

The Foundry Roundup

FEBRUARY, 1965



OF Interest TO YOU...

During the January negotiations on wages with the Union Committee and their international representatives, the Company presented a revised plan for insurance and hospitalization for our retired employees.

We were side-tracked by the Committee. Some of the members were for it and some of the international representatives were for it. But, apparently a majority could not be obtained to get the Committee's approval.

It has been Management's policy, in most cases, to discuss matters pertaining to our employees regardless of whether the particular item was in the contract. The relationship of the Company and its retired employees is not covered in the contract. The Company has stated and the Union has agreed during our recent meetings that retired employee insurance may not be a subject for bargaining.

However, since this affects the insurance rate of currently employed persons and will seriously raise future rates, the Company recognizes the interests of all.

It is not, nor ever has been, the Company's position deliberately to make changes which would affect our former employees without agreement from representatives of our employees.

A number of our retired employees feel that hospitalization and medical care, which is reduced severely upon their retirement, places a heavy financial burden on them in their older age when those benefits are needed most.

On the opposite page is the offer presented to the Committee which explains the benefits now received by retired employees and the proposed plan offered to the Committee.

After reading this proposal, you can see that the Company has offered to more than double the hospitalization and health benefits. To do this, the Company would reduce the amount of life insurance of retired employees by 20 percent per year until a minimum of 20 percent remains of the amount such retiree had at the time of retirement, but never to be less than \$1,000.00. This would begin in 1966.

This does not in any way affect the \$1,000.00 life insurance policy many employees have for which the Company pays half the premium and the retired employees continues to pay his half after retirement in order to keep this policy in force.

The Committee will agree to the Company's proposal providing the retiring employee has the option to decide whether to retain his life insurance or accept the increased medical benefits.

The Company refused this on the basis that naturally a man in ill health will take the increased medical benefits and a man in reasonably good health might prefer to retain his life insurance.

I have talked personally to a number of retired employees about this. Without exception, they would like to have the increased medical benefits. Men past 65 years of age have reared their families, their children are self-sustaining, and they are interested primarily in being able to take care of themselves while they are alive.

It was pointed out to the Committee that an employee could retain all his life insurance and also receive the increased medical benefits offered by the Company's proposal provided he pays the entire premium after his retirement so long as he lives. This premium would become very expensive should he live 15 or 20 years beyond retirement.

It seems to me that if an employee is concerned about losing a goodly portion of his life insurance after retirement, he can take out an ordinary life insurance policy while he is still working. This would protect him as long as he lives, and the cost of this probably would be less than the proposed increase in medical benefits made by the Company.

I believe the Committee has made a serious mistake. The Company is willing to reconsider this with the Committee should they have a change of heart.

E. P. TROUT
Executive Vice President.

Company Proposes Insurance Change...

January 5, 1965

American Federation of Labor - C.I.O.
Local Insurance Committee
Lufkin, Texas

Gentlemen:

In order to clarify our discussion regarding retired employee's insurance, we are submitting at your request the details of our present plan and the proposed changes.

The Lufkin Foundry and Machine Company currently has in effect a retired employee program of hospitalization insurance and life insurance that:

1. Pays \$10.00 per day for hospital room and board for thirty-one days in any calendar year.
2. Pays \$4.00 per day for thirty days for doctor's in hospital calls.
3. Retains the same amount of life insurance in force as the employee had at the time of retirement.
4. Insures the wife of the retired employee on the same terms as to hospitalization if she was insured at the time of employee's retirement.

This plan is inadequate as to present day medical costs. It offers a maximum payment of only \$424.00 toward costs in any calendar year, and a like amount for an insured wife.

Therefore, the Company proposes to increase the plan to hospitalization and decrease the amount of life insurance.

1. Pay \$12.00 per day for sixty days in any calendar year toward hospital room and board charges.
2. Pay \$4.00 per day for sixty days for doctor's in hospital calls.
3. Pay \$120.00 or \$2.00 per day for hospital incidentals.
4. Beginning with 1966, decrease by 20% per year the amount of life insurance in force on a retiree until a minimum of 20% remains of the amount such employee had at the time of retirement, but not to go below \$1,000.00.
5. The Company will assume all cost as to the life insurance from the date the employee retires. The employee will pay one-half the cost of the premium charged by the insurance carrier for the hospitalization insurance.
6. All employees who have retired prior to January 1, 1966, may elect to accept decreased amounts of life insurance in order to receive better hospitalization as outlined.

The proposal increases the annual amount of medical payment that is allowable from \$424.00 to \$1,080.00 for the retired employee, and a like amount for his wife.

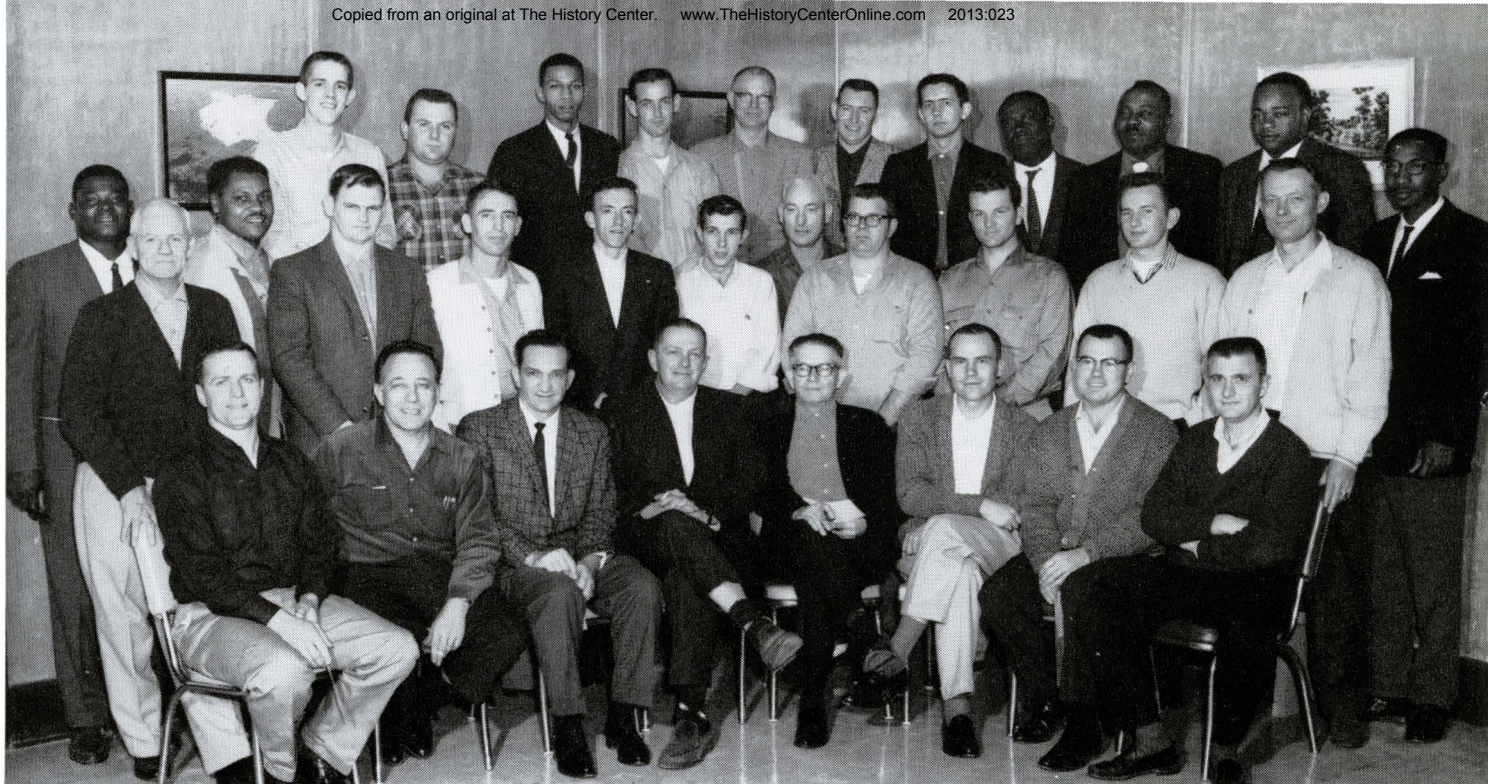
The premium charge for the Aetna Life Insurance Company may vary according to the experience factor involved; however, the Company will pay one-half the charge. The rate quoted to us divided by two will result in a single man's having to pay \$2.11 per month, and a married man will pay \$4.22 per month for him and his wife.

The Company proposes to notify the Aetna Insurance Company as soon as possible and begin contract changes with them that are necessary to effect the changes. Changes necessary to life insurance contracts will be made with the involved carriers by January 1, 1966, or sooner.

Yours truly,

LUFKIN FOUNDRY & MACHINE COMPANY

E. P. TROUT, *Executive Vice President*



THESE Graduates of the blueprint reading and shop mathematics courses were honored recently at a catfish dinner. Pictured on the first row from left to right are: W. D. Thompson, R. E. Barr, A. G. Colburn, Ghent Smelley, Oliver McKay, Bill Cantrell, Stanley Beck, and Bill Moreau. Middle row, left to right: B. G. Holman, Robert Lang, W. M. Gilbert, C. D. Hammer, C. C. Clonts, Joe Littlejohn, Gary Day, Hubert Lankford, Kenneth Vann, Dwayne B. Sowell, James E. Wallace, and Al Mallonee. Back row, left to right: Mike Terrell, Glenn D. Edwards, Luther Jenkins, Jack Hartman, Jack G. Davis, Tony Grimes, Charles Culbreth, James Steed, Will Goolsby, Tommy Davis, and Melvin Powell.

DINNER Given to

A catfish dinner at the Piney Ridge Clubhouse was held February 5, honoring the graduates of the blueprint reading and shop mathematics courses offered by Lufkin Foundry and Machine Company to its employees.

Some 30 men completed one of the two courses which were concluded December 31, 1964. These classes began in September and a total of 50 hours class work was done by the students on their own time to receive their certificates of graduation.

Instructors for the courses were Bill Cantrell, Bill Moreau, Al Mallonee and Stanley Beck of the Industrial Engineering department.

R. E. Barr, plant superintendent, presented the certificates to the graduates. He complimented them upon their interest in their jobs and upon striving to become better employees by taking these courses on their own time.

"With the increasing technical requirements needed in the Company's

various departments, it is essential that we have capable employees available to assume added responsibilities. The Company is proud of these men who want to improve their off-duty hours to better themselves and at the same time become more valuable employees to the Company," Mr. Barr stated.

Students of the last blueprint reading and shop mathematics courses are: James Alexander, Trailer division; Larry Arnold, Machine Shop; C. C. Clonts, Trailer division; Charles Culbreth, Pattern Shop; Jack Davis,



BILL CANTRELL . . . "one of the most conscientious classes."



Right: GHENT SMELLEY . . . "Graduates of these courses have upgraded the quality of employees in the Shop."



ROBERT LANG, Foundry superintendent ... words of praise "for taking time after work to improve your education."



BILL MOREAU ... "Taking these courses increases the reliability of our product."



BILL PENNINGTON ... "knowledge gained by a person in such a class is something he can't lose."

Shop Course Graduates ...

Trailer division; Tommy Davis, Foundry department; Gary Day, Machine Shop; Glenn D. Edwards, Welding Shop; Freddie Fowler, Trailer division; and W. M. Gilbert, Foundry department.

Also, Will Goolsby, Foundry department; Tony Grimes, Trailer division; C. D. Hammer, Trailer division; Howard Shook, Machine Shop; Jack Hartman, Trailer division; B. G. Holman, Trailer division; Luther Jenkins, Foundry department; Bill Jones, Structural Shop; Rusty Jumper, and Hubert Lankford, Machine Shop.

Also, W. O. McKay, Foundry department; Melvin Powell, Foundry department; M. E. Scott, Welding Shop; Dwayne B. Sowell, Machine Shop; James Steed, Foundry department; Mike Terrell, Trailer division; W. D. Thompson, Welding Shop; Kenneth Vann, Machine Shop; James E. Wallace, Welding Shop; and Joe A. Littlejohn, Trailer division.



FRANK STEVENSON, head of Industrial Engineering ... congratulated the graduates.

Left: **A. G. COLBURN** ... thanked them for taking time to avail themselves of the courses to further their education.



R. E. BARR ... presented certificates to the graduates.

STANLEY BECK ... announced the next session of classes.

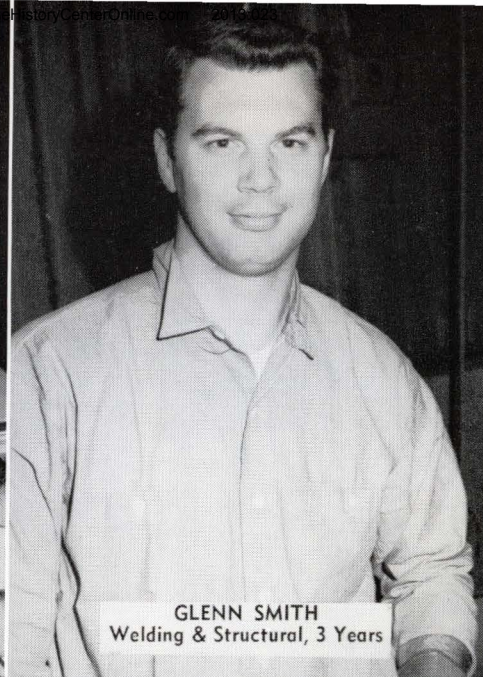




THOMAS BOULWARE
Foundry Department, 10 Years



ERNEST PITTMAN
Foundry Department, 5 Years



GLENN SMITH
Welding & Structural, 3 Years



J. W. SMITH
Jig Department

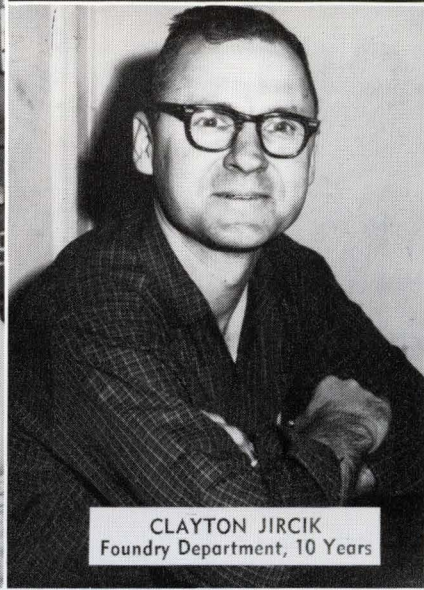


JEFF PINNER
Welding & Structural, 3 Years

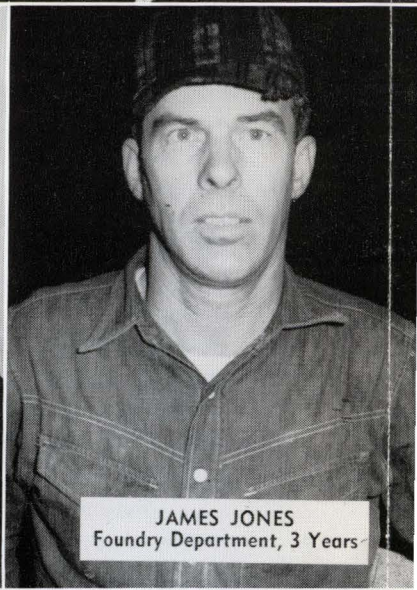


CHARLES MINTON
Foundry Department, 3 Years

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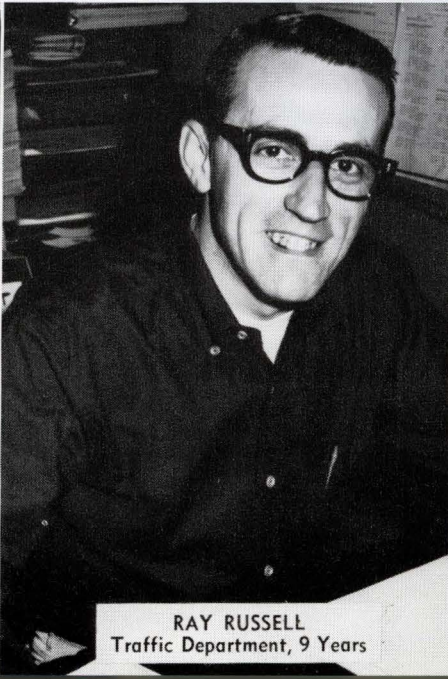
CLAYTON JIRCIK
Foundry Department, 10 Years



JAMES JONES
Foundry Department, 3 Years



EARL DEAL
Utility Maintenance, 10 Years



RAY RUSSELL
Traffic Department, 9 Years



BARBARA FOWLER
Plant Office, 8 Years



CARL BRUCE
Mill Supplies



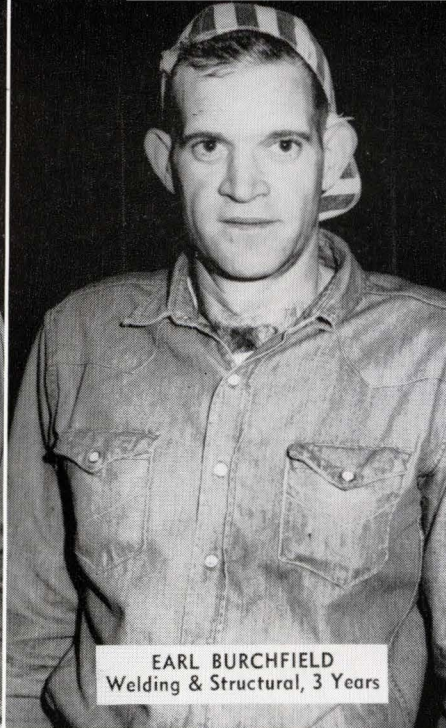
W. SMITHERMAN
Department, 2 Years



MALCHOM LOWERY
Welding & Structural, 6 Years

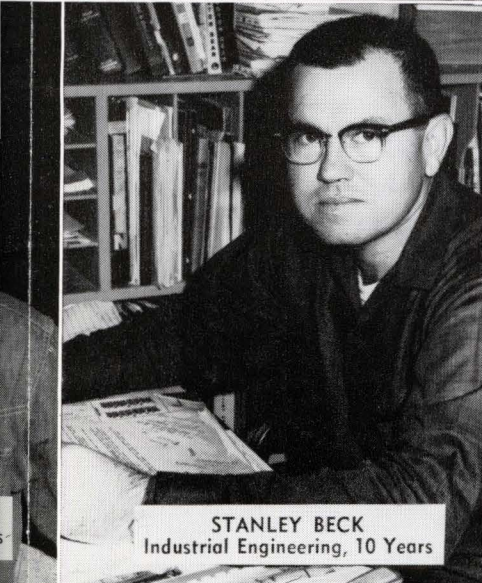


W. P. WESTBROOK
Pattern Shop, 9 Years



EARL BURCHFIELD
Welding & Structural, 3 Years

Anniversary



STANLEY BECK
Industrial Engineering, 10 Years



BETTY STEWART
Main Office, 7 Years



EARL DAVIS
Mill Supplies, 2 Years



CARL GIBSON
Machine Shop, 3 Years



LUCE GARNER
plies, 5 Years



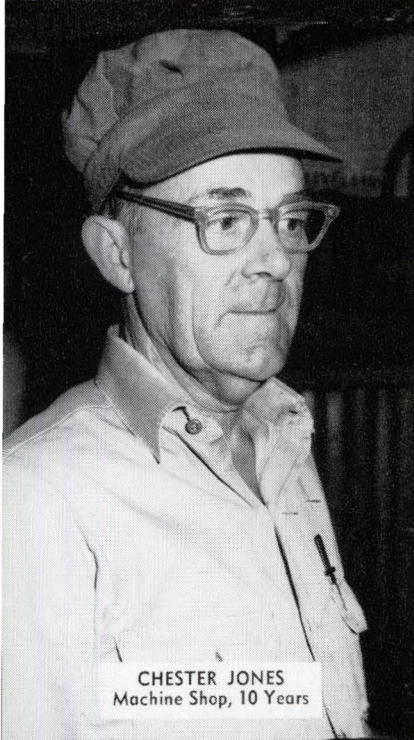
JACK LANDRUM
Lathe Shop, 6 Years



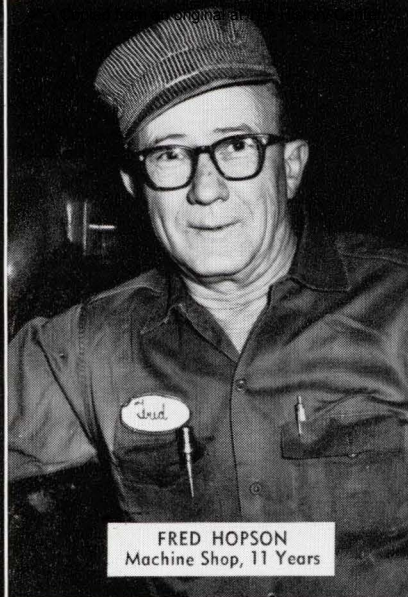
DAVID MERRITT
Welding & Structural, 3 Years



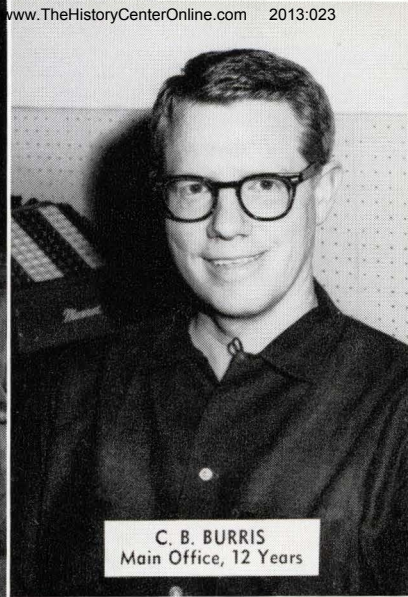
GORDON BRASHEAR
Traffic Department, 10 Years



CHESTER JONES
Machine Shop, 10 Years



FRED HOPSON
Machine Shop, 11 Years

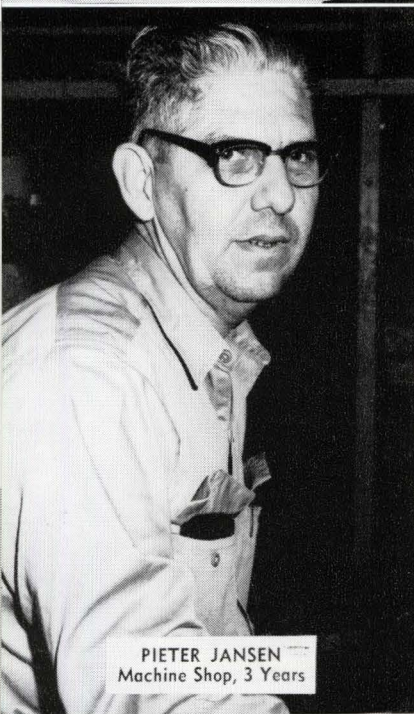


C. B. BURRIS
Main Office, 12 Years

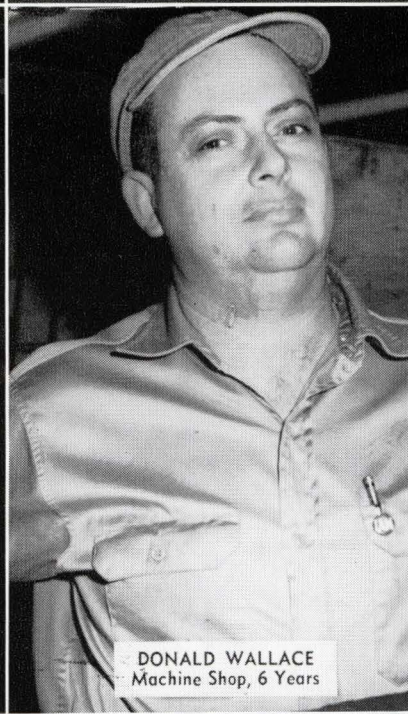


CLAUDE BROOKSHIRE
Lathe Shop, 3 Years

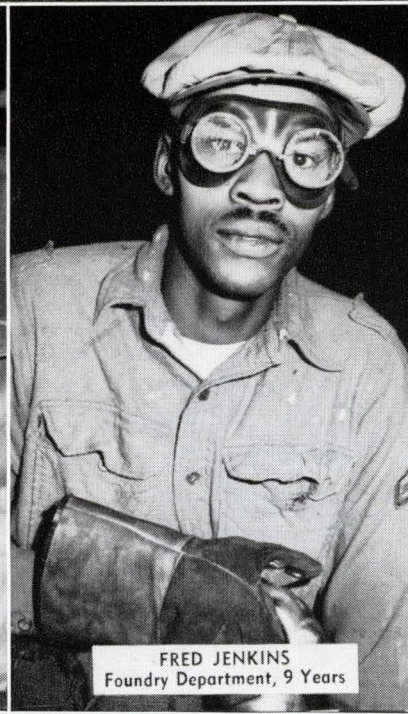
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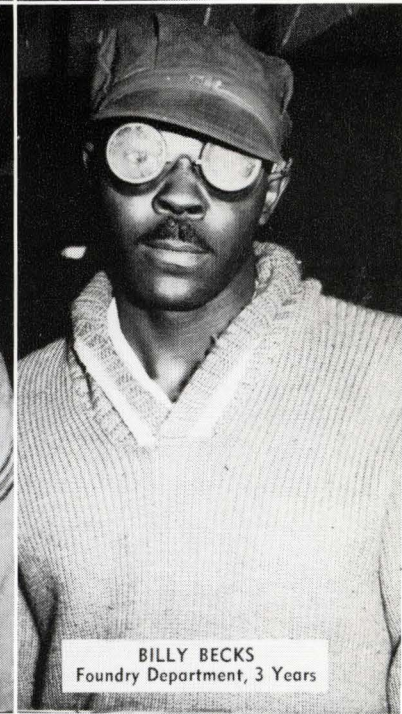
PIETER JANSEN
Machine Shop, 3 Years



DONALD WALLACE
Machine Shop, 6 Years



FRED JENKINS
Foundry Department, 9 Years



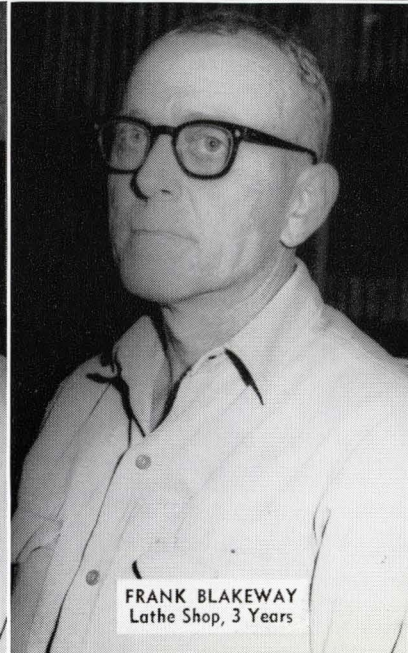
BILLY BECKS
Foundry Department, 3 Years



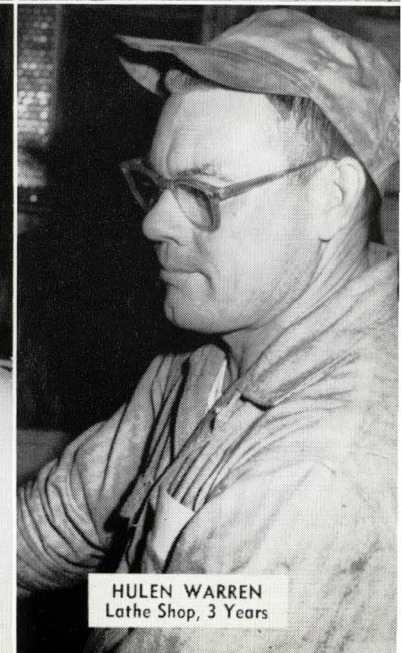
WILLIE IVEY
Machine Shop, 2 Years



E. J. CHILDERS
Welding & Structural, 10 Years



FRANK BLAKEWAY
Lathe Shop, 3 Years



HULEN WARREN
Lathe Shop, 3 Years

Credit Union Officers Elected

NEW officers were elected for 1965 for LFM Federal Credit Union. Jesse Neal, Machine Shop, will serve as President. Other officers include Eulen Parrish, Accounting Department, vice president; Rhobie White, retired Machine Shop employee, secretary-treasurer; Charlie Hamilton, Trailer Parts department, assistant secretary-treasurer; and Doyle Bowers, Machine Shop, Marvin Powell, Welding & Structural, and R. N. Smith, Foundry department, all were elected Directors.

The Credit Committee will be composed of Austin Freeman, Trailer Division, chairman; Bill Woodward, Trailer Division, secretary; and T. L. Vansau, Machine Shop.

The Supervisory Committee will be composed of Clifford Trevathan, Accounting Department, chairman; Jim Massingill, Accounting Department, and Doyle Bowers, Machine Shop.

As of February 1, there were 355 members of the Credit Union. Total assets were \$13,862.71. A total of \$10,573.42 was outstanding in loans. During January, \$86.46 was earned as interest on loans.

A new Drop-By deposit box has been placed at Gate One. Any member of the Credit Union may put his money and his Pass Book in an envelope and drop it in the deposit box, and save a trip by the Credit Union office. The Pass Book will be returned with the deposit credited to the employee's account.

During January, deposits made by members more than doubled the amount deposited during the previous two months.

Employees interested in joining the Credit Union are asked to discuss it with any officer or drop by the Credit Union office which is open 12 to 1 p.m. on Mondays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Fridays, and 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturdays.

MARKING AN ANNIVERSARY

MACHINE SHOP

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Price Largent	February 1, 1929	36
Ertis Brock	February 7, 1936	29
Hubert Breazeall	February 4, 1937	28
Charles Douglass	February 11, 1937	28
Mathew Ross	February 25, 1937	28
James Lovett	February 14, 1941	24
Delbert Matchett	February 26, 1945	20
Lloyd Parrish	February 12, 1947	18
Frank Davis	February 24, 1947	18
Delbert Jones	February 2, 1950	15
Winford Weeks	February 6, 1950	15
Bobby Tucker	February 12, 1951	14
William Mangham	February 13, 1952	13
R. C. Roberts	February 19, 1952	13
Fred Hopson	February 24, 1954	11
Chester Jones	February 3, 1955	10
Earl Deal	February 7, 1955	10
Barbara Fowler	February 1, 1957	8
Donald L. Wallace	February 2, 1959	6
Jack Landrum	February 2, 1959	6
Carl Gibson	February 2, 1962	3
W. A. Hendricks, Jr.	February 2, 1962	3
Frank Blakeway	February 5, 1962	3
Hulen Warren	February 14, 1962	3
Pieter Jansen	February 21, 1962	3
Claude Brookshire	February 27, 1962	3
Willie Ivey	February 18, 1963	2
Robbie Barley	February 10, 1964	1
Robert E. Jumper	February 14, 1964	1
Jimmy Wall	February 18, 1964	1

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Burval Holt	February 10, 1955	10

ASSEMBLY & SHIPPING

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Raymond Beavers	February 8, 1929	36
William Counts	February 6, 1952	13

FOUNDRY DEPARTMENT

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
W. J. Buschmann	February 9, 1939	26
Robert Burns	February 24, 1942	23
A. B. White	February 24, 1943	22
Josh Duncan	February 28, 1944	21
Fred Benemon	February 20, 1946	19
James Scott	February 20, 1946	19
W. T. Bailey	February 13, 1951	14
Rex Jones	February 20, 1951	14
J. B. Perkins	February 12, 1952	13
James Jones	February 2, 1955	10
Clayton Jircik	February 21, 1955	10
Thomas Boulware	February 22, 1955	10
Fred Jenkins	February 1, 1956	9
Ernest Pittman	February 1, 1960	5
James Jones	February 5, 1962	3
Charles Minton	February 5, 1962	3
Billy Becks	February 6, 1962	3

WELDING & STRUCTURAL

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Stephen Warren	February 18, 1943	22
Taylor Martin	February 22, 1943	22
Less Neyland	February 22, 1943	22
Marcus Patrick	February 7, 1947	18
James Laird	February 12, 1951	14
E. J. Childers	February 24, 1955	10
Malchom Lowery	February 27, 1959	6
David Merritt	February 9, 1962	3
Earl Burchfield	February 15, 1962	3
Jeff Pinner	February 19, 1962	3
Jay Lee Tarver	February 10, 1964	1

TRAILER DIVISION

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
C. J. Schuller	February 1, 1942	23
Lester Glaze	February 8, 1943	22
Thomas Ladd	February 8, 1943	22
Leo Elliott	February 13, 1943	22
Al Walton	February 2, 1948	17
A. C. Warren	February 1, 1950	15
James Fuller	February 6, 1950	15
Garvin Mooney	February 2, 1950	15
Granville C. Wright	February 2, 1950	15
Luke Rouse	February 6, 1950	15
Boyce Hendry	February 9, 1950	15
Milton Watson	February 27, 1950	15
Jimmie Wooten	February 27, 1950	15
Sidney Smith	February 28, 1950	15
Leonard Donnell	February 28, 1952	13
Tommy Ward	February 6, 1964	1
Rexie McMullen	February 6, 1964	1

Cabe Clonts	February 6, 1964	1
Ronald Gibson	February 10, 1964	1
Harold Kirtley	February 10, 1964	1
Willie Vann	February 10, 1964	1
Joe Ed Green	February 10, 1964	1
John W. Crawford	February 10, 1964	1
John Whithead	February 11, 1964	1
Alfred Roberts	February 12, 1964	1
Joe Littlejohn	February 13, 1964	1
J. T. Gilbert	February 14, 1964	1
Charles Kilgore	February 14, 1964	1
Jimmie Berry	February 14, 1964	1
Joe Burns	February 17, 1964	1
Omer Benton	February 17, 1964	1
Donald Byrd	February 17, 1964	1
A. J. Thiboutot	February 17, 1964	1
Sheryll Manley	February 17, 1964	1
Hardie Luce	February 17, 1964	1
Oral Antley	February 17, 1964	1
Howard Coleman	February 17, 1964	1
John Shotwell	February 17, 1964	1
Freddy Williamson	February 17, 1964	1
James Winthrop	February 17, 1964	1
Acie Clark	February 17, 1964	1
Fred Taylor	February 17, 1964	1
Delbert Ellison	February 17, 1964	1
Leo Terrell	February 17, 1964	1
Earl Thompson	February 17, 1964	1
Billy Lewis	February 17, 1964	1
D. Hoyt Rogers	February 17, 1964	1
Charles Mears	February 17, 1964	1
Ralph Berry	February 17, 1964	1
David Morgan	February 17, 1964	1
James Thomason	February 18, 1964	1
Johnnie Bonner	February 20, 1964	1

PATTERN SHOP

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Carl Ross	February 13, 1952	13
W. P. Westbrook	February 1, 1956	9
Douglas Read	February 5, 1964	1

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Gordon Brashear	February 17, 1955	10
Ray Russell	February 7, 1956	9

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Stanley Beck	February 21, 1955	10

MAIN OFFICE

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
E. P. Trout	February 25, 1926	39
Homer Thrash	February 2, 1942	23
T. D. Lashly	February 2, 1948	17
W. M. L. Wagner	February 19, 1952	13
C. B. Burris	February 11, 1953	12
Betty Stewart	February 19, 1958	7
Stephen Shepherd	February 25, 1964	1

MILL SUPPLIES

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Harley Baker	February 21, 1955	10
Carl Bruce Garner	February 1, 1960	5
Earl Davis	February 1, 1963	2
Trina Skinner	February 5, 1964	1

TRAILER SALES & SERVICES

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
R. L. Hamilton, Jr.	February 3, 1954	11
Carl Peppard	February 26, 1960	5
William Wilson	February 4, 1963	2
Gary Hopson	February 25, 1963	2
Wandalene Barcomb	February 26, 1963	2
Billie McCray	February 28, 1963	2
Bryan Archibald	February 3, 1964	1
George Anthony	February 11, 1964	1
Roy Preston	February 17, 1964	1
J. W. Jones	February 20, 1964	1

OILFIELD SALES & SERVICES

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Val Gallia, Jr.	February 5, 1947	18
Oliver McKay, Jr.	February 1, 1951	14
Robert Dunlop	February 1, 1953	12
Roy Lilley, Jr.	February 2, 1953	12
William T. Little	February 18, 1957	8
David Bishop	February 19, 1957	8
A. R. Beaulieu	February 2, 1959	6
Joe Byrd, III	February 1, 1961	4
Hugh McWilliams	February 8, 1962	3
Russell Porter	February 3, 1964	1
Thomas McGrady	February 10, 1964	1
Omer Hill	February 12, 1964	1



L. A. LITTLE



E. P. TROUT



ROBERT L. POLAND



C. D. RICHARDS



J. B. HOPPER



C. J. SCHULLER



C. W. ALEXANDER

LUFKIN

Announces

PROMOTIONS

Several promotions have been announced by W. W. Trout, president of Lufkin Foundry and Machine Company, Lufkin, Texas, manufacturers of oilfield pumping units, gas engines, commercial and marine gears, and truck-trailers.

E. P. Trout and L. A. Little, vice presidents, have been named Executive Vice Presidents.

Robert L. Poland, chief engineer, Gear Division, was elected to the Board of Directors of the company.

Four new Vice Presidents were named. They include J. B. Hopper, director of engineering; C. D. Richards, manager of machinery sales; C. J. Schuller, manager of the Trailer Division; and C. W. Alexander, sales manager of the Trailer Division.



Blue and Gold Banquet

The annual Blue and Gold banquet for Cub Scout Pack 149 was held February 4, in observance of the anniversary of Boy Scouting.

The banquet was held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church. The Pack is sponsored by Lufkin Foundry and Machine Company and Jim Riggs, Trailer Division, is Cubmaster. There are five Den Mothers of which two are wives of Company employees. There are also four assistants. The two wives of Company employees who are Den Mothers are Mrs. Wayne DeBehnke and Mrs. Jack Brooks.

Shown in the accompanying picture are employee fathers and mothers and their boys who are members of the Cub Scout Pack.

Left to right, WAYNE DEBEHNKE, Foundry department; BOB DEBEHNKE, MRS. WAYNE DEBEHNKE, RONNIE WIMP, MRS. WAYNE WIMP, WAYNE WIMP, Trailer Division; REAGAN TATE, E. M. TATE, Marine Gearing; RICKEY TURNER, MRS. VANCE TURNER, whose husband is employed in the Trailer Division, second shift; JIM RIGGS, Cubmaster, Trailer Division; BILLY JO BROOKS, MRS. JACK

BROOKS, whose husband is employed in the Machine Shop; FRANKLIN WEEKS, III, MRS. FRANKLIN WEEKS, FRANKLIN WEEKS, Foundry Department.

HELP PREVENT PLANT VEHICLE ACCIDENTS



Operators of Electric Trucks

- Keep below safe speed limit; watch rear end swing of fork lift trucks.
- Sound warning when approaching workers on foot and at blind corners.
- Do not overload. Stack materials firmly.
- Allow no riders.
- Avoid sudden stops. Keep clear of edge of loading decks.
- Park only in spaces provided — do not block aisles or passageways.

Hand Truck Operators

- Do not overload truck. Stack materials firmly.
- Descend ramps with care.
- Do not leave an empty or loaded truck to block an aisle or passageway.

Other Plant Personnel

- Be alert, using aisles. Listen for warnings, be on lookout for approaching vehicles.
- Do not hitch rides on any kind of truck.

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The Sunday School teacher told the children to draw a picture illustrating a biblical text. One little girl handed in a drawing of an airplane with a man, woman, baby, and a pilot.

"What's this?" the teacher asked.

"The Flight Into Egypt," replied the tot. "That's Mary, Joseph, The Infant Jesus, and Pontius the Pilot."

A socially ambitious young woman made her husband's life miserable trying to get him to rent a more expensive apartment. One evening he came home in a good humor. "Good news, Dearest," he cried. "We don't have to move. The landlord just raised the rent!"

During the proceedings, a friend of the widow asked her:

"Did Mike leave you well fixed?"

"Shure, an' he did that. 'Tis fifty thousand he's after leavin' me."

The friend rolled her eyes heavenward. "Tch tch tch," she said. "Think of that. And him that couldn't read nor write."

"Yes," agreed the widow, shaking her head seriously, "nor swim!"

"Yes," said the specialist, as he stood at the bedside of the sick purchasing agent, "I can cure you."

"What will it cost?" asked the sick man faintly.

"Five hundred dollars."

"You'll have to shade your price a little," replied the purchasing agent. "I had a better bid from the undertaker."

Dieting: Penalty for exceeding the feed limit.

With modern medicine doing so well at increasing our life expectancy, we'd better be careful about adding to the national debt. We might have to pay it off ourselves.

"These musical horns scare me half to death."

"Why?"

"Well the guy who ran off with my wife had one on his car and every time I hear one I think he's bringing her back."

Sign outside newly painted shop-front: "Wet laquer-lacker-laquar-oh, watch out for the PAINT."

News Item: At the butchers' annual picnic yesterday, Mrs. Pitcher won the pot-throwing contest. Her husband, Jake Pitcher, won the 100-yard dash.

It's downright pitiful to see a young couple sitting on the porch, slowly dying of thirst, and no auto to take them to the drug store a block away.

"Did you get home from the party all right last night?"

"Fine, thanks, except that as I was turning into my driveway some idiot stepped on my fingers."

Lost in the Pentagon, a repairman approached a busy typist. "How do I get outside?" he asked.

Without looking, she replied, "Dial 9."

Making their first trip to famed Florida's Cypress Gardens from their home deep in the Everglades, two Seminole Indians stoically watched the water skiers roar up and down the lake.

"Why makum motorboat go so fast?" asked one.

"Have to," replied the other, "Little man on string chase um."

Civilization: A system under which a man pays a quarter to park his car so he won't be fined a dollar while spending a dime for a cup of coffee.

Curiosity: "Did you give your wife that little lecture on economy you talked about?"

Domesticity: "Yes."

Curiosity: "Any results?"

Domesticity: "I've got to give up smoking."

On St. Valentine's day an 8-year-old coed at a parochial school received a beautiful heart-shaped box of chocolates from her current boy friend. On the enclosed card was the tender inscription: "To Helen—with all my allowance."

Bank Clerk: "You forgot to dot an 'i' in your signature."

Patron: "Would you mind dotting it for me?"

Clerk: "I'm sorry, but it has to be in the same handwriting."

"The falls at this point," said the guide at Niagara, "are among the most beautiful phenomena in the world. You will be able to hear the thunder of the water, if the two ladies in the rear of the bus will stop talking for a moment."

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