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THE BLOODMOBILE is scheduled for March 14, 15, and 16. Please try to preschedule an appointment, if possible, but at least mark those dates on your calendar.

THE BIDS for the new Test Loop Facility were opened on February 15th. The apparent low bidder for the site work, foundation, and building shell, was Butt and Head.

ERDA Administrator Robert Seamans resigned January 20 and Deputy Administrator Robert Fri took over in an acting capacity. Seamans will continue to serve ERDA as a consultant but has no career plans for the moment.

FUEL SHORTAGE -- Is it contrived or not? In a recent poll by Gallup for the Federal Energy Administration, only 56 percent of the public east of the Rockies believed the nation's fuel shortage was real. About 62 percent had their thermostats set lower than a year ago. The lowest average temperature people are willing to set at night was 59 to 61 even though the President and other officials asked to turn thermostats down to 55 at night.

BATTELLE Laboratories in Columbus has been selected by ERDA to conduct a study, scheduled for completion in June, of the socio-economic impact of the Add-On Plant Project. On Tuesday, February 8, they attended a presentation on plantsite on "Goodyear Atomic Corporation." The presentation, ably handled by Vince DeVito, was requested by Dr. Gary Stacey, the Coordinator of the Socio-Economic Study, to give him and his staff a brief background on GAT and the gaseous diffusion method of uranium enrichment.

THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION has issued a Final Environmental Statement on the proposed Clinch River Breeder Reactor Project. The plant, if approved by the NRC, will demonstrate the commercial feasibility of the liquid metal fast breeder reactor.

A NUCLEAR FUEL SHIPPING CASK was "crashed" at high speed recently into a concrete wall in a test to assess the durability of these containers in the event of a severe transportation accident. ERDA reported that the shipping cask, which slammed into the concrete target at a speed of 60 miles per hour remained structurally sound, showed only a slight dent at one end, and no part of the container cracked open. The tractor-trailer rig which carried the cask was totally demolished.

CONSTANCE A. ECKHART presented the film, "It Can Happen To You," concerning self-defense for women, to 35 members of the Piketon High School Secretarial Club. Connie is President of the local chapter of the National Secretaries Association and is the only Certified Professional Secretary on plantsite. That designation can only be obtained after completing education and experience requirements plus passing a comprehensive test.

WILLIAM JEBB, Chief of Construction and Engineering for the Portsmouth Area ERDA Office, assisted by John Gedeon, took part in the February 16 luncheon of the Wellston Rotary Club. Jebb's presentation was "The Add-On Project and Its Relation to GAT."

NEXT TO PETROLEUM, coffee is the largest export earner for the world's developing nations. Natural disasters in the supplying areas have brought wholesale prices to record levels. Consumer reaction has been vigorous, including some calls for national boycotts. Tight supplies and rising prices are foreseen at least through the 1978-79 marketing season.

THE ANNUAL CREDIT UNION MEETING which was postponed due to the extreme winter is rescheduled for Sunday, March 6, 2:30 p.m. at the Waverly American Legion.

WHO'S WHO IN MANAGEMENT

WILLIAM F. JOHNSON is a chemist and Section Head of the Materials Testing and Water Treatment Section of the Materials Testing Department (D-551). He directs the activities of three salaried technical assistants in testing various classified materials for flow and physical properties. His section also is responsible for the analysis of water in the recirculating water system. In addition to running routine test programs for the Development Laboratory and others, they develop better methods and techniques of testing. He reports to ROGER D. JACKSON, Supervisor of Materials Testing.



Bill attended Ohio University-Portsmouth. His GAT career began in September 1965 as a Lab Analyst, Jr. His career continued in that area as a Technical Assistant I and II and Technical Man until being named to his present position.

Bill and his wife, Jane, a stenographer in the Works Laboratory Subdivision, reside in Portsmouth, Ohio. He and his wife are newlyweds, having been married January 29, 1977. They attend All Saints Episcopal Church. Bill is President of the GAT Foremen's Club and also has the same position in the Goodyear Bowling League. He is a member of the American Federation of Musicians and the Portsmouth Jaycees. Any spare time is spent on the golf course or in the United Commercial Traveler's activities.

GAT NAMES AND FACES IN THE NEWS



G. A. TIMMONS



G. KOMLOS



P. HOPPER



G. NEAL



E. LITTON



L. ROSE

GARY A. TIMMONS returned to his alma mater to speak to the Student Chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Returning to Tri-State University in Angola, Indiana, on February 9th, he spoke on "The Gaseous Diffusion Industry."

GERRY KOMLOS spoke to approximately 35 members of the Business Office Education/Future Secretaries Association (BOE-FSA) on "Data Processing as It Relates to the Secretarial Profession."

PAT HOPPER recently completed his term as President of the GAT Foremen's Club. During his term, the organization grew to over 550 members, the highest total in the history of the Club.

GRACE NEAL, ELAINE LITTON, and LARISSA ROSE judged 11 members of the Piketon BOE/FSA Chapter who were competing in the Research and Education Foundation Scholarship competition. The girls were judged on poise, personality, and speaking ability as well as the various types of stenographic skills.

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