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Black American achievements highlighted during February

Black Americans are Americans with African ancestries, historically coming from a civilization older than recorded history. They arrived in this country with the early explorers, including Columbus, Balboa and De Soto, and have been an integral part of American history ever since.

To recognize this vital role, Portsmouth plant employees observed Black History Month Feb. 20-24 through a series of special programs and activities.

During the week, two displays were set up in the cafeteria. One focused on the accomplishments of famous Black Americans such as Shirley Chisholm, Jesse Owens and Thurgood Marshall. The second display was of a cultural nature, including Black poetry, artwork from personnel at Ft. Hayes Career Center in Columbus, sculptures, chalk drawings, and a painting by Martin Marietta's own Melonie Valentine. Literature was also available.

The video "Black Achievements in Focus'' was presented twice. Those wishing to see this film can contact Keith Lewis on extension 2782. It is available in both 1/2-inch or 3/4-inch format.

Not only were the accomplishments of famous Black Americans presented on the plant's daily electronic newsletter, but several plant employees were randomly selected and highlighted during the week.

Martin Marietta Energy Systems sponsored a Black History Month contest for each site. Winners received \$100, \$75 and \$50 savings bonds for first, second, and third place respectively. Winners from the Portsmouth plant were Norma Smith, Barry Carlson and Gary F. Smith, respectively.

From Pedro Alonzo Nino (pilot for Columbus in 1491 and the first black to step on American soil) to today's unknown achievers, Black Americans have continued to make significant contributions in the development of American society.



Josie Jordan, Judy Turner, Jeanette Langford, Sally Cunningham (seated), Bob Robinson, Chancey Valentine, Curtis Chapman Jr., Al Officer, Keith Lewis III, and Bill Lynch (absent from photo) coordinated a series of special programs and activities for plant employees in observance of Black History Month, including the availability of displays, video presentations, and literature.

Drug search yields no illegal substances

In keeping with its commitment to insuring a drug-free workplace, Energy Systems conducted a large scale, totally unannounced inspection of Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant work areas Feb. 24.

The search was supervised by plant

Security management from the X-1020 to the quality of the personnel of the Ports-Building Emergency Control Center (ECC) and conducted by expert technicians using dog teams trained and handled by Interquest, of Houston, which performed the work under a contract between Energy Systems and Business Risks, International, a Nashville-based consulting firm. Three teams conducted the search of numerous plant site buildings.

There were no instances involving the possession of illegal drugs. "This attests mouth plant," plant managers observed.

The dogs did issue 13 alerts that were investigated by accompanying drug technicians.

Security management expressed its appreciation for the cooperation and positive attitude of all employees involved. The activity was considered to be successful and very positive.

Similar searches will be conducted from time to time



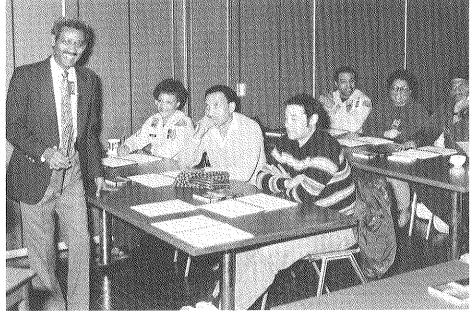
C. E. (Elmo) Wolfe, Y-12, gives presentations at various facilities on benefits for retiring employees entitled "Challenge Of The Future?".

These informative sessions have been very well received, and the Portsmouth plant has completed arrangements for having the seminars presented here during the week of April 17-26 and again during the week of May 15-24, 1989 (Saturdays and Sundays not included).

Wolfe says the best size of classes is between 18 and 25. The invitations will also include the spouses of any employees interested. A tentative schedule would be from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m., and an afternoon session from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m.

The following topics will be covered in

- (1) The Challenge of Retirement
- (2) Dynamic Fitness
- (3) Meaningful Use of Time
- (4) Social Security
- (5) Financial Planning
- (6) Investment Strategies
- (7) Pension and Benefits
- (8) Legal Affairs See SEMINARS, Page 2)



"Insights for Success" workshop conducted

Dr. William Guillory, Innovations, Inc., presented "Insights for Success" to 37 minority employees at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant March 6 and 7. The workshop concentrated on how personal perceptions relate to corporate success.

Hazardous wastes handling topic of special workshops

As part of its strong commitment to protecting its equipment and personnel as well as the off-site environment and its inhabitants, Energy Systems began training for compliance with OSHA 29CFR 1910.120, Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, at the Portsmouth facility in early January.

Two workshops, conducted by NUS Corporation of Pittsburgh, were geared to workers engaged in hazardous waste removal, containment, or emergency response; and for workers at treatment, storage and disposal sites. Participants included first-response emergency personnel from the Paducah plant, from Westinghouse at the Feed Materials Production Center, and members of the Waverly Fire Department, as well as Portsmouth plant personnel.

The training packages, consisting of both 24-hour (for emergency responders) and a 40-hour courses (for those working with hazardous waste materials), were provided over a six-week period to accommodate plant shift assignments. Supervisory personnel of the participants received similar instruction.

During the 24-hour emergency response program, firefighters, auxiliary emergency squad and emergency management personnel (shift superintendents, shift supervisors and emergency preparedness staff) received classroom and field instruction.

Personnel demonstrated emergency response capabilities through two field exercises, including a "mock" scenario of a leaking cylinder containing a hazardous waste.

They "suited up" to ensure that no parts of the skin were exposed by using Tyvek disposable coveralls, surgeon's gloves, shoe covers, self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBA), and fully encapsulating suits.

Participants were also required to don SCBAs in less than one minute and to demonstrate control and containment, decontamination, communications and air surveillance procedures.

In order to maintain compliance with this OSHA regulation, first responder groups must receive 24 hours of hazardous materials emergency response training on an annual basis.

Those departments involved with handling hazardous waste (Chemical Operations, Environmental Control, Industrial Hygiene, Health Physics, and Waste Management) responded to a "simulated" scenario involving a drum leak of hazardous material in addition to classroom instruction.

Participants demonstrated required re-

medial action steps by assessing the "emergency" situation, determining the proper emergency response, requesting sampling teams, and drafting a health and safety plan of the hazardous situation (including personal protection equipment requirements and special precautions).

This 40-hour workshop satisfies initial OSHA regulations. These persons will receive an eight-hour refresher course on an annual basis.

All hazardous waste operations and emergency response training was reviewed and coordinated by the Portsmouth site's Training Development Team No. 2 whose members include Sally Cunningham, Kerry Davis, Jerry Mason, Joe Moore, Terry Acox, Gary Timmons, Tom Cassidy, Jack Harbert, and Earl James. Providing special assistance to the team and during training was Doug Trout of the plant's Emergency Preparedness Department. Greg Fout and Ron Niner recently joined this team for further development and expansion in the area of hazardous materials training.

More than 123 people had received this health and safety training by its completion in late February.

Retirees

MARCH 1

Gerald V. Bethel, Chillicothe, General Foreman, Power Operations (D-831), after more than 35 years of service.

Billy J. Clark, Jackson, Superintendent, Laboratory Services (D-540), after 34 years of service.

James E. Garrett, Peebles, Maintenance Mechanic 1/C (D-025) after more than 14 years of service.

William O. Knauff, Portsmouth, Security Inspector (D-911), after more than 35 years of service.

Glenn McNamer, Lucasville, General Foreman, Materials & Services (D-332), after more than 34 years of service.

Samuel Murray, Lucasville, Police Sergeant (D-911), after 35 years of service.

Leonard R. Niner, Minford, Instrument Mechanic 1/C (D-712), after more than 35 years of service.

Dewey P. Phares Jr., Waverly, Engineer Sr. (D-612), after more than 37 years of service.

Robert L. Smith, Lucasville, Foreman, Maintenance (D-711), after more than 35 years of service.

John M. Woods, Chillicothe, Section Head, Production Engineering & Services (D-803), after more than 20 years of service



Participants in the Portsmouth Plant's Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response training demonstrated field emergency response capabilities by "suiting up" to ensure that no parts of their skin were exposed during a "mock" scenario situation. Protective gear used were Tyvek disposable coveralls, surgeons gloves, shoe covers, self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBA) and a fully encapsulated suit.

Promotions

George W. Clark and Mabel E. Tanner have been promoted to Police Sergeant (D-911). They report to Daniel A. Hupp, Supervisor, Plant Protection.

R. D. "Doug" Arnett has been promoted to Section Head, Purchasing (D-321). He reports to Ralph E. Wilcoxon, Purchasing Agent. Arnett also serves as the Small Business/Small Disadvantaged Business Representative for the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

Thomas A. Kramer has been promoted to Foreman, Utilities Operations (D-832). He reports to Robert E. Childers, General Foreman.

Progressions & Promotions

David L. Nickel, from Industrial Relation Staff, Sr., to Industrial Relations Staff, Rep. (D-221).

Kathi L. Osborne, from Micrographics Production Clerk to Engineering Data Control Clerk II (D-452).

Jeanetta A. Mann, from Clerk II (D-632) to Secretary II (D-540).

Margaret J. Sheets, from Nurse to Senior Nurse (D-111).

Vanessa L. Burkitt, from Secretary II (D-230) to Special Medical Claims Processor (D-231).

Kevin B. McMullen, from IHHP Surveyor II to IHHP Surveyor III (D-102).

V. A. "Sue" Williams, from Clerk IV to Express Buyer (D-321).

Sandra R. Murta, from Programmer, Trainee, to Programmer (D-447).

Rebecca L. McGraw, from Clerk I (D-912) to Console Operator (D-910).

Forrest S. Bauer, from Clerk II (D-333) to Materials Clerk (D-332).



Clark



Tanner



Arnett



Kramer

Seminars

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Any employees who are 50 or more and interested in attending should contact the Training Department (4049 or 2679) as early as possible as the attendance will be limited. If an excessive number express an interest, then the priority selections will come from the group of employees who are 55 and over. It is definitely an interesting and informative seminar, and will assist you in answering any questions on retirement



During the 1987-88 school year, science came alive to more than 3,900 area students through the efforts of the Portsmouth Plant's Science Demonstration and Special Activities Team. Team members responded to 14 school requests for science demonstrations by performing 22 presentations and providing 23 judges for science fairs at the local, district, and state levels. Team members for this program in-

chided (left to right) Jim Armstrong, Randy Waugh, Keith Banks, Ed Simpson, Tony Saraceno, Dan Charles, John Taphorn III, Ruth Charles, Gene Deacon, Phil Anderson, Alex Alatsis, Bonnie Rumble, Tony Sturgeon, Melody Channell, John Hobensack, Ron Wawro, Jody Uphan, Bobby Fuhr, Roger Jackson, Art Cardenas, Steve James, Dave Richter, Doug Fogel, and Harold Daub.

Participants honored during luncheon ceremony

Science program completes its 25th year

For the 25th consecutive year science came "alive" for area students through the efforts of a special team of employees from the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant and their dedication to community service.

A special group of 30 employees representing the "Heart" of the plant's Science Demonstration and Special Activities Program were recognized at a special luncheon Feb. 14.

Employees receiving certificates for participation during the 1987-88 school year were Alex Alatsis, Phil Anderson, Jim Armstrong, Keith Banks, Art Cardenas, Melody Channell, Dan Charles, Ruth Charles, Paul Cross, Harold Daub, Paul Davis, Gene Deacon, John Dikeman, Doug Fogel,

Sandy Fout, Bobby Fuhr, John Gedeon, John Hobensack, Roger Jackson, Steve James, Dave Richter, Bonnie Rumble, Tony Saraceno, Ed Simpson, Tony Sturgeon, John Taphorn III, Jody Upham, Randy Waugh and Ron Wawro.

"I'm always impressed by the accomplishments of our people," said Ralph Donnelly, in addressing the group. "They always represent our plant extremely well in our communities."

During the luncheon, a moment of memorial silence was observed for the late Norm Reiter, who had served as both a science demonstrator and a judge over the 25 years of the program.

SERVICE MILESTONES

Richard C. Adams, Richard D. Gibson, John R. Leeth, Thomas H. Maggard, George R. Richter, Arthur P. Romero and John P. Vournazos all reach the 35-year service milestone in April.

Anita B. Brower and Elmer R. Cable began work at the plant 30 years ago in April 1959. Chester P. Estep and Henry H. Thomas will have 20 years of service in April.

There are 35 employees reaching the 15-year mark. They are Carlina K. Adkins, James K. Alexander, Nelson E. Barker, Donald E. Barnett, William A. Bayless, Stanley J. Bednarczyk, Robert R. Bouts, Henry C. Davis, Harold D. Diehlmann, Wilmer D. Dixon, Sharon K. Dwyer, Dorothy J. Ferguson, Larry G. Fout, Rogert K. Grooms, Homer D. Harness Jr., Leslie J. Harrel, Pamela Y. Harrington, Johnie D. Hopper, Angela M. Kinney, Frank T. Kitchen, Robert J. Lyon, Bernard A. Malone, John W. Manering, Lawrence E. McCartney, Virgil R. Miller, Christopher L. Ondera, James A. Pratt Jr., Neal H. Ratliff, Steven R. Reinhardt, Mark A. Risner, Susan J. Rumfield, George G. Sargent, Clyde J. Sisler, Robert L. Stanley Jr. and Scott E. Thompson.

There are 12 employees reaching the 10-year mark. They are Dennis H. Beckett, Vanessa L. Burkitt, Ronald L. Conkel, James M. Davis, Donald W. Detillion, Frank Homerosky Jr., Mark A. Mentges, Ronald L. Miller, Stephanie G. Pettiford, Katherine A. Schultz, John B. Shewbrooks Jr. and Brian K. Eckhart.

Brian D. Buckle and Roy D. Wolfe will have five years of service in April.

Since the program's inception during the 1963-64 school year, more than 60,000 students have watched more than 500 science demonstrations.

Because of the numerous requests the Portsmouth facility receives for science demonstrations and science fair judging, the program is limited to the immediate four-county area, but all requests are evaluated and met whenever possible.

Commitment to this program leads to a tremendous amount of volunteer effort. It is this dedicated effort that led to two participants presenting science demonstrations on their own time this past year to area scouts and some West Virginia students. Judges for annual science fair projects at the local, district, and state levels volunteering much of their own time to promote science interest.

Art Cardenas received special recognition and was presented a plaque for his outstanding service as the program's technical coordinator for the past 10 years.

The responsibility for technical coordination changed hands as Cardenas turned over his duties to John Hobensack.

The luncheon program concluded with several science demonstrations.

Throughout the years, team members have received countless letters from students, teachers, and administrators expressing their appreciation of the plant's science program and involvement with school systems. But to program participants the real value is best summarized when a letter reads, as one recently did, "I am going to be a scientist when I grow up! (Signed) Your Friend."

Cost Reduction Honor Roll

The following employees submitted a Cost Reduction "I"dea which was accepted for implementation under program guidelines.

New Arrivals

Daughter, Caitlin Michelle, February 15 to Charles and Kerry (D-103) Davis.

Daughter, Corey Elizabeth, March 4, to Chuck (D-334) and Belinda Dixon.

New Employees

Gary K. Salyers, Safety Engineer (D-101), March 1.

James A. Walburn, Traffic Specialist (D-331), March 16.

Mark G. Rader, Instrument Mechanic 1/C (D-712), March 20.

HOTLINE

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Obituaries

Herman H. Broudy, 78, Chillicothe, Jan. 10. Broudy was Supervisor, Cascade Coordination, at the time of his retirement in June 1975. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia.

Robert Boesch, father of Norman Boesch (D-921), Dayton, Feb. 18.

James L. Estes, 68, Feb. 26. Estes was an Instrument Mechanic 1/C at the time of his retirement in August 1985. He is survived by his wife, Pearl.

Alexander F. Cipa, 64, Feb. 27. Cipa

was a Specification Writer at the time of his medical retirement in February 1986. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy.

Edna Gilmore, mother-in-law of John Oppy (D-951), Feb. 28.

Carolyn Diamond, mother of Jim Diamond (D-951), Feb. 28.

Opal Williams, mother-in-law of Sharon Williams (D-023), March 2.

Diana Ryan, 57, Peebles, March 5. Ryan was a Stenographer at Portsmouth (D-025).

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CC'S THOUGHTS ON PROTECTIVE CLOTHING:

Safety (steel-toed work) shoes and other Company-issued clothing (coveralls, socks, undergarments, plastic shoe covers, head covers, and gloves) are furnished to any employee, contractor, or visitor whose job assignment at the Portsmouth Plant takes them into areas for potential contamination.

By using your company-issued clothing, you prevent the possible spread of contamination and ensure your safety!

For more information, read Standard Practice Procedure H-8.

SECRETARIES

Their special day is April 26

The vital role of secretaries in the work force has been specially recognized since 1952 during Professional Secretaries Week, one full week set aside each year in their honor.

This year Professional Secretaries Week is April 23-29, with Professional Secretaries Day on Wednesday, April 26.

"Visions of a Changing Role" was selected as the theme of this year's week of honor by Professional Secretaries International (PSI) to emphasize the evolving role of today's administrative office support personnel and to highlight the up-to-date image of an ever-changing profession.

Although Professional Secretaries Week is relatively new, the secretarial profession is not.

The first secretaries were cave men who inscribed history on the walls of their dwellings. During the Persian Empire, scribes recorded battles on stone tablets, chiseling each letter into rock. When stenographers during the Roman Empire made mistakes, the "supervisors" cut the nerves in their fingers.

During the middle ages, monks in monasteries took great pride creating beautifully illustrated manuscripts embellished with gold flourishes, and in Charles Dickens' time, men worked themselves into business by beginning as a scribe or clerk.

It was quite fashionable in the 1800s and early 1900s for rich men to have a male secretary. This highly prestigious position was sought by well educated young men.

It was only with the introduction of the typewriter in the late 1800s that the secretarial profession evolved into a womandominated field. In 1873, the YMCA trained eight women as "typewriters," all of which were certified by physicians that their physical and mental abilities were strong enough to withstand the pressure. Even with these certifications, many predicted that the women's minds would "snap" and their constitutions would break down.

Even though today the secretarial profession is about 98 percent women, men are rediscovering the field as newer technology and increased opportunities for advancement beckon.

While typing and stenography are not to be undervalued, skills of today's secretaries include coordinating, time management, public relations, information handling (a 600 percent increase in the past 20 years), scheduling, researching, customer relations, word-processing, writing, budget-planning, decision-making, and creative problem solving.

A recent study by PSI reflected the new management team role secretaries are undertaking 52 percent train others, 79 percent compose correspondence for both themselves and managers, 36 percent supervise others, and more than 60 percent recommend or initiate purchases from specific vendors.

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."

Secretaries clearly constitute the largest single segment of today's office work force in the United States numbering nearly five million, with a ten percent increase expected by the year 1995 (despite the spread of office automation).

During this special week and throughout the year, Martin Marietta Energy Systems salutes the valuable contributions made by its secretaries.

Throughout business and industry, the role of a secretary is changing . . . from the cave man's "hard rock" to tomorrow's "software."



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