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In celebration of Labor Day 2015 I've posted these photos of my dad and Dick's at work.



*Employees of Mueller Brass Company, Port Huron MI*

The photo above of my dad (middle row, tie and white apron) and his fellow workers was taken some time during the 1940s at Mueller Brass Company, Port Huron, Michigan. He was a die sinker, the top position in his trade, and one he worked hard to achieve. He was a proud member of the International Die Sinkers Union, and a shop steward. During the 1940s he worked to make it possible for African Americans to join the union. He was a skilled worker and always in great demand. Next week is the 119th anniversary of his birth.

The photo below is Dick's dad operating a machine at the Rohr Corporation, San Diego, California. It was taken during the 1950s — some years after he had left his job as a tool and die maker and become a manager. He got a real kick out of the fact that he still knew how to “put the machine through its paces.”



*Harold Johnson operating a machine at Rohr*

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