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Full-scale emergency exercise to include plant, county, state

Planning is under way at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant for "Emergency Teamwork '88" — an exercise scheduled for Saturday, July 23, to test the coordinated emergency response capabilities of Energy Systems, the U.S. Department of Energy, the Pike County Disaster Services Agency and response squads, and the State of Ohio.

"Teamwork '88" is a joint training effort of these organizations designed to enhance the effectiveness of emergency response in the unlikely event of a major release of hazardous materials which could effect the surrounding community.

At least 400 participants are becoming involved in Teamwork '88, which will in-

volve activation of Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) for Pike County, DOE-ORO and the Portsmouth facility; use of the public warning siren system and Emergency Broadcast Systems; operation of rescue equipment such as ambulances and fire trucks; and the establishment of a Joint Public Information Center (JPIC).

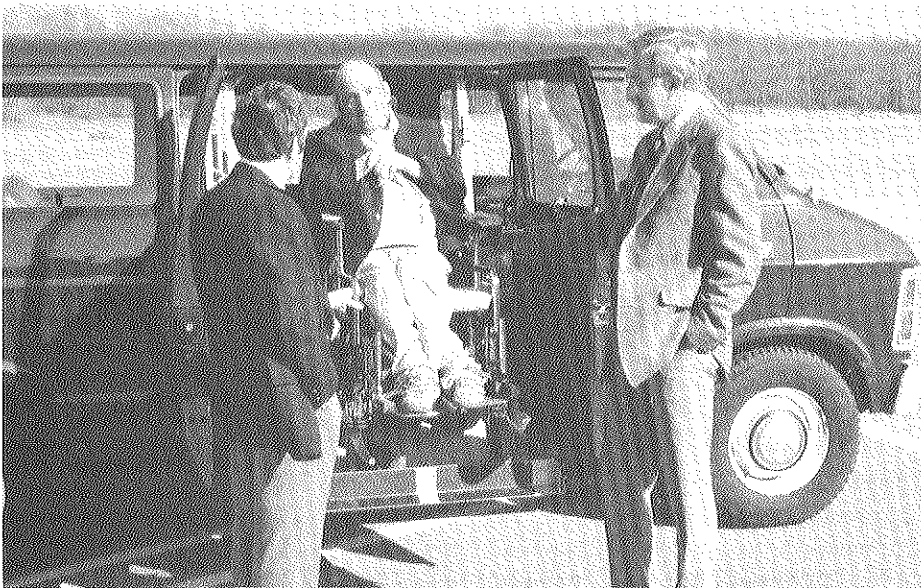
Planning and preparation for Emergency Teamwork '88 began in December 1987 with the establishment of an Advisory Committee comprised of representatives from the involved agencies. The goal of the committee is to prepare for the most extensive emergency preparedness exercise ever conducted at the Portsmouth plant.

To help promote the emergency response capabilities of all involved with the exercise, comprehensive training will be conducted prior to July 23.

Teamwork '88 is scheduled between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., and will be followed by a critique on its outcome for residents, employees and the news media.

Update beneficiaries!

It is important that employees maintain a current beneficiary status for the various benefit plans. If you wish to verify or change your designated beneficiary, please contact the Insurance Section on extension 2918.



Corporation funds Good Shepherd project

Gary Zieve, one of the handicapped residents of Good Shepherd Manor, a home and care center for mentally retarded and developmentally disabled adult males in southern Pike County, came to the plant in March to demonstrate for Ralph Donnelly, Plant Manager, a wheelchair lift recently installed on the center's van. The lift enables Gary and other wheelchair-bound residents to be comfortably transported on field trips and elsewhere. The equipment was purchased and installed with a \$4,000 gift from Martin Marietta. At left is Norm Tremblay, director of Good Shepherd Manor.



Let's do this again! These employees and family members, ready at the starting line for last October's first Fitness Fun Run at the Portsmouth plant, will be expected to return along with new participants for the second run, now scheduled for April 30. Plant employees, retirees, spouses, dependent children and grandchildren are eligible to participate.

Second perimeter road run being planned for April 30

The next race is about to start.

The 2nd Annual Martin Marietta Energy Systems "Fitness Fun Run" at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant will take place on Saturday morning, April 30.

The Employee Activities Committee (EAC) conducted the first event of this type last October, when more than 300 employees and family members braved inclement weather to come to the plant to run or walk in one of the three events.

Race Director Connie Eckhart is heralding the activity as a family event for people of all ages. "There is something for everyone," she said.

The events will include a 5K competitive race with first, second and third place awards for men and women. The race course starts at the former DOE Building near the intersection of the Perimeter Road with the South Access Road and follows a portion of the Perimeter Road.

If you don't want to run, but are still looking for a little exercise and fun, the agenda includes a non-competitive 5K walk and a one-mile non-competitive run.

"The race is for the serious competitors, and the walk and the short run are for people who just want to get together with family and friends for a good time," said Shirley Walter, EAC and Race Committee member.

All employees, retirees, spouses, dependent children and grandchildren are eligible to participate. The cost is a bargain at only \$2 per person.

All race and walk participants will receive a special commemorative T-shirt. In addition, door prizes, special souvenirs, refreshments and possibly entertainment will be available.

Employees and retirees have been receiving details and entry forms through various media. Those who registered before the first deadline of April 18 will receive a T-shirt on race day," stated John Gedeon, EAC coordinator.

However, registration continues through the morning of the race. Registrants after April 18 will receive a T-shirt at a later date.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. on the morning of April 30. Race instructions will be provided at 9:45 a.m. The 5K Competitive Run and 5K Noncompetitive Walk begin at 10:00 a.m., and at 11:00 a.m. the one-mile non-competitive run gets under way.

Awards and door prizes will be presented from 11:00 a.m. until noon.

If additional information is needed, contact any EAC member, Connie Eckhart (ext. 2374) or John Gedeon (ext. 2457).

Juanita Smith and Chris Hill

Energy Department specialists provide plant EEO/AA briefing

In support of the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)/Affirmative Action (AA) Program, officials from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) participated in two special sessions conducted for plant employees on February 10. Those attending these sessions were female employees, minorities, divisional EEO/AA representatives, and supervision.

Juanita Smith, Director of Employee Relations at DOE Headquarters, Washington, D.C., and Christopher Hill, Industrial Relations Specialist from DOE-Oak Ridge Operations, made presentation to approximately 220 employees to strengthen their EEO/AA awareness.

Hill presented an overview of EEO/AA with regard to its history, executive orders, and its contributions to the work force.

Seniority systems and reductions in force pose problems regarding under-utilization of women and minorities at organizations similar to the Portsmouth facility, Hill noted.

To help correct deficient areas at Portsmouth, an internal review is conducted by plant EEO/AA divisional representatives. Compliance with EEO/AA regulations

assures that available talent is utilized.

"Continued emphasis is needed regarding Affirmative Action," Hill stated, "It's good business practice and we all win."

Smith spoke to attendees about her personal experience, "Climbing the Career Ladder — Challenges and Choices."

Since World War II, women have been a strong influence in the work force and Department of Labor studies indicate that all women in today's society will work at some point during their lives, Smith summarized.

"Women are a challenge to management, and we need to develop a greater self-confidence in our abilities," stated Smith.

Smith suggested ways women can maximize their job satisfaction in the work force. These suggestions include developing a professional development plan, investigating job opportunities as they occur, obtaining the education required for that particular position, taking management development courses, and learning to accept criticism.

"Stress for women today is much greater than in past years," Smith concluded, "It just goes with the territory."

Belgium enrichment office opens

The United States Department of Energy (DOE) opened a European office for uranium enrichment marketing in Brussels.

"Establishment of this new office demonstrates our commitment to both enhance service to our present customers and to communicate better with potential new customers in the European market," said James C. Hall, Assistant Manager for Enriching Operations for DOE's Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Operations, as he announced the establishment of the new DOE office.

DOE currently provides uranium enrichment services to nuclear electric utilities in the United States and in 10 countries throughout the European continent. Enriched uranium is used in the fabrication of fuel elements for nuclear power plants.

The new office, operated in conjunction with Martin Marietta International (MMI), will provide a continual base of contact

with European utilities and more timely customer assistance for those utilities served by DOE, Hall said.

Martin Marietta Corporation is the parent company of both MMI and Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Inc. (MMES) which operates DOE's two United States enrichment facilities near Paducah, Kentucky and Portsmouth, Ohio.

Richard L. Hogle, previously director of the Operations Analysis and Planning Division of MMES, has responsibility for the new office. Hogle will work closely with DOE account executives and with the management and staff of the business and marketing division of DOE and MMES in the United States to expand business opportunities in Europe.

Hogle joined DOE's uranium enrichment enterprise in Oak Ridge in 1959. He has had experience in technical and management positions in uranium enrichment, including work in technology evaluation and enrichment planning. He holds advanced degrees in both chemical engineering and business administration and has published a number of papers on isotope separation and uranium enrichment.



Honors for the "Most Innovative" Cost Reduction "I"dea accepted in 1987 went to personnel of the Maintenance and Quality & Technical Services divisions for a joint idea for the use of tygon tubing to protect valves. Photographed during the recent program awards luncheon were Roger McDermott, Maintenance Division Manager; Paul Truman; Jack Crawford, Quality and Technical Services Division Manager; and Don Newkirk. Truman and Newkirk each received a tire inflator for submitting the accepted idea.

Cost reduction program ideas save approximately \$700,000

Cost reduction ideas submitted by Portsmouth plant employees during 1987 provided for estimated first-year savings of \$678,225.

At a March 9 luncheon, 89 employees were recognized for submitting 81 accepted ideas.

"You really care about the plant, and I appreciate it," stated Ralph Donnelly, plant manager, to employees attending the luncheon. Donnelly cited the importance of cost reduction to the United States uranium enrichment enterprise.

A total of 31 employees had their first idea accepted during 1987 and will receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond in accordance with the new guidelines established in the plant's Cost Reduction Program.

Each employee with an idea accepted received a gift selection booklet.

An accepted idea submitted by W. L. Miller, "Use of a Portable Wagon in the X-705 Building," had the greatest dollar savings — \$375,000 — in the first year of implementation.

The most innovative idea accepted during the 1987 program was "Use of Tygon Tubing to Protect Valves" by P. R. Truman and D. P. Newkirk.

A. L. Shultz was recognized for having the most ideas accepted during 1987.

The Finance and Information Management division reclaimed the award for the division with the highest percent of employees (19 of 138 for 14 percent) with ideas accepted.

Since the inception of the plant program in 1968, savings at Portsmouth have resulted in excess of \$16 million from more than 1,250 accepted ideas.

There are 59 employees who have had more than one idea accepted.

"DOE recognizes that we are in a competitive industry," Donnelly stated, "and one way to maintain costs is through good ideas."

Employees are reminded to complete a cost reduction "I"dea form (A-1699) conveniently available throughout plantsite, and submit them for evaluation. Acceptance of an idea must produce an annual savings of at least \$25 per year.

Obituaries

Hilda Jackson, Feb. 20. Mother of Don Crisp (D-452).

Willard B. Blanton, 71, Lucasville, Feb. 23. Blanton was a Converter Maintenance at the time of his retirement in February 1979.

Roy R. Zuefle, 50, McDermott, Feb. 25. Zuefle was a Production Process Operator (D-814) and is survived by his wife, Vaunda.

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Perfect attendance awards go to 440 plant employees

The "Award of Excellence" for perfect attendance in 1987 has gone to more than one-fifth of the Portsmouth plant's employees.

This award is presented each year to each employee who has no chargeable absences during the previous calendar year. For 1987, a total of 440 employees were eligible for this award.

"Good attendance is a vital aspect of every job at this facility, hourly or salary," said Ralph Donnelly, plant manager. "I am proud of our accomplishments in this area."

Progressions and Promotions

Steven J. James, from Technical Assistant III (D-512) to Technical Specialist I (D-521).

Edward A. Engle, from Accountant II (D-478) to Accountant, Staff (D-476).

Janet L. Rice, from Mail Clerk (D-451) to Clerk II (D-332).

Donita K. Grashel, from Accounting Clerk II to Accountant I (D-477).

Judith R. Vollrath, from Programmer, Sr., to Systems Analyst, Sr. (D-447).

Joseph Schreck, from Programmer, Sr., to Systems Analyst, Sr. (D-447).

Morris F. Burkitt, from Maintenance Tech. Staff to Maintenance Tech. Sr. (D-741).

Gregory A. Goslow, from Engineer, Staff, to Engineer, Sr. (D-103).

Billy S. Moore, from Auditor, Sr. (D-310), to Technologist, Technical Division Sr. (D-552).

Constance A. Eckhart, from Administrative Specialist, Sr. (D-010), to Technologist, Technical Division Sr. (D-552).

John B. Shewbrooks Jr., from Auditor, Sr. (D-003), to Technologist, Technical Division Sr. (D-552).

Thomas N. Bonner, from Police Sergeant (D-911) to Security Investigator (D-912).

Robert G. Peed, from Engineer, Staff, to Engineer, Sr. (D-701).

Deanna L. Waulk, from Accounting Clerk I (D-304) to Nuclear Materials Control Specialist I (D-311).

Sandra R. Murta, from Computer Operator II (D-446) to Programmer, Trainee (D-447).

Barbara S. Scott, from Personnel Clerk II (D-021) to Accounting Clerk II (D-477).

Sara Blume, from Personnel Clerk I to Personnel Clerk II (D-021).

John R. Ortman, from Health Physicist, Staff, to Health Physicist, Sr. (D-102).

Gregory W. Thoms, from Programmer (D-447) to Technologist, Technical Division, Staff (D-552).

The "Award of Excellence" recognizes those employees who were here every day in 1987, excluding time allowed for vacations, holidays, military duty, jury duty and funerals.

For 1986, 434 of the 1,994 employees working at the end of the year — 22 percent — were eligible for the award.

Of the 440 employees recognized, 323 were hourly employees and 117 were salary employees.

Maintenance again led the way in 1987 as they have in several prior years. The number of both hourly and salary Maintenance Division employees receiving the award increased by 13 people, or nine percent, in 1987.

Of the 65 employees of the Utilities Operations department of the Production Division, under Supervisor William A. Kelley, 29 had perfect attendance, the equivalent of 45 percent.

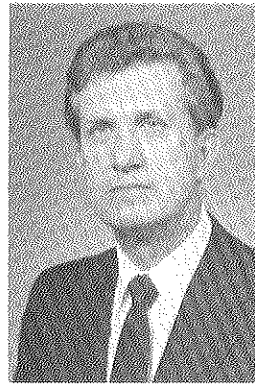
"Each person who received the award should be justifiably proud," said Wayne McLaughlin, Personnel Director. "Many of our employees drive a great distance each day, and many of them and others were here on days of severe weather."

McLaughlin and Donnelly are looking ahead to 1988. "Our challenge now is to exceed 440 people this year!"

New Arrivals

Son, Radley Wade, March 11, to Randy D. (D-712) and Belinda Sue Ballangee.

Daughter, Rebekka Sue, March 14, to Carl E. (D-823) and Cathy Mullens.



Smith

Emery Smith now Coordinator in Security

Emery R. Smith has been promoted to Security Coordinator (D-912). He reports to C. W. "Buck" Sheward, Superintendent, Security & Police Operations.

Shortly after he joined the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in March 1975, Smith transferred to the Security Division as a Security Inspector. He then was promoted to the positions of Security Investigator and Security Staff Assistant before being named to his present job.

Smith worked in security while serving with the U.S. Air Force in Europe from 1959 to 1963. He continued to work in government security with General Motors before coming to the Portsmouth plant.

His college credits include studies in social science and criminal justice at Mid-Florida Technical Institute, Shawnee State University and Ohio University.

He and his wife, Helen, have two sons and live near Stout, in Scioto County.

April 24-30

Professional Secretaries Week

To recognize the vital role of secretaries in the work force, the last full week in April of each year is set aside in their honor.

This year Professional Secretaries' Week is April 24-30. Secretaries' Day is Wednesday, April 27.

The theme selected by Professional Secretaries International for this year is "World of Opportunity," because advanced technology and office automation has enabled the role of the secretary to evolve into higher levels of administrative responsibility.

Today's professional secretary is defined as "an executive assistant who possesses a mastery of office skills, who demonstrates the ability to assume responsibility without direct supervision and who makes decisions within the scope of assigned authority."

Because an office in the '80s is "fast-paced" and "hectic," supervisors have been challenged to allow their secretaries to unlock their potential and use their knowledge and education to the fullest, to assign them more administrative duties, and to provide them with incentive and opportunity for advancement.

Today's secretary has been responsive to this daily pressure of meeting the new demands of the business world, and the key to this success has been their positive attitude and the ability to remain flexible with assignments.

During Professional Secretaries and throughout the year, Martin Marietta personnel recognize the valuable contribution made by their secretaries.

Throughout business and industry, a secretarial career is one of distinction, and opens a world of opportunities to its professionals.

Retirees

Paul L. Allen, Piketon, Truck Driver (D-727), April 1 after nearly 23 years of service.

Bill E. DeAtley, Lucasville, Shift Fire Captain (D-921), April 1 after more than 29 years of service.

Mary A. Lewis, Chillicothe, Foreman, Janitors (D-743), April 1 after nearly 12 years of service.

Abbey R. Little, Piketon, Production Process Operator (D-817), April 1 after more than 33 years of service.

Joseph D. Bowman, Chillicothe, Reproduction Operator (D-453), May 1 after nearly 34 years of service.

George M. Jarrell, Portsmouth, Materials (D-332), May 1 after more than 32 years of service.

Ann G. Knechtly, Waverly, Janitor (D-743), May 1 after nearly 13 years of service.

Ray L. Walker, Jackson, Janitor (D-743), May 1 after 12 years of service.

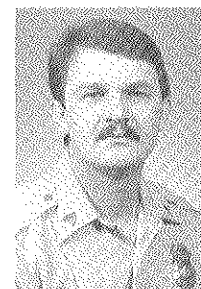
Carl C. Worthington, South Shore, Kentucky, Supervisor, Process Area (D-823), effective May 1 after 21 years of service.



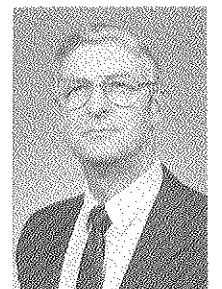
Beasley



Bethel



Walters



Mason

Promotions

Donald L. Walters has been promoted to Police Sergeant (D-911). He reports to Daniel A. Hupp, Supervisor, Plant Protection.

Jack L. Mason has been promoted to Foreman, Utilities Operations (D-832). He reports to Robert E. Childers, General Foreman.

Elmer C. Beasley has been promoted to Operations Fire Captain (D-921). He reports to James H. Boyce, Supervisor, Fire Protection Services.

Robert I. Bethel has been promoted to Assistant Cascade Coordinator (D-817). He reports to Bernard P. Allen, Cascade Coordinator.

Record shipments enhance positive accomplishments

Martin Marietta Energy Systems marked its first anniversary in November 1987 of operating the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

During the year, Martin Marietta's contract was extended until October 1989 from its original expiration of June 1988.

During fiscal 1987, the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant shipped more than 10 million Separative Work Units, or SWUs, to meet uranium hexafluoride requirements of Energy Department customers. This was a new record shipment for the Portsmouth plant, surpassing the nine million SWUs shipped during fiscal 1986.

As of December 17, a total of 400 million SWUs have been produced by the three-plant United States gaseous diffusion enrichment complex since the start-up of the Oak Ridge Gaseous Diffusion Plant in 1947.

Martin Marietta employs more than 2,000 employees from the local area including Southern Ohio and parts of West Virginia and Kentucky. Its payroll in 1987 exceeded \$69 million.

Six problem-solving and communications enhancement retreats at off-site locations involved plant management and union officials of both Local 3-689 of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers (OCAW) International Union and Local 66 of the United Plant Guard Workers of America (UPGWA) and were a highlight of 1987 labor relations activities. Three involved management and OCAW, two included management and UPGWA officials, and one retreat incorporated management and both unions.

The Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant ranked first in safety among 14 DOE production contractors nationwide through the first three quarters of fiscal 1987.

Perfect attendance awards for 1987 went to 441 Portsmouth plant employees.

Despite limited staffing opportunities, management's continuing Affirmative Action support provided enhancements to the utilization of women and minorities.

Emergency communications with plant neighbors are being improved through installation of five warning sirens audible within at least a two-mile radius of the plant. Training for area residents on the use of these sirens will be conducted in the near future in preparation for a full-scale plant/community emergency exercise scheduled for July.

Martin Marietta continued to assist DOE in marketing of available Gas Centrifuge Enrichment Plant (GCEP) facilities. These efforts are proving successful as other federal agencies signed agreements with the DOE to utilize seven buildings. The DOE continues to negotiate with other interested agencies to utilize remaining space.

Personnel of the Nuclear Materials Control subdivision offered its "ABCs of Enrichment Services" four times during 1987 to DOE customers. The course was first conducted for DOE Business Services personnel and others several times in 1985 and 1986.

Continuing an annual program, the news media were briefed on the content of the "Environmental Surveillance of the U.S. DOE Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant and Surrounding Environs During 1986" in May.

During 1987, the plant completed many projects. One included the completion of rewinding motors in the X-326 Building. The project, which began in June 1985, required the total refurbishment of 579 process motors ranging in size from 100 to 250 horsepower. Plant employees and their commitment enabled 585 motors to be refurbished, ahead of schedule and below the \$4.7 million target.

Another project, nearing completion in highly successful fashion, is the repackag-

ing of lithium hydroxide powder in steel drums to ensure long-term storage while the material is at the plant. By December, more than 145,000 drums had been repackaged by plant crews. Most purchases of overpack drums, pallets and liners were with local small or small disadvantaged businesses.

Based on the Portsmouth Plant's support of small, small disadvantaged and women-owned businesses, DOE presented a "Small Business Award" for its efforts in fiscal 1987. During this period, small businesses were awarded \$14 million of the Portsmouth plant's total procurement contracts, including \$1.8 million to small and disadvantaged businesses and \$425,000 to businesses owned by women.

Purchases of goods and services in the local area totalled more than \$18 million.

Plant Manager Ralph Donnelly conducted the first two series of quarterly communications sessions for plant employees, to provide an update of plant activities, address key issues and concerns and answer employee questions. For the September sessions, the Public Relations Department produced the plant's first "Portsmouth Today" video magazine.

Cost Reduction ideas accepted from 89 Portsmouth plant employees in 1987 provided for an estimated first year savings of \$678,225 from 81 accepted ideas.

More than 1,100 employees were purchasing Savings Bonds through the payroll savings plan following a formal campaign to increase the degree of employee purchases. This was the first formal Savings Bond campaign conducted at Portsmouth; employee participation increased from seven percent to more than 55 percent, the highest in Pike County. A "Minute Man Flag" which symbolizes outstanding participation in U.S. Savings Bonds payroll plans now flies underneath the American flag at the entrance to the administration building.

To help mark the 100th anniversary of United Way, the plant's campaign achieved distribution of more than \$95,000 for the benefit of local community service organizations. Of this total, \$65,855 was received in cash or pledges from employees. A corporate gift of \$30,000 was added before distribution to local counties.

Through the Portsmouth plant, Martin Marietta distributed another \$30,000 in primary budget contributions to the Jackson County Children's Foundation, Pike Community Hospital, Seal of Ohio Girl Scout Council, 14th Street Community Center, Carver Community Center, Ohio University, the Scioto Valley Arts Council, the Portsmouth Area Arts Council, Pike County Junior Achievement, Shawnee State University and Good Shepherd Manor.

An additional \$7,000 in secondary contributions was used to provide funding at smaller levels to 33 other local civic organizations.

Employees donated 438 units of blood through two plant visits by the American Red Cross Bloodmobile.

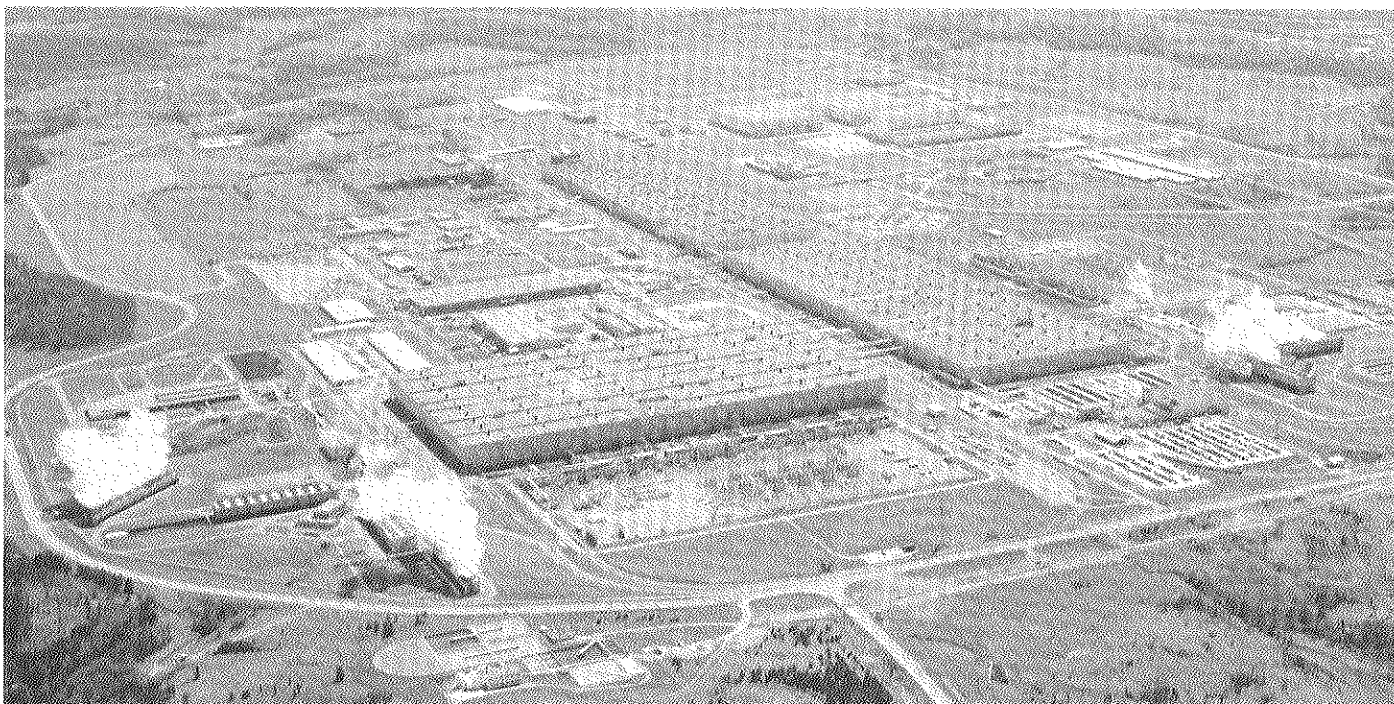
Members of the plant Speakers' Bureau completed a significant number of presentations to civic and service organizations, school groups and others in the area.

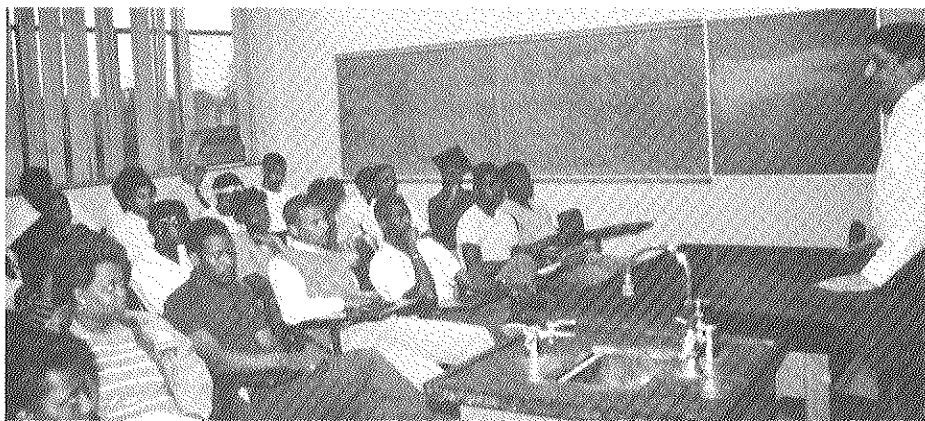
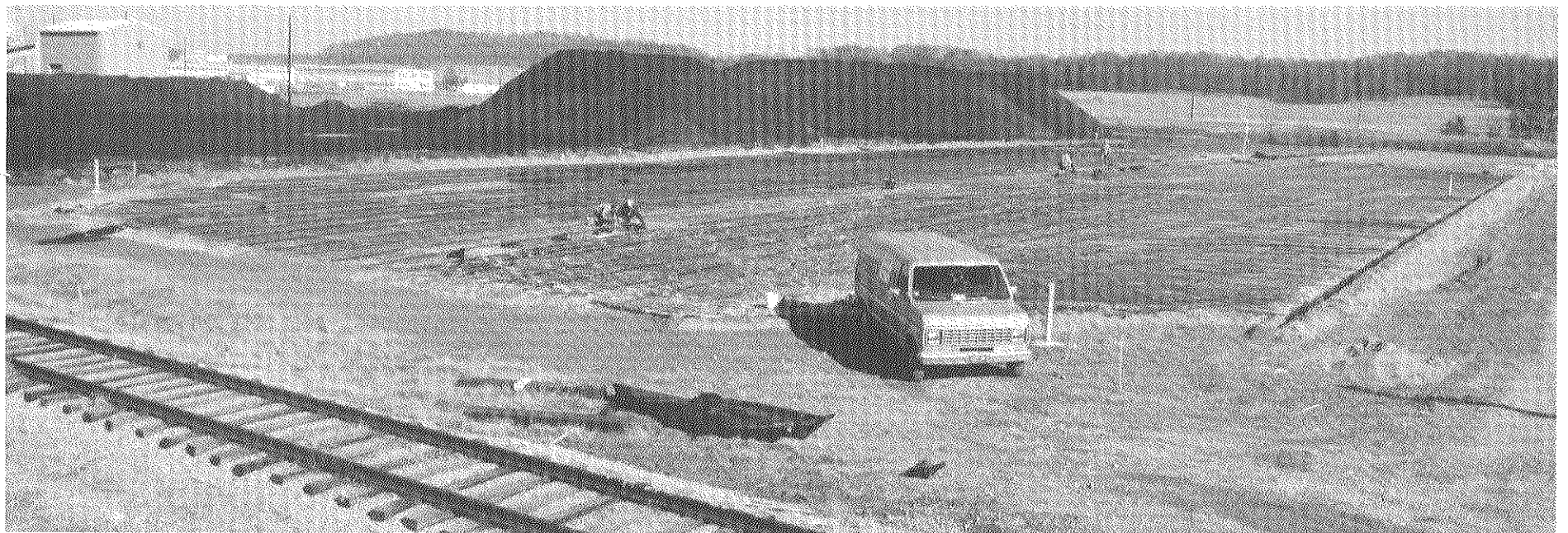
The plant's Science Demonstration Program, designed to help stimulate student interest in scientific fields, was presented 15 times to a total of 1,510 young people in 1987. Employees also served as judges, for school, district and state science fairs.

Other involvement with area schools was in conjunction with DOE's Energy Awareness Month. Plant personnel prepared and distributed an energy awareness activities package to schools in Jackson, Pike, Ross and Scioto counties in Ohio and Greenup County, Kentucky.

Cost Reduction Honor Roll

R. D. Newman	D/811
M. E. Conkel	D/822
R. L. Lallier	D/711
S. R. Akers	D/321
T. C. Houk	D/832
D. W. Rogers	D/831
J. B. Fenton (2)	D/475
C. Hoover	D/446
E. S. Stall, Jr.	D/321
P. T. Herpy	D/321
W. L. Miller	D/823
R. G. Church	D/724
F. D. Nickells	D/726
J. A. Crandall	D/711
B. W. Short	D/512
B. I. Page	D/512
A. L. Cardenas	D/532
J. H. Ratliff	D/541





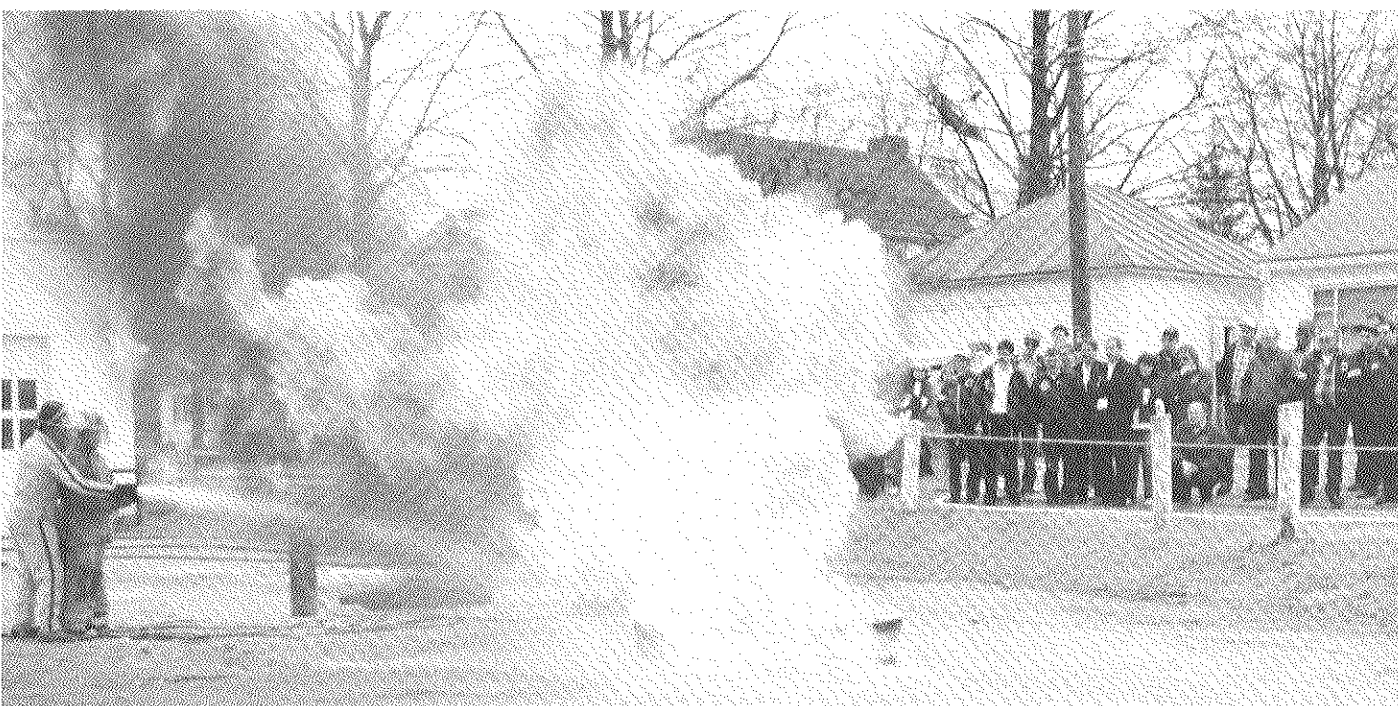
Jarvis College BEEP speaker is AI Officer

Al Officer, Superintendent Management Systems Effectiveness (above and right), served as a visiting professor at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, in March as part of the Black Executive Exchange Program, which is sponsored by the National Urban League. Officer discussed organizational effectiveness and PIP efforts at Martin Marietta.



Oil plot cover project complete

A temporary synthetic cover was installed at the X-231A and X-231B (above) Oil Biodegradation Plots during the first quarter of fiscal 1988 in preparation for permanent closure of these waste sites. The coverings protect them from rainfall, which could mobilize waste components. Additional information required for closure is being compiled by Environmental Control and the EPA. At left, crews "weld" sections together to provide a seal against precipitation.



Emergency response training corporation visits Pike County

Realistic and practical training in hazardous materials emergency response was provided in March by trainers from Safety Systems Emergency Response Schools. The first one-day session of the "HAZ-MAT" Command Program, for plant emergency response personnel, was on Friday, March 11. On Saturday, March 12, the trainers conducted a second session in Waverly for Pike County emergency response squad members. The training featured an extensive outdoor "understanding chemicals" demonstration (left) to provide attendees with a better understanding of chemicals and the hazards they possess while leaking, spilling and burning. Some of the members of the Waverly Volunteer Fire Department who attended the Saturday sessions were Jack Harbert, assistant chief; Jerry Wessel; Jeff Minshal; Ron Horvitz, captain; Tim Boyd; and Greg Barch, deputy chief. Harbert, Wessel and Barch are Martin Marietta employees.

Learned from activities survey

Employees prefer Camden Park Outings

By JOHN GEDEON
EAC Coordinator

More than half of those responding to a recent survey prefer Camden Park, near Huntington, as the site of employee summer outings.

Early this year, the Employee Activities Committee (EAC) developed a questionnaire to help determine employee preferences regarding types of activities, location of outings, and other recreational considerations.

"We are pleased that approximately 25

percent of our employees responded," noted Greg Barch, EAC President. "That is somewhat higher than anticipated."

Of the almost 500 who responded, 344 normally attend the Family Outing, 161 attend the Christmas Party, and 133 participate in sports leagues and tournaments.

This plant is somewhat unique because its employees reside in a far-ranging area, four counties primarily, Barch noted. Therefore the location of major events such as the Employee Outing or the Christmas Party is important, he said.

Of the respondents, 55 percent prefer Camden Park as the site of the annual Employee Outing. Another 33 percent prefer Wyandot Lake, the site of the last two outings.

Approximately eight percent would like to go to Kings Island, and four percent of those responding indicated a preference for the type of outing conducted several years ago at the Scioto County Fairgrounds.

"The primary reason that many people prefer Camden Park is because we get the whole park," observed Steve Wamsley, one of the EAC members who evaluated the questionnaires. "Many people feel that it is the only chance to get to know other employees in a casual atmosphere. Also, parents can let their children ride while they are playing Bingo or doing something else, and feel relatively more comfortable about their safety."

Although the recent Wyandot Lake outings were quite popular, several people recognized that outings there are much more dependent upon the weather because of the water-based attractions.

Most questionnaire respondents also indicated their preference for Waverly as the best, centralized location for the Christmas Party. However, 63 percent indicated that they did not attend the Christmas Party.

"Of those who have attended, most were very pleased with the format, refreshments served, and especially the animated characters," Barch added.

The remaining sections of the questionnaire have been compiled. In upcoming editions, summaries of opinions regarding the Recognition Banquet, the normal calendar of events, the EAC format, etc., will be presented.

Happy Birthday!

And 'many more' — for non-smokers

Blowing out a candle is such a simple task that children do it on each of their birthdays. However, the flames may not even flicker for some adults who attempt it.

These adults may never have another truly "Happy Birthday." Why? They have developed emphysema as a result of their smoking habit.

Smokers today are more concerned about the effects of emphysema than about developing some type of cancer. This concern is justified, when studies show that only 10 percent of heavy smokers develop cancer, while "most" do develop emphysema.

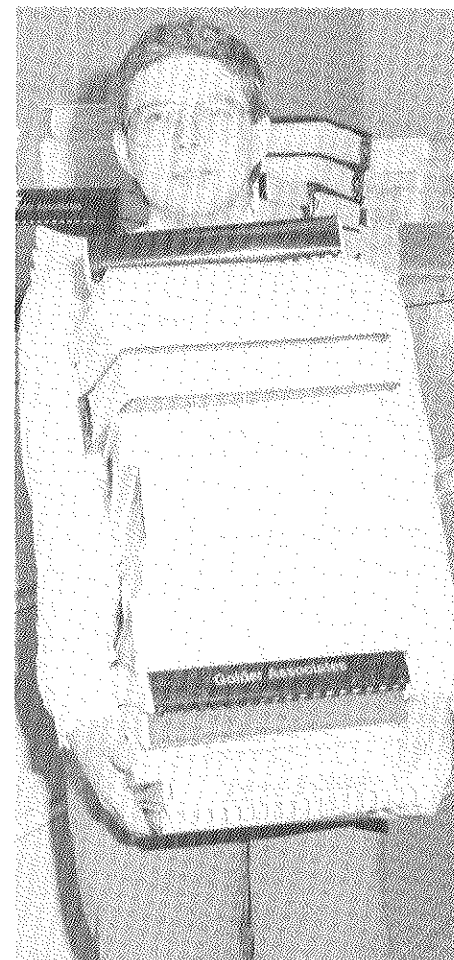
Emphysema begins as a chemical bronchitis. Smoking causes certain chemicals within lung tissues to increase. These chemicals destroy the walls of air sacs, leaving ugly scars and enlarged spaces. A once fine-meshed lung becomes coarse and leaves less space for the absorption of oxygen. There is just enough air force to maintain normal breathing patterns.

While it takes emphysema a number of years to develop, the average age of its victims is getting younger. This is because people are taking up the smoking habit earlier in life.

It's startling to realize that emphysema accounts for 20,000 American deaths each year. Victims suffer painfully, because it is a very slow death to continually "gasp" for air.

Emphysema has no cure. Prevention is the key. It does help to give up the smoking habit. When a person stops smoking, the lining of his or her lungs recovers. The swelling in the air tubes goes down and causes them to open. Air can flow evenly both in an out of the lungs. Recovery can be good.

Now, with mouth closed and shoulders relaxed inhale slowly and blow out those candles, and have many more Happy Birthdays!



Paperwork mountain

A total of 11 firms have submitted proposals to perform groundwater consulting services over a three-year period at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant. The proposal evaluation team included Butch Stall, Purchasing (above); Bob Anderson, Environmental Control; Al Stone, Production; Ralph D'Antonio, Engineering; and Wayne Spetnagel, Technical Division. Combined, the 11 proposals weighed 60 pounds and measured 26 inches in depth.

SERVICE MILESTONES

Virgil S. Emler and John B. Fenton reach the 35-year service milestone in April.

Raymond Fankell began work at the Portsmouth plant 20 years ago, in April 1968.

Seven employees reach the 15-year mark. They are Roy A. Ross, Mitchell A. Trimble, Charles B. Greathouse, Carol G. Crissman, Vicki B. Scott, Larry E. Hart and Adam J. Forshey.

Junior D. Hamilton and Ralph E. Lemming began work at the plant 10 years ago, in April 1978.

RECREATION CORNER

★ *The Martin Marietta Women's Club of Portsmouth is planning its third annual tennis tournament for June 4 and 5. Rain dates are June 11 and 12. The club is planning women's doubles, men's doubles and junior competitions. For more information, contact Karen Smalley at 259-3555 or Chonda Evans at 776-7380. Registration fee is \$7 per person.*

New Employees

Herman R. Potter, Technical Assistant II (D-511), Feb. 16.

Ralph B. Findlay, Jr., Douglas N. Young, Keith R. Burke, Louis L. Thompson, and John D. Austerman, Security Inspector (D-911), Feb. 29.

Kevin L. Keller, Scientist II (D-103), Feb. 29.

Daniel R. O'Dell, Engineer, Sr. (D-621), March 16.

Andrew T. Slagle, Programmer (D-447), March 16.

Raymond M. Riepenhoff, Programmer (D-447), March 16.

Vicki L. Overly, Programmer (D-447), March 16.

Beverly S. Kelley, Medical Technician (D-111), March 16.

Bruce S. Manninen, Health Physicist (D-102), March 16.

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