

10th U.S. Fatality

Reading
in Brief

European Plant

Goodyear's first manufacturing facility in Europe is under construction in Belgium. The first stage consists of a research and development plant, associated offices and services, costing over \$10 million. The second stage is an investment plan at Tessenenderlo, for which Avon will build a factory. The Tessenenderlo factory will initially produce rubber hose for domestic appliances. Several orders have been received, including orders from Saab and Volkswagen.

Perryville, N.C. Plant

Goodyear today reported that a multi-product manufacturing plant in Perryville, N.C., has been struck since April 1 by members of the company management could not offer any explanation expected to last.

Metrication Symposium

A symposium on "Metrication—Managing the Change" will be held on the 24-25 in Washington, D.C. during the 77th Annual Meeting for Testing and Materials (ASTM). The symposium will be held at the Shoreham and Sheraton Park hotels. It is sponsored by the National Standards Institute, and American engineers, scientists and other professionals are expected to attend.

Retail Sales Combined

Goodyear has combined its St. Louis wholesale and retail sales and marketing efforts in the area, according to a Goodyear spokesman. The combined district serves all of Illinois and eastern Missouri. Charles E. Goodyear will head the combined district. Ned Hill, who headed the St. Louis district, has been named manager of the combined district.

Invade Far East

Goodyear Co., international manufacturers of printing and roll coverings, in conjunction with Coates Ink-Maker, announces installation and manufacturing of 'printers' rollers in Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur. 35 Bingham facilities throughout the world.

Closes N.J. Hard Rubber Works

Goodyear's Division of Amerace Corp. will close its New Jersey plant. The plant produces a variety of extruded and molded hard rubber battery components. Marginal profitability on the plant is the reason for the closing. The firm will consolidate its operations and move to its new Johnson City, Tenn. plant.

Step Into Gold

Goodyear is collecting thousands of pounds of old Goodyear tires, and selling it—for as much as \$1.00 a pound. Goodyear's head paper collector, Chaker, has collected 38,000 pounds of data card and print-out paper and sold it for \$1.00 a pound—and we've only

'Structural Foam News'

Goodyear's Union Carbide Corp. will cover a wide

Firestone Plastics Finds 1st
PVC-Related Cancer Death

AKRON, Apr. 16—Firestone has reported that the death in 1969 of a worker at its Pottstown, Pa., plastics plant is apparently "related to angiosarcoma," a rare form of liver cancer suspected of being caused by exposure to vinyl chloride monomer, a precursor of polyvinyl chloride (PVC).

This is the first death at Firestone attributed to the disease, and was discovered as the result of a continuing study by Firestone and government health agencies of deceased employees' medical records.

(For details of government actions to reduce worker health hazards, see earlier story, p. 11 in this issue.)

The deceased Firestone employee brings the known toll among U.S. PVC workers to 10. He was employed by Firestone Plastics for 20 years in various jobs involving PVC production.

Firestone has initiated a medical surveillance program at both the Pottstown plant and another it operates at Perryville, Md. Tests include pulmonary function and blood tests, as well as complete physical examinations.

Other deaths—since B.F. Goodrich triggered the investigations by reporting the mysterious incidence of deaths (four) at its Louisville, Ky., PVC plant—include one more at Louisville, three

deaths at a Goodyear plant in Niagara Falls, N.Y., and another at a Union Carbide plant in South Charleston, S.C.

U.S. vs. VC Monomer

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Another government agency has entered the fray against vinyl chloride. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has asked insecticide manufacturers to voluntarily halt the use of the suspected carcinogen as a propellant in aerosol "bug bombs."

Hold it! Yet another government agency wants into the act. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announces a nationwide investigation of vinyl chloride as a propellant in aerosol drug and cosmetic products (hair sprays in particular).

And, the FDA is looking into the use of PVC food packaging containers. In May of 1973, the use of PVC bottles for liquor was quietly terminated, when it was discovered that vinyl chloride was leaching into the liquor from the containers.

Now, the investigation will be broadened into other food items.

DOT Names Eight

New Vehicle Safety Councilors

By RPN Washington News Bureau

WASHINGTON—The Department of Transportation has announced the appointment of eight new members to the 22-member National Motor Vehicle Safety Advisory Council.

The council, set up under the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, advises DOT on the overall

motor vehicle safety standards program, including tire standards.

Named to the council for three-year terms expiring December 31, 1976 were Harry H. Brainerd, Vehicle Equipment Safety Commission, Washington, D.C.; Colver R. Briggs, Ford Motor Co., Dearborn, Mich.; Senator John D. Caemmerer, New York State Senate, Albany, N.Y., and Dr. B. J. Campbell, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Also, Mrs. Julie Chandler, *Woman's Day* Magazine, Birmingham, Mich.; Richard L. Day, Peterson Publishing Co., Los Angeles, Calif., and George Hildebrand, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Named to the unexpired term of the late Louis Von Witte, which expires December 31, 1975, was Emmett E. Dixon, Hercules, Inc., Southfield, Mich.

Dale C. Hoque, an attorney for the

Taylor Assoc.
Comes to Grips
With a Process

WADSWORTH, Ohio, Apr. 8—Taylor Associates R&D firm announces development of a new manufacturing process