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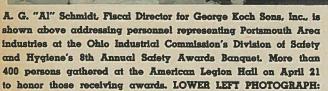
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R. L. Senior, Operations Manager for PKS, accepts an "Award of Merit" from Warren D. Shumacher of the Industrial Commission. In addition to the PKS "Award of Merit" Mr. Senior also accepted "Special Award" on behalf of all contractors on the job. (CENTER) Portsmouth Area AEC manager, Kenneth Dunbar, re-



ceives an "award for safety engineering achievement" which was presented to AEC by Mr. Shumacher. The picture at LOWER RIGHT caught G. Ashburn Koch at the moment he was receiving an "Award of Merit" for his company. The award cited Koch's outstanding record with only 2 lost time accidents

WORKERS; GKS, PKS, AEC, & GAT GET IND

On Thursday, April 21, the Peter Kiewit Sons' Co., George Koch Sons, Inc., Goodyear Atomic Corporation, the Atomic Energy Commission, and several Lump Sum contractors were honored

by the Industrial Commission of Ohio's Division of Safety and Hygiene at a special banquet at the Legion Hall in Portsmouth.

Representatives of area industries, 400 strong, gathered at the hall to receive special awards for safety achievement for outstanding records during the year of 1954. Following the meal, toastmaster A. G. Schmidt, Fiscal Director for the Koch Company, introduced several guests and then turned the meeting over to Warren D. Shumacher, Secretary of the Ohio Industrial Commission, who was pinch hitting for Richard E. Morse, Chairman of the Commission.

Mr. R. L. Senior, Operations Manager for the Peter Kiewit Sons' Co., accepted a special award from the Commission in behalf of the prime contractor and all companies affiliated with the project on a CPFF or Fixed Price basis. This special plaque, which is hanging in the lobby of the Adm. Bldg., honoring every person of all companies on the job reads, "AN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING EFFORT AND ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FIELD OF SAFETY TO THE PETER KIEWIT SONS'

COMPANY IN RECOGNI-TION OF THEIR CONTRI-**BUTION TO THE CAUSE OF** ACCIDENT PREVENTION IN THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRY DURING 1954 AT THE PORTSMOUTH AREA A-TOMIC ENERGY PROJECT."

Following the banquet Mr. Senior commented,

"Although the award is presented to the Peter Kiewit Sons' Co., it must be remembered that it is in recognition of the safety achievements of every man and woman on the project and was possible only through the cooperative and conscientious efforts of all. The only true way to place recognition for an outstanding safety record would be to give every person an individual plaque. YOU made it possible to receive the Special Award, and I accepted it in your behalf. I would like to express sincerest appreciation to all employees for their diligent safety performance during 1954 and pray that our workers and families will be spared grief and sorrow by improving our record in 1955."

In addition to the special award presented to PKS for the entire project, George Koch Sons, Inc., and PKS received Awards of Merit, which recognized PKS's contribution to the Portsmouth Area Project record with only 20 lost time accidents with a frequency rate of 1.38 and severity rate of .06, and GKS's two lost time accidents with a frequency rate of .99 and must practice safety."

a severity of .21. G. Ashburn Koch, Resident Manager for the Koch Company, accepted his firm's "Award of Merit."

Mr. Shumacher then presented an award to Mr. Dunbar of AEC for their "contribution to safety engineering achievement in the building and construction industry." On behalf of the National Safety Council, Mr. Shumacher presented an Award of Honor to GAT for operating a total of 3,229,178 manhours without experiencing one lost time accident. Mr. Reynolds accepted the award, which is the highest given by the National Safety Council.

Following formal presentations, Mr. Schmidt then introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Dr. Arthur Secord, of Brooklyn College, New York City. Mr. Secord proved to be a delightful and entertaining orator as he splendidly set forth a topic of concern to all—"Personality and the Management of People." A highlight of Secord's talk was his summation on safety as he stated,

"Although safety is the daily task and duty of each individual workman. It must be remembered that the responsibility must be assumed by management. The success of the safety program can be measured in the efforts of foremen to enforce and demand safety from their men. Likewise, the men



Labor Crew Has Worked 30,060 Hours Without Accident; Challenges Others

The past few issues of THE ATOMIZER have emphatically stressed the significant role that the individual employee and the foreman play in keeping this project free of accidents.

This week, we would like to issue an open challenge to any crew of any craft to top the safety accomplishments of the men and foreman pictured with this story. Since December of 1953, averaging from 8 to 14 men in the group, they have operated a total of 30,060 manhours without a lost time accident; and to really point out a good record, they have yet to have one man receive any type of injury which would necessitate first aid.

If you are thinking that the record was posted because the type of work they performed was non-hazardous, you are wrong. The crew, headed by A. H. Amy, has performed a variety of duties which include laying of sewer lines, excavating, general clean up and railroad

work. In the execution of this work the men are constantly using such tools as single tamps, tripod tamps, air spades, long handled shovels, picks, mattocks, double bitted axes, power saws, timber hooks, spike malls, lining bars, etc . . . all potentially dangerous tools.

How has such an outstanding record been accomplished?? Foreman A. H. Amy recognized the fact that the only truly effective way to insure that both he and his men might work safely was to see that safety was practiced at all times. Each Monday morning he holds a short safety meeting, lasting from 10 to 15 minutes. The meetings are begun with the "STA" topic for all men. "Safety Task Assignment"

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REYNOLDS-NEWBERY ERECTION DIVISION MEN PERFORMING HUGE JOB



BUILDING X-326

GROUPS A-1 THROUGH A-5

N PROCESS POWER CREW IN X-326 BLDG. Front row: kneeling, L. Vogel. P. A. Tate, H. L. Gee, M. C. Hight, and J. W. Ward, ck row: I. T. Santmyer, C. R. Dantic, C. M. Moody, R. B. Mourad, Foreman J. B. Stafford, P. W. Barb, and General Foreman

N AUXILIARY POWER CREW IN X-326 BLDG. Front row: Forem W. F. Chaffman, H. L. Walker, B. J. Conlon, C. W. Ellison, d W. L. Daniel. Back row: W. M. Jones, General Foreman J. L. 1xey, E. C. Wright, B. R. Hilliard, C. F. Maddox, R. R. Clayton, and M. Nelson.

N CONTROL CREW IN X-326 BLDG. Front row: G. H. Foster, G. Wood, H. G. Rudolf, C. D. Vincent, and T. H. Weathered. ck row: R. E. White, J. B. Curbow, General Foreman R. O. Wells, A. Lusk, M. O. Flesher, R. P. Cline, and Foreman S. L. Thomp-

TEST CREW IN X-326 BLDG. Front row: H. A. Taylor, T. M. tight, N. W. Freeman, H. Fait, and J. H. Duggan. Back row: W. Thomson, A. M. Danham, General Foreman J. A. Jones, reman K. Cook, L. G. Richardson, E. W. Allen, and O. E. Allen.

V TRANSFORMER CREW IN X-530 BLDG, Front row: J. A. Crane, V. Brewer, E. P. Baker, D. T. Funk, and Foreman J. M. Ferguson. ck row: E. G. Repass, R. M. Cline, W. Peterson, G. M. Hale, and G. Broseclose.

BUILDING X-330

GROUPS B-1 THROUGH B-5

R-N PROCESS POWER CREW IN X-330 BLDG. Front row: General Foreman F. M. Rice, M. E. Seiders, R. K. Kirkpatrick, P. H. Cowan, and L. Ā. McHugh, Sr. Back row: M. M. Watkins, G. E. Reynolds, O. B. Harman, Foreman H. W. Ādkins, B. S. Williams, R. E. Wolfe, and W. J. Gilliam.

R-N AUXILIARY POWER CREW IN X-330 BLDG. Front row: Foreman R. Huels, C. L. Ware, W. E. Potts, W. W. Daughtery, and J. L. Stephens. Back row: J. C. Brown, W. H. Lucas, R. L. Huntley, A. F. Ward, General Foreman R. C. Jarrett, B. Jones, and O. P. Jackson.

R-N CONTROL CREW IN X-330 BLDG. Front row: R. A. Kirby, Foreman E. F. Smith, H. L. Ezelle, J. A. Burke, and H. L. Fortenbery. Back row: R. L. Stevenson, General Foreman A. L. Wilson, J. H. Farley, A. Smith, C. F. Vanderpool, J. F. Looney, and E. R. Whitacre.

R-N TEST CREW IN X-330 BLDG. Front row: J. J. L. Detilly, General Foreman J. L. Rice, J. L. Murphy, B. R. Penn, and O. E. Mitchell. Back row: V. K. Smith, F. N. Wheeler, C. Walker, E. C. Sowell, Foreman F. W. Skaggs, R. M. Collins, and E. C. Shade.

R-N COMMUNICATIONS CREW IN X-326 BLDG. Front row: W. L. Smith. Foreman A. E. Cole, W. C. Fisher, R. C. Mullins, and C. M. Brown. Back row: F. A. Slaton, E. Schoneberg, J. A. Shillinglaw, G. L. Shaffer, R. K. McClain, General Foreman C. V. Meeker, and G. W. Winters.

BUILDING X-333

GROUPS C-1 THROUGH C-5

R-N PROCESS POWER CREW IN X-333 BLDG. E. R. Himes, W. C. Dick, J. M. Boyd. Foreman L. M. Blair, R. D. Curry, and A. Stutz. Back row: L. B. Adams, A. G. Childress, H. O. Mathews, C. W. Crouse, General Foreman F. C. Tidewell, N. H. McKinney, and P. Galiano.

R-N AUXILIARY POWER CREW IN X-333 BLDG. Front row: A. J. Jilk, G. P. Hudgins, W. Thaxton, W. G. Jefferies, and M. J. Griffith. Back row: J. G. Stevens, D. R. Jennings, General Foreman R. A. Brister, R. E. Howard, Foreman S. O. Hill, Sr., J. P. Gibson, and R. L. Williams.

R-N CELL FLOOR CREW IN X-333 BLDG. Front row: General Foreman F. H. Schrepfer, W. Kimmel, J. E. Easterly, V. W. Poplett, and J. Zickowski. Back row: D. L. Scott, F. F. Scott, F. E. Carter, F. H. Duim, D. F. Kelly, T. Colan, and Foreman M. H. Ogburn.

R-N TEST CREW IN X-333 BLDG. Front row: General Foreman W. L. Perkins, W. D. Bowman, W. L. Bozarth, T. V. Stade, and J. F. Young. Back row: W. L. Callahan, B. L. Murphy, Foreman A. F. Dailey, H. W. Nelson, E. M. Mobley, C. H. Crockett, and S. Webb.

R-N SYNCHRONOUS CONDENSER CREW IN X-530 BLDG. Front row: R. W. Marson, R. V. Elliott, P. L. Hatheway, C. O. Gregory, Jr., V. W. Dumond, Foreman E. Knore, and J. F. Sands. Back row: J. S. Bates, W. A. Baines, B. G. Irvin, General Foreman J. E. McDowell, G. W. Knore, and R. E. Russell.

A. E. Radford Guiding R-N Erection Forces In Execution Of Electrical **Contract Estimated Country's Largest**

The tremendous task of executing what has been estimated to be the country's largest electrical contract, in work volume and KVA load, has been assumed largely by the Reynolds-Newbery

Erection Division under the direction of A. E. "Bert" Radford. An indication of the enormous magnitude of the erection force lies in their peak employment figure of 2,700 men.

The division force is composed of coordinated working crews of men set up into Process Power, Auxiliary Power, Control and Instrumentation, Testing, Communications, Synchronous Condenser, and Power Transformer groups. Process power men erect and install substations, control centers, wire and conduit for all process motors. The control and installation men install troughs, conduit, wire and cable for control of Process and Auxiliary Motor groups. Obviously, the Testing group performs a multitude of tests and checks on all systems put together by the other crews. The communications group has erected and maintained all intercom, emergency, and PA systems throughout the project building organization. Synchronous condenser and power transformer men have been responsible for the erection of all equipment included in the name of their crews.

ERECTION

Electrical power with which R-N men are concerned on this project reaches enormous figures. Power transmitted to the site comes in on lines carrying 330,000 volts. The total capacity is 2,600,000 KVA. Various buildings receive power through 435,000 feet of power cable requiring more than 2,200 cable splices and terminations. The power is utilized through 550 unit substations, 525 control centers, and 700 control panels.

Enough wire and cable to reach around the world, nearly 25,000 miles, will be used. This total includes ten million feet of control cable, ranging from single to 25 conductor, and 700,000 feet of armored cable to be used in power lighting and feeders. Also communication and alarm systems will require 225,000 feet of cable and 775,000 feet of wire. Forty-three thousand lighting fixtures, enough to almost equip every home in Waverly, 8,500 motors, 4,400 telephone stations, 200 public address speakers, 130 radio units, and 500 fire alarm boxes are more figures indicating the stupendous scope of the R-N operation.

R-N MEN WHO ARE



DOING THE JOB-179 STRONG

The test crews will perform more than 500,000 separate tests on completed electrical installations. Reynolds-Newbery supervisory personnel have constantly urged men to use ini-

velopment of more efficient ways to do a job. Consequently, through these ideas and those conceived on the management level, many innovations to eliminate cost and waste have been responsible for the job progressing as it has. In addition to performing the job in a highly efficient manner R-N also has a very outstanding safety record. Thus, the Erection Division of R-N—the men who really put the "thing" together . . . two thousand men doing a big joband doing it well.

Next-Process Engineering.

THE WORLD steps aside to let any nan pass who konws where he

BOWLING LEAGUES

THE BOWLING STANDINGS WERE DELETED THIS EDITION DUE TO A LACK OF SPACE. THEY WILL BE CON-TINUED NEXT ISSUE.



CHAMPIONS OF THE JACKSON MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

The Reynolds-Newbery keglers in Jackson really had to go a long way in copping the season championship. At the end of the first round of competition, the standings showed the R-N boys had won the top spot. The second round completion told a different story as PKS-Estimating stole the spotlight. Not to be denied, the R-N crew fought back to tie the Champs-Grinnell for the third round, but were defeated to take second place ratings in that round. Thus the stage was set for the roll-off for the season championship. First round winners: R-N, second round winners: PKS-Estimating, and third round winners: Grinnell-Champs. When the smoke of the battle had cleared, the final points were posted 2687, 2678, and 2366, respectively. A close shave?? A mere nine pins separated the two top teams. R-N was led by Lee Carter and Lloyd Venable with series of 597-208 and 554-207. Jim Cochran and John Newsome were top men for PKS-Estimating with 586-199 and 527-205. Shown above are the members of the championship team with their trophies awarded by the Recreation Division. Left to right: Howard Searls, Clyde Rice, Harry Porath, and Lloyd Venable. Not present when picture was taken: J. G. Roberts and J. H. Thomas.

Softball Play To Begin When Diamonds Are **Ready; Teams Organize**

Recreation Division officials have announced that softball play for all teams in the Portsmouth and immediate plant area will begin as soon as all diamonds are made ready for play.

Meetings held last week indicate that there will be two leagues, one in Portsmouth, and one to play at Piketon High School, which will mean that each team will play one night a

WOMEN PLAN SUMMER LEAGUE

Eighteen area women have expressed the desire to organize a summer bowling league. Plans for team organization and scheduling will be discussed at a meeting set for 9:30 A. M. on Tuesday, May 10 at the Scioto Motel dining room.

The league will bowl with as many women who are present at the meeting. It is not just for team captains, but for all bowlers. If you want to roll this Summer, be there.



"Old War Stories" were the topic of the day as out of the thousands of persons brought together on this AEC project, three old service buddies had a reunion. Left to right, Bill Dermody, Van Nuys, California; Paul Buhr, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Harold Dennewitz, Chillicothe, Ohio; all were together as members of the 317th Service Group of the 878th Troop Carrier Squadron which dropped the 82nd and 101st Airborne during World War II. Mutual experiences included the dropping of some 2,000 men in Normandy on D-Day. Their service group was in direct contact with the fleet of 96 C-47's which dropped the men. Buhr is now Assistant to the Director of the Mechanical Construction Services Division for the Grinnell Corporation. Dennewitz is a sheet metal worker for the Koch Company and Dermody is a Senior Administrative Assistant to the Director of the Process Engineering Division of the Grinnell Corporation. The boys collected some of their old war pictures and were recalling old times when photographer Glenn Dearing caught the photo above.



CHAMPIONS OF CHILLICOTHE MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

The regularly scheduled season for the Atomic Mixed Bowling league has come to a close, and the final standings released by the Recreation Division show that the team of Ed and Lethe Roda and John and Alice Officer won the championship. The Roda-Officer combination won over second place Thomas-Fockle by a score of 631/2-581/2. Season prizes won by the champs includ ed: high single game for a team with 820; high single game for wo men, Letha Roda with 240; John Officer finished second for high single game for the men with a 245. Pictured above is one half o the winning team, Ed and Letha Roda. John Officer left th project shortly before the season ended and was very capably substituted for by Ken Sturdevant, who finished the season with Mrs. Officer.



Women's Bowling League who recently competed in a "sweep- Virginia Bakeis, Penny Manzer, Evelyn Reppert, Jinx Bonfit stakes" event held at Weiss Recreation in Waverly. Final results and Mary Zint. Piketon Park, Mabel Heckler, Jenny Van Hus revealed that the tourney was won by Pleasant Acres who tallied Eileen Kerwood, Delores Nellis, and Kathryn Sparks. Little Be 2284 pins. Total pins for the other teams: Piketon Park, 2203; ver, Jean Stephens, Kathrine LeGout, Jennie McAfee, Jenny Cla Little Beaver, 2185; and Flannery's 2175. Grouped with their and Day Tschopp. The Pleasant Acres team also won the Waver tiative and thought in the de- teammates are, left to right: Flannery's, Vivian Teague, Henrietta Women's Bowling League.

Shown above are the members of four teams of the Waverly May, Madeline Frey, Helen Elam, and Ethel See. Pleasant Acre

Safety Crew Issues Challenge

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-the job for the day is outlined in detail and each man is told what he will be doing for the hours to follow. The foreman then points out the hazards of each man's assignment and explains how the job can be done in the most expedient and safest manner. After this discussion the crew then descends upon the task for the day. The first duty to be performed before any work can be done is to clean the work site up to the point that unsafe debris and other materials will not be potential accidents. LEARN HOW TO DO THE JOB IN THE SAFEST WAY—CLEAN IT UP SO IT WILL BE SAFE—and finally, as the men of the crew go about their work, the foreman exercises constant supervision over them in order that no man will be permitted to work in an unsafe manner. Amy stated, "If a man refuses to do his work safely as he is told, then I do not want him in my crew, for there is no place for such a person who might not only injure himself, but others." The total experience of each working situation is profitable as it is proven that a job can be done safely and accident free.

Why do Amy's men work safely? Because Amy insists that they work safely or they don't work at all!! The 59 year old foreman is a staunch believer in working with safety first and has 38 years in the construction business to prove it. He has seen it from both the employee and the supervisory level and is convinced that all jobs can be done without any accidents to upset the life of the family at home. Originally from New Albany, Indiana, Amy worked for DuPont on AEC's Hanford, Washington project and also in the construction of chemical plants in Charleston, Indiana, Prior, Oklahoma, and Louisville, Kentucky. For the past 14 years he has held posts from foreman to assistant superintendent and estimates that he has spent well over 300 hours in safety schools.

Shown on page one are the men who worked under hazardous conditions for a total of 30,060 manhours without a single accident. Shown with many of the tools of their trade are, left to right: Foreman A. H. Amy, O. C. Wilfong, H. Reinhardt, L. M. Pyle, C. R. Matheny, H. E. Harris, M. S. Harmon, A. Tucker, Operator D. M. Haverty, Teamster C. Fetty, and J. L. "Ass't. Super Shamrock" Hamblin, who is also an opera-

OK—there it is—an open challenge to all!! Can you beat this crew's record of 30,060 manhours without one single accident—never having to send a man to a first aid station? If you can, tell your general foreman who will in turn forward the information on up the line.

35 DAYS SINCE KEEP IT GOING



A WONDERFUL MOTHER

God made a wonderful Mother, A Mother who never grows old; He made her smile of the sunshine, And He molded her heart of pure gold: In her eyes He placed bright shining stars, In her cheeks, fair roses you see: God made a wonderful Mother, Ane He gave that dear Mother to me.

- Pat O'Reilly

This Sunday, May 8, is Mother's Day. Lest we forget, may we all pause for a moment in this hustling and bustling world to pay tribute "to the best Mother in the world, YOUR Mother."

The honor of the origination of the day of special tribute for all "Moms" belongs to Miss Ann Jarvis of Philadelphia. Her mother died in 1906. On Sunday, May 9, 1907, she told a friend whom she had invited to remember with her the anniversary of the death of her mother, of her desire to dedicate a day to all mothers. With a strong interest and much support, Miss Jarvis' efforts aroused the city of Philadelphia to observe the day on May 10, 1908. The state of Texas joined in 1912, and on May 10, 1913 a resolution passed the Senate and the House to make the second Sunday in every May a National Holiday in recogni-

This edition of THE ATOMIZER received nominations for the Atomic Area's MOTHER For Mother's Day. After a screening process had narrowed the field to five, it was decided that Mrs. Mabelle Heckler most nearly met all the qualifications of "Mrs. A-Mom". The wife of Alla Heckler, an electrician for R-N, Mrs. Heckler was born in Marietta, Ohio on August 31, 1896. This year the couple will celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary. The 39 years has blessed them with one son. Dick, who is 37, and three grand children. When asked what her children, Debbie 10, Bobbie 9, and Dickie 7." Mrs. Heckler is still quite active as a bowler after 10 years. She loves to fish, was at one time active in Boy Scout work, and various civic affairs. Son Dick is a Doctor of Medicine in Witchita, Kansas. The family is presently residing at the Piketon Trailer Village and have been at the plant since March of 1954. They attend the Baptist Church in Waverly

and will be there Sunday.

The Peter Klewit Sons' Co. Recreation Division has presented Mrs. Heckler with a beautiful corsage in honor of her selection. ON THIS SUNDAY, THE ATOMIZER WOULD LIKE TO WISH "MOTHERS ALL OVER THE WORLD" A very happy and memorable Mother's Day—1955!!!"

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

Articles found and turned in

- 1 ladies watch—Bulova
- 1 ladies watch—Whitnauer
- 1 man's watch-Baron
- pr. eye glasses, horn rim, with case. Air force insignia on case pr. aviation sun glasses and
- green case pr. metal rim glasses and case, case inscribed J. W. Robinson
- set car keys in blue case, **GMAC**

LOST—Pair of reading glasses in X-330 parking lot area. If found, bring to No. 10 cell floor or call R. Zogg, Ext. 3768 or 31-

WANTED—Riders from Portsmouth to Adm. Bldg. on 8:00 to 4:30 shift. Contact Robert D. Schultz, Audit Dept., Ext. 2521. WANTED—Riders from Eleanor, W. Va., to jobsite on 8:00 to 4:30 shift. Contact Frank Wright, Ext. 3229.

Surplus Property To Be Sold On Job May 14

AUCTION SALE OF GOV-**ERNMENT SURPLUS PROP-**ERTY SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1955. SALE TO BE CON-DUCTED BY PETER KIE-WIT SONS' CO., CONTRAC-TOR. Portable buildings, hand tools, used lumber, pumps, tanks, motor vehicles, power tools, plywood forms, hoists, and heaters. Sale to be held at AEC plant site. Enter plant site at Gate No. 11. Property will be available for inspection on sale day only from 7:00 A. M. to 10:00 A. M. Sale to start promptly at 10:00 A. M., rain or shine. Complete listing of property to be sold can be obtained prior to sale day by contacting Peter Kiewit Sons' Co., Disposal Division, Extension 3629. Terms: cash, money order or certified check. Auctioneer, Jim Patterson.

FIGURES"

A safety official said, "In the state of Ohio in the year 1954 every 24 hours around the clock, an Ohio worker was injured every 98 seconds. Every seven hours and six minutes around the clock an Ohio worker was killed. Every four hours and 55 minutes an Ohio worker lost a limb, and during the year Ohio workers lost a total of 149 eyes, 34 arms, 21 hands, 1934 fingers, 24 legs, 5 feet, and 93 toes."

MEET THE MANAGEMENT:

James E. Mathews Directs Project Forces Working On Graveyard Shift

All construction forces at the Portsmouth Area Atomic Energy Project working on the Graveyard Shift are under the direction and supervision of Superintendent James E. Mathews of the

Peter Kiewit Sons' Co., prime construction contractor.

Jim has directed the activities of the men on this shift since January of 1954 when he was promoted to the position after serving as superintendent of the Permanent Materials Division in the Warehousing Department. From November of 1952 until March of 1953, he was the Acting Director of the Warehousing Department.

Way back in 1933 Jim began his career in the construction industry when he joined the U.S. Corps of Engineers, in what turned out to be a very lengthy and successful inaugural step. He began work with them in the Jacksonville, Florida District where he worked on flood control projects and inter-coastal water-ways. He was later transferred to Baltimore, Md. He then proceeded to work on many projects, some of which were projects on the east side of the Susquehanna River in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; the Washington National Airport in D. C.; Wright-Patterson Field in Dayton, Ohio; Sarasota & Bradenton Airport; and the Mariana A. A. F. base in the Jacksonville district.

During World War II, Jim was superintendent of the Material Supply Division in the Azore Islands, and finally responsible for the disposal of vast amounts of surplus government fishing and photography. construction equipment in the European Theater. Immediately prior to coming to the Portsmouth Area he was a "trouble shooter" for the Jacksonville the British West Indies where Peter Kiewit Sons' Co.

the Corps was constructing and revamping new and old airfields and army bases. He was also Chief of Operations on the Pine Castle Army Air Force Base project in Orlando, Florida.



JAMES E. MATHEWS

Originally from Leesburg, Florida, Jim and his wife, Caroline, are the parents of two children, Virginia and Edward. Virginia is married, and has presented the parents with two grandchildren. Edward is a student at Ohio State University. Jim and Caroline reside at 20 Bowman Rd., Chillicothe.

Jim belongs to the Masonic Order-York Rite Body, the Tampa, Florida Egypt Temple of the Shriners, and the Elks in Portsmouth. Hobbies include

SON FOR SOWARDS'

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sowards have announced the birth of a son, born on April 15 at Smith District and covered the entire Everett Hospital in Portsmouth. state of Florida, the Panama Paul is employed in the Process Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, and Construction Division of the



When the A-plant announcement hit the Portsmouth Area many people living in the city of Portsmouth took advantage of employment opportunities, in fact, it has been estimated that nearly 2,000 local residents came to the job. Past editions of THE ATOM-IZER have featured "typical" construction families, but this week we would like to cite the William E. McKinney family as being characteristic of "old Portsmouth residents" who came into the construction industry with advent of the Plant. Mrs. Laura Jane McKinney posed with children Lissa, 3, and Phillip, 7, in their lovely home on Michigan Ave. Laura Jane is quite active in different Women's Clubs and civic affairs in the city, but only when she finds free time from getting second-grader Phillip off to school and caring for Lissa. Bill began work at the plant in January of 1953. He is employed in the Disposal Division of the General Procurement Department.