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George Cobham, Director, EEO/AA and Minority Development Programs for Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Inc., at Oak Ridge, conducted a workshop for division representatives on Oct. 13 at the Portsmouth Plant. Participants included (front row) Chip Walder, Theresa Wright, Carol Snively, Wayne McLaughlin, (back row) Cobham, Sharon Williams, Wray Jordan and Keith Lewis.

## Division reps selected

### Equal employment opportunity, affirmative action reinforced

To assure that the Portsmouth Plant remains committed to providing equal employment opportunities for all applicants and employees, Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative (EEO/AA) representation has been restructured to help provide for greater divisional success.

EEO assures that there is no discrimination in any term or condition of employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, and age.

AA takes positive steps to employ and promote women, minorities, handicapped individuals and Vietnam-era and disabled veterans.

EEO/AA is each manager's objective, and divisional representatives work closely with his or her respective manager to audit and enhance division progress.

Those serving as divisional representatives are Connie Eckhart, Theresa Wright, Keith Lewis, Paul Forsyth, Regina Rapp, Carol Snively, Wray Jordan, Eric Picciano, Chuck Crabtree, and Chip Walder. They report in their EEO/AA responsibilities to Sharon Williams, Employee Systems Coordinator for the Portsmouth plant.

Representatives are available to hear divisional EEO/AA complaints and assure possible resolutions. They are also responsible for monthly progress reports and for representing their divisions at the quarterly EEO/AA meetings.

George Cobham, Director, EEO/AA and Minority Development Programs for Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Inc., visited plantsite October 13-14 to

conduct a workshop that assisted divisional representatives in better understanding of pertinent EEO/AA regulations and guidelines and the corporate policy.

An Ad Hoc Committee has been formed to interface with community organizations. Those serving on this committee are Wayne McLaughlin (chairman), Williams, Richard Grant, Shirley Couser, Judy Turner, Josie Jordan, and Romaine Newsome.

## Retirees

Robert R. Skaggs, Lucasville, Chemical Operator, effective Oct. 1 after more than 33 years of service.

Donald Reeves, Portsmouth, Converter Maintenance, effective Oct. 1 after more than 33 years of service.

John C. Jones, Huntsville, Ala., Engineer, Sr., effective Oct. 1 after more than 10 years of service.

Ralph H. Morris, Chillicothe, Maintenance Mechanic, effective Oct. 1 after more than 8 years of service.

James F. Blair, Lucasville, Materials, effective Oct. 1 after more than 12 years of service.

John W. Stinchcomb, Bainbridge, Maintenance Mechanic 1/C, effective Nov. 1, after 13 years of service.

Delbert A. Detillion, Waverly, Inventory Clerk II, effective Nov. 1 after more than 30 years of service.

Despite the cold, blustery weather, about 300 employees and family members participated in the 5K Fitness Fun Run, a one-mile run and the non-competitive 5K walk on Saturday, Oct. 3. Pictured are some of those who opted to walk.

## Cold, rain don't stop fun run

A brisk fall day, with temperatures at the edge of those of winter, didn't stop more than 300 employees and family members of Martin Marietta Energy Systems from completing their first annual "Fitness Fun Run" on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 3.

Three events were conducted on part of the plant's scenic seven-mile perimeter road.

The main event was a five-kilometer run. Two other events were a one-mile run and a non-competitive 5K walk.

The Employee Activities Committee planned and coordinated the run, which was officially measured and timed. Activities were open to employees, spouses and children.

The events started at the former DOE Administration Building (XT-800), which was the scene of awards presentations following the runs.

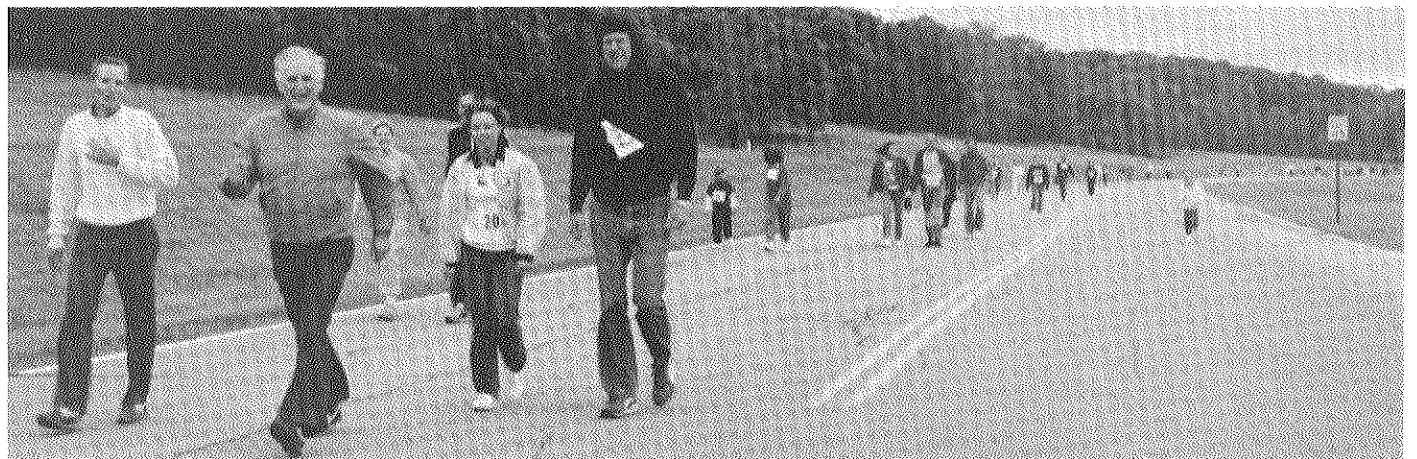
Family members won both categories of the 5K run. Keith Richardson, son of Floyd Richardson, Materials (D-332), won the men's category with a time of 18:31. Runner-up was Delmar Scowden, Laborer (D-727), with a time of 18:49. Finishing third was Marty Redden (D-102), with a time of 19:09.

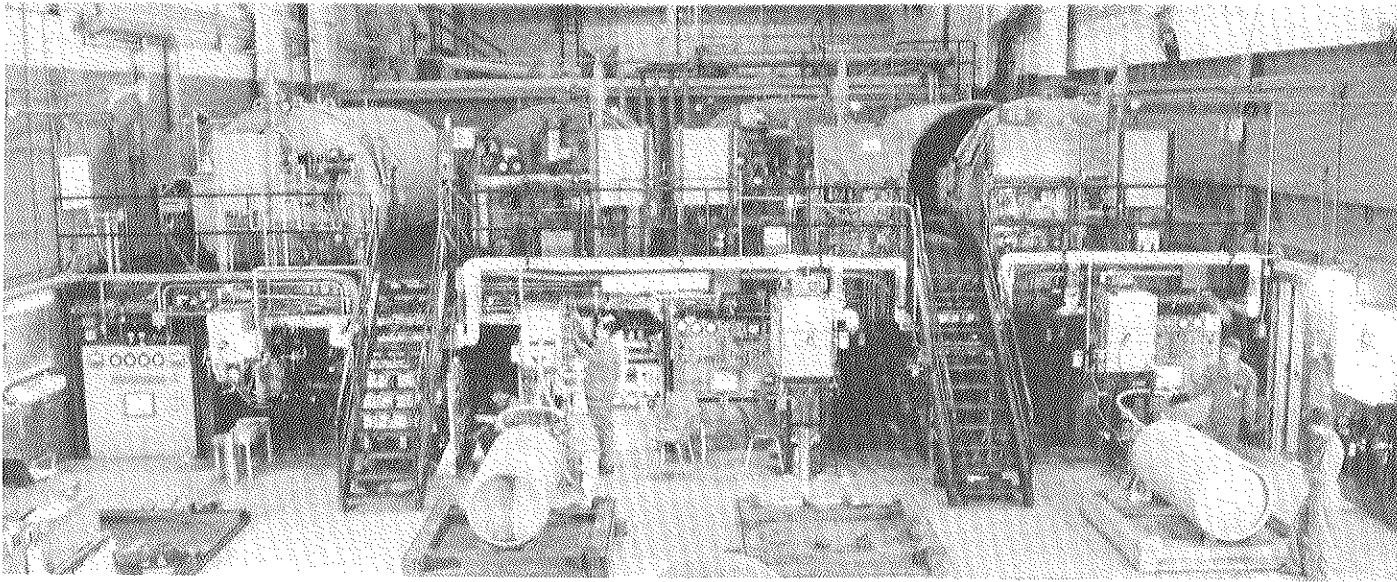
Monique Lemmon, daughter of Bill

Lemmon, Production Division Manager (D-801), won the women's category with a time of 22:18. Runner-up was Mary Ann Rapp, Programmer, Staff (D-447) with a time of 25:46. Finishing third was Peggy Karr (D-951) with a time of 25:47.

The Employee Activities Committee awarded prizes to first and second place male and female runners in each of several age groups. The committee also provided a T-shirt and refreshments for each participant.

Activities committee members responsible for the race were Connie Eckhart (chairman), Shirley Walter, Ron Mount, Barry Carlson and John Gedeon, EAC Coordinator.





### Toll enrichment shipments highest ever

The volume of shipments of enriched uranium from the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant during fiscal 1987 was the largest ever accomplished. Total product delivered had a separative work value of 10.37

million SWUs. This surpassed the record of 9.05 million SWUs shipped in fiscal 1986. All plant departments deserve congratulations for their role in completing this volume of shipment.

## Corporate scholarship forms available

Forms are now available for high school seniors to apply for Martin Marietta Corporation Foundation scholarships. Sons and daughters of active employees are eligible.

Scholarship grants are remitted directly to the college of the appointee's choice. Grants are renewable annually for three years if the scholar maintains a satisfactory level of accomplishment. Candidates for scholarships should make applications to the regionally accredited colleges or universities of their choice as early as possible; academic records must qualify the applicants for unconditional admission.

There are two parts to the application forms. The first is the Scholarship Application, which the applicant completes and forwards directly to the Scholarship Selection Committee of the Martin Marietta Corporation Foundation in Bethesda, Maryland.

Simultaneously, the applicant will submit a "Request for Secondary School Information" form to his or her school principal, headmaster or guidance counselor to initiate action toward providing the Selection Committee with required academic records, test scores, counselor's report, etc.

Applications and all supporting evidence must be in the hands of the Foundation's Scholarship Committee in Bethesda, by February 1, 1988.

Forms are available at Portsmouth in the Public Relations Department, X-100 Building, M/S 1118/A.

All applicants are expected to complete the American College Test (ACT) battery or the College Entrance Examination Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) no later than December of their senior year.

Applicants also must request letters of recommendation from three persons who are not employees of the Martin Marietta Corporation.

### General Promotions

Charolette L. Bailey has been promoted to Foreman, Uranium Materials Handling (D-829). She reports to E. V. Clarke Jr., Supervisor, Uranium Handling.

Sharon K. Sexton has been promoted to Foreman, Utilities Operations (D-802). She reports to Reed H. Walters, Supervisor, Process Area.

Dennis E. Massey Jr. has been promoted to Foreman, Uranium Materials Handling (D-829). He reports to E. V. Clarke Jr., Supervisor, Uranium Handling.

Marvin R. Adkins and Daniel L. Wilburn have been promoted to Assistant Cascade Coordinator (D-817). They report to Charles J. Slater, Acting Supervisor, Cascade Coordination, X-300 Plant Control Facility.

Norman R. Anderson has been promoted to General Foreman, Process Area (D-811). He reports to Jules E. Ratliff, Acting Supervisor, Process Area.

## Obituaries

Eileen LeGrand, 43, Oak Hill, Oct. 19. Wife of Don LeGrand (D-476).

Paul M. Young, 65, Seaman, Sept. 24. Young was a Technologist, Technical Division, Staff (D-524) at the time of his retirement in July 1985.

Mary G. Clark, Dunbar, W. Va., Sept. 15. Mother of B. J. Clark (D-540).

David M. Hopper, Massieville, Sept. 12. Hopper was a Power Operator (D-831).

## Clean air group looks at policy for tobacco use

To assure that employees of the Portsmouth plant are working in a safe and healthier environment, a Clean Air Committee has been formed.

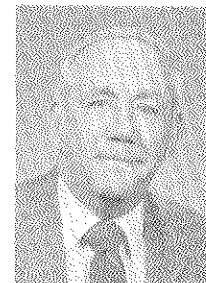
Studies have shown that almost one-third of the deaths related to lung cancer is caused by breathing cigarette smoke in the workplace. Smoke in a typical office environment, with average occupancy and ventilation, increases the risk of cancer to the non-smoking employees from 250 to 1,000 times the allowable federal guidelines for carcinogens in air, water, or food.

The committee developed a plan that accommodates smoking only in areas where effective control of smoke is feasible and healthful working conditions can be maintained. This plan will be implemented on January 1, 1988.

Building custodians have determined "smoking" areas based on adequate airflow needed to eliminate the health hazards of side-stream smoke, and will post signs accordingly.

This plan is supported by union officials and management.

Serving on the committee are Dave Dautel (chairman), Bill Fields, Dale Gillette, Sandy Graves, Jack Hehl, Karen Hollback, Dr. Otis Jones, Don Ray, Bob Roe, Roscoe Royster, and Jane Johnson.



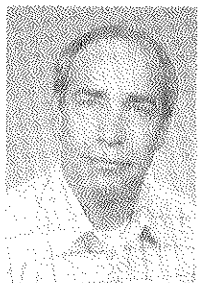
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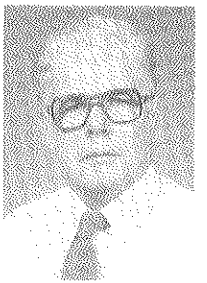
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Massey



Wilburn



Anderson

### Run winners reap rewards

Some of those who received medallions for placing in their respective age groups gathered for a photograph following the first "Fitness Fun Run" on Saturday, Oct. 3. The location was the scenic perimeter road at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant. The event was sponsored by the Employee Activities Committee (EAC).



## Fire Department has special training, open house activities

Two recent major activities of the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant's Fire Department had the purpose of providing additional squad training and making site employees aware of their equipment and capabilities.

Firefighters conducted extensive live fire extinguishment training on September 14, 21, 28, and October 2 in the parking lot west of XT-847.

During each of the training sessions, firefighters set a 15 x 20 foot area of untreated wooden pallets ablaze to test their firefighting techniques.

Crews in full turn-out gear responded with a pumper, an ambulance, and a heavy rescue truck, the equipment used in any type of site emergency.

Responding firemen used attack lines that provided a minimum of 180 gallons of water per minute.

Stand-by crews were available with a pumper, supply line, and a "charged attack line to insure the safety of the firemen participating in the exercise and to provide optimum plant coverage should a real emergency occur.

According to Jack Harbert, training officer, no two practice fires were alike, the same as with real situations.

"Each response brings a new challenge and a new learning experience to our crews," Harbert stated. "The use of fire helped put realism into our training package."

A minimum of six employees from the site Fire Department respond to any emergency at the plant.

The department has mutual aid agreements with Pike and Scioto counties. There are 35 employees in the department, which is under the supervision of Jim Boyce.

Employees learned about the importance of fire safety and the duties of the department through an "Open House" conducted during National Fire Prevention Week October 5-9.

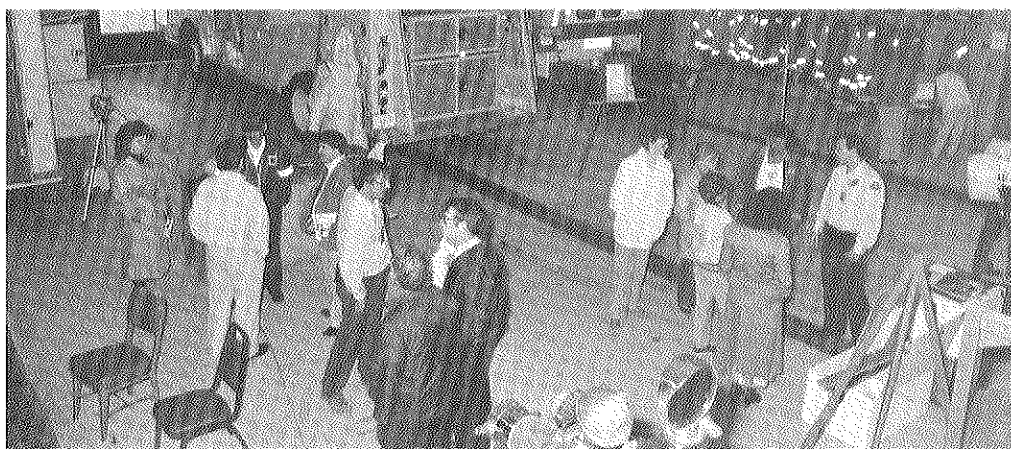
A guided tour of the fire station, displays of fire and rescue equipment, and practical hands-on experience were available to 170 attending.

Those who desired could dress in fire gear and experience the challenges associated with water pressures. The deluge gun, which is used on large structural fires, uses 1,250 gallons of water per minute. A foam nozzle attached to a 2½ inch line had pressure of 95 gallons per minute.

The department plans to make this an annual event.



Debra D. Hannah, Clerk IV (D-334) gained hands-on experience in firefighting techniques by operating the Portsmouth Fire Department's deluge gun, which is capable of delivering 1,250 gallons of water per minute.



Her experience was part of the Fire Department's Open House conducted during National Fire Prevention Week Oct. 5-9.

Almost 200 employees received a guided tour of the plant Fire Station during the Open House activity.

## New Arrivals

Daughter, Keisa Nicole, July 29, to David (D-911) and Karen (D-446) Davis.

Son, Brad Anthony, Sept. 9, to Tony (D-712) and Robin Proffit.

Daughter, Fatimah, Sept. 15 to Salah (D-623) and Wejdan Darwish.

Daughter, Mickelle Dawn, Oct. 15, to Randy (D-811) and Carolyn Cooper.



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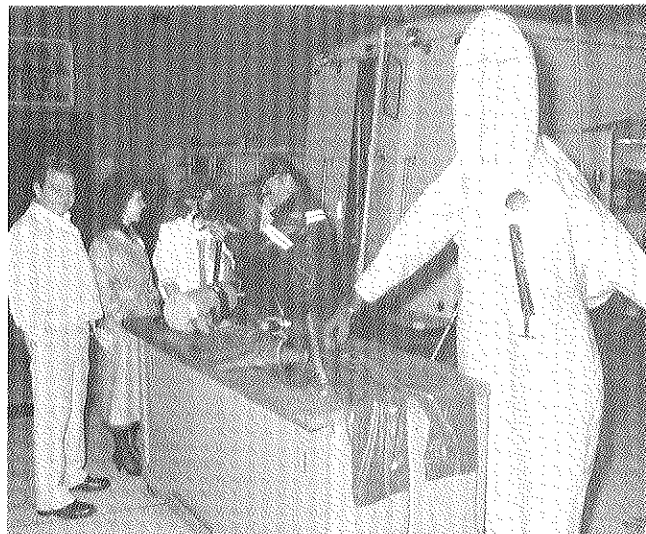
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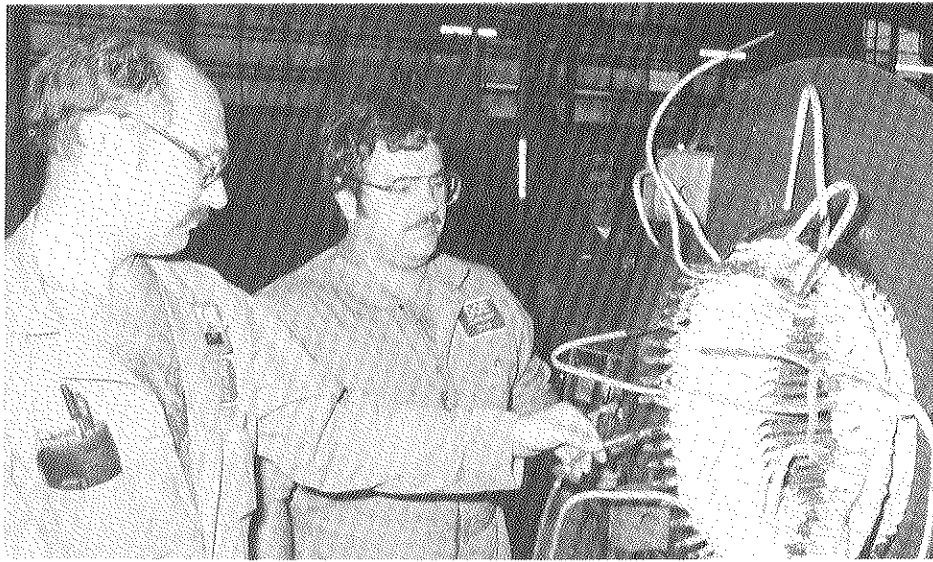
Various pieces of fire and rescue equipment were displayed, including a one-piece impermeable suit used when firefighters enter corrosive atmospheres.

## SERVICE MILESTONES

Seven employees reach the 20-year service milestone in October. They are Gregory L. Barch, William L. French, Ralph D. White, James L. Whitt, Ralph E. Poetker, Robert F. Hoover and John P. Rosenzweig.

Five employees reach the 15-year mark: Robert N. Humphreys, Timothy K. Burton, Wilmar C. "Clint" Maynard, Floyd E. Stephenson and Charlie Sims Jr.

Employees with 10 years of service are Linda C. Baldwin, Patrick E. Miller, Scott E. Cottrill, Bryan E. Miller, Ronald F. Stone, Damon W. Crabtree, Paul A. Brogdon, Donald E. Carter, William E. Young, Clarence A. Johnson, James V. Gardner, Merrill D. Allen, Stewart D. Shoemaker Jr., Melvin L. Ramey, Gary G. Pinkerman, Paul E. West, Philip A. Anderson and Debra D. Hannah.



**Motor rewinding project concludes**

Electricians Michael E. Park and Stanley W. Ingham perform rewinding work to complete a project which involved the removal, rewinding and re-installation of 585 process motors in the X-326 Building. The special project, started in June 1985, required the renovation of 579 motors and the installation of felt seals in 102 additional motors to prevent oil leaks. Training for Quality Control inspectors and electricians for winding motors consisted of two weeks of on-the-job training and one week of classroom study. Photographed are some of the other electricians and the project engineer along with QA/QC and supervisory personnel who were involved. They are (front row) David H. Carver, Eugene Wilburn, Donald E. Barnett, (second row) Garland R. Ison, Roger R. Hess, James R. Davis, Mark A. Sullivan, Robert P. Minton, Lester D. Helmick, (third row) Richard L. Duffey, Joseph J. Schneider, Glenn A. Schultz, Paul L. Dutcher, Steven W. May, Roger L. Gahm, Carl E. Garrison, Paul E. Horsley, Robert F. Days, Thomas D. Caldwell, Gerald S. DeArmond, John T. Petry, (back row) Jerry D. Speakman, Charles R. Taylor, Joe E. Page Jr., James R. Sizemore, Allen Williams Jr., Ronnie E. Stone, Johnnie R. Brewer and James H. Kinker.

**Best zone award to DeVito, Bush**

Following the first set of Plant Appearance Program Inspections conducted Sept. 8-9, Plant Manager Ralph Donnelly (left) presented Vince DeVito and Bob Bush, chairmen of Zone B, with the Ace "Number 1" Award for having the zone most in compliance with plant appearance objectives.



**RECREATION CORNER**

★ The 1987 Employees' Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, Dec. 6, at Waverly High School from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. Santa Claus and five of his costumed helpers will arrive by fire truck with a gift for each child up to 12 years in age. Entertainment will include several magicians and choral music. Christmas snacks and treats for young and old will abound. Volunteers are needed and appreciated. Please contact Doug Fogel, extension 2834, or John Gedeon, extension 2457, if interested.

**Some succeed via smoking clinics**

Self-worth has much to do with breaking the smoking habit.

During September, the Medical Department and volunteers from the Seventh Day Adventist Church conducted a Breathe-Free Clinic for employees at the Portsmouth plant to achieve freedom from the smoking habit.

Average attendance for the eight-day session was 48.

Twenty-eight employees quit smoking for more than five days.

Larry Mays, a counselor, reported that the program at the plant was very

successful and was pleased with the number who kicked the smoking habit.

"As counselors, we can only assist in their decision to quit," Mays stated.

Two attendees of the clinic were Peggy Karr, D-951, and Doug Scott, D-552.

Karr attended the clinic due to finances. After reviewing her budget, membership in the health club "won out" over cigarettes.

"I really appreciate the company's help," stated Karr.

Scott Previously lost his father (who was also a smoker) to cancer and decided that he should quit the smoking habit. Scott had "quit" several times on his own over a 20-year period, but needed the reinforcement of others to be free from smoke. "Now when all else goes wrong, I can still say I did not smoke," Scott said.

The September Breathe-Free clinic is not officially over. Counselors will maintain contact with the attendees on a quarterly basis to check on their progress.

"Certificates of achievement do not truly measure the accomplishment of these attendees," Mays stated, "and for those smokers who need encouragement, the urge will pass — one step at a time."

**Progressions & Promotions**

Brent R. McGinnis, from Technical Assistant II to Technical Assistant III (D-513).

Melody L. Channell, from IHHP Surveyor to IHHP Surveyor III (D-102).

Roger G. McRoberts, from Drafter II to Designer (D-621).

Eva G. Howard, from Mail Clerk (D-451) to Personnel Clerk (D-212).

Angela J. Strickland, from Technical Assistant III (D-511) to Administrative Specialist (D-010).

Jeanne M. Galford, from Personnel Clerk II (D-212) to Clerk IV (D-221).

Sharon J. Grooms, from Technical Assistant III (D-511) to Industrial Relations Staff I (D-221).

Patricia J. Cramer, from Clerk I (D-951) to Secretary II (D-910).

James S. Kidder, from Electronic Mechanic 1/C (D-713) to Systems Programmer (D-446).

Marty R. Kelley, from Technical Assistant II to Technical Assistant III (D-513).

Douglas P. Trout, from Police Sergeant (D-911) to Administrative Specialist (D-903).

Georgenne B. Marr, from Clerk I (D-111) to Personnel Clerk (D-212).

David L. Blanton, from Maintenance Tech., Staff, to Maintenance Tech., Sr. (D-713).

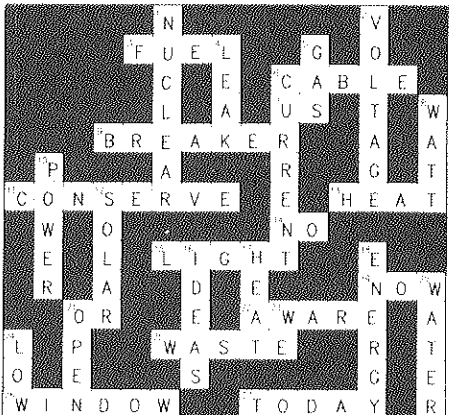
Sandra L. Fout, from Scientist, Staff (D-532) to Engineer, Sr. (D-631).

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