

Edward Lazarus

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First day - I was coerced into coming here.

My cousin Fred Billings got me hired

I hired in A-Repair - it was a good job

"Blackout" - adjusting door windows -

1 year. Then transferred to QC

How were you initiated to plant life?

Carl Schulz, my supervisor, had my check & I went to him to ask for it =

he whipped it out of his pocket & he

gruffly said "you better straighten up"

I was scared - I thought he

was gonna fin me.

My brother worked here a couple

years.

150\$ in QC - utility relief.

I didn't like doing the same thing every day.

At Christmas everybody in QC would get dressed up. We always had dinners back then. QC folk always thought they were a step above everyone else.

Favourite supervisor - Frank Spratto we became friends.

What was Utility - replace people who were sick or vacation

Relief tag.

Ed - I'm a gun collector. I travel by motorcycle - 38 states and planning a trip to Alaska on my bike.

Gun collection on my - make own rounds. Shooting competition's Hang with olympic teams. Lon Wigger coaches olympic team was a good friend.

- As a Dock Controller what did you do?

Schedule rail cars & ap. paperwork truck & ap paperwork depending on place you work.

Controller's job used to be supervisors job. So I always asked rather than told. But if there was a problem I'd just go to the supervisor & he would "tell" them what to do.

QC to dock?

QC - 14 yrs transferred to layout for another 5 and then production for 2 yrs in Body Shop. Back to QC and metal for 4 yrs. Now on the dock.

Sp. Training - Computer skills are useful. Experience throughout plant really helped.

1964 - we began just in time.

Prior to that we had building filled with stock - we'd have enough to run for a week.

Then just-in-time we were heaven & meanness
Name changes - saddened me - people always asked me when I worked, I'd say G.M.
- the old Fisher Body Plant.

Friendships - Most of my friends work here.

Union - I ran for committee once -

I only lost by nine votes
1970 - 68 day strike. I was newly married + had a baby \$35 a week
30 and out is the reason for strike.

hired at \$3.39 - more buying power back then.

now \$27. + - we pay more taxes now it seems.

Where we are sitting now use to be parking lot.

QC had Christmas party every year
off site - It was salaried & later
invited hourly as well.

Also a Venison steak fry every year.

Xmas parties -

a hall, the civic center.

Why did QC feel separate?

We came from all over the plant
and we knew everyone.

Coworkers bring in surplus vegetables
and share with everyone.

Will retire after plant closing.

Perseverance. I didn't always have
a good job. But ~~there~~ I installed
Deck lid - trunk lid 3040 lbs in
the old days. That was hard work.
So you work up to better jobs.

It seems like a tomb. In the
past it was busy. The new plant
will have better ergo + safety.
I was always proud to say I
worked here.

"People in Arizona liked
hansing-built cars - they don't
sit on the lot long."