



VALLEY OF THE GIANTS



Joseph B. Haverstick

Mr. Joseph B. Haverstick "Joe" was born in Michigan City, Indiana on December 17, 1911, moved to Dayton in 1918, attended Cleveland Grade School and graduated from Steele High School in 1930.

He learned the building business from the "ground up" by working for his father, J.N. Haverstick, a building contractor,

as a carpenter and cement finisher in the summers of 1927 through 1930. In 1930, during the depression, the business failed and Mr. Haverstick then spent two years at University of Dayton (Civil Engineering) and three years at miscellaneous jobs. In 1936 he, his brother and his father formed a partnership, and again entered the building business. This was possible with the help of a \$500 loan from William B. Chryst (member of the original Barn Gang). This was the first of a

number of companies formed to handle construction and real estate activities which produced:

- 1,500 homes in 10 plats in the Dayton area;
- First Holiday Inn in Ohio in Toledo in 1956; and
- Many restaurants—Culps at Far Hills, Cassanos, Bill Knapps, Yankee Tavern, and Jays.

Mr. Haverstick believes a thorough knowledge of real estate is necessary in the building business. He holds a Broker's license to sell real estate in the State of Ohio. He is a member of the Institute of Real Estate Management, is a Certified Property Manager, and a member of the Society of Real Estate Appraisers.

During World War II Mr. Haverstick was active in trade organizations. He was a natural networker long before the term became popular. He helped organize the Dayton Builders Association and the Ohio Home Builders Association and served as president of each. He served as representative to the National Home Builders Association's Housing Emergency Committee.

From 1942 to 1956 he served on numerous committees and in elected offices, culminating in his election to president of the National Association of Home Builders in 1956. While serving as membership chairman, the association grew from 10,500 to 14,500. As president, he traveled all over the United States, and was away from home 50% of the year.

Mr. Haverstick has been a member of the Engineers Club since 1944. During his presidency from 1961 - 62 membership grew by approximately 300 members. Joe personally brought in 17 new members.

Joe was chairman of the Policy Committee of Christ United Methodist Church whose decisions led to the selection of the building site in the area that became the civic and cultural center of the City of Kettering.

Other organizations he has served are:

- Board of Trustees, Fairmont Presbyterian Church—president;
- Downtown Dayton Kiwanis Club for 28 years;
- John W. Durst Lodge #716 F.A.M.O. Dayton;
- Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite—Dayton—32nd degree Mason; Antioch Temple—Dayton; Dayton Art Institute; and Republican political committees.

Mr. Haverstick emphasizes, after his long association with the America housing industry, that mechanized tools played a major role, and the quality of houses being built today is better than homes built in the past. Although semi-retired since 1985, he remains active. A year ago he built a three-story dream house on the side of a hill with an elevator and a woodworking shop that would be the envy of most hobbyists. He has made over 600 pieces of furniture and special gift items for family and friends.

Joe's wife, Helen, died in 1974. They have three sons, Jay, Ned and Kim. Joe later married Alberta Warner. Their combined families total seven children and nine grandchildren.

This GIANT'S influence, so highly acclaimed here in the Miami Valley, spread across the country, promoting sound building and management practices. He was elected to the National Housing Hall of Fame in Washington, D.C., in May, 1978.