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The Professional Installation

When I travel or vacation, I always find myself looking at the electrical system in buildings, restaurants, hotels, stadiums, arenas, etc. I guess maybe most people don't think about things like this, but it has always interested me to see how electrical systems are installed; and if the electricians did a good job with the installation. Some areas are much different than others. I've seen installations that were so bad that I wondered how it ever passed inspection. Other installations were per code, but not real pleasing to the eye. Most places I see away from our area have installations that look less than desirable. It appears they installed it to work, and never took much pride in how it looked. Here at home, I have noticed the electrical installations as well, and I've noticed a big difference in the electrical installations in our businesses, our schools, our hospitals, our industries, etc. It is easy to see what was installed by those who were trained to do it right and take pride in the work they do, and those who lacked proper training and pride. On a few occasions, I have heard the customer say something like, "I don't care what it looks like in the ceilings or walls, as long as the lights come on when I flip the switch." Although I don't agree with this line of thinking, I do understand they probably have no idea just what may be going on in those walls and ceilings. If the installation looks unprofessional, then the critical items such as wire connections and equipment supports were probably unprofessional as well.

I take a lot of pride in knowing we have some excellent electrical installations right here in our area. I have seen some beautiful electrical work installed by our Local 575 Electricians, in businesses and industries in our area. You can tell these men were trained professionals in the trade.

I've had the privilege to work with some of those Electricians who have retired from the trade, and they knew how to plan the work, and work the plan. I believe there is merit to this saying. Careful planning of the entire installation will produce the following: an efficient installation that makes sense, meets code, works for the owner, makes the entire installation easier and quicker, and looks professional. Once the work has been planned, then the plan is worked at a steady pace; until it is completed. Some of your best electricians have been those that can look at an electrical project, and see the finished project in their minds.

In the Bible, God's word tells us, "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works." (Titus 2:7). This needs to be our creed. We need to take pride in everything we do. This is our area, and no one knows it better than we do. There will always be a few who will say "I don't care what it looks like, as long as the lights come on when I flip the switch", but we want our legacy of electrical installations to show a pattern of good works!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Dave Yuenger, in the passing of Dave's wife, Faye Yuenger, and also to the family of Greg Tingler, in the passing of Greg's Father; Clarence Tingler. May God provide comfort and strength during this difficult time.

August and September Birthdays

**August: Danny Beekman
Ian Egbert
Pete Nichols
Will Mershon
Rod Hensley
Andy Eldridge**

**September: Prudy Copas
Justin Singer
Kyle Moore
Sarah Justice**

Bathtub Test....During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup, and a bucket to the person and tell them to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said. "A normal person would pull the stopper. Do you want a bed near the window?"

Clay PK-12 School Moving Fast

Footers are being completed, poured walls up, and block work started; on the new Clay PK-12 School Facility. Our Electricians have been working on underground conduits, as well as conduits in walls. Switchgear lay-out is also being completed. Led by Mike Snipes, the following workers have been hard at it on this project: Ed Sommer, Justin Singer, Ryan Evans, John DeLaCruz, Paul Caplinger, Jeff Swords, Tim Literal, and Kyle Moore. This project is expected to be completed before school begins in August 2011. This project has been an injury free project so far, and we're working to keep it that way.

*Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up
and permanently set.*

Washington-Nile Middle School Rises To The Sky

Block walls are rising up at the site of the new Washington-Nile Middle School. This project is manned up for a quick attack on the Electrical rough-in. Led by Bill Mershon, the following Electricians are working on this project: Dan Maple, JB Cronin, Rod Hensley, Dave Huff, Bill Holland, Will Mershon, and Sarah Justice. Mike Hodges is our operator. Like all other school projects, this one is moving at a fast pace, and is expected to be ready for students to occupy when the 2011 School year begins in August 2011. We are grateful to be a part of this great project, and another opportunity to work with the fine folks that make up the Washington-Nile School District.

ODNR Watercraft Office Progresses

The new ODNR Watercraft Office & Maintenance Facility is close to being dried in. The structural steel is up and ready for the roof. The office area is covered, and ready for the roofing, doors, and windows. Most of the conduit and box rough-in has been completed, and some mc cable installed. Overhead conduits in the garage area should be starting very soon. Danny Beekman and Ian Egbert have been working on this project. With a December 2010 completion date ahead, this will make for some nice Fall work. There have been no injuries reported to date, and we expect this to continue!

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

Nile Township Fire Station Comes Out of the Ground

Crews from Riser Construction have completed footers and erected steel, on the new Nile Township Fire Station. The floor slab is expected to be poured in the next week. We should begin the Electrical rough-in shortly after that. We have looked forward to starting work on this project for well over a year now.

Norfolk & Southern Crew Facility Progresses

Dwane Johnson and Jason Russell have been installing conduit and equipment in the new Crew Facility for the N & S Railroad. This project has moved slowly, but is also nearing completion. We have appreciated the opportunity to be a part of this project.

SSU Gets New Multi-Purpose Sports Field

Work has progresses on the new multi-purpose sports field on the East side of the Shawnee State University Campus. The project is taking place on the former Soccer Field, and consists of a new, regulation size soccer field with artificial turf, a new fence, 60' steel light poles, and underground electric for future site lighting and scoreboard. Security lighting will be installed at this time, and the site lighting fixtures will be installed on the steel poles in a future phase. This looks to be a beautiful addition to the SSU Campus, and we are excited to be a part of it. Those who have worked on this project to date have been: Kenny Stewart, Ed Sommer, Matt Meeker, Dwane Johnson, Jason Russell, Bill Mershon, Will Mershon, Miles Lee Ferguson, and Dustin Pentleton. No injuries reported to date. Good news!

You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.

Portsmouth WWTP Work Continues

There has not been much Electrical work done on this project this Summer, but work should pick up this Fall. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton did replace some underground cables last month. We still have work to complete on the new UV Disinfection System, new Sludge Press equipment, new sludge pumps, and the drain pump station; at the Lawson Run WWTP Rehab Project. This project will be a hit and miss project for our crews, into next year.

Northwest School District Gets Site Lighting Upgrade

We were recently awarded a purchase order to install some additional site lighting at the Northwest High School parking lots. Parts have been ordered, one pole has been set, underground conduits installed, and concrete light pole bases poured. We are waiting on the lights and poles to come in, so we can complete the project. Those working on this project have been Ed Sommer, Miles Lee Ferguson, and Dustin Pendleton. We are hoping to complete this project before school starts back up.

SOMC Installing Sewage Grinders

We were recently awarded a contract to install power to two new sewage grinder stations being installed in the two sanitary sewer lines exiting the Southern Ohio Medical Center. As of this date, Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton have completed some conduit and wire installation. We will resume work as soon as the permits are in hand. It's a dirty job, but someone's got to do it!

USEC Fire Alarm Work In X-710 Wraps Up

The Fire Alarm System upgrade contract in the X-710 building, is wrapping up. Led by Pete Nichols, Tucker Smalley and Will Collier have worked on this project. No injuries have been reported on this project.

No one is listening until you make a mistake.

Portsmouth City Schools Central Office Is Occupied!

The Portsmouth City School Administration moved into their newly renovated Central Office Building, the week of July 6, 2010. What once was a fire-gutted, run down building has been transformed into a beautiful and useful facility that looks great on the new Athletic Complex. I've been told the School District will save around \$50,000.00 a year by moving into this building. That kind of math just makes good sense. We want to welcome the Administration into their new facility, and thank them for allowing us to be a part of the renovation work. Led by Kenny Stewart, the following men finished this project: Matt Meeker, Miles Lee Ferguson, and Dustin Pendleton. This was an injury free project for our crews.

ACP FUTURE STILL LOOKS PROMISING

The latest news is that USEC has reapplied for the 2-billion dollar loan guarantee for the new ACP Project. President Obama is scheduled to be at the site on August 18, 2010. We are hoping he makes an announcement that the loan guarantee has been granted. This will open the door for this project to start back up on January 2, 2011. Until then, we should continue to perform work for USEC. As of this date, the following men are still on site, performing work for USEC: Pete Nichols, Mike Cantrell, Chad Hawes, Tucker Smalley, Nick Kingrey, Will Collier, and Tim Jenkins.

SSU's Student Service Center Renovation Progresses

The demolition work has been completed, and most of the rough-in is done. Some mc cable, wiring, and tele-data cabling has also been installed. Lighting will start going in very soon. Led by Kenny Stewart, the following men have been working on this project: Matt Meeker, Miles Lee Ferguson, and Dustin Pendleton. Completion of this project has been scheduled for October 2010. It's always great to be able to work with the good folks at Shawnee State University.

Waiting On Shut-Down At Narco

We continue to wait for the opportunity to complete the work at NARCO. The plant has been busy, and not had the opportunity for a weekend shutdown. This is a good thing for the plant. Andy Eldridge and Michael Hunt completed all they can, and now we are waiting for a weekend to complete the transformer and switchgear replacement. No injuries reported on this project.

The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

Manchester School Projects Wrapping Up

Kenny Stewart just has to complete repairs of existing parking lot and exterior building lights, and install a switch in the Distance Learning Center; in order to complete the many small projects we have been doing at the Manchester Schools. We have been honored to be able to perform this work for the Manchester Local School District. It's always great to be able to do work in a school where your children attend, and this has been the case for Kenny.

Rubyville Community Church Hopes for a Fall Completion of Worship Center

Interior finish work continues as the main sanctuary takes shape. Over the next few months, the interior finishes will convert this from a building to a place of worship. Volunteers have been involved in completing some of the finish work, saving the church thousands of dollars. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton have completed a few minor items over the past month. The congregation is hoping to move into the new facility sometime this Fall.

He who laughs last, thinks slowest

Oak Hill Camp Grounds Nears Completion

Andy Eldridge and Michael Hunt have installed all of the underground conduit and wire, all of the camper pedestals, Electrical Services, and equipment connections on this project. The only work left is connecting prefabricated toilet buildings and lights in billboards. This project is now scheduled for a September 2010 completion. No injuries reported on this project, and that is always a good thing!

X-670 Dry Air Plant On Fast Track

Work on a Dry Air Plant facility being constructed for USEC, has been moving at lightning speed. The building is enclosed, with most of the rough-in completed. Switchgear is set, lights are hung, and we can see light at the end of the tunnel. The building is scheduled for completion the end of August, with testing and start-up of equipment and systems to carry on through the month of September. Led by Pete Nichols, the following men have done a great job keeping up with the schedule: Chad Hawes, Mike Cantrell, Will Collier, Tim Jenkins, Nick Kingrey, and Tucker Smalley.

SOMC Peds. Project Finished Up In July

Crews completed the installation of the new patient rooms last month. This will provide the Peds. Department with state of the art Patient Rooms. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton completed the Electrical work on this project. We have appreciated the opportunity to be on this project with SOMC.

Service Work Continues

Dwane Johnson and Jason Russell have been taking care of service calls and small projects for us. These small projects include PNC of Rosemount, Ray's Place, Ironton Metropolitan Housing Authority, Buckeye Towers, New Boston Village Building, Blue Flame, Wheelersburg K-12 School, New Boston Wal-Mart, Scioto County Jail, BG Grocery in New Boston, Portsmouth Public Library, Aarick's Propane, Counseling Center, Sciotoville UMC Church, Briar Patch, and Brown Services.

PMHA Generator Work Nears Completion

Danny Beekman and Ian Egbert have continued to install conduits and pads for the new Generator installation at the PMHA Miller Manor site. Ed Sommer worked with Danny to install underground conduits at this site as well. Andy Eldridge and Justin Diller have been performing work at the Lett Terrace site. We just received the generators and transfer switches, so these guys can proceed with these installations. Both projects are to be completed by the end of August. No injuries reported from either site. This is always good news.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Japanese Steakhouse Ready to Open

The Yamato Japanese Steakhouse is just about ready to open. They have been completing inspections and last minute corrections in the building, before they open for business. This business is located in the former Huddle House on Scioto Trail. Kenny Stewart, Danny Maple, Miles Lee Ferguson, and Matt Meeker have worked on this project. The grand opening should take place sometime in August.

Ironton Middle School Site Work Begins

We received a purchase order to install site lighting, and the associated underground wiring, at the new Ironton Middle School. We will be working as a sub contractor to Solid Rock Construction on this project. Most of the work should be completed before school starts. We look forward to working with Solid Rock on this project.

Green Schools Gets Classroom Renovations

We recently bid and completed a Classroom Renovations Project for the folks at Green High School, in Franklin Furnace, Ohio. We were a sub contractor to Stevens Construction Company. Workers on this project included Danny Beekman, Dwane Johnson, Jason Russell, Andy Eldridge, and Tim Literal. No injuries were reported on this project. Good Job!!

Buckeye Towers Gets New Generator

We were recently awarded a contract to replace and upgrade the emergency power system at the Buckeye Towers living facility in New Boston, Ohio. The equipment has been ordered, and we will get on it as soon as materials come in. We appreciate the opportunity to work at this facility again.

A.P. Green Gets Expansion To Facilities

We were recently awarded two small contracts as part of an expansion to A.P. Green's oak Hill, Ohio facility. Andy Eldridge and Justin Diller will start on these projects this week. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the fine folks at A.P. Green again.

Brown Services Gets Additional Parking Lot Lighting

Jeff Brown called and requested we install an additional parking lot light pole assembly at his office in Wheelersburg. Andy Eldridge has completed the underground wiring and pole base, and is waiting on the light pole assembly to come in. We appreciate the work Jeff sends our way.

Real Newspaper Article Titles.....

“Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter”

“Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Experts Say”

“Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers”

“Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over”

“Miners Refuse to Work after Death”

“Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant”

“War Dims Hope for Peace”

“If Strike Isn’t Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile”

“Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures”

“Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide”

“Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges”

“Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge”

“New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group”

“Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft”

“Kids Make Nutritious Snacks”

“Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half”

“Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors”

And the winner is.....”Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead”

What we've bid, and will be bidding...

- We were awarded a contract to install traffic signals at one of the main intersections in Flemingsburg, Kentucky. This work should start later this year.
- We bid the KDMC Scioto Trail Expansion Project in May of this year. Elford Construction was awarded the contract. We worked with the folks from Elford for weeks to get our numbers down, and were finally told the owner asked them to go with the low non-union bidder. It is our understanding the Electrical has not been awarded yet. KDMC has shut down this project for several months, for unknown reasons
- We bid a Generator Replacement Project for the Village of New Boston in July. The low bidder on this project was Nolan Electric.
- We bid the Ramada Inn and Damon's Restaurant Renovations Project in June, and we have not heard anything back. Demolition work has already begun on the Ramada Inn.
- We turned in a preliminary bid for the Electrical system in the Physicians Group's new Medical Office Building being constructed on the former McKinley Middle School property on Kinney's Lane. As of this date, we have not heard anything on this project. It is our understanding the bids are still under review.
- We bid the USEC Underground Distribution System for the X-670 Dry Air Plant. We understand the Electrical on this project was awarded to Heibel Electric.
- We will be bidding a Pharmacy Renovation Project at SOMC, in August 2010.
- We recently bid a traffic signal installation at 3rd & Waller Sts., for the City of Portsmouth. No word on this one yet.
- We recently bid a new Domestic Violence Office & Shelter in Portsmouth. No word on the low bidder yet.
- We recently bid a new Beacon light at the Minford Airport. No word on the low bidder yet.
- We are planning on bidding the new K-12 School Facility, for New Boston Local School District. The latest word is this project should be out for bid in a month or two.