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Mr. Goodyear Spirit 1978!

## “Tom” Thomas Wins Worldwide Spirit Award

Friday morning, December 22, Dr. Henry H. “Tom” Thomas put recent physical problems aside and proudly accepted the 1978 Goodyear Worldwide Spirit Award. A broken hip several weeks earlier would have wiped out the possibility of making such a trip for most people. But Tom is not the average person!

On a foggy and cold December 21, strapped to a special rescue chair borrowed from the Waverly Emergency Squad, Tom was gingerly carried up the narrow airplane steps by several fellow employees. A few minutes later, a special Goodyear jet took off from the Minford Airport with the important human cargo. Only a few days before had the surgeon said yes to the trip, but only by air.

“The butterflies were really floating when my wife, Sandy, wheeled me out in front of the packed Goodyear theater,” Tom quickly related afterwards. “When I realized that the Chairman of the

Board was handing me a personal check for \$1,500, I couldn’t remember my acceptance thought.”

It took Charles J. Pilliod, Jr., Chairman of the Board, several minutes to highlight the many community activities in which Tom participates. Several times he paused remarking, “Impressed yet? Well I’m not finished. Overcoming physical handicaps that would stop the average man, Tom has already achieved more during his fairly brief career than most of us do in a lifetime,” summarized Pilliod.

Tom’s remarks centered around the competition he faced. The first step of the competition is 144 local winners and a \$150 reward. Next are 4 local divisional winners with a \$500 prize. “On the flight here, I realized that many outstanding employees could have won this award. Being in front of you today and realizing that, I feel very humble,” related Tom.

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## Gowdy Named Shift Superintendent

It recently was announced that Harry E. Gowdy was named Shift Superintendent. He replaces John R. Thompson who was named Supervisor Cascade Coordination. Gowdy will report to Irwin G. Smith, Director of Shift Operations.

Harry Gowdy began his career with Goodyear Atomic in April of 1954 as a Maintenance Mechanic 1/C. In 1966 he was named Foreman-Maintenance.

In August of 1974 he assumed the position of Material Coordinator. Early in 1975 he was promoted to General Foreman-Maintenance.

Harry Gowdy was instrumental in the success of the 25th Anniversary Open House at Goodyear Atomic in September of 1977. He was responsible for the site preparation and the

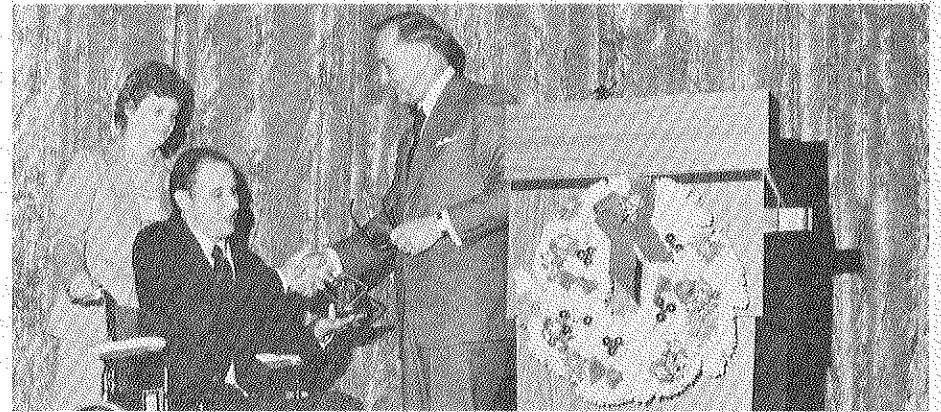
set-up of the many exhibits, stage, refreshment trailers, etc. The Open House drew an estimated 7,000 visitors.

Harry is a native of the Portsmouth area. He and his wife, Marjorie, reside on Oakland Avenue in that city.



Harry Gowdy

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Charles J. Pilliod, Jr., Chairman of the Board, presents the special medallion and the check for \$1500 to GAT’s Henry Thomas. “Tom has already achieved more than most of us would in a lifetime,” he proudly announced.

## Special Bloodmobile January 29, 30, and 31

Every year during January, there is a tremendous shortage of blood. There are several reasons for it:

There is a high rate of accidents around the Christmas and New Year holidays. Secondly, few organizations schedule Bloodmobile visits during the holidays and winter months.

What will the employees of Goodyear Atomic do? We will answer that earnest call for units of blood. We will not only replenish our own blood supply but show our concern for other people in the Tri-State area.

The Bloodmobile will be on plant-site January 29, 30, and 31. It will again be located conveniently in the semi-private room in the Cafeteria

building. Several procedures will again be implemented to insure that a minimal amount of time will be needed to donate while the maximum number of donors can be accommodated. Please keep the following points in mind:

1. **Preregister.** When you preregister, indicate “schedule me anytime” if possible. If you must schedule a specific time, you certainly will be accommodated. Preregistering will insure a smooth flow of donors and a record turnout.

2. **Drop-In Donors.** If you have not preregistered but want to donate, call to make sure there is an opening.

*Please, Please Give!*

## 25 Years of Service

A special New Year’s resolution in 1954 was made by twenty-three people. That resolution was to join Goodyear Atomic Corporation during its early start-up days. Those careers are hitting the twenty-five year mark during the month of January.

On January 4, 1954, Willard J. Brame, William H. Henson, Clarence A. McPherson, James C. Havens, Michael F. Betasso, Frank T. Horton, Jr., and Elson V. Boaz, all of the Maintenance Division, reached 25 years of service.

Reaching their silver anniversaries on January 11 were: William D. Nunn, Jr., Richard E. Vallery and Louis H. Dixon, Maintenance Division; and Carl H. Weghorst, Production Division.

Eight fellow Goodyearites reached 25 years of service on January 18. They include: Ora F. Tussey, Fire Department; Roscoe Days, Jr., Engineering Records; William T. Brown, Technical Review; Homer J. Hobson and Paul L. Bosworth, both of the Engineering Division; Paul D. Carter, Raymond R. Echard and Zach G. Phillips of the Maintenance Division; plus Samuel B. Ray and David L. Knittel of the Production Division.

On the 25th day of January in 1954, Bruce W. Lamb and Robert W. Loblein, Maintenance, began their employment with Goodyear Atomic.

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# 1978 IN

As 1978 rolled to a conclusion, an overall view would have to remember the severe winter of January and February. Southern Ohio was rocked by several severe storms, the worst of which was the great blizzard of February.

GAT employes served in heroic and community endeavors throughout the frigid weather. Many served on vital emergency squads. Other employes completed difficult assignments on plantsite in the most adverse conditions possible. A maintenance mechanic lead the area National Guard when they were called out to battle the snow emergency.

The Gas Centrifuge Uranium Enrichment Project continued to receive a multitude of interest. In January large international firms attended a briefing for prospective construction contractors. In August, Stone and Webster was named the primary Centrifuge Project Contractor.

Several projects related to that 15 year multibillion dollar project were started. Batelle Laboratories released the Socio-Economic Impact Study. The local DOE Administration Building and a large warehouse were several of the preliminary projects put well underway.

A great human interest story unfolded last year. In October, Dr. Henry H. "Tom" Thomas captured the local Goodyear Spirit Award. In November he was named one of 14 divisional winners. Then next day he broke his hip at home. Already crippled by polio, most thought there was no way he could make the final competition in December in Akron. Undaunted by physical problems, he flew there by special plane and captured the Worldwide Spirit Award presented by Charles J. Pilliod Jr., Chairman of the Board.

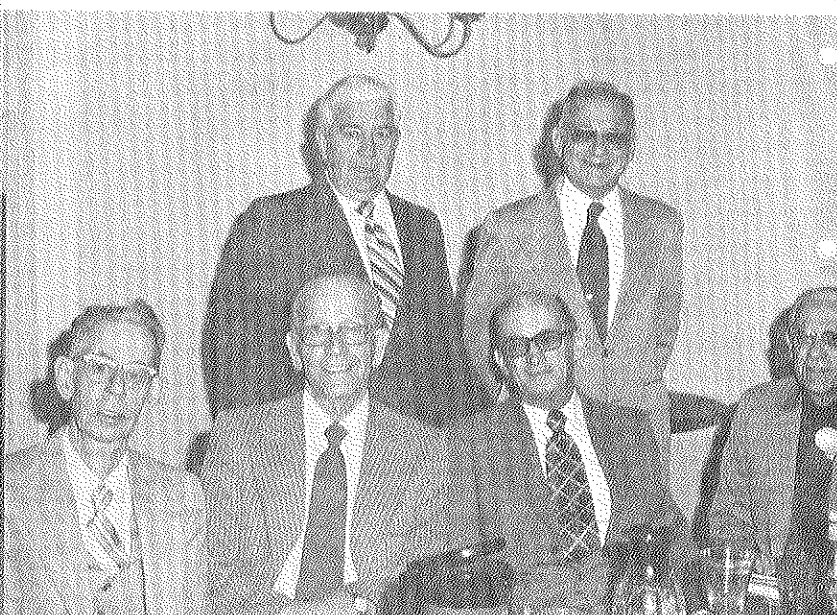
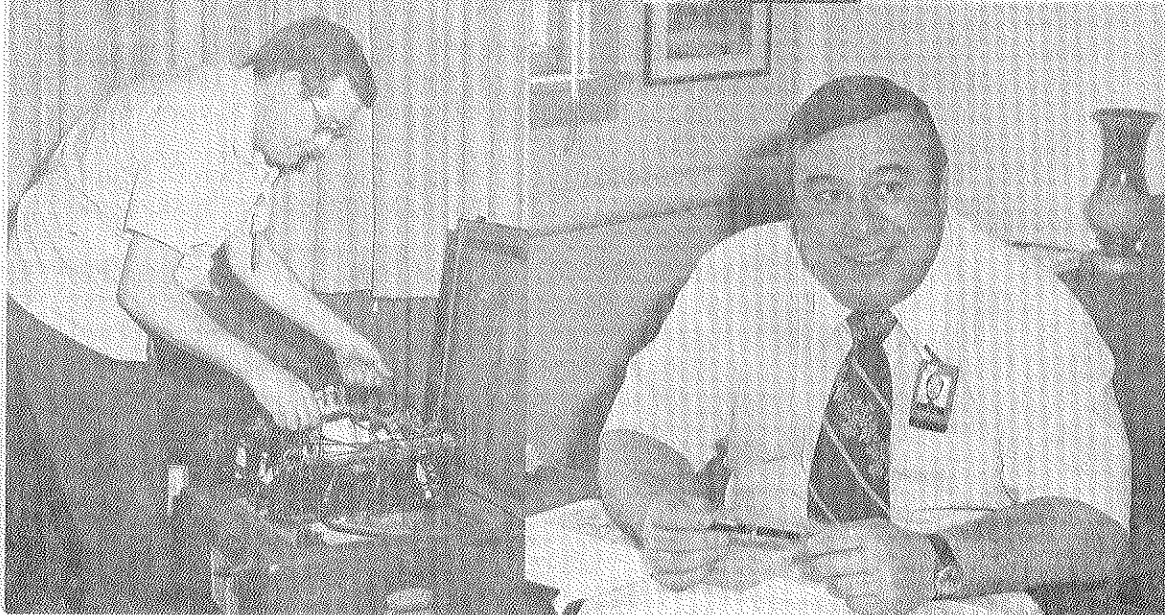
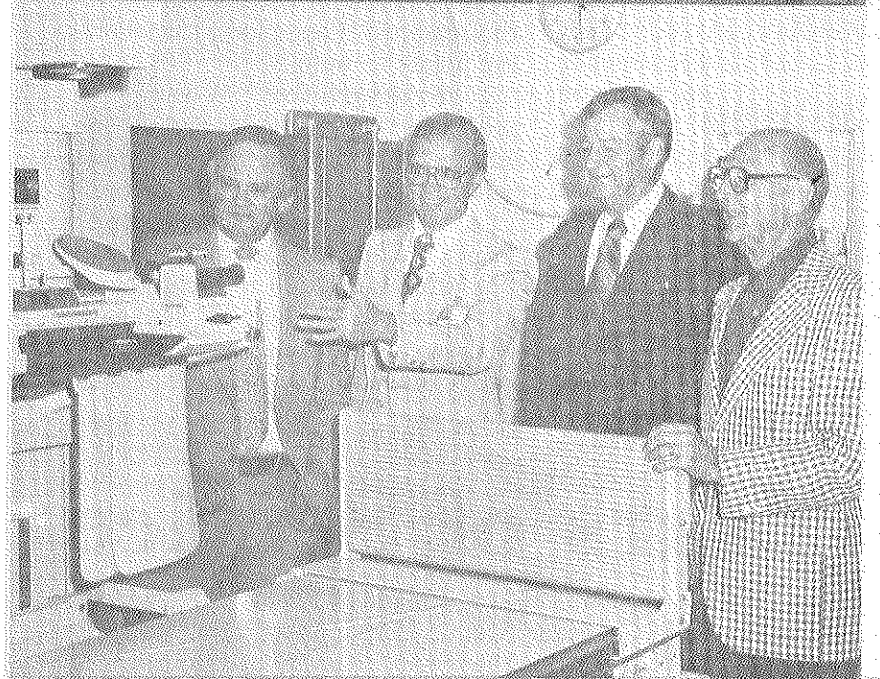
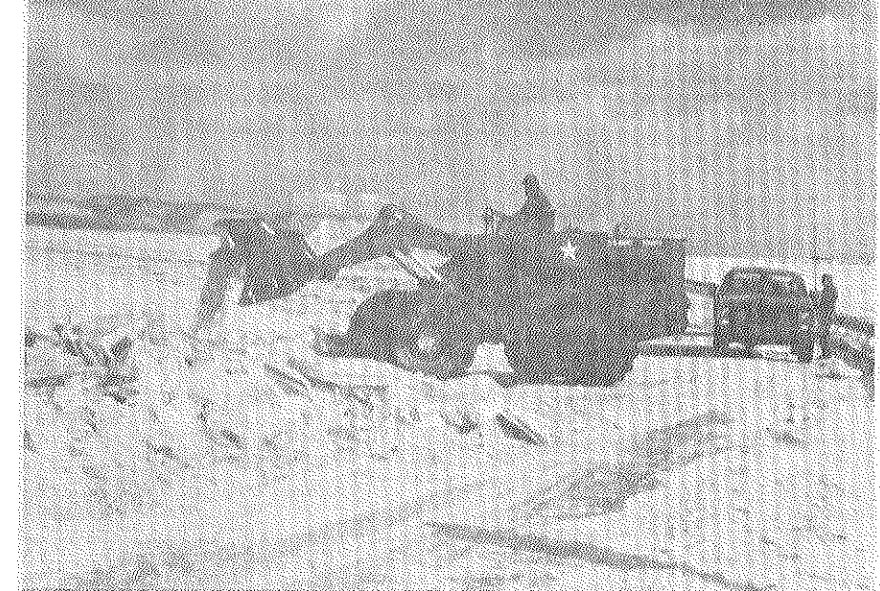
The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company made several big announcements last year. Perhaps the biggest story was a \$75 million Technical Center to be constructed in Akron. Scioto Memorial Hospital received a \$20,000 "shot in the arm" for their new body scanner. The Chief Logan Boy Scout Council received a \$10,000 "cornerstone" for their new headquarters. Goodyear received an extension, five years, on its contract to operate the gaseous diffusion plant in Pike County for at least five more years.

Several major personnel changes took place in 1978. James L. Yocum was named Industrial Relations Manager. Thomas L. Roberston was named Superintendent of Industrial Engineering. Vince DeVito assumed the helm of the newly created Division, Safeguards and Security. John Murrell replaced him as Superintendent Nuclear Materials Control. Two other employes were named Superintendents, Ken Baldwin in Security and Bob Zeek in Cascade Operations.

In the year 1978, 228 employes were hired, 142 salaried and 86 hourly. The College Recruiting Program necessitated 25 campus visits and 17 Career Centers were utilized. Over 400 employes celebrated their Silver Anniversaries the past year.

Goodyear Atomic experienced another outstanding year in the production and shipping of enriched uranium. Over \$404 million of separative work was shipped during the calendar year. That breaks the previous year's record total and is the highest amount in our 26 year history.

As of November 29, 1978, there were 72 reactors licensed to operate by NRC. There also were 90 reactors with construction permits and 37 reactors on order. The 72 operating reactors represent 9.6% of the total U. S. generating capacity. The commercial plants have accumulated 440 cumulative reactor-years of operation.





# REVIEW

The 1978 United Fund Drive held in October was the most successful in history. The employees' goal was a record \$50,765.00, representing a 6% increase from 1977. Through the innovative and generous efforts of all employees, over \$54,000 was donated, a 15% increase. The Goodyear Corporate gift was \$18,000, also a record amount.

During 1978 the Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers, Local 3-689, and management initiated a joint training program for stewards and supervision. The program is intended to review, train, and discuss with supervision and stewards items of mutual concern.

OCAW elected D. Bloomfield as President and J. Schultz as Division I Committeeman in their December election.

The Process Equipment Modification Program (PEMP) and Cascade Upgrading Program (CUP) continued with over \$67,000,000 spent this year. Cascade improvements are 60% complete with 68 cells modified. Utility upgrading for CUP is 98% complete with all switchyard modifications complete and two new cooling towers now operational.

A Top Ten Program was begun for 21 of our first-line supervision. A Pre-Retirement Program was presented to employees 54 years and older. Several Safety-Health Physics/Industrial Hygiene Programs were presented to hundreds of employees. The Educational Assistance Program had 194 participants.

Employees of all types, young and old, hourly and salary, continued to generously support the Bloodmobile Program. Not only did they donate enough units to replenish the Employee Blood Replacement Program, many extra units were donated which benefited many other people in the Tri-State area. In 1978, over 1,000 units were collected, an all-time record.

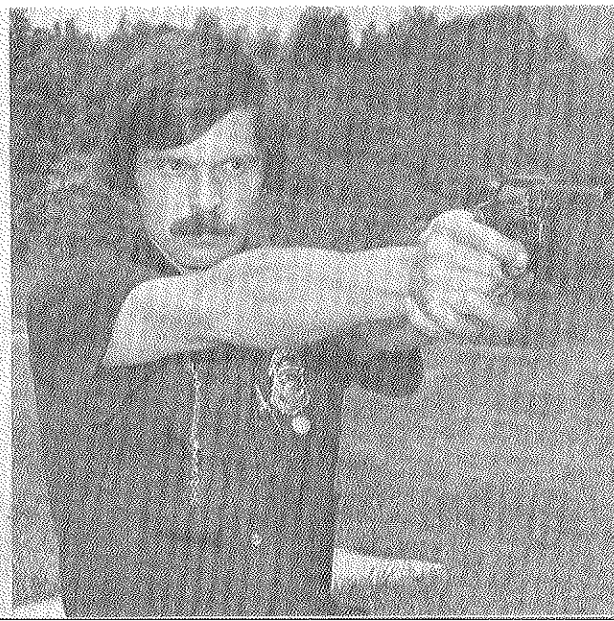
Quality teamwork was the theme of "Quality Emphasis Week." Total plant participation in the QA Puzzle Contest and associated activities resulted in awareness and involvement throughout the entire facility. Divisional and plantwide training and audit programs continue to increase the effectiveness of the overall program.

Sports and club activities were an important part of leisure time activities in 1978. GAT grabbed the Southeastern Ohio Golf Championship against four other Goodyear Plants. Roy Chesbro and Eileen Slaughter grabbed the bowling championships. Chesbro threw two 300 score bowling games in league play. Jim Morgan took the honors in golf. The Portsmouth All Stars grabbed the Scioto County Basketball crown and the GAT Guards grabbed a Police Charity Tourney. An estimated 7,000 people, employees and their families, flocked to Camden Park for the Annual Employees Picnic in mid July.

Through the Company's Cost Reduction "I"dea Program, employees submitted 247 ideas which represented a record number for a single calendar year. Many of these ideas were accepted and have been implemented. Additional forms of recognition were instituted.

Energy conservation took many forms at GAT in 1978. Steam leaks were repaired and lighting on plantsite was reduced where possible.

Studies evaluating possible reduction in energy consumption in plantsite buildings as well as the feasibility of utilization of rejected waste heat off plantsite were completed.





## Twelve Promotions Are Announced at GAT

Several promotions were recently announced in the Maintenance Division. Promoted to Foreman-Maintenance were Michael F. Betasso and Norman R. Stepp. They will report to Charles Goodin and Eugene Wilburn, respectively.

Also promoted to Foreman was Richard A. Snodgrass. He will report to R. W. Cross.

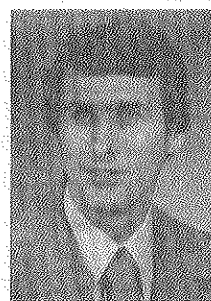
At the same time, Guy W. Parks was promoted to Supervisor, Cascade Maintenance, reporting to Gene F. Marsh, Superintendent.

In the Safeguards and Security Division, five promotions were announced. They include: Gary M. Hairston, Michael L. Marks, Daniel A. Hupp, J. D. Snodgrass, and Earl R. "Whitey" Weakland who were promoted to Police Sergeant. They report to Howard M. Cutright, Police Chief. A special note of interest Whitey Weakland was promoted to Sergeant on the day he celebrated 25 years of service with Goodyear Atomic.

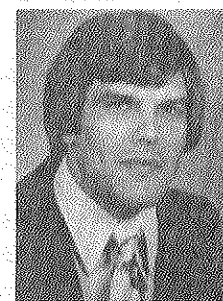
Charles H. Crabtree and Robert L. Etling, II were named Section Heads, Records Management. They report to Connie A. Eckhart, Supervisor, Records Management.



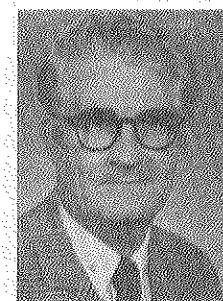
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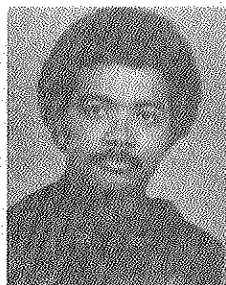
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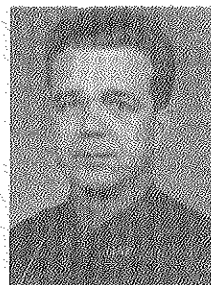
Richard A. Snodgrass



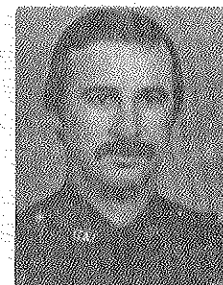
Guy W. Parks



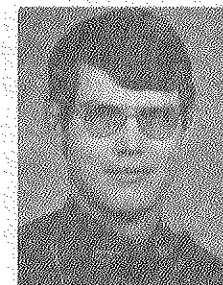
Gary M. Hairston



Michael L. Marks



Daniel A. Hupp



James D. Snodgrass

## Tuition Reimbursements Have No Deductions After 1/1/79

Tuition reimbursements made to employees through the Educational Assistance Program will have no deductions withheld after January 1, 1979.

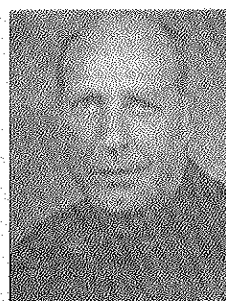
Recently passed legislation allows the reimbursements to be excluded from gross income and, therefore, not subject to income or Social Security taxes.

Refunds were previously treated as income and were included in employee paychecks. Future payments will be made by Accounts Payable with

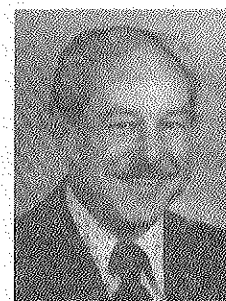
separate checks mailed to employee home addresses.

There is still no change in the method of applying for educational assistance, only in the reimbursement. A-1170's and A-1750's are still to be filled out and returned to the Training Department at the beginning of each quarter.

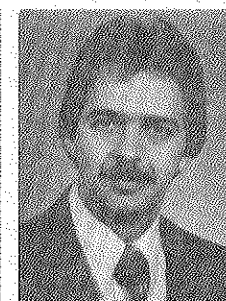
Questions on the tuition program can be directed to Virginia McDonald, Training Services, Department 241. Her phone is 2679.



Earl R. Weakland



Charles H. Crabtree



Robert L. Etling, II

## Thomas Gets Worldwide Award

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Looking back on the Henry Thomas story, unless one knows it is real, it would remain in the fiction category. After taking a look at the list of his accomplishments and community involvement, "I find it hard to believe," remarks the average person. When it is added that Tom was crippled with polio and was told he probably would not be able to walk, "impossible" is the summary.

On November 21, Henry "Tom" Thomas was shocked when he received the Divisional Award. The next day tragedy struck! Walking across his living room at home, he stumbled suddenly breaking his hip and leg.

Now there was no way he could go to Akron a month later with a broken hip. Most people told him so. The initial reaction from the surgeon was even more pessimistic.

Henry H. Thomas has won the 1978 Goodyear Tire and Rubber Worldwide Spirit Award. Life can be stranger than fiction. A tremendous finish to an unbelievable story.

## In Memoriam

### Thomas E. Noel, Jr.

Thomas E. Noel, Jr., a senior engineer at GAT with over 25 years of service, died unexpectedly on December 26 in Waverly, Ohio.

Noel is survived by his wife, Edna; three sons, Thomas, Andrew and Anthony; six daughters, Frances, Linda, Gina, Denise, Mary and Angela.

The many friends and co-workers of Thomas Noel extend sympathy to his family.

## GAT Men's Handicap Bowling Tournament

Date—January 27, 1979

Place—Sunset Lanes  
(Portsmouth, Ohio)

Entries *Close* January 24, 1979

If you have any questions, contact W. F. "Bill" Johnson, Extension 5795, X-710 Building.

## Food For Thought

### Is GAT's Function Important?

From time to time, many people ponder the role of uranium enriching services at Goodyear Atomic. How important is it?

Recently Jerry Althouse addressed the members of the Goodyear Atomic Top Ten Club and their spouses. A part of his presentation was several impressive statistics.

Did you know that:

Enriched uranium product from

## IN SYMPATHY

Walter F. Wagner, 74, died Wednesday, November 22 in Portsmouth, Ohio. Wagner was the father of William C. Wagner, D-727, and the Father-in-law of Virginia L. Wagner, D-211; Elmer C. Beasley, D-123; James L. Murray, D-851; and P. "Bill" Remy, D-424.

Evan M. Bobo, father of Gerald E. Bobo, D-533, died on December 20 in McArthur, Ohio.

GAT fuels 142 nuclear submarines and 13 nuclear surface vessels.

All domestic weapons grade uranium materials are enriched in Pike County, Ohio at GAT.

Foreign sales from this facility in 1978 reached .5 billion dollars.

Reactor grade product from Goodyear Atomic fueled fifteen 100 megawatt reactors in 1978.

## CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE—Baby Stroller in excellent condition. Originally \$40., will accept \$20. Contact: S. J. Robinette, Phone 226-3031, after 5:00 p.m.

FOR SALE—1976 VW Rabbit. Front Wheel Drive—Great for ice and snow. Call Portsmouth 354-6084.

WANTED—One opening available in carpool. Portsmouth hilltop area. 8:00—4:30 shift. Call Ext. 2186.