

## The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Pipe Products



*Pell City, Alabama expansion in 1984*

If thinking back to what it was like fifty years ago gives you visions of the World War II era, think again. It was the 1970s when people wore bell-bottom jeans, The Beatles broke up, and Ford Meter Box started promoting and selling an all stainless steel repair clamp. Service saddles and bolted flex couplings were added in 1973, and the Ford Pipe Products line was born.

Soon, cast couplings, both straight and transitional, were offered in a wide variety of sizes and options, including different coatings and hardware.

In 1982, the purchase of Superior Utility Products brought additional products including couplings and fabricated iron fittings. The purchase included a production facility in Pell City, Alabama, with four employees, later increasing to nineteen in the first year.

Sales continued to grow as did our product offering. In the summer of 1994, a complete line of Uni-Flange® pipe restraint products was added for PVC and ductile iron pipe, rounding out our product line.

Today, we are still expanding. The recent addition of Baker Coupling products allows us to offer much larger sizes for new and existing applications. As we celebrate 125 years since our founding, we are also privileged to reach our 50th anniversary of delivering the highest quality Pipe Products to customers around the world. Who would have thought the years could pass so quickly?

