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All Time Production Record Established By Blooming Mill

OPEN HEARTH TONNAGE ALSO REACHES NEW HIGH FOR YEAR

Tackling their job with a spirit of doing their best to win the war on the home front, the boys in the Blooming Mill Department established a new record production of steel tonnage rolled during the month of October. Their October record shatters the previous all-time high production which was made in March, 1942.

This accomplishment of the Blooming Mill was accompanied by another record-breaking month in the Open Hearth where breaking records is becoming a habit. Steel ingot production at the Open Hearth during October topped the marks set during August and September and almost equalled the all-time record in this department.

During this same period the employees of the Rod Mill continued their good work by breaking their recently established tonnage record.

We congratulate the employees of these three departments on the excellent job they are doing in producing steel in response to our government's request for increased tonnage this year. Keep up the good work, boys.

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Band Will Broadcast Bi-Weekly Concerts Over Station WPAY

Again this year the Employees' Band will be heard during the fall and winter months in a half hour broadcast over the local WPAY radio station. These broadcasts, under the direction of Ray Adams, engineer at the Blast Furnace, will be on the air every other Monday night from 7:30 to 8:00 P. M. The first concert in the new series was presented on November 8 and the next one will be November 22.

These programs by the Employees' Band will consist of overtures, marches, popular numbers and special selections, a program designed for the enjoyment of the entire family. Make it a point to tune in on this broadcast regularly.

Fifteen More Employees Answer Call To Colors In October

326 NOW IN ACTIVE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY

During October another group of fifteen employees from the Portsmouth Plant answered the call to colors and departed to begin their training in various branches of our armed forces. Only two employees received their honorable discharges during this time and the number now on active duty is three hundred and twenty-six.

Missing In Action



LT. FLOYD D. SMITTLE

It was with deep regret that we at Portsmouth Works learned Lt. Floyd D. Smittle was reported missing since October 4 by the War Department, following a bombing mission over Europe.

Lt. Smittle had been employed as a hostler helper in the Yard Department from September 1936 until he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in June 1941. He is 26 years old and is a commissioned pilot. He is the son of Mrs. Zelma Reynolds of 1309 Linden Avenue, Portsmouth.

Floyd is the first to be reported missing from the many plant employees in active service and it is our sincere hope that he made a safe landing when his plane was lost.

Those leaving were:

Harry Oscar Warner, laborer at the Blast Furnace and Harold Ramey, welder in the Barrel Shop who enlisted in the U. S. Naval Construction Battalion.

Roy B. Allman, machinist in the Mechanical Department, who was commissioned as a chaplain in the army.

James Nolan, clerk in the Employment Office and Louis Goings, inspector in Department 17, who were accepted for duty in the navy.

Phillip Bolotta, laborer in the Yard Department.

Ralph B. Cornwell, laborer at the Coke Plant.

William Hale, rod handler at the Rod Mill.

William R. Houck, tinner helper in the Mechanical Department.

Evan Lavinder, second helper on the Open Hearth.

Otis Lykins, press operator in the Barrel Shop.

R. E. McConnell, helper in the Rod and Wire Machine Shop.

Norman Rockwell, laborer at the Coke Plant.

Sanford J. Williams, wire drawer in the Wire Mill.

Laurence V. Lauder, patrolman in the Police Department.

Williard Martin, fireman in the Yard Department and Rolla Hacker, brick mason helper received their discharges and Martin has returned to his old job at the plant.

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Save Waste Paper For Victory

All of us are willing and anxious to do all we can to help win the war in which we are now engaged so that the dove of peace may fly again over the entire world.

There are many things however, that are just as important as our other efforts. One of these is conservation of materials, which is just as vital to our success as manpower, money or anything we can think of.

We are all aware of the fact that paper is a product of wood pulp and wood pulp is used in so many of the products necessary to our war effort that there just isn't enough of it available to go around.

It therefore becomes necessary, in order that the new wood pulp can be used in the manufacture of the above mentioned materials, that we conserve all of our waste paper for reworking

into products that do not require the new wood pulp. The Salvage Department at the plant has set in motion a plan for the collection of all waste paper within the plant and has placed containers in all departments.

waste paper in these containers so it will not be destroyed.

Further help can be rendered by gathering up all the old paper, magazines, etc., you have around your home and calling your community salvage committee or the Boy Scouts to pick it up.

Safety Honor - Roll

This Record includes the days between the last lost Time Accident in your department and November 1, 1943

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

Coke Plant Breezes

—by S. S. Reports

Fog Hoover has a new way to get into football games. Fog turns his little boys loose in the direction of the gate and chases them into the stadium.

Sam Cutlip hides his wife's false teeth so she can't eat dinner while he's at work. This way he is sure to get a good supper.

Well the election is over and some of the boys are pleased and others are—well, why bring this up.

John Payton went across the river and imported enough votes to be elected to New Boston Council. That old saying "A blind hog is sure to find an acorn once in a while" still holds true.

The Coke Plant lost Norman Buck Rockwell to the armed forces on November 8. Before leaving Buck stopped in to bid his buddies goodbye and to instruct Rufus Wolfe in the proper way to take care of the puddle jumper.

Milton McAdams has returned to farming after trying his hand at politics. Better luck next time, Milt.

Anyone wanting to borrow tools to do odd jobs around the house see Lou Davis. Lou lends out anything, especially claw hammers.

Adolph Rehs is not so sure of himself since Si Franck was seen in Cooks Barber Shop getting his hair cut and his shoes shined.

Leck Colvin lived long enough to get the roof on the main office.

Something never seen around the Coke Plant—Red Ratcliff backing up one of his stories.



Mr. and Mrs. Julius Henderson, who were married August 26. Mrs. Henderson was the former Thelma Layton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Layton of Argonne Road. Mr. Henderson was employed as a welder in Department 17 until he joined the Air Corps Engineers in September.



Mr. and Mrs. Neal Dyer. Until he retired recently at the age of 74, Mr. Dyer had been employed as crusher operator at the Open Hearth, a position he filled since 1923. We wish Mr. Dyer many years of happiness.

IN MEMORIAM

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

To Van Sizemore of the Wire Mill, whose father died October 4.

To John Hurley of the Mechanical Department whose wife died October 11.

To Emmert Smith of the Yard Department, whose son died October 19.

To Joe Roberts of the Foundry, whose mother died October 13.

To Raymond and Ora Fulk of the Open Hearth Department, whose grandmother died October 20.

To Ed Clark of the Open Hearth Department, whose wife died October 20.

To Noah S. Ward of the Yard Department, whose wife died October 28.

To Cayrold Buffington of the Open Hearth Department, whose brother died October 21.

To Franklin Conley of the Brick Mason Department, whose son died October 21.

To George W. Armstrong of the Mechanical Department, whose wife died October 29.

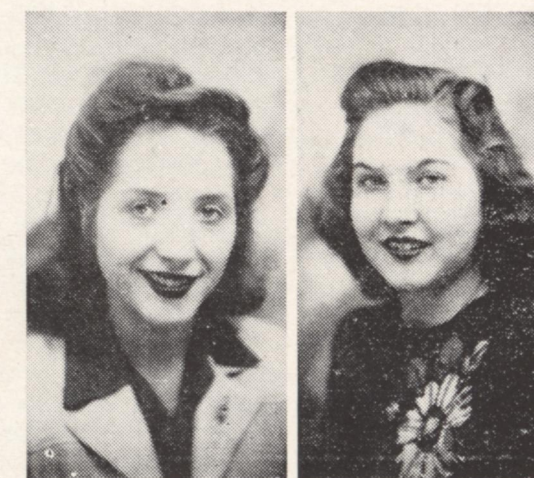
To Austin Denning of the Foundry, whose mother died October 28.

To Henry Simon of the Electrical Department, whose son died October 20.

To Ed Prater of Department 17, whose brother died October 21.

To Herbert Fulk of the Open Hearth Department, whose mother-in-law died October 20.

To George W. Lute of Department 17, whose father died October 30.



Mrs. Elnora Sweet and Betty Jane Long, daughters of D. J. Long patrolman at the plant. Mrs. Sweet's husband is serving with the marines at San Diego, California.

'It's Wheeling Steel' Even In The Aleutians, Writes Noel M. Kayser

Greetings and salutations friends, for this is Hello to every one at good old Wheeling Steel, Portsmouth Works. I wish to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the Plant News and for the great job Our Plant is doing for the great cause.

The going here is plenty tough, when we consider the Aleutian weather, but stout hearted men, Americans backed by the hard work and production of you men on the home front is all the encouragement any Nation of freedom loving peoples or fighting forces need to win back the freedom our Nation has enjoyed to the date of Pearl Harbor.

That picture in the Plant News regarding the record Steel production is a wonderful news flash to every man in our armed forces, including all Wheeling Steel employees now in the service. That picture is also the signature of the death warrant of the Axis criminals.

Well Knox with the heartiest congratulations to all of you fellows and good luck to our buddies all over the world, I thank you again for the Plant News, and I remain,

Respectfully, NOEL M. KAYSER.

Records... Records... Records

The papers tell us that in the destruction of Esden, 2000 tons of bombs were dropped. We, in the Portsmouth Works had our part in that! But we don't just stop with the making of bombs. We go way past that—we "Bust the Records that Busts the Blocks"—we've talked about the records our boys have made on the Open Hearth and Rod Mill and this month they again come through with records that break the very records we have bragged about. A new department of the mill joins this month in record production—our Blooming Mill broke an all time record—and that's not all, the Corporation's long standing record for steel production tumbled this month before the combined assaults of "Our Soldiers on the Home Front". We ourselves have just completed the biggest three months in steel production that the Portsmouth Works have ever known. We have broken all former records and exceeded the best we ever produced before.

We said last month that we were on top in the Corporation by per cent of rated capacity. We were, but this month the Benwood Plant beat us by 8/10 of 1%, that's a mighty small margin and they had to break an all time record to jar us out of first place in the Corporation.

So — To our Fellow Workers at Benwood: Congratulations, Boys! Keep it up — We at Portsmouth are also trying to make every month a record breaker.

Due to the swell performance we have already made this year, we here in Portsmouth have a chance, with a little luck, and a lot of hard work, to break an ALL TIME YEARLY record.

With the Axis already toppling and our boys on the move in all fronts — these extra tons of steel may be the deciding factor as to when we get our sons and daughters home. Let's hit the ball in the months to come and make the whole Nation look to the Portsmouth Works with admiration for a job well done!!!

Production Drive Committee

Congratulations: Employees of the Portsmouth Works are doing a fine job. Records on open hearth production are pouring in. During the months of August and September records were made and again in October another record was broken, just a few tons short of an all time record for our shop. In order to break this record will require the full cooperation from all service departments by reducing rebuilding time, getting raw materials to the furnaces as quickly as possible and improve operations of the shop.

Suggestions for improved methods, of doing this work, are always welcome. Study your job and try to find a way to save a little time or a little material. A suggestion, seemingly small, may have a lot of merit when put into practice. Any idea you might have should be turned in on a suggestion blank provided for this purpose. Talk to your supervisor on improvements; he will be glad to help with your idea. Remember, it takes a lot of team work, on the part of us all, to achieve a goal. Our government needs steel and more steel. We want to do our part in serving them.

Five times, in the history of our country, our President has taken the roll of Commander-in-Chief. George Washington in the Revolutionary War, James Madison in the War of 1812, Abraham Lincoln in the Civil War, William McKinley in the Spanish-American War, Woodrow Wilson in World War No. 1 and Franklin D. Roosevelt in the present war. Our democracy, we cherish today, is the fruits of the efforts of the people, responding to the call of the Commander-in-Chief during these periods.

The future of the entire world is at stake. Democracy or slavery is the offering. We on the home front must carry our share of the responsibility of winning this war. Our boys in service are doing an excellent job. Let's show them, by putting forth our all out effort, that we are behind them 100 per cent. That we, as they, are giving our all.

COMPARISON OF SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED WITH QUOTA OF SUGGESTIONS EXPECTED For Period May 1, 1942 to October 31, 1943

DEPARTMENT	No. of Suggestions Received	Quota of Suggestions Expected	% of Quota For Year
Rod & Wire	268	144	186
Coke Plant	32	36	89
Yard	26	54	48
Blast Furnace	8	18	44
Barrel & Rg. Boil.	16	54	30
Blooming & Bar	9	36	25
General	32	144	22
Dept. No. 17	6	32	19
Open Hearth	8	54	15
Mechanical	14	108	13
Electrical	6	54	11
Inspection	5	54	9
Salvage	0	8	0
TOTAL	430	796	54

Blooming & Bar Mills

—by Ken Cronin

After searching for several minutes and unjustly accusing numerous parties of stealing his new gloves, Adam Swords finally discovered that he had been carrying them tucked under his arm all the time.

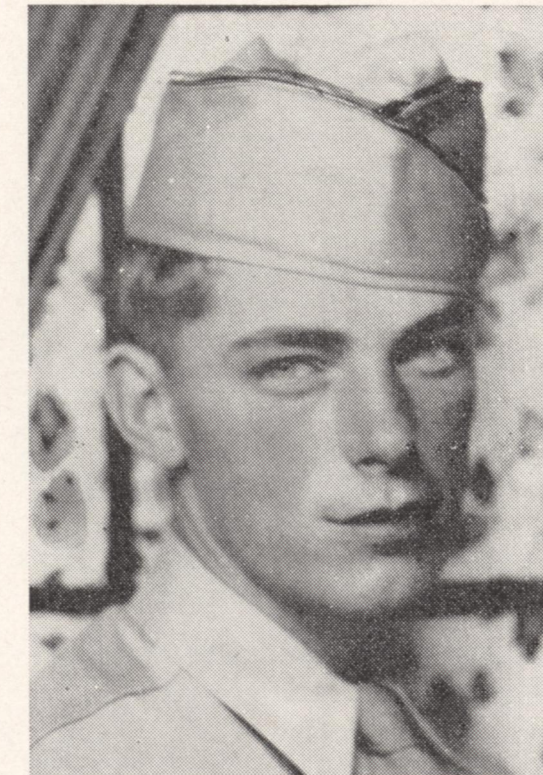
The entire gang rejoice with Dave Woodward and Charley Cable, both of whom recently received good news concerning the safety of their sons who had previously been reported missing in action.

Many plans are being made for the coming hunting season and with the present acute shortage of shells all us guys will have to shoot as accurately as we have talked about in past seasons. By the time this issue is out all the shanty's will be waist deep with rabbits and by next month if all the deer killed by the Bloomer gang were laid end for end they probably wouldn't reach anywhere.

During October the Bloomer broke three all time records for tonnage, the monthly record, the eight hour turn record and the two consecutive turns record.

Cigars were passed around, but considering the ovation given the Open Hearth a few weeks ago when celebrities were a dime a dozen, our celebration was disappointingly quiet. At least they could have had Eleanor drop in and say a few words.

Henceforth a special copy of the working schedule will be presented to



Glen William Bailey son of Fred Bailey of the Spike Mill.

Pete Mainer each week to prevent him from trying to break into the mill on his nights off. Since the episode of the night of November 8th several fellows have publicly apologized to Claude Mayfield.

Johnny McDaniel recently enjoyed a brief but welcome visit from his son Jack who was home on leave from the Navy.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Art Tomlin who recently secured another ration book, shoe stamp and an additional \$6.00 exemption on their income tax through the acquisition of a fine new son.

Art now has a full house, three queens and a pair of jacks—a mighty fine hand to stand pat on and not one to participate in the draw in hopes of getting four of a kind.

Mr. Charles Stumpf and wife recently made a flying trip to Pensacola, Florida for a brief visit with his son before his departure for overseas duty with the air corps.

Mr. O. B. Church and Mr. W. H. Butcher have completed the construction of a new locker room—an edifice that defies both description and the law of gravity.

Ben Thompson is mourning the loss of his good rabbit hound that was stolen right before the opening of the season.

George Duschinski celebrated his sixty-second birthday anniversary on November 16th and is still going strong, so strong in fact that some of the younger fellows think that someone will have to come down and knock him in the head on judgment day. Good old George, there is no one else like him, and we are certainly glad he is on B turn.

Mechanical Musings

—by V. Warnock

Seaman VanCuren was home on furlough recently and stopped in to chew the chow with the boys.

Wilson Dawson, who recently joined the Navy, was also in to see all the fellows.

They say in China a man doesn't know his wife until after they are married. Just in China?

A Bank is a large building with marble columns and high desks, where Scotsmen fill their pens.

Mr. and Mrs. George Figlestahler were presented with a new baby boy and not to be outdone, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson the same. Good luck to the newcomers, but we'll always hold a grudge against Fig and Walt for those twofers. Oh well, war times you know.

John Phillipi lost on another horse race.

Whenever one talks of presidents, diplomats, celebrities, etc., they don't have a thing on the General Machine Shop. Just glance over the following list and compare them:

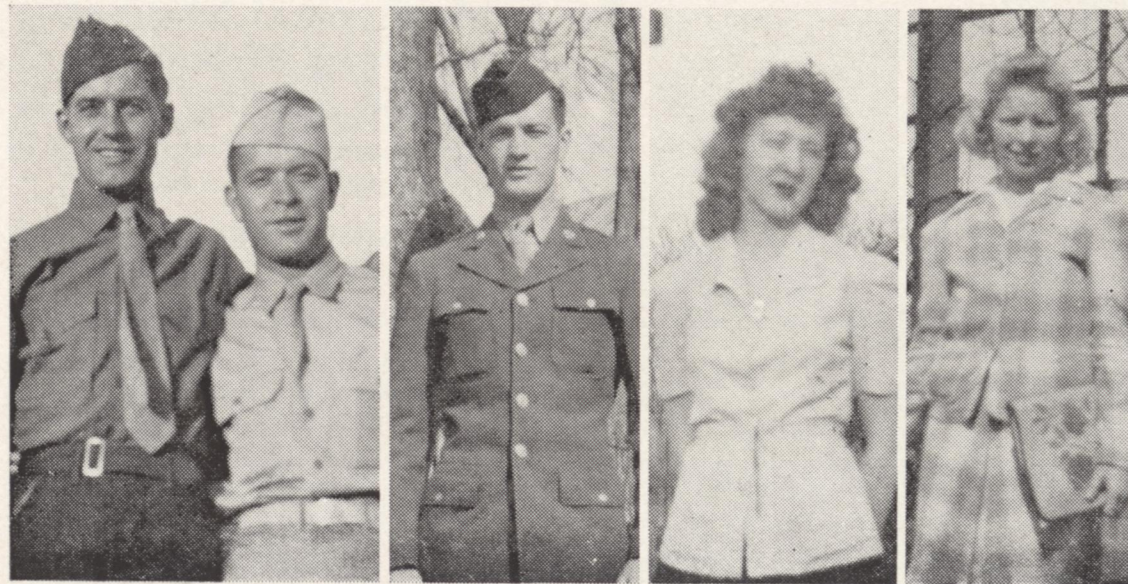
Yost, Coach; Marasek, President of Poland; Wright, Airplane Manufacturer; Chaney, Actor; Marshall, Chief of Staff; Norris, Senator; Browning, Inventor; Stewart, Writer; Hamilton, President; Turner, Jenkins and Oldfield, Racing Drivers and of course Murphv and Moore. These names speak for themselves.



Pvt. Leonard L. Rolfe, son of Gayhart Rolfe of the Blast Furnace and his bride of August 6, the former Miss Catherine Kronk. Pvt. Rolfe is now stationed at Camp White, Oregon.



Pvt. and Mrs. Wm. A. Adams. Mrs. Adams is the daughter of Willie White, coal and ash man at No. 4 Boiler House. Her husband is now stationed in North Africa.



Gilbert, Bruce, Clinton, Avenell and Jackalene, sons and daughters of "Pop" Logan of the Rod and Wire Shipping Department.

Brick Mason News

—by "A Boot"

This last election in New Boston should have taught Earl Moore two things. He is either running out of relations or losing his grip as a politician.

The battle still goes on between Ed and Sub. They don't play checkers so good, but they can sure argue like h—l.

What brick mason tried to cash in on the black market. Did he talk about the butter and eggs? Now the boys won't sell him any more. Don't talk, little chum.

"Big Feet" is having quite a time with the Brick Mason bowling team. He has ten men signed up and can't get out a full team. Come on boys and give Andy a little help.

Things we would like to know:

1. Who crawled under the table?
2. Who is the little old ugly man?
3. Who is known as Rudolph?
4. Who is the best cook, Sub or Ed?
5. How cold was the beer in Alvey's well?

Things We'd Like To See In The Time Office

—by Incognito

"Dube" Duvendeck with a new "Stetson" hat.

Homer Kinney with a package of Tailor Mades.

Smitty without a big chew in his jaw.

"Red" Anderson in a calm and settled attitude.

Marvin Gilliland gain twenty or thirty pounds.

"Red" Reeg looking fresh when he comes to work.

Harold Arnold with his hat off in the office.

Phil Pratt talking with his hands in his pockets.

Ralph Welton not talking so much about his many girl friends.

Pat Conner without his pipe.

Alf Armbrister with a marriage license in his possession.

Pat Coll selling Arnold an Insurance Policy.

Ben Hamilton in a hurry.

"Wash" Means making a speech.

Bill Ketter running for Justice of Peace.

"Eck" Daniels driving a new car.

With The Boys In Service

Pfc. Joseph Dettwiller, formerly clerk in the Mechanical Office is now stationed at Camp Pickett, Virginia. His A. P. O. 31. He writes: "Today I received another copy of our Plant News and I have been receiving them for some time. I really appreciate your sending me the news and enjoy reading every one of them. It sorta takes me back home when I was still working at the Old Steel Mill myself. Tell all the fellows I said hello and from the news I gather out of the paper you're all doing a splendid job of production."

Cpl. James R. Kennedy, formerly rod handler at the Rod Mill writes from over seas: "I enjoy the Plant News very much. When I came over seas I thought I would be fortunate to even get a letter from home. I was mistaken. You have done a fine job and the news means a lot to us in service. I see the plant is doing their part to help win the war. Give the boys my regards, tell them to keep up the good work and here's hoping for victory soon."

Sgt. Charles O. Newman writes us from Fort Lewis, Washington and asks us to give his regards to the gang in the Mason Department where he was employed before entering service. Sgt. Newman is with the 247th Engineers, Company A.

James D. Hogan, machinist apprentice, who is in training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station writes and asks us to tell all the fellows "Hello" for him because he's too busy to write to all of them as he has to do his own washing now. He advises anyone who joins the Navy to bring their wife along to keep their clothes clean and shoes shined. Jimmy is in Company 1485.

Pvt. Leonard Roberts, former Barb Wire employee, writes us from Camp Stewart, Georgia that he sure appreciates the Plant News and is glad to learn the boys back home are keeping the work moving. He says he sees lots of our Barb Wire and Nails down there, and to be sure and tell Mr. Olson and the boys hello for him.

Pvt. Lloyd Hamblin, from somewhere overseas writes "The Plant News makes me feel closer to my old friends and coworkers in the Mason Department. Tell Mr. Allison and all the boys hello and I am quite proud of the work they have been doing. I was particularly pleased to see my name included on the Honor Roll of the paper." Lloyd's A. P. O. is 953, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.



Mrs. Nola Carter, Donald, Paul and Gayle, wife and children of Nick Carter of the Police Department. Donald is now on active duty with the Navy in the southwest Pacific.

Mechanical Chatter

—by O'Tool

Walter Cook says that his "Absentee Personnel" has been handing him so much "Baloney" here lately, that he is going to bring in his ration book and start giving them red points.

Bill Livingston says that the peculiar thing about climate is that it is always colder in the winter than it is in summer.

Mac McConnell of the Rod and Wire Machine Shop is with our armed forces now. Mac says that his "Top Kick" talks like a "Pantie Waist" compared to Harry King, Machine Shop Foreman.

The boys in the Machine Shop would like to know what Joe Krausz did with the squirrel tail he wore home the other evening. It is rumored that some wary nimrod stalked Joe as far as the Y. M. C. A. before he got a good look at him.

Hear about Walter Cook the swing shift foreman and his two man crew? They say he puts them to work on the same machine so he can look down both their collars at the same time.

(A casual thought): There seems to be a surprisingly unbalanced ratio of horses to a certain type of people that we know.

Wonder if Harry (two ton) Middaugh got that middle age spread from sitting on a restaurant stool too much. Oh yes, Harry looks good in anything he eats too.

They say Ernie Bressia, labor foreman was once a tall man but he wore his legs off running around through the yard looking for his gang.

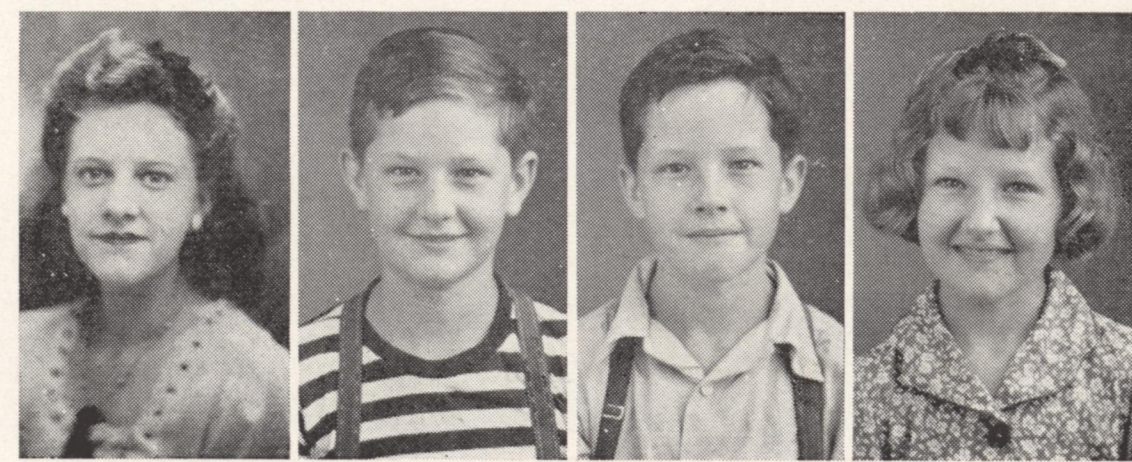
Slogan for the Mill Police force: "Keep 'em wakin'"

Harry Middaugh of the "I think I sit here a little longer" Department has taken on so much weight lately that he can't tell whether he's walkin' or rollin'.

A ration book is just a reminder to purchase something that we never thought of buying before.

Of course we all heard about the election. The Republicans haven't set a date for theirs yet.

Orville Howerton Pipe Shop helper walked all the way up to the upper Pipe shop to sell Forrest Williams a five weeks old tree dog. "Swede" stopped him and offered to trade him a Sow that was going to have nine pigs next week.



Helen, 17, Thomas, 12, Carol, 10 and Wanda Jean, 8, children of Spencer Carter, helper in the Brick Mason Department.

Rod Mill Cobbles

—by Henry Waring

William Thurston, popular Rod Mill inspector, has acquired the handle of D. B. Why? Ask Bill.

Bill Wetta, who was convicted on the count of petit larceny of a package of tobacco from the weigh shanty, has compromised by buying fifty cents worth of ice cream bars.

Glenn (Rabbit Bill) Woodrum, the world renowned hunter, to date this season has killed one squirrel.

We don't think Alexander is getting a fair chance to expand on many of his good traits with Bud Henderson acting the proverbial watch dog.

We have hopes that Kentucky, our old home state, may yet amount to something since Judge Willis has been successful in the gubernatorial race.



Mr. and Mrs. James Penix and nephew James Raymond Buckley. Mr. Penix is a spinner helper in Department 17.

Rod & Wire Electrical

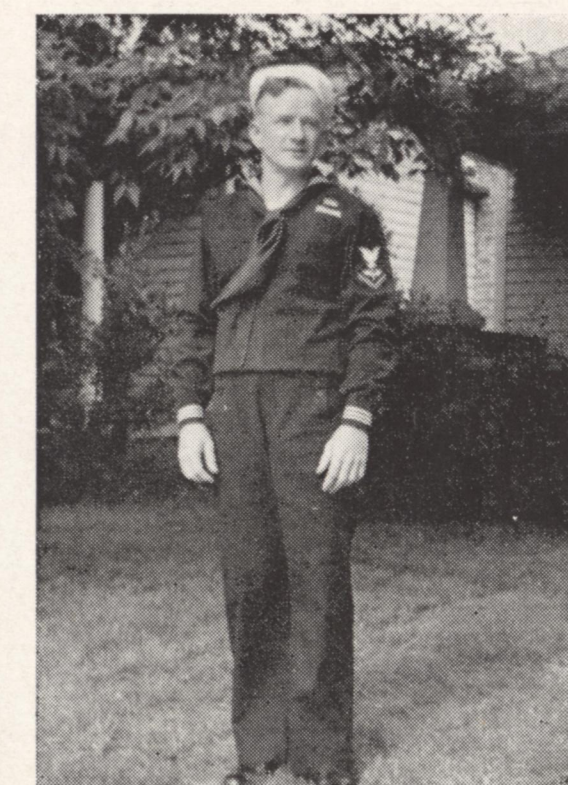
—by Howard Pherson

Smittie refuses to make a personal appearance in the shop again. One day he threw his time slip in, asking someone to place it in the box for him.

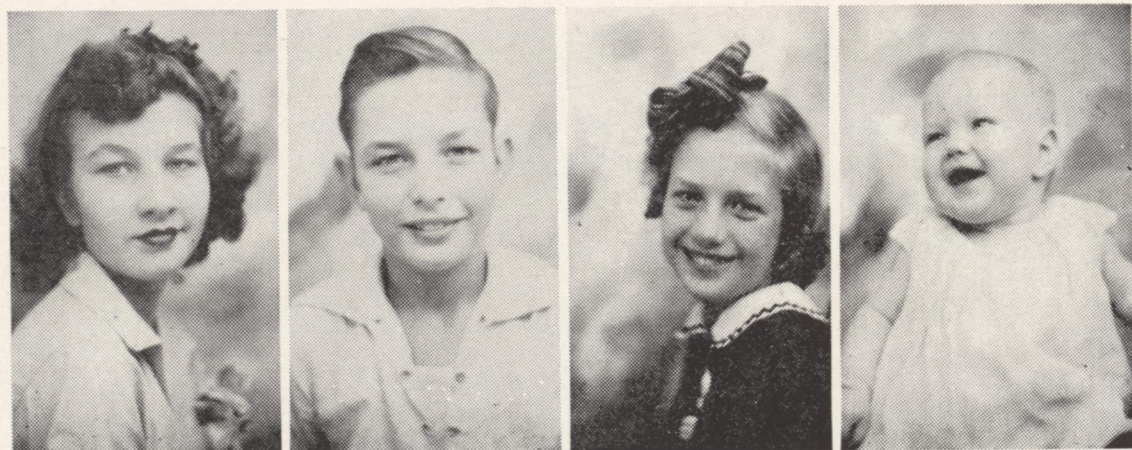
Herb Tipton says it is getting to be a habit for the sub-station operators to come in on Monday mornings and complain of being ill. P. S. That's the day to mop the floor.

"Swamp Toad" Rountt delighted in showing the burnt pliers belonging to Kennedy. There came a day. H. R. tried to keep it quiet, but unknown to the victim, Ivan Patrick was a witness.

Bill Hammond reports that even Doc Sanders is turning Republican.



Eugene Morgan brother of Red Morgan of the Rod and Wire Inspection Department, is serving with the U. S. Navy.



Betty, 13, Bob, 12, Bernice, 10 and Evelyn Kay, 6 months, children of Edward Dotson, fireman at No. 2 Boiler House.

Range Boiler Welding Flashes

—by Walt Dressler

The writer of this column would appreciate going deer hunting with Detective Charles Clowe and Mr. "Jack" Delaney of the F. B. I. Boy, I bet that they can sure "track" 'em down."

The Range Boiler foremen will hold their home coming this season in Lewis Co., Ky. Elwood "Hickory" Himes will be in charge of refreshments and entertainment and as usual will be the "principal speaker." Olan Himes will give a safety demonstration on "How to hunt through a briar patch without getting a scratch". The chief topic under discussion will be "Who's Who" in the Range Boiler.

Is this a strange malady or an appetite extraordinary? John Salisbury states he eats a large bowl of pickled beans each morning for breakfast.

Walter Everman shadowed Louis Bond 15 city blocks to his apartment. Bond, upon arriving at the door, stopped suddenly, snapped his fingers, jumped straight up and down; then retraced the 15 blocks back to the plant and drove his Plymouth home. Where doesn't thy mind wonderes't Bondie?"

W. P. A. Mault says—Frank "Bud" Young and William Denning's plan to impersonate physicians were refuted by Paul Reiser, A. G. F.

Of all the experimenters and inventors in the country, why doesn't someone suggest a way to extract the present type milk bottle caps without having to unravel them or punch a stream of cream in your eye.

Otto Lewis experimenting in his laboratory expects by next summer to derive sorgham molasses from Soy beans.

The reason Clarence "Tom" Stroth and Kinney Litteral sit and stare at the hired help in the plant restaurant

is because these boys are studying "home economics" and "cooking arts" and are getting practical experience by watching Steve the Chef sling the hash.

Leonard Grose, officer and "Hello Girl" at the Main Gate suggests that all patrolmen who go deer hunting please "call in" at their regular intervals. He would like to know which is getting the best of the fracas the "Bull" or the "Buck."

Raymond Cole said he had captured a large six legged frog. Ab Rose made plans to lead a party of scientists consisting of Beryl Parks, Chester Godfrey, Hugh McCorkle and Sherman Thair to view the amphibian when all of a sudden the frog vanished into thin air.

If during pheasant season anyone noticed the sky being blacked out like a total eclipse of the sun that was Elmer Crain who shot the sky full of pheasant feathers.

Wheeling Steel produces a Range Boiler, It is galvanized white as snow, Night and day it stores for you hot water, And the cost is mighty low. What more is there to say, dear reader, Now my goodness, isn't this enough? Try one in your basement And watch it do it's stuff.

To all of our boys in the armed forces who receive this paper, here and in foreign countries. By Xmas time, remember that deep in our hearts, we on the home front, are thinking of you and wish you the "Season's Greetings". If you don't already know, the stories about deer hunting are caused by the fact the State of Ohio opened a deer hunting season in the first part of December 1943 in certain areas in southern Ohio. Good luck to you all and hurry back.

Range Boiler Employees.

Carpenter Shavings

—by W. L. Ross

We are glad to know that "Cotton" Mauntel is out of the hospital and getting along O. K. We hope you will soon be back on the job Cotton.

John Essman would like to sell his farm, but is afraid it would boost his income tax. Pate says John would be better off if he gave the farm away.

We hear that "Fatty" Mann is learning to be a Jockey. He has purchased a horse and goes out after dark to learn to ride. He claims he is getting the horse in shape to plow his garden. We feel sorry for the horse that has to carry so much extra weight.

Elmer Church likes these foggy mornings. He has had his car repainted, and purchased some fog lights. Elmer thinks so much of his new lights, that he says he don't care if it stays foggy all winter.

We don't understand how comes Bill Burton is always eating doughnuts. We know he doesn't pay for them, so he must have a stand-in somewhere. And by the way, Bill received seven votes for Municipal Judge in the last election.

John Hainline has been improving his bowling average, also collecting lots of nickels. More power to you John.



Pvt. Frank C. Mercer has arrived safely on an island in the South Pacific according to word received by his father Howard Mercer of the Range Boiler. Pvt. Mercer became the proud father of a daughter on September 16th. The young miss was named Sharon Lee.

Open Hearth Department News

—by Raison and Frantz



Pvt. and Mrs. Chester W. Carver and son Larry. Chester formerly worked at the Rod and Wire, but is now training at Westover Field, Massachusetts.

Blast Furnace Quips

—by Scoop the Snoop

The big question around the Blast Furnace these days is,—are we about to lose another good man? The finger points to Mont Evans, as if you all didn't know.

Mont was seen driving up and down the valley gathering rug material. Could it be that he intends going into the rug business? Do I hear someone say, "Could be."

How about bringing one of your rugs out to the plant, Mont, and perhaps we can give you some advice on whether you should quit your job here or take up crocheting? Or, better yet, we'll help make your shingle, "Ye Ole Crochet Shoppe."

For information on who found or borrowed Frank Morrison's trench knife, see Tom.

You all know about Irvin Hodge's level hillside farm on Blue Run. Well, Irvin has gone and "dunnit" again. He bought another one, same levelity, in Pike Co. You see, he drove his tractor into the barn and forgot to tell the four-wheeled critter it was on level ground, and when Hodge jumped off the thing, it started rollin', down, down, down and turned over in a pasture field, way, way down below.

Personal, to Hodge—we wouldn't have sent this in if you had delivered those eggs on time.

According to the papers the blast furnace bowlers have added a new member to the team. If the scores have been correct, something new was needed. Welcome Roscoe Evans.

"Hoss Fly" hasn't moved for a long time, several weeks anyhow, but he was seen inspecting properties on Long Run. So our guess it, it won't be long now.

M. F. Dutiel, Millwright, who spent several weeks in Arizona this summer has gone back for the winter. We'll miss you, Merrill.

Bill Bramblett has retired to his farm in Kentucky. For twenty-five years Bill was an employee of the Open Hearth stock department.

Charley Newman suffered an injury while carrying out Raymond Leach's campaign platform. If interested in particulars one should inquire of the pit boys.

Bill Guilkey claims he saw Caleb Williams making a stump speech for Leach way out at Rarden.

Fred Selbee is wondering why Len Beasley makes Mose Smith ride the rear seat to and from work.

Since Elmer Meade rides but one way with Smittle, Elmer feels that the responsibility for Smittle's spring trouble should be shouldered by Art Brunner, Art also being a one-way passenger. Wonder where Elmer will place the blame for Captain Moore's car troubles?

Dunaway recently loaned Dave Wiseman fifty cents and then on the following day sold his equity for twenty-five cents. Dave being good pay, we wonder if Dunaway hasn't been took.

Bill Howell has been around explaining why it was necessary to rent that tractor. Seems as though when Farmer Ferret went rustic Bill bought and paid for the farm stock with the agreement that Ferret was to foot the feed bill. Bill says the mule could hardly be expected to thrive on his rations as prepared by Farmer Young, 1-4 feed and 3-4 sawdust. Bill

also says that the story of his first attempt at unharnessing the now deceased mule is truly a bit of Ferret's vivid imagination. Ferret had told that Bill once dismantled the harness buckle by buckle for lack of a better method of unharnessing.

Paul Raison is back to work after a week's rest cure.

The Count was the recipient of many congratulations following his recent solo at the Male Chorus song-fest in Wheelersburg.

Bob Clare's efforts to sell John Stapleton a hog were unsuccessful but the proposed sale did arouse many comments among the boys on the Open Hearth floor.

Marvin Diffen postcards that army life is very agreeable.

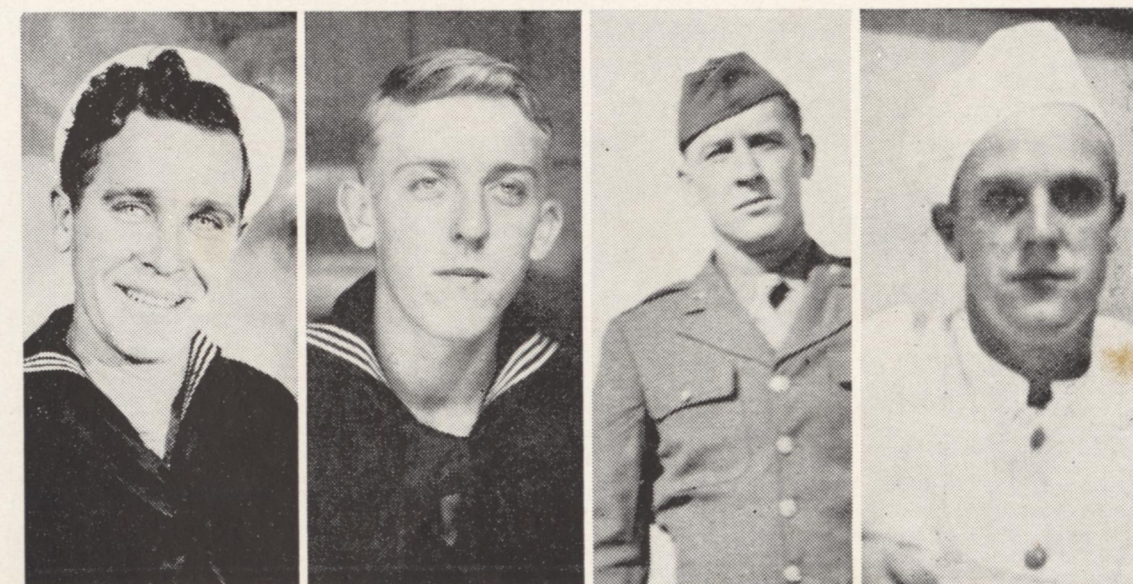
We wonder if it was just a coincidence that Dick McGlone returned to work as Kentucky was electing a Republican governor.

Conley, Buchanan, Zeisler and Rutman are taking their days off for Jack Salmon fishing and thus far only report a meager catch.

When it comes to loading shells for deer shot we believe Raymond Prior has developed the most successful method. His work compares well with factory loading.

Raymond Leach wishes to thank the boys for their support during the recent election.

WE BROKE RECORDS FOR 3 STRAIGHT MONTHS . . . KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK



Bob, Kenneth, Roy and Bill, four sons of Carl Cook, scale man in the Blooming Mill who are with the armed forces of our country.

Nail Mill Whiskers

—by Nosey, Newsy and Noisy

Month after month this job becomes harder. We can't dish up dirt if all of you fellows are going on good behavior—or rather almost all of you.

Now that the election is over maybe some of the politicians in our midst can relax, whether they won or lost.

Tommy Arthur's popularity is on the increase. He's been receiving heaps of fan mail from his admirers in recent weeks.

The Ashland Tomcats disposed of the Ironton Tigers so easily there's no wondering why Henry Tyo, Firman Moore, Orville Davis and other Ironton citizens in our midst have long faces these days.

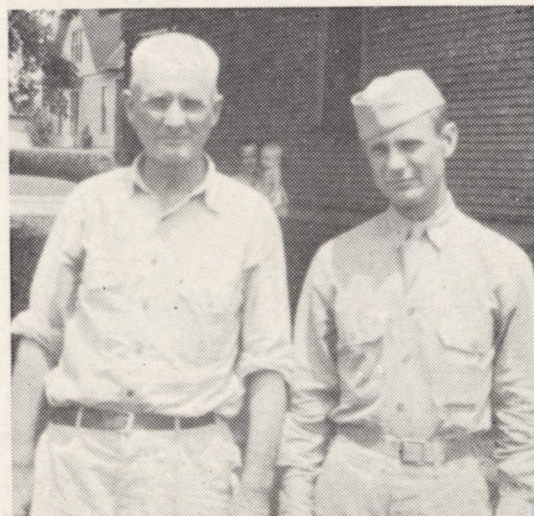
Certain workers in this department have shown an aversion to limburger cheese. There's no sauer kraut in the ancestry of John Gregory, Rudy Saunders or Joe Hossman.

Many of you would be surprised to learn that Billy French is quite a singer. Get him to give you an exhibition of his musical tenor some time.

Three Nail Mill boys were in to visit us while on furlough recently. Everett Collier was home from the Navy. Woody Moyer and A. Shively both are in the Army. Service life seems to agree with all of them.

Why are C. Arthurs and J. Cinereski sticking their chests out so far these days? Could it have anything to do with their bowling scores?

There is a new addition at the Milo Mullins' home. Congratulations for number ten or eleven; we forget which.



Leonard Montgomery of the Coke Plant and son William who recently landed in England with our armed forces.

Barrel Shop Bulletins

—by "The Young Man"

"Nig" Purdy is still trying to figure out just what happened to the Republican Party in New Boston.

Al Weghorst is beaming with big bright smiles these days. What's the matter, Al, been elected or something?

Everett Vest, head press man, has returned to work after an absence of many weeks because of illness.

Orvel (Fat) McGarey, big, jovial, genial inspector, recently joined the "Also Ran Club." Better luck next time, Fat.

Labourne Colegrove, well known checker, has recovered from an appendectomy and recently resumed his duties in the shop. Welcome back, Labourne.

Robert Nunley, an electric welder who was inducted into the service many months ago, recently paid a visit to the shop. Bob is looking grand and likes life with the Army Air Corps. He is now stationed at the Venice Air Base in Florida.

Thomas Barbour, a former employee of the shop, was also a recent visitor. He has been promoted to Corporal in the Ordnance Mechanics and transferred from Oklahoma to Camp Calibourne, Louisiana.

Jesse Payton, well-known hoop maker in the shop for the past twenty years, recently resigned his job, sold his property and moved to Miami, Florida. The rest of the boys join me in wishing him much future success and happiness. And so, sadly we say "Goodbye Jess, old boy, the best of friends must part."

Otis Lykins, head press man, was recently inducted into the Army and has reported to Fort Thomas, Kentucky for assignment.

Ben Hignite, a paint carrier for many years, has taken a job as hoop maker. Best of luck, Ben.

Many friends of Elmer Noel assert that he has missed his calling and that he should be in Hollywood instead of the Barrel Shop.

Charles Castle of the store room recently spent several "bucks" buying buckshot which he hopes will enable him to shoot a big buck in December.

Reports have it that "Chick" Applegate, paint boss, recently won a medal as the champion jitterbug dancer of Slabtown. It is rumored that he danced so long and so hard that several bones in his legs became dislocated.

Foundry Castings

—by Willis Kayser

Raymond Humble is taking the highlight in the Foundry this month. Rationing is taking points for this and that, but Raymond doesn't use points. He takes iron clamps or milk bottles with him to the restaurant in exchange for his purchases.

I have been getting some mighty fine letters from some of the boys in service. They tell me that they appreciate getting the paper every month and to tell all you boys in the Foundry hello for them.

Oh yes, and they have a P. S. too, asking me to get you fellows to write them some letters. You know that above all they like to get mail from their folks and friends.

Hallowe'en pranks are all right in their place, but the other night in a downtown store a clerk asked Oscar "Sheep" Denning to take off his false-face when he was making a purchase. "Well", says he, "that's going too far, cause I didn't have one on."

You have often heard the old story told to a reporter on a news staff, that if a man bites a dog, that's news.

The other day a man kicked an air rammer and it kicked him back. The score was three to one and a badly mashed toe. Of course it was in favor of the rammer.

Now Henry "Buggie" Davidson, when he feeds Copper ice cream, always gets a doughnut and keeps it on Copper's toe to keep the cream from running out.

Boys, have you noticed Glen Shump's new store teeth?

Who said "Sheep" Denning didn't have a hundred pound turkey?

Remember if we Bond them on the ground we'll bomb them from the air.



Phyllis Jean, 8, and Willia Mae, 5 children of Owen Belcher, welder in Department 17. They are grandchildren of Nathan Frazie of the Blast Furnace.

★ WITH OUR BOYS IN SERVICE ★



HARRY O. WARNER



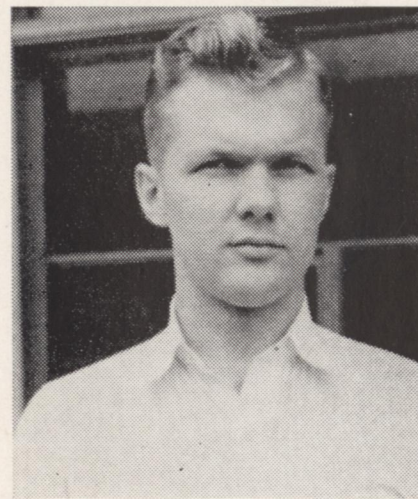
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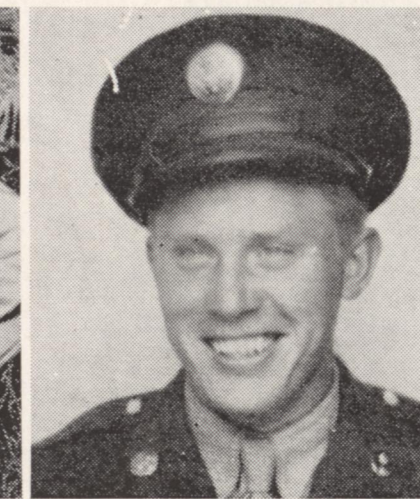
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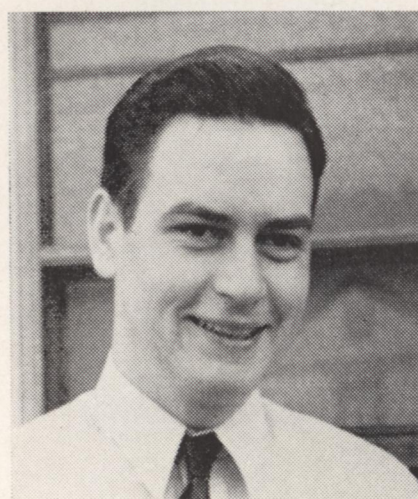
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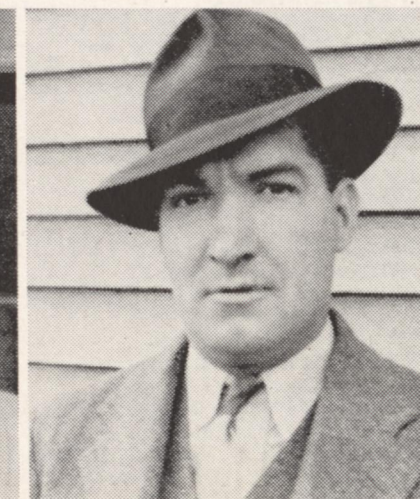
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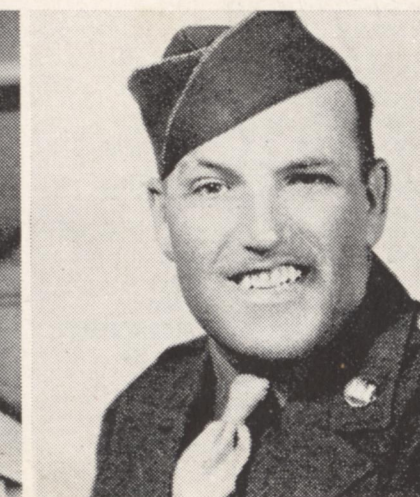
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