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CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 7--Friends and associates of the late Dr. Edward R. Sharp, former director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Lewis Research Center here, will attend the dedication of the Edward R. Sharp Medical Library next week at Southwest Community Hospital in Berea.

The dedication will take place on Wednesday, June 12, preceded by a luncheon to be attended by many of Dr. Sharp's associates and friends.

The new library is to be used in the training and instruction of medical technologists at the hospital.

Dr. Alfred B. Bonds, president of Baldwin-Wallace College, will address the dedication. Other guests will include Dr. Abe Silverstein, Lewis director and former associate director of the laboratory under Dr. Sharp; John F. Koepple, president of the hospital board; and Dr. Francis Bayliss, chief pathologist at the hospital.

Dr. Sharp, who died in 1961 after nearly 45 years service to the nation, had a distinguished career with the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, which became the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in 1958. He was instrumental in establishing the Ames Research Center in California and the Lewis Research Center in Cleveland and directed important World War II and postwar aeronautical and space research at the Cleveland facility.

Dr. Sharp retired from government service in 1961 and shortly thereafter was named Director Emeritus of Lewis.

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Dr. Sharp joined the NACA in 1922 at the Langley Aeronautical Laboratory in Virginia. Prior to that he served with the U. S. Navy from 1914 to 1919, retiring from the Naval Reserve in 1941. He was admitted to the State of Virginia Bar in 1924.

During more than four decades of service to the U. S. , Dr. Sharp received many awards and honors. In 1947 he received the U. S. Medal for Merit; in 1948 he was awarded an honorary doctorate of science degree by Case Institute of Technology; in 1958 the Distinguished Service Award from Cleveland Technical Societies Council; doctor of engineering degree from Fenn College in 1958; and in 1961 he received NASA's Medal for Outstanding Leadership.

Dr. Sharp was renowned internationally for his work and association with aeronautical research. He frequently represented the U. S. at professional meetings in many European countries.

He was active in Cleveland affairs, serving the American Red Cross, Community Fund, Chamber of Commerce, Mayor's Airport and Harbor Commission, and advisory councils of Case Institute of Technology, Western Reserve University and Baldwin-Wallace College.

Members of the Sharp family expected to attend the dedication include Mrs. Sharp, who resides in Lakewood; and two sons, Robert, also of Lakewood, and Edward, who resides with his wife in New York; and a daughter, Mrs. John R. Benninghove of North Olmsted, Ohio.

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