

# the FRINGE BENEFIT RV

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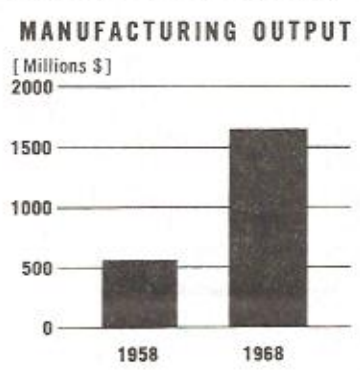
Our mailbag runneth over! Your enthusiastic support of this publication is most gratifying! We thank you for your heartwarming response and continue to encourage your written contributions. An example of a letter we particularly appreciated came to us from MRS. GARY FINK of Waterloo, Iowa, who had this to say:

"We are very pleased to see the fine job done on your paper, 'THE FRINGE BENEFIT'. It is a very interesting paper, and very informative. We really enjoy it!"

EDITOR'S NOTE: Not HALF as much as we enjoyed hearing from you! Many thanks for your kind words!

## Manufacturing Growth In Arizona

Manufacturing continued to provide the impetus for growth in the Arizona economy last year. Average manufacturing employment increased



over 5,000; wages paid advanced more than \$65 million; and the value of manufacturing production increased about \$200 million. Total manufacturing output in 1968 is estimated at \$1.8 billion, excluding the value of copper smelter operations.

The trend in local manufacturing activity over the past decade is summarized in the following table. Employment has risen to 84,200, more than doubling the number of jobs in 1958.

### GROWTH OF MANUFACTURING IN ARIZONA

Year	Avg. Number Employed	Annual Payroll	Estimated Value of Production
1958	41,400	\$212,518,000	\$ 630,000,000
1959	46,100	250,153,000	750,000,000
1960	49,300	271,796,000	810,000,000
61	51,000	295,007,000	870,000,000
1962	55,200	328,242,000	980,000,000
1963	58,000	360,353,000	1,070,000,000
1964	59,500	377,888,000	1,130,000,000
1965	64,900	421,787,000	1,255,000,000
1966	77,700	524,680,000	1,500,000,000
1967	79,100	559,325,000	1,610,000,000
1968	84,200	625,275,000	1,820,000,000

And yet another enthusiastic Prescott Valley supporter had the following comments on our Library and 'Jolly Green Giant' articles of the last issue:

"When your shelves are ready, let me know as I have a couple 'light' volumes that might rate a library number.

You're looking for a Jolly Green Giant? ? Well, I've found one! In spite of 4 generations of Iowa rootage, he's willing to come along. Shall we bring some trees (Linden or Ash) with us? Plan to be in Prescott before summer."

- LEORA C. PARK

EDITOR'S NOTE: We sincerely appreciate the offer, both book-wise and tree-wise. Most important of all, though, bring yourself! !

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE . . . .**

Store Manager: "I'm sorry I can't hire you but I just don't have enough work to keep you busy."

Applicant: "You'd be surprised how little it takes!"

*A Hearty Welcome And Friendly "Howdy" To These  
Prescott Valley Newcomers!!!!!!*



LOT 2788 UNIT 10  
Type: 3 bedroom home  
Owner: Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Hansen  
Originating from: Spencer, Iowa



LOT 353 UNIT 2  
Type: 3 bedroom home  
Owners: Mr. & Mrs. L. Hoffman  
and Mr. & Mrs. R. Loos  
Originating from: Phoenix, Arizona



RECREATION AREA  
Type: Barn  
Owner: Prescott Valley, Inc.



LOT 86 UNIT 1  
Type: Duplex Apartment  
Owners: Mr. & Mrs. L. Karsky  
Originating from: Dickenson, No. Dakota



LOT 1643 UNIT 4  
Type: 4-Plex Apartment  
Owner: Nordness  
Owners: Mr. & Mrs. E. Nordness  
Originating from: Hettinger, North Dakota



LOT 1563 UNIT 4  
Type: 3 bedroom home  
Owners: Mr. & Mrs. Zinns  
Originating from: St. Peter, Minn.

*And The Beat Goes On.....*



LOT 279 UNIT 10  
Type: 2 bedroom home  
Owner: Lee Williams Construction Co.  
Originating from: Prescott, Arizona



LOT 1363 UNIT 4  
Type: 3 bedroom home  
Owners: Mr. & Mrs. E. Nordness  
Originating from: Hettinger, No. Dakota



LOT 837 UNIT 3  
Type: 2 bedroom home  
Owner: Mrs. Jeannette Hendrix  
Originating from: Letta, Iowa

**PORTRAIT OF SOME HAPPY  
PROPERTY OWNERS . . . . .**

The Glenn Bells of Cedar Rapids, Iowa . . .  
all loved Prescott Valley so much that a  
sister and the entire family made the 'happy  
transition' to a Prescott Valley 3 bedroom  
mobile home!

Those smiling faces are the finest endorse-  
ment we could ever have!



LOT 1540 UNIT 4  
Type: 3 bedroom home  
Owners: Mr. & Mrs. Bob Allen  
Originating from: Independence, Iowa



## Climate Is Arizona's Biggest Asset

Climate has played a key role in the economic development of Arizona. It has provided the stimulus for a continuing wave of immigration. It has influenced the establishment of new manufacturing plants. It has attracted an increasing number of tourists and visitors, who annually spend hundreds of millions of dollars here.

During the winter visitor season (now underway in southern Arizona), the weather is generally characterized by sunny skies and mild temperatures. While the State possesses unparalleled natural scenery and a full range of both indoor and outdoor recreational activity, the greatest single visitor attraction is *climate*.

### Value Of State's Mineral Production Climbed To New Record Last Year

The value of mineral production rebounded sharply in Arizona last year. It climbed to the highest mark ever recorded — \$626 million — registering a 35% gain over 1967! Settlement of the 8½ month copper strike came in March, and the output of copper in the second quarter of 1968 was three times the amount that was produced in the first quarter. Mining employment and mining wage payments increased dramatically also, 96% and 119%.

Copper historically has dominated Arizona's mining statistics. It accounted for 84% of the State's mineral output last year. From 1910 on, local copper production has exceeded that in any other state, and in recent years, Arizona has been producing over half of the entire nation's copper output.

At present, copper in "finished" rod is produced locally; and two-copper cable plants have located in Arizona.

#### COPPER PRODUCTION IN ARIZONA

Year	¢ per lb.	Tons	Value
1960	32.1	538,600	\$345,784,000
1961	29.9	587,100	352,232,000
1962	30.6	644,200	396,853,000
1963	30.6	661,000	407,162,000
1964	32.0	691,000	450,544,000
1965	35.4	703,400	497,991,000
1966	36.2	739,600	535,004,000
1967	38.2	501,700	383,591,000
1968	41.8	631,300	528,348,000

Source: U. S. Bureau of Mines

Relative humidity is an important factor in the weather picture. High humidity makes low temperatures seem colder and makes high tempera-

#### RELATIVE HUMIDITY — 11:00 A.M. RECORDING

Month	Phoenix	Tucson	Month	Phoenix	Tucson
Jan.	44%	39%	Aug.	37%	39%
Feb.	37	24	Sep.	36	31
Mar.	33	28	Oct.	27	29
Apr.	25	21	Nov.	39	31
May	18	16	Dec.	49	39
June	19	17			
July	29	32	Annual	33%	30%

Source: U. S. Weather Bureau, Local Climatological Data reports

tures seem much warmer. In contrast, low humidity moderates temperature extremes.

Year round, based on 11:00 A.M. recordings, humidity in Phoenix averages a low 33%, and in Tucson 30%. The spring months are the driest, with the humidity level normally under 20%. In most parts of the U.S., relative humidity ranges between 50% and 70%.



Another important factor in weather comfort is the frequency of wind direction and speed. In both Phoenix and Tucson, the wind is influenced to a significant extent by the surrounding mountains, and the general slope of the terrain. Surface winds here are generally light, with no important seasonal changes in velocity or in prevailing direction. While there are occasional disturbances that cause localized thunder storms, with possible heavy wind gusts, wind velocities in Phoenix average less than 6 mph, and in Tucson only about 8 mph.

Sand and gravel — reflecting construction expansion in Arizona — is the largest single non-metallic mineral produced locally. The output of all miscellaneous minerals increased \$16 million last year, up 20% from 1967.