# GAT Bloodmobile March 13, 14, 15



The Tri-State Red Cross Blood Center has confirmed March 13, 14 and 15 as the next visit to Goodyear Atomic Corporation.

Modifications have been made in the scheduling and hours of operation to enable employes on all shifts to donate while involving a minimal amount of time away from the job. A letter will be sent to each employe early in March indicating the hours when the Bloodmobile will be in operation and instructions on how to preschedule an appointment.

Modern medical discoveries border on the miraculous. Yet, with all its achievements, medical science has yet to come up with a substitute for whole human blood a substance that today is needed in

The success of our program is of great importance so that GAT maintains its coverage for your family. Coverage includes your immediate family, your parents-inlaw, and retirees and their spouse.

Is it always someone else? Recently the wife of a veteran GAT employe needed to have open heart surgery. Included in the bill was the cost for blood replacement amounting to over \$600.00 which is not covered by most medical insurance programs including GAT's. Because many GAT employes care. a short letter from our blood bank replaced the blood at no cost to the employe, whether he donated in

the past or not.

That should be reason enough for you to give since in times of emergency there is no substitute for blood. The idea that you may never need the service is one of the worst gambles you can take. Al-though your family is of utmost importance to you, the opportunity to supply the critical needs of others provides an inner feeling of accomplishment that is truly a life-

Number 2

There are as many excuses for not giving blood as there are individuals who pass up the opportunity when called upon. "I don't have time" or "they have enough vol-unteers" are excuses sometimes heard. Others include, often said jokingly, "I need all I've got" and 'I just don't have any to spare."

To the contrary, donating blood can be a good "tonic" for a per-son's system. World War II studies showed that giving blood stimu-

(See Bloodmobile Page 4)

# 74e VVINGFOOT & CLA

Goodyear Atomic Corporation

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

Volume 25

Piketon, Ohio February, 1978

## Cylinder Derails Near Columbus

On Monday, January 23, a 14-ton cylinder and the cradle on which it was being carried fell off a railroad car near Lockbourne, Ohio. The 16' x 14' cylinder of unenriched uranium hexaflouride was being shipped by Transnuclear Corp. from New Jersey to Oak Ridge, Tenn.

The cylinder was riding piggy-

back on a truck, attached to a Norfolk & Western flat car. When the train moved around a curve both the cylinder and the cradle broke loose and fell down an embankment.

Because of the proximity of this plant to the Columbus area. a Goodyear Atomic radiological sur-

vev team inspected the cylinder at the request of the Department of Energy. The team, headed by Russ Thompson, Shift Superintendent, found that although the valve was bent, no detection of other than normal environmental background radiation levels was found at the

A heavy duty crane from the Portsmouth, Ohio railyards was dispatched to the derailment site. The cylinder was moved to this site for examination before the material was processed. The piggyback rail-road car was moved to the Portsmouth area for examination. It appeared that the cylinder derailment was caused by improper attachment of the cylinder and cradle to the truck bed. The cylinder was shipped from France through Canada enroute to Oak Ridge.

AT URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANTS

## Reduced

In anticipation of the prospective impact on power generation of declining coal stocks in the Midwest, Department of Energy Secretary James Schlesinger directed a reduction of about 3000 megawatts in the amount of electricity used by DOE's three uranium enrichment plants at midnight, January 31.

Before that date the Oak Ridge plant used 1245 megawatts, Paducah used 1830 megawatts, and this plant used 1967 megawatts. The three plants, using a total of about 5000 megawatts, will be reduced to about 2000 megawatts.

The reduction at the rate of 1% per hour, took about a week to reach the anticipated reduced power level of 715 megawatts, approximately a 65% reduction.

Many area residents became quite concerned about the effect of the power reduction on employment at the three plants. Because of the ongoing plant modification programs and the maintenance and monitoring associated with power reductions or increases, it was quickly pointed out that no change in employment was anticipated.

Naturally the reduction in power means a loss in production. The length of the power reduction depends on the severe weather and the length of the strike by coal miners, who at press time turned down the latest offer.

### IN MEMORIUM

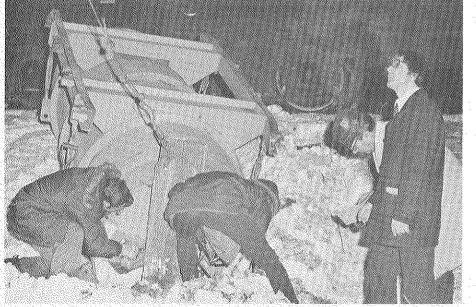
Harold R. Sanson died December 2 after a lengthy illness. He joined GAT in 1953 and was a Mainten-ance Mechanic at the time of his

He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Silver Compass Club and the Masonic Lodge. He was a member of the OCAW Union Local 3-689, serving as Secretary-Treasurer.

He is survived by a son Harold Richard, a daughter Marianne Chew, and two grandchildren.

### **Dividend Declared**

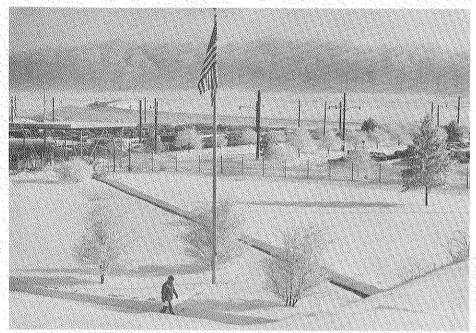
Goodyear directors have declared regular quarterly dividend of 32.5 cents a share, payable March 15 to shareholders of record Feb.



A radiological survey team from GAT inspected the derailment site at the request of DOE. Above, Russ Thompson notes the statistics while Herb Georgio surveys the site above.

### GAT PEOPLE MEET CHALLENGES

# Severe Winter Hits Plantsite



After the blizzard passed, the plantsite was a beautiful winter scene.

During the recent severe winter weather experienced in this area, most memories revolve around trying to keep the house warm or fin-

ally digging out the car.

The tremendous snowfalls, bitterly cold temperatures, and hurricane level winds also produced other effects. They included difficult job assignments, heroism, and even humor. Most GAT employes have read or heard about unusual people in their community who answered the call for help or assistance. Many of those people are your fellow Goodyear employes.

Most GAT employes had to get to work over slick and treacherous roads. "The response by employes to regular or special assignments due to the weather emergencies was tremendous," Nate Hurt remarked late that week. "Because this is a plant that always must be in operation, many of our employes must get to work. Those conditions typified how dependable they are."

During the blizzard, an electrical problem developed shutting off power to several buildings and areas on plantsite. If you think it was cold when you briefly stepped outside, put yourself in the bucket truck looking for an electrical malfunction. Temperatures were near zero, winds were gusting, sometimes reaching 50 to 70 miles per hour — wind chill factors reached below -50°. Thick ice had to be chipped from the equipment. Several electricians found the weather conditions almost insurmountable in solving that critical problem.

While several work areas had no heat, assignments had to continue. Plant guards had to man areas under frigid conditions. Several departments just huddled up until the malfunction was corrected.

A rain, then a sudden drop in temperature plays havoc with coal supplies. Our steam plant was no exception. GAT had three boilers in operation, each containing four stokers. Picture yourself with a long spike and heavy sledgeham-

Now think about pounding large chunks of coal which has frozen solid. The body gets awfully weary during an eight-hour shift and in many cases longer in the midst of

Dave Easter, a fireman, spent several 16-18 hour days as an EMS volunteer during the snow emergency. "When you do some good like rescuing that woman from the automobile submerged in that frozen creek, it is all worthwhile."

After the tremendous snowstorm, snow removal encompassed many hours in the various parking lots and walkways. To the right, Al Johnson makes one of the walkways passable for GAT employes.



the weather emergency.

Also, as we look back there are humorous stories to be found, especially after one pauses to make sure no bones are broken. Many of us developed some fancy footwork for use on ice-rink-like surfaces. I. G. Smith, Director of Shift Operations, ended up in a snowbank while trying to pick up his carpool. "I stepped out of the car and did the windmill shuffle 50 feet down the hill, and landed on my backside. I laid there and laughed after I was sure there were no real injuries," he laughingly remarked later.

Four-wheeled vehicles were as valuable as gold in January. Many GAT employes spent many tedious and tiring hours helping their fellow man because they had special vehicles.

Picture yourself getting a call at home at 3 a.m. in the morning in the middle of the blizzard. Two Mead employes had been working overtime and headed home. Suddenly they hit a spot in the road filled with water. Their car suddenly froze up, an accident occurred, and both were knocked unconscious.

both were knocked unconscious.

A four-wheeled truck and a grader were sent. Reaching the accident scene after almost two hours, it was discovered that the victims' feet were frozen to the floorboard. After chipping them loose, the men were loaded in the truck and driven over a hazardous

(See Winter Page 3)

#### PEOPLE WHO CARE

## **EMS Squad Volunteers**

Call them what you want, but call them dedicated, brave and unselfish.

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) trained volunteers may take a rap sometimes from observers who question their motives in manning ambulances and responding to a siren that screams through the night, but few would trade places with them.

Many GAT employes after long hours of training and hard work continue to serve their fellow man. As a tribute to those special GAT people who give so much of their time and energy for the safety and welfare of others, the Wingfoot Clan would like to publish a list of employes who are members of local

EMS units. Chillicothe

Stanley Budzynski, Fire Protection Engineer; Robert McNish, Captain, Fire Department; and James Oates, Foreman-Maintenance.

Waverly

Deborah and Greg Barch, Nurse and Draftsman, respectively: Richard Newland, Electrician; Jimmie Locke, Maintenance Mechanic; Susan Rumfield, Process Operator; and Jack Harbert, Chemical Operator.

#### Minford

Bennie Vest, Electrician; Walter Adams and Walter Johnson, Maintenance Mechanics; Charles Seibert and Charles Vanderpool, Carpenters; Thomas Rase, Painter; and Mark Conkel, Foreman-Maintenance,

#### Portsmouth Area

Robert Cline and Robert Brown, Electricians; William Collins, Foreman-Maintenance; Joe Donini, Maintenance Mechanic; Paul Reiser, David Daulton, David Horner, James Sturgeon, and Mary Swords, Chemical Operators; William H. Pyles, Power Coordinator-Foreman; Leonard Bentley and Danny Mullens, Converter Maintenance.

#### Beaver

Donald Overly and Robert Overly, Electronic Mechanics; Reva Sagraves, Converter Maintenance; and Ronald Hines, Maintenance Mechanic.

## The Snows Of 1978

(Continued from Page 1) route where they could be met by an emergency squad. "Although when we reached the scene one man was near death, both have recovered." Quite a story regarding a GAT foreman who insisted on re-

maining anonymous.

"As an emergency squad service (EMS) member and a township trustee, I had a couple of long days," Dave Easter, a GAT fireman mentioned. "I took several days vacation as the roads were in such terrible shape and our EMS unit was constantly making runs. The Forest Service and the National Guard helped out, but a township trustee had to accompany them constantly.

During the week we worked 16 to 18 hour shifts. One night a family had to take an elderly lady to the hospital. Hitting a slick spot in the road, the car plunged into a creek. The elderly lady was in the part of the car which was under water. One of the boys held her head above water. A passerby saw the accident and called the squad. "We finally plowed through monsterous snow drifts and probably got them just in time. The lady recovered and the others survived without even getting a cold," laughed Easter.

Many times it takes an emergency situation to really show what people can accomplish by working together. Many hours were gladly given, needed equipment was willingly donated. Now as we are able to look back, countless examples of heroism, difficult and sometimes

backbreaking work involving GAT people can be found.

GAT people are special people. Many times their job assignments require unique skills, others require dedication and hard work. The operation of this plant is a never-ending 7 days a week, 365 days a year, Saturday, Sunday, and holiday job.

Some jobs must be done under severe conditions as we had in January to maintain around the clock production and to guarantee plantsite security. However, difficult as conditions might be, one element remains unchanged — Goodyear Atomic people. In a howling blizzard or during a stiffling heat wave, you are the lifeblood of the Company — you are the finest.

### Facts About GAT People

Goodyear Atomic people are people of most ages and who reside in many locations.

As of January 1, 19	18:
The number of	
employes	3029
Average Age of	
	38.28 years
Average Length of	
Service	8.7 years
Where do GAT emp	
Scioto County	45.50%
Pike County	24.00%
Ross County	13.00%
Jackson County	$9.50\%$
Others	8.00%



Ray Large and Cliff Thomas, pictured above left to right, fight a constant battle to keep the frozen coal moving through the stokers. During the winter, 12 of the stokers pictured above are in constant operation.



Burning hundreds of tons of coal per day keeps Tom Orth and others at the Steam Plant busy. According to Orth, "Frozen coal makes the function an almost constant chore."

### EDITORIAL

During the special bloodmobile visit on January 4, the Tri-State Red Cross hoped for 120 donors. They received 175! Due 65 generous response by GAT employes, the following statement was received from Michael Crist, Tri-State Red Cross:

"Allow me to express heartfelt thanks for the generous response of Goodyear Atomic Corporation employes to the special appeal for blood donors on January 4. The

175 units of blood collected that day did much to alleviate a dangerous blood shortage . . . 250-300 pints of blood are needed daily by patients in the ninety-two hospitals which are totally supplied by the Tri-State Red Cross Blood Program. GAT employes, through their donation in January, averted a crisis which arose when the demand ex-

ceeded the supply.

We look forward to future participation by Goodyear Atomic employes and continued record-setting results which already span more than two decades."



During that raging blizzard, Monty Gilliland and Robert Blackburn, left to right, plus many maintenance personnel, spent long hours looking for the electrical malfunction. "There is not enough clothing to fight off a chill factor of -60° while chip-



Yinger



Osborne



McDonagh

## **Promotions Announced**

Schweinsberg

Effective January 16, 1978, the following four promotions became effective:

Donna L. Yinger was promoted to Foreman, Materials Department.

Walter Osborne was promoted to Foreman, Instrument Maintenance.

W. T. "Buck" Schweinsberg was promoted to Section Head—Environmental Surveillance.

Donald M. McDonagh was promoted to Section Head, Process Cell Equipment.

\$800 GIVEN TO CHARITY

## Portsmouth Women's Club Plan Dance In April

Goodyear Atomic Women's Club of Portsmouth raised approximately \$800 for charity last year. Their goal for 1978 is to at least double that amount. The primary source of this money is from their projects. Two events currently underway are:

way are:
The family portrait coupon event scheduled for early April. Club members will be selling picture coupons throughout the month of March for only \$4.00 each. The coupon will entitle you to one 11" x 14" family portrait in color. Watch for the ads and purchase your cou-

pon early.

The "April Showers" dance featuring the "Blue Eyed Soul" is scheduled at the American Legion Hall in Portsmouth on April 1. Tickets are \$10.00 per couple and will be on sale from any club member or from the GAT Recreation Department throughout the month of March, This is expected to be an outstanding evening — plan now

GAT Holidays

GAT employes will have the following national and local Company-paid holidays in 1978: Friday, March 24, Good Friday Monday, May 29, Memorial Day Tues., July 4, Independence Day Monday, Sept. 4, Labor Day Monday, Oct. 9, Columbus Day Thursday, Nov. 23, Thanksgiving Friday, Nov. 24, Day after

Thanksgiving Monday Dec. 25, Christmas Tuesday, Dec. 26, Day related to Christmas.

Scheduling of work on these days will be limited to those employes whose presence is required to assure plant protection or continuous operation of certain plant facilities.

to attend

You are encouraged to participate in both of these events and invite your friends and fellow workers to share in them also.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Wylie A. Lowman, husband of Sarah Lowman, Construction Engineering Dept., passed away on January 14 in Florida after an extended illness.

Philip Sporn, known as "the father of OVEC", passed away in New York City on January 23 at the age of 81. He was the first president of OVEC, serving in that capacity from its inception in 1952 until 1967

### Resolutions?

Have you made your New Year's resolutions yet? The following list is supplied by a medical society and should make you healthier in 1978. Why not cut this out and post it where you'll see it every morning.

I resolve to:

Start a program of regular exercise.

 Walk instead of drive when possible and take the stairs instead of the elevator at the office.

 Cut down on fatty foods and sugary goodies.

— Quit smoking (and I really mean it this time!)

 If I must drink (alcoholic beverages), drink sensibly and never overdo it.

— Relax more and never take my job home with me.

 (Men) Don't miss that checkup. (Women) Get a pap test and breast examination.

Lose 10 pounds (I can spare it).Start a hobby.

INVOLVES 1,100 EMPLOYES

## Goodyear Curtails Bias Tire Production In Akron

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company announced that due to the continuing decline in the demand for bias ply tires, the tire production portion of Plant 2 in Akron, Ohio will be phased out by the middle of February.

Not affected are the industrial products and rubber reclaim operation employing about 1,100 persons. Some 570 hourly and 160 salaried jobs are affected.

Charles J. Pilliod Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said that the Company made the decision "with great reluctance and with deep regret for the impact it will have on our employes and the community."

He further explained, "We were faced with inescapable facts: Plant two manufacturing costs are high and bias tires will continue to shrink in share of the total tire market as radials continue their rise in popularity." The announcement followed an earlier cutback in the Plant 2 tire operation announced last September 13 and involved 650 jobs.

Even after this phaseout is completed, Goodyear will remain the largest employer in Akron with more than 13,400 employes, includ-

ing 3,200 at the subsidiary Goodyear Aerospace plant. Akron also remains the Company's largest manufacturing location, as well as its corporate headquarters.

Goodyear has been quite active in the last several years in the modernization and upgrading of manufacturing facilities commensurate with the shift to radial ply tires. It has two of the largest and most efficient radial tire plants at Union City, Tenn. and Fayetteville, N.C., and the Gadsden, Ala. plant had a \$69 million expansion. In addition, a \$180 million radial tire plant in Lawton, Okla. is scheduled for production early in 1979.

### **Bloodmobile Coming**

(Continued from Page 1)

lates the blood marrow similar to the way that physical exercise stimulates the muscular system.

When blood is given, fluid in the tissue returns to the blood stream and red blood cell production increases. A donor's blood volume is restored in several minutes to a few hours.

Will you use an excuse in March?

### Three Refire



Farmer



Collier



Mellinger

Effective January 31, Les Farmer, Materials Dept., elected early retirement. He retired with 23 years of service.

Effective February 1, Millard Collier, Materials Dept., retired un-

der normal provisions with over 22 years of service.

Effective March 1, P.S. Mellinger, scientist, retired under normal provisions. Leaving in January, because of accrued vacation, "Mel" completed over 24 years of service.

Return Postage Guaranteed

Goodyear Atomic Corporation P. O. Box 628 Piketon, Ohio 45661 Piketon, Ohio
BULK RATE
U. S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 11

GAT CENTRAL FILES RECORD COPY