



POTROOM 38 UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Pot Rooms Past and Present

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Those first few days after the pots got started they began to radiate a considerable amount of heat into the inside of the building, and the sun, apparently afraid of competition, began to do the same thing on the outside of the building. Every day a large gang of men would be putting on new mitts and aprons at one end of the plant, and just a little bit larger gang would be throwing them down at the other. They were strenuous times, but finally things got settled down a little bit, and, by the time cool weather hit, everything was going nicely.

From that time until the present there has been a gradual increase in the number of potrooms in operation. First, when the Falls dam was completed, and later when potroom 38 was picked up bodily from Maryville and moved to Badin in the spring of 1920. During this time many changes took place in the personnel. A good many of the old gang were caught in the draft, and a number of them saw active service overseas. In the spring of 1918, Mr. Kemmer left Badin, and soon after Mr. Hutton decided to seek greener pastures elsewhere. All through these

changes, however, there have been a goodly number of old men who have stuck right along, and to these men belongs a lot of credit for whatever showing we have made. We are proud of our Potrooms and our Potroom organization, and we are sure that it is only a question of time, and a short time at that, when the Badin Potrooms will no longer be looked upon as the "infant" potrooms of the Company, but will have become a full fledged grown-up.

The following brief sketches will serve to introduce some of "the originals."

MR. W. R. YOUNG.

Mr. W. R. Young is a native North Carolinian, born, reared, and educated near the fair capital of our State. He first came to Badin in August, 1916, and began working in the Carbon Plant under Mr. Broadwell. As the Carbon Plant progressed, Mr. Young progressed with it until he became general foreman of all labor and in direct charge of the Baking Department. Just recently he was made Potroom General Foreman, and while he still feels that he is just getting acquainted in the Potrooms, yet it seems to be the general opinion that he is going to "make good" on this job as he has on everything else which

has ever been put up to him. Mr. Young is a man who literally eats up responsibility, and has the knack of gaining and holding the respect and loyalty of his men.

JACK WEST.

From all reports Jack got his start in a coffin factory in Maryville, but after being driven to despair by the gloom inspired by the coffin business, he made a switch soon after the Alcoa Potrooms were started, and was one of the first men to work in a Southern Potroom. When Mr. Kemmer needed a gang of trained potroom men in order to start No. 22 potroom, Jack was one of those chosen. His climb has been gradual but steady ever since he arrived in Badin, and he is handling the day shift in a very creditable manner. The Efficiency Department will testify that Jack is some wizard with the slip stick, and woe unto them if they let anything get by them.

D. C. TIPTON.

Claude has had a great variety of potroom experience. At Maryville he proved his versatility as a potman, helper, tapper, and shift foreman in the Remelting Department. "Tip" also