



HISTORICAL ACHIEVEMENTS

VALLEY OF THE GIANTS



WAYNE D. STALEY

Wayne D. Stanley was born in Loami, Illinois, and graduated from the University of Illinois in 1925 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry. He received his Masters Degree in 1927.

He first worked at C.F. Burgess Laboratories in Madison, Wisconsin, then transferred to

Burgess-Parr Company in Moline, Illinois, as General Manager from 1928 to 1935. In 1935, he then accepted a position with Duriron Company, as Sales Engineer, then moved up to Manager of the Chicago office. He was soon made Manager of Duriron's New York Office.

In 1950, he became General Sales Manager, and 2 years later, Vice-President. He was an active member of Duriron's Board of Directors from 1956 until his retirement in 1982. He became Duriron's President in October of 1966.

Mr. Staley was very active throughout his life in fields of voluntary community service, and left a legacy of achievement that should prove an inspiration to all who knew him, or who were aware of his many accomplishments in organizations such as Junior Achievement, United Way, Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, Dayton Automobile Club, Dayton Council on World Affairs, YMCA, Newcomer Society, Westminster Church, City of Oakwood, Dayton Opera, The 100 Club of Dayton, Senior Citizens Center, Dayton Rotary, Dayton Community Chest, Hydraulic Institute, Boy Scouts of America, and last, but not least – The Engineers Club of Dayton (of which he was a 34-year member)!

As a tribute to Mr. Staley, following his death in October of

1985, the Senior Citizens Center re-named the annual Gold Watch Award – "The Wayne D. Staley Gold Watch Award". This award is made annually for Senior Citizen outstanding volunteerism (with 3 of such awards being made initially, in 1984, to 3 members of the Engineers Club)!

Mr. Staley received the "Spirit of American Heritage" award from Junior Achievement, "for contributing greatly to our American Heritage, and being a source of inspiration to our American youth". In 1964, he was elected President of the Community Chest Associations of Montgomery and Greene Counties.

He was a member of "The Hydraulic Institute" and served as its President in 1958. He was General Chairman of the Thirteenth Annual Miami Valley Safety Conference in 1965. He was inducted into the Annual Quarter-Century Club in 1961. He was elected President of Dayton Rotary Club in 1961 (he had also served as President of the Moline Rotary Club in 1934). He also was a Director of the First National Bank of Dayton.

Wayne W. Staley was an outstanding engineer, entrepreneur, business executive and community leader, who best exemplifies the qualities of those who are listed in our great Miami Valley's VALLEY OF THE GIANTS!