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"I have two. In early high school, I laid the base for tombstones and for veterans cemeteries played taps. I'd hide behind trees



and other tombstones so they couldn't see me. There was something about being unseen which supposedly added to the effect.

"The other was at Progress Industries in Arthur, where I spent a summer running a grinder taking slag off welds for tractor loaders. On one occasion, a used loader which was used for manure was brought in for repair. I was told to grind off the caked manure, which I did for a couple of days. I couldn't get a date for several weeks after because of the smell.

"At least that what I was told."