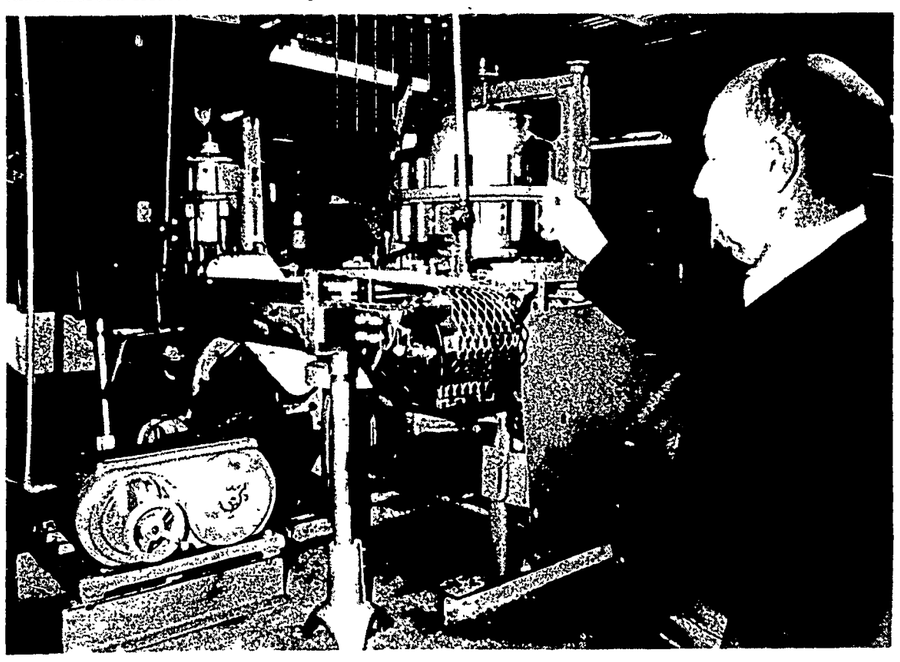


The plant facilities have changed since this photograph taken in the 1920's. And so have the employes. (Glenn Boyer is standing in the middle holding a can). Boyer has been working for Otoe Foods (now Morton House) for over 40 years.



"And this used to be the area I worked in as a kid," said Plant Manager Ray Ott

RAY OTT: A 44-YEAR CLIMB TO SUCCESS

Plant manager remembers

Ray W. Ott, plant manager for Morton House, walked through the plant's canning facilities to check how things were going. The walk was interrupted several times as Mr Ott stopped to greet some of the employes addressing each by his or her first name. "I should know most of their names," he said, "I've been working here for 44 years."

Mr Ott's climb to success from sorting can goods to plant manager might fill the story of the American dream But to the Nebraska City native his job is part of his responsibility

"I'm not the only one who has been working here for over 40 years," he said, switching the talk from himself to his employes. He took out a slip of paper from his desk with the names of those who have been working for the company. "You see, there are three others who also have served for over 40 years."

On the top of the list were Mrs Eula L. Simpson, Glen V Boyer and Edward Buterbaugh

Mrs Simpson has worked 45 years for Morton House And her age? "Well, I sort of cheated I started when I was 13 " Mrs Simpson excused herself saying that the labor laws, at that time, were not as strict so she got away with it "Besides I needed the job."

The little woman, who weighs about 98 pounds, is very deceptive in looks "She works in the spice department," Mr Ott said," lifting about 20 — 100 pound bags by hand And when she can't lift the spice barrels, she scoops it out with a hand scoop shovel."

Mr Ott turned to Boyer saying that he remembered when "Glen and I started here He was 17 years old."

Boyer, 64, 1015 11th Avenue, added that when he started "if a person wanted a job, he'd better be ready to work. They didn't ask you if you wanted to work, they told you "

At that time, he said, he received 25 cents an hour. Mr Ott immediately swung his head around, "you made more than I did. I only made 20 cents an hour "

The third member, Edward Buterbaugh, was not present "Ed is home sick," Ott said "He had a heart attack about two weeks ago But we hope he's doing better now We miss him

I miss him "

Mr Ott glanced up for a minute reminiscing "You see that picture on the wall? (A picture of the plant dating back to 1924) "The plant had an old army surplus truck with hard rubber tires that was still there when I started four years later. I can still remember the sound of the old chains we had on that truck, clanging on the roads "

Mr Ott started for Morton House in the summer of 1928 when the company was called the Otoe Food Products co "Back then I was sorting damaged can goods", he said, "but it wasn't until September that I started working the night shift "

During that time, Mr Ott went to high school during the day and worked at night "I was on a work-release program which enabled me to continue my schedule "

In 1930 Mr Ott graduated from Nebraska City Senior High The depression stopped him from going to college "I was lucky to have a job, let alone go to college," he added

For 12 years he worked as a "lead man" on the night shift "When World War II broke out I was frozen here because food packing was considered an essential job "

Mr Ott was then moved up as a foreman but also carried the jobs of safety engineer, personnel manager, purchasing agent and head of the trucking and shipping line

During the late 1950's and early 1960's Mr Ott did some work as a company salesman as well as a shop mechanical operator

He was named plant manager in 1964 Two years later the Lipton Co bought the Otoe company making it a subsidary

"My title then was changed to assistant plant manager with the same duties "

In July of this year Mr Ott regained the title of plant manager He gives credit to his success to the workers who, he said, "do the majority of the work "

Mr Ott and his wife, Maxine, were married in 1938 They have two children, both married Both have earned college degrees

Our son, Charles, has two children, a boy and a girl," he said, adding that he is also a manager for Goodyear Their daughter, Mrs Laura Howlett, lives in Cleveland, Ohio She has one child

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Female agents guard VIP's

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U S Secret Service has its first female special agents to help guard presidents and defend the Constitution

Five women all college graduates in their 20s, were sworn in Wednesday and joined the 1,111 men who protect the president vice president and their immediate families and guard the nation's currency against counterfeiters

The agents duties also include protection of major presidential candidates and visiting heads of state

The women were trained in hand-to-hand combat marksmanship first aid human relations, communications and search and seizure They spent a year in the Executive Protective Service a uniformed police force supervised by the Secret Service, which guards the White House and 117 foreign missions in Washington

Secret Service Director James J Rowley said the new special agents 'will be expected to do everything the men do' and will receive equal pay

The five women were identified as Laurie Anderson, 24, of Jersey City, N J , Sue Baker, 25, of Oak Ridge, Tenn ; Kathryn Clark, 24, of Salt Lake City, Utah , Holly Hufschmidt, 28, of Milwaukee, Wisc.; and Phyllis Shantz, 25, of Rome, N Y

The young of the brush turkey or mound bird of Australia, when hatched, have a complete coat of feathers and are able to fly almost immediately.

Hunting is light in state

LINCOLN, Neb (AP) — Hunting pressure across the state has been light in recent days, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission officials said Thursday

A review of outdoor activity across the state, according to commission officials

Southwest Johnson Lake is still harboring large numbers of mallards Pheasant hunting pressure has been light to nonexistent throughout the entire southwest Goose hunters in the Elm Creek and Lexington areas had some success in bagging Canada Geese

Southeast Hunting pressure throughout the area has been light and prospects for final days of the duck season dimmed somewhat with the freezing of the Salt Valley reservoirs

Northeast Pheasant hunting pressure has been light Guners are also picking up a few cottontails and squirrels Lewis and Clark Lake is frozen over, but good numbers of mallards are on hand below Gavins Point Dam and hunters are downing a few ducks over cornfields in Cedar County

Panhandle — Ducks are on hand in the Bridgeport area. Some 60,000 ducks, mostly mallards and gadwall, are still at the Clear Creek refuge Archery-deer hunters in the Pine Ridge report some success. Pheasant hunting pressure though has been light

The brown pelican is the state bird of Louisiana, according to Encyclopaedia Britannica

The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

Perhaps the biggest Christmas present we've given to the No 1 cook was a new sewing machine and cabinet .perhaps the dumbest thing we've done was to put it in the master bedroom

I get blamed every day for losing someone's pattern that was on the bed well, I'm the guy who has to tippy-toe around watching out for pins, round up armloads of patterns, material, thread and I don't know what before The King can retire for the night

We've got three regular female seamstresses in our family and you can just about imagine what this lone soul goes through trying to change pants to go out when the younger females are zipping back and forth sewing Shirts and Skirts

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I m not complaining, you understand

But doesn't it strike you that mebbe the women's lib movement has gone a little bit too far when I have to ask permission from one of the young Misses before I can retire for the night"

Just picture this

The scene is The King's Retiring Room which is shared by the sewing machine

"Millie, get these kids out of here so I can go to bed "

"Now Ivan, calm down The girls have to get those culottes made or they won't have a thing to wear (Oh my, how many times have I heard that?)

"Go downstairs and watch TV, daddy "

"Oh, you're a great help, kiddo That blamed sewing machine does a zippety-zappo to the TV picture every time you step on that peddle "

"Mother, make him leave us alone or we'll be here all night "

"All night? Hah ! There isn't much of the night left "

"Mother, please make him stop it "

"Whaddya mean make ME stop it? I'm the boss around this house and you kids will do what I say. You've got one minute to shut off that machine and light "

(I really showed them who was the boss)

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The next morning everyone was bubbling around with such smiles I felt kinda bad

"Daddy, look at my new culottes "

"Wha how "

"Oh, you were sleeping so sound we didn't think you'd notice when we came back to the (get this) 'sewing room' to finish this job

"Hey, you kids are pretty clever yuk yuk .jus' like the ole' King "

"Mother, make him stop that kind of talk!"

Schwan's Ice Cream salesman dropped off a price list of products at the house the other day On the back side was an interesting story

Here it is in part

"Farmers are found in fields plowing, seeding, fertilizing, spraying and harvesting Wives help them, little boys follow them, the salesmen detain them, meals wait for them, weather can delay them, but it takes Heaven to stop them

"When your car stalls along the way, a farmer is a considerate, courteous, inexpensive road service

"A farmer is a paradox he is an "overalled" executive with his home his office, a scientist using fertilizer attachments, a purchasing agent in an old straw hat, a personnel director with grease under his fingernails, a dietitian with a passion for alfalfa, animals and antibiotics, a production expert faced with a surplus, and a manager battling a price-cost squeeze He manages more capital than many businessmen

"He likes sunshine, good food, county and state fairs, dinner at NOON, auctions and above all, a good soaking rain in August

"Nobody else can remove all those things from his pockets on washday and still have overlooked five steeples, one cotter key, a rusty spike, three kernels of corn, the stub end of a lead pencil and a cupful of chaff in each trouser cuff

'A farmer must have faith to continually meet the challenges of his capacities amid an ever-present possibility that an act of God (a late spring, an early frost, tornado, flood, drought) can bring his business to a standstill You can reduce his acreage, but you can't restrain his ambition

"Might as well put up with him -- he is your friend, your competitor, your customer, your source of food and fiber and a self reliant citizen to help replenish your cities

"And when he comes in at NOON for dinner having spent the energy of his hopes and dreams, he can be recharged anew with the magic words The market's up "

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Christmas week has an additionally special meaning at our house It means that Millie and I will be starting our 22nd year of marriage and Mr and Mrs Herb Tiede 1206 Third Avenue, will be starting their 46th year the same day, December 23



Sunspots are dark irregularly shaped regions whose diameters may reach hundreds of thousands of miles The World Almanac notes that the average life of a sunspot group is from two to three weeks and that they reach a low activity point every 11 3 years Sunspot activity can interfere with radio reception and disturb magnetic compasses

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