SPOTTING INDUSTRY: II

Mike Baker Owners Used Alphabet

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Two former Naval officers named Cyril K. Moresi and Henry W. Busch bought the old Guidry Brick Factory on Buchanan St. in Lafayette in 1946, re-opened the plant as Mike Baker Brick Company and expanded a second plant in Cade. Henry is company president, Bill is Lafayette vice-president and Brit New Iberia vice-president.

The old Guidry Brick Factory was purchased from Mrs. Alice Guidry and started the Mike Baker operation in 1946. The present plant now has two downtown draft kilns, an up draft kiln, a clay storage shed, two drying beds, a dryer, a mill room and a shop on the 14-acre site. It is serviced by a railroad spur. Rolling stock for the large plant includes a dump bed, two trailer trucks, a bob-tailed pick-up truck, three station cars, dragline front end loader, and track-laying tractor, and three fork trucks. The rolling stock is duplicated at the New Iberia plant.

Company Officials

Henry Busch is president of the firm, and his son, Bill, is Lafayette plant vice-president, and Brit is president of New Iberia. Mrs. Cyril K. Moresi is secretary-treasurer.

Leo Champagne is company superintendent, Mrs. Willis Landry is chief bookkeeper, and Mrs. Eolett Guidry is a bookkeeper at Lafayette. George Guidry and Don Babin are shipping foremen. The head foremen are Eddie Vill and Joseph Laney. Among the plant railroad men are Bob and Buddy Busch.

Bill and Brit Busch are plant railroad operators. Other railroad men are trainmen and the latter in economics. Henry Busch is a toured graduate of Louisiana State University and attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mike Baker Brick Company serves a market area from the Houma-Thibodaux area west to Lake Charles and extending to Alexandria.

The old Guidry Brick Factory was purchased in 1946 for $45,000. The old plant was re-opened and a second plant was added.