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"Joy of Labour" is a newspaper article written in 1981 about a man so unique, fascinating, confident and empathetic — my grandfather and an incredibly close person — Vladimir Volkov. The way the article described his endeavours was of extraordinary interest to me. They were so interesting that I decided to take on the job of releasing the article in a new, fresh and book-like format.

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Volodya Volkov first came to the Sibzavod Automation and Mechanization Shop when he was still a student at the first city vocational school. He remembers what a strong impression the complex equipment made on him then — different types of machines, abundance of devices and tools, tense, concentrated faces of workers and their hands, which skillfully and deftly handled all these sophisticated mechanisms. He longed to get up to these machines himself, to feel the pleasant coolness of the metal in his hands, and to feel as though he were a bit of a creator. Volodya was looking forward to graduating from college, and when vocational school graduates were presented with certificates of classification, he already knew that he would start his career at the Sibzavod plant.

The joy of his first independently performed work, new friends, the kind faces and strong hands of his mentors, those who warned him against possible errors and sincerely rejoiced at his first successes — all this was remembered forever. Now it is difficult even to say who was his first teacher — perhaps all those who worked with him at the locksmith and assembly site helped and taught him their craft. And none of them knew that not so much time would pass, and the young locksmith would not only perfectly master his profession, but would also compete in skill with such experienced and highly skilled workers as locksmith VM. Kibort, turner-boring operator VV. Chigorsky and others.

More and more Vladimir was learning the secrets of locksmith skills, closely watching the work of his elders, trying to learn the best from them. Something didn't work out — he patiently re-did it again, didn't have time — he stayed after the shift. The workers of the workshop nodded their heads in encouragement and said, "A persistent guy, he will get his way." When the time came for Vladimir Volkov and other fellows from the shop to go to the army' they agreed with their friend, locksmith Viktor Rakhmanov, that after the service they would meet again in the shop that had become dear to them. The boys kept their word and came back mature, physically hardened. Vladimir set himself the task of mastering several other professions in addition to locksmithing.

He learned how to drill, grind, did well with the turning work. For high production figures and successes in socialist competition he was awarded the title of the Communist Worker.

Probably because of his strong character, the ability to achieve goals, kindness, attention and respect for people, the Komsomol members of TSAM elected Vladimir Volkov as their leader for four years in a row. Well, once you gained people's trust — do not let them down! The Komsomol organization of the shop is small, but its life is always interesting, full of various activities.

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It was interesting and easy to work, says Vladimir, because the fellows always responded vividly to all the planned activities, everyone wanted it to be interesting and not boring.

Cultural outings, out-of-town trips, participation in youth subbotniks became traditional. The Komsomol organization, headed by Vladimir Volkov, was recognized as the best in the competition for a worthy celebration of the 60th anniversary of Sibzavod among auxiliary shops and was awarded with a challenge pennant and Certificate of Honor.

Many things occurred in Vladimir's labour biography during these years: he started working as a fourth-class worker, performed the most complicated and important work, won the socialist competition three times (1976-76-77), and was awarded a bronze badge "Fighter of the 9th Five-Year Plan" for the successful fulfillment of tasks of the previous five-year plan.

Always neat and tidy, his friends never saw him bored, sitting unoccupied. He manages to do everything, lives somehow very enthusiastically, interestingly, one would like to imitate him. He entered the evening department of an industrial and pedagogical technical school, he began spending more evenings in the library, getting ready for classes. Likewise, he had to plunge into technical literature, and he also found time for sports practice in the factory health group. And in spring of this year his co-workers congratulated Vladimir on a great work achievement — the completion of his personal five-year plan. When asked how he managed to achieve everything, what he considers the main purpose of his work, Vladimir hesitantly responds:

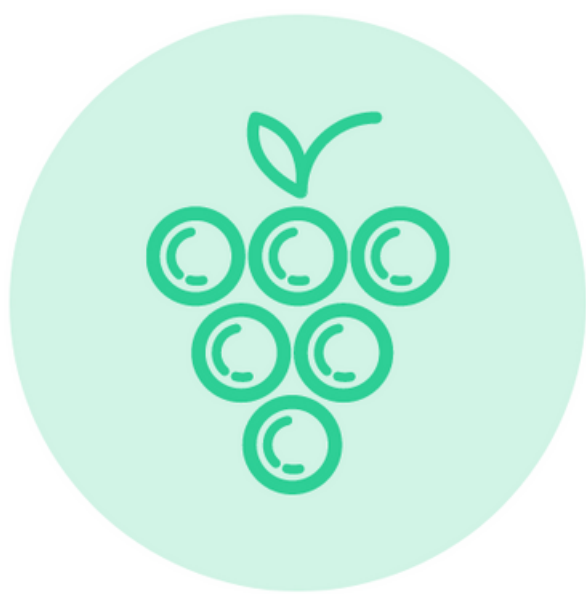
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The more knowledge and experience a person has, the more he is probably capable of. That's why it's so important to strive for new knowledge, to achieve more, not to stand still. Only then will you truly feel joy and satisfaction from your work.

But perhaps the most important event of these years was joining the Communist Party. Those who gave him recommendations to the Party said the following about Vladimir: "hardworking, persistent, disciplined," "he can get along with people, establish good relations with them". And the secretary of the party organization of the shop Ivan Kirillovich Kostromin said: "You will continue to work in the Komsomol. You are familiar with this matter — you can handle it." The young communist Vladimir Volkov is still the leader of the youth. This is natural, as the Party and the Komsomol have the same goal and the same path too — the path of Lenin. The path of serving the people.

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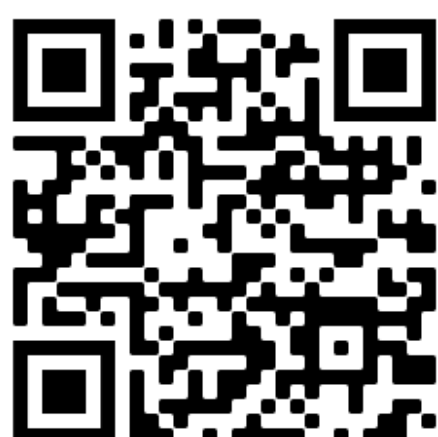
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Pictured: Young Communist, TSAM locksmith,
Vladimir Volkov



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