

**May 27, 1966**

# Awards Total \$500 For 10

Lewis Incentive Awards totaling \$500 have been presented to 10 employees at Cleveland and Plum Brook, according to Louis J. Chelko, Incentive Awards Committee chairman.

Edwin J. Pocta, Norman R. Fallert, and William O. Neidengard, all of the Test Installations Division, collectively won a \$75 award for their suggestion covering an injector test rig.

Adoption of the rig in November 1965 facilitated the handling and reduced the time required to flow-test injectors. With the improved setup, one man can do this operation rather than the two or three men previously needed. It provides definite safety improvement, Chelko wrote.

He added, "As you know, every effort is being made throughout the center to reduce manpower and improve safety. Your idea will no doubt eliminate at least one injury in the future."

Ralph A. Jacko, Facilities Service Division, Plum Brook, won a \$190 award. He suggested the installation of an inexpensive gas float switch. It would show if arcing electrical devices are exposed to potential gaseous-hydrogen-air mixtures in the event of liquid-hydrogen leaks in the test cell. Six of these switches were installed earlier this year.

Jesse L. Strickland, Facilities Engineering Division, won a \$100 award for suggesting that all NASA centers use a Construction Specifications Institute 16-division format.

NASA authorized use of his format beginning Jan. 1, 1966, and requires its adoption by July 1, 1966. NASA-wide use of such standardized procedures permits better communication between design personnel, architect engineers, and contractors who build NASA facilities.

Harry L. West, Facilities Service Division, Plum Brook, won a \$25 award for his suggestion regarding a television camera repair and alignment jig. The committee noted that this fixture greatly speeds camera repair and protects the camera from damage due to rolling on the bench.

The committee approved an intangible award of \$25 for the intangible benefits derived.

Charles P. Kovi, Plant Services Division, won a \$25 award for suggesting that fuel be issued in safety cans with a flexible spout for safety reasons and cost reduction. As a result of his suggestion and committee investigation, volatile liquids are stored in safety containers in centralized areas.

George Yonek, Facilities Service Division, Plum Brook won \$25 for his suggestion related to the use of a machined fitting which eliminates the gasket on dewar equip-

## Names in the News

Dr. C. D. Ferraro, Placement Officer, is serving as Public Sector Chairman of the Cleveland Summer Jobs Program sponsored by the National Alliance of Businessmen.

Leonard Darilowicz, an experimental metal modelmaker in the Fabrication Division, has been named by the Forest City Park Civic Assn. and the West Side Civic Assn. as a candidate for the Good Neighbor of the Year Award.

Jesse Strickland and Paul Jacobson, both of the Facilities Engineering Division, have been elected to offices in the Cleveland Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute. Strickland will serve as President and Jacobson as Recording Secretary for the 1970-71 session. The organization is made up of architects, engineers, specification writers, design consultants, manufacturer representatives and salesmen, contractors and subcontractors. It is headquartered in Washington, D.C. and has a membership of about 11,000.

# *Ceremony cites 216 employees here*

In awards ceremonies at Plum Brook and Cleveland, Thursday and Friday, (Oct. 29 and 30), 216 employees will be honored for their many years of government service.

Employees marking 40, 35, 30, 25, and 20 years of service with the government will receive emblems recognizing careers of dedication and significant achievement. Bruce Lundin will present the awards at Plum Brook on Thursday in the Engineering Building Auditorium at 1:30 p.m. Friday he is scheduled to present the awards to Cleveland employees in the Administration Building Auditorium at 2 p.m. George Macian will speak at the ceremony.

Employees receiving Service Awards appear below:

## **PLUM BROOK**

### **THIRTY YEAR AWARDS**

Kenneth Burrows, Richard Dalglish, Christian Kleber.

### **TWENTY-FIVE YEAR AWARDS**

Weldon Darr, Eugene Dowell, Owen Kickey, Edward Myslinski, Chester Nugester, Jr., Roger Pauly, Alfred Percival, Milan Puskarovich, Harold Ross, Carolyn Weatherford.

### **TWENTY YEAR AWARDS**

Ralph Barre, Guy Cunningham, Jr., James Einerson, Bowyer Fout, Jr., Merle Frye, William Laterza, Joseph Lochotzki, Harrison McKinney, John Stewart, William Tunnell.

## **CLEVELAND**

### **FORTY YEAR AWARDS**

Herman Ellerbrock, Jr., George Hartle, Robert Tozier.

### **THIRTY-FIVE YEAR AWARDS**

Percy Cheesman, Mildred Huetter, N. Phillip Miller, Storm Miller, Irving Pinkel, William Smothers, L. Richard Turner, Joseph Wielgus.

### **THIRTY YEAR AWARDS**

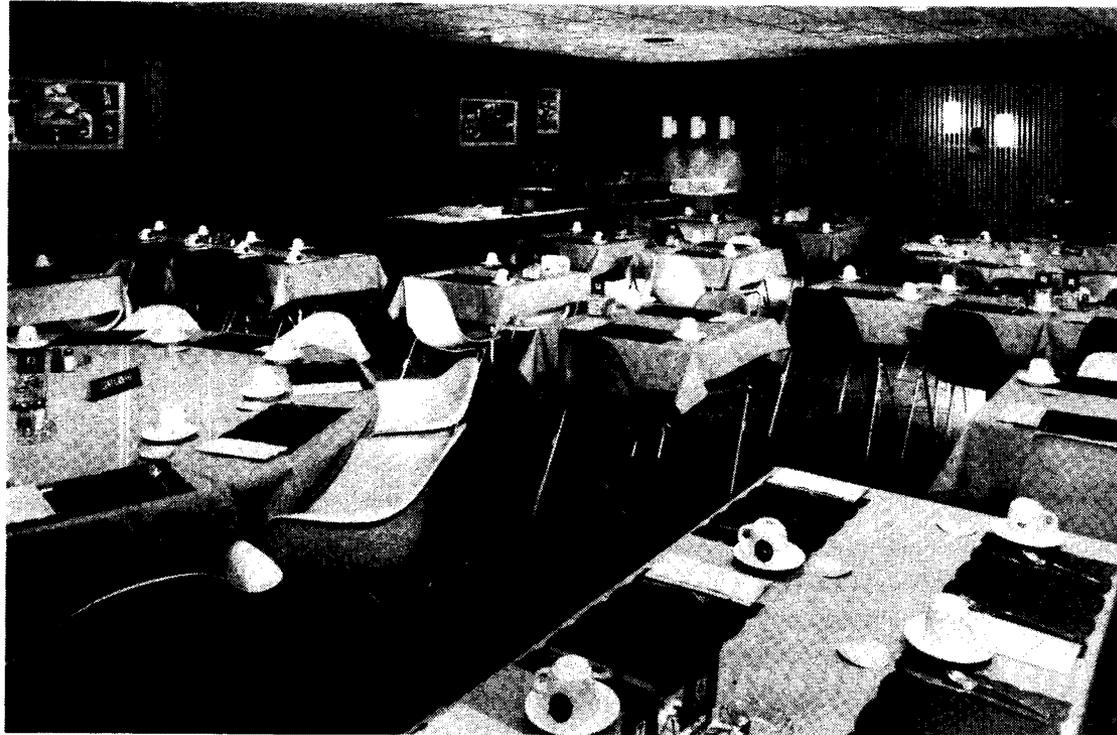
Edward Bartoo, Earl Cook, Lester Corrington, James Gavin, Richard Godfroy, Robert Godman, Arthur Goldstein, Murray Gordon, Victor Gordon, John Guarnieri, Jesse Hall, Peter Halupka, Anthony Hess, Abner Horwith, L. Robert Howe, Sidney Huntley, John Kisner, Carl Lieberman, John Macomber, William McCann, Zane Mikulicz, C. Robert Morse, Richard Parisen, Myron Pollyea, Lawrence Rollin, John Sanders, Ralph Schmiedlin, Samuel Stein, Alisounder Tye, Frank Van Allen, E. Daniel Williams.

### **TWENTY-FIVE YEAR AWARDS**

Charles Adkison, Jr., Norman Anderson, Robert H. Anderson, Juanita Antoine, Jacob Aust, Lloyd Backston, Joseph Balombin, Raymond Bernard, Charles Bissler, John Borecki, William Brandt, Jr., Donald Burton, Sam Calamia, John Catone, Richard Cavicchi, Klement Cervenak, Vernon Comerford, Edward Corsetti, Bert Coss, Frank Davis, Robert Deissler, Kenneth Dike, Vincent Di Piazza, Randol Duncan, Virginia Doran, William Eiben, John C. Everett, Donald Forney, Arnold Georgeson, Sanford Gordon, Carl Gorman, Edward Grochocki, Anthony Gyapias, Frank Gusik, Eugene Hackworth, William Harrigill, John Hazey, Jeanne Healy, Sheldon Heimel, Carl Heller, Seymour Himmel, Gerald Kaufman, Herbert Kersten, Peter Kosar, Charles Kovach, Perry Kuhns, Milan Kusenda, Leonard Leopold, Lyle Lorenz, Louis Manyak, Jr., Alex Medvick, Herman Mark, Winifred McDermott, Gordon Miller, Mike Minichiello, Herbert Minikin, Joseph Mizisin, Leonard Obery, L. Charles Perry, John Pollack, Wilbur Pincombe, John Pleva, H. Warren Plohr, Steffie Rathburn, Paul Rennick, Maynard Reynolds, William Robbins, Phil Ross, Michael Sajna, Jack Schneider, Louis Sforzo, Joseph Sikora, Louis Sliman, Donald Sinclair, Anthony Skoch, Gordon Smith, Richard Soreck, Richard Steiner, James Storer, David Straight, Jeanne Szel, Roy Themes, George Trigg, Barbara Troyan, Harold Tuck, Edward Tysl, Charles Walker, Robert Weiler, Solomon Weiss, Carl Wentworth, Spurgeon Westbrooks, Richard Woda, Helen Woods.

### **TWENTY YEAR AWARDS**

Samuel Allmond, John Braschwitz, Eugene Brattoli, John Breedlove, Jack Brown, Kathleen Brown, Cleophas Cotton, Robert Cubbison, Calvin Davidson, John Dilley, George Drummond, Dorothy Dudich, Bert Eippert, Phillip Garner, Henry Geringer, Roy Hackbarth, Ralph Jocke, Nathan Kanter, Albert Kaufman, Donald Kelsey, Paul Langendorfer, John MacLean, Glen McDonald, Patrick McMuldren, Genevieve Miller, Robert R. Miller, James Modarelli, Ellen Nachman, William Nagy, Thomas Ocilka, Francis Ohlman, Cleveland O'Neal, Jr., Frank Park, Salvatore Patronite, Joseph Pigford, George Reiber, Russell Roetzer, Louis Rosenblum, Edward Satmary, Paul Schutt, William Schwarckopf, Calrissa Shoop, Arthur L. Smith, Arthur Sprungle, William Stewart, Leonard Stitt, Norbert Stockman, Jesse Strickland, Donald Thoennes, Robert Turek, Howard Volkin, Ernie Walker, Florence Weaver, Floyd Weitzel, Howard Wine, Lawrence Wymor, Donald Zelten, and James Zimmerman.



The newly renovated Lewis Dining Room in the Main Cafeteria. (Paul Riedel photo)

# Dining room features \$1 meals

For \$1.00, employees can enjoy a hot food lunch or sandwich luncheon in a spanking new dining room complete with cherry wall paneling, gold tweed carpeting, green drapes, plywood chairs and continuous music right here on the Lab.

The newly renovated Lewis Dining Room in the Main Cafeteria is open to any employee or their guests. They should enter through the west door and vestibule coat room, and limit their dining time to 30 minutes so that others may enjoy the pleasant atmosphere. The dining room is open from from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Reservations may be accepted only for employees with visitors.

Jesse Strickland, of the Architectural Design Section, coordinated the project.

The \$1.00 sandwich luncheon consists of a choice of sandwiches, soup and

crackers, a salad and beverage, while the \$1.00 hot food lunch includes an entree, a choice of vegetable, potato or salad, a roll and butter, and beverage. There is an added charge of 25 cents each for each additional vegetable, potato or salad.

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Editor ..... Charles Mitchell

# Center happenings

Joseph D. Cenzori, Chief of the Plant Protection Office, will conduct a defensive driving course on April 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Medina YWCA. All employees, members of their families and people living in the area are invited to enroll. If interested, call Cenzori at PAX 4149.

Jesse L. Strickland of the Architectural-Structural Design Branch announced that the Administration Building Lobby is now being renovated as part of the Center's modernization and rehabilitation program. The east entrance is now being used as a temporary lobby and for those entering the building. Strickland says he expects the work to be completed about April 1.

As a result of a recent election among Lewis cafeteria and store employees by the Department of Labor, Local 2182, American Federation of Government Employees was certified as the exclusive representative under Executive Order 11491. The Order covers labor-management relations in the Federal Government.

The Lewis Performing Arts Theater has rescheduled its Spring production. It will now be held on April 7, 8, 14 and 15. Curtain time for both weekends is 8:15 p.m. in the DEB Auditorium. The play, "Celle Qui N'Etait Plus," by French novelists Dorothy and Michael Blankfort, combines mystery, suspense and a touch of the supernatural.

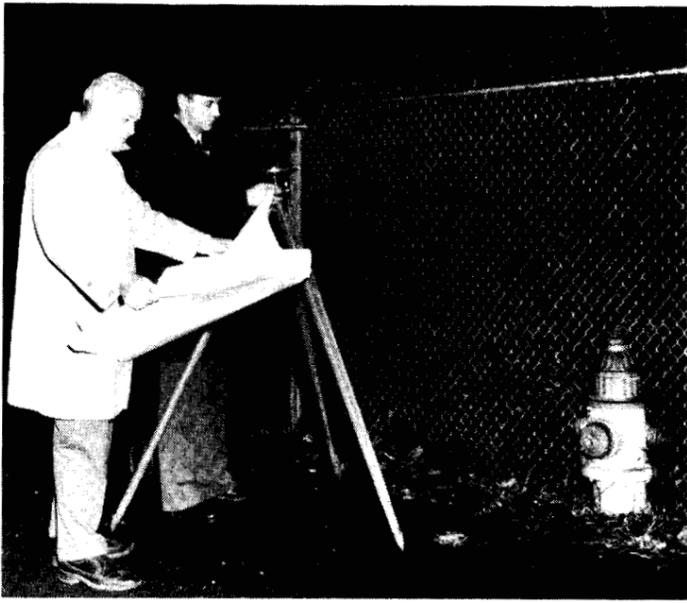
In the cast are Norton Baron, Sally Ferencik, George M. Fisher, Honey Lou Harris, Theresa A. Horvath and Thomas R. Kirkland. It is directed by Carl E. Goodwin, Jr. Louis R. Revnyak, chairman of PAT, said retirees will again be invited to attend as guests.

The Lewis Camera Club is making plans for a color print competition on April 18.

Although the competition is open to members only, employees or members of their families who wish to participate in the work of the club may call Warren Philipp, secretary, at PAX 7166.

At the Club's February meeting, Stanley J. Marsik described their experiences in Affa-color and Etka-color processes.

"We made the presentations," Marsik said, "to interest more members in color printing. If successful, it will make for keener competition within the club."



Henri S. Rigo (left) and Robert L. Reid plan route of new water service main to the west area of Lewis.



Neel D. Fauber (left) and Erwin M. Lauffer examine acoustic baffle wall construction in the new Engine Fan and Jet Noise Facility.

## Fulfilling the Center's ...architectural needs!



Paul Weisenbach (left) and Suey T. Yee go over construction plans for rehabilitating the Equipment Utilization Building.



Examining materials to be used in the renovation of the Administration Building Auditorium are Joseph J. Pishkula (left) and Jesse L. Strickland.



Dennis Trimakas (left) and James R. Winemiller and Daniel F. Larson, a section head, review conceptual structural support designs for the proposed NASA wind turbine.

Fifteen architects, engineers, and technicians assigned to either the Architectural Design Section or the Structural Design Section, make up the Architectural-Structural Design Branch.

Headed by Lawrence J. Stitt, the branch works to organize, plan and coordinate the architectural and structural aspects of facility design and construction required to help fulfill the Center's mission.

The requirements vary widely because of changing mission requirements and unique and unprecedented design problems, according to Stitt. He added that branch personnel prepare conceptual designs, cost estimates, specifications and construction drawings, and supervise the work of contract architect-engineers.

The branch performs similar duties in connection with the Center's continuing modernization and rehabilitation existing facilities.

Some of the more unique assignments consist of preparing the Center's master facilities plan, structural design of pressure vessels, expansion joints and special structures, including analysis of thermal stress and deflection effects, and fatigue life estimates for pressure and temperature extremes not normally encountered in conventional vessels and structures.

Civil engineering functions also are the responsibility of the branch. Functions include surveying, planning and designing roadways, developing sites, sewer and water utility systems, and maintaining current underground utility master drawings.



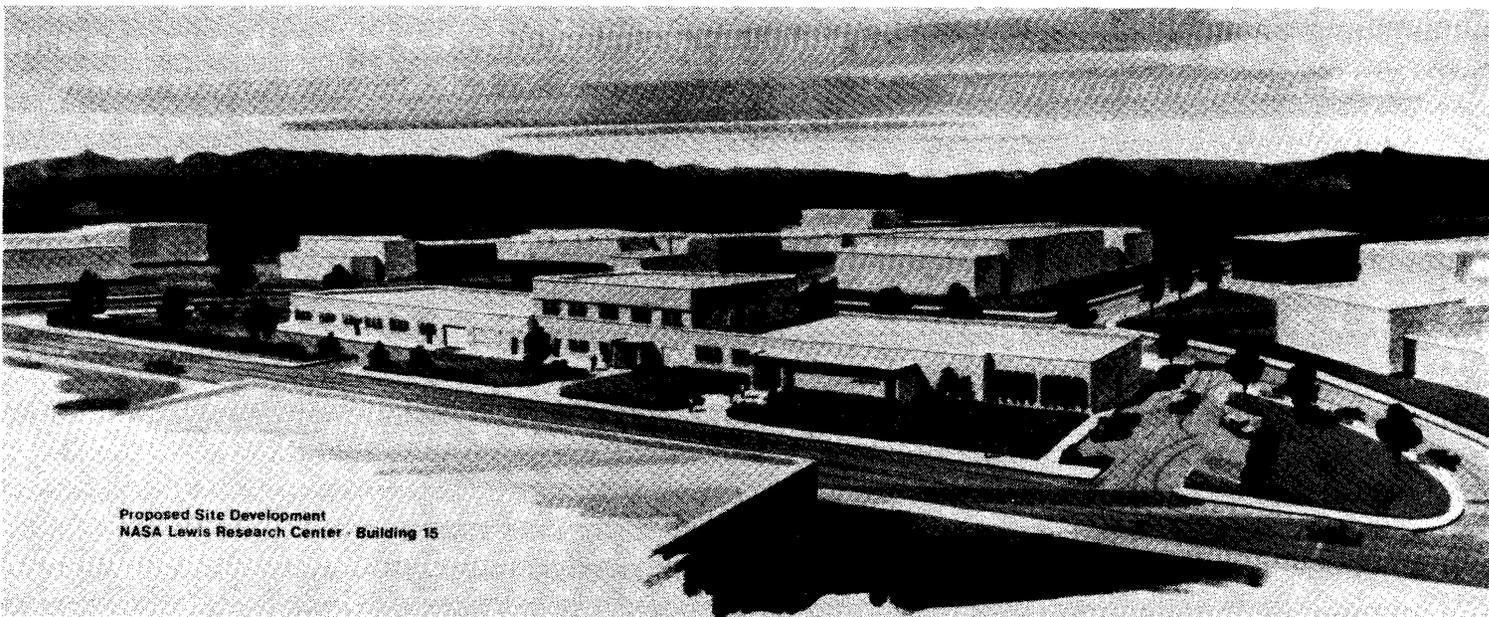
Frank L. Kouba (left), a section head in the branch, discusses material selections for the new Aerospace Information & Display Center with Henry C. Anderson III (center) and Branch Chief Lawrence J. Stitt.



Paul Harrigal (left) and William J. Fazulak study design details for rehabilitating offices in the Space Power Chamber.

Photos by

Don Huebler



Proposed Site Development  
NASA Lewis Research Center - Building 15

## *Building 15 gets facelift*

Most persons have probably seen signs on street repair work which read: "temporary inconvenience for permanent improvement."

That is precisely the situation at Building 15 which is getting a completely new face and remodeling job.

According to Jesse L. Strickland, of the Architectural Design Section, renovation of the south wing and center section of the building will be completed first.

These portions are being managed by Neel D. Fauber who has responsibility for all

interior and exterior work as well as construction of parking facilities.

Following completion of that work about mid-1978, Phase One of the Main Cafeteria complex rehabilitation will start. The work includes the cafeteria's main seating area and serving area. A new exterior corridor and entrance will be added, plus landscaping, new lighting, ceiling, floors, sound and safety systems. Strickland is project manager for this phase, scheduled for comple-

tion by late 1979.

Phase Two is scheduled to begin immediately after Phase One's completion. Phase Two includes the rehabilitation of the kitchen, service and serving areas. "This mainly involves purchasing equipment and installing that equipment," Strickland said. "The cafeteria will not be closed during construction. There will be subsequent *Lewis News* stories on the progress we're making," he added. He urg-

ed employees to see the architectural display on the proposed work in the Main Cafeteria.

Because of construction in progress, the Post Exchange will be temporarily moved and partitioned off in the northwest corner of the Main Cafeteria dining area. The move is scheduled for early January 1978. Plans are for the PX to be in the temporary quarters for about six months.

*You won't know the place!*

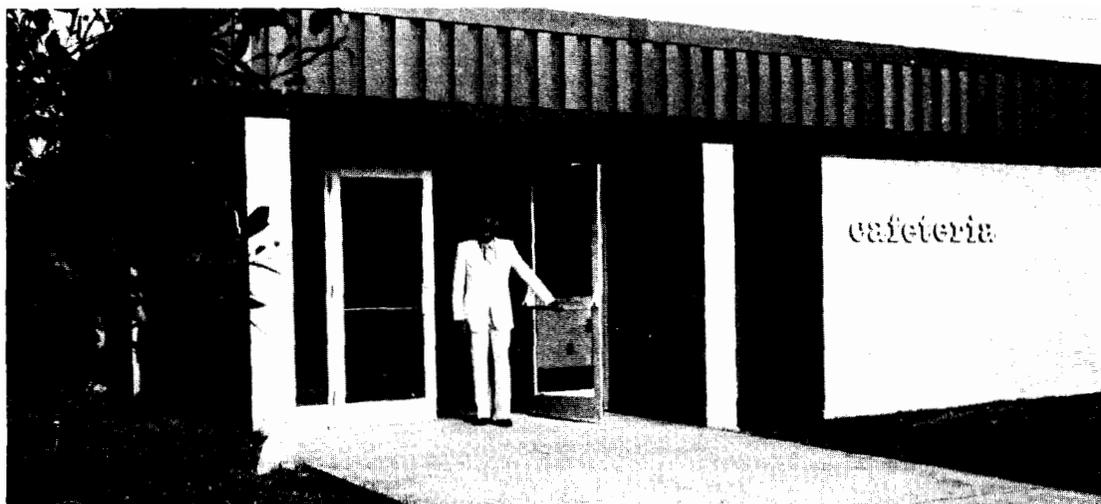
## Remodeled Main Cafeteria reopens; facelift impressive

"We tried to develop an architectural design within four existing walls to serve as a place where employees could come and enjoy a pleasant break in the day's work, and in a setting entirely different from their various work areas," says Jesse L. Strickland, architect and project manager of the newly-remodeled Main Cafeteria.

That, he and others have done. And he is probably understating the excellence of the two-year project, which culminated in the re-opening of the cafeteria building last week.

Carpeted phone booths and huge graphics catch the eye as one enters the impressive redesigned cafeteria. The lighting is different from that in any other building at Lewis. It's soft, yet bright, and shines down in an indirect way because the lights are recessed into the ceiling, giving the subdued effect.

The serving area sports new equipment. There is a



*Jesse L. Strickland, Architect and Project Manager of the remodeled cafeteria, stands in front of his handiwork. (Hank Seidel Photo)*

refrigerated salad bar, a self-serve ice cream machine, soup area, and an octagon-shaped dessert display, all installed to improve service. A new beverage bar will be installed shortly.

As soft, soothing music filters down from on high, one moves to the cashier lines, five in all, where friendly faces take your money and send you past the area of NASA displays and

huge color photos, to the attractive dining area.

The dining area is a two-level area that seats 410. The upper level is designed for retirement parties, dancing and other Center activities. There is even a wool fabric on the west wall to absorb the noise where most of the activities will be centered! There are three types of seating and various table sizes.

Strickland also explained

that functional design, aesthetic value and energy conservation measures were uppermost in the minds of the planners. "We were striving for the best possible heating and cooling system, attractive and effective lighting, and an entirely new look in the serving and dining areas," Strickland said.

Take the special air conditioning, possibly the most sophisticated air condition-

ing system at Lewis. You can't tell where the air is coming from. But, it is coming through the coiffured  
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# Cafeteria reopening

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ceiling and permeating through each tile throughout the ceiling.

Two basic color schemes—dark brown and buckskin—are evident throughout the cafeteria for aesthetic value and psychological impact.

You won't see blinds or curtains at the windows. You will see windows in such a way as to diffuse the light and heat, thereby saving energy. Even the exterior lighting is an energy saver. The lights are controlled by photo cells that go on automatically at night to light up the surrounding areas of the cafeteria.

Strickland said the end of the Main Cafeteria remodeling marks the beginning of plans to remodel the ERB Cafeteria in the near future. "The small dining room is in the process of being refurbished now," Strickland explained. Along with Strickland, others who made contributions are the following:

Facilities Engineering Di-

vision: Harold A. Cowell, project mechanical engineer, Robert MacGregor (deceased), project electrical engineer, Paul M. Kraph, electrical designer, David M. Herb, construction representative, and Donald B. Friend, Jr., construction engineer.

Technical Services Directorate: Delbert C. Mohrman, supervised painting and hand-painted graphics at entrance, and with Strickland, hand-painted graphics in dining area. Larry Kromwiede, Joseph Sanno, Thomas B. Schneider, Glen Boltz, William Shepherd, Joseph Klebau, Ed Berank, Charles Klein, Gene Miller, Modest Derrick, Tim Hogan, Stanley Dunsmore, Al Anderson, Jose Flores, Charles Hendricks, Mike Kelih, Lloyd Egbert, Tom White, Mark Bodzoiny, Ray Gierowski, Joe Eilhardt, Dan Maichryc, William Harris, Robert Naughton, Robert Nixon, John Yonkers, Robert Stanzel, Roger Wood and Robert Doener.

# *Small dining area sports new facelift*

When you bring someone to lunch at Lewis and want to go somewhere with a little more class than the ERB cafeteria, yet don't want the noise and bustle of the main cafeteria or DEB, where can you go?

Jesse Strickland, a Lewis architect and project manager, says that the small dining area, right in back of the Main Cafeteria, may be the place to come.

He should know, since he was in charge of the entire remodeling of both the Main Cafeteria and the small dining area.

"We wanted to make the small dining area a place where employees could

bring their guests," Strickland said. "Now we have it set up so people can sit in groups from two to ten in size."

The small dining area was totally refurbished. It received new tables, chairs, carpet, ceiling tile, serving line, and very soon, it will have new dishes too.

Set mostly in browns and oranges, the area has a moderately posh atmosphere, yet maintains a fair price. A meal there generally costs no more than a dollar or so above normal cafeteria prices.

Strickland stressed that the small dining area is for everyone's use. Anyone

working at Lewis may eat there and bring guests.

There aren't any huge signs pointing the way to the small dining area. It is located in back of the Main Cafeteria on the west side of the building and has only one access.

Once inside, you are greeted by a hostess-waitress who will take you to your table and serve beverages.

Although reservations are not mandatory, it is recommended that you call ahead and make reservations, otherwise, if there aren't enough tables that day, you won't be able to get in.

# *Century says 'thanks'*

An open house was held by the century Federal Credit Union on August 12 to show off its new offices in Building 106

and to say "thank you" to the membership.

William Cleber of the Personnel Division, and a director of the credit union, estimated that 1,000 persons toured the credit union offices from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and enjoyed light refreshments. During a luncheon, Jesse L. Strickland, Facilities Engineering Division, was publicly recognized for donating many hours of his time to planning the layout and decor for the credit union's downtown office.

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# Cross section of Lewis expertise keep



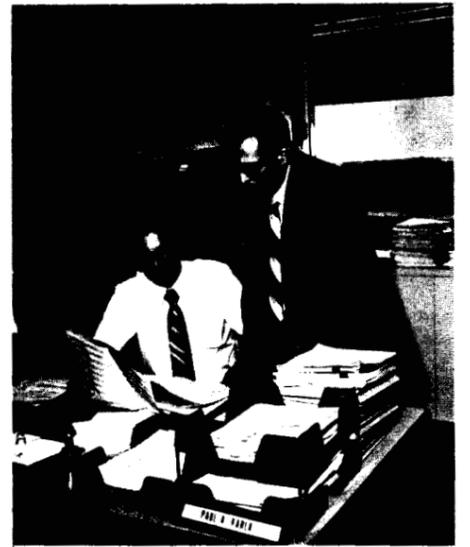
### SECRETARIAL AND CLERICAL UNIT

Bette Sassen (front), Mary Lou Herrmann and Norma Nead process contractor and Lewis correspondence.



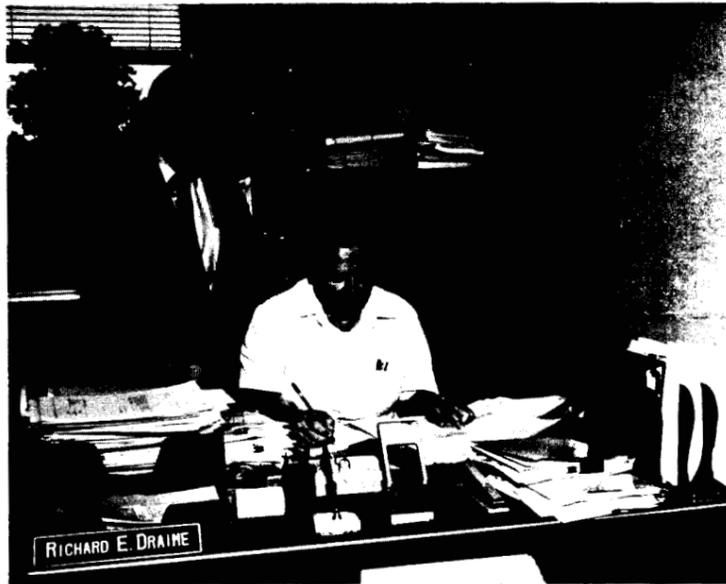
### R & QA OFFICE

Bill Mason (left), Reliability and Quality Assurance Office; Gene Cieslewicz, CASPO; and Larry Hibben, R&QA, go over contractor's R&QA plan.



### SUPPORT SERVICES SECTION

Acquisition specialist Paul Karla (seated), look over contractor's payment request with project manager Norm Hammersmith.



### EQUIPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION SECTION

Deputy project manager Bob Smalley (standing) and Dick Draime of the Acquisition Construction Section review the Central Control Building construction schedule.



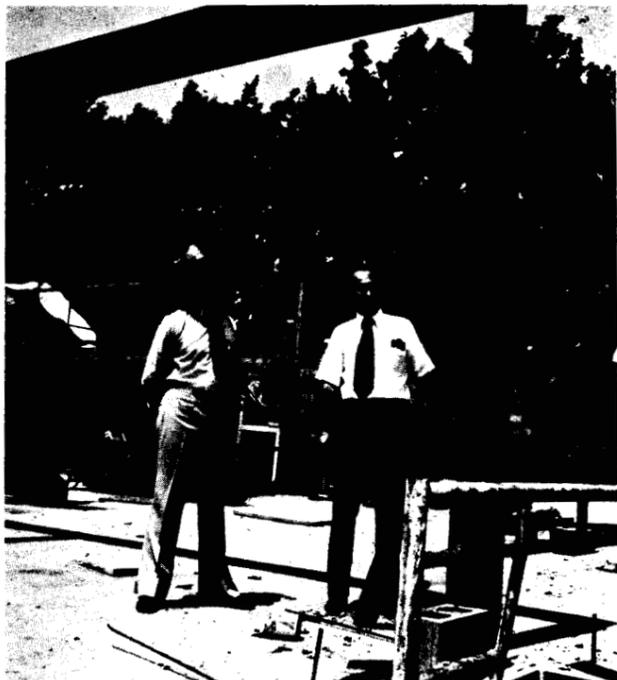
### CENTRAL CONTROL BUILDING

Examining fire, safety and building protection requirements are (from left) William Shepard, Electrical and Protective Systems; Jack Colegrove, Safety Office; Charles Calire and George Finch, Plant Protection; and Joseph Pishkula, Architectural Section.



### ARCHITECTURAL PLANNING

George Wildschrey (left) and Jesse Strickland, Architectural Engineering, analyze material samples for Central Control Building.



Henry Anderson (left), Structural Engineering, and Joseph Pishkula inspect structural beam.



John Carroll (left), Construction Engineering; Don Huebler and Dan Laity, Photographic Branch, prepare to photograph section of masonry wall.



Bill Schoren (foreground) and Roger Rachul, Construction Engineering, determine Control Building progress.

### CENTRAL CONTROL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION INSPECTORS

# Former country home is important lab site

By Nazha Nickie Fadil

A complete remodeling program is planned this year for Lewis' Guerin House, a beautiful country home built in 1913 and purchased by NASA in 1958.

The home's bedrooms will be opened as conference rooms, toilets will be remodeled, new furniture purchased and a modern heating and cooling system will replace the existing system in the remodeling program. New electrical fixtures will also be added.

The improvement program is under the direction of Lewis architect Jesse Strickland and Dallas Lauderdale of Facilities Engineering.

Work is now underway to improve the landscaping

around the home, which is named after its last private owner, L. A. Guerin.

The valleside estate once boasted a pool, two barns for horses and livestock, a chicken coop and tennis courts. The barns and outer structures were torn down when NASA took ownership of the property. The pool was later filled in and replaced with a portico featuring gas lights and barbecue pits.

The West Area Road access to the house was built over the natural duck pond that once featured row boats and a small dock.

Lewis' unofficial "home" is used by all employees during the term of their employment. The home is primarily a social center and



**Guerin House**

conference site.

Meetings are held in the many comfortable and quiet dens and living rooms in the house. Social events and cook outs are possible on the patio

and in the well appointed basement party room.

Lewis retirees often use the home as a party center, as do the many Lewis clubs.

E. E. Botos, head of the

Lewis Maintenance Contract Section, is in charge of keeping the house clean and in good shape the next time guests come to visit Lewis' "home".

# SAA awards

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SAA award groups.

Those employees honored were:  
Phillip L. Stone, 0114.

Alan C. Duncan, 1003; Suzanne J. Hembly, 1721; Louis H. Hartman, Jr., 1731; James A. Freyberg, 1731.

Jean A. Chapman, 2000; Kaleel L. Abdalla, 2110; Thomas J. Benson, 2232; Steve Gonczy, 2243; Brian T. Howard, 2311; Roy D. Hager, 2322; William J. Rieke, 2350; Robert J. Schroeder, 2452; Maria de los Angeles Bosque, 2511; Howard G. Yacobucci, 2521.

Albert J. Juhasz, 4013; Thomas P. Cahill, 4140; Laura M. Hill, 4140; Henry G. Pfanner, 4141; Thaddeus S. Mroz, 4211; Anne C. Arrison, 4231; Russell E. Hart, 4232; Robert M. Masters, 4312; Richard J.

Quentmeyer, 4313; Robert H. Vetrone, 4341.

Thomas K. Glasgow, 5112;  
Margorie M. Trujillo, 5210; Christos

C.oChamis, 5211; John Ferrante, o  
5231; Dianne M. Heininger, 5240.o  
Lowell E. Steffens, 6343; Andrew  
L.oGordan, 6340; Charles W.o  
Eastwood, Jr., 6351; Richard H.  
Knoll, 6351; Thomas L. Seeholzer,  
6351; Robert A. Dezelick, 6352; Alvin  
C.oHahn, 6352.o

Andrew B. McLachlan, 7211;  
Jerald S. Pamer, 7211; Raymond J.  
Stemitz, 7211; Martin J. Pietrasz,  
7212; Russell P. Gemeiner, 7221;  
Craig N. Horak, 7221; Kenneth A.  
Jensen, 7222; Donald A. Ohlemacher,  
7222; Frank M. Rudin, 7222; Harold  
J.oTesack, Jr., 7231; David E.o  
Justavick, 7241; John H. Norton,o  
7313; Edward Gierowski, 7321; Johno  
C.oHenricks, 7331; Joseph L. Joyce,o  
7333; Paul J. Sirocky, Jr. 7512;o  
George Foerster, Jr., 7524; Frank J.o  
Brady, 7531; Jeffrey A. Swan, 7613.o

## SAA group honors

**Oshkosh Committee:** Barbara A.  
Powell, John M. Shaw, Phillip L.  
Stone, William J. Waters, Judith C.  
Olson, Robert J. Jeracki, Phillip R.

Meng, Robert L. Davies, Howard T.  
Wine, Norman C. Prahst, Jr., Joseph  
E.oWiketo.o

**Lewis Travel Office:** Margaret A.o  
Heintz, Linda S. Mazure, Helen M.  
Zitello, Eileen C. Lilley.

**Escort III:** Peggy L. Yohner,  
Patricia A. DiSiena, Norman A.  
Landis, Jr., Eugene C. Itean, Robert  
G.oKannenberg, Walter W. Ponevac,o  
Jr., Gary L. Weegmann, Robert N.o  
Setter, June E. Thompson, Susan L.o  
Button, Andrew M. Manos, Donald  
K. Brasted, Jr., Charles W. Mealey,o  
Jr., Richard N. Bell, Robert J.  
Weigand, Joseph L. Harrold, William  
K. Coho.o

**Center Data Collector II:** Normano  
A.oLandis, Jr., Paula J. Mealey,o  
Eugene J. Gunn, Jr., William L.o  
Belter, Cynthia Gutierrez, Walter W.o  
Ponevac, Jr., Robert N. Setter, Juneo  
E.oThompson, Sasi K. Pillay, Richardo  
N.oBell, Richard Beck.o

**Cray Installation Team:** William  
H.oCrell, Jr., Arthur D. Brenza, Keitho  
A.oLemley, James T. Emerich,o  
Burdell L. Detterman, Robert J.o  
Weigand, Jerome E. Rodak, Kevin P.o

Coleman, Pamela Kotlenz, Karen A.  
Marsteller, Donald J. Blaseg, Ralph  
I.oFaigen, Eugene D. Webb, John R.o  
Scully, Harold A. Cowell, Hugh A.o  
Schoeffler, William J. Ice, Duane G.o  
Fair, Paul G. Choma, Jessee L.o  
Strickland, George T. Simano.o

**Instrument Pool Time of Possession  
Development Team:** Thomas P.  
Finnegan, Gail J. Wilkes, Harriet J.  
Gilbert, Sandra L. Kocsis, Robert  
E.oFails, George L. Barber, Basil P.o  
Kluchnik, John C. Sikora.o

**Management of DOE/NASA  
Alternative Field Utilization Project  
(AFUP):** John S. Clark, George M.  
Prok, Frederick F. Simon.

**Heat Transfer Measurements Using  
Liquid Crystal:** Steven A.  
Hippensteele, Louis M. Russell.

**Determination of Flame Radiation  
Characteristics of a Combustor:**  
Francis M. Humenik, Russell W.  
Claus.

**Small Turbine Engine Research  
Project Team:** Jeffery K. Little★,  
Gary A. Klann★★, Ronald A.

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# Retirees Reflect On Early Days At Lewis

## *“I’ve Played A Part In Lewis’ Great History ”*

When Jesse Strickland returns to Lewis for visits he feels as if he never left the Center, even though he retired in 1983. “I’m fortunate that I had a position in which I was able to contribute to the Center,” Strickland reflects back to 1950 when his career as an architect began as a draftsman in Lewis’ Drafting Division under Larry Stitt.

Today, when Strickland walks around the Center he is greeted by more than “great friends.” He is welcomed by familiar objects that are dear to him as well. “I probably had something to do with designing, both exterior and interior, most buildings at Lewis,” he said. “When I come back and see the same carpets, wall coverings, colors, furniture, structures, and signage, I relive the times when I helped choose those items.”



Strickland reflects back to the early 60’s when he was tasked with the job of renovating Building E at Plum Brook. “It was almost like a haunted house—shutters hanging, vines overgrown, dust caked on the windows and desks. I was mesmerized by the eerie picture, but members of Larry Rollins’ staff, myself included, helped bring it back to life,” he said. “After months of work, it was very rewarding to finally see fresh offices filled with happy people.”

As a member of Lewis’ Speakers Bureau, Strickland is still very involved with the Center. Through his lectures on “Life Beyond Earth,” Strickland encourages both young and old to examine the possibilities of life beyond our planet. “I don’t use a podium or microphone if I can help it,” he explained. “I like to interact with my audience and give them a chance to get involved and do some exploring on their own.”

Strickland said he has been involved in lecturing for Lewis since 1953. He also served as the first Equal Employment Opportunity counselor and helped set up the SPECSINTACT System, a method of computerized construction specifications that has been adopted by all government agencies. He and his wife, Carol, reside in Mayfield Heights.

“As long as I come back and see the things I had something to do with in one way or another, I feel a part of my soul is still here,” said Strickland. “I’ve played a part in Lewis’ great history.”

## *“I’ve Been Fortunate In Working At Lewis”*

Some people don’t know the meaning of the word “retire.” Marguerite “Marge” Jereb is one example. After 30 years of distinguished service in Lewis’ computing area, Jereb turned in her NASA badge. Five years later, with a consulting business of her own under way, Jereb came back to the Center.

As director of the Systems Engineering and Network Department for Sverdrup Technology, one of Lewis’ major contractors, Jereb continues serving Lewis in the field she loves. “When Sverdrup was awarded the Lewis contract they asked me to help set up their computing department,” she said. “I had originally intended to stay for a short time but I’m still here nearly nine years later.”



Jereb looks back on her early days at Lewis. “I remember being extremely excited and feeling fortunate to be working in a highly technological company during the early development of the space program,” she said. “I also enjoyed watching equipment that once filled a room transform into a desktop computer.”

Some of her most memorable experiences centered around putting various facilities on-line with computers. “The first time we hooked up the Graphics Department was 1967. Positioning our research tunnels on-line was also an exciting challenge.

“The world has come a long way in the past 40 years in regards to utilizing computers, and I have—mainly through my opportunities at Lewis—been fortunate to have seen it all.”

Outside of the office, Jereb and her husband, Fred, spend their time enjoying a 10-acre ranch in Chesterland. She also enjoys skiing and traveling.



## In Memory

Jesse L. Strickland, 87, who retired with 33 years of NASA service, died Feb. 18. Strickland was an Army Air Corps veteran of WWII, who graduated from Case Western Reserve University in architecture before joining NASA Lewis



*Strickland*

in the early 1950s. He rose through the ranks to become chief architect and led Lewis's Facilities Improvement Program, from remodeling the Guerin House to designing Plum Brook Station's nuclear facilities. He also designed hospitals in India and Africa on behalf of NASA. Strickland eagerly mentored center employees and led several Lewis community outreach efforts, such as project coordinator for renovation of Camp Cuyahoga for underprivileged children and coordinator of Lewis's career guidance counselors for the Cleveland Schools' work-study program.

## Jesse Lee Strickland designed most of NASA Glenn

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Jesse Lee Strickland meticulously prepared meals, outfits, cars, NASA facilities and nonprofit services. The pioneering architect and presidential honoree died Feb. 18 at home in Shelbville, Ind. He was 87.

"He had talent that was unbelievable," said Julian Earls, who led what's now NASA Glenn Research Center in Brook Park. "He developed most of the campus and Plum Brook. He reached out to all new African-American employees as a mentor."

Rev. Kenneth Chalker of University Circle United Methodist Church, heading to Indiana to conduct Strickland's funeral on Thursday, Feb. 24, called him "a marvelous, cosmopolitan gentleman. He had a grace and humanity about him that drew people from all walks of life."

By day, Strickland rose to chief architect of what was then NASA Lewis. After hours, he helped lead several nonprofit programs and helped his old East Tech classmate, Robert P. Madison, open and lead the state's first African-American architectural firm, dating to 1954.

Said Madison, "He had what we call a great pencil: He could draw very well. He was low-key but knowledgeable about things; he could argue a point." The pair worked together on Olivet Institutional Baptist Church, a nuclear facility at the Tuskegee Institute and more.

Strickland, a lean 6-footer, wore immaculate suits and ties. He drove immaculate cars. He researched and recreated historic meals, including a Thomas Jefferson banquet.

Strickland was born in Philadelphia. At 2, he lost his father, a pioneering architect. At 5, Jesse moved with his family to Cleveland. At East Tech, he ran on a historic track team that groomed Olympic champions in other eras.

During World War II, he enlisted in the Army Air Corp and helped draft facilities at Elgin Air Station in Florida. He later served in the Air Force reserves.

After the war, Strickland worked as a draftsman for Madison's father, Robert J., the state's first black engineer. He also drove buses for Cleveland Transit and sold insurance. He studied architecture at the University of Buffalo and Western Reserve University, earning a bachelor's degree. In the early 1950s, he started 33 years at what became NASA Glenn.

He hand-painted a mural in a new cafeteria. He designed nuclear facilities at NASA Lewis' Plum Brook Station, south of Sandusky. He designed hospitals on NASA's behalf in India and Africa. He was also an equal opportunity counselor, adverse hearing officer and project coordinator of the Manpower Advancement Program.

In 1972, Strickland became the first black president of the Construction Specifications Unit's local chapter. He was also trustee of Cleveland Boys School and Blossom Hill School for Girls, chairing a yearly fund-raising festival for the latter.

He was vice president of planning for the Youth Enrichment Service in Boston Heights, which helped children with developmental disabilities. He was an advisor to the Cleveland schools' work-study program and counseled high school seniors about careers.

His several awards included a commendation from President Nixon "for your excellent record of service in a wide variety of educational and civic activities."

In retirement, Strickland worked on several projects, including a new physical therapy unit at St. Alexis Hospital. He and his wife, the former Judith Carole Spurlin, helped refurbish their church, First United Methodist.

He also gave talks around the country for NASA on "Life Beyond Earth." The Stricklands lived in Mayfield Heights for many years before moving in 2007 to Indiana, near relatives.

## **Jesse Lee Strickland**

**1923-2011**

**Survivors:** wife, the former Judith Carole Spurlin; three children; and a grandson.

**Funeral:** 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at Murphy-Parks Funeral Service, Shelbyville, Ind.

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