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Yocum Named Industrial Relations Manager



Yocum

Dale E. Carver, Assistant General Manager, Administration, recently announced two appointments effective June 16, both of which are in the Industrial Relations Division.

James L. Yocum, most recently



Robertson

Manager of Salaried Personnel Policies and Benefit Planning in Akron, has been named Manager of the Industrial Relations Division. Thomas P. Robertson, formerly Personnel Manager of the Berea, Kentucky Goodyear Plant has been

named Superintendent of Industrial Engineering. He will report to Yocum.

Jim Yocum started with Goodyear in October of 1965 as a member of the Administrative Squadron in Akron. In 1966 he became an instructor in that program.

In October of 1966 he transferred to the Point Pleasant, West Virginia Plant as Personnel Staffman. Subsequently, he was named Industrial Engineer in 1968 and Personnel Manager in 1970.

He returned to Akron in 1975 as Assistant Manager, Salaried Personnel. In 1976 he was named Manager, Salaried Personnel Policies and Benefit Planning.

Yocum received a B.A. degree in Psychology and an MBA from Ohio University. He also attended Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. He has been active in the Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, Voluntary Action Board of Directors, and the American Society of Personnel Administration.

He and his wife Jane and their two sons, Brian and Darren, are completing a new home at Lake White.

Tom Robertson began his career

with Goodyear as a member of the Production Squadron at the Goodyear Gadsden, Alabama Plant in September 1965. In 1967 he transferred to Akron as a member of the Industrial Engineering Squadron. In 1969 he was named Staff Industrial Engineer.

In September of 1969, he received his first of several overseas assignments as he journeyed to Argentina as Assistant Manager of Industrial Engineering. 1970 found him in Thailand as Manager of Industrial Engineering. In 1971 he received a similar assignment in Guatemala.

He returned to Akron in 1973 as Industrial Engineer, Senior in Industrial Products. In August of 1974 he transferred to Berea, Kentucky as Personnel Manager, helping to establish a new Goodyear Plant there. That plant established a new Goodyear product line of disc brakes for off-the-road heavy equipment.

Tom Robertson is a graduate of Tennessee Technological University. He and his wife Sue, plus their son Todd, now live in the Imperial Estates in the Lucasville area. The family are avid golfers.

"Our Strength Lies With Our People"—Hurt

GAT Operating Contract Extended Five Years

The Department of Energy early in July announced that Goodyear Atomic Corporation received a five-year extension of its contract to operate DOE's Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Southern Ohio. Robert J. Hart, in making the announcement, said the contract extension provides for Goodyear's operation of the plant through June 30, 1983.

The former Atomic Energy Commission signed the first contract with Goodyear Atomic in 1952 after plans for the plant were announced. The first production unit was placed in operation in September 1954, and the plant was fully operational in 1956. Commenting about the new contract, Nate Hurt took a few minutes to look back on over 25 years. "I can remember how proud and excited Goodyear was when it was selected to operate this facility. The most important change has been the end use of the product. Our product originally was produced for defense purposes. Now its use lies in more peaceful areas, primarily as nuclear reactor fuel."

As Hurt indicated during the 25th anniversary celebration, GAT's real strength in the past, the present, and as we look optimistically into the future — lies with our people.

Tasks with important challenges quickly appear. "The gas centrifuge facility will drastically change our present facility. With it comes the challenges of an intricate method of producing enriched uranium — a method still unknown to most GAT employees. Goodyear looks forward to operating all or part of the centrifuge plant."

During Fiscal Year 1977, the plant, operated by GAT, performed approximately \$288,394,000 worth of uranium enrichment services for electrical utilities in this country and abroad. The plant represents an investment by the U.S. Government in excess of \$1 billion.

Goodyear looks forward to continuing participation with the DOE important work which lies ahead. "We can assure them of our resolve to give an outstanding performance and cooperation in our role as an operating contractor," added Hurt.



Employee Picnic 1978!

The last minute plans are made — let the kids in the gate!! The 1978 Picnic Committee has completed final preparations. Kneeling left to right: Bill Lynch, Horseshoe Tournament, and Linda Cole, Picnic Co-Chairman. Standing left to right: John Gedeon, Co-Chairman; Connie Eckhart, Registration and Adult Games; Mary Idzakovich and Joe Parker, Park Admission; Joe Rhea and Lou Donini, Bingo; and John Hyland, Photographer.

Ground Broken For Local Scout Center

On June 15, ground was broken for the new headquarters of the Chief Logan Council, Boy Scouts of America. The Chief Logan Council serves Ross, Pike, Jackson, and Vinton Counties.

The center, which will be located on East Main St., received a \$12,000 cornerstone from The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in February. With a goal of \$100,000, over \$88,000 has been received to date, enabling the Chief Logan Council to start construction.

"Scouting is very important to the development of our young peo-

ple," Nate Hurt remarked at the dedication ceremonies. "Our donation is recognition of that importance," he added after turning over several shovelfuls of dirt.

The money needed for the facility was received solely from local individual and business citizens. As proudly pointed out at the dedication ceremony by Jack Hamilton, Chairman of the Board of Wear-ever and a member of the Building Committee, "No governmental funds were utilized. What a great example of the free enterprise system doing something on its own."



Nate Hurt takes a turn at the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Boy Scout Headquarters of the Chief Logan Council. "Goodyear is proud to play a part in this most worthwhile endeavor," Hurt remarked in taking a shovelful. "Scouting plays an important part in the development of our young people."

Thirty-Six Complete Silver Anniversaries

Thirty-six people can look back on July 1953 as the month they started a career with Goodyear Atomic, a career which now has topped twenty-five years.

On July 1, George Zoellner, Personnel Services; William E. Linville, Process Engineering; Karl D. Chapman, Process Operations, and Leo A. Simon, Garage, looked back on 25 years of service.

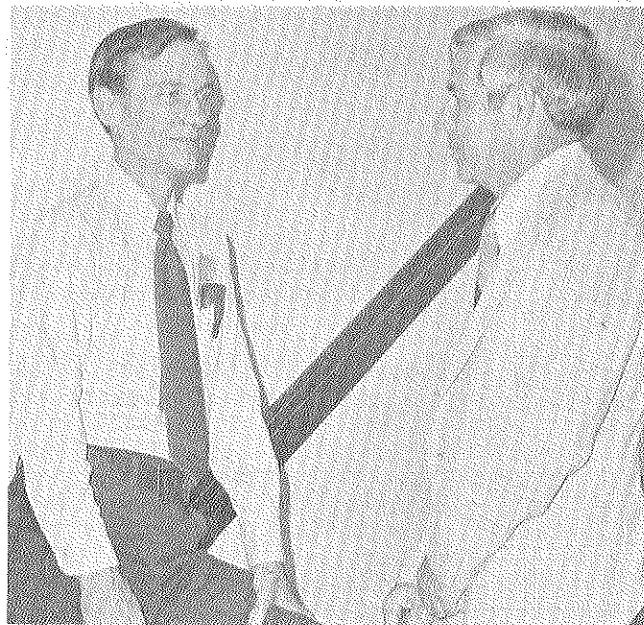
Hitting the quarter century mark of July 6 were: William G. Kensing, Internal Audit; Rodger D. Jackson, Materials Sampling; Hugh H. Ruel, Operations Analysis; Gene D. Harris, Instrumentation Development; Everett Strausbaugh, Garage; Marvin F. Sexton, Norman J. Vulgamore, and Charles B. Wakefield, Process Operations; Robert E. Childers, Utilities Operations; and Charles F. Crum, Power Operations.

Gaining the silver anniversary plateau on July 13 were John R. Thompson, Shift Operations; Robert B. Casari, Design and Construction Engineering; Lon C. Brant and Dennis C. McCall, Utility Operations; Henry C. Howard, Power Operations; and Oliver W. Pekkala, Chemical Operations.

On July 15, reaching the 25-year milestone were Giles F. Kauffman, Mass Spectrometry, and Robert H. Allen, Instrument Maintenance.

Starting their careers on July 20, 1953 were: Richard A. Orlett, Electrical Engineering; Grover M. Barr, Harold P. Everett, and William F. Fields, Power Operations; Rodney T. Backus, John D. Delabar, and James W. Keese, Utilities Operations; and William C. Masters, Shops Maintenance.

Also gaining the 25 year milestone on July 27 are: Frank S. Voss, Works Laboratory; Andrew W. Ondera, William F. Potts, and Gerald V. Bethel, Power Operations; David L. Meyers and Ottis W. McGlone, Utilities Operations.



Discussing their new assignments are John Wettstein, left, Maintenance Coordinator, and John Holbrook, Special Training Instructor.

Promotions Announced

Effective June 1, two promotions were announced. Robert J. Holbrook was promoted to Special Nuclear Materials Training Officer. He will report to Ralph F. Channel, Superintendent, Security.

John F. Wettstein was promoted to Maintenance Coordinator. He will report to Donald F. Jones, Maintenance Division Manager.

Tennessee To Columbus

Where Do GAT'ers Live?

Where do Goodyear Atomic people live? They are scattered from Columbus, Ohio to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and stretch from Adams County to the West and beyond Athens County to the East.

The following is a thumbnail sketch of where three thousand plus GAT employees reside. Where do you fit in?

Residence Location of Employees as of 6-15-78.

Adams County	1.1%
Athens County	0.2%
Franklin County	0.3%
Gallia County	0.4%
Highland County	0.7%
Jackson County	7.0%
Lawrence County	0.5%
Pike County	23.6%
Ross County	12.4%
Scioto County	45.9%

Other Ohio Counties	1.0%
Kentucky	5.1%
West Virginia	0.4%
Tennessee (including Oak Ridge)	1.4%

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Clan Material

The Wingfoot Clan would like to ask for your help. We suspect that many newsworthy and interesting stories are not published simply because your editor is not aware of them.

Do you have a special hobby or interest or know of a fellow employe who does?

Many GAT employes are involved in the communities in which they live. Are you aware of special exploits, accomplishments, or sports stories on the part of fellow employes — we want to know about them!

If you have any ideas or suggestions, write a few brief notes down on a piece of paper and send it to The Clan, X-100 Building. A simple call on Ext. 2863 could also start a good story.

We want to make our news coverage more complete. Guest writers are welcome. When will the Clan hear from you?

What A Machine

MAKE SURE IT KEEPS WORKING

Such a marvelous, complicated "machine" as you is worthy of your highest respect and best care.

You are your own best safety device — at home, work or play, 24 hours a day.

To preserve these "parts" of the near-perfect machine, observe all safety rules.

Heart — no pump as perfect if you treat it right.

Eyes — no camera can touch them for efficiency.

Nervous system — no telegraph system equal to it.

Voice and ears — better than any radio built.

Nose, lungs, skin — there isn't a ventilating plant as wonderful.

Spinal Cord — can't be beat by the most complete switchboard for giving instructions, warnings and reactions.

MAY EARN A PATENT

Walter's Idea Solves A Troublesome Problem

What is the best solution to a bothersome problem? Let it go and grumble or try and find a solution?

Reed Walters used the second approach and with a little innovation and perseverance, found a way to resolve a bothersome problem. His unique result produced an application for a U. S. patent.

Walters, a Foreman in Uranium Materials Handling, found that flourine generators used carbon anodes which were subject to popping and pressure surges within the cells. Although contained within the cells, the surges often broke the anodes so severely that the cells had to be dismantled and rebuilt. Worse yet, he found that this situation has occurred since the Manhattan Project days of World War II.

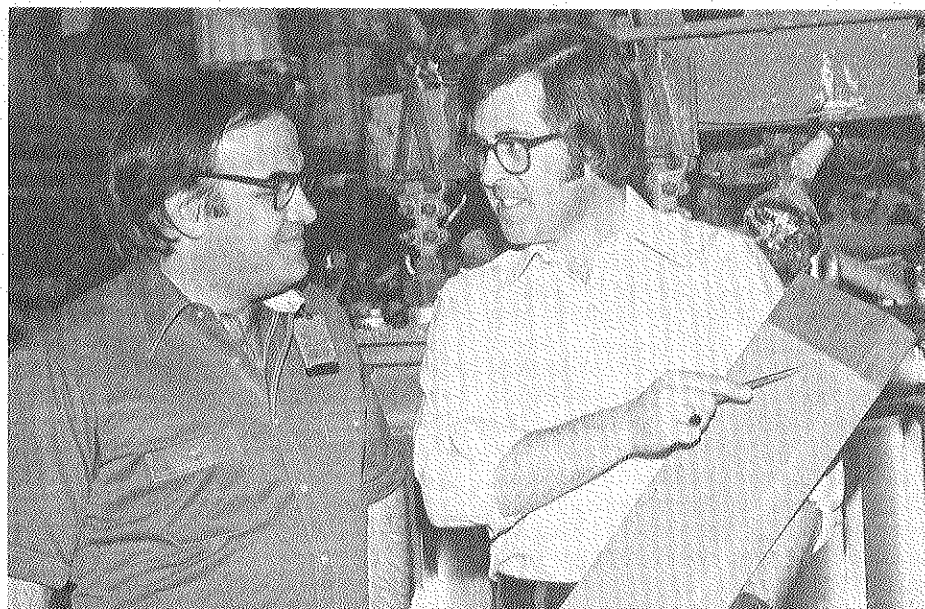
Reed found, after doing a little research, that reports showed there was no popping found when nickel anodes were used. Unfortunately, nickel anodes corrode rapidly.

But that didn't stop the idea. Several methods of coating nickel on the carbon electrodes were attempted. Eventually, it was found that nickle flame-spray coating was successful. Since then, more cells have been placed on-stream and the idea has been judged a complete success.

A patent for Reed's idea was applied for on May 18, 1978, one year from startup of the first cell with coated blades, as required by patent law.

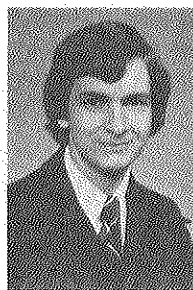
Reed Walters received the traditional fee for a patent application from Nate Hurt in a recent ceremony. "If the Patent Office grants the patent, it will be Reed's third," Hurt proudly announced.

"Many times a solution takes a while and several attempts, but can still be found if a person sticks to it," Hurt added. How many ideas did Ben Franklin have? Watch out for Reed Walters, Ben!



Mike Orlett, left, and Reed Walters display a nickel-coated flourine generator electrode, which Walters invented. Orlett assisted by suggesting a workable method for applying the nickel coating.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



PHILLIP D. CAMPBELL
Northwest High School
C. Campbell D/522



DOROTHY M. DILTS
Ashland High School
R. G. Dilts D/621



SUSAN E. HARRISON
Scioto Vocational
T. J. Harrison D/814



AUSTIN E. LESLIE
Piketon High School
I. E. Leslie D/725

Court Decision Aids The Nuclear Industry

The Supreme Court ruled recently that Congress acted properly in fixing a specific limit on damages recoverable in any single nuclear power plant accident.

The decision was a major victory for the nuclear power industry and a setback for the antinuclear movement. It was feared that nuclear power plants would be shut down if the liability limit were abolished.

The court felt that any figure is arbitrary since no one knows what might happen in a nuclear plant catastrophe. Their most important point was that a liability ceiling

was an acceptable method for encouraging atom-generated electricity in view of the "extremely remote possibility" of an accident of this magnitude.

Many experts in the field have felt that the possibility of no ceiling has been the primary reason for a sharp reduction in the number of nuclear power plants being built. Although the probability of an accident is very remote, one could bankrupt the biggest of utilities. The nuclear industry gave a big cheer for the Supreme Court.

Nuclear Power Plants Set Performance Records

U.S. nuclear power plants set new production and reliability records during March as well as for the entire first quarter of 1978, according to the Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The government figures show that the 63 nuclear power plants in commercial operations produced a net of 22,082,423 megawatt hours of electricity during March, up from 18,976,956 MWh during the same month in 1977. The nuclear plants operated at an average capacity factor per unit of 81.5%, up from 70.5% in February and 62.5% in March 1977.

"These figures — government figures — show that when the na-

tion's electric utility industry was called upon to make extraordinary efforts to keep homes supplied and keep industrial disruption to a minimum in a time of crisis, its nuclear facilities were able to fill the gap," said William McCollam, Jr., president of the Edison Electric Institute. "This performance illustrates the industry's stance is a proper one. The country will need a sensible mixture of nuclear and coal powered plants to satisfy present and foreseeable future energy demands," McCollam said. "As we achieve more nuclear production, we are finding the performance of this mode of generation is achieving its expectations of reliability and constancy."



Pat Osborne, John Thompson, Roy O'Doherty flip the Bar-b-que burgers at the recent Golf Tournament and Foremen's Club Outing. Pat is the first female trustee in the history of the club. — The complete story and an additional picture are on page 4.

Be Sure When Towing

More than 8 million trailers will be following automobiles on the nation's highways this summer.

The "tag-alongs" will range from lightweight trailers carrying a trail bike or a small boat to a 5,000-pound camper.

But whatever the load, Goodyear tire engineers caution, trailers place severe demands on the tires of the vehicle that's towing them.

So before you take to the road with a trailer behind your car, the tire experts suggest you observe four basic rules:

- First, be sure your towing vehicle — fully loaded — isn't too heavy for the tires. Consult your Goodyear service store or dealer. Weigh the car.
- Once you know the load, be (See TOWING Page 4)

AGAIN IN 1978!

GAT Captures Goodyear Golf Tournament Easily

A group of six Goodyear Atomic duffers captured the 1978 Southeastern Ohio Golf Tournament. The entry included Bill Meyers, Jerry Moore, Dean Miller, Bill Hartley, Steve Battle, and Jim Morgan. GAT, the host this year for the tournament, grabbed the honors at the Elks Country Club on June 17. Representatives from the Goodyear plants at Pt. Pleasant, W. Va., Logan and Jackson, Ohio, trailed GAT in that order.

Medalist for the day was Bill Meyers from Goodyear Atomic, who shot an 18-hole total of 73, one

over par. Of the six team members, the best four scores are used in determining a winner. Goodyear totaled 318 followed by Point Pleasant at 340. The best four for Logan reached 346 shots and Jackson used 360.

GAT also collected two of the special contest events. Joe Henson was closest to the pin on the fourth hole and Bill Meyers was closest to the thirteenth pin. 1978 marks the fourth time this plant captured the championship and it also makes a string of two championships in a row.

Guards Are Sharpshooters

Although our guard force do not wear spurs and ten-gallon hats, they do know what a pistol or rifle is and how to use them properly and accurately.

All guards must qualify each year using his or her weapon, plus a rifle and riot gun. A minimum of 66% of the highest possible score is necessary for qualification.

In 1977, to provide friendly competition and stimulate interest, a marksmanship program was instituted.

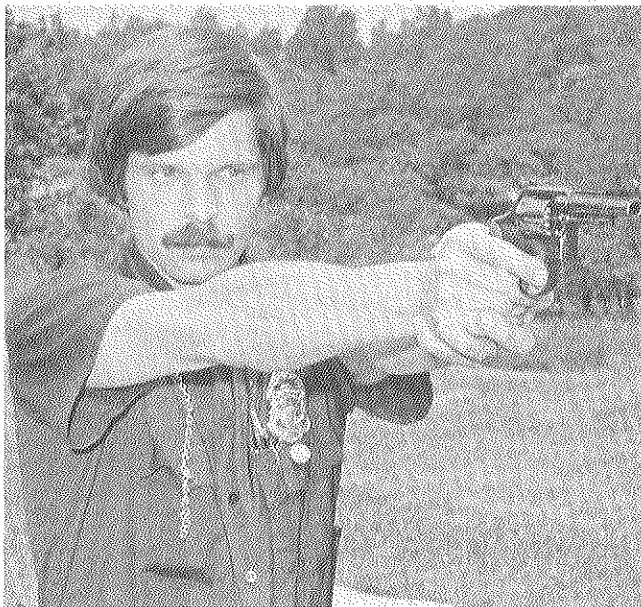
To qualify as a marksman, a minimum of 73% of the possible points in a test must be obtained. Targets must be hit from various distances, both hands must be used, and the guns are fired from prone, sitting and standing positions.

In 1977, 68 GAT Police Officers received bronze medals after quali-

fying as "marksman." Five officers qualified as "Sharpshooters," obtaining a minimum of 82% of the possible total points. They include: Sam Murray, John Triplehorn, James Carr, Maurice Gill, and John Kerrison.

The highest score among the five "Sharpshooters" was John Kerrison. As a result of his scoring 796 points out of a possible 900, John T. Kerrison captured the "Top Gun Award" for 1977.

There is no need for a hitching post on plantsite, but the guns carried by the guards are not just there to weight down their belts. Hopefully they may never use them, but rest assured that the friendly man or cute young lady who hands you your badge can, if necessary.



The top scorer in the Guard Pistol Shooting competition receives the "Top Gun" award. The "deadeye" for 1977 was John Kerrison, pictured above taking careful aim at the center of the bullseye on the GAT shooting range. Four other Guards qualified as "Sharpshooters."

Towing . . .

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sure you have the tire for the job.

- Whenever a trailer is in tow, be sure that the rear tires on the towing vehicle are inflated to the maximum indicated on the sidewall.

- Before you start out in the

morning, check tire inflation all around. Do it when the tires are cold — before they're run.

Goodyear engineers also point out that even with all of the precautionary steps, towing puts a heavy demand on the trailer's tires, and the tires on the family automobile also will wear faster.



GAT's entry in the 1978 Southeastern Ohio Golf Tourney again captured the top prize. Although a few of the putts were blamed on a club like the one pictured above, our entry was way out in front. Left to right: Jerry Moore, Bill Hartley, Bill Meyers (medalist in the tourney), Dean Miller, and Steve Battle. Not pictured is Jim Morgan who is on assignment in Oak Ridge.

GAT Classifieds

WANTED TO RENT: 3 or 4 bedroom house on or near Hilltop Area in Portsmouth. Call 354-6409 after 6:00 P.M.

FOR SALE: Two Tennis Rackets — T-2000 and Kramer. 1975 Suzuki 185 Street and Trail Bike, excellent condition, less than 600 miles. Phone 353-3078.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 4 Rooms, 1½ acre ground. Call 493-2376 after 5:00 p.m.

FOR SALE: Lake White Home, 3 bedrooms and fireplace. Partially carpeted. Nice yard, beautiful view. Access to Lake White in front of house. Call Waverly 947-5590.

FOR SALE: Golf Clubs, Wilson Billy Casper model. Has 2 woods, 4 irons, putter and bag, good condition. Call Lucasville 259-4425.

FOR SALE: Blue Jay, 13½ ft. sailboat with trailer. In excellent condition. Call Chillicothe 772-4858 after 5:00 p.m.

FOR SALE: RCA Stereo w/AM-FM Radio. Call 947-5579.

FOR SALE: Hoover portable washer, can be used for trailer or apartment, 2 years old, excellent condition. \$100. Call Minford 820-2721 after 5:00 p.m.

FOR RENT: Motor Home — 22 ft. Coachman, self-contained, sleeps six. Contact Yocum — Lake White.

FOR SALE: 1973 Mercury Montego 76,000 miles, P.S., P.B., A.C. Body in excellent condition. No rust. 1355 Western Ave., Apt. 36, Chillicothe, Ohio.

FOR SALE: House — West Portsmouth area, 4 bedrooms, wall-to-wall carpeting, 2 car garage, on two corner lots, fenced yard, newly remodeled. Call 858-4429.

FOR SALE: House at Lake White, 1½ lots. Living room with limestone fireplace, wall-to-wall carpet, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room, with second fireplace plus bar with stove and refrigerator. Extra room downstairs for 4th bedroom or study. Great view in all seasons. Dock directly in front of house. Call Waverly 947-5590.

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