Cooperative Training Inspires Students

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Last April many students entered a number of industrial firms in the Niagara Frontier as the first representatives of the Institute's cooperative training program. These students have now returned for another three-month period with a knowledge of the expectations of industry. Reports entered in this issue of the BTI News are results of recent personal interviews made by your reporter.

Edward Blaszak of Mech. Tech, was employed at the Trico Products Corporation in Buffalo, manufacturers of window washing devices, where he did production control work. He inspected jobs and made certain that all component parts were available for assembly. Mr. Blaszak was shifted throughout different departments in order to become familiar with other operations. He feels that the company is a good place to work and found that other employees were very helpful. He thinks, however, that much of the success of the cooperative program depends upon a close relationship between the Institute department heads and industrial personnel.

Helen Grzeszczuk of Food Adm. received her co-op training at Your Host Restaurant in Buffalo. She first served as a waitress at the counter and booths. Her next, and favorite job, was that of a griddle-girl. Miss Grzeszczuk commented very favorably on the generous weekly food allowance at the restaurant. She emphasized the practical side of the study of Human Relations of which she had often thought when dealing with people. The basis for human relations here is the well-known phrase, "The customer is always right." She stated that the management thinks well of the cooperative program since it is in need of trained personnel. Her concluding remarks were, "I was well satisfied with my assignment and when I complete the Foods Service Management course at the Institute I hope to return to Your Host once again as their employee."

Wesley Ching of Opt. Tech, was employed by the Spencer Lens Instrument Division of the American Optical Co. in Buffalo. He inspected glass for index of refraction in the glass stock department. He also blocked and generated lenses, did polishing and had jobs involving lens method and control which included the checking of focal lengths and radii of lenses. He felt that this work was most helpful to him because he was able to solve theoretical problems based on optical formulas which he had learned at the Institute. Mr. Ching also cut lenses to diameter specifications, otherwise known as centering. In addition to this he did lens cementing. In the pitch room he made various pitch formulas for blocking and polishing and tested the substances for viscosity and tensile strength. He stated that the

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We can purchase pens that write under water, raincoats that are indefinitely water-repellent and watches that run under water, but what ingenious master-mind will come along with a typewriter that can work under the soft waves of a sunny beach as a column tries to do two things at once.

An experiment in SUMMER HOME STUDY. Problem: To determine a satisfactory method for studying in hot, humid weather.

Apparatus: Three pictures—one of Frankenstein, another of The Angel, and last but not least, a picture of your favorite. Procedure: Concentrate on each for a few moments and make comparisons. Conclusion: Be thankful that your favorite doesn't look like either of the other two.

Practical Application: You concentrate, your spine chills, you're thankful, you are cool. Result—A fitting condition for study.

That "Coke" machine in the lounge is a lu-lu though, isn't it? It seems to have periodical fits. An innocent victim will walk over to the thing with his tongue hanging down to his shoes. He will deposit a "nick" (slugs don't work), pull up the sliding door, and... WHAM! ... two bottles appear within reach but yet out of reach. The next thing you know, a gal from food administration comes up to examine the situation as eleven other "addicts" gather around with one expression in common: "I put a nickel in too!" (Burp!)

What can be more fun than writing a three-thousand word technical report? That is one way of learning to use the library, especially the downtown public and Grosvenor. I had to check out at closing time after a pleasant three-hour stay at the Public Library recently. (It wasn't much trouble—I rolled the wheelbarrow onto the elevator, walked out as usual and was home in four hours.)

Have you noticed how dull most teeth are now that the Dents are gone? The chem lab in B-12 is equipped with a shower, just in case. It's not to be used for washing the beard. Let's see now; what is the reaction between acid and people. Can't remember "off hand" but I bet it's pretty bitter.

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