



HEADLIGHTS

JUNE 1984

THIRTY YEARS & OVER

The silver-haired, distinguished looking gentleman who oversees the affairs of the accounting department is our Treasurer and Vice-President, Richard Yealin. He just celebrated his 30th year with Checker Motors on April 15, 1984.

After graduating from DePaul University, Illinois, in 1950 Mr. Yealin went to work with Ernst & Ernst accounting firm. One of their clients was Parmelee Transportation Co. (a subsidiary of Checker Motors). They had an opening for an Assistant Treasurer & Assistant Secretary. Mr. Yealin applied for and got the job.

In addition to working at Parmelee, Mr. Yealin's 30 years of service also include Treasurer of Yellow Cab Co. of Chicago. He came to Kalamazoo in 1959 as Assistant Treasurer. During 1971 Dick was promoted to Secretary & Treasurer and in 1978 was further promoted to Vice-President and Treasurer.

Mr. Yealin keeps very busy going to meetings due to the fact that he belongs to so many organizations — Michigan CPA's, American Institute of CPA's, Kalamazoo Accounting Association, and the National Accounting Association. He also serves as a Director on the Boards of Yellow Cab Co., Airline Transportation Co., Cab Service & Parts, Checker Motors Sales Corp., Yellow Taxi of Minneapolis, Parmelee Transportation, and American Country Insurance Co. (formerly Calumet Ins. Co.).

When Dick isn't busy going to meetings, trying to make sure that Checker gets paid, meeting with auditors, or serving on boards of directors, he loves to play golf at the Elks Club. He got his first and only hole-in-one at the Elks almost 2 years ago in September. What's the best score he's ever had? He tells us it's 76. The Elks has also just named Mr. Yealin the Chairman of the Auditing Committee.

Dick's daughter, Leslie (who worked for Roy Dickinson while attending college) just recently made Dick and his wife of 31 years, Marlena, grandparents. Their granddaughter, Jessica Marie, was born on March 22, 1984. Mr. and Mrs. Yealin also have two sons in addition to their daughter.

When Dick gets away from the office and can relax at some of the Checker parties, he really can be a lot of fun. Some of us who have worked closely with him probably have a few stories to tell. Every once in awhile Dick can be fun at work too. Remember the time you got your tie caught in the paper shredder? Accounting work can be very dangerous at times.

Congratulations, Dick, on your 30th anniversary at Checker Motors!

by Marcia Schill □



Richard A. Yealin

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Bill Hensley

Whenever a machine breaks down or we run out of a part, Checker's very own cowboy jumps into his modern day truck and is off for the rescue. All day long Bill Hensley is delivering or picking up parts that Checker needs to keep running. Bill told me that he has put 223,000 miles on his truck. The truck still looks good for all those miles because Bill takes pride in his appearance and equipment. Within the near future he will have a new stake truck to drive.

The reason he is called Cowboy is because he wears a cowboy hat all the time. Recently I saw Bill with a Detroit Tigers hat, but he was bugged all the time about where his cowboy hat was that he went back to it.

Believe it or not, Bill will have worked at Checker for twenty-five years this October 13th. He started in plating where he worked for fourteen years, then transferred to the job he has now. He works for Walt McDonald, Al Barbeiri, and Roy Dickinson.

Bill is originally from West Plain, Missouri and moved to Kalamazoo in

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CHECKER FROM THE BEGINNING - PART VI

In 1939 a new series "A" was started. It was a very critical one as it actually was to carry the company into the final design used. The series "A" came out in 1940 and continued through WWII. The car had many new safety features and was one of the roomiest Checkers ever built.

When Checker wasn't building cabs during this period of time, they were building trailers for Sears-Roebuck, truck cabs for Ford and an Army jeep. There were only three made all to government specs. All were four-wheel drive and four-wheel steer.

Checker still has one and it looks as new as it did in 1940. Among other Army vehicles made were tank retrieve trailers, tank recovery vehicles, all types of trailers, both semi and otherwise. Signal Corps bodies and petroleum trailers.

There were many projects for the future reference that had to be laid aside for the war effort. Once the war was over, Checker was ready to resume its manufacturing of taxicabs.

by Rod Walton □



CHECKER MODEL "A"



ARMY JEEP — Checker Showroom

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Taxpayers' Money At Work

Who is digging in our parking lots? The Jones Henry Construction Contractors of Toledo, Ohio are contracted by the City of Kalamazoo to dig and install a new 8" sanitary sewer. This sewer line, when completed, will run from the City's waste water treatment plant (across the Conrail tracks) to the existing City line (west of Clausing Corporation).

With wells sunk to lower the water table, the construction company uses cranes and sophisticated equipment to auger under roads and buildings to lay this new pipeline. The construction company has had a couple of minor mishaps. One crane disrupted a 46,000 volt service line temporarily and another snapped a 4,800 volt line. Generally, the construction crew has been working right along schedule.

So, in approximately two more months we will be able to see our taxpayers' money at work. The new sewer is expected to be completed by the beginning of August.

by Mike Champion □

Employee of the Month

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1950. He worked at Precision Casting, National Waterlift and Brunswick before coming to Checker. Bill and his wife Barb make their home in Comstock and have three children. Debbie (who has three children), Elaine and Denny. They vacation in Missouri and also enjoy the Smokey Mountains. Bill just bought a fifteen-foot boat that he will take with him on their next trip. Bill has a garden

in which he grows vegetables. He is also a first-rate carpenter. He is in the process of converting his garage into a rec room with a bar. That will come in handy when it is time to party of which Bill is fond of doing.

Bill drives sometimes as far as Chicago and Detroit for Checker so he puts in lots of overtime. He loves his job and is proud to represent Checker when he is on the road.

Thank you Bill for going that extra mile to keep Checker going.

by Dianne Tahtinen □

MEET THE TOOL ROOM



(l-r) Brad Scheiber, Ed Sevigny, Russell Morehouse, Dave Nicholas, Chuck Madgyesi, Ruth Earle, Ron Bolin, Tom Jordan, Russell Wagner, Paul Pearson, Frank Monzulla (missing are Fred Simkius, and Art Moore)



(l-r) Doug Whaley, Tom Mansfield, Ray Leone, Brian Berger (missing, Paul Reidt)



(l-r) Richard Calgaro, Bruce Willson, Pat Miller, Joe Scott, Dave Bradley, Pete Rauen, Roger Vanderzel, Jim Robertson, Fred Wissink, Maurice Vander Wande



(l-r) Everette Ivey, Jim Garrison, John Schmidt, Paul Jollete, Jim Lake, Allen Hipkind, Bill Neal, Howard Taylor, Dave Reeves, Will Wright, Dave Villaire, Ron Pettit

The Tool and Die Shop has many employees. There are Die Makers, Tool Makers, Tool Room Welders, Die Cleaner Machinists and a Tool Grinder. They all have backgrounds in metals and precision machine operation.

The people in the Tool Room perform duties like die repair and construction. Also, machine tools, jigs, and fixtures are constructed, repaired and tried out by Tool Room personnel. Following blueprints and precision plans, the Tool Room employees assure production departments of quality parts. This department works around the clock and sometimes on weekends to complete all the speciality work this is required to keep a metal stamping and welding operation like ours in business. Hats off to the Tool Room.

by Mike Champion □

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EMPLOYEE PE

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one who matches the most will get \$
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none at all.

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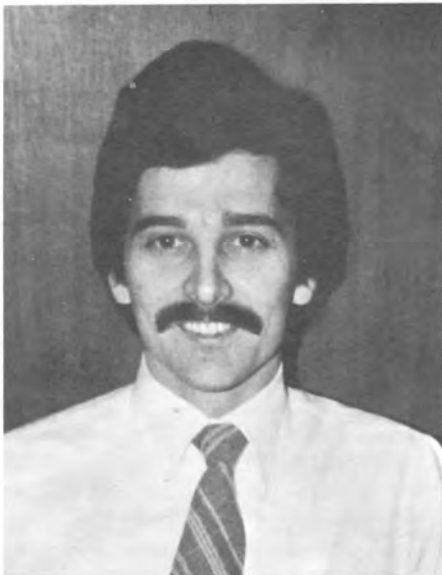
HAPPY 4TH OF JULY FROM THE



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PHOTO CONTEST

with his or her baby picture. The first
\$20. If we do not have a winner, the
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have two pictures each, and two have

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Keep skid chains on your tongue; always say less than you think; cultivate a low, persuasive voice.

Make promises sparingly and keep them faithfully, whatever the cost.

Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind and encouraging word to or about somebody. Praise good work done regardless of who did it.

Be interested in others, in their pursuits, their welfare, their homes and families. Let everyone you meet, however humble, feel that you regard him or her as a person of importance.

Be careful; keep the corners of your mouth turned up. Hide your pains, worries and disappointments under a smile.

Preserve an open mind on all debatable questions; discuss but don't argue. It is a mark of a superior mind to disagree and yet be friendly.

Be careful of others' feelings; wit and humor at the other person's expense are rarely worth the effort and may hurt the person when least expected.

Pay no attention to ill-natured remarks about you. Simply live so no one will believe them.

Adams Alley



Sid Whipple



Paul Pearson

Checker Motors has a pair of bowlers we can all be proud of. Sid Whipple and Paul Pearson captured the Kalamazoo Men's City Doubles Tournament. Whipple threw a 625 and Pearson had a 581 for a combined actual score of 1206. If this wasn't good enough, add 198 pins handicap to their score for a 1404 handicap series. Congratulations, gentlemen on a fine tournament.

During the recent "Heavy Metal" Concert at Timber Ridge, Roy (A. J.) Dickinson put on a display of his driving ability that even Rick Mears would have been proud of. While weaving in and out of traffic at speeds of up to 5 miles per hour, Roy notoriously displayed his talents. It is now rumored that "Quiet Riot" is trying to contact him to drive their equipment truck. Once again, opportunity knocks. Although Roy has found out that he cannot make it as a professional golfer, maybe someday he'll be a rock star. By the way, Roy, how was the concert?

by Ed Adams □

Welcome Aboard



Jim Butler



Fred Lamphere

RECIPES

An easy to make dessert that keeps well and is not too sweet. Great to serve when friends drop in for coffee!

Applesauce Cake

- 2 Cups Flour
- 1-1/2 Cups Sugar
- 1 Tsp. Baking Soda
- 1 Tsp. Cinnamon
- 1/2 Tsp. Nutmeg
- 1/2 Tsp. Salt
- 1/2 Tsp. Cloves
- 3 Tsp. Cocoa
- 1 Tbs. Cornstarch
- 1/2 Cup Oil
- 2 Cups Applesauce

Optional: •

- 1 Cup Nuts
- 1 Cup Raisins

Combine first 9 ingredients in large bowl. Heat applesauce in oil and add to dry ingredients; if desired, add nuts and raisins. Mix thoroughly. Pour into tube pan which has been greased and floured. Bake 1 hr. at 325 degrees F.

by Doreen Soule □

Stop Smoking Clinic

There will be a 5-day plan to stop smoking clinic held at Checker Motors in the near future. If you are interested in more details, please call Joanna Hart (292).

YOUR NAME

*You got it from your father
It was all he had to give
So it's yours to use and cherish
For as long as you may live.
If you lose the watch he gave you
It can always be replaced
But a black mark on your name,
son, can never be erased.
It was clean the day you took it
And a worthy name to bear
When he got it from his father
There was no dishonor there.
So make sure you guard it wisely
After all is said and done
You'll be glad the name is spotless
When you give it to your son.*

Anonymous □

Jim Butler joined Checker in May as a Timekeeper. Jim is a graduate of Alma College and plans to continue his education on a part-time basis next year.

Jim participated in several sports at college — tennis, golf and basketball. Jim still manages to play basketball about three times a week and also gets in some tennis and golf when he can.

Welcome, Jim.

Fred Lamphere is another Timekeeper who came on board in May. Fred served two years in the Marine Corps and recently received an Associate Degree from Davenport College in Computer and Accounting. He hopes to continue college on a part-time basis to get a degree in Computer Science.

Fred is married and he and wife, Denise, have a daughter. Fred's favorite past-times are hunting and fishing.

Happy to have you with us, Fred.

by Joanna Hart □

ATTENTION:

ALL PLANT EMPLOYEES
AND THEIR SUPERVISORS











Starting July 1, 1984

Here's How It Works: Starting on the date indicated, an exciting new promotion gets underway.

For each "winning week" during the next three months all production employees and their supervisors, with no tardiness or absences in the "winning week", will receive a "Safety Sweepstakes" Instant Safety Card with their paycheck. A "winning week" is a week with no lost time accidents. NOTE: A "lost time accident" is an accident resulting in one or more lost work days. This does not include the day of injury or onset of illness.

When you receive your card open it and if the three safety symbols match, you win!!! Just compare the matching symbols with the "Safety Sweepstakes" poster located throughout Checker Motors and discover your winnings. NOTE: All gifts are taxed by law.

If the three safety symbols match you win:

 LIFT CORRECTLY	-----\$50.00
 BUCKLE UP	-----\$25.00
 FIRST AID	-----\$10.00
 FLAMMABLE	-----\$10.00
 CLEAN UP	-----\$25.00
 WATCH YOUR STEP	-----\$10.00
 HARD HAT AREAS	-----\$10.00
 SAFETY GLASSES	-----\$50.00

Present Winning Cards to the Safety Department.

Winnings must be redeemed week following distribution.

NOTE: EVERYONE WILL HAVE AN EQUAL CHANCE TO WIN REGARDLESS OF THE DEPARTMENT HE/SHE IS IN.

Second Chance Drawing: At the end of each three "winning weeks" all employees not having a "recordable" accident for that period will be eligible for a grand cash prize of \$100. NOTE: A recordable accident is one which requires Doctor's care. Just fill in the back of your safety sweepstakes card and turn it in to your supervisor or the Safety Department.

OFFICIAL RULES — How to Play

1. Gently lift the tab on the front of the game piece.
2. Compare your instant safety game message to the SAFETY SWEEPSTAKES poster.
3. Match the poster's winning symbols and WIN.
4. Register here for a 2nd chance drawing.

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ADDRESS _____
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