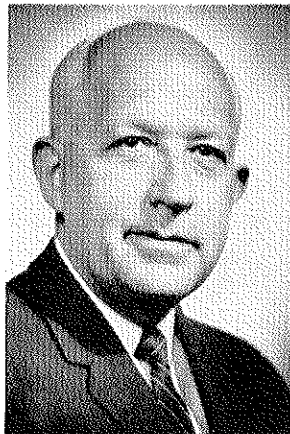


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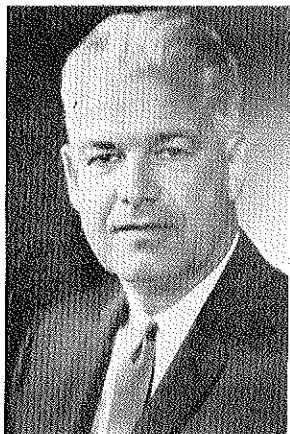
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# A Christmas Message



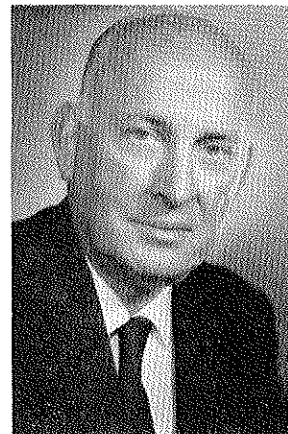
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*General Manager*

In a world troubled by conflict, we yearn for the fundamental message of Christmas to permeate the thinking of all men everywhere.

Young people the world over, behind the Iron Curtain as well as in the Free World, demonstrate the frustrations of a world society seeking material prosperity for its members while too often overlooking man's humanity toward man. In this holiday season, let us renew our efforts to further our progress toward the prosperity that benefits all but let us renew, too, our regard for the dignity of man.

The Goodyear Spirit symbolizes this great quest. Successes compiled by our worldwide family have made 1968 a year unmatched in company history. This would not have been possible without man's ability to get along with, to work with, and to succeed with, each other—each respecting the other's uniqueness.

As Goodyearites everywhere prepare to observe their holiday season, in many tongues and in many faiths, let us reaffirm one common principle on which we can build an even better 1969:

Peace on earth, good will toward men.



# Bloodmobile Visit Set Jan. 13-14 Start The Year Off Right By Giving

The Tri-state Bloodmobile Unit will visit plantsite January 13 and 14 to collect donations for GAT's Blood Bank. A special appeal is made to all employees to help guarantee there be an adequate supply for ourselves and our families.

Blood headquarters will be in the South Wing of the X-100 building and open for business from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. on January 13 and 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on January 14. The need for blood is greater than ever before with more Goodyearites on the payroll, more accidents and illnesses requiring

blood, Vietnam conflict, and the continual and fast paced advances in medical research dealing with blood.

Giving blood is easy. You will be contacted by your supervisor to arrange a time. If he misses you and you want to give blood, be sure and tell him. If you are unable to schedule your visit, walk-in donors will

always be welcome. You will be greeted by Red Cross volunteers and nurses who will make sure you can give blood. They will carefully and quickly take your contribution and, afterward, will serve refreshments while you rest.

Your Goodyear Bloodmobile program depends on your participation. If you wish further information on the GAT Blood Program, contact Community Relations, 2158. They will be glad to assist you.



If the fourth wise man were to bring his gift today - He would bring the "Gift of Life"

**NEXT  
BLOODMOBILE VISIT  
JANUARY 13-14**

Employees are requested to give unto themselves by supporting their blood program when it visits plantsite January 13 and 14.

The Bloodmobile unit will again set up headquarters in the south wing of the X-100 Building.

Donors will be accepted from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. on January 13 and 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on January 14.

**START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT BY DONATING TO YOUR BLOOD PROGRAM.**

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## G. H. Reynolds Announces Four Organizational Changes

G. H. Reynolds, General Manager, recently announced several organizational changes to go into effect January 16, 1969.

D. B. (Don) Jones was named to Superintendent, Process Maintenance filling the vacancy created in September by the promotion of Jerry Althouse to Assistant Manager, Plant Engineering and Maintenance.

G. F. (George) Cooke will replace Jones as Supervisor, Utilities.

M. E. (Max) Coryell will move from Shift Superintendent to Special Assistant to the General Manager, replacing Cooke. W. L. (Bill) Kouns, Jr., was named to replace Coryell as Plant Shift Superintendent.

Jones, a native of Connellsville, Penn., joined GAT in February 1953 as general foreman in utilities. In July 1954, Jones was promoted to supervisor in process area and in November of that year was made supervisor, utilities. He graduated from Allegheny College, Meadville, Penn., with an A.B. in chemistry.

Don is secretary and on the Board of Directors of the Cooling Tower Institute. He is also on the Chillicothe Hospital Board of Directors. Don and his wife, Grace, reside in Chillicothe. They have two children.

Cooke, a graduate of Waynesburg College, joined Goodyear — Akron — in 1942. He came to GAT in February 1953 and has since served in the capacities of assistant general foreman, general foreman, area supervisor, cascade coordinator, and shift superintendent. In October 1966, he assumed the responsibilities as Special Assistant to the General Manager.

George and Mrs. (Betty) Cooke have two children. They reside at Tomlinson Addition Lucasville.

Max Coryell joined GT&R in April 1942 as a member of supervision. He transferred to GAT in May 1953 as a process foreman. Max was made general foreman in process in July 1953 and was promoted to shift superintendent in October 1954. He left the shift superintendent office for approximately one year in 1964-65 when he filled in as area supervisor in process. Max and Dorothy Coryell are residents of Portsmouth. They have two daughters.

Bill Kouns joined GAT in June 1953 as a production process operator trainee. He was made assistant foreman in July 1954 and promoted to foreman in December of that year. Bill became assistant cascade coordinator in March 1956 and promoted to the cascade coordinator position in June 1966. He and his wife, Dorothy, have one daughter. They are residents of Portsmouth.

## Drive Underway For City Of Hope

The annual fund raising campaign for the City of Hope is being conducted during the month of December by OCAW Local 3-689. The City of Hope is a national pilot medical research center and hospital located at Duarte, California, near Los Angeles. The center offers free treatment for cancer, leukemia, and other catastrophic diseases. No patient ever treated at the City of Hope has been presented a bill for services rendered, regardless of the length or seriousness of the treatment involved. Each year some 35,000 patients receive treatments without charge.

Local 3-689 OCAW is one of the many fund raisers for the medical center. During the past three years, in excess of \$2,000 was contributed through the local union.

J. R. Diamond (D-814), Campaign Chairman, requests the support of members of Local 3-689 and friends when contacted for contributions.

## New Materials Department Is Formed; Personnel Assigned

C. L. Jenkins, Manager of Purchasing and Materials Division, announced the formation of the newly created Materials Department (D-424) and an organizational change in the Purchasing and Materials Division, effective December 9, 1968.

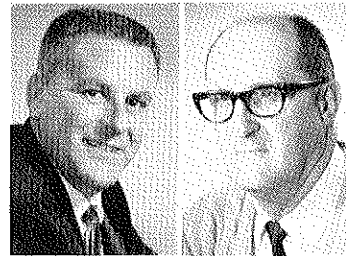
C. F. (Charlie) Ray was named Supervisor of the new Materials Department, and H. B. (Homer) Chambers was appointed as general foreman. R. M. (Marv) Kennard was named as foreman of Shipping and Receiving to replace W. S. Smith who will serve as foreman in the new materials section. All members of the Materials Department will be responsible to M. R. Zigler, Superintendent of Materials and Service.

Ray joined Goodyear Atomic in

August 1953 as a materials man. He was promoted to stores foreman in April 1955 and was made section head in surplus and salvage sales in April 1958. In March 1966, he was promoted to general foreman, stores. Prior to joining Goodyear, he was employed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Columbus, O. Charlie and his wife Judy (D-501) are residents of Jackson. They have two daughters and a son.

Homer Chambers joined Goodyear in December 1954 as a materials man after working for Peter Kiewit and Sons. Homer was promoted to stores foreman in December 1955. He and Mrs. (Lila) Chambers reside at Route 2, Waverly.

Jenkins also announced Surplus and Salvage (D-427) was cancelled. All personnel, property, etc., was transferred to the newly formed Materials Department.



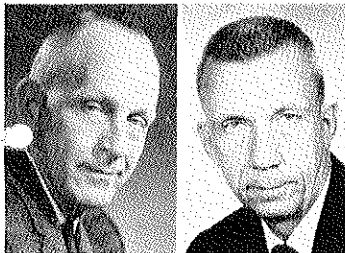
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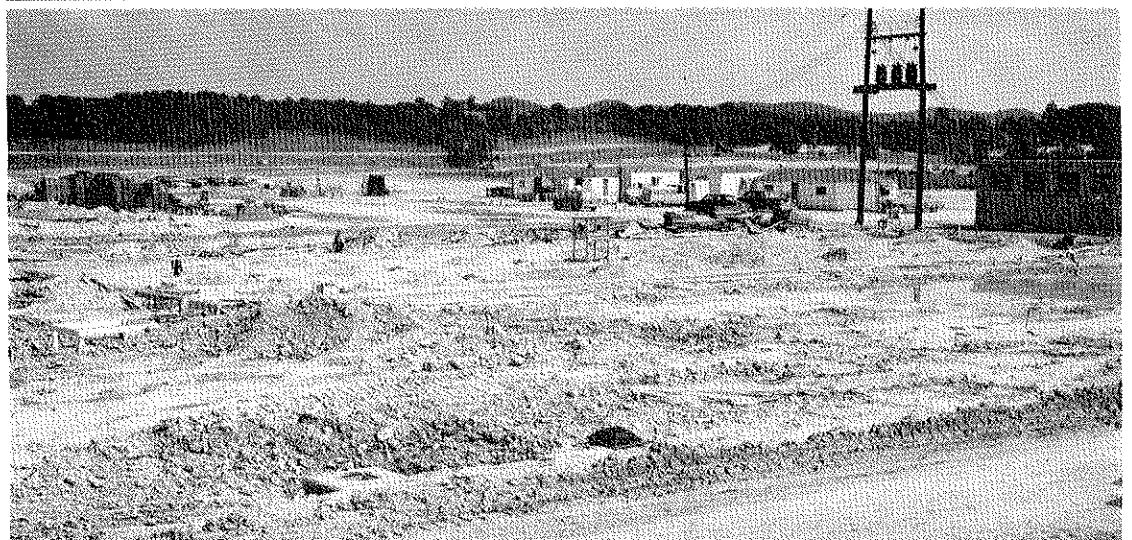
D. B. Jones

G. F. Cooke



M. E. Coryell

W. L. Kouns



**WOULD YOU BELIEVE?** This is the view of the hospital, cafeteria, and administrative area, as it was in August of 1953. Additional information about Goodyear Atomic

Corporation's beginning and how it affected the surrounding communities, some 15 years ago, appear in the center fold.

# Change From Secluded Valley To Atomic Giant, Is Recalled



Editor's Note: Fifteen years ago the rural Pike County area was startled by the announcement of the construction of a huge atomic energy plant. Gladys Daily, a native of Sargents and Pike County, witnessed the earth shaking events that actually occurred in her "back yard". She saw the sleepy valley — her home — transformed into mountains of earth moving equipment, construction materials, and finally, the finished product — Goodyear Atomic Corporation.

Miss Daily is now retired from her vocation of school teaching and has taken up the avocation of writing. Clan readers will find her description of our "birth" extremely interesting.

## The Mountain Came To Mahomet

"ATOMIC PLANT GOES TO PIKE COUNTY, OHIO," shouted headlines over the nation on August 12, 1952, when the Atomic Energy Commission in Washington announced the location of its proposed \$1,250,000,000 gaseous diffusion plant.

The site selected was on a plateau, the former valley of the fabled ancient Teays River that flowed from North Carolina northward to the Great Lakes. According to geologists it is still flowing underground, far beneath the surface — too deep, said the engineers, to be feasible as a water supply for the new plant. They knew, however, they had access by means of wells to the vast reservoir underlying the adjacent Scioto Valley. This reservoir extends from Columbus almost to the Ohio River.

Quiet, secluded little Pike County, though stunned for a few brief hours into unbelieving immobility, soon erupted into a frenzy of excitement and activity. There had been rumors, of course, what with strangers around, and surveyors seen for the past several months working mysteriously in unlikely places. But rumors are often given much credence, regarded as too fantastic to be really true. Sure things might happen somewhere else, never in one's own back yard.

On the Sunday following the announcement, and for weeks thereafter, this isolated dot on the map was the Mecca of sightseers from all over Ohio, and from other states. The little gravel road that was the only gateway to the site was pulverized into a bed of dust by the endless procession of cars.

Immediately, speculators swarmed into the area. Some were looking for an honest investment, but others were planning to prey on the ignorant — so they thought — "hillbillies." In self-defense, those with available property had to put it in

the hands of reliable local real-estate dealers and lawyers. Otherwise they would have been hounded by persistent shysters.

The smell of easy money seems to rob the human mind of good judgment. Some of the prices offered at that time were fabulous. Most speculators went away broke.

For instance, a middle-aged couple from Georgia sold their home and a thriving business to invest in a trailer court in Pike County, going into partnership with a man from Chicago. Both families put everything they had into building and equipping the court. If it had taken the five years the AEC had predicted it would take to build the plant, they said they could have come out of the venture financially solvent. But the peak of construction, at which time there were about 23,000 workers, lasted for only a few months; then men began to move on, and trailers pulled out one by one. Both families went away with nothing.

The natives, themselves, seemed satisfied generally with more modest enterprises, mostly in the expanding and equipping of housing to take care of the hordes of people descending on the region; for not only was the plant itself under construction, but a four-lane highway from Columbus to Portsmouth was built at the same time to open up the area. And railroad lines had to be run into the plantsite from the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Norfolk and Western, each a few miles away.

One farmer, who was handy with hammer and saw, and who was competent as an amateur plumber, remodeled an abandoned barn into quarters for twenty-five men. Since the lumber he used had been sawed on his own farm, and since he and his son did the work themselves, the cash outlay was small, but the income was considerable.

One of his neighbors who owned a large home invested in enough extra furnishings that she could accommodate eight roomers.

And so it was, all over the region, in Pike County and surrounding counties. No one got rich, but if he chose he could add comfortably to his income.

Providing schooling for several thousand extra children was also a major operation. Although the government financed some temporary buildings supposedly to house the overflow, by the time the buildings were finished many students were moving away. In the meantime, classrooms were crowded to the doors in two sessions a day, and the supply of qualified teachers was limited. However, school systems coped as well as possible with the confusion.



BEFORE AND AFTER — Panoramic views above were spliced place some 18 months later. When construction was at its p tured below is a recent aerial photo of plantsite. Enlarged c

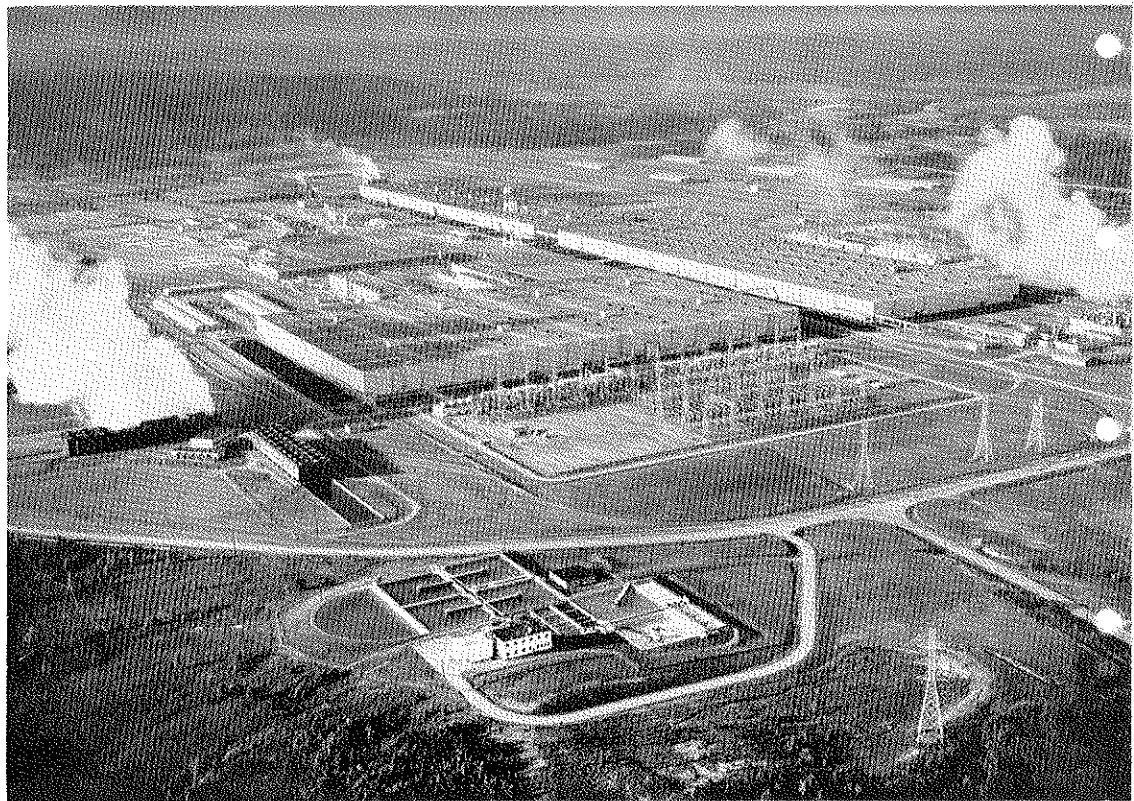
While friends around them were capitalizing on opportunities, those families who found their homes included in the map of the condemned area felt as if some kind of end had come to their world. Most of them were older people who had been born there and had spent their lives in that spot. Although each received a fair price for his land, it was the tearing up of deeply embedded roots that hurt.

One elderly couple, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Noel, never quit grieving over having to give up their beautiful old brick home where they had been happy, and where many friends had enjoyed their gracious hospitality. They bought a home in Portsmouth and a farm along the Ohio River; but the fact that they were much better off in town, since they

were getting too old to look themselves adequately on the didn't soften their grief.

A few others just inside the fringes of the 4000 acre site were frustrated, not knowing whether they would have to move or whether they could stay. Although their land was condemned, it seemed quite unlikely it would be and there was the possibility it would be released eventually. They didn't know whether to buy a new home in spite of soaring prices or to risk staying where they were. They stayed, and are still there.

The immediate impact of the industry was hectic. The long-term overall impact, however, has been unremarkable and healthy. Although the two main towns, Waverly and Piketon, have shown consid-







to show the sleepy valley just prior to construction and the amazing transformation that took place. 26,000 construction and GAT employees invaded the surrounding four county area. Pictures may be seen on the Wingfoot Clan-Community Relations Bulletin Board.

growth, Pike County is still rural. Waverly, the county seat, which before the A-Plant had a population of approximately 1700, now has over 5000 people. Piketon has grown from 800 to 1200.

The housing projects that sprang up around Waverly during the early days of plant construction facilitated that town's later growth. Just as with the temporary school buildings, by the time these houses were finished, people were leaving. Consequently, many were never occupied. Since the projects were backed by government financing, the government was left with the bag of gold. In order to recoup as much of the loss as possible, the government offered the houses for sale at attractive prices, thus gradually disposing of them all. Without doubt, available housing was a factor in bringing into the county recently a new, small industries with potential for growth.

Although individuals bought most of the homes, one whole project of 323 houses was sold to Ohio Church Residences, now National Church Residences, to be made into a residential center. With national publicity, this center was soon filled. Bristol Village has become the home of many highly trained professional people with many and varied talents, and is one of the prettiest spots in Waverly — a cultural addition to the community.

The plant was an asset to all southern Ohio in that it supplied jobs for numerous young people, especially office workers. Most of the rest of the personnel, having been trained in particular fields and peculiar skills, were imported. Even though they were only an hour away by four-lane highway from shopping, music, art, and drama in Columbus, some of these imports were not always too happy at having to live in the hills.

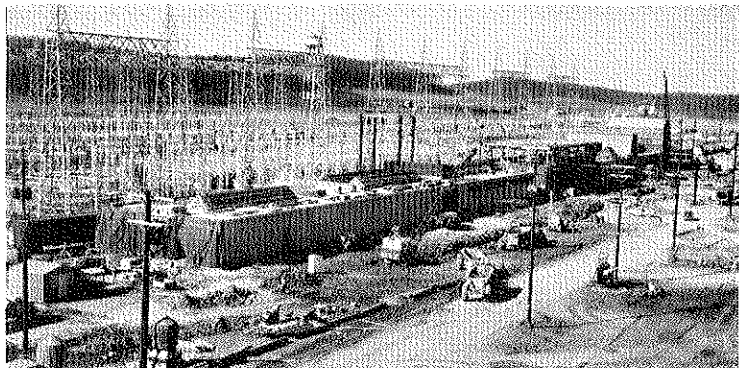
Others, however, seemed to appreciate the peace and beauty of the setting, and the distance from urban problems. Mrs. Virgil Emler, whose husband is assistant to the head of the Goodyear Development Laboratory, said, "My husband and I are natives of Pittsburgh. We were in Columbus for a while, and when we knew we were coming to southern Ohio, we were delighted. We felt it would be like our own Pennsylvania hills. We love it here."

Those new people who have become more permanent than transient have blended well into the local society. Many wives have become teachers in the schools. The men belong to Chambers of Commerce, Lions, and other civic and social clubs. Dwindling church congregations received a shot in the arm.

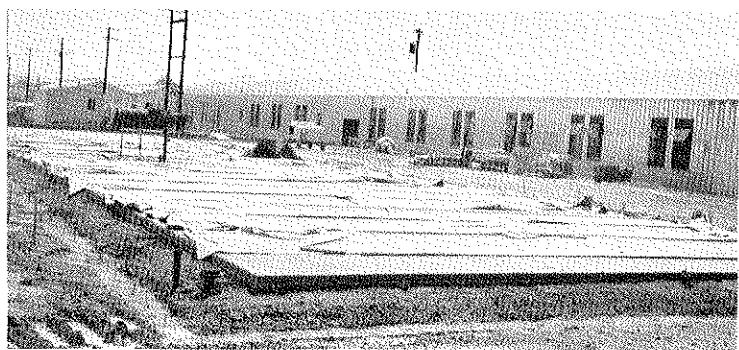
Because of modernization of equipment and machinery through the years, the employment of 4000 anticipated at the beginning, has been reduced to 1300 at the present time.

Mr. G. H. Reynolds, general manager of the Goodyear Atomic Corporation which operates the plant, paints a rosy picture for the future. He told the Rotary Club at Portsmouth that by 1980 the three gaseous diffusion plants — those at Paducah, at Oak Ridge, and Pike County — won't be able to meet the demands for enriched uranium; and he predicts the addition of two hundred employees locally in the next several years.

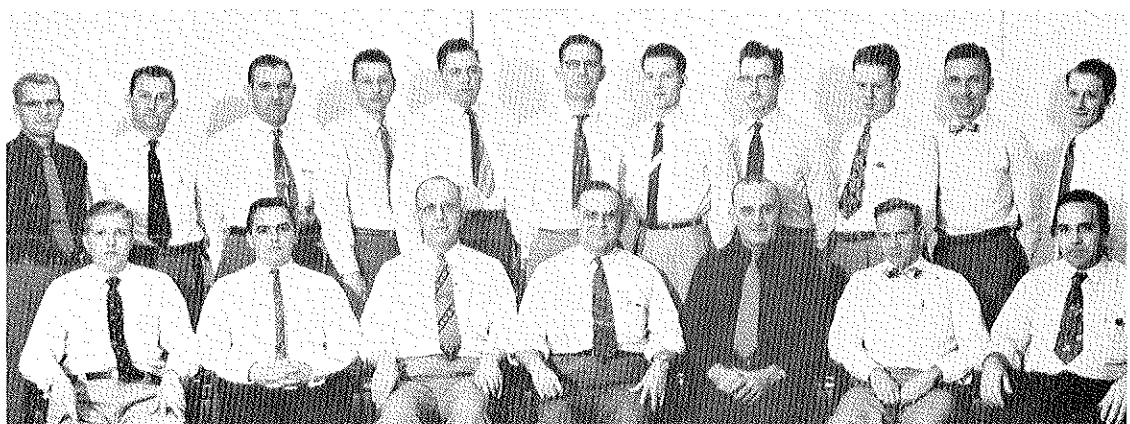
A small community that has a big industry moved suddenly into its midst will be upset for a while, and it needn't expect sudden riches; but it can receive enrichment for individuals and community, if it chooses to accept and absorb new ways, new businesses, and new friends.



X-530 SUBSTATION — The largest of its kind when constructed had the structural steel in place and the control room construction well underway in February of 1954.



GAT TRAINING BUILDING, located on the south perimeter road was used to train operating, maintenance, and administrative personnel. As the various construction projects were phased out, GAT trained personnel assumed their operation.



PRODUCTION GRADS. The first GAT Production Operation classes (Production, above; Power, below) completed their training in the spring of 1954. Although the names should be withheld to protect the "innocent", they are: (Top, first row, L-R) Allen Faris, Ivan Kouns, Max Coryell, Henry McClelland, Lou Hochberg, Ed Bibbey, Leo Johnson, (Second row) Cecil Cottle, Clarence Ball, Stan Gillespie, Bob Swick, Gene Price, Bill Refit,

Marv Whiteside, Carl Rouse, Norman Reiter, Bill Kouns, and Bill Allen. Lower picture, first row: Bill Corns, Dick Orlett, Gene Frazier, and Bill Pyles. Second row: Grover Barr, Bill Potts, W. Walters, Carl Weghorst, Forrest Crumm, and Bill Fields. Third row: Bill Dials, Gerry Bethel, Harold Everett, Ralph Arnett, Andy Ondera, Forrest Newman, and John Delabar. All but five are still employed at GAT.

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## CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

Of all human experiences, the spirit of Christmas is the most personal . . . and yet, the most universal. For Christmas is the common denominator of all men everywhere.

Christmas is a wondrous time when the miraculous becomes commonplace — A time when petty differences are put aside and one and all extend their hands and hearts in a sincere wish of peace on earth and good will toward men.

Christmas is a time of thanksgiving — A time to forget what you have done for others and to dwell on what others have done for you — A time to stoop down and consider the needs and dreams of little children — A time to be considerate of the aged, and compassionate towards the poor.

Christmas is a time of meditation — A time to pause in our climb for personal success long enough to set our little watches . . . lest they stray too far from the great clock of humanity.

Most of all, Christmas is a time of love, for it commemorates the coming of Christ — the image of eternal love.

But the spirit of Christmas is not restricted to Christmas. For there is something about it that captures the hearts of all men. Something fundamental. Something basic. Something that penetrates to the very core of one's being. It is the spirit we should strive to keep for every day of our lives.

And whether a man be Christian, Moslem, or Jew, he cannot help becoming caught up in the whirl of the Christmas season and the feeling of universal brotherhood that is so much a part of it . . . nor would he choose to if he could.

## Monthly Investment Plan Enters Its Second Year

Goodyear's Monthly Investment Plan through which GAT employes may purchase Goodyear common stock through payroll deduction has entered its second year. GAT's Monthly Investment Plan began in January 1968 with approximately 37 members. It has steadily increased until presently 75 employes participate.

The report for the first ten months concluded in October shows how the price of the Company's stock climbed steadily after a period of fluctuation.

For instance, if an employe purchased a share of stock in January 1968, he would have paid \$52.862 for it. Because of a price climb, the employe's single share would have been worth \$56.858 in August 1968. The stock jumped forward, to the low 60's in mid-September and remained in the 60 range to early December. Under the MIP, participating employes do not pay brokerage commissions. Goodyear picks up the tab.

For the first ten months of the plan, the average price of a common share was \$54.56.

Here's the latest company-wide report covering ten month's operation of the Monthly Investment Plan through which employes may purchase Goodyear common shares. The plan is entirely voluntary and Goodyear pays all brokerage commissions. Information packets on the plan may be obtained from Employment or any office of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Smith, Inc.

	Purchase Price	Number Shares	Number Participants
January, 1968	52.862	2,029	3,513
February, 1968	49.866	2,266	3,677
March, 1968	47.999	2,418	3,736
April, 1968	52.520	2,239	3,764
May, 1968	54.453	2,150	3,764
June, 1968	55.849	2,108	3,764
July, 1968	56.131	2,052	3,689
August, 1968	56.858	2,081	3,753
September, 1968	59.638	2,014	3,821
October, 1968	59.455	2,079	3,866

## Calendar of events

SCOTCH MIXED BOWLING TOURNAMENT

January 11  
 Sunset Lanes, Portsmouth

MEN'S TEAM BOWLING TOURNEY

January 25  
 Sunset Lanes, Portsmouth

ACTIVITIES NIGHT AND DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Every Monday Night  
 Waverly North Elementary

## In Memoriam

WILLIAM L. CARSON

William L. Carson succumbed Sunday, December 8, 1968, at his home in Portsmouth.

Carson joined Goodyear Atomic Feb. 14, 1955, and was employed in office services. He was a member of the First Methodist Church and had been active in Portsmouth Little League Baseball's Eastern Division the last few years. He is survived by his wife, Helen, two sons and a daughter.

DR. ROBERT C. NETHERTON

Sympathies are extended to the family of Dr. Robert C. Netherton who died Saturday, November 23 after a brief illness. Dr. Netherton joined Goodyear Atomic as a staff physician in September 1957 after serving five years in private practice in Lima, Ohio. He was a native of Fort Collins, Colo., and served as a captain in the Air Force in World War II.

Dr. Netherton took his pre-med schooling at Wooster College in Ohio, received his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati school of medicine in 1946 and served his residency in internship at Nashville General Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. He also spent two years in the Internal Medicine Department at the Cleveland Clinic.

He was a member of the American Medical Association, Ohio State Medical Association, Industrial Medical Association, and Waverly Grace Methodist Church.

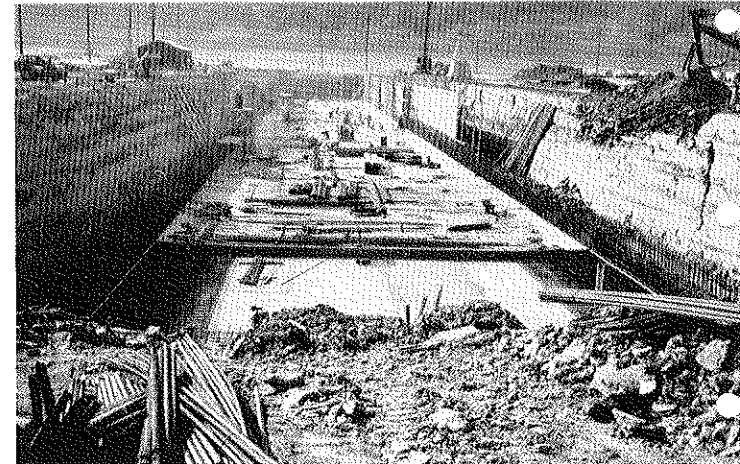
Surviving are his wife, Nancy Jane, a daughter, Jayne, and a son, Robert.



Dr. Robert C. Netherton



X-330 PROCESS BUILDING — This picture taken in August of 1953, shows the X-330 foundation (in the foreground) being formed. The background shows the X-700 cleaning building and the X-720 maintenance building under construction.



X-630 COOLING TOWER looked like a gigantic grave in October of 1953.

## Sorry! Wrong Number

Expecting a business call? Want to talk to the spouse? Phone 289-2331. That has been the story since December 1 when GAT's telephone number for all incoming long distance, commercial, personal, or local calls was changed to comply with revisions in local phone company service. No change was made in the area code (614), the enterprise number (05-100), the teletype service (TWX), or the federal telephone system (FIS) number (289-5511).

Employes are reminded that the enterprise number is to be used by employes in the Chillicothe, Portsmouth, and Jackson area for reporting absence. Employes living in other communities should report "off" through a fellow employe or by calling the long distance number (289-2331) at their own expense.

All phone number changes have been made on Goodyear stationery, letterheads, and listings. Don't forget to make the change at home.



Miss Betty Jean Brown and Mr. Edward J. Pollard were married November 8, 1968, at Stoney Run by Reverend Davis. Mr. Pollard is employed in Dept. 724.

Miss Barbara Boeye and Mr. Giles Kauffman were married Saturday, November 30, at First Presbyterian Church in Chillicothe. Miss Boeye is the daughter of R. B. Boeye, D-101. Mr. Kauffman is the son of G. H. Kauffman, D-554.

Miss Linda Charlene Ray and Daniel L. Baldwin were married November 24, in the Methodist Church at Jackson, Ohio. Linda is the daughter of C. F. Ray (D-424) and Judy Ray (D-501).

## New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Kaplan, (D-521) daughter, Deborah Ann

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hatley, (D-222) son, Charles Jeromey.

## CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

1 Culligan water filter, 1 Culligan water softener, \$75. Call Lucasville 259-4343.

Two whitewall 6.50 X 13 tires mounted on rims and one set of chains. Call Waverly 947-5947.

Bundy C# Flute. Like new in case. Cost \$157.95, sell \$80.00. Call 858-5325 or 353-0146.

Two Goodyear snow tires on wheels for VW or KG. Call Chillicothe 774-5367.

1967 327 Chevy Impala convertible, PS, PB, new tires, excellent condition. Phone Chillicothe 775-1901.





# THE FOURTH WISE MAN

By NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

Most of us know the names of the three wise men who brought gifts to an infant King in Bethlehem long ago. They have come down to us through the ages as Casper, Melchoir and Balthazzar. But many of us know that there was a fourth wise man — Artaban. Henry van Dyke told his story beautifully in "The Story of the Other Wise Man," and it is that story that I want to retell this Christmas.

We know the gifts carried by the first three wise men — gold, frankincense and myrrh. And what was the gift carried by Artaban? It was jewels — a sapphire, a ruby and pearl without price. He had sold his house and all his possessions so that he might buy these as his tribute to the newborn King.

When Artaban saw the star, he knew he was destined to follow it. And he knew that elsewhere in the East there would be other wise men like him who would also follow the star and that eventually, their paths would cross so that they would come together into the presence of the King.

Artaban was lighthearted and happy as he set out on his mission of joy. His swift horse carried him quickly on his long journey, and soon, he came close to the place where he expected to meet the others. But then, he saw something at the side of the road, reined in his horse and dismounted. It was a man lying there, only half alive. Artaban was a skilled physician, but it took time to revive the man and help him. As a result, he arrived too late to join the others and their caravan. He had to sell his sapphire to buy a camel and equipment to carry him across the desert wastes.

Finally, he reached Bethlehem and the house of a woman with a newborn infant. But this was not the King he sought. Yes, the woman told him, other wise men had been here already and seen another Child, but that Child and its parents had left suddenly for Egypt. Disappointed and tired, he accepted the kind hospitality of the woman. And, while he was in her house, the soldiers of Herod knocked at the door, seeking the infants they were ordered to massacre. The woman clutched her baby to her heart. Artaban went to the door and opened it. The soldiers were about to push him aside and seize the infant when he held up his precious ruby and said, "Take this and leave this house in peace." Their greed overcame them and they reported no child in that house.

From Bethlehem, Artaban went to the cities of Egypt, always searching for the King and always finding Him gone. He devoted his life to the search. Somehow, something always happened to keep him from reaching his goal. There was someone sick or helpless or afraid who needed him. He would stop to help and then have to begin all over again in his search.

Thus did 33 years of his life pass, and we finally find him old and worn and gray, but still searching for the King. The sapphire and the ruby had vanished long ago, but the pearl of great price has been preserved all these years, the remaining gift for the King. Now he is in Jerusalem for Passover and people tell him about a man who is said to be "King of the Jews," and is to be executed on the cross. His heart deeply stirred, he realizes this is the King he has been seeking for so long. The pearl may be enough to ransom him. As he hurries to Golgotha, he passes a young girl being carried away into slavery by soldiers. She throws herself at his feet and begs him to ransom her and save her. He hesitates, and in an agony of decision he gives his pearl for her freedom.

As she clings to him in gratitude, there is a darkened sky and an earthquake. He is hurled to the ground by a stone and the girl kneels above him. Suddenly she hears a soft voice that is not his, but she can not discover its source. And then she hears the old man say: "No, my Lord. When did I do any of these things? When did I see thee hungry and feed thee? When did I see thee naked and clothe thee? When did I see thee in danger and save thee? For 33 years have I sought thee but I have never found thee, my King."

And then she hears that first voice again. This time it is sweet and clear and, although, she still cannot find the source, she understands the words: "Verily I say unto thee, inasmuch as thou hast done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, thou hast done it unto me."

The girl looks down at Artaban and sees his eyes close for the last time and a smile of peace cross his lips. The fourth wise man has brought his gift to the King.

Merry Christmas — and God bless us, every one.

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to guide our feet into the way of Peace.  
80 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

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And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)  
3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem: (because he was of the house and lineage of David.)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.  
6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger: because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.  
13 And suddenly there was with the

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angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying.

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them, and heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, before he was conceived in the womb.

22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord.

23 (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord.)

24 And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel:

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and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,  
29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation.

31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people:

32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

33 And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

34 And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

35 (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanneel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

39 And when they had performed all things according to the law of the

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Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.