

The Lufkin Roundup

DECEMBER, 1971





Christmas GREETINGS



FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

Christmas is a time to be joyous and thankful for a prosperous year, and to look with hope to the year ahead. Yet while we are joyous, we should not forget the true meaning of Christmas. A good thought for celebrating Christmas is contained in the following story:

Once, in an ancient land, there lived a man renowned for his Wisdom. Many said he knew all and could tell all.

A Young Skeptic did not believe. He sought a way to discredit the Wise Man. "I will catch a small bird," he thought, "and take it before him covered in my hands. I shall ask him what I hold, and if he pre-chance replies, 'A bird,' I shall then ask him if it be alive or dead. If he should say, 'The bird is dead,' I shall open my hands and release it; if he should say, 'Alive,' I shall crush it in my hands. Thus either answer will be wrong."

The Doubting Young Man caught a tiny bird and sought an audience with the Old Sage. When he was brought before him, he held forth his hands, covering the bird. "Knower of all things," he asked, "what have I brought you in my hands?"

The old Wise Man peered intently at the closed fingers and saw a small feather sticking out. "It is only a small bird," he replied.

"Then tell me, O Ancient and Honorable One, is it alive or dead?"

The Wise Man thought only a moment. "That is up to you, my Son, for it is in your hands."

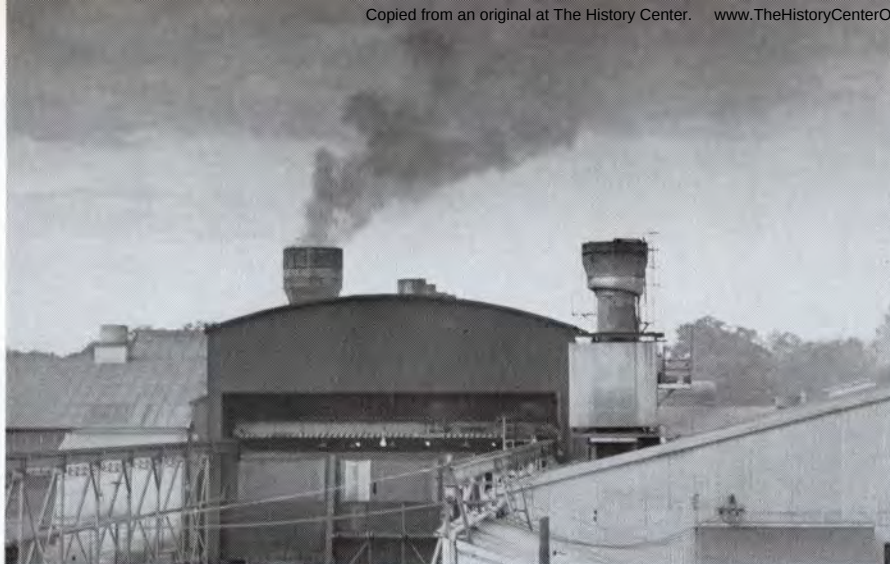
Whether Christmas and the tenets of the Prince of Peace, whose Birthday it is, are in your heart depends upon you. Whether the Christmas Spirit soars or lies crushed is up to you. It is in your hands.

Let us hope that the true Spirit of this Christmas season, its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith may live among us; that the blessings of peace be ours—a place to grow, to live in harmony with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.

The management of Lufkin Industries, Inc. wishes for you and your family a most joyous holiday season.

R. L. POLAND
President





HALF of the air pollution problem was licked when the side bay cupola was permanently shut down and replaced with an electric induction furnace which emits none of the smoke and fumes which once escaped through the cupola stack shown at right in the photograph. Soon a smoke and fume collector will be installed on the company's other cupola, shown at left, to completely eliminate the air pollution problem.



THE NEW FURNACE is operated by this control panel. At left is Ralph Jones. At right is Don Willmon.

We cut down on our SMOKING

Another step in the fight against air pollution was taken this Fall by the Foundry department, where an electric induction furnace was installed to replace the side bay cupola.

To residents of the surrounding neighborhood the smoke and fumes emitted from the side bay cupola stack were a polluting but familiar part of the company's skyline. And, until the recent development of anti-pollution devices to curb such conditions, the streams of industrial waste was taken for granted as an unfortunate consequence of production.

In a continuing effort to comply with pollution codes of the Texas Air Control

Board, the Foundry department recently has installed an electric induction furnace to replace one of the two coke-fired cupolas.

The company's other cupola will continue to operate but soon will be equipped with a more efficient smoke and fume collector.

More than \$400,000 was spent by Lufkin Industries for the new air pollution control equipment.

"Only a steam plume will be seen rising from the Foundry department buildings after the new collector is installed," explained Clayton Jircik, foundry engineer.

The new collector will be installed

within the next year. Installation has been delayed by changes in pollution control regulations.

The new furnace, already in operation for producing ductile iron, induces heat into the iron with an electric current drawing up to 1300 kilowatts. The furnace holds 53 tons of iron.

The electric induction method is environmentally preferable to the cupola method which creates smoke from the coke used for fuel.

"We're already reaping benefits from the furnace because we are getting iron of consistent quality which in turn is giving us much better quality in our ductile iron castings," said Frank Martin, metallurgist.

Ductile iron is made by pouring base iron over a magnesium alloy.

Employees responsible for the furnace operation are Don Willmon, Ralph Jones, Raymond Hulett, John Alexander and David Hernandez.



RAYMOND HULETT fills the furnace with base iron.

JOHN ALEXANDER is pouring grey iron from the furnace into a ladle containing magnesium alloy. The end result will be ductile iron.





EMPLOYEES assembled in the west bay for the award ceremonies.



GRAND PRIZE winner was Luke Rouse, who was presented a 12-gauge Remington shotgun.

Trailer Tournament ENDS WITH WINNERS NAMED

A luncheon in the canteen and ceremonies in the west bay capped the Trailer Division's 10-month long project 100/300 Cost Reduction Tournament Sept. 22.

According to Jim Riggs, head of Trailer Industrial Engineering and speaker at the informal assembly, the tournament was a tremendous success in terms of reaching the projected goal of reducing production from 160 to 100 manhours by the end of the 300-day tournament.

"We especially are proud that 41 employees submitted suggestions for improving our manufacturing facilities and processes. Many employees



MONTHLY contest winners were recognized. Left to right are Boyce Hendry, Brown Hayes, Luke Rouse, C. B. (Buck) Kendrick, Gene Nelson, R. B. Smith, Henry Williams and Arthur Warren. Not present was J. J. Graves.

submitted more than one suggestion and the choice for winners were hard to make. Improvements such as those suggested are what keep LUFKIN among the top twelve trailer manufacturers in this highly competitive business," Riggs said.

All 41 entrants were recognized as well as the nine monthly winners, including Arthur Warren, winner of the latest contest. His suggestion was to utilize some new tooling on T-shaped clips on van cross bearers. He recommended dimensional changes on the clips already on hand.

Luke Rouse won the Grand Prize for having the best suggestion among the monthly winners. His prize was a 12-gauge Remington shotgun model 870. Other monthly winners besides Rouse and Warren were Brown Hays, Boyce Hendry, C. B. (Buck) Kendrick, Gene Nelson, R. B. Smith, Jesse J. Graves and Henry Williams.

Winner of the August Bonus Prize was David Antley, who was given an Eveready lantern. His name was drawn from names of all entrants in the last monthly contest except the winner.

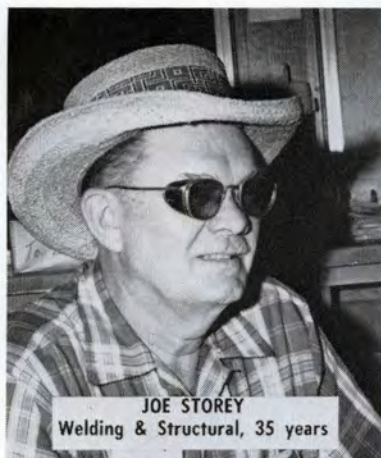
Ed Clifton won an Igloo ice chest, the Reserve Prize. His name was drawn from the names of all entrants in the contests except the monthly winners.



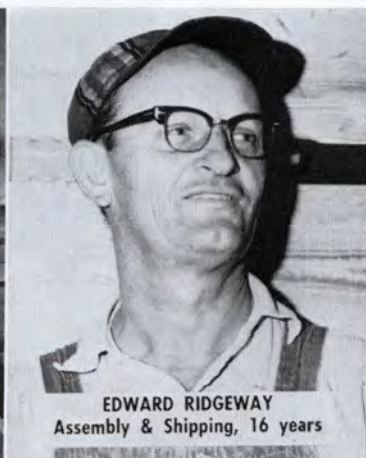
ED CLIFTON won the Reserve Prize, an Igloo ice chest. At left is Jim Riggs.

AUGUST Bonus Prize, an Eveready Lantern, went to David Antley.





JOE STOREY
Welding & Structural, 35 years



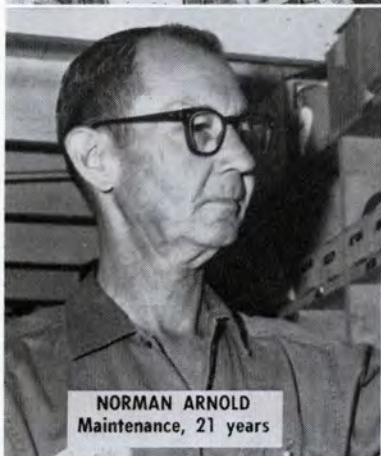
EDWARD RIDGEWAY
Assembly & Shipping, 16 years



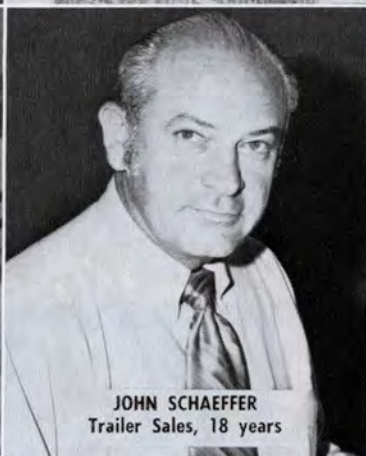
FERN BASEY
Main Office, 12 years



EDDIE M. HARRELL
Gas Engines, 28 years



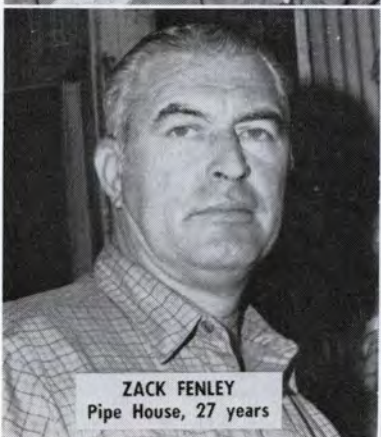
NORMAN ARNOLD
Maintenance, 21 years



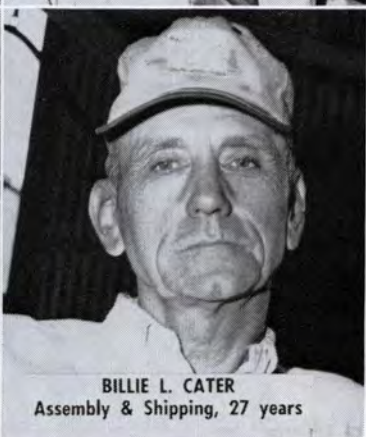
JOHN SCHAEFFER
Trailer Sales, 18 years



R. L. POLAND
President, 26 years



ZACK FENLEY
Pipe House, 27 years



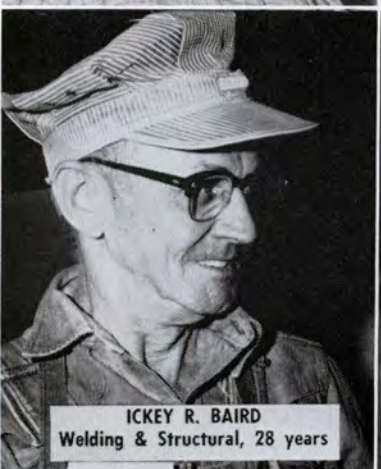
BILLIE L. CATER
Assembly & Shipping, 27 years



LOUIS F. READ
Trailer Division, 30 years



WILLIAM D. ROGERS
Welding & Structural, 21 years



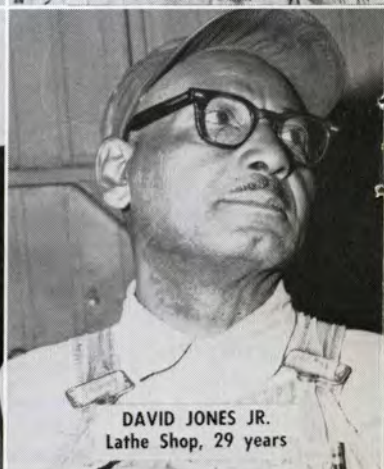
ICKEY R. BAIRD
Welding & Structural, 28 years



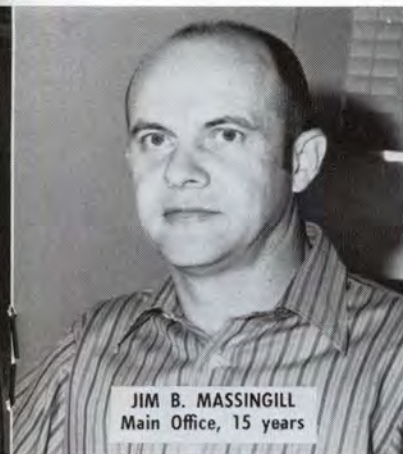
JOHN V. SHORT
Trailer Division, 26 years



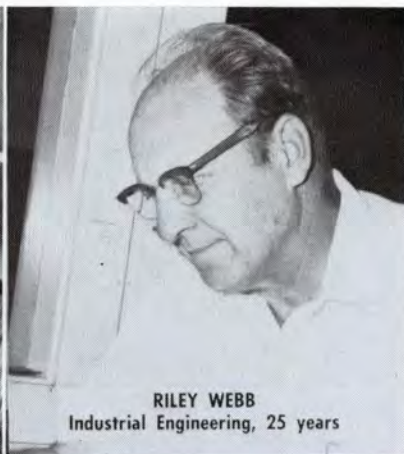
F. M. CHASTAIN
Electrical, 32 years



DAVID JONES JR.
Lathe Shop, 29 years



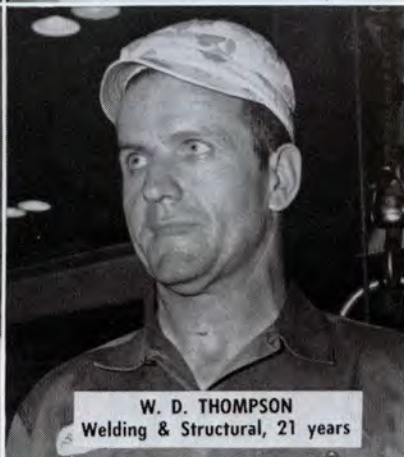
JIM B. MASSINGILL
Main Office, 15 years



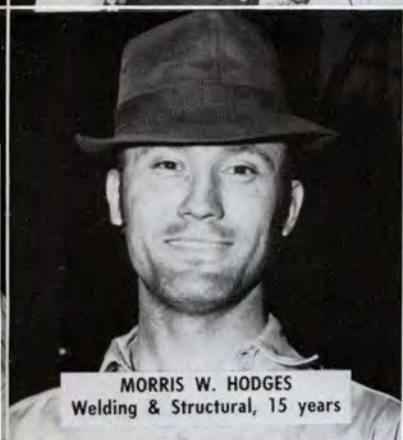
RILEY WEBB
Industrial Engineering, 25 years



A. V. CHEATOM
Welding & Structural, 15 years



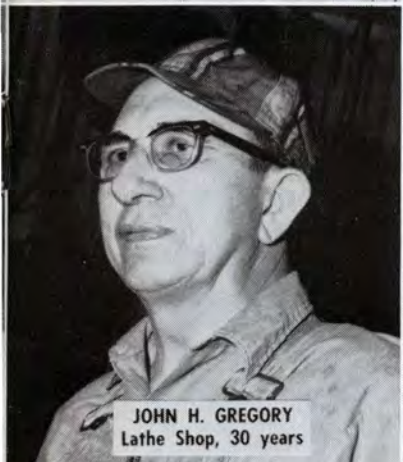
W. D. THOMPSON
Welding & Structural, 21 years



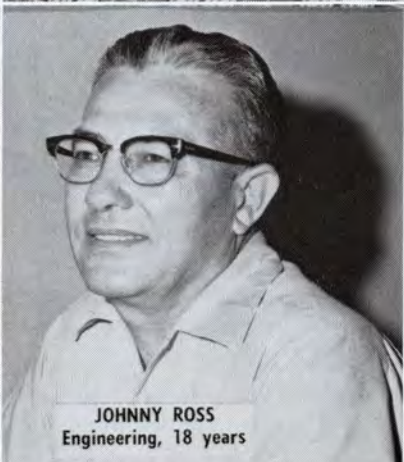
MORRIS W. HODGES
Welding & Structural, 15 years



J. M. HERRINGTON
Machine Shop Assembly Floor, 32 years



JOHN H. GREGORY
Lathe Shop, 30 years



JOHNNY ROSS
Engineering, 18 years



PERRY BOOSE, left, receives his gold engraved Acutron watch at retirement. Making the presentation on behalf of the company is **Robert Lang**, vice president and foundry superintendent.

Foundryman Retires

Perry Boose has retired to his farm near Garrison, which is the property he has lived on since he was a year old. He attended school at nearby Timpson, where he met his wife, and, after he was graduated, they married and set up housekeeping on the land where he grew up.

Perry had a good garden this year, having especially good luck with greens and peas. He also has chickens and Holstein and Durham cows and plans to go into the hog business.

The Booses have a son and five grandchildren, ages 6 to 14, who live with them and are a great help on the farm, says Perry.

The Booses fish on Lake Murvall and recently Perry and his wife caught 50 pounds of catfish in one day.

Perry was an employee of the Foundry Department, Cleaning Room since Sept. 28, 1950. One of the first impressions of the company was that people spent a lot of time teaching him the different operations for which he would be responsible. He said the attitude was contagious and he always tried to help other new employees as he had been helped.

"I got along good with everybody I worked with and I don't think I've got an enemy among them. In fact, I haven't had an argument since I was grown and not too many grown men can say that," Perry reflected.



MAJOR and Mrs. Thomas E. Brewer Jr. tour with children, Ronald Dwayne, 10, Thomas III, 13, and Nickola, 3.

By CAROLYN CURTIS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brewer have shared with us several photographs taken during their vacation to Europe to visit two of their children who are stationed only 120 miles apart with the armed services.

Major and Mrs. Thomas E. Brewer Jr. live in Mannheim, Germany, and will be stationed there for two more years. He received his third award of the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service in Germany. Maj. Brewer is serving as Battalion Executive Officer with the 3rd Battalion of the 8th Infantry Division's 68th Armor.

They have three children, Thomas III, 13; Ronald Dwayne, 10; Nickola, 3.

In the nearby town of Foulda, Germany, live Captain and Mrs. Willie C. Rogers and children Pamela Elaine, 2, and Francina Levada, 1. She is the former Bennie Jean Brewer and is utilizing her training as a registered nurse by serving the Air Force base school.

Capt. Rogers attended Jarvis Christian College and completed his degree in Germany under the University of Southern California's extension program for servicemen.

The Rogers and the Brewers are delighted that they were transferred to an Army Post and Air Force base so near one another and the two fami-



ONE-year-old Francina Levada peers from her papoose-style perch over the shoulder of her father, Captain William C. Rogers. At right is Mrs. Rogers, the former Bennie Jean Brewer.

BREWERS Take A

lies visit regularly. They are taking full advantage of their respective tours of service in Germany by traveling to other nearby countries when they can get a leave.

The elder Brewers' trip provided another opportunity for touring. They drove through Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg as well as most of Germany.

Some of their impressions:

On food: "In Brussels we ordered a meal and the waiter said it would be served as soon as the food was purchased at the market and prepared. So we waited while they shopped for the ingredients in our order. It was a longer wait for a meal than we're used to in the United States, but one thing for sure, it was fresh food."

On beverages: "One thing that surprised us is that at work the men would take a beer break instead of a coffee break. In fact, over there people drink beer and wine like we drink water here."

On hospitality: "People bent over backwards to help you with the language barrier. They never made us feel badly for not knowing their language and, in some places, we had to use sign language, but they always made every effort to understand. However, a lot of people over there spoke English,



MR. and Mrs. Thomas E. Brewer are shown touring a display in Holland. He is employed in the jig department, first shift.



THE BREWERS visited this American cemetery in Luxembourg, site of the grave of General George Patton. In foreground is Ronald Dwayne Brewer, whose attention is on the turtle in the fountain.

European Vacation

especially in the cities with a lot of Americans, like Amsterdam."

On people: "They are easy-going and friendly. People are very conscious of cleanliness, especially the Germans, and we admired that."

On modern conveniences: "One thing I couldn't understand was how they get along without refrigeration, not only in the homes, but even in the markets. I guess the food in the market is bought so fast that they eat it before it goes bad. In fact, they go to the market before every meal. Another thing is that there weren't many insects and people didn't need screens on windows. It seemed odd to us that we toured the Rhine River one night for four hours and never even got a mosquito bite."

On the weather: "It was cold and rainy most of the time we were there, even though it was summertime at home. It was about 57 degrees most of the time we were in Germany."

The Brewers have two other children, Syble Brewer, who is employed by a Houston family in their home, and Donald Clayburn Brewer, band director at Hogg Junior High School in Tyler.

Thomas works in the Jig department, first shift. He has been an employee of the company for 27 years.



AT NUREMBURG, Germany, are Mrs. Brewer with youngest grandchild, Francina. In the background is the court where the famous trials of World War II were held.



PAMELA Elaine Rogers, 2, took the tour of Amsterdam sitting down.

Shop Talk

We hear that JEWEL KOLB, Machine Shop, first shift, shot the chicken thief that had been lurking around his place.

The intruder was a 90-pound wolf.

Congratulations to FRANKLIN WEEKS, JR., 15, who was selected as the Lufkin News Carrier of the Year for 1971.

He was presented a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond and a trophy for being named as the top news carrier.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. FRANKLIN WEEKS and his father is employed in the Foundry Department.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McDOUGALD and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. LAFFERTY took their annual vacation together, this year travelling to Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico.

J. J. works in the Foundry Department, second shift, and G. C. is employed in the Machine Shop, first shift.

RALPH JONES, Foundry department, first shift, won the stock car championship for the season.

He was sponsored by the Mill Supplies Division. Other employees who participate in the races every year at the track near Country Club Road are ARTHUR WARREN, Trailer Division, and YANK WILLIAMS, Machine Shop Assembly Floor, first shift.



MRS. ROGER WAYNE BURGESS



SHARON LYNN HOLIDAY

Engagements are announced by:

Mr. and Mrs. ESTILL HOLIDAY, whose daughter Sharon Lynn is engaged to Edward Redd. Estill is employed in the Electrical department, first shift. They plan to be married in January.

Mr. and Mrs. RAY STEELE, whose daughter Carolyn Kay will marry Howard Michael Hartnett Dec. 18. Ray is an employee of the Traffic department.

Mr. and Mrs. MARSHALL DAILEY, whose daughter Celeste Cecile will marry Robert Edward McCarroll Dec. 18. Marshall is an employee of the Trailer Division.

Congratulations to newlyweds:

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wayne Burgess, who were married Oct. 23. She is the former Addie Laura Rogers, daughter



BRANDI RENEE HARRIS



CHAD ALLEN

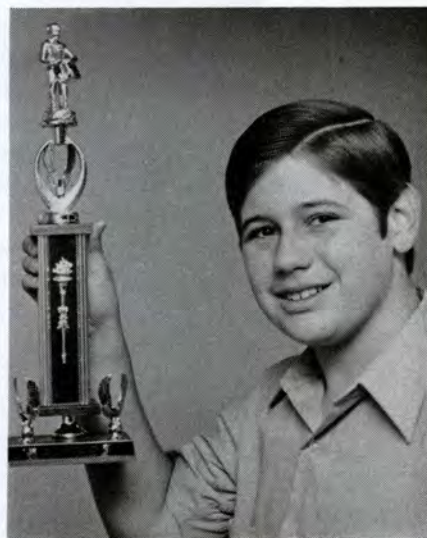
of Mr. and Mrs. DAVID ROGERS, and her father is employed in the Welding and Structural Shop, first shift.

Mr. and Mrs. JESSE DOUGLAS LANDERS, whose wedding was Oct. 23. She is the former Wanda Lynn Thames. The new bridegroom is employed in the Trailer Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Duren, who were married Aug. 27. She is the former Brenda Holiday, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ESTILL HOLIDAY, and her father works in the Electrical department, first shift.

There are new arrivals in the homes of:

Mr. and Mrs. TOMMY HOLLINGSWORTH. Tommy Dwayne was born Oct. 18, and weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.



FRANKLIN WEEKS JR. . .
News Carrier of the Year



G. C. LAFFERTY ...
taken near Walsenburg, Colorado

The father works in the Welding and Structural Shop, first shift.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Harris. Brandi Renee was born Sept. 4, and weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces. She is the granddaughter of SANTOS RODRIGUES, Trailer Division.

Mr. and Mrs. SHERMAN ALLEN. Chad Sherman weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces when he was born Sept. 19. The new father works in the Commercial Gears department, first shift.

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES R. BRENNAN. Sarah Kathleen was born Oct. 23, weighing 5 pounds. Her father works in the Welding and Structural Shop, third shift.

Best wishes to:

ARTHUR WARD, Machine Shop, first shift, who has been in the hospital.

EDGAR L. MILLS, Trailer Division, who has been in the hospital.

BENNIE WALLACE, Welding and Structural Shop, second shift, who has been in the hospital.

JOE WALKER, Gear Cutters, second shift, who has been in the hospital.

Sympathy is extended to:

The family of LEE VESTER GARRETT, employee of the Foundry department, first shift, since 1968, who died Oct. 12.

KATHERINE LUKER, Trailer Division, upon the death of her father, DEWITT T. FENLEY, a retired employee of the Foundry department. He was employed March 6, 1944, and retired Dec. 29, 1961.

The family of M. G. POWELL SR., who died Oct. 27. He was an employee of the Welding and Structural Shop, third shift, since Aug. 28, 1941.

MARKING AN ANNIVERSARY

MACHINE SHOP

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
J. M. Herrington	Dec. 13, 1939	32
J. H. Gregory	Dec. 17, 1941	30
David Jones Jr	Dec. 10, 1942	29
Zack Fenley	Dec. 12, 1944	27
N. G. Arnold	Dec. 7, 1950	21
Floyd Jones	Dec. 11, 1961	10
B. J. Matthews	Dec. 12, 1961	10
D. W. Powers	Dec. 14, 1961	10
Franklin Kegler	Dec. 9, 1963	8
Linwood Havard Jr.	Dec. 18, 1964	7
Andrews Peoples	Dec. 4, 1967	4
H. A. Seale	Dec. 9, 1968	3
L. J. Steward	Dec. 11, 1968	3
J. S. Alvarez	Dec. 15, 1969	2
D. F. Slomba	Dec. 10, 1970	1
Julius Williams	Dec. 30, 1970	1

TRAILER DIVISION

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
Louis F. Read	Dec. 31, 1941	30
Edward Smith	Dec. 6, 1945	26
John V. Short	Dec. 7, 1945	26
Edgar L. Mills	Dec. 3, 1956	15
J. W. Watson	Dec. 4, 1961	10
J. A. Hartman	Dec. 26, 1961	10
Raymond Redd	Dec. 3, 1963	8
Robert Ogburn	Dec. 6, 1965	6
J. E. Walker	Dec. 11, 1969	2
C. L. Booker	Dec. 28, 1970	1

FOUNDRY DEPARTMENT

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
Iziah Johnson	Dec. 20, 1947	24
Arthur Moye	Dec. 18, 1961	10
Jim H. Price	Dec. 31, 1964	7
Ben F. Sallas	Dec. 30, 1969	2
Reynaldo Gonzales Jr	Dec. 3, 1970	1
Robert Miller Jr	Dec. 7, 1970	1
H. S. Horace	Dec. 15, 1970	1
L. C. Dodd Jr	Dec. 16, 1970	1

OREN ALLSBROOKS, Foundry department, first shift, whose grandmother died.

JOHN DANIELS, Gear Cutters, first shift, upon the death of his niece.

BEN SALLAS, Foundry department, first shift, whose grandmother died.

A group of Lufkin Industries employees journeyed to Houston recently to inspect some equipment. They ate lunch at a restaurant where a micro-mini skirted waitress was attending tables. One of the group pointed her out to H. P. COLLINS, Engineering department, who had just reached for a package of cellophane-wrapped crackers. H. P. turned to eyeball the attraction and got so involved in the sights that he began eating his crackers without taking the wrapper off. Needless to say, his companions gave him a pretty rough time of it.

The family of Marvin G. Powell, Sr. wishes to express their sincere appreciation to all Lufkin Industries employees for their many acts of kindness, their visits and expressions of sympathy during Marvin's illness and subsequent death.

WELDING & STRUCTURAL

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
Joe Storey	Dec. 19, 1936	35
I. R. Baird	Dec. 27, 1943	28
W. D. Thompson	Dec. 14, 1950	21
D. W. Oliver	Dec. 6, 1955	16
M. W. Hodges	Dec. 18, 1956	15
A. V. Cheatom	Dec. 21, 1956	15
C. R. Barnes	Dec. 4, 1961	10
H. W. Schoubroek	Dec. 6, 1961	10
C. R. Anderson	Dec. 13, 1961	10
Prentice Coleman	Dec. 26, 1961	10
Otis Jenkins	Dec. 14, 1964	7
F. C. Hamilton	Dec. 13, 1965	6
James R. Moore	Dec. 4, 1968	3
Robert Mayhar	Dec. 5, 1968	3
Dallas E. File	Dec. 3, 1969	2
T. J. Reynolds	Dec. 4, 1969	2
Oliver Harris Jr	Dec. 15, 1969	2
Donald Pennington	Dec. 30, 1969	2
Milton Houck	Dec. 31, 1969	2

MAIN OFFICE

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
R. L. Poland	Dec. 1, 1945	26
Jim Massingill	Dec. 1, 1956	15
Fern Basye	Dec. 28, 1959	12
Lyle Carpenter	Dec. 9, 1960	11
C. E. Skinner	Dec. 11, 1961	10
Ethel English	Dec. 30, 1965	6
Elizabeth McDonald	Dec. 20, 1966	5
Fern Athey	Dec. 1, 1969	2

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
Riley Webb	Dec. 2, 1946	25

MILL SUPPLIES

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
Quinton Walters	Dec. 27, 1965	6
Clarkie Owens	Dec. 16, 1970	1

ELECTRICAL

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
F. M. Chastain	Dec. 14, 1939	32

ASSEMBLY & SHIPPING

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
B. L. Cater	Dec. 9, 1944	27
E. H. Ridgeway	Dec. 2, 1955	16
I. O. Russell	Dec. 11, 1961	10
C. D. Eastep	Dec. 20, 1961	10
D. F. Robinson	Dec. 10, 1970	1

ENGINEERING

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
Johnny Ross	Dec. 1, 1953	18
Frank Rudrow	Dec. 28, 1961	10
J. D. Mewbourn	Dec. 17, 1962	9
Bobby Clark	Dec. 10, 1963	8

MATERIAL CONTROL

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
W. H. Crager	Dec. 8, 1970	1

CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
J. D. Meek	Dec. 18, 1961	10
E. D. Reynolds	Dec. 9, 1963	8
Gene Fuller	Dec. 8, 1970	1
John F. Brittain	Dec. 21, 1970	1

TRAILER SALES & SERVICE

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
John Schaeffer	Dec. 7, 1953	18
E. E. Williams	Dec. 28, 1964	7
Tresa Osborn	Dec. 28, 1969	2
R. D. Sprouse	Dec. 1, 1970	1

MACHINERY SALES & SERVICE

	Employment Date	Years with Co.
A. G. Black	Dec. 17, 1946	25
J. W. Swanson Jr	Dec. 7, 1949	22
Irene Fritz	Dec. 28, 1961	10
W. R. Ross	Dec. 10, 1964	7
C. L. Davis	Dec. 5, 1966	5
Carl Drew III	Dec. 19, 1966	5
Margaret DeVas	Dec. 15, 1969	2

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"Does it disturb your wife?" asked the doctor.

"No," replied the patient, "it only embarrasses my wife. It's the rest of the congregation that's disturbed."

"Have you any poor relations?"

"Not one that I know."

"Have you any rich relations?"

"Not one that knows me."

The following ad appeared in a physical culture magazine: "Here's a good test for your stomach muscles. Clasp your hands over your head and place your feet together on the floor. Now bend to the right at the waist as you sit down to the left of your feet. Now, by sheer muscular control, haul yourself up, bend to the left and sit down on the floor to the right of your feet. Keep this up and let us know the results."

In a few days the first letter arrived. It simply said: "Hernia."

Modern Minute-Man—A guy who can make it to the refrigerator and back while the TV commercial is on.

Wife, at the airport: "Be sure to write, even if it's only a check."

In 1940, each car on the road contained an average of 3.2 persons. In 1950, it was 1.4. At this rate, every third car on the road will be empty by 1980!

Today's teenage boy lives by his own stern code: brush after every meal and see your barber twice a year.

What's so new about finding marriage partners with a computer? A girl always had a calculator named Mother.

The driver whose car was stuck in the mud was frantically digging the wheels free when beset by a farmer who proceeded to badger him with questions.

"What are you doing, mister, digging yourself out of the mud?"

"No, no," replied the driver. "It just died and I'm giving it a decent burial."

During a sudden blizzard in the East, the manager stepped out of the office to see an elderly gentleman poking with his cane into the piled-up snowbanks at the curb. Assuming the man to be blind, the manager offered his assistance, "Can I help you across the street?"

"No, thanks," replied the poker. "I'm looking for my sports car."

"How sweet of you to bet on that horse because it had the same name as mine!"

"It had the same habits too. It got there half an hour late!"

A driver stopped for a red light and was bumped by the car in the rear. He saw a woman driver in his mirror and turned to glare at her.

Having to stop short at the next light he was again bashed in the back by the same car. Opening the door he leaned out and shouted, "Watch it, please."

At the third corner he was bumped again. This time the woman got out of her car, coming forward with license and registration.

"Look, lady," he pleaded. "I don't want your license or the name of your insurance company. I just want a five-minute headstart."

US paradox—we are the only country where men get together to talk about hard times over a \$7 steak.

Old truck drivers never die—they just can't make the grade.

St. Peter: How'd you get here?"
New arrival: "Flu."

Robert Fulton, inventor of the steamboat, said, "Now we no longer have to wait for the wind to blow."

Today—the same statement applies to mini-skirts.

Two Army privates fell out of a hike and as they trudged along the road they came across a dead animal.

"This critter has three stripes," said one.

"Well," said the other, "It's got to be either a skunk or a sergeant."

A little girl was showing her playmates her new home. "This is my Daddy's den," she explained as they entered a room. "Does your Daddy have a den?"

"No," was the answer, "my Pop just growls all over the house."

"Sir, I have a question of great importance to ask you—have I your consent to marry your daughter?"

"Do you drink, young man?"

"Thanks, Pop—but let's settle this other thing first."

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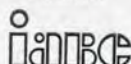
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