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time because he felt Plant Manager Don Chenoweth's sincere attempt at implementing people programs was a genuine demonstration of his commitment to QWL.

Don Chenoweth remarked, "Both Don and I began working here in 1954. Consequently, we've had many dealings together over the years and I've known Don to be a fair, honest and sincere individual. He has been an asset to Fisher Lansing and the Union members he has represented for so many years. I've enjoyed working with Don and when he retires, he'll leave behind some mighty big shoes to fill."

Gary Sutkowi, Labor Relations Supervisor, who has had the opportunity to work closely with Don said, "Don Brown is an intelligent, progressive, and respected leader, the type needed for mutual success in the 1980's. He has served his membership faithfully and well for many years and will not be easily replaced."

Bob Somers, President of Local 602, said, "Don's ability will be missed greatly. He has been instrumental in bettering union-management relationships."

Don's retirement plans include spending more time at his cottage at Houghton Lake and traveling. His wife, Doreen, retired from the Paint Department three years ago. They have three children—daughters, Lisa, who is a junior at Everett High School, and Chris, who is married and works for the State; and a son Scott, who works here in the Paint Department on the night shift.

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general manager of Chevrolet Motor Division, has been appointed group executive in charge of the newly-established Buick-Cadillac-Oldsmobile Group. This group will strengthen GM's commitment to regular and large-size cars.

Implementation of the new organization will begin immediately. The five car divisions will retain their current product lines and dealer organizations. Divisions in one group will continue to be able to market cars manufactured by the other group.

During the transition, Fisher Body Division, GM Assembly Division (GMAD) and Guide Division, will continue to report to the group executive in charge of the Body and Assembly Group. Charles Katko was appointed to that position to succeed Mr. Cunningham. Mr. Katko, a vice president, will also continue as general manager of Fisher Body Division.

The new organization calls for the ultimate integration of Fisher Body and GMAD units into the two new car groups.

GM Chairman Roger B. Smith said, "We now have to be much more responsive to customer needs, providing them with higher quality, greater product diversity and more value than ever before."

"Meeting this challenge will require greater flexibility and innovation in both our product engineering and manufacturing to produce world class products. It will require making the maximum use of every resource, including every one of our people," he said.

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Newsbits...

Marlene Robles

Marlene Robles, G-Tr (nights), was reunited with h four-year-old daughter, Marisa, December. According to Marler Marisa was abducted by her fath and taken to Mexico in 1982 a after sixteen months of searchi they were reunited.

"I'm glad to have her hom said the happy mother. "I want spend as much time as I can wi her."

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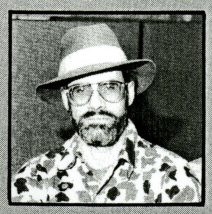
Tammi Nickerson

I would like to thank everyo in 3X B-Trim (nights) for the ni card and gift you gave me. It w very thoughtful and I really a preciated it.

Thank you,
Tammi Nickerson
Your wagon person

Working women candid about GM employment

The following interviews and accompanying photographs are by Wayne Pope. Wayne, an Environmental Services employes on the night shift, has written several features in the past for Comments about people working in the Plant. Line Times Body Plant Edition welcomes his continuing contributions.



Recently, I interviewed some of the women working here and asked them the following questions: Why did you come to work for General Motors? Would you want your daughter to work here? If you didn't work for GM, what would you like to do? Their candid remarks follow.

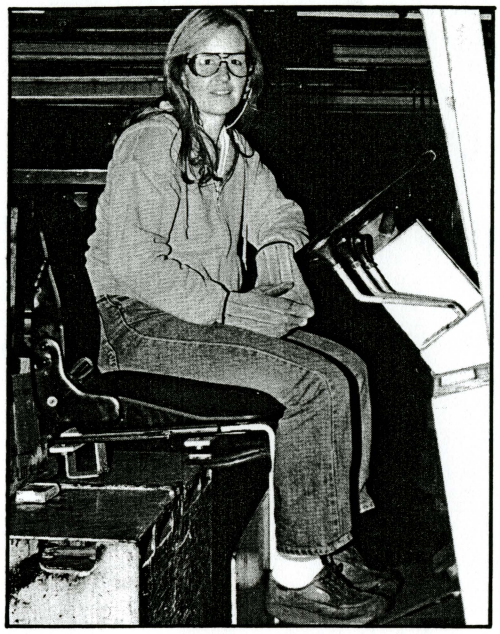
Marlene Robles, Material Truck Driver, who has two children:

"I came to work here because the pay is excellent and the benefits are good. I like factory work pretty much but it took me a little time to adjust to it.

"I get along with everyone and I have a good supervisor and I work with good people.

"I would encourage my daughter to work here, but would suggest she go to college so that she might have a chance at a salaried position.

"If I weren't working here, I'd like to operate a children's day care center."



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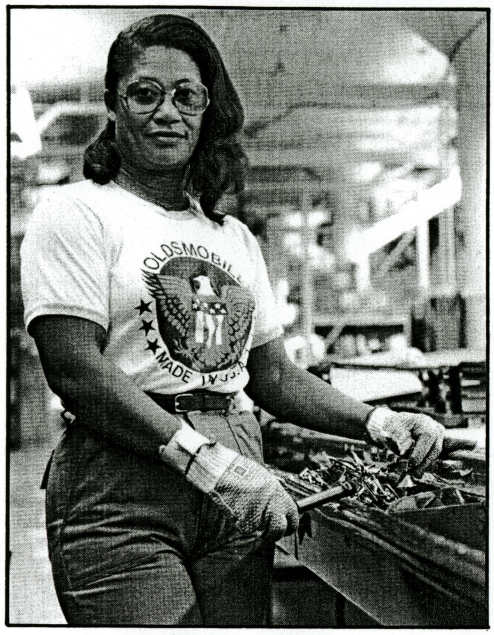

Wyvonne Brown

Marcia Jean Wagner, EDS Administrative Secretary:

"I came to work here because EDS is a new and growing company and I wanted to be a part of it.

"I like my work. There is always something new happening. I enjoy interacting with people—especially when I can be helpful to customers and account personnel. I also enjoy learning more about the automobile industry because it is so very interesting.

"If I had a daughter, I would recommend she work here.

Marcia Wagner

"But if I weren't working here, I'd like to be a cruise director on 'Love Boat.' Or if that wasn't possible, I would like to operate my own boutique for petite women."

Wyvonne Brown, A-Trim Fascia Build-Up, with three children:

"I came to work for GM because I was divorced and needed money to support my family. I don't care for factory work. And I don't think women should work in a factory because there is a lot of mental strain, wear and tear on your body.

"I don't like working inside and would prefer working outdoors.

"I wouldn't recommend working here to my daughter because of what I think about working in a factory.

"If I could work someplace else, I'd like to own my own clothing store and design, as well as sell, men and women's clothes."

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