



I N M E M O R Y

Mr. Lewis W. Parks, President of the G. B. Lewis Company from 1938 to 1948 died January 21, 1952, at the age of 70 years. He was very active and interested in the company until his illness. Mr. Parks was always approachable on all problems and he was determined to have a friendly feeling exist between all people working for the G. B. Lewis Company. This policy, so well established, has come to be a part of the accepted relationship among Lewis people. He leaves as survivors his wife; one daughter, Catherine; and Steven C. Parks, who is our general sales manager.

I wish to express the appreciation of the entire Parks family to all employees of the Factory and Office for your expression of sympathy at the loss of my father, Lewis W. Parks. The beautiful flowers and your 100% turnout at the funeral home were a great source of comfort to us. God bless you all.

Lewis W. Parks
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The January Birthday People must have felt like "forgotten men--and women." We're sorry we forgot you in the last issue of the Buzz, but what can you expect without Lester Kaercher's eagle eye watching over the production of this news sheet (he was vacationing then). So, our apologies and we sincerely hope that your birthday cake had an extra-special thick frosting. The "forgotten ones" are: Jan. 7 - Charles Jones, Jan. 8 - Walter Braunschweig, Jan. 9 - Carl Gritzner, Jan. 10 - Harlow Klingbeil, Jan. 12 - Walter Kaddatz and Karl Lange, Jan. 16 - Shirley Engelbrecht, Jan. 22 - Jane Brooks, Jan. 24 - Edward Maas, Jan. 27 - Doris Kuhnke, Jan. 28 - George Oestreich, and Jan. 31 - Rueben Engel.

As someone once said, "All the famous

people have birthdays in February" and sure enough, look who's planning to celebrate: Feb. 9 - Otto Kuetbach, Feb. 2 - Fred Graf, Feb. 12 - Herb Cahoon and Abe Lincoln, Feb. 16 - Linda Hilker and Feb. 22 - Ruby Steffen and George Washington. Congratulations to all of you.
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An interesting document from ECA of the Federal Government was received by the Lewis Co. recently. It reads as follows, "Certificate of Cooperation awarded to the G. B. Lewis Company for furnishing technical assistance to the peoples of the Marshall Plan countries to aid them in maintaining individual liberty, free institutions and peace."

This document was an acknowledgement of the services rendered by our company and for the time and effort expended by the people of our plant in informing a group of European manufacturers of wood products concerning the methods used in the Lewis manufacturing operation and dry kilns.

Manufacturers from Austria, Netherlands and France visited some 30 wood-working plants in the United States this past fall. The local plant was the 27th manufacturing operation visited. The Europeans made several complimentary comments concerning our plant and its workmen.



ABOUT OUR BUSINESS

By G. G. Frater

Business of some kinds is showing a trend of uncertainty all over the country. Companies with government contracts are in general operating the best. Many industrial centers are reporting increased unemployment.

As an indication of how quickly uncertainties can develop—just a short month ago we said in "About Our Business" that Venetian blind slat sales will continue at a satisfactory rate. They haven't—the sales have been poor all month. That doesn't mean that they will of necessity continue poor. Karl Lange is in New York at a Venetian Blind Convention, as is our representative Mr. Pollard of Chicago. We will know more about the situation in a week or two.

Bee supplies are moving out briskly this month. Sales in this department are ahead of last year—not much, but still ahead.

The Box sales are close to last year and some backlog of orders is in the plant yet to be shipped.

The new plastic department is operating both in production and in training of operators. The equipment involved is very expensive and operators must be carefully instructed. In line with our desire to train well, a considerable amount of time is being spent to accomplish the best possible result. All the foremen have been included in this training—each of them has had a chance to use the preform machine and the big press.

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Oscar Krueger slipped on the ice while loading a box car and dislocated his left elbow. No more dishes to wash for a while, Oscar!

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Ben Gilles recently purchased a new Chevie Truck... We shall miss the stream-lined Buick.

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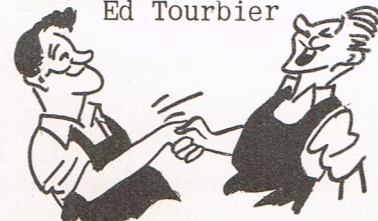
This is the time of the year when Dick and his yard crew enjoy the cool, brisk, bracing, fresh air (understatement) as they shovel that white stuff around.

What's your favorite joke? How about sharing it with your fellow Buzz readers? Or maybe you have some newsy item about yourself or one of your co-workers which would be interesting to all of us.... Or do you draw cartoons, or write poetry? We'd like to make use of any of your talents, for we sure would like to get more of you into our paper.... Names will be withheld, if you wish. Just send your contributions or comments about the Buzz to us via the mail girl. We'll try to use all we receive.

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Elfrieda Chapman
Henry Lindegard
Orville Pastorius
Ed Tourbier



Glad to have you with us.

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SUCKER

A man in an asylum sat fishing over a flower bed when a visitor, wishing to be friendly, walked up and asked, "How many have you caught today?"

Replied the inmate: "You're the ninth."

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How many kids have been hit by cars when they ran into the street after a ball? They knew there were cars in the street, but at that moment they were thinking only of the ball.

On the job, people know most of the hazards they have to look out for. But sometimes we get so "wrapped up" in something that we may forget to watch out for the dangers we know are present.

An injury that results from "forgetting" can be just as painful as one that results from "not knowing."

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Hazel Saniter returned from the holidays with a diamond on the correct finger. Best wishes, Hazel. We'll start saving some rice for the wedding.

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When the March of Dimes starts heading your way, join in. You never know where the dreaded Polio will strike next.