

NEWS



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'Twas A Big Open House

On a beautiful early fall afternoon, September 25, over 1800 employees, families, friends, guests and neighbors gathered at Rodney Hunt Company for the first open house since 1974. People began arriving promptly at 1:00 and immediately began a self-conducted tour of the plant and offices. The tour concluded in the new Fabrication Department addition, where large numbers of people gathered to enjoy refreshments and conversation. The turnout for the open house was far greater than was expected, so there was some delay in the serving lines. Nevertheless, everyone had an opportunity to visit with fellow employees, retirees, friends and guests.

The children seemed particularly pleased to visit with "Alfred the Clown" and were enraptured by his balloon-forming performance which lasted all afternoon. Some very interesting pictures were drawn by the children of their relatives at work.

All departments of the company had been spruced up for this occasion, allowing our guests a good view of all the buildings and equipment. Students of the Key Club of Mahar Regional School drove carts for the handicapped and helped with other activities.

Such an event does not take place without the extra time and effort of

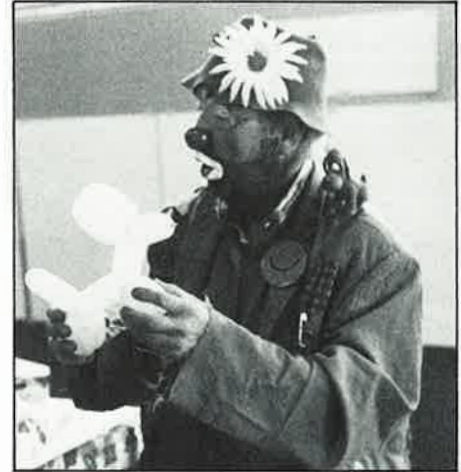
New Molding Line for the Foundry

A decision has been made to install a new molding line in the foundry. The line will consist of powered conveyors on which the flasks will travel, a high capacity sand mixer and feeder, a vibrating table and rollover devices. The line is being designed to handle flasks capable of casting a disc or frame up to a 60" x 60" gate. All cores and small castings will be made on this new facility. It will be located in the present core room area. It is hoped that the equipment will be installed by the end of January 1984.

This decision is another step in the efforts to become more competitive on small gates.

many people. Throughout the company many people contributed, but our special thanks go to "Alfred the Clown," and the Open House committee:

Housekeeping — John Wise; **Parking** — Herb Siddons; **Tour Route** — Mike Lovell; **Special Tours** — Bruno Tassone; **Equipment Display** — Carroll Maynard; **Machine Identification** — Rob Kibler; **Reception** — Marge & Pete Holmes; **Publicity & Invitations** — Martha Bailey & Bob Collen; **Product Displays** — Paul Brunelle & Paul Gallo; **Department Rosters** — Ken Truckey; **Refreshments** — Marty Picard; **Children's Activities** — Debbie Devin & Kathy Hynes; **Company Booklet** — Irene Walsh & Ed Harris.



Alfred the Clown — everybody's favorite — entertained young and old as he has done at many events over the years!



The oldest retiree, Mr. John Lee, enjoyed his motorized tour. He is now 91 years old and retired in 1959 after 39 years with the company. He was accompanied by his daughter and her husband, Marian and Roger Moore.

Something New for Rodney Hunt

An order has been received for a 25 ft. by 8 ft. high crest gate, normally called a bascule gate, for use on the Colorado River in Texas. The location of the job will be about 75 miles west of Houston. The gate will be mounted on a new dam that will be used to raise the water level during the dry summer months

so that drinking water can be taken from the river. The gate will be hinged at the bottom and will be operated by hydraulic cylinder with a system designed and manufactured by us. This gate is the same type of gate that is used on the dam just downstream of South Main Street in Orange and on the dam at Starrett's in Athol.