



ALFRED DOENO, machinist, operates an instrument for testing various gauges used on locomotives and in the shops.



Big, good-humored STANLEY SECYGFELSKI, boilermaker, who handles a yard-long wrench like a tooth-pick, here works on a plate on the front of a diesel.



Cruising Cam



Jobs in Erie's diesel shops and roundhouses are filled by railroaders who are craftsmen of amazing talent. They can shape iron on machines with rare delicacy, and they put massive engines together with the care of a watchmaker.

Recently while passing through the roundhouses and diesel shop at Jersey City, Photographer John Lang of the Erie Magazine took pictures of some of these craftsmen.

These "artists" are somewhat oil stained and grease smeared, but even Rembrandt did not have more pride in his work. These Erie men have de-



With the Erie since 1914, FRANK T. KLINGMANN, machinist, assembles a diesel engine like it was a watch.

Making a dramatic photograph of men and machine, JOSEPH B. ROUGEMARDEN, pipefitter, tightens a bolt underneath a diesel engine which has been run into the pit beside the Jersey City diesel shop.



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voted their lives to mastering their skills.

Their "paint brushes" are heavy wrenches and hammers, but they handle them with consummate skill, quietly and efficiently. They don't raise a big fuss as they turn metal on a lathe or assemble parts, but they keep the motive power rolling.

However, they are only one segment of the great organization which is needed to operate a railroad. In succeeding issues the Erie Magazine will show pictures of other Erie folk on the job, in other shops and in offices all along the railroad.



Lunch is a very informal occasion in the Jersey City shop. Most of the men merely relax in the nearest convenient place and dig into their sandwiches. Some gather in groups like this bunch which likes to mix some robust conversation with grub.



WILLIAM ANISKIEWICZ, machinist, uses a wrench as he works on a traction motor in the Jersey City diesel shop.



A real veteran, JAMES NEARY, machinist, checks a diesel engine part which he is machining on a lathe. He has been with the Erie 52 years and knows his job so well he can estimate machined parts to a thousandth of an inch.

JOHN DORAN, another veteran machinist, expertly maneuvers a diesel wheel tire onto a table for machining.

