



The ATOMIZER



VEHICLE OPERATIONS ON PROJECT ATTAIN REMARKABLE SAFETY RECORD; 387 MEN RECEIVE DRIVING AWARDS



SAFE DRIVERS CERTIFICATE AWARDED FOR 24 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS WITHOUT AN ACCIDENT WHILE EMPLOYED BY THE PETER KIEWIT SONS' CO.—thus the inscription on the awards given to the men shown above last week by the prime contractor's Safety Department. Shown in the photograph are, front row, left to right: Bill Allen, W. M. Lands, "Red" Jones, G. E. Evans, Bob Rowen, and E. H. Littleton. Back row: R. L. Riley, "Pete" Church, Whitey Hufford, W. P. Finneran, H. H. Davis, C. R. Roberts, G. Sprecher, and E. H. Cropper. Not pictured for PKS who received the awards were: Proctor Sparks, R. M. Rouse, D. M. Oyer, R. R. Morrison, B. W. Hufford, Wade Howard, P. O. Hoop, H. E. Heller, Rudolph Cooper, E. R. Chamberlain, O. K. Blanton, Ovie Blair, Dale Bayless, J. J. Vranko, N. E. Snyder and Sinky Wright. For George Koch Sons, Inc.: Orville N. Burlile. (Grinnell's 24 month recipient is pictured in other photograph while R-N had none as they do not employ teamsters).

Operations Chief Senior Commends Mark; "Even Better In 1955 Is Goal Of All Men"

Twenty-one visits to the moon and back over hazardous roads without one person being killed!!! Think of 10,252,474 miles being travelled with but one accident serious enough to cause personal injury. Not to mention the fact that if all the little bumps and scrapes were repaired that their total cost would be slightly more than \$10,000. Nine million miles, 21 trips to the moon—just how much driving is this? Large figures sometimes are overlooked, but an indication of the tremendous mileage involved can be realized if it is known that it would take a driver 234 years to cover the distance if he drove 24 hours a day and averaged 50 miles per hour. Imagine also that during the trip thousands of other vehicles and pedestrians are scampering over the highway.

Since October of 1952 until the close of 1954, drivers of all types of vehicles on this project have travelled enough miles to be compared with the hypothetical 21 trips to the moon. W. J. Cree, PKS Safety Department, as recently released facts on project vehicular travel that gives every employee reason to be proud of their contribution to the safe driving accomplishments on the job. The report revealed that the cost of 42 chargeable (over \$50) accidents to government vehicles, from October '52 until December 31, '54, was slightly over \$5,000. With damage to private vehicles included, the total rises to \$10,411.

What are the reasons for the record? Education, training and

control are probably the three which can be most directly associated with the record. The significance of safe driving campaigns is realized on the administrative level of the U. S. Government. It is of concern to every person who in any way is near a vehicle. Recognizing the problem, PKS management decided early that this job would be a leader in safe driving practices.

The plans formulated for the execution of the operation begin with every supervisor on the project. Every driver must have a driver's permit. Before a supervisor requests the issuance of a Government permit, he is required to ascertain the fitness of the applicant with special reference to emotional stability, which can best be observed from his habits, temperment, and attitude as shown in performing every-day work on the job. This process alone weeds out many undesirable types of operators.

Once an application has been completed, each person is required to pass a road test, written test and an eye test. (Road test for vehicles over ¾ ton). If any one of the three are not passed, the applicant must wait 30 days before being permitted to be re-examined. After passing the three exams each driver is then

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RECREATION DIVISION ANNOUNCES SPRING DANCE SCHEDULE

The project Recreation Division has released a new schedule of employee dances for all area communities. Employees are reminded that identification badges are needed to be admitted, and that friends and relatives are also welcome.

The schedule begins on February 5 in Portsmouth at the American Legion Hall. Ronald Ball and his band of Ashland, Ky., will provide music.

In addition to the regular dances, there will be two special dances at the two Public Housing projects at Waverly and Piketon, presented with a Valentine theme. The dances will be held on February 12 at the projects from 9:00 P. M. to 12:00 midnight.

The remainder of the dance schedule:

- March 5 at Chillicothe Elks.
 - March 19 at Portsmouth Elks (city club).
 - April 16 at Chillicothe Elks.
 - April 30 at Portsmouth American Legion.
 - May 21 at Chillicothe Elks.
 - June 4 at Portsmouth American Legion.
 - June 25 at Chillicothe Elks.
- The Legion Hall is located at 828 2nd Street and the Elks city club is at 317 Court in Portsmouth.

MEET THE MANAGEMENT:

Sheet Metal Fabrication Guided By George Koch Son's Francis J. Walter

This is to introduce Francis J. Walter, Assistant Superintendent for George Koch Sons who directs the fabrication of all sheet metal at the Portsmouth Area project.

Walter arrived at the local installation early in April of 1953 from the Koch Company's Evansville plant. He has been with the company since July of 1941 having begun work with them



FRANCIS J. WALTER

New Social Security Laws Affect Pay Checks Of Many Employees; Travel Pay Allowances Explained By Fiscal

A recent ruling from the Director of Internal Revenue is directly accountable for the minor differences noted on the pay checks of employees who are receiving travel pay.

Banquet Planned For Alumni Of Ohio State; Woody Hayes To Speak

Alumni, their wives, friends or relatives, are cordially invited to attend the Ohio State University Scioto County Alumni Annual Banquet. The affair will be held at All Saints Guild Hall on the corner of 4th and Court Streets in Portsmouth at 6:30 P. M., Tuesday, February 15.

Coach Woody Hayes will be the guest speaker for the occasion and will be accompanied by several members of the school's Big Ten and National Champion football team.

Reservations and general information may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Richard Brunner, Phone 5-5551 at 819 3rd Street in Portsmouth.

F. S. COYNE RESUMES DUTIES

Friends of F. S. "Stu" Coyne, Director of the Employee Relations Department, will be happy to learn of his recuperation from a recent illness.

"Stu" spent nearly two weeks at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, while undergoing a minor operation. He returned to work on January 13 and advises he is "fit as a fiddle".

This ruling is concerned with the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (Social Security), and is not to be confused in any way with Income Taxes. A recent issue of THE ATOMIZER explained some of the major changes in the Social Security laws for 1955, and included the new change in the base income from which the tax is deducted. In 1954, 2% of the first \$3600 (\$72), was deducted from all pay checks, and as soon as the \$72 was taken out the deductions were stopped. In 1955, 2% of the first \$4200 (\$84), will be deducted from employee earnings.

The latest ruling on the deduction of Social Security (F. I. C. A.) has an effect on persons receiving travel pay. In 1954, travel pay was included with regular wages in determining when the the \$3600 figure was reached. Thus, the travel pay was considered as a part of regular wages. Since the pay period, beginning November 14, 1954, and through 1955, travel pay will not be included with regular wages in computing the deduction. The 2% deduction will be made from regular wages only, which is listed in the gross earnings block of the paycheck stub.

This essentially means that it will take longer to reach the \$4200 base, or longer to pay your new \$84 Social Security payment, since travel pay will not be combined with regular wages.

Cashier J. J. Pluhacek stated that the recent changes in the Social Security laws account for the differences on pay checks which have been noted in the past few weeks. It is hoped that this will explain the causes of the variances.

Employees Invited To Gun Shoots In Jackson

Employees have been invited to participate in semi-weekly rifle and pistol shoots in Jackson. The invitation was extended by Mr. Glendon Roy, of the Farmer Sportsman Rifle & Pistol Club of that city.

The range is located on the second floor of the Steele Greenhouse on Water St., and has six firing points. The club is N. R. A. approved.

Shoots are held every Thursday evening at 7:30 and every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 P. M.

Persons living in the Jackson area are invited to attend as either guests or members of club.



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In recent issues, THE ATOMIZER has featured stories and pictures of the families of men on the project.

We have enjoyed these articles and hope you share our interest in them.

It seems to us that seeing these fine people who depend on our fellow workers is the best safety reminder any of us could have. Serious injury or death to the husband and father of a household is a terrible disaster.

Each man's family is trusting in you to conduct your work so that no one is injured, and we are sure that all of you will attempt to merit their confidence.

George C. Holling, General Manager
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 Portsmouth Area AEC Project

Warehousing Department Initial Step In Grinnell Firm's Tremendous Field Operations Program On Local Project

Editor's Note: (In the past five issues of THE ATOMIZER the entire Operations Unit of George Koch Sons, Inc. was covered. As a continuation of this type of coverage to the operations of all contractors, this issue begins a new series on the Grinnell Corporation's Operations Unit, under the direction of William F. Kistler.)

Materials are needed to build! Thus, from necessity, any field operation function, involving installation and erection of machinery and structures, would begin with a vitally accessible materials storage center.

The Grinnell Warehousing Department, under the direction of W. A. "Al" Berger, is essentially the hub of the tremendous wheel, which comprises the forces responsible for installation of all material.

The relative size and scope of the department is indicated by figures revealing 4½ acres of covered storage and more than 51 acres of open storage. The entire area has been laid out in such a manner that all material is "spot-located" by area to provide for storage and future issue.

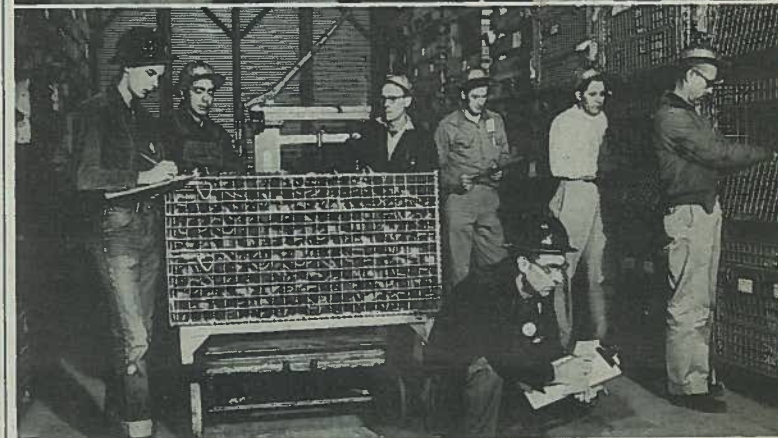
The enormous pipe yard alone stores approximately 10,000 items of pipe. The transportation of this huge number, with lengths from 20-40 feet, diameters from 1 to 54 inches, and individual loads from 2 to 24 thousand pounds, immediately created a problem. Grinnell's answer to the problem? "Straddle racks", capable of handling such loads, were developed, and eight elongated "straddle buggies" were put into operation. Presently, this straddle buggy system comprises 75% of all transportation of materials from the department.

There are approximately 10,000 different items carried in storage in the warehouses, all of which are stored by a "locator system". Realizing that the most efficient operation would be one that would utilize "cubical" content as well as square footage, the storage centers were laid out as a strictly mechanical handling function. The weight of material to be stored required that a container capable of carrying 6,000 pounds in itself, and 24,000 pounds above, be obtained. Consequently, the department purchased specially made "cargotainers". These have proven extremely satisfactory, and have allowed the warehousing group to use space allocated to the greatest possible utilization by storing to a maximum height of 12½ feet, and still provide accessibility. (Note photo of cargotainers).

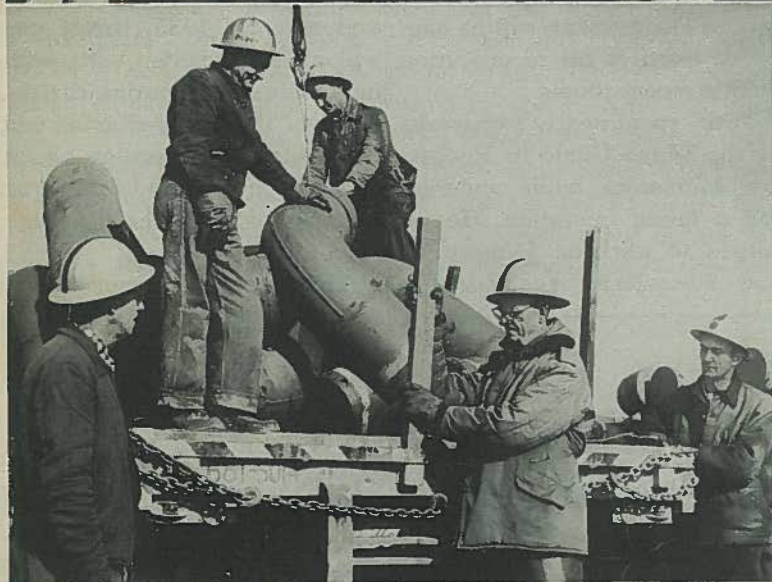
It is interesting to note that within the covered area, as much as 1,000 miles of tubing can be stored, in addition to hundreds of other materials. Records indicate receipts daily reached as much as 286 tons and more than 1,460 separate and distinct items.

(Next: Fabrication)

BEAUTIFUL Joanne Dru, born in Logan, West Virginia would give marriage workmen fits if she required her real name in lights—Joanne Letitia La Cock!!



The south-siding fitter gang posed for the picture shown at top above. Pictured kneeling in front row are: F. Slone, Glen Haskel, D. Goodman, Guy Sands, L. W. Burns, D. L. Rhine, J. L. Simpson and J. J. Angello. Back row: C. D. Taylor, foreman; H. N. Weaver, H. H. Graham, E. Barbour, F. Slayer, foreman; W. Campbell, P. N. Weaver, Ike Moore, H. O. Fouty, O. G. Kirkham, foreman; and General Foreman J. W. Stuart. The women, who are an essential part of the overall operation, are pictured in the center photo. Left to right: Alice Rutherford, Exie Whitis, Elaine Scott, Lillian Jones, Sylvia Gibeaut, Donna King, Katherine Collins, Becky Woods, and seated at desk to right, Vedra Collins. Lower picture shows a warehousing crew making an inventory of materials stored in the "cargotainers". Left to right are: D. J. Clark, F. C. Flynn, L. M. Daughtery, R. R. Hill, foreman; S. B. Rice, G. H. Slaughter and (foreground) C. G. Healy.



Shown above are three ironworker crews of the Grinnell Warehousing Department who assist in the handling of the many thousands of pieces of pipe in the huge storage yards. Foreman W. S. Carr (left foreground) is in charge of the group pictured at top which includes E. E. Davis, Fay L. Howard, G. D. Stowers, and Robert L. Wagner. Shown on the rig are: M. E. Pitts, oiler (left); and Operator John Chevront. Center photo shows another crew in the material handling operation under the supervision of Foreman O. Howard, (left). Also pictured are (on truck) W. O. Witt and D. W. Hall, Harry Boggs (on ground) and E. L. Sardan (extreme right). Pictured in lower shot are Canby Parker, Shannon Estep, George W. Caudill, O. K. Hargett, P. W. McCreary, and Foreman B. T. Lacher. The rig operator is Jack Poling.



THE FAMILY OF HARRY WILLIAMS, SHEET METAL WORKER, GKS Shown above is the family of Harry Williams, sheet metal worker for George Koch Sons, Inc., who came to the Portsmouth project more than a year ago from Columbus, Ohio. Prior to employment locally Harry worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad as a sheet metal welder for some 18 years. Pictured with Mrs. Toni are left to right Rex, age 4; Sheila Ann, age 5; Jackie, age 7; Billy, age 9; and Brenda, who is 11. Two members of the family not in the picture are Don, 21, who is in the Armed Forces and Mary Jo, 19 who is married and the mother of a daughter. Returning to Pike County from Columbus was a homecoming for Toni as she was born and raised in Waverly.



Here are the majority of men employed on the project as teamsters who have been the major factor in the compilation of such an outstanding safety record. Those shown above received safe driving awards for driving 18 consecutive months without an accident.

SAFE DRIVING AWARD

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required to read and know thoroughly all project rules governing the safe operation of vehicles. From a total of 5498 permits, 104 drivers failed road tests and 387 failed the written examination—thus, keeping 491 unsafe drivers off the roads.

This procedure authorizes the person to operate the vehicle, and normally would end at this point. However, on this AEC installation a continual education program is conducted through safety meetings and bulletins, project newspapers, audio-visual aids, and supervisory enforcement. Drivers never are allowed to forget SAFETY.

Strict penalties are enforced on those who violate any provision of the prescribed safety rules. All accidents are thoroughly investigated and complete reports filed which include statements from witnesses, operators, photographs, and a very conclusive summary by a trained investigator. Once the violations have been determined, suspension or cancellation of permits or termination penalties are enforced. Hearings are conducted in the presence of the parties concerned, and are always fair and impartial. In the two and one-half years, 72 driver's permits have been cancelled and 189 have received suspension. Once cancelled, a permit cannot be renewed, and suspen-

sions are usually 30 days in duration.

The real proof of this project's outstanding safety record is in the comparison of its frequency rate to that of other installations. The rate for this job is a mere 0.41 accidents for every 100 thousand vehicular miles driven. The rate for all AEC installations throughout the country is 1.02 (for the first three-quarters of 1954). National Safety Council's 1949-1952 statistics indicate a rate for public travel of 2.28 in only 3½ millions miles driven.

The record speaks for itself! It has been made possible only through the complete cooperation of the men who man the vehicles. Last week 388 awards were issued by PKS to pay tribute to men who have driven from 6 to 24 months consecutively without an accident. Congratulations men, let's lower the record even more.

Operations Unit Manager R. L. Senior had this to say concerning the fine accomplishments of the vehicle operators on the project. "We are very proud of the fine record established by operators of AEC vehicles during 1954. The fact that we have experienced less than one chargeable accident for each 275,000 miles driven is ample evidence that 'defensive' driving does pay off. Each operator is to be commended for the part he played in attaining this record. We hope that our record in 1955 will be even better."



Two Grinnell employees received 24 and 18 month awards from Safety Engineer Art Thomas, shown at left in the picture above. J. B. Shively (18 months) and Dale W. Sturgeon (24 months) receive their awards as Safety Engineer West and Superintendent M. J. Valentine look on.

RECREATION CRAFT CLASSES

Pat Nelson, Recreation Division, announces the scheduling of handicraft classes at two area locations. Previous classes have been held, at which the women worked with cork, textile painting, and basketry. Plans include

additional work in oil painting and aluminum trays.

The classes will meet on Tuesdays at 1:30 P. M. at the Sargents Community Building and on Wednesdays at the same time in the Rivervale Community Building at Waverly.

CLASSIFIEDS

The following classified ads are free to any Portsmouth Area project employee but must be confined to items pertaining to transportation and lost and found articles.
Phone 3442 or 2887

LOST — Man's gold engraved wedding band in X-330 Bldg. Call *Ralph Griffis*, Ext. 3394.

LOST — Small silver pocket knife in Adm. Bldg. "Brown Boveri" stamped on side. Contact *Horace Clay*, Ext. 2626.

LOST — Silver Ronson lighter with initials RGM on it. Lost in vicinity of X1333 Bldg. Contact *Janice May*, Ext. 2279.

WANTED — Ride from Ashland, Ky., to Whse. 18 on 8:00 to 4:30 shift. Contact *O. A. Higgins*, Ext. 3307 or Kentucky—Grand 3040.

WANTED — To join or form car pool — two drivers from Jackson Heights to Adm. Bldg. on 8:15 to 4:45 shift. Contact *Jim Allen*, Ext. 3245 or 3247 or Jackson 881-M.

WANTED — Riders from Portsmouth to Adm. Bldg. on 8:15 to 4:45 shift. Contact *R. D. Shultz*, Auditing Dept., Ext. 25-10.

WANTED — Two riders to join car pool from Peebles on 7:30 to 4:00 or 8:00 to 4:30 shift. Call *Mr. Crowe*, Ext. 3289.

WANTED — Two drivers to join car pool from Jackson to Adm. Bldg. on 8:15 to 4:45 shift. Contact *H. G. Fairchild*, Ext. 2504.

FOUND — Three sets of keys, all for GM vehicles. One set with license (Ohio) 922 JC attached. One set (one key only) on paper clip. One set on a wire. Can be claimed at PKS time office in X-326 area.

"HILLBILLY" JAMBOREE AT PORTSMOUTH ONG ARMORY

Employees interested in good "ole time square dancing" and other forms of hillbilly entertainment will be interested to know that it can be found at the National Guard Armory in Portsmouth beginning tomorrow evening, and continuing every Saturday night thereafter.

Two project employees, Harold Spangler and "PeeWee" Potts, are the promoters of the jamboree, and have announced that efforts will be made to feature well-known entertainers.

The evening will begin at 8:00 P. M. with an hour of "PeeWee" and his yellow jackets. The remaining three hours, until 12:00 midnight, will be for dancing, both round and square.

Brockriede Expected To Return

A. O. Brockriede, Labor Relations Division Chief for GKS, has undergone surgery at Grant Hospital in Columbus. If his condition continues to improve he will be back in Portsmouth at the end of this week and should return to work early next week.

TWIN GIRLS FOR FAGNILLIS'

Twin daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter "Kelly" Fagnilli at 5:20 P. M. on December 28 at Jamison Memorial Hospital in New Castle, Pa. The daughters were named Millissa Noel and Lissa Carol. Kelly works for Grinnell and the family is now living in Chillicothe.



Let's Face It—Safety Is Up To You!

A guy who takes chances at work will take chances on the road. A guy who takes chances at work or on the road will take chances at home. A guy who takes chances at home or on the road will raise a family who takes chances.

It is sort of a creeping disease, enveloping all that come into contact with it.

Where do the young and inexperienced get their knowledge? From the example set by the older people. Not what they say—but what they do. No matter what you tell them, your actions will betray you. The least the "old man" can do, if he doesn't care about himself, is to consider the example he may be setting for the young and inexperienced.

Too many of us think we are protected from the accident statistics that confront the unfortunate each day — with 160,000,000 people in the United States, why should we be one to suffer? When the National Safety Council predicts that 500 people will be killed over a holiday week-end, we think, naturally, that doesn't include us—and forget it.

But then we hear of the nice looking young fellow down the street who was killed in an auto crash, and left a young wife and three children or the cute little girl in the next block who drowned while on a picnic; or of the little guy your boy plays with who got his back broken when hit by a car while riding his bicycle; or the man across the street, who fell off a ladder and broke his leg.

Pretty soon, if you sit down and try to analyze these things, the old statistics appear to come closer to home. Maybe, you'll decide that a little "Safety Consciousness" on your part might work better than playing the odds of large numbers.

It doesn't take much. Just a healthy regard for conditions around you, plus caution and a little foresight, to help you set

an example to others around you and to help protect yourself.

Remember—Every 5 seconds a chance-taker gets hurt.

SQUARE DANCE CLASSES OFFERED AT WAVERLY PHA

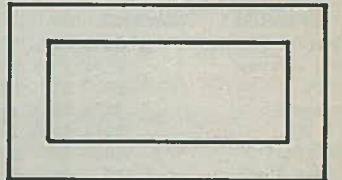
A "Learn to Square Dance" program has been planned for the residents of the Waverly PHA and surrounding villages, beginning February 2 at the housing project's community building.

The classes are under the supervision of Pat Nelson of the project Recreation Division, and will be held every Wednesday from 8:00 P. M. until 9:30 P. M.

A variety of "calls" and old folk dances will be taught to insure a very entertaining evening each week. Further information may be obtained at the Recreation Office.

"CROSS OVER THE BRIDGE"

The drawing shows a moat, 6 feet wide, around a castle. The draw-bridge is up and you have only two planks, each 5' 10" long, but nothing to hold them together.



How do you get to the castle without getting wet? (Answer will appear in the next edition.)

"YOUNG MEN think old men are fools—Old men know young men are fools."

