



The ATOMIZER



Holiday Weekend Travellers Cautioned Against Traffic

"Project Employee" In Fictitious Fatality Roll; Can It Happen To You?

This is a story of Mr. Project Employee, who, in this particular instance, could be any one of you. If we were to change the setting and circumstances a little, could this fatal trip "Home" happen to you?

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Mr. Employee stared dreamily at the calendar which he had long ago pasted to the lid of his tool box. The date of Friday, September 2, 1955, was there before his eyes. He could hardly believe that the important date was finally there. Important date? Why yes, it was important! Friday, September 2, marked the day he had anxiously awaited since way back in July when he had last seen his wife and kiddies. How he had missed the family, especially the new little boy who was but a few days old at that time. Now, the day had arrived when he could go home.

Employee had rolled and tossed the night before, hardly able to get any sleep until early in the morning. For some reason, the alarm was not the same old buzz that had haunted him on previous mornings, but had taken on a more melodious note which seemed to reflect his own feelings. His baggage had been placed in the "boot" of the car. A few gifts for his family were carefully placed on the back seat. The automobile had been serviced earlier and everything was in readiness for his trip home.

Only a few more hours now. The foreman with the weekly checks would be around soon, which would break the monotony of the long, long day. "Have a nice trip," his friend said, as they hurried from the building toward the parking lot. "Same to you," Employee said, as his heartbeat seemed to get stronger and stronger.

"Now to get out of this project traffic and get out on the open road!" thought Employee, as he drove his car from the parking lot. Once Employee got out on the long stretches of highway he could speed along and keep that date at home with his family and the kiddies before they went to sleep.

The miles seemed to drag along slowly. Traffic lights in the towns and villages seemed to be against him. Why didn't drivers stay in the proper lane when driving so slow? Darkness was approaching and with the darkness came rain. The rain grew to a downpour, which was a sudden on the windshield wiper. (Continued on page 2)

ANNOUNCEMENT

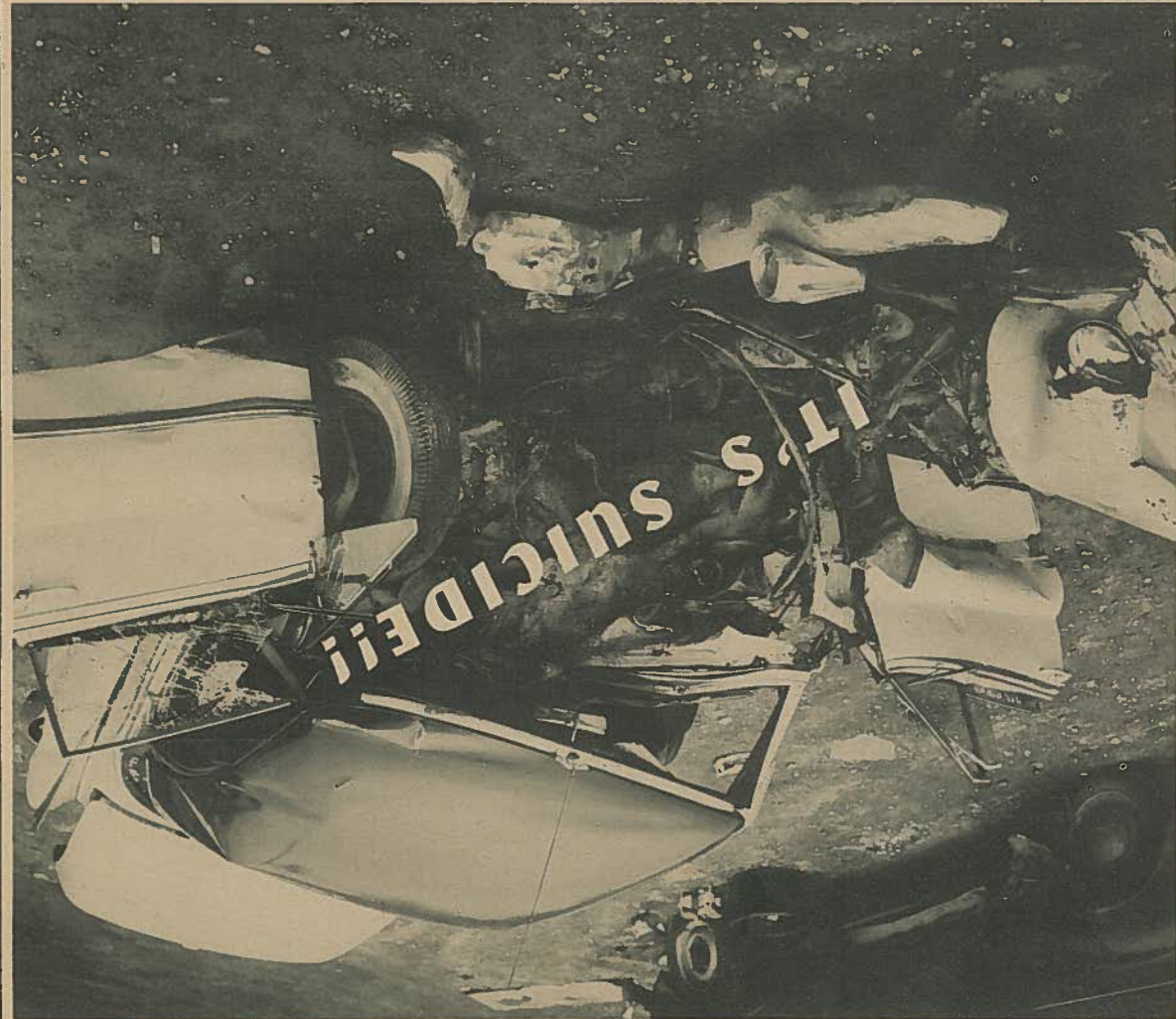
The PKS Employee Relations Department, including the Employment Branch and the Termination Branch, has been moved from the temporary Personnel Building to Rooms A-115 to A-121, first floor, in the temporary Administration Building.

Signs located near the main entrance of the building will indicate the door to be used for new hires and terminating employees.

The Craft Superintendent's Division was relocated to Rooms A-113 and A-114 on the first floor of the temporary Administration Building.

Naturally the little gimmick of reversing the layout of the gruesome and fatal scene above was done to attract your attention. The car above carried four of our project employees to sudden death a few months ago, just a short distance from the plant-site. Too much speed? Tired? Carelessness? The occupants of the automobile will never be able to relay to us the cause of their fate, but somehow the wreckage delivers the fatal message.

DON'T BE ONE OF THE FATALITIES



NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT--

SIGNS OF LIFE

OBEY THEM

Eighteen Million Automobiles Will Be Operating On Relatively Long Trips

More pleasure-bound motorists will be on the Nation's highways during the Labor Day holidays than during any previous week end in history. Traffic experts estimate that an almost unbelievable percentage of nine out of ten passenger cars would be used during the three-day week-end, and about eighteen million of these would be operating on relatively long trips of a full day or more.

"Heavy traffic over the Labor Day week end usually brings out a certain amount of 'hysteria' about highway safety," an American Automobile Association spokesman said, "but actually, the motoring public is doing a better job of driving safely than ever before." He pointed out that the fatality rate per hundred million miles driven is at the lowest point on record, and added, "There is every reason to expect that it will continue to go down." However, he cautioned, "The loss of one life is one too many. Play it safe—

drive carefully."

It is estimated that the heaviest traffic conditions in all probability, will develop on Monday evening, September 5, when holiday week end travelers add to the congestion caused by motorists who traditionally end their summer vacations on Labor Day.

Following is a reprint, in part, of an editorial which won the National Safety Council's grand award a few years ago. If you are one of the nine out of ten motorists who will hit the highways during the holiday week end, let's check and double check the following items and return to our work healthy and happy Tuesday, September 6.

I want my family and self alive and well on September 6. Check (). I'm not going to be a worrying hurry-upper on the road (), nor stop suddenly without giving the proper signals (), nor will I lag in the fast lane ().

I recognize the rights of the other fellow ().

I will be careful to keep my vehicle under control (), and also my temper ().

I'll watch the traffic ahead for sudden slow-ups or stoppages ().

I'll be extra watchful on curves (), hills (), or when a vehicle ahead obstructs the view ().

I'll never try to pass until I see a safe distance ahead ().

I will at all times be courteous ().

Of course I want to get there, but with me it's safety first (), in between (), last (), and always (). Double check () ().

Project Dance At Portsmouth Elks Saturday, Sept. 3

The Portsmouth Elks City Auditorium will be the site of the next project employee dance, scheduled for Saturday evening, September 3, from 9:00 P. M. to 1:00 A. M.

Project employees, their dependents, and guests are invited to attend and dance to the music of George Charles and his orchestra from Huntington, W. Va. The Charles orchestra is known throughout the tri-state area for its versatility and style for entertainment and dancing pleasure.

Your badge will be your admission.



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THE FIGURES ARE IN

In recently published figures, the National Safety Council revealed that 68% of all accidental deaths to employed people in the United States last year occurred away from work and 58% of the non-fatal accidents among the over 60,000,000 employed happened off the job.

These figures reflect the situation as we have experienced it here at Portsmouth. The accidents resulting in death or injury to those working with us have been far more numerous away from the job than on it.

This is substantial evidence in support of a concerted effort toward accident prevention on our work, but it also indicates that our efforts have been far less effective than is desirable. Until each of us and every other person employed in American industry is so thoroughly indoctrinated with the safety idea that they act as carefully off the job as on it, there is still a great deal of work to be done.

George C. Holling, General Manager
 Peter Kiewit Sons' Co.
 Portsmouth Area AEC Project

O. U. Branches To Register Week Of Sept. 19

The Ohio University Branch will appear in the next issue of THE ATOMIZER. Immediate information is available at the Recreation Division.



Another link was added to the chain of modern highways and bridges in the A-Plant area Friday afternoon, August 12, when the new strip of Route 124 and bridge spanning the Scioto River was opened to east-west traffic. By-passing Piketon completely, the highway joins the previously completed route near the State Highway Department Headquarters north of the project, and extends west across the Scioto River bridge; intersecting Route 104 south of Jasper and continuing through to old Route 124 east of Jasper. The top photo was taken from an overhead on Route 23, looking west toward the new bridge across the Scioto. The lower photo shows traffic travelling east on the new span at the intersection of Route 104 and the new highway south of Jasper.

"PROJECT EMPLOYEE"

(Continued from page 1)

ers and more of a burden on Employee's nerves.

Headlights of on-coming cars became brighter than ever, but he couldn't slow down and spoil his schedule for home. Without warning the car began to slide on the wet pavement, first to the left and then to the right. Suddenly a tremendous crash! Employee's car had struck the end of the concrete bridge. Suddenly, without warning, death had taken its toll.

At last, Mr. Project Employee had made it "Home."

SLOW DOWN AND LIVE

"Slow Down and Live" stickers are being posted on the bumpers of all Government vehicles on the project.

The posters and stickers were provided by the National Conference of State Safety Coordinators with the endorsement and support of the National Safety Council and the 1954 Governors' Conference.

Stickers are available at the receptionists booth in the Administration Building for all project employees who wish to display the reminder on their automobile and make the "Slow Down and Live" campaign more successful.



John L. Benjamin, PKS Safety Director, is shown above adjusting the most recent award presented to the contractors and employees for their notable achievement in preventing employee injuries for the year 1954. W. C. "Bill" Crozer, AEC Safety Engineer, views the various plaques and certificates which represent the outstanding safety records accomplished on the project since its beginning. According to the latest figures released, it is interesting to note that throughout the entire job our cumulative frequency figure is only 1.85 accidents per million man-hours worked. The 1954 National frequency figure for injury rates for construction and building was 17.29 per million man-hours worked, and in Ohio the frequency rate was 15.00. The low 1.85 frequency rate is quite a tribute to the safety program on the project. The display is presently located in the Administration Building, but will be moved to other locations in the field for the benefit of all employees.

MOORE'S TRAILER COURT NINE WINS PIKETON SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Moore's Trailer Court team outlasted the Grinnell Fitters in a tight defensive and heads-up game at the Piketon High School diamond, Wednesday evening, August 17, to repeat their winning ways and walk off with the second round championship in the Piketon Softball League.

Moore's eked out a 4-3 win, permitting them undisputed hold on first place. Both teams went into the game with one loss on their records.

The two teams had previously battled it out in the first round which resulted in a first place tie, necessitating a play-off game eventually won by Moore's.

In the final game the Fitters got off to an early lead in the first inning when Dettilion lashed a home run to drive in Briscoe before him, making it 2-0.

The Moore's nine were not to be outdone, coming back in the bottom half of the first to score three runs and take the lead.

What appeared to be a wide open game in the first inning, settled down to a string of zeros across the scoreboard until the fifth inning when Moore's tallied one more marker to lead 4-2.

The Fitters picked up a run in the top half of the sixth to narrow the margin, but were unable to overcome the one run deficit in the final stanza.

Superb ball, backed up by some fine defensive play, was pitched by both Rankin of the victorious Moore's squad and Cartwright of Grinnell Fitters. Rankin struck out one and walked one. Cartwright struck out two while not issuing a pass. There was not an error charged against either team.

This was a climax to a very successful season for the Pike-

ton Softball League. Good crowds were in attendance at all of the games in spite of some early season bad weather which required some of the games to be scheduled at the Piketon Public Housing project.

Both the victors and the vanquished are to be congratulated for their keen competition and fair play throughout the season.

DRIVING TIPS

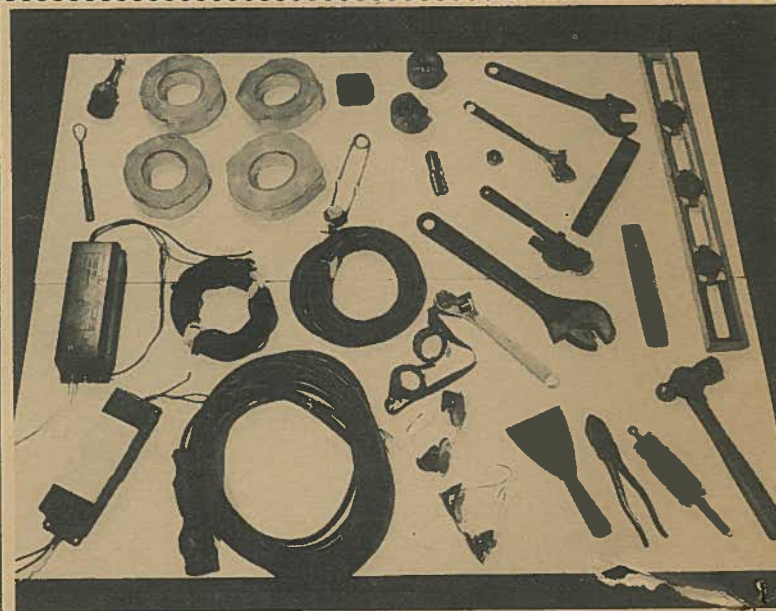
Motorists planning to take trips over the Labor Day weekend would do well to observe the following tips:

DRIVE a reasonable, not excessive, distance in a single day—not more than 300 miles.

CHECK your car's mechanical condition before you start.

IF YOU BECOME drowsy, pull off the road and rest. Have a cup of coffee.

IF YOU want to admire the scenery, consult a map or have a snack, pull off the road and stop.



Displayed in the above picture are several items recovered by the Plant Protection Division as a result of a recent spot-check of automobiles and lunch pails.

If you were to obtain any of the tools or material at a regular retail outlet, the expense or cost would be nominal. But—if these or similar, government items are found in your possession, the cost would rapidly mount.

Let's take a look at the expensive consequences.

1. You are immediately subject to termination from your job.
2. Theft of U. S. property of any kind is punishable by a fine of \$5,000 or by imprisonment for ten years, or both.
3. Your excellent work history, possibly representing many years, suddenly becomes marred.

Why take a chance with U. S. Government property? The cost of a wrench is small compared with the cost of the consequences.



SOFTBALL

PORTSMOUTH SOFTBALL LEAGUE Final Standing

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
PKS	10	2	.833
Pipe Fab	9	3	.750
Clerks	6	6	.500
Reserves	5	7	.417
Grinnell Engineering	0	12	.000

PIKETON SOFTBALL LEAGUE Final Standings—First Half

Grinnell Fitters	6	1	.857
Moore's Trailer Park	6	1	.857
Piketon P. H. A.	4	3	.571
Community	4	3	.571
326 Fitters	3	4	.428
Building Services	3	4	.428
Givens	2	5	.285
Hunters	0	7	.000

Final Standings—Second Half

Moore's Trailer Park	5	1	.833
Grinnell Fitters	5	1	.833
Givens	4	2	.666
326 Fitters	4	2	.666
Piketon P. H. A.	1	5	.166
Building Services	1	5	.166
Community	1	5	.166

PROJECT GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT SCORES

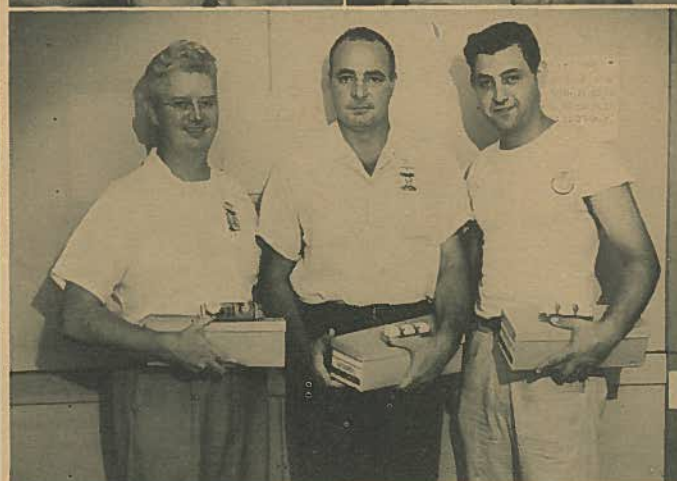
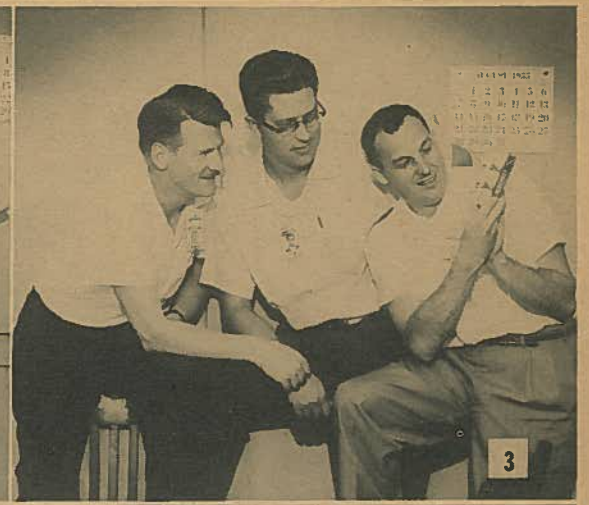
August 13, 1955

NAME	Gross	H'cap	Net
Herring, J. W.	89	16	73
Westervelt, Jim	83	10	73
McNamara, E. T.	94	19	75
Hill, L.	94	19	75
Tallerico, Pete	94	19	75
Peters, Howard	99	23	76
Cole, Jim	87	11	76
Atherton, Jack	106	30	76
J. Bailey	103	26	77
Harnes, Frank	113	36	77
Horning, Larry	108	30	78
Lee, Joe	105	27	78
Mackley, Harris	109	31	78
Cline, G.	107	29	78
Bailey, Don	85	7	78
Holling, G.	107	29	78
McKinney, Bill	115	36	79
Landstrom, Don	112	33	79
Barker, Bart	112	33	79
Hunt, Louis	100	21	79
Smathers, Ron	112	33	79
Failes, Johnny	116	36	80
Cline, Howard	109	29	80
Senior, R. L.	117	36	81
Sackett, Al	101	20	81
Norton, John	92	11	81
Wright, Ab	94	12	82
Schuerman, Jack	85	2	83
Clark, John	103	20	83
Hogan, John	101	17	84
Conley, Dewey	91	6	85
Senti, John	98	13	85
Key, Roy	97	11	86
VeHaun, Walt	104	17	87
Gillespie, Bob	97	10	87
Skinner, Cliff	123	36	87
Ellenwood, G. C.	123	36	87
Johnson, Barney	124	36	88
Firth, Dick	98	9	89
Johnson, Marion	125	36	89
Rockwell, P. J.	130	36	94
Hull, Al	120	25	95
Conroy, Len	136	36	100
Hill, Arlie	141	40	101
Burns, Bob	142	36	116

THE ATOM BUM SEZ . . .



"Did you say golf? Man, I used to take on all comers for five dollars a hole!"



(1) A group of golfers before teeing-off in the project golf tourney. (2) Jack Schuerman; (3) Don Landstrom, Ron Smathers, Bill McKinney; (4) Louis Hunt; (5) Hobart Barker; (6) Co-Champs, Doc Herring-Jim Westervelt; (7) Bob Burns and Jack Bailey; (8) E. T. McNamara, L. E. Hill, and Pete Tallerico; (9) Jim Cole and Don Bailey; (10) Arlie Hill.

Project Golf Championship Honors Shared By Doc Herring & Jim Westervelt; Sixteen Prizes Are Presented For Nine Events In Tournament

The third annual Project Golf Championship Tournament, held at the Portsmouth Elks Country Club course Saturday, August 13, resulted in one of the most successful and exciting of any previous tourneys, when not one, but two, project golfers shared honors in the championship event.

J. W. "Doc" Herring, Assistant to PKS Operations Manager, and Jim Westervelt, Principal Engineer for Grinnell Corp., posted a one over par 73 to capture the low net award.

Sixteen golfers received useful prizes in the nine event tournament. The tournament had been designed to give all golfers an opportunity to win a prize regardless of their handicap or caliber of play. Wide distribution of prizes was made due to the policy that in case of ties duplicate prizes would be awarded, and no golfer could win more than one prize. In some cases an individual won or shared honors in more than one event. You will note below in the list of prize winners, names in parenthesis (low gross) which indicates that the golfer, although winning or sharing the event, had also won another which limited him to one prize.

PROJECT GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Prize Winners

Low Net	73 J. W. Herring
	73 Jim Westervelt
Runners-up	75 E. T. McNamara

75 L. Hill
75 Pete Tallerico
Low Gross
(83 Jim Westervelt—Low Net)
85 Don Bailey
(85 Jack Schuerman—Most Pars)
Callaway Champion
68 Bob Burns
Blind Bogey
79 Bill McKinney
79 Don Landstrom
79 Bart Barker
79 Louis Hunt
79 R. E. Smathers
Blind Bogey Holes
Most 6's—11 Jack Bailey
Driving Contest
235 yards Jim Cole
High Net
101 Arlie Hill
Most Pars
8 Jack Schuerman

OSU FOOTBALL TICKET APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

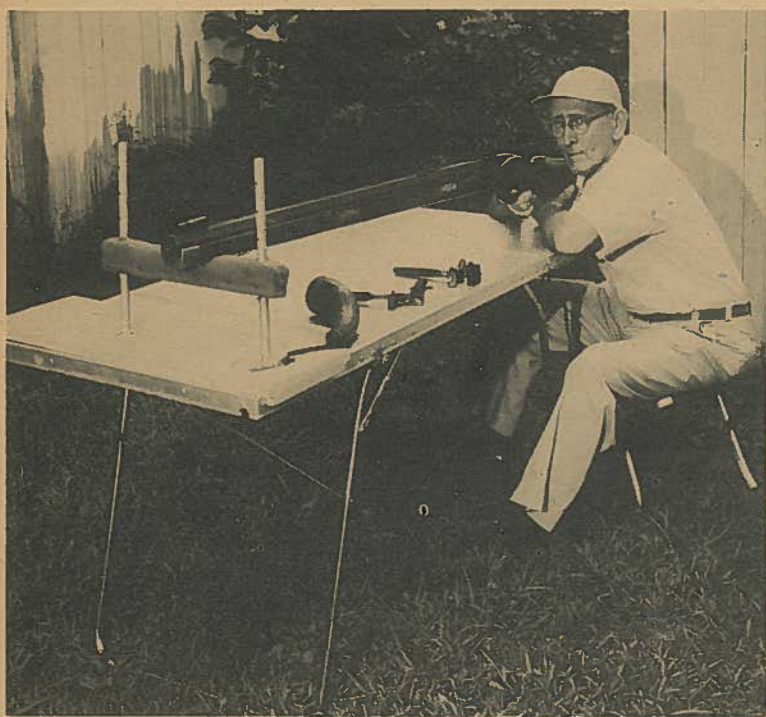
There are a few more applications for home games of the Ohio State University football team available at the Recreation Division office.

This service has been made possible through OSU's Athletic Association. Due to the heavy demand for tickets, the supply of applications has been nearly depleted and will not be replenished.

Employees are encouraged to make reservations at the earliest possible date.



The two teams pictured above figured heavily in the final standings of the Portsmouth Softball League which completed its schedule Monday evening, August 9. Pipe Fab went into the game as favorites with an opportunity to tie for first place with PKS in league play, but fell to a battling Marine Reserves team 7-3. Pipe Fab (top photo) kneeling left to right: Red Glasgow, Manager; Bill Maher, and Bob Welch. Standing: Gordon Williams, Tom Taulbee, Bud Huels, Harold Miller, and Lester Brafford. Marine Reserves (lower photo) kneeling left to right: William King, Tom Bond, Jack Glasgow, and Don Walker. Standing: George Copley, Manager; Leroy Jones, Bill Miller, Duck Frazier, Dave Miller, and Godfrey Starks.



Frank Moore displays his thirty-five pound muzzle loading rifle along with other equipment used in his hobby.

EMPLOYEE MAINTAINS BOYHOOD INTEREST IN FIRING CAP'N BALL MUZZLE LOADING RIFLES

Shades of D. Boone!! The cap'n ball rifle, which played an important role in the development of our American frontiers, has not disappeared from the scene, mainly because of men like Frank Moore who have not lost interest in the centuries-old muzzle loading sport.

Mr. Moore's hobby is a "carry-over" from his boyhood days spent in the Rome-Stout's Run vicinity in Adams County, when the muzzle loading rifle was commonly used to hunt wild game and also to provide recreation at the many turkey shoots in the Ohio and Kentucky area. Frank was first introduced to the long rifle hobby when his gunsmith uncle permitted him the use of one of his products. His first trip into the wooded hills was a great success as he returned with a fish hawk which measured 4' 2" from wing-tip to wing-tip, which was to be proudly displayed for the benefit of his amazed neighbors.

When the Moore family moved to Portsmouth about twenty years ago, Frank maintained his enthusiasm for the sport and has been an active member in the local Daniel Boone Rifle Club.

Along with a neighbor, Mr. Moore worked during his spare time for about a month to turn out a rifle they thought to be as efficient as possible for target

shooting. The men "pooled" their talents and knowledge of iron and wood working, each doing his share to complete the project, which resulted in a beautifully decorated rifle. The rifle displayed by Moore on the bench rest, weighs thirty-five pounds and is estimated to fire approximately one mile. Unlike our modern automatic and semi-automatic rifles, the cap'n ball rifle must be loaded by hand after every round fired, by pouring ninety grains of powder into the muzzle before the .475 caliber ball is rammed into position. Between matches, it is necessary to prepare the ammunition; filling the powder horn and molding the lead balls to the proper size.

Mr. Moore has been employed by PKS as a stationary (operating) engineer in No. 1 Boiler House since October 1953. Prior to his employment on the project, Frank had worked approximately eighteen years for the Portsmouth City Schools in the capacity of boiler tender.

The Moore's presently reside at 1810 Waller Street, Portsmouth.

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 3588

FOUND—One pair of safety glass type eye glasses at X-700 Bldg. Tool Crib. Contact G. Eble.

WANTED — Drivers and/or riders to join pool from Sciotoville, New Boston, or Portsmouth to X-333 area on 8:00 to 4:30 shift. Contact Bob Coston, Ext. 3688.

WANTED — Riders from Meades Lake via Minford and Lucasville to Administration Building on 8:00 to 4:30 shift. Contact Phyllis Copley, Ext. 35-95.

WANTED—Riders from Portsmouth to Whs. 17, 18 or X-333 Bldg. on 8:00 to 4:30 shift. Contact Floyd Smith, Ext. 3718.

WANTED—Two persons want ride or to join pool to X-333 Bldg. from Huntington on 8:00 to 4:30 shift. Contact Jack Mahone, Ext. 3846, or Huntington 34757.

WANTED—Ride from Jackson on 8:00 to 4:30 shift. Contact Patty Smith, Ext. 2896.

WANTED—Riders from Ironton to X-326 Bldg. on 8:00 to 4:30 shift. Contact James C. Ferguson, Ext. 3631.

WANTED—Riders from Portsmouth to Administration Bldg. on 8:00 to 4:30 shift. Contact Ed Truglio, Ext. 3215.

WANTED—Ride from Egbert Stop in Wheelersburg on Rt. 52 to Northwest Grinnell clock alley, X-333 Bldg., 8:00 to 4:30 shift. Call Pete Talerico, 3735.

WAVERLY BOWLING

The Recreation Division will hold organization meetings for leagues to bowl in Waverly during the fall and winter season. As in the past season, leagues will start activities early in September.

Interested bowlers are invited to attend their respective meetings scheduled in Waverly, as follows:

Women's League — Tuesday, August 30, 2:00 P. M., at Weiss Recreation.

Men's League — Wednesday, August 31, 7:00 P. M., at the American Legion.

Mixed League—Date to be announced.

Bowlers are requested to form their teams and attend the organization meeting. The business of the meetings will be to arrange schedules and to decide other matters essential to league operation. At least one representative of each team must attend the meeting.

Arrangements have been made with Weiss Recreation for leagues to bowl on the following days:

Men's League—Monday at 6:30 and 8:30 P. M.

Women's League—Week-day afternoons.

Mixed League — Sunday evening.



J. W. "Bill" Larkin, PKS Millwright in the X-326 Building, is shown with his little friend "Hercules Jones" during a noon-hour entertainment session. "Hercules" first appeared somewhat nervous and disturbed when surrounded by his audience. Tension was relieved, however, when he was assured that the men were millwrights and there wasn't a carpenter in sight. Mr. Larkin is not a novice in the art of ventriloquism, having been active for the past fifteen years entertaining church groups, kiddies in hospitals and children's homes, and spectators of all ages at fairs and carnivals. On one occasion at the Ashland (Ky.) Children's Hospital, "Hercules" had a "doctor's" degree conferred upon him and for some time would not talk unless addressed by the title. Bill is shown as the "Candy Man" at Hunter's Trailer Court, Route 2, Waverly, because of the candy and refreshments he generously distributes during his periodic shows for the kiddies there. Almost every week end Mr. Larkin returns to visit his family in Covington, Ky., where he lived before coming to work on the project over two years ago. The above picture was posed for during the lunch hour.

Investigation Section Lists Found Articles

The following list of found articles has been submitted by the Investigation Section of Plant Protection. These items can be claimed at the office of Ed Strubler in the Investigation Section. Additional information can be obtained by calling Extension 3439 or 3337.

One pair brown plastic rimmed eye glasses in brown case with white string attached.

One brown leather billfold, papers inside made out to Virgil H. Lambert.

One pair brown plastic rimmed eye glasses in brown slide-in case.

One pair gold rimmed eye glasses in brown leather case. Case stamped: J. W. Robinson, Optometrist, Camden, Tenn.

One small black leather bound New Testament; name in-

side is Mr. James Parker, 2122 Amsterdam Ave., New York.

One set of car keys in blue case—G. M. A. C.

One pair sun glasses in green case.

One pair brown plastic rimmed glasses.

One man's watch—Baron.

One lady's watch—Bulova.

BOY FOR HENDERSONS

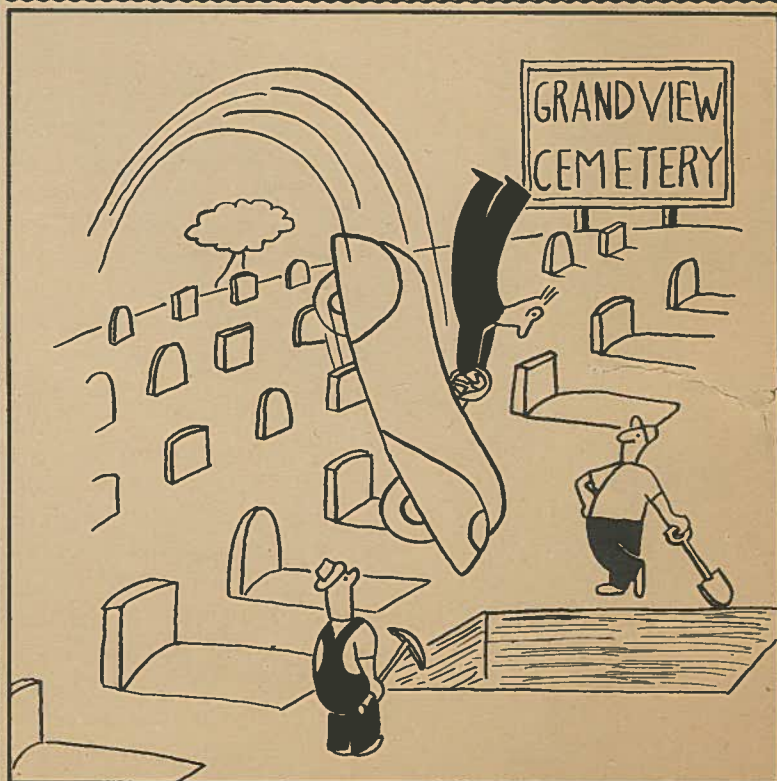
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Henderson of near Henley, are the parents of a new son born at the Smith-Everett Hospital in Portsmouth, Saturday, August 13, at 9:30 A. M.

Besides the parents, the baby boy, who will answer to the name of Marc William, was welcomed by a sister, Deena Gay.

Mr. Henderson is employed by PKS as an operating engineer in the temporary Personnel and Administration Buildings.



Investigator K. D. Dougherty of PKS Plant Protection, is shown above with a group in the field during one of the security education lectures conducted by the Investigation Section. Although employees were introduced to security and its importance through the indoctrination program, many questions have arisen during the past two years as a result of the nature of the work on the project. These lectures offer an opportunity for question and answer sessions which have been successful in reminding employees of their security responsibilities now and in the future.



SPEED AND CARELESSNESS
AGAIN REAP A GRIM HARVEST