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FIRST FAMILIES MOVE TO NEWBRIDGE

Delighted with new homes

The closing days of 1966 were more hectic than usual for a few Uniroyal families in Edinburgh. During early December, eight Castle Mills employees were advised that they had been allocated houses by Midlothian County Council at Parkside, Newbridge, which is just a couple of hundred yards from the entrance to our new Factory now in an advanced stage of construction and equipping. December 24th was actually the hand-over-date.

David Mackie, maintenance electrician, who has been with us for 14 years; and Robert Mein, tyre preparatory (16 years service) opted for a quick entry. Peculiarly both families resided close to each other in the Oxfangs area of Edinburgh. Both decided to flit on 27th December—Christmas in one house, New Year in the new one.

Last month we featured in these columns the attractive four apartment houses built at Parkside, Newbridge, which are particularly well designed, centrally heated by gas and with a kitchen that is a housewife's dream.

OFFICIAL WELCOME

Less than 24 hours after the Mackies and the Meins flitted, they were officially welcomed to Newbridge by County Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Dickson, who lives nearby and our Managing Director at Edinburgh, D. F. Vallis. Despite the upset of a removal, both families were already organised and delighted with their new home. In the Mackie family there are two boys, David (8) and Graeme (5). Across the road Mr and Mrs Mein



Above: D. F. Vallis, Managing Director of our Tyre and General Products Division on right with Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Dickson welcoming Mr and Mrs Robert Mein to No. 16 Parkside, Newbridge. Left: David Mackie and his wife and elder son David (8) snapped in their attractive livingroom—wonderfully shipshape in less than 24 hours.

Parcels for
Dumfries
Old Timers

For the first time ever at Heathhall, Christmas Gift Boxes of provisions were presented to all retired personnel. The distribution was carried out by J. B. Graham and J. Fisher seen getting the parcels ready. It is true to say the surprise and amazement on the faces of those concerned was a treat to behold. Well done Heathhall.

ant countryside, yet near enough to Edinburgh, and doubtless be tackling with enthusiasm the layout and stocking of their garden.

It is expected shortly another 29 houses will be allocated by Midlothian County Council. These are at Ratho Station, about half a mile east of Newbridge and adjacent to the A8.

Certainly the influx of the first families to the Newbridge area is going to cause a stir in the local school where, we feel sure, all will be warmly welcomed.

Mr VILA'S GOOD NEWS

In a statement issued by United States Rubber Company on 16th December, George R. Vila, chairman and president, reported a new record in 1966 for sales and earnings.

He said that sales for the year should total between \$1,315,000,000 and \$1,320,000,000 up 8 per cent from \$1,225,000,000 last year. Earnings will be between \$46,000,000 compared with \$37,224,359 an improvement of 24 per cent.

Mr Vila said he anticipates continued improvement in sales and earnings during 1967 for the company, assuming no sharp down turn in the economy. He said 1966 marks the third consecutive year that earnings per share have shown major improvement.

Capital expenditures during 1966 were approximately 90 million dollars, somewhat lower than in 1965 but well above the levels of prior years.

Major expenditures were made in new areas of synthetic fibres and chemicals with tyre modernisation, retail outlets and foreign plant expansions also taking a large share. Mr Vila added that similar expenditures in 1967 and future years should be in the range of 90 million to 100 million dollars.

Mr Vila noted that U.S. Rubber will be 75 years old in 1967. "We have become a highly diversified company—a far cry from a federation of rubber footwear manufactures in 1892. Only about half of our business today is in rubber."

MECHANICAL DIVISION
DINNER

Carlton Hotel, Edinburgh

FRIDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY, 1967

7.30 p.m.

We understand that initial response to the notice of this function suggests a "full house". Reservations should be made to D. Gardiner or T. Murray without delay.

Friday, 3rd February is the eve of the Scotland v. Wales Rugby International at Murrayfield, Edinburgh.