

Kirk Harris TOOLMAKER

Parag 96 - Brought seniority with me.

- coming here diff.

Physically the size & people were friendlier. More family like. - These people said "good morning" - and they didn't even know me!

I went to work on the I.P. in TRIM. It was different here because it was a new product.

He came to this plant cause the work moved from Plant 1 to here (Plant 6)
Toolmaker - repairs equipment

in tool room you order steel and make the steel from a plan designed by an engineer.

Then you may ask a lathe operator or another trade to help you complete a project.

That's what is interesting about being a toolmaker. Different assignments and creating unique tools of which you might make only two or four.

It was a good experience coming here I started at 1618 then went to 652 - they seemed apathetic. But when I came here I didn't feel any resentment like at 652. Only a couple people complained.

But I think they treated me well because many had come from other plants too.

Did Toolmakers work in pairs?

Not unless it was physically demanding.

How about diversity?

Here it seemed we were one big family I didn't see racism. I think were a small city and people in small cities seem to get along better than in large cities.

One of my main job requirements was to try to make the work task easier for the line worker.

I call this Plant C

When I put in my transfer it said Fisher Body Plant C.

~~Supervisors~~

Diff in union - met me right away + introduced themselves. Then took me to managers + introduced me to them.

They were way diff in management style. In the other plants - they were the boss and they told you how to do your job. Here at F.B. they said tell us what you need to do your job and we will get it for you. My first supervisor Joe Trevino and Don Davis they greeted me like a friend rather than o o o o

I've never socialized much out of the plant with my co workers. But I've met a few guys in here were good & friendly to me. We go out for lunch occasionally. Hangs is a good gathering place for everybody.

Changes in the Plant

When I first got here I thought Env. Ser kept this place really clean. I was impressed with sealing the floors. In Plant 1 it was dirty.

Sealing the floor allowed for scrubbing the floors and then sealing it with a lacquer. It looked clean.

I have a hard time coming into the plant now that is closed. It feels like a graveyard. It's dark & dingy.

Delta Project - Working on New plant it was a big help ^{after leaving here} because you see the new beginning. But I still have bitter sweet memories.

Best job - Machine Refinements in B.S.

our improvements were very interesting. at Plant 1 I worked in experimental and it was really interest.

1976 Cutlass - stored
I drove Olds until 2000
Now my wif drive a Trail Blazer
and I drive a Silverado
I also have Pont Grand Prix stored

Best Benefit - Our medical are the most
practical and important.

Union Meetings - Not much until now and
the advent of our new plant. It's great
to be involved with the democratic
process. The older I get I see how important
it is to participate.

Words of Wisdom

The best thing is to go back to school
and get into the trades. The more training
I got the more secure my job was.
Getting involved with bettering
yourself and securing a better life.
I've used the TAP.

Outside

Vocational Dept at local school I
worked with the teacher & brought kids into
plant. Neighborly jobs in the garage