

**"Community Involvement is Tremendous"**

# Thomas Named GAT's Most Spirited

Dr. Henry H. Thomas, Jr. is the winner of the 1978 Goodyear Atomic Spirit Award. "Tom," as he prefers being called, has accomplished more in an eight-and-one-half-year career than most men do in a lifetime. Not only are those accomplishments impressive, they typify to many people at Goodyear and in the community the true meaning of the Goodyear Spirit.

As a young boy, Tom received a crippling blow. Contracting polio, he was told he would never walk again. It was then that he first developed the ability to meet very difficult challenges. Although he must wear

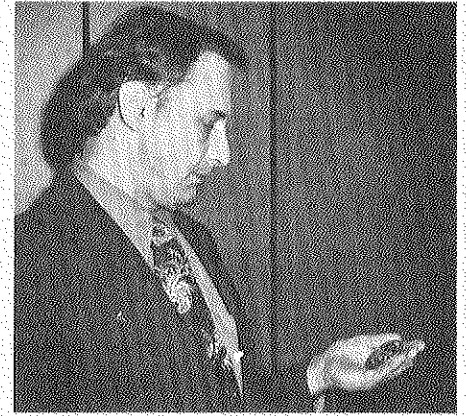
leg braces and use a cane, he walks and drives his own car, utilizing hand controls. A chance to quit? Not if you know Tom.

He may not be able to physically participate in sports, but his interest in young people never wavers. He is a past chairman of the Waverly Youth League (Little League). He also is a member of the Chief Logan Council, Boy Scouts of America. Enough for the average man—not enough for Henry Thomas. He is a Board Member of the Pike County United Fund, the Ohio Historical Society and the Pike County Medical Center, and is Chairman of the Pike County

Regional Planning Commission and the Ohio Historical Society.

An immediate reaction is that Tom is a member of a lot of boards, but really what gets done? Several years ago he and his wife helped organize local medical and health departments for a county-wide Rubella immunization program not previously available. He also spearheaded a drive by the Waverly Jaycees, which raised \$25,000 in a city of 5,000 people, to make a kidney transplant possible for a local boy.

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Henry Thomas admires the medallion, the emblem indicating his selection as Goodyear Atomic's "Most Spirited" employee. Competition in the Research and Development Division of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company is next.

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**"Together We Did It"**

# Employees' United Fund Goal Topped By \$3,000.00

Several months ago, representatives of the employees' United Fund team started to get together to map the strategy for the upcoming campaign. How the solicitations would be done, who would serve as Miss All-In-One, and the goal for employees were the decisions which had to be made.

A goal of \$50,765 was set. Since there were a few less employees in 1978 than there were last year, the goal seemed reasonable. It represented almost a 9% increase above the record total collected in

1977. Some pessimists were willing to bet that we couldn't make it.

The results are now history. Employees working together, hourly and salary, male and female, young and old, contributed almost \$54,000. That figure is the highest in our twenty-six-year history!

"Several new ideas were introduced," explained Ben Murnahan, OCAW representative and Co-Chairman. "In most cases the solicitations were done by co-workers, people who believe in the United Way. Evidently it worked."

"A second improvement was individual solicitations," added Joe Rhea, UPGWA representative and also Co-Chairman. "Every committee member felt that donations should be private. No one needs to know whether you gave or not, or how much."

Inflation has hit the sixty area United Fund agencies just as hard as any organization where costs are involved. GAT employees generously answered their call for help.

"It could not have been accomplished without all GAT employees working together," summarized John Gedeon in submitting the final reports. "Employees were very generous and that generosity was not limited to any one group. It included hourly and salary; it was new employees and veteran employees. A generous donation was even received from an employee who will retire by the end of this year."

**HELPING THE UNITED FUND HELP! \$54,000 WAS DONATED BY OUR EMPLOYEES! (Need we say more)**

## Our Employee's United Fund

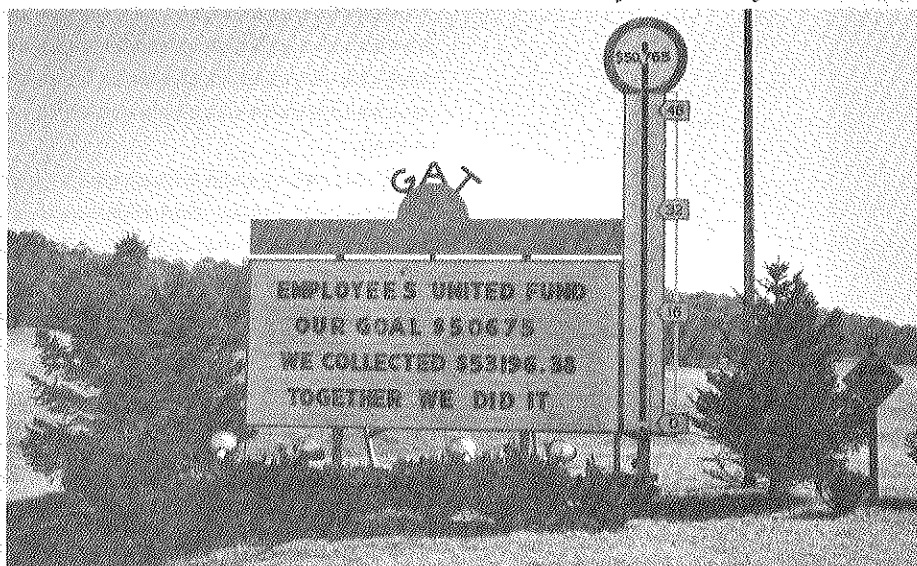
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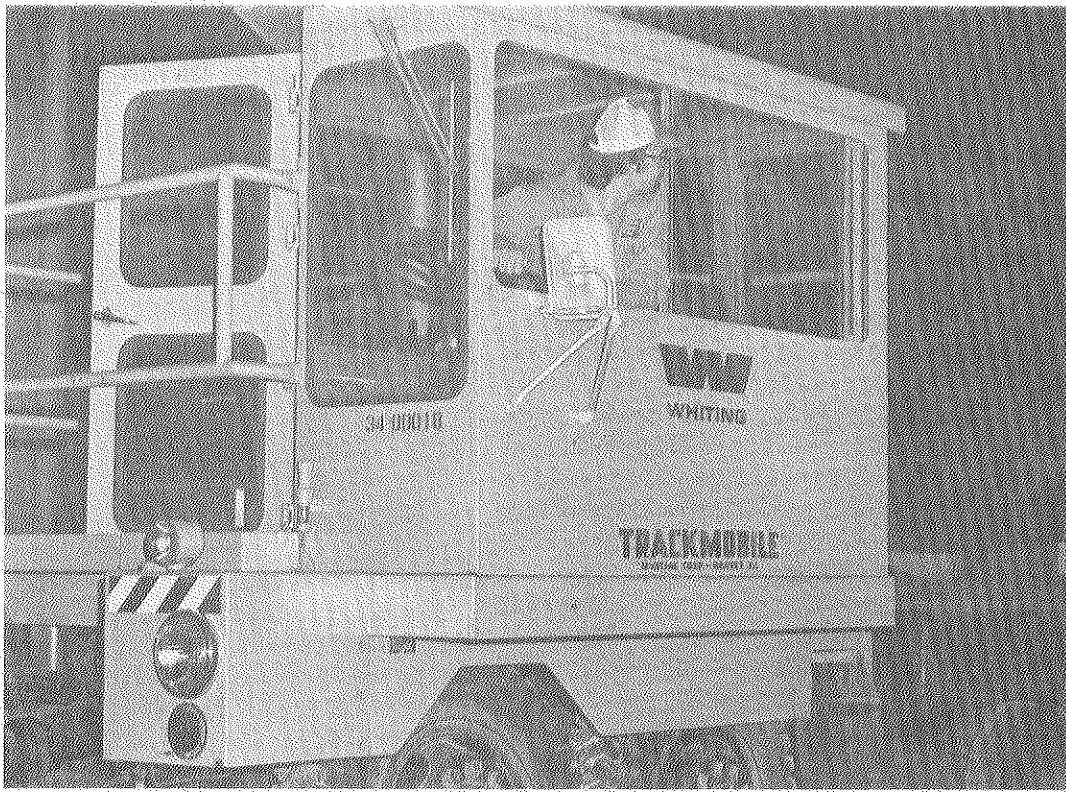
The United Way—Thanks to you it works for all of us. If you or members of your family watch professional football, you are familiar with that slogan. The United Way does work for all of us. It makes the communities in which we live that much better. The United Way benefits many people each year. It is not always the other person. Many fellow employees and their families are touched each year by the United Fund, some to a large extent. It is available for people in need regardless of factors such as race, ability to pay, creed or similar aspects. The sole criteria is people in need. It is there because people like you care and make the United Way work.

Through the years, the United Way has proved to be the most effective way of collecting donations. About 93 cents of every dollar collected is spent for agency services.

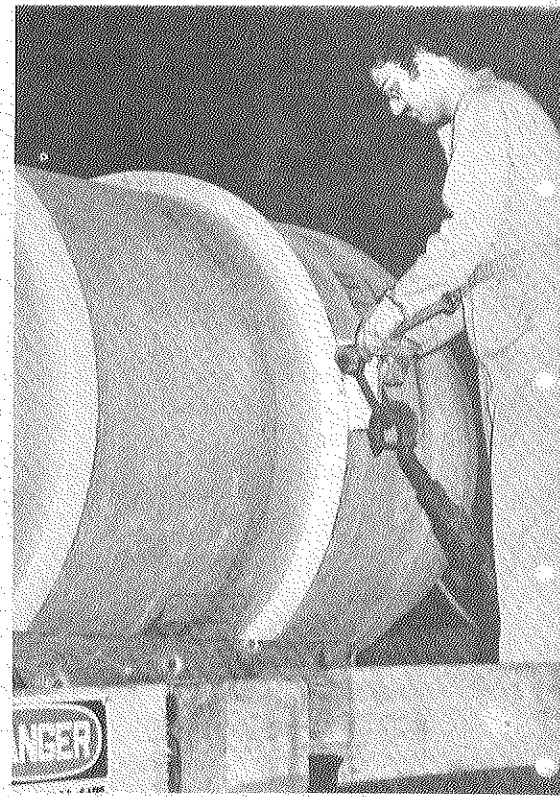
This year the Employee United Fund Committee determined how the GAT drive would be conducted. Employees donated their time and effort to make the United Way work here. They set a goal of \$50,765, a reasonable increase of approximately 9% above last year's record total. Some skeptics were sure they wouldn't make it.

What happened? Almost \$54,000 was donated. Generous employees, hourly and salary, new employees, and veteran employees joined together to make it happen. Working together, it worked for all of us—The United Way.





An innovative small railroad was recently developed near the Materials Handling facilities to aid in the movement of cylinders. John Sanders mans the cab of the new "Trackmobile" as it carefully moves the important cargo.



All phases of handling cylinders require the control procedures. Above, William Bowen and functions have been completed and carefully cylinders are moved.



Firemen, like GAT Guards, stand ready 24 hours a day and every day of the year. Besides routine duties such as inspection of fire protection extinguishers and the sprinkler systems, GAT Firemen are prepared to handle emergencies. Ron Curnutte at the wheel, and Harold Knechtly break the silence of the evening as they make an ambulance run.

## GAT'S NIGHT

When typewriters are silenced, Lab instrument employees turn their thoughts to the trip home and activities. For an increasing number of employees, the night shift assignment. Their work may start about the time the day shift may start when we begin a new day. They are the GAT NIGHT PEOPLE!

Other than day shift, operations center plant protection. Monday through Friday, appointments on the evening shift. About 180 start on the evening shift, about 110 employees may be on duty during the night shift.

The production of enriched uranium is a 24-hour-a-year, Saturday, Sunday, and holiday job. The process operators and materials handlers. A skilled maintenance, plus ever-alert plant protection. Police functions are far more than passing out keys. Patrols are frequently patrolled frequently. Safes and buildings are guarded. The qualifications with weapons must be complete. It's not just a petite and pretty guard operating a tank—not a tank.

The skills needed in maintenance and production. The precision needed to produce enriched uranium. The precision needed to produce enriched uranium ready for shipment is the same in daylight or at night. The skills needed in maintenance and production, from carpentry to painting, are the same.

Those who work afternoon or night shift. Working odd hours, weekends and holidays, the other side of the coin, though, it provides a different leisure time activities.

There are several reasons for working night shift. The night shift can only be done after day shifters depart. The night shift is around-the-clock production operations. Another reason is to be ready for any type of emergency.

One thing remains unchanged. It doesn't change. The night shift or conduct laboratory experiments while the day shift patrol a security fence or fill a 14-ton cylinder. The night shift work may be, one element remains the same. They are the lifeblood of the Company, day or night.

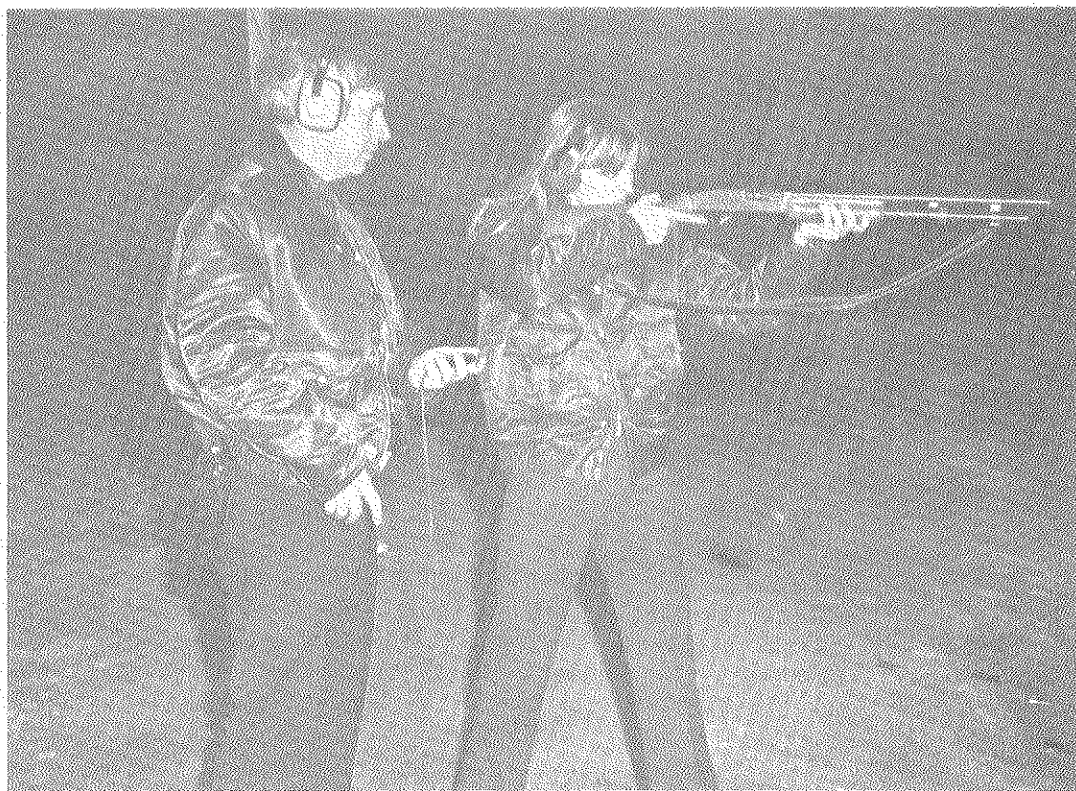


The tremendous inventory in the Stores Department necessitates the unloading and storing of supplies during the evening shift. Danny Wicker carefully manipulates a forklift loaded with one of the many stores items out of the night and into the X-720 building.



Instant awareness of proper safety and quality control by Richard Bussa make sure that all tie downs are checked before the railcars holding the cylinders

Is the job as a Guard at GAT restricted to men? Vickie Rutlage and Vickie Slone dispel that notion. Security at GAT is an around-the-clock, 365-day-a-year function. Qualification as a Guard includes weapons accuracy both in daylight and dark conditions. Roger Holbrook, Training Instructor, verifies that Vickie Rutlage has fired the pump shotgun five times in fifteen seconds.



## IT PEOPLE

When the lights are out, equipment cleaned, and tools put away, many employees, their families, and the upcoming evening shift, the nighttime begins a new shift or a new day. For most of us go to bed. Their time to sleep is a vital part of the operation of this plant—

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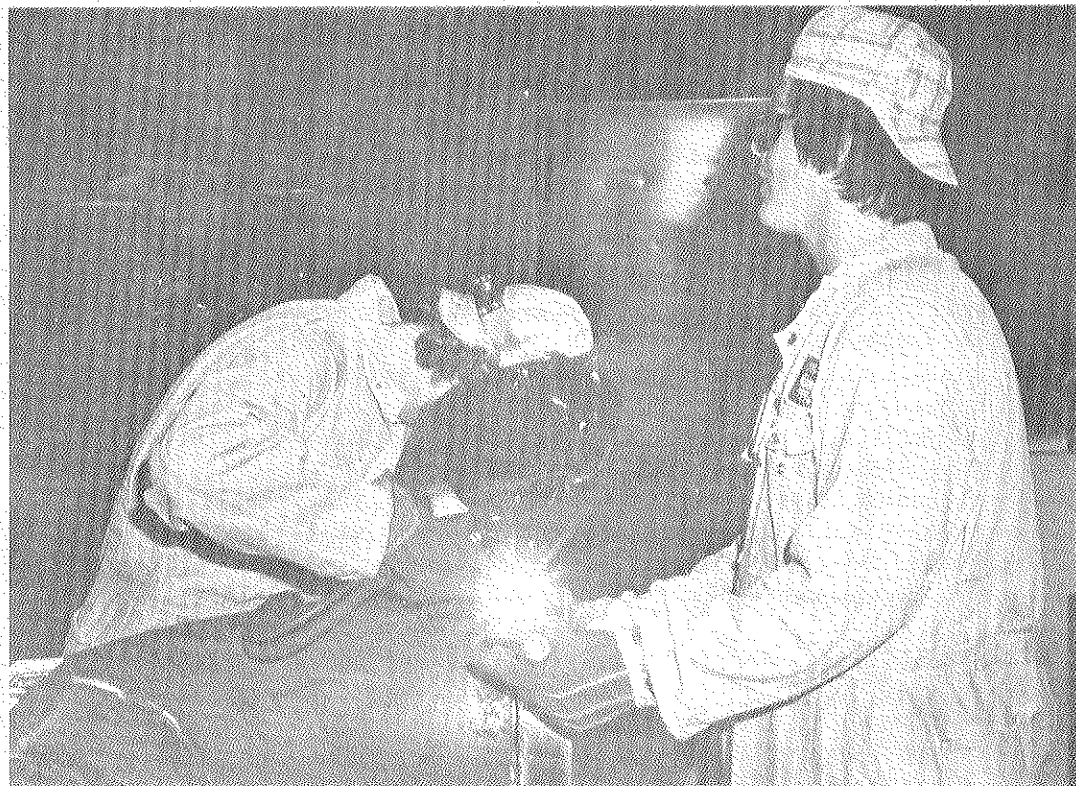
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A Guard's duties are not limited to passing out badges at entrance portals. The physical protection of the mammoth plant operated by GAT is a vital aspect of their duties. "Deadeye" Vickie Slone prepares to verify her shooting skills with her pistol, a standard piece of equipment for all Guards.



Most maintenance functions must be performed when needed. Captured during the dark hours, Ben Grose, left, and Tim Risner light up the night as they weld two sections of pipe together. Some jobs can best be accomplished at times other than during the day shift due to reduced activities in most areas.



## Roy Chesbro Rolls Two 300 Games in 1978

Golfers dream of a hole-in-one. Bowlers dream of a 300 game. Roy Chesbro not only fulfilled that dream, but achieved two 300 games in one year!

"I started bowling when I was fifteen," Roy an engineer in the Mechanical Facilities Design section of Engineering, related. "The bug really got me and hasn't let up since." Chesbro bowls in two leagues in Chillicothe. On top of that he rolls twenty to twenty-five practice games each week.

He bowled in the Eastern Regional Pro Tour for several years. Just thinking about 18 games thrown on Saturday and Sunday makes your arm tired. Chesbro's biggest payoff was the Hoinke Classic in Cincinnati when he took home \$4,400. He also won the New England Match Game Championship, defeating 120 finalists out of several thousand entries. April of this year will find him in Tampa, Florida for the ABC Championships.

He keeps fifteen bowling balls on hand. "The balls have different

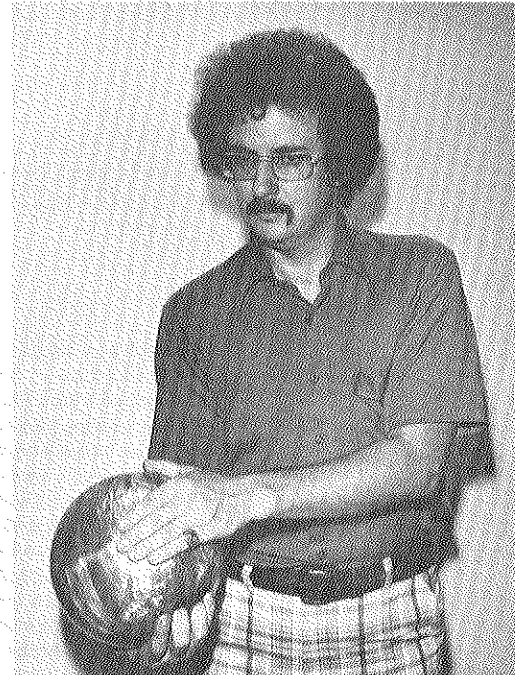
hardness to them," he explained. "The hardness reacts with various types of finish on bowling lanes. Back home in Connecticut I did so bad one night that I threw my ball off one of the nearest bridges. I never did find it," he laughed.

The odds of bowling a 300 game are one in 200,000. Two in one year in league play is unheard of.

Chesbro averages 217 to 210 in the two Chillicothe Leagues. His previous high game was 298. Already this year "Mr. Bowling" has recorded six 700 plus series. His best was a 782 series which produces an average of almost 261 per game! Unbelievable!

His 300 games were the eighth and ninth recorded in Chillicothe. Each 300 game produced a \$300 prize from the bowling lanes and a diamond ring from the American Bowling Congress, which Chesbro proudly displays.

Believe it or not, Roy Chesbro has six 300 games in non-league play. "They don't count, though," he modestly mentioned.



ROY CHESBRO

## 25 Years of Service

The month of November marks the silver anniversaries of 63 Goodyear Atomic employes. In November of 1953, they began their careers with the gaseous diffusion plant in Southern Ohio. Now they have crossed the plateau of more than twenty-five years of service.

Joining Goodyear Atomic on November 2, 1953 were: Ellington E. Walburn, Fire Dept.; Marvin R. Kennard, Materials and Service; Nell K. Tyler, Technical Library; Dewey J. Barr, Carl D. Bush, Millard J. Galloway, Charles B. Flaig, Dennis E. Carrier, James H. Dobbins, Edgar B. Nichols, Howard Vogel, and Robert L. Allen, all of the Maintenance Division. Also beginning on that date were William R. Auton, William H. Runyon, Paul W. Wooten, Wilmont G. May, and David E. Glenn, all in Production.

Completing their silver anniversaries on November 9 were: Malcolm C. Blaum, Stores; James M. Buckler, Jr., and Joseph M. Craft of the Technical Division; James E. Brown, Engineering; William M. Oberle, Milford S. Clary and Leonard R. Niner, all three of the Maintenance Division; Theodore R. Yates, Howard L. White, Leonard D. Woodruff, John H. Burnside, Maurice Cremeans, Jr., Randolph M. Dick, and William A. Welton, Production.

Seventeen GAT employes started their careers on November 16, 1953. They include: James M. Duncan, GCEP; Ellsworth L. Murphy and Earl R. Weakland, Police Department; Delbert E. Prickett, Employment; Henry O. Waring, Jr. and Rose M. Rogers, Technical Division; Ray Simpkins, Engineering; Karl E. Murray, John R. Rutherford, Bayard H. Murdock, Harold G. Montavon, Edward J. Pollard, Walter K. Roe, Karl R. Smith, Ralph L. Bradley, and George E. Henneman, all of Maintenance; and Damon P. Waldron, Production.

November 23, 1953 was the start of several Goodyear Atomic careers. They include: Thomas E. Noel Jr., Engineering; John E. Jordon, Harold L. Spradlin, Charles M. Moore, Harold N. Bell, and Ray Collier, all of Maintenance.

Looking back on November 30 to twenty-five years will be: H. Gordon Johnson, Human Resources; Arthur E. McCoy, Police Department; Robert H. Detoski, Stores; Robert E. Schillinger, Engineering; William N. Poolos, Reitz J. Sayres, and Roscoe Wimer, Jr., Maintenance; and Ralph E. Sowers, Production.

## Henry Thomas Wins Spirit Award

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In 1971, in recognition of his unselfish deeds for his community, he received the Waverly Jaycee's "Distinguished Service Award," which is presented to the Pike County resident who has contributed most to community advancement.

Henry Thomas graduated from Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Metallurgical Engineering Degree (Cum Laude). He earned a Ph.D. in Solid State Science and Technology from Syracuse in 1968.

In 1969 he joined GAT as a Metallurgist, Senior. In 1973 he was named Head of the Materials and Evaluation Section. He presently represents GAT on Materials Technology Transfer for the upcoming Gas Centrifuge Enrichment Plant. In October of 1977 he was promoted to Supervisor of the Materials Technology Department.

Not totally impressed yet? As a parent he was Vice-President of the Waverly West PTA, and Sustaining Membership Drive Chairman, Boy Scouts of America. On top of that, he is past president and Board Member of the Waverly Jaycees and Trustee of the Goodyear Atomic Foremen's Club.

Dr. Henry J. "Tom" Thomas has projected the Goodyear Spirit in a multitude of areas. By his example, he has received the respect of, and in-

spired inspiration in, many others. Not so much by his example in conquering a crippling disease; not even for the contributions he has made in his technical field; but Tom has, through his continual care for his family, for other people, and for his community on many levels, more than earned the "Spirit Award."

## Poinsettia Ball

It's the Annual Poinsettia Ball! It's Saturday, December 2 - and it's sponsored by the Goodyear Women's Club of Portsmouth!

The crowd will be dancing to a great selection of music played by "The Music Department" from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and the donation is only \$10.00 per couple.

Co-Chairmen for the event are Mary Fike and Eva Walter. Tickets are available from any club member or at GAT from Eileen Ward, Susan Jones, Mary Idzakovich, or Irma Lewis, or at the door.

Though the fun & excitement will urge you to come, there's a deeper satisfaction in attending the Ball: All proceeds go to the Goodyear Women's Club Charities! Your donation helps others have a bright and meaningful holiday cheerfulness year round.

*Come on—Let's Dance!*