



Valley of the Giants—

J. Ralph Fehr (1886 – 1984)



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J. Ralph Fehr was a long-time Engineers Club of Dayton member, joining in 1920 and remaining active until his death in July 1984. Ralph had gone to high school while working part-time in his father's hardware store in Chicago, and upon graduation was given a laboratory apprentice job with the Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C. While there, he attended evening classes in electrical engineering at Washington University.

Upon learning that jobs were available in the United States Patent Office, Ralph took additional courses that would enable him to qualify for such positions, and in 1907 at the age of 21 he became Fourth Assistant Patent Office Examiner. While still with the Patent Office, he earned his electrical engineering degree and served four years as a military officer during the first world war (part of

which time he was in France).

Upon resigning from military service in 1920, Ralph came to Dayton as the patent lawyer for the Dayton Electric Company, and shortly thereafter became associated part-time with Delco Products, as well as with the patent law firm of Greer Marechal. In 1925, Ralph became a full-time patent attorney for General Motors, which included both Delco and Frigidaire Divisions. He became deeply involved in the development of freon and other refrigerant materials.

Ralph was an active civic leader, and in addition to his 64 years with The Engineers Club, he was a member of the Civitan Club, the Dayton Bar Association, Dayton Patent Law Association and the Discussion Club. He and his wife, Marjorie, were members of Christ Episcopal Church.

Not all the giants of our Miami Valley are inventors and industrialists, but have helped others to achieve greatness. Because J. Ralph Fehr devoted his entire life to helping others achieve success, he deserves to have his name placed with the others, in this OUR VALLEY OF THE GIANTS!

Family Night • Friday, July 25, 1997 Bubba Gump Shrimp Night



For the shrimp fan in you—just like Bubba in
the movie *Forrest Gump*

You know it's a household name!

Shrimp any way you like it, and we will
watch the movie!

Barbeque shrimp, fried shrimp, peel-and-eat shrimp,
shrimp salad, shrimp scampi

Feature beers will be Algonkin and Salado Creek, Labatt's Blue

Dinner buffet begins at 5:30

We will screen Tom Hanks in "Forrest Gump" at 7:30

Bring your friends and your kids. Child care provided.
Enjoy beer and Bubba Gump shrimp, and we will take
care of feeding and watching the children.

If child care is needed, you must call ahead at
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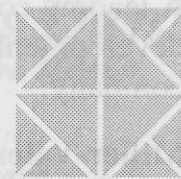
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