



EMPLOYEE

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Statistics - January 31, 1984

Total Employment: 3,095

Number of Employees on Layoff: 171

Hourly Employees: 1,329

GDP Employees: 1,226

GCEP Employees: 693

Central Administration: 1,176

Progressions and Promotions

Kevin B. McMullen, Environmental Surveyor I (D-072) to Environmental Surveyor II (D-016).
Linda L. Routt, Drafter I to Drafter II (D-562).
Linda C. Smalley, Engineering Data Control Clerk I to Records Analyst (D-452).
Glenna L. Evans, Clerk II to Records Librarian (D-452).
Denise M. Austin, Engineering Data Control Clerk I to II (D-452).
Carol D. Baker, Clerk I to Engineering Data Control Clerk I (D-452).
James D. Cox, Clerk I to Clerk II (D-452).
Robert M. Litten, Clerk II to Reproduction Operator-Engineering Records (D-452).
Christopher C. Ramey, Clerk I to Clerk II (D-452).
Kevin J. Scott, Reproduction Operator-Engineering Records (D-452) to Office Services Assistant I (D-453).

Community Activities

Dick Burgraff, a GAT retiree, gave a presentation at the Feb. 21 meeting of the Scioto Valley section of the Instrument Society of America. Dick is the area coordinator for the Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT) and his presentation was on the design, construction, testing and evaluation of radio amateur earth communication satellites.

Pike County's annual March-of-Dimes "Walk American" is scheduled for Sunday, April 1. This 25-kilometer walk will begin at Waverly High School at 1 p.m. All GAT employees interested in participating as a team walk member for this event should contact Shirley Walter, X-1000 Building, at extension 2580.

Science Demonstrations

Gene Deacon (D-521) and Phyllis Sikorski (D-741) presented a science demonstration program at Dry Run Elementary School, West Portsmouth, on February 16. A total of 175 students from grades K-6 attended two sessions.

Obituaries

Rawland Rickey, 55, Portsmouth, February 10. A police captain (D-313), Rickey is survived by his wife, Janet. He joined GAT on March 29, 1954.
Charles H. "Tiny" Howard, 59, Jackson, February 25. A Production process operator (D-812), Howard is survived by his wife Churlene, two children and three foster children. He joined GAT on October 26, 1953.

Cost Reduction

The following employees submitted ideas through the Cost Reduction "I"dea Program from Feb. 12 through Feb. 24: R. P. Marsh (D-206), R. D. Arnett (D-411), J. G. Hugel Jr. (D-562), J. L. Jenkins (D-562), J. H. Wingo Jr. (D-562), A. B. Brower (D-641), C. M. Brunner (D-711), J. A. Crandall (D-711), P. E. Smith (D-711), L. B. Perry (D-731), P. M. Gambill (D-742), J. Y. Jordan (D-742), P. A. Bowling (D-801), J. W. Daniels (D-842), J. R. Gedeon (D-842) and G. W. Pelfrey (D-842).

New Employees

February 16	Michael D. Anderson	561	Engineer
	Robert L. Czewski	186	Engineer, Senior
	Carolyn J. Gallatin	479	Cost Accountant II
	Philip H. Houser	551	Engineer, Senior
	Michael W. Salisbury	411	Buyer

Service Milestones

30 Truman E. Brown	511	03/01/54	10 Debra L. Young	851	03/01/74
Gerald K. Sleighter	711	03/01/54	Iris E. Dixon	577	03/04/74
Maurice E. Roberts	714	03/01/54	John M. Cordle	226	03/06/74
Marvin L. Rice	451	03/04/54	Clinton V. Fouch Jr.	314	03/06/74
Walter H. Riggle	816	03/08/54	Raymond T. Kimbler	425	03/06/74
Ralph E. Schisler	110	03/08/54	Timothy H. Spradlin	424	03/06/74
Charles D. Mullins	814	03/08/54	John P. Aeh	711	03/11/74
William F. Collinsworth	812	03/08/54	Russell B. Goode	721	03/11/74
Phyllis A. Bowling	801	03/08/54	William Hale Jr.	156	03/11/74
Charles R. Keen	115	03/08/54	Robert A. Sickles	211	03/11/74
Morris C. Brown	812	03/08/54	Richard K. Tschappat Jr.	724	03/11/74
Floyd J. Weeter Jr.	113	03/08/54	Preston K. Zimmerman	731	03/11/74
Charles L. Snedecor	814	03/08/54	George W. Childers Jr.	713	03/18/74
Donald E. Bradshaw	814	03/08/54	Michael R. Corbin	731	03/18/74
Glen J. Norman	812	03/08/54	Donale E. Dodridge	752	03/18/74
Virgel L. Smith	422	03/09/54	David R. Perry	729	03/18/74
Lavern R. Jones	731	03/10/54	William R. Waugh	511	03/18/74
Guthrie W. Pelfrey	842	03/15/54	Howard A. White	856	03/18/74
Robert E. Shoaf	512	03/15/54	Jeanne E. Nunn	814	03/21/74
Robert L. Smith	714	03/15/54	Donna J. Montler	823	03/25/74
Porter J. Hamrick	734	03/15/54	Thomas P. Orth	856	03/25/74
Edgil C. Boggs	313	03/29/54			
Thomas D. Horner	313	03/29/54	5 Judith R. Vollrath	447	03/01/79
George O. Hodgson	313	03/29/54	Clyde R. Dulin	447	03/01/79
John W. Crabtree	313	03/29/54	Malissa I. Scherer	014	03/01/79
Homer R. Sommer	313	03/29/54	Patricia K. Henry	822	03/07/79
			Charles E. Sweatt Jr.	816	03/12/79
25 James A. Elchert	206	03/16/59	Daryl W. Terry	742	03/12/79
			Herschel L. Shreve	568	03/12/79
15 Jesse Franklin Jr.	829	03/13/69	Candace S. Dade	452	03/16/79
			William H. Galloway Jr.	522	03/16/79
10 Ralph M. West	013	03/01/74	Sheri M. Rupert	585	03/16/79

Family

Irene Rhoden Ashley, wife of Gerald R. Ashley (D-812), has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Harold Hanes, county recorder, by the Scioto County Democratic Central Committee. Mrs. Ashley has worked for Hanes since 1952 as a deputy and had been assistant recorder since 1977.

New Arrivals

Son, Garrett Eugene, December 5, to Daniel (D-811) and Susan Wilburn.
Daughter, Emily Anne, January 21, to Stephen (D-728) and Leanne Allen.
Daughter, Ashley Thomas, January 28, to Thomas (D-814) and Nancy Simon.
Son, Bryan Michael, January 30, to Michael (D-452) and Donna Hensley.
Daughter, Stacey Lorraine to Danny (D-811) and Catherine Harrington.
Son, Daniel Jerry, February 2, to Daniel and Dora (D-857) Webster.
Daughter, Sarah Catherine, February 4, to Jeffrey (D-313) and Debra Baughman.
Daughter, Stephenie Jeanette, February 4, to Gerold (D-721) and Diane Boster.
Son, Todd Nathaniel, February 14, to Gary (D-566) and Shirley Lasham.

Nuclear Notes

U. S. electricity generation in 1983 was up 3.6 percent of 1982, the Edison Electric Institute reports. EEI data show 2.342 trillion kilowatt-hours were generated in the 52 weeks ending Dec. 31, 1983. EEI attributes the increase to an unspecified combination of a hotter summer, colder winter and a better economy. The effects of the cold winter were evident during the week ending December 31, when electricity production topped 51 billion KWH -- an increase of nearly 29 percent over the same week in 1982. Electricity output hit an all-time high of 53.6 billion KWH last summer in the week ending July 23.

Benefits

The news is not good. The Tri-State Regional Blood Services is already more than 3,000 units short of its goal for blood collection during the 1983-84 fiscal year (July 1983-June 1984). During the first six months, the region collected only 33,444 of the goal of 36,606 units of blood. Collections are down four percent from last year at this time. The 63 hospitals served by the Tri-State Region have projected an average daily patient need for blood of 288 units this year. For the first six months of fiscal year 1983-84, the region's collections have only averaged 263 units per day. Although both the local and national blood collections have been noticeably low over the past six months, neither the region nor national Red Cross has been able to find any one specific reason for the decline in donors. Rex Bowers, assistant director of Donor Resources, cited several possible factors which could have affected blood donations in this area. "The economy is having some impact," Bowers said. Another reason some people may not be giving blood may be "the residual from the AIDS scare" according to Bowers. Although a donor cannot contract AIDS by giving blood, some have been confused by the news stories which have linked certain cases of AIDS with blood transfusions. The blood collection picture for the rest of the winter doesn't look good, Bowers continued. "Even with good weather, we won't be able to make up the 3,300 units we're behind. If we have more bad weather, we'll go even further downhill. Regardless of the reasons, Tri-State Blood Services has a serious problem."

News from Goodyear

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company reported Feb. 14 that 1983 fourth quarter net income, which reflected an extraordinary gain, was the highest for any three-month period in the company's history, while sales for the period set a fourth quarter record. "The high note on which the company finished 1983 is significant in two major respects as we begin a new year," said Goodyear Chairman Robert E. Mercer. "It indicates that the effects of necessary adjustments previously made to our business are behind us, and that we are capitalizing on the improved activity throughout the transportation industry and in many other markets we serve." For the 1983 fourth quarter, worldwide sales of \$2.59 billion were 12.7 percent higher than the \$2.29 billion recorded in 1982 and above the previous record fourth quarter sales of \$2.51 billion in 1981. Fourth quarter earnings of \$142 million or \$1.41 per share were an all-time high quarter and more than doubled the \$65.6 million or 66 cents per share earned in the 1982 period. It surpasses the previous three-months earnings record of \$117.4 million dollars established in the second quarter of 1981. Fourth quarter earnings reflect an extraordinary gain of \$35.1 million for the early retirement of long term debt, and a gain of \$14.5 million as the result of the

liquidation of certain LIFO inventory quantities. Worldwide sales totaled \$9.74 billion for 1983, up 1.5 percent from \$9.59 billion recorded in 1982. Earnings of \$305.5 million or \$3.06 per share for 1983 were down 7.4 percent from \$329.8 million or \$3.34 per share a year ago. All amounts prior to June 30, 1983, have been restated as a result of the merger with Celeron Corporation which has been accounted for as a pooling of interests. "Excluding the unusual items from both years, 1983 improved by more than \$65 million compared with 1982," Mercer said. In 1983, income reflected costs for plant closures, merger expenses, and costs related to the sale of certain accounts receivable, which was partially offset by gains on the retirement of long-term debt and the LIFO liquidation. In contrast, 1982 earnings included gains for a substantial LIFO inventory liquidation, sale of The Goodyear Bank and retirement of debentures, he said. Mercer said several factors contributed to the improved operating performance. Worldwide, Goodyear sold more tires in 1983 than in 1982, as the result of market share gains in several domestic tire lines, while foreign units remained generally the same as last year. Overall, U. S. operations, excluding unusual items, reported improvement during the year. In addition, Mercer said competitive improvements and other efficiencies were achieved at some facilities in 1983 because of mutual commitments to those goals by unions and employees. U. S. operations, according to Mercer, reflected increased demand for original equipment tires by both auto and truck manufacturers; market share gains in the radial truck tire replacement market; acceptance of the new all-season Vector tire by all four major automakers; the 20 percent growth rate of Goodyear Aerospace, and major sales improvements in parts of General Products, with the Chemical Division leading the way. "Our Celeron subsidiary is maintaining its share of market, but reduced demand continues to cause stiff market competition as the recession ridden industries it supplies have been slowly recovering in 1983," Mercer said. "The U. S. recovery is taking longer than expected to spread overseas," Mercer said, "limiting the number of bright spots in foreign regions. Foreign tire unit sales stayed essentially the same in 1983 compared with 1982. However, sales as expressed in U. S. dollars declined primarily as a result of currency devaluations and weak economies in several foreign countries. Mercer said the company achieved a \$79.5 million reduction in interest expense during 1983, \$7.7 million of which occurred in the fourth quarter. For 1984, Mercer said sales and earnings should continue to improve both in the U. S. and in several areas overseas.

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