



# EMPLOYEE

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## Around the Portsmouth Plant

Several employees whose children or grandchildren were photographed at the GAT Christmas Party at Waverly High School in December have not arranged for pick up of their pictures. They are available from Karen Wesney, Personnel & EEO Department, X-100 Building, M/S 1131.

## Professional Organizations

The Dogwood Chapter of Future Secretaries Association (FSA) conducted a "Secretary on the Spot" session Jan. 28 at the Vern Riffe Joint Vocational School. Members of the student chapter posed secretary situational questions to experienced Goodyear secretaries Mary Idzakovich (D-151) and Betty Bihl (D-578), CPS. The topics included handling the telephone, office callers, preparing data sheets, dictation, mail and filing.

Buckeye Chapter, Professional Secretaries International (PSI), has selected Mary Idzakovich (D-151) as its Secretary of the Year. The selection was based on Mary's education, business experience and participation in PSI activities. Mary is currently a Secretary IV in the GCEP Maintenance division, reporting to J. J. Eyre, Manager.

Capital Toastmasters Club of Waverly has elected new officers for 1985. Goodyear Atomic employees to serve as officers include Dave Nickel (D-623), president; Don McDonagh (D-579), educational vice president; and Joe Carver (D-477), sergeant-at-arms. Toastmasters is an organization devoted to the improvement of communication (particularly public speaking) and leadership skills, primarily for use every day in the work environment. The club meets at 6:00 p.m. at the William Henry Restaurant in Waverly on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The public is invited to attend any meeting without prior arrangements. For more information or to express an interest in membership, contact any of the GAT officers.

## Speakers' Bureau

John Ater (D-366) presented an overview on Workers' Compensation to students in the industrial safety class at Franklin University, Columbus, in January. Another GAT employee, Don Stewart (D-376), is adjunct professor at Franklin University and the class instructor.

## Science Demonstrations

Dick Schwab (D-522) presented a science demonstration program to a Cub Scout troop at Faith Lutheran Church, Jackson, Jan. 15. A total of 36 students grades 2-6 attended the session.

Jim Armstrong (D-511) and Chuck Lux (D-521) presented science demonstration programs Jan. 24 at Saints Peter and Paul School, Wellston; 140 students grades K-8 attended two sessions.

## Community Activities

Goodyear Atomic employees interested in participating in Big Brothers/Big Sisters of South Central Ohio, to bring needed adult friendship to the girls and boys now on the agency's waiting list, can call 773-2447, Ross County; 289-2371, Pike County; or 477-1655, Pickaway County. "Big Brothers" and "Big Sisters" are matched with young friends on the basis of common interests and personalities, and make a commitment to spend three to four hours a week together for at least six months.

### Obituaries

Minnie A. Hill, Chillicothe, 75, Jan. 29. Mother of Barbara Nelson (D-714).  
Ottis McGlone, Portsmouth, 67, Feb. 1. A D&I Operator (D-853), he is survived by his wife, Ruth.

### News of Retirees

Retiree Lewis J. Homer is looking for anyone who participated in the World War II The Battle for Zig Zag Pass. The battle occurred in 1945 in an area along Highway 7 leading into Manila. Homer's phone number is (614) 858-4240. If you participated, please contact him.

### New Arrivals

Son, Nathaniel W., Oct. 2, to Michael (D-105) and Karen Salisbury.  
Son, Adam Charles, Dec. 11, to Robert (D-272) and Karen Boch.  
Daughter, Natalie Farr, Dec. 13, to Jeffrey (D-814) and Linda Slone.  
Son, Jonathan Burton, Dec. 28, to Calvin (D-313) and Lisa (D-227) Parker.  
Daughter, Megan Nichole, Jan. 1, to Fred and Lisa (D-424) Mossbarger.  
Daughter, Sara Elizabeth, Jan. 3, to Gregory and Sara (D-266) Blume.  
Son, Robert David, Jan. 11, to Robert (D-103) and Mary Brokaw.

### Family

Carolyn S. Stockham, daughter of Joe Carver (D-477), has been promoted to secretary/treasurer of Compton Printing and Engraving, Portsmouth, by the company's board of directors.

John Edelmann, son of Fred Edelmann (D-376) and brother of Tom Edelmann (D-267), was graduated from the University of Dayton Dec. 15 with a B. S. degree in systems analysis. He has accepted employment with Monsanto Mound near Dayton.

Elena Cristina Cardenas, daughter of Arturo L. Cardenas (D-521), attended the 1985 Ronald Reagan Inaugural Ball in Washington, D. C. She was one of four chosen from Ohio through the Youth Inaugural Conference. Tours of the John F. Kennedy Center and Vietnam and Jefferson Memorials were also part of the program.

Beth A. Boyer, daughter of Carol Boyer (D-512), was one of only 387 students at Bowling Green State University to earn a perfect 4.0 grade point average during the recently completed fall semester. Beth, a junior, is a frequent member of the Dean's List at the school which has an enrollment of approximately 16,000.

### Safety

When the smoke alarms of Jennifer Willis, wife of Ken Willis (D-712), sounded in the early morning hours Dec. 27, she phoned the Chillicothe Fire Department, took a blanket, gathered up her sleeping children, shut her bedroom door, opened her bedroom window to exit onto the roof of their two-story house and waited for firefighters to arrive. Chillicothe Fire Chief David Carnes said she did not panic and took every precaution in the event of a major house fire. Carnes continued, "It was just such a good example of what our fire officials preach at schools. She followed it to the letter." Fortunately, the blaze was contained to the woodburning stove in the basement and there was no damage. In responding to the emergency, Willis followed procedures such as those taught in schools through the Goodyear Atomic Fire Department's Public Fire Safety Awareness Program.

### News from Goodyear

Goodyear reported Feb. 12 its 1984 earnings broke the \$400-million barrier for the first time in its history on sales of more than \$10 billion. The earnings of \$411 million were 34.5

percent higher than 1983 profit of \$305.5 million and surpassed the previous record of \$368.4 million in 1981. The 1984 earnings were 4.0 percent of sales, the highest level in more than 10 years, and compared with 3.1 percent in 1983. The earnings per share of \$3.87 for 1984 compared with \$3.06 a share in 1983 and the \$3.78 posted in the previous record earnings year of 1981. Worldwide sales of \$10.24 billion, up 5.2 percent from \$9.74 billion in 1983, approached the restated 1981 sales record of \$10.32 billion. Goodyear Chairman Robert E. Mercer said, "Several factors contributed to improved 1984 operating performance. Goodyear increased tires sales worldwide compared with a year ago; industrial rubber, chemical and plastic products improved both sales and earnings as did Goodyear Aerospace, while foreign operations increased sales as earnings nearly tripled." "In addition, the Celeron group of energy-related companies also improved earnings and substantially increased the company-owned oil and gas reserves," he said. "Profit centers are credited with the performance, but it is the willingness of Goodyear's people to accept the challenge of competing in a one-world market that made our success possible," Mercer said. For 1984, U. S. sales of \$6.98 billion increased 6.1 percent compared with \$6.58 billion a year ago. Earnings of \$341.5 million were 21.4 percent above the \$281.4 million recorded in 1983 which included the unusual items previously mentioned. Discussing U. S. operations, Mercer said the annual results reflected increased demand for tires by both auto and truck manufacturers and the dominant position established by Goodyear high performance radial tires in both the original equipment and replacement markets. For 1984, foreign sales of \$3.26 billion were 3.3 percent ahead of the \$3.16 billion in 1983. Earnings of \$69.5 million were nearly triple the \$24.1 million earned a year ago. Foreign currency exchange was a \$45.8 million loss in 1984 versus a \$56.6 million loss in 1983. "Income improvements in foreign operations for the year came from all regions, as tire unit sales increased over 1983 but the strength of the U. S. dollar diluted the sales value," Mercer said. For 1985, Mercer said he expects U. S. tire plants to run at near capacity to meet the tire demands of the auto and truck manufacturers and the replacement distribution network. Earthmover tire sales generally will continue to be depressed because of slow activity in the heavy construction and mining industries. Farm tire sales are expected to improve slowly as manufacturers and dealers work off excess inventories and begin placing new orders. Chemicals should surpass 1984 sales; conveyor belting and industrial and hydraulic hose sales should outperform the industry, and rubber roofing should gain market share. Goodyear Aerospace has a record backlog that will continue to support its sales growth in the aviation, defense, industrial and energy markets, Mercer said. The Celeron group again in 1985 will be faced with a difficult changing energy market where available supply exceeds the demand for gas, Mercer said. Related to the gas and oil segment, the Celeron companies continue the construction of the United States' first major west-to-east crude oil pipeline totaling 1,750 miles, more than twice as long as the Trans-Alaskan pipeline. When completed in early 1987, it will be capable of carrying 300,000 barrels of oil a day from offshore California to Gulf Coast refineries, he said.

Goodyear announced Feb. 13 it will boost its investment in earthmover bias tire production in Topeka by nearly \$23 million and hopes to more than double that amount next year with further investment in earthmover radial tires. Stanley J. Mihelick, executive vice president, Production, for Goodyear, told a news conference, "Our overall plan calls for consolidating and modernizing earthmover bias tire production while substantially reducing bias capacity to bring it more in line with anticipated demand. "Next year we expect to expand our radial earthmover tire program," he said. "These projects will not only improve our costs and efficiency, but also make a major contribution to further advances in our earthmover product quality." The 18-month earthmover bias tire program includes installing state-of-the-art equipment and recognizes the shrinking export market for Topeka-made earthmover tires overseas because production and shipping costs render them non-competitive. The modernization program will have some effect on the number of salaried and hourly jobs at the Topeka plant. However, the impact will be lessened considerably, Mihelick said, by other Topeka programs still on the drawing boards and by employee attrition such as retirements. The company is considering transfer of some earthmover tire production from Canada to Topeka. Goodyear Canada Inc. is discontinuing the production of earthmover tires in that country for cost-competitive reasons. Mihelick said that with the new programs, earthmover tires for foreign markets will come from Goodyear plants in Latin American, Europe and Africa; and that Goodyear is evaluating how it

will serve markets in the Far East. "All of these steps reflect our determination to lead earthmover tire competition in markets anywherein the world," Mihelick said.

W. F. Culp, plant manager of Goodyear's Stow Mold Plant, will retire effective Aug. 1 after more than 45 years of company service. Due to accumulated vacation, his last day of work was Jan. 24. At one time, Culp was an employee of Goodyear Atomic Corporation.

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