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EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE RESPONSE to Goodyear's liberalized tire refund program has bordered on the incredible. The company already has paid out more than \$570,000 in refunds in 1978, compared with a total of \$222,895 paid out during 1977. More than 11,000 requests for refunds have been processed in the first six months of 1978. Accounts payable handled a total of 14,132 last year.

THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION has certified to Congress that a safe container for the air transport of plutonium has been developed and tested that will not rupture under conditions equivalent to those that would exist in the crash and explosion of a high-flying aircraft. Under a Federal law enacted in August 1975, NRC was prohibited from licensing the air transport of plutonium until it made this certification.

ONE OF THREE MEALS is currently eaten away from home and this is expected to increase to one of every two meals by 1980. Regardless of their quality and convenience, fast foods are expensive when compared to the cost of cooking at home. Fast food restaurants operate at 35 percent food cost. It is estimated that the average homemaker can prepare the same meal as a fast food restaurant for half the price.

RADIAL TIRES will account for more than half of all new U.S. passenger-car tires this year, up from only 2.4 in 1970, according to industry estimates. More than 70% of new cars nowadays have radial tires, for instance, and about 95% of those original-equipment radials have steel belts. In replacement tires, radials have 40% to 45%.

NUCLEAR POWER provided a record 75.6% share of the electricity generated in May by Northeast Utilities (Connecticut and Massachusetts). This was the highest share of a utility's total output ever provided by nuclear power. During May all six nuclear units owned totally or partially by Northeast operated at close to maximum capacity.

LLOYD'S OF LONDON did an extensive study of what happens to paper clips. They kept track of over 100,000 paper clips at a bank in London. Here is what happened to them:

- 14,163 bent and twisted during phone conversations
- 7,200 used to clip torn garments together
- 19,143 used as chips in card games
- 5,434 used as toothpicks
- 55,308 used as fingernail cleaners
- 3,916 used as pipe cleaners
- 25,398 dropped on the floor and swept away
- 20,093 used as paper clips to clip papers.

ONLY WOMEN work at four Westchester County, N.Y. branch banks. The banks' officers found that, although it was only a coincidence that all employees including the managers are females, the business has doubled since the females took over. Many of the new loan customers are business women.

SINCE THE START of the Goodyear Stock Plan which began in September 1967, and after adjusting for the two-for-one stock split in April 1969, a total of 885,901 shares have been purchased by employees at an average cost of \$23.15 per share. The last monthly figures available, that of June 1978, showed 9,123 shares purchased at an average price of \$16.867.

SOME MANAGERS don't want only experienced people working for them. Experienced people will often tell you why something can't be done. The person without experience often doesn't know the reason why something can't be done -- and goes ahead and finds a way to do it.

HAVE HOUSING COSTS SKYROCKETED in the last five years? The average price of a new house reached \$61,500 in the second quarter of 1978. During the same period in 1973, the average price on a home was \$35,100 indicating a cost increase of 75%.

## WHO'S WHO IN MANAGEMENT

ROBERT J. ROBINSON, Foreman-Maintenance, is responsible for the Motor Pool, a part of the Process Maintenance Subdivision. The Motor Pool is responsible for maintaining an even work load in conjunction with the vehicle preventive maintenance program. It also is responsible for vehicle transportation on plant-site as well as offsite vehicle transportation. Presently there are over 300 licensed vehicles and approximately 200 pieces of construction equipment.

Bob Robinson grew up in the Massieville area near Chillicothe. He completed 22 years in the Air Force including assignments as Flight Line Shop Chief at Castle Air Force Base in Merced, California, and Jet Engine Superintendent in Utapao, Thailand. He joined Goodyear Atomic in August 1977 as Foreman-Maintenance.



Bob and his wife, Anne, have two sons, Robert, attending Ohio Wesleyan, and Vincent, a senior at Kent State, and a daughter, Adrienne, attending Chillicothe High. He attended several colleges while in the service and presently is working on a Business Administration program at Ohio University. He is a member of several Masonic organizations, the Ross County NAACP, and is a trustee at the Floral Baptist Church. His hobbies include all outdoor sports, in particular an avid interest in hunting and fishing.

## GAT NAMES AND FACES IN THE NEWS



V. J. DeVito



E. E. Wagner



R. C. Krueger



A. L. Williamson



J. R. Armstrong

VINCENT J. DeVITO recently was re-elected secretary of the 600-member Institute of Nuclear Materials Management, Inc. He will serve as secretary of the international safeguards group through June 30, 1979. The society encompasses 600 individuals working in governmental, industrial, and academic institutions where nuclear materials are used.

EDWARD E. WAGNER is serving his third two-year term as Councilman for the city of Chillicothe.

RODGER C. KRUEGER addressed the August meeting of the local Professional Engineers and Surveyors Association. His presentation was "Possible Uses of Surplus Heat at GAT."

ALLEN L. WILLIAMSON is serving his second term as Mayor of the village of Piketon.

JAMES R. ARMSTRONG also has his hat in a political ring. He is serving his second term as a member of the city of Jackson Council.

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