

# THE LUFKIN DECEMBER 1972 ROUNDUP



FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

There is none among us who does not celebrate Christmas in some way. Most of us celebrate it in a Christian way and therefore understand its true significance. To mock or ignore its true meaning would indicate a disbelief in Christ.

There is no season of the year that means so much to mankind as Christmas. There is magic about it that creates joy in brightening others' lives and supplanting empty hearts with generous gifts. In the Spirit of the Season—to all our many friends, employees and associates, to all of those whom we serve and who serve us, we extend a greeting of good cheer for a Merry Christmas.

We would like to offer a prayer that

strength and courage be given to all who work with reason and understanding;

—that the good in each of us may day by day be recognized;

—that we may come to see more clearly not that which seems to divide us but that which unites us;

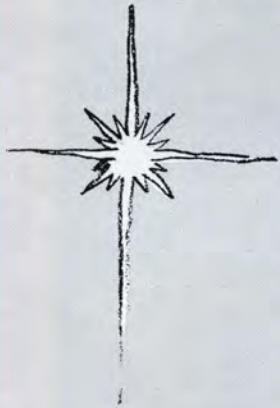
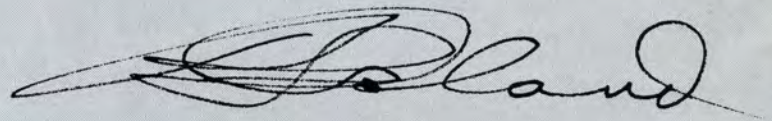
—that each day may bring us closer together for the overall good of our employees;

—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—the peace to build and 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



# The Anyones

Anyone can destroy.  
Anyone can take a life.  
Anyone can steal.  
Anyone can cause strife.

Anyone can hold back.  
Anyone can look the other way.  
Anyone can be lazy.  
Anyone can waste his life away.

Anyone can leave the work to others.  
Anyone can wait to be saved.  
Anyone can blame his brother.  
Anyone can be enslaved.

Anyone can complain.  
Anyone can fear defeat.  
Anyone can slander.  
Anyone can lie and cheat.

Anyone can count on wishes.  
Anyone can see sin.  
Anyone can use force.  
Anyone can give in.

Anyone can bury his talents.  
Anyone can run.  
Anyone can earn his life  
—by not being “Anyone.”

—THE FREEMAN

Anyone can hurt feelings.  
Anyone can say, “It can’t be done.”  
Anyone can be unfriendly.  
Anyone can spoil fun.

Anyone can see weakness.  
Anyone can act upset.  
Anyone can be slow.  
Anyone can play hard to get.

## MARKING AN ANNIVERSARY

### MACHINE SHOP

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
J. M. Harrington	Dec. 13, 1939	33
David Jones Jr.	Dec. 10, 1942	30
Zack Fenley	Dec. 12, 1944	28
N. G. Arnold	Dec. 7, 1950	22
Floyd Jones	Dec. 11, 1961	11
B. J. Matthews	Dec. 12, 1961	11
D. W. Powers	Dec. 14, 1961	11
Franklin Kegler	Dec. 9, 1963	9
Linwood Havard Jr.	Dec. 18, 1964	8
Andrew Peoples	Dec. 4, 1967	5
H. A. Seale	Dec. 9, 1968	4
L. J. Steward	Dec. 11, 1968	4
Jose S. Alvarez	Dec. 15, 1969	3
D. F. Slomba	Dec. 10, 1970	2
Julius Williams	Dec. 30, 1970	2

### TRAILER DIVISION

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
L. F. Read	Dec. 31, 1941	31
John V. Short	Dec. 7, 1945	27
John Schaeffer	Dec. 7, 1953	19
Edgar L. Mills	Dec. 3, 1956	16
J. W. Watson	Dec. 4, 1961	11
Jack A. Hartman	Dec. 26, 1961	11
Raymond Redd	Dec. 3, 1963	9
R. R. Ogburn	Dec. 6, 1965	7
John E. Walker	Dec. 11, 1969	3
C. L. Booker	Dec. 28, 1970	2
Diane Garner	Dec. 6, 1971	1
Delton R. Smith	Dec. 6, 1971	1
Leon Evans	Dec. 6, 1971	1
Archie C. Smith	Dec. 6, 1971	1
Joe B. Goodson	Dec. 7, 1971	1
A. E. Cruse Turner	Dec. 13, 1971	1
M. D. Stubblefield	Dec. 13, 1971	1
T. H. Windham	Dec. 13, 1971	1
Hoy Oliver	Dec. 13, 1971	1
N. J. Trout	Dec. 14, 1971	1
Benny D. Elliott	Dec. 15, 1971	1
Billy C. Saxton	Dec. 16, 1971	1
R. R. Boulware	Dec. 20, 1971	1
V. D. Morton	Dec. 20, 1971	1
Paul H. Price	Dec. 27, 1971	1

### CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
E. D. Reynolds	Dec. 9, 1963	9
Gene Fuller	Dec. 8, 1970	2
J. F. Brittain	Dec. 21, 1970	2

### FOUNDRY DEPARTMENT

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
A. L. Moye	Dec. 18, 1961	11
Jim H. Price	Dec. 31, 1964	8
Ben F. Sallas	Dec. 30, 1969	3
Robert Miller Jr.	Dec. 7, 1970	2
H. S. Horace	Dec. 15, 1970	2
L. C. Dodd Jr.	Dec. 16, 1970	2

### MAIN OFFICE

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
R. L. Poland	Dec. 1, 1945	27
Jim Massingill	Dec. 1, 1956	16
Fern Basey	Dec. 28, 1959	13
Lyle Carpenter	Dec. 9, 1960	12
C. E. Skinner	Dec. 11, 1961	11
Ethel English	Dec. 30, 1965	7
C. J. Drew III	Dec. 19, 1966	6
Elizabeth McDonald	Dec. 20, 1966	6
Fern Athey	Dec. 1, 1969	3

### INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Riley W. Webb	Dec. 2, 1946	26

### ENGINEERING

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Johnny Ross	Dec. 1, 1953	19
Frank Rudrow	Dec. 28, 1961	11
Jim Mewbourn	Dec. 17, 1962	10
B. J. Clark	Dec. 10, 1963	9
Arthur Nelson	Dec. 15, 1971	1

### ASSEMBLY & SHIPPING

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
B. L. Cater	Dec. 9, 1944	28
E. H. Ridgeway	Dec. 2, 1955	17
Ide Russell	Dec. 11, 1961	11
Carroll Eastepp	Dec. 20, 1961	11

### WELDING & STRUCTURAL

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Joe Storey	Dec. 19, 1936	36
I. R. Baird	Dec. 27, 1943	29
W. D. Thompson	Dec. 14, 1950	22
M. W. Hodges	Dec. 18, 1956	16
A. V. Cheatom	Dec. 21, 1956	16
Carl R. Barnes	Dec. 4, 1961	11

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
H. W. Schoubroek	Dec. 6, 1961	11
C. R. Anderson	Dec. 13, 1961	11
Prentice Coleman	Dec. 26, 1961	11
Otis Jenkins	Dec. 14, 1964	8
F. C. Hamilton	Dec. 13, 1965	7
James R. Moore	Dec. 4, 1968	4
Dallas E. File	Dec. 3, 1969	3
T. J. Reynolds	Dec. 4, 1969	3
Oliver Harris Jr.	Dec. 15, 1969	3
Donald Pennington	Dec. 30, 1969	3
Milton E. Houck	Dec. 31, 1969	3

### ELECTRICAL

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
F. M. Chastain	Dec. 14, 1939	33

### AUTOMOTIVE & INDUSTRIAL

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Quinton Walters	Dec. 27, 1965	7
Lynn Owens	Dec. 16, 1970	2

### MATERIAL CONTROL

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
J. D. Meek	Dec. 18, 1961	11
W. H. Crager	Dec. 8, 1970	2
J. A. Spencer	Dec. 7, 1971	1

### PRINT SHOP

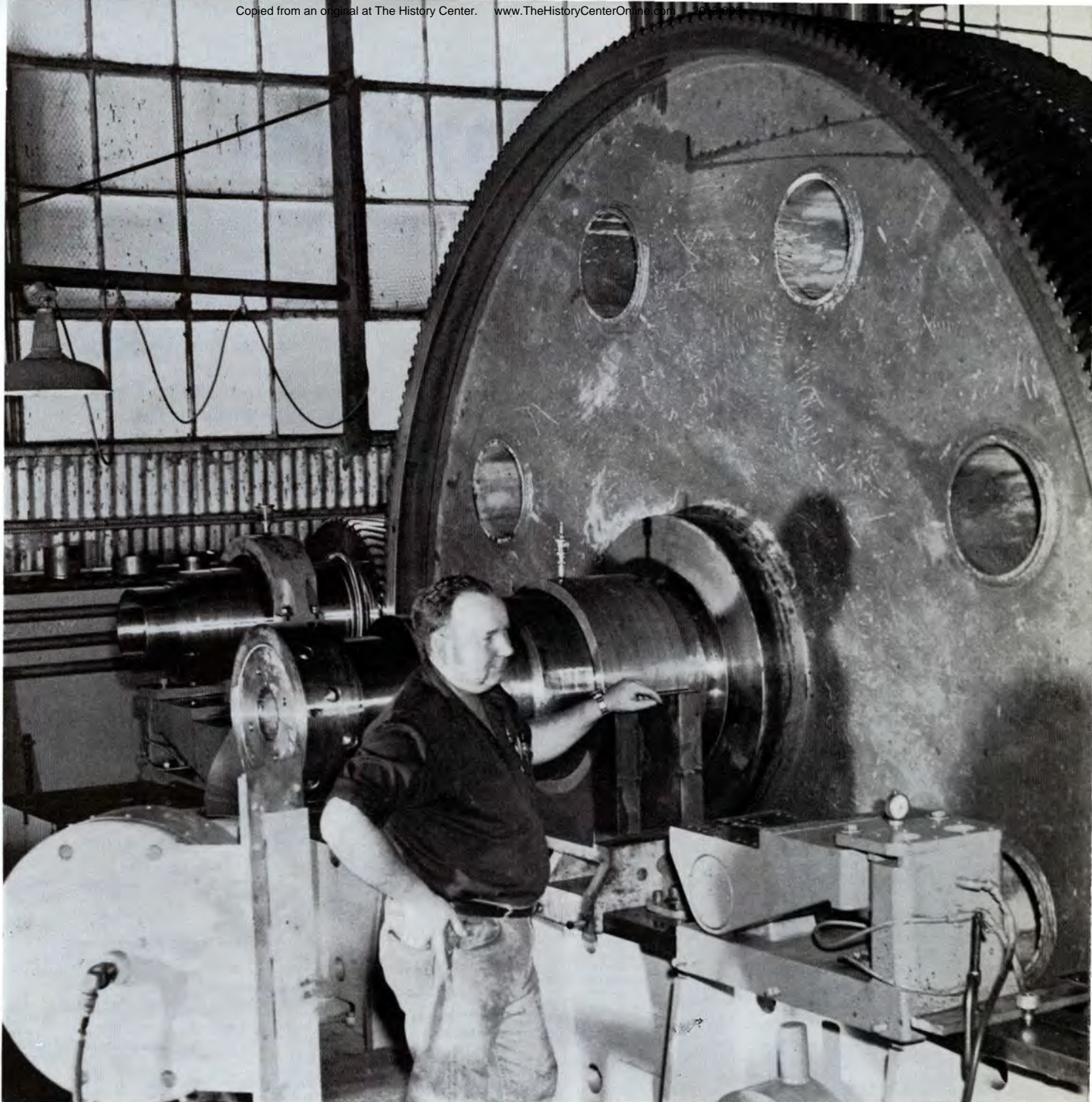
	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Betty Kee	Dec. 15, 1971	1

### MACHINERY SALES & SERVICE

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
A. G. Black	Dec. 17, 1946	26
J. W. Swanson Jr.	Dec. 7, 1949	23
Irene Fritz	Dec. 28, 1961	11
W. R. Ross	Dec. 10, 1964	8
Charles L. Davis	Dec. 5, 1966	6
Heike Meyer	Dec. 6, 1971	1

### TRAILER SALES & SERVICE

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Tresa Osborn	Dec. 28, 1969	3
W. P. Pillans	Dec. 1, 1971	1
B. G. Burleson	Dec. 13, 1971	1
J. C. Monroe	Dec. 20, 1971	1



BULL GEAR for CSQ16222S has an outside diameter of 136.8 inches or about 11 feet and appears to be nearly twice the height of John Riley O'Quinn, Gear Cutters,

first shift. The gear weighs 28,000 pounds and has a face width of 27 inches. This giant gear represents about 326 hours of cutting time on LUFKIN's Schiess gear cutter

### *Largest Marine Gear*

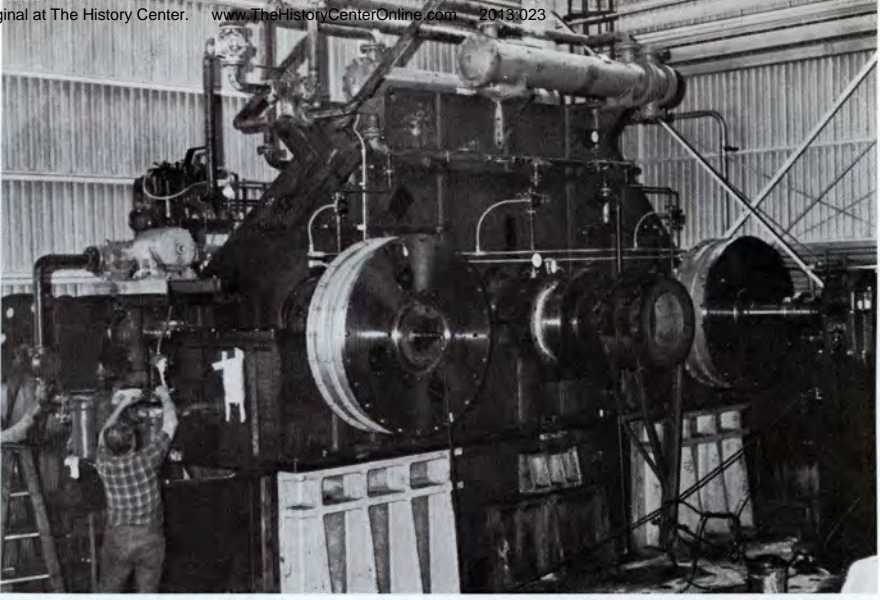
# LUFKIN BREAKS OWN RECORD

LUFKIN INDUSTRIES, Inc. once again has broken its own record, this time for multiple engine applications, with a huge marine gear which left the plant a few months ago for delivery to Seattle, Washington.

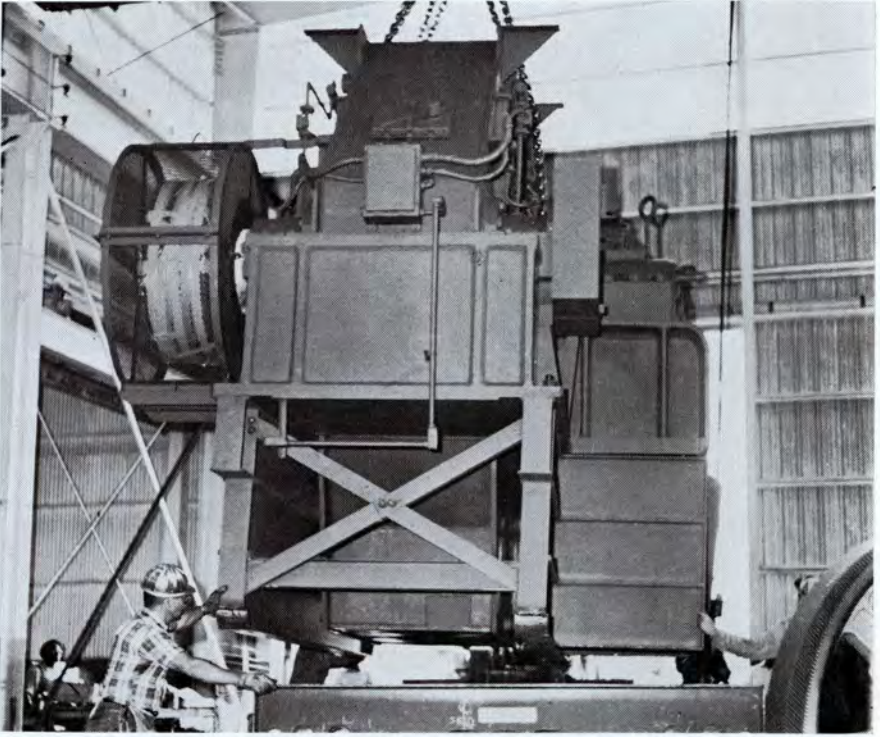
The gear unit will be installed in a 28,000 dead weight tonnage sugar boat that will ply the waters between Hawaii and the East and West Coasts. The sugar company owning the \$15 million carrier moves more than one million tons

of Hawaiian raw sugar annually to the mainland.

Our LUFKIN marine gear, which weighs more than 150,000 pounds, is our largest marine gear to date. It is driven by two 6000 horsepower diesel engines with a



BILL POE, Commercial Gears, first shift, installed an oil line on the unit as it was nearing completion. The marine gear has a rating of 12,000 horsepower

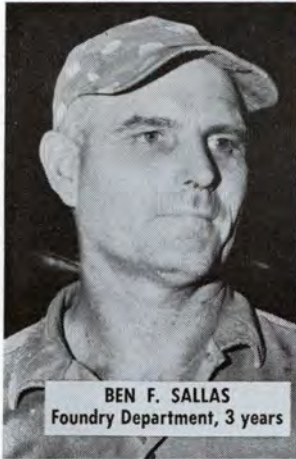


ABOVE: The unit was loaded on a lowboy trailer for shipment to Seattle, Washington, where it was to be installed in a \$15 million sugar boat. Standing at left is Arthur May, Construction and Maintenance department, first shift

single output of 12,000 horsepower.  
The bull gear alone weighs 28,000 pounds and required 326 hours of cutting time on the Schiess. It has a face width of 27 inches and an outside diameter of 136.8 inches or more than eleven feet.  
The gear unit will drive a power take-off with a de-mountable coupling from the starboard engine torque shaft through a step-up gear to a generator rated 450 kw ac at 1200 rpm.

BELOW: A winch was used to pull the truck with its 150,000-pound load from the gear building, which has a wide door to accommodate LUFKIN's largest units





**BEN F. SALLAS**  
Foundry Department, 3 years



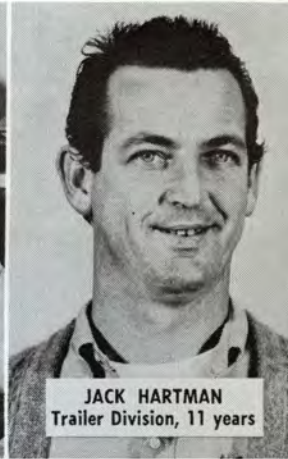
**CARL DREW III**  
Main Office, 6 years



**C. E. SKINNER**  
Main Office, 11 years



**W. H. CRAGER**  
Material Control, 2 years



**JACK HARTMAN**  
Trailer Division, 11 years



# CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY— 2-11 YEARS



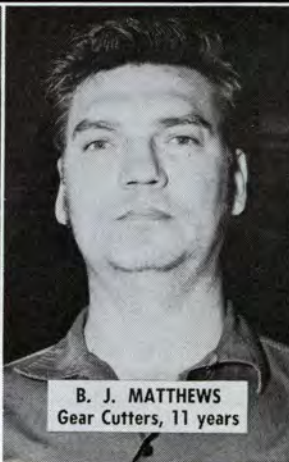
**ROBERT MILLER JR.**  
Foundry Department, 2 years



**IDE O. RUSSELL**  
Assembly & Shipping, 11 years



**JOHN WALKER**  
Trailer Division, 3 years



**B. J. MATTHEWS**  
Gear Cutters, 11 years



**F. C. HAMILTON**  
Welding & Structural, 7 years



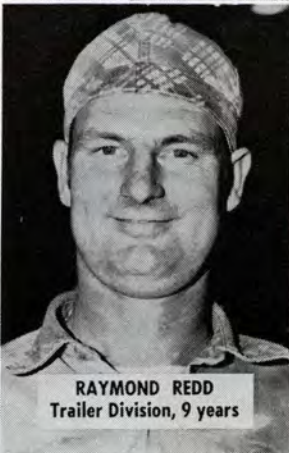
**DARREL POWERS**  
Machine Shop, 11 years



**L. J. STEWARD**  
Yard Crew, 4 years



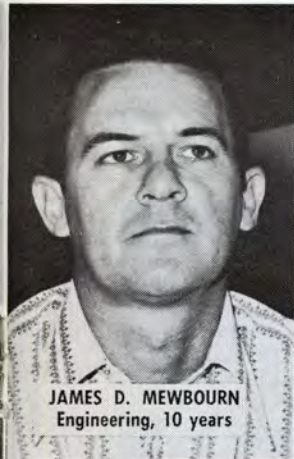
**BOBBY J. CLARK**  
Engineering, 9 years



**RAYMOND REDD**  
Trailer Division, 9 years



**ARTHUR L. MOYE**  
Foundry Department, 11 years



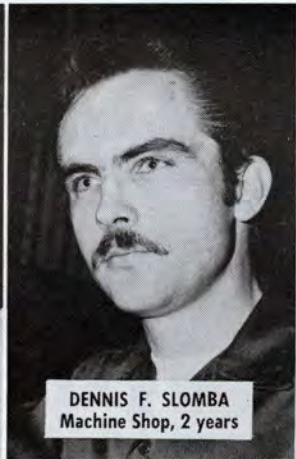
**JAMES D. MEWBOURN**  
Engineering, 10 years



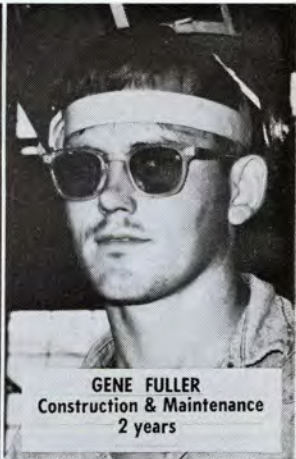
**PRENTICE COLEMAN**  
Welding & Structural, 11 years



**DALLAS E. FILE**  
Welding & Structural, 3 years



**DENNIS F. SLOMBA**  
Machine Shop, 2 years



**GENE FULLER**  
Construction & Maintenance  
2 years



**LINWOOD HAVARD JR.**  
Lathe Shop, 8 years



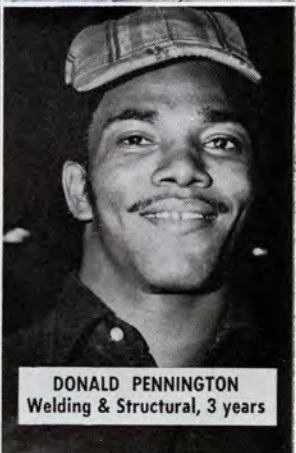
**H. W. SCHOUBROEK**  
Welding & Structural, 11 years



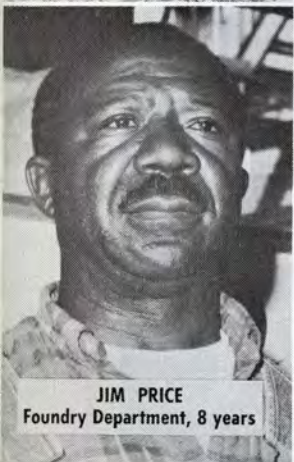
**OTIS JENKINS**  
Welding & Structural, 8 years



**JACOB MEEK**  
Material Control, 11 years



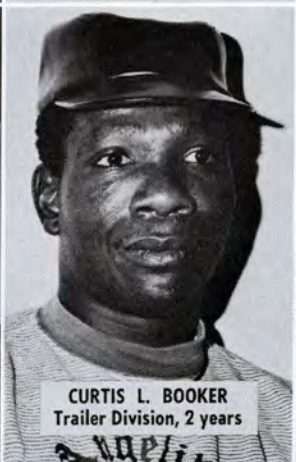
**DONALD PENNINGTON**  
Welding & Structural, 3 years



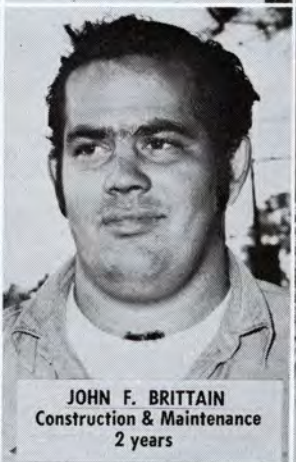
**JIM PRICE**  
Foundry Department, 8 years



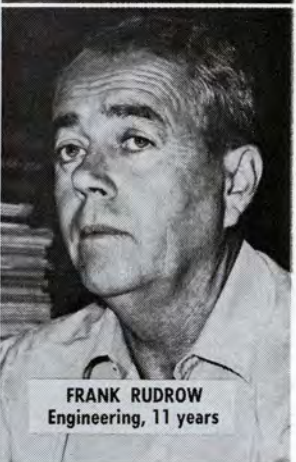
**CARROLL D. EASTEP**  
Assembly & Shipping, 11 years



**CURTIS L. BOOKER**  
Trailer Division, 2 years



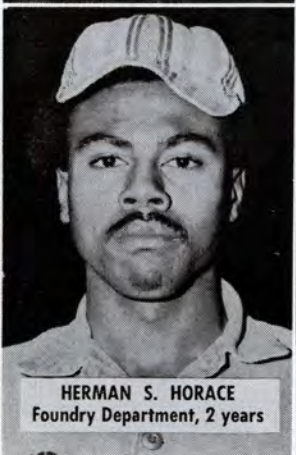
**JOHN F. BRITTAIN**  
Construction & Maintenance  
2 years



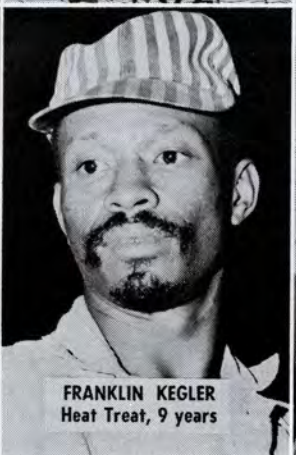
**FRANK RUDROW**  
Engineering, 11 years



**JOSE S. ALVAREZ**  
Lathe Shop, 3 years



**HERMAN S. HORACE**  
Foundry Department, 2 years



**FRANKLIN KEGLER**  
Heat Treat, 9 years



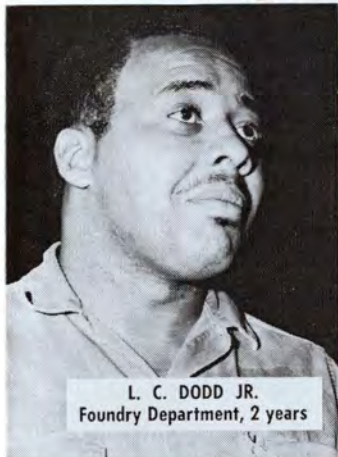
**CHARLES R. ANDERSON**  
Welding & Structural, 11 years



**HARRY A. SEALE**  
Machine Shop, 4 years



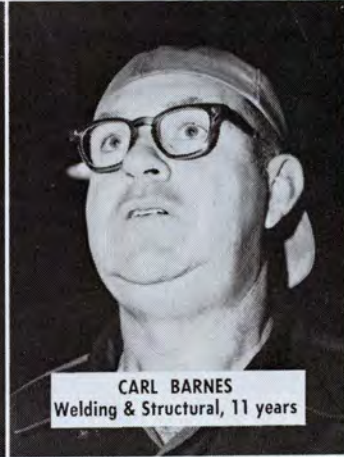
ANDREW PEOPLES  
Lathe Shop, 5 years



L. C. DODD JR.  
Foundry Department, 2 years



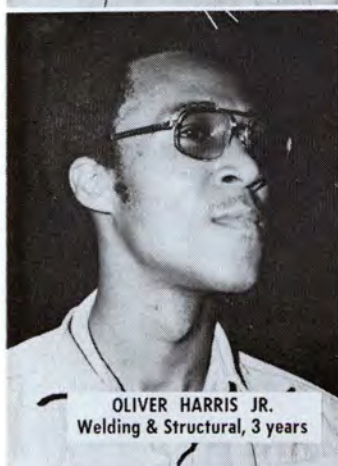
ROBERT OGBURN  
Trailer Division, 7 years



CARL BARNES  
Welding & Structural, 11 years



LYNN OWENS  
Automotive & Industrial, 2 years



OLIVER HARRIS JR.  
Welding & Structural, 3 years



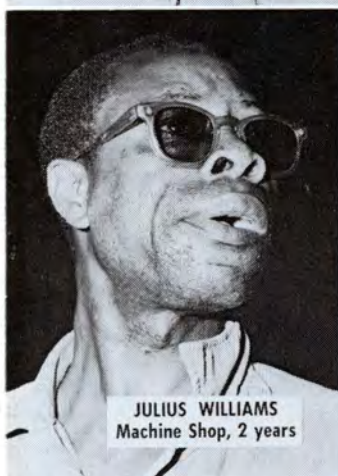
ELIZABETH McDONALD  
Main Office, 6 years



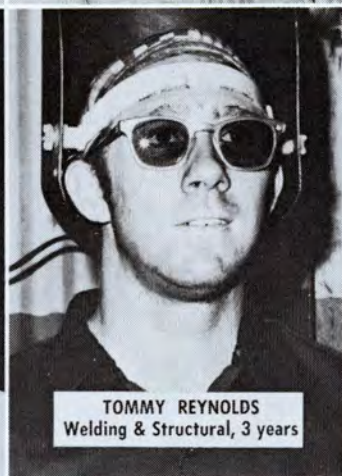
ETHEL ENGLISH  
Main Office, 7 years



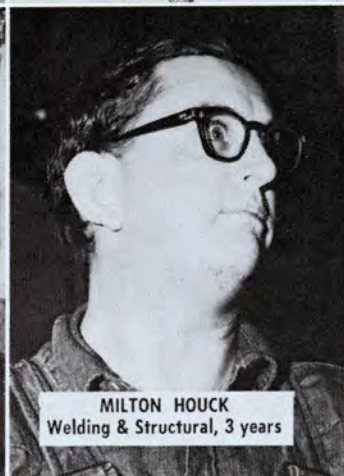
FLOYD JONES  
Lathe Shop, 11 years



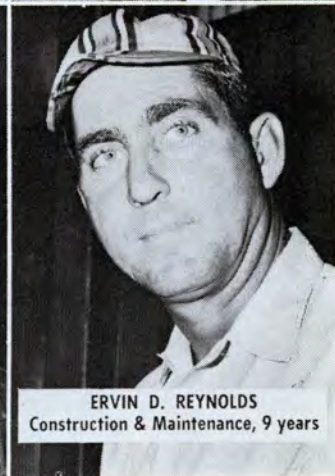
JULIUS WILLIAMS  
Machine Shop, 2 years



TOMMY REYNOLDS  
Welding & Structural, 3 years



MILTON HOUCK  
Welding & Structural, 3 years



ERVIN D. REYNOLDS  
Construction & Maintenance, 9 years

# SHOP TALK

**A**FTER WEEKS and months of practicing with bows and arrows, a party of 15 men from Lufkin and the vicinity headed for West Texas and came back with at least one deer per man and plenty of stories.

Among the members of this novel hunting party were TRAVIS STONE, Machine Shop, second shift; STANLEY BECK, Industrial Engineering; and TOMMY MCBRIDE, Industrial Engineering.

Tony Beck and Lonnie Stone accompanied their fathers on the trip.

All four of the LUFKIN men and Lonnie killed their first deer with bows and arrows. The prize kill was a ten-pointer bagged by a man from Nacogdoches.

The men dressed in camouflaged clothing so they could get close enough to the deer for good shots.

They said that daylight and sunset proved to be the best times of the day for hunting. Three deer each was the limit set by the Fish and Game Commission on the ranch where they were hunting.

Judge David Walker, a member of the hunting party, bought a bow and arrow just two weeks before the hunt but proved skillful by killing a deer with each of his first two shots. Two shots, two deer. Not bad.

Every member of the group agreed that the trip was worthwhile not only because of the challenge and sport of using bows and arrows but because the countryside was so beautiful with cedar and scrub oak dotting the rolling hills.

Other hunting news involves SEYMOUR CURTIS, Foundry department retiree; ZACK FENLEY, Pipe House; and RED PARKER, Material Control Warehouse.

They enjoyed their annual dove fry with the 40 plus doves they killed on the first day of the season.

We wish to report that everything you have heard about FRED GRIFFIN, chief engineer, is true.

And if you have not heard the priceless story about his experience in Singapore, ask him. He tells it best and we cannot simulate the color of his face on the pages of the ROUNDUP. This tale is too good for you to miss!

BILLY WALKER, a new employee at the Trailer Division, showed up at the office of timekeeper SHIRLEY WARE, also a new employee, requesting, of all things, his turkey!

Most of the old-timers can imagine the confusion that followed.

We hear there's a brand new rod and reel at the bottom of Lake Rayburn.

It belongs to ALBERT MIDGLEY, Commercial Gears, first shift. Seems it slipped out of his hands when he was casting. Unfortunately, it was Albert's first time on the lake with his new fishing gear.

Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS BREWER made another tour of Europe, particularly Germany, where their son



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS BREWER . . . touring in Paris, France

and daughter and their families live.

With Maj. and Mrs. Thomas E. Brewer Jr. and Capt. and Mrs. Willie C. Rogers they toured several cities in Germany.

Mrs. Brewer wrote, "The highlight of our trip was a four-day tour of Berlin, including East Berlin, the capital of the German Empire, where 25 years ago there was nothing more than a mass of smoking ruins from World War II."

They also enjoyed a boat ride down the Neckar and Rhine Rivers and tours of a salt mine and concentration camp.

Later they traveled to France for several days' stay in Paris and driving through the beautiful French countryside.

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HUNTING PARTY using bows and arrows included (left to right) Wayne Owens, whose wife is Lynne Owens, Automotive and Industrial; Jack Holder; Tony Beck; David Walker; Tommy McBride; Kevin Smithhart; Stanley Beck; Randy Baker; Jeff Swearingen; Lonnie Stone; Dr. Marion Croley; Travis Stone. Hunters who are not pictured are Jim Huggins, Joe Matthews and Clint Fagala

**SHOP TALK . . . continued**

They were joined in Europe by their son and family, who live in Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Claybon.

Mrs. Brewer said, "It was a happy family reunion in Europe for all of us."

She reported that the thing they missed most was "a glass of cold ice water while eating the delicious French and German food."

ANDREW BARGE, Machine Shop, second shift, welcomed HUBERT BREAZEALE, Tool Room, second shift, back to work after illness with this poem:

The Monday blues  
Have you down in the mouth  
Then you see a fellow  
Who makes you want to shout  
He's just another second shifter  
You've known for awhile  
But seeing him out again  
Sure makes you smile  
You may not know  
Hubert Breazeale  
But, by cracky,  
I'm glad he's here  
When he gives you some help  
He seems to be glad  
And a fellow like that  
Just can't be bad  
Welcome back, Hubert,  
I mean it every bit  
And I'm sorry as heck  
That you've been sick.

Good sources tell us that CHARLIE DYER, division manager in Machinery Sales, Tulsa, will have a lawyer in his family before long.

Charles Jr., a law student at the University of Oklahoma, is in his second year there.

Colleen Riggs, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. JIM RIGGS, showed her Appaloosa weanling at the Texas State Fair in Dallas and finished fourteenth out of 30 entrants in the futurity competition.

The horse she showed is six months old and Colleen took the responsibility of raising him. The Riggs have six Appaloosas.

Colleen and her sister, Sally, 10, have participated in other Appaloosa shows such as the youth showmanship event and trail class, which tests the sensibility of the horse and the skill of the rider in situations simulating problems which could be encountered on the open trail.

Both girls won first in their age



COMPETING at the Texas State Fair were Colleen Riggs and her Appaloosa

groups in the trail class at a recent show in Mansfield and Colleen has won third place in state competition. She also rides barrels and poles.

They have two brothers, David, 11, and Richey, 4.

Their father is chief industrial engineer at the Trailer Division.

**Congratulations to newlyweds:**

Mr. and Mrs. DAVID RANDOLPH STEPHENS, who were married Sept. 22. He works in the Lathe Shop, third shift. She is the former Doris June Basham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. BASHAM, and her father is employed in the Foundry department, first shift.



HOW WOULD you like to have opened your door on Halloween night and found this pair on your front porch? Zack Fenley, Pipe House, did and, when he found out whose pretty legs those were, he grabbed a camera. They belong to Red Parker, Material Control Warehouse, whose wife, left in picture at right, made him up like a woman, complete with wig, eye makeup, earrings, dress and pantyhose. Seems like Red fills out that dress in all the right places! The ballerina in the picture at right is Zack's granddaughter, Sherry Fenley



DEANNA LYNNE SMITH . . . Ron's girl

Mr. and Mrs. DANIEL HARRISON ROPER, whose wedding was Oct. 21. She is the former Nancy Jean Ledbetter, and he is a salesman for the Trailer Division.

Mr. and Mrs. HOWARD FREDREGILL, who were married Oct. 28. She is the former Debbie Sanford. Howard is employed in the Welding and Structural Shop, second shift.

**There are new arrivals in the homes of:**

Mr. and Mrs. RONNIE SMITH. Deanna Lynne weighed in at 6 pounds 10 ounces when she was born Oct. 7. The new father works in the Welding and Structural Shop, first shift.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Edward Henderson. Craig Andre was born Oct. 18 and weighed 9 pounds 4 ounces. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. HAYWOOD HENDERSON. Haywood works in the Foundry department, first shift.

Mr. and Mrs. TROY NASH. Penny Renee tipped the scales at an even 7 pounds when she was born Oct. 23. Troy works in the Main Office.

Mr. and Mrs. JOHNNY FARIES. Steven Eugene was born Oct. 14 and weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces. The new father is an employee of the Trailer Division, first shift.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. STEWARD. Fredrick Montrel was born Oct. 9 weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces. His father works in the Yard Crew, first shift.

Mr. and Mrs. TOMMY MCFAR-



CURTIS MONTRELL STEWARD, son of Curtis Steward, Yard Crew, first shift, was one on Oct. 21

LAND. Yolanda Michelle weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces when she was born Sept. 29. Tommy is employed in the Yard Crew, first shift.

**Best wishes to:**

T. L. VANSAU, Jig department, first shift, who has been ill.

RICHARD HENSARLING, Trailer Division, second shift, who has been in the hospital.

THEDIS ALLEN, Welding and Structural Shop, second shift, who had surgery.

CHARLES SMITH, Gas Engines, who had surgery.

SHORTY JACKSON, Lathe Shop, first shift, who was in the hospital.

ARTHUR LEE DONNELL, Welding



MR. AND MRS. DAVID STEPHENS



CRAIG ANDRE HENDERSON . . . grandson of Haywood Henderson

and Structural Shop, first shift, who has been in the hospital.

BOB BUTLER, Machine Shop, first shift, who has been ill.

JOE STOREY, Welding and Structural Shop, first shift, who has been in the hospital.

**Deepest sympathy goes to:**

ELDON (SHORTY) HUDSON, LUFKIN representative in Pampa, Texas, upon the death of his father.

The family of JACKIE JETER, Trailer Division, first shift, who died.

HENRY F. GIBSON, Welding and Structural Shop, first shift, upon the death of his mother.

CLARENCE MATCHETT, Gear Cutters, third shift, upon the death of his mother.

The family of JAMES PATTON, Machine Shop, second shift, who died.

VERNIS PAGE, Foundry department, first shift, whose uncle died.

R. L. BRYCE, Welding and Structural Shop, second shift, whose sister died.

GORDON THOMAS, Machine Shop, first shift, whose sister died.

STEPHEN SHIREY, Trailer Division, first shift, upon the death of his sister.

WILLIE WILHITE, Welding and Structural Shop, first shift, upon the death of his grandchild.

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## Roundup Laffs

Angry neighbor: "If you don't stop playing those drums, I'll go mad."

Drummer: "Guess it's too late. I quit fifteen minutes ago."

Showgirl: "Sure he's a cad, but so's his convertible!"

Did you know Americans are getting stronger? Twenty years ago it took two people to carry ten dollars worth of groceries. Today a five-year-old boy can do it.

The modern husband believes a woman's place is in the home—and expects her to go there immediately after work.

Hear the one about the cannibal who invited his friend to dinner? During the meal, the friend said, "I don't like to say this, but I can't stand your brother-in-law."

The other replied, "Well, then just eat the vegetables."

The girl who stoops to conquer is going to get a lot of attention if she is wearing a miniskirt.

"How do you let your daughter's boy friends know it's time to go home?" one father asked another.

"I usually walk through the room with a box of breakfast cereal," was the reply.

### ABOUT OUR COVER

The silence of a Connecticut twilight is broken by the faint strains of "O Come All Ye Faithful" as a country community gathers for annual vespers.

This small New England church glows with the warmth and peace of the Christmas message.

When a family moved into a larger house, the 10-year-old son was asked how he liked the new house.

"Just great!" he said. "I have a room all my own and so do my sisters, but poor mom—she's still in with dad."

A restaurant had quite a line of applicants the day it put this sign in the window: "Wanted: Man to wash dishes and two waitresses."

When the computer arrived at a large business concern it was found to be too big for the elevator. "How am I going to get this thing to the third floor?" the delivery man moaned.

The manager saw no problem. "Plug it in," he instructed "and let it work it out for itself."

"Fore!" yelled the golfer ready to play. But the woman on the course paid no attention.

"Fore!" he shouted again with no effect.

"Try her once with 'three ninety-eight!'" suggested his opponent.

First Buzzard: "That was a new two-engine jet that just went by. Don't you wish you could fly that fast?"

Second Buzzard: "Listen, if I had two tails and they were both on fire you wouldn't even see me."

Giving her recipe to a friend, the girl then said, "Stir in five glucks of molasses."

"Five what?" asked her friend. "Five glucks."

"And what's a gluck?" asked the puzzled friend.

"Oh, for goodness sakes, just tip the bottle until it says 'gluck' five times."

Sign in the self-service elevator: "Eighth Floor Button Out-of-Order. Please Push Five and Three."

You're getting old when you don't care where you go at night just as long as you're in bed and asleep by 9:30.

Some people think it's a recession when they can't afford a new car to tow their boat.

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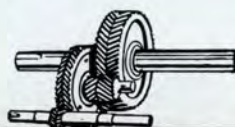
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