

The Foundry Roundup

DECEMBER, 1969



Christmas Greetings...

FELLOW EMPLOYEES and FRIENDS:

THERE IS NO season of the year that means as much to mankind as Christmas. It is a time to remember only the good that comes our way, and to share our good fortune with our friends and loved ones.

It is also a time to review accomplishments in our business, and to see what is in store for us in the year ahead.

The year 1969 has been a good one in sales of all products, with oil-field equipment leading the way and amounting to nearly half our total sales. Trailer sales account for one-fourth, and the other quarter is made up of mill supplies, gears, castings, and special machinery.

A new trailer plant building was completed this year, and we have installed and are testing the machinery for manufacturing van trailers and containers. We installed a new gear hobber and a tape-controlled boring mill in the machine shop, and some new molding machines in the foundry. On order is a large Universal boring mill for the machine shop and sand reclaiming machinery for the foundry.

Great strides have been made in our high speed and marine gearing this year, having put some of our first ground gearing in service. We have designed and built a new long-stroke Mark II pumping unit and a new engine-compressor package for the oil fields. Our line of vans for the new trailer plant has been redesigned, and we have improved our line of floats and dump trailers.

Our main objectives are to look for new products and to improve our present line of equipment. We expect to see an increase in export sales, and we are expanding our sales coverage overseas to meet this.

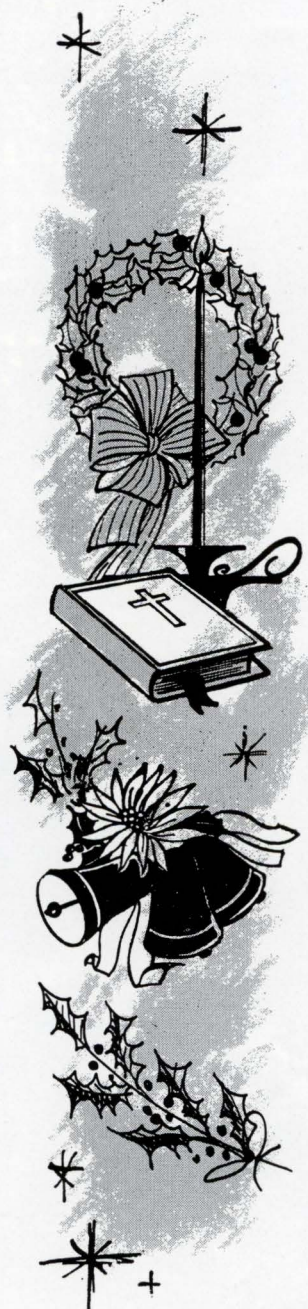
We expect to have a good sales year in 1970, but business will be harder to obtain and more competitive. Profits will be somewhat less due to higher costs, and we all will have to work harder to increase productivity. We will have to reduce overhead cost and eliminate waste wherever possible to offset the added expenses of staying in business.

There is one thing that will help make our jobs secure. We must make a profit for our stockholders. This is the primary reason for the existence of Lufkin Foundry and Machine Company, or any other company or corporation. No business will continue to operate very long without a profit.

Christmas is a time to rejoice and be thankful for a successful year, and to look with hope for a new year.

The management of Lufkin Foundry and Machine Company wishes for each of you a Joyous Holiday Season and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

R. L. POLAND
President



Shop Talk

WEIGHT-CONSCIOUS and sports-minded fellows at the new Trailer Plant have set up a ping pong table in the canteen which is the scene of a hot tournament every noon hour. They say a fast game is the best way to work off those sandwiches before resuming work.

We hear that **BILL WOODWARD** is the undisputed champ . . . so far. However, he has tough competition in the five or six challengers who regularly contend for his arbitrary title. Running neck and neck in second place are **ROLAND MCGEE**, **DON WIER**, **BOBBY CONNER**, **CHARLIE HAMILTON**, **JIMMY MASSTERS**, **BOB MCBRIDE** and a few others who have their eyes on Bill's title.

This is fair warning to Bill—the underdogs are practicing their backhand!

Speaking of ping pong champions, the last report we had from the Pattern Shop showed that **RAY STEPHENS** had won more games than anyone in that shop. Occasionally, the boys play a little table tennis during their lunch break.

PHILLIP (SHORTY) LOWERY's fellow employees in the Tool Room say Shorty has resorted to using butterfly nets and broom handles to go squirrel hunting, because the cost of shells has gone up so much. Shorty says all he killed on one recent hunting trip was two snakes.

ROBERT ELMER BYRD retired Oct. 1 after 19 years of loyal service in the Machine Shop, first shift.

Elmer has been in the hospital with eye surgery and we hope he is on the road to a speedy recovery.

We wish for Elmer many happy, healthy years of retirement.

Emily Terrill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **EDD TERRILL**, is training to be a teller at the Ft. Worth National Bank. She is living with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. **Roby Terrill**.

Edd is a serviceman in the Commercial Gears department.

Machine Shop employees enjoyed a recent visit with **PETE MOORE**, a retired employee.

When Mr. and Mrs. **B. N. (SLIM) CHAMPION** went fishing in September at Sabine Pass, not all the fish biting were welcome ones. For instance, they spent 45 minutes trying to get rid of a sting ray.

Their first day's catch included four red snappers weighing four to six pounds each and one two and a half-pound flounder plus lots of smaller fish.

Employees of the Machine Shop, Assembly Floor, first shift, will miss **GLEN LOFTON** who will be going into the service soon. Glen hopes to cast his lot with the Air Force.

Tool Room foreman **PREACHER WEEMS** says he has been offered a quarter horse in exchange for his talented bulldog, which Preacher claims can ride a lawnmower. The pup is only a year old.

(The dog says Preacher can retrieve a stick, but, by press time, he hadn't been offered anything for his master.)

Someone told us that **GHEENT SMELLEY**, Machine Shop foreman, first shift, was grumbling the other day, because Woolco wouldn't cash a two-party check for him.

Mr. and Mrs. **LEONARD DONELL** have returned from a vacation to Florida where they visited their daughter and son-in-law, Rita and James Smith, at the Naval Air Force station at Pensacola. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of James Trenton who celebrated his first birthday Nov. 11.

CLARENCE ROSS is studying for his first set of college finals at Angelina College where he is a freshman draft-ing major. He was a gridiron star for the Dunbar Tigers last year.

Clarence works at the Trailer Division, first shift.

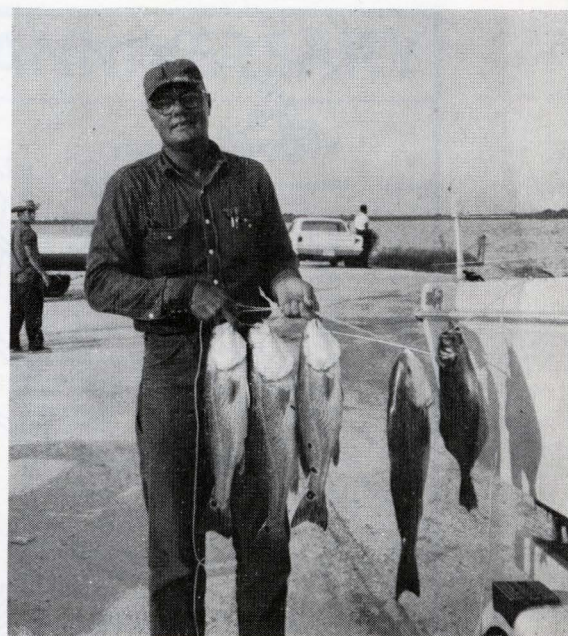
Mr. and Mrs. **RICHARD RHODES** and their five children drove to Arkansas for a week's vacation.

Richard works in the Foundry department, first shift.

We heard a good one on Tool Room employee **GRADY CAMPBELL**, who loves country and western music.

The proprietor of an antique shop in Alto was giving Grady a sales pitch on an old bedroom suit, which he said once belonged to Richard Nixon's grandmother.

Grady was unimpressed. He said, "That's nothing. I've got Roy Acuff's autograph!"



SLIM CHAMPION came home from a fishing trip at Sabine Pass with four red snappers and a flounder.

Airman **John D. White Jr.**, U.S. Navy, is serving aboard the USS Ranger off the Southern California coast. His ship participated in Operation Bell Express, a combined Navy-Marine exercise preparing the units for conditions they will meet not only in Southeast Asia, but throughout the Western Pacific area.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **JOHN D. WHITE SR.** of Wells, and his father is employed in the Machine Shop, first shift.

The fellows in the Foundry department, first shift, are kidding **PHILLIP SHARP** about his dog which was missing for a couple of weeks. As soon as Phillip's dog came home, **CRAFT FENLEY's** hound disappeared, so the boys say that whoever took Phillip's dog must have turned it loose when a better one showed up.

Six hands may be better than two at some things, but squirrel hunting may not be one of them, according to the boys in the Welding and Structural Shop.

SIMON RUSSELL, second shift; **W. A. HOPSON**, first shift; and **RED EDWARDS**, first shift, employ team effort when they hunt. "Hippie" Hopson watches for the squirrels, Red pulls the vines and Simon shoots the squirrels. (Correction: the boys say he merely tries to shoot the squirrels.)

CHARLES CAMPBELL's cartoon depicts



the situation as the other shop boys think it really happens.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY-WEDS:

... Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Gene Belote whose Nov. 28 wedding united two Lufkin Foundry families. The bride is the former Connie Marlene Oates, her parents are Mr. and Mrs. JAMES E. OATES and her father works in the Machine Shop, second shift. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. JESSE F. BELOTE. Jesse is an employee of the Welding and Structural Shop, first shift.

... Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Alsbrooks who were married Oct. 17 at

the Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church. She is the former Wanda Nell Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD TAYLOR, and her father works in the Welding and Structural Shop, first shift. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. John C. Alsbrooks.

... Mr. and Mrs. Coy Lynn DuBose, whose wedding date was Oct. 17. Nancy Lynn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Rogers and the new bridegroom's father is LINWOOD DUBOSE, Foundry department, first shift.

... Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fenley, who were married Oct. 4 at the Pine Forest Baptist Church. Barbara's parents are Mrs. Steve Reeves of Huntington and



MR. & MRS. DENNIS RAY WILCOX

the late Elroy Gee. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. JIM FENLEY and his father works in the Machine Shop, first shift.

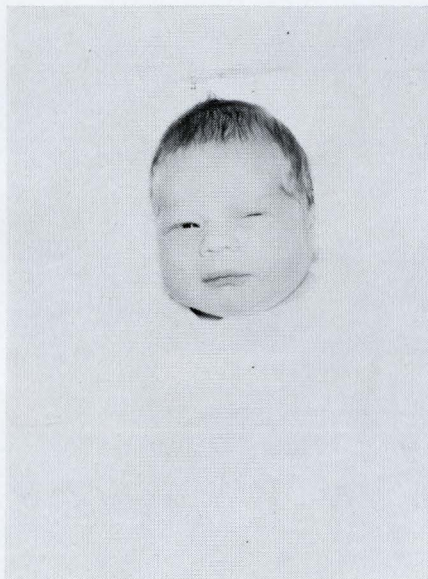
... DENNIS WILCOX, Commercial Gears, second shift, and his bride, the former Judy Fenley, who were married Sept. 20 at Keltys Baptist Church. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilcox and her parents are Mr. and Mrs. ZACK FENLEY. Zack is foreman of the Pipe House.

NEW ARRIVALS IN THE HOMES OF:

... Mr. and Mrs. JIM TROUT, New Jersey, whose son, Craig Howard, was born Aug. 30. Jim is a salesman in the Machinery Division in New York.

... Mr. and Mrs. MARVIN EARL MALNAR, whose daughter, Angela Rene, weighed 9 pounds 10 ounces when she was born Oct. 5. The new father works in the Welding and Structural Shop, first shift.

MARKING AN ANNIVERSARY



BEVERLY DIANE WALKER

... Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Walker, who announce the birth of Beverly Diane on Aug. 22. She weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces. The new father is a former employee of the Machine Shop, first shift, and the baby's maternal grandfather is M. R. WALKER, Trailer Division, first shift.

SEVERAL EMPLOYEES have been off because of illness or hospitalization. They are:

... SAMUEL D. ALFRED, Trailer Division, first shift, who has been in a Veterans Hospital having an operation to correct an injury he received in Vietnam.

... ELVIN BURRIS, Security Guard, who had lung surgery in Houston.

... MAURICE WILSON, Trailer Division, first shift, who was in the hospital.

... G. E. OLIVER, who has been in a hospital in Shreveport. He works in the Machine Shop, first shift.

... JOHNNY McADAMS, who is back on his job in the Foundry department, first shift, following his illness.

... KENNETH PARROTT, Trailer Division, first shift, who had a tonsillectomy.

... TOMMY FENLEY, Trailer Division, first shift, who has been sick.

... JERRY CAMPBELL, Trailer Industrial Engineering, who was in the hospital for tests.

MACHINE SHOP

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
J. M. Herrington	Dec. 13, 1939	30
John Gregory	Dec. 17, 1941	28
David Jones, Jr.	Dec. 10, 1942	27
Zack Fenley	Dec. 12, 1944	25
N. G. Arnold	Dec. 7, 1950	19
Floyd Jones	Dec. 11, 1961	8
B. J. Matthews	Dec. 12, 1961	8
D. W. Powers	Dec. 14, 1961	8
J. D. Meek	Dec. 20, 1961	8
Franklin Kegler	Dec. 9, 1963	6
E. D. Reynolds	Dec. 9, 1963	6
Linwood Havard, Jr.	Dec. 18, 1964	5
Billy J. Ramos	Dec. 13, 1966	3
Carl M. Webb	Dec. 19, 1966	3
Andrew Peoples	Dec. 4, 1967	2
Jack Grisham	Dec. 7, 1967	2
V. N. Morehead	Dec. 9, 1968	1
Harry A. Seale	Dec. 9, 1968	1
L. J. Steward	Dec. 11, 1968	1
Robert Telford	Dec. 17, 1968	1

FOUNDRY DEPARTMENT

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
Iziah Johnson	Dec. 20, 1947	22
A. L. Moye	Dec. 18, 1961	8
Jim H. Price	Dec. 31, 1964	5

WELDING & STRUCTURAL

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
Joe Storey	Dec. 19, 1936	33
Ickey Baird	Dec. 27, 1943	26
W. D. Thompson	Dec. 14, 1950	19
Dwern W. Oliver	Dec. 6, 1955	14
Morris W. Hodges	Dec. 18, 1956	13
A. V. Cheatom	Dec. 21, 1956	13
Carl R. Barnes	Dec. 4, 1961	8
H. W. Schoubrock	Dec. 6, 1961	8
C. R. Anderson	Dec. 13, 1961	8
Prentice Coleman	Dec. 26, 1961	8
Otis Jenkins	Dec. 14, 1964	5
F. C. Hamilton	Dec. 13, 1965	4
J. R. Moore	Dec. 4, 1968	1
R. W. Mayhar	Dec. 5, 1968	1
Frank Allums	Dec. 17, 1968	1

... JIMMY WOOTEN, Trailer Division, first shift, who underwent two operations.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to:

... WILLIAM DAVID PEEL, Trailer Industrial Engineering, upon the death of his mother, Mrs. Anne Peel.

... J. B. MOYE, Yard Crew, first shift, upon the death of his infant child.

... TIM ANDERSON, Foundry department, second shift, whose uncle died.

... The family of B. E. LITTLE, retired employee of the Tool Room, who died in October.

... L. W. DuBOSE, Foundry department, first shift, upon the death of his uncle.

TRAILER DIVISION

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
C. A. Thompson	Dec. 17, 1941	28
L. F. Read	Dec. 31, 1941	28
J. J. Gunter	Dec. 16, 1943	26
Edward Smith	Dec. 6, 1945	24
John V. Short	Dec. 7, 1945	24
E. L. Mills	Dec. 3, 1956	13
J. W. Watson	Dec. 4, 1961	8
J. A. Hartman	Dec. 26, 1961	8
Raymond Redd	Dec. 3, 1963	6
Robert Ogburn	Dec. 6, 1965	4
Jessie Kendrick	Dec. 28, 1967	2
J. T. Sowell	Dec. 3, 1968	1
Aline Jones	Dec. 16, 1968	1

ASSEMBLY & SHIPPING

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
B. T. Cater	Dec. 9, 1944	25
E. H. Ridgeway	Dec. 2, 1955	14
Carroll Eastopp	Dec. 20, 1961	8
Ide Russell	Dec. 11, 1961	8

MAIN OFFICE

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
R. L. Poland	Dec. 1, 1945	24
Jim Massingill	Dec. 1, 1956	13
Fern Basey	Dec. 28, 1959	10
Ethel English	Dec. 30, 1965	4
Elizabeth McDonald	Dec. 20, 1966	3

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
Riley Webb	Dec. 2, 1946	23
Johnny Ross	Dec. 1, 1953	16
Frank Rudrow	Dec. 28, 1961	8
J. D. Mewbourn	Dec. 17, 1962	7
Bobby Clark	Dec. 10, 1963	6

MILL SUPPLIES

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
Wanda Wilson	Dec. 17, 1953	16
Q. S. Walters	Dec. 27, 1965	4

ORDER DEPARTMENT

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
G. L. Vickrey	Dec. 18, 1922	47

MATERIAL CONTROL

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
C. E. Skinner	Dec. 11, 1961	8

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

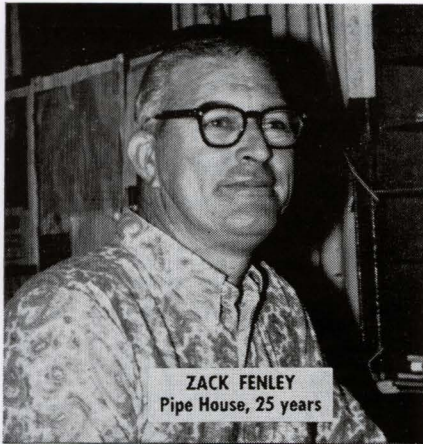
	Employment Date	Years with Co.
E. M. Chastain	Dec. 14, 1939	30
G. R. Brookshire	Dec. 12, 1967	2

MACHINERY SALES & SERVICE

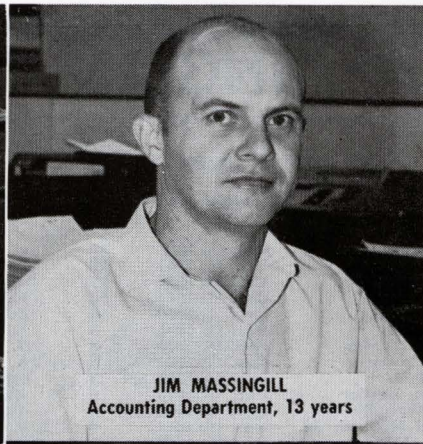
	Employment Date	Years with Co.
A. G. Black	Dec. 17, 1946	23
J. W. Swanson Jr.	Dec. 7, 1949	20
Lyle Carpenter	Dec. 9, 1960	9
Irene Fritz	Dec. 28, 1961	8
W. R. Ross	Dec. 10, 1964	5
C. L. Davis	Dec. 5, 1966	4

TRAILER SALES & SERVICE

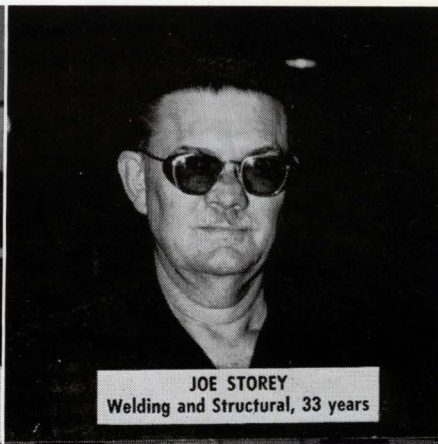
	Employment Date	Years with Co.
John Schaeffer	Dec. 7, 1953	16
John Loveland	Dec. 15, 1964	5
Emmett Williams	Dec. 28, 1964	5
Ernest Aguilar	Dec. 6, 1965	4



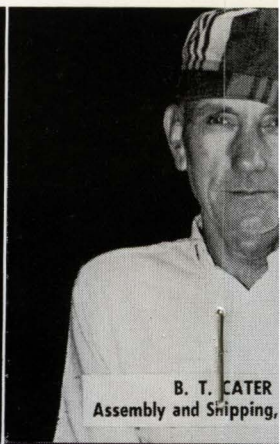
ZACK FENLEY
Pipe House, 25 years



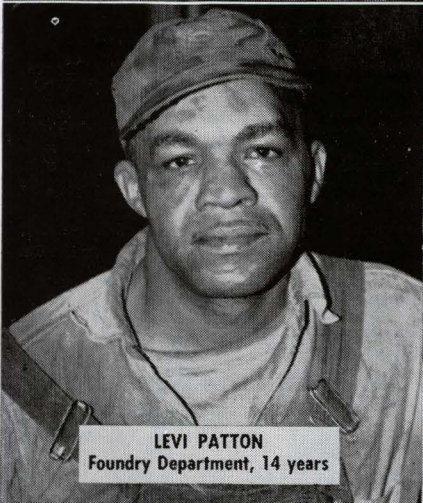
JIM MASSINGILL
Accounting Department, 13 years



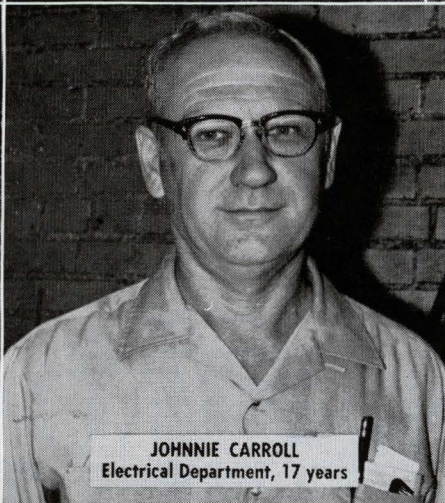
JOE STOREY
Welding and Structural, 33 years



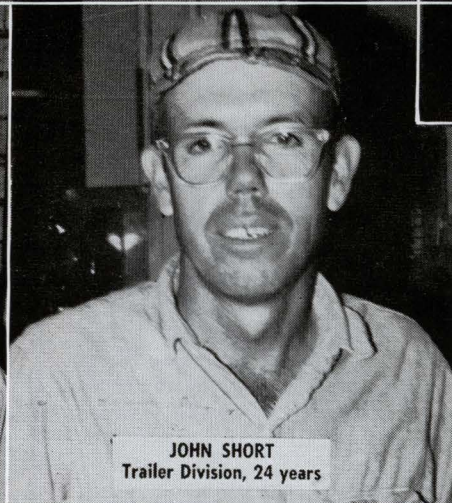
B. T. CATER
Assembly and Shipping,



LEVI PATTON
Foundry Department, 14 years



JOHNNIE CARROLL
Electrical Department, 17 years



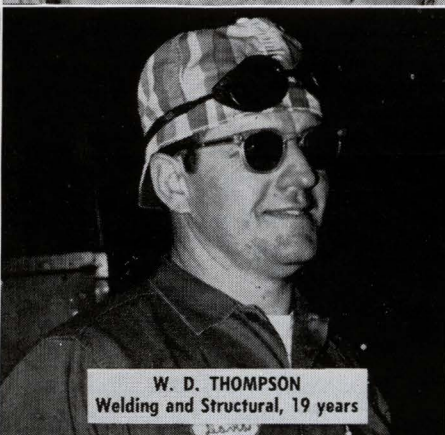
JOHN SHORT
Trailer Division, 24 years



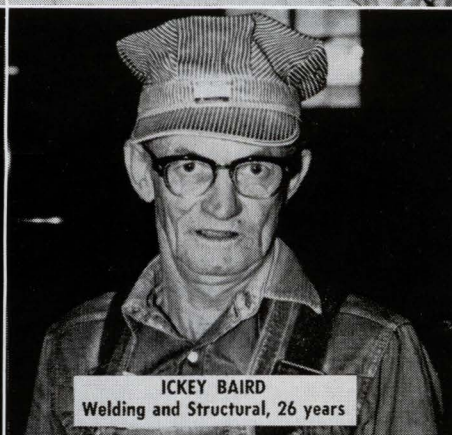
WANDA W.
Mill Supplies,



A. V. CHEATOM
Welding and Structural, 13 years



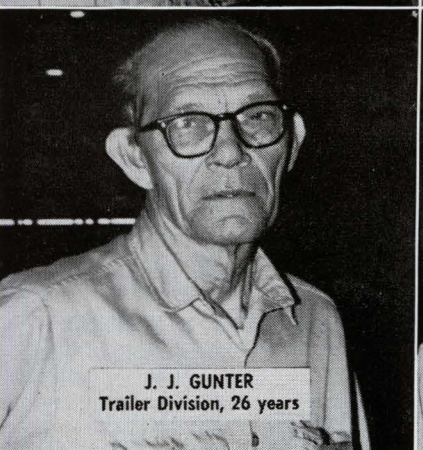
W. D. THOMPSON
Welding and Structural, 19 years



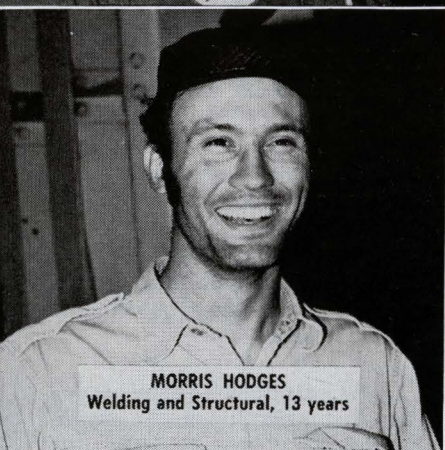
ICKEY BAIRD
Welding and Structural, 26 years



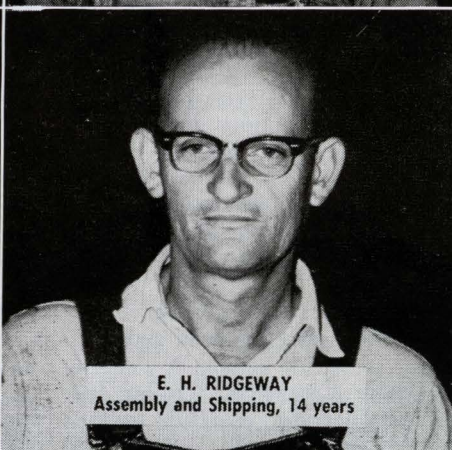
JOHNNY R.
Engineering, 1



J. J. GUNTER
Trailer Division, 26 years



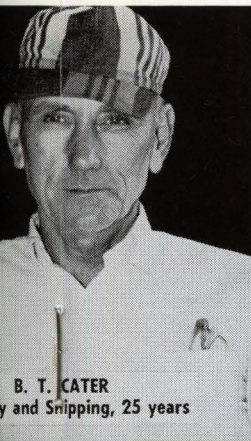
MORRIS HODGES
Welding and Structural, 13 years



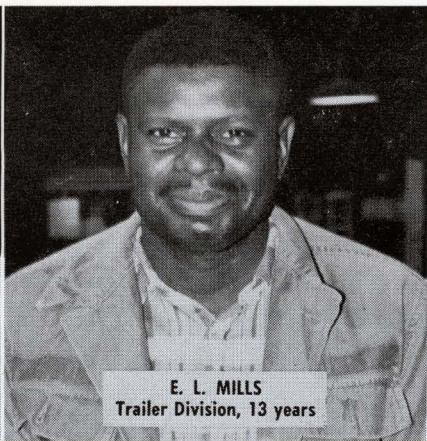
E. H. RIDGEWAY
Assembly and Shipping, 14 years



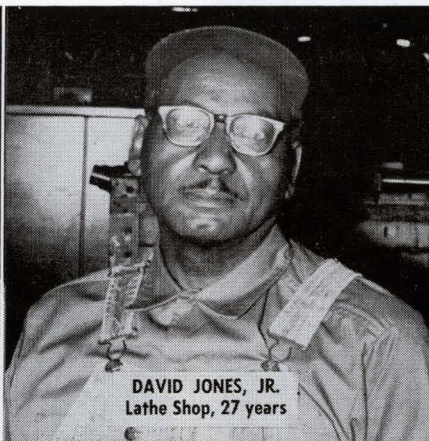
CAMPBELL
Traffic Department



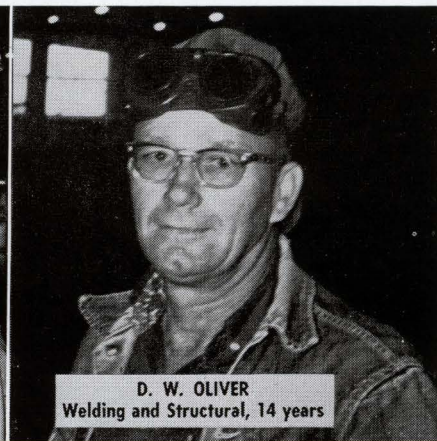
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E. L. MILLS
Trailer Division, 13 years



DAVID JONES, JR.
Lathe Shop, 27 years

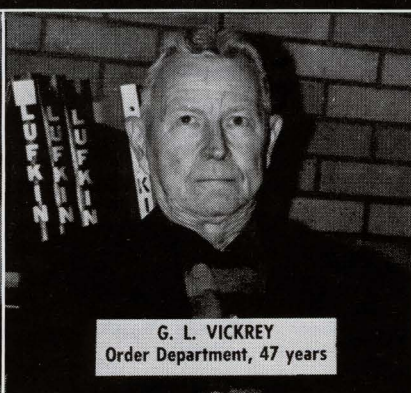


D. W. OLIVER
Welding and Structural, 14 years

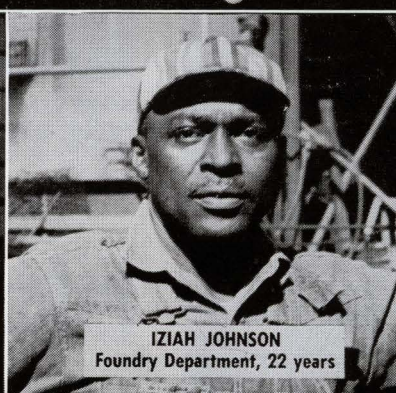
Celebrating an Anniversary - 12 YEARS OR MORE



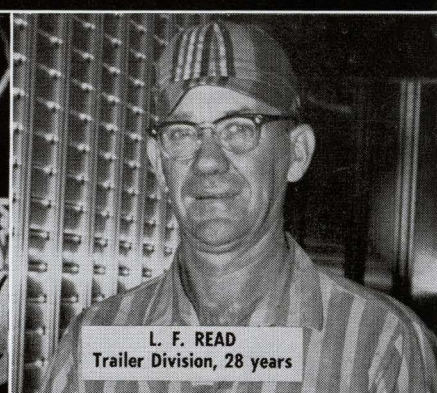
WANDA WILSON
Mill Supplies, 16 years



G. L. VICKREY
Order Department, 47 years



IZIAH JOHNSON
Foundry Department, 22 years



L. F. READ
Trailer Division, 28 years



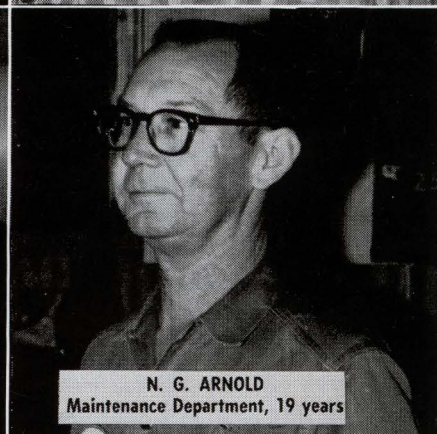
JOHNNY ROSS
Engineering, 16 years



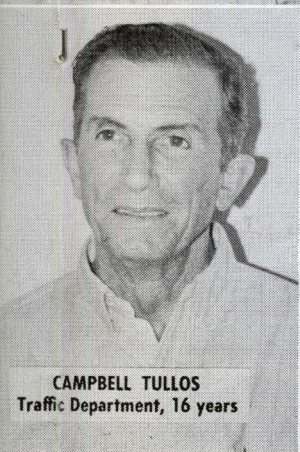
J. H. HERRINGTON
Machine Shop, 30 years



BOB POLAND
President, 24 years



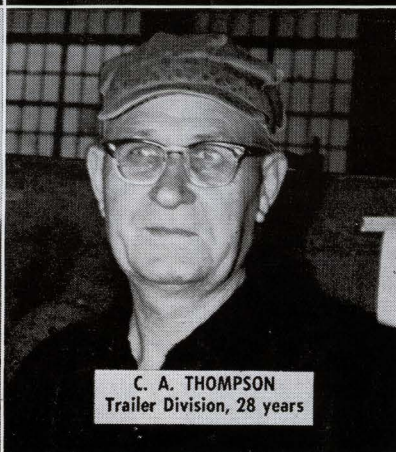
N. G. ARNOLD
Maintenance Department, 19 years



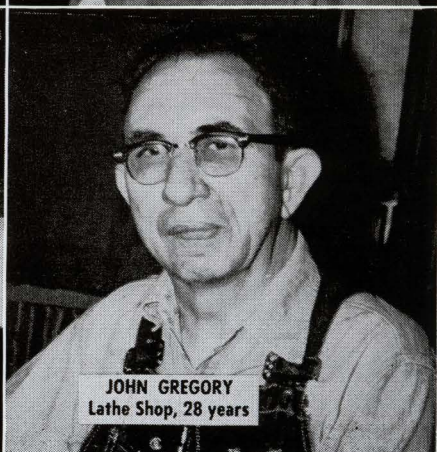
CAMPBELL TULLOS
Traffic Department, 16 years



JOHN SCHAEFFER
Trailer Sales, 16 years



C. A. THOMPSON
Trailer Division, 28 years

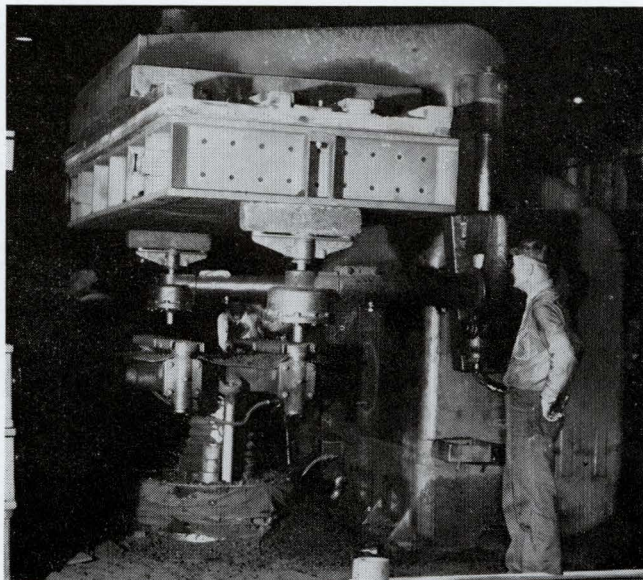


JOHN GREGORY
Lathe Shop, 28 years

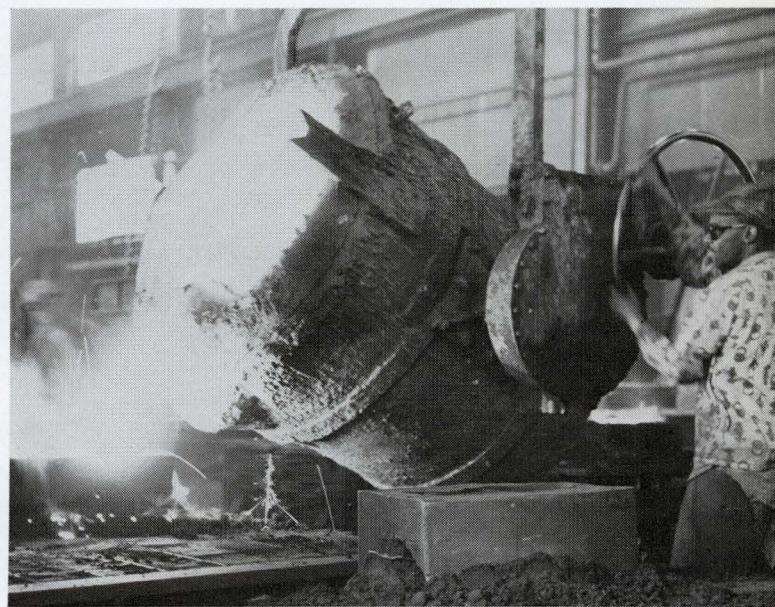


1. **SIMULTANEOUS** to building the pumping unit's familiar structure, a gear reducer is manufactured.

The birthplace of iron and ductile iron castings which go into the manufacture of all Lufkin products is the Pattern Shop, where wooden patterns are made and sent to the Foundry department for making molds for castings. Here Billy Harris repairs a gear housing pattern.



2. **IN THE FOUNDRY** the pattern is packed into the sand by this large roll-over molding machine, which also removes the pattern leaving its impression. Pictured is A. A. Wyatt. Operator is Sam Mark. Both are first shift employees.



3. **NEXT**, molten iron is poured into the mold from the ladle, tipped here by Raymond Hulett, Foundry department, first shift.

How We Build

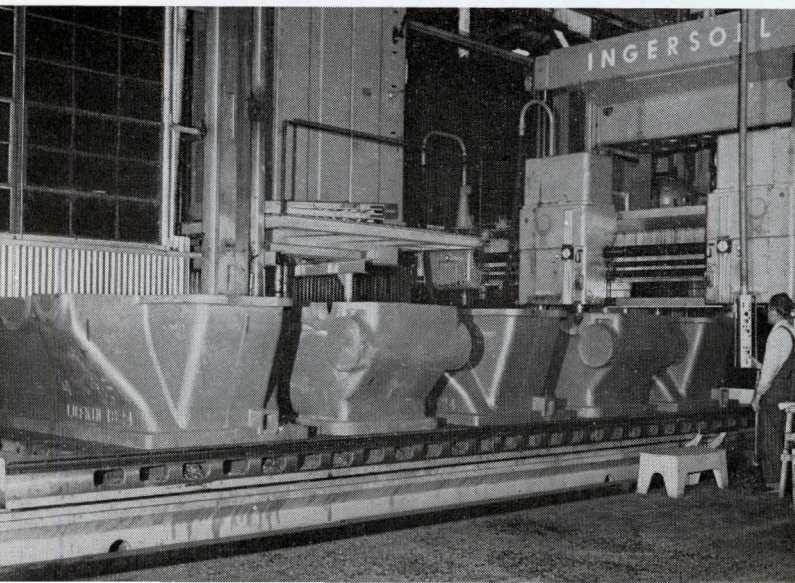
By CAROYLN CURTIS

AS of Sept. 30, 1969, Lufkin's Machinery Division had placed 95,360 pumping units in the rich oilfields of the world. The familiar LUFKIN brand appears in every major oil patch and in most of the smaller fields.

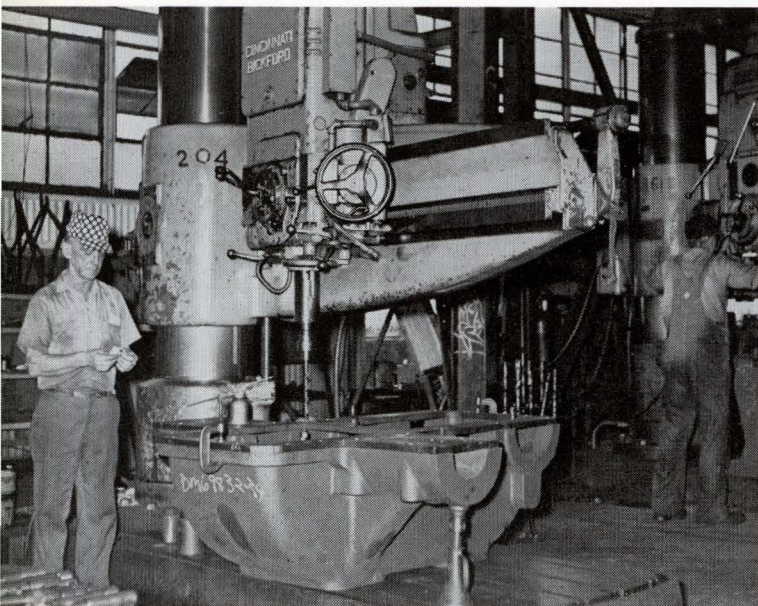
So common a by-word is our product's trademark that we have been told the word "Lufkin" is used among oilmen to refer to pumping units in general much in the same way that all soft drinks are referred to as "cokes" and all facial tissues are called "Kleenex." "Lufkin" always has been synonymous with quality and service.

Behind every LUFKIN unit pumping rich black energy from the depths of the earth is a battery of hundreds of employees who transform an order into a blueprint and a blueprint into the familiar iron structure and gear reducer which bear our brand.

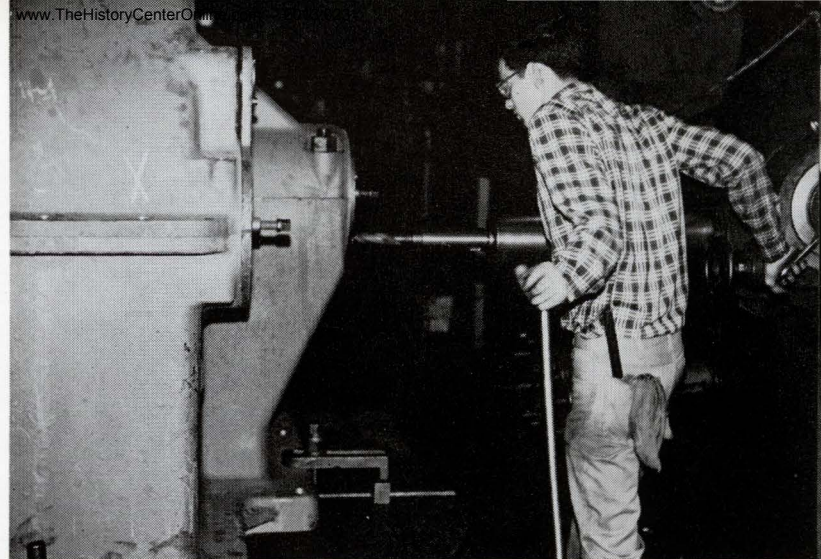
Here, the ROUNDUP presents another pictorial glimpse at a production process in Lufkin Foundry's shops.



4. **VERY LEE**, Machine Shop, first shift, uses push button controls to operate an Ingersoll planer mill, which machines the surface of the flanges on the bottom half of the newly cast gear boxes.

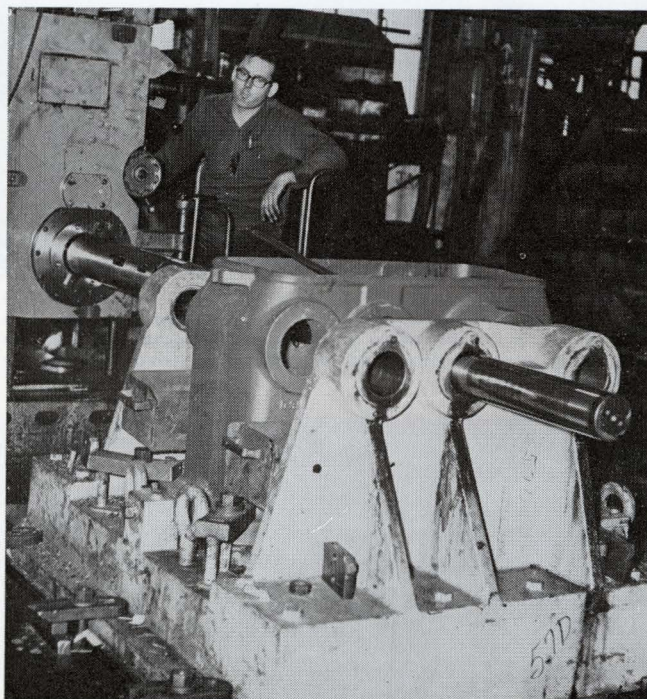


5. NEARBY, a Cincinnati radial drill press drills the holes in the flanges on a gear box cover. Operator is Spence Denman, Machine Shop, first shift. On the right is O. E. Morris.

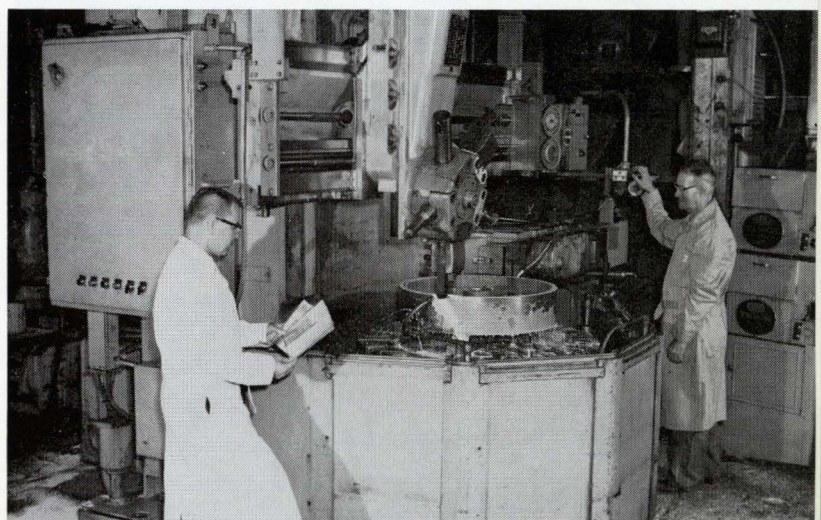


7. JERRY LUCE, Machine Shop, first shift, operates a horizontal drill press, drilling the oil drain hole and bearing carrier cap screw holes in the gear housing.

Pumping Units

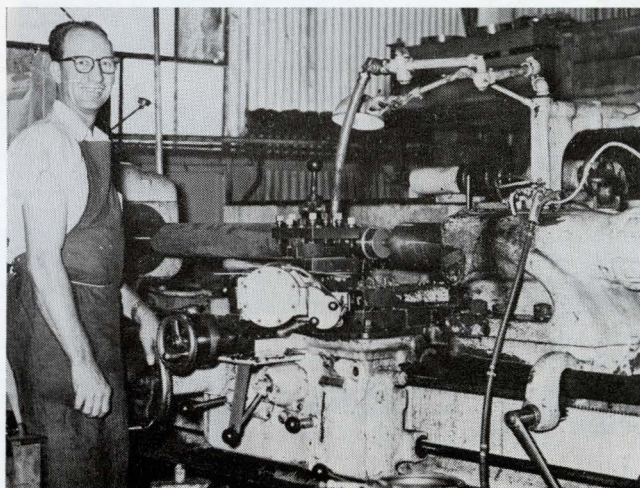


6. HERE, Larry Powell, Machine Shop, first shift, operates a horizontal boring mill, which bores the gear housing holes into which will fit shafts and bearings for the high and slow speed pinions and the slow speed gear.

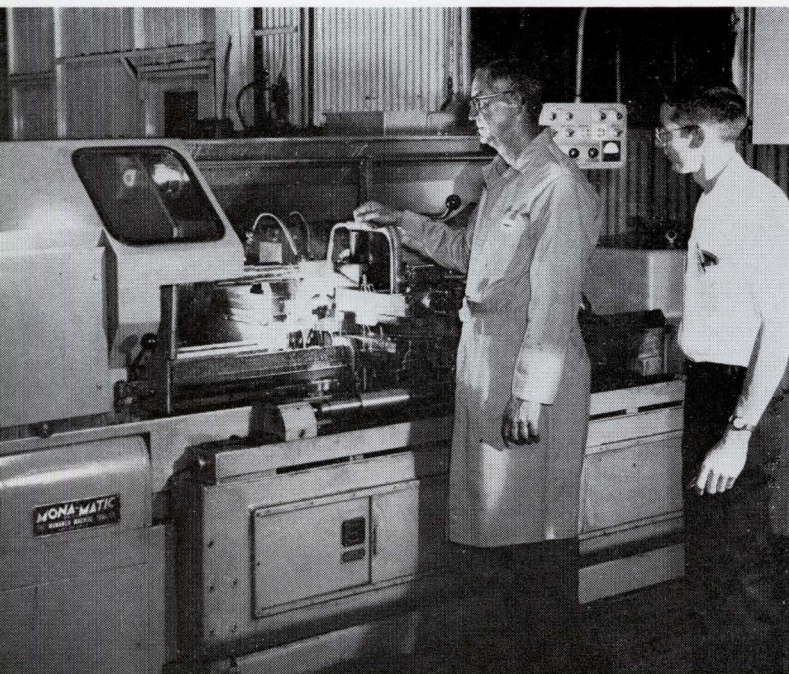


8. VERNON LARGENT, Machine Shop, first shift, operates a Bullard vertical turret lathe, which turns a sheave as a liquid tool coolant bathes the surface. After turning the OD, the grooves for the V-Belts will be cut. At left is Stanley Beck, Industrial Engineering.

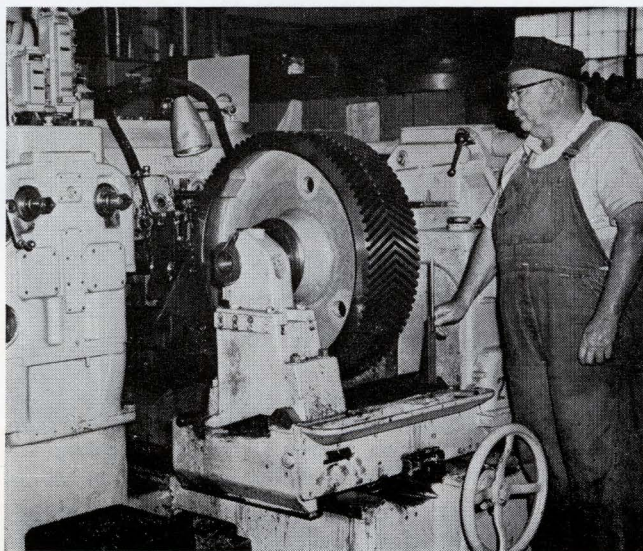
9. G. E. OLIVER, Lathe Shop, first shift, is turning a shaft on the tracer lathe, which follows a template guiding the lathe to form shoulders on the shaft.



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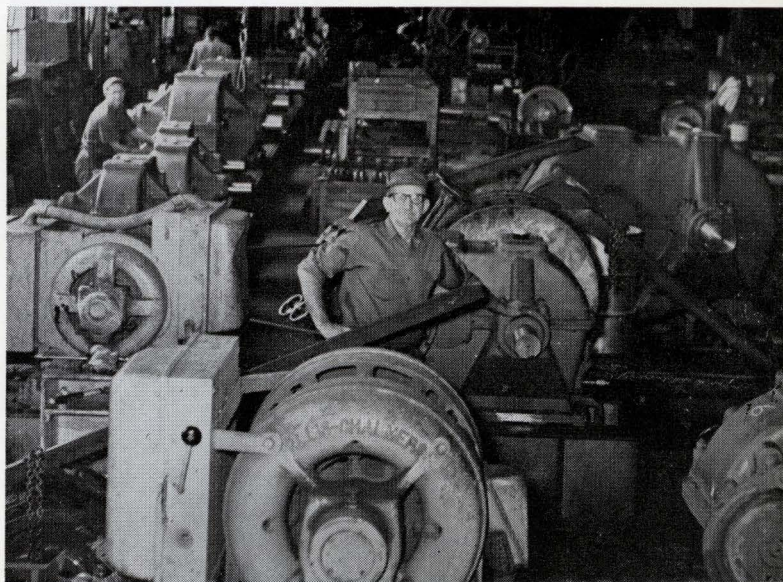


10. ALL PUMPING UNIT pinions are integral with the shaft. Here an automatic tracer lathe turns the shaft on which pinion teeth will be cut. Pictured is Calvin Crain, Lathe Shop, first shift, and Joe Simmons, Industrial Engineering.



11. D. H. MATCHETT, Gear Cutters, first shift, is operating a Sykes gear generating machine which cuts the slow speed gear, an operation requiring about 13 hours cutting time.

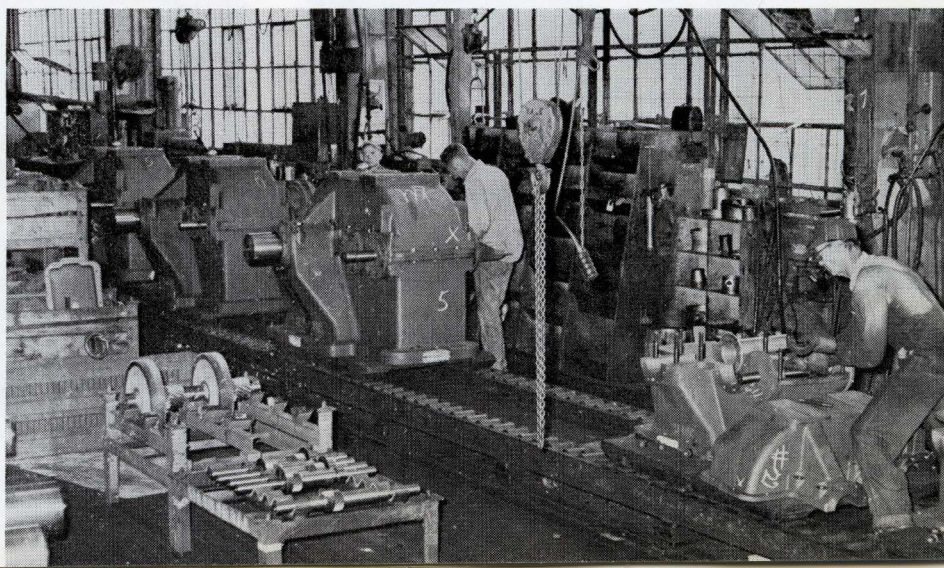
12. PICTURED, right, is the assembly conveyor where pumping unit gear reducers are assembled manually. In the right foreground J. L. Selman assembles a 114D unit, while William Williams, left, and Jay Jackson assemble three 320D units. All are employees of the Machine Shop, Assembly Floor, first shift.

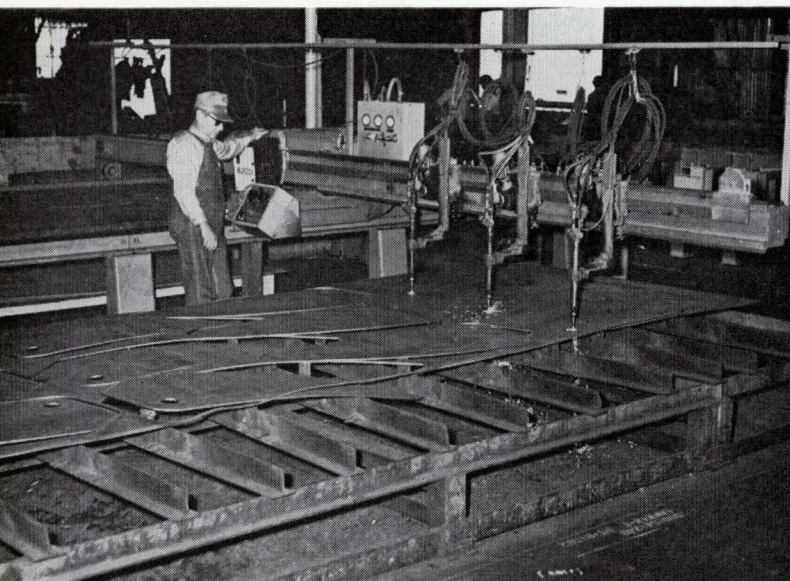


13. JAKE ROSS, Machine Shop, Assembly Floor, first shift, runs the unit on the test stand as a final inspection operation.

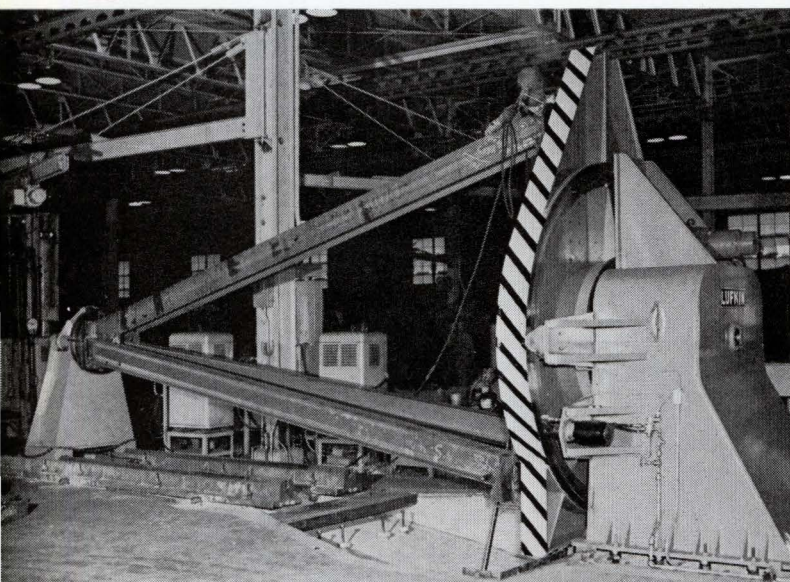


14. SAMMY KIRKLAND directs Larry Shields as the horizontal press presses the crank on the slow speed shaft. The shaft is coated with white lead to prevent galling. Sammy and Larry are employed in the Machine Shop, Assembly Floor, first shift.





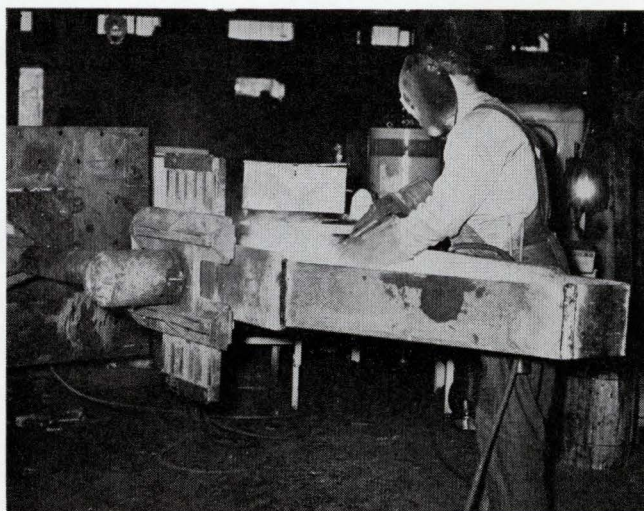
15. MEANWHILE, in the Structural Shop, Jimmy Young, first shift, operates a shape cutter which is cutting horsehead sideplates out of steel plate. A photo-electric cell follows a pattern to guide the torches.



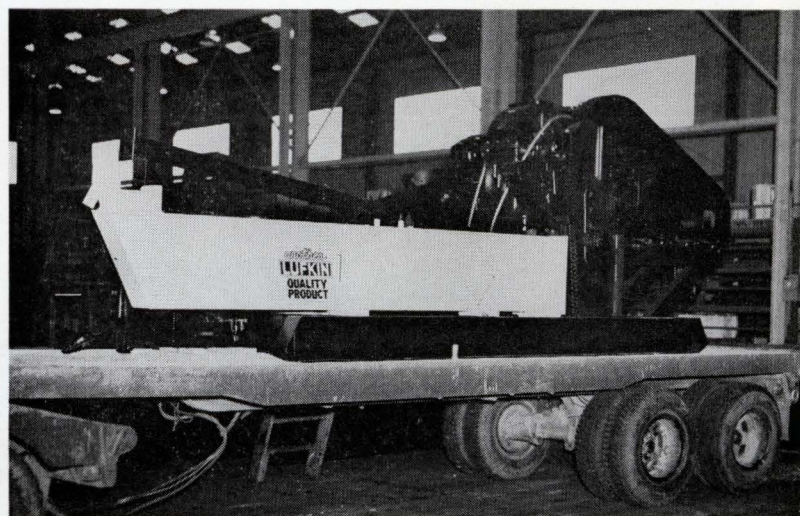
16. HERE a samson post is mounted on a combination positioner and fixture which revolves allowing the welder always to weld in a downward position. Made by Lufkin, this universal welding fixture will accommodate the smallest to the largest post.



17. P. P. STRINGER, Welding and Structural Shop, first shift, welds the equilizer connection onto the walking beam.



18. MOUNTED on a 6000-pound welding positioner, the equilizer beam is welded by R. E. Maxey, Welding and Structural, first shift.



19. A FRESHLY-PAINTED pumping unit, later to be assembled in a U.S. oil field, is loaded for domestic shipment.

20. FOR STURDINESS, this unit is crated by Carroll Eastep, left, Assembly and Shipping, first shift, and Guy Nerren, Traffic department, for export to foreign oil fields.

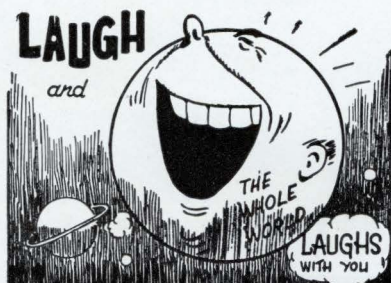
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A woman told her husband as they left home for a party: "It seems to me that if he's old enough to ask for a blond babysitter, he's old enough to stay by himself."

Did you hear about the computer that refused to work until it was promised at least two circuit breaks a day.

Cannibal chief: What's for dinner?
His wife: Baked beings.

The minister was making a parish call and was pleased to see such a bright little girl. "So you can count? Let me hear you."

Whereupon the little girl answered, "One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, jack, queen, king."

Store manager: The bank returned your check again, young lady.

Joyce: Isn't that nice! What do you suggest I buy with it this time?

Harry: Have you any poor relatives?

Jerry: None that I know of.

Harry: Have you any rich relatives?

Jerry: None that know me.

"Dad, what is heredity?"

"Heredity, my boy, is what a man believes in until his son begins to act like a fool."

Two girls were discussing jobs. "And you are baby-sitting these days?" asked one.

"Yes, and I got a real nice place," the other replied.

"What do you get?"

"A dollar an hour, car fare and spanking privileges."

Pastor (at the offering): "And now, brethern, let us all give in accordance with what we reported on Form 1040."

It is said that they have a different kind of TV system in Russia. There it watches you.

Sign at furriers: Try a mink on for sighs.

Have you noticed that most of the people favoring birth control have already been born?

A quick thinking boss approached the ticklish situation of having to fire the owner's son in a very ingenious way. After calling the boy in, the boss said, "Jack, I don't know how we are going to get along without you, but starting tomorrow we're going to try."

"I must be getting stronger."

"How can you tell?"

"Well, a few years ago I couldn't carry \$5 worth of groceries and now it's easy."

Hostess: "Our dog is just like a member of the family."

Bored visitor: "Which one?"

A pessimist is a woman driver who is sure she can't park her car in a tight place.

An optimist is a man who thinks she won't try it.

An old farmer was an incurable grumbler. One fall he had the best apple crop for miles around. One neighbor stopped to congratulate him. "Well, Hiram, you sure ought to be happy now. Yours is the best crop of apples ever raised in these parts."

But the grumbler didn't even smile as he groaned, "Well, I suppose it will do, but where's the rotten ones for the hogs?"

"I can't hear you, dear," his mother admonished as the little boy whispered his prayers.

"I wasn't talking to you," he answered firmly.

Shortly after one country fellow had a telephone installed, a neighbor dropped in and found him immersed in the business of filling out a form from a mail-order catalogue. The telephone was ringing persistently, but its possessor took no heed whatever.

"Alex," the caller ventured, "ain't that your phone?"

"Sure 'tis."

"Well, ain'tcha goin' to answer it, for pete's sakes?"

"William," said the other, looking up, "I'm busy and I had that darn thing installed for *my* convenience."

One of the candidates for sheriff in a small town was notorious for his dishonesty. When Sarah told her neighbor she was going to vote for him, the neighbor asked why, since his opponent was a man of unquestioned integrity.

"Well," she said, "I look at it this way—if a man ain't ruint when he goes into office, he's ruint when he comes out. There ain't no use in ruinin' a good man!"

The turn of the century was probably made by a woman driver.

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