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## Ten Wheeling Steel Men Join Armed Forces During February

Another group of ten employees from Portsmouth Works departed during February to join the ever increasing number serving with the armed forces of our country. The number now in active service is three hundred and fifty-one, due to the return of three employees who received their honorable discharges during the month.

Eight of those leaving during the month were inducted for duty in the army: They were—Eugene Atkins, rumbler helper in the Nail Mill; William T. Gose, laborer in the Range Boiler; John B. Jenkins, laborer in the Barrel Shop; William B. Purdy, machine helper in the Barrel Shop; Phirl Tabor, crane operator at the Rod and Wire Mill;

Edward M. West, assistant steel analyst at the Chemical Laboratory; J. Wilbur White, conveyor man in Department 17, and Edward Holsinger, unassigned laborer; Robert Dixon, patcher in the Barrel Shop and Adam E. Maynard, unassigned labor, were accepted for service in the Navy.

The three who returned to work after receiving their honorable discharges were George Holcomb, Machine Shop, Earl Frasher, Brick Masons and Raymond Saddler, Police Department.

Due to the fact that many of our soldiers have been moved or transferred during recent months, we do not have the latest military address of many of them. We again ask that their friends and relatives supply us this address so we can send them the Plant News regularly. Both we and the boys will appreciate this.



Lt. Helen Wiehle is serving in the Army Nurses Corps at Fort Knox, Kentucky. She is the daughter of W. J. Wiehle, first helper in the Open Hearth Department.



#### Plant Band Continues Radio Programs Over WPAY

The Employees Band continues to be heard over Radio Station WPAY in a half hour band concert which is presented every other Monday night at 7:30 P. M.

Band Director Ray Adams always furnishes an entertaining musical program of overtures and marches and Leo Kricker, Master of Ceremonies, has had some very interesting speakers on recent programs. Mr. J. F. Parkinson, City Manager, was the guest speaker on February 14 and discussed the importance of the War Chest to the City of Portsmouth. On February 28 the speaker was Mr. John Snook, who talked on the vital roll played by the American Red Cross both on the war fronts and at home.

The band presented an "Irish Program" on March 13. The guest speaker on this occasion was Rev. Ambrose Freund, whose interesting talk was on St. Patrick's Day in keeping with music of the all Irish program.

#### Carpenters Set New Season Record In Bowling League

On Friday, February 25 the "Wood Butchers" from the Carpenter Shop really butchered the maples on the Masonic Alleys and turned in a total of 2828 to set a new high record for the year in the plant bowling league. Their single game of 1010, rolled at this time, is also a season record to date.

The Carpenter's attack was sparked by Clyde Stockham who turned in a 601 score for the evening. Hank Jenkins was right on his heels with 595 while Captain "Boody" Ross registered a 245 for high single game and a three game total of 589.

Duke Bauer of Department 17 continues as the league's leading bowler with an average of 183.

On March 10 Lew Kent of the Barrel Shop turned in a three game total of 687 and Cecil Bocook of the Blast Furnace a single game of 268 for new individual records this year.

After thirty games of the second half were rolled on March 10 the Generals were still holding a two game lead over the Store Room and Department 17 was in third place, one game behind the Store Room.



Pvt. Louella K. Allen, daughter of Miles Allen of the Carpenter Shop, has been serving in the WAC's since last April. She is now stationed at Lowry Field, Colorado.

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#### Come Across For The Red Cross

When bombs fall there is no time to send help half way around the world. When a badly wounded fighting man needs a transfusion, it is too late to begin looking for a blood donor or find a nurse to care for him. When a lonely soldier learns of trouble at home, he needs help-im-

The American Red Cross provides that help wherever and whenever the need arises. A continuous procession of blood donors must be main-tained, nurses must be recruited for the Army and Navy, trained Red Cross workers and supplies must be sent to camps, hospitals and foreign theatres of operation the world over.

When a train crash leaves scores injured, when flood engulfs a town, when epidemic strikes, delay may cost lives. Red Cross disaster relief and medical supplies, held in readiness for such emergencies, plus trained workers to rescue and assist victims and help in their rehabilitation, will prevent delay and thus save many

To fulfill its many obligations to the armed forces and our people, the American Red Cross needs your help. During 1944 it must supply some 5,-000,000 blood donations. Each month 2,500 nurses must be recruited for the Army and Navy. Red Cross field directors and other trained personnel must be stationed at military and naval posts and hospitals to help our fighting men and their families when personal trouble brews, a task in which the Red Cross chapter on the home front ably does its share.

## Safety Honor - Roll

This Record includes the days between the last lost Time Accident in your department and March 1, 1944

Time recident in your do			
DEPARTMENT	SUPERVISOR	Days Worked Without a Lost Time Accident	
Nail Galvanizing	John Ressinger	4095	
Locomotive Repairs	C. L. Sunafrank	3270	
Tie Plate Machine Shop	Elmer Stegman	3183	
Blast Fce. Boiler House	John Hurley	2957	
Coal Handling	R. E. Delamater	2950	
Blacksmith Shop	Claude White	2947	
Tin Shop	John Lewis	2495	
Spike Mill	Geo. Ford	2484	
Rod & Wire Bundling	Henry Lewis	2269	
Rod & Wire Labor	E. Brescia	1812	
Roll Turning	H. G. Vaughn	1721	
Foundry	A. E. Forsberg	1348	
Field Fence	Carl Heinisch	1345	
Carpenter	W. L. Ross	1335	
Machine Shop	George Born	1304	
Police	A. J. Lewis	1297	
Bbl. & Rg. Boiler Galv.	L. M. Bell	1199	
Coke Ovens	O. J. Deitzler	1169	
Rod & Wire Galvanizing	Robt. Smith	1043	
Road Mesh	Carl Heinisch	863	
Boiler Makers & Iron Wkrs.	Cecil Brammer	668	
Rod and Wire Shipping	Frank Gasele	637	
Barbed Wire	John Olson	623	
Scrap Salvage	C. W. Walter	487	
Rod & Wire Mech.	Wm. Livingston	407	
Pipe Fitters	Carna Duffy	404	
Paint Shop	Homer Stanley	376	
Coke Plant Mechanical	Fred Zeisler	362	
18" & 24" Bar Mills	Wm. Meguigan	359	
Blast Furnace	K. Steinbacher	329	
Tie Plate	Wm. Meguigan	304	
Inspection & Laboratory	C. E. Kesssiger	250	
Rg. Boiler Manufacture	John Thornton	218 197	
Rod Mill	Geo. Kitchener	196	
Electrical	H. C. Mosley		
Wire Mill	Wm. Seburn	147	
Nail Mill	J. P. Arthurs	130 119	
Yard, R. R. & Labor	E. B. Campbell	116	
Barrel Shop	A. Applegate	111	
Blooming Mill Brick Masons	Wm. Meguigan	92	
Open Hearth	E. L. Allison E. E. Brown	84	
Boiler Houses	Claude Weidner	75	
Mechanical	C. H. Nunamaker		
Department No. 17	Andrew Toft	21	
Coke Handling	R. E. Delamater	21	
Coke By-Product	R. Green	5	
Total for the Year 1944 .			
Total for the Year 1943.		11	
Lost Time Accidents for I			
Lost Time Accidents for I	February 1943	4	

At home the Red Cross must continue to maintain a state of alert. Disasters must be met as they occur. Nurses' aides and first aiders must be trained and other educational projects continued. Food parcels for distribution to prisoners of war must must be packed, surgical dressings made and the thousands and one dedetails of administering a far-flung, busy organization must be attended.

All activities of the American Red Cross are financed by voluntary gifts and contributions. During March, designated by President Roosevelt as Red Cross Month, the American Red Cross must raise its 1944 War Fund of unprecedented size to meet unprecedented needs. Your contribution will assure maintenance of all Red Cross services and thus indirectly help save many a life. Let's give!

### EMPLOYEES WITH OUR ARMED FORCES



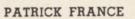
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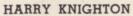


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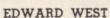


JAS. W. WHITE



EDW. HOLSINGER







JAMES ABBOTT



J. B. FRALEY



EUGENE ATKINS



EUGENE COBB



HOMER SHELTON



JOHN DALTON



JOS. B. MASON



Michael, Jr., son of Michael Haas of the Wire Galvanizing Department, is serving with our armed forces somewhere in England.

#### Yard Department Yarns -by Cecil Literal

Dave Wright, known to all as "Uncle Dave" and cherished and admired by his many friends at the plant, died after a few days of illness recently. We shall long remember "Uncle Dave" and his true fellowship and extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

Acel Stone, yard conductor, just recently joined the army. Good luck, Acel. Frank Dodd is also returning to the army soon.

John Vinson has been off sick for several months. At present he is improving but is still unable to return to work.

Can you recall how long we have been wishing for a new bath and locker house? Well, it's a reality now; construction is well under way and we should be in it soon.

Pat O'Brien has been promoted to Assistant Yard Master. Good luck, Pat.

The Red Cross Drive is on. Let's go all out to put it over. You never gave to a more worthy cause, and when the solicitor calls on you remember you are giving to help that friend, son, daughter, brother or sister of yours fight for our America. Give all you can.

When it comes to drinking coffee we hear that Walter Cremeans, or "Hog" as we used to call him, can really put it away — a gallon for breakfast, so we hear.

#### Brick Mason News -by "A Boot"

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Sub Pelligrinon is traveling around the country visiting some of the well known doctors in hospitals trying to get some of his ailments fixed up so he can crash the army. Wake up Elmer—Uncle Sam wants men.

Big Feet and the Cucumber Kid and the Little Man were in such a hurry to get to the liquor store that they wouldn't stop and help a man extinguish a fire in his automobile, and they wouldn't call the fire department either. They said they were afraid of getting arrested for turning in a false alarm.

Wonder Man, Bud Pelfrey, had to take a few days off after throwing his last fit. He claimed it was to settle his nerves. We wonder when he will throw the next one.

What straw boss doesn't know the difference between a 9 and 13 inch crown? You had better get together with the carpenters the next time, Johnnie. \* \* \*

#### Things We Would Like To Know: 1. How Doc Perry ever got into that overcoat.

2. What happened to the boys who were going to Pearl Harbor?

3. Who had heart trouble—cousin Roy or Bud?

#### COME ACROSS FOR THE RED CROSS



These two U. S. Coast Guards are fighting the Japs somewhere in the Pacific, and it is also their duty to see that our boys get plenty of good food to eat. They are ship cooks George J. Ries and William C. Holmes who was a crane operator at the plant before entering



Elijah Wright, stationed at Camp Calibourne, Louisiana is the son of John Wright, reeler in the Wire Galvanize Department.

#### Rod & Wire Electrical

-by Howard Pherson

Harve Pollard sold his blow torch to "Blue Hole" Kegley, and now when he needs a torch he just borrows it back. Smart man, this Mr.

The only one who ever got the best of Harve was old "Candle Power" Lewis. These two gentlemen swapped cars, sight unseen. C. P. was able to drive his home.

After Buck Fillmore told someone about the number of eggs he was getting from his chickens, several of the gang got their heads together and figured that he must be getting 111/2 eggs a day per chicken.

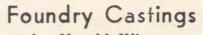
A couple more of our good men have taken another step up. They are Ray LeCompte and Allen Duffy. Best of luck, fellows.

Lee Rigley Adkins has also transferred to another department. He's now operating the crane in the Tie Plate. \* \* \*

Did you ever notice that "wonder-what's-in-the-package" look in the eyes of the men upon your entering the shop with a bundle? Some just wonder. Some have to guess by feeling at it, and others just can't resist peering in at its contents.

Henry Yeley says he is in class 2-B, to be left alone. He hopes.

It is hard to find things to write about since that certain someone transferred to the line gang. Several of the men have remarked about how quiet it is around the shop now.



-by Harold Wiseman

Some of the boys are wondering where Austin Denning gets his speed on pay days to get down town so soon after work.

Wonder why Bob Reynolds always gets his check cashed at the same place on Gallia street?

Huffy says it is about time for Mac to start to Sunday School as it is getting close to sockball season.

Harold Jenkins recently lost three bucks because he couldn't tell the difference between red and green.

Nelson Walden was caught crawling from beneath a parked car (not his) and when asked why, he said he was getting his hat, but with the gasoline supply limited we have our own ideas.

We have a new bridegroom in the Foundry, but at this date no smokes. They're not rationed, Bill.

It is rumored that Sam Altman is using a new hair tonic since he moved to town. \* \* \*

Ed Delabar is still wanting to know what the core makers do with all the coke he wheels in.



Staff Sergeant George A. Keller and son Andra. Sgt. Keller, who is serving with the Army Air Corps at Langley Field, Virginia, was employed at the Blast Furnace before joining our armed forces. Sgt. Keller writes that he would like to hear from his fellow workers at the plant. His new address is S/Sgt. Geo. A. Keller, ASN 35429520; 420 Bomb Squadron H, 302 Bomber Group; Langley Field, Virginia.



Yeoman 3/C Martha Servey was recently assigned for duty in the Navy Department at Washington, D. C. Before joining the WAVES last October, Martha was employed as a stenographer in the Stores Department at the Main Office.

#### Rod Mill Cobbles -by Joseph Wetta

Ok boys, as your new correspondent for the Plant News, I am expecting your help with at least one news

We wonder why Waring and Lintz always argue about the dog house, and if either of them are really ever out of it.

Why are all the boys always crowing at Marion Day? What's the joke about the chicken?

Why did Hurley Maynard roll in two car loads of ball scrap when it was not his job?

In fact all the mill crew on A Turn are exceptionally good since I agreed to write the Rod Cobbles for the Rod Mill. John Mitzler and Bill Conklin have fell over each other to be of assistance to me. I won't tell on you boys.

We would sure liked to have seen Orin Womack when he fell off the stool in the night club.

Also, we would like to see Walter Bowman with a smile on his face and Thaw King when he really knows whether or not his job is skidman or stocker helper.

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#### Carpenter Shavings -by W. L. Ross

The feud between A. H. Peyton and Ollie Puckett is still on. Pate says he might have seen his shadow on Ground Hog Day, but if the Ground-Hog had seen Ollie with his hat off, he never would come out of his hole again.

Bill Burton received so many Valentines of the gambler type that we begin to suspect something crooked has been going on. Bill has been buying the boy's coffee for them and from some reports he has been short changing them with the new wartime pennies for dimes.

The friendship of Bill Burton and Gerald Miller has become very much strained over Eleanor. Now Eleanor is just the pet cat that "gets around" at the Carpenter Shop. Gerald caught Bill giving Eleanor a bath and thought he was trying to drown her. Gerald objected to Bill washing the pussy with just any old soap.

Henry Mann purchased a new pair of Safety Shoes, and when he went to put them on they hurt his feet. On investigating he found them full of nails. The mystery was how did the nails get in them.



Four generations of the Simon family are represented in this picture; Staff Sergeant Raymond Simon of Camp Polk, Louisiana, and his 17 month old son, Junior; his father Henry, 48, a crane operator in the Rod Mill and grandfather Victor Simon, 74, the oldest employee of Portsmouth Works. Victor started to work at the plant in June, 1898 and is still on the job operating a crane in the Electrical Department.







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Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCann and daughters, Mary 22, Mildred, 14 and Phyllis, 8. Tom is employed as a carpenter at the Rod and Wire Mill.



Jon Blaine, 4, son of R. L. Smittle, observer in the Open Hearth Department.



Rita Lou, 9, daughter of Howard Cooper, inspector in the Army Ordnance Department.



Norma Lee, 14, Leeta Jane, 8 and Elbie, 6, three good reasons for that big smile we always see on the face of Luther Mathis, inspector in Department 17.

## Open Hearth News —by Raison and Frantz

Charley Newman has forgiven Captain Moore for those unkind remarks regarding one of their past season fishing jaunts.

Early gardening and fishing talk runs like the weather—hot and cold.

Fred ("Midget") McClellan has been a recent buyer in the used guns market.

It has been reported that Bill Wiehle gave up several points during a recent discussion with Raymond Smittle.

Almost any day now we can expect "Foggy" Sampson to come out with his pre-season baseball predictions and place a few long range wagers.

After last season's gardening we suspect that Howard Ziesler suggested Louie swap turns. Undoubtedly he expects Louie to advise him in gardening matters this coming season.

Perk Allen writes from the South Pacific that the Plant News has been getting there and he certainly enjoys every copy.

Thus far Bill Martin has failed in his promise to write the boys in the Open Hearth. We can only assume that Bill is plenty busy with his basic training.

Jack Wells, pit craneman, is now going in for rat terriers. Jack and Roy Dunham should get together and exchange lore about raising show dogs.

Art Bagby, Open Hearth yard switching conductor, tells that his son is in the final stages of his training as a Bomber Pilot.

The difference between Rip Van Winkle and Harold Booth is that Harold only sleeps twenty hours.

We are glad to see Tap Hole back again.

Elbert Dix is back to work after being off several weeks because of illness.

Anybody in the market for a house, contact Raymond Davis. He'll sell anything but his wife.

Ralph Gilpin, a loyal Moose, is sporting a new Stetson that the boys chipped in and bought.

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### Mechanical Musings —by V. Warnock

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Boy! oh Boy! this old world is sure getting military minded. Charlie Theobold nonchalantly saluted Charlie Nunamaker the other day.

Uncle Sam surely went all out when he put the Figlestahler Boys in Colors. Cpl. Karl, who is a member of the A. A. F. has about three wound stripes to his credit for his activities in the African, Sicilian and Italian Campaigns, and his brother Robert, is due home shortly on furlough. Robert is in training at Great Lakes. Both boys are brothers of George Figlestahler, machinist in the General Machine Shop.

We wonder why James Seth has been hitch hiking to work.

Clarence Orin bought himself a pair of spectacles the other day and we overheard Fat say to himself "Well I'll be darned, it's a "purty" big machine shop after all."

James C. Haven will soon be a member of the Boys in Blue. Good Luck James. Darn it, whenever we get a good helper in the shop one of them durned detectives of the Government finds it out. Oh well, Hitler and Tojo will find it out too.

Paul Barry had some of his front teeth "pulled" (I suppose) and already a new set installed.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Haislett recently paid Portsmouth a visit. Eugene is a member of the U. S. Military Police. Gene's brother James Haislett, is an employee of the General Machine Shop.

P. F. C. Carl E. McHenry, son of Edw. McHenry, has graduated from A. A. F. Radio school. S 1/c Richard, another son of Mr. McHenry, is on duty in the South Pacific.

Charles Theobold, Orval Stevison, and Art Ridings and most of the gang at the West End of the Shop have had bad colds recently. Theobold blames it all on Harry Browning. Why, we don't know.

Sweet young thing!—"My Boss is a perfect gentleman to work for. All you have to do is slap him once in a while."

\* \* \*

The bird who laughs last is probably the one who intended telling the story himself a little later.

Influence is what you think you have until you try to use it.

Girl to policeman after accident:—
"How did it happen? He refused to release his clutch, that's all."

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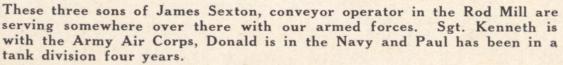


Donavan Reece, his father James, a switchman in the Yard Department and Rev. R. L. Collins of the New Boston Church of God comprised this successful hunting party during the recent deer season. Donavan, a Glenwood High basketball star, was credited with the kill.



Mr. and Mrs. Carlos McGlone and children, Donald Lee, 7 and James Alfred, 15 months. Carlos is employed as a helper in the Road Fabric Shop of the Rod and Wire Division.





#### Barrel Shop Bulletins -by "The Young Man"

Robert Dixon, well known welder, has passed his final examination for service and has entered the U.S. Navy. He recently left for Great Lakes Naval Training Station, near Chicago, where he has been assigned for training. The smiling face of Bob will be sadly missed. Best wishes and best of luck, Bob, from all the

Bruce Wright, a popular welder, whose father recently passed away, has been detained at home for the past three weeks, by a severe attack of pneumonia. The rest of the boys join me in wishing him a speedy re-

John Jenkins, Jr., for years a patcher in the shop was recently inducted for service in the Army. He has already departed for an Army Training Center.

William Briggs, of the office force, has just passed his examination and will enter the Navy. He expects to leave within a few days for Great Lakes Naval Station, where he will go in training. The office force says, "Sorry to see you leave Bill, but all of our best wishes go with you."

Raymond Vaughn, an apprentice heat treater, who has been in the Army Air Corps for the past several months, recently visited the Shop. He is looking and feeling just fine and makes a handsome soldier. Incidentally he recently became a proud father.

William Purdy, machinist helper, has also passed his examination for



Paul Stir, 14 and his pet dogs. Paul's father is Omer Stir, welder in the Mechanical Department.



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Gene and Barbara Ann, children of Alvis Glenn, first helper on the Open Hearth.

entrance into the Army. He recently left for an unknown camp. Goodbye Bill. Hope to see you back soon. guest.

Oliver Morgan, veteran shearman in the shop, who has been detained at home by illness for several weeks has recovered and recently returned to his job. Hearty welcome Oliver from all the boys.

Mr. and Mrs. James Payton are rejoicing over the recent arrival of a fine eight pound baby boy at their home on Stanton Avenue, New Boston. Congratulations James from all the boys.

Charles Pfau, Sr., a candidate for Sheriff, who has been employed in the Barrel Shop for the past several months, was recently called back to Department 17.

Friends of Ben Channel and Al Weghorst are wondering just why

#### COKE PLANT REPORTER SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Improvement is reported in the condition of John Payton, pump house engineer and correspondent from the Coke Plant, who has been off duty since February 16 because of serious illness. Because of this fact, Mr. Payton has no column in

A major operation has been successful and we are hoping to see John back on the job before we go to press next month.

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they are so deeply interested in collecting pennies for Ossie Wright's lit-tle piggy bank. There are rumors and rumors, that - - - - (censored.)

We are happy because the recent War Chest drive went over the top. Now let's all "Kum across for the Red Cross.'

Flash! Joe Voit famous inspector, has at last given up the idea of trying to adopt a half dozen children in order to avoid paying any income tax. Tuff luck, Joe.

Friend sof Russell Sparks will be very glad to learn that he is making good as a soldier. He was employed in the shop for years as an inspector and is a son of Charles Sparks, also an inspector. "Russ" has risen from a private to a Technical Staff Sergeant in about eight months. His picture recently appeared in his camp paper when he was chosen as the most outstanding "soldier-of-the-week," in a camp of many thousands of boys. He recently was highly honored when Under Secretary of War Patterson visited his camp and his plantoon was chosen to demonstrate mortar firing for their distinguished

Mr. and Mrs. William Mays, of near Minford, are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine eight pound baby girl at their home, on March 4th. Congratulations! from all of the boys.

Reports come to us that "Service Director" Tom Allen, has recently bought a large farm out near Oertel's Corner, on Barefoot Avenue, and plans to engage extensively in the raising of Black-eyed-beans and probably a little cane.



Mary Hill, 16, daughter of Gus Hill who is employed as helper in the Brick Mason Department.



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Cpl. Rod Brafford, son of Buddie Brafford, cleaner and packer in the Nail Mill Department.

#### Nail Mill Whiskers -by Nosey, Newsy and Noisy

The windy salty flavor in the air lately is caused by Purdy and Tom Arthurs, the new recruits for Uncle Sam's Navy. It seems their first battle was a loss. After convincing poor George McCune that a collection was being taken up to buy them a going-away present, Charlie Culp was sent to do the collecting. Charlie was to hand the money over to these future sailors who intended to buy ice cream with it and let George, the fall guy, watch them eat it. Charlie double crossed them both by buying ice cream for Milligan and himself. Purdy and Arthurs watched them eat it in disgust.

Bill Hunt has returned from his annual vacation in Cleveland. He reports the snow as being white and deep as ever. Bill had a wonderful time getting his feet and ears frozen.

"Jack Pot" Pendlum was out of order when he gave Tommy Arthurs his heartiest congratulations.

Three Nail Mill heavyweights, Gardner, Mullins and Miller, took to cover during the recent visit of tiny John Milward. He only wanted to give them an exhibition in "juds" which he had learned since joining the paratroops.

Carl Spence is our up and coming druggist. He will prescribe and order pills or medicine for all aches and pains through his favorite mailorder house.

Frank Bihl's smile is like the Wild West these days-full of wide open spaces.

#### Welding Flashes -by Walt Dressler

In the "springtime" if you should stroll in-to the woodsland and by chance stand beside the warm waters of a babbling brook and the silver sprays of a waterfall, your desire would be to plunge in-to the crystal clear pool below for a refreshing dip,
—but—your modesty forbids.

The thrill of this great out-doors

can be experienced the year round in your own very home, by just turning on your bath tub faucets and shower and watch the gentle warm crystal clear waters flow and spray from a "Wheeling Steel Hot Water Storage

After your refreshing "dip", step before your mirror and note the decided change—but, remember that physical posture does not altogether beauty make—it is that extra added smile because "It's Wheeling Steel."

The hash house cowboys are trying to make a dude ranch out of the local restaurant. They hold up the hired help to give demonstrations on how to "throw the bull". Pete Tringas, chef, reports his meals are being delayed because of these cow-boys wishing to ride the range.

Ray Evans gave Ray Chestnut a hunk of home cured hog. The meat was so tough Mrs. Chestnut, fearing for Ray's safety "accidently" threw his false teeth in the cook stove.

Ed Livingston and Frank Purdy rented Bob Pearson's camp for a



Tech. Sgt. Harold Cleary is stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas. He is the son of J. H. Cleary of No. 3 Boiler House and has been in service fourteen months.

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Elsworth Stephenson, gunner's mate on the U.S.S. Enoree, is the son of Virgil Stephenson, burner at the Open Hearth Department.

night of fishing. Cloudburst-river raised rapidly—auto stuck and half submerged by river. Marooned on top of car Ed sang campaign songs and Frank posted posters "Purdy for Sheriff" on shanty boats as they passed down the river.

Next morning river receded and they found five giant catfish in the front seat eating their picnic bologna sandwiches.

Dave Williams and Ralph Whitlatch, dining daily, eat a carefully selected pork chop luncheon garnished with boilers, barrels and blueprint napkins.

Conley skimming scum from galvanize pots, reminds one of Otto Lewis' processed Sorghum Mallassesmaking system.

Fifteen minutes in "Hadees" when Schaefer's calling program passes up your telephone number.

Ab Rose has Walter Everman trying to trace the source of a letter sent him via Atlanta, Georgia.

Ben Bishop, pot craneman, says Harry Ruffing does a cute fandango when shaking spurm from a boiler.

Howard Mackey, Pay Office, won-ders if the "key" in Mackey will fit the Clerk of Court's door at the Court House.

Dr. George Blume, associate plant physician, recently advised my boy, "Little shaver, you must take a daily nap if you wish to grow to a big

Doctor this statement may be condensed thusly, using three names from our Pay Office, Schaeffer, Knapp and Groh.

#### Blooming & Bar Mills

-by Ken Cronin

This is the week you should go down to the blood bank. Don't forget to make that appointment and keep it.

The firm of Duschinski and Company, dealers in onions, eggs and chinaware, has temporarily gone out of business due to the restriction of their handling OPA (other peoples' articles). The firm listed no assets and a liability of 10c at the bankruptcy hearing.

Ben Thompson set his wife's percorlator on the flame of the gas range to warm some coffee. The result was disastrous. Benny now abides in the cozy little home recently vacated by the pup he gave Slim.

Willie ,the Wolf, is just an old house dog now. He finally married the gal, and we wish them all the happiness in the world. Maybe he'll give us fudge instead of the traditional cigar.

Frank Lego doesn't seem to show the proper amount of appreciation towards the Bar Mill crew for laundering his work clothes. Time was when they wouldn't have gone to the trouble of taking them off of him before washing them.

Mr. and Mrs. "Slippery" Elam recently entertained as their guest of the evening Mr. Wesley Moore of New Boston, Ohio. The evening was spent in a long one-sided discussion of worldly affairs. Incidentally Wes's many friends will be relieved to learn that he has abandoned his intention of leaving for Pearl Harbor. If Wes ever goes there Pearl Harbor will have something else to remem-

Slinkey McDaniel, who for the past two weeks has been expounding the virtues and invigorating power of asparagus, is now going around trying to convince the boys that a pretty girl recently mistook him for his son, Jack. Such a mistake is hardly possible as any girl that was likely to make such an error would have been corrected by her seeing eye dog before going on.

spaghetti dinner, see Charley Combs. He knows where there is the best in

After all these years they have had to start chalk marking the levers so Shoemaker will know which ones to pull when he comes out after a bad

It was recently our privilege to working on B-turn and it was indeed a pleasure to note the efficient manner in which Mr. Felty handles his



PORTSMOUTH PLANT NEWS

The late Buel Williams, who died in an automobile wreck recently, was a bottom maker on the Soaking Pits for many years. Two brothers, Collie and Luther, are also employees of the Blooming Mill Department.

crew since his promotion to soaking pit superintendent. Such a splendid job could not be carried by Felty were it not for the fine cooperation he receives from his very able assistant, Adam Swords. These two boys really adore each other and work together with watch-like precision.

Looks like Pete Manier will have to borrow Claud's new glasses so he can see which pay stub to bring out.

George Piatt is on the market for either the wings of an angel or a good hacksaw.

Johnny Thompson has been enjoying a visit from his son Leonard who has been home on leave. Leonard is in the Army Air Corps and is on his way to a new assignment at Salt Lake City, Utah.

#### SHORTY NICKEL'S COON HUNT

Said Nickels to Gilbert, "I know this

As if it were the palm of my hand; I was raised among these hills you see And I've bagged a coon from many a tree.

If you ever have a desire for a Then Shorty got lost; was his face ruary 17.

For Gilbert led the way out instead.

The coons even laughed out good and hard

backyard.

Gilbert says Shorty got up steam At what he thought was a wildcat's scream.

spend part of Bill's honeymoon But Shorty doesn't know until this

That the yell was only from kids at play.

#### IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathy to the following employees and families in recent deaths:

To the family of Charles S. Mc-Fann, Inspector in the Tie Plate Department, who died February 7.

To Burl S. Walters, laborer in the

Barrel & Range Boiler Department, whose father died January 10.

To Ben Bishop, galvanizer in the Range Boiler Department, whose wife died January 27.
To John R. Lykins, head press op-

erator in the Barrel and Range Boiler Department, whose mother died January 27.

To William James, take-off man in the Army Ordnance Department, whose father died January 29.

To Leonard James, gas maker in the Open Hearth Department, whose father died January 30.

To Raymond Potts, Laboratory Assistant in the Coke Plant, whose mother died February 3.

To Homer May, welder in the Army Ordnance Department, whose wife died February 5. To J. C. Blevins, inspector in the

Army Ordnance Department, whose father died February 6.

To Stephen Gaspich, of the Rod & Wire Department, whose mother died February 6.

To Wm. David Lawhun, helper in the Brick Mason Department, whose son died February 7.

To Raymond Moore, checker in the Store Room, whose mother died Feb-

To Walter Molinder, motor inspector in the Electrical Department, and to Ray Molinder, truck driver in the Yard Department, whose mother died February 12.

To Eugene Lutz, craneman in the Electrical Department, whose daughter died February 13.

To J. B. Crawford, wire drawer in the Wire Mill, whose mother died February 13.

To Noah Wells, of the Nail Mill, whose mother died February 16. To James McConnell, analyst in the Laboratory, whose father died

To Hugh Young, motor inspector helper in the Electrical Department,

whose brother died February 16. To Alva Dyer, steel analyst in the Laboratory, whose father died Feb-

To Ralph Delhotel, patrolman in the Plant Protection Department, whose mother died February 21.

To Gilbert Lybrooks, helper in the Brick Mason Department, and to Les-When Shorty got lost in his own ter Lybrooks, laborer in the Open Hearth Department, whose mother died February 23.

To Carl Mucha, switchman in the Yard Department, and to August Mucha, operator in the Barb Wire Department, whose mother died February 27.

To Edward Gannon, of the Barrel Shop, whose wife died February 28.

## VICTORY

IN OPINION OF THREE MEMBERS OF CABINET

# is long way off

Hopes of early VICTORY were blasted by three Cabinet Members who gravely warned that ahead lie trials much greater than the Nation has yet endured.

The warnings were uttered separately by Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War; Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy and Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., Acting Secretary of State. Their central theme was the same. THE IMPRESSION THAT THE WAR IS NEARLY OVER IS NOT ONLY ERRONEOUS, IT IS HIGHLY DANGER-OUS. THE WAR IS NOT EVEN ALMOST OVER.

The full Might of powerful enemies has yet to be encountered. Some of the greatest battles of all time must be fought before VICTORY is achieved—the hardest fighting in which the United States has ever engaged. The not-too-distant future will bring great blood-shed, sorrow and suffering. In 1944 we will be fighting mightier battles with heavier losses in every quarter of the world. THE MEN ON THE PRODUC-TION LINE MUST KEEP IN STEP WITH THE MEN ON THE FIRING LINE.

Twenty-eight suggestions were received in January and six suggestions received in February. How many suggestions will you submit in March?

> HAROLD SCHNEIDER, W. M. BELL

PRODUCTION DRIVE COMMITTEE		PRODUCTION DRIVE SUGGESTIONS HONOR ROLL FOR JANUARY 1944		Comparison of Suggestions Received				
			Name	Department	With Quota o			pected
United Steel Workers of	<b>United Steel</b>		Joe Cinereski Robert Toller E. H. Peirce (2)	Rod & Wire Rod & Wire Rod & Wire	For Period May 1, 1942 to February 29, 1944			
	Corporation	Bernice Stamper	Rod & Wire		No. of	Quota of	% Of	
Coke Plant	G. Mougey	H. Baughman	Rollen Stamper Warren J. Hartz (2) Elmer Adams	Rod & Wire Inspection Barrel Shop	Department		Sugges. Expect.	
Blast Fce.	L. Boyer	J. H. Frecka	Otto Lewis Theo. Gregory	Rod & Wire Rod & Wire	Rod & Wire	334	176	190
R. Boil. & Bbl.	W. Dressler	R. Whitlatch	Fred Bailey	Rod & Wire	Coke Plant	32	44	73
Rod & Wire	H. Schneider	W. M. Bell	Dennis Maple Virgil White	Rod & Wire Rod & Wire	Blast Furnace	12	22	55
Mechanical	O. F. Royse	C. Nunamaker	Ezra Vickers Alton Burchett	Blast Furnace Blast Furnace	Yard Bbl & Rg. Boil.	28	65	43
Yard	E. Jackson	E. Campbell	Clinton Spearry Cecil McCollister (2)	Rod & Wire Rod & Wire	Bloom. & Bar	9	44	20
Inspection	W. Thurston	C. Kessinger	Carl Heinisch (2)	Rod & Wire	General	36	176	20
Open Hearth	Chas. Neff	E. E. Brown	Jas. P. Chapman and Ed. Bramblett	Rod & Wire	Department No. 1	7 6	48	13
Dept. No. 17	Frank Coe	A. Wood	Joseph H. Voit	Barrel Shop	Open Hearth	8	66	12
Salvage	H. Madden	C. Walter	T. H. Newberry C. W. Ford	Rod & Wire Rod & Wire	Mechanical	16	132	12
Bloom Mill	C. Hoberg	V. Lipker	Donald Andrews (2) V. Duduit	Brick Mason Inspection	Inspection	8	66	12
T21 1	A IIdi	C. A. Cook	HONOR BOLL FOR F		Electrical	6	66	9
Electrical Brick Mason	A. Hardin E. Lewis	E. L. Allison	HONOR ROLL FOR F Homer Baldridge Harold Schneider	Rod & Wire Rod & Wire	Salvage	0	12	. 0
Plant Comm.	S. E. Dixon	H. C. Smith	Carl Heinisch (2) Walter Orsban John D. McNutt	Rod & Wire Rod & Wire Blast Fce.	TOTAL	513	983	52





ABBOTT, JAMES F.
ABRAMS, HOMER
ABRAMS, ELMER
AEH, KENNETH
ALEXANDER, PERRY
ALLEN, BERNARD
ALLEN, EDGAR A.
ALLEN, JAMES R.
ALLMAN, ROY B.
ANDREWS, ANGELO G.
ARNOLD, RAMIE
ARTIS, HOMER
ATKINS, EUGENE B.
ATKINS, FRANK
AUGUSTIN, J. WM. AUGUSTIN, J. WM.
BAILEY, WALTER C.
BAKER, VERNON D.
BARBOUR, THOMAS
BARRETT, RAYMOND
BAUER, LAWRENCE BAYERL, CHARLES BEASLEY, BEN
BELL, RALPH
BELOAT, WESLEY E.
BENNETT, FRANK J.
BERTRAM, DONALD
BINION, RALEIGH
BLACK, JOHN R.
BLOOMFIELD, HARRY BLOOMFIELD, HARRY BOLOTTA, PHILLIP BLUME, RAYMOND BOGGS, HUBERT BOLTON, FLOYD BOLTON, RICHARD F. BOOP, NORMAN F. BORN, GEORGE E. BOTTLES, ROY BRADY, ARDEN V. BRANHAM, HAROLD L. BRISKER, ROBERT BROOMHALL, PAUL BROWN, CECIL BROOMHALL, PAUL
BROWN, CECIL
BRYANT, ORVILLE
BURCHETT, LONNIE G.
BURKHARDT, HARRY
BURLING, EUGENE
BURTON, HAROLD E.
BURTON, NAGEL
BUSSEY, GEORGE F.
BUSSLER, FRANK BUSSEI, GEURGE E PUSSLER, FRANK BYRNE, JOHN J. CAINES, MYRON R. CALL, WILLIAM D. CANTER, CECIL CARR, WILLIAM E. CARR, WILLIAM E, CARVER, JESSE CARVER, WM. JR. CAVENEY, JOSEPH CHASTEEN, GLENN CLAWSON, JOSEPH COBB, EUGENE COFFMAN. PHILLIP COGAN, KENNETH C. COLDIRON, CLARENCE J. COLLIER, ELLIS CONLEY, EDLIS
CONLEY, EDWARD B.
CONLEY, PAUL F.
CONLEY, WM. L.
COOPER, WILBUR E.
CORIELL, LAWRENCE
CORIELL, RALPH G.
CORNWELL, RALPH B. COX, BANNON CRAFT, OWEN CRULL, TRUXTON CRUM, ASBURY A. CULLEN, ANDREW MILFORD CUNNINGHAM, JACK CURCIO, CHARLES CURCIO, FRANK
DAINS, JAKE
DALTON, JOHN R.
DANES, HOMER
DAVIS, JAMES E. DAWSON, WILSON DEAN, THOMAS A. DEBO, ROY W.

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ELLSESSER, GILBERT
EMNETT, FRANCIS H.
ENIX, RAYMOND
EVANS, FLOYD H.
EVANS, HERBERT
EVANS, JOHN R.
EVANS, LEONARD
FANNIN, CHALMER J.
FENDER, LLOYD J.
FERGUSON, RALPH FERGUSON, RALPH FIELDS, WM. R. FLELDS, WM. R.
FLAUGHER, FRANK
FLEMING, JAMES L.
FLOYD, PAUL
FRALEY, JAY B.
FRANCE, PATRICK
FRANTZ, EDWARD
FRASHER, LOREN D.
FRAZIER LIONEL FRAZIER, LIONEL
FRIZZELL, ROBERT
FRYE, THOMAS E.
FUGGITT, WILLIAM P.
FULK, ORA
GAULT, ROSS M.
GAYHART, WILLIS
GENTRY, CHARLES
GIBBONS, EDGAR O.
GILLEN, CHARLES
GILLEY, WOODROW
GINN, LOWELL
GOINGS, RICHARD E.
GOODAN, HARRY
GOODMAN, ARTHUR
GOSE, WILLIAM T.
GRAHAM, REUBEN
GRASHEL, RALPH
HADAWAY, JAMES
HAISLET, EUGENE
HALE, DELBERT FRAZIER, LIONEI HALE, DELBERT
HALE, WILLIAM
HAMBLIN, LLOYD
HAMILTON, CARL L.
HAMILTON, SEYTON HAMPTON, SEXTON HANEY, GLEN L, HARRISON, GLEN HARRISON, GLEN
HAZELBAKER, WM. L.
HEIL, EARL
HELLER, HARRY
HELLER, RALPH
HEMPILL, RALPH
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HENDERSON, JULIUS
HIGNITE, HUBERT
HILEMAN, ROBERT E.
HILES, ROY T.
HILTON, WOODROW
HOGAN, JAMES D.
HOLLEN, LOREN
HOLMES, WILLIAM CLAY
HOLSINGER, EDW. HOLMES, WILLIAM ON HOLSINGER, EDW. HOUCK, WM. R. HOWELL, CHESTER HOWELL, WAYNE HUFFMAN, CLYDE HUFFMAN, ROBT. H. HUGHES, HARRY W. HUMRLE, RAYMOND MBLE, RAYMOND ISON, CONN
ISON, LONNIE M.
JENKINS, FRED
JENKINS, JOHN B.
JOHNSON, CLYDE
JONES, JAMES T. JORDAN, CHESTER KAPS, HOWARD P. KASEE, HERMAN

KAYSER, LOWELL

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KAYSER, NOEL
KEENEY, LLOYD
KELLER, GEORGE A.
KELLOGG, ARNOLD
KEMPER, WALTER
KENNEDY, HOMER D.
KENNEDY, RAYMOND KENNEDI, RAIMOND KETTER, GEORGE KNIGHT, ARLIE KNIGHTON, HARRY LAMBERT, ALBERT H. LAMBERT, D. ERVIN LAMBERT, ELMER LAMBERT, ELMER
LAMBLIN, LEONARD
LANGLEY, JAS. O.
LAVINDER, EVAN
LAUDER, LAURENCE V.
LAUTER, PHILLIP
\*LAYNE, PAUL N.
LEAKE, JOHN W.
LEGRAND, EVAN
LEWIS, BASIL B.
LEWIS, CLARENCE
LEWIS, CHANDLER G.
LEWIS, CHANDLER G.
LEWIS, WILLIAM
LILES, EUGENE
LITTLEJOHN, WM.
LOWE, CEAPH A.
LOWE, LEONARD
LUNDY, ROSCOE
LYKINS, OTIS
MAGGARD, CHARLTON L MAGGARD, CHARLTON L. \*\*
MALONE, EDWARD
MALONEY, CHARLES E.
MANLEY, WALTER L.
MARCUM, HOWARD MARTIN, CHARLES R. MARTIN, DONALD E. MARTIN, LOUIS J. MARTIN, RALPH MARTIN, WM. A. MASON, JOSEPH B. MAY, FRED R. MAY, FRED R.
MAYNARD, ADAM E.
MAYNE, GEORGE
McCONNELL, R. E.
McCORMICK, CECIL H.
McELROY, TONER
McGRAW, ARNOLD
McGRAW, CECIL E.
McINTYRE, WILLIAM G.
McLAUGHLIN, CHARLES
McMAHAN, JOHN McMAHAN, JOHN MEENACH, HARVEY G. MILLER, ALFRED MILLER, LEO MILWARD, JOHN N. MONTGOMERY, HOMER MOORE, EUGENE F. MOORE, EUGENE F.
MORRIS, FOREST
MOVLEY, EARL
MOWERY, DENNIS
MOYER, WOODROW
MUCHA, WALTER E.
NAGEL, CLYDE, G.
NANCE, HOMER
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NEWMAN, CHAS. O.
NEWMAN, CLEVE E.
NEWMAN, ROBERT LEE
NOLAN, JAMES G.
NORRIS, LAWRENCE E. NOURSE, BERNARD B. NUNLEY, ROBERT PARLIN, CLYDE E. PELFREY, OLLIE PELLEGRINON, ARTHUR PENDLETON, JESS W. PERKINS, LOUIS PEYTON, CHALLIS PIATT, CLINTON PITTS, RAYMOND POSTON, DENVER POTTS, FLOYD POTTS, OAKLEY PURDY, WILLIAM B.

\*\* Missing in Action

QUILLEN, CHARLES N. RAIKE, WALTER
RAMEY, HAROLD
RATLIFF, VERNON
REED, ALBERT
REINHARDT, GEORGE
RHEA, JOSEPH T.
RICE, HOMER C. RICE, HOMER C.
RIDOUT, OLLIE D.
ROBERTS, HAROLD N.
ROBERTS, LEONARD
ROCKWELL, NORMAN
ROE, ORAL F.
ROWE, WILLIAM M.
ROYSTER, HERMAN
RUBY HARBY ROWE, WILLIAM M.
ROYSTER, HERMAN
RUBY, HARRY
RUDITY, JOHN
RUNYON, FLOYD
RUSSELL, CHANDOS
SCHEID, HOMER
SCHOMBERG, HENRY E.
SCHARF, RAYMOND G.
SCHULTZ, HERBERT V.
SERVEY, CLARENCE
SERVEY, MARTHA ANN
SHELTON, HOMER L.
SINGLETON, LAWRENCE
SKAGGS, VIRGIL
SKINNER, C. F.
SMITH, ALBERT E.
SMITH, ELMER E.
SMITH, EARL H.
SMITH, SAMUEL
SMITTLE, FLOYD D.
STANLEY, CARLOS
STATEN, RAY H.
STARKS, GODFREY
STEINBACHER, DONALD
STILES, PAUL V.
STRICKLAND, JASPER STEINBACHER, DONAL STILES, PAUL V. STRICKLAND, JASPER SUTER, THOMAS E. SWITALSKI, JOSEPH SWORDS, HERMAN L. TABOR, PHIRL TAULBEE, JAS. F. TAYLOR, CHAS. A. JR. TAYLOR, CHARLES M. TAYLOR, EARL THATCHER, EUGENE THOMAS, CLIFTON J. TIPTON, LEO TRACY, CHARLES TRACY, CHARLES TRENDE, DONALD TRIMMER, ROBERT VAN CUREN, CLAYTON VAUGHN, WINIFRED VAUGHN, RAYMOND VIARS, LEONARD VICARS, CLAUDE WAGGONER, ELZA WAKEFIELD, CHARLES WAKEFIELD, DON WALDEN, HORACE J. WARD, ARTHUR C. WATTERS, CHARLES WATTS, ARNOLD WARNER, HABRY O. WARNOCK, FRANKLIN WEAVER, SAMUEL WEBB, GEORGE WELLS, BARNEY WELTMAN, BOB WEST, EDWARD M. WEST, LAWRENCE WEST, PHILIP T.
WHITE, JAS. WILBUR
WIDDIG, GEORGE
WILKING, JOHN L. WILLIAMS, EARL WILLIAMS, SANFORD J. WILLIAMS, W. W. WILSON, HOWARD WOHLER, WENDELL WOODS, WOODROW WYMER, MARVIN C. YOUNG, HARRY ZEEK, JACK