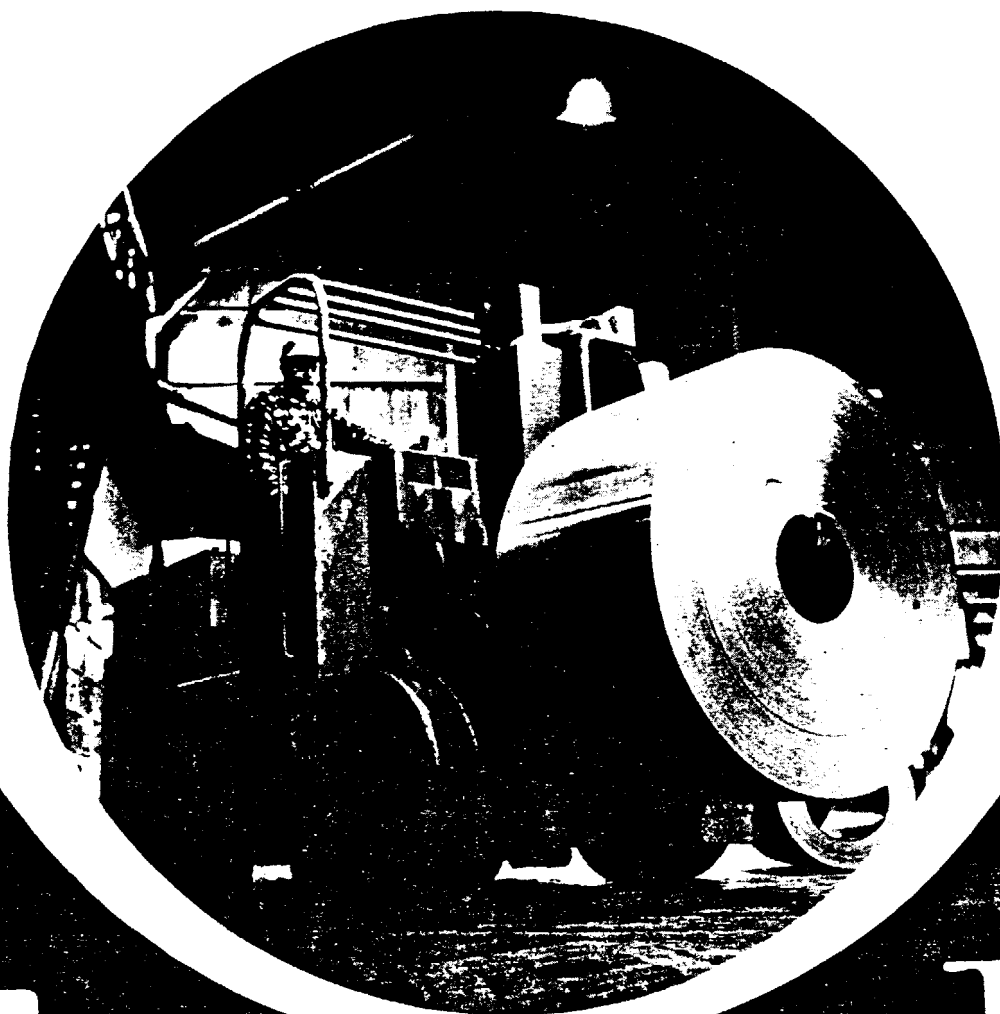
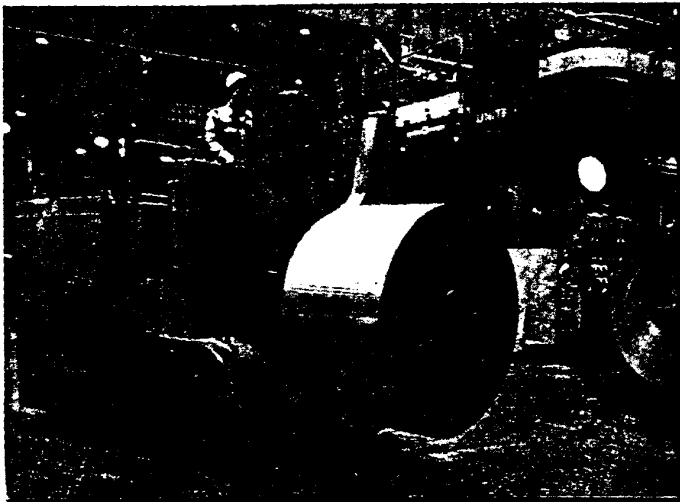




lead

LEAD INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION, INC.



Another behemoth off and running with super-load.

BIG THINGS IN THE WORKS

There are people who have the impression that battery powered industrial trucks are used only for dainty little tasks like lifting 6000 pounds of small parts, or clamping onto an 1800 pound roll of newsprint. But it's just that they haven't been to Irvin Works of United States Steel Corporation near Pittsburgh.

In this green valley, there are giants at work! Silent, speedy, but monstrous, these sleek trucks glide about their king-size chores three full shifts a day, seven days a week. They pause just long enough to change operators between shifts, and once a day for a battery switch. In fact,

their pace is so relentless that our cameraman had to snap his photos on the run!

Loads up to 35,000 pounds in coiled sheet are the order of the day and are handled with ease by the "big ones" at Irvin. They roam the plant in swift strides over wood block floors that cushion their treads. Back and forth, and up and down they go—from rolling to cutting to processing to coiling, then to bin and shipping.

The stout hearts of these bruisers—the lead-acid batteries—range up to 1250 amp. hour sizes, two to the vehicle, with the average being 1040

amp. hours. The materials handling department is now receiving replacement batteries in the dry charge state, and so is able to schedule the inclusion of the new battery into service at will. Older methods forced installation of new batteries into service immediately in order to avoid shelf loss of energy.

Plant engineering is working on a solution to the problem of standardizing battery container sizes, thus reducing the variety of physical dimensions and capacity rating necessary at present; but, all in all, they still say that "the battery boys do the big things here!"

BOTTOMS UP!

... after 40 years on the job

Fourteen lead lined tanks at a petrochemical plant in St. Louis are now having their bottoms and part of their sides replaced with fresh sheet lead. What is noteworthy about this maintenance is that the tanks have been holding a host of highly corrosive chemicals since they were constructed in the early 1920s. In addition to corrosive action the linings also withstood stirring and agitation. Most of the tanks are still using the original $\frac{3}{16}$ -in. or $\frac{5}{32}$ -in. sheet lead they started with.

The tanks were originally designed for sulfonation of fatty oils. However, as the years passed, the tanks have been used for blending a wide variety of chemicals. Among the corrosives that have been in the tanks are various combinations of the following: organic acids, sulfuric and phosphoric acids, organic and inorganic bases, etc.

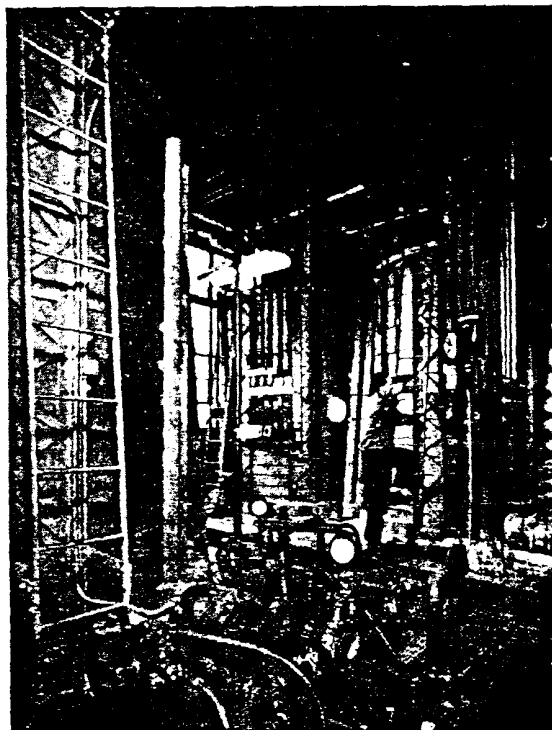
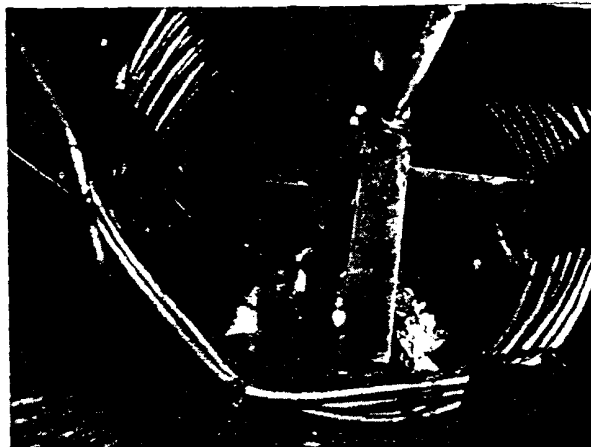
The fourteen tanks are at the St. Louis plant of the Tretolite Div. of Petrolite Corp. They range in diameters from 8 ft. to 16 ft. and are all 10 ft. high. Cage type construction is utilized on all 14 of the tanks. In this type of construction, a sheet lead vessel is supported by a cage-like framework made of steel flats and angles, bolted and welded together. Much of the support is given the lead by the stack of flat steel bands that gird each tank. They are closer together at the bottom than

they are at the tank top to offset the greater hydrostatic pressure there.

The work now in progress consists of replacing the lead bottoms and about six ft. of the lead sides in some of the tanks. At the same time, any repairs or maintenance work necessary will be done on the two-in. lead cooling coils or the large agitators in each tank.

Larry Goad and Co., St. Louis, is doing the lead work at the Tretolite plant. According to Mr. Goad there are several distinct advantages to this type of tank construction. "Lower materials costs make this type of construction using $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. or $\frac{5}{32}$ -in. lead competitive with other materials and other types of tank construction. And assembly in the field is considerably easier since handling of large, heavy steel sheets is eliminated." In addition, he enumerated several other advantages. The open framework permits leaks to be easily found and repaired from the outside without necessarily draining the tank. The outside of the tank can be hosed down to remove corrosives or other dangerous chemicals. Also the open construction makes the tanks effective means of cooling liquids that are received hot or where heat is generated by the reaction. "And, we should point out," Mr. Goad continued, "that this type of construction permits the sheet lead to expand and contract relatively independently of the expansion of the steel frame."

Interior of one of the lead-lined tanks showing the cooling coil and heavy bronze agitator. Some of these tanks have been in service 40 years and still use the original sheet lead.



Checking the temperature of a large cage-type lead tank. Note that the steel supporting hoops are close together at the bottom and separate at the top where less support is needed.

Isotopes at work—1966

Strawberry irradiator

Radiation processing of food to halt spoilage and to extend its refrigerated shelf life is now becoming an important practical reality. Grain has been successfully deinfested of insects; potato and onion sprouting has been halted by exposure to gamma radiation from a radioactive isotope, usually cobalt-60.



The finned lead source cask showing both the cask and mechanisms that move the source (right). The hydraulic power unit that moves produce through the irradiator is located at far left.

One of the most efficient ways of processing produce is to build an irradiator small enough so that it and its attendant shielding, conveyor, refrigerating, ventilating and instrumentation systems can be hauled to the harvest area on a flat bed truck trailer. This can change the whole distribution set up when the produce can be irradiated as it is packaged and shipped to markets that may be as far away as the other side of the United States. For example, fresh strawberries harvested in California now have to be rushed across the continent in costly high speed service refrigerated railway cars, distributed and sold in from four to six days.

Now, a new mobile irradiator is being started up and checked out by the University of California at its

Davis Campus that will double the berries shelf life so they can travel by conventional refrigerator car shipments. Equally important, spoilage will also be cut from 15 to 25 per cent to as little as 5 to 10 per cent.

The Mobile Gamma Irradiator (MGI) was designed by Vitro Engineering Co., Div. of Vitro Corp., who also supervised the actual construction of the irradiator and shielded source cask and other shielding by the Lockheed-Georgia Co. Sponsor of the project was the Department of Isotope Development of the United States Atomic Energy Commission.

The mobility concept in irradiator design has already been described in LEAD.* However the MGI source configuration and intensity, mechanical handling technique and the overall irradiator configuration is different.

The cask can be removed from the main irradiator body shielding and serve as the shipping cask for the cobalt-60 source at time of initial startup and again at two year intervals when the fuel has to be replenished.

The source cask and main body of the irradiator are together approximately 16 ft. long. Both are lead filled steel weldments. The 13-ft. long, 4½ ft. wide main body weighs approximately 80,000 lbs. Cooling coils carrying brine at approximately 30°F are embedded in the lead.

The source cask is slightly over 4-ft. long and 4-ft. wide. It weighs approximately 15,000 lbs.

In operation, the irradiator can process approximately 1,000 lbs. of produce per hour and irradiate them with a dose of from 175,000 to 225,000 rads.

An irradiation cycle starts with the cobalt-60 source in position and aluminum carriers containing the strawberries coming through into the truck on a conveyor belt. When they reach the outside of the irradiator they are elevated into a shuttle. This shuttle is then moved into the irradiator body by a hydraulic cylinder.

* "Hot Potatoes", LEAD, 1965, V.29/No.3

Once inside the irradiator body the carrier is moved over and under the radiating source. On completion of total irradiation time, which varies from product to product, the carrier is withdrawn from the irradiator body. The product carrier is then deposited on an output elevator which lowers it to an output conveyor. The output conveyor returns the carrier to the loading station where workmen return it to refrigerated storage.

Isotope sterilizers for biomedical use

Radioactive pharmaceuticals among modern medicine's must be sterilized since they are used within the human body in diagnoses and treatments of man's stubborn ailments. Sterilization, in turn, creates the problem of shielding the sterilizers so that operators can work in safety.

When Abbott Laboratories, Chicago, Illinois, were faced with this problem, their scientists turned to engineers with Wigton Abbott Company at Plainfield, New Jersey, the American Sterilizer Company at Erie, Pennsylvania, for the design, manufacture of completely shielded sterilizing equipment and the design of the complete area.



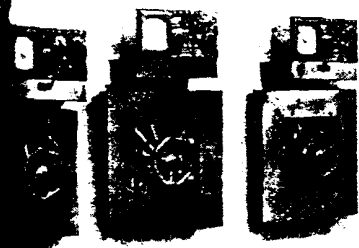
...of door shows overlapping con-
struction of the sheet lead.



Five American square pressure
sterilizers were specified for
job. These sterilizers were re-
cessed in a wall fully lined with 1/4"
thick lead. An overlapping frame
made of 1/4" thick lead was fitted to
the exterior of the door. The neces-
sarily exposed hand wheel and lock-
ing arms were shielded by a 1/4"
thick sheet lead on the inside of the
door.

Lead was the shielding material
chosen, stated an AMSCO spokes-
man, because "its density provides
more radiation shielding per unit of
thickness than any other available
material. It is also easy to fabricate
and adapts to existing equipment at
minimum extra cost."

...bank of five sterilizers for radioactive
isotopes recessed into a lead lined wall.



LEAD SPEEDS HOSE PRODUCTION

A new half million dollar lead cas-
ing facility is helping the National
Hose Company, Dover, N.J. encase
long lengths of reinforced rubber hose
in lead and ready them for vulcaniza-
tion as fast as batteries of rubber-
extruding machines and cord braid-
ers can make the raw constructions.

In the process lead serves actually
as a tool—rather than a material—
that is usable over and over again.
The only "wear" or depreciation on
this tool is the small amount of oxide
formed, which is skimmed off the
molten metal in the melting kettle as
dross.

Heart of National Hose Company's
new equipment is a giant lead press,
one of the largest in the United
States, capable of encasing 3,000 feet
of 3/4-inch hose without recharging.

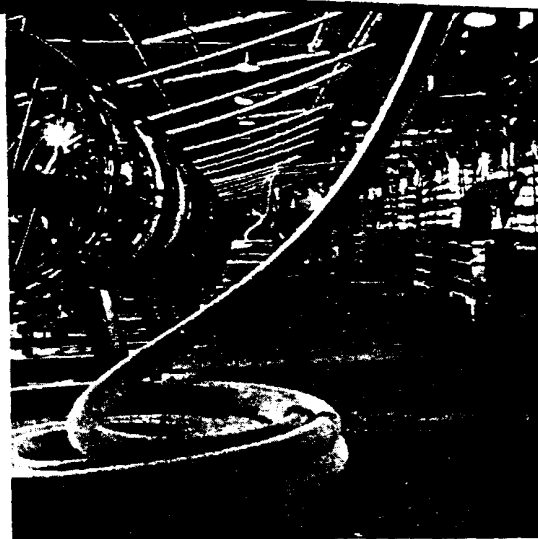
In making the reinforced-rubber
hose for pumping gasoline, solvents,
and chemicals, a "construction" is
first built up with successive layers
of uncured rubber and braided or
wound textile cord or wire.

The assembly of uncured rubber
and reinforcements must next be
cured, or vulcanized to harden the
rubber, and cause it to grip to the
reinforcement plies, and give the hose
its permanent shape.

But before uncured hose can be
placed in a vulcanization chamber its
shape must be preserved.

Here is where lead is used. Lead's
low melting point, and its easy form-
ability make it an ideal reusable en-
casing material.

A length of new hose construction



Newly extruded rubber hose, seen on
the pans at the right, go through
the weaving machines (behind the
spools) and exit with a tightly woven
fabric casing.

to be encased is threaded through the
die in the press. Hydraulic pressure,
forces a billet of lead into the die
cavities and uniformly around the
hose.

Unalloyed lead is used, to give the
maximum formability. Under the
pressure of the plunger, the lead is
at a temperature of approximately
375°F when it contacts the hose in
the die.



A spool of lead-encased reinforced-
rubber hose being moved into a vul-
canization oven. The oven is steam-
heated to approximately 300°F.

Vulcanization is accomplished with
steam heat at 300°F. A vulcanization
cycle requires 45 min. Internal water
pressure is used during vulcanization
to keep the internal face of the hose
from blistering or collapsing.

In addition to giving National
Hose, wholly owned subsidiary of
the Dayco Corporation, capacity for
increased production, the lead-encase-
ment method lowers production costs
and minimizes defects.

Office Planning & Design: Rodgers Associates, New York
 Associate Architects: Eggers and Higgins, New York
 General Contractor: Gilbane Building Company, Providence, R. I.
 Gypsum partition & lead barriers: Wallboard Construction Company,
 East Natick, Massachusetts

Isometric showing light sheet
 barrier hung from slab and
 head of partition below.

QUIET PLEASE!

The term "astute" is one we very frequently find associated with bankers. They have to be. The sagacious use of the money entrusted to them is the hallmark of a successful banking operation. But what happens when operations involve their own funds? Would they watch construction of facilities to house their own affairs with the same scrupulous care given to investment of funds intended to yield a calculated return? A good place to find out was the new quarters built for the State Street Bank and Trust Company in Boston.

This handsome tower, whose major tenant is the bank, designed by Pearl Street Associates, a joint venture of F. A. Stahl and Associates, Hugh Stubbins and Associates and William J. LeMessurier and Associates, is 34 stories tall. Built of concrete and glass at an approximate cost above \$30,000,000, its superb location is intended to provide close contact with the patrons and business interests associated with the bank in

this area for many years.

Interiors for the bank were designed by Rodgers Associates of New York City whose attention to detail was matched only by the supervisory personnel of the bank itself. No item was too small to escape the scrutiny of this team for use, appearance and economy without sacrifice of quality. Office partitions were one of these items. Carried only to the hung ceiling height, they were terminated at that point in order to enhance flexibility of partition arrangement.

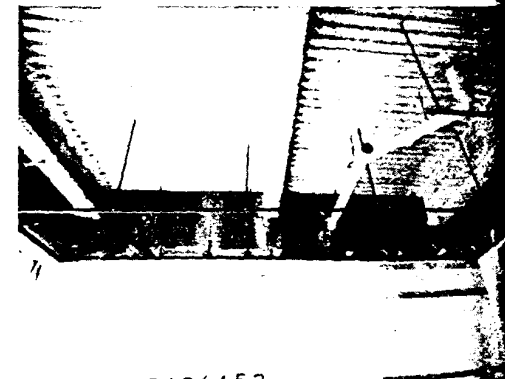
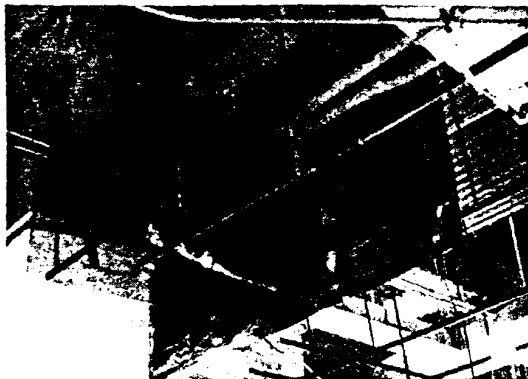
There were two types of partitions used in this job: one a standard metal partition, the other a gypsum laminate. In either case the problem of passage of sound up through the ceiling, over the top of the partition and down through the ceiling on the other side was of paramount importance. There are several systems possible to use in solving this problem. The most recent, inexpensive, effective and more increasingly used, is thin sheet lead hung from the slab

and dropped to the ceiling juncture with the partition below.

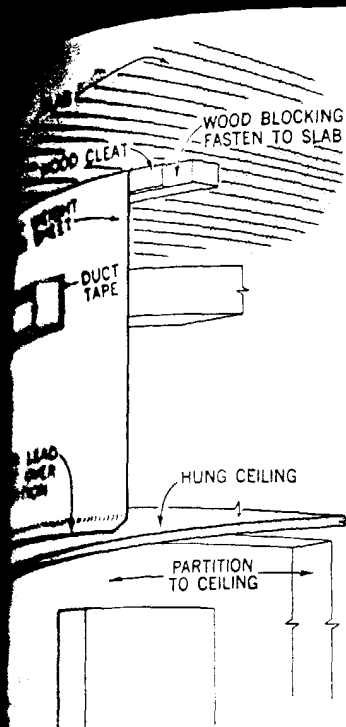
Lead's capability for sound attenuation is well known. Its combination of limpness, mass and formal preeminence. A total of about square feet of one pound sheet barrier was used. Installation followed specifications included in Industries' bulletin: "Practical Application of Sheet Lead for Barriers." Desired lengths of lead, about three feet wide, were several inches longer than the distance from the slab to the partition top. These were then folded over wood battens and attached to cleats fastened to the underside of floor slab above. About one inch drape resulted at the bottom, which served as a seal over the partition head.

Penetrations through this barrier were easily handled with no more than a scissors to provide for apertures for pipes or ducts. Duct tape were used to seal

Sheet lead barriers before installation of partitioning below. Note ease of joining intersecting surfaces, taping vertical joints and sealing penetrations.



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View of the Gibson R.R. Bridge showing some of its 3150 tons of structural steel. Corrosive industrial atmosphere pervades the area, severely testing the best of paint systems.

INDIANA TESTS A NEW LEAD CORROSION FIGHTER

the cut sheet around these after they had passed through. This latter operation is of particular importance because of the need to eliminate every potential path for sound leakage or "flanking" around the barrier. Ordinary duct sealing tape is inadequate for this purpose and easily obtainable.

Some care is essential, of course, to get the best from the sheet lead barrier. But it is easier to do a good job with it than with most competing materials. The big factor in lead's favor is its ease of working. In fact, the Wallboard Construction Company of East Natick, Mass., partition contractors at the bank, were quick to point out that the job was faster and cheaper than if they had used older methods in place of the lead. And the pleasing bonus for contractor and bankers alike is that the performance of the lead, based on previous field tests, will be substantially better than if the other materials had been used.

PLANNING FOR INTERIOR SOUND CONTROL by Sydney G. Rodgers, office planner for the State Street Bank, is a paper presented at the Lead Industries Association annual meeting, March 31, 1966, at St. Louis, Missouri. This informative piece is available to the reader, free of charge

To the maintenance engineer, fighting rust is like running on a treadmill—he has to run hard just to stand still. So naturally, word of a new corrosion inhibitive paint is good news. But how do you tell if a new paint is good? That's another story.

There are salt spray cabinets, fence tests, and numerous "accelerated" tests designed to indicate how well a given paint system might function on the job. When it comes down to the final analysis, however, there is no tougher assignment than maintenance.

And that's just the task assigned to tribasic lead phosphosilicate by Mr. F. S. Hill, Chief, Division of Maintenance, Indiana State Highway Commission. After extensive preliminary testing, the Indiana State Highway Commission let Maintenance Contract M-6694, which covered the painting of the steel truss on State Road #152 over the Gibson Railroad Yards. The contract called for application of two coats—the prime coat

being red lead (Indiana S103, Type 2), and the finish coat pigmented with 3.4 pounds per gallon of tribasic lead phosphosilicate (Indiana 64-35).

In July, 1965, Jordan Paint Manufacturing Company, Inc., Forest Park, Illinois, began making the paint, and in August, the contractor, Northwestern Industries, Inc., of Gary, Indiana, began applying it to the Gibson Bridge. In all, about 3,000 gallons were used. Of course, with each passing month further proof and testimony is gained as to the system's corrosion-inhibitive effect, but results on the Gibson Bridge so far have been so promising that the State of Indiana Highway Commission's Division of Maintenance has indicated additional bridges are being considered for testing.

For the typical formulation of a tribasic lead phosphosilicate paint, such as that used by the Division of Maintenance on the Gibson Railroad overpass, see the table below.

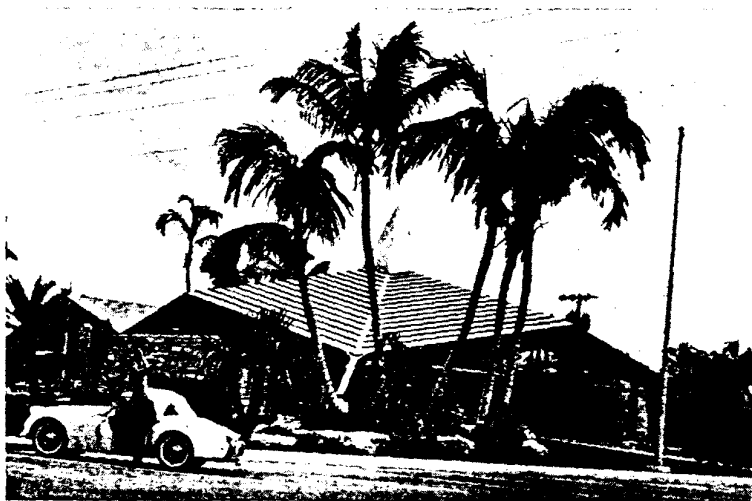
INDIANA 63-35, GREEN BRIDGE PAINT

Pigment	(tribasic lead phosphosilicate, TiO ₂ , mineral extenders and tinting colors as required.)	% Maximum	% Minimum
Vehicle (raw linseed oil, alkyd resin)		52.0	50.5
Vehicle Non-volatile		49.5	48.0
Non Volatile Paint by Weight		64.0	62.5
" " " " Volume		82.5	81.5
Weight per Gallon		65.5	64.5
		13.125 lb.	12.75 lb.

theoretical coverage per gallon at 3 mils dry film thickness..... 345 sq. ft.

Three Terne Roofs

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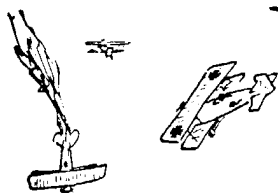
▲ The unusual, multi-triangular roof design of the Youth Club of Cape Coral, Fla. is emphasized by the horizontal lines of Bermuda seams. The 22-ft. high center is topped by a cone shaped translucent skylight rising another 10 ft. Architect is William C. Kreidt.

Interior court of the Snow Flake Motel, St. Joseph, Mich. showing the blue painted saw-tooth roof which encircles the star-shaped motel. The strong lines provide a highly dramatic effect and a constantly changing shadow pattern. Architect is William Wesley Peters.



◀ The San Joaquin Country Club, Fresno, Calif. designed by Walter Wagner & Partners. The pink hexagonal roof and cupola are emphasized and restated by the horizontal seams. The cupola conceals the kitchen range hood, boiler flues and other utility pipes.

Terne metal in all buildings by Follansbee Steel Corporation, Follansbee, West Virginia.



WHOOSH

—and your lawn is cut!

A World War I air ace with a nostalgic turn of mind could close his eyes most any summer suburban Saturday and imagine he was back on the tarmac amid a squadron of Nieuports or Spads warming up for patrol. In fact, the sound of an 18-inch rotary gas mower rounding a tight turn may even bring a picture of an aerial dogfight to your mind—whether a Fokker D-7, a P-35, or a Corsair F4U is your idea of a vintage plane. But nostalgia wears thin with three dozen lawns-to-mow within hearing range and roughly six mowers running at any instant.

If for no reason other than noise, people with lawns to mow ought to look at electric mowers. And if they do look, and also consider cost, durability, ease of use, and power, a

good many of them still will change to almost silent, battery-powered mowing.

Noise, or the lack of it, is the first thing you notice, of course. The spinning blades are driven by an electric motor and a "whoosh" like that of a powerful fan is all you hear. But start-up is also a revelation—especially if you are accustomed to a balky gasoline mower—because there is no wrestling with starter cranks, chokes, throttles or other dodads. When you want a battery mower to run you switch it on; when you want it to stop you switch it off!

The initial cost of a battery mower is about the same, or a little higher than that of a quality gasoline-powered machine. The real economy of a battery-powered mower is that

there is nothing to wear out! Oh, the blades have to be sharpened, of course, and replaced when they are ground down to the nub and the battery has to be replaced with a standard automotive battery every several years, but there are no wearing parts to compare with piston rings, valves, mufflers, plugs, and all the other gas engine parts that go one-by-one after the first season.

In a try-out of one battery unit, it breezed through 8000 square feet of lawn and lot. More than 1000 square feet of it was a weedy patch not touched previously that season. The mower slashed its way through without stalling or running out of pep. The electrical power to recharge the battery was closely checked. It was less than 2¢!

EL-LAWN-TRIC

Electro-Lite Industries Inc.
P. O. Box 7044
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53213

Simple and smooth operation are key features of the El-Lawn-Tric rotary 18-inch mower. It is, of course, quiet and easy starting as any battery powered mower. The DC motor of this unit is built by the manufacturer for use in mowers. Having been designed for this service it is highly efficient and the special bearings employed are self-lubricated for long life. Recharging is quite simple since the mower has its 3½-amp charger built right in. And the lightweight construction make mowing easy enough for wives and teenagers to handle.



LAMBERT WHIZZ-Pur

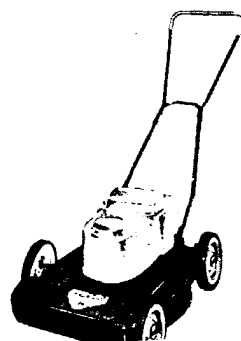
Lambert Incorporated
519 Hunter Avenue
Dayton, Ohio 45404

"Quiet as a whisper" says the manufacturer and claims that the mower cannot be heard 20 feet away. In fact, a safety indicator is included to show when the mower is running. In addition, it features a height adjustment control at the handle and has staggered wheels to minimize any "scalping" on uneven patches of the lawn. Another feature of this 19-inch diameter rotary is that the motor is mounted on nylon bearings so that it "floats" for continuously adjustable height control—even when it is running. The charger and its cord are self-contained for maximum ease in charging.

PINCOR Model P912

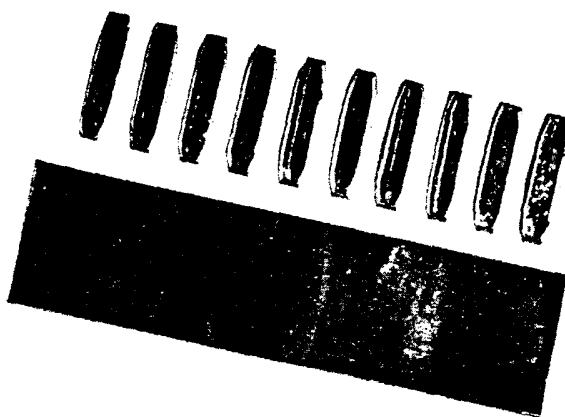
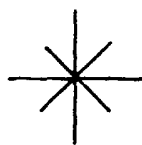
Pioneer Gen-E-Motor Corporation
5841 West Dickens Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60639

This is a 20-inch diameter rotary whose front discharge chute allows it to work right up to trees, walls, and fences. Safety key starting switch is standard, of course, and the operation is typically quiet. The one-piece alloy steel blade provides a suction lift for making the grass stand up in the cutting process. Instant height control is built-in so that by simply moving the control lever, the blade may be moved anywhere in the 1½ to 3 inch height range. The rugged 12-volt battery drives the motor with over 1200 inch ounces of torque. Charger is included.



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Automatic Soldering Shaves Costs at Schick



Solder coated brass strip from which end caps are blanked and soldered to the Schick razor shown at left.

Millions of solder joints—reliably and economically. In a nutshell that describes the needs and aim of Thomas Bombero, Chief Design Engineer at Schick Safety Razor Co., when his company planned introduction of a new razor model recently.

In assembling the razor, a cartridge brass end cap was to be joined to each side of a "spider" that supported the blade. The cap served two purposes, esthetic, and as a brace. For joining, solder was required only on the inside. Placement of even a preform would have been difficult—and since it would require hand labor—expensive.

Mr. Bombero's solution to the problem, worked out with the engineering assistance of American Silver Company, was to stamp the end caps from solder-coated strip. Enough solder, 0.004-in. thick, is integrally prebonded to 70/30 brass strip to complete a joint without additional solder.

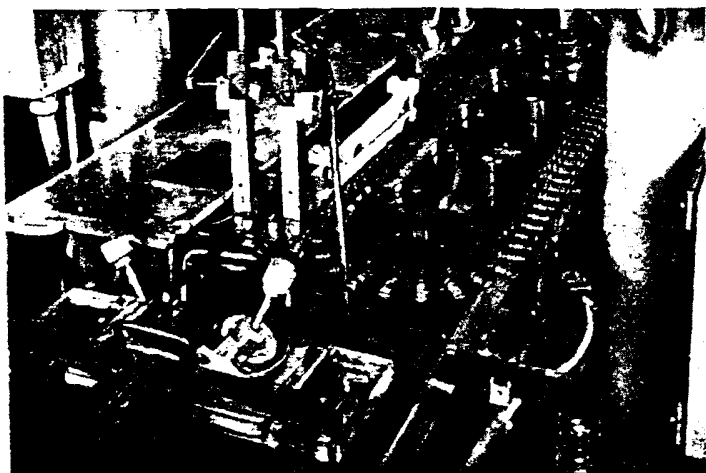
Of course, a major hurdle still remained before production could commence. Mr. Bombero was unable to locate any machinery on the market that would do the soldering job. Herein lies another success story, for he finally perfected a machine that can out perform even the most ambitious production requirements! At

what might be termed cruising speed, the machine turns out finished "spiders" one-per-second.

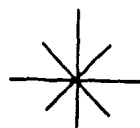
Deceptively small for the Gargantuan task it performs, the soldering unit measures about 12 feet from the point where the "spider" enters onto a keyed belt that locks it into position, to where a finished unit with two soldered end caps drops down a cooling chute into a metal storage bin.

The reject rate for this stage of the operation is practically nil, and since the machine's operation is exceedingly simple, unit costs are quite small compared to some other method of joining. Of course, a great many hours went into the development and construction of the soldering unit, and as testimony to its completeness, Mr. Bombero points out that a second unit was built shortly after the first with practically no modifications.

"About the only change was to flatten the angle on a wheel which applies flux to the spider ends—but even that change has been questioned", he says. Concerning the use of solder-clad strip for the end caps, Mr. Bombero says, "Use of this material eliminated the guesswork and variables usually associated with making such blind joints and has insured the high quality control standards set by Schick." Miles of this strip, about 1/2-in. wide, are now furnished to Schick by American Silver Co.



High-speed automatic soldering machine developed at Schick Safety Razor Company. Millions of razors are made each year using two solder-clad end caps of 70/30 brass. In final step, entire metal portion of razor is chrome finished to improve appearance and eliminate corrosion.



Interesting Odds 'N' Ends about Lead

A banquet recently held in London celebrated the 600th anniversary of the founding of the Plumber's Guild. The King's Plumber sat as the respected head of one of the most ancient of the Livery Companies of the City of London. The earliest record of a charter was in 1365 and required that each plumber be a Freeman. Since most Guilds had their origins in religious fraternities, the Plumbers took Saint Michael as their Patron. No weights of lead could be made or sold without being first impressed with the image of Saint Michael.



Great importance was attached to "good and honest work" by the members and Guild Officials were empowered with rights of search to discover and punish any breach of the privileges of the Company. If a plumber were found practicing without proof of at least seven years' apprenticeship he was fined. If a helper arrived on the job without hammer, knife and shave hook he suffered a penalty of four pence subtracted from his wages.

The Waldorf-Astoria Hotel stands two inches clear of the sidewalk, and one can actually see under it. Magic? Not really; the hotel's 42-story twin-tower structure is supported by forty-eight steel columns sunk eighty feet and resting on vibration-proof lead cushions at bedrock. Because the New York Central Railroad runs under Park Avenue, the hotel (like other structures built over the tracks) has only a partial basement, and must "import" its steam and electricity; the kitchens are on the second floor and the wine cellar on the fifth floor. It is estimated that the Waldorf could accommodate 10,000 persons at one time in its 1900 guest rooms, famous Grand Ballroom, and the numerous banquet rooms and restaurants.

METROPOLITAN MARVELS

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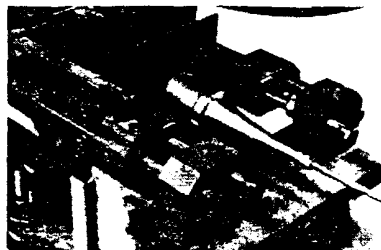
This interesting car card is currently appearing in most of the 4,225 buses of the New York City Transit Authority.

The country's first major suspension bridge was swung over the Ohio River at Cincinnati one hundred years ago. Reference was made in the construction specifications for that bridge to red lead paste mixed with linseed oil to pack the wires that formed the cables.

Over 5000 gallons of the same red lead paste were used to pack the wires of New York City's huge Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, opened in 1964.

Tube drawing's a cinch with ultrasonics. Shown here is a commercially available ultrasonic tube drawing system that uses lead zirconate titanate transducers to activate a back supported plug. The high frequency (over 20,000 cps) vibration reduces fric-

tional forces between work and the plug, plus increasing plasticity of the metal passing through the die. The manufacturer, Aeroprojects Incorporated, West Chester, Pennsylvania, says size control is better, ID surface finish is smoother, and thin wall tubing production is routine with ultrasonic plug drawing.



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