FORMER DEGENHART EMPLOYEE BERNARD BOYD BUYS FACTORY — FIRST GLASS PRESSED OCTOBER 10 IN RED

- all items to now be marked with B -

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On September 20, 1978, the Degenhart Crystal Art Glass factory in Cambridge, Ohio, was sold to Bernard, Louise, Bernard F., and Sue Boyd. Bernard Boyd, Sr., has been the glassmaker for Mrs. Degenhart since 1972. Details of his lifetime study of glass are given in my articles in the May, June, and July, 1978 issues of Glass Review. With the help of his wife, son, and daughter-in-law, he plans to continue producing the beautiful colors for which Degenhart glass has become famous.

Since Mrs. Degenhart's death on April 16 of this year, those of us who looked forward eagerly to the latest color that Mr. Boyd had mixed have felt the loss of this collecting joy. Now there will be an opportunity to collect a glass with a different mark, but one made in the same factory by the same artist. This new logo is still in the patent proces, but when this is done there will be glass production again at 1203 Morton Avenue in Cambridge, Ohio. The same crew of William Boyd, Richard Anderson, William Higgins, William Degenhart, and Morton Black will be working in front of the furnace. Once again Erna Burris will be answering the phone to tell your dealer what is new, and Alma Collins will be selecting the glass. Mr. Boyd tells me that if all goes well, they should be in production by the middle of October.

I've saved the best part of this happy news until the last. The Boyds are having two or three new molds made. We'll not only be seeing new colors but also new shapes. With new members of the Boyd family contributing ideas, there will be continuous changes as a new image of Boyd glass emerges. Those of us who worry about the old glass skills being lost can be happy that there will be two younger members of the family learning them.

NOTE: The first Boyd glass was pressed October 10, 1978 in an opaque red color named "Carmine". The trademark is a capital B in a diamond.