



# GAT Management NEWSLETTER

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## A HOLIDAY SEASON MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL MANAGER

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" are words that we hear and see in many places at this time of the year.

I believe they should have an even deeper meaning and hold greater promise for the employees of Goodyear Atomic and their families.

This past year we have seen an increasing tempo in our activities in preparation for the important role of the Portsmouth Diffusion Plant in helping provide the energy needs of the future. With the current shortage of petroleum supplies the importance of nuclear energy is further dramatized. And the opportunity that each of us will have in the coming year to make significant contributions to the program of nuclear energy is truly something to anticipate with gratefulness and pride.

So, as we look forward to the events of the coming year, I want to wish to each of you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

C. D. Tabor  
General Manager



RECENT TRANSFERS include M. H. COOPER, engineer, sr. in D-532 to D-533; A. A. STONE, engineer in D-812 to D-814; VICKI A. HANNAH from mail clerk, D-423, to clerk, D-541; MRS. CHARITY WHISNANT from steno, D-224, to clerk, D-331; J. F. HALL, JR. from timekeeper, D-331, to office services assistant, D-375; W. C. MASTERS, to section head, D-729; D. C. NICHOLS from office machine service man, D-375, to engineering cost estimator, D-761; O. L. LAYNE, SR., designer, D-761, to D-737; W. S. HAYES and R. O. WINKLER from machinists, D-721, to quality control inspectors, D-729; J. P. VOURNAZOS from production process operator, D-812, to technical assistant I, D-532; W. T. DURBIN, foreman-Process Area from D-812 to D-814.

EMPLOYEES with 20th anniversaries include: D. H. CAUGHLAN, J. L. COBURN, W. L. MILLER, R. H. WALLS, and J. T. WOLFORD, on 12-28; and M. C. TULLOH on 12-29.

## MANAGEMENT NEWS---ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL

DID YOU KNOW that December 25 is not Christ's birthday? Nobody knows for certain in what year he was born, much less in what month. Christmas itself was an invention of the Roman Church, which in the Fourth Century decided to give the pagan Romans a little competition. On or about December 25, the Romans celebrated the Mithraic feast of the Sun God, as well as the Saturnalia, a somewhat vigorous holiday observed by serious wassailing and other unreligious activities. By the end of that century, the whole Christian world had set aside December 25 as the Feast of Epiphany--which did not become Cristes Maesse, or Christ's Mass, until seven more centuries had passed.

THERE IS NO SANTA CLAUS in Australia. Instead they have "Father Christmas."

FOR \$295 you can buy the MUSE, a digital computer that composes music. Invented by two M.I.T. computer experts, the MUSE can play for as long as 30 years without repeating itself and has 14 trillion possible note combinations. It is played by altering controls that determine note combinations, melodies, volume, tempo and pitch.

MOST GOODYEARITES know that Gdyr has four airships--three in the U.S. and one in Europe. Did you know that the four run the total the company has made to 300?

SOME PEOPLE think a snack at bedtime will make them sleep better; others disagree. Recently, researchers in Milwaukee studied 26 volunteers who, for a week, ate a snack before they went to bed, and then for a week had no snack. They couldn't see any difference in their sleep either way and neither could the observers.

ALREADY THERE IS a club for people, who in future years may escape death or serious injury in an automobile crash because of air bags. It is called the "Cocoon Club" and has been organized by a Greenwich, Conn., manufacturer of safety products.

THE COST of communication between two cities such as Chicago to Los Angeles by first class mail has risen 400 percent since 1932. In contrast, a three-minute daytime call between these two cities is now about one-fifth of the 1932 cost. The above information comes from a telephone company--who plays down the fact that the postage is eight cents, which is a heck of a lot less than the \$1.25 the telephone call costs.

THE MELLON BANK in Pittsburgh recently sponsored an art contest for youngsters ages four through 12 who are children, grandchildren, brothers or sisters of bank employees. The theme was "What Christmas Means to Me" and drawings could be made with paints, crayons, chalks, inks, or colored pencils. There were first, second, and third prizes in each of several age categories.

WHAT WE CALL the "chill factor"--a combination of temperature and wind (for example, there may be enough wind with a 10° above zero temperature to have a chill factor of 20° below zero)--is called "windshield temperature" in Minnesota.

AMERICAN MANAGEMENT Association surveyed businessmen on a number of things recently, including what would most affect their decision to change jobs. Out of 2,634 replies, 954 listed "enhanced status and authority" first, 729 said "salary," 437 voted for "opportunity to spend more time with family, hobbies, personal interest," 260 - "chance to reduce tension and health hazards," 208 - "chance to participate in civic and/or charitable endeavors," and 46 - "a better benefits program."

DID YOU KNOW that Christmas used to be celebrated on January 18? Later the date became January 6. It was not until 1752, that a rearrangement of dates placed Christmas Day on December 25.

THE WORLD'S TALLEST free-standing structure, a 1,805-ft-high concrete needle is being constructed in Toronto, Canada. It will house a six-story revolving restaurant, a circular ring observation post about 60 percent of the way up as well as facilities for TV, FM and microwave broadcasts. Estimated cost is \$21 million. The former record holder is a 1,748-ft TV center in Moscow, Russia.

AVOID leaky faucets. A hot water faucet that drips enough to fill a cup in 10 minutes wastes 3,280 gals. of water a year that you pay to heat--so says Moneysworth.

CHRISTMAS CARDS account for nearly 50% of all commercial greeting cards--and commercial greeting cards account for half the personal mail moved annually by the U.S. Postal Service. Every year, Americans spend \$300-\$400 million for Christmas cards they, in many cases, do not particularly want. They pay far more than the cards are worth. Moneysworth says a card that costs a quarter is worth about 3¢.

## THOUGHTS ON MANAGEMENT

ONE SHOULD NOT TAKE Christmas for granted, despite the fact that it has managed to survive "Jingle Bells" and "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" and even "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus." It has survived Biblical scholarship that questions the time of the Nativity and raises doubts as to whether or not the Three Wise Men ever did come to Bethlehem, and the new theology that says Easter's religious mystery is of greater significance than Christmas's. It has survived civil-liberty organizations pledged to eliminate the observance of Christmas from schools, and has so far withstood the threat of artificial trees and plastic ornaments. Its strength lies in the fact that Christmas is a celebration of hope, and hope dies hard. Hope is a special virtue of children and a special need of adults. Hope is very difficult to describe or to represent in sign or symbol. One can only work around it, leaving empty spaces to be filled by hope...Other holidays honor one to four of the senses, but Christmas honors all five senses: taste with its special foods; and touch with fire and warmth; and hearing with music; and sight with trees and tinsel. More than any other holiday, it also respects the sense of smell. Among the three gifts brought to Bethlehem by the Wise Men, the Scriptures tell us that two of them, frankincense and myrrh appealed to the sense of smell. So Christmas should be remembered for the scents of pine, oranges, ginger, and cloves. One must be very careful of Christmas.

--Eugene McCarthy

AT CHRISTMAS TIME, every woman wants her past forgotten and her present remembered.

--Laughing Matter, in Modern Maturity

CHRISTMAS is for children, people say. It is a true saying, in a deeper sense than it seems. "When I was a child," wrote the poet Thomas Traherne, "the very dust, and stones of the street were as precious as gold. Men and women, boys and girls tumbling in the street and playing, were moving jewels. I knew not that they were born or should die. Eternity was manifest in the Light of the Day, and something infinite behind everything appeared." For most of us the years dim that vision. But its truth remains, beyond any power of change. In celebrating the birth of Him in whom all things are made new, may we, too, become as little children. And see, with the eyes of innocense and love, the Kingdom of God, on earth as it is in Heaven.

--The editors of Good Housekeeping

IT TAKES common sense and independence to accept a costly present from a rich friend, without making any return. If you have money to spend on presents, do not waste it on people richer than yourself, but on those poorer. Above all, in sending presents, do not send articles that cost money and are vulgar and tawdry. A piece of music, a note written on Christmas Day, wishing many happy returns, or a few flowers, entail no obligation, require no work, and do their own work of love as well as costly gifts, and show a delicacy of breeding.

--The Ladies World, December, 1892

THE ONLY DIFFERENCE between men and boys is the price of their toys.

--Words on wall plaque

JUST FOR a few hours on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day the stupid, harsh mechanism of the world runs down, and we permit ourselves to live according to untrammelled common sense, the unquerable efficiency of good will. We grant ourselves the complete and selfish pleasure of loving others better than ourselves. How odd it seems, how unnaturally happy we are! Just for a few hours, as Christopher Morely says, we "purge out of every heart the lurking grudge." We know then that hatred is a form of illness; that suspicion and pride are only fear; that the rascally acts of others are perhaps, in the queer webwork of human relations, due to some callousness of our own.

--Lippincott

SIGN OF THE TIMES: Exchanging gifts at the stores after Christmas is now called recycling.

--Notes on these changing times

I AM THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT. I enter the home of poverty, causing palefaced children to open their eyes wide, in pleased wonder. I cause the miser's clutched hand to relax, and thus paint a bright spot on his soul. I cause the aged to renew their youth and to laugh in the old, glad way. I keep romance alive in the heart of childhood, and brighten sleep with dreams woven of magic. I cause eager feet to climb dark stairways with filled baskets, leaving behind hearts amazed at the goodness of the world. I enter prison cells, reminding scarred manhood of what might have been, and giving hope for the future. In a thousand ways I cause the weary world to look up into the face of God, and for a little moment forget the things that are small and wretched.

--E. C. Baird

LEO A. SIMON is foreman in the Motor Pool, D-734. His responsibilities include directing the activities of two (hourly) car drivers and one (salary) clerk in transporting people (usually employees) on and off plantsite, plus the assignment of motor pool vehicles for the use of employees on company business. In addition, he initiates the procurement, maintenance and repair of all mobile equipment, prepares monthly reports and relieves the garage foreman as needed. He reports to G. W. PARKS, general foreman.



Mr. Simon went to St. Mary's High School (now Notre Dame) and Portsmouth Interstate Business College. He completed a GAT Basic Supervisional Program years ago and has just completed our 16-hour basic course for new foremen. He joined GAT as a car driver a few months after his U.S. Army service 3/50-4/53. He was promoted to (salary) motor pool dispatcher on 7/16/54, to dispatcher on 6/1/63 and to his present position on 9/1/73.

Leo, his wife Betty, and two sons live at 1435 Washington Blvd. in West Portsmouth. Thomas, age 20, is a production process operator-in-training, D-810; Aaron will be one year old February 1. The Simons attend Old Town Methodist Church and Leo is a member of the GAT Foremen's Club. He is past president (two terms) of the West Portsmouth Businessmen's Club, a former lieutenant in the local volunteer Fire Dept., and past player-agent in the Little League. He likes to go fishing.

### GAT NAMES AND FACES IN THE NEWS



S. W. DIRMEYER



C. R. WALKER



O. A. VITA



J. A. McBRIDE



R. H. OWENS



M. C. OWENS

S. W. DIRMEYER is retiring with over 44 years of service. His last day worked is scheduled to be December 30, but because of banked vacation, he will still be an employee until February 1, 1974. Sam and his wife plan to continue to live in Waverly.

C. R. WALKER and O. A. VITA are the authors of an article entitled "A Universal Solvent Extraction--Titration Method for the Rapid and Accurate Determination of Uranium in Complex Solutions." It was published in Analytical Chimica Acta, 67 (1973) 119-127.

J. A. McBRIDE celebrates his 35th anniversary with Goodyear on December 28.

R. H. OWENS and his wife, Caroline, won the GAT Scotch Mixed Doubles Tournament December 8 at Portsmouth with a score of 1269. Forty-two couples bowled.

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