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## L. C. WOLCOTT APPOINTED GENERAL MANAGER OF INLAND J. D. O'Brien Retires After 18 Years As Head of Division



John D. O'Brien  
42 Years With Inland

### Evening Training Classes to Start

A new year and new opportunities for men and women employes through free Spring Term Evening Training classes.

Eight courses of 13 weeks duration will be offered. Applications will be accepted at the Education office of the Personnel Dept. through January 27. Classes are to start January 30.

The courses are: Shop Mathematics, Blue Print Reading, Mechanical Drawing, Effective Speaking, Trigonometry, Technical Illustration and Sketching, Basic General and Organic Chemistry for Non-Technical Personnel and Slide-Rule.

Certificates are awarded for the satisfactory completion of each course.

### HELP FOR TAXPAYERS

Employes desiring assistance in preparing income tax returns may call on the Dayton office of the Internal Revenue Service, 15 E. 4th Street, any week day until April 17.

Persons with questions can call BA 3-7192.

Leslie C. Wolcott is Inland's new General Manager.

His appointment as head of this General Motors Division became effective January 1, 1961 as announced by GM President John F. Gordon.

Mr. Wolcott, who has been Director of Engineering at Packard Electric Division, Warren, Ohio, succeeds John D. O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien, Inland's General Manager since 1942, will retire January 31, 1961 under the provisions of the General Motors Retirement Program. He will be 65 years of age on January 21. Until his retirement date Mr. O'Brien will handle special assignments for N. C. Dezendorf, GM Vice President.

Mr. Wolcott, 56, and a native of Warren, started his business career with Packard Electric as a Time-Study man in 1927. That was five years before the company became a Division of the General Motors Corporation. He will complete 29 years with GM in June, 1961.

After three years in Time-Study, Mr. Wolcott was appointed Aviation Sales Engineer and then became Chief Engineer in May, 1932. He was named Director of Engineering for Packard Electric in September, 1959.

Mr. Wolcott earned an Electrical Engineering degree at Lehigh University and received an M.B.A. degree from Harvard Graduate School of Business.

Mr. O'Brien came to Dayton from Cincinnati in 1917. He was born in Cincinnati, obtained his elementary and high school education there and was graduated from old St. Xavier College, now Xavier University, with a B.S. degree.

Mr. O'Brien's first job in this city was Assistant Traffic Manager for the Dayton Wright Co. This was the beginning of an industrial and civic career that has reached 42 years, all of them in the same location. Dayton Wright at that time was located in Inland Bldg. No. 1, now occupied by the Payroll Dept.

Xavier University recognized his achievements on June 3, 1959 by awarding him the Honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

When Inland joined General Motors in 1922, Mr. O'Brien was appointed Purchasing Agent. In 1931 he was promoted to Production Manager a position he held until taking over as General Manager 19 years ago.



Leslie C. Wolcott  
General Manager

### Select Howard Butler For New Position

Howard E. Butler has been appointed to the new position of Reliability Engineer by P. E. Clingman, Director of Quality and Control.

Butler took over his new duties January 1. As Reliability Engineer he will concentrate his efforts on establishing a program to bring about improved control of our products.

Jerry Cummings has been selected to replace Butler as Plastic Technical Engineer in the Control Laboratory. His transfer from the Engineering Plastic Laboratory was also effective January 1.

### Sponsor 91 Boys In "Y" Campaign

Ninety one boys, 9 through 17 years of age, will be able to take advantage of the facilities and opportunities offered by the YMCA, thanks to Inland employes.

They are the youths indicated for sponsorship by individuals and departments during the recent YMCA membership campaign.

The Dayton area campaign, with E. A. Gorham as General Chairman, went "over the top" as it surpassed its overall goal of 12,895 members.

### DEPTS. 25-92 LEAD HOUSEKEEPERS

Employes of Dept. 92, Foam Strip Shot Ends and Corners, and

Dept. 25, Tool Control, have shattered the idea that only smaller, compact departments can be expected to be neat and tidy.

### Top 1960 Averages

Dept. 15, Metal Ice Trays and Dept. 31, Miscellaneous Experimental Engineering, compiled the best overall Housekeeping averages for the year 1960.

General Foreman F. H. Seitz and the people of Dept. 15 had an average of 88.7.

Dept. 31 finished with an exceptional yearly average of 90.2 in the Non-Productive Div. G. Robert Overman, Chief Experimental Engineer, supervises Dept. 31.

These two departments are the winners of the combined 3rd and 4th quarter Plant Housekeeping Competition.

Dept. 92, large in area and personnel, captured top honors in the Manufacturing Division with a grade of 93. Dept. 25, with plant-wide operations, finished first in the Non-Productive section with a rating of 90.

J. J. Wysong is General Foreman of Dept. 92 and William

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Courtesy of  
Shirley Whiting





**THE CHILDREN'S CHORUS**—Presented its Silver Anniversary Christmas Concert at Memorial Hall, Dec. 13 despite the weather and electrical blackout. A surprisingly large audience was on hand. The Concert was repeated the following evening for those people who found it impossible to attend the first night. They heard the children, directed by Joseph P. Geiger, sing a beautiful program. The accompanist was Paul Roy Jones.



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS at INLAND



Pat Brendel, Pat Blizard and Mary Ellen Strahan decorate tree in Personnel Dept.



It happens at every party. Chester (Cet) Tomczyk gets a Hamster in the exchange of gifts.



There were movies, popcorn balls, ice cream and presents for the boys and girls of the Chorus at their Christmas party.



Hi-Ho!—Santa Claus was on hand to greet employes attending the Girls' Club party and to aid in the distribution of gifts. The party was held at the Van Cleve Hotel.



Mr. O'Brien receives plaque from members of Children's Chorus. Judy Maher made the presentation.



The annual Chorus Christmas party is over. Boys and girls leave Loretto with their gifts.



Tickets please—Mary Coy Wourms directs people to their seats.



Eva Deck, May Loux and Eileen Slattery enjoy themselves at Girls' Club party.

Below—Daily Clay gets advice on operation of electric razor, one of the gifts he received on his retirement from Dept. 92. (L to R) Rose Comer, Clay, Frank Brigtzer, Sue Brown and Wanda Sweeney, retired. Clay, a 27-year employe, was guest of honor at a Dept. dinner.



Girls' Club usherettes—Diane Gast (L) and Sharon Coyles, daughter of Betty Badgley.



B-r-r—It's cold outside and the group pictured to the left is glad to get inside Memorial Hall. Below, people came in a hurry once the blackout was over and electrical power was restored.



Conditions made little difference to these eager youngsters and mother. They were dressed for the weather.



The Holiday Spirit prevailed throughout the plant. There were baskets for friends, dinners and gift exchanges. Top left—Salvage Dept. group with basket for Ed Darding, retired. Lower left—3 to 11 Shift employes in Dept. 26 hold annual dinner. Dept. 33 people—lower right—gather in Dept. 92 for their Yuletide celebration.

