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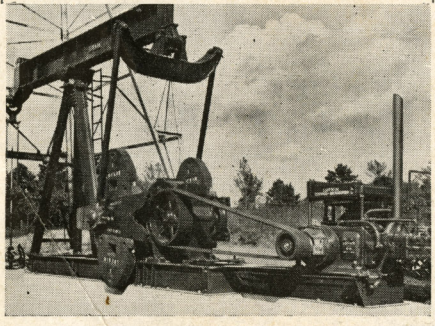
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Comments . . .

From the President's Desk

THIS is written at the close of our annual Oil Field Sales Meeting, and I thought you would be interested in a brief report on it.

On December 23, at our Bonus Party, I predicted that 1949 would be another good year. Our salesmen who have been talking to our customers for the past couple of weeks regarding their possible year's requirements have confirmed my prediction.

I have been asked several times in the last day or two how long we would operate on five days a week. I am unable to answer this at this time, but I do want to assure you that this is a week-to-week proposition and that it is possible by the time you read this issue of the ROUNDUP, we may be back on five and one-half days. As I told you before Christmas, however, our business is always off at this time of the year due to weather conditions, and we are likely to have several weeks of short time.

While it is our opinion at this time that we will have plenty of work this year, we must all remember that this is necessarily an opinion and things could happen that would affect our business either way. We want to suggest that every employee keep a little backlog of government bonds for a rainy day which we hope will not come soon.

Walter W. Trout

SUGGESTION



WINNERS

By MARSHALL J. DAILEY

HELPING to ease the strain of Christmas, the checks these men get for writing their ideas on paper and sending them to the Suggestion Committee will be mighty helpful. You, too, could have had extra money. Why not make this one of your New Year's Resolutions? Send in a new suggestion each month, and watch the money come to you.

December Winners

R. C. DuBose—$20—Special levers for speeding up grinding on shape cutter.

Joe Storey—$15—Gang punches for laying out Samson Post plates.

Bob Butler—$10—A multiple head for tapping the setscrew holes in pitman heads.

Rhobie White—$10—Elimination of grinding the radius and other dimensions that are unnecessary to grind on slow and high speed pinions.

A. G. Colburn—$5—Make die for small plate on drawing A-9382.

T. H. Stone—$5—Leave off oil sight flow indicator on all speed increasers.

W. C. Weems—$5—Use scrap gear shafts for tool shanks by machining them from this material.

Doyle Bowers—$5—Grinding fixture for use with the Norton Universal vise.

O. J. Blaylock — $5 — A jack for mounting tires.

H. E. Steel—$5—A bracket on new shearing machine for cutting long wrapper sheets for equalizers.

Lee Deggs—$5—An oiling tank for oiling two machines simultaneously.

H. J. Adams—$5—Rolling gages for front of Brake Press for braking rear cross members.

Marvin Powell—$2—Mark order numbers on pipe racks in Welding Shop so that men can put pipes in right place. This will save time when trying to locate them.

E. O. Standley—$2—Cut down small bushes and trees and trim up others so that watchman at New Foundry can see all over the steel and trailer yard.

Delbert Williford — $2 — A stencil holder for the bread-in-man to stencil the date on units.

C. M. Milligan—$2—A guard rail put over tracks of door into Pipe House. This protects tracks from getting bent.

Raymond Weeks—$2—A scale put on side of Moline similar to that on Bullard.

H. C. Broderick—$2—Rack in jig storage for all plate jigs (round) on edge instead of in bins.

P. D. Allbritton—$2—Show center line on D-8908 for spark plugs for layout.

Allen B. Repp—$2—Eliminate use of any grease on any part of trailer until it has been painted. Greased parts will not take paint.

C. P. Brooks—$2—Post in center of spot welder fastened on to carriage with bolts so it will be removable. Post is for supporting VBW sides.

H. C. Broderick — $2 — Change in drill jig 7218-2 (SK3214-15-16-17). Change location of stops from arm extension to front end of yoke for No. 125 Winch. Results are more accurate drilling and better fitting in assembly.

H. E. Steel—$2—Extension on scrap slide on shear machine in Structural Shop.

Henry Havard—$1—Light over bolt machine in Pipe House.

L. H. Turner—$1—Water line for machine No. 158.

G. L. Barrett—$1—Roof over wash rack so that parts can be steam cleaned when weather is bad.

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Definition of a lady: A woman who makes it easy for a man to be a gentleman.

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FACTS ABOUT YOUR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

FOLLOWING are some typical questions and answers concerning unemployment insurance. They are designed to better acquaint you with the administration of this insurance, and presented here for your information and benefit.

Q. Who pays Unemployment Compensation?

A. Your employer. This Company pays Unemployment Compensation to the Unemployment Compensation Commission, who in turn, administers it.

Q. Do I pay anything on this insurance?

A. Absolutely not.

Q. Does the State pay any of it?

A. No. They only administer the payments.

Q. Can I draw this insurance as often as I wish?

A. No. This fund is set up for the benefit of employees, made possible by employers. A maximum of 13 weeks in any one year is all that anyone is eligible to draw. It is set up so that in time of a depression when jobs are practically impossible to find, you will have 13 weeks compensation coming to help you along financially.

Q. Should I apply for this insurance now if I am out of work?

A. At a time like the present, when jobs are comparatively easy to find, you should not. You should leave this fund alone until it is absolutely necessary for you to have the money.

Q. Do I have a certain length of time to use up this money?

A. No. You have the rest of your life. It is better for you to let it stay put so you can have benefit of the maximum amount should you have to have it.

Q. If I don't draw this money, can someone else get my part?

A. No. For any reason other than a lay-off because of work shortage, you generally will not receive any benefits. Even then, it will be to your advantage to let this fund alone.

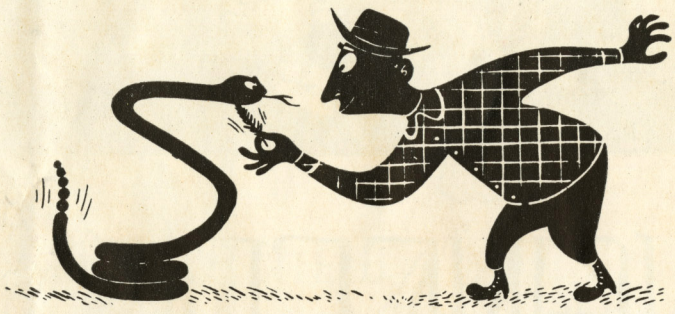
Q. Where can I obtain more information about Unemployment Compensation?

A. At the Personnel Office.

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A woman may be as old as she looks, but a man is old if he doesn't.

You Wouldn't Do This...



So Why Do THIS?



TEACHER PRAISES INTEREST OF MEN

COMPLETING a blueprint reading class, Sylvester Donahue, Perry Grisham, H. B. Moore, and Seymour Curtis chalked up a signal attendance record last month. The course began in May and the last lesson was finished in December, making a total of twenty-nine 2-hour periods. Grisham had 100 per cent attendance, while Moore and Donahue missed only two classes each. Curtis was absent from six class periods.

Teacher of the course, Kenneth Modrall, expressed his appreciation for the faithfulness and conscientiousness of these four men, and stated that they should be commended for their interest.

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A famous physician says the use of alcohol doesn't make people better able to do things. "But," he adds, "it does make people less ashamed of doing things badly."

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He: "Do you think kissing is unhealthy?"

She: "I really don't know. I've never been—"

He: "What? Never been kissed?"

She: "Oh, yes! I was saying that I've never been ill after it."

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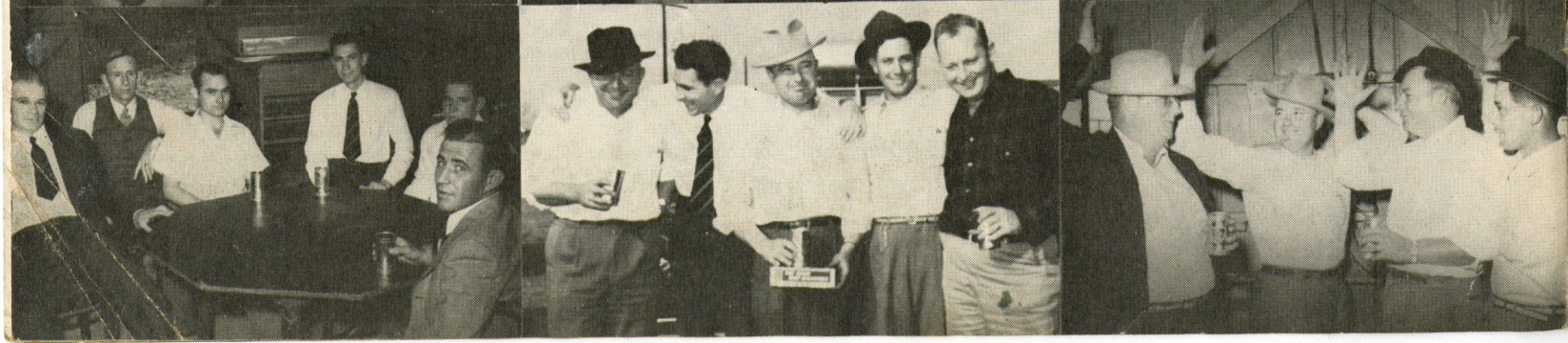
ENGINEERS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS



Nite Welders Stage Party

IT WAS fun for all and all for fun when the men of the Welding and Structural Shop got together for an old-fashioned barbecue. L. R. "Handsome" Perry and Bennie Wallace got things off to a good start, seeing that everybody had plenty to eat and drink. Everybody agreed that it was a swell party.





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Strictly FOR THE LADIES



FOR a hot bread that features so much good eating, this cherry filled coffee cake is exceptionally easy to make. Into the baking pan goes a crunchy layer of streusel, then a coffee cake batter, then sweetened cherries, finally more batter. This layered cake bakes in 25 minutes. Then it puts in an appearance at the breakfast table to give that meal style and sparkle.

Uses for such a coffee cake need not be limited to breakfast. Because it contains enriched flour, it is rich in V-vitamins, food energy, and iron. With this splendid nutritional value, it is a mid-afternoon treat for callers, a supper dessert, a brunch special. Enriched flour products are good menu-balancers, since all their food values add up on the credit side of the meal.

CHERRY FILLED COFFEE CAKE

Topping

¼ cup sugar
½ cup enriched flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ cup butter or margarine

Cut or rub in butter or margarine.

Batter

1½ cups sifted enriched flour
½ cup sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
¾ teaspoon salt
1 egg
¾ cup milk
3 tablespoons melted shortening
1 No. 2 can cherries (1½ cups)

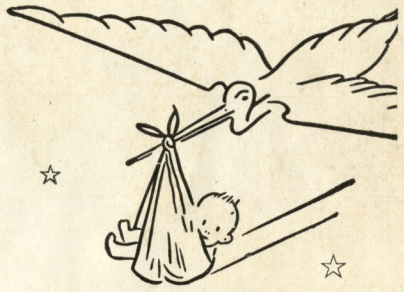
Sift together flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Beat egg. Add milk and melted shortening. Add to flour mixture, stirring until mixture is smooth. Spread half the batter into greased pan, eight by eight inches. Cover with cherries. Sprinkle half the topping over cherries. Cover with remaining batter, and finally with remaining topping. Bake in moderately hot oven (400 degrees F.) 25 minutes. Yield: 1 coffee cake eight by eight inches.

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Sue: "Yes, I wrote a confession story once."

Helen: "Did they publish it?"

Sue: "No, but the editor came all the way from New York to see me."



NEW ARRIVALS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following proud parents of new babies:

To *Mr. and Mrs. Norman Green*, Trailer Division, on the birth of a girl, Audrey Elaine, who was born November 12, 1948, weighing 6 pounds and 4 ounces.

To *Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walton*, Trailer Division, on the birth of a boy, Wayne Russell, who was born January 3, weighing 7 pounds and 12 ounces.

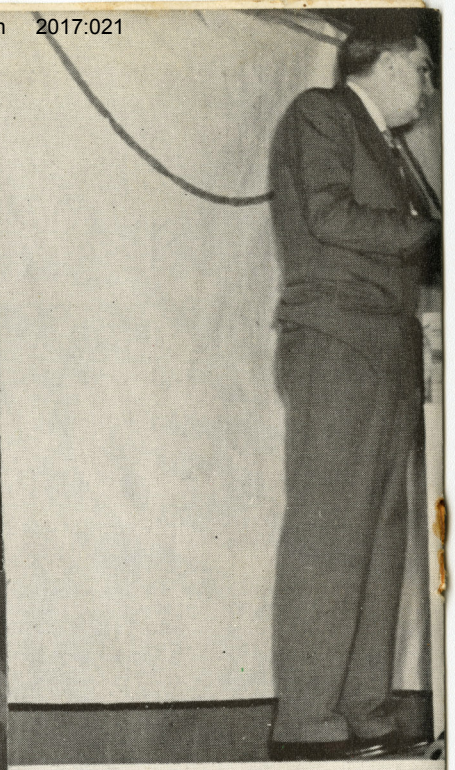
To *Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Sims*, Foundry, on the birth of a girl, Deliah Ann, who was born December 22, 1948, weighing 7 pounds and 13 ounces.



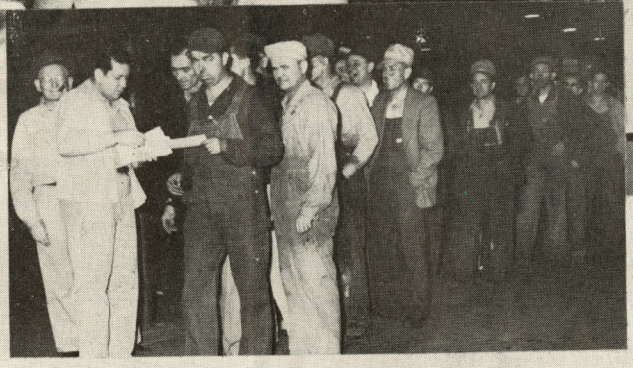
JUDGE HUTSON, Machine Shop Inspection Booth, displays here the type of eggs his wife gets every day from her brood of White Leghorn chickens. Mrs. Hutson receives 3 to 4 double size eggs each day along with the 60 ordinary eggs she collects every day. Mrs. Hutson believes her "well-balanced rations" are responsible for the enormous size of the eggs.

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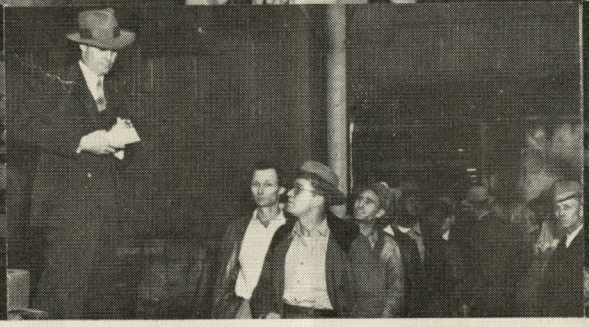


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SNAPS FROM XMAS







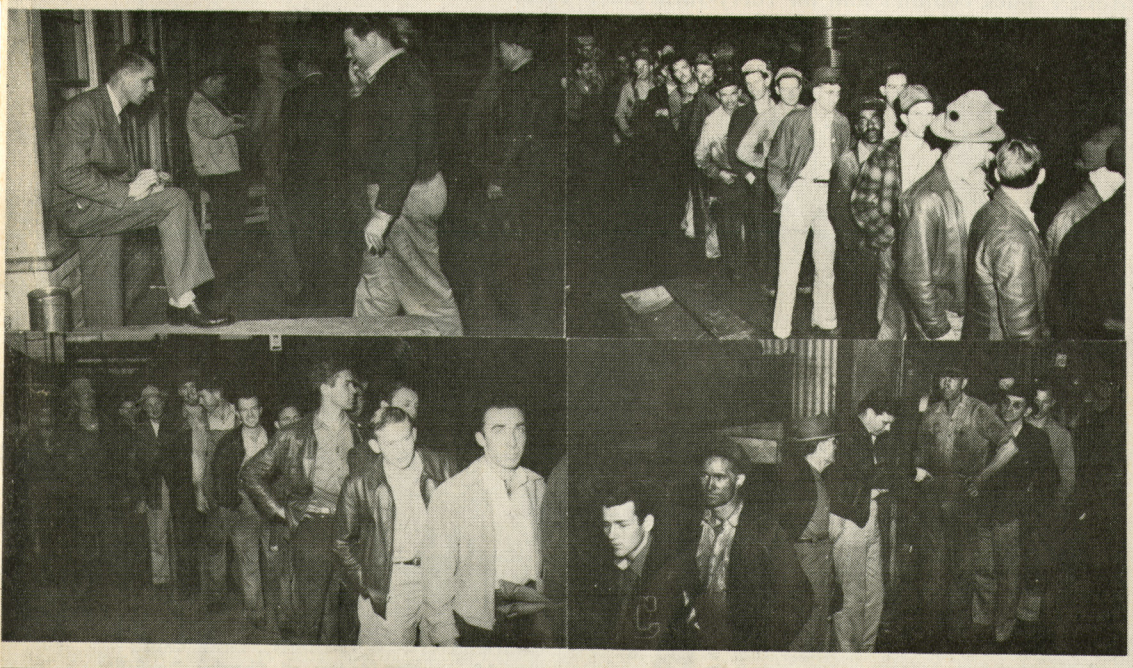




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BONUS CHECK LINES







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JOHNNY McADAMS, who was married recently, has announced that he has a loud wolf whistle in excellent condition for sale by request of his new bride. He unconditionally guarantees satisfactory results. He states that any prospective buyer must see and hear this whistle to fully appreciate it, and to settle any questions in the mind of a would-be buyer, Johnny will bring his wife as material evidence of the performance of the whistle.



The McCARTY FAMILY had a very Merry Christmas as is evidenced by this picture as they distributed their gifts. Left is Bryan McCarty, Charlie Gault's Department; his daughter and son, Gladney and Bryan Kerr; and Mrs. Bryan McCarty.

Cupid really shot the arrows of matrimony around the plant during the last two months. Congratulations go to Bob Watson, Welding Shop, who was married on Thanksgiving Day. Also best wishes are extended to G. W. Spurgeon, Machine Shop, on his recent marriage.

Charlie Harbuck has another new wrinkle to add to his long list of unusual possessions. Not long ago, he bought a new squirrel dog which was guaranteed to tree squirrels within a radius of ten miles. But poor Charlie! After his dog treed the squirrel, Harbuck couldn't find the furry little animals. So now he has made a nigger shooter, and he shoots rocks up in the trees to make the squirrels move so he can see them.

He announced a few days ago that if that system didn't work, he would take Jake Ross along with him to dip snuff. That would certainly open his eyes!



LITTLE IDA CAROL, age 2, and BEVERLY, age 7½, daughters of Floyd McLane, Welding Shop, are certainly pleased over what Santa left for them.



WALTER VAN ARNOLD, 16-month-old son of Ed Arnold, Trailer Division, takes time out to pose for the cameraman, but only with the understanding that the ordeal will last but a minute.



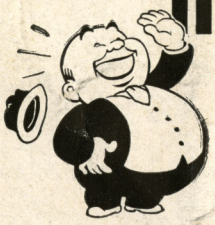
CHRISTMAS IS FOR CHILDREN. Little Chuck Dyer, 15-month-old son of Charles Dyer, Lufkin's Oil Field Salesman in El Dorado, Arkansas, inspects his tree. George Dyer, 9-year-old son of Hubert Dyer, Cost Account Department, keeps tab on his young cousin.

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This story has a moral—if you can find it. Calvin Crain, Machine Shop, together with friends, went into San Augustine County on December 31 to try his luck at getting a buck. After a few hours on a stand, a shot rang out, and a deer started falling. Even before the animal hit the dirt, out from the bushes appeared the game warden. Strangely enough, the "buck" turned out to be a doe. About that time, the warden asked for their hunting licenses. Everybody grabbed for his wallet and pulled out the necessary papers —except Calvin, whose mouth popped wide open in horror. He had left his license at home. For the finish of this tale, you may visit with Calvin. He has all the answers and will be happy to tell you just how he escaped from his predicament.

Emmett Wells and family wish to extend their thanks and deep appreciation to the employees of Lufkin Foundry who sent flowers and sympathy cards during the time of their bereavement over the loss of Mrs. Wells.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to O. L. Monroe whose brother died this month; to E. L. Williams whose baby was born dead; to Edgar Barnes, Welding Shop, whose little girl died of pneumonia; and to J. D. Allen whose little brother died after falling on a gas stove.



HAVE You HEARD.. This one!

"How do you get rid of these awful cooties?"

"That's easy. Take a bath in sand and a rub-down in alcohol. The cooties get drunk and kill each other throwing rocks."

Complaining Customer: "I don't like any of these dresses. I think I would look well in something flowing."

Tired Clerk: "Madam, why don't you jump in the creek?"

Molder's Wife (at party): "Where is that pretty maid who was passing out cocktails a while ago?"

Hostess: "Oh, are you looking for a drink?"

Wife: "No, I'm looking for my husband."

"Dad is so rich," reported the socialite, "he winters in Florida, summers in Canada, and springs and falls for blondes."

A lady was sitting in a railway carriage and a man got on the train and sat in front of her. She looked at him hard, and asked: "Aren't you the father of one of my children?" The man looked aghast, left the car, and did not return.

That night she wonderingly told the incident to her husband, who said, "But didn't you tell him that you are a school teacher?"

Just as a small-town butcher was explaining the merits of a roast to a customer, another lady rushed in and interrupted him. "Give me a half pound of cat meat, quick!" she ordered.

Then she turned to the first customer and said, "I hope you don't mind my being served ahead of you."

"No, no!" shrugged the other. "Not if you are that hungry!"

Then there was the little illegitimate Rice Krispie . . . it had no POP!

THE ANNUAL PARTY for women employees of the Foundry was held during December at the home of Mrs. Emma Laura Douglass. Presents were exchanged and carols sung during the first part of the evening. The girls went to Hill Top Cafe in Huntington for their Christmas dinner.



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"Look! I can walk again"



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