

Goodrich employe dies of chemical-linked cancer

By MIKIE SHERMAN

Charles E. Arthur, 47, an employe of the B.F. Goodrich chemical plant in Avon Lake for the past 21 years, died last night at Elyria Memorial Hospital, eight months after he was diagnosed as having angiosarcoma, a rare form of liver cancer.

The occurrence of angiosarcoma and other cancers has been associated with exposure to polyvinyl chlorides, which are made at the B.F. Goodrich plant here and at four other company facilities.

During his 21 years at the plant, Mr. Arthur had spent about 11 working with the polyvinyl chlorides. More recently he had been working in the company's estol plasticizer and carboset operations.

COMMENTING on her husband's illness last week, his wife Helen said, "He should be bitter but he's not. We hold no hard feelings against the company. Wherever you work there's something."

"When you know the Lord, bitterness leaves and you are filled with love," Mrs. Arthur added. She and her husband were active members of the Christian Assembly of God Church in Lorain, and Mr. Arthur was also a member of the Christian Businessmen's Fellowship and the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship.

Funeral services for Mr. Arthur will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Reichlin Funeral Home, Elyria, with the Rev. Robert L. Newman, pastor of the Christian Assembly of God Church, officiating. Friends may visit at the funeral home from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow. Burial will be in Brookdale Cemetery.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Arthur leaves four children: Valerie, 15, and Charles, 19, both at home; and two married daughters, Mrs. Albert (Denise) Perry, of Elyria, and Mrs. James (Karen) Long, of Lorain. His wife and members of the family were at the hospital when he died, at 6:36 p.m. yesterday.

BORN IN WEST VIRGINIA July 22, 1928. Mr. Arthur had lived in Elyria for the past 23 years. He was a veteran of the Korean War.

In June, workers at the B.F. Goodrich plant collected money to send Mr. and Mrs. Arthur and Valerie to Disney World, in Florida. Shortly after that trip, the family gathered to discuss and support Mr. Arthur's decision to discontinue chemotherapy treatment.

"We all feel very badly," a secretary at the B.F. Goodrich Co. said this morning, tears sounding in her voice. "He'd worked here for 20 years — we were his friends."

Since Mr. Arthur was diagnosed in March as having angiosarcoma, he had worked "sporadically" at the plant, according to company personnel director Ronald Cross. His last day of work was Sept. 23.

ACCORDING to some reports, the incidence of cancer in polyvinyl chloride workers is 49 per cent higher than normal 10 years after exposure to the chemical. After 15 years, the incidence is 84 per cent higher.

As recently as 1971, exposure levels were at 500 parts per million, according to a company spokesman. This has now been reduced to three parts per million, he said.

Although four workers at the B.F. Goodrich plant in Louisville, Ky., have died of liver cancer since 1968, Mr. Arthur's death is the first liver cancer death that has occurred among company workers in Avon Lake, according to Mr. Cross.

POLYVINYL CHLORIDES have also been associated with a high incidence of birth defects.

Other members of Mr. Arthur's family who survive are three grandchildren; a brother, Opherd, of Jefferson, O., and two sisters, Mrs. Hilden Lough, of Painesville, and Mrs. Wilma Cutlip, of West Virginia.



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LOCAL NEWS

Ground broken for 360 miles of pipe

Rural water work begins

By NORMA JONES

LAGRANGE — Construction of the \$12.5 million water line project by the Rural Lorain County Water Authority (RLCWA) is officially underway as groundbreaking ceremonies were held yesterday.

Contractors were moving their equipment into the area today to begin installation of the 360 miles of pipeline that will sprawl across a 360 square mile area in southern Lorain County.

The ceremony yesterday drew about 150 people, most of them governmental officials and their wives who have had a hand in the project.

RLCWA CHAIRMAN Louis Wilson, in welcoming the crowd to the farm field on Rt. 303 where RLCWA headquarters will be located, said the project is coming into reality as the result of "a lot of work by a lot of people."

Howard Beall, from Farmer's Home Administration which is financing the project with an \$11.5 million loan and a \$1 million grant, said this is one of the largest rural water line projects in the nation.

Beall and Lyle Wolfe, from the engineering firm of G. Reynolds Watkins in Lexington, Ky., both said the RLCWA project was the largest in the nation when plans were started. They said someone probably is now working on something bigger.

WOLFE SAID the 27-months it has taken to get the project underway is "record time." He said it usually takes five or six years.

A memorial plaque was presented to Judge Paul Mikus who, in the early stages of planning in a smoke-filled room, told them to "get that smoke out of here and get to work."

Wilson said the motivating factor in getting the project started was the desire to have a more economical and more convenient source of water for rural people.

SOME RURAL families have been paying as much as \$64 per month to have water trucked to their cisterns.



SYMBOLIC SHOVELSFUL of turf were turned yesterday at the groundbreaking ceremonies for the \$12.5 million Rural Lorain County Water Authority (RLCWA) water lines to serve southern Lorain County. Digging in were (left to right) Anthony Ricketts, local Farmers Home Administration (FHA) representative; Louis Wilson, president of the RLCWA; Howard Beall, also of the FHA; and Lyle Wolfe, president of G. Reynolds Watkins of Lexington, Ky., designers and engineers of the project. (C-T photo by Dave Zapotosky)



Balloon magic

Michael The Magician entertains children in Elyria Memorial Hospital's pediatrics ward with a magic show for Halloween. Richard M. Hooper, who acts the role of Michael, performed the show free of charge. (C-T photo by Jeff Bishop)

1 killed, 2 hurt in Lorain crash

By FRANK FINEGOLD

LORAIN — William S. Kinder, 73, of 6220 Baldwin Blvd., was killed and his wife and another man were seriously injured in a three-vehicle crash on Rt. 254 at Pearl Avenue Saturday night.

Kinder was pronounced dead at St. Joseph Hospital at 7:50 p.m. The coroner is to rule on the cause of death.

Susan Kinder, 69, Kinder's wife, was reported in serious condition at the hospital with possible internal injuries and a cut mouth.

SCOTT CRESSER, 20, of 525 Georgetown Ave., Elyria, was reported in critical condition in the hospital's intensive care unit with possible head injuries, cuts of the forehead and right thigh and chest bruises.

The accident occurred at 7:39 p.m. as the Kinder vehicle was traveling west on Rt. 254.

Roberto Figuero, 20, of 1500 Herbert Dr., told police he was headed eastbound on Rt. 254 waiting to turn left onto Pearl Avenue.

He said the van truck, driven by Cresser passed him on the left going into the westbound lane of traffic. The van slammed head-on into the Kinder car. The impact threw the van back into Figuero's car damaging the left front fender. Figuero was not injured.

Police are continuing the investigation.

KINDER WAS BORN in Chester, Pa., and had lived in Lorain since his early childhood.

He retired in 1964 after 47 years as a heater with the Lorain-Cuyahoga Works, U.S. Steel Corp.

He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Church and was a member and first president of the church's Holy Name Society.

Mr. Kinder was also active in the church Curtillo Movement and participated in gardening, woodcrafts and fishing.

SURVIVING ARE his wife, Susan, (nee Kish) with whom he celebrated his fiftieth wedding anniversary in February; two sons, William Jr. and Robert, both of Lorain; two daughters, Mrs. Ernest (Betty) Janik and Mrs. Albert (Dorothy) Janik, both of Elyria; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Andrew of Elyria and Joseph of Billings, Mont., and a sister, Mrs. Betty Bozsocki of Lorain.

Mr. Kinder was preceded in death by a brother, John, killed in action on Saipan in 1944, and a sister, Mary, in 1962.

FRIENDS WILL BE received today and tomorrow from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Reidy-Scanlan Funeral Home, Lorain, where the rosary will be recited tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home and 10 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. The Rev. Charles Logue will officiate with burial in Calvary Cemetery.



WILLIAM KINDER of Lorain was killed and his wife, Susan, was seriously injured in a three-car accident Saturday night. They are shown in a picture taken by The Chronicle-Telegram in February to mark their 50th wedding anniversary. (C-T photo)

Lorain County per capita return on Issue 5 is 17.1%

Lorain County will receive a \$152.70 per capita return — or 17.1 per cent of the extra .7-cent sales tax payments totalling \$229.8 million — if Issue 5 is approved by voters tomorrow, according to an analysis by the Akron-Beacon Journal.

Issue 5, one of four proposals billed by Gov. Rhodes as an economic recovery package, calls for borrowing of \$2.75 billion to finance capital improvements and to provide block grants to cities and villages.

THE BEACON-JOURNAL'S analysis, which compared the amount of money counties will get in block grants with what they can expect to pay in increased taxes, showed the state's 10 largest counties as benefiting most from the proposal.

According to the Akron paper's analysis, the state's 10 smallest counties would receive in direct grants an average of only 7.3 per cent of what they paid in extra taxes. The 10 largest

counties, including Lorain, would receive an average of 16.5 per cent of their increased sales tax payments back in direct grants.

Figures for other area counties — listed as per capita return, projected sales tax revenues from the .7-cent increase only, and percentage of the tax paid which comes back to the county in grants — are:

CUYAHOGA — \$189.06 per capita return, on \$1.5 billion in extra taxes, or 21.7 per cent.

ERIE — \$97.82 per capita, \$90.9 million sales tax, or 8.2 per cent.

HURON — \$94.03 per capita, \$52.9 million sales tax, or 8 per cent.

MEDINA — \$80.34 per capita, \$67.8 million sales tax, or 9.8 per cent.

Per capita amounts were figured on the basis of 1970 census figures. Sales tax revenue figures were based on total retail spending figures from each county and assume an annual growth rate of five per cent.

Rhodes makes final pleas for his issues

COLUMBUS (AP) — Gov. James A. Rhodes brought the campaign for his four-part economic recovery package back to Columbus in its final hours, holding back-to-back weekend news conferences to urge voter approval.

In unusual weekend sessions Saturday and yesterday, the governor predicted victory for his \$4.5 billion economic recovery package and accused his critics of opposing him more than his programs.

"THE PEOPLE of Ohio want solutions," he said yesterday.

"They are sick and tired of the negative obstructionism of our opponents. They are tired of harping and nit-picking and studying the problem."

"They want a positive program, and after a year of talk, ours is the only one," he said.

The governor accused his opponents of waging "the most vicious partisan attack on any program in the state's history."

"THE CRITICS, who are still fighting the election of a year ago, have gone throughout Ohio with their shrill opposition for purely partisan reasons," he said. "But they have no program."

The governor said his victory prediction was based on consultation with field campaign workers.

"We checked yesterday with our field people, and they feel confident," he said. "They tell me we're going to win."

The governor said he was surprised by the intensity of the opposition to the four issues, particularly from the Ohio AFL-CIO and the United Auto Workers.

"LABOR, especially, should be fighting for jobs for their members," he said.

The UAW backed tax abatement in Michigan, and it worked, and I thought they would back it in Ohio. The AFL-CIO backed tax abatement in Michigan and I thought they would be very consistent, it's just next door."

"I thought organized labor would be consistent," he said. "I didn't think I would have to get down on my hands and knees to get someone to be for this."

In his Saturday news conferences, the governor stressed Issue 2, the tax abatement measure. He was flanked at that session by eight Ohio industry leaders, all of whom said the fate of Issue 2 would have significant impact on their expansion plans.

THE EIGHT executives told newsmen that Ohio taxes industry much heavier than other states, a principal reason why they are expanding in places like Virginia and Alabama instead of in Ohio.

"Ohio is on the verge of taxing itself out of competition," said John Gushman, chairman of Anchor-Hocking Glass Corp. "I think we need this issue to produce a climate where we can get new industry."

"The high business taxes in this state do not make Ohio an

attractive place to locate," added Herbert Appleton, president of National Electric Coil Co.

RHODES SAID he will ask legislative leaders to begin work immediately on implementing legislation if the issues pass. He said if they fail, he will expect opponents to draw up their own program. But he said that did not mean he would simply sit back and wait.

"You know me better than that. I'm not going to be passive," he said.

Meanwhile one of the chief opposition spokesmen denied the governor's accusations of obstructionism. Lt. Gov. Richard Celeste, a Democrat, said the General Assembly tried to work with Rhodes, but was rebuffed.

"THE LEGISLATURE wanted to compromise with him on a modified transportation proposal and housing proposal," he said. "It could have been on the ballot last June, but he refused to accept that."

"He's not interested in alternatives," Celeste said. "He is interested in satisfying the special interests who put him in office, and that is what they four issues are about."