

The Foundry Roundup

DECEMBER, 1960



THE LONELIEST MAN IN THE WORLD

A FEW YEARS back, we had occasion to ask an important American businessman for a brief message about Christmas. This answer he gave is one we shall long remember: "I believe the loneliest man in the world must be one who does not believe in Christmas."

"We all pass through a stage in our lives," he explained, "when we think Christmas is only for children. I remember how I felt during those few years of my early youth right after I learned the disillusioning truth about Santa Claus. I had the mistaken notion that Santa was Christmas and, if I lost one, I lost both. But the experiences of the passing years taught me differently. I learned the tremendous importance of the Holiday Season. It means more to me now than in the earlier years of my life."

Most adults, we believe, would agree. Certainly there is joy enough in our American Christmas for folks of all ages. Youth is not the only stage of life when we can enjoy the exchange of gifts, the lighted trees, the glitter, the tinsel, the songs and laughter that rise so readily to our lips, the added sparkle to our eyes, the new spring to our step.

But those are but outer effects; the lighter, brighter trappings of the Holiday. There is much more that is

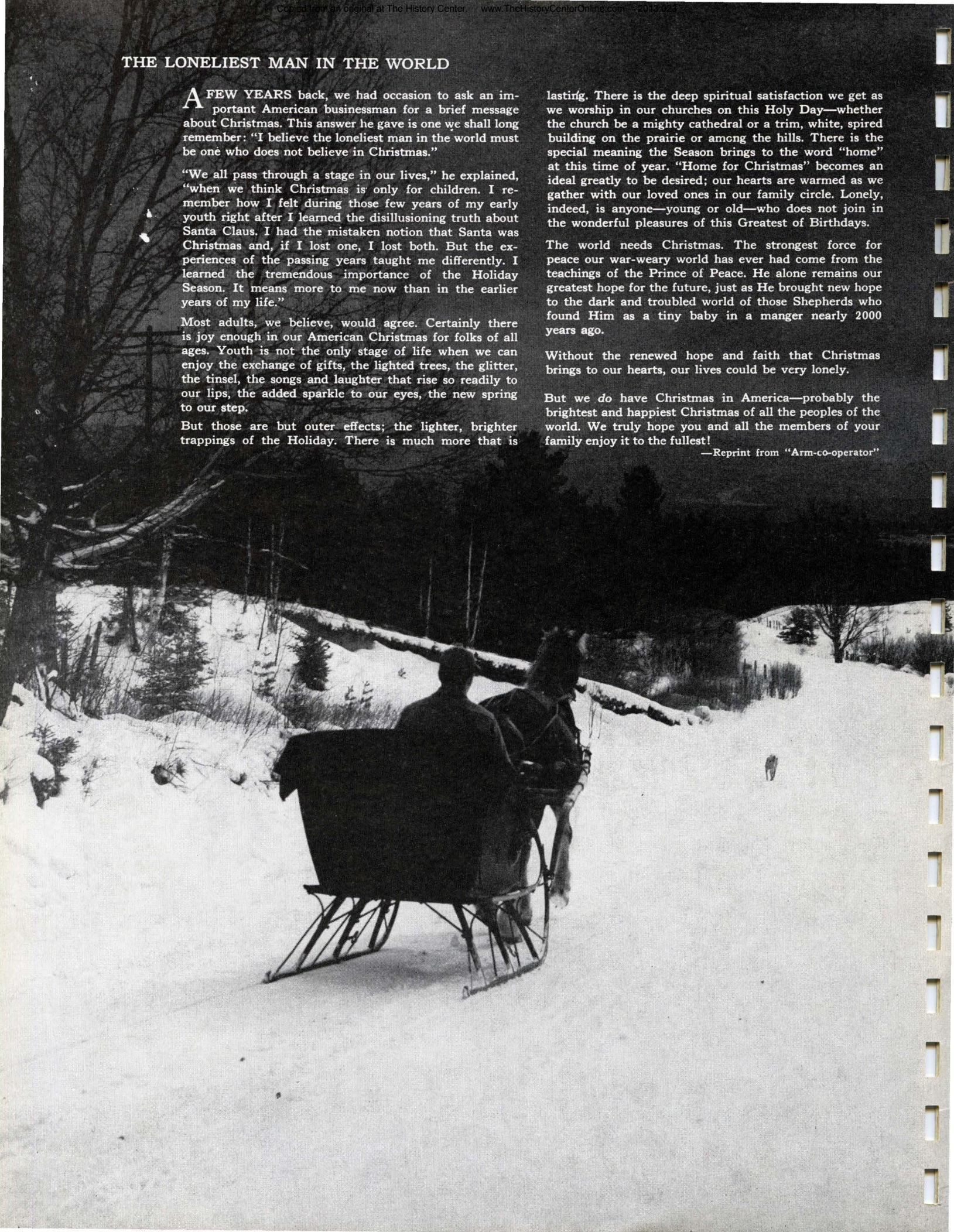
lasting. There is the deep spiritual satisfaction we get as we worship in our churches on this Holy Day—whether the church be a mighty cathedral or a trim, white, spired building on the prairie or among the hills. There is the special meaning the Season brings to the word "home" at this time of year. "Home for Christmas" becomes an ideal greatly to be desired; our hearts are warmed as we gather with our loved ones in our family circle. Lonely, indeed, is anyone—young or old—who does not join in the wonderful pleasures of this Greatest of Birthdays.

The world needs Christmas. The strongest force for peace our war-weary world has ever had come from the teachings of the Prince of Peace. He alone remains our greatest hope for the future, just as He brought new hope to the dark and troubled world of those Shepherds who found Him as a tiny baby in a manger nearly 2000 years ago.

Without the renewed hope and faith that Christmas brings to our hearts, our lives could be very lonely.

But we *do* have Christmas in America—probably the brightest and happiest Christmas of all the peoples of the world. We truly hope you and all the members of your family enjoy it to the fullest!

—Reprint from "Arm-co-operator"



The Editor's Corner

AT THIS particular time of the year, more personal snapshots are made than at any other time. We hope our employees will be taking pictures of their families around the Christmas tree, or of their children at play with the toys they received, or perhaps the family around the Christmas dinner table. We will be most pleased to publish in THE FOUNDRY ROUNDUP any pictures of this nature. Mail or bring them to the editorial offices in the Personnel Building, together with identification of those pictured. All photos will be returned.

Employees are getting their share of the deer this season, as the accompanying photographs tell. There's one story, however, which doesn't have a picture to prove the truth of it. JIM ODOM, Maintenance Department, who always gets his deer both in Texas and in Colorado each year, says that he got one again this year in the Rockies, but that it was so large, the weight of it caused his pickup to skid coming down the mountain and turn over. Since that was the only way out, several hunters were pretty unhappy with Jim for blocking the road, and sent him on a several mile hike through a blinding snowstorm to get help. When he finally found a kindly soul with a jeep, they righted the pickup and Jim and his hunting party headed back to Texas, after being in Colorado only three days.

Jim got his 5-point buck on the Johnson Farm as he does each year,

only this year he was grumbling because PETE MOORE, Machine Shop, wouldn't help him drag it out of the woods.

CLYDE HALL, Trailer Division, has a brand new story about killing his deer. Rather than say he shot his 8-point buck at such-and-such a distance, he vows he used his 30-30 on the 100-pound deer in self-defense. He says he knows the deer would have run over him if he hadn't felled it with one shot!

T. L. VANS AU, Machine Shop, is another hunter who always gets his buck on opening day of the season, and this year is no exception. He killed a 7-pointer in the Hawkins Hunting Club November 16, with a 30.06 rifle. The buck weighed about 80 pounds.

T. L. BUTLER, oilfield division service man, and his wife, HELEN, came from our offices in Odessa to hunt for the white-tails, and each got a buck. Helen killed an 8-point, 125-pounder below Diboll with a 20-gauge shotgun. Bobbie (as T. L. is known here) killed a 4-point, 100-pounder the day before with a 300 rifle. BOB BUTLER, Machine Shop, father of Bobbie, is still looking for his buck.

HARDY FREDREGILL, Machine Shop, has finished his hunting season for deer, for he has bagged his limit. One was a large 8-point deer estimated



CLYDE HALL, Trailer Division, and his 8-point buck



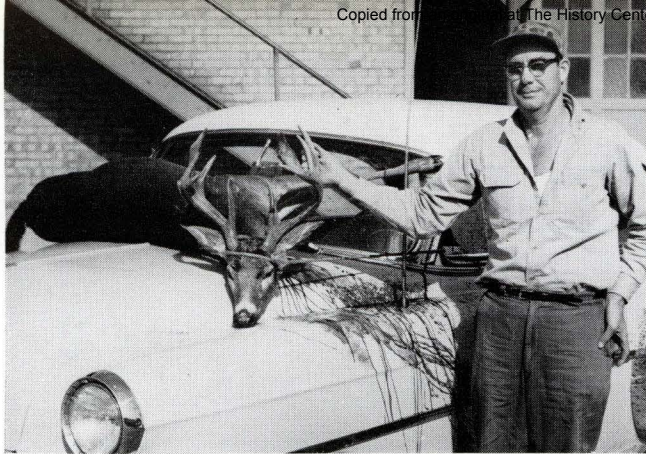
LEFT to right: BOB BUTLER, Machine Shop, HELEN BUTLER and T. L. BUTLER, Odessa Sales and Service office. Helen killed this 8-point buck

T. L. VANS AU, Machine Shop, and his grandson, BUBBA, with a 7-pointer



THESE two bucks ended the season for HARDY FREDREGILL, Machine Shop. Beside him is MRS. FREDREGILL





A LARGE 10-point buck was killed by SEYMOUR CURTIS, Foundry Department



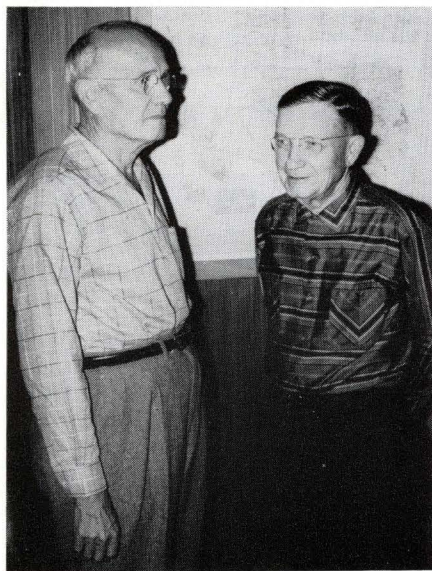
KENNETH BURNETT, Machine Shop, stands beside the 8-pointer he killed near Prairie View

to weigh around 300 pounds, and the other was a 7-pointer which weighed a little more than 100 pounds. Both deer were shot in the Bald Hill community with a .22 rifle!

CHARLES E. WEEKS, Machine Shop, dropped a 6-pointer with his 303 at about 55 yards in the Hawkins Hunting Club. The buck weighed about 125 pounds.

SEYMOUR CURTIS, Foundry Department, got his buck on the first day of the season in the Chinguapin Hunting Club in Trinity County. It was a beautiful 10-point deer, dropped by a 30.06 rifle.

KENNETH BURNETT, Machine Shop, killed an 8-pointer in the Prairie View community. He shot the 120-pounder at 75 yards with a 30-30 rifle.



CLAUDE TREVATHAN, left, was presented an engraved watch by GUY CROOM, superintendent, on behalf of the Company. Mr. Trevathan retired in October

October 10, 1960, was the day of the occasion of the retirement of CLAUDE TREVATHAN, an employee of the Material Control Department. He had worked for the Company for 32 years, beginning here September 20, 1928. He started to work for the Company as a Chipper in the Cleaning Department of the Foundry where he worked for 6½ years. He drove what he called a "dinky" on the yard for awhile, and then was transferred to the Material Control.

He was presented an engraved watch from the Company as a memento of his years of work here. Living on a 2-acre plot on Highway 94, Claude says he doesn't plan to look for part-time work now that he has retired. He's going to fish and try to catch up on all the chores around his place which his wife has set for him to do. He believes he'll enjoy his retirement because he feels that he will have sufficient income



C. E. WEEKS, Machine Shop, got a 6-point buck in Hawkins Hunting Club

from his Company pension plus what he gets as a Veteran of World War I together with his Social Security. All his co-workers wish him a long and happy life.

MARY FOSTER, daughter of A. A. FOSTER, Trailer Division, has sent us another poem which we are happy to publish at this time. She is a senior at Hudson High School this year, and has had poems published several times, including some in this magazine and in the local daily paper.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT

A soft curtain of blue
Fell across the sky,
And angels tiptoed about,
Pushing lazy stars out.

The meadows were beautiful as
Snowflakes drifted down.
Little animals snuggled together
Watching them swirl around.

Suddenly a great beam of light
Split the darkness!
Choirs of angels let
Their voices ring!

The curtain of night parted
For a brief moment,
And a holy face was seen.
"Happy Birthday, my son," it
whispered.

Someone was born on this night,
Born to make a sinner right,
Hundreds of years ago
On Christmas night.

From THE WAR CRY, publication of the Salvation Army, we reprint here a portion of an editorial.

"There is nothing morally wrong

with doing a big business at this season of the year, or with urging people to buy gifts. The danger lies in losing sight of the core of meaning. It is like a man who becomes so involved with the details of driving a car that he loses sight of where he is going.

"The humble beginning is perhaps a part of God's plan.

"If man had handled the production of the event, he most certainly would have done it differently. The King of kings would have been born in a jeweled palace, with a myriad of angels hovering overhead. Expectant crowds would have waited breathlessly at the gate for news.

"As the child arrived, there would have been a simultaneous explosion of 21 atomic bombs with a fallout of orange jelly beans.

"Only God, in His infinite wisdom,

could have created the picture of a carpenter's wife giving birth to a Savior on a hillside with the only on-lookers her husband and the stock in the stable.

"The Shepherds and the Wise Men paid their tribute. Men since that day have been adding to the celebration in their effort to pay tribute to the birthday of One who saved them from sin.

"The central theme of that birthday, this first Christmas in the age of space and all between, is that God came down from Heaven and was flesh and blood, was born of a virgin to live here.

"Good will toward our fellowmen is a part of the celebration, but the heart of it is the love that we show to God on this birthday of His Son."

THE FOUNDRY ROUNDUP wishes each of you an abundant, happy New Year.

Marking an Anniversary

MACHINE SHOP

Employment Date	Years With Co.
P. P. Cooney	Nov. 10, 1926 34
L. L. Bullock	Nov. 24, 1928 32
Curtis Hodges	Nov. 19, 1941 19
J. O. Burgess	Nov. 2, 1942 18
F. F. Carson	Nov. 10, 1942 18
E. M. Harrell	Nov. 4, 1943 17
R. W. Pinner	Nov. 2, 1944 16
D. D. Teer	Nov. 6, 1944 16
J. E. Smithhart	Nov. 5, 1946 14
F. E. Null	Nov. 6, 1946 14
J. A. Collmorgen	Nov. 7, 1946 14
Malcolm M. King	Nov. 10, 1950 10
Charles E. Weeks	Nov. 20, 1950 10
J. M. Askins	Nov. 2, 1953 7
Campbell Tullos	Nov. 2, 1953 7
Ford J. Roddam	Nov. 15, 1954 6
Hurley J. Brown	Nov. 16, 1955 5
Odus Thomas Rusk	Nov. 16, 1955 5
Alvin W. Powell	Nov. 21, 1955 5
James E. Weeks	Nov. 23, 1955 5

FOUNDRY DEPARTMENT

Employment Date	Years With Co.
James Grimes	Nov. 2, 1944 16
Elbert Shipp	Nov. 6, 1944 16
G. R. Lilly	Nov. 28, 1944 16
E. E. Edwards	Nov. 21, 1945 15
Clarence Morrison	Nov. 27, 1945 15
Judge Burrell	Nov. 4, 1946 14
Alvin Landrum	Nov. 7, 1946 14
Seamon Rigsby	Nov. 1, 1947 13
Dock Spencer	Nov. 4, 1947 13
Elbert Deason	Nov. 15, 1947 13
Arnold Wyatt	Nov. 9, 1950 10
O. A. Allsbrooks	Nov. 20, 1950 10
M. T. White	Nov. 5, 1953 7
Levi Patton	Nov. 2, 1955 5
Henry Jefferson	Nov. 18, 1955 5
Clifford Johnson	Nov. 18, 1958 3
Joe Dan Felder	Nov. 13, 1959 1

PATTERN SHOP

Employment Date	Years With Co.
Allen L. Bowman	Nov. 19, 1958 2

OIL FIELD SALES & SERVICE

Employment Date	Years With Co.
H. H. Muller	Nov. 29, 1949 11
Robert B. Gibbs	Nov. 28, 1955 5

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

Employment Date	Years With Co.
Cecil Wallace	Nov. 6, 1951 9
C. C. Beddingfield	Nov. 12, 1952 8

Johnnie Lee Carroll	Nov. 24, 1952 8
James Holiday	Nov. 15, 1954 6
Billy J. Rhoden	Nov. 8, 1955 5

TRAILER DIVISION

Employment Date	Years With Co.
G. P. Ellis	Nov. 2, 1942 18
W. E. Humphries	Nov. 9, 1942 18
Clyde Hall	Nov. 23, 1942 18
J. W. Smith	Nov. 14, 1944 16
J. D. Thomason	Nov. 19, 1945 15
Willie Leckhart	Nov. 13, 1946 14
Childers Bishop	Nov. 6, 1950 10
John D. Johnson	Nov. 15, 1950 10
E. L. Tullos	Nov. 27, 1951 9
John B. Ramsey	Nov. 25, 1952 8
Edward L. Root	Nov. 13, 1956 4

WELDING SHOP

Employment Date	Years With Co.
Curtis Stephens	Nov. 25, 1942 18
Arthur C. Martin	Nov. 18, 1943 17
Henry F. Gibson	Nov. 20, 1945 15
Grady M. Grimes	Nov. 28, 1947 13
William D. Rogers	Nov. 14, 1950 10
Hollis A. Mott	Nov. 21, 1955 5

SECURITY GUARD

Employment Date	Years With Co.
J. A. Jinkins	Nov. 22, 1943 17

MILL SUPPLIES

Employment Date	Years With Co.
Elmer E. Turner	Nov. 6, 1917 43
Carl Garner	Nov. 15, 1939 21
Curtis Carswell	Nov. 1, 1946 14
Frankie Jane Loftin	Nov. 1, 1952 8
Ed Cecil Ray	Nov. 3, 1952 8
Cecil Ratz Ramsey	Nov. 26, 1956 4

PUBLICATIONS

Employment Date	Years With Co.
Virginia R. Allen	Nov. 1, 1946 14

MAIN OFFICE

Employment Date	Years With Co.
Louis Fincher	Nov. 15, 1929 31
C. M. Wooten	Nov. 1, 1936 24
Joe Floyd	Nov. 22, 1948 12
Billye Jayne Parrish	Nov. 10, 1952 8
J. D. Bradley	Nov. 20, 1956 4
Ray Fisher	Nov. 1, 1958 2
M. G. Kimmey	Nov. 16, 1959 1
R. F. Freeman	Nov. 16, 1959 1

TRAILER SALES & SERVICE

Employment Date	Years With Co.
Beulah M. Harris	Nov. 3, 1953 7
William A. Gray	Nov. 3, 1958 2
J. B. Alexander	Nov. 17, 1958 2

MACHINE SHOP

Employment Date	Years With Co.
F. C. Hays	Dec. 19, 1916 44
F. M. Chastain	Dec. 14, 1939 21
J. M. Herrington	Dec. 14, 1939 21
O. B. McCarty	Dec. 15, 1941 19
J. H. Gregory	Dec. 17, 1941 19
Harvey Nerren	Dec. 30, 1941 19
Roy E. Walker	Dec. 7, 1942 18
Calvin L. Johnson	Dec. 7, 1942 18
David J. Jones	Dec. 10, 1942 18
James F. May	Dec. 26, 1942 18
B. L. Cater	Dec. 9, 1944 16
Zack Fenley, Jr.	Dec. 12, 1944 16
Milton Sanders	Dec. 27, 1944 16
Norman G. Arnold	Dec. 7, 1950 10
A. J. Hunt	Dec. 21, 1950 10
E. H. Ridgeway	Dec. 2, 1955 5
Joe D. Holland	Dec. 9, 1959 1

FOUNDRY

Employment Date	Years With Co.
Leedel Little	Dec. 1, 1942 17
Iziah Johnson	Dec. 20, 1947 13
L. D. Turner	Dec. 1, 1950 10
Paul Warner	Dec. 4, 1951 9
Andrew Bogany	Dec. 20, 1956 4

TRAILER DIVISION

Employment Date	Years With Co.
Charles A. Thompson	Dec. 17, 1941 19
Louis F. Read	Dec. 31, 1941 19
Lester J. Read	Dec. 9, 1943 17
J. J. Gunter	Dec. 16, 1943 17
Edward Smith	Dec. 6, 1945 15
John V. Short	Dec. 7, 1945 15
R. L. Oliver	Dec. 10, 1945 15
Virgil Havard	Dec. 10, 1952 8
Edgar Lee Mills	Dec. 3, 1956 4
Troy A. Vick	Dec. 17, 1956 4
Fred L. Reynolds	Dec. 1, 1958 2

WELDING SHOP

Employment Date	Years With Co.
Joe C. Storey	Dec. 19, 1936 24
J. M. Simms	Dec. 10, 1941 19
I. R. Baird	Dec. 27, 1943 17
Lee C. Oliver	Dec. 27, 1943 17
James D. Modisette	Dec. 5, 1950 10
W. D. Thompson	Dec. 14, 1950 10
Dwern W. Oliver	Dec. 6, 1955 5
Morris W. Hodges	Dec. 18, 1956 4
A. V. Cheatom	Dec. 21, 1956 4
H. M. Wilkinson	Dec. 19, 1958 2

MAIN OFFICE

Employment Date	Years With Co.
G. L. Vickrey	Dec. 18, 1922 38
Ardie F. Tucker	Dec. 5, 1936 24
Robert L. Poland	Dec. 1, 1945 15
Riley W. Webb	Dec. 2, 1946 14
Johnny C. Ross	Dec. 1, 1953 7
Jim Massingill	Dec. 1, 1956 4
Don E. Smith	Dec. 2, 1957 3
Fern Basey	Dec. 28, 1959 1

TRAILER OFFICE

Employment Date	Years With Co.
John L. Schaeffer	Dec. 7, 1953 7
Ada Beck	Dec. 15, 1959 1

SECURITY GUARD

Employment Date	Years With Co.
J. F. Nick	Dec. 14, 1942 18

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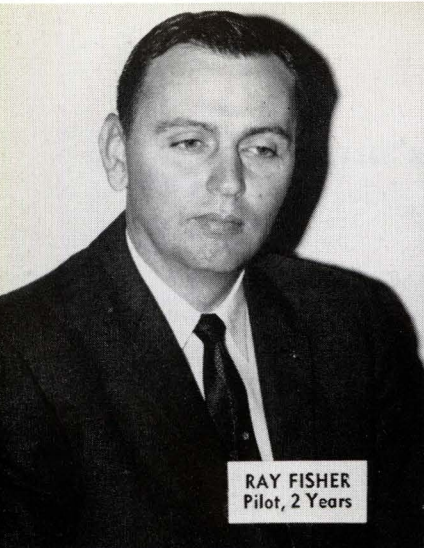
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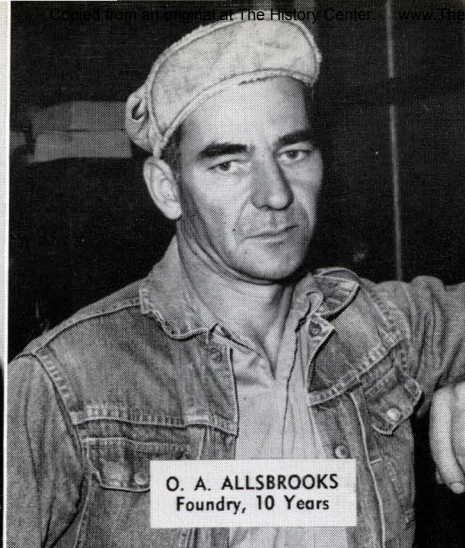
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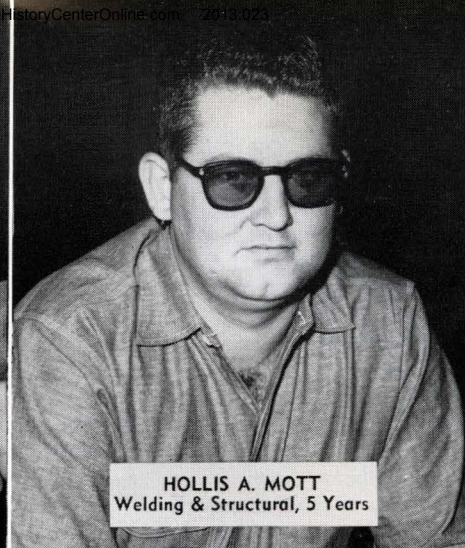
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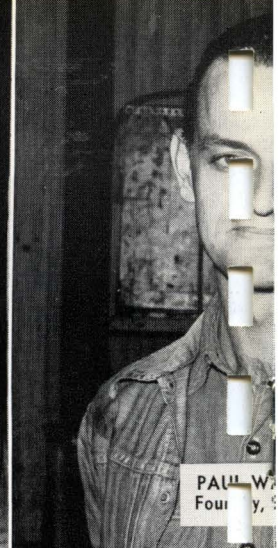
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Pilot, 2 Years



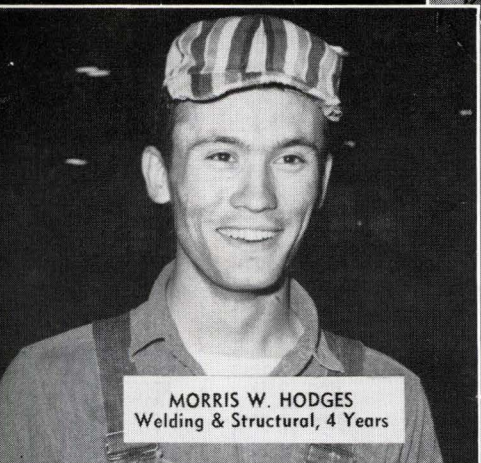
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Foundry, 10 Years



HOLLIS A. MOTT
Welding & Structural, 5 Years

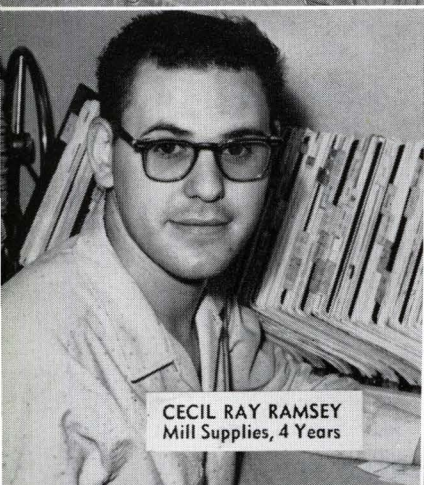


PAUL W.
Foundry, 5

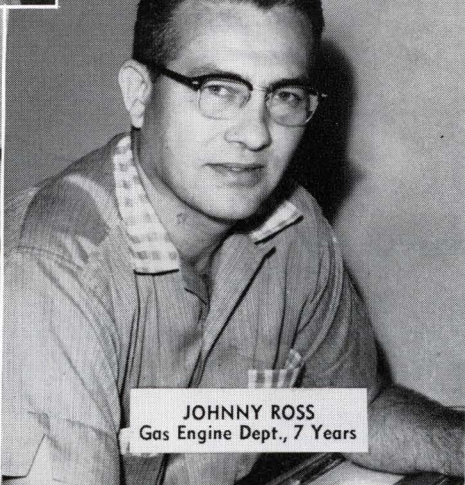


MORRIS W. HODGES
Welding & Structural, 4 Years

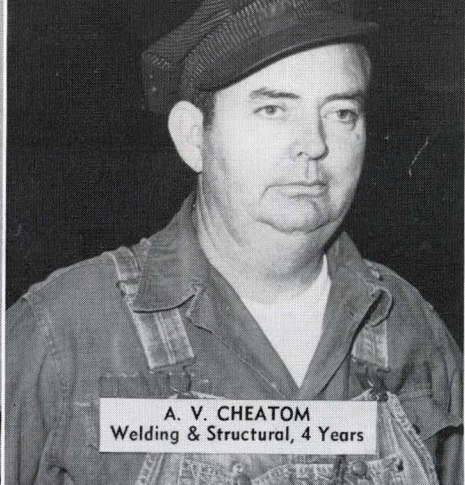
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CECIL RAY RAMSEY
Mill Supplies, 4 Years



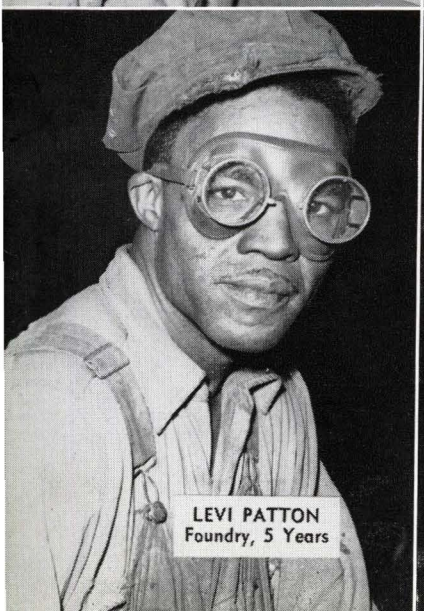
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Gas Engine Dept., 7 Years



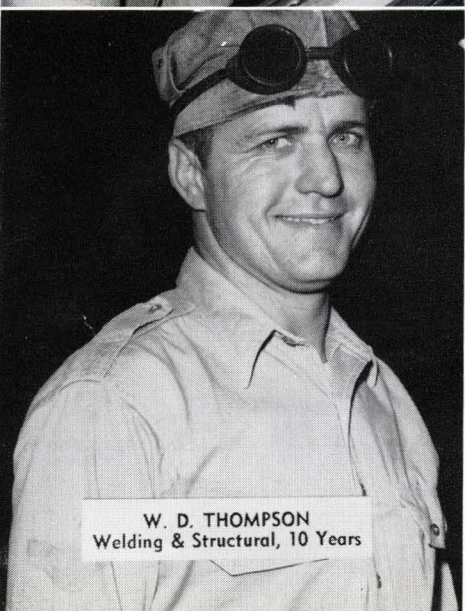
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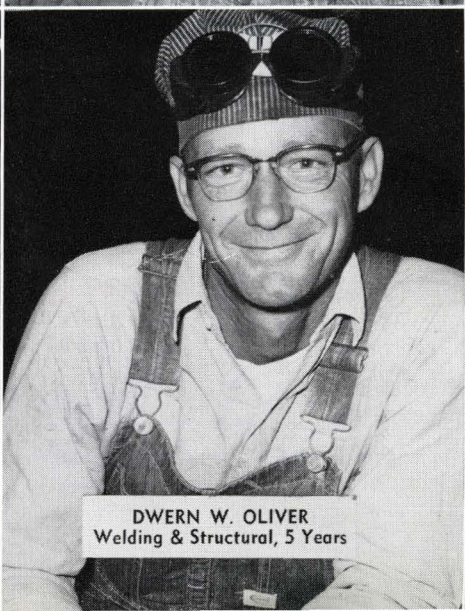
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Assembly & Shipping



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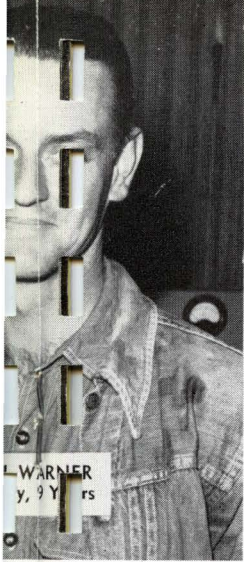
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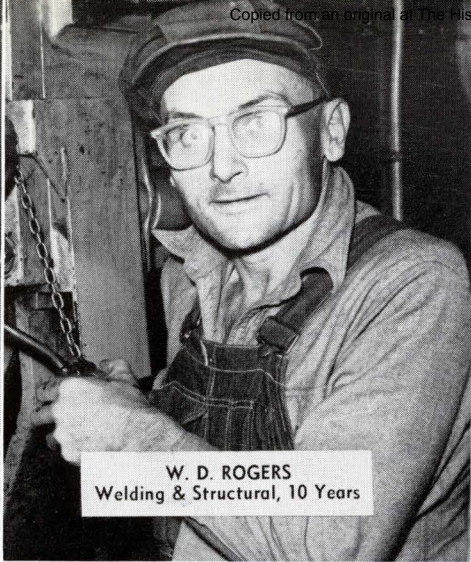
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CLIFFORD J. CONSO
Foundry, 3 Years



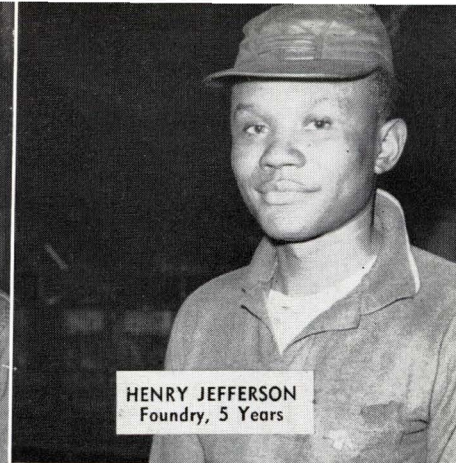
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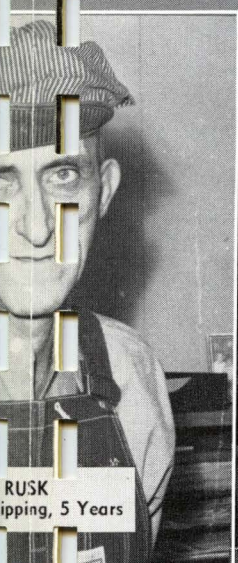
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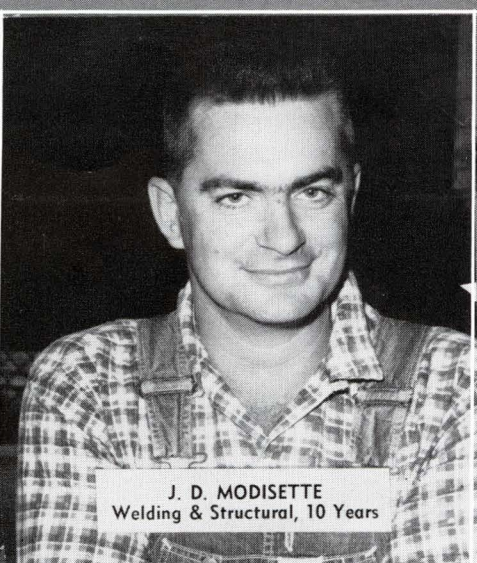
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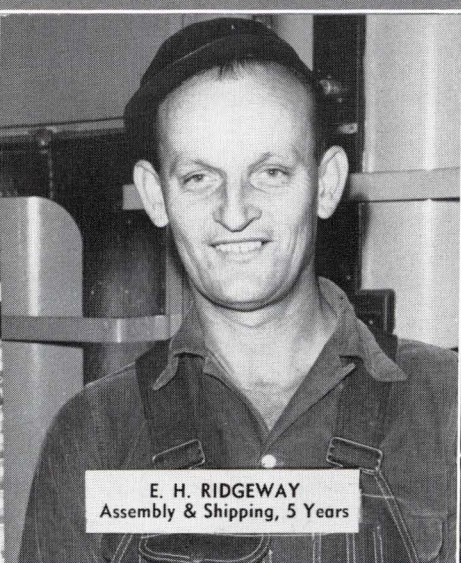
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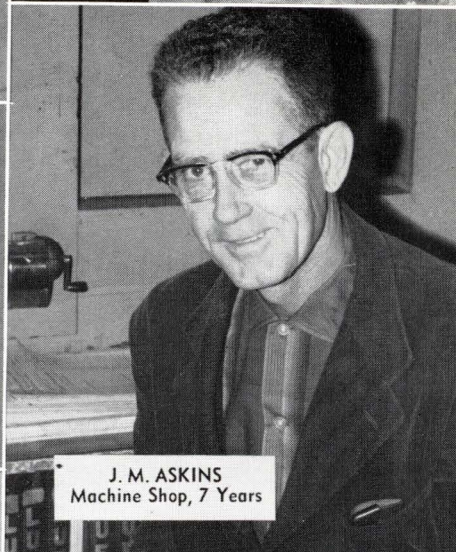
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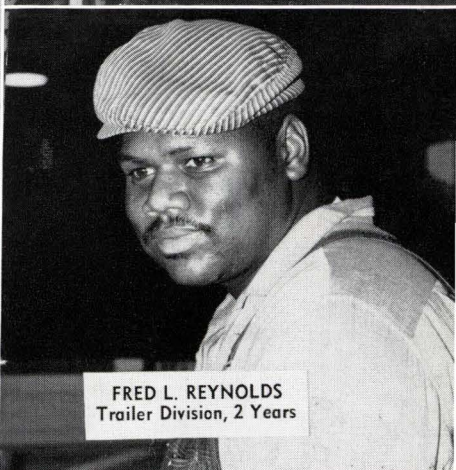
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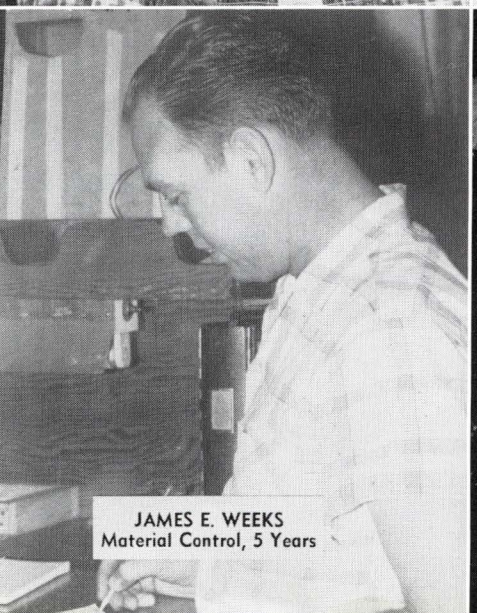
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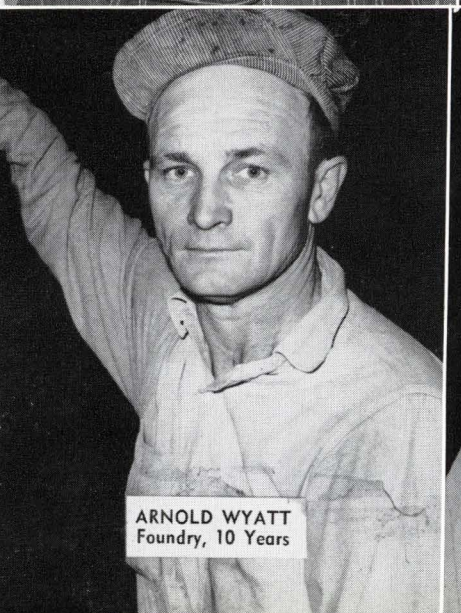
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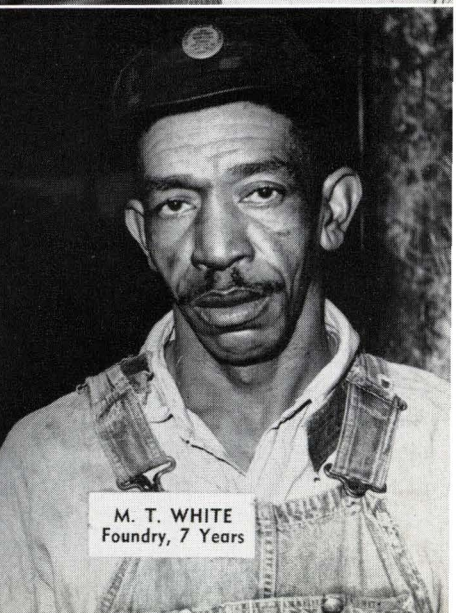
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JAMES E. WEEKS
Material Control, 5 Years



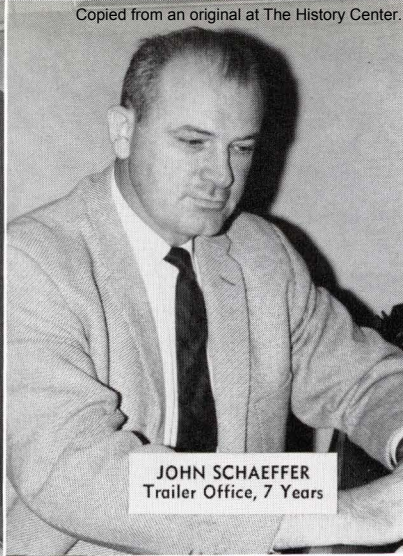
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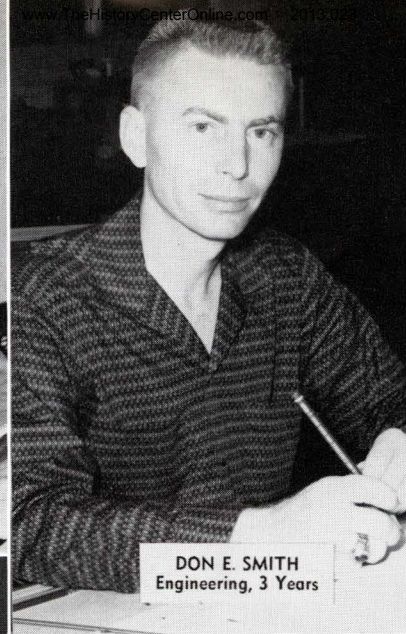
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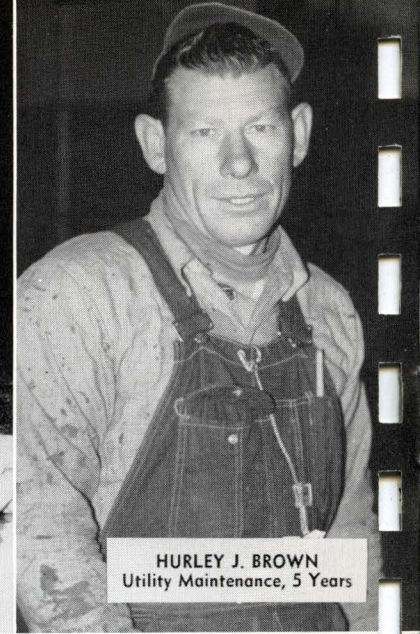
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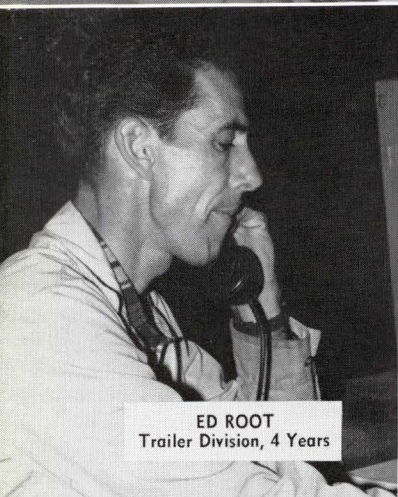
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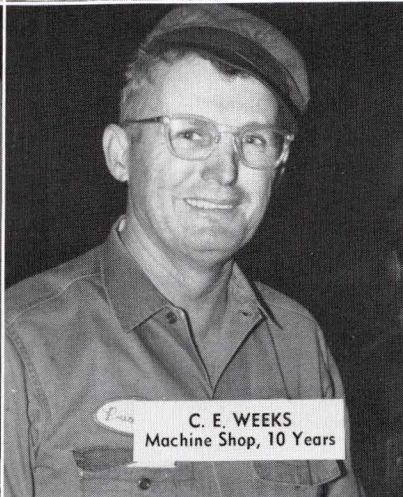
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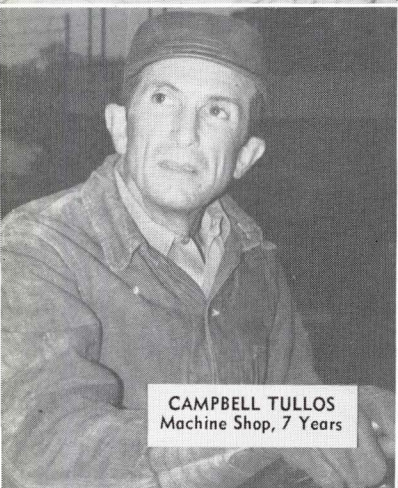
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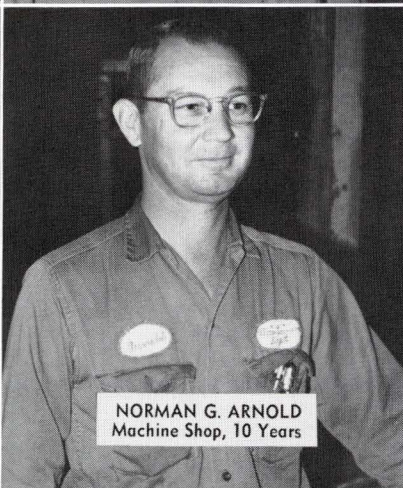
ED ROOT
Trailer Division, 4 Years



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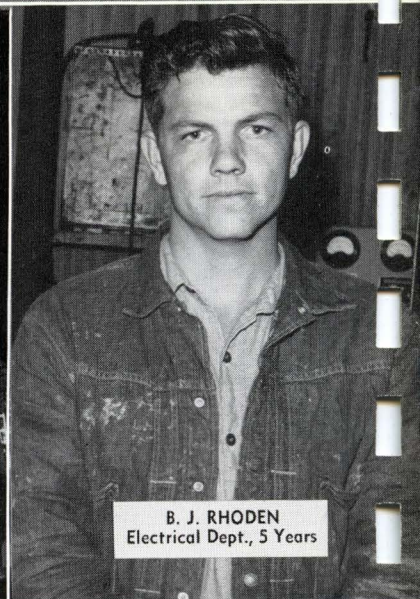
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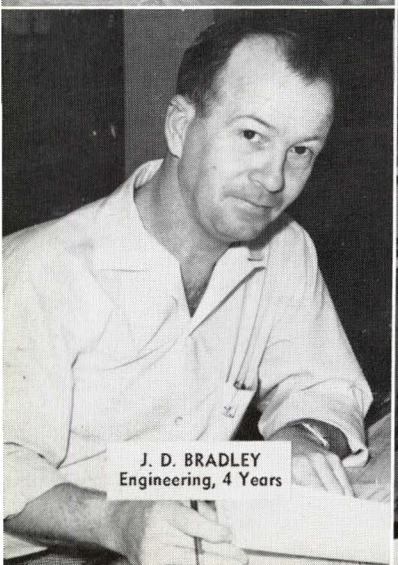
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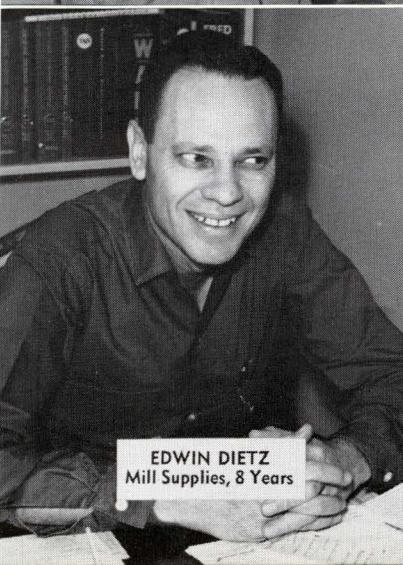
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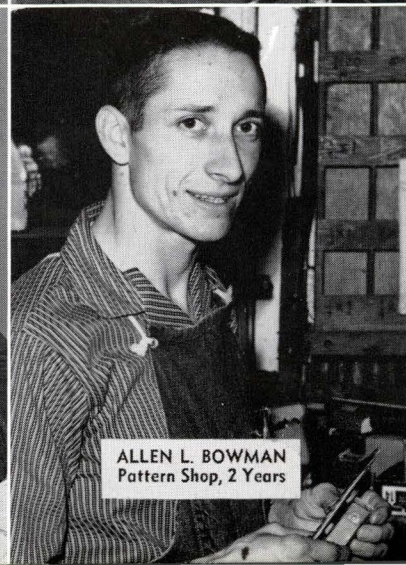
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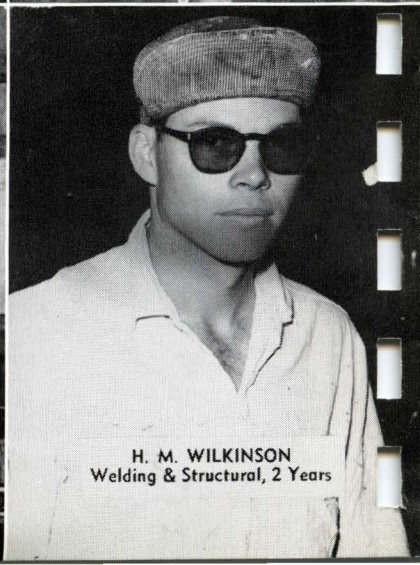
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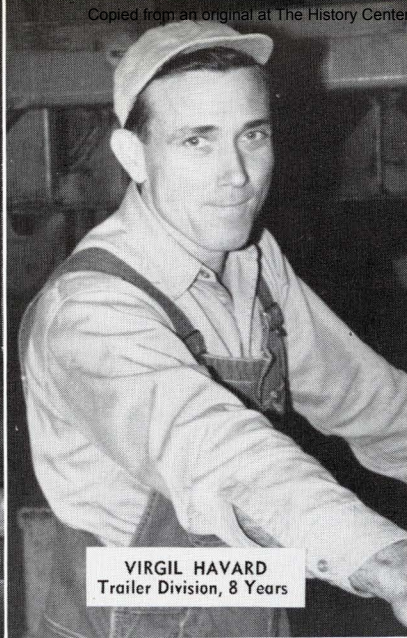


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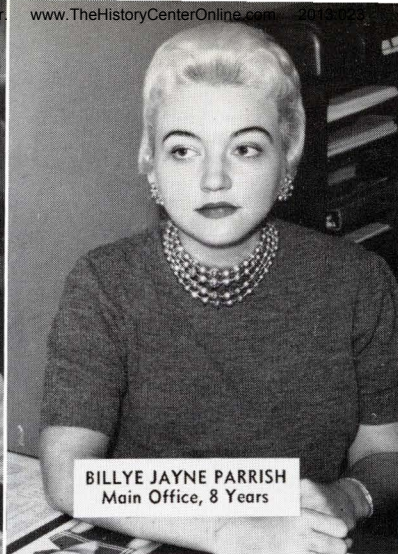
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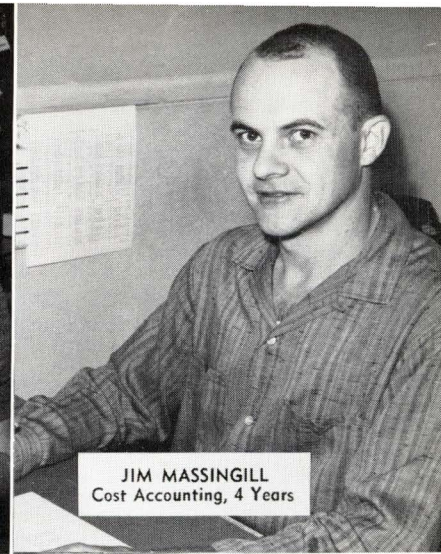
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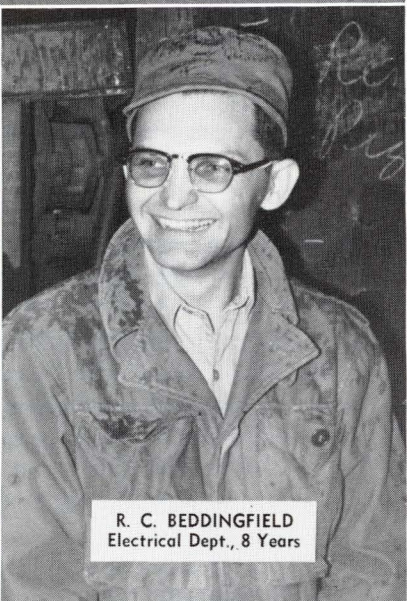
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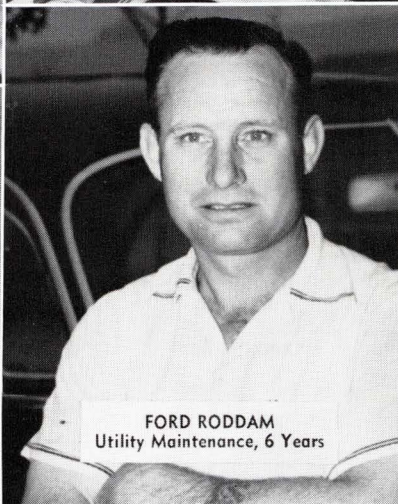
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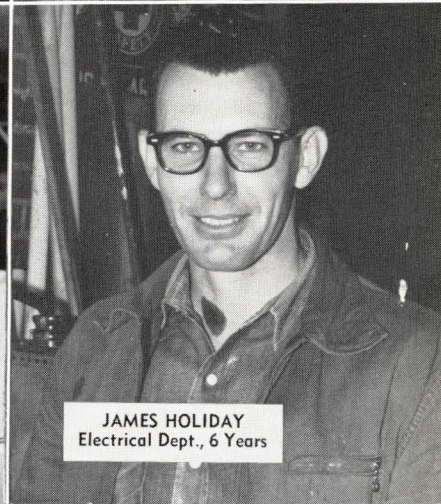
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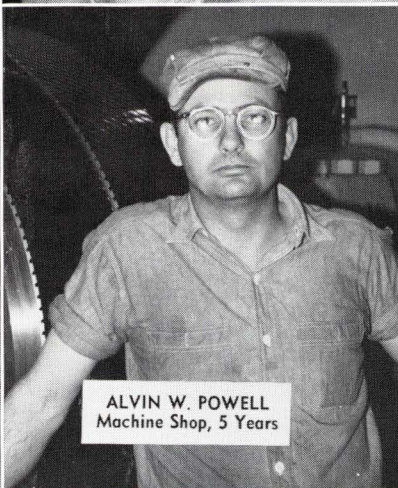
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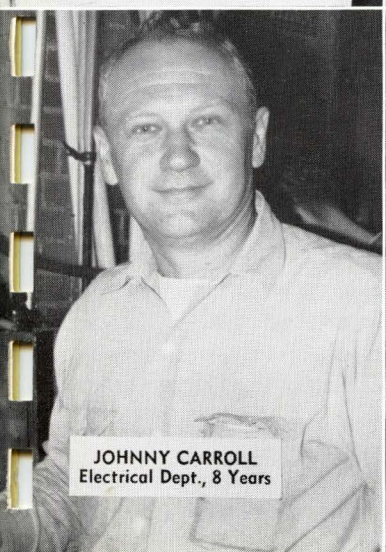
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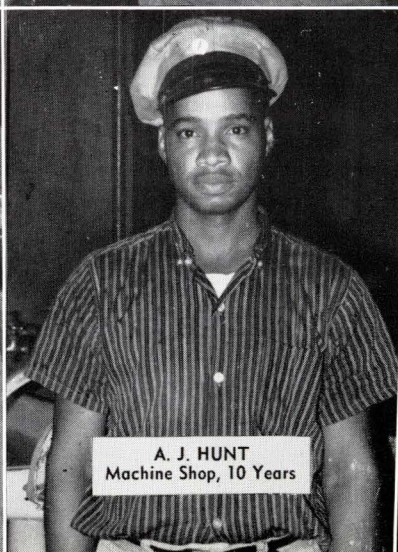
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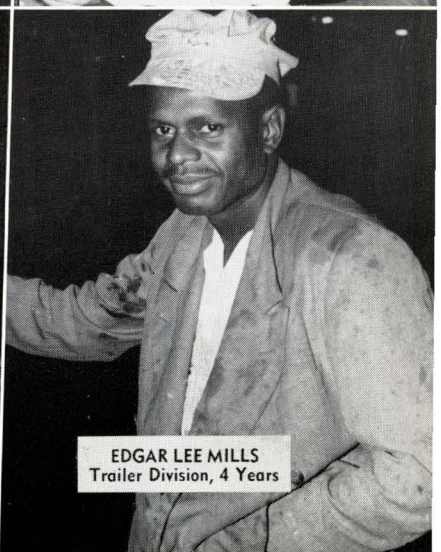
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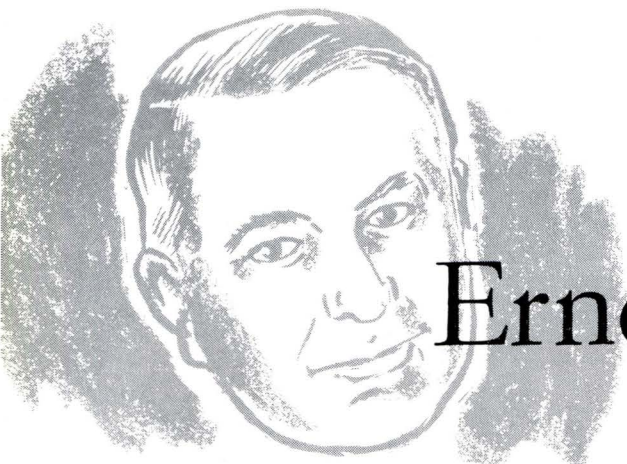
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Trailer Division, 4 Years



Ernest Lynn Kurth

Man of the Age...



WITH the passing of E. L. Kurth, this community has lost a great citizen, and Lufkin Foundry and Machine Company has lost a true friend and a member of its management staff for almost 39 years.

It is a difficult if not impossible task to evaluate the impact upon our society of the life of a man like Mr. Kurth. He was known personally by those in the top echelon of industry and government, and he was intimately called "friend" by the hundreds of white and Negro employees who looked to him for employment in so-called "good" and "bad" times.

His accomplishments ran the gamut from musical talent to inventive genius, and whatever he put his mind and strength to eventually was hailed successful by his fellowman.

Born in 1885, Ernest Kurth built an empire by 1936. He was successfully engaged in lumber manufacturing, banking, railroads, and this Company. Perhaps this would have been enough for most men, but the fibre of which Mr. Kurth was carved could not rest upon the past. He dared the untried, the unconquered. Having been born in a small community and reared among the towering pine trees of East Texas, his pioneering spirit was nudged into action at an age most men would have been thinking of retirement.

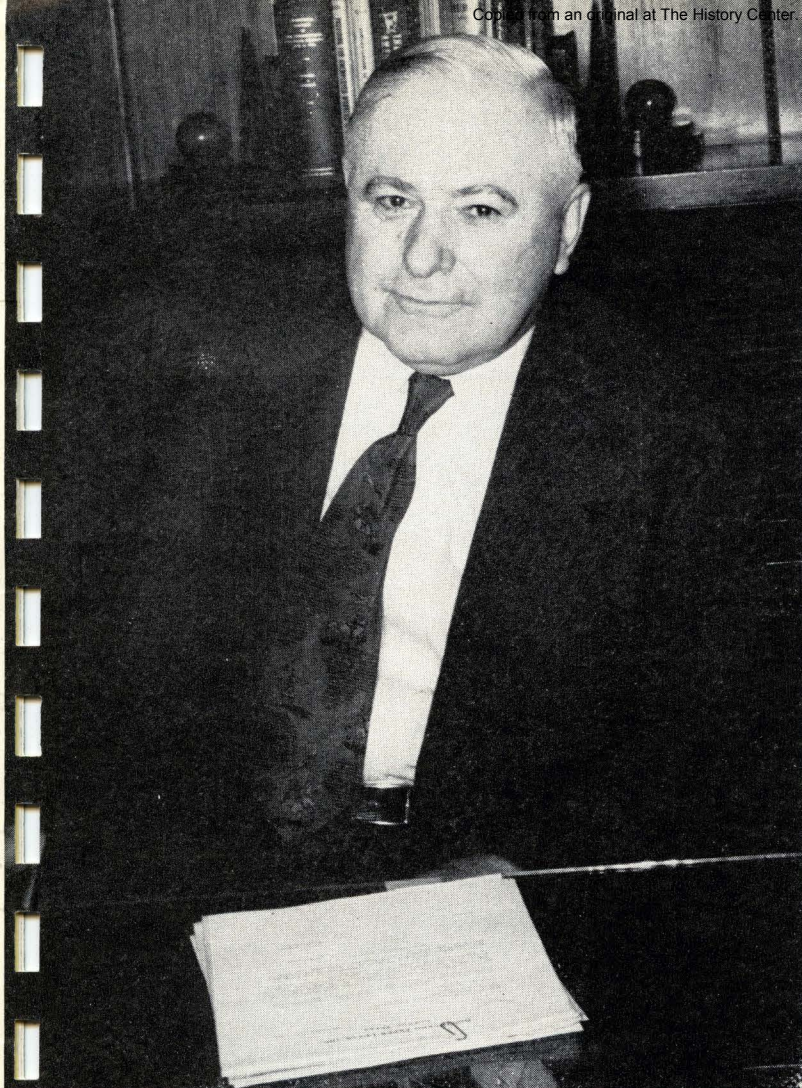
It was in 1936, that he became acquainted with

Dr. Charles Herty of Georgia who had perfected in his laboratory a process for making newsprint out of Southern Pine. Although experts in the field had doomed the process to failure, Mr. Kurth believed it could be done—and then proved his convictions.

It was a mammoth task to secure the necessary finances for such an endeavor, but he did it. On January 17, 1940, the first roll of newsprint from Southern pine came off the big machine at Southland Paper Mills, Inc., which had been constructed at Herty. Since then, a chemical pulp plant has been built, and three more paper making machines added. In September of this year, one of the machines was converted to the manufacture of a specialty kraft paper.

Mr. Kurth was named Director of Lufkin Foundry and Machine Company February 7, 1922, and served this industry faithfully until his death October 26, 1960. Many honors came to him including being named "Man of the South" and "Industrialist of the Year" in 1949.

On December 14, the City of Lufkin observed "Ernest Kurth Day." Among the many activities that day was an open house held by this Company in his honor. It gave the families of our employees a chance to walk through the plant and see where their husbands and fathers worked. Also, that month's issue of THE FOUNDRY ROUNDUP was dedicated to Mr. Kurth, in which was an editorial written



by Walter W. Trout, president, concerning the honoree. We reprint that editorial now.

"Wednesday, December 14, is Ernest Kurth Day in Lufkin, and we are glad to join his many friends throughout the South who will be here on this day to celebrate the occasion.

"We are not going to attempt to list here the many contributions he has made to the welfare of our community down through the years, but for the benefit of our younger employees we would like to remind you of the active interest he has had in this company during the 27 years he has served as a member of our Board of Directors.

"Although he has lived right here in Lufkin since boyhood, his wide business experience has been on a national scale. He has never let anything, however, interfere with his interests in the local problems of employees.

"Because of this warm interest and fine background of experience, the management of this company probably has taken advantage of him at times, as we have leaned heavily on him for advice and counsel.

"Those of us who were here in 1932 remember that we shipped only 29 pumping units during the entire year, a fraction of a week's production today. This plant was kept running two or three days a week, and we finally built up such a large stock of units that we had to store many of them in the Cotton Belt yards on leased flat cars. The company not only ran out of money, but for a while it appeared that we had run out of borrowing power, trying to give our employees enough work so that they could at least take care of the necessities of life, and this put the company in a serious financial position. The larger stockholders could have saved a considerable amount of money by shutting the plant down for a long period of time.

"Ernest Kurth gave his full support to this depression program and has, down through the years, continued to place employees' interests first.

"We are fortunate to have him connected with this company and are fortunate to have him living here in our community."

Among his business interests besides newsprint manufacturing, lumber, banking, railroads and foundries were newspapers, radio, television, and motion picture theaters. All these helped to transform the economy of Texas.

And yet this business giant was as close to his mill hands as his beloved pine trees are to Mother Earth. Regardless of how many hours he had worked during any one day, he never refused entry to his office of an employee or for that matter, any man who wanted to discuss some personal problem with "Mr. Ernest."

Typical of the love and esteem in which he was held is an often-quoted answer given by a colored employee who chauffeured Mr. Kurth during the darkest days of the depression.

As they were leaving from a visit to one of the lumber mills in East Texas, the chauffeur was cautioned by a friend of Mr. Kurth's to drive home carefully. The old Negro grinned broadly and replied, "I'll sure drive careful, for if anything happened to Mr. Ernest now, half the white folks and ALL the colored folks in Angelina County would starve to death!"

History will record for all mankind the footprints of this man on whom countless friends and associates have labeled "Man of the Age."

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He travels fastest who has a knack of folding up a road map.

A drunk was sitting at a bar busily scribbling figures on some paper. The bartender was curious and asked what he was doing.

"Well, itsh like thish," said the lush. "My wife ish on a diet and she tol me she'sh losing four pounds a week. She did weigh 168 and if my figures are correct, I'll be rid of her completely in 14 months."

Sgt.: "What's the first thing you do when cleaning your rifle?"

Private: "Look at the number."

Sgt.: "What the blazes for?"

Private: "To make sure it's my gun."

Keeping a secret from some people is like trying to smuggle daylight past a rooster.

Famous last words: "Darling, this cake is simply delicious. Did you buy it yourself?"

"This liniment makes my arm smart."

"Why not rub some on your head?"

Husband (who'd forgotten) to wife: "How do you expect me to remember your birthday when you never look any older?"

After the doctor checked the patient over, the physician asked, "Have you been living a normal life?"

"Yes, doctor."

"Well, you'll have to cut it out for awhile."

A nickel goes a long way today—you can carry it around for weeks before you find something to buy with it.

A stranger was talking to an old-timer in a small Missouri town. "I don't like the looks of those clouds. Look just like some we had back in Texas just before the tornado struck."

"Was it a bad one?" asked the old timer.

"Bad? Why man, I didn't WANT to come to Missouri."

Tourist (In Yellowstone Park): "Those Indians have a blood curdling yell."

Guide: "Yes, Ma'am; every one of 'em is a college graduate."

A man applying for a job asked the interviewer, "Will your company pay my hospital insurance?"

"No, you pay for it. It'll be deducted from your check."

"Last place I worked they paid for it."

"Did they give you life insurance, too?"

"Sure did . . . and a Christmas bonus, coffee breaks, and . . ."

"Why did you leave?"

"The company folded."

If your wife wants to learn to drive, don't stand in her way.

One reason why automobile drivers prefer to hit pedestrians instead of utility poles is that the pedestrians don't crumple the fenders.

The teacher had asked her pupils who the nine greatest Americans were. All of the students had turned in their papers except Johnny.

"Can't you finish your list, Johnny?"

"I'm still undecided," replied Johnny, "about the first baseman."

A man rushed excitedly into a smoking car of a train. "A lady has just fainted in the next car," he cried. "Has anybody got any whiskey?"

Immediately several flasks appeared. He seized one, tilted it back, took a drink and returned it saying, "Thanks. It always did make me feel sick to see a lady faint."

Two men were sitting in the lobby of a blood donor station. One was an Eastern Tourist, the other an Apache Indian. After staring a few minutes the tourist could contain his curiosity no longer.

"Are you really a full-blooded Indian?" he asked.

"Well, no," the Apache replied thoughtfully. "I'm a pint short."

The speaker was eloquent on the beauties of marriage.

"And it is most significant that the bride wears white," he declared. "White is the symbol of happiness for her wedding day, the most joyous day of her life."

"Then just why," interrupted one of his listeners, "does the groom wear black?"

A wife pointed to her husband stretched out in a hammock and explained, "Fred's hobby is letting birds watch him."

"Have you read Webster's Dictionary?"

"No, I'm waiting for the movie."

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