Erie, and Mary, a student at Lockview Park Secondary School.

In addition to watching sports on television, Domenic works in his garden and does odd jobs around the house. The couple also look forward to vacations in Northern Ontario during the summer. Both are members of the Italian Mutual Benefit Society.

Domenic admits he misses his friends at the plant, but now has plenty of time to go visiting.

Henry Wlodarczyk

Attention Stobie: Henry, "The Packsack Man" is married! Here at the Triangle we interview many people in differing circumstances, but this is only the second time we have actually interviewed a bride & groom. The morning following his marriage Henry Wlodarczyk brought his bride of less than 24 hours, the former Terry Dotto, with him. Obviously happy and excited they sat down to tell us about themselves.

Henry was born in Poland in 1923. Like many others we have been privileged to talk with, Henry was sent to Germany in the early days of the war to work on farms. Immediately following the war he found work where he could and in 1946 joined the United States occupational forces serving for two years before emigrating to Canada.

He spent a year in the Val d'Or area mining, and in the fall of 1949 received a letter from a friend telling him there was a good company in Copper Cliff called Inco. Henry heeded the call and started work in October 1949 at Frood Mine.

He spent nine years there, six in the mine and three in the Timber Yard. Next came nine years each with the track gang and the motor crew, followed by another nine years as a trackman in the Stobie yard. Noting the repetition of "9", Henry told us that in Numerology, his name, "Wlodarczyk", equals "9" and he says it has been a very good number for him.



Terry Dotto was born in the English fortress of Gibraltar, and in 1940 she was evacuated to England where she was educated. She came to Sudbury six years ago and she met Henry about 1983.

They were married at St. Casimir's Roman Catholic Church. Henry says: "Terry and I met and our relationship just grew stronger and stronger. I am sure this marriage is blessed." After a brief honeymoon in the Orillia area they returned to Sudbury.

Henry feels they'll spend quite some time on "The Island" where he spends his summers learning about beekeeping from Don Bingham. Don has over 400 hives about eight miles from Honora Bay. Henry has a garden at present and he and Terry do a lot of walking together. Eventually they hope to go to either Vancouver Island, or the Okanagan Valley, but this will come after Henry becomes a certified beekeeper.

Henry said: "Inco was a good place to work. I worked with a clever bunch of guys."

We wish Henry and Terry a long and happy life together now that the old Packsack Man has retired.



Ernie Hermikari

Ernie Hermikari has taken advantage of the early service plan and has retired from the welding shop at Copper Cliff where he had spent many years. He joined the Company in 1952 as a puncher on the converters but three months later was with Jock Rennie's gang of mechanics. His next move was to the sinter plant then he worked in the machine shop, blacksmith and plate shop before joining the welders.

He was born in Finland in 1923 and worked in a tin can factory there. Over several years he corresponded with a pen pal in England, a country he wanted to go to. But they would only offer him farm work which was not his cup of tea. So he came to Canada in 1952, went to Winnipeg, then Toronto and spent a short time in a bush camp then came to Sudbury.

He couldn't get on with Inco so Lempi Johnston helped get him a job with the CPR. While at the Lakehead he got on with the Canadian Car Company. He was laid off there and went with Ontario Hydro and also shipbuilding before joining Inco.

It was in 1979 that Ernie and Jeanne D'Arc Veillette were married in Sudbury. She had been a school teacher and comes from near Magog, Quebec. They had met at a dance. Ernie has two sons by a former marriage. Esa is in Toronto, and Risto is in Finland. There are two grandchildren.

Ernie served with the Finnish army during the war and was with the ackack division and also a mechanic with the air force. He has made three trips back to Finland and may go again. He is a member of the local male Finnish choir which toured Finland and Montreal in 1976.

Ernie lives in Broder-Dill just south of Sudbury. Both he and his wife like to garden and Ernie is a photographer who enjoys trick photography. He likes to read and they still enjoy dancing. He had a heart bypass in 1975 which restricts his activities somewhat but he is enjoying his retirement.

Al Trotter

While he has some minor reservations, Al Trotter admits that he liked working in the mine better than on the farm, although he still has a feel for farm life. He was born and raised on a large farm in Saskatchewan and went right from there to the army in 1940. He was with the British Columbia Regiment and spent most of his five years overseas. He was in Germany when the war ended and was discharged in 1946.

It was while in Canada and stationed at Glace Bay that he met Faye Gill. She had no intention of spending her life on a farm so after the war, in 1946, they were married at Glace Bay. Al worked at Malartic for a time, before the fire, but when the mine rescue team from Sudbury came up and told him about Inco it wasn't long before he was working at Frood. That was in 1947.

He had worked on production for all but the last five years when he was with the ventilation department. "I worked with a great bunch of guys," Al said. "And I miss them." He has taken the early service pension.

The Trotters have three children; their son Gary is at Bramalea, and daughter Darleen, Mrs. Dave Heinson is in Dowling and Brenda is Mrs.



Larry MacKelvie of Hamilton. There are seven grandchildren.

They are both very active in the Legion, Branch 76. Al's other hobbies include photography and making wine. They have been to Florida several times and now hope to take a trip back through the countries he went to during the war. Mrs. Trotter is a long time employee of Zellers.

Reading and watching sports on TV are among Al's pleasures and he enjoys taking things a bit easier although he is in good health. They have a garden at their home in New Sudbury where they have lived for 32 years. They both have relatives that they still visit, so all in all Al finds retirement pretty much to his liking.

Hector Imbeau

Although he would have liked to work a few more years, Hector Imbeau has retired on a disability pension with 33 years credited service.



Born in Sturgeon Falls, Ontario on April 23, 1933 he came to Sudbury in 1949 to work for a small construction firm. He actually started working at 13 in the bush with his father. After coming to Sudbury he found work with Fraser Brace in 1950 who were then constructing the Creighton mill, and tailings trestle to Copper Cliff. He joined Inco in 1951 and started working in the nickel reverbs.

Hector transferred to Garson as a trackman about 1969, and later worked at the Clarabelle Open Pit as a Euclid truck operator. In 1971 he worked in the Copper Cliff plate shop as a burner, and then as a drill fitter at Little Stobie. He injured his back in 1975 and was off work a year. When

he returned he became a dryman at Stobie. Hector says: "The Company was good to me. I think they saw I was trying, and they responded."

Hector and Leoni are pleased about that, and about their two boys Danny and Ronnie. They have five grandchildren.

They have a Royal Coachman Trailer at the Blue Jay Trailer Park in Noelville, but also travel as much as Hector is able. They planned to try a little fishing this summer, and to spend part of the winter in Florida.

Hector adds: "I'm very happy now. I'm certainly glad I worked for Inco."

Leo Renaud

Leo Renaud has taken a disability pension from the South mine where he had worked the last few years. Earlier he had worked at Crean Hill for Ron Brown until that mine closed in 1972. He hired with Inco at Creighton 3 shaft in 1952, transferred to Garson and worked on production until 1966 when he moved to Crean Hill.



He was born at Sturgeon Falls in 1932. Leo's dad, a lumber foreman, bought property at nearby Meadowside on the Little Sturgeon River and built a tourist resort there with fishing at Jocko Point and Goose Island in Lake Nipissing.

Leo had attended Scollard Hall for a time then went for a year to help his dad with his bookwork. In 1951 he came to Sudbury and worked as a driver for the old Sudbury Bus Lines before joining Inco.

He is very happily married to

Therese Thibert of Field, and has been since they were wed in 1950. They are both from large families, she is one of 22 and he is one of nine children. They have seven children and 11 grandchildren and they love them all. "We are so happy that so many of our children are nearby," they said.

They have twin boys, Paul, who works at Garson, and Pierre, a miner at Timmins. The five daughters are: Lorraine, Mrs. Gerald Lachapelle of Hanmer; Francine in Copper Cliff; Louise, Mrs. Roland Cardinal of Coniston, with Liette and Monique living in Ottawa, Liette at university and Monique working with the government.

The Renauds have a fine summer home near Verner and Leo has it winterized so they are able to spend a part of that season there also. He likes fishing in summer and ice fishing in winter and says there are still moose back of their place. They have lived for 30 years in the Minnow Lake area and will stay there for awhile yet.

They enjoy gardening and are happiest when they are visited by their children and grandchildren. Leo is looking forward now to taking the younger ones fishing. He is able to look after all his own maintenance and has also built a smaller sleep camp to help accommodate their many visitors.

A happy couple, devoted to their family and friends, they are anticipating many happy years ahead in retirement.

Denis Fournier

One school bus driver is all most families boast of, but both Irene and Denis Fournier drive buses, and expect to do so for a few years yet.

Denis was born in Blezard Valley, where his father farmed. He joined Inco in 1941 but after a month he decided that smelter life was not for him and returned to the more tranquil life of the farm.

In 1946 he re-evaluated his situation and joined the nickel reverb crew on December 15th. He transferred after two years to Frood mine. From 1956 to 1978 he worked at Stobie and then transferred to Little Stobie from where he retired as an



operating shaft boss with a total of 37 years' service.

Denis says: "I was very pleased with the Company. They used me right. I had a really good bunch of bosses; some were a little rough, but most were really good. You know, at Little Stobie we were one big family, (and) they gave me a lot of help."

Denis and Irene Demore were married in St. Jacques Church, Hanmer, on Thanksgiving weekend, 1952. Their family consists of three girls and two boys, and they are now the proud grandparents of four boys and one girl.

Their children are: Gaetan, in Sudbury. Maurice and Rita at home; Monique is married to Pat Willy; Nicole, (Mrs. Alain Rioux) lives in London.

At one time Denis and his four brothers all worked for the Company, but brother Alcide, a hoistman at Stobie, is the only one still working.

A member of the Knights of Columbus, Hanmer, Denis also spends time helping the "Handy-4" organization, a group dedicated to the handicapped in the Valley. He enjoys fishing and his favorite spot is where the fish are — he'll go anywhere. In winter he shovels the snow (between the other jobs, of course)!

Denis often goes to visit his former mates at Little Stobie and hopes to continue this for some time to come. Both he and Irene are in good health and plan to stay in the valley. However, once they end their school bus driving days they'll move to the St. Catharines area where it's a little warmer. Besides, Irene has several brothers and sisters in that area.

Lawrence 'Larry' Richer

Larry Richer was born in Saskatchewan but when he was about five his family came east. They travelled in a covered wagon, with eight horses, all the way to Warren, Ontario. Larry recalls that the trip took several months with his dad driving from sun-up to sundown.

Around Warren he worked on the farm and the bush then spent a few years driving trucks for McKim Township before joining Inco in 1951 at the copper refinery. Five years later he moved over to the reverbs and spent the next 13 years there at the sand bins and as skimmer. From there he went to Crean Hill mine and operated one of the first scooptrams at that location. His last move was to South mine where he worked on surface driving heavy equipment until he took his early retirement. He readily admits that South mine was the best of places to work and everyone treated him well.



In 1955, at Sudbury, Larry married Betty Rogers. They have four children. Son Mark is in Sudbury and the girls are, Marilyn, Mrs. Doug Guay; Rhonda, Mrs. Charles Desormeux, and Donna, both of Sudbury. There are three grandchildren.

Larry lives in Sudbury and loves to travel by car, a sharp looking convertible. And besides his own travels he also helps transport gals for local night life establishments between Sudbury and Toronto. "I may stay a few days in Toronto when I go down there," he said.

Larry admits he could get a job

driving heavy equipment but he is having too much fun in retirement. He's in great health, a happy man with energy to burn and a real zest for fun.

He used to hunt and fish but gave that up. At one time he also drove in stock car races. But he likes what he is doing now, and is having a good time with his many friends.



Rudolph Petryna

Rudolph "Rudy" Petryna has retired from the nickel refinery where he worked as a plateworker, completing 42 years with the Company.

Rudy was born in Coniston on April 20, 1926. His family moved to Sudbury the same year. He completed his education at Sudbury Mining and Technical School and in 1941 returned to Coniston, where he still lives.

He worked for the Town of Coniston in the winter of 1941/42 and joined the Company May 8, that year. Technically he was a fitter apprentice, but Rudy says he did a bit of everything in the Coniston sinter plant. He worked with "Gobbo's Gang" for a year, then transferred to the plate shop for four years during which time he completed his apprenticeship.

Like many other workers, Rudy moved around considerably and recalls working in such diverse places as the Coniston sinter plant, the Coniston and Copper Cliff plate shops and at South mine before settling, soto-speak, at the nickel refinery for the last 12 years of his service.

Rudy has one sister, Helen, who also worked for a time in the Coniston sinter plant.

A single man, Rudy is a member of the Club Allegri and has served on its executive. He owns two farms in the Lake Agnew area where he fishes and hunts extensively. He plans on continuing these activities. He also enjoys gardening and considers he has a "pretty good" garden there.

Rudy recalls working for Lindsay Fournier, and one of his co-workers immediately prior to his retirement was Aldo Coppo. Rudy says: "You know, times have changed since I started with the Company. The bosses' attitude in particular. They are much easier to work with now. I enjoyed working for the Company, and the swell gang I was with".

William Petrosky

For 37 years William "Bill"
Petrosky worked in the Stobie mine, and now has retired to live on Highway 69 south, near Richard Lake.



A Winnipeger by birth, Bill came to Sudbury in 1947 at the age of 22. In the later war years he worked for MacDonald Aircraft in Winnipeg, and following the war went to CP Air, converting Douglas C47s to passenger aircraft.

The lure of gold took him to the Red Lake Gold mine in 1947 but with the prospect of spending winter in isolation he succumbed to his relatives' suggestion that he come to Sudbury. He recalls very few problems during his working years, but clearly remembers the wonderful send-off his co-workers gave him. His wife Gloria adds: "I thought it was very nice of them, and they gave me some flowers, too".

"Gloria" was the former Gloria Briscoe who was born and raised in Capreol. They were married April 20, 1963 in All People's United Church, Sudbury. Their daughter Marlene married Roland Nelson and have given Bill and Gloria a granddaughter — Kristen. They live in Pittsburg.

Visits to Pittsburg will be more frequent now, and they'll spend a little more time in Florida. They have a cottage on Lake Nepewassi where they'll spend alot of time fishing. They may also ski, but Bill adds "I pretty near killed myself last year ... BUT ...!"

Closing our interview Bill said: "I'd like to thank the gang — I enjoyed the camaraderie — they were a great bunch, and I'll miss them".

Joe Bulfon

Joe Bulfon has taken early retirement from the blacksmith shop at the copper refinery. He has worked at the refinery since joining the Company in 1944. He started in the acid plant, then went to the scales in the tankhouse and finally to the shops. He readily admits he liked his work and the men he worked with.



He was born on a farm in Italy in 1924 and came to Canada with his mother and brother in 1939, on one of the last ships leaving Italy before the war. His father, Gildo. had been in Canada from 1924 to 1929 when he returned to Italy but came back here in 1930 and joined Inco. He retired from the refinery in 1957. Joe's mother is in a local nursing home but is still mentally active and has enjoyed a recent trip back to Italy with her sons.

Joe has been back to Italy on several occasions and has travelled to other parts of Europe and Britain also. He has never been to the American south but may do so now.

Joe has lived "on the hill" at Copper Cliff all his life and while he never married, he is quite happy in his own home. And of course he spends some time at the Italian Club. He is also a member of a group including Ginny Bertulli who have camps on Ministik Lake. "Six of us had a fish camp there at first," Joe explained. "We had two acres of land and decided to split it and each have his own place." He spends most of the summer there, and also does some ice fishing.

He likes walking, watches some sports, reads and bowls and visits with his many friends. He is in good health and enjoys life. In retirement he has many things that he hopes to do and is looking forward to the years ahead.



When John Swintak's cousin, John Herman, returned to Copper Cliff in the fall of 1947, John (Swintak) decided to come with him.

John was born in Ethelbert, just outside Dauphin, Manitoba on December 1, 1924. He was educated in the area and after his schooling



ended he worked in the logging camps of Northern Manitoba. John spent about nine months in the copper reverb at Copper Cliff and then decided to return to farming in Dauphin. However, in 1952 he thought he'd try mining again, and in July he started at Creighton Mine, and is happy he did.

John met Anne Soroko shortly after coming to the Sudbury area and they were married in a beautiful ceremony in St. Mary's Ukrainian Church, July 16, 1955. Born in Coniston, Anne has been a resident of the area all her life.

They have a son and two daughters. Michael works in Mississauga; Kathy, and her husband Kevin McErlean live in Scarborough; and Christine is married to Allan Cecchetto of Copper Cliff. Allan works for the central maintenance department.

The Swintaks have a summer place in the French River — "God's Country" according to John. Does he fish? "Oh, yes. You want to believe it," was the reply. John hunts on Manitoulin Island and he has a fine garden. Anne says "He also has his PhD in domestic engineering, as I still work.

Those grandchildren are a big factor in their lives and they plan to visit them often. And John says: "In 32 years you meet quite a few people. There are so many I remember."



Enrico Carbone

"You know, I miss it! I spent the last two or three years in the roasters at the Iron Ore Recovery Plant with Bill Bateman. And Bob MacDonald was the super. I liked the whole gang." These were Enrico Carbone's very first words as he spent a few minutes reviewing his 28-year history with the Company.

Born in Cortenza, Italy, in 1921, he was kept quite busy after his school years were over. He worked as a farm laborer, and often on construction work. He served with the Italian Army from 1942 to 1945.

He came to Sudbury in 1951 after receiving a phone call from a brother-in-law who worked for Inco at the time. He was not able to get work with the Company immediately so spent four years working for Fraser-Brace Engineering until 1956 when he started in the sinter plant, remaining there for four years. The early '60s were spent in the FBR and then he went over to the Iron Plant where he wound up his Inco activities.

In June 1948, Enrico married Ida Natale in her home-town, Laurignano. Their family of three has provided them with two grandchildren, and another coming shortly.

Aldo, their only son, is married to Ronda Capporile. His two sisters are Raffelina and Corinne. Corinne is still at home but Raffelina is now Mrs. Larry Sac of Calgary.

Enrico and Ida have a list of about seven things to keep them busy during his retirement, exclusive of the grandchildren, of course. He is a member of the Sudbury Caruso Club where he enjoys bocce. You'll perhaps find him bowling, hunting or

gardening as well as visiting his family and friends. And between times Enrico will make some wine. The last item on the list is simply "relaxing."

Enrico says: "I get together with the guys after their last afternoon shift. We have a little wine and some cheese, and talk about what's happening (at the Recovery Building) now. We had about 80 guys on our shift and they were a nice bunch."

John Herman

"I think I'd better go back to work for a rest," said John Herman commenting on his retirement.

This is a frequent complaint of fellow retirees and perhaps John is



justified. Both he and his wife Caroline are avid fishermen, especially in the Nipissing area. He has a little garden — "Just grass and flowers", he says. He limits his hunting to birds. Because Caroline still works he does some of the chores around the home. Caroline says: "He's really a domestic engineer!"

John and Caroline were married in St. Michael's Ukrainian Church in Coniston. Caroline (Daypuk) was born in Coniston and they still live in the house where she was born, and which originally was her grandfather's home.

Their family consists of three daughters, and two granddaughters. Janet married Michael Desloges and they live in Toronto. Cynthia is married to Richard Bujold of

Coniston. Their third daughter, Margaret, is still at home.

John was born in Ethelbert, (just outside Dauphin), Manitoba, in 1926. He came to the Sudbury area in 1946 and spent nine months at Creighton mine. He says: "I decided to go back to farming, but it had become so mechanized I decided to get out, so I came back to Inco.

He came back to Copper Cliff, and the copper reverb where he spent 18 years. He was working on the slagdump crew when it was taken over by the transportation department. He remained and now has retired with 37 years of service.

Their plans for the future include many hours with their family, and they expect to stay in their 90-yearold home in Coniston. They may take a trip to British Columbia in a year or two.

John's cousin, John Swintak, recently retired from Creighton mine, and Caroline proudly told us her grandfather worked for Mond Nickel. As John said: "We're a very close family."

Ted Grabish

Ted Grabish has retired after 43 years service with the Company.

He joined Inco in February, 1942 and started working for Joe Price in the Copper Cliff crushing plant, a facility that, too, has "retired". He was a laborer there, but wanted to become a binman, who worked on bonus. "They let me try, and I enjoyed it," says Ted.



He transferred to Frood in November 1943 and claims to have worked on every job available. "You name it, I did it. I didn't miss a thing," is the way he put it.

During his years at Inco he served on the Union bargaining committee in 1949, and for three or four additional terms. That was when Local 598, Mine Mill and Smelterworkers represented the hourly rate workers.

Ted was born in Poland in 1922 and came to Canada in 1928, settling in the Swan River area of Manitoba. He worked on farms in the area when 13 and moved to Winnipeg in 1937. He worked in Port Arthur grain elevators in 1940 then moved to brushwork around Fort Frances, Ontario, prior to joining Inco.

In February 1944 he and Solange (Charlebois) were married in St. Anne's Church. Solange was born in St. Eugene d'Guige, Quebec, and came to Sudbury in 1930. They have three children and five grandchildren.

Son Denis is a high school teacher in Sudbury; Miles works for Ontario Hydro; and Linda, is Mrs. Jean Yves Rivard living in Hamilton.

Ted and Solange both garden and love going for walks. They do some camping and used to fish, but don't do much now. Solange says "He's a gardener; he does carpentry in the winter and makes beer and wine. He also likes to cook." To this Ted added: "She's a good cook, but I like Polish cooking, so I do it my way."

They intend to remain in Sudbury for that's "where all our friends are. Whenever we go downtown we always run into a lot of friends and I enjoy that," adds Ted.

Julius Dubis

Julius Dubis retired recently as a dryman at Creighton mine with 32 vears of service. He was born in Krosno, Poland on July 17, 1924 and received his education there during the Russian occupation. When German troops attacked he was taken prisoner. After being freed at the end of the war, a cousin, who was a member of the Polish Air Force, took Julius back to his base in Germany. In 1946 he went to England and recalls the very first job he had was clearing the snow after that fierce storm in the winter of 1945/46. The snow and he arrived together.



Julius later worked in an iron ore smelter in Melton Mulberry and later moved to a textile factory in Derby. It was while there that he met Wladyslawa (Gladys) Borek. They were married in St. Mary's Chapel, Derby, October 29, 1949.

Gladys was born in what is now East Germany of Polish parents. In 1932, while her father was working in Poland, her mother was given a choice: become a German citizen, or get out. In either case her husband would not be allowed to re-enter the country. Her mother gathered the children and was re-united with Gladys' father. She left Poland for a refugee camp in Lorraine Province, France, and eventually joined the Polish Air Force and was posted to England.

Julius and Gladys have two children; a boy, Robert, who married Jane Montgomery of Copper Cliff, and who is now a chartered accountant in Toronto; and daughter Jayne. She is now Mrs. Bruce McCreary, of Belleville, where they own their own business. Their son Scott, as the only grandchild, ranks high in Julius' and Gladys' affections.

A member of the Polish Combatants' Association, Julius expects to spend a lot of time there. He has been on the executive board for about 20 years and currently is the treasurer. He was a Sergeant in the 33rd Technical Squadron RCEME (Militia) for about seven years prior to its being disbanded in the early 1970s.

Julius and Gladys plan on remaining in their home on Edith Street and Julius says he'll have one more crack at a garden. He says: "There's very little earth there, in fact it's very rocky, but maybe now I have more time I will get something to grow."

Morgan Ranta

Morgan Ranta was born at Copper Cliff in 1933 but was raised in the Kelly Lake Road area. His grandfather, Otto, had worked for the Company.

After leaving Sudbury Mining and Technical school, Morgan worked at a number of jobs before joining Inco. He was with a local delivery service, with Edward's Automotive, Keyes Supply and with the CPR line gang.



He joined Inco at the nickel converters in 1953 and a few years later joined Jock Rennie's gang of mechanics. He worked in many shops including about 14 years with the paint gang in the carpenter shop. The plate shop, car repair shop and the mechanical field gang also saw him for a time and he finished up working with the mechanics at the mill. He has taken the early service plan.

Among his hobbies he ranks fishing about tops although he is an avid amateur photographer. Last fall he was able to take pictures of four white geese on Lake Ramsey. He likes the outdoors but doesn't hunt because he does not enjoy killing things.

He used to ski but now does quite a bit of walking. His favourite sports on TV are hockey and auto racing. He does some reading and visiting with friends and is enjoying good health.

Joe Gaydos

A long time and well known resident of Levack, Joe Gaydos has taken an early service pension and will spend more time now at their summer home at nearby Windy Lake.



Joe started at Levack in 1951, worked underground for a year then came to surface and a job with the efficiency department. He had earlier spent a couple of years at Hollinger after graduating from the Haileybury School of Mines. From 1973 until retirement he had been with the engineering gang at McCreedy mine.

Born in Czechoslovakia in 1926, Joe came to Canada with his mother in 1929. His dad had been in Montreal for two years earlier so that's where they stayed at first. Later they moved to Beardmore and when Joe was 15, to Toronto to finish his secondary education at Central Technical School.

He joined the army after finishing school in 1945 and was discharged in 1946. Returning to Toronto he worked there a year before going to the School of Mines at Haileybury.

It was there that he met and married Jeannette Villeneuve. Joe had been staying at her mother's boarding house. They have five children: George and Gerry in Toronto, and Steve at home. Daughter Katrine is Mrs. Wilhard Gorissen of Manitowadge, and Margaret is Mrs. Dave Durocher of Calgary. To date there are four grandchildren.

The Gaydos have lived in Levack all their married life and plan to stay there. It is a community they like and

they are well known and liked there. It is so handy to their summer place on Windy Lake. At one time Joe participated in several sports such as curling, baseball and hockey but now he enjoys watching it on TV.

They have travelled to Florida and Mexico and also spend some time visiting their far flung family. They plan to join the local Golden Age Club.

Joe likes to read and keep abreast of the times. Back some years ago he earned his BA at Laurentian the hard way, by taking a couple of courses a year. In good health he is looking forward to many pleasant years ahead.

Mike Szewciw

Back in 1978 Mike Szewciw underwent open heart surgery and since that time had worked in the rehabilitation centre at Copper Cliff. Prior to that he was a skimmer in the converters for many years, having joined the Company in that department in 1949.



Born in a small town in the Ukraine, Mike earned his mechanical papers there. During the war he acted as a chauffeur. After the war he was in Austria for a time before coming to Canada in 1948. He met his future wife, Tekla Baluszewska while in Austria and they came over hoping to meet and be married here. She came a few days ahead of Mike and left a note with the train conductor for Mike. A few days later Mike was on that train and got the note.

The only problem was that he went to Kiosk to work in the bush and she went to work at a hospital in Montreal. However they did get together and were married in Sudbury in 1949. They have two daughters: Roma, a teacher in Sudbury, and Tamara, Mrs. Larry Ushey of Sault Ste. Marie. She is a systems analyst with Algoma Steel.

Mike was a blacksmith at the lumber camp where they had 40 teams of horses to be shod. But a year there was enough and he liked it much better at Inco.

He is very mechanically inclined, can repair his own car and any power equipment around home. And he likes to invent mechanical gadgets and is also handy at woodworking.

They both enjoy their garden and are also active in their church and the local Ukrainian Society. They hope now to do more travelling and Tekla is glad to have her husband at home.

He is still very active and has made a good recovery from his operation. There are very few things he cannot do and they are both quite happy with their new leisure time. They have not been back to Austria and have no plans to go as they have no relatives there now.

Con Disalle

A musician since his early boyhood, Con Disalle has probably set more feet tapping in Sudbury than any other musician. And music is his life. For many years he had his own band and played at countless dances. Now he plays with three different groups; Sonny Musico's Band; The Nostalgia Big Band, and the Commodores, a small group. And in addition he is the president of the local Musicians' Federation which takes up a considerable amount of his time.

His dad came over from Italy after the first war and worked for Mond Nickel at Coniston. Con and family came over in 1927 but went back to Italy in 1929 until 1934 when they came back to Canada, this time at Copper Cliff. Con was 11 years of age at the time so he finished grade eight then went to work for Nordale as water boy. He was too light for Inco at the time.

However in 1943 he did get on with Inco in the plate shop since he had learned something about welding and metal work with Nordale. Except for a



few brief interludes he stayed in the plate shop until his retirement, the last five years making templates.

Con and Deltha Renaud of Sturgeon Falls were married in 1945 and they have four sons, all musical. Don is with the government in Ottawa and has his own group; Robert is a studio musician in Toronto; Gary works in Sudbury and teaches guitar, and Chris plays drums with a group in Toronto. There are six grandchildren who are all being exposed to music.

Con now lives back 'on the hill' at Copper Cliff in the house where his dad had lived some 50 years ago. He is a member of both the Caruso and Italian Clubs and he, along with all the retirees from the plate shop, meet once a month for dinner at the Caruso Club and that helps keep them in touch.

Con recalls playing with a marching band at the old Italian Club in 1936 and Fred Dolci was the director. "I gained lots of experience there," he said. His favorite instruments are the clarinet and the saxaphone.

Gerald "Gerry" Mahoney

The wanderlust hit Gerry Mahoney in his youth.

Finally, one day in the summer of 1951, he assured himself it was time to settle down. He thought about the jobs he'd had, and the places he'd worked, including Inco, and decided there was security at Inco, and now he's retired on a disability pension with 34 year's service.

Gerry was born in Oshawa, Ontario on April 14, 1927. He worked in

Toronto for about six years after leaving home and eventually wound up in Barrie. While there he joined the army and served from May, 1944, to October 1945. From there the call of the west beckoned and he took off for Vancouver where he spent about two years before heading for Alaska's Premier Gold Mine.

He went from Vancouver to Stewart, B.C. by train, then by snowmobile to Sillbank. It was mid-January, 1948 and the temperature could only be described as "cold". Six months there was enough and he returned to Toronto. A year later, in October 1950, Gerry became a member of the Inco workforce in the Coniston pilot plant until April, 1951. He dropped out of circulation for about four months and it was during this time he talked himself into settling down. He returned to the Coniston pilot plant.



Gerry is a millwright. He worked for Jock Rennie's "Misfits" for about a year, and then spent 10 years in the Copper Cliff machine shop. Lloyd King was the super then, and he recalls Jimmy Davidson (Sr.), Sid Stone and Davey Small. He spent seven years in the Orford building followed by 10 in the copper refinery machine shop, with his final two years spent working as a millwright. Doug Gathercole was his boss a couple of times at the Copper Cliff machine shop, and again at the copper refinery.

Gerry has four children: Louise is at home with Gerry; Corrine is Mrs. Claude Guy; Mae, is Mrs. Mike Butt of Sault Ste. Marie; and son Francis "Frank" works in Montreal. There are two grandchildren.

Gerry will spend some time visiting his family, and perhaps will winter

"down south". He's an avid reader, and he rates this as his number one hobby. He likes to hunt small game and birds, and does a little bowling. He's looking forward to come and go as he pleases, once again.

Nick Semenuk

Nick Semenuk comes from a strong Inco family. His dad John was with the transportation department before retirement and there are two brothers, Fred and Bill also retired.

Nick was born at Coniston in 1928 but the family moved to Sudbury and he grew up in the Donovan area. His first job was during the war when he started in the reverbs in 1944. He was laid off three times before he finally hired on to stay, that was in 1947. During the layoff periods he had worked at Fraser Brace and National Grocers.

Nick worked all his years at the reverbs and the flash furnaces and did every job in that department. He was a craneman for about eight years at one time, and had also put in his time at the old sand bins. He liked his work but was happy to take advantage of the early service plan.

In 1951 Nick and Bella Bigras were married in Sudbury. She is originally from Sturgeon Falls. They have no children.

They have lived on Pine St. in Sudbury for many years and are quite happy there. They like to play cards, darts, take walks and watch TV. And Nick also likes to read, especially westerns and they both do crossword puzzles.

Next year they hope to travel more and see the East Coast. They have many friends and relatives that they visit and they are happy together in their retirement.



Jan Szot

Jan Szot is a happy retiree who celebrates his 65th birthday this year. He was born in Poland in 1920 and learned his trade as a carpenter before entering the army. He was with the Polish army in Italy and was in England in 1946 where he was discharged.

That is where he met and married Mary Peters in 1949. Jan worked at steel plants in the Midlands for eight years then a friend in Toronto suggested he come to Canada and he is very happy that he did.

He is very proud of his family and credits his wife with giving them all the advantages of exposure to arts and music and to a responsible attitude toward life. Son John is a school principal in Winnipeg; daughter Janina teaches art in Toronto, and Margaret, an Inco scholar, is in her third year at the University of Toronto. There are five grandchildren.

Jan had lived in the Lo-Ellen Park area for 30 years and his chief hobby is raising various types of spruce trees. He is also the keeper of the grounds for his church, St. Casimir's on Paris St. where he has set out more than 30 trees on the steep, grassed slopes. He enjoys gardening and leans towards flowers and shrubs.



He is an active member of the local Polish Society and has made one trip back to Poland while his wife visited her home in England. They hope to do more travelling now that he is retired.

Jan joined Inco at Murray Mine in 1957 and from there went to

Creighton 3-shaft, working on construction for 10 years. Later he joined the mechanics at Copper Cliff and worked with the group that serviced all the mines. "I worked at all Inco mines including Shebandowan," Jan said.

In winter this happy man skis, skates and does some cabinet type work. He likes to read, particularly National Geographic and watches nature shows on TV along with soccer and hockey. Jan Szot is a happy and healthy pensioner who will always be active.



Mike Campanale

A happy, hard working man, Mike Campanale has been a miner almost all the years he has been in Canada and that goes back to 1951.

Born in the city of Bari, Italy in 1923 he started work at age 16 but shortly after was drafted into the army. He spent more than two years as a prisoner of war in Germany. He was nearly a year in Belgium after the war before he was able to go home to Italy.

He worked in a factory there until coming to Canada in 1951. "I didn't want to raise my family in Europe," he said. On arrival in Montreal he was sent to Noranda mines where he worked 16 months then went on railway construction in the Renfrew area. In 1952 he came to Levack but was laid off after 18 months and went to work at Longvac mine for a contractor for the next six years.

In 1959 he returned to Levack but was again laid off and worked for

McIsaac before his recall in 1963. He was living at Larchwood but his wife wanted to live in town so he transferred to Stobie and worked there and at Little Stobie until his recent retirement on early service.

Mike was married in Italy in 1948 to Maria Sylvestri and they have four sons who own and operate a fairly large real estate firm in Ottawa. The four boys are: Vince, Rocco, Viito, and Tony. To date there are no grandchildren but Mike and Maria hope there will be soon.

They live in Sudbury's west end and have a summer place on the Vermillion River. Mike has a garden at both places. He enjoys that and looking after his places and there is little he can't fix. Always an active man he and his wife still go dancing every Saturday night and they also bicycle in summer and cross country ski in winter.

They have made one trip back to Italy, have been to Canada's west coast and also to Cuba, Florida and California. They may make another trip back to Italy soon, but for now they are thoroughly enjoying their new life of leisure.

Alan Bell

Alan Bell is happy doing community work and is active with the John Howard Society and with Alcoholics Anonymous. He derives a good deal of satisfaction from helping others.

He has retired from Inco on disability pension having suffered a back injury that kept him off work for over five years, but he does little complaining.



Born at Toronto in 1932 he attended Malvern Collegiate, worked a short time in a print shop, then bought a 200-acre farm near Kincardine where he ran beef cattle for about 17 years.

Coming to Sudbury in 1964 he hired at Creighton but quit in 1967 to try the potash mines out west. He returned in 1969 to Frood-Stobie and after his injury worked as a timekeeper at Coniston and in the laboratory at the copper refinery.

Alan was married in 1948 but divorced in 1964. In 1983 he married again, Yolande Barr becoming his wife. She was also divorced. Alan has 10 children: Sons Donald, Kevin, Robert and Alan Jr.; and six daughters: Shirley, Mrs. Ron Hodgins; Sandra, Mrs. Neil McCallum; Glenda; Sheila, Mrs. Pat Smith; Linda and Dana-Lynn. He has 17 grandchildren and one greatgrandchild. His present wife has six children: sons Leon, Duane, Danny, Brian and Jeffrey, and one daughter, Debra, Mrs. Des Rattan. And there are five grandchildren from that family. She has two brothers retired from Inco, Claude and Herman Cormier.

Alan has lived in the Donovan area for some time and will probably stay there. They both enjoy camping and also bowling. They have purchased a van and hope to travel more now.

Even though it is hard to make a living at farming Alan says he still prefers farming over mining although he had no complaints about mining. He admits he's just a farmer at heart.

Gilles Thibert

"That was a great place to work. I just loved that place and I worked with some of the best," declared Gilles Thibert of the years he spent at Levack.

Gilles first came to Sudbury in early 1952. He had an uncle, Ralph Chartrand at Frood, but couldn't make the weight requirement at first so he installed sewers at Minnow Lake. Later that year he was hired and sent to the smelter and after about a year managed a transfer to Frood. There he worked on 12-8 shift for Bob Brydges and then in 1954 was sent to Levack. He went to work on production and made good money in stopes and pillars. The last dozen



years he spent with the ventilation department before taking an early service pension.

Gilles was born on a farm at Buckingham, Quebec and grew up there. His first attempt for work away from home was when he came to Sudbury. He is very happy that he did.

In 1954 he married Rita Chevrier in Chelmsford, her hometown and where they have lived all their married life. They have five sons; Richard and Donald live nearby; Michael is in Edmonton, and Norman and Denis are at home. There are five grandchildren. Gilles has a brother Bernie retired from Levack.

Both Gilles and Rita enjoy fishing and they have a camper that takes them to many lakes. They also have a camp at McCharles Lake and a hunt camp in Creighton Township where each year Gilles gets his moose. They like to travel and at one time had a motor home and toured all of Canada. They also have a large and small boat and snowmobile for ice fishing and as Gilles said: "I bought all these things when I was making good money so I could enjoy them later." He is doing just that.

A handy man around home he can fix anything and he also has a sideline of undercoating cars. Rita has worked with the Scotia Bank for 19 years and admits she is glad to have him home.

He's in great health and while he enjoyed every working day, he is also enjoying every day of retirement. The only thing missing is that he doesn't see the gang as often.

Gerard 'Gerry' Gatien

Gerry Gatien has worked at the Frood-Stobie complex since hiring with the Company back in 1947.

"I worked with some great guys," he said. "Like Joe Charbonneau and Art Filion. I was in stopes and pillars and the last 20 years on tramming. I was at Little Stobie the last eight years with a great gang."

Born on the family farm at Hanmer where his grandad had come in 1900, Gerry worked on the farm until he joined Inco. He liked farming but suffered from allergies. Mining was better in that regard plus the hours were a lot shorter, and the money better.

In 1953 he married Rolande Forget in Sudbury. Their family includes son Francois at home and three daughters, all in Ottawa; They are: Murielle, Mrs. Wayne Goddard; Gisele, Mrs. Bambino Fatica, and Aline, Mrs. Michel Facette. There are two grandchildren. Mrs. Gatien expressed their feelings toward them; "It's a privilege to be a grandmother."

In fact, after living in Sudbury all their married life they are now moving to Ottawa to be nearer their family as they do love to visit with them.

Gerry admits he will miss the boys from work but he wants the gang on 1200 to know that he is going to take up golf and curling so he can beat them at their own game.

Gerry and his wife hope to travel more now and being in good health and relatively young they are anticipating many happy years in retirement.





Andy Landriault

Andy Landriault worked at Creighton since joining the Company in 1948. He spent 23 years at 3-shaft, a good part of the time as shaft inspector there and at 7-shaft. He later moved over to 5-shaft working as construction leader there and at 9-shaft. The last few years he was a cagetender at 5-shaft. "That was a good place to work and I worked with some good men," Andy declared.

Born on a farm near Walford in 1923 where he was one of 14 children, he had worked on the farm and in the bush before joining the army in 1942. He saw action in much of Europe and was with the army of occupation in Germany at the war's end. He was discharged in 1946.

Returning to the farm for a time he then went to work for Fraser Brace before joining Inco. "I've made a good living there and been able to educate my children," he said.

It was in 1949 that he and Marion Steinke were married in Sudbury. She is from Massey and they met through Andy's sister. Their four sons are: Steven and Keith at Kapuskasing; Todd at Lively, and Terrence in Toronto. Daughter Valerie is Mrs. George Lalonde of Timmins and Leanne is in Winnipeg. There are six grandchildren. Andy has a brother Orville retired from the Iron Ore Plant and his wife's brother Wilbert works at Creighton 5-shaft.

The Landriaults live at Naughton where they cultivate a fine garden. He is a member of the Lively Legion and they are both active in their church at Lively and also with the Seniors' club there. They bowl

with them and Andy says there are 22 teams from that group.

In summer they spend some time at their daughter's place on Fairbanks Lake where Andy does some fishing. They have travelled all across Canada by trailer but now Andy says he has relatives all the way across the country where he can stop for a night.

A handy man around the house, Andy is also a great walker. Mrs. Landriault enjoys attending live theatre. They both bowl and are a very compatible couple who will certainly enjoy retirement.

Ross Bulmer

Ross Bulmer spent almost all his Inco years at Garson although he started at the crushing plant at Copper Cliff for big Joe Price. He originally came to Sudbury in 1949 where his brother Gerald was working. He hired on at Garson in 1952 when Norm Wadge was superintendent there.



Working on production for a time he then went with the ventilation gang for nine years, was topman at 3-shaft, pipefitter for 10 years, and the last 14 years worked as a skiptender.

He was born on a farm in Saskatchewan in 1926 and had worked on construction and in a grocery store before coming east. It was while he was staying at a local boarding house that he met Doris Gray a New Brunswick native. They were married in 1953 and have four children: Their son Merlin is at Red Rock, Ontario, and his twin Marilyn

is in Toronto. The other two girls are Gail, Mrs. Allan Blanchard of Garson, and Rosalind of Lively. And the Bulmers are very happy with their first grandchild, a boy.

The Bulmers have lived in Garson for 23 years and will stay there. They have a trailer and like to camp using many provincial parks as well as lesser known locations. Ross enjoys fishing and Manitoulin Island is one of his favorite spots.

A love for country music has Ross strumming his guitar with friends for their own enjoyment and he and his wife are members of the Country Music Travellers. He hopes this winter to curl with the pensioners. And they may yet look at Florida although they both love Vancouver Island

In good health they are looking forward to many pleasant years ahead and Mrs. Bulmer is glad to have her husband home and Ross admits he finds retirement suits him just fine.

Carroll Oickle

Carroll Oickle has retired from North mine where he had worked the last few years. He began his Inco career in 1952 at the sinter plant but went to Frood-Stobie the following year and worked on development there until moving to Levack in 1956.

He made the change from Frood to Levack on a couple of occasions then ended up at the North mine where he enjoyed working, most of the time on development work.

Born at Cornwall, Nova Scotia, in



1927, Carroll married a girl from the west when he met Emma LaRocque at a dance on Manitoulin Island. They were married in 1956 and have one son James in Ottawa, and two daughters, Karen, Mrs. Richard Lawrence of Sudbury, and Linda, Mrs. Andre Maheu of Chatham. There are four grandsons and one lovely granddaughter.

Mrs. Oickle's father, James, is retired from the copper refinery and her brother, Don, is working there now. Carroll has a brother Floyd at the North mine.

The Oickles have lived in Azilda since 1960 and are very happy there. They spend some of the summer at her dad's camp near Rock Lake and hope now to-do more travelling in Canada. Carroll likes to fish and watches most all sports on TV. In winter he does some cross country skiing. He is also handy at an ancient form of rug hooking wherein he makes his own designs and uses tools from the past.

They are in good health, swim regularly, at the Dow Pool in Copper Cliff and generally enjoy life together. They took a trip to Jamaica to mark their 25th anniversary.

They are active people in a number of areas but their greatest pleasure comes from their granchildren.

Mauro Ventura

Mauro Ventura has been a soccer fan all his life and has played the game for many years. He has organized and coached teams as well. He likes all sports but soccer is his favorite.



Born in Italy in 1923 he was with the Italian and later the Allied Air Force through most of the war. After discharge he went to Belgium, partly to play soccer and because there was work in the coal mines.

He came to Sudbury in 1954 where he spent two years working for a local contractor while he learned enough English to hire at Inco. He was hired by the Company in 1956 at Coniston and while there he also played in Dan Totino's band. After seven years he moved to the Iron Ore Plant and later to the Copper Cliff mill. The last 10 years he was a mechanic working on the pump floor.

Married in Italy in 1951, he and Rita Aruanno are from the same town, Bisceglie in the province of Bari. Their son Frank is a teacher at Lindsay; daughter Maria is Mrs. Angelo D'Agostina of Sudbury, and Caterina is a lawyer in Ottawa. And Mauro and his wife just love their two grandchildren.

They have lived in the Northern Heights section of Sudbury for 25 years and he has a fine garden there. They have made five trips back to Italy and may go again. They have also visited Florida and with their recently purchased van, hope now to see more of Canada. Mrs. Ventura has worked at the local Canadian Tire store for some years, and Mauro enjoys looking after their home. "I love to cook," he exclaimed.

He is an active member of the Caruso Club and was an officer of the club for several years. They are a happy couple in good health. Mauro has energy to burn and is happy that both the grandchildren are in Sudbury. He is enjoying retirement to the full.

Philip Boudreau

Phil Boudreau worked at Inco for more than 42 years and is proud of the fact that he had a 35 year span without a lost time accident. He started in 1942 as a junior laborer when he was 16.

That was during the war and he worked on the reverbs and was also taking a welding course so that when he was 18 he got a job at the blacksmith shop. In 1944 he joined the army and after discharge in 1945 returned to the welding shop. In 1962 he was moved over to the Iron Ore Plant and spent the next 18 years there then returned to the welding



shop at Copper Cliff to end his career.

In 1980 his career was nearly ended when he had triple bypass open heart surgery. He made a great recovery and was back to work in about three months and feels just great now and full of energy.

Born in Capreol in 1926 he was the only one of the family not with the railroad. At age 15 he went to Sudbury Mining and Technical school to learn machine shop practice, was paid \$9 a week, then sent to make anti-aircraft guns with General Electric in Peterborough for a time.

In 1946, at Sudbury, he married Shirley Fleming who had also worked at Inco during the war, in the accounting department. They met while travelling to work on the streetcar. Their three sons are: Philip, an audiology technician in Sudbury; Tom at the nickel refinery, and James at Humber College. Daughter Susan is Mrs. Carl Book, and Joan, Mrs. Rick Meunier, both of Sudbury. Vickie is Mrs. Dene Holmes, he is with the RCMP at Gander. The nine grandchildren are a delight to Phil and Shirley. In fact they are a very close family and they celebrate all occasions together.

They have lived in the Minnow Lake area for 33 years but their first love is travel and they have many miles behind them both in Canada and elsewhere. And they plan to do even more travelling in the near future.

Mrs. Boudreau worked at Towers for 13 years but has also retired and she is very happy to have her husband home. A fine couple in good health and obviously enjoying their family and the good things of life together.

Charles Rafuse

The Copper Cliff plate shop will miss Charles Rafuse, who has retired after 34 years with the Company.

Charlie was born in Waterfall, Nova Scotia in 1924. He quit school to join the Navy and served with them from 1942 until 1945. With a Veterans' Grant he finished his interrupted course in plumbing and heating.

Alton Browne and Gordon MacLean were travelling recruiters in 1948 and cajoled Charles to coming to work at Creighton's 5-shaft. Four months was enough for Charlie so he quit. In 1959 he had a change of heart and joined Jock Rennie's "Misfits". Shortly after he transferred to the plate shop supervised by Elwood "Bill" Trezise.



Carolyn Webster caught Charlie's eye in early 1946 and they were married December 20th in Kentville, Nova Scotia. She was born and brought up in Sheffield Mill. Charles and Carolyn have one daughter, Sheila, who is married to Bill Speer. They live in Kitchener, Ontario. A brother Clyde, is currently employed in the Copper Cliff warehouse.

Charlie says he joined the Navy to see the world, although he could have had more rank if he had stayed ashore. He served out of St. John's, Newfoundland on the North Atlantic run, being assigned to Frigates and Corvettes.

In earlier days they both bowled; Charlie played golf and horseshoes and recalls his days on a team with Henry Dunn.

They think they would like to sell their home but the question is where would they go? The East Coast has a great draw, but Charlie is bothered a little with arthritis, so perhaps they'll try the smell of the sea on the west coast.

His mother is alive and well at 83 and he's looking forward to a visit to her soon.

Perhaps the thing Charlie enjoys above all else is fishing, especially trout fishing. He loves to take his cance out with his 2-horse Evinrude, looking for the wily one.

We found out that Charlie's nemesis is elevators. Carolyn says he'll do almost anything so as not to have to ride in one. When he visited the Triangle he walked up the stairs to our seventh floor office. After, he walked down again. Carolyn took the elevator. We hope they met all right on the ground floor!

Luigi Nizzero

Born in Northern Italy in 1926, Luigi Nizzero has retired with 32 years of credited service.

Before coming to Canada in 1948, Luigi served 13 months in the Italian Army, and after the war worked in a coal mine in Belgium for three years and recalls the dismal conditions there.

Emigrating in 1948, he spent a year on a tobacco farm in Strathroy, Ontario, during which time he added English to his vocabulary which included Italian and French. He then worked in the construction industry in the London area until coming to Sudbury in 1953. He worked at Levack Mine for his entire career. Luigi says he had no trouble at all with the supervision or "the boys".



Luigi was laid off temporarily in late 1954 and returned to Italy for a visit during which time he met and married the former Lelia Pellichero on February 12th, 1955. Returning to Sudbury shortly after the wedding, Luigi was recalled to work.

There is one daughter and one son in their family. Anne-Marie is Mrs. Bruce Alexander, of Port Elgin, Ontario. Claudio married Maria Calabrese who has given Luigi and Lelia two fine grandsons. They live in Sudbury.

They like travelling and will revisit Italy. They plan on remaining in their home of 29 years on Albinson Street. Luigi says he's looking forward to meeting the old gang during Inco Pensioners' Days. About retirement he says: "This is a dream, boy. I can't believe it!"



Joseph "Joe" Salemink

One could not blame Joe Salemink if he lived in any country other than Canada!

Born and educated in Kerkrade, Holland in 1922, he joined the Dutch underground when war broke out and was eventually attached to 1st Corps, Royal Canadian Engineers in helping liberate his country. He returned to civilian life in 1946 and worked in various government offices until 1951.

He was lured to Sudbury by two brothers, Pete, who worked at Frood until his death in 1982, and Alex, who was working the converters at the time. In April 1951 Joe made it a threesome, starting as shoveller at Frood, as he says "just like anyone else".

In the spring of 1952 Joe felt lonely and asked for time off to go back to Holland to marry Ans Bruining. His request was not granted and he quit to return to Holland anyway. He married Ans in a ceremony in her home town Bemmel. After the ceremony there was a honeymoon, of course. And for the second time disaster almost struck.

When Joe first came to Canada his plane, a 4-engine propellor-driven job lost one of its engines. It limped back to Holland safely. The disaster on the honeymoon occurred when their "Loveboat" was struck by a Norwegian freighter in the North Sea. They limped back to port safely.

Joe and Ans have two daughters and one son, and three grandchildren. Their children are: Shane, in Sudbury; Sylvia, married to Dave Arenburg in Timmins; and Beverley, who attends college in Grand Prairie, Alberta.

Joe says he has no hobbies. He can truthfully say this for he doesn't count the six to eight kilometers he walks every day. The reading and crossword puzzles he completes daily don't count either. Of course no one would expect a Dutchman to garden. Those tulips "lots and lots of tulips, and other Dutch bulbs" says Ans are a mirage. He does grow a few vegetables, though.

There'll be trips to Holland and Grand Prairie. But Joe and Ans admit to one thing. They arrived here on Easter Day but Good Friday saw one of the worst storms Sudbury has seen. Joe said "if the ocean wasn't in the way, I'd walk back!"

Joe has happy memories of his 32 years with the Company, the last few as a "Bell-Boy" (cage tender) at Frood. He says the fellows he first worked with, and his neighbours helped him in many ways.

William "Bill" Budnick

When Bill Budnick took out his wallet to check a date we spotted a photograph of a baby. It turned out to be his first granddaughter, born January 16th this year. He's very proud of her!

Bill has retired from Frood Mine where he was a bit man. He looks back on a career of 33 years.



Bill was born in Musidor, Alberta on May 27th, 1925 but grew up in Hudson's Bay, Saskatchewan. His dad farmed there and he helped out. He spent some time hauling pulpwood, too. His father is still living in Hudson's Bay and Bill will be visiting him often.

Bill started with the Company May 4th, 1951 as a shoveller at Frood. He remained there, advancing to various other jobs, but was cut back to the pillars in 1954. He recalls working with Joe Boston and they remained together until 1975 when he hurt his left hand. He has worked on modified surface work since then.

Bill married the former Mary Choptian on February 24, 1952, in a ceremony in St. Mary's Ukrainian Church. Mary was born and brought up in Ethelbert, Manitoba. She and Bill have two daughters; Beverley, Mrs. Tom Montgomery; and Debbie a school teacher in Toronto.

During his retirement Bill doesn't plan on doing a great deal. He'll garden a little and walk a little in good weather, but in winter he'll be taking in a lot of television. Bill says: "There's no use planning ahead too far — I just take each day as it comes. But I have enjoyed mining. You work hard in the pillars, but now I feel something is missing. I guess I miss the routine."

Damiano Cristo

Damiano Cristo, fondly known at work as Cristo, was born on a small island off the coast of Italy in 1926.

His father was a fisherman and farmer and at age 10 young Cristo started to work as a fisherman. And during the next couple of decades and more he was a fisherman, farmer and miner.

He had a couple of sisters and brothers in New York so in 1949 he came over there. Shortly after that he came to visit a sister in Sudbury. He worked at several jobs including the CPR before joining Inco at the old sinter plant in 1959. He moved to the separation plant, was laid off in 1962, recalled in 1964 to the reverbs and later went to the FBR plant. The last five years he spent working again in the separation department. He has taken the early service plan.

Cristo married Civita Vitiello by proxy in 1951 and she came over the following year. They grew up in the same area in Italy. Their son Gennaro works at Falconbridge, and daughter Maria is Mrs. Ben Aprea in Europe. To date there are four grandchildren.



The Cristos have lived on Marcel St. in Sudbury for 13 years and Cristo tends a fine large garden there. He also raises a few rabbits as a hobby. And of course he makes his own wine. As an old fisherman he likes to go fishing and at one time did some hunting. In winter he walks, shovels snow and watches almost all sports on TV.

Both he and his wife are in good health and Cristo is a happy man at all times and readily admits that he is enjoying retirement. Civita's parents are still living back home and in some ways they would like to be back there but as Cristo says, they are better off here with all of their friends.



John "Skinny" Lackmanec

That's what we wanted to know too: — where'd you pick up a nickname like "Skinny"? Therese, his wife said: "He really was — until about five or six years ago". "Skinny" has retired from Inco's North Mine after 37 years with the Company.

Born in Springside, Saskatchewan on February 28, 1925, where his 85 year old mother still lives, he worked on the farm for a time until his cousin Mike Culosec, who worked at Creighton, induced him to come to Sudbury.

John signed on with the Company starting work on July 2, 1948. He claims he was paid for the holiday, July 1st, at \$1.09 an hour.

"My super was a fellow called Ritzell. He told me he'd make a miner out of me, and he did. He was one of the best managers I worked for. He'd give me a pat on the shoulder and I was good for another 100,000 miles." He added: "There weren't many mines I didn't work at, and I even put in a little time at the nickel refinery and the Iron Ore Recovery Plant during some of the shut-downs."

St. Mary's Ukrainian Church, Sudbury, was the scene of John's marriage to Therese Michel on October 6, 1951. Therese was born and raised in Sudbury. Her father, Ludger, was a well-known councillor for (the former) McKim Township.

Therese and John are the parents of six children. They are: Victor, who died in 1977; Peter, in Sudbury; Julie is Mrs. Roland Gauthier of Sudbury; Marie is an Engineering Planning Clerk with Bell Canada, in Sudbury;

Anne, Mrs. Richard Martin; and Christine a social worker in Sturgeon Falls.

John is a great hockey fan, who also loves gardening. He enjoys cutting wood and keeps not only his own firebox supplied, but also that of his parish priest.

Both John and Therese devote a great deal of time to their parish. They deliver Communion to the sick and help in many other ways. Therese is a quilter of note and teaches quilting one day a week at the Recovery Home for Women.

John's only complaint now that he's retired is that he's so busy with charitable work he has to cut down on cutting wood! It's that familiar old cry, friends: "Pensioners have no time!"



David Mazerolle

A busy, happy and contented new retiree is Dave Mazerolle who retired recently from the Frood-Stobie mill where he had worked his last few years with the Company.

Born in New Brunswick in 1926, Dave grew up in the town of Richiducto and worked with his dad in the construction business. He and a cousin were recruited to come and work in a bush camp near Thessalon but after two weeks as bull cook, Dave had enough of peeling potatoes and washing dishes so he left and was on his way to Hamilton when he stopped over at Sudbury. There he met a friend and was shortly working at the sand bins. After some years in the reverbs he went with the 'misfits',

worked at many other locations and finally went to the Frood-Stobie mill as a first class mechanic. He liked his work and the camaraderie with the gang.

In 1952 Dave and Anita Belanger were married in Sudbury. She is from Espanola. They have four daughters: Viola, Mrs. Jerry Zuchlinski of Regina; Paulette, Mrs. Art Psuik of Brockville; Lise in Sudbury; and Lorraine, Mrs. Mike Adams of Timmins. Mike is the son of Ralph Adams, well known at the smelter. There are six grandchildren.

Dave and his wife are very active in the life of their church, St. Mathew's at McFarlane Lake. Dave is a fine singer and is the choirmaster and has help from his wife with the details. They are interested in their community and make their contribution happily.

They have travelled Canada coast to coast and are not too keen about going south. They cross country ski in winter and Dave still visits back east where his mother is still going strong at age 98.

They have lived in the McFarlane Lake area since 1953 and will remain there. Dave finds plenty to do, enjoys carpenter work and loves watching all sports on TV. "We never get bored," he said. "We can always find things to do if we want to."

They are in good health and are enjoying a happy marriage with regular visits to and from their children.

Lucien Carriere

Born on a farm near Chelmsford, one of 14 children, Lucien Carriere is one of seven members of his family who are still with Inco either on pension or at work. Armand, Leo and Gerry are all on pension and Reg, Rene, and Denis are still working at Copper Cliff. Lucien also has four brothers-in-law who are Incoites.

After leaving the farm, Lucien worked at Nickel Offsets mine then went diamond drilling with Smith Travers. He hired with Inco at Levack in 1951 and moved to Stobie a year later. He stayed at the Frood and Stobie for the remainder of his Inco years working for the most part in pillars except for the last few years when he trammed at Stobie. While he liked mining he admits that he is still a farmer at heart.



Lucien married a farm girl from Blezard in 1952, when Yollande Lafontaine became his wife. They have six children: Michael is at Stobie; Gilbert at Kirkland Lake; Marc at home; Monique is Mrs. Denis Roy of Dowling; Colette, Mrs. Robert Roy of Matachewan, and Louise, Mrs. Robert Brabant of Chelmsford. There are seven grandchildren.

They have lived at Blezard since 1952 and will stay there. They have a trailer and use it extensively in summer at various parks and lakes. They went to Trout Lake near Noelville for 14 years. He enjoys fishing at Nipissing in summer and ice fishing at Whitewater Lake in winter.

Lucien has been busy lately remodelling their home and except for a bit of trouble with asthma, is in good health. He is a member of the local I.O.F. Lodge. Playing cards with friends and watching wrestling and boxing on TV are among his many pleasures.

They are happy together doing what they are doing in the area where they were both born and raised. They enjoy their family and visit with them quite often, especially at holiday seasons.

George Parri

Oldtimers in the Sudbury area will remember Parri's Booth on Notre Dame across from where Pioneer Manor now stands. Well that is where George Parri was born. His grandmother owned some property there including a house in which George and his wife have lived since they were married.

George went to Sudbury Mining and Technical school and then for a few

months worked with Keyes Supply before joining Inco with the miscellaneous fitters in 1947. About five years later he went to the machine shop and, but for a short stint as a locomotive engineer, stayed with that crew. "I was in the tool room for about 15 years," he said. When the central shops were opened George went there but it was never the same as working in what was known to all as 'shops alley'. He enjoyed his work, especially the challenges it presented at times. While he misses both the gang and the job, he is very happy in retirement and busier than ever.

In 1952, at Sudbury, he married a local girl named Georgette St. Louis and they have one son Mark in Ottawa, and a daughter Sherry-Lynn,



Mrs. Terry Latoski of Hornepayne. And there are two grandchildren who are adored by their grandparents.

The Parris have a summer home at the West Arm area and spend many months there. They have a snowmobile and both have trail bikes. George says he enjoys boating but is not much of a fisherman. They have a large garden at camp that provides all their vegetable needs for winter.

George has a small lathe in his basement and he likes working with small motors. They did bowl at one time and now golf a little. They plan to do more travelling now.

They are a happy couple who are in good health and young enough to look forward to many, many years of doing things they want to do. Retirement suits them just fine and George now wonders how he found time to work.

Claude Bellefleur

Claude Bellefleur was one of a family of ten born in New Brunswick, he in 1925. He grew up on the farm but left home when he was only 12 and went to work in the bush and on the railway.

He joined the army in 1943 and was all signed up in 1945 to go to Japan when the war ended. He was discharged in 1946 so went home for a time. Later he worked on the boats, then to Niagara Falls and finally, in 1947, to Sudbury where he hired on at the converters.

He worked in that department until his retirement and had been a skimmer for many years. "I liked that job and if I do say so myself, I was a pretty good skimmer. I could tell when the charge was ready."

Claude is somewhat of a character who has never really tied the marriage knot and he presently has a lady friend with a fine sense of humour and they get along well together.

He likes fishing and has a boat and trailer for that purpose. And he hopes to spend more time hunting now too. He has been to Florida but is not keen on a return visit. He likes to watch sports on TV, especially boxing as he did a bit of that in the army.

He has a house in Sudbury that he lives in and keeps in good repair and likes to play cards with the boys at times. He still has relatives in New Brunswick but doesn't get down that way very often.

A happy man, in good health and with plenty of energy to do things, he is quite happy in his retirement.



Giobattista Demarchi

The folks on Walter Crescent in Coniston can hardly wait for winter, for they know that now that Giobattista Demarchi has retired, they stand a good chance of his clearing their walks and driveways with his snowblower.

"Battista" was born in Istrana, Italy, October 11, 1925 where he attended school until he was 11. After that he worked at whatever he could find and now says he did so many things he never really learned any properly.

He heeded an uncle's call and came to Coniston in 1951. He lost no time contacting the Company representative and started his first shift March 30th. He was assigned to the transportation department in Coniston. When he retired recently he was a conductor on the slag dump train at Copper Cliff.



Before leaving Italy, Battista became engaged to Rita Gasparini, also of Istrana. She came to Canada about a year after Battista and they were married in Our Lady of Mercy Church June 14th, 1952. Their family consists of Andrew (Andy) who is married to the former Frances Core, and now works for the Department of National Revenue in St. Catharines; Mary, now Mrs. Fred Snow, and Mrs. Adria (Daniela) Garbuio. Daniela and Adria will be returning to Sudbury shortly when Adria takes up his duties as a pharmaceutical representative.

Battista is a member of the Club Allegri where he is in charge of their bocce court. He says he keeps pretty busy with that, has a nice garden and in winter he's a bowler. Like all good Italians, Battista makes his own wine.

Battista and Rita will remain in

Coniston for the time being although they hope to make a trip to Italy next year. Battista's father worked at the old Victoria mine in 1905, and he has three brothers who worked for the Company at one time. His parting shot was: "I was lucky to get that job. They were nice people I worked for. I worked three shifts for all my 33 years, and now I'm really enjoying steady day shift. I really enjoyed my years with Inco."



Andy Martel

Andy Martel was born on a farm in the Hanmer area but grew up in Sudbury. His first job after leaving school was cutting stove wood near Markstay where the family had moved. He later worked in sawmills in that area.

Andy joined Inco at the sinter plant in 1950. He then spent 15 years in the separation department before moving to Levack in 1965. He worked underground five years after which he joined the track gang on surface. After four years in the lamproom, he spent the last few years and was a salvageman on 1600 level. He has taken the early service plan.

Andy married Rita Lafrancoise at Markstay in 1951. They have four children: Robert of Hagar; Maurice at Frood-Stobie; Norman at home, and Carole who is Mrs. Roger Woito of Markstay. To date there is one long awaited grandson. Rita's brother, Jean Paul, works at Frood.

The Martels have lived at Chelmsford for 28 years and have a fine garden there. They both like to fish and have a trailer that takes them to many small lakes. They also have a camp near

Hagar on Ratter Lake. Andy does some ice fishing at Nipissing and does a little hunting.

Mrs. Martel has worked with the Sudbury School Board at Chelmsford for many years. She says she is glad to have her husband home. They are a close family and visit regularly with friends and relatives at Markstay.

Andy misses the gang from work but is enjoying his new life in retirement. He and his wife are a happy couple who do most things together. As Andy says, she can beat him at cleaning fish any day. In good health, they are happy in retirement.

Philipp Poisson

Born at North Cobalt where his dad had worked in the silver mines, Phil Poisson was actually raised in Kirkland Lake where his family had moved. One of his first jobs was to follow his father as a miner at Tech-Hughes.

That was in 1938 and the following year, when the war started, Phil was among the first to join up. After six months in Canada he spent four years in Europe and Italy and was signed up to go to Japan when the war ended. He was with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps.

After discharge in 1945 he returned to the gold mines then came to a job at Levack in 1949. But being unable to find a place to live he returned home again to the gold mines, then to a paper mill at Hawkesbury before rehiring at Frood in 1951. He worked on production there for seven years and the remaining years at Stobie on production and the last 20 years as a shaft inspector.



"That Stobie was a great place to work," he declared. "I worked with and for some of the best of men and in my 33 years at Inco I never had any trouble with anyone. I liked working there."

Married in 1946 in Kirkland Lake to Gabrielle Leblanc they have one son Richard in London, Ontario, and a daughter Diane, Mrs. Lucien Ranger of Sudbury. And about their three grandchildren they both agreed they couldn't ask for more. "We just love our grandchildren," they said.

For the past 14 years, Phil and his wife have been superintendents at apartment buildings in Sudbury, presently in the west end, and they both enjoy the work. "We have met some of the nicest people over the years," Phil said.

They are both active in the Lockerby branch of the Legion where Phil is on the executive. They play darts and euchre, bowl and he enjoys horseshoes also. They have a trailer which is located on Fairbanks Lake and they spend as much time as possible there. Next year they hope to take a trip somewhere in Canada.

In good health they are a happy couple who enjoy each other's company, working together and looking forward to many years of activity in retirement.

Richard 'King' Croteau

Another popular member of the Croteau family has taken his pension from Inco. King Croteau the last of the four brothers to retire has joined brothers Frank, Ronnie and Archie who preceded him.



King is a happy outgoing guy who always has a story or joke to tell and it was obvious that he has enjoyed life and his work. He was born at Sudbury in 1925, worked first as a CNR telegraph boy, then went with McLeod Motors before joining the Navy in 1941. He was on Corvettes on convoy duty in the Atlantic.

He was at the Frood rockhouse for a short time before he joined the navy and after discharge came back to Frood and worked with the riggers. From there he went hoisting for 19 years at all mines then to the plate shop with Albert Riley. He also worked with the crew installing hoists, with the Inco construction crew, was a rigger at South mine and ended up with the utilities group at Copper Cliff.

He claims they were the best, although he always got along well wherever he worked and was pretty well known throughout the mines.

He and Bett Martel were married in 1947 at Sudbury. Her dad Louis was an Inco pensioner as was her brother Buster. The Croteaus have three children: son Keith at home; daughter Sandra in Lively, and Debbie, Mrs. John Mallick in Espanola. There are four grandchildren.

They have lived in the McFarlane Lake area for 29 years. King is also a member of a group who have a hunt camp. They sold their summer place a few years ago and put in a pool at home. King played some hockey in his youth and they both ski and skate and watch their grandsons play hockey. Both are members of the library. Mrs. Croteau had worked for years with the YWCA at the Crisis Centre.

They have travelled to both coasts of Canada and may make a foray south next year. King likes working around his home, doing a bit of fishing and generally enjoying his new life in retirement. He and his wife are happy together and are both enjoying good health and there is no doubt that this couple will make good use of their retirement years.

Jack Cole

Jack Cole has retired from Creighton 5-shaft where he worked since joining the Company in 1947. He worked in stopes and pillars until 1952 when a bout of pneumonia brought him to surface but he later returned



underground, worked on sandfill and was hoistman at 5-shaft for a number of years. He was also a shaft inspector and the last few years a skip tender.

Born and raised on a farm in Renfrew, Jack readily admits he preferred mining to farming although he still has a yen for farming. He satisfies that wish with his large garden at their home in Waters Township where they built in 1955. His wife Evelyn preserves much of the produce he grows.

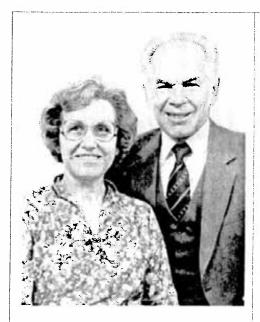
It was in 1950 that he and Evelyn Morrison were married in Sudbury. She was working at Woolworth's at the time and they both enjoy the song about the "million dollar baby in the five and ten cent store." There are three daughters; Nancy, a food supervisor in a Toronto hospital; Donna, Mrs. Jim Potter of North Bay, and Connie, a graduate of Ryerson in radio and TV arts. Their one grandson, Jeremy is the apple of his grandparents' eye.

Jack came to Sudbury after his dad sold the farm. He also had a brother there, Wally Cole who has also retired from Creighton. Apart from the farm and the bush, Inco is where Jack spent all his working years, and he is happy about it. "I worked with a lot of real good guys," he declared.

He and his wife enjoy their home and family and are not too keen on taking long trips although they do visit their children.

They are active in their church and she is a member of TOPS, translated: 'Take off pounds sensibly.' They like where they live and claim it is a very good neighbourhood where they have many friends.

They are a happy couple who are in good health and are enjoying their new lifestyle.



Alfred Barc

Five years working in the Coniston smelter, seven years in the maintenance department served at the Copper Cliff converters, three more at the Iron Ore Recovery Plant and a final 19 1/2 years at the Copper Cliff mill total the 34 1/2 years credited service of Alfred "Alf" Barc, who retired November 1, 1984.

Alf was born in Warsaw, Poland in 1926. Surviving the war years he emigrated to Canada, and Quebec specifically, in 1947. He worked there for two years on a farm, followed by a year with Ontario Hydro before joining the Inco workforce on April 21, 1950.

Asked by the Triangle if he recalled anyone in particular he replied: "Well, you know, there were so many fellows, but the last people I worked for at the Copper Cliff mill where Harry Bellay and Moe Picard. And there was Harry McKinnon who's now at the Clarabelle Mill."

Alf also recalled how one day, after a power failure, his general foreman (who, for obvious reasons will be nameless) ordered him to go into a sump to empty it. With the sump level rising rapidly he refused. He was assured it was perfectly safe so he invited the GF to do it. He did; and it took Alf and six men to get a rope around him and haul him out! Alf assures us that he really enjoyed working with that man though.

Alf has been married twice. His first wife, Martha, whom he married in 1950 died in 1978. They had two children. He is now married to the former Sophie Theobald, who brought two children into the family. Alf's son Harry

and his wife Nancy live in Sudbury with their two children. Harry worked at Inco during the summer vacations while attending university.

His daughter Annie (Mrs. Kirk Meisenheimer) also worked for the Company during the summer vacations. Her husband died suddenly on Christmas Eve, 1980.

Alf and Anna have a summer place right here in Sudbury — a two and a half acre island in Lake Ramsey. There they garden, and fish, and Alf says that in spring they watch the pickerel hatch. Their "winter home" is on Connaught Street, where there's a second garden.

Dave Williams

Dave Williams was born in the small town of Lower Neguac in New Brunswick in 1940 and was raised on the family farm there. He went to work at an early age in the construction industry. He helped build the mine site at Elliot Lake, the dryhouse and school at Levack and the large Dominion store in Sudbury.

In 1955 Dave quit roaming and joined the army serving his three years mostly at Camp Shilo, Manitoba. After discharge he went home for the winter then came to Sudbury where his two brothers Leo and Luke were working. They are still with the transportation department.

Dave had touched base at so many Inco locations that it would be hard to list them all. He hired in 1959 at Coniston, went to the Frood underground in 1961 and to the rockhouse the following year. Next it was the sand plant at Stobie. Later he

was a truck driver at Clarabelle Open Pit. He also served some time in the machine shop at Frood as well as at Little Stobie and the mill. And so as not to show any preference, he went to the Iron Ore Plant, Copper Cliff mill and the smelter. Since 1976 he had been at the Iron Ore plant and retired from there on disability. He had injured his leg earlier while working at Coniston.

Married in 1966 to Joan Bennett, Dave said that her grandfather, William, was the first stationary engineer at Inco. Their four children are all still at school. They are Eugene, David, Robert and Nancy.

The Williams have lived in the Flour Mill section of Sudbury since 1969 and will probably stay there. They make regular trips back to New Brunswick. Dave is a member of the Legion there. He loves to play cards and does so with friends at home and at the Union Hall. They have made one trip to Las Vegas. He is a sports fan, with boxing and hockey being his favorites.

Armand Berthiaume

Big Armand Berthiaume has taken a disability pension from Levack where he spent all his Inco years. He started there at the beginning of the year in 1953 and for the most part worked in stopes and pillars. "I worked on all levels from 1400 to 3400 and finished up on 1400," he said. And while he grew up on the farm he preferred mining to farming.

Armand was born in 1928 at Frelighsburg, Quebec. He left school when he was 13 to work with his dad



on the farm although there was plenty of help as he had seven brothers and two sisters. Among other jobs he had worked on government road gangs and with the CPR. Then his dad became sick so he went back to the farm which was later sold.

One of his brothers had come to Chelmsford so Armand came here in 1952 but had to have a hernia repaired before getting on with Inco at Levack. "That was a good place to work," he said. "And I nearly always made pretty good bonus."

Married at Quebec in 1949, Armand was divorced some 30 years later but still sees his eight children. The three sons are Michael and Gilles of Chelmsford, and Louis working for Falconbridge. Daughter Lise is Mrs. Mario Dorion of Azilda; Diane, Mrs. Ron Russo and Marthe, both of Elliot Lake; Celine and Anne of Chelmsford. There are also 11 grandchildren. Armand has a brother Len, retired from Levack.

In his younger days, when he was feeling better he would help his brother in his store at Chelmsford, selling hay and grain and delivering oil. Now, though he is taking things easier. He likes fishing and camping and has a trailer and boat which gets plenty of use in summer.

Armand is a member of the Knights of Columbus and is also an active member of the local A.A. group and he still helps others. "They helped me at first," he stated. He misses the boys from work but is happy doing what he is able to now, and that includes playing some bingo and watching some sports on TV.

Frederick James Carson

Frederick James "Fred" Carson was born in Port Credit on October 13, 1923. His parents moved to the United States a few years later where Fred received his early education. In 1932 his father was transferred to Sudbury and Fred completed his education here.

In August, 1941 Fred started at the copper refinery and worked there for 30 years - "...until the nickel refinery opened. As a matter-of-fact, I was there before it actually opened." He then spent 13 1/2 years there.

Fred was a first class machinist when he retired, having started through the Company's apprenticeship training programme.



Fred and Dorothy Gilpin, of Copper Cliff, were married in a ceremony in St. Andrew's United Church in Sudbury on August 28, 1948. Their family consists of a son Frederick George, and a daughter, Mrs. David Amos. There is one grandchild.

Fred's father was an anode foreman at the copper refinery when he retired. Fred says "Dad enjoyed 20 years, less a month, of retirement." Dorothy's father worked in the converter building.

Fred served in the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Navy during the war. He was on a landing craft at all the landings — in the Mid-East; North Africa, and on D-Day.

The only other words we heard Fred use were curling and golf; in that order, although he confessed to having a fishing and hunting camp 40 miles north of Massey. Fred says: "Dorothy and the kids go. Mom and I built it right out of logs."

They plan to continue their travel each spring following curling's Canadian Brier Championships.

Dorothy had the last words of the interview when we elicited from her the fact she, too, worked for the Company for a couple of years during the war when she was a scale clerk in the Orford Building. Asked what she thought about Fred's being home she replied: "Oh, I am very happy to have him home. He helps me a lot."

Peter Mourot

Retired now on early service from the roasters department at Copper Cliff, Peter Mourot is happy to have more time now to spend with his family. His wife, the former Barbara Ann LaRue, whom he married in 1954, has a very severe arthritic condition that has confined her to a wheelchair for the last several years and she spends most of her time at the Laurentian Hospital. But Peter takes good care of her and takes her out frequently.

Their family includes daughter Ann Marie in Sudbury; Peter Alan of Elliot Lake; Cathy, Mrs. Elmer Kutcher of Brampton, and Robert Lewis at high school. To date there are five grandchildren.

The Mourots had lived in Minnow Lake for several years but now live at Val Caron. Peter enjoys listening to the radio, playing cards and he enjoys working in his little workshop at home. He had polio back in 1959 but has made a complete recovery.

Peter was born on a farm near Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, where his family had homesteaded after coming from Paris, France. Peter worked for the railroad before coming to Inco in 1947. He worked at the roasters department at the smelter all his Inco years and was a furnaceman there.

Peter has been to the west coast but has not had too much time for travel. He used to bowl at one time and likes to watch hockey on TV.

He plans to enjoy his retirement and will be able to spend more time now looking after his wife who has good days and bad days. But she does little complaining and Peter is very patient and helpful to her. He is in reasonably good health and admits he does miss the gang from work.



Esko Laakso

Big, happy Esko Laakso has retired on early service pension from the machine shop at Copper Cliff. While he misses the gang at work he is happy to have time now for other interests.

He was born in Copper Cliff in 1929 and recalls that his father Ivor also worked for Inco. After finishing school at Sudbury Tech, Esko joined Inco as a machinist apprentice in 1948.



He worked in the machine shop for about 10 years and then did field work at other locations which he much preferred to the routine of shop work. He was a leader for many years and is proud of the fact that he always got along with both the men and the supervision.

Esko's chief interest now is politics. For the past 25 years he has been a councillor for Rayside-Balfour and enjoys the duties involved with that job, including both the brickbats and bouquets.

Esko married Lois Oliver at Sudbury in 1949. Their eight children are: Allan, who works in the reverbs; Gary at Cambridge; Susan, Mrs. Angus Gratton of Chelmsford; Nancy, Mrs. Ray Pilon of Sudbury; Karen, Mrs. Earl Wood of Azilda; Linda, Mrs Mark Seimer of Thunder Bay; Donna in Barrie, and Shelley at school. There are nine grandchildren. Esko also has two brothers at Inco, Ray with the utilities department and Leo with the electricians.

The Laakso's summer home on nearby Hannah Lake is in use a lot and is a favorite spot for the children. Now that Esko is retired they hope to travel more and see some of Canada. They are in good health and obviously enjoying their new leisure life.

Ted Lafleur

Ted Lafleur is a local boy, born and raised on a farm on the old Garson Road which is now Lasalle Blvd in Sudbury. He recalled using horses to pull cars through the mud in spring along that road.

When he was old enough to work he joined his father at diamond drilling with Smith Travers and had worked at Levack. He left that to return to the farm but soon was back diamond drilling. It was during that time he met George Ballantyne who encouraged him to join Inco which he did in 1946 at Frood. He had worked in pillars for the most part and for such great old miners as George Deschene, John Sunquist and Bill Cushing.

In 1973 Ted went to the mechanical department as a drill fitter and worked there until his recent retirement. He admits that he always got along at work and enjoyed it.

They have a permanent home in New Sudbury but spend most of their time at the camp at Skead on lake Wahnapitae. Both he and his wife are ardent moose hunters and have a hunt camp at River Valley.

It was while diamond drilling in the Swastika area that Ted met Jean Harrison. They were married there in 1944. Their seven children are: Carl, Raymond and Larry, all of Sudbury; Caroline, Mrs. Frank McIntosh of Kingston; Susanne, Mrs. Earl Popowich of Capreol; Monica and Rose, Mrs. Bruce Goring, both of Sudbury. There are seven grandchildren.



Ted enjoys working around his camp where he has a big garden and is very handy at making furniture and things from wood which he does for his family. They are a close family and visit regularly.

The Lafleurs have been south in winter but are happy now to stay right here. Ted has a big boat but doesn't seem to have much time for fishing but he is a happy man, always busy, and enjoying every minute of it. In good health he is looking forward to many years of activity at their summer home, in the workshop and the bush.

Romeo Ducharme

Romeo Ducharme was born at Lavigne in 1922. His father was the local blacksmith, but Romeo didn't follow his trade. Instead he went to work at Nobel for a couple of years during the war then came to Inco in 1942.

He hired at Creighton 5-shaft but only worked for a few months before returning to Lavigne to farm there with his brother. In 1948 he returned to Inco, again to 5-shaft, and worked with tramming crews at 5 and 6-shaft and for the last few months at 9-shaft. While he didn't like mining too much at first, he admits now that the mine was a good place to work with good pay and good conditions.



In 1948, at Lavigne, he and Fleuritte Giguere were married. They have seven children. Their four sons are: Emilio with Falconbridge; Gerald in Sudbury; Richard at Winnipeg, and Robert at home. Daughter Suzanne is Mrs. Raymond Henri of Coniston; Paulette is Mrs. Gerald Renauld of Aylmer, Quebec, and Micheline, Mrs. Mac Grandmaison. Their eldest daughter, Evelyn, was killed in a tragic

car accident in 1964 at the age of 16. There are 10 grandchildren to date.

The Ducharmes have lived in the Minnow Lake area since 1952 and Romeo has enlarged and remodelled their home there. He has a large garden that he enjoys working in and also is handy at carpenter work.

Mrs. Ducharme is a volunteer worker at the Extendicare home and finds the work very rewarding but she says there is a shortage of volunteer help that may jeopardize the weekly shopping outing for the patients.

Romeo and his wife enjoy their family and friends and like to play cards. They are happy grandparents and see quite a bit of their grandchildren. In good health they are happy in retirement.

Peter Pedersen

Pete Pedersen was one of Frood's better miners for some 38 years and while he is still a farm boy at heart he admits that he liked mining, worked with good men and made pretty good money too.

Born in Denmark in 1921 his family came to farm in Saskatchewan when he was six. His only job before joining the army in 1940 was as a handyman at a hotel in Prince Albert. He was with the 67th. Light Ack Ack and for a time in England was a dispatch rider on Harley-Davidson motorcycles. He served throughout the European campaign and after discharge in 1945 returned home for a while then came to Inco in 1946.

He hired on at Frood where he worked in pillars for almost all his 38



years although he did spend a couple of cold years diamond drilling on 400 and 600 levels. He worked all his time on production and was in one pillar area for the last 22 years.

It was while in England that he met Joan Hemington. They were married there in 1945. Their two sons are: Ray at Kitchener, and Rick at Waterloo. The girls are Linda, Mrs. Eric Veige of Port Elgin, and Karen, Mrs. Simon Lord of Calgary. And the 10 grandchildren are a source of great pleasure for Pete and Joan, in fact they are about to move to a small 10 acre farm near Wingham so they can be closer to at least three of their children and grandchildren.

Pete's hobby is horses. He loves going to the races and hopes to raise a few standard bred horses in Wingham and may run them. He admits to looking forward to his new life as farming is something he has always liked. He plans to help educate his grandchildren in the ways of the world there too.

They have made several trips back to Britain and Pete still visits his mother out west. He hopes someday to make a trip back to the land of his birth and they also want to see Canada's west coast. Mrs. Pedersen has been a member of the Delltones in Sudbury for many years and admits she'll miss that.

Both of them are in great health and with the real love and joy in their family they are looking ahead to many happy years in retirement.

Peter D'Aoust

Unfortunately young Peter D'Aoust has found it necessary to take a disability pension on his doctor's advice. He had a back injury some years ago and has never completely recovered from that. However, he is not one to complain and is hopeful that in time nature may yet improve his condition.

He is fortunate because he has a helpmate who takes the very best of care of him and they are a fine, considerate, and popular young couple. Mrs. D'Aoust was Annette Paquette before their marriage in 1957 and her father Raymond had retired from Inco and her grandad and six uncles were also in the industry at one time.

Peter and Annette have a son, Perry, working in Sudbury and Kirkland Lake,



and a daughter, Michelle, married to Michael Briand of Edmonton. A son Peter was killed in a car accident when he was 17. The two grandsons are dearly loved by their doting grandparents. "We all met in Florida last winter and had a grand time," said Mrs. D'Aoust.

Peter was born in Quebec in 1935 but the family moved to Sturgeon Falls where his dad ran a livery stable. From there they went to Nobel and later, for a time ran the hotel at Warren. When his dad died he was about eight and his mother brought the four children to Sudbury.

Peter had apprenticed as a plumber at two local plumbing places but quit in 1953 when he was 18 to join Inco and help his mother pay the rent. He worked three years at the sinter plant then quit, went to Montreal but was soon back here and hired on at the reverbs. In 1960 he went to Creighton mill and in 1975 went to the mechanical department at matte processing and then Clarabelle mill. He suffered a back injury at work in 1977, was off nearly two years, returned to modified work, and finally retired. "I only worked about a month in the last year," he explained.

They have lived at Lively since 1966 but are now looking for a summer place and will spend more of the winter in Florida. Peter is a good photographer and for a time taught dog obedience classes. He likes to read but is not too keen on TV. He is well known for his jams, preserves and pickles.

With a charming and cheerful wife by his side Peter considers himself a lucky man despite his physical problem.



Alexis Arseneault

"We grew up together. We were baptised together. Went to the same school. We've been together all the way through." These are the words Alma Arseneault used to describe her life with Alexis Arseneault.

They were born in Tracadie, New Brunswick where Alexis' father had a farm. During the summers Alexis helped his father with the farm tasks, and in winter he worked for a lumber company in Bathurst. On July 20, 1948 Alexis Arseneault married the former Alma Arseneault in a ceremony at The Church of St. John The Baptist in Tracadie, where they remained for two more years. Then they moved to Latuque, Quebec, where Alexis worked for the Shawinigan Falls Pulp and Power Company.

In the early summer of 1951 a cousin called from Sudbury to tell them Inco was hiring, and Alexis might find work here. So they took a chance and moved. Now, after 33 years of credited service, Alex, as he became known here, has retired as a skimmer in the copper converters.

Alex worked first for Bill O'Brien in the nickel converters but after about three months moved to the copper end. During his time with the Company Alex worked for Bill Neelon and Walter Johnstone and immediately prior to his retirement for Jack MacNeil.

Alma and Alex have four children; two boys and two girls with six grandchildren.

Rose Mae is married to Reginald Sivret of Hanmer; Dr. Jean-Jacques married the former Monique Lapalme of Sudbury. They now live in Toronto where he is a clinical bio-chemist. Their other son, Pierre Rene, married Sandra Latendresse of Chelmsford and are now living in Peterborough. Their second daughter, Cyrilda, is married to Dr. Raymond Poirier of Sudbury. They now live in St. John's Newfoundland.

The Arseneaults have a summer place in Tracadie where they enjoy salmon and trout fishing. Given the chance, they also fish for cod and mackerel. Although living within a short distance of Whitewater Lake they seldom fish there.

They have a "combination garden" — Alex grows vegetables and Alma grows the flowers. Alma was quick to point out they love camping with the children, claiming the fun is greater. She reluctantly confessed that she enjoys quilting, crocheting, sewing and knitting.

When we enquired about their plans for the future there was a bit of hesitation. It seems they would consider returning to Tracadie, but the children would rather they remain in their Chelmsford home. Alex and Alma say they'll see — in a couple of years.

Fred Seniuk

Son of a miner, Fred Seniuk was born at Creighton Mine in 1950. His dad Nick, an Inco pensioner, had worked at Frood and Creighton. Fred grew up in that town and was taught by that best known of all teachers, Miss Black.

Young Fred had to take a disability pension but he takes his lot quite philosophically. He has lost both kidneys and must go on the dialysis machine at the hospital three times



each week, and that takes over four hours a trip. He has had three transplants but none has taken and he is again on the list for another.

But that does not make him a stayat-home. He has been to Las Vegas where he made enough money to pay for his dialysis treatment while there which is over \$200 a crack. "You put the money up front before they will look at you," he said.

And this summer he plans to visit his two half brothers at Kingston for some fishing and has already arranged to have his thrice weekly treatment there.

He loves to gamble, enjoys playing poker with the boys and has made himself a few bucks over the years at the local race track. And he does very little complaining considering his condition.

He joined Inco in 1969 as an electrical apprentice and after a few years at Creighton was moved to matte processing in Copper Cliff. However his condition will not permit him to continue working and he has been on dialysis for 10 years now.

He lives close to the Laurentian Hospital so it is a simple matter for him to go there for treatment. He plans to take some computer courses at night school this fall at nearby Lockerby Composite School.

And he hasn't given up hope that one of these days he'll get a transplant that will take. We hope that happens soon.

Frank Bilski

"There's no way we're going to move away" said Frank Bilski. His wife, Irene, was quick to add: "Sudbury's our home!"

Frank has retired as a puncher in the nickel converters with 32 years credited service. He worked at only three locations during those 32 years:

— the Coniston Smelter from 1952 until it closed; a couple of years at the copper refinery, and an even dozen in Copper Cliff.

Frank was born in Poland on December 2, 1920. In 1939 he left Poland and found his way to England and the Polish Army in Exile. He served in the United Kingdom and then in Europe. In 1945 he was given the choice of going to the United States, or to Canada, and he quickly elected Canada to be his future home.

It was four years before he actually arrived in Sudbury, living first in Quebec and then moving to Sudbury in 1951. He was unable to secure permanent employment until September 1952, but he's pleased how things turned out.

He recalls, with obvious affection, Alex Rivard, who was his last shift boss in Coniston, and says simply "He was a nice man."



In 1958 Frank met Irene Marois, who was born and brought up in Levack. They were married September 20, 1958 at Holy Trinity Church, Sudbury. They have no children.

Irene has devoted many years to Sudbury youngsters by assuring their safety at Regent and Victoria Street, where she serves as a school crossing guard.

Both Frank and Irene are in good health. Frank likes fishing for pike, and is a real hockey "nut", and his team is Edmonton. He was in seventh heaven when they won the Stanley Cup.

He likes to walk to town to meet his chums. He says some of them are still working and are a little envious of his position, but they have a great time together.

Sylvio Gladu

A local boy, born in the Flour Mill section in 1930, Sylvio Gladu was big for his age and started to work at Inco during the war as a junior laborer when he was only 13, but he stretched the facts three years to get hired.

He quit after about a year and went to work at Nobel then came back to Inco in 1946 when he was still only 16 but claimed to be 19. He was hired to the reverbs, worked the sand bins, went to the yard at Creighton 5-shaft then to Frood and the Open Pit plate shop. Later he went underground at Frood and Stobie working on production. The last few years he was a shaft pipeman and inspector. He has taken the early service plan.

He was born in Sudbury but the family moved to McFarlane Lake, then to Estaire, when he was quite young.

Sylvio married young Lea Lepage at Sudbury in 1950. They have seven children. With a happy smile Lea admits that she was married at 15, started her family at 16 and was a grandmother by the time she was 36. "I want to be a great-grandmother when I am 56." she said. Son Ronald is in Hanmer; Denis in Sudbury; Andy in Toronto, and Rene at home. Daughter Anita is Mrs. Clayton Walker of Sault Ste. Marie; Diane is married to Ray Richer of Port Dover, and Helen's husband is Jean Marc Kingsley of Val Caron. Sylvio and Lea just love their 12 grandchildren.



The Gladus have lived at Hanmer for 21 years but their summers are spent at Fairbanks Lake where they have a trailer parked. They both love to fish and have a van and boat so they can visit many lakes. They plan a trip to Port Dover to fish this summer.

Sylvio likes to hunt and is a handy man around home. He plans to take up golf and likes to play horseshoes and watch wrestling. She enjoys hockey. They visit regularly with their children and as Mrs. Gladu so aptly expressed it; "We have a happy life."

And indeed they do.

Real Bergeron

Real Bergeron, known to the boys at work as Ray, has taken the early retirement offer and is happy in his new lifestyle. He worked at the copper

refinery for most of his Inco years but he first hired on with transportation and worked on the slag dump for a time. At the refinery he spent three years in the tankhouse then joined the mechanics in several shops and on maintenance.

Born on a farm in Blezard Valley, his first job away from home was with Nordale when he was 17, but that didn't last long and in 1941 he joined Inco.

He married Adrienne Legere at Sudbury in 1954. She is from New Brunswick and was working for H.J. Mutz at the time they met. After their marriage they lived in the Mutz house for about three years. They then built a home in Hanmer where they have lived since then.

Their family includes two sons: Guy, a former Inco employee and Russell with Inco at Thompson. The three girls are: Helene, Mrs. Harry Pace of Timmins; Louise in college at Waterloo, and Pauline, Mrs. Mike Warren of North Bay. There is only one grandson to date, in Timmins, and he is much loved by his grandparents.

Ray cultivates a large garden at his home and his wife preserves much that he grows. He likes moose hunting and has a hunt camp at Ruel near Gogama. He does some ice fishing in that area too.

Both he and his wife are active in sports which include skiing, golf, curling and bowling. He is with the Knights of Columbus and they are active with their church and also the local Seniors' Club.

They visit back to New Brunswick each year and now hope to take a trip west. They have been to Florida and enjoyed a cruise to Nassau but they plan to travel more in Canada now.

They are both in good health and enjoy life and visits with their family. Now that they have had a taste of it, they declare that retirement is a great life.



Romeo Morin

Romeo Morin has recently retired after spending 36 years in the nickel converters. Now he's taken advantage of the Company's retirement plan to relax.

Romeo was born in Maniwaki, Quebec on September 6, 1923. Shortly after his parents moved to 31 Mile Lake near Ste. Therese de Gatineau where he attended school. He worked in this area, and in Maniwaki, for the International Paper Company, until 1944 when he moved to the Noelville area. There he worked in the bush logging pulpwood. By 1948 he felt there might be something worthwhile in Sudbury so he sought out and secured employment with the Company, starting May 1, 1948.

Romeo recalls that his first shift actually was in the casting building. This facility was about to be opened. The lights had not been installed yet, and it was really dark, especially on night shift. Romeo says: "We had to build fires in the moulds. We use old railroad ties and it took about two weeks to get the moulds hot enough.



It was pretty scary at night. Bill Neelon was the shift boss and Art Johnstone was there too. I remember him reminding us there was a (letter) T in his name. They were both good fellows." Some of the other workers Romeo recalled were Ken Milner, Jean Cormier who has just retired, Vince Meandro and the Racine brothers, Raime and Aime, who are still working.

While in the Noelville area Romeo met Dolora Lafrenier who was born in Buchette, Quebec, but raised in Noelville. They were married in St. David's Church, Noelville, June 11, 1948. There are three sons and one daughter in their family.

Marc and Michel are in Fort McMurray, Alberta; Ernest is a student at Cambrian College in Sudbury; and Denise, Mrs. Stephen Glass, lives in Sudbury.

Romeo and Dolora plan to remain in Sudbury but expect to visit Fort McMurray quite often. Romeo likes partridge hunting, and does a little fishing with son-in-law Stephen. In the winter he's a euchre and 500 player.

In closing Romeo said: "I'm pleased to retire — you have to quit sometime. you know, I've worked three shifts all my life," which prompted us to ask how he liked steady days now. In unison he and Dolora said: "It's great; just great."

Robert Depencier

Bob Depencier was born at North Bay in 1926 and is proud of the fact that his grandad helped clear the rightof-way for the CPR when the rail was crossing Canada over 100 years ago.

Bob's dad was a farmer but young Bob left the farm when he was but 15, (it was wartime), and went to Hamilton and a job with International Harvester.

He joined the army with the Canadian Infantry Corps in 1942 and was discharged in 1945, so returned to North Bay and worked for a time with Gamble Robinson before coming to Sudbury in 1945 and a job at the copper refinery. He worked the tankhouse for a time, then went with the fitters at Copper Cliff but quit shortly after. "I was young and restless then," said Bob with a grin.

After trying other work including driving transports, he came back to Inco in 1951 with Jock Rennie's gang and later went to the Iron Ore Plant where he got his licence as a stationary engineer. He remained there until his retirement on early service.

Bob was thinking of retiring soon anyway since he had open heart



surgery back in 1976 and felt that now he should take things a bit easier. He is still quite active and has a large garden at their home in the Long Lake area where they have lived since 1956.

It was in 1949 that Bob and Betty Jennings were married at North Bay and they have three children. Son Fred is with the Mounties at Fort McMurray and their two daughters are: Bonnie, Mrs. Luigi Dotta of Sudbury, and Jennifer at school. There are two grandchildren.

Bob has been very active with the Legion and has been president of the Lockerby Branch No. 564 for some years but is giving it up this year. He did bowl and play fastball in his younger days and has also been very active in the Scouting association in their area. He was a member of the school board for seven years. Both he and his wife have been involved with many community projects.

They have been to Las Vegas and to California and hope next year to see more of Canada. They have made one trip to Fort McMurray.

They are a happy couple who are enjoying relatively good health and each other.

Attention Sudbury area employees and pensioners

The Ontario Motor League/Canadian Automobile Association is pleased to offer Inco Sudbury area employees and pensioners special discount rates on membership. Employees can save \$10 off the price of membership and pensioners can save \$15. This offer was negotiated by the Sudbury and District Chamber of Commerce and is made available to Inco employees and pensioners because Inco is a member of the Chamber. For further information just call the CAA at 522-0000 or drop in and see them at the Oaks Mall at 2140 Regent St. South. If you join before September 30, 1985 free bonus days will be added to your membership.

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Name	Age	Died	Service (Years)	Name	Age	Died	Service (Years)
Armitage, J. Oscar	77	June 11	34	Lascelle, Joseph	73	June 27	25
Badgerow, Phillip Bertrand, Richard C. Berube, Edgar	86 33 75	July 13 August 12 July 28	19 15 30	Leblanc, Raoul Lepisto, Nielo Lewandoski, John	64 58 74	June 14 July 16 July 31	29 34 32
Bradford, William E. Bray, Ernest L.	78 69	July 10 July 7	21 38	MacLean, Malcolm S. McLean, Edward	58 80	June 1 July 24	35 33
Bryszten, Mykola	59	August 3	21	Mitchell, George	78	June 18	28
Casas, Fabian Coo, Cecil W.	56 85	July 30 July 18	36 39	Munro, Clarence A. Needham, Michael	70 77	July 13 June 4	21 37
Crncich, Joseph Eden, John	82 78	May 24 June 30	30 32	Nowak, Felix Orchard, George C.	66 74	July 6 July 26	31 31
Ferris, John Forsyth, John L.	57 83	June 25 July 27	36 15	Ouellette, Alphonse O'Hagan, Alfred J.	64 66	June 28 July 18	27 42
French, William R.	68	June 20	32	Pichie, Emile	63	July 23	24
Gauvreau, Thomas	66	June 19	41 25	Quinn, Martin J.	77	July 3	25
Gorrie, James A. Gouin, Philippe	67 62 80	June 28 June 28 July 18	25 35 35	Raid, Gerhard Rintamaki, Onni	71 75	July 9 July 22	23 20
Gray, Leonard Hickey, Thomas	60	August 4	41	Sgoifo , Edward Stevenson , William F.	39 <i>7</i> 2	July 17 July 30	5 25
Innes, James G.	76	July 23	36	Szumski, Eugeniusz	59	August 2	34
Johnson, Wesley	67	July 24	31	Vaillancourt, Germain	58 76	June 26	24 38
Kolisnek, Mike Korolow, Pietro	71 61	June 15 June 16	24 32	Vincent, Aldege Walkky, Teemu	76 75	July 19 June 16	38 39
Labine, Emile	73	July 2	31	Wright, David	81	August 3	39
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