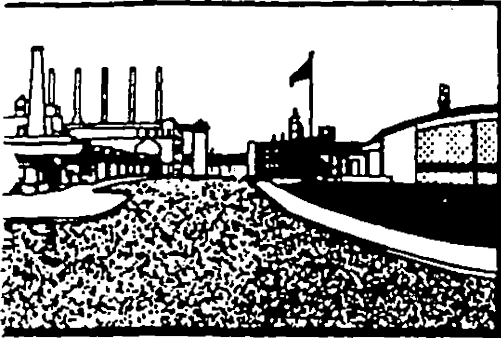


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PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENT

EFFECTIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, GARY GRAY, PRODUCTION ENGINEERING SUPERINTENDENT AT THE QUEENY PLANT, WILL BECOME MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT IN ZONE B AT THE KRUMMRICH PLANT, REPLACING JIM KAIMAN. GARY GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI IN 1965 AND STARTED AT THE QUEENY PLANT IN ESD IN JUNE OF THAT YEAR. HE HAS HELD VARIOUS ASSIGNMENTS AT THE QUEENY PLANT BEFORE ASSUMING HIS PRESENT JOB IN SEPTEMBER, 1977.

GARY WILL REPORT TO BEN WILLIAMS AT THE KRUMMRICH PLANT.

MIKE MASON! LLOYD SANSOUCIE! ELTON KING! JOHN CUNDIFF! BILL BIRK!

THEIR NAMES AREN'T ON THE SIGNBOARD NOW, BUT THEIR SAFETY MESSAGES WERE -- DURING THE PAST WEEK -- AND EACH OF THESE WGK'ERS HAS A SHINY SILVER DOLLAR WAITING THEM AT THE SAFETY OFFICE.

THINK YOU COULD DO AS WELL WITH YOUR OWN SAFETY MESSAGE? GIVE IT A TRY! FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CAFETERIA RACK...RETURN SHOULD BE TO THE SAFETY DEPARTMENT.

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Retiree News

REGRET TO ANNOUNCE THE DEATH ON JUNE 9, 1979, OF KRUMMRICH PLANT RETIREE DUE MOORE. MR. MOORE RETIRED AS AN OPERATOR IN DEPT. 236 IN AUGUST, 1967. HE WAS 79 YEARS OF AGE. FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MR. MOORE WERE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 16.

SAFETY RETIREMENT HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR WGK'ER HOUSTON GARRETT.

GARRETT HAS APPROXIMATELY 37 YEARS OF MONSANTO SERVICE. HE WORKED FOR SEVERAL YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THE OSS GROUP AND WAS WORKING AS A PORTER AT THE

RECENTLY, OSHA FOUND DIOXINS IN DEPARTMENT 237 AND OLD 236. IF SAFETY COMES FIRST, WHY HAVEN'T THE OPERATORS AND SUPERVISION BEEN TESTED OR EXAMINED FOR DIOXIN POISONING? AT PRESENT, ALL CONSTRUCTION HAS STOPPED, THE OPERATORS STILL RUN THE JOB, BUT CANNOT EAT, DRINK OR SMOKE IN THE DEPARTMENT. BUT IT IS STILL SAFE TO BREATHE CONTAMINATED AIR?

ANSWER

YOU PROBABLY HAVE SEEN OR HEARD IN THE NEWS MEDIA WITHIN THE PAST WEEK THAT MONSANTO'S KRUMMRICH PLANT HAS RECEIVED CITATIONS FROM OSHA FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS DETECTED IN SAMPLES TAKEN EARLIER IN 1979. TEMPORARY MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN DEPARTMENT 236 AND DEPARTMENT 237 TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF WORKERS IN THAT AREA UNTIL WE CAN BE SURE OF THE SITUATION.

BASED UPON PAST MEDICAL HISTORY AND EVIDENCE, AND THE 40+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN OPERATING THESE DEPARTMENTS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS A HEALTH HAZARD INVOLVED.

AT WGK, WE CONTINUE TO PURSUE A POLICY OF MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE OF LONG-TERM HEALTH EFFECTS ON ALL OF OUR WORKERS. POSSIBLE WORKER EXPOSURE TO DIOXINS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM.

AT THIS TIME, OSHA HAS SUPPLIED KRUMMRICH MANAGEMENT WITH TWO PIECES OF VERBAL INFORMATION CONCERNING ANALYTICAL NUMBERS ON SAMPLES TAKEN IN DEPARTMENTS 236 AND 237. PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THESE TWO PIECES OF DATA. WE ARE TAKING SAMPLES AND ANALYZING THEM FOR DIOXINS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION AS IMPLIED BY OSHA.

OBEY SIGNS!...

TWO WORDS OF GOOD ADVICE!

TWO GOOD WORDS TO KNOW. THEY'RE THE JUNE SAFETY SLOGAN.

MELVIN BENOIST OF THE LAB KNEW THEM, AND AS A RESULT WILL HAVE HIS CHOICE OF A GIFT FROM THE PICK-A-GIFT CATALOG.

MAKE SURE YOU OR YOUR ANSWERING FAMILY MEMBERS ARE READY SHOULD THE CALL COME TO YOUR HOUSE.

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Air Conditioning Tips...

THESE ENERGY-SAVING HINTS COME FROM THE U.S. LEAGUE OF SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS...

YOU CAN SAVE 50% ON COOLING COSTS THIS SUMMER BY SETTING YOUR THERMOSTAT AT 78° INSTEAD OF 72. ON COOLER DAYS, OPEN WINDOWS CAN DO JUST AS GOOD A JOB, AND MORE CHEAPLY, THAN AIR CONDITIONERS. ON REALLY HOT DAYS, SET YOUR FAN SPEED ON HIGH FOR BETTER EFFICIENCY.. AND LEAVE YOUR STORM WINDOWS IN PLACE DURING THE SUMMER--THEY KEEP HEAT OUT DURING WARM WEATHER JUST AS THEY HELP KEEP OUT COLD IN WINTER.

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HELEN, LYNDIA & BRENDA MOBLEY
BERTHA CRAME
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