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## EMPLOYEES NOW IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF OUR COUNTRY

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We Must Give All!

Allied troops are driving the Nazis and Italians out of North Africa. The Marines are pushing the Japs out of New Guinea. American tanks and planes are helping the Russians shove back the Germans from Stalingrad.

The news has been good, but this is no time to grow over-confident. Now, when our enemies are on the defensive all over the world, is more than ever a time to remember what Britain's Prime Minister Churchill said about Allied successes:

"This is not the beginning of the end. It is the end of the beginning."

The beginning, which meant victories for the enemy and Dunkerques and Pearl Harbors for ourselves, is over.

Now with the beginning over we can look ahead to bringing about the enemy's end. That means making a greater effort than ever, because the enemy is more desperate than ever.

This is the time to dig in for the long pull. The time to boost our production of war stuff to new levels. The time to roll out more guns, more planes, more tanks. Faster and faster.

This is no time to coast. No time for unnecessary days off. No time for showing up late. No time for "monkey-business" of

any kind. No time to gripe about rationing.

The Yanks are in action now. They're burning up machines by the hundreds and tossing tons of metal at the enemy. They need everything we can send them and they need it NOW. Not tomorrow, but TODAY and EVERY DAY.

A war worker at Syracuse, New York, who has recently lost a son

at the front, puts it this way:

"Sure this means sacrifices. It's no fun to work the night shifts. It's not easy to put 10 per cent of your pay into War Bonds. None of us go for gas and fuel and food rationing. But these are nothing compared to losing someone you love. I know. Please, please don't wait for the casualty lists to come rolling in. Throw yourself into high-NOW."

Safety Honor - Roll

This Record includes the days between the last Lost Time Accident in your department and December 1, 1942.

Table with 3 columns: DEPARTMENT, SUPERVISOR, Days Worked Without a Lost Time Accident. Lists various departments and their supervisors with corresponding days worked.

Summary table showing Lost Time Accidents for November 1942 (1), November 1941 (3), Total for First Eleven Months of 1942 (30), and Total for First Eleven Months of 1941 (32).

Twenty-Five Depart During Month To Join Armed Forces

211 EMPLOYEES NOW IN SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY

During the past month twenty-five more employees from Portsmouth Works left to start military training with the armed forces of our country. Eight of this number were enlistments and seventeen were selectees. The departure of this group brings the total number of our employees now fighting with our armed forces to two hundred and eleven.

The following five employees enlisted for service with the United States Navy; Lawrence Singleton, brick mason; Frank Curcio, brick mason apprentice and Woodrow Hilton, truck driver, all from the Brick Mason Department; Russell Oakley, painter from the Carpenter Shop and Charles Lutz, boiler maker helper in the Mechanical Department.

Raymond Barrett of the Bar Shears was accepted as a mechanic in the Army Air Corps.

D. Ervin Lambert of Department 17, enlisted in the Field Artillery.

Henry E. Schomberg, pipe fitter helper in the Mechanical Department, enlisted in the Naval Construction Battalion, known as the "Sea Bees".

The seventeen selectees who left to start their training during the month were:

Evan Legrand, core maker helper in the Foundry Department.

George Mayne, checker in the Rod and Wire Shipping Department.

Jack Miller, reeler in the Wire Galvanizing Department.

Walter E. Mucha, laborer in Department No. 17.

Homer Nance, helper in the Nail Mill Department.

Robert Nunley, electric welder in the Barrel Department.

W. L. Hazelbaker, pay roll clerk at the Main Office.



Our Holiday Greetings to you,

... for the year 1942, must lack much of the usual joy and good cheer and be tuned in a more sober and serious key.

We are in the midst of the most cruel, devastating and widespread war the world has ever seen. We are fighting for our very existence; for our freedoms; gained at so great a cost; and for the democratic institutions which have made us great as a nation.

We must every one do our full and unselfish part in supporting our fellow workers at the front. We must fight this war with our last dollar, if need be, as well as with our utmost effort in producing the materials of war—anything less than this might cost us "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Let us make it a real Christmas by buying more Bonds and a Happy New Year by doing our very best on the job.

L. D. HUESTIS, General Manager.



Orvel Sprague stock weighman at the Open Hearth Department.

Edgar O. Gibbons, machinist helper in the Mechanical Department.

John Rudity, mason apprentice in the Brick Mason Department.

Hubert Boggs, welder in the Barrel Department.

Cecil C. Brown helper in the Nail Mill.

William D Call, helper in the Brick Mason Department.

Charles W. Foster, stock weighman at the Open Hearth Department.

Burriss Hale, helper in the Blooming and Bar Mill Department.

Chester Howell, Quik-Lox operator at the Barrel Department.

William Knickerbocker, laborer in the Yard Department.

We at home are proud of you men who have left the security of your jobs and the comforts of your home to serve our country in it's hour of need. We know you will give a good account of yourselves and that through your efforts peace and liberty will be restored to our nation.

We give your our assurance that we at home will back you to the limit in every way possible and we take this occasion to extend to each of you our appreciation of what you are doing and our sincere wish is that your Christmas will be a merry one and that the New Year will be happy and prosperous, again bringing "peace on earth, good will toward men".



# BOOST OUR WAR EFFORT THROUGH PRODUCTION DRIVE

## EXPLANATION OF WAR PRODUCTION DRIVE PROGRAM

The United Steelworkers of America and Wheeling Steel Corporation recognize that Steel and Steel Products are of vital importance to the war effort, and fully realize that in the interest of National Welfare there is urgent necessity to bring about maximum possible effectiveness of equipment, materials and men during the present war emergency.

This emergency requires the best possible utilization of equipment, machines, materials and men in the Production Drive.

With a view to performing an assigned part in the War Effort in accordance with the expressed wishes of the Government, an arrangement for joint labor and management Production Drive Committees has been established.

This Production Drive Committee arrangement is created for the sole purpose of intensifying the war production effort of Wheeling Steel Corporation and its employees, and will in no way change, alter, or abridge existing rights, responsibilities, duties or obligations of the United Steelworkers of America and its members, or of Wheeling Steel Corporation and its owners, management and employees.

The Production Drive Committee arrangement will remain in effect for the duration of the war emergency unless terminated by mutual agreement of Wheeling Steel Corporation and the United Steelworkers of America.

To initiate and develop the Production Drive Program, a joint labor and management organization has been appointed. This organization is detailed below under Production Drive Committees. In addition to the organization shown, sub-committees have been appointed in each department to carry the story of Production Drive objectives to their buddies.

The primary objective of the Production Drive program at present is to get an expression from each employee as to how he thinks we can improve our war effort. The many small things which can be done to

improve the war effort, things in fact which may seem too small to be worth while, in reality are the very suggestions which when added together may mean the difference between defeat and victory for our country. The employee on the job has many ideas on how to obtain the maximum effectiveness of the equipment and materials used and the proper utilization of manpower. These are the suggestions which will further our war effort and make the Union-Management Production Drive effort a success.

At each clock room in the plant there is a small wooden box painted red, white and blue and made in the shape of a "V" for Victory. Close to this box are suggestion forms which anyone can use to make his suggestion. Use your own words and as many forms as needed to explain your idea. Take some of these forms home with you or take them into the mill. Put any ideas you have on these forms which you think will improve our war effort in any way. Maybe better lights would help, maybe drinking fountains are too far away from the job, maybe the machine has too many delays due to breakdown, maybe too much material is wasted as scrap. These are only a few of the many things which can be done to help our country in this emergency.

After you have put your ideas on the suggestion blanks, please drop

them into the "V" shaped box in your clock room and in a few days you will receive a letter from the Plant Production Drive Committeemen advising that your suggestion has been received and has been referred to the proper department committeemen for study and recommendation. When your suggestion is received by the Plant Production Drive Committeemen it is rewritten on another form for the department committeemen and the name of the person submitting the suggestion is left off so that consideration will be given only to the merits of the idea.

In a few days you will receive another letter advising you that your idea has been accepted or rejected or is being held for further consideration. If your idea is rejected, you will be given the reasons for the rejection. Should the department committeemen fail to agree on the suggestion, it is studied by the Plant Production Drive Committeemen, if they fail to agree, it is considered in Wheeling by Messrs. Carroll and Turner and if necessary it can be referred to higher authorities.

This procedure should convince you that any suggestion you submit will be given thorough attention immediately. Please do not hesitate to drop your suggestion in the "V" shaped box in your clock house.

Consistent with the belief that to win the war will require sacrifice and unselfish service by all, we thank you in advance for the contribution that we know you can and will make.

Let's give our Country every possible break in this emergency.

Remember—  
 "United We Stand  
 Divided We Fall"  
 Yours for Victory,  
 R. A. GULLEY, Representing  
 United Steelworkers of America.  
 F. R. CASHNER, Representing  
 Wheeling Steel Corporation



*Let's give him  
Enough and On Time*

## New Department Opened At Portsmouth Plant

### Salvage Conservation Project Inaugurated

With the shortage of strategic materials threatening our production of war materials so vital to our successful conduct of the war, Portsmouth Works like many other plants, has inaugurated a department of Salvage and Conservation.

The purpose of this department is to conserve materials such as nuts, bolts, pipe, pipe fittings, valves, wood, structural steel, old roofing, rags and in fact any of the old used materials that heretofore have been considered as unimportant and have been allowed to pass unnoticed into some dump pile or into scrap.

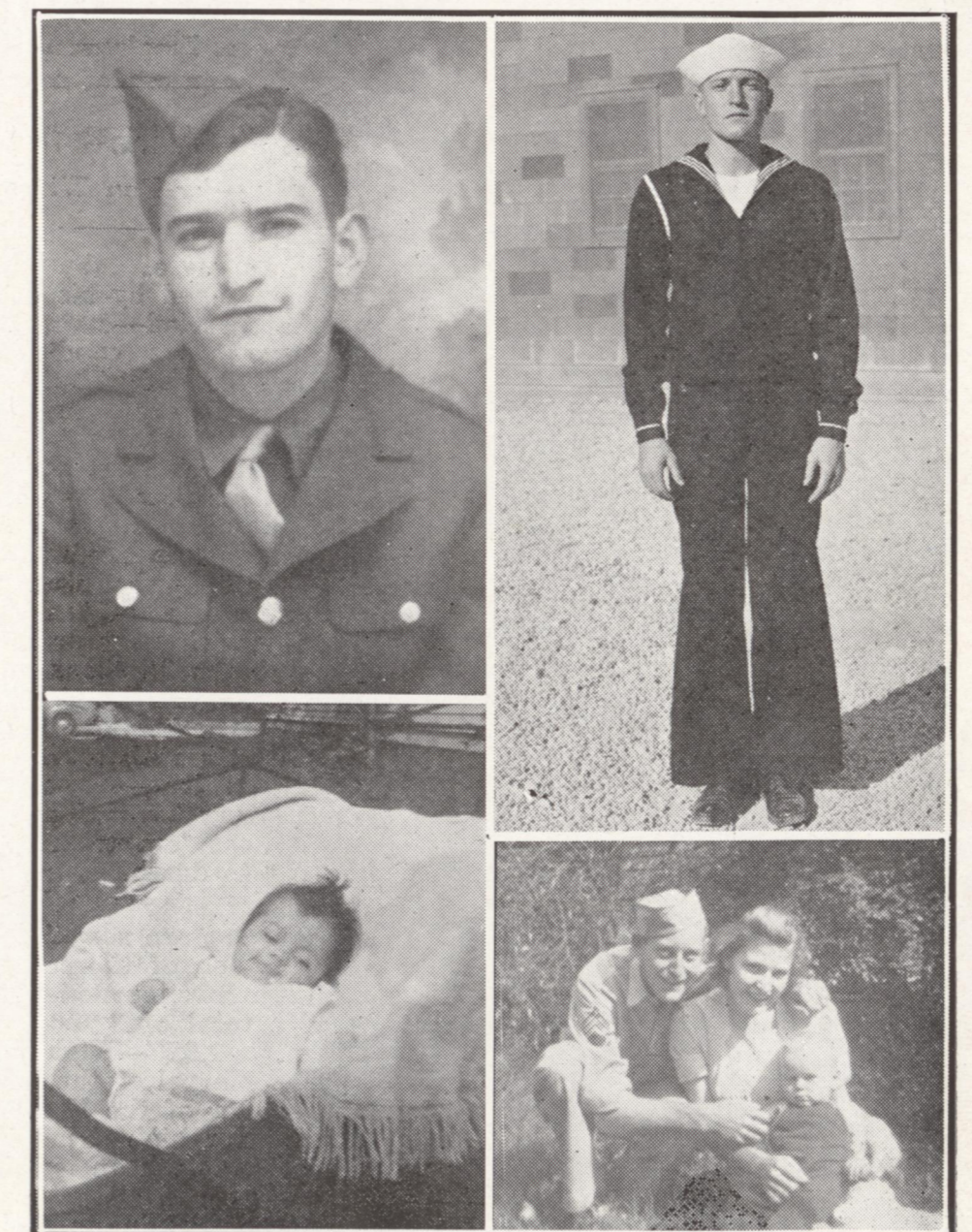
The conservation of these materials is expected to play a big part in helping to keep our war machine going in high gear. Much of this material which we are now discarding as worthless can be recovered and put back into service. Many of these items are becoming scarce and as each day passes are getting harder to replace.

We are all aware of the shortages of many things we use in our home-life and have seen such items as sugar, coffee, tires, and gasoline rationed. Soon we will find that many more such articles must be rationed. Industry is faced with a like problem and this fact has been recognized both by the War Production Board and our company.

It is our job and it is our sacred obligation to keep our boys in the armed forces and our allies supplied with the tanks, planes, guns, ships and ammunition they need to carry on the brave struggle for our freedom. They are

counting on us for the weapons they need in this fight. WE CAN'T LET THEM DOWN. And so it becomes our patriotic duty to conserve those materials which are so badly needed to assure the uninterrupted flow of these supplies to them.

Each department will soon be equipped with a "Salvage Station" consisting of a red, white and blue barrel and a sign reading "Salvage Station". We ask that each employee put any piece of scrap he may have left after finishing a job in or around these stations. They will then be picked up by the Salvage Department and taken to the salvage yard for disposition. If you are walking along and see an old bolt or nut or some other small piece of scrap laying on the ground pick it up and put in the salvage depot for it will help keep our war machine going. DO THIS FOR YOUR COUNTRY AND HELP DEFEAT THE AXIS.



Top left: Pvt. Jack Emshwiller now at Camp Butner, N. C. Top right: Ralph Lee Emshwiller, U. S. Navy Lower left: Alice Ann, 4 mo. old daughter of Pvt. Jack. Lower right: Tech. Sgt. Edward Adkins, his wife Jean who is the sister of Jack and Ralph Lee, and their son Bill, 8 months. They are children and grandchildren of Lee Emshwiller, first helper at Open Hearth.

## Production Drive Committee

### PORTSMOUTH WORKS

	Representing Wheeling Steel Corporation	Representing United Steel Workers of America
Plant Committee Dept. Committee	F. R. Cashner	Raymond Gulley
Coke Plant	H. E. Baughman	Claude Hamm
Blast Furnace	Karl Steinbacher	Hugh Spriggs
Open Hearth	E. E. Brown	Chas. Neff
Blooming Mill	Vaughn Lipker	Chas. C. Hoberg
Mechanical	C. H. Nunamaker	O. F. Royse
Bbl. & Rg. Boiler	R. E. Whitlatch	Jas. Louie
Yard	E. B. Campbell	E. B. Jackson
Electrical	Chas. Cook	Willard McCoy
Inspection	C. E. Kessinger	Wm. Thurston
Rod & Wire	W. M. Bell	Stephen Dixon
Miscellaneous	E. L. Allison	Ed. Lewis

## Suggestion Box Score

Department	Submitted	Approved	Under	
			Consideration	Rejected
Rod & Wire	16	7	5	4
Blooming Mill & Tie Plate	8	5	3	0
General	7	1	4	2
Coke Plant	6	0	5	1
Open Hearth	5	3	1	1
Yard Dept.	4	3	1	0
Bbl. Rg. Boil. & Hi-Grade	5	1	1	3
Mechanical	1	1	0	0
Blast Furnace	0	0	0	0
Inspection	0	0	0	0
Electrical	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>



### Carpenter Shavings

—by W. L. Ross

Cleve Holston is hoarding meat. Cleve goes out after work and gets himself a couple of rabbits every evening, and with the turkey left over from Thanksgiving, thinks he will beat the meat rationing.

Ancel Hickman did his hunting in the northern part of the State, and reports the pheasants and rabbits are plentiful. Hick usually gets his share of game.

Charley Gordon who once shot a cow and thought it was a rabbit, is doing pretty good, he furnished Yours Truly with a nice rabbit dinner. Thanks "Mr." Gordon.

Homer Stanley who missed one of his little porkers, was about to accuse one of our expert hunters, when the little pig came sneaking home. Maybe the hunter smelled a mouse.

Alfred McCorkle, Bert Hill, Minor Ervin and Frank Castell went to Adams County to hunt rabbits. On the first trip Frank carried off the honors, and did a little boasting, but on their second trip Minor did all the bragging, I can't say too much about Minor as he divided up. What's the matter with Bert Hill, we think he must be slipping a little.

Another one of our boys, Russell Oakley has joined Uncle Sam's Navy. Russell is going to hunt Japs instead of rabbits. Good luck Russell.



Paul Raymond Davis is serving with the Signal Corps. He is the son of Ovid Davis, wharfman at Coke Plant.



Patty Ann, 4, daughter of James Skaggs, plant patrolman and granddaughter of Joseph Sheridan, Employment Office.

### Rod & Wire Mechanical

—by Ben Wieggers

Cliff Dupuy of Tabulating has been ordered to bed by his doctor for an indefinite period—a very, very unsatisfactory heart condition—Helen Essman, also of Tabulating, is considering a trip to Camp Lee, Va., for the holidays to visit Cal Servey—her throb. Cal, formerly of the pay department, is now in the ordnance department of your Uncle's army—The John Dixon combination—Mr. & Mrs.—has hit the bingo games for better than a "C" note in three weeks—which may or may not put him over the 25 thousand mark—and did you see the C. D. member at the fire the other nite, resplendent in full uniform with cartridge belt and pistol this long—in case, I guess, someone got trapped on the roof he could shoot 'em to keep 'em from starving to death.

Duck pins are now the fad—in the second game of the series the Milligan Learners turned teachers and rolled a total of 2,020 to defeat the Nail mill's 1,820—High average score went to Marpel of the Learners with 160—Miller of the Nail Mill submitted 188 for high game then turned in 87 for a lock on low in the third game—the Nail mill alibied the absence of Pendulum their star.

And where did so many of these guys get the idea that they were taking those identification pictures for screen tests?—Incidentally it is now Foreman Hank Lewis—didja know?

### Rod & Wire Mill News

—by Shiny

The next time Charlie Mullins goes rabbit hunting he should let sonny take father along instead of father taking sonny along. Although the boy bagged all four of their kill for the day, he felt sorry for dad and split up with him.

Harry Middaugh says the restaurant cooking is hard to beat. We wonder if it is really the food that attracts Harry.

"Dead Arm" Stamper finally is in the groove concerning his bowling. Those vitamin pills he has been taking certainly produced the desired effect. Give Brescia the prescription for those pills, Stamper.

Slattery still continues to make bad bets, his latest loss being on the Michigan-Ohio football game. He will have to start doubling his bets to get even.

The new badges containing the men's photos are rather classy; some of the boys proudly display them while others prefer to keep them out of sight, especially those with the high foreheads.

Anyone needing their toys repaired should bring them to John Dixon, welder in the Machine Shop. John has assumed the role of Santa Claus and has mended toys for the kiddies.



Pvt. Harold J. Simon of the U. S. Marines is stationed at Cherry Point, North Carolina. He is the son of Henry Simon of the Electrical Department.

### Barrel Shop Bulletins

—by "The Young Man"

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cole of New Boston are rejoicing over the recent arrival of a fine nine and one-half pound baby boy at their home. Congratulations, Earl, from all the boys. Cigars please.

Ben Channel, Clarence Fulk, Rube Rose, Vernon Burton, James Allen and Verne Ratliff, are all expecting a call to the Colors soon.

"Bill" Littlejohn has returned to the shop after an absence of several months. We welcome Willie back.

Albert Weghorst, a former Portsmouth City Councilman for many years, recently took a job in the shop. Welcome Al.

Leonard Lowe, a former employee who has been in the Army since February, recently paid a visit to the shop. He is looking fine, likes Army life, and is now stationed at Camp Picket, Virginia.

Raymond (Dick) Blume, a former tester, recently paid a visit to the shop. He is looking just grand and likes camp life better all the time. He is now in training with an Anti-tank Corps stationed at Camp Hood, Texas.

Lloyd Fitch, a welder in the shop, writes us from Camp Swift, Texas that he is getting along fine in the army with the 337th Engineers Regiment. He sends his regards to all the boys and would like to hear from you.

Reports have it that Harry Sanford went rabbit hunting in Adams County several days ago, wore his



Rex Himes (Hickory No. 4) of the Naval Air Corps. He is the son of A. E. Himes, foreman in the Range Boiler.

new Picture Badge, and it seems it has scared all of them out of the county for no rabbits have been seen there since.

Clarence Fulk recently returned from a rabbit hunt in Northern Ohio. He reports that rabbits are actually running wild up there.

We wish each and every employee and each and every former employee of Portsmouth Works Wheeling Steel Corporation now in the service of his Country, A Very, Very Merry Christmas and a Glorious and Happy New Year.

### ROD MILL CONGRATULATED BY EMPLOYEE IN SERVICE



Sgt. Carlos Stanley operating a 30 caliber light machine gun with which he made a first class gunner rating in November. Sergeant Stanley was an employee of the Rod Mill before entering military service.

He writes us that he was sure proud when he read in the Plant News that the Rod Mill made a new production record during October, even though he was a part of the crew that established the previous record. He sends his congratulations to all the boys, hopes they keep up the good work and wishes all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Welding Flashes

—by Walt Dressler

As we approach the Christmas season, our thoughts naturally turn to the Christmas sentiment of "peace on earth". In keeping with this spirit, and in consideration of existing circumstances, let us devote our efforts, both mental and physical, to the accomplishment of this dream, doing everything possible to bring about Victory, so that perfect peace may be enjoyed throughout the years.

Olan Himes and Raymond Cole are the proud fathers of new baby girls.

### Personal Letter to Santa Claus:

Dear Santa: The two recent proud fathers mentioned above failed to give the usual cigar treat. They have broken the old tradition or custom of the Range Boiler Unit, but they did say that you, Santa, would bring all the boys a nice round of smokes. Santa, if you fail to bring these "El Ropes" this bunch of men will become disillusioned as to your existence.

### Blackout Mystery

On the night of the recent trial blackout, Jack Jones and Ernest Bush whiled away the time playing a game of "set-back". Their pal, Buck Himes, who can't stand much excitement, layed across the bed and went to sleep.

When the "alert signals" sounded Bush left an all high five point bid hand lying on the table. Ernie hid in the clothes press while Jack went under the bed that Himes was sleeping on.

The "All clear" signal came and the players resumed their places at the table. (Now here is the mystery and Ernie Bush offers a nice reward to anyone who solves it without causing any embarrassment to anyone.) Bush picked up his hand and much to his surprise the five point bid had changed to a two point bid. No further clues can be given, but who can solve this mystery. (And Himes slept on).

George Barry used three bottles of tooth cutting lotion trying to save the price of a new set of false teeth. Sprouting any yet, George?

Harry Ruffing operates a compressed air grinder on the other side of the shop that sounds like a dive bomber in a movie. Go get 'em, Harry.

Dear Santa: Please bring James Louis a new frock-tail coat and a plug hat. He thinks he might do a little "struttin" at the Charity Ball on New Year's Eve.

Thanks to everyone for assisting me with this column during the past year and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the whole Range Boiler unit.



**Coke Plant Breezes**

—by John Payton

In writing the news this month I will start by wishing all the Coke plant boys in the Service of our Country a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The boys at the Coke Plant know you will do your job well and ask you to hurry back.

It is reported that Tom Journey and A. A. Burke spent the week end at Columbus, Ohio, recently. We wonder whether or not they were acting as an advisory committee to the newly elected Gov. John W. Bricker.

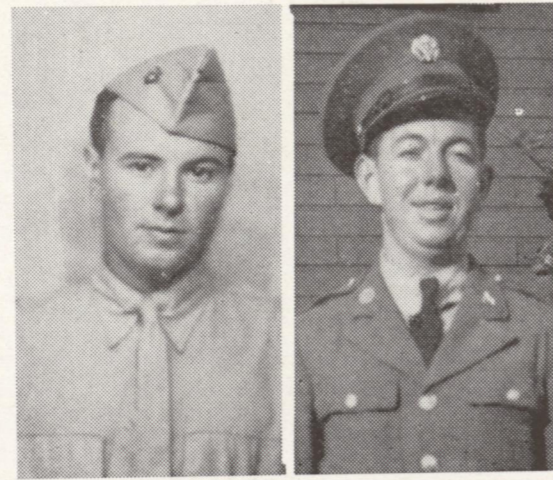
All the boys at the Coke Plant tell me that Mr. Payton, who writes this column each month, is demanding a recap on his tires, a recount on the election and a retake on his picture.

John Ruth just can't stay out of the news. John traveled 350 miles the first day of hunting season to get a shot at a pheasant. On his return, he was surprised to find a large cock bird roosting on his job. Of course, as he did not have a gun, all he could do was watch it sail over the river bank, and thus our story ends.

"Yes," says Bird Maddix, "I am going to join the part of the Service known as the B. B.'s. Be here when they go away and be here when they come back."



John McLeod, pipe fitter foreman at the Coke Plant. John is now working on his 26th year at the plant. We have enjoyed working with you all these years and hope you are with us many more.



Harold Mitchell of the U. S. Marines and Carl Mitchell of the Coast Artillery. They are brothers of Ernest Mitchell of the Range Boiler.

**In my plant picture:**

I was not hunting an air plane.—John Payton.

No, both my eyes were not beaten into one—Milton McAdams.

I am 41 years old, not 60—Jim McGill.

I was not scared to death—Clarence Staten.

But we all wonder why L. D. Huestis wanted to have his picture retaken.

Did you hear about Geo. Terry bringing a dozen eggs to Slim Sparks? Well, he did, and Horst Taylor stole them and boiled them. Terry certainly did enjoy the egg feast until he found out where they came from. After that, well, I am not allowed to print the rest of the story.

**My Resolutions**

I promise not to write any one up in the news more than 12 times next year.

Will not lie on you, if I can help it. If I start to write you up, I will let you know before I do it, if I don't forget.

I will try to tell the truth, the same as I have always done.

Before the next Plant News comes into your hands, the year 1942 will have passed into history, and, what history it has been. Thousands of our friends and relatives have been called to the front lines of battle to fight for your rights and mine. If you are one that does not have to go to the battle front, why not wake up, and be a member of the home front.

Our men in the service need your help as well as the men, women, and children that are still with us. One month from now 90% of your New Years resolutions will be broken one way or another, but keep 10% of them intact by buying War Bonds to help those who are helping you. To all of you, I say Thanks for your co-operation in the past, and I wish you a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

**Blast Furnace Quips**

—by Scoop the Snoop

Harvest time being in the very recent past, brings forth yarns of mammoth pumpkins, mammoth hogs and mammoth tales in general—all originating around the Blast Furnace—where, it's been said, all tall tales have their origination.

First we have the tale of the giant pumpkin, grown by Irvin Hodges, who swears it measures 6 ft. 12 in. in circumference. This taken all around, adds up to something.

Then we have this interesting bit of information, reported by the boys in the Cast House. It seems Sam Arthurs is a champion corn husker and don't know it. He was heard complaining he could only keep three ears of corn in the air at one time! Why Sam!

Have you heard about the 57" fish Albro King caught? The boys in the electric Shop say it wasn't a fish but a water dog and a dandy!

If all the fur had been conserved from the rabbits reported killed by nimrods at the Blast Furnace, we could have furnished fur coats for the entire Russian Army. Not only that, but if each man got his quota legally he would have had to be absent from work every single day for two whole months.

Bill Wright tells us his porkers averaged 400 lbs. each. He plans to sell every bristle however, as he's afraid he won't be eligible for that 2½ lb. per week ration.



Gerald Eugene Curnutte, 3 and his sister Patsy, 2. They are grandchildren of John Hill, first helper at the Open Hearth.

**Yard Department Yarns**

—by Cecil Literal

Wonder what Frank Hickman is eating now since bananas are almost as scarce as tires?

There are lots of Yard Department men being called up for examinations to go into the armed forces. John Wilkins and Wm. Fugitt are waiting calls in The Sea Bees.

The December 2nd cold wave certainly brought out the extra clothes and plenty of red noses. Arch Bussey came to work in his summer clothes and nearly froze before he got home.

Jim Semones can't understand why he has no hair on his head in his new photo. He says his face is long



Corp. William Mason of the U. S. Army back in 1917. Bill is now working as a welder in the Range Boiler.

enough to qualify him for the Kentucky Derby next spring. We have all had a lot of fun showing our photos.

In our War Bond Drive it is 10% by January 1st, 1943. It's a sure way to save your earnings. Can we do it? Let's do our best to go over the top. Sign up now. Be a Ten-percenter by January 1st. It's really a small contribution.

Tom McNamara has left the Yard Office and taken a new job as shipper.

Mr. E. B. Campbell, Mr. E. R. Smith and Mr. T. J. Conroy send Sincere Greetings to all Yard Department employees and their families on this Christmas Season. May we all work together to insure continued production and our right to keep Christmas as we have always kept it—The World's Greatest Holiday.



Helen Delores, 9 and Carl Edward, 12, children of Roy E. Steele, tester in the Barrel Shop.

**Rod & Wire Electrical**

—by Howard Routh

All the boys really enjoyed the smokes handed out recently by H. Jenkins and Gasaway on the occasion of new arrivals at their homes, and extend the new fathers congratulations and best wishes.

Most of the fellows had a terrible time getting their gasoline ration applications filled out properly and into the hands of the rationing officials.

John Byrne and Richard Bainer have been transferred to the upper mill and "Little Clifford" is the new motor inspector at the Rod Mill.

Bill Hammond and Messer have started a grain business in addition to their regular duties at the plant.

Quite a few of the boys have been enjoying the hunting season, but from now on they'll have to stay home because of no gas.

T. Moore recently took a trip to Kansas to hunt squirrels. The squirrels here were too tough for him.

What's the matter with our two Toms.



Mrs. Dennis Cooper and daughter Ruby, 4. Mr. Cooper is employed in the Open Hearth Department.

**Mechanical Musings**

—by V. Warnock

"Grease Ball" Jenkins appeared before the local draft board for his preliminary examination, you know, blood test and what have you, and the doctors had to defer him for a short period due to the fact that everytime the doctor poked a needle in Jenks the meter on the blood analyzer jumped around to either 600 W or Kerosene.

Anyone having plans for a modern canine residence please contact Joe Delabar at the Tie Plate Machine Shop. Upon the theory that "like begets like" Joe is depending on C. A. P. priority to get the necessary materials for the new home.

Clarence Smith certainly is a



Mrs. Clare Mae Boggs, wife of Hubert Boggs of the Barrel Shop. Hubert is now in the service of Uncle Sam.

brave hunter and also has a lot of brass. One of his neighbor's pet rabbits got out of its pen and Smitty shot it with a rifle. After his wife had cooked it he had the nerve to call his neighbor over for supper.

Since gas rationing has arrived some of the fellows are having a heck of a time getting to work on time. Take Bill Hollen, for instance, he was trying to educate his car to run on corn squeezings and it took the wrong turn at the forks of the road making Bill a half hour late.

Tom White sure appreciates his little wife's cooking. Tom went all the way to the restaurant and ordered up before he remembered that he had brought a dinner bucket.

Did "Buck" Warnock take a day off last week just because Swick had to go home ill the day before.



### Foundry Castings

Be gay with Gay

We dedicate our column this month to the six boys from the Foundry who are fighting the Jap rats, and that paper hanger Schickelgruber, so they can keep up with the news back home.

Ben Beasley will be interested to learn that his friend Ed. LeGrand has traded his civies for a uniform.

Dick Bolton has no doubt been in some sea battles, but Dick you should witness some of the battles re-enacted in the Foundry wash room. It would make you sea sick just to listen to those old salts.

We started to tell Bill Moreland about Johnny Keys getting one good casting out of last week's work, but Bill wouldn't believe it knowing Johnny as he does.

Harold Roberts will be surprised to learn about Johnny Jones pushing himself on the elevator and going up instead of the pig iron, and about August Piatt taking his work clothes out of the locker and then locking himself up in the locker for the day.

The night turn boys send their best to Stark and suggest that he lay off those galloping dominoes found in the Navy. Of course we have had some changes, Ray Humble is now chief checker of all patterns. He landed the job because of his fine work keeping check on Twin Creek celebrations.

Delabar, our latest addition to the helpers force, shoveled sand in a cope so fast that Jack Milward in trying to keep up, rammed himself up so deep in sand that we had to tie a rope around his neck and pull him out with the crane.

Thanksgiving passed uneventful. Charley Roe explained to his family that all the turkeys were sent to the service men. That night Charlie shot a Hoot Owl and the family had a Hoot Owl dinner. Lauder found buck shot in his turkey, but Stone explained that off by saying the buckshot was not intended for the turkey but for Lauder when he was getting the turkey.

We have been advised to buy our Christmas presents early so Walter Ishmael went shopping in the scrap shed and came out with a tricycle. He intends to take it home after the war.

In this world of chaos it may sound hollow to say "Merry Christmas", but all the boys in the Foundry hope that you will have as Merry a one as possible, and that the New Year will bring to this world Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.

### Open Hearth News

—by Raison and Frantz

Charley Newman and "Bad Eye" Taulbee have had quite a few arguments as to which was the better looking or perhaps it was the homlier. Charley must have been serious as he sure hustled the dentist into an early delivery of the new set of ivories.

We might add that with the new grinders Charley has left "Bad Eye" holding the bag.

Perk Allen writes that he appreciates his letters from the boys and that they cannot come too often.

Though the weather during bird season was the worst in recent years



Carl Miller and his two daughters, Vivian and Vicah who are now teaching school in Clay Township. Carl is employed as first helper on the Open Hearth.

several of the Open Hearth nimrods reported good bags.

"Okie Dokie" Sprague has answered the call of Uncle Sam and will be leaving soon. Good luck, Sprague.

John Stapleton intended to have a printed card with photo attached, to hand the boys when they inquired about his recent experience with No. 6 shot.

Midget McClelland made the boys at one downtown establishment acquainted with his working connections with Dan Dunham.

The boys missed "The Count" when he was off for a few days on account of illness and it was even rumored that he was off for Huntington.

### Blooming & Bar Mills

—by K. Cronin

Anyone desiring to rid themselves of any old stoves may do so at better than scrap prices by contacting Charles Thompson. He buys them without legs, doors or lids.

We always considered Garret Holcomb quite a rabbit hunter until we heard about Mrs. Holcomb refusing to cook any dressed rabbits he takes in the house until she goes outside and counts all the cats to see if they are all there.

wob and Tich Walbright, as well as several others of the hot bed crew, have received their greetings from Uncle Sam advising them not to start reading any more continued stories in the local papers.

It must have been a terrible disappointment to Fetty when he was prohibited from taking advantage of what was probably the first and last opportunity he will ever have to enjoy free refreshments with Adam Swords.

After looking at all the pictures on the new badges we have decided that we have either spent the last sixteen years looking at the world through rose colored glasses or that the progress of humanity has been greatly retarded so far as the Blooming Mill is concerned.

How come some of these guys, who two months ago argued they could get twenty-five miles to the gallon, are now willing to swear that they can't get fifteen.

Frank Lego has a garage and the roof leaks so bad that every time it rains it drowns out the ignition on his car. Someone told Frank that a new roll of roofing would remedy the situation, so Frank purchased a roll of the best he could find and set it inside his garage. He now says they must have been kidding him because the roof still leaks as bad as ever.

Ben Thompson recently butchered three hogs (?) and is in the market for a can of lard to fry them in.

PERSONAL: Dear John — Please come back; everything is forgiven. We've been punished enough. "C" Turn.

Roy Turner of the 18" Mill, who enlisted in the Navy recently has been critically ill at the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Va. He is now reported out of danger and on the road to recovery.

The boys on the hot bed are still trying to figure out whether their peerless leader Ton Jon, is an employee of the Wheeling Steel or Kademenos, Inc.

# NOW WITH OUR FIGHTING MEN!



W. KNICKERBOCKER



JACK MILLER



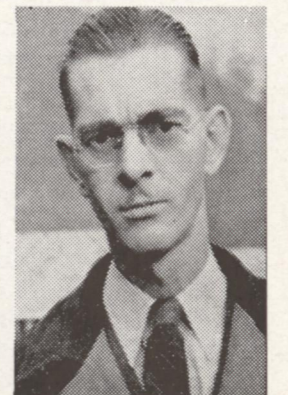
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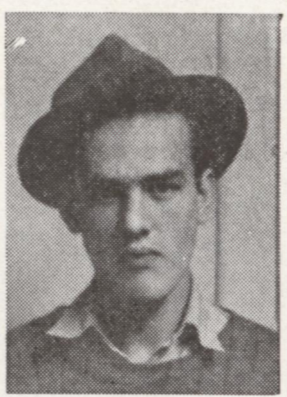
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## E.R.A. Reports Profit For November 1942

### FOUR DEATH CLAIMS PAID

Below you will find copy of the Employees' Relief Association monthly financial statement for November. As you will note the Association operated at a profit of \$1,220.29 for the month. The Sick and Accident Benefits amounted to only \$342.71, which is the smallest amount paid out for these reasons since October, 1938.

Four Natural Death Claims, amounting to \$1,200.00 each, were paid. These claims were paid to the beneficiaries of Mr. R. Otha Lewis, Guy Southworth of the Rod and Wire Mill, Mr. Sam Myers of the Brick Mason Department, and Chief Adam Johns of the Police Department.

### RECEIPTS

Collection from Members, as per Pay Roll .....	\$ 3,998.00
Cash Collections from Members .....	51.00
Dues Deducted from Claims .....	15.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS .....	\$ 4,064.00
In Checking Account, November 1, 1942 .....	10,558.32
TOTAL .....	\$ 14,622.32

### DISBURSEMENTS

Sick Benefits .....	\$ 294.86
Accident Benefits .....	47.85
Nat. Death Benefits .....	4,800.00
Salaries .....	100.00
Refund on Dues .....	1.00

TOTAL DISB. ....	\$ 5,243.71
In Checking Account, November 30, 1942 .....	9,378.61
TOTAL .....	\$ 14,622.32

### RESOURCES

Checking Account .....	\$ 9,378.61
Savings Account .....	13,526.92
Bonds .....	74,150.00
Building & Loan Stock ..	1,581.02
TOTAL .....	\$ 98,636.55

### LIABILITIES

Unclaimed Checks .....	\$ 650.37
Claims Payable .....	2,400.00
TOTAL .....	\$ 3,050.37

NET RESOURCES, November 30, 1942 .....	\$ 95,586.18
NET RESOURCES, October 31, 1942 .....	94,365.89

GAIN, for Month .....

### PAID BENEFICIARIES SINCE ORGANIZATION

Sick Benefits .....	\$272,583.03
Accident Benefits .....	181,299.85
Nat. Death Benefits .....	389,530.00
Acc. Death Benefits .....	97,736.84
TOTAL .....	\$941,149.72

**R. C. HOLBROOK,**  
Treasurer.

## Safety Shoe Honor Roll

The following employees bought Safety Shoes during the month of November, 1942:

Otha E. Smith	Cayrold Buffington
Win. S. Lewis	John Hurley
Prince E. Fisher	John Hammond
John Bramblett	Chas. Dever
Emil Caudill	Homer Fisher
Moses Arms	W. Townsend
Joseph E. Delabar	Donald Turner
Delmar White	Luther F. Ratliff
C. E. Emmett	Oscar Skaggs
Robert L. Adams	General Hickman
O. Clark	Lonnie N. Ison
Leo. W. Bayes	Richard Keeton
Albert Beasley	Winfred Keaton
Richard Frazier	Chas. Reynolds
George Born	Russell Gilliam
Clyde Williams	Ernest Claxon
Chas. E. Stapleton	J. A. Ridings
Vilas Goodan	Irvin Rayburn
Stanley Kayser	Teddy L. Speck
David McRoberts	Edward C. Zellmer
Halleck Lyons	Vincent J. Rose
John Payne	Roy May
Frank Morrison	Mike J. McClain
Thomas Veach	R. Jenkins
Jas. R. McGraw	John Slattery
Chas. Cable	Wm. Purtee
Jas. Brafford	Grover Tolbert
R. E. Whitlatch	Henry Marrow
John Johnson	Colonel James
Homer Staten	Clayton Langdon
Wm. A. Fletcher	Gus F. Hauth
Adam J. Richardson	Clarence Adkins
Arthur B. McKelvey	Edgar Marcum
Oney Brown	Alva C. Buffington
Cardnall Smith	Milburn Williams
Wm. Skidmore	Robert Hammond
Jas. E. Delabar	Damon T. Downey
Jasper Jordan	Raymond Cole
Weslie Rawlins	Tony Donatella
Cecil Jenkins	Charlie Wright
Millard Horton	Frank Jackson
Charlie Greenhill	Frank McGowan
Jas. Leach	Woodrow Greenhill
Earl Ishmael	W. P. Thompson
Wm. E. Johnson	O. D. Valentine
August Scherer	Dewey Mawnard
Norman Gilmore	Russell Frazier
Chester P. Compton	Leonard Schomberg

## IN MEMORIAM

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

To the family of Michael J. Whelan of the Brick Mason Department, who died November 8.

To Amil Helt of the Wire Mill, whose brother died November 4.

To Charles Giles of the Barbed Wire Department, whose wife died November 4.

To Jasper Stratton of the Electrical Department, whose wife died November 12.

To Paul Wampler of the Wire Mill Department, whose wife died November 7.

To Lewis Staker of the Barrel and Range Boiler Department, whose mother died September 22.

To Leonard Lightner of the Barbed Wire Department, whose mother died November 27.

To Arthur Phillips of the Yard Department, whose mother died November 25.

To Charles Cooper of the Coke Plant Mechanical Department, whose father-in-law died November 23.

## Large Crowd Hears Annual Xmas Concert

### DIRECTOR WELCH AND CHORUS AGAIN SCORE HIT

The Wheeling Steel Male Chorus made what very possibly may be their final major appearance for the duration of the war, last Sunday afternoon at the Second Presbyterian church on Waller Street when they presented their sixth annual Christmas program before a capacity assembly.

The terrific inroads on the personnel of the choir, caused by the draft and other war conditions, was evidenced by the many new faces in the group and by its reduced size.

Director Welch, realizing the significance of this appearance used every trick in his musical bag to display the progress the chorus has made in the few years of its existence. Probably the most important of these was the two original descant arrangements of "Silent Night" and "Adeste Fideles" in contrast to the rousing "Hymn of the American Nations" and the "Hallelujah Chorus." All selections featured on this program were request numbers.

Mrs. Lucy Baker Dye was guest soloist and gave a performance that only a well trained and very lovely voice can produce. This marked the second time Mrs. Dye has appeared on the Christmas program with the chorus.

## Steel Plant Band Continues Weekly Radio Broadcasts

The weekly radio program by the Employees' Band will continue throughout the winter months it was announced by Director Ray Adams. This program is heard each Monday night from 7:30 to 8:00 P. M. over the local radio station WPAY.

Miss Catherine Roush of the Main Office who presents a popular vocal selection on these programs will be a member of the cast for the winter series.

Director Adams has secured a variety of new musical numbers for presentation on these programs.

To Sue Albertson of the Cost Department, whose father died November 23.

To Kitt Hardin of the Yard Department and Warren G. Hardin of the Barrel Shop, whose brother died November 16.