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Five Years Ago Today—September 18, 1952—AEC Announced That Goodyear Would Operate Portsmouth Area Atomic Plant; Growth Reviewed On Fifth Anniversary

Five years ago today, September 18, 1952, the Atomic Energy Commission announced in Washington that the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, of Akron, had been awarded the contract to operate the new gaseous diffusion plant which would be erected in Southern Ohio.

Goodyear announced that a wholly-owned subsidiary, Goodyear Atomic Corporation, had been formed to operate the plant.

Five years ago the land where the plant is situated was rolling, hilly farm land. Today, on the 3,700 acres of land the Commission selected, stands a modern plant which is a tribute to modern man's ingenuity.

Goodyear Tire assigned a cadre of 28 men headed by A. J. Gracia, as general manager. From that small beginning has grown a force of nearly 3,000 people.

The personnel build-up was slow in the beginning but as the construction of the plant progressed Goodyear's employment pace gained acceleration.

Many early employees will observe our cover picture and reminisce of

the things that have transpired in the intervening five years — the cramped office quarters in the Elks City Club and the Armory, and later in the Court House; the move to the training building when the first wing was open; class instructors competing with construction noise as the other wings of the training building were completed; the trips to Oak Ridge and Paducah; the first company-wide Christmas Party; the election of a union and the eventual completion of the plant.

Met With AEC

The original men assigned to GAT met with AEC personnel in Portsmouth shortly after Goodyear Atomic was formed. They got acquainted with the gaseous diffusion process by trips to the two plants that were operated by Carbide personnel at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Paducah, Kentucky.

As additional personnel were employed they, too, shuttled between Portsmouth and Oak Ridge and finally in the spring of 1953, the first training classes were started. The completion of the first training pro-

grams were scheduled to coincide with the time when the construction contractors would have the first unit ready to be put into production.

Took Teamwork

It took a tremendous amount of teamwork to coordinate the training of men and the construction of the buildings. It took teamwork on the part of everyone involved, from top management on down through the ranks. That this teamwork was effective was proved when the Commission announced that the plant had been built at three-fourths of the estimated \$1,219,000,000, and had gone on stream months ahead of schedule.

The Commission, whose local office was headed by K. A. Dunbar, announced that many factors, in addition to teamwork, had brought about the savings and resulted in the plant being completed ahead of schedule.

They listed the other reasons as excellent cooperation among the various contractors and between labor and management of all groups concerned; the weather was an import-

ant factor as was knowledge which had been gained in previous efforts of constructing gaseous diffusion plants.

The construction of the plant brought about many changes in the communities. Trailer camps sprang up over the area; housing projects were launched; local city government was expanded to meet the needs created by the influx of people; recreational facilities in many cases were expanded; roads were improved; schools were enlarged to meet the new demands; new churches were built and in some cases improvements were made on existing structures.

New Friendships

New friendships were formed and new interests were developed. Many employees became and still are very active in the civic affairs of their communities. Numerous employees have been transferred to the parent company.

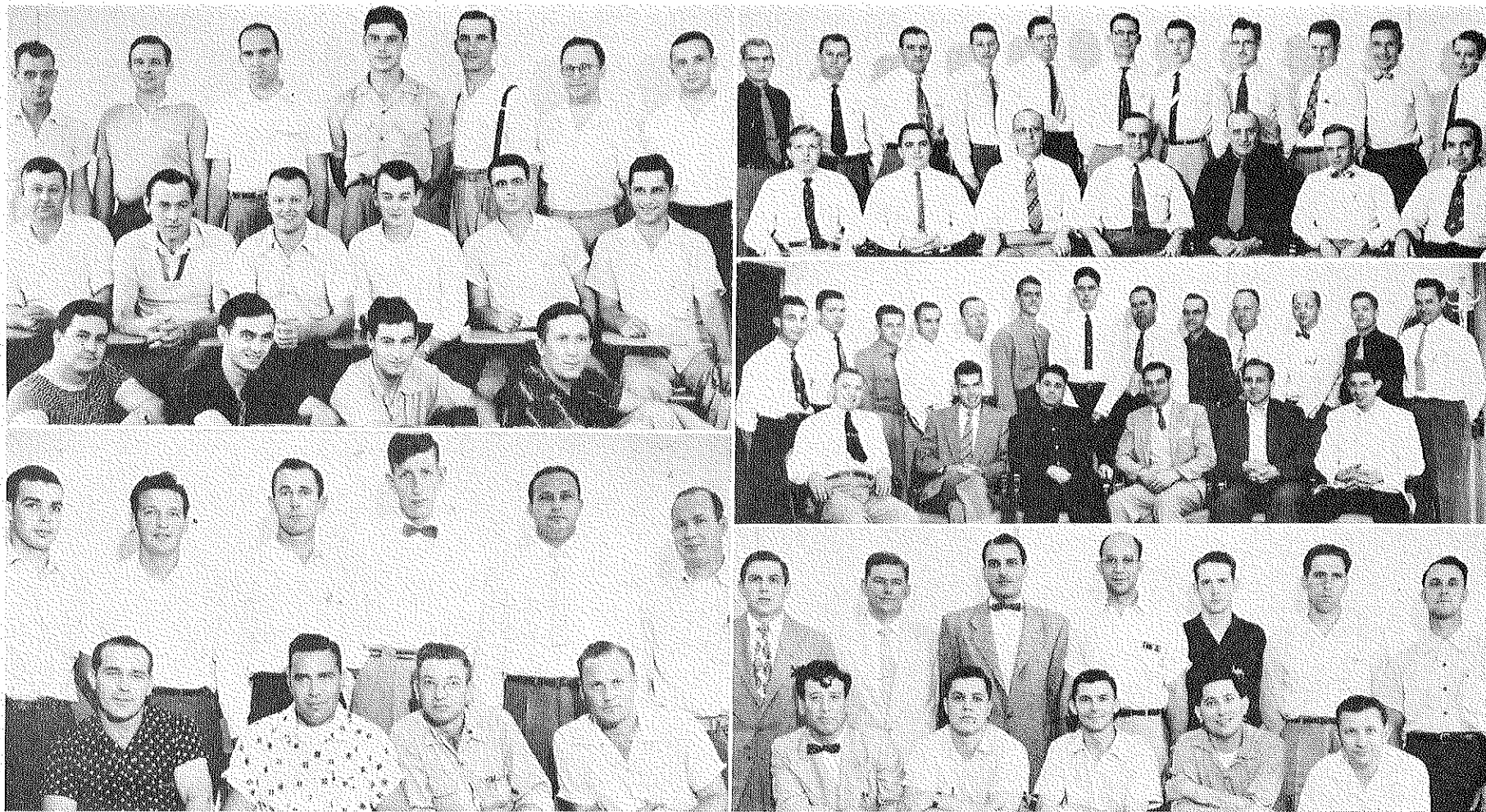
Included among the 38 who have gone to other Goodyear installations are the first general manager and two division managers.

The formation of a new company provides many opportunities for advancement. In the five years Goodyear Atomic has been in existence, there have been several hundred promotions.

The success of this operation, to which every employee can and should feel he made a contribution, was reflected in an AEC announcement earlier this year. In February, the Commission announced that the original contract with Goodyear Atomic, which was for five years and due to expire this year, had been extended to June 30, 1961.

At the time of the renewal Goodyear Atomic's second general manager, D. H. Francis, said, "The extension of our contract is due in no little part to the excellent work accomplished on the project by the employees. Without the spirit of teamwork, sense of accomplishment, and hard work, the operations of this plant could not go forward."

"The progress that is made today will contribute to a better tomorrow."



GAT PERSONNEL above were in the first classes to complete a phase of training in their respective operations. Power operations are above left, utilities, lower left, production, top right, maintenance mechanic, middle right, and the instrument class. In the power class, top row, left to right, are William R. Dials, Gerald Bethel, Harold Everett, Ralph Arnett, Andrew Ondera, Forrest Newman, and Richard Delabar. Left to right, center row, are Grover Power, William Potts, Walter W. Walters, Carl H. Weghorst, Charles F. Crumm, and William J. Fields. Bottom row, from left, are William Corns, Richard Orlett, Hobart Frazier, and William Pyles. Lower photo left, from back

row left, are Bob Reese, Oliver Pekkala, Bob Christman, Herman Fannin, Otis McGlone, and Dave Meyers. Seated, left to right, are Bob Masters, Harold O'Dell, Carl Worthington, and Dennis McCall. Absent from picture were Jim Crace, Lon Brant, Wayne Collins, Rob Rickey, and Rodney Backus. Upper right, standing from left, are Cecil Cottle, Clarence Bell, Stan Gillespie, Bob Swick, Gene Price, William Refitt, Marvin Whiteside, Carl Rouse, Norman Reiter, William Kouns, and Bill Allen. Seated, left, are Al Faris, Ivan Kouns, Max Coryell, H. McClelland, Louis Hochberg, Edgar Bibbey, and Leo Johnson. Middle, from left standing, are Denny

Wells, Jim Walker, Pat Ashley, Vince Montovan, Charlie Newman, Dave Goodman, Dick Schneider, Ken McManis, Irv Lytton, Bud Kennedy, George McGee, Fred Nostrant, and Bill Humphreys. Seated, left, are Charlie Adams, Bill Burkholder, Lou Bishoffberger, Lou Donini, John Green, and Joe Donini. Lower right, standing left to right, are Alex Blair, Russell Evans, Don Vondrell, Robert Rooker, Carl Ayers, Jim Newman and John Evans. Seated, left, are Clarence Ison, Bud Riggan, Claud Johnson, Clarence Smith, and Bill Gilmer. Bob Gilmer was absent. There have been over 30 promotions in these five groups and fewer than 10 exits from the company.

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FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Today, September 18, is the 5th Anniversary of Goodyear Atomic Corporation. It was on this day in 1952 that the United States Atomic Energy Commission publicly announced the selection of Goodyear as the operating contractor of the X-site in Pike County.

Many physical changes have been made on the plant-site in five years. The cover of this week's Clan symbolizes these changes by showing the bulldozers leveling the corn fields to prepare the ground for the buildings and the thousands of construction workers who helped to bring the final picture, a process building, to reality.

The cooperation among the Atomic Energy Commission, Carbide Nuclear Corporation, Peter Kiewit Sons', Goodyear Atomic Corporation, and the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation is a matter of record. A record which enabled construction to be completed months ahead of schedule. A record which made it possible for the plant to go "on stream" far in advance of the anticipated time schedule. A record which saved the taxpayer many millions of dollars.

Another record will be established at Goodyear Atomic in the next twelve months when 350 Goodyear Atomic employees receive their five-year service pins.

This record makes all of us very proud because it reminds us of the loyalty of our people. It reminds us of the ingenuity of our employees as they worked under cramped conditions under the most trying circumstances, within buildings which were still being hammered and bolted together. It reminds us of the creative thinking which was necessary to develop training aids to simulate working apparatus which was still to be installed.

To the employees who complete five years of service in '58, we extend a special word of congratulations. To all employees who have helped Goodyear Atomic to grow over the past five years, we add a word of appreciation. The caliber of your work is reflected in the efficient operation of this plant. The caliber of the individual is reflected in the new friendships which have been made among us. May these new friendships and the esprit de corps exhibited at Goodyear Atomic Corporation endure far into the future.

D. H. Hutchinson

VOTERS IN PIKE, ROSS, SCIOTO COUNTIES MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE

Goodyear Atomic employees who live in Ross, Pike, or Scioto Counties must be registered to vote in the fall election.

Employees in these three counties, if they have not registered, must do so before the deadline next Wednesday, September 25.

You must register if you have attained or will attain your 21st birthday by November 6, or if you have not voted at least once in the elections of 1955 or 1956.

Registration in each of the three counties can be accomplished by go-

ing to the Board of Elections, located in the Court Houses of Pike, Ross, and Scioto Counties.

Hours

The Pike County Board of Elections office is open daily from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m., except on Saturdays when the office closes at noon.

The Ross County Board of Elections office is open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., Monday through Friday, and from 9 a. m. to 12 noon on Saturday. The office will be open from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. on September 25.

The Scioto County Board of Elections office is open from 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. daily, except on Thursdays and Saturdays. On those two days the office closes at 12 noon.

Employees who are not registered are urged to do so before September 25, to avoid last minute rushes and to insure the right to vote in the fall election.

D. H. Hutchinson, Dolores Pickelheimer Are Named September Slogan Winners

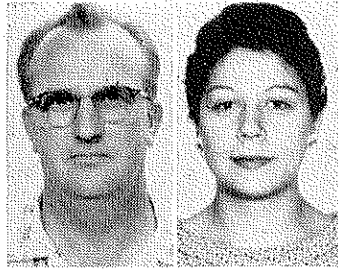
Personnel from the finance and maintenance divisions walked off with the September Safety Slogan Contest.

They are Dolores Pickelheimer, engineering costs and property records department, and D. H. Hutchinson, instrument maintenance department.

Miss Pickelheimer's winning effort was, "Sensible Care Makes Accidents Rare".

Hutchinson's safety thought was, "Be Safe by Choice, Not by Chance".

The two winners were selected from a field of 70 entries.



D. H. Hutchinson D. F. Pickelheimer

"It was extremely difficult to pick the winners this time," said L. T. Oyler, supervisor, safety engineering department, "because of so many excellent entries."

Oyler reminded employees that safety slogans, if they weren't judged a winner in one month, could be resubmitted in future contests by simply resubmitting them on a new form.

In addition to the two winners, W. J. Friend, carpenter and paint shop department, received honorable mention.

The writers of the winning slogans each will receive a \$10 cash award.



Dobbins-Foster

Miss Sally Dobbins, tabulating services department, and Donald Lee Foster, were married last month in the Walnut Street Methodist Church, Chillicothe, by Reverend DeLess Smith.

Foster is a private first class in the United States Marine Corps. He is stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Connett-Brushart

Miss Sarah Connett and Gene Brushart were married last month in the Piketon Methodist Church by Reverend Waid C. Radford.

Mrs. Brushart is in Goodyear Atomic's stenographic pool. Brushart is a teacher and the coach at Clarksburg High School.

The newlyweds are living in Chillicothe.

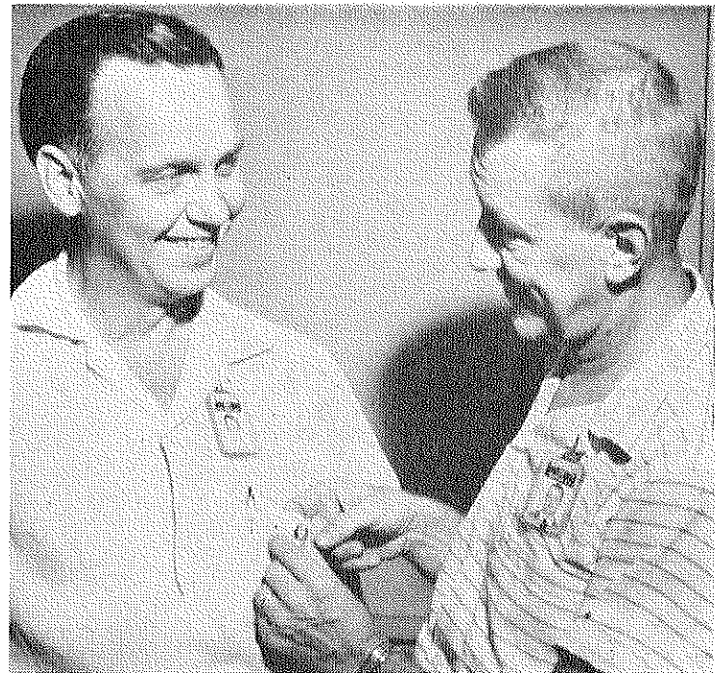
MRS. CROXTON ELECTED

The wife of a Goodyear Atomic employee has been elected president of the Pike County Cancer Unit, Ohio Division of the American Cancer Society.

She is Mrs. Fred Croxton, whose husband is in the information and records subdivision.

Pike County was one of the two counties in the state that did not have a local Cancer Unit.

The next meeting of the unit will be held September 25, at 7:30 p. m. in the offices of the Pike County Board of Health, Waverly.



R. H. GILLESPIE, supervisor SS materials handling department, left, receives his 15-year service pin from A. H. Wernecke, superintendent, uranium control subdivision.

R. H. Gillespie Presented 15 Year Pin

R. H. Gillespie, supervisor of Goodyear Atomic's SS materials handling department, was presented his 15-year service pin this month by A. H. Wernecke, superintendent, uranium control subdivision.

Gillespie began his career with the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, September 5, 1942 in the home plant's engineering stores and receiving department.

In September, 1943, he was inducted into the U. S. Navy and served 2½ years.

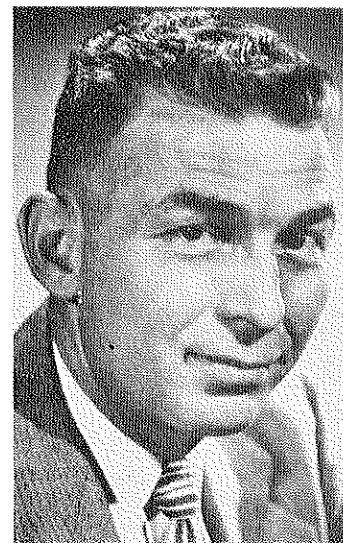
He returned to Goodyear as office

manager of the Market Street Garage, Akron. In 1949, he was promoted to foreman in the outside transportation department.

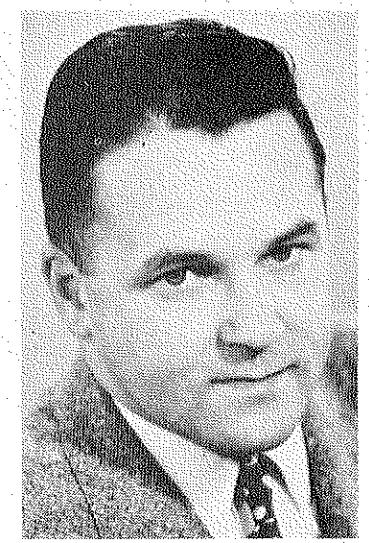
Gillespie was transferred to GAT in 1953 as supervisor of the SS materials handling department.

He is a native of West Virginia and attended the University of Akron, where he studied business administration.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie, and their three children, Donna Rae, 15, Sara Beth, 13, and Robert, 11, live in Jackson.



D. L. Wells



C. W. Humphreys

Humphreys Moves To Akron; Wells Promoted

W. A. Brown, manager, plant engineering and maintenance division, Goodyear Atomic Corporation, has announced the promotion of two men in his division.

C. W. Humphreys, supervisor, utilities maintenance, was transferred to the development department of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, September 16.

D. L. Wells, general foreman in the utilities maintenance department, was named supervisor of the department.

Humphreys joined the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, July 2, 1940, as an apprentice mechanic. Two years later he was inducted in the U. S. Navy where he served for three and one-half years in the Pacific Theater of Operations. He started with the Construction Battalion and later transferred to submar-

ine duty. He entered the Navy as a Seaman 2nd Class and came out as a Lieutenant Junior Grade.

After the war he returned to Goodyear and completed his apprentice program, winning the Litchfield Award as the outstanding apprentice in his class.

He enrolled at the University of Akron while working full time and received the degree, bachelor of mechanical engineering, in 1949. During this time he was on the production squadron and later the staff training squadron before his assignment to the development division.

In Development

Humphreys was in the development division at the time of his transfer to GAT in January 1953. He set up the training program for

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Cite Growth Of Employees' Recreational Activities On GAT's Fifth Anniversary

The recreation department looked to the future today and predicted that the recreational activities of Goodyear Atomic employees would continue to increase. This forecast was predicted by R. F. Jones, supervisor of the recreation department, as he reviewed the recreational program of the first five years.

It was on September 18, 1952, that the Atomic Energy Commission announced that Goodyear would operate the Portsmouth Area gaseous diffusion plant. The recreation program started officially in August, 1953.

The first company-sponsored recreation was a golf playday held shortly after his arrival. Ten persons participated. Since then the golf program has grown rather phenomenally.

This year, in addition to three playdays being held, there were five men's golf leagues organized in the area and one women's.

It is a similar story in other recreational fields. There was one four-team league in the 1953-54 bowling season. There were 34 teams organized in four leagues in the '54-55 season. Last season, there were 17 leagues with 100 teams. This year, the 17 leagues have 110 teams participating.

Softball Growth

Softball has experienced a similar growth. There were two sponsored teams in 1954. This year, there were two leagues of 18 teams, an increase of four teams over last year.

In addition to golf, bowling, and softball, employees participate in basketball leagues, a touch football league, the duplicate bridge club, the garden program, square dance club, an archery club, a flying association, and just recently a men's chorus.

The growth of the leisure time activities program is reflected in the attendance at the Annual Banquet of Champions. The first invitations were extended to fewer than 100 persons at the first Banquet of Champions held three years ago. Last year 150 invitations were extended for the winning athletes to be honored at the annual championship banquet. This year, invitations are being extended to 225 employees.

Company-wide Activities

The growth of the company is reflected in the two company-wide activities — the annual picnic and the annual Christmas Party.

The first company-wide picnic attracted an estimated 4,300 persons at a time when there were 2,000 employees on the payroll. An estimated 7,000 attended the picnic this year at Camden Amusement Park, Hunting-

PROMOTIONS

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maintenance mechanics and later was promoted to supervisor of the utilities maintenance department.

He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and is active in church work of the Central Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys, and their four children, live at 2632 Grandview Avenue, Portsmouth.

Wells

Wells came to Goodyear Atomic Corporation November 16, 1953, as an assistant foreman in the process maintenance subdivision. He was responsible for coordinating the maintenance division training program.

He was promoted to general foreman in 1954.

Wells, prior to joining GAT, was associated with Allied Chemical and Dye Company at Tralee, West Virginia. Prior to this he taught high school and adult classes at Welch, West Virginia.

He was in the Navy during World War II, serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theater of Operations.

Wells attended school at West Virginia University and Marshall College. He is a member of Saint Mary's Church, Waverly.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells, and their six children, live in Waverly.

ton, West Virginia.

It is a repeat story of the annual Christmas Parties which are held in the school gymnasium at Waverly High School.

The recreation department is attempting to have a central meeting place which they feel will result in more employees participating in the recreational program.

Like the chain with the weakest link, the recreational program is only as strong as employees make it by participation.

The chain is expected to become stronger in the future.

Bow & Arrow Shoot Set September 29 For Pike County

Modern day "Robin Hoods" will get together September 29, at the Pike Fish and Game Farm to participate in a Southern Ohio divisional bow and arrow shooting match.

The sponsors of the shoot, the Pike County Bow Hunters, said that the match is expected to attract many archers from the five bow and arrow clubs in Southern Ohio.

Registration for the big event will get underway at 10 a. m. and run through 11 a. m. at the Pike Fish and Game Farm located west of Route 220, northwest of Lake White.

The Pike County Bow Hunters was organized this year and has become a successful recreational past time for employees interested in the bow and arrow sport.

Pike County Bow Hunters' president, Jack Hortel, of the utilities maintenance department, said that the September 29, event will be a field and broadhead shooting match.

"Field Matches," President Hortel said, "differ from target shooting in that only two scores exist in the field shoot compared to six in target shooting. The broadhead involves shooting at silhouettes of animals."

Hortel said that a tournament entry fee of \$1 will be charged and prizes will be awarded in three categories.

He said that first, second, and third place prizes will be awarded in the men's division; a first place prize for women, and a first place prize in the junior category — 16-years-old and under.

Hortel extended an invitation to anyone who is interested in bow and arrow shooting to participate in the event.

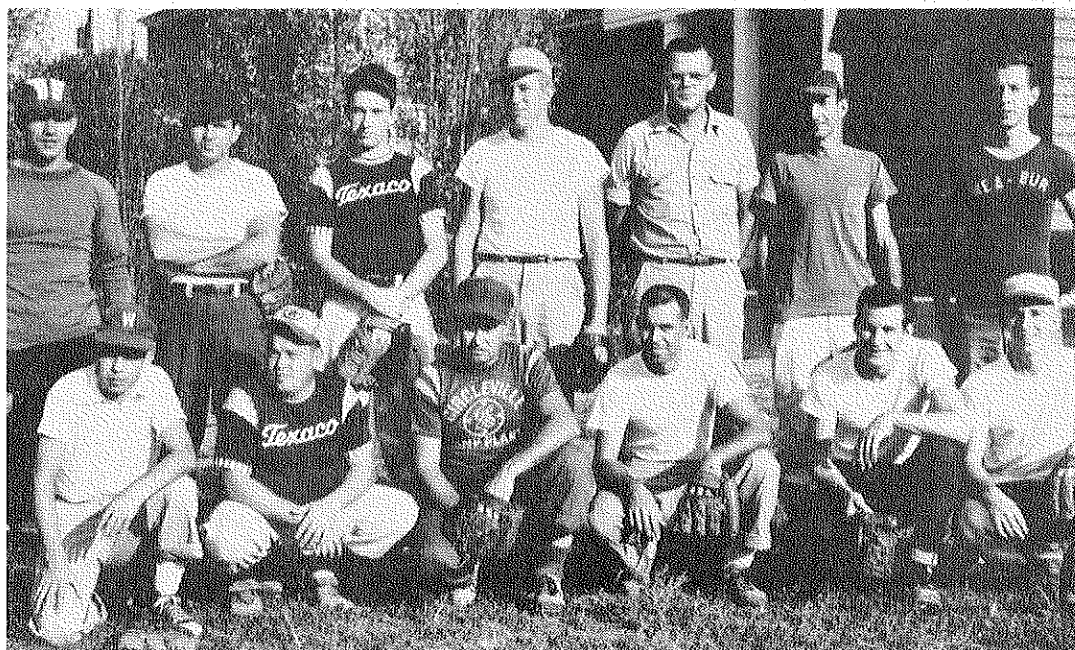
Gustavson Wins '56 Golf Title; Fires 39 To Beat Pollard In 9 Hole Playoff

Roy Gustavson, of the process engineering department, successfully defended his title of company golf champion Saturday, September 7, at the Portsmouth Elks Country Club.

Twenty-eight employees participated in the championship playoff.

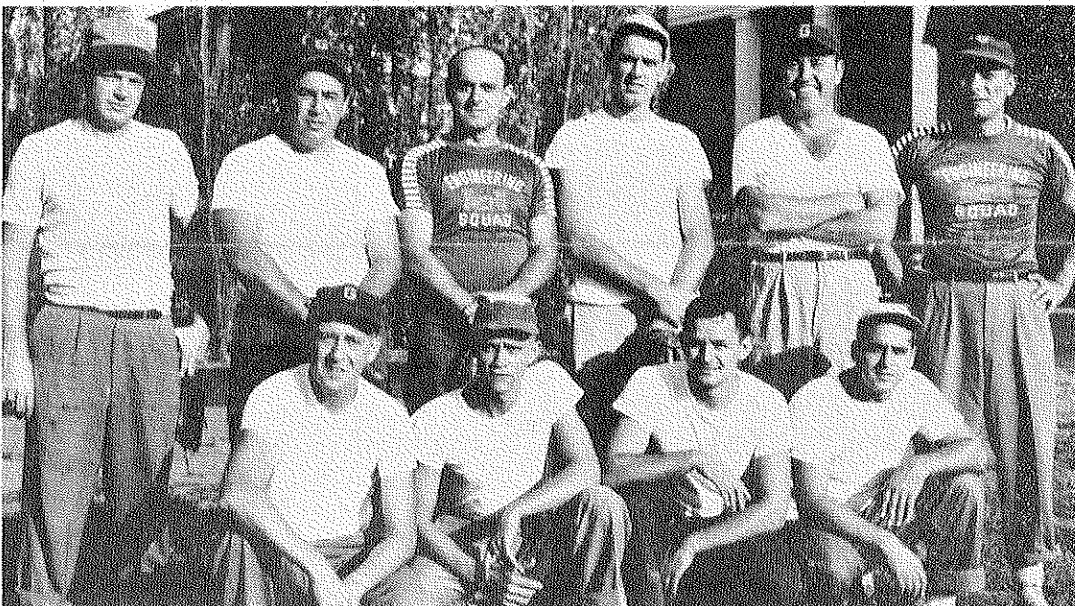
At the end of the regulation 27 holes, Wayne Pollard, of the carpenter shop, and Gustavson were tied at 118. In an extra nine hole playoff, Gustavson shot a 39 to Pollard's 44.

Jim Camp, process laboratory department, came in third and Vince DeVito, SS engineering, fourth.



THESE MEN, MEMBERS of The Reserves, walked off with Goodyear Atomic's 1957 Softball "crown" by defeating the Old Pros in the tournament held earlier this month at Piketon. Kneeling, left to right, are Elmer Riddle, uranium analysis, Leo Woods, instrument maintenance, Paul Neff, carpenter shop, J. F. Oates, instrument maintenance, Minford Price, chemical cleaning,

and Burrel Adkins, chemical cleaning. Standing, left to right, are Ray Jamison, chemical cleaning, A. E. Edens, instrument maintenance, Dick Sparks, sampling department, Buren Lamb, instrument maintenance, Kenneth Petrey, power operations, Virgil Spires, carpenter and paint shop department, and Larry Curtis, decontamination department.



THE SOFTBALL WARES OF THESE MEN, the "Old Pros", carried them to the finals in the company-sponsored tournament before they bowed-out to a strong Reserves team. Kneeling, from left, are Dave Connery, plant engineering, Lou Butterworth, SS engineering, Frank Kalisik, plant engineering, and Bob Childers,

utilities area. Standing, left to right, are George Nichols, motor pool, Vince DeVito, SS engineering, Steve George, utilities maintenance, Dave Goodman, utilities maintenance, Bim Walder, utilities maintenance, and Bill Culp, process maintenance subdivision. The tournament was a single elimination affair.

Paul Neff Pitches Reserves To GAT Softball Championship With Four Tournament Wins; Allows 6 Hits, 2 Runs And Fans 66

The Reserves, powered by the superb pitching of Paul Neff, carpenter shop department, downed the Old Pros 7-0 for the company softball championship.

The Reserves pushed the seven runs across home plate on 12 hits. They had no errors. The Old Pros were able to garner only three hits from Neff over the seven inning contest, which was held earlier this month at the Piketon High School diamond.

Neff, in addition to his excellent pitching, which included 17 strikeouts, smashed a home run in the second inning. His homer was matched by one from the Reserves' Left Fielder, Ray Jamison, chemical operations department, in the fifth inning.

The Reserves scored three runs in the first, two in the second, and one each in the fifth and seventh innings.

The first batter Neff faced greeted the fast ball pitcher with a triple.

He was Dave Connery, plant engineering department, who parked Neff's fourth pitch in left field, along the line. However, Connery's triple was to no avail as his teammates

left him stranded on third base as the next three batters struck out.

Neff's total tournament record was four wins, six hits, two runs and 66 strikeouts.

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