



GAT Management NEWSLETTER

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THE PIKE COUNTY Chamber of Commerce Housing Committee recently reported that should the expansion here at GAT become a reality, almost 1800 housing units will be needed by the mid-1980's. Those estimates are based on 1100 permanent employees needed and an additional 660 skilled people for community support services. They are particularly alarmed that, even with the lower speed limits and increased gasoline costs, 75% of GAT employees live outside the county.

THE ROCKET-PROPELLED LOCOMOTIVE which crashed into a 28-ton nuclear fuel shipping cask at over 81 m.p.h. in a recent test, showed the front half being totally crushed and the trailer on which the cask was mounted bent around the locomotive in a U-shape. The cask, knocked in the air and bounced twice, received only minor surface dents and did not crack open or leak any contents.

- Sandia Laboratories

THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET for ERDA in FY 1978 is \$6.42 billion, an increase from its \$5.38 billion budget for FY 1977.

THE U.S. will expend about \$40.8 billion in research and development activities this year. Spending by federal agencies will total about \$21.8 billion, and spending by others about \$19 billion. That represents a 9% increase over 1976.

BETWEEN 20 AND 50% of the food harvested in the poorer nations is lost on the way to the table. What's needed, according to a branch of the UN, are more storage facilities in villages and cities, better farm-to-market transportation, and improved equipment for controlling destructive pests.

EVERYBODY wants progress, but nobody wants change.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS associated with programs of ERDA in Oak Ridge continued to increase last year. The average annual employment for ERDA and its operating contractors in Oak Ridge during 1976 rose to 16,780 persons and their combined payroll increased to \$266,327,245. Employment was up by 1065 persons and the payroll increased by almost \$37 million.

ERDA HAS EXTENDED for a five-year period its contract with Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) for conducting broad programs of research, education, training and public information in the field of energy. ORAU is a nonprofit corporation sponsored by 45 colleges and universities. The original contract was entered into in 1947 by the then AEC.

"GENERAL MOTORS' average fleet economy for 1978 will exceed 19 miles per gallon," according to its president. He points out that GM has increased the fuel economy of its cars by almost 50% since 1973, from 12 miles per gallon to nearly 18 miles per gallon for its 1977 models.

GOODYEAR introduced the first new idea in mattresses in 40 years, a cushiony honeycomb of foam that supports like coil springs and never needs turning. Made by Goodyear at its Luckey, Ohio plant and sold by Sears, the mattress is made up of hundreds of independent shaped cushions that adjust to the sleeper.

ALTHOUGH his Department of Energy proposal has yet to clear Congress, President Carter is counting on signing it into law on--you guessed it--July 4 . . . According to an Administration source, Carter also has decided that the planned 120-day transition period to a full-fledged DOE is too long, and has ordered it cut to 60 days. Supposing the Congress does indeed pass the bill in time for Carter to sign it on Independence Day (and this seems likely), the new energy department should be ready to go on 9/1/77.

WHO'S WHO IN MANAGEMENT

JOSEPH L. TANNER is Foreman of the Sheet Metal Shop in the Maintenance Division. That Shop is responsible for all functions associated with the fabrication, installation, layout and maintenance of sheet metal products on plantsite. He reports to GORDON L. SANDERS, General Foreman.

Joe is a native of this area, having been reared in Jackson County. He joined GAT in October 1969 as an Apprentice Sheetmetal Mechanic. He became a Sheetmetal Mechanic, 1/C in June 1973 upon completing that program. He assumed the position of Quality Control Inspector in June 1975 until being named to his present position in November of that year.

Joe and his two children, Joseph, Jr., age 9, and Jacqueline, age 8, live in rural Jackson County. His outside interests include a lot of hunting and fishing and as much sightseeing with the kids as possible. He also works with the Cub Scouts and is active in the Youth Committee at the United Community Baptist Church where he is a trustee. He is a member of the Masons and the GAT Foremen's Club.



GAT NAMES AND FACES IN THE NEWS



D. L. WILLIAMS



J. F. HALL, JR.



L. G. SWOPE



M. BLAIR



G. E. CONTRERAS

DENNIS L. WILLIAMS will present a paper, "Macrocyclic Polyether Complexes of U(5) and U(6) Compounds." at the First Symposium on Macrocyclic Compounds at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. The paper was co-authored by FRANK B. BeCRAFT.

JOHN F. HALL, JR., completed a special Xerox training program in Leesburg, Va. In the program, lasting one month, John finished second in the class of 21.

LARRY G. SWOPE gave a demonstration on basic science principles to the Southern Ohio Association of Postal Supervisors. He also spoke to the Chillicothe Lions Club on "The Early Iron Industry in Ohio," showing slides of the 14 furnace stacks still standing in Ohio.

MABEL BLAIR recently presented financial grants to four Pike County students. She is Chairman of the Pike County Educational Fund, supported by 12 service organizations in Pike County, which makes grants to students based on grades, financial need, and recommendations.

GEORGE E. CONTRERAS spoke to an assembly of several Spanish classes at Union-Scioto High School. His talk was entitled "Education in Peru."

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