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# Prus assumes GAT responsibility Minter retires after 41 years of GT&R service

Thomas F. Minter, executive vice president for Research and Development for Goodyear with responsibility for Goodyear Atomic Corporation, will retire this year after a career that dates back to 1941.

F. Vincent Prus will assume Minter's duties. Since December 1980, Prus has been executive vice president for Corporate Manufacturing, a position that will be eliminated. Prus also has been elected to the Goodyear board of directors, filling the vacancy created by Minter's retirement.

Minter was elected to the Research and Development position in June 1976 following extensive experience in key production management. He has been a member of the board of directors since August 1974.

Minter, an Akron native, joined Goodyear in 1941 while attending the University of Akron. He was graduated from the university in 1948. From 1952 to 1957 he was assigned to the Jackson, Mich., tire plant as manager of Technical Service. He returned to Akron in 1957 to spend a

year on a special Technical Service assignment.

In 1958, he became manager of Goodyear's plant in Scotland. He was appointed production manager at the Jackson plant in 1963, and manager of that plant in 1964. He became an officer of the company in 1971 when he was elected vice president of Domestic Manufacturing.

He was executive vice president of Manufacturing from 1974 until 1976 when he became the company's first executive vice president of Research and Development.

Promoted to GAC division manager in 1954, he was named manufacturing manager of the Subroc Anti-Submarine Missile Division in 1959 and subsequently became superintendent of GAC's Electronics Division. In 1965 he was transferred to GAC's Arizona Division in Litchfield Park as production manager. He became general manager of the division two years later.

In September 1971, he became production manager at Goodyear's subsidiary Kelly-Springfield Tire Company in Cumberland, Md. Two years later, he returned to the parent company in Akron as director of Manufacturing Services. He was elected Goodyear vice president of General Products Manufacturing in April 1974.



Prus

Before being elected as an executive vice president of Goodyear, Prus served briefly as president and chief executive officer of Goodyear Aerospace Corporation (GAC).

A native of Sewickley, Pa., Prus joined Goodyear in 1949 following his graduation from Carnegie Institute of Technology, transferring to Goodyear Aerospace in 1952 as a project engineer in the Rocket Division.



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#### 1982 World's Fair

One-day general admission tickets to the 1982 World's Fair are \$9.95 (\$9.25 for adults over 55). One-day admission for children 4-11 years of age is \$8.25. There is a special two-day admission of \$15.95 for everyone. Children under 4 are admitted free.

# Best Wishes, Tom!



Thomas F. Minter

Tom Minter took over responsibility for the corporate administration of Goodyear Atomic Corporation upon his appointment as executive vice president of Research and Development in 1976.

In saying goodbye to Tom, as he leaves his official capacity for retirement, the employees of Goodyear Atomic extend thanks to him for all of the encouragement, support and quidance which he has provided over the past six years.

He has been a strong advocate of nuclear power and a dynamic force in the uranium enrichment industry.

In getting to know him, we rapidly developed a sincere appreciation for his sincerity and concern for us. We will miss his dedication and sage advice.

The employees of Goodyear Atomic Corporation extend their best wishes to Tom for happiness in his retirement.

# July is "I" dea Month

July has been designated "I"dea Month at Goodyear Atomic to encourage employee participation in the plant's Cost Reduction "I"dea Program. Throughout the month, various means will be used to promote cost reduction.

The need for cost reduction efforts never ends. At the current level of plant activity, there are many opportunities for submission of new ideas. All employees should take advantage of these opportunities and submit a cost reduction "1" dea.

All ideas are welcome under this important program. Employees are reminded that in order for an idea to be favorably received, it should have the potential for resulting in savings.

Cost Reduction "1" dea forms are available in dispenser boxes at various locations on plantsite.

"Searching for a better way" is a responsibility of each employee. Let's make July a record month for submission of cost reduction ideas!



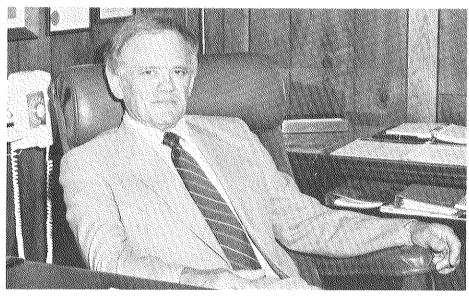
# YES! I'll donate blood!

During each visit of the American Red Cross Bloodmobile, Goodyear Atomic employees demonstrate their willingness to provide a service vital to residents of local communities.

The opportunity to help others comes again June 28-29-30 with the next Bloodmobile visit.

The Bloodmobile again will be located in the private and semi-private dining rooms of the cafeteria. Each employee has received a registration form which is to be returned to the Personnel Department.

All GAT employees are urged to participate if possible. The American Red Cross Blood Program has the goal of providing a continuing supply of whole blood and its components to meet needs of disease and accident victims, for surgery patients and for research.



Nate Hurt

## Hurt reaches 35-year milestone

Nate Hurt, general manager of Goodyear Atomic, celebrates 35 years of service with the company on June 30

Hurt joined Goodyear in Akron in 1947 as an engineer. Subsequently, he was project engineer for various Goodyear chemical plant expansions.

In 1952 he was transferred to Goodyear Atomic Corporation as superintendent, Plant Engineering, one of the first Goodyear employees to be assigned to the new project.

He returned to GT&R in 1956 as manager, Chemical Plants Engineering, and subsequently spent several years in Brazil managing the design and construction of a synthetic rubber plant there.

He returned to serve as first manager of a new rubber chemical plant in

Akron and then first manager of the Logan plant.

Hurt returned to Goodyear Atomic in 1968 as manager, Plant Engineering and Maintenance Division. In 1972 he was promoted to deputy general manager, also serving as manager of the Goodyear-Union Carbide management team for Expansion Programs in Oak Ridge.

Hurt was named general manager of Goodyear Atomic in 1977.

He was graduated from the University of Colorado in 1947 with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering and is a registered professional engineer in the State of Ohio.

Nate has two sons, both working for Goodyear, and three step-daughters. He and his wife, Karin, live at Lake White

# Union Carbide Corporation to withdraw as DOE contractor

Union Carbide Corporation announced May 3 that it has informed the U. S. Department of Energy of its intention to withdraw as the contractor for the four government-owned nuclear energy facilities it has operated in Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Paducah, Ky., since the mid-1940s.

The corporation has offered to extend the current contract, which expires on September 30, 1983, for a period of up to three years to provide DOE adequate opportunity to secure a qualified replacement contractor.

Union Carbide stated that its decision not to renew the contract is based on the company's strategy of concen-

# Concept working at Tech Center

The concept of participative management is the "in" thing these days at the new Goodyear Technical Center in Akron.

In an article in a recent issue of Goodyear-Akron's **The Wingfoot** Clan, Tech Center Manager Bud Kissel and several management and union employees gave their views on the new style of management.

They claim the new management concept is being tried in many areas of management-labor relations — and achieving results.

Goodyear Atomic has been working to achieve more headway into the participative management concept at the Portsmouth Area Uranium Enrichment Plant over the past three years.

Kissell says he has noticed a greater camaraderie among employees after adjustment to the new environment at the Tech Center. He noted that total commitment from both management and labor created excellent cooperation which made things come into place.

Under the concept, employees have a say in the day to day operation of the Tech Center. A final finish operator at the plant, who could be eligible to retire in May but now plans to stay, said he "knew what they were trying to achieve but I didn't really believe it until I saw it working. It was really a change for me. If I've got an idea now it seems like I don't have to push so hard to get people to listen to me."

The Akron Clan explained that a basic part of the participative concept is the idea that the individual who does a job is his own expert on how to do it.

Like Goodyear Atomic, the Tech Center hasn't achieved all it can in the area of improving labor-management relationships through joint participative efforts. But the prevailing attitude of both locations, echoed by one union Tech Center employee, is "We aren't there yet, but we will be. That's right, we'll make it!" trating its resources and management attention on businesses in which it has achieved a leadership position. The corporation has no other defenserelated operations.

Union Carbide said that it will cooperate with DOE in the operation of the facilities to provide a smooth transition of the activities, with maximum concern for the 18,000 Union Carbide employees in the complex.

Union Carbide Corporation first began its contract activities in Oak Ridge in January of 1943 under the Army's Manhattan Engineer District at the Oak Ridge Gaseous Diffusion Plant and subsequently assumed the responsibility for operation of the Oak Ridge Y-12 Plant in 1947, and the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant in 1950

Through its Nuclear Division, the corporation currently employs almost 17,000 at Oak Ridge and 1,400 at Paducah under a single cost-plus-fixed-fee contract.

Robert J. Hart, manager of DOE's Oak Ridge Operations, said DOE respects Union Carbide's decision to step down and to do so over a period of several years to assure an orderly transition.

Hart's staff is beginning a study of the various options available for contracting for the operation of the four facilities so that DOE may quickly formulate a plan of action. The Department says it expects to attract equally qualified contractors.

Hart said that it is highly unlikely that DOE will seek to provide for operation of the complex of four major facilities by a single contractor, suggesting a segmentation of the complex and the selection of several contractors for operation.

"The answers to most of the more obvious questions — those having to do with job security, conditions of employment, etc. — must of necessity await the selection of replacement contractors," Hart said.

"DOE will certainly have the opportunity, in the course of establishing selection criteria and subsequent operating parameters, to influence continuity of operations through the retention of current Carbide employees and even some key Carbide management people by the selected contractors."

Nate Hurt, general manager, said that Goodyear Atomic expects to continue to enjoy a mutually beneficial working relationship with Union Carbide for as long as it continues as operator, and to enjoy a similar, satisfactory relationship with subsequent contractors operating the DOE facilities.

# 1982 Horatio Alger award goes to Goodyear chairman

Charles J. Pilliod Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of Goodyear, is among 10 recipients of the 1982 Horatio Alger awards.

The awards are presented annually to leaders in industry, politics, sports, arts, professions and the military who are examples of free enterprise in action.

The awards this year were presented May 14 in Dallas.



Pilliod

Since 1947, the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans has recognized 340 individuals with high ideals who overcame hardships to reach the pinnacle in their fields, not unlike the young heroes in 135 books written by the 19th century novelist.

Past honorees include Ronald Reagan, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Conrad Hilton, Bob Hope, Clare Boothe Luce and Jimmy Doolittle.

Pilliod's story began in 1918 in Cuyahoga Falls, where his family struggled through the Depression and his high school years included work in his father's dry cleaning shop, an ice cream store, a bowling alley and delivery of newspapers.

His Muskingum College education, financed as an auto mechanic and ash shoveler at a boiler plant, was halted for a year due to family illness. He then attended Kent State University, carrying a full academic load and working seven hours nightly in a candy store.

Financing problems ended his college plans in 1941 and he joined Goodyear as a production trainee at 67 cents an hour. After duty as a bomber pilot in the Army Air Corps during World War II, he returned to Goodyear.

He was elected chairman and chief executive officer of Goodyear in 1974.



Cleve Jones, superintendent, Employee Development, presented the certificate to Rebecca Adkins for completion of 640 hours of on-the-job training in data processing. Her training was completed by Eloise Thomas (left), section head, Data Processing, and arranged by Elaine Litten (right), Employment, through the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services.

## Rebecca Adkins

#### Completes CETA training at GAT

When Rebecca Adkins came to work as a data entry operator for Goodyear Atomic last October, she had two "handicaps" which some might think would stand in her way.

One was that Rebecca is deaf. But that hasn't proved to be much of a problem for her. She reads lips perfectly, and needs only to make other employees aware that she is deaf so that they speak directly to her and at a normal rate and tone — not rapid or loud.

The second was that she had no experience with data entry. That hasn't proved to be a problem either. Becky has completed 640 hours of on-the-job training in data processing through a Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program of the U. S. Department of Labor.

Elaine Litten, Employment, explained that this program is administered by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services (OBES) and provides funding for training to companies employing handicapped persons. She said Goodyear Atomic is one of the first to take part in the program through the Waverly office of OBES.

As program sponsor, Goodyear Atomic provided the training needed for Becky's certification.

Eloise Thomas, Becky's section head in Data Processing (D-961) and the key person responsible for her training, said Becky learned very quickly during the training and is "now doing quite well at her job."

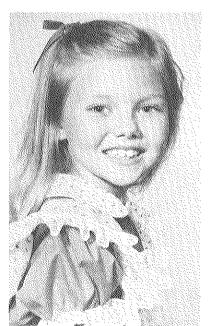
"She's truly a remarkable and exceptional employee."

## 1982 Little Miss Ohio

Kristen Leigh Johnson, the eightyear-old daughter of Steve Johnson (D-561), won the title of Little Miss Ohio in Columbus on May 22.

Kristen had been chosen Little Miss South Central Ohio and Little Miss South Central Ohio Talent in November 1981, enabling her advancement to state competition.

In addition to earning the Little Miss Ohio title, she also was designated Little Miss Ohio Photogenic and Little Miss Ohio Sophisticate, as well as first



Kristen Johnson

runner-up in Talent and Most Beautiful, Majorette.

In winning the title of Little Miss Ohio, she completed both private and onstage interviews and modeled both sportswear and an evening gown.

Now that she holds five local and three state titles, she advances to national competition July 10-15 in Louisville.

#### Retirees

Lester H. Helmick, Waverly, electrician 1/C (D-711), will take normal retirement effective July 1 after more than 27 years of service.

Lena F. Russell, Waverly, accountant (D-341), will take normal retirement effective September 1 after more than 25 years of service. She now is taking accrued vacation.

Perry C. Hulbert, Wellston, sheet metal mechanic (D-722), took early retirement effective June 1 after almost 28 years of service.

Hugh H. Ruel, Portsmouth, mathematician (D-581), is taking normal retirement effective August 1 after 29 years of service. He now is taking accrued vacation.

Norman K. Pullin, South Shore, Ky., production process operator (D-816), retired for health reasons effective June 1 after almost 28 years of service.

## Zelinski has 30 'good years'

David J. Zelinski celebrates 30 years of service with Goodyear June 23.

Zelinski joined Goodyear in Akron in 1952 as a member of the Production Squadron. He was transferred to



Zelinski

Goodyear Atomic in May 1953 as assistant foreman, Process Area. He subsequently became foreman and then general foreman and was transferred to Utilities as general foreman in 1963.

Zelinski became staff engineer, Production, in 1964, and engineer, senior, Plant Engineering, in 1968. He became section head, Plant Engineering, in 1976.

Dave moved to Plant Planning and Methods Analysis as administrative section head in 1980 and is now principal engineer in that department.

Zelinski received his bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from Michigan Technological University in 1952.

He and his wife, Judy, have five children and live in Portsmouth.



# Congratulations to The Class Of 1982

High School Graduates



Tim Adams
Chillicothe
T. C. Adams, D-924



Sandina M. Adkins Bishop Flaget R. E. Adkins, D-727



Janet Anderson

Zane Trace
K. D. Anderson, D-905



Valerie Anderson Jackson P. A. Anderson, D-523



Nick B. Baker Portsmouth West B. J. Baker, D-725



Denise M. Bellomy Clay D. Bellomy, D-424



Cathy Black Jackson D. A. Black, D-812



Beth Ann Boyer Waverly C. F. Boyer, D-552



Penny L. Brown
Eastern
S. L. Pollard, D-422



Marty Callihan Northwest P. M. Callihan, D-905



David L. Clary Southeastern (JVS) M. S. Clary (R), D-712



Kevin T. Combess
Portsmouth
F. P. Combess, D-742



Steven D. Copley
Pike JVS
W. G. Copley, D-422



Kelly Lea Creech Eastern J. A. Creech, D-818



Nathan D. Cutright
Chillicothe
H. M. Cutright, D-120



Kyger Creek R. A. Davis, D-812



Kathy Detillion
Eastern
D. A. Detillion, D-351



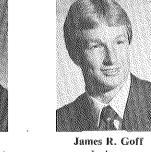
Kimberly Beth Estep Piketon K. E. Estep, D-727



Margaret Flanagan Notre Dame (JVS) F. R. Flanagan, D-724



Scott Foster
Portsmouth West
J. O. Foster, D-123



Jackson J. H. Goff, D-731



Marvin Harris Waverly B. K. Harris, D-424



Cynthia Eileen Hill Pickaway-Ross JVS C. L. Hill, D-811



Rhonda Lea Hinds Wheelersburg (JVS) R. L. Hinds, D-731



James Hornback Waverly F. R. Hornback, D-712



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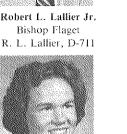
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Lori A. Kelly Bishop Flaget J. R. Kelly, D-661



Robert L. Lallier Jr. Bishop Flaget R. L. Lallier, D-711



Cheryl McNaughton Oak Ridge



R. E. McNaughton, D-903



David Napierkowski Portsmouth F. J. Napierkowski, D-732



Danielle Paolucci Minford C. Paolucci Jr., D-980



Jamie J. Riley Jackson W. E. Riley, D-753



Kathleen Marie Slater Zane Trace C. J. Slater, D-812



Lori Ann Landrum Chillicothe W. E. Landrum, D-822



Rusty K. Messer Portsmouth East K. R. Messer, D-911



Kevin Nelson Jackson G. Nelson, D-726



Nancy Paul Portsmouth E. D. Paul, D-002



Jonie Ann Ruby Minford (JVS) J. L. Ruby, D-725



Connie Snively Pike JVS C. Snively, D-710



Arthur Langford III Portsmouth A. Langford, D-729 J. Langford, D-560



Fonda Joy Miller Waverly (JVS) J. R. Miller, D-424



Valerie Ann Nesler Portsmouth East C. E. Nesler, D-551



John Ward Perry Waverly F. R. Perry, D-817



Tammy Fay Shoemaker Oak Hill S. D. Shoemaker Jr. D-733



James T. Steward Portsmouth J. A. Steward, D-742



Penny Laser South Webster F. M. Reeder, D-733



Karen D. Miller Jackson V, R. Miller, D-725



Wendy Diane Newsom Green J. N. Newsom, D-983



Tracy R. Pierre Waverly R. Pierre, D-131



Timothy E. Shook Jackson C. E. Shook, D-422



Eric Tackett Waverly E. G. Schooleraft, D-907



William Levier Waverly W. A. Levier, D-552



Rhonda J. Miller Northwest E. R. Miller, D-714



Merrill Oakes Clay L. Oakes, D-611



Michelle A. Poore Portsmouth E. J. Poore, D-828



Melanie B. Shugert Portsmouth B. W. Shugert, D-581



Christopher T. Taylor Waverly L. E. Taylor, D-401



Jon Allen Lowe Adena J. D. Lowe, D-122



Christopher M. Moreland Portsmouth T. C. Moreland, D-829



Susan R. Oliver Chillicothe J. W. Stegman, D-623



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Julie Mustard Waverly G. L. Mustard, D-905



Vicki Lynn Overly Eastern



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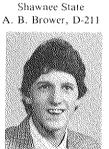


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# College Graduates



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Stephanie Strickland Wilmington College R. D. Strickland, D-829



Beth Ann Brown Ohio State T. E. Brown, D-551 G. L. Brown, D-850



Becky Ellen Hill Ohio University C. L. Hill, D-811



Richard A. Talda Univ. of Toledo A. M. Talda, D-712



Dianna L. Clark Rio Grande B. J. Clark, D-560



Johnathan M. Ing Shawnee State J. S. Ing, D-729



Mary Trivisonno Univ. of Kentucky C. F. Trivisonno, D-552



Timothy A. Cottle Univ. of Kentucky C. A. Cottle, D-224



Mary Ann Johnson Morehead State H. G. Johnson, D-909



James M. Trowbridge Ohio State



Melissa L. Cutright Ohio University H. M. Cutright, D-120



Julie Ann Knittel Milligan College D. L. Knittel, D-829



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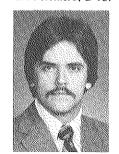
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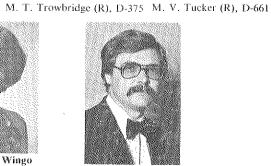
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Rebecca J. Wingo Asbury College L. D. Williams, D-232 S. Williams, D-411



Roger D. Worthington Univ. of Louisville C. C. Worthington, D-823

# **PHOTOGRAPHERS**

#### "Picture worth 1,000 words" has many applications at GAT

There's not an area on plantsite which hasn't been visited at one time or another by a Goodyear Atomic photographer.

They've been on top of water towers, inside water towers, under ground, in helicopters flying over the plant — anywhere a photograph is needed.

"Photography is vital to all aspects of our work for the Department of Energy here at the plant," noted Reg-gie Jarvis, supervisor, Office Services.

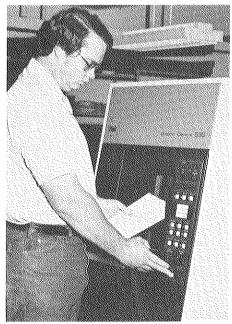
"Photos are required for construction progress reports, documentation, various other reports and studies, engineering projects, public relations, employee communications and many other functions."

Jarvis explained that in order to provide high-quality photographic services, Goodyear Atomic has developed a very comprehensive equipment and darkroom system which is complemented by a highly qualified photographic staff.

Plant photographers include John Hyland, Lee Lawson and Joe Newsom.

Hyland has 35 years of experience in industrial photography and for 11 years operated his own studio in Portsmouth. Lawson had experience with advertising display photography and microfilming before coming to GAT as a press operator and has received additional training here. Newsom has more than 25 years of experience in various aspects of photography and has been self-employed in the field.

A fourth person involved in photographic processes at the plant is Richard Trowbridge, who does much of the process camera work for preparing materials for printing. Trowbridge also is associated with his father's print



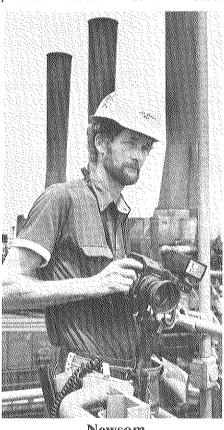
Richard Trowbridge operates the process camera to prepare materials for printing. Much of GAT's printing operation depends on lithography.

Hyland claims the photography staff can do most of the types of work that could be precured from an outside

"We've got one of the finest darkroom and equipment systems in this part of the state, comparable to any large-city industrial photography studio," he said.

This results mostly from security and classification restrictions and requirements, which require GAT to perform most of its own photographic

There are three darkrooms - one for color - which incorporate the latest in processing equipment. Quality films, chemicals and printing papers are used. Cameras utilized by the staff have been selected carefully and incorporate film sizes from 35 mm to 8x10.



Newsom

Capabilities include both color and black-and-white processing and printing, color slides, viewgraphs, portraits and other functions. The staff can handle an assignment for a single photograph or a request for 1,000.

Jarvis also noted that much of GAT's printing operation depends on photolithography — use of a process camera to make metal printing plates. All original work must be photographed again with a process camera before printing can be accomplished.

Last year the department added a television system which now enables field videotape production and editing capabilities. Applications of this system will include orientation and training programs, public relations and employee information programs.



Goodyear Atomic's videotape editing system includes video players and recorders, audio mixing equipment, television monitors and specialized test and correction equipment, operated here by John Hyland. Video now is being used by training, orientation and other functions at the plant, with potential for many future applications.

"There's a lot of potential for future application of videotape to plant operations," Jarvis explained.

A primary function of the photographic staff is to record all significant incidents at the plant such as equipment failures, etc. For this, they are subject to call seven days per week. Overtime work often is required to record repair and other pertinent work being performed by afternoon and night shift personnel.

Plans for the future include replacement of the existing identification photo system with equipment that will be operated by the photographic staff.

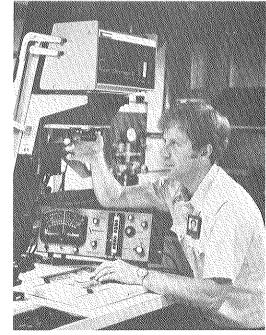
Negatives of all photographs taken since the early construction days at the plant are on file either at the site or at archives at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton.

Quality of work is controlled by each individual photographer, who follows his assignment from exposure of the film through printing of the negative.

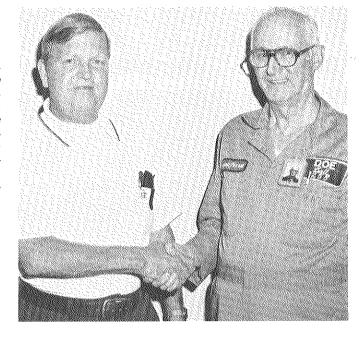
Their expertise is reflected in the number of letters which have been received from editors of The Wingfoot Clan at other Goodyear plants, who continue to praise photographic quality in the Piketon publication. The work of GAT photographers helped result in the selection of the Goodyear Atomic Clan as the first-place publication in the photography category among 33 Goodyear plants for 1981.

"We're very proud of the personal expertise and growth we've accomplished within the department," Jarvis concluded.

Lee Lawson does photographic printing in one of the three darkrooms used by the photographic staff. These facilities have the latest state-of-the-art processing equipment, complemented by the use of high quality films, printing papers and chemicals.



Al Faris (left), bids farewell to his friend and co-worker for the past 30 years — "Birdie" Ball. Al and Birdie were two of the members of the first operator training class at Goodyear Atomic. Ball is the first of the class to retire.



## PICNIC SET FOR JULY 31

The 1982 Goodyear Atomic Kings Island Family Outing has been scheduled for Saturday, July 31.

The outing again will feature full use of Kings Island from its opening at 9 a.m. until closing at 11 p.m.

Rides and the Rivertown Picnic Grove are open from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Free refreshments will be served by the GAT Employee Activities Committee at the picnic grove from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The committee again will be offering the service of transporting picnic baskets to the grove. The Goodyear van will be located at the base of the large entrance sign to pick up baskets.

Tickets will be on sale in the cafeteria, the X-720 Building and ACRs beginning the first week of July and continuing through July 28. Exact schedules for ticket sales will be posted on bulletin boards.

The regular gate price at Kings Island is \$11.95. Goodyear Atomic employee prices are \$6.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 4-5-6. Children ages three and under are admitted free.

Exchange coupons for non-family member guests for the day of the picnic will enable admission for \$8.75. Children ages 4-5-6 will pay admission of \$5.75 that day with presentation of an exchange coupon.

Employees assigned to work on July 31 will have the opportunity to purchase tickets and receive exchange coupons as noted above and good for August 6-7-8-14-21.



# Kings Jsland

#### the WING FOOT CLAN

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# Birdie Ball "first of first" to retire from Goodyear Atomic

Clarence "Birdie" Ball's first look at the Protsmouth Area Uranium Enrichment Plant took in a vast open field full of construction equipment reshaping the terrain.

Now, 30 years later, he reflects on the construction of a complete gaseous diffusion plant, a new generation at work, women performing work that used to be confined to males, the beginning of construction of GCEP and many improvements in the operation of process equipment.

Birdie has watched many changes take place, and participated in many of them.

Ball was one of the original 17 members of the first production operator class of Goodyear Atomic. It began on June 15, 1953.

Birdie is the first of this original class of 17 to retire from the plant. His last day of work was May 29.

Two of the original 17 operators no longer work at GAT. Now that Birdie has retired, 14 remain here.

Birdie participated in the start-up of the X-330 and X-333 buildings and has spent most of his career at the plant working on "R" Shift (Tuesday through Saturday) in D-812 and D-813.

For many years he has been #1 on the OCAW cascade operator seniority list.

Clarence received his nickname from Allen Faris, also a member of the original operator class. Faris managed a Goodyear softball team in Portsmouth. In the summer of 1954, Ball recruited several players and challenged Allen to a game.

"Birdie" Tebbetts was the manager of the Cincinnati Reds that year; therefore, Faris dubbed Clarence "Birdie" and the name has remained to this day. Birdie plans to travel, work in his garden and enjoy the outdoors. He says the thing he'll miss most about work is all of the friends he has made in the past 29 years. Needless to say, his friends will miss him, too.

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