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BOILER JOB Moves Fast Through WILMINGTON WORKS



December 17. FM boiler, built in record time at Wilmington Works, is loaded on Seaboard Airline Railroad car for shipment, seven days before the job was scheduled for delivery, at Hialeah, Florida. Loading the boiler are (left to right) Foreman Jim Reuling, Rodney Fryer, Monos Bowling, W. B. Johnson. Man in background is driver for local transfer company.

There's "proof of the pudding" in this picture story of the fabrication of an FM boiler at Wilmington Works. It's a story which tells another story of good job performance, speedy action on the shop floor and close coordination of shop operations on the part of the men of the Wilmington Works and of the FM Boiler Department which handled the job.

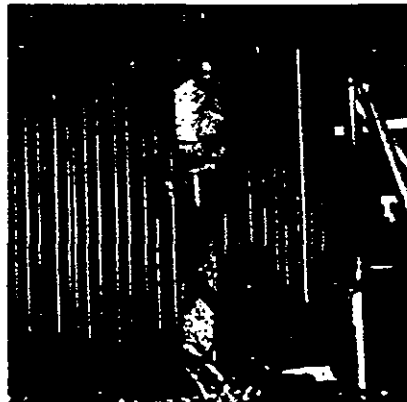
The job—FM-327—for a customer at Hialeah, Fla., had to be fabricated and delivered within 30 days of the date the order was received. The Wilmington boys, without upsetting their regular schedules on other FM jobs, handled the assignment with a few days to spare.

Pictures show the day-to-day and week-to-week progress on the boiler as it took shape in the shops, with one operation following closely after another until the job was completed and loaded for shipment.

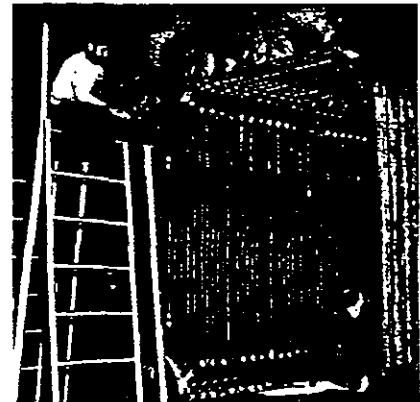
The job was sold November 24, 1954. Following prompt receipt by telephone from Barberton, of size and other information, the Drum Shop went to work on preparation of drums. On November 29 drums were ready with nozzles in place, base ready except for painting, tubes bent and waiting to be installed. Pictures tell the rest of the story.



November 30. Base of boiler is lowered into position by David Gare in FM Department. Before the day was over the drums had been jiggered and workmen were rolling tubes inside the drum. Materials had been prepared and conveniently placed for use by workmen in the various sections of the shop.



December 1. Work of rolling in boiler tubes is 90 per cent completed. James Smith (standing) and Alex Britt install last of tubes. Wall tubes are assembled and ready for rolling in.



December 2. Rear wall tubes are rolled in by (left to right) Joe Kramas, Earl Rich, Houston Sellers. Boiler ready for first testing. Following O.K. by Tom Rose, Wilmington inspector, casing and brick crews begin work.

December 8. Rear wall is bricked up by Rastus Carroll (left) and Arthur Knox. The casing of the rear wall was completed by first shift men.



December 8. Second shift men (left to right), Earl Rich, Seth Williams and Cleve Hewett case in the drums.

