

**LUFKIN**  
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**ROUNDUP**



## From the Chairman's Desk

*Our most significant contributions—college scholarships”*

There are many ways we strive to serve this East Texas community, and most especially all of our employees and their family members. Our most significant contribution, I feel, comes each Spring when we distribute our Lufkin Industries Foundation college scholarships.

During the past 19 years, since its founding in 1965, the Lufkin Industries Foundation has awarded 194 college scholarships. This has amounted to more than one-half million dollars (\$524,400) in contributions to the sons and daughters of company employees.

This year, 1984, the Lufkin Industries Foundation awarded an all-time high 15 college scholarships. Nine of these, amounting to \$4,800 each, will allow the winning students to attend any accredited college or university of their choice in the United States. And, another six \$1,200 awarded scholarships will enable a half dozen of our employees' children to enroll at Angelina College.

The accumulative monetary total for 1984 college scholarships alone amounted to \$50,400. From where is this money derived? Well, the company contributes \$3,000 for starters; the remainder comes from the profits out of the 95 vending machines we have throughout the various departments.

As a result of past college scholarships awarded by your company, children of our employees are today serving in Lufkin, in Texas and across our nation as doctors, teachers, dentists, architects, engineers, accountants and in many other vital occupations.

The 15 youngsters who worked hard and won this year's Lufkin Industries Foundation college scholarships are most fortunate indeed. We could not award these grants to all that applied.

The 15 scholarships given are, in a sense, a worthy reward for the winning students having achieved a high scholastic average. The scholarships also go hand-in-hand with these students' qualities of leadership and need.



Forty-seven years ago, when I graduated among the Huntington High School Class of 1937, things were quite different. There were no college scholarships in those Great Depression days. Most of us had to work our way through college. However, I believe it was somewhat easier to do then than it is today.

I know of no better way to invest our money from this foundation than toward the higher educational goals of our deserving young people. They are our citizens and leaders of tomorrow.

Handwritten signature of the Chairman.



class of '84



# Scholarships

By LEE ANN BENSON

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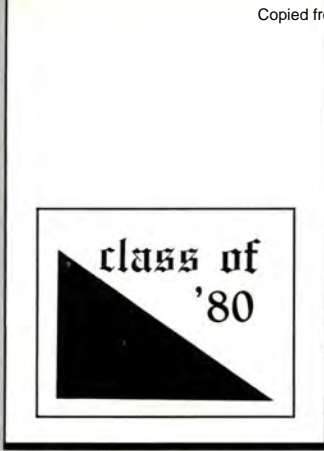
f all the former Lufkin Industries' college scholarship winners gathered together, there would be enough educated minds to replace twice the entire teaching staff of the Lufkin Independent School District—and then some.

In the 20 years since the announcement was made calling for scholarship applicants, Lufkin Industries Scholarship Foundation has financially helped 194 students—children of LUFKIN employees—meet the costs of higher education.

The human factor aside, this means more than a half-million dollars—\$524,400—have spurred potential engineers, doctors, architects, teachers, lawyers; occupations as diverse as the people behind LUFKIN.

This year, the foundation divided \$50,400 among the 15 talented college-bound students featured on the following pages. Nine students each received a \$4,800 scholarship to attend any accredited U.S. college; six received \$1,200 each to attend Angelina College.

On the following pages, the ROUNDUP takes a brief look at each of this year's scholarship winners as well as the progress of some of our past winners.



## Where are they now?

A milestone year for the Lufkin Industries Scholarship Foundation. 1984 will be remembered as the year total educational grants surpassed the half-million dollar mark. With 15 college scholarships presented this spring, \$524,400 has been invested in the future of LUFKIN employees' children.

Of 194 LUFKIN scholarship winners, 74 have been named since the spring of 1980. In an effort to learn what has become of former winners since their high school graduation, the ROUNDUP conducted an informal survey of winners from these years. As many recipients, or their parents, were contacted as possible.

**Paige Kyle (McClendon) Fenton**, daughter of R.D. McClendon, foundry pattern shop, will graduate with a finance degree from Stephen F. Austin State University this autumn. The 1980 Lufkin High School graduate received a four-year scholarship.

**Matthew James Parker**, son of Melba Parker, engineering, will return to SFA for his final year's work on a commercial art degree. Winner of a four-year scholarship and a 1980 Hudson High School graduate, he has been working between semesters as a draftsman for the U.S. Forest Service.

**Lori (Green) Berquist**, daughter of Jack L. Green, industrial supplies, holds an associate degree in general business from Angelina College. The two-year scholarship recipient and 1980 Huntington High School graduate works for Community State Bank in Lufkin.

## Four-year scholarship winners

### MARK ALLEN BURKE

Burke finished in the top ten percent of the May, 1984 Apple Springs graduating class and tentatively plans to be a veterinarian. He intends two years of basic college course study at Angelina College, then to continue at Texas A&M to study medicine.

Throughout high school, he's maintained a consistent record of outstanding achievement in different classes, taking honors in math, English, history and science. In addition, he was elected Beta club president and was active in 4-H club.



**Mark Burke with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Burke. Employed by LUFKIN for 11 years, Burke works in the machine shop.**

### JAMES BOONSTRA

Huntington High School's 1984 salutatorian, Boonstra plans to be a veterinarian after studying biomedical sciences at Texas A&M University beginning this fall.

Boonstra, a National Honor Society member, successfully combined athletics and academics during high school. Voted "Most Likely to Succeed" and "Most Valuable Player," he competed in varsity basketball, baseball and track. He was senior class president, served on student council, was class treasurer and represented Huntington at Boys State.



**James Boonstra with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Boonstra. Maria Boonstra, with LUFKIN for six years, works in the structural steel plant.**

### PAUL WILLIAMS

Planning a future as a dentist, Williams graduated cum laude from Lufkin High School and will enter Texas A&M's pre-dentistry program in the fall.

A National Honor Society member in high school, Williams was also recognized for his musical abilities. He was a band officer and was chosen for the all-region band and state and solo ensemble. Williams is active in the army reserve.



**Paul Williams with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams. Employed by LUFKIN for eight years, Williams works in order entry.**

## Four-year scholarship winners

### GAYLYN HARRIS

Harris, finishing in the top 20 percent of her Lufkin High School class, plans a career in one of two areas: accounting or law. Currently attending summer classes at Angelina College, she will either continue there in the fall or transfer to Stephen F. Austin State University.

As a high school student, Harris was selected for Lufkin High School's Blue Ribbon Committee and Who's Who in American High School Students.

### WILLIAM OSCAR HOUSTON

Houston, who leaves for Texas A&M this fall to study electrical engineering, finished in the top ten percent of his Lufkin High School graduating class this past May.

During high school he was active in the National Honor Society and was a National Merit Scholarship finalist for Outstanding Negro Students. He participated in Top Teens of America, the Key Club and Spanish Club.

### PATRINIA LAVONNE LYNCH

A May graduate of Lufkin High School, Lynch finished in the top ten percent of her class. She plans a career in film and communications following study at Angelina College and Stephen F. Austin State University in radio, television and communications related courses.

Lynch was active in the National Honor Society during high school as well as the band, Anchor Club, Dramatics Club, Red Cross, Jets Club, Top Teens and Christians in Action.



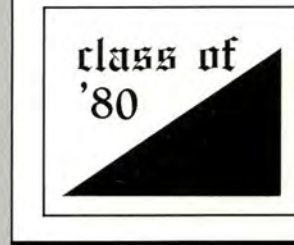
Gaylyn Harris with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Harris. A 28-year LUFKIN employee, Harris is a pattern systems manager in the foundry.



William Houston with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Oscar James Houston. An eight-year LUFKIN employee, Houston is a machinist in the machine shop.



Patrinia Lynch with her mother, Mrs. Elmer Lynch. Her father, Elmer Lynch, employed by LUFKIN for 18 years, works in the trailer plant.



## Where are they now?

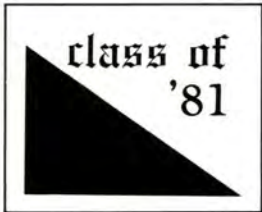
**David Scott Arnold**, son of Palmer L. Arnold, machine shop, will complete an agriculture degree at SFA next year. This summer he is working for St. Regis.

**Sandra Lynne (Cook) Hurst**, daughter of George E. Cook, security, is living in Orem, Utah with her husband, Randall. She attended Brigham Young University and now works for a regional department store chain. A 1980 graduate of Hudson High School, she won a four-year scholarship.

**Cheryl (Crager) Jourdan**, daughter of the late W.F. Crager, holds an associate degree in business from Angelina College and works for First City Bank in Lufkin. A 1980 Lufkin High School graduate and two-year scholarship winner, she and her husband, Chester, are expecting their first child July 16.

**Lora Lanita Thomas**, daughter of James Thomas, structural steel plant, holds an associate degree in computer science from Angelina College. Currently she attends SFA and works for LUFKIN in personnel. The 1980 graduate of Lufkin High School received a two-year scholarship to Angelina College.

**Ana Marie (Watts) Watts**, daughter of Lavan Watts, trailer engineering, is living in Houston with her husband and daughter. The 1980 graduate of Lufkin High School and four-year scholarship recipient studied music at SFA and is employed as a secretary.



## Where are they now?

**Tammy Jo Brooks**, daughter of Jesse Brooks, foundry, will be a senior this fall at SFA majoring in elementary education, minoring in English. The 1981 Central High School graduate and four-year scholarship recipient is on the dean's list. This summer she is an assistant mail carrier.

**Lee Allen Miller**, son of Mary Lea Miller, accounting, is a music major at SFA and plays the trombone. The four-year scholarship recipient and 1981 Lufkin High School graduate is working for his father this summer.

**Stacey Diane McWilliams**, daughter of Hugh McWilliams, machinery sales, will graduate next spring with a math degree from the University of Texas at Austin where she is attending classes this summer. The 1981 Lufkin High School graduate received a four-year scholarship.

**Jennifer Leigh Estes**, daughter of Robert Estes Jr., engineering, will graduate next spring with a psychology degree from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. The 1981 Lufkin High School graduate and winner of a four-year scholarship is also studying marketing.

**Sam Rayford Turner**, son of Sam C. Turner, machine shop, is studying accounting and architectural engineering at Texas A&M. The 1981 Huntington High School graduate received a two-year scholarship to Angelina College. Currently between semesters, he is working for Lufkin Federal Savings and Loan.

## Four-year scholarship winners

### LANITA ANN BURCHFIELD

Graduating in the top ten percent of her Central High School class, Burchfield plans a business career, possibly in accounting. She intends to receive her degree from Stephen F. Austin State University in business management and administration.

Voted "Most Dependable," Burchfield has an 11-year perfect attendance record. She held offices in National Honor Society and Future Homemakers of America and participated in Students for Christ and the yearbook staff.



**Lanita Burchfield with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Burchfield.** Her father, a class A welder employed by LUFKIN for 22 years, works in the welding shop.

### STEPHEN FLOURNOY

Either computer science or engineering will be the career choice of Flournoy who graduated in the top 25 percent of the Lufkin High School class of '84.

Active in his high school drafting club, Flournoy ranked among the top drafting students on the state level. In addition, he sang in the A Cappella Choir, was a Jets Club officer and participated in the Key Club and AFS Club.



**Stephen Flournoy with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Flournoy.** Employed by LUFKIN for 19 years, Flournoy is a facilities engineer in industrial engineering.

### MICHAEL BAIN

A May 1984 graduate of Lufkin High School, Bain finished in the top third of his class. He plans to attend Angelina College for one year before going to Baylor University to study law and political science.

Bain developed his interest in law through high school club memberships, namely the debate club, honor guard, senior class council and Key Club. He represented Lufkin at Boys State and is an active Eagle Scout; recently he attended the National Scout Jamboree.



**Michael Bain with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bain.** Employed by LUFKIN four years, Bain works in foundry maintenance.

## Two-year scholarship winners

### TONYA RUDISILL

Graduating from Woden High school in May with two years of straight As, Rudisill plans to study accounting and photo journalism at Angelina College beginning this fall.

During high school, Rudisill served as president and vice president of Future Homemakers of America, and Beta secretary and treasurer. She was active in 4-H club, the Region 5 Rodeo Club, Texas High School Rodeo Association and the American Quarter Horse Association.



**Tonya Rudisill with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Rudisill. An 11-year LUFKIN employee, Rudisill works as a truck driver for the structural steel plant.**

### KIMBERLY JUMPER

Finishing in the top ten percent of her Lufkin High School class, Jumper will study business courses when she enters Angelina College in the fall. Afterwards, she may continue at Stephen F. Austin State University for additional training for a career in business.

A National Honor Society member in high school, Jumper was active in the band and Spanish club.



**Kimberly Jumper with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Jumper. A 30-year LUFKIN employee, Jumper works in the machine shop.**

### ANGIE D. McCLENDON

Known for her rodeo activities, McClendon graduated in the top ten percent of her Lufkin High School class and plans one day to relate her interest in horses to a business career, perhaps in retailing western goods and professional horse training. This fall she begins study in Angelina College's business program.

A National Honor Society member in high school, McClendon was voted LHS favorite, sophomore and junior class favorite, and "All-Around Cowgirl."



**Angie McClendon with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R.D. McClendon. A 21-year LUFKIN employee, McClendon works in the pattern shop.**

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## Where are they now?

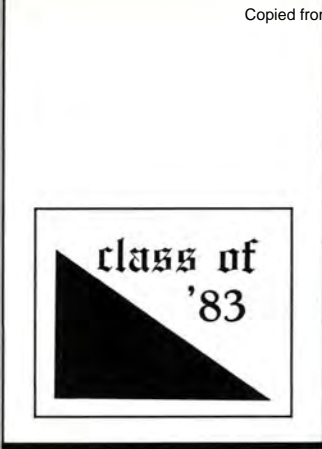
**Adina Marie Beck**, daughter of Stanley Beck, machine shop, and Ada Beck, trailer plant, will be a junior in marketing at Texas A&M this fall. During the summer, the 1982 Lufkin High School graduate and four-year scholarship winner is working for RepublicBank in Lufkin.

**Craig Coleman**, son of Betty Coleman, trailer plant, has been studying electronics for two years at Angelina College and is considering a transfer to SFA this fall. A 1982 Lufkin High School graduate and four-year scholarship recipient, he spends summers and after-school hours in telephone company work and mowing lawns.

**Richard Arnold Collmorgen**, son of Dick Collmorgen Sr., electrical department, is a chemical engineering major at Texas A&M where he has studied during the past two years. The 1982 Lufkin High School graduate and four-year scholarship recipient is working for St. Regis during the summer.

**Phyllis Jean Williams**, daughter of Henry Williams, trailer plant, graduated from Angelina College this spring on the dean's list. She plans to attend SFA this fall. A 1982 graduate of Hudson High School and four-year scholarship winner, she is working for Holland Sales Co. this summer.

**Shannon Lee Teutsch**, daughter of Charles Teutsch, engineering, will continue this fall on work toward a journalism degree from the University of Texas at Austin. The 1982 Lufkin High School graduate and four-year scholarship recipient is working for Moore Brothers Construction during summer break.



## Where are they now?

**Bobby Eugene Smith Jr.**, son of Nora Smith, industrial supplies, finished his freshman year at East Texas Baptist College in Marshall on the dean's list and will continue his study in religion there this fall. The 1983 Lufkin High School graduate and four-year scholarship recipient is working during the summer for Things Remembered in Lufkin.

**Maureen Adele McGill**, daughter of Howard McGill, engineering, and Patsy McGill, machinery sales, will continue work on a finance degree at SFA where she finished her freshman year on the dean's and president's lists. A 1983 Lufkin High School graduate, Maureen is a four-year scholarship winner.

**Deborah Sue Stephens**, daughter of Ray Stephens, material control, will begin her second year at Tyler Junior College this fall. A 1983 Hudson High School graduate and four-year scholarship recipient, she is working for Stuart Warner in Dallas this summer.

**Mary Louise Farr**, daughter of Sherman Farr, machine shop, spent her freshman year at the Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri, and plans to attend Angelina College in the fall. A four-year scholarship recipient and 1983 Hudson High School graduate, she is working during the summer for Weiner's Department Store in Lufkin.

**Kimberly Jean Wier**, daughter of Don Wier, trailer plant, will continue this fall at Angelina College where, during her freshman year, she was an AC Singer and made the dean's list.

## Two-year scholarship winners

### LARRY (EDDIE) ARNOLD JR.

Arnold graduated from Huntington High School this past May with an A average. His plans for the fall include studying computer sciences and related subjects at Angelina College for a career in that field.

An accomplished athlete, Arnold, a National Honor Society student, competed on the school's varsity baseball team and lettered each year. He enjoyed agriculture study and was also elected "Homemaking Beau" by the school's home economics classes.



**Eddie Arnold with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Larry Arnold Sr.** Arnold, a 20-year LUFKIN employee, works in the machine shop.

### PAYTON BROOKS

Voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by his senior class, Brooks graduated from Central High School in May and plans to enter Angelina College in the fall for study in the liberal arts. He plans to continue study at Stephen F. Austin State University and is undecided about his major.

Voted "Mr. CHS" in high school, Brooks was active on the yearbook staff, student council and Future Farmers of America. He enjoyed studying parliamentary procedures and was a member of Students for Christ.



**Payton Brooks with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brooks.** Employed by LUFKIN 19 years, Brooks works in structural steel.

### DAVID COLLMORGEN

Collmorgen, planning a future as a civil engineer, got an early start on his college course work by entering Angelina College's concurrent enrollment program during his last year at Lufkin High School. Graduating in the top ten percent of his class, he plans to attend Texas A&M after finishing Angelina College's two-year program.



**David Collmorgen with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Richard Collmorgen.** Collmorgen, employed by LUFKIN for 26 years, works in the electrical department of the machine shop.

# LUFKIN sons hit pinnacle of schoolboy baseball

Children of company employees participate in high school baseball state playoffs.

**W**hen umpires yelled "play ball" at the state schoolboy baseball tournament in Austin last month, three Deep East Texas teams—all with close company connections—were there.

For the first time in the same season, three area teams (Huntington, Hudson and Apple Springs) reached the pinnacle of schoolboy baseball, the state meet. Unfortunately, all three lost in the state semi-finals of their respective classifications.

In Class A, the Apple Springs Eagles finished an 18-5 season with a heart-breaking 4-3 loss to the Runge Yellow Jackets. Leon Denning, a 20-year Lufkin Industries' foundry employee, had three sons in the starting lineup: senior catcher Lorenzo, junior second baseman Reggie and freshman first baseman Victor.

Lorenzo Denning had a .296 season batting average and picked two runners off base in the semi-final game. Brothers Reggie and Victor swung hot bats all spring, hitting .400 and .450 respectively. Victor also had a 3-1 pitching record.

In Class AA, the Huntington Red Devils concluded a 22-9 season with a 7-2 semi-finals loss to Dripping Springs. Star pitcher for Huntington was Eddie Arnold who compiled an 11-2 mound mark with no-hitters against Jasper and Broaddus, the latter a perfect game. Eddie is the son of 20-year Lufkin Industries welder, Larry Arnold.

In Class AAA, the Hudson Hornets climaxed a terrific 30-2 season, falling to Fort Worth Lake Worth, 5-1, in the state semi-finals. Ken Barington, a former company employee (1965-68) and the son of the late O.B. Barrington, a 29-year trailer plant foreman, coached Hudson to its school record 30 victories. Barington has a lofty 207-80 career record at Hudson.

Enroute to the state tournament, Barington had help from his old high school coach, James Horton, senior personnel officer. Horton is a former Hudson High coach and school superintendent.



(Top) When Apple Springs reached the Class A state baseball tournament, much of the credit went to these three brothers, left-to-right, Lorenzo, Reggie and Victor Denning, who talk about hitting with their dad, Leon, a 20-year employee of Lufkin Industries.

(Center) Lufkin Industries' welder Larry Arnold, left, hears about how a pitcher snaps off a curveball from son, Eddie, who helped hurl the Huntington Red Devils into the state Class AA baseball tournament with an 11-2 mound record.

(Bottom) Barington, left, coached the Hudson Hornets to a school record 30-2 season and into the state Class AAA baseball tournament with plenty of help from his old high school coach and Lufkin Industries' senior personnel officer James Horton.

KURT MARTIN

What do you do with 16 pumping units nobody in Libya knows how to put together?

# YOU SEND IN ANTON LEHNER FROM AK

By RICK PEZDIRTZ



**T**he brightly colored ads in slick travel magazines often picture a male tourist from Bavaria wearing lederhosen—short leather pants—with suspenders, knee socks and one of those funny, little porkpie hats with a shaving brush sticking off the side.

A rather comical sight for a Texan to behold, perhaps.

When Anton Lehner, a production engineer from Gansersdorf, Austria, arrived in East Texas to inspect Lufkin Industries the other day, he wasn't wearing Alpine apparel. He was dressed in conventional suit and tie. Only a thick Germanic accent distinguished him from other briefcase carrying American businessmen.

For three days, Anton conferred with company vice presidents Ben Queen and Fred Griffin; took plant tours with Thom Brewer, Bill Cantrell, Roger Gray and Calvin Scarbrough.

He was also given a sight-seeing tour of suburban neighborhoods. Not an unusual request, thought his host, Johnny Fincher, who manages LUFKIN's International Sales Division (Europe-Middle East-Africa).

Anton was attentive but didn't ask many questions. However, not so

another tirolean traveler, also in the area. He, too, was taken on a mini-tour of scenic neighborhoods. Afterwards, puzzled about some yard signs he'd just seen, he posed a rather understandable question.

"Why," inquired this Austrian in badly-butchered English, "izz so many peoples *selling* their garages?"

**L**ehner wasn't at Lufkin Industries trying to grab off any garage-sale bargains. He was here to learn about the assemblage and installation of LUFKIN conventional 640-D oilfield pumping units. Why, the 640-D's?

Well, that is something of a horror story with some humor . . . a tale that traces back five years. It's a collage of cash and confusion on the part of the Libyan National Oil Corporation, a 1979 customer of Lufkin Industries, and now a customer of Lehner's company, located near Vienna.

Anton works for a company that carries a name nearly as long as his native land's colorful history . . . Aktiengesellschaft. You won't have to sneeze through that name again, though. He says most oilmen know his firm as simply OMV.

Good, Anton, good! OMV it is.

CHUCK STEVENSON



(Above left) Austria's Anton Lehner, an engineer from the company hired to teach Libyans how to install LUFKIN pumping units, looks over finished pumping units at the structural steel fabrication, final assembly and shipping plant.

(Left) "First you get a crowbar," explains Johnny Fincher, manager of machinery sales, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, as Lehner's educational tour starts with a crated pumping unit.

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In any case, five Julys ago, Lufkin Industries completed the third of three shipments to West Libya Pipeline near Tripoli. Total invoices tallied \$5.4 million, including \$259,520 for Port of Houston handling and ocean freight charges.

"How well I remember that order," says company vice president and sales manager Ben Queen. "It was for 92 pumping units—74 of our 912s, a couple 456s and those 640s."

The 640s brought Anton into the picture.

"Can you imagine, five years after those units were shipped and paid for, they're *still* sitting in their original crates. Some time ago, unable to assemble them, the Libyans moved them 300 miles from Tripoli to a windswept desert storage yard. And, there they sit," sighs Lehner. "My company has been hired to teach the Libyans how to uncrate, assemble and install those 16 units in a producing oilfield."

Fincher figures Lehner should accomplish what six Libyans couldn't. "They sent six men from Libya to Lufkin to meet with engineer Milton Walther, then traveled to Odessa to see Doyle Herndon, trying to assemble those 16 units," recalls Fincher. "They spoke mostly Arabic and didn't understand much English which could be why those units are still uncrated."

Roughly \$664,000 was spent by the Libyans for the 16 unused pumping units.

"If you consider that wasteful, how about the thousands of dollars they've also spent during the past five years to re-order spare parts for those same units?" asks Anton. "Why? Well, over there they have a habit of routinely ordering parts at random against an entire original invoice."

If the Libyans are befuddled about their stash of LUFKIN 640s, Lehner admits no such astonishment about something as foreign to most Europeans as America's Team—the Dallas Cowboys.

"I suppose my favorite pastimes back in Austria are watching American movies with German sound dubbed in, and watching videocasts of your Dallas Cowboy football games," he says. "It all started several years ago when the Cowboys had former Austrian soccer star, Tony Fritsch, as their field goal kicker."

Anton has twice before visited the United States. As a 21-year-old in 1970, he spent a vacation working on a Wyoming drilling rig. In 1983, he studied oilfield gas-lift procedures with Teledyne. "A year ago, I transferred from my company's gas-lift division to sucker rod operations," he said.

Lehner thinks his lifestyle in Austria might be regarded as simpler than the hurry-up-let's-go pace of Americans. Also, less expensive.

"I get four weeks vacation each year. A good hotel room is only \$6 and a good meal only \$2 in Austria. But, our gasoline costs twice what you pay here to run your big cars.

"And to answer your earlier question, I, too, have never heard of, nor seen, a garage sale in Austria."

**Lehner listens as Fincher explains the operation of one of LUFKIN's newest pumping unit designs, the low-profile unit.**



CHUCK STEVENSON



**T**hey called it Operation Overlord. There was nothing lordly about it. God, in His infinite wisdom, would have shunned and condemned it . . . this atrocity of man's inhumanity to man.

For nearly forty years now, school children have studied it in history classrooms. Others have read about it. Or, blanchingly watched movies that attempted—but always failed—to recreate its grotesque and bloody horror.

On this side of the globe, we call it: D-Day—the 6th of June, 1944.

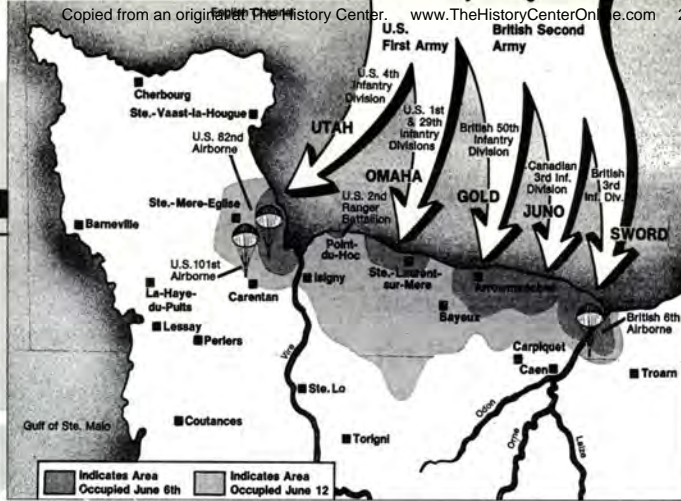
Across the Atlantic, in Germany, they call it *Der Tag*. The Day.

The fighting and dying began before dawn on Disembarkation Day. This was the beginning of the end of Adolph Hitler's demonic stranglehold on *Fortress Europa*.

As the growl of big guns muffled the mutter of small arms fire, the very lifeblood of Herr Hitler's Third Reich, his Nazi Wehrmacht, soaked the sands and wind-swept cliff-tops of France's Normandy beaches.

On D-Day, 156,205 Allied troops assaulted the Hun along the coastline of northern France. They stormed ashore at Omaha, Utah, Gold, Juno and Sword beachheads. A flotilla of over 5,000 ships—destroyers, battlewagons, cruisers, minesweepers—and half again as





# REMEMBERING D-DAY

**Three who were there recall the blood, the horror that was to be remembered in glory as “The Longest Day”**

**BY RICK PEZDIRTZ**

many landing craft, stretched across the chilled and choppy waters of the English Channel.

This was the largest armada ever assembled. This was the greatest seaborne invasion in history.

This then, was the Longest Day.

“What it was . . . was just plain hell on earth. I saw bodies and parts of bodies floating in the surf along those Normandy beaches,”

remembers Elbert J. Kirk. “I had some good friends die that day.”

Over 12,000 Allied airplanes— heavy bombers, fighters and strafers —dotted hazy, grey skies. The fitful flashes of orange and yellow ack-ack from German batteries on the high-ground occasionally caught a B-17 Flying Fortress, sending the airship and its cargo of fresh-faced young men in fatigues flamingly, torturously toward earth and eternal sleep.

The German Luftwaffe, expecting the inevitable invasion to come at a more militarily logistic Pas de Calais across the narrow Straights of Dover, could manage to get only 319 planes in the air this day. Many of these were turned to deathly torches that left long, trailing lines across the sky.

**“It was just plain hell . . . I had some good friends die that day.”**

**E.J. Kirk**

“It was a grisly scene. There were bodies of our fallen soldiers stacked like cord wood in trucks and dead cattle rotting in nearby farm fields when I hit Omaha Beach at 6 a.m. on D-Day Plus One,” recalls R.L. (Bob) Poland. There were dead French civilians, too. They just didn’t believe the thousands of pamphlets we’d air-dropped, warning them to vacate the area.”

“My role in the D-Day drama was neither glamorous nor exciting. Just extended routine,” reflects Ben Hooker. “I was on the English side of the Channel, doing what I’d been trained for . . . loading 500-pound bombs into our B-24 Liberators. The B-24s were flying saturation bombing missions out of Horsham Air Base near Norwich. I was there. While the big show was going on, I was one of the many workers behind The Curtain. I recall going 72 hours without sleep during the D-Day invasion.”

Kirk, Poland and Hooker can consider themselves fortunately chosen. They came home. This trio of D-Day participants lived to accumulate 108 years of civilian employment with Lufkin Industries.

Here, then, are their remembrances of what Archie Bunker used to call: The Big One . . . World War II.

**Elbert J. Kirk, age 60. A welding specialist for 33 years with Lufkin Industries. Also, current commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1836. On D-Day, he was a 20-year-old private, attached to the 146th Engineering Combat Battalion.**

**“W**e shoved off from England at 4 a.m. that historic morning. I was supposed to have been among the first wave to hit Utah Beach at 6 a.m. We had navigational problems. We landed on the wrong beach—Omaha Beach. We were ten miles off our assigned beachhead and about 12 hours late.

There were 26 of us in the landing barge. We dropped into the water about 500 yards from shore. The Germans were firing down at us from gun emplacements on the bluffs. I was carrying two packs, an M-1 rifle, six hand-grenades and bangalore torpedoes. These were long pipes packed with TNT which we'd use to blow away barbed wire or pillboxes. If we didn't knock out the pillboxes with our bangalore bombs, our guys with flame-throwers would.

“We secured Omaha Beach during that first night. The next two days I spent sweeping trip-wire mines off the train-rail obstacles the Germans had sticking out of the surf. Toward evening of the third day, we moved 2½ miles inland. There were fire fights much of the way. The fourth and fifth days we spent killing Germans or flushing them and their white hankys out of foxholes for capture.

“I went 31 days without a shave or shower. We ate K-rations and drank purified water or coffee if we could get it. Later, in a church cemetery near the Argonne Forest, we came across 22 Germans who shouted they were all medics. They weren't. One pitched a grenade at us. We opened up. They threw down their weapons and surrendered.

Eleven months later, I was somewhere in Germany when word came they had quit. I was lucky. I never got a scratch. Some of my buddies weren't quite so fortunate.”

**“There were dead French civilians. They just didn't believe the thousands of pamphlets we'd air dropped, warning them to vacate the area.”**

**R.L. Poland**



**R.L. (Bob) Poland, age 65. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Lufkin Industries where he has worked for nearly 39 years. On D-Day, he was a 25-year-old Captain and commanding Company B of the 2nd Engineering Combat Battalion.**

**“T**he week prior to D-Day we were cloistered at William Randolph Hearst's St. Donat's Castle for officers' briefings. Operation Overlord was underway. We weren't allowed to leave the castle grounds for security reasons.

“We disembarked from Swansea, Wales, on D-Day, spent over 24 hours tossing around on the rough waters of the Channel. We made it ashore on Omaha Beach at 6 a.m. on June 7. The landing craft got us in within 100 yards of the sand. We confronted mortar and sniper fire. Several men were hit. The Germans were throwing everything they had at us, trying to drive us back into the sea.

“The water was only three or four feet deep. We sloshed ashore. I was carrying a half dozen grenades, a carbine rifle and a .45 pistol. There were medics moving about everywhere. There were a lot of bodies and wounded that needed attention. The Battleship Texas and several cruisers were lobbing shell after shell over our heads. We could see the flashes from their 14-inch guns.

“Sure. I was a little scared but my main concern was to get my men the hell off that beach and into the hills.

“We moved inland one-half mile, through the hedgerow country, to Trevieres. There wasn't hardly a living thing along the way because of our heavy bombings and shellings. We had heavy casualties—285 enlisted men and seven officers in my company were hit during our march through France, Belgium and into Germany.

“When we eventually reached Leipzig, Germany, we were ordered to stop at the Mulde River and advance no farther. We could have easily gone on into Berlin but were held back to allow the Russians to pour into Berlin first.

“I'd heard General Patton give his famous speech on

## “I recall going 72 hours without sleep during the D-Day Invasion.”

**Ben Hooker**

the mall in Armough, Ireland. I'd seen General Eisenhower and General Bradley when they visited our command post in Normandy. I was young, unmarried, and had more anxiety than actual fear. It was an unforgettable adventure. I'd have to say I enjoyed my four years in the Army (Poland mustered out as a thrice-decorated Major) and the five campaigns I went through. It was sort of like my trip to China. I enjoyed being there, but I wouldn't want to go back and do it again.”

“I was home on 30-day leave at our farm in Shawnee Prairie, but with orders to ship out for the South Pacific, when word came over the radio about the atomic bombs being dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. With the unconditional surrender of the Japanese, our Great Struggle was over.

“My prayer is that we never have another.”



**Ben Hooker, age 61. Retired after 37 years with Lufkin Industries where he served as an electroplater in the machine shop and as company photographer. On D-Day, he was a 21-year-old private with the 8th Army Air Corps heavy bomber group.**

“**A**s an ordinance worker, my job was to load the bombers with whatever type bombs were specified for the mission. I also loaded ammo for the 50-caliber machine guns. I kept a log book on the bombing missions. I still have it today. We'd been bombing within Germany but the pattern changed on June 2. We began bombing Stella Plage on the northern coast of France.

“The first indication we had the invasion was on came from crew members returning in the early morning hours after bombing Cherbourg on June 6. They reported the Channel was dotted with every type vessel that would float. It would be three days and nights before any of us would sleep. Load bombs. Deliver. Return to base and load again. We'd finally broken Hitler's “Fortress” and we felt it was now just a matter of time until the end.

“I had a cousin, Elton Kingsley from Broaddus, who was there as a pilot. His plane crashed on takeoff. It was fully loaded with bombs. He gave his life for his country.

“In July, I transferred to the 697th Air Material Squadron. We were sent to Reims, France, to clean up an air base of boobytraps and to defuse bombs. A couple guys got killed doing that, mostly because of carelessness.

“I was never on the front lines, but I was there and felt I contributed to the cause.”

**F**our decades later, the Normandy countryside is lush and green. Geese and ducks waddle in the courtyards of ancient stone farmhouses and cows sun themselves in fields once charred with blazing ruins and the dead. Poland returned to Cherbourg and Omaha Beach ten years ago. Hooker has also re-visited France and Germany.

Kirk still insists, “I fought for something worthwhile . . . freedom, rights, my country. I'm proud I fought over some of the same ground my daddy covered during World War I.

A tearful President Ronald Reagan, standing afront a 22-foot bronze statue, “The Spirit of American Youth Rising from the Waves,” was at the 40th anniversary of D-Day landings last month in Normandy. He said: “War is terrible. This must never happen again.”

# A Screaming "Eagle" for David Bowers

Two teams fire 65s in seventh annual Lufkin Industries Best Ball Golf Tournament at Diboll Muny.

By Rick Pezdirtz

**G**olf is a game of fractions of inches, twigs, blades of grass, wind, water, sand. Also, torrid emotions and whispered swear words.

No one knows this better than the 47 gentlemen and one lady who swung away in blistering 93-degree heat during the seventh annual Lufkin Industries Best Ball Golf Tournament last month.

As in any golf tournament, there were profanity-provoking errant shots and hand-smacking successful strokes. For instance . . .

Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus, at the zenith of their legendary golfing careers, couldn't have played the fifth hole at Diboll Municipal Golf Course any better than did David Bowers and Gary Day during this year's company tournament.

Number 5 at Diboll Muny is a 342-yard, par 4 hole, with water to the right and a fairway sandtrap to the left. Bowers, Day and playing partners Stan Beck and Gene Tate all slammed tee shots to the fairway's right side. Day, however, caught one on the the screws of his clubhead, cranking out a handsome 237-yard drive.

There was little doubt whose tee shot the foursome would play. And, absolutely *no* doubt whose second shot the foursome would mark on their scorecard.

Bowers plucked a 9-iron from his golf bag. He took a



David Bowers, industrial engineering, kisses the 9-iron that brought him a 105-yard eagle two.

couple of practice swings, then calmly sent his second shot arching onto the green, eight feet in front of the flagstick. The ball rolled into the cup for a 105-yard eagle two, the only eagle scored during 864 holes of golf by the 48 contestants.

"I've chipped in from the froghair just off the green on par three and par five holes before, but this was my very first long eagle shot on a par four hole," an excited Bowers exclaimed after the tournament. "I've never had a hole-in-one. This was as close to it as I've ever come."

The eagle two might have taken a little of the sting out of Bowers and Beck, winners of this tournament in 1980 and 1981 when it was a two-man-team event, finish-

ing third this time with a best ball score of 67. Paired with Day and Tate, the Beck-Bowers combo ranked as pre-tournament team favorites.

However, a bogey on the par-3 seventh green (one of only three bogeys recorded by five First Flight teams during the tournament), proved the favorites' downfall. Their 34-33-67 round, although seemingly brilliant enough, smacked of less consistency than twin rounds of 65s turned in by two other teams. The third placers had Bowers' eagle, four birdies, a dozen pars and the fateful bogey.



KURT MARTIN

Tournament winners with a best-ball of 65 and by virtue of a scorecard draw were left-to-right: Herman Helberg, retiree; Rogelio Reyes, structural plant; Bob Boynton, material control, lining up a putt; and John Rouse, machinery sales.

John Rouse, Bob Boynton, Herman Helberg and Rogelio Reyes composed the championship team, winning a scorecard playoff draw from the team of Roy Myers, Jack Walker, Mike Cloyd, Pat Gammill and Charles Lambert.

"We considered a sudden-death extra holes playoff to decide a clear-cut winner," said tournament director Doug Williams later. "But, it was hot and the golfers were tired. I couldn't see sending them back out there for what might have been many extra holes before one team edged out the other."

A duplicate drawing was used to determine the second place winners in the Second Flight with the team of Veron Eicher, Martin Reyes, Kurt Ulmer and Charles Collins winning out over the team of Kevin McKay, James Parish, Larry Walker, Scott Semlinger and Jo Ann Anderson (the only lady golfer in the field). Both teams had carded 75s, with the eventual Second Flight runners-up winning their prizes only after retracing their routes on the golf course to retrieve a lost scorecard.

The Second Flight was won with a 37-36-73 by the team of Eddie Ditsworth, Ron Sharp, Jim Mewbourn, James Davis and Jack Davis.

A tally-sheet breakdown for the 48 golfers on 11 teams over 198 holes of golf showed: one eagle, 32 birdies (24 by First Flighters), 125 pars (63 in the First Flight, 62 in the Second Flight), 37 bogeys (34 by Second Flighters), and three double bogeys, all by Second Flighters.

# How They Finished

## First Flight

\*65 - John Rouse, Bob Boynton, Herman Helberg, Rogelio Reyes

65 - Roy Myers, Jack Walker, Mike Cloyd, Pat Gammill, Charles Lambert.

67 - Stanley Beck, Gary Day, David Bowers, Gene Tate.

70 - Doug Williams, Johnny Purvis, Darcey Faircloth, Ray Stephens

70 - Jimmy Little, Ino Reyes, Charles Warrick, Ed Dixon.

(\* - Won scorecard playoff for championship.

## Second Flight

73 - Eddie Ditsworth, Ron Sharp, Jim Mewbourn, James Davis, Jack Davis

75 - Veron Eicher, Martin Reyes, Kurt Ulmer, Charles Collins.

75 - Kevin McKay, James Parish, Larry Walker, Jo Ann Anderson, Scott Semlinger.

77 - Ed Root, Mike Stringer, Darcey Faircloth III, Pete Vinson, Johnny Scott.

78 - Steve Conway, Bill Moreau, Bobby Spells, Tim Stacy.

86 - Wayne Bell, Robert Bickley, Bob McBride, Gary Freeman.



CHUCK STEVENSON

Bob McBride, trailer plant, a member of the last-place team in the Second Flight, relaxes with his driver and thinks of possibly taking up fishing.



# more winners



Tied for first with a best-ball scorecard of 65 but losers in a drawing was the team of, left-to-right: Roy Myers, accounting; Pat Gammill, trailer sales; Jack Walker, structural plant; Mike Cloyd, material control; and Charles Lambert, structural plant.



KURT MARTIN

Second Flight champs of Lufkin Industries' 7th annual golf tournament were, left-to-right: Eddie Ditsworth, machine shop; James Davis, machine shop; Jack Davis, machine shop; Ron Sharp, accounting; and Jim Mewbourn, engineering.

# FOCUS

## PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

Company officials announced promotions for five employees last month. In the data processing department, Leah Johnston, Patricia Grimes and Robin Nichols were promoted and John Bridges and Gene McGallion were promoted in the final assembly and shipping department.



Leah Johnston

Leah Johnston has been promoted to documentation librarian in the data processing department. Formerly department secretary, Johnston was employed by the company in 1976.

She is a graduate of Lufkin High School and resides in Lufkin with her daughter, Denise.



Patricia Grimes

Patricia Grimes has also been promoted from data entry operator to secretary for the data processing

## PROMOTED FOR COMPANY EMPLOYEES

department. She was employed by LUFKIN in 1978.

Grimes is a graduate of Brazosport High School, Freeport, Texas and attended Massey Business College and Angelina College. She and her husband, Robert, reside in Lufkin with their children, Connie and Robert, Jr.



**Robin Nichols**

Robin Nichols has been promoted from programmer trainee to programmer in the data processing department. Nichols was employed by Lufkin Industries in 1981.

She is a graduate of Central High School and Angelina College with an associate degree in data processing. Nichols resides in Lufkin with her husband, Jay, and their twin sons, Jeramy and Jason.



**John Bridges**

John Bridges was promoted to foreman, assisting the second shift general foreman in the final assembly and shipping department.

Employed by the company in 1976, Bridges was a Class A assembler and attended Lufkin High School.

In the final assembly and shipping department, Gene McGallion was promoted to inspector foreman for both first and second shifts.

Employed by the company in 1978, McGallion was formerly temporary supervisor of export crating.

McGallion is a graduate of Huntington High School and Angelina



**Gene McGallion**

College. He and his wife, Theresa, live in Lufkin with their son, Brandon.

## BENSON JOINS STAFF OF ROUNDUP

Lee Ann Benson, 24, has joined the corporate communications department of Lufkin Industries as assistant editor of the ROUNDUP and Lufkin Line magazines.

An Ohio University cum laude graduate with a Bachelor of Science in magazine journalism and a minor in creative writing, Benson was formerly special sections editor of the Lufkin Daily News. She is a Fort Worth native.

A member of the Society of Newspaper Design, she has served as a University Interscholastic League feature writing judge and has also judged advertising design contests. Adept at advanced magazine layout, design and production, Benson will also double as a feature writer, photographer and copy editor with LUFKIN publications.



**Lee Ann Benson**

Her background is varied. She is a professional ice skater and has taught figure skating. She is a former head instructor for Ohio University's health and physical education department. Her hobbies include poetry and fiction short story writing, swimming, golf and horseback riding.

# ANNIVERSARIES

## STRUCTURAL STEEL OPERATIONS

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
John McCarty	July 19, 1950	34
Johnnie Jones	July 21, 1950	34
Thomas Alexander	July 19, 1956	28
Ron Smith	July 20, 1965	19
Lester Ener	July 29, 1974	10
Noel Marshall	July 14, 1975	9
J.R. Burrell	July 21, 1975	9
Luther Patton, Jr.	July 19, 1976	8
James Goolsby, Jr.	July 5, 1977	7
Rogello Reyes	July 20, 1977	7
John Hall	July 21, 1977	7
Timothy Teel	July 17, 1978	6
Charles Lambert	July 2, 1979	5
Arnold Parker	July 2, 1979	5
Samuel Taylor	July 3, 1979	5
Joe Pierce	July 16, 1979	5
Terry Davis	July 18, 1979	5
Louis Neese	July 23, 1979	5
Vernell Randle	July 23, 1979	5
Jimmy Releford, Jr.	July 26, 1979	5

## FINAL ASSEMBLY AND SHIPPING

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
David Rivers	July 15, 1969	15
Danny Elliott	July 2, 1979	5
Earline Walker	July 30, 1979	5
Frances Bryan	July 31, 1979	5

## FOUNDRY OPERATIONS

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
James Basham	July 20, 1951	33
James LaRue	July 19, 1954	30
John Norman	July 16, 1962	22
Lee Patton	July 23, 1962	22
Billy Saxon	July 14, 1966	18
James Gilcrease	July 18, 1966	18
Larry Vann	July 21, 1966	18
Jerry Palmore	July 17, 1968	16
George Martin	July 14, 1970	14
Jerome Thompson	July 14, 1970	14
William Austin	July 14, 1970	14
Richard Rusher	July 17, 1972	12
Troy Smith	July 9, 1973	11
Gary Selman	July 25, 1973	11
Dorothy Jones	July 9, 1974	10
Mattie Wilson	July 9, 1974	10
Josephine Patton	July 18, 1974	10
Georgia Bryan	July 18, 1974	10
Jesse Brooks	July 2, 1975	9
Gerald Coutee	July 28, 1975	9
Odis Hamilton	July 6, 1976	8
Michael Bellamy	July 19, 1977	7
Leonard Sweat	July 27, 1977	7
Louis Dunham	July 21, 1978	6
Roy Elliott	July 24, 1978	6
Billy Ferguson	July 26, 1978	6
Jack Russell	July 6, 1979	5
Martin Castro	July 10, 1979	5
Francisco Sanchez, Jr.	July 23, 1979	5
Anselmo Rodrigues	July 26, 1979	5
Charles Mark	July 27, 1979	5

## MACHINERY OPERATIONS

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Bona Dixon, Jr.	July 31, 1941	43
Travis Stone	July 27, 1950	34
Marion Ferguson	July 26, 1954	30
Albert Jumper	July 30, 1954	30
Charles Chamblee	July 19, 1961	23
Robert Harris	July 23, 1962	22
Billy Gardner	July 29, 1963	21
Dennis Flowers	July 15, 1964	20
Phillip Lowery, Jr.	July 20, 1964	20

Larry Arnold	July 27, 1964	20
Morgan Flournoy	July 27, 1965	19
Mike Penn	July 27, 1965	19
Charles Smith	July 18, 1967	17
Chester Mitchell	July 19, 1967	17
William Curl	July 10, 1968	16
Harold Rogers	July 11, 1968	16
Charles Cole	July 8, 1970	14
Joe Grimes	July 13, 1970	14
Tanseal Yarbrough	July 17, 1970	14
Jerry Sandlin	July 19, 1971	13
Bobby Colbert	July 5, 1972	12
Jerry Wigley	July 31, 1972	12
James Bell	July 3, 1973	11
Glenn Brock	July 9, 1973	11
Aaron Clinton	July 16, 1973	11
Ronald Brown	July 19, 1973	11
Edward Butler	July 19, 1973	11
Chester Attaway	July 30, 1973	11
Jack Gaston	July 30, 1973	11
Linda Russell	July 8, 1974	10
Kenneth Spivey	July 8, 1974	10
Harry Mewbourn	July 15, 1974	10
Charles Anderson	July 21, 1974	10
Margie Lee	July 24, 1974	10
Elbert Maiden	July 7, 1975	9
Wyatt Hight	July 8, 1975	9
Jimmy Marshburn	July 10, 1975	9
David Lee	July 21, 1975	9
John Halsell	July 21, 1975	9
Peedikayil Joseph	July 8, 1976	8
Billy Kittrell	July 12, 1976	8
Eddie Fowler	July 20, 1976	8
David Frederick	July 10, 1977	7
Ralph McClain	July 3, 1978	6
James Palmer	July 17, 1978	6
Tony Ellington	July 24, 1978	6
Ray Manley	July 26, 1978	6
Timothy Penick	July 27, 1978	6
Jose Morales	July 3, 1979	5
Donald Wolfe	July 11, 1979	5
Don Wall	July 16, 1979	5
Curtis Massingill	July 24, 1979	5
Willie Bryant	July 24, 1979	5
Virginia Garza	July 30, 1979	5
Phillip Williams	July 31, 1979	5
Gene Tate	July 27, 1981	3

## WELDING SHOP

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Clarence Owens	July 29, 1971	13
Stephen Simcoe	July 29, 1974	10
Lenoscar Lockhart	July 1, 1975	9
Donald Baker	July 1, 1975	9
Charles Calhoun	July 31, 1975	9
William Massingill	July 6, 1977	7
Homer Olivarez	July 19, 1979	5

## MACHINERY MANUFACTURING ADMINISTRATION

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
James Huntress	July 24, 1950	34
Lorinzo Tatum	July 19, 1978	6
Becky Whisenant	July 9, 1979	5
Freddie Teal	July 16, 1979	5
Jimmy Little	July 28, 1980	4

## CORPORATE OFFICES

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Harold Davis	July 16, 1956	28
Frank Stevenson	July 30, 1956	28
Bill Trout	July 25, 1957	27
Cynthia Holder	July 6, 1982	2

## INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Howard Richards	July 20, 1954	30

William Morgan	July 16, 1970	14
Charlene Cortines	July 3, 1972	12
L.J. Loving	July 5, 1977	7
Charles Watts	July 3, 1978	6
Kenny Moulder	July 28, 1981	3
Terry Akers	July 26, 1983	1

## ENGINEERING

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Ken Beckman	July 17, 1972	12
Melba Parker	July 25, 1977	7
Johnny Melton	July 24, 1979	5
Ellis Gorman	July 23, 1979	5

## MACHINERY SALES AND SERVICE

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
John Rouse	July 8, 1974	10
Howard Cordell	July 2, 1981	3
Francisco Frausto	July 15, 1981	3
Ernest Dunson, III	July 5, 1983	1

## PERSONNEL

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Elle Smith, Jr.	July 13, 1955	29
George Roach	July 1, 1977	7
Carl Christopher	July 24, 1979	5
Wayne Palmer	July 8, 1980	3

## CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
David Willmon	July 6, 1976	8

## TRAILER PLANT

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Luther Whitehead	July 6, 1950	34
Dalford Allen	July 18, 1950	34
Wilson Green	July 27, 1951	33
Harold Newson	July 6, 1954	30
Joe Jumper	July 19, 1961	23
Winfred Molandes	July 19, 1961	23
Robert Adams	July 17, 1967	17
Donald Wier	July 16, 1968	16
Samuel Alfred	July 7, 1969	15
Charles Warrick	July 16, 1969	15
Martha Roberts	July 9, 1973	11
James Hodges	July 7, 1977	7
Cecil Malone	July 25, 1977	7
Joseph Bevil	July 13, 1978	6
David Craven	July 19, 1978	6
Albert Lane	July 26, 1978	6
William Lambright	July 30, 1979	5
Hugh Poulard	July 5, 1983	1
Jerry Williams	July 5, 1983	1
Phillip Wells	July 11, 1983	1
Virgil McKinney, Jr.	July 11, 1983	1
Jerry Wells	July 11, 1983	1
Fred Franklin	July 12, 1983	1
Douglas Haynes	July 18, 1983	1
Kenneth Sanches	July 25, 1983	1

## TRAILER SALES AND SERVICE

	Employment Date	Years With Co.
Floyd Bailey	July 14, 1969	15
Freddy Drury	July 20, 1970	14
Ernest Watkins	July 17, 1972	12
Henry Apkins, Jr.	July 3, 1975	9
Patricia Tyler	July 20, 1978	6
William Oswalt	July 2, 1979	5
Benjamin Raney	July 14, 1980	4
Eloy Perez	July 14, 1980	4
Nestor Hernandez	July 21, 1980	4
Steven Hazard	July 21, 1980	4
Jon Monzingo	July 25, 1980	4
Cleophas Irby	July 17, 1981	3

# Those Golden Years

## Earl and Billie Ruth Davis

When Earl Davis retired from the Industrial Supplies Division of Lufkin Industries last December, he promised his wife, Billie Ruth, they were going to do some traveling. He wasn't kidding.

Since April, when Billie Ruth also retired from her job with CMI Paper Company, they've made two lengthy trips—one to the foothills of Oklahoma and another to Jamaica. Now, they're gone again.

July, August and part of September will find the Davises touring the western United States, with a long pause for watching the quarter-horses run at Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Hitting the open road has always been a favorite past time of both Earl and Billie Ruth. Now, during retirement years, they're finally finding ample time to move along as slowly as they wish, with no pressing schedules or time-tables to keep.

We've been travelers and campers most of our lives, but we've never had the time to do it the way we wanted," says Earl. "We like to get off the beaten path and see what the average way of life is like away from the places that just cater to tourists.

"To do that takes more time than we've had before. With both of us working, we never had but a couple of weeks."

Now, with plenty of time, they like to poke along their route, stopping whenever they see something that's interesting and spending the night practically anywhere in their self-contained Dodge van. Billie Ruth keeps a daily log of all the places they visit, what they spend, and especially the names and addresses of people they meet.

"That's almost as important to us as the places we see," says Billie Ruth. "We've met some really nice people. We've made some good friends and we stay in contact with them."

While getting away from the well-traveled tourist routes is somewhat risky, Earl says, they both like the challenge.



Sitting at the table inside their Dodge van, Earl and Billie Ruth model LUFKIN caps which they wear on their trips. Billie Ruth's cap, with its lace trim, gets all the attention. "They never see my hat," grumbles Earl.

(PHOTOS BY MARY BETH KINNER)

"In Mexico last year, we went to some places where it was a little scary. One small village we went to was nearly forty miles back in the country, down a narrow, cobblestone road. Severe poverty was all around us. Back in there, we saw things you wouldn't see unless you go out and look for them."

Instead of taking regular tourist tours during their recent trip to Jamaica, Earl and Billie Ruth rented a car and hired a guide to take them further inland.

"It was very different from what we were expecting," Earl says. "Further inland were banana, coconut

and sugar cane plantations. The people were very hard-working, and humble. They were glad to see you and happy to show you around."

Their most memorable experience was a beautiful drive along a highway built on an actual river bed. The river's source in the mountains was sealed off by an earthquake and so the river bed was converted into a highway.

"The highway follows the river bed for miles through this valley called Fern Valley," Billie Ruth says. "On both sides the trees just went together and there were beautiful ferns everywhere. It was simply beautiful."

Earl and Billie Ruth Davis are just beginning the freedom of their "golden years." Later on, they hope to take a trip to Hong Kong, and possibly Europe. You can be sure they'll be somewhere off the beaten path discovering what life is really like wherever they go.



And, with a kiss, they're off on another trip.

# We Asked and You Told Us

**T**he Lufkin ROUNDUP may be 40 years old, but it's far from over-the-hill.

At least that's what 272 of you told us when we asked in May for your opinions on ROUNDUP, a monthly magazine distributed to LUFKIN employees, retirees, directors, shareholders and other friends of Lufkin Industries.

What follows is a capsulized version of how you graded us, and in case you missed the survey, we're always happy for new ideas on how we can better serve you. Just keep sending 'em in.

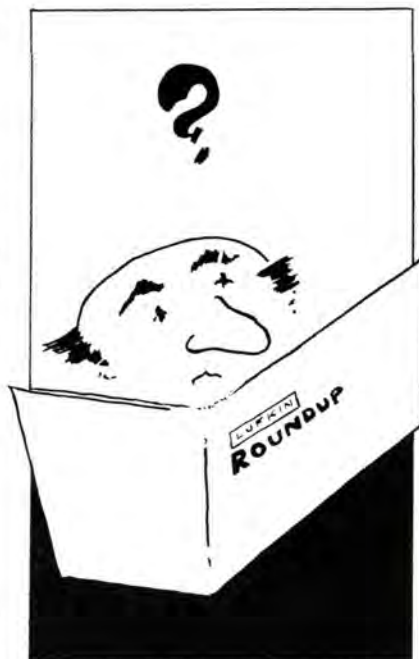
**ROUNDUP'S APPEARANCE** drew 168 comments of "excellent;" 62 rated the magazine's looks "very good," 36, "good" and two fair.

Most rated the ROUNDUP better, generally, than other corporate magazines; 73 crediting the ROUNDUP with doing a superior job over the competition. "About the same," said 32, and three answered "poorly."

The majority (169) said they read everything in ROUNDUP, 89 said they read about 75 percent, 12 said half or more and two people said they read only one-fourth of the magazine.

**WRITING** quality was judged "excellent" by 134, "very good" by 92, "good" by 24, and two people rated the magazine's writing talent "fair." When finished with the magazine, most give it to someone else or hang onto it for future reference. Only 16 said they like what they see enough to clip and save.

More articles on LUFKIN products were requested in 116 survey responses. Next, stories on current employees are in demand followed



by articles on retirees, plant facilities, employees' off-job pursuits and lastly, stories on newcomers.

**THE MAGAZINE'S CONTENT**, its ability to communicate on LUFKIN, its people and products, was graded "excellent" by 116 over the 92 who said "very good job." 36 said the content is "good," and 16, "fair."

The majority who read ROUNDUP are largely interested in LUFKIN pumping units. LUFKIN gears, followed by truck-trailers, then industrial supplies were named as lesser points of interest.

**"IT'S A PRIMARY SOURCE OF INFORMATION"** said 144 of the survey's total respondents, with 100 saying it's an "important source of information." 24 consider it somewhat important, and four said the ROUNDUP has no meaning in their lives whatsoever.

And lastly, all but one said they would miss the ROUNDUP if it ceased publication.

The following is a cross-section of comments from some of the 272 respondents to the May issue ROUNDUP Readership Survey ...

*"I'd like to see more articles about the different sizes and kinds of pumping units and how they're selected for a certain oil well."*

—Charles T. Lambert, age 30, foreman.

*"It would be interesting to know how world-wide Lufkin Industries is."*—Judy Cain, 34, lead data operator.

*"I'd like pictures of LUFKIN products in far away places. The first thing I read is 'From the Chairman's Desk.' I like Mr. Poland's writings."*—G.W. Martin, 42, foundry mechanic.

*"I retired Dec. 31, 1962, and enjoy every issue of the ROUNDUP."*—Enoch Weaver, 83, retired from shipping department.

*"Let's not forget the wonderful job Virginia Allen did for us and the ROUNDUP through the years."*—Otto Smith, 78, retired.

*"I think Virginia Allen did quite a good job as editor of the ROUNDUP. I cut a few gears when we built those tanks for the Battle of the Bulge."*—Zack R. Cummings, 85, retired gear cutter.

*"Start a regular series on how methods to improve production are usually started by the worker himself."*—A.J. Stanbery, 62, machine operator.

*"Most retirees are small stockholders in LUFKIN and interested in present and future financial conditions."*—J.C. Lowe, 70, retired.

*"I worked 27 years for Lufkin Industries and wish I could work 27 more for the company."*—Jim J. Cummings, 62, retired traffic department.



# of Faces & Places

by Rick Pezdirtz

Sorting through the Readership Survey  
Mailbag because the customer's always write!

**T**here are countless things that I do not ... I do *not* stall my auto on the tracks at Raguet and Angelina when the A&NR Railroad's old No. 2000 locomotive is whistling along.

I do *not* pet those black and white kittycats I see occasionally in these East Texas pineywoods.

I do *not* pinch a heavyweight boxfighter's wifemate.

And, I do *not* ignore signed mail that comes across my desk.

This last Never-Never Deed I do not, quite simply, for a couple of reasons.

1) If someone cares enough to write, they deserve an answer. Prompt, or otherwise.

2) With postage stamps at twenny pennies—I remember when they were 3¢ for the longest time—we've all gotta do our duty and aide the poor postal workers' retirement funds by keeping those cards and letters circulating. It's the patriotic and humanitarian thing, don'tcha know.

So saying, permit me to herewith answer a small portion of the flash flood of mail we received from our recent Lufkin ROUNDUP Magazine Readership Survey.

## Photo Contest Coming

"I enjoyed the Question and Answer section we had for a short time."—*LaWanna Gainer, material control clerk.*

"It would be nice if you still had anniversary pictures and still supported a photo contest."—*Kenneth Spears, Class A operator.*

"How about a series entitled "A Typical Day on the Job," featuring various positions and people such as salesmen, vice presidents, welders, etc.?"—*David A. Jones, draftsman.*

We're ready to devote a page each issue to Questions and Answers, LaWanna. All we need are the employee questions. A return of the anniversary pictures was requested by several respondents, Kenneth. This pictorial feature was dropped from the ROUNDUP in September of 1982 due to increased production costs and space limitations. They may reappear some day. Watch your August ROUNDUP for our follow-up on your employee photo contest suggestion. Your "Typical Day on the Job" idea is superb, David. We hope to eventually do something in this area.

## Color It Expensive

"The quality of the Lufkin ROUNDUP is excellent. My only suggestion for improvement would be to go with color photos, realizing that color is more expensive."—*Emmett Smith, Vocational Director, Lufkin Independent School District.*

"The only thing I can think of to make the magazine better is to expand it."—*Gary Underwood, storekeeper.*

"Increase the size of the magazine by 20 percent. I think

the ROUNDUP is well-balanced. I display it in my customer waiting area."—*Louis Bronaugh, optical company owner.*

"The unique, laid-back East Texas writing style of the ROUNDUP must be preserved. It should not resemble a big city newspaper or weekly magazine."—*Ken Diana, machinery sales, Crystal Lake, Ill.*

We'd love to have ALL photos in color, Emmett, but you are correct. The cost factor for color photos equates to megabucks. Color front and back covers alone were running about \$500 per issue before we switched processing companies two months ago, shaving expenses 38 percent. It's money again, Gary and Louis, but we did increase this last issue 18.2 percent, or from 18 to 22 pages. Well, shut mah mouth, Ken, we'll try to write with more cornpone and cane syrup sweetness.

## A Kitty for Anon

"Getting the ROUNDUP is like getting a letter from home. We'll always be grateful for Lufkin Industries and all the company has done for us."—*G.N. Jones, age 75, retiree in Wells.*

"Keep it coming. I'd like to see an article on metal-casting innovations and final products."—*David Kanicki, Editor, Modern Casting Magazine, Des Plaines, Ill.*

"I enjoy the magazine very much. It brings back memories of T.P. and other men he worked with in the shop."—*Mrs. T.P. (Gracie) Vansau.*

"More stories of overseas oilfields and LUFKIN pump-ing units."—*Dr. Robert L. Kurth, stockholder.*

"I especially enjoy Chairman Poland's articles and appreciate the company's concern for retirees."—*Raymond E. McCollum, part-time security.*

We're human and always luxuriate in hearing compliments and suggestions for an improved magazine. Two anonymous responses brought a chuckle or three ...

"Stop putting so much emphasis on Bob Poland. One God is enough."—*Unsigned.*

"I would like to say, go back to that which was before Pezdirtz came to town. Truly, I have nothing against Pezdirtz ... yet, I'd rather read his words in newsprint than in the ROUNDUP."—*Unsigned.*

On behalf of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Poland, he has no pretenses toward deity; he is simply an old soldier who has spent nearly 39 years rising through the ranks to the top of this company.

On behalf of Pezdirtz, he has here one of those black and white kittycats as a personal present for the sweet soul who has nothing against him!

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## A FAMILY AFFAIR . . .

**I**n the good old summer time, six family members—all employees of Lufkin Industries and with 99 years of accumulative service—gather on a back lawn to “beat the heat” of East Texas with five freezers of homemade vanilla, strawberry and peach ice cream. Scooping dollops of ice cream into their bowls are Thomas Ladd (left), 14 years, administration manager, foundry, and wife Helen, six months, welding shop clerk. They’re sandwiched around Helen’s brothers: John Morris Modisette, 34 years, trailer plant; Leonard Modisette, 34 years, structural steel plant, with Leonard’s sons, Kenny Modisette, 6 years, trailer plant; and Collis Modisette, 10 years, final assembly and shipping, all busy sampling the cool and delicious goodness from their freezers.

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E.J. Kirk, left, and Ben Hooker, both veterans of the D-Day Invasion 40 years ago, look over a German V-2 rocket fragment Hooker dug out of an eight-foot-deep crater in England. Story on pages 11-14.  
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