

Founder/President of Parker Industries Dies

George Parker, founder and president of Parker Industries, Inc. died Dec. 22.

Born in England, he worked at Drummonds and Sykes, both gear machine manufacturers. He became a director at Sykes' office in Canada before moving to the U.S. He first was in sales at Quaker City Gear and then started Parker Industries, which sells gear tools.

Parker Industries covers all of North America and has tools for various required gear or spline specification. The company will continue.

Induction Heating Inventor Dies

Nicholas Ross, 80, owner of I.H.C. Consulting and a 40-year employee of Ajax Magnethermic Corp. of Warren, OH, died of respiratory failure.

In 1986, Ross created I.H.C. Consulting, which performs induction heating and electrical engineering consultations for Boeing Aviation, Barmet Steel, Ajax Magnethermic and other leading galvanizing companies. Prior to that, he was Ajax Magnethermic's director of research and development since the mid-1940s.

Among his most notable accomplishments is the invention of "The Ross Coil," an induction heating system with a 210-megawatt induction heater for wide steel rectangular slabs.

Ross held three patents related to induction galvannealing in steel making. Many of today's automobiles use large percentages of galvanneal steel.

He also wrote the book *Rules of Thumb for Induction Heating* and served as a consultant for the government during the Three Mile Island nuclear crisis.

Ross is survived by his wife, Jane; his son, Nick V. Ross III; his daughter, Stella Camuso; and a granddaughter.

Balzers Announces New President, Sales Appointments

Kent Cornell was appointed president of Balzers Inc. He has worked at ESEC, a sister company, for the past 17 years, most recently as vice president and general manager.

The sales department is also announcing new hires. Matt Collins, who will be the company's product manager for punching, forming and stamping, has 12 years of industry experience. Dwayne Douglas will work with new coatings for plastic molding as product manager for molds and dies. He has been with the company since 1995. Finally, Victor Johnston and Randy Bartholomew were named applications engineers. Both are responsible for customer service, sales and technical support.

New Managers at Philadelphia Gear

Philadelphia Gear Corp. has reorganized its service center management team in two of its regional maintenance facilities.

Tony Tartaglio was named general manager of the Western service center. Tartaglio has been with Philadelphia Gear for 30 years and will have operational control of Philadelphia Gear's facility in Lynwood, CA. Nel Mitchel will take over Tartaglio's former job as Western regional sales manager. Mitchel has more than 10 years of experience in industrial equipment repair, most recently as solutions account manager for SKF USA.

In addition, Barry Hall was appointed general manager of the Midwest service center.

AMT Elects Officers, Directors

AMT—The Association for Manufacturing Technology has elected its 2004 officers and directors.

Chairman of the board is R.J. Weskamp of Wes-Tech Inc. David J. Burns of Gleason Corp. is the new first vice chairman and J. Patrick Ervin of Hardinge Inc. was elected secretary.

The new board members are Ronald Schildge of Transmars Corp., Douglas K. Woods of Liberty Precision Industries and J. Patrick Ervin.

Longtime General Broach Manager Retires

Robert Roseliep, general manager of the machine tool division of General Broach, is retiring after 51 years with the company. S. David Graham will replace him.

According to the company's press release, Roseliep began his career at the company as a shipping clerk and then progressed through positions including broach tool designer, broach fixture designer, broach machine designer, chief engineer and vice president of engineering.

He was named president and CEO in 1977. In 1986, Roseliep and Raymond Eklund bought the company and its affiliates. Two years later, Roseliep bought out Eklund to become the sole owner. In 1991, he sold the company to Utica Enterprises and was retained as general manager of the machine tool division.

New President at Fairfield

Gary Lehman was appointed president and CEO of Fairfield Manufacturing Co. Inc.

Lehman was managing director and co-founder of the Cannelton Group, a consulting firm that specializes in strategic and operational assistance to manufacturing companies.

Prior to that, he was president of Phillips Lighting Electronics of North America. According to Fairfield's press release, he has 20 years of management experience with Federal Mogul, TRW, Deere and Co. and Allen Bradley.

Fairfield Manufacturing of Lafayette, IN, designs and manufactures custom gears and gear sets, power transmission assemblies and planetary drives.

New Calibration Facility for Gear Metrology Lab

Rob Frazer of the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, along with P. Mancasola and Gunther Mikoleizig of Klingelberg GmbH, published a new paper outlining the calibration and measurement uncertainty requirements of the U.K. gear industry at the ASME 2003 Design Engineering Technical Conference.

Titled "A New Calibration Facility for the UK's National Gear Metrology Laboratory" (DETC2003/PTG-48106), the paper outlines initial tests on the performance of a new Klingelberg P65 Gear Measuring Centre selected by the U.K.'s National Gear Metrology Lab as the platform for improving the country's gear calibration.

ITW Workholding Acquires Forkardt

ITW Workholding of Troy, MI, acquired Forkardt International Ltd. and plans to combine their sales channels, engineering and product lines.

Forkardt International, with subsidiaries in France, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and the United States, designs and manufactures custom and standard workholding products.

According to ITW's press release, any European subsidiaries will continue to operate under the Forkardt name as part of the ITW Workholding Group. Also included in the acquisition is the Kalamazoo, MI-based Buck Forkardt USA operation, which will continue to serve the general business segment of ITW Workholding.

New Engineer at Process Equipment

Brian Everson has joined Process Equipment Co. of Tipp City, OH, as a software engineer in the metrology system. Among his new responsibilities will be working as a member of the Next Dimension® gear measurement system software development team.

Prior to this, Everson worked for M&M Precision Systems Corp. for 17 years in a variety of technical positions.

Nachi Appoints Regional Sales Manager

Nachi Machining Technology Co. has announced the appointment of David Petrimoux to the position of regional sales manager in the Southeastern United States. Petrimoux relocated to Charlotte, NC in February and will be responsible for all sales in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, parts of Tennessee and Virginia.

Petrimoux has been with Nachi for 25 years, beginning his career as a machine operator and broach grinder. He has held various sales and engineering positions within the company, and most recently he was manager of the forming rack division. ⚙️

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