

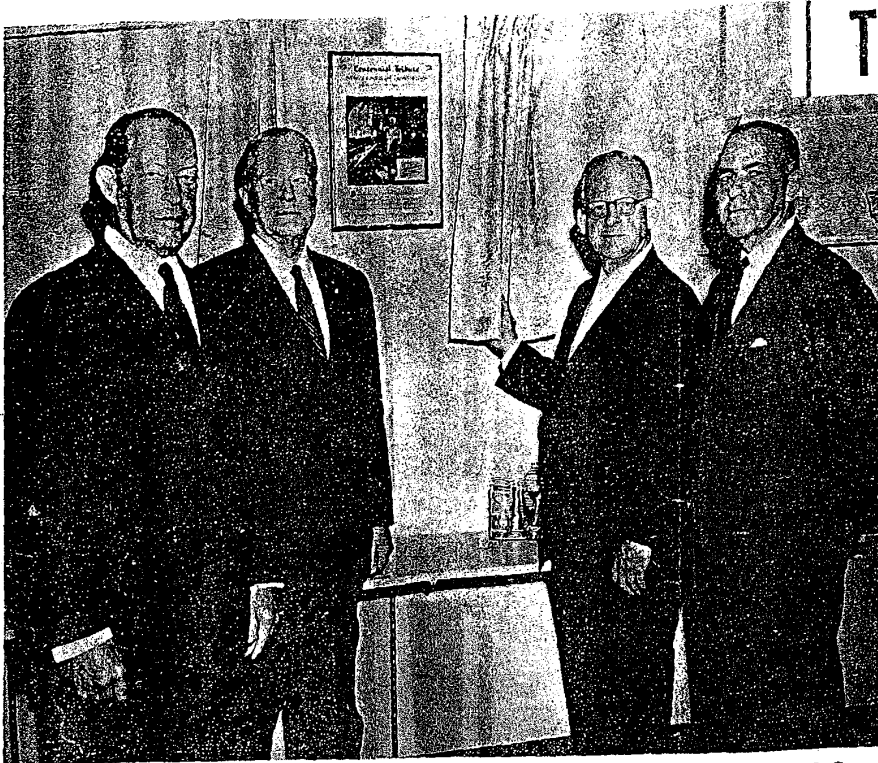
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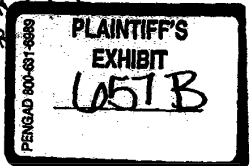
Trade Press



On hand in Toledo last month for the unveiling of the plaque honoring the late Michael Owens were: (l. to r.) William E. Levis, director and former president and chairman of the board of Owens-Illinois; John D. Biggers, chairman of the board of Libbey-Owens-Ford; I. P. Levis, Owens-Illinois board chairman; and Harold Boeschstein, president of Owens-Corning Fiberglas.

INVENTOR OF BOTTLE MACHINE HONORED

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THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY of the birth of Michael J. Owens, whose invention of the automatic bottle blowing machine in 1903 revolutionized the glass industry, was marked last month in nationwide ceremonies.

Plaques commemorating the birth of this inventive genius were unveiled on September 3rd at 34 plants of the Owens-Illinois Glass Company in 33 American cities, around the country.

In Toledo, where Owens did the major part of his work on the invention, the heads of three glass companies participated



MICHAEL J. OWENS was honored with a glass plaque unveiled Sept. 3 at the Libbey plant of Owens-Illinois in Toledo, Ohio, the anniversary of his first automatic glass-forming machine. Similar plaques were hung in 33 other Owens-Illinois plants simultaneously, commemorating the 56th anniversary of the Owens Bottle Machine Co. Present at the Toledo ceremonies were the heads of the three glass firms that bear Mike Owens' name.

stockholders and serving well the container needs millions."

The son of Irish immigrant parents, Mike Owens went to work in a Wheeling, W. Va., glass plant in 1869. Then ten years old, he was one of the 6,000 children who worked 12 and 14 hours a day in the industry.

While working for the Libbey Glass Company in Toledo in 1903, Owens produced the first workable automatic bottle machine. It had 10,000 parts and was one of the most complicated machines ever made. Owens had invented up to the stage where bottles in 24 hours that a blower a

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INVENTION OF BOTTLE MACHINE COMMEMORATED BY GLASS MAKER

The man who made glass production one of this country's first automated industries was honored September 3, 1959, at 34 plants of the Owens-Illinois Glass Company in 33 cities from coast to coast.

Plaques commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Michael J. Owens, whose automatic bottle blowing industry at the time was almost entirely manual, were unveiled at the Owens-Illinois Glass Company in Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 3, 1959. Similar plaques were unveiled in 33 other Owens-Illinois plants simultaneously, commemorating the 56th anniversary of the Owens Bottle Machine Co. Present at the Toledo ceremonies were the heads of the three glass firms that bear Mike Owens' name.

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Michael J. Owens, historic inventor of the automatic bottle machine

'Mike Owens Day' Marked By Leaders Of Companies Bearing Inventor's Name

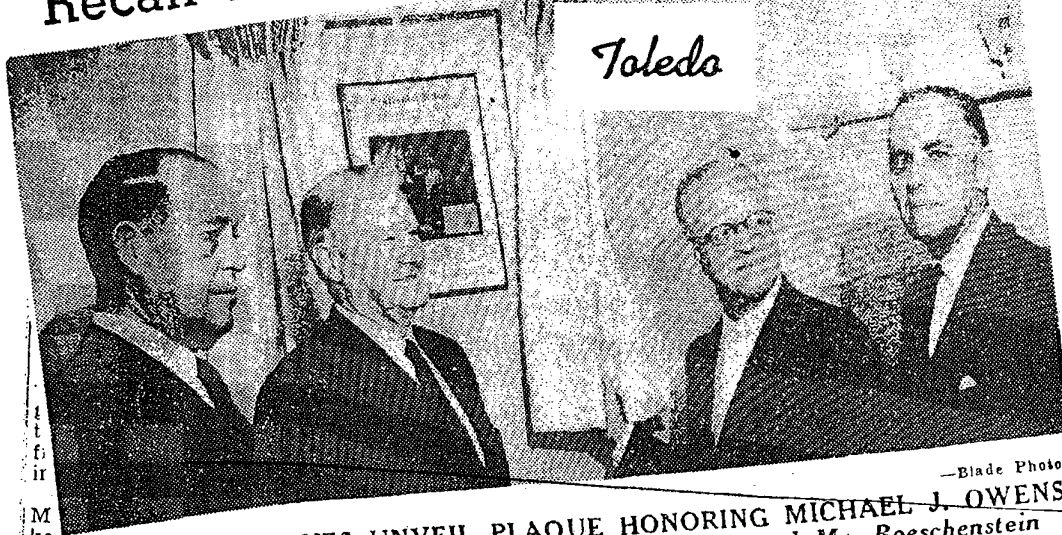
Glass Plaques, Industry Chiefs Honor Genius Of Man Whose Machine Took Hand Toil From Bottle Making

Top executives of the three major glass companies which carry the name of Michael J. Owens joined today in observing "Mike Owens Day."

Present at the unveiling of Glass Division of the

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Recall Man Who Brought Progress



GLASS EXECUTIVES UNVEIL PLAQUE HONORING MICHAEL J. OWENS
From left, W. E. Levis, Mr. Biggers, J. P. Levis and Mr. Boeschenstein

Inventor Of Glass Machine Honored



The Owens-Illinois Glass company in Parkrose last week dedicated a plaque commemorating the 100th anniversary of J. Owens, whose invention of an automatic bottle blowing machine revolutionized the glass industry. Taking pr

Area Glass Men Honor M. J. Owens

VINELAND — Kimble Glass Co. here, a subsidiary, and the Owens Illinois Glass Co. plant in Bridgeton joined with O-I plants in 30 other cities at precisely 8 a.m. yesterday in honoring Michael J. Owens, the man who bottle made Vineland famous. The ceremony was held in the plant lobby.

Flanked by city officials, plant heads hung plaques commemorating the 100th birthday of Owens.

Merle B. Thompson, Bridgeton plant manager, and Mayor John J. Spoltore unveiled the plaque in the plant's main office.

Meanwhile in Vineland, Plant Manager J. L. Connelly, assisted by Mayor Frank J. Testa and City Council President Robert J. Halpin hung an identical plaque in the plant lobby.

Both mayors and plant managers spoke briefly on the contributions of the plants to the respective cities and the industry.

Mike Owens was the developer of automatic glass machines that "brought low man by bringing production to the service."

It was appropriate for the main ceremony Mike Owens show the Owens-Illinois Ash Street. At the developed his bottle machine.

Just as appropriate plaque, including Mr. Owens with that led to develop Owens-Illinois, is Libbey-Owens-Ford was placed behind of Fiberglas.

Mayor's Proclamation

Mayor Yager opened ceremony by reading proclamation of Mike Owens. Toledo owes much of its status as glass city to the world to Mr. Owens, mayor pointed out.

Mr. Levis spoke of Owens as "a born leader of the development of the bottle-making machine," said, came about as the result of nearly ten years "dreams and failures," and