

## PRECOPPIO PROMOTED TO EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

### PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

#### Mildred Pierson

On July 26, Lyle Slingluff announced the appointment of Mildred Pierson to the position of Assistant Secretary and officer. The first position held by Mildred was as the secretary of Purchasing nearly 35 years ago. Some of the people she has worked with are: Ray Naylor, Harold Steinbright and former President Mr. Cherski, all prior to her working with Lyle. Mildred and Lyle have been a winning combination since



Mildred Pierson

1968. Mildred recalls that she started to work for Lyle around the same time Amchem started their company car program.

Mildred takes great pride in discussing her daughter, Carol, and her accomplishments. Carol had attended Thomas Jefferson School of Nursing and became a R.N. She soon decided to continue her education at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. Carol is now a doctor in Louisville, Kentucky where she is working on a fellowship in the area of cardiac problems. Mildred's son-in-law (Carol's husband) is also a doctor and works in Louisville.

Mildred, when describing her

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In a letter dated August 20th, Mr. E. A. Snyder announced the promotion of Dr. Frank M. Precopio to the office of Executive Vice President of Amchem Products, Inc.

As reported in Mr. Snyder's letter, Dr. Precopio will continue to direct the Technology, Research and Development activities. He will also be involved with other departmental planning activities as directed by Mr. Snyder.

Dr. Precopio started his career with Amchem on August, 1966, as Corporate Technical Director. Frank, prior to being hired by Amchem, spent 15 years with General Electric Central Research in Schenectady, New York. He was the Director of Research for G.E.'s Wire and Cable Division. Except for a brief tenure with Union Carbide's Agricultural Products Division where he headed the research activities, Frank has directed Amchem's Research and Development efforts since 1966.

Dr. Precopio was appointed Vice President of Technology in



Frank Precopio (l) and Gene Snyder meet briefly in Gene's office after the announcement.

1981 and Senior Vice President in May, 1982 prior to this most recent promotion. Frank received his B.S. degree in Chemistry from Brown University and his Ph.D. in Chemistry from Yale

University.

For a more detailed personal history of Dr. Precopio, please refer to the April-May-June, 1981 and 1982 issue of the Amchem News.

### RETIREMENTS

#### Lyle Slingluff



Lyle Slingluff

On July 15, Lyle's colleagues, co-workers and friends surprised him with a retirement dinner held at Bentley's in North Wales. In a brief interview with Mr. Slingluff, it was evident to this editor that he was overwhelmed by this dis-

play of appreciation for his 42 years of dedication to Amchem.

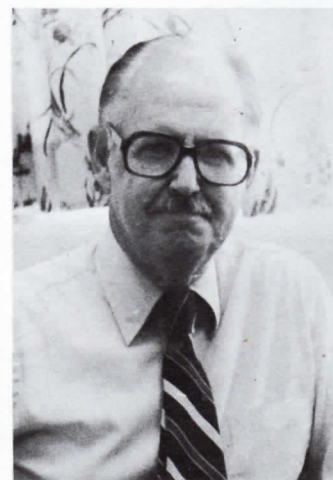
Lyle's career with Amchem started in 1939, when he was hired as a clerk in the accounting department. He recalls that his first assignment was to make a profit and loss statement for the

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#### George Russell

"I never suspected a thing, I was really surprised" is George's response when asked about his retirement dinner. The eventful night was July 28th and the place was the Wm. Penn Inn. George was honored for his 35 years of service to Amchem by his co-workers, past and present.

George was hired as a Mechanical Engineer on May 1, 1947 by Jay Biery. After graduating from Drexel University, George went to work for the Panama Railroad Company and worked in the canal zone. Four years later he was hired by Amchem. He became Di-



George Russell

rector of Engineering when Mr. Biery retired in June, 1959, and held that position until January, 1982. Since January, he has functioned as a Senior Consultant for Amchem. George proudly explains that he has been involved in the engineering of 18 plants na-

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## LYLE SLINGLUFF

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Horticulture Division (soon after retitled the Agricultural Division). He added, that the division, at that time, only had two products: Tootone and Transplant Toner. Lyle's entire career, of almost 43 years, was interrupted only once when he donated 4 years to the Navy.

Lyle's tenure as Amchem's Corporate Secretary started in 1954 and ended with his retirement date of August 1. He also held the position of Director of Amchem during his career.

Lyle and Mildred, his wife of 38 years, live in Gwynedd Valley. They have three children; Wayne (the first born), Anita and Craig, (the youngest). They have two grandchildren, Traci and Gregory.

Lyle highlights his career by saying that he'll always remember his days at Amchem as happy ones.



Sam Caterisano (standing) Master of Ceremonies, entertains the large crowd with some of Lyle's past antics. (Also at table L-R Graham Smith, Sam, Dolly Smith, Gene Snyder.)



Lyle and Milly Slingluff enjoy the festivities.



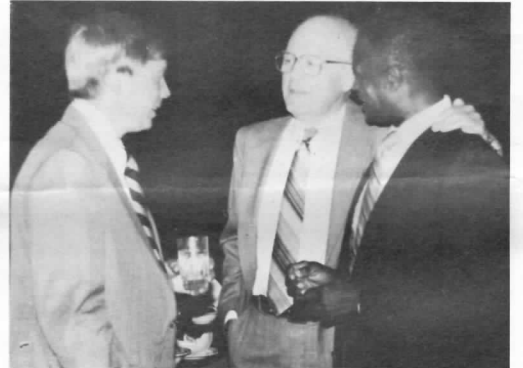
Lyle shares a good laugh with Gerald Romig (standing) as (L-R) Gene Snyder, Milly, Thelma Romig and John Shellenberger listen in.



Lyle finally receives an Amchem Company car from his admirers but, against Lyle's own policy, his has a vinyl roof.



Head Table (L-R) Graham Smith, Sam Caterisano, Dolly Smith, Gene Snyder, Milly Slingluff, Lyle, Gerald Romig, Thelma Romig, John Shellenberger.



McHenry Rush (retiree) (R) talks with Sam Caterisano (C) and Kent Bonney (L).



Some of Lyle's admirers who were present at his retirement dinner:

# **GEORGE RUSSELL**

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tionwide over his career and has seen 30 new buildings go up in the Ambler facility.

George and his wife Bettie, have one son, George, Jr., who presently lives in New Hampshire. George, Jr. is classified as an entrepreneur by his father because he owns a pizza business and is landlord for several apartment buildings. George, Jr. has blessed his parents with two grandchildren.

When a person retires after a long successful career, it is very difficult to relay their true feelings. This editor feels that George accurately describes his feelings in a letter he wrote to E. A. Snyder. The letter reads:

July 26, 1982

Dear Gene:

*This letter should be directed to the officers and employees of Amchem both past and present. As I complete 35 years with the company, I do so with satisfaction. I have had the unique advantage of making a personal contribution to Amchem's growth during these years, and I have enjoyed it every minute.*

*Any success I have had in doing my work could only have been achieved with the help, co-*

*operation and contribution of those other members of the Amchem family for which I am grateful and to whom I say "Thanks."*

*As I join the Amchem alumni of retirees, I will take fond*

*memories of our work together. I will continue to be active in engineering, the local municipal authority, church and related activities.*

*Amchem has been a good place to work and has treated me well.*

*Best regards to all.*

G. A. Russell

Retirement will find George doing some consulting and relaxing (not necessarily in that order). He plans on spending more time on his hobby, gardening.



George Russell poses with his niece Barbara Joy Russell and wife Bettie during the retirement dinner held in his behalf.



George (R) reminisces about his career with (L-R) John Millard, Jim Carroll and Frank Precopio (back to camera).



Seated at the Head Table were L-R Graham Smith, Dolly Smith, Bettie Russell, George Russell, Jim Carroll (Master of Ceremonies), Dick Rockstroh, Helen Rockstron.



The guests mingle during the cocktail hour.



The guests sit down to a friendly dinner with their friends.

## BEDFORD'S OFFSPRING EXCELLS



*Karen Ann Bedford*

Russ Bedford, Regional Sales Manager—Great Lakes Region, has high praise for his daughter, Karen Ann. Karen recently graduated from Michigan State University with highest honors and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Also, she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, receiving her "Key" in May.

Prior to attending Michigan State University, Karen received her primary and secondary education in Canada where she also played and excelled in girl's ice hockey and soccer, playing on Ontario's All-Star teams in both sports. She attended Birmingham-Gross High School her last year graduating with high honors.

In July, Karen departed for Gabon, Africa where she will serve as a volunteer in the Peace Corps. She will teach English there for approximately two years.

## In Memoriam

On July 30, 1982, John Curran passed away after a long illness. John started with Amchem in April 1960 as a chemist in the Steel Group and worked his way into Marketing in 1974. He was Group Marketing Manager in charge of the Container, Coil Coating, Aerospace and Alumin Marketing Groups. He received his education at St. Joseph's College where he received a degree in Chemistry. He also did graduate work at Johns Hopkins University and Pace University.

John is survived by his wife, Patricia, and two daughters, Theresa and Patricia A.

Amchem will miss John not only for his contributions to Amchem but for his loyalty and friendliness.

## PICTORIAL POTPOURRI



After completing a four day seminar on Amchem products, these gentlemen take a little time to pose for this picture and relax. They represent Amchem's Marketing and Sales Group—Henkel South Africa and are Amchem's newest licensee. 1st row (L-R) Brian Glanville, Chief Chemist P-3 GU; Corrie Viljoen, General Manager-Sales; Karl Huppertz, Tech Services/Laboratory; 2nd row (L-R) Anton Bezuidenhout, Sales; Alf Purkiss, Sales; Roy Vaughan, Sales; Dods Smit, Marketing; Jacob Nkoagatse, Laboratory; Roger Trader, Sales; Robin Caithness, Laboratory.



Greg Gibson, Ernie Szoke, Dr. Dr. Viet Mueller-Hillebrand and the signing ceremonies between chem Products. Gene Snyder and (right) prepare to sign the L.I.C.I. is located in the United States. Amchem Products in the United States parts of Asia. Mr. Ness, until September, the head of I.C.I.'s Pre-treatment is part of their Paint Division. Ness will head I.C.I.'s Indonesian



This picture was taken during a recent Henkel KGaA Management Board Meeting. Pictured are (L-R) Dr. Hoist Sommer, Dr. Dieter Ambros, Mr. Walter Harich, Dr. Stefan Schultzdornburg, Dr. Helmut Sihler, Dr. Bruno Werdelmann, Dr. Hans-Otto Wieschermann, and Dr. Dieter Schelemmer. Not shown are Mr. Helmut Ochs and Dr. Walter Kolvenbach.



*Edie Young job well done*



Jack Price (C), Robert Koch (L), and Bill Jesson (R) carefully and securely hold the awards they received for their winning safety slogans.



Safety awards, Windsor, (L to R) Mark Fraser, Helen Budimir-Hussey, Jerry Sweryda, Carl Wil Scott.



Members of the Amchem's Manufacturing Department who have worked the last year (July-July) without a



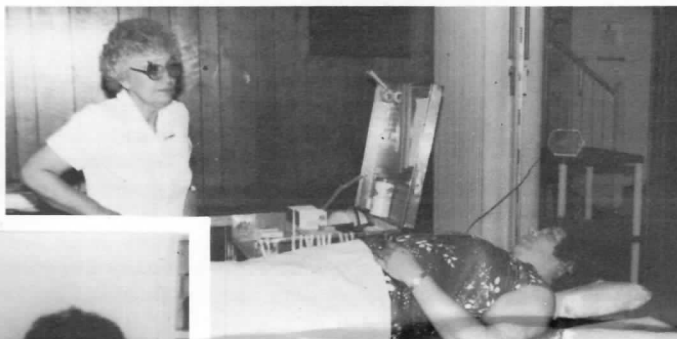
Frank Precopio, Bill Snyder attend I.C.I. and Amchem Morin Ness (sit-  
ingdom and sells ed Kingdom and tember, has been t Division, which n September, Mr. operations.



During the second Quality Assurance meeting (L-R) Frank Skiermont, Ed Rodzewich and Mike Murphy explain the more technical aspects of the Aluminum Container Industry and Amchem's major role in it.



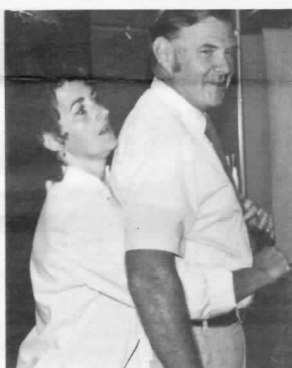
"I know I found my pulse somewhere along this area once before."



Jean Giampa (L), and Jill Wagner (R) relax as they donate a pint of blood.



and Tom Henley collect their reward for a



Sue Vigeant (L) demonstrates the proper usage of the "Obstructed Airway Procedure" on Win Person.

Celia Santoro (R) practices the procedure on Janet Bishop.



Brian Lebrun, on and Craig



ss time injury, collected their awards during a recent ceremony.

## PROMOTIONS

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accomplishments, points out proudly that she belonged to the first group of women Marines. She adds, that she spent 2½ years in the Marine Corp. during WW II. Mildred lists baking and reading as her hobbies.

### Patricia Daly

Congratulations go out to Pat on her promotion to Transportation Coordinator, effective in June. Pat attended St. Joseph's College where in 1978 she earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology. Immediately after graduation she treated herself to a two month backpacking trip through Europe. Soon after her trip, she

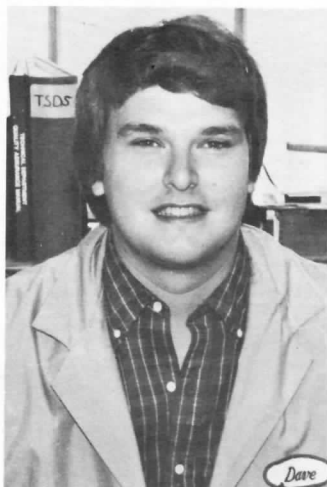


Patricia Daly

studied for and received her Real Estate license. Pat was selling Real Estate prior to starting her career at Amchem. She was hired by Amchem almost 3 years ago as a temporary administrative clerk in the Traffic Department and became a permanent employee soon after. A variety of outdoor activities fill Pat's free time, especially sports. She plays short-stop for a Women's Slow Pitch Team in Conshohocken during the summer months. Tennis, swimming and travel are also high on her list of enjoyable outdoor activities.

### David Wood

Soon after his graduation from Ursinus College in 1980, and a short period of employment with Union Carbide, Dave joined Amchem as a laboratory technician in the Autodeposition Group. Earlier this year, Dave was promoted to Associated Chemist in the Aluminum Group. Dave and



David Wood

his wife Sandy, live in the town of Collegeville, where he received his degree in chemistry. Dave's major outside interests are in the area of music, where he exhibits his talents as a guitarist and drummer. He presently plays both instruments while performing in a band called "The Guise." The group has already had some success cutting a record and is presently working on a new single. When not devoting his time to his wife, job or music, Dave finds some spare time to be active in his church.

### Gary Pochard

On June 21, Bonewitz Chemicals welcomed Mr. Gary Pochard to their Beverage Division. Mr. Pochard has been with Henkel P-3 Overseas Division for a year and with Henkel, France in the Food Sanitation business for 10 years. Gary is an expert in the Beverage Industry and will assist Bonewitz in building up this business in the United States.

## SAFETY SUNDRIES

### Safety Bingo

The Amchem Safety Bingo contest started in July 1 and was terminated on July 29. The winners were:

Letter S — Scottie Martin (Ambler-Lab Services)  
A — Kerry Alter (Burlington-Maintenance)  
F — Bob Meech (Warren-Adm)  
E — Carl Brown (Ambler-Receiving)  
T — Don McKeever (Ambler R&D)  
Y — Fred Schmidt (Sales-Western Region)

### Amchem Comes to the Aid of the Red Cross Again

In July, 87 Amchem employees took a trip to the Executive Dining Room and donated a pint of their blood to the Red Cross. Of the 87 who volunteered, 77 pints were received, a number that was 103% of our goal. Four new donors contributed during the Red Cross's last visit.

### Manufacturing Safety Awards

At the end of July, Amchem awarded the employees from the Ambler, Fremont and Windsor facilities who had successfully worked one year without a loss time injury. In Ambler alone there were 98 award winners.

See Pictorial Pot-Pourri Page.

### Safety Slogans

During April and May 1982 the Safety Department conducted a Company wide safety slogan contest the objective of which was to: (1) stimulate additional employee safety interest and participation; (2) procure slogans for use throughout the Company during the next year.

One hundred fifty persons submitted 575 entries. Twelve winners were selected and received prizes ranging from credit card size calculators to a portable T.V. All other participants received an Amchem key ring as a token of thanks for participating.

The contest winners were:

<b>1st Prize</b>	Jack Price Ambler Adm.	Safety is contagious—catch the bug.
<b>2nd Prize</b>	Robert Koch Ambler R&D	At Amchem locations nationwide, safety is a matter of Company pride.
<b>3rd Prize</b>	William Jesson Ambler-Lineguard	Driving? Have a belt for the road.
<b>4th through 12th</b>	Robert Godorecci Ambler-Mfg.	Safety is not for just a few, but for the whole darn crew.
	Denise Reeves Ambler-E.D.P.	Use safety gear throughout the year.
	Sandra Smedley Warren	Be patient today—not a patient tomorrow.
	Anthony Cook Sales N. Central	One minute of safety may save a "Lifetime" of misery.
	Helen Budimir-Hussey Windsor Mfg.	Look into the future—wear your safety glasses today.
	Joyce Kulp Bonewitz	Safety pays living wages.
	Ronald Moss Ambler-Mfg.	Be quick to speak—report any leak.
	Ed Musingo Ambler R&D	Safety is free, but pays high dividends.
	Kathleen Pine Fremont-Mfg.	Stop, look and listen before you cross the street; use your eyes, use your ears, and then use your feet.



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## E.R.A. SOFTBALL GAME

On Sunday, July 25, the E.R.A. sponsored a "mess around" softball game, held on the Amchem field. Some 40 players and spectators were present for the spectacle. The team, captained by Jayne Potcner, won the game by a 28-15 score (a real defensive battle it wasn't). The losing team, under the leadership of Patti Coull (wife of Kenny Coull and daughter of Gabe Mancini) held its optimism throughout the loss and could be heard mumbling at games end, "All we needed was two more touch-downs." Regardless of the outcome, a grand time was had by all!



Jayne Potcner hits a triple during one of the many rallies displayed by the winning team (Pitcher—Gabe Mancini, Catcher—"B" Castner).



Gabe Mancini (Center) pitches a strong game in a losing cause.



"B" Castner gives a hitting clinic as the class watches intensely. The catcher (her husband) is her brightest student.



Dave Craig gives a mighty swing as Kenny Coull catches.



The infield watches in awe as Tom Day prepares to field a grounder.



Bill Soliday (back to camera) tries to sneak a fast ball past Lee Halterman (at bat) with no success.



Elwood Gant enjoys the game from his deluxe reserved seat.



The crowd enjoyed the game, and the beer.

## FRIENDLY FELINE FOUND

In late July, Bob Murray, of the maintenance department, heard strange cries for help from behind Building 18. On further investigation Bob discovered an abandoned kitten approximately 3-4 weeks old. Bob donated the kitten to the Employee Relations Department in hopes that they could find it a permanent home. This lovable kitten soon had plenty of adoring nurse maids but no owner. The kitten was called by several names such as Am-Cat, Fluffy, Fido and other more descriptive names when it was found underfoot. The kitten interviewed several prospective owners but could not find the perfect owner to adopt. The first family considered had two dogs that, in the kitten's opinion, made it unhealthy to accept their offer. Another family already had a grown cat that did not make the kitten's presence welcomed. One night, when camping out in the guard's house, the kitten met a lady who appeared to be perfect, and decided to try her out as an owner on a probationary trial basis. Now, all that is left from the kitten's visit is an empty wicker basket where the kitten took its leisurely naps.



This furry visitor in Personnel struggles to follow in the footsteps of Bob Kahn.



After browsing through the local paper, the visitor would climb up into its temporary penthouse and nap.

## AMCHEM SCHOLARSHIP AWARD ANNOUNCED



Debra Yarrington (C) is awarded the Amchem Scholarship for "1982" by Gene Snyder as her proud father Bob, watches.

In a letter dated June 21, Miss Debra Yarrington was notified that she was the recipient of the 1982 Amchem Scholarship. This scholarship, of \$750 a year, is awarded to a graduating high school son or daughter of an Amchem employee who achieves the highest combined SAT score.

Debra is the daughter of Robert Yarrington, a research chemist in Amchem's Research and Development Department. Debra, a graduate of Wissahickon High School, will major in physical therapy at the University of Delaware in the fall.



Gene Mendlow (C) receives his 30 year service award from Dwight Buczkowski (L) and Greg Gibson (R). (Marketing)



Bob Meech (R) receives a hearty handshake from Bob Couch (L) for 30 years of service. (Warren)



Robert Applegate (C) receives his 30 year award from Ray Collmer (L) as Janis Lapacis (R) observes. (Mfg.)



Gene Snyder (L) and Ed Krueger (R) congratulate Henry Sansom (C) for 25 years of service. (Sales)



Veit Mueller-Hillebrand (R) awards Rich Montella (L) for 20 years of service. (Int'l.)



Maxine McCleary (R) is given her 20 year service award by Les Steinbrecher. (Research)



Tony Macri (L) receives congratulations from Ed Krueger for 15 years of service. (Sales)



Clyde Roberts (R) congratulates Bill Tomlinson for 15 years of service. (Data Processing)

## CONGRATULATIONS

These are the men and women of Amchem who have received Service Awards from June 1, 1982 through July 31, 1982.

★	30 YEARS	★
Eugene Mendlow	Robert Meech	Robert Applegate
★	25 YEARS	★
	Henry Sansom	
★	20 YEARS	★
	Richard Montella	Maxine McCleary
★	15 YEARS	★
Anthony Macri	Donna Day	George Siglin
William Tomlinson	Thomas Kapushinski	
★	10 YEARS	★
Kenneth Haldeman	Carl Wilson	Gary Every
	Warren Gant	
★	5 YEARS	★
Barbara Gardocki	Frances Ogden	Roger Hakeem
G. J. Harsma	George Grienko	Lothar Sander
	Louis Beers	Rex Dwars



George Siglin (R) holds his 15 year award as Norm Bracht offers his congratulations. (Mfg.)



John Heckler (R) gives Tom Kapushinski his 15 year service award in Janis Lapacis (L) presence. (Mfg.)



Jim Hall (R) congratulates Chuck Haldeman for 10 years of service. (Mfg.)



Elwood Gant (L) receives his 10 year service award from Gabe Mancini. (Office Services)



Jim Hall gives Gary Every (L) his 10 year service award. (Mfg.)



Jerry Sweryda (L) presenting 10 year service award to Carl Wilson. (Windsor)



Fran Ogden  
5 years Financial



Roger Hakeem  
5 years Warren



George Grinenko  
5 years Data Processing



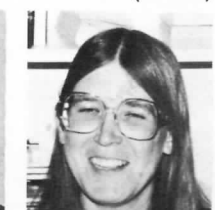
Lothar Sander  
5 years Research



Louis Beers  
5 years Sales



Rex Dwars  
5 years Sales



Barb Gardocki  
5 years Environmental