

SUPERVISOR OF THE MONTH

- Paul Fraga of John Miller Electric Company, Oak Park, Michigan, following the lead taken by his brother came to Detroit in 1948 and entered the Apprenticeship Training Program with Local 58, IBEW, after his graduation from high school in North Branch, Michigan, and a two and one-half year stint in the United States Navy. Journeyman status was conferred upon him in 1953. He worked with the tools and served in a supervisory capacity for several years prior to joining John Miller Electric Company in 1957 as a foreman. Since then he has supervised a variety of jobs, some of them requiring as many as 150 to 200 men. Just to name a few: the Fisher Theater remodeling, the Lafayette Towers (2-22 story high rise apartment buildings), the new Providence Hospital, the Chrysler Fifteen Mile Road Stamping Plant - Sterling Heights, the Klins for Marblehead Lime Company, South Addition - Chrysler Engine Mound Road Plant, Chrysler Mopar Plant Addition - Warren, Ford Motor Company Chassis Plant - Sterling Heights, and the Ford Motor Company Steel Mill Plant. He is currently Job Electrical Superintendent on the multi-million dollar Ford Motor Company Michigan Casting Plant, Phase 1, 2F and 2G which also includes the mold lines. When completed this will be the largest casting plant in the world.

"You learn from every job and every job is a challenge," says Paul, "you are only as good as those men (journeymen and foremen) working for you."

Paul, his wife Eleanor and their five children, whose ages range from 6 to 21 years, reside in Bloomfield Hills. Vacations are spent traveling throughout the United States, Mexico and Europe. "You don't really appreciate the quality of workmanship and the complexity of installations done in the United States until you have inspected installations done in foreign countries," proclaims Paul.

When time permits, Paul takes to the field and streams for hunting and fishing. He also enjoys bowling as an outlet to relieve the pressures of his daily responsibilities.