

# Ohio Band Instrument Co.

## Cleveland, Ohio

- 1935 Foster Reynolds (1883-1960) (photo 1) leaves White later this year and incorporates as the Foster A. Reynolds Co., #2837-2853 Prospect Ave SE, with a ten-year lease on a modern brick factory (photo 2). The Ohio Band Instrument Co, a subsidiary, will operate in the same location. Production starts in early 1936 with twenty workers (*Cleveland Plain Dealer*). Ohio uses the Regent model name (photo 4).
- 1936 F. A. Reynolds Co Inc, incorporated 1935, #2845 Prospect Ave SE, Foster president, Harper treasurer (directory).
- 1938 F. A. Reynolds Co, Foster pres, E. H. Roth vp, Max Scherl sec, Harper treasurer (dir).
- 1940 Now 80 workers (*Cleveland Plain Dealer*).
- 1946 Foster sells his shares to Max Scherl and retires, then later works as a consultant & manager for Olds.
- 1947 Reynolds and Ohio brands are merged and the Regent line is replaced by the Roth model for students. The Emperor name is first used in Nov. (trademark registration) for intermediate models with Reynolds the top model.
- 1952 "Roth-Reynolds" is now used on the instruments.
- 1955 Max Scherl retires, Heinrich Roth now president.
- 1960 Foster Reynolds dies of a heart attack at work in the Olds factory in Fullerton, CA. Richards Music Corp. buys Reynolds on December 30<sup>th</sup>. The Roth model ends around serial number 99000.
- 1961 The Medalist student models replace the Roth and are made by Blessing.
- 1964 Reynolds is sold to CMI who also owns Olds. Production is moved to Fullerton and a new factory at #5520 N 1<sup>st</sup> St in Abilene, Texas (photo 5 from catalog).
- 1969 Reynolds is sold to ECL which becomes Norlin Ind.
- 1970 All instruments are made in Fullerton and the Abilene plant is sold to Conn. Models now are Contempora, Emperor and Medalist (catalog).
- 1979 Reynolds is closed in July and the contents are auctioned off (news article). The name is purchased by P.J. Laplace Associates Ltd.

