

PLANT 2 GROWS THROUGH YEARS

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The Gier Pressed Steel Company moved from the Grand avenue location to the present site of Plant No. 2 on North Larch street in 1916 and at that time the first unit of the present number two plant was constructed. This unit was that portion of the plant now used as the press shop. The office building was finished in 1917.

Directly east of the press shop a boiler room was built in 1916 and an addition to be used as the pump room was constructed in 1918, while during the following year the engine room was added. The size of the boiler room was doubled in 1927 and the next year saw the present engine room constructed.

Construction of another unit adjoining the press room on the south was started in 1918. This building was to house a shell manufacturing plant for the federal government, but was not completed until after the armistice was signed. The shell plant was to occupy only the east portion of the property. In 1924 an addition running through to Larch street was completed and the building then was used as a shipping and manufacturing unit. It was in this portion of the plant that the first Bendix brake shoes were manufactured.

The year 1928 proved to be Motor Wheel's big construction year. During this time the hub manufacturing plant was added directly to the north of the press room and another unit was built adjoining the shipping room on the south. This building provided housing for steel storage and manufacturing and is now used as a shipping center in addition to a storage site.

The last unit to be constructed by Motor Wheel joins the storage plant on the south and was built in 1936. This building is used for Centrifuse brake drum storage and also for manufacturing.



Here is Harvey Gordon who is employed in the carpenter shop at the north end plant. Having been around the shop since 1921, Harvey is a familiar figure in the steel division.



This genial looking gentleman is none other than Matt Schneider, expert tool maker at Plant No. 2. Matt's employment stretches back over a period of 17 or more years and all during that time he has filled an important niche in Motor Wheel's production program. During his employment here Matt has specialized in vertical boring mill work and is considered one of the best in this part of the country. It's easy to guess from looking at the picture that he not only knows his business, but also enjoys doing it.



As you know, my assistants, Ralph Cole and J. A. (Al) Watson, are in direct charge of Plants No. 1 and No. 2 respectively.

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When it comes to production, Wallace Wygant, production manager at Plant No. 2, has what it takes. Having been with the company something over 15 years, Wallace gives to his job the best he has and what's more he gets results. His capacity for doing things right is not confined to business either. Ace bowler of Motor Wheel, he took the measure of 39 competitors in the employes' annual handicap bowling tournament at the Strand alleys last spring and racked up a corrected score of 689.

CRASH VICTIM STILL IN BED

John Newell, long-time employe of Motor Wheel who was critically injured in an automobile accident on April 27, is still confined to Edward W. Sparrow hospital.

According to hospital attaches Newell's condition is still very serious and indications are that it will be necessary for him to remain in the hospital for some time.



J. A. (Al) Watson, superintendent of plant number two.



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