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1978 PAC Winner

George B. Langer

Fifty years ago, Mr. Langer began his association with the glass industry as an employee with the U.S. Glass Company in Pittsburgh subsequently joining Kerr Glass in 1944 to become Assistant Vice President-Engineering. He was the first engineer hired by Kerr and during his career the firm grew from a three-furnace operation to a fifteen-furnace company.

His span of experience ranged from home canning jars produced by Lynch machines to the revolutionary Kerr-Heye press and blow process. George Langer played an important role in evaluating this new process and negotiations eventually resulted in a Kerr Glass/H. Heye Glasfabrik agreement permitting licensing of the system in the United States and Canada.

His contributions to the glass industry go far beyond production engineering and his ability to recognize and solve complex problems made him a truly unique individual.