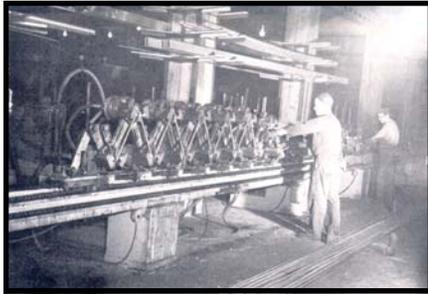


1951—1960

Korean War Years

1953 to 1965



Joist manufacturing was the backbone of Standard Iron during this time.



In the early 1950s, Standard Iron entered into the business of manufacturing steel joists. This product was in high demand due to the expansion of commercial, industrial, and public buildings.

Standard Iron was the major supplier of steel joists in the upper Midwest until the steel mills set up subsidiary plants to make this product. Standard Iron was no longer able to be competitive in this market.

Always quick to find items to fabricate, sales were increased in miscellaneous metals. Some of Standard Iron's first products included hoppers for 3M, over-the-road refrigerator units for Thermo King, and acoustic parts for the Northfield auditorium at St. Olaf's College.

Standard Iron was slowly starting to build up its sales to farm implement manufacturers. During this time period, sales literally leaped across the sales chart to over \$250,000.



As Standard Iron grew, so did the size and type of its structural steel and miscellaneous metals contracts. From the small wrought iron fence, Standard Iron now produced some of the world's largest steel and aluminum products. Furnishing materials primarily for the construction and building trades, Standard Iron and Wire Works, Inc., has been responsible for much of the interior architectural metal work for many of the buildings in the Minneapolis and St. Paul skyline including: IDS Tower, Minnesota Judicial Center, Minneapolis United States Federal Courthouse, Target Center, Science Museum, Children's Theatre, and the International Market Square Lofts.

1960



Rollie Demeules retires.

Over the years that Standard Iron has been in business, it has been involved with many projects where material was furnished for the original building and its replacement. Standard Iron supplied product for the original St. Paul Civic Center. When it was torn down in May of 1998, Standard Iron was called upon to provide product for its replacement building—Xcel Energy Center. Another example is the Veterans Affairs Medical Center which was built in 1953. Standard Iron provided product for the original building, and when it was demolished in 1994, Standard Iron again supplied product for the new medical center. Standard Iron still continues to provide quality metal fabrications for the building construction industry.