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Valley of the Giants—

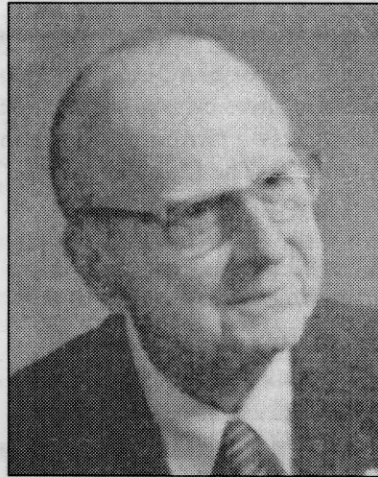
David A. Meeker

(1901 – 1985)

David A. Meeker was born in Greenville, Ohio, in February 1901, and graduated from Greenville High School. He graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1924, following his first two years of college at Ohio State University. He then joined General Motors in Dayton, where he worked for Charles Kettering, and spent some time in Detroit. Hearing of the work being done by the Hobart Manufacturing Company in Troy, Ohio, he soon became a part of the Hobart research and engineering team. After various engineering accomplishments, David became a Vice President in 1938, and President in 1945, retiring in 1970 after 25 years as Hobart's Chief Executive.

During his presidency, Hobart grew steadily. Sales of products increased from \$13 million per year in 1945, to \$201 million in 1970. Total company assets increased more than 10.5 times, which brought Hobart's ranking to No. 427 in Fortune 500's largest American industries!

In addition to his executive duties at Hobart, David A. Meeker was extremely active in public responsibilities, such as: serving as Director in the Federal Reserve Bank of



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Cleveland, and in the First National Bank of Troy; President of American Ordinance Association of Cincinnati; Vice President of the Miami Council of Boy Scouts; Director of Rex Chain Belt Company; and of Monarch Machine Tool Company and President of Trojan Farms Inc. He was a President of the Troy Rotary Club, and of the Neil Armstrong Museum Association of Wapakoneta. He was a Trustee of the Ohio Manufacturers Association, Brukner Nature Center, Lincoln Community Center, Junior Achievement of Dayton, and a member of the Newcome Society, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Troy Country Club, Leland Yacht Club, the Troy Presbyterian Church, and last, but not least, David was a 50-year member of the Engineers Club of Dayton.

David A. Meeker had been granted more than 65 patents. His son, David B. Meeker, followed his father as Chief Executive of Hobart in 1968. David B. Meeker's son, George, has supplied this basic bibliographical data on his grandfather. David B.'s brother, Robert, has been an Engineers Club member since 1957.

Men like David A. Meeker have made this Miami Valley what it is today—the VALLEY OF THE GIANTS!

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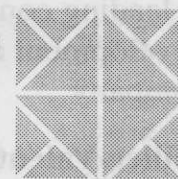


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