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Former RRU Men Set Up in Minneapolis

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in the other firms, or has been instrumental in helping these firms get set up. In other words it is a mass interlocking picture which has developed here.

Newest firm to be founded is Precious Metal Platers Co., 5504 Beard Avenue South, an electroplating business. Owner is Cort G. Platt, a chemical engineer who resigned effective Aug. 1 as production engineer in printed circuits department of Remington Rand Univac.

He held this latter post a year and one-half, and previously was with Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co. two years, and before that seven years with Northwest Airlines.

For the present, Mr. Platt will operate the business from his home at the above address.

Mr. Platt also confirmed he is interested in another firm, Nu-Line Printed Circuits, Inc., 907 Portland Avenue, which manufactures and designs printed circuits and also does consulting work. Mr. Platt is secretary of this firm. There are six employees but expansion plans are now being made to relocate due to growth of the firm.

Other officers in Nu-Line Corp. are Arden Vanhorssen, president; M. Mickelson, vice-president (he

was research engineer at RRU four years in the printed circuit department; Roger Brown, treasurer. Anthony S. Legun, production manager, is a chemical engineer who also worked with Messrs. Mickelson and Platt when they were all together at RRU.

He resigned as a research engineer at RRU on May 1.

Mr. Vanhorssen, a mechanical engineer, was, at one time, at Louis F. Bow Co., St. Paul, in charge of metal plating; later he was with Industrial Tool & Die Co. which was later sold to Argus Corp. of Michigan.

Mr. Vanhorssen also heads up some other firms including Nu-Line Industries, a holding company which he organized six years ago with his retired father Charles Vanhorssen and Roger Brown.

Nu-Line Screw Products Corp. at 1011 South Fifth Street, one of the Nu-Line Industries group, manufactures precision instruments piece parts for electronic, aircraft, automatic energy fields and assemblies. It is owned and operated by Mr. Vanhorssen and Mr. Brown, president and treasurer respectively, and Charles Vanhorssen, vice-president. This firm employs 40 persons.

Then Mr. Vanhorssen heads up another firm independently, Clarus, Inc., 725 Second Avenue North, which is engaged in similar work of precision instruments employing 11 persons.

Messrs. Mickelson, Platt and Vanhorssen verified that in setting up Nu-Line Circuits Corp. as a firm, that the holding company, Nu-Line Industries, Inc., owns equal shares with Mr. Platt and

Mr. Mickelson. The firm is set up with \$50,000 capitalization. To date only 660 shares at \$10 par value have been sold out of the 5,000 shares.

Mr. Mickelson also owns and operates a firm of his own, Fabrik-Tek Co., 1907 Morgan Avenue. This firm assembles ferrite core memory planes for computers, electronic equipment or wherever memory planes are used. Mr. Mickelson said that before Sept. 1, the business will be relocated at 4141 Minnehaha Avenue South due to expansion. Clarence Enneking, an electronic technician, who worked with Mr. Mickelson at RRU for two years will become the new production manager. Mr. Enneking resigned from RRU Thursday.

It is confirmed that all these new firms and others which may be formed are independent of each other, covering different segments of business or manufacturing. Yet, it is understood, that, based on past association and personal friendship developed while working at RRU, these individuals and firms will aid each other without overlapping or duplicating to make them competitive.

John Cihunka, Jr., who was a maintenance engineer at Remington Rand Univac until about a month ago is setting up a new industrial safety equipment business to be known as Northern Safety Equipment Co. Headquarters of the firm are still to be established, he said. Mr. Cihunka will be in partnership with Robert Carey, and Orville Minette, Des Moines, Ia. These two men own a similar firm there, the Iowa Safety Equipment Co.

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primarily research and development work in the fields of data processing, instrumentation, controls, and other areas related to automation.

Mr. Norris, who directed a number of important electronics developments for the Navy during World War II was one of the group of men who organized Engineering Research Associates, Inc., St. Paul in 1946.

Many Techniques

This company became a principal in the field of electronic high speed digital computers, originating many of the most successful techniques and systems in the industry. In 1952 when ERA was purchased by Remington Rand, Inc., of South Norwalk, Conn., there were 1,500 employees. All officers of the firm, including Mr. Norris, joined Remington Rand. The purchase price was not disclosed but a stock exchange — three and a fraction shares of ERA for one share of Remington Rand Univac resulted.

Mr. Norris was then named a vice-president of Remington Rand Univac and placed in charge of the firm's activities here, a position he held until his resignation about a month ago.

Temporary Address

A spokesman for the company said "the temporary headquarters for Control Data have been leased in the McGill Building at 501 Park Avenue for product development, engineering activity and administration.

Willis K. Drake will be director of marketing. He formerly was assistant to the general sales manager of the Univac Division. He will also handle public relations in conjunction with Allan J. Wash, public relations director for Kerker, Peterson, Hixon Hayes, Inc., at 2855 Park Avenue, an advertising and public relations firm.

600,000 Sold

Of the 2 million shares of common stock at 50 cents par value, it is known and confirmed that 600,000 shares have been sold. That was the total amount of stock which has been authorized for sale to date. It was not handled by regular brokerage firms, but was reportedly sold by Mr. Ryden. It was sold on the street at \$1 a share and was immediately snapped up.

Some reports of a financial "angel" linking Pillsbury Mills money into the deal were denied.

A spokesman at Control Data Corp. frankly denied the need of financial backing, indicating when and if such need arises, public stock sales would be the more likely pattern to take.

Control Data expects to employ between 50 and 100 within the next six or seven months, production to start within a reasonable time.