

A. A. KOPEIKIN, AN OBITUARY

In 1972 the life of Aleksei Aleksandrovich Kopeikin, Candidate of Technical Sciences, came to a close. He was one of the oldest workers in the structural materials industry and a member of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union since 1921.

He began his working life as a boy-messenger in the Konakov Faience Plant. He rose to be an important director of several industrial enterprises.

After the formation in 1939 of the Narkomat of the Structural Materials Industry of the USSR, Aleksei Aleksandrovich was appointed the Deputy Commissar. At the same time he was appointed as deputy to the State Committee of Defense in the Central Committee of the CPSU and the Soviet of Ministers of the USSR.

In 1953 Kopeikin was appointed Director of the Scientific-Research Institute of Structural Ceramics and headed the Institute for 12 years. During that period the first specimens of conveyors for casting mosaic tiles, atomizing driers, drying and glazing conveyors, and other equipment now used in industry, were being developed at the Institute.

For several years A. A. Kopeikin was Chief Editor of *Steklo i Keramika*.

In all aspects of his work Kopeikin showed himself to be a leader of integrity and a highly qualified specialist. He was awarded two orders and six medals. He published 35 printed works.

In 1964 on his retirement he began to work at the All-Union Scientific-Research Institute of Enamel and Glass Materials and continued to give assistance with the development and technical progress of the ceramic industry.

The workers in the industry had a deep respect and high regard for Aleksei Aleksandrovich Kopeikin, not only as a specialist but also as a sensitive and sympathetic human being.

We who knew him and worked with him will always retain an affectionate memory of A. A. Kopeikin.

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