

Interestingly enough, during the depths of the depression in the first industrial nursing manual written by Violet E. Hodgson's appearance.

In 1939, as things began to look a little rosier, the Kellogg in Rochester, New York, was purchased by Brake Shoe, not because we to get into the air compressor business, but in order to round out all-working facilities by the addition of a light, accurate machine

Our Medical Department began to assume real stature in 1941 when Lin decided to "hang out his shingle" with Brake Shoe by becoming its Medical Director. Also in that same year, Miss Mathews joined company as nurse at Amsco, Chicago Heights. We think it's grand that they are with us today.

In the same year, the U.S. Public Health Service appointed for the first time an industrial nursing consultant to its Division of Industrial Health, now known as the Division of Occupational Health, to work in any capacity with State departments of health in developing State and industrial nursing consultation services.

In 1942, the American Association of Industrial Nurses was organized; a meeting in Philadelphia.

Also, that same year, Brake Shoe put its medical program "on the road" so to speak, by acquiring a portable, knockdown X-ray unit which moved from plant to plant in a station wagon. While a definite improvement in our health program, the unit was not too efficiently and it was a awfully tough job for the technician. It wasn't many years before a change.

By 1943, the number of industrial nurses had grown to over 100 and Brake Shoe, keeping pace, added to the family, Electro-Alloys Division at Elyria, Ohio, for the production of high alloy castings.

A year later, in 1944, we held our first nurses' conference in which was attended by our 13 nurses, our superintendent of nurses; of course, Dr. Hamlin and his staff.

As a result of a process developed by the Metallurgical Research Corporation for making iron castings dimensionally accurate and with a fine finish, a small foundry in Rochester, N.Y., was purchased to produce castings on a commercial scale. Thus, in 1946, our most recent casting division was formed--Engineered Castings.

In 1948, we acquired the mobile X-ray bus which is still in operation. So far as we have been able to ascertain, Brake Shoe was the first industrial company to acquire such a unit. In that same year, we held our nurses' conference, this time at Niagara Falls, New York, with 27 in attendance, and with Dr. Hamlin again presiding.

World War II, and more recently the Korean situation, provided stimulus for the expansion of both industrial nursing and Brake Shoe. Today there are reported to be 16,000 registered nurses employed in the industry. In Brake Shoe, we have 40 nurses serving 47 of our 57 plants.