





The one millionth watch to come off the Lincoln assembly line is being examined by Virginia Miller and George M. Christ prior to packing. It was taken off the line on March 7, 1949.



Testing of the millionth watch to come off the Lincoln assembly line is being done by Darlene Blum.



Note: This is not his 15-year service pin.

“George was promoted to foreman of the Lincoln Assembling Department in August 1949. In 1950 George would have received his 15-year, solid gold Elgin service pin.”

“In 1955 Elgin National Watch Co. purchased a second electronics



**Above and below.** George M. Christ’s 25-year service watch.

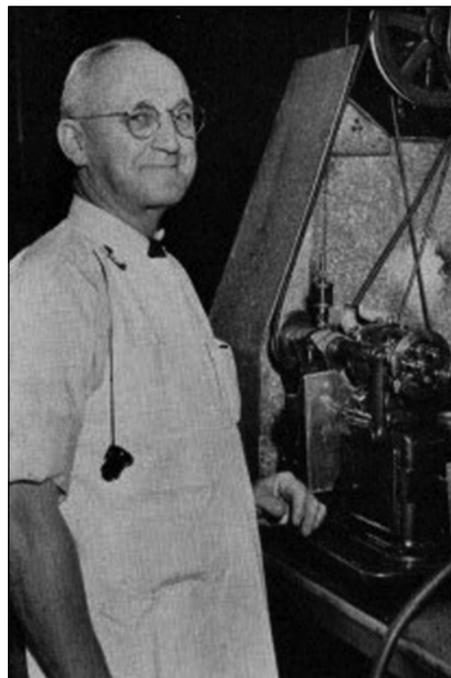


plant for the year in California and appointed George M. Christ as manager. Elgin brought American Microphone Co. of Pasadena, CA, as part of its general diversification program announced in 1953 by James Shennan.

“In 1960 George received the above watch for 25 years of loyal service, the same year Elgin sold American Microphone Co. to General Cement Co. of Rockford.

“It’s unclear as to what happened to George after the sale and if he stayed with Elgin.

“George’s father-in-law Leo Ciraulo was a veteran of the Screw Department. Leo joined the company in 1910. Leo first worked in the Motion room for three years and then was in the Escape and Speedmeter rooms before going to the Plate Department in 1924. Ten years later he was transferred to the Gilding Department where he was a jewel inspector until



Leo F. Ciraulo.

1940. Since that time he has done jewel stripping on the automatics.<sup>3</sup>

“George passed away in 1986 at age 71 in Elgin, IL. His wife Leona passed away on November 24, 1996 at age 79 in Elgin, IL.”

**Notes**

1. *Watch Word*, August 1949.
2. *Watch Word*, April 1949.
3. *Watch Word*, April 1950.

**FJF:** Another great example of strong research and the value of inscriptions on case backs.

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