

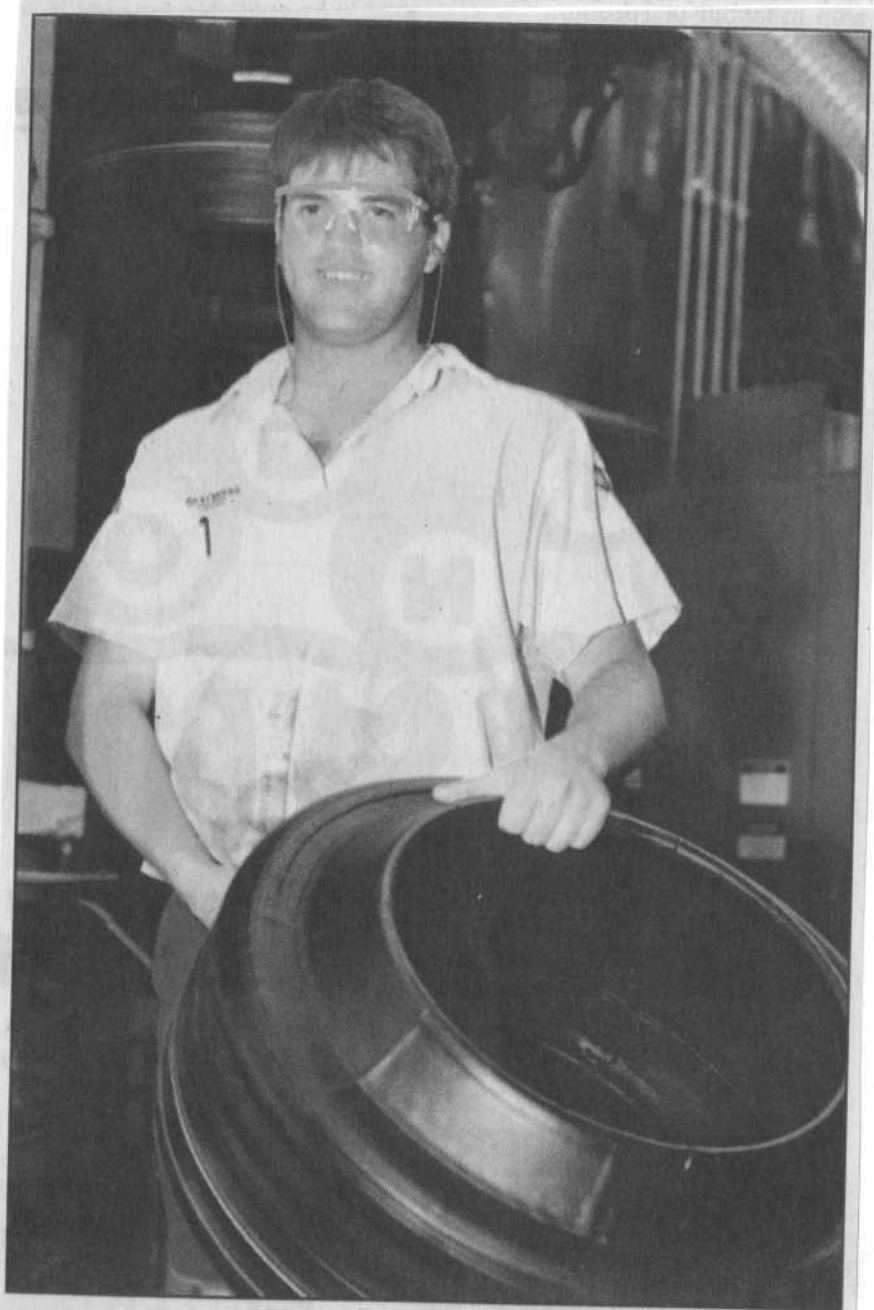
Facts about the Goodyear Canada plant near Napanee:

Goodyear

- ground breaking ceremony July 13, 1988
- first tire came off the line in June, 1990
- currently employs about 600 people plus 100 contract workers
- workforce is 80/20 male to female
- operates seven days a week, 24 hours a day, on 12-hour shifts
- currently manufactures 17,000 tires a day
- employees have an average of 14 years education
- average age is 34.3 years
- the plant sits on 550 acres and the building has approximately 760,000 sq. ft.
- potential employees go through more than 20 hours of interviews and testing before being hired
- 39 per cent of its workforce live in Lennox & Addington, 26 per cent in Frontenac, 27 per cent in Hastings, six per cent in Prince Edward and two per cent reside elsewhere

Facts about the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Corporation:

- founded by brothers Frank and Charles Seiberling in 1898 in Akron, Ohio
- named after Charles Goodyear, inventor of the vulcanization (rubber-curing) process
- started with carriage and bicycle tires and quickly moved into the automobile market
- by 1916 was the largest tire manufacturer in the world
- completed its first airship in 1911
- built the first U.S. synthetic rubber factory in 1940
- currently employs 91,000 people world-wide
- sells products in 185 countries
- had sales of approximately \$14 billion in 1997



Curing technician Bob Sager with a 'green' or uncured tire.

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