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The American Blacksmith

BY DAN SMYTH
Chicago Correspondent A. F. of L. News Service

In Longfellow's time, the American blacksmith was a brawny fellow who made shoes for horses and needed only a coal fire, a hand anvil and a chestnut tree to open his business.

Today the American Blacksmith works in copper, brass, aluminum and steel as well as iron. He forges microscopic surgical instruments and mammoth crankshafts that weigh as much as 75 tons apiece.

He earns \$1.87 an hour, on the average. He works in a forge shop with locker rooms, shower baths and a cafeteria in the building. Accidents hit him and his fellowworkers at the rate of 15 per million man-hours worked.

Because of the changing times, the delegates of his Union, the A. F. of L. International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, Drop Forgers and Helpers, voted at their Convention to join one of the larger Industrial Unions of the American Federation of Labor.

Two A. F. of L. Unions, the Boilermakers and the Machinists, sent their leaders to invite the Blacksmiths to affiliate. The Blacksmiths' own Executive board advised affiliation with the Boilermakers and the Convention followed that recommendation.

As E. Wayne Patterson, general vice president, reported, the tendency of American manufacturers to build their own forging units or buy up job shops is gradually shrinking the potential membership of the Blacksmiths.

Since the beginning of mass production in the auto and farm equipment industries, forging has become concentrated more and more in "captive" shops, which forge exclusively for the owners' use and not for sale on the open market.

As captive shops increased, representation of the employees was taken over by rival organizations. Because of limitations on the bargaining unit made by the National Labor Relations board under the Wagner and Taft-Hartley acts it is now almost impossible for the Blacksmiths' Union to carve out the members of their own trade working in the captive shops.

"In spite of all the problems we face, we must remember that the

Blacksmith's Trade has not become a 'lost art,' said Mr. Patterson. "With the introduction of mechanical equipment in our industry, our people are required to have more skill, more experience and more responsibility.

"The training now necessary to maintain, adjust and determine heats of complicated alloys and to maintain normal volume of work has definitely elevated the work standards of our people. This greater responsibility should surely be reflected in higher earnings and craft protection."

American industry could hardly exist without the Blacksmith's art, Mr. Patterson pointed out.

For the Building Trades Mechanics the Blacksmith makes hammers, trowels, saws, hand wrenches, squares, calipers and micrometers. For the shipbuilders, the Blacksmith makes anchors, anchor chains, propeller shafts and many parts of the power plant.

For the railroads, he makes drive rods and placement parts of all sorts. For the auto and farm implement industry, he forges crank shafts, cam shafts, transmissions, differentials, gears, axles, etc.

He makes propellers for airplanes, axles for loggers, cylinder rolls for the paper maker, molds for the rubber industry, and all sorts of hammers and equipment for himself.

The total number of workers in industries under the Blacksmith's present jurisdiction, both in captive and commercial shops, is about 125,000, Mr. Patterson estimated.

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This job's unfair and that guy's a rat,

There's always someone to put on the mat.

He talks all day so when he gets home

He likes to read and be left alone,

He kicks at the dog and shouts at the kids.

I suggest a trip? . . . He blows his lid . . .

But you guys that live by the sweat of your brow

You won't be crazy a year from now.

o give your B. A. all your support.

For he works darn hard holding the fort.

Just give a pat on the back sometimes,

Believe me, Brother, he earns his dimes,

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P.S.—He is a swell B.A. down at the hall,

But a B. A. at home is no good at all.

So let me have my man on Sunday,

And you tell your troubles to him on Monday.

Your B. A.'s wife shares part of that load

And sometimes it seems a pretty rough road.

You guys can have him most of the time

But please on Sunday . . . let him be mine!

—Marjorie Prince
in E. Tenn. Labor News.

Union people owe a debt of co-operation and helpfulness to their brothers. If it were not for the other fellows in the Union, each man would stand alone. Then where would he be?

"A dollar a year man is a fellow who has a dollar left after paying his taxes." — Radio Commentator Ed Fitzgerald.

State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

Betty Lou Beede, Plaintiff, vs.

Leon Leroy Beede, Defendant.

SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, for the purpose of obtaining an absolute divorce from the defendant on the grounds of separation for two years or more.

And the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County within twenty days (20) from the 20th day of July, 1951, and answer or demur to the complaint filed in this action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 28th day of June, 1951.

J. LESTER WOLFE,
Clerk of the Superior Court.
(6-28; 7-5, 12, 19)

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