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am Interviewer - Cheryl McQuaid

Interviewee - Floyd A. Wolner

Seniority - 6-7-1950 Ret 4-30-1990, (18 yrs old)

Married - Yes 2 children  
Wid in.

Military - Army 1953-1955

Education - 12th grade, 2 yrs LEC College

Born in Battle Creek Michigan but moved  
abroad when he was young. His parents  
were mostly farmers growing up.

★ First Day - Nervous, went into the trim  
dept, putting in dash mats, pushing cars  
around each corner, putting glue on the cars.  
On dashmats you were sitting in the  
car facing forward and finding holes  
to put the rivets in the body.

Then went to the cutting room in the  
cushion room, fabric was cut for the  
cushion room, convertible tops, door panels etc.

★ Hardly any minutes in the dept but  
mostly women worked in the cushion room.

★ Lunches were shorter than today so mostly  
just had time to eat. Also the "Wagon"  
was brought around and served sandwiches  
pop juice fruit etc. This came around  
about 2 times a shift.

★ Floyd considered his co-workers as brothers  
and sisters while in the plant

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Then Floyd went to take the skilled trades test, but he needed schooling so he went to CCC and hired in to the Tinner trade in 1965. Tinner's work dealt with on  $\frac{1}{8}$ " sheet metal was used everywhere in the plant. There were only 6 tinner's when he hired in. When he retired there were 27 tinner's at the plant.

- # Floyd mostly worked on the second shift. because he had rental houses outside the plant so it was easier for him to work 2nd.
- \* Dinner = Tradesmen always had dinner because most of the time they were working 7 days a week for long periods of time.
- \* Happiest Moment = Floyd was happy most of the time he worked there.
- \* Overtime work = sometimes they would work with the millwrights on the weekends.
- \* = Floyd would take in some sourdough rolls from home. he took in mostly home baked goods.
- \* = Floyd also remembers about someone getting hurt after he retired, a gentleman had his hand crushed while bending steel in a vice.
- \* He has a daughter and a son in-law who also work in the plant.
- \* Most appreciated Benefit = Pension and Health Care are the most important to him
- \* Best memory = he wishes he was still working

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he would go back to work right now  
if he could

- \* Floyd worked for almost 40 years and would ~~to~~ still work today if he could.
- # When going from 7 days a week to being retired is a major change in life.
- # But he still keeps busy while he is on retirement in his life.