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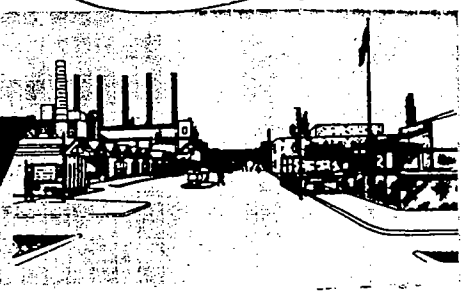
WGK Today



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PLANT MANAGER LUNCHEON

The next luncheon with Plant Manager Jack Molloy will be January 22. Names of employees are selected at random for the monthly lunches. Watch next week's Today sheet for more information.

HOUSEKEEPING INSPECTION

The next inspection is Tuesday, January 21. This month's topic is "Office/Control Rooms". Inspectors will be looking at paint, etc.

NEW ADDRESS

In case you missed it in an earlier Today sheet, WGK now has a street address and new zip code number. It is:

MONSANTO
Monsanto Chemical Company
500 Monsanto Ave.
Sauget, IL 62206-1198

Letterhead and window envelopes are in the process of being changed. The regular Monsanto return envelopes with the new address are now in stock.

FITZGERALD VIDEO

A 5-minute videotape by Monsanto Chemical Co. President F.J. Fitzgerald will be shown At Jack Molloy's "State of the Plant" meetings to be held in February. Watch Today for the schedule.

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SHOEMOBILE

The Shoemobile will be at the plant on Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 7:30 am to noon.

AND, FINALLY...

Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising every time we fail.

Confucius

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PLEASE POST

PLANT REFERENCE GUIDE

This is a reprint of a guide that will save you time, steps and frustration. Save it and post it on your department's bulletin board for quick reference.

Address Changes - Salaried-Bea Leap, Sta. 2297; Hourly-Eileen Sabo, Sta. 2086
Blood Bank Info/Records - Joy Harris, Sta. 2407
Cafeteria - Closed 8:15 am - 10:30 am
Comments/Suggestions - Sta. 2022, 24 hours a day
Conf. Training Room Reservation - 2nd floor BK, reception area
Credit Union - Hours: Mon., Tues. & Fri. 7:30 am - 1 pm and 3pm - 4 pm; Wed. 11 am - 1 pm; Thurs. 7:50 am - 4:15 pm; Direct Dial number 271-2409
Disneyland/Disney World - Communications, Sta. 2023 after 12:30 pm
Emission (Actual or Potential) - Days-Sta. 2700; Off-shifts-Sta. 2474
Employee Assistance - For confidential appointment, call PPC at (314) 991-4422 or 1-800-325-4939
Eye Protection/Face Shields - Garment Room, any time, Sta. 2307
I.D. Photos/Passes - Salaried-Gail Smith; Hourly-Time Office
Insurance Claims/Pension - Louise Greenlee, Benefits, BK, 7:45 am - 8:30 am, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, 3:15 pm - 4 pm
Optical Services - Emergency repairs and forms for safety glasses from Pearle Vision Center or Medicare at Stationery Dept., Basement BK
Plant News/Retiree News - Communications, Sta. 2092, 2023 after 12:30 pm
Respirators/Special Clothing - Respirator area in Firehouse, anytime
Safety Shoes - Shoemobile visits as announced
Savings Bond Info - Salaried-Bea Leap, Sta. 2297, 3 pm - 4 pm daily; Hourly-Time Office, Sta. 2255
Service Awards/Repairs - Joy Harris, Benefits, 1st floor BK, Sta. 2407
SIP Info - Eileen Sabo, Benefits, 1st floor BK, Sta. 2086, 8 - 8:30 am, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, 3:15 pm - 4 pm
Spill Reports - Days-Sta. 2221, 2542 or 2247; Nights/Off-shifts-Sta. 2474 (Night Supt.) or 2064, 2065, 2066 or 2067 (Shift Supv.)
Student Loans - Gail Smith, Sta. 2580
Scholarships/Monsanto Fund - Communications Sta. 2023 after 12:30 pm
Stock Purchase Info - Salaried and hourly-Bea Leap, Sta. 2297, 3 pm - 4 pm
Time Office - Mon./Tues./Wed./Fri. 7:30 am - 8:30 am, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, 3 pm - 4:30 pm; Thurs. 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
Training Equipment - Jerry Cameron, Sta. 2316
Tuition Refunds - Bea Leap Sta. 2297
Telephone Changes - Operator
Emergency Phone Numbers - Fire-2000; Ambulance and First Aid-2400; Dispensary-2049; Emission-Days-Sta. 2700, Off-shifts-Sta. 2474
Plant Emergency Fire Code - 5 short blasts repeated 5 times

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PRESS INQUIRY

DATE:2/28/86

444-1850

cc Jack Molloy
Roy Shaneberger
Warren Smull
Sarah Collins

Phone call received from Channel 4 at 10:40 a.m. indicating that reporter Chris Abel, Channel 4, was on his way over to talk to a former Monsanto employee who claims to have dumped material in a previously undisclosed site near the river.

I tried to call Sarah Collins and Marc Schannon, neither were available. I spoke with Dan Bishop around 11:30 a.m. to apprise him of the situation.

Chris Abel arrived at the plant around 2 p.m. He indicated he had already shot footage at the site and had interviewed in silhouette,"a former Monsanto employee with 20 years of service who had left a couple of years ago."

Chris started out by saying this employee had told him of dumping things near the river. The site indicated on the aerial map I showed him was the old Monsanto landfill. I gave Chris a copy of the Feb. 24, 1982 press release about the seeps and the landfill. I explained that we had just about finished our rip rap, or revetment program of reinforcing the riverbank with crushed rock to prevent erosion. I told him we had spent over $1 million so far on the site. I also quoted from the press release concerning the years the landfill was in use and the fact that it had been capped.

Chris asked if someone could go on camera answering the questions raised by the former employee. I told him I felt this was a non-story, and a four-year-old one at that. He called his assignment editor. I was standing within earshot. I heard him tell the editor that this was a "four year old story". That as near as he could tell, Monsanto was proceeding with the cleanup. The editor evidently asked him why we weren't digging it up, like Rt. 3. Chris responded, "They've already spent over a million. I suspect it's money."

Evidently, Chris' boss told him he had already spent the day on this story and he should come back with something to air. Chris got off the phone and asked me some more questions. He requested an interview with Jack Molloy. I told him Jack was not on site. He said, "Look, I have this guy on camera saying you forced him to dump all sorts of chemicals near the river. He expressed his concern, but he was told this was his job. I can paraphrase what you've told me, but it would be better to have someone from the company appear on camera."

When I saw he was going ahead with the story, I agreed to be interviewed.

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He asked about the landfill. I told him the history of it and that our groundwater consultants had recommended two courses of action--one that we cap it, which we did with two feet of impermeable clay and second, that we reinforce the riverbank, which we were now doing.

Why don't you dig it up? I told him that our groundwater consultants were still working on the study of the entire sight and might come back to us with more recommendations.

He asked me to comment on the allegations of this individual. I stopped the taping and asked to speak to him off camera. At this point I told him I could not comment on the allegations of someone which was unidentified to me. I had no way of knowing if he was a former employee or not; and had no way of knowing if in fact he worked in this area, and if so at what time or with what materials.

Chris agreed to not ask me that question.

He asked me if the company was doing all it could to protect the environment in this area. I answered that we were.

Dan Bishop was informed and indicated that he would call Channel 4 to protest airing of the "possible former employee in silhouette."

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Chris Abel called at 9:45 a.m. and said he would like to meet with a technical engineer at the landfill site. I notified Sarah Collins who talked with Dan and Christy Beckman. The word I received was that they were interviewing someone in the Attorney General's office and were requested by Monsanto to also talk to the IEPA. Dan asked that I cab copies of press releases in the file to Leigh Ann Volas at Ch. 4. Those were sent at 2 p.m. Other materials from the legal staff were sent from G.O.

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Chris has talked to Ken Mensing, Keri Luly at EPAand Robert Mueller at the Atty General's office in Springfield. They have told him about the EPA study of the entire area and the Attorney Gnen'l says they are pursuing the lawsuit. They think Monsanto should dig up the landfill and remove all the old chemicals.

1. Who won't you dig it up?
2. What's been done at the site to moke it safe?
3. How much have you spent so far?
4. What's in the landfill?
5. What was the end use of material you manufactured?
6. To what extent are the products toxic?
7. Are there any know carcinogens?
8. What have we done to prevent leaks?

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Chris was not allowed inside the landfill or riverbank area because we were loading a sulfuric acid barge (a 12 hour

job).

He did a standup at the locked gate and showed up at 3 p.m. to interview Molloy. Story is supposed to run 3/4.

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