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THE END DRAWS NIGH

The feature car for this issue is the Museum's 1937 1702 seven passenger sedan. This car is in excellent condition and routinely driven for local Pierce-Arrow events. It was donated to the Museum by James Morris of Arizona. James also donated a 1936 club sedan which remains in the collection.

This car represents the last real production for the Pierce-Arrow Motor Corporation, with fewer than 200 built in that year. 1938 would spell the end of the company, when a scant 18 or so cars were assembled. The death of the company was a sad event in the history of Buffalo, N.Y. At the end, as Myron E. Forbes (general manager of the company for a while starting in 1921) stated, "Pierce-Arrow was at the top of the flagpole. It was so recognized throughout the country. A business

built on quality, performance, and pride in ownership."

On the other hand, though, times had changed. The depression had changed life in America. Thomas B. Lockwood, Buffalo attorney and at one time counsel for the company, stated: "Pierce-Arrow was run like an old gentlemen's company. They always had more orders than they could fill. It was to Buffalo much like the Eastman Kodak company was to Rochester - a closely held company, proud of its workmanship and its prestige. But the original group of Pierce-Arrow men were not of the modern type, in any way, shape, or manner."

Much is written about how the company started, and everyone with even slight exposure to the marque knows that it went from ice boxes

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PIERCE-ARROW FOUNDATION

Operating the Pierce-Arrow Museum on the Campus of the Gilmore Car Museum

Dear fellow Pierce-Arrow Enthusiasts:

With his recent passing, many of us in the Pierce-Arrow community are reflecting on the fifty years of contributions by Marc Hamburger to both the Pierce-Arrow Society and also to the Pierce-Arrow Foundation.

My last conversation with Marc was at the Pierce-Arrow Society Board Meeting in South Carolina in February when I was sitting next to him. More recently, I have been thinking back to the time I met Marc for the first time, which was about twenty years ago. Janet and I were attending our first Winter Meet and Marc came up and introduced himself with his pleasant and friendly demeanor.

During this twenty year period, there have been many, many conversations as Marc and I served in various positions of these two nonprofit organizations. His vision, dedication and leadership skills have made a lasting impact on those who have worked with him.

Since its inception, Marc has had an unwavering commitment to the Pierce-Arrow Museum on the Gilmore campus. The Museum certainly had financial and other challenges during this almost twenty year period. But Marc's ability to rally the team in difficult times has proved instrumental in overcoming these obstacles. I will certainly miss him.

In August of 2024, the Pierce-Arrow Foundation will be celebrating a significant accomplishment - the Pierce-Arrow Museum will have been on the Gilmore Campus for TWENTY years. The Board of Trustees are currently developing plans to celebrate this event during next year's PAS Annual Meet in Kalamazoo, MI August 20 - 25, 2024. A focused reorganization for the Museum, including updated signage, is part of the update. Come and celebrate with us!

Sincerely,

Richard Lange

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For more than a century, *Pierce-Arrow*, America's Finest Built Car, has represented the absolute highest quality automobile produced. *For more than a quarter-century*, the Pierce-Arrow Foundation, through its Gilmore Museum, has preserved and promoted this extraordinary legacy.

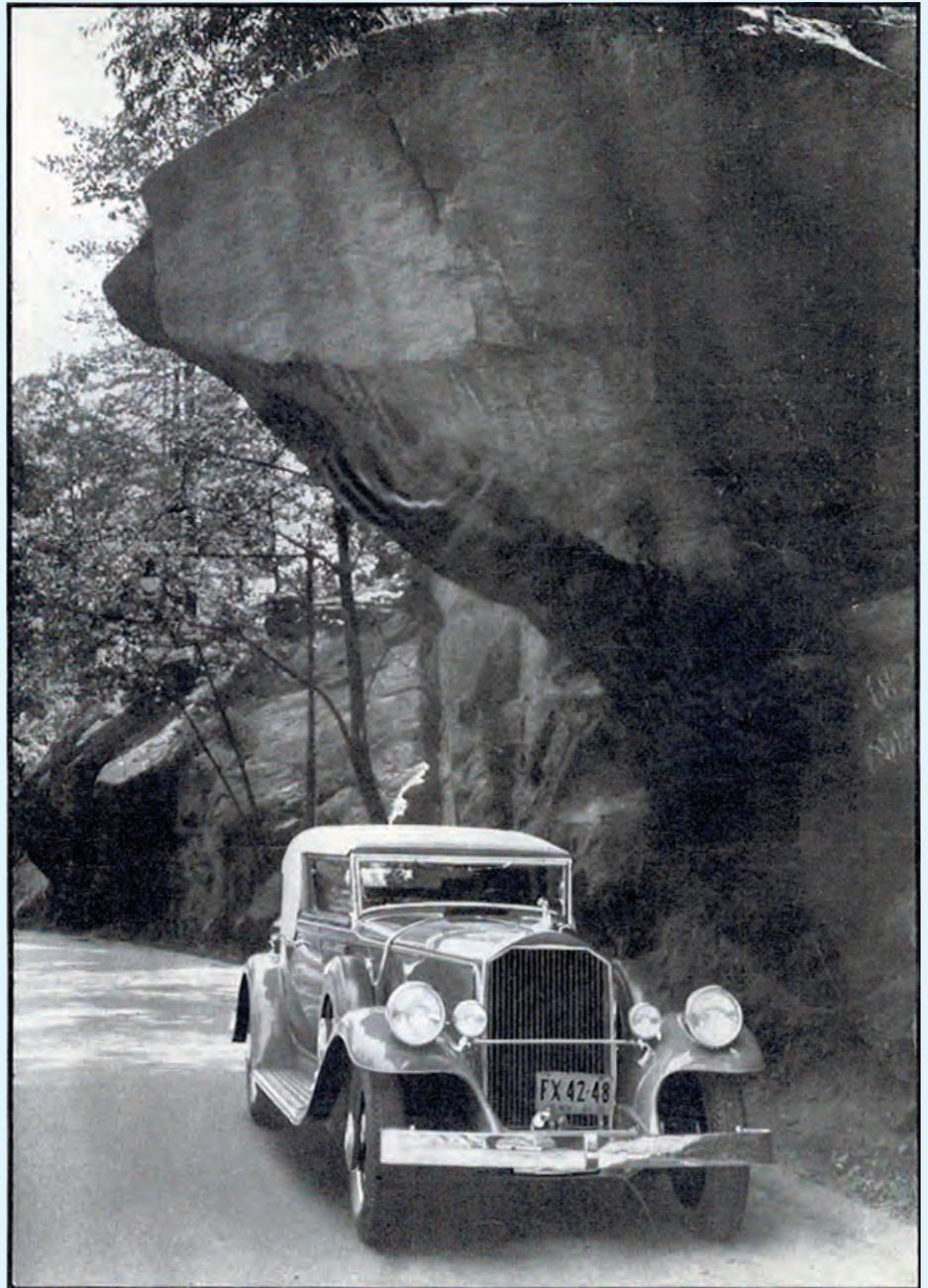
Our Museum's outreach now favorably impacts more than 150,000 annual Gilmore visitors; and many are motivated to learn more about The Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Company.

PIERCE ARROW

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AMERICA'S
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MOTOR CAR

Partner with us to support this legacy and continued positive impact on current and future Pierce-Arrow enthusiasts.

As a Legacy Partner, your support can be provided in many ways – through contributions of cash or appreciated stock, by naming the Foundation as a beneficiary in your will, trust, annuity or insurance policy, or through the donation of automobiles including Pierce-Arrows and other makes.



Please contact Richard Lange or Dave Stevens to discuss your opportunity to support our Pierce-Arrow Museum as a Legacy Partner.

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Pierce-Arrow Plant Liquidation Asset Inventory

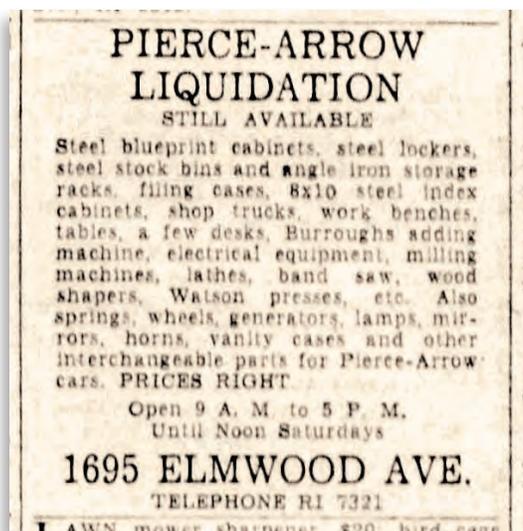
In 1937, everyone involved with the Pierce-Arrow Motor Corporation knew the end was near. Slow to non-existent car sales, month-long plant closings for lack of work, economic issues, all the signs pointed in one direction.

After the bankruptcy sale in 1938, however, the saga of the Pierce-Arrow plant was not over. The buyer of the plant building and contents contracted with Morey Machinery Company of New York, N.Y. to compile an

asset listing. Morey Machinery was a maker of metal working machinery, and at the time established as a new and used equipment dealer.

Some of the resultant catalog is reproduced here. Unfortunately, it is not dated, but ads in the local newspaper mentioned requesting this catalog as late as 1940. Sales were obviously slow, and not mentioned in the catalog are thousands of new car parts stored in the plant, some still in the plant and advertised as late as 1941. Tens of thousands of pounds of material remaining in the plant were finally scrapped in 1942, the end of the Pierce-Arrow saga.

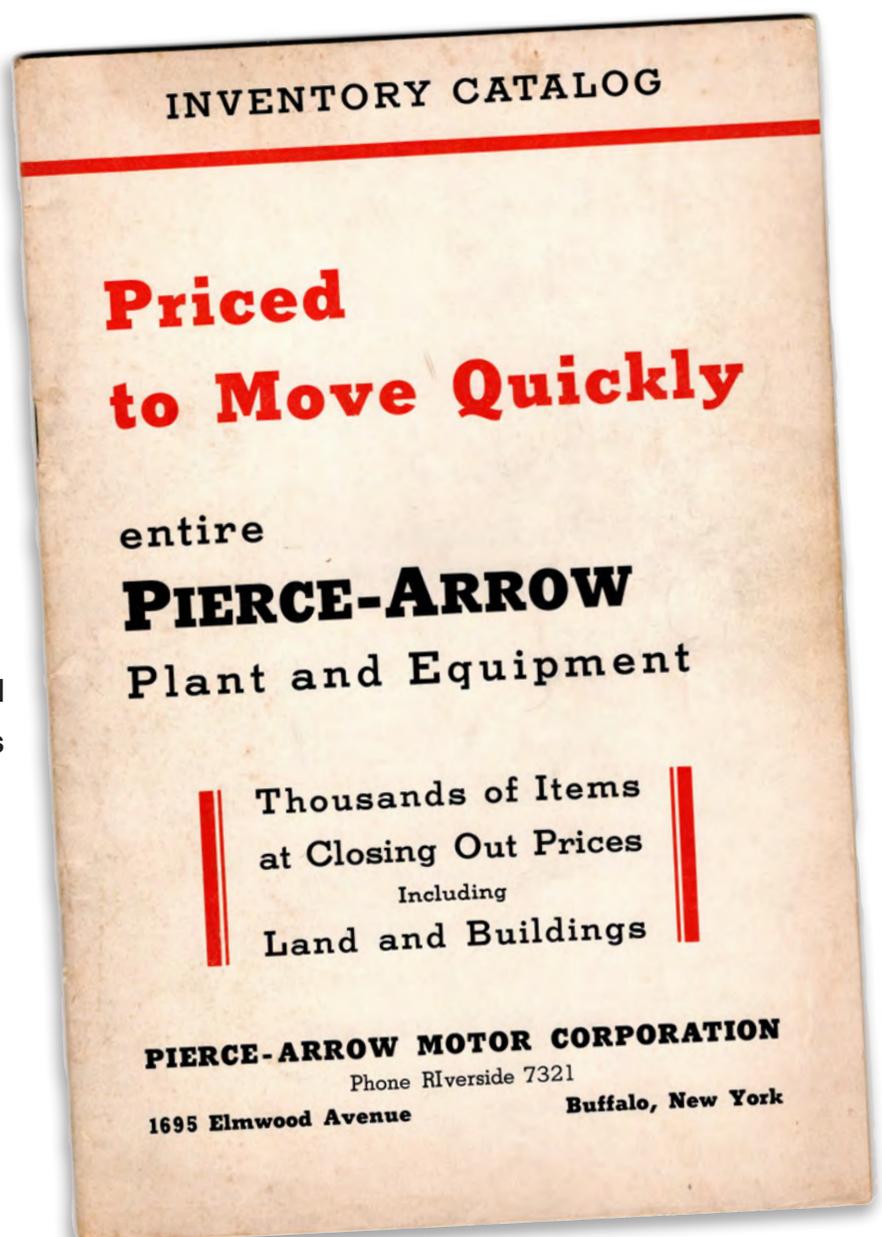
It's very interesting to see the detail of the inventory, even down to typewriters, tongs, and letter opening machines. On the other hand, there were lots of milling machines, grinders, lathes, plating equipment, motors, compressors, fans, and woodworking machinery. There are 60 pages of detailed inventory.



Buffalo Evening News
May 17, 1940

The listed assets (that is, hard goods and factory supplies) in the auction catalog is extensive. There are numerous pages of just “miscellaneous”, though the metal working and wood working tools and equipment dominated the catalog.

It is a great insight into the workings of the Pierce-Arrow plant and it proves everything possible was done in-house, including plating, making screws and bolts, and even a well equipped hospital.



Priced for Quick Sale All Pierce-Arrow Assets

Listed in this catalog is a partial inventory of the thousands of items which must be sacrificed quickly to liquidate all assets of the great Pierce-Arrow Motor Corporation.

Single items, groups, complete layouts—all must go—even the buildings and land.

Much of Pierce-Arrow's equipment is of the most modern type, thousands of dollars having been expended in new machinery in recent years. The closing-out sale literally is one of those rare opportunities.

This is your chance to modernize and replace your present equipment—or to begin a new business with the finest type of machinery, tools, furniture and supplies, at prices which are but a fraction of the original cost.

Act quickly. The items listed here will sell out rapidly due to the unprecedented low prices. All are offered subject to prior sale.

No matter how distant from Buffalo, the almost unbelievable savings you can make will pay you to come to the factory at once to inspect the equipment and make your selection.

Write—Telephone—Wire

PIERCE-ARROW

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WOODWORKING MACHINERY

BORING MACHINES

- 5—Greenlee #356 Single Spindle Vertical Borer, Ball Bearing, Built-in Motor, 2, 2½, 3 HP—3600 RPM—3 Phase—60 Cycle—220 Volt—Push Button Control. Adjustable Tilting Table 30" x 22". Foot Treadle and Hand Lever Spindle Feed. Adjustable Stroke up to 9". Capacity up to 1½".
- 1—Oliver #73-A Single Spindle Vertical Borer, Tilting Table, Foot Lever Spindle Feed—Belt Drive.
- 1—Fay & Egan #3 Single Spindle Vertical Borer, Tilting Table, Foot Lever Spindle Feed.
- 1—Crescent Single Spindle Vertical Borer, Tilting Table. Foot Lever Spindle Feed.
- 1—Fay & Egan #341 Single Spindle Horizontal Borer—Sliding Spindle—Belt Drive.
- 2—Greenlee #363 Universal Spindle Vertical Gang Borer—3 HP 1800 RPM 3 Phase 60 Cycle 220 Volt—Motor on Spindle carriage—2 HP, 1200 RPM Feed Motor—Table 36" x 18"—Six 1½" Universal Spindles—Max. spindle spread 22".
- 1—Fay & Egan #312—48" Vertical Gang Borer—Equipped with 6 Spindles—Power feed to table.
- 1—Greenlee #371—8" Vertical Gang Borer—Equipped with Seven Spindles—Adjustable Table—Power feed to table.
- 3—Greenlee #386-C Double Column Universal Spindle Vertical Gang Borer—Power feed to table. Ball Bearing Motor Drive 10 HP—900 RPM—3 Phase—60 Cycle—220 Volt—Push Button Control and Compensator. Equipped with 12 Spindles. Boring area 8" x 22".

JOINTERS AND FACING PLANERS

- 4—American #1—16" Hand Jointer Ball Bearing—3 Knife Round Head—Tables Overall 7'.
- 1—American #1—20" Hand Jointer Ball Bearing—3 Knife Round Head.
- 2—Oliver #12-B—20" Hand Jointers—Babbitt Bearing—2 Knife Round Head—Tables Overall 8'-6".
- 1—Fay & Egan #316—24" Hand Jointer Ball Bearing—Built-in Motor—5 HP—3600 RPM—3 Phase—60 Cycle—220 Volt—Push Button Control—3 Knife Round Head with Billstrom Power Feeding attachment.
- 1—Mattison D-616 Continuous Chain Feed Ball Bearing Glue Jointer—Same as Diehl #60—Built-in 5 HP—3450 RPM—3 Phase—60 Cycle—220 Volt Motors on each spindle—Push Button Control; 3 HP—Four Speed Feed Motor Built-in with drum control.
- 1—Muskegon Machine Co. S Linderman Automatic Dovetail Glue Jointer.

MORTISERS

- 2—Greenlee #228 Vertical Hollow Chisel Mortisers—Power Feed—Rack and Pinion Tilting Table Motor Drive to 5 HP—1200 RPM—Motor mounted on attached bracket—Push Button Control—Capacity ¼" to 1¼" chisels.
- 1—Greenlee #227-B Vertical Hollow Chisel Mortiser—Power Feed—Rack and Pinion Table.
- 1—Whitney #75 Vertical Hollow Chisel Mortiser—Built-in Motor on Spindle—4 HP—3600 RPM—3 Phase—60 Cycle—220 Volt; 2 HP—1200 RPM—3 Phase—60 Cycle—220 Volt, Motor on Hydraulic Feed. Capacity up to 1½" Chisels.
- 1—Fay & Egan #144 Horizontal Hollow Chisel Mortiser—Automatic Stroke—Capacity ¼" to 1½" Chisels.
- 1—Fay & Egan #234 Oscillating Bit Mortiser and Router.
- 1—Whitney #67 Horizontal Bit Mortiser—Built-in Motor, 4 HP, 3600 RPM on Spindle; ¼ HP Motor operates stroke.

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An Opportunity to Acquire at Low Cost One of America's Great Manufacturing Plants

To some manufacturer, or group of manufacturers, the great Pierce-Arrow plant itself—with its modern, well-lighted factory buildings, power house, railroad siding and transportation facilities—offers a manufacturing opportunity with few parallels.

Located in Buffalo, the center of America's great industrial market, the plant can readily be adapted to a wide range of light or heavy manufacturing.

The plant occupies 45 acres of land and is served by a New York Central siding. The modern buildings contain 1,550,000 square feet of floor space. The administration building contains at least two score of large, well lighted private offices in addition to a number of large offices for complete departments, drafting rooms and exhibition rooms. The reception room is beautifully panelled. The building also contains a large cafeteria, complete hospital and first aid quarters, large basement storerooms and locker rooms.

The factory buildings, as shown in the accompanying photograph, are varied in design and thus are suitable for practically every type of manufacture. Solidly built, they can house the heaviest type of machinery. Long stretches of floor space in some of the buildings permit of straight-line, progressive production and assembling. Other buildings have large areas suitable for large groups of machine operations.

Complete Power Plant

The plant is served by a modern power house. The main boiler house contains six 600 H.P. longitudinal drum Babcock & Wilcox boilers, set 2 in a battery. All are power-stokered, the stokers being fed by overhead bunkers which are supplied by a bucket elevator, coal crusher and conveyor belt. The capacity of the coal handling equipment is 35 tons per hour with an emergency maximum of 40 tons per hour. The equipment also includes modern ash-disposal machinery.

The main engine room contains seven engine-driven generators, three of which generate alternating current at 440 volt—25 cycle.

Land and Buildings — Complete Details on Request

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

PLATING EQUIPMENT

Connecticut Dynamo & Motor Co.—Plating Generator, Type G Improved AMERICAN GIANT, Shunt wound, Self-Exciting, 1000 Amperes, 8 Volts, 8 K.W., 1450 R.P.M. Serial 8698. With flexible coupling for direct connection to WESTINGHOUSE 15 H.P. Induction Motor, 440 Volts, 25 Cycles, 18.4 Amperes per terminal, 1450 R.P.M. Style 238407A. Serial 2611694.

WESTON Voltmeter. ROLLER SMITH Ammeter. ALLEN BRADLEY Rheostat.

- 1—Tank—48" x 36" x 24" deep. Iron riveted.
- 1—Tank—60" x 24" x 24" (inside). Wood, lead lined.
- 2—Tanks—72" x 24" x 18". Cypress. For washing.
- 1—Tank—72" x 36" x 36". Cypress. For nickel plating.
- 1—Tank—60" x 24" x 24". Cypress.
- 1—Tank—48" x 24" x 24". Cypress.
- 1—Tank—60" x 24" x 24". Cypress. For Cyanide.
- 3—Tanks—60" x 24" x 24". ¼" steel plate, welded.
- 1—Tank—60" x 36" x 24". ¼" steel plate, welded.
- 2—Tanks—48" x 36" x 24". ¼" steel plate, riveted.
- 1—Tank—30" x 18" x 18". Cast iron, enamelled white, for gold plating solution.
- 1—Tank—120" x 36" x 26". Wood, with 2 compartments, reinforced.
- 1—Tank—60" x 24" x 20" (inside). Pine, for silver plating.

PRINTING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

Chandler & Price 12" x 18" "CRAFTSMAN" Automatic Printing Press with Feeder. For belted motor drive.

Wooden Type Cabinet—37" x 23" x 44" with 24 drawers.

Wooden Rack for storing galleys—21" x 9½" x 16" with 84 compartments.

Pyramid Rack—10" x 31" x 11" with 56 compartments and furniture.

Various sets of type.

Rouse—10" and 12" Composing Sticks.

Lead and Rule Cutter.

Acme Wire Stapler.

Oswego—26" Hand Lever Paper Cutter—adjustable table.

Southworth—Machinery, treadle operated with pedestal.

Southworth—30" PORTLAND Multiple Punching Machine, treadle operated, with Punch Heads ¼", 5/16", 3/8".

PUMPS

15—Bennett—Type LB-56 Alcohol Hand Force Pumps.

15—Blackmer—No. 409 Rotary Hand Force Pumps.

Brown & Sharpe—Cutting Lubricant Pumps.

Deming—No. 1 Rotary Pumps. Capacity 5 Gallons per minute at 50 R.P.M.

Deming—No. 2 Rotary Pumps. Capacity 5½ Gallons per minute at 50 R.P.M.

Deming—No. 3 Rotary Pumps. Capacity 8 Gallons per minute at 50 R.P.M.

Goulds Mfg. Co.—Size 4 B.F. Suction. Single Stage Centrifugal Pump. Capacity 500 Gallons. Bronze fitted. With cast iron base.

P. H. & F. M. Roots—No. 4 Rotary Pump.

Worthington—4½" x 3¾" x 4". Size 3M. 114 x 95 x 102. Horizontal. Duplex Piston. Direct acting Steam Pump.

And various others.

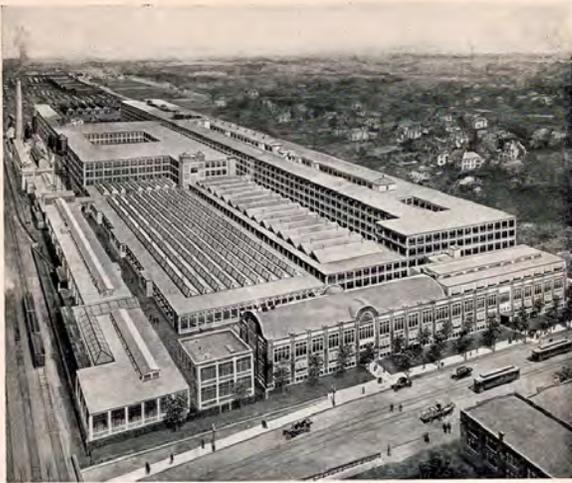
PYROMETERS AND POTENTIOMETERS

Bristol—Model 162 Electric Pyrometer, in case. Scale 2000° F. Leads 50' long to 48" Extension piece and 36" Fire End.

Bristol—Model 137 Recording Electric Pyrometer, in case. Scale 2000°. Chart 1113. Leads 100' long, 48" Extension pieces and 36" Fire Ends.

Bristol—Model 162 Indicating Pyrometer, in case. Scale 1100° F. Leads 35' long to 24" Extension piece and 60" Fire Ends.

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The Pierce-Arrow Factory

A.C. equipment comprises one 1000 kilowatt and two 200 kilowatt generators. The D.C. units consist of one 350 kilowatt, one 300 kilowatt and one 200 kilowatt generator.

The plant is located in the heart of large areas of homes so that employees have only short distances to travel to and from work.

Ideal Manufacturing Plant

In addition to the physical advantages of the plant itself, Buffalo is an ideal manufacturing location, for the city excels in economic assembling, economic production and economic distribution—all due to the concentration of rail, lake, canal, highway and airway transportation facilities, together with an enormous and abundant labor and power supply. Climate, living conditions, natural resources, low taxation are other favorable factors.

Details of floor layouts available

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

- 1—Buffalo Scale Co.—No. 763 Counter Platform Scale weighing beam 0-32 lbs., capacity 245 lbs., platform 10' x 13 1/2"
- 1—Buffalo Scale Co.—No. 1462 Portable Wheel Barrow Scale, weighing beam 0-100 lbs., capacity 2000 lbs., platform 36" x 45", mounted on wheels.
- 1—Buffalo Scale Co.—No. 650 Even Balance Trip Scales with Agate bearings, weighing beam 1/100 oz. to 1 oz., capacity 6 lbs.
- 1—Buffalo Scale Co.—No. 650 Even Balance Trip Scales with Agate bearings, weighing beam 1/100 oz. to 1 oz., capacity 6 lbs.
- 2—Buffalo Scale Co.—No. 595 Knife Balance Trip Scales without scoop, weighing beam 1-16 oz.
- 1—Buffalo Scale Co.—No. 580 Even Balance Trip Scale, weighing beam 0-16 oz., capacity 6 lbs., with scoop.
- 1—Buffalo Scale Co.—No. 734 Counter Scale with Scoop, weighing beam 0-2 lbs., capacity 36 lbs.
- 2—Buffalo Scale Co.—No. 800 Counter Platform Scale, 2 weighing beams 0 to 5 lbs. graduating in ozs. and 50 lbs. graduating in lbs., platform 10 1/2" x 12"
- 1—Buffalo Scale Co.—No. 650 Trip Scale weighing beam 1/100 oz. to 1 oz., capacity 6 lbs.
- 1—Buffalo Scale Co.—No. 819 (Buffalo) Laboratory Trip Scale with Agate bearing brass weighing beam 0-1 oz. in 1/100 graduations.
- 3—Buffalo Scale Co.—No. 819—Same as above.
- 1—Triner—Automatic No. 4 All Mail Scale.
- 1—Triner—All Steel Parcel Post Ratio Scale approved type, capacity 201 lbs. with 12 1/2" x 14" platform and scoop.
- 1—Buffalo Scale Co.—No. 504 Postal Scale one weighing beam 1/2 oz. to 32 ozs., capacity 2 lbs., 1/2 oz. graduation.
- 2—Fairbanks—No. 605 Postage Indicator Scale, capacity 4 lbs. in 1/2 oz. graduation.
- 1—Toledo—No. 471 Computing Parcel Post Platform Scale with weighing beam 0-35 lbs., Style 471.

SEWING MACHINES

- 19—Singer—Model 16-41—Single Needle Head Sewing Machine.
- 2—Singer—Model 16-83—Single Needle Head Sewing Machine.
- 3—Singer—Model 16-141—Single Needle Head Sewing Machine.
- 1—Singer—Model 16-183—Single Needle Head Sewing Machine.
- 3—Singer—Model 31-15—Single Needle Head Sewing Machine.
- 1—Singer—Model 113-WSV-2—Single Needle Head Sewing Machine.
- 3—Singer—Model 113-WSV-2—Double Needle Head Sewing Machine.
- 1—Singer—Model 113-WSV-3—Double Needle Head Sewing Machine.
- 1—Singer—Model 113-WSV-4—Double Needle Head Sewing Machine.
- 1—Lewis Felling Mach. Co.—Model 90-1-L—Blind Stitch Felling Machine.
- 1—Union Special Mach. Co.—Style 9500-GZ—Shuttle Stitch Sewing Machine.
- 1—Union Special Mach. Co.—Style 12000-DZ—Staying Machine.
- 1—Union Special Mach. Co.—Class 12000-D—Sewing Machine.
- 1—Union Special Mach. Co.—Class 12000-D—Sewing Machine.
- 1—United Shoe Mach. Co.—Model D—Pluma Skiving Machine.
- 1—United Shoe Mach. Co.—Model E—Pluma Skiving Machine.

SPRAY BOOTHS—PAINT

- 1—Grand Rapids Blow Pipe Co.—8' x 4' x 3' 10"
- 1—Grand Rapids Blow Pipe Co.—48' x 48' x 78"
- 1—Power Efficiency Corp.—9' 6" x 5' 10 1/2" x 7' 6"
- 1—Power Efficiency Corp.—10' 9" x 6' 4"
- 1—Power Efficiency Corp.—12' x 7' x 9'
- 8—Power Efficiency Corp.—13' x 7' x 9' (Double).
- 4—Power Efficiency Corp.—13' x 7' x 9' (Double) 1/2 Section.
- 1—Power Efficiency Corp.—13' x 9' x 6' (Double).
- 2—Power Efficiency Corp.—18' x 9' x 6' 4" (Double).
- 3—Power Efficiency Corp.—18' x 9' x 6' 4" (Double).
- 10—Various—36' x 12' x 32'.

METAL WORKING MACHINERY

BALANCING MACHINES

- 2—Gisholt—Type B—Universal Precision. For Flywheels, etc. Motor Drive.
- 1—Norton—Crankshaft. Motor Drive.

BORING MACHINES—CYLINDER

- 1—Baker—#5 Vertical—4 Spindles. Fixed Centers.
- 1—Baker—#5 Vertical—6 Spindles. Fixed Centers.
- 1—Beaman & Smith—Horizontal—2 Spindles.
- 2—Ponte-Burr—Vertical—6 Spindles. Fixed Centers.
- 1—Moline—#10-D—Vertical—8 Spindles.

BORING MACHINES—HORIZONTAL

- 1—Beaman & Smith—#0—Spindle dia. 3". Table 24" x 84".
- 1—Giddings & Lewis—#0—Precision Horizontal—Spindle dia. 3 1/4".
- 1—Lucas—#31—Spindle dia. 3"—Outer Support—With Vertical Milling Attachment and Auxiliary Rectangular Swivel table 24" x 30". Single Pulley. Arranged M.D.
- 3—Lucas—#32—Spindle dia. 3 1/4". Single Pulley. M.D.

BORING MACHINES—HORIZONTAL DUPLEX

- 1—Beaman & Smith—Table 14" x 54". Bed 9'. M.D.
- 1—Beaman & Smith—2 Spindle.
- 1—Moline—#16—Max. between spindle 96". Spindles MT. #5. M.D.
- 1—Rockford—2 Spindle—Table dia. 60". M.D.
- 1—Rockford—Table 18" x 20". Belt Drive.
- 1—Rockford—#3B—Table at Center 22" x 50". Oilgear Feed. M.D.

BORING MACHINES—DIAMOND TOOL

- 1—Automatic Mach. Co.—Coulter—2 Spindle. Motor Drive.
- 1—Cadillac Tool Co.—1 Spindle. Motor Drive.

BORING MILLS—VERTICAL

- 5—Bullard—24" New Era—3 Jaw Chuck—Cutting Lubricant System.
- 1—Bullard—24" New Era—3 Jaw Chuck—Cutting Lubricant System (with Threading Attachment).
- 1—Bullard—36" New Era—3 Jaw Chuck—Cutting Lubricant System.

BRAKES—BENDING

- 1—Double Truss Cornice Brake Co.—#18. Hand Brake. Capacity 5'.
- 1—Dreis & Krumpf—Power Leaf Brake. Capacity 72" x 10 Ga. Belted M. D.
- 1—Niagara—30—Keystone Hand Brake.
- 1—Niagara—60—Hand Leaf Brake.
- 1—Niagara—42—Keystone Hand Brake.
- 1—Niagara—12—Hand Brake.

BROACHING MACHINES

- 1—American—V 1/2 Ton—Hydraulic. Stroke 8". Motor Drive.
- 6—LaPointe (Hudson)—#3—Chain Motor Drive.
- 3—LaPointe (Hudson)—#4—Chain Motor Drive.

BUFFING AND POLISHING MACHINES

- 1—Columbus—Ball Bearing—Spindle dia. 1 1/2".
- 1—Columbus—Ball Bearing—Spindle 60" long.

POWER PLANT EQUIPMENT

MAIN BOILER HOUSE

- 4—600 H.P. Longitudinal Drum Babcock & Wilcox Boilers—2 in a battery, stokered with 7 Retort Relay underfeed stokers (Standard).
- 2—Same as above stokered with 8 Retort Relay underfeed stokers (Standard). These Boilers are equipped with Diamond Soot Blowers of 200 lbs. per square inch working pressure and comply with A.S.M.E. Standard.

Stoker Drive

- 2—7 x 7 Sturdevant Vertical Engines capable of driving all stokers.

Coal Handling Equipment

- 1—Traveling weigh larry 1 1/2 tons capacity traveling entire length of boiler house delivering to 8 separate openings in overhead Berquist concrete lined steel coal bunker of 2 1/2 ton per lineal foot capacity which extends entire length of boiler house and served by 18" rubber belt Robbins conveyor equipped with unloader for trimming coal in the bunker.
- Conveyor belt served by 175 foot vertical Stevens Adamson Bucket Elevator receiving coal from Stevens Adamson Plate Conveyor delivering coal directly to a Joeffery Singly Roll Crusher to bucket elevator, capacity of this equipment 40 tons per hour maximum.

Ash Handling Equipment

- Boilers situated over roomy ash basement with ample ash hoppers and sprinkling system for all furnaces. The hoppers being served by a 1 cubic yd. tilting Ash Buggy on industrial rail below hoppers delivering ashes directly to 1 ton capacity skip hoist thence to 100 ton reinforced concrete ash tank on columns directly above track coal hopper and equipped with 2 Clam Shell Type Ash Grates making possible reloading of coal car with ashes without necessitating shifting of car.

Chimney Equipment

- Superimposed Reinforced Concrete Chimney 12 ft. diameter at top and of ample capacity. Forced draft furnished by 2 60,000 cubic feet Greene fans driven by 80 H.P. Moore Steam Turbine Engines through Reducing Gear. One fan furnishes requirements for a 4-bolier load, the other being an auxiliary.

Boiler Feed and Water Heater

- Feed Pumps consist of 2 Moore Turbine Driven 300-gallon per minute Worthington Centrifugal pumps (3 stage).
- Feed Water Heater consists of 1 4000 H.P. Cochrane Exhaust Steam Feed Water Heater.

Rubbish Burning Boilers

- In adjoining building 2 rubbish burning boilers of 350 H.P. capacity—Babcock & Wilcox Cross Drum type with Cast Iron Heads, 160 lbs. working pressure. Equipped with Dutch Ovens and Cyclone Shaking Grates. Operated on Natural Draft, separate chimney of Radial Type built by Castoldi Co. and 150 ft. high. These boilers have been used for burning rubbish only and are directly connected with main steam header. The entire plant having been operated at 140 lb. steam pressure.

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**Fort Worth
Star-Telegram
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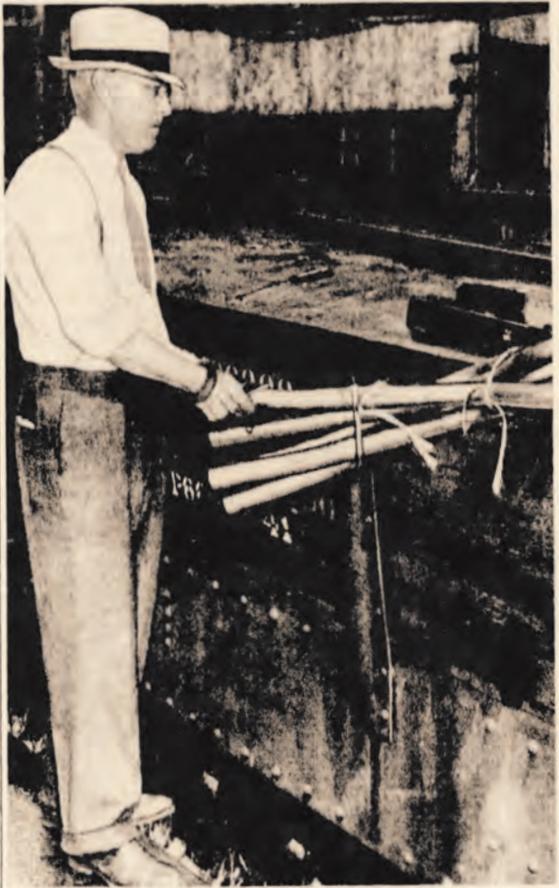
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A more profitable time at the Pierce-Arrow plant, September 27th, 1918. Mr. Harry Ward (Pierce employee and driver of lead car) drives Prince Axel of Denmark, a member of the Danish Royal Family. The Prince toured the plant, and after riding in the new 24 valve Pierce, stated it was “a fine car, but a tall price” at \$6,500.

Note the Pierce trucks lined up, in all probability awaiting shipment overseas.”

EDITOR'S NOTE

There would be some who would debate the “1941” assembly of a car. Brunn, though, was building bodies in 1938 as article mentions, and while it appears to be a stock body, they could have built such. Some say all parts were gone soon after bankruptcy in 1938. This is not the case as there are several newspaper articles on final scrapping as late as 1942.

Many, too, will take the “1941” Pierce-Arrow with a raised eyebrow and a dubious bent, but it’s presented as reported, and all know reporters only print the facts (Ouch, tongue in cheek!).

As to photo by Pierce plant, the Prince was identified as “Prince Alex” on the back of the photograph, but only a “Prince Axel” seems to have existed. The article on Pierce factory used as aviation supplies, see last The Great Arrow News for unexplained badges showing “Aviation Division”. All great fun and thank you for reading. ~ dc

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