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#### Safety Scoreboard

Time worked without a lost-time accident through 4/30/84: 87 days (1,416,323 manhours).

## Current Statistics — April 30, 1984

Total Employment: 3,100

Hourly: 1,338 Salary: 1,762 Number of Employees on Layoff: 160 GDP Employees: 1,194

GCEP Employees: 715

# Central Administration: 1,191

### Around the Portsmouth Plant

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#### Progressions and Promotions

Judith A. Enderle, from Technical Assistant II to Technical Assistant III (D-511). Daniel M. Noble, from Drafter II to Designer (D-526). Randy D. Williams from Micrographics Technician I to Micrographics Technician II (D-452). Dee D. Fitz from Engineer, Staff, to Engineer, Senior (D-533).

#### Degrees, Honors and Awards

Jack Harbert (D-623) was awarded the Scouting "Statuette Award" by the Chief Logan Council, Boy Scouts of America, on April 25 at the Council Recognition Banquet. He is the Waverly Explorer Post 76 advisor. The post is sponsored by the Waverly Fire Department. The award was made in recognition of his outstanding service.

#### Community Activities

John Gedeon (D-842) has been elected president of the Lake White Community Association.

Roger McDermott (D-701) has been appointed general chairman for the 1984 "Scout-O-Rama" by the Scioto Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

#### Speakers' Bureau

John Champa (D-376) presented a talk to the National Society to Prevent Blindness, Ohio Affiliate, at The Ohio Center on April 25. The subject of his talk was the Society's Adopt-A-School Program. This program provides an opportunity for area businesses to become involved in safety training and eye protection for area technical and vocational school students.

Carl H. Weghorst (D-072) spoke to the Waverly Lion's Club April 11 on the subject of tornadoes.

Joseph Stockham (D-156) spoke to five 8th grade groups during a Career Day at Minford Middle School on April 26. His topic was "Electrician as a Career".

#### Obituaries

Virgie Hamilton, 69, South Webster, April 21. Mother of Dale Hamilton (D-424).

Milo J. Mullens, 50, Lucasville, April 24. A uranium materials handler (D-829), Mullens is survived by his wife, Irene.

James C. Cooke, 73, Waverly, April 24. Cook was an electrician 1/C (D-711) at the time of his retirement in April, 1973.

Hazel Jackson, 67, Beaver, April 26. Mother of Larry (D-222) and Jerry (D-829) Jackson.

Eugene H. Reed, 71, Wellston, April 16. Reed was an instrument mechanic (D-712) at the time of his retirement in March, 1975.

# New Employees

April 23, 1984	Brian D. Buckle	314	Fire Protection - EMT
	Roy D. Wolfe	314	Fire Protection - EMT
May 1, 1984	Cherie F. Butler	108	Clerk I
	Gary L. Larimer	376	Safety Engineer
	Marth H. Dockery	578	Technical Writer
	Nicholas C. Tambakis	277	Engineer
	Brian R. Bennett	577	Engineer

#### Cost Reduction

The following employees submitted ideas through the Cost Reduction "I"dea Program from April 9-20, 1984: M. L. Channel (D-072), K. G. Uhrig (D-175), T. F. Brown (D-186), R. F. Couch (D-186), B. L. Horning (D-186), W. M. Exposito (D-206), J. E. Wiley (D-266), R. D. Arnett (D-411), M. R. Kennard (D-420), B. G. Lewis (D-453), P. R. Truman (D-590) and P. A. Zigler (D-741).

#### New Arrivals

Daughter, Melissa Dawn, February 28, to David (D-712) and Mary Dials. Daughter, Ashley J., February 29, to Paul (D-206) and Debra Rush. Son, Kenneth Ray, March 5, to Kenneth (D-072) and Christine Elrod. Daughter, Alyson Jo, March 12, to Thomas and Deanna (D-446) Holland. Daughter, Karen Annette, March 13, to Jack (D-814) and Susan (D-811) Tully. Daughter, Kelly Beth, March 13, to Gary and Karen (D-753) Boggs. Son, Christian Miles Hall, March 22, to Steven (D-313) and Nancy Arnold. Son, Todd Anthony, April 2, to Todd and Marta (D-366) Hitchens. Daugter, Christina Marie, April 7, to Thomas (D-856) and Gayle Kramer. Son, Jeremy Ray, April 8, to Robert and Sandra (D-523) Fout.

#### Family

John W. Zeek, son of retiree Robert M. Zeek, has received a four-year Air Force ROTC scholarship and has enrolled at The Ohio State University. During this summer John will be on the staff at Philmont National Boy Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

David Mossbarger, son of Margaret Mossbarger (D-285), was a participant in the 26-mile, 385-yard Boston Marathon. David is a West Point graduate, 1972 graduate of Jackson High School and presently an officer in the U. S. Army stationed in Indianapolis.

Leslie Paolucci, son of Chris Paolucci (D-450), has been awarded a four-year Air Force ROTC scholarship to The Ohio State University. Leslie carries a 3.94 grade point average at Minford High School. His scholarhip is based on scholastic achievements and personal accomplishments and will enable him to pursue a degree in electrical engineering. After completion of the requirements for his bachelor's degree, he will be commissioned as second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force Reserve and be placed on active duty.

Seventh-grader Kim Kefgen, daughter of R. B. Kefgen (D-591), earned a superior rating at the Ohio State Science Fair at Ohio Wesleyan University April 14. Kim had received superior ratings at both the Athens District and Unioto High School science fairs and was awarded the local level Outstanding Junior High Project Award for her project "Programming in Basic."

Kevin Kefgen, son of R. B. Kefgen (D-591), received a superior rating at the Unioto Elementary Science Fair for his project "The Internal Combustion Engine." Kevin is a fourth-grade student at the Unioto Intermediate Learning Center.

John Manering, son of John Manering (D-183), received an excellent rating at the Ohio State Science Fair held at the Ohio Wesleyan University on April 14 for his project "Solar House." John is a seventh-grade student at Jackson Junior High School.

#### Recreation Review

Leroy Chesbro (D-578) accomplished every bowler's dream recently by bowling 12 straight strikes, the perfect 300 game, at Weiss Recreation in Waverly. Chesbro's average is 224 and 300 games are nothing new to his brillant amateur career.

# News from Goodyear

Any way you figure it, Goodyear moved up five places in the rankings of the nation's 500 largest corporations for 1983. Fortune's annual compilation shows the company advanced to 32nd from 37th place in sales. Forbes puts Goodyear 46th in sales, up from 51st. The difference in ranking stems from the fact that Fortune's is an industrial list while Forbes combines both manufacturing and service companies. In general, said Forbes, its 500 leaders enjoyed last year's good times roughly in proportion to their ability to benefit from the consumer-led recovery, noting that automakers were major beneficiaries along with such suppliers as tire producers. Goodyear's 1983 sales gain of 1.5 percent compared to 3.8 percent for the Forbes companies as a whole. On the Fortune sales list, all U. S. tiremakers moved up -- Firestone to 95th from 96th, Goodrich to 125th from 128th, General to 168th from 179th, Uniroyal to 180th from 186th, Armstrong to 411th from 417th and Cooper to 472nd from 493rd. The Forbes sales rankings had Firestone unchanged in 158th place, Goodrich slipping to 216th from 214th, General advancing to 300th from 309th and Univoyal down to 324th from 321st. Armstrong and Cooper didn't make the list. Fortune listed Goodyear 49th in net income and 44th in assets, while Forbes ranked the company 88th and 163rd in those categories, respectively. Fortune uses the net earnings reported by companies, while Forbes adjusts them. In research and development, Business Week presented 1982 figures showing Goodyear spending three and a half times more than its closest U. S. competitor, Firestone.

Goodyear's first quarter sales were up 11.5 percent from the 1983 period and first quarter earnings were more than double a year ago, both being first quarter records, Chairman Robert E. Mercer has announced. Worldwide sales for the first three months were \$2.51 billion compared with \$2.26 billion a year ago. First quarter earnings reached \$111.8 million or \$1.06 per share versus \$51.6 million or 52 cents in 1983, Mercer said. Net income represented 4.5 percent of sales compared with 2.3 percent for the 1983 period. Record domestic first quarter sales were \$1.72 billion, 15.1 percent above the \$1.49 billion last year and exceeded the previous first quarter record of \$1.55 billion in 1981. Domestic earnings of \$91.8 million were 78.5 percent ahead of the \$51.4 million recorded in 1983 and surpassed the 1979 first quarter record of \$67.2 million. "In most areas of our domestic business, sales and earnings improved over 1983 levels," Mercer said. Improved U. S. results are attributed to increases of nearly 30 percent in total tire unit sales compared with 1983, despite a shortage of radial auto and truck tires during the period, with most factories operating close to 100 percent capacity. In Domestic General Products, increases in sales and income were posted by automotive products, the Chemical Division and the Films Division. Strong performances also were recorded by Motor Wheel and Goodyear Aerospace. Celeron's net income increased slightly after excluding the unusual items from both years. With the approval of the Department of Treasury, Louisiana Intrastate Gas Corporation, a wholly-owned

subsidiary of Celeron, has changed from the deferral to the flow-through method of accounting for investment tax credit. Previously deferred amounts aggregating \$13.8 million were credited to the income tax provision for the first quarter of 1984. The company also had a gain on the sale of its Ashland, Ohio, adhesives plant. Even if the Celeron investment tax credit and the Ashland plant sale were excluded, record earnings were attained for the quarter, Mercer pointed out. In foreign operations, first quarter sales of \$793.4 million rose 4.4 percent from 4760.1 million a year ago. Foreign earnings of \$20 million in the first quarter compared with \$.1 million for the 1983 period. Foreign currency exchange loss of \$4.2 million during the first three months moderated from the \$20.8 million loss in the 1983 period. Discussing the future, Mercer said that demand should remain strong in the U. S. for auto and truck radial tires for new vehicles and for General Products sales the remainder of the year. In foreign operations, the mature markets of Europe will show little growth; Latin American markets should firm up some, and Asia and Australia continue to look promising. "The company is outperforming the economy and the competition," Mercer said. "With more than \$100 million in first quarter earnings under out belt, the company has an excellent start toward a most rewarding year," he said.

Some Goodyearites are not realizing the savings they should under American Motors Corporation's "S" Plan for vehicle purchases because they are signing deals before obtaining the required form. As a result, Sid Holmes, Goodyear's account executive for the automaker in Detroit, is reemphasizing the need to first get that purchase form and then talk to a dealer. Under the "S" Plan, employees of AMC'S major suppliers can obtain AMC, Jeep and Renault vehicles at four percent above dealer invoice. Over the years, Goodyear employees and retirees have been the leading participants. Forms are requested through a free phone call to the automaker — (800)262-2277 — which also will provide a list of participating dealers and car model information. If you have any questions about your deal, call Alvin Shoalts or Joan Bolz at AMC — (313)827-3240 (46). They can provide cost estimates for base vehicles plus factory-installed options. Also, a fact sheet is available in the Public Communication office, MS 1220, X-100 Building.

Goodyear is investing \$250 million to convert its subsidiary Kelly-Springfield plant in Tyler, Texas, to radial passenger tire production, the largest single investment in the company's history. Site preparation already is underway on plant property. Construction work will begin soon, with the first radial tire to be produced in April 1985. The plant, which has produced only bias tires since it opened in 1962, will continue to be operated by Kelly-Springfield. It will be expanded from the present 780,000 square feet of floor space to more than one million square feet and furnished with state-of-the-art equipment and processes. At full production, the plant will employ more than 1,300 persons, about the same as today, with an annual payroll of nearly \$40 million.

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