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SOME 125 LYNCHBURG GE EMPLOYEES TO BE AFFECTED BY REDUCTION IN FORCES...

Manufacturing General Manager Winston Stalcup announced this morning that the short-term production requirements which had necessitated the hiring of people last summer and fall were fulfilled by year end, and "as a result, this will necessitate a reduction in forces in both Lynchburg and Florence."

In Lynchburg, some 125 hourly employees will be affected, most of whom were hired in August and September 1981 to meet the increased backlog of orders at that time.

"Announcement of any personnel reduction is always an unpleasant task," said

Winston, "but it is a necessary business decision. All indicators in our economy point toward a difficult period for us throughout the first quarter of 1982 and probably until mid-year.

"Our customers are faced with the same problems facing our own business--inflation, high interest rates and uncertainties as to the length and depth of the current recession--and therefore are holding up on placing orders for our products until they, themselves, can get a clearer picture of what the future holds."

Winston pointed out that for the past five years, MCB's Lynchburg operations

have maintained a fairly level employment total.

"In fact," he said, "we have been able to minimize employment reductions in spite of a very difficult economy. Our goal continues to be maintaining stable, level employment here."

Employees affected are receiving their notices today. All long-standing reduction-in-forces policies will be followed.

"Employees affected may be assured of management's concern for them and of our desire to assist them in any way possible in making an adjustment to lack-of-work status," said Winston.

January CRYPTOGRAM

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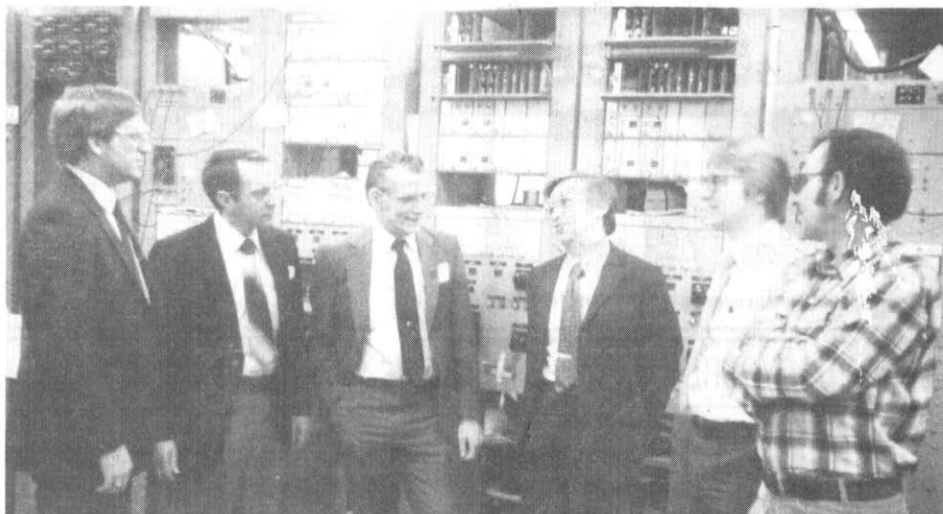
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DEADLINE is TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 3 PM. Safety boxes are in North and South Cafeterias, MVR; Hal Shutter, Bradley Park; Marshall Edwards, FAB; Pat Scruggs, Timberlake; Carlton Mattox, CSC Bldg.; and at the Wards Road Bldg. TAKE AN EXTRA COPY OR TWO HOME FOR YOUR KIDS TO ENJOY. (ONLY YOURS IS VALID FOR DRAWING.)

PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT

VISITORS IN LYNCHBURG

HERE FOR A POWER LINE CARRIER SYSTEMS TEST AND CUSTOMER INSPECTION THIS WEEK WERE... (left to right) Steve Rowe, GE, Portland, Oregon; Ron Garand, Sam Janes, and Mike Csoppenszky of Pacific Power and Light, Portland. Hosting the visitors were Lynchburg GE'ers Ken Graham and Pete Barnes.



NO LOST TIME ACCIDENTS IN DECEMBER...

"Safety Days" Set for Next Week



Thanks to the safety record--no lost-time accidents--at each location last month, there will be free coffee (or soft drink) and doughnuts for everybody at all locations this month.

On Monday, Jan. 11, free doughnuts and drink will be available at MVR and CSC building during the morning break (or first break of the day for Second Shift). In order to

allow office employees to participate, the treat will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

On Tuesday, Jan. 12, FAB, Timberlake and Bradley Park will observe their safety day during the morning break. Fidelity Bank Building, Wards Road, and Timber Oak Court will participate Wednesday a.m.



RAY ROBERTS (center), GSA Editor at Fort Avenue, receives 20-year pin from Gene Pearson as (left to right) Rose Ballowe, Agnes Horsley, and Evelyn Wade add congratulations.

NEW DAYCARE SERVICE OFFERED

The Lynchburg YWCA is accepting applications for day-care in private homes, for children 3 weeks to 5 years of age.

Two nutritional snacks and one meal will be served.

For more information, call 847-7751.

GE EMPLOYEE STORE HOURS:

TUESDAYS
and
FRIDAYS

11:15 AM -- 1:00 PM
and
3:30 PM -- 4:35 PM