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Donate Your Blood To Help Our Boys

Both the army and navy have asked the American Red Cross to procure 4,000,000 pints of blood during 1943—more than three times the amount obtained from volunteer donors at Red Cross centers last year.

The army and navy surgeons general who made the request asked that weekly donations of blood be increased immediately to at least 70,000 pints, with increases thereafter as required to reach the goal. The request dwarfs the total of 1,300,000 pints obtained in 1942.

Officials from all Red Cross donor centers are working out details of this vastly expanded program and additional centers and mobile units will be set up wherever possible.

At Portsmouth the Societo County Chapter of the Red Cross is establishing a blood bank which will be operated in conjunction with a mobile unit out of Columbus. Anyone desiring to participate in this most worthy cause can register with the local chapter. Offices for this purpose will be opened in the very near future and their locations will be announced in the daily paper.

Stating that the army and navy request for 4,000,000 pints of blood

Safety Honor - Roll

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

DEPARTMENT	SUPERVISOR	Days Worked Without a Lost Time Accident
Coke By-Product	R. Green	4090
Nail Galvanizing	John Ressinger	3759
Locomotive Repairs	C. L. Sunafrank	2935
Blast Fce. Boiler House	John Hurley	2622
Coal Handling	R. E. Delamater	2615
Blacksmith Shop	Claude White	2612
Paint Shop	Homer Stanley	2160
Tin Shop	John Lewis	2160
Spike Mill	Geo. Ford	2149
Rod & Wire Bundling	Henry Lewis	1934
Rod & Wire Labor	E. Brescia	1477
Roll Turning	H. G. Vaughn	1386
Boiler Houses	Claude Weidner	1265
Coke Handling	R. E. Delamater	1017
Foundry	A. E. Forsberg	1013
Field Fence	Carl Heinisch	1010
Carpenter	W. L. Ross	1001
Machine Shop	George Born	969
Police	A. J. Lewis	962
Bbl. & Rg. Boiler Galv.	L. M. Bell	846
Coke Ovens	O. J. Deitzler	834
Rod & Wire Galvanizing	Robt. Smith	735
Road Mesh	Carl Heinisch	558
Nail Mill	J. P. Arthurs	485
Wire Mill	Wm. Seburn	408
Boiler Makers & Iron Workers	Cecil Brammer	333
Brick Masons	E. L. Allison	320
Rod and Wire Shipping	Frank Gasele	302
Barbed Wire	John Olson	295
Blooming Mill	Wm. Meguigan	252
Inspection & Laboratory	C. E. Kessinger	218
Barrel Shop	A. Applegate	132
Rg. Boiler Manufacture	John Thornton	103
Electrical	H. C. Mosley	94
Rod Mill	Geo. Kitchener	92
Department No. 17	Andrew Toft	82
Rod & Wire Mech.	Wm. Livingston	72
Tie Plate	Wm. Meguigan	72
Mechanical	C. H. Nunamaker	28
Pipe Fitters	Carna Duffy	70
Blast Furnace	K. Steinbacher	35
Coke Plant Mechanical	Fred Zeisler	28
Open Hearth	E. E. Brown	24
18" & 24" Bar Mills	Wm. Megugin	23
Yard, R. R. & Labor	E. B. Campbell	16
Department No. 16	L. M. Bell	16

Lost Time Accidents for March 1943.....	5
Lost Time Accidents for March 1942.....	3
Total for First Three Months of 1943.....	15
Total for First Three Months of 1942.....	6

proves the efficiency of plasma in treating burns, wounds and traumatic shock, Red Cross Chairman Norman H. Davis has called on the public for "even greater support" of the donation program during the coming year. He urges business and industrial groups to push the program, and asks every person who has contributed to appoint himself a one-man committee to get his family and friends to donate.

IT'S GUYS LIKE ME THAT'LL WIN THIS WAR ...by keeping up production!



Twenty-Two Employees Called For Military Service During March

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During March twenty-two employees from Portsmouth Works departed to enter military training with the armed forces of our country. All were inducted for service under the Selective Service program and have been assigned to various training camps from the induction center at Fort Thomas, Kentucky. Their departure brings the total number of employees now in the service of their country to two hundred and ninety-six.

Those who left during the past month were:

John J. Adams, press operator in the Barrel Department.

Ramie Arnold, nail machine helper in the Nail Mill.

James M. Bivens, crane operator in the Rod and Wire Electrical Department.

Cecil Canter, iron worker in the Mechanical Department.

Paul Conley, locomotive fireman in the Yard Department.

Roy W. Debo, helper in the Brick Mason Department.

Chalmer J. Fannin, laborer in the Nail Mill Department.

William R. Fields, mud gun helper at the Coke Plant.

Charles Gillen, Quik-Lox foreman in the Barrel Department.

Loren Hollen, annealing pot fireman at the Wire Mill.

Clarence Lewis, press operator in the Barrel Department.

William Littlejohn, welder in the Barrel Department.

Fred R. May, assistant analyst at the Chemical Laboratory.

Earl Mingus, second helper in the Open Hearth Department.

Dennis Mowery, hopper man at the Coke Plant.

Charles O. Newman, helper in the Brick Mason Department.

Herman Royster, machine helper in the Nail Mill.

Raymond Saddler, patrolman in the Plant Protection Department.

Eugene Thatcher, handyman in the Coke Mechanical Department.

Paul C. Turner, machinist helper in the Mechanical department.

Walter W. Williams, helper in the Brick Mason Department.

Harry Young, helper in the Brick Mason Department.

Employees Can Use Special Stamp To Buy Safety Shoes

NO "RED TAPE" INVOLVED

Recognizing the importance of Safety Shoes to our war production program, the Office of Price Administration has set up a quick and convenient method whereby workers can obtain Safety Shoes on short notice.

The local ration board will issue a special Shoe Ration Stamp if the worker will fill out a form at the plant. Immediately upon filling out this form the employee can purchase Safety Shoes. The form will be turned over to the board by the company to secure the special stamp covering the shoes.

The form that must be filled out covers the following requirements:

1. Ration Stamp 17 has been used.
2. Employee has less than two wearable pairs of Safety Shoes.
3. Safety Shoes are necessary to protect toes from injury.

It is also necessary that the employee have the Serial Number of his War Ration Book No. 1, when filling out this form.



STEPHEN DIFFEN

Portsmouth Works lost one of its oldest and most valued employees when death claimed Stephen Duffen on March 22, 1943. Mr. Duffen first started to work for the company on August 1, 1904 in the Mechanical Department, and for the past twenty-five years he held the position of millwright foreman in the steel works division of the plant. In this capacity he made countless friends throughout the mill who extend their sincere sympathy to his bereaved family.

Coke Plant Soldier Enjoys Plant News

March 18, 1943,

The Editor, Plant News,
Dear Sir:

I have been receiving the "Plant News" regularly and I wish to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for making this possible. To me, the pleasure received by reading the "Plant News" couldn't be equaled by any other means.

I have been watching the Honor Roll grow in number with each issue. This is very interesting to me. If its size will help curb this war, let's keep it growing!

I wish to say "Hello" to all the boys with whom I worked in the Coke Plant. I hope they keep up their good work and I am looking forward to being with them soon.

Thanks again!
Pfc. Claude E. Vicars,



Staff Sergeant Leonard C. Jones, stationed at Gunter Field, Alabama, was married January 24 to Miss Mary Murphy of Montgomery, Alabama. He is the son of William Jones, Electrical Department.



Elmer F. Nelson, machinist in the U. S. Navy; Pvt. Joseph Nelson of the Mechanical Division at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; Pvt. Woodrow W. Nelson of the U. S. Infantry at Los Angeles, California and Pvt. Leonard E. Bowling of Pendleton Field, Oregon. They are the sons and step-son of William D. Nelson of the Open Hearth Department.

Range Boiler Welding Flashes

—by Walt Dressler

Officers "Dizzy" Brannon and Howard Henson have agreed to help Pete Yeager investigate Frank Purdy as to why he wears the bill of his work cap over his right ear. Pete would like to know if the ear has become cauliflowered or whether it is Frank cannot hear out of both ears at the same time.

James Louis, Ernie Mitchell, Ollie Hilt and Otto Lewis have formed a committee to promote a May Festival for the pleasure of the Range Boiler employees. If this goes over, Hugh McCorkle and Elmer Dunn will agree to do ballet dancing to entertain their fellow workmen. The date of the festival has been set for the second Sunday after the third rise in the river.

Sacrifice: Raymond Cole has a hog which he believes is conscious of the food rationing. Recently the hog became the mother of four baby pigs. The mother walked over to the corn crib, sized up the inadequate supply of corn and came back and killed two of the pigs.

Signs of Spring: Gordon Flinders purchased his annual hair cut. Ernie Bays is back on his spring tonic of bottled milk, orange juice and sassafras tea.

Henry Lordier, "The Young Man" who dishes out the "ole mustard" in the Barrel Shop, signed up Chicken Applegate to assist him with a thriller story for the Plant News in a future issue. The new thriller will be entitled "The Mystery of the Bolted Room."

George Kademenos, manager of the plant restaurants, told me the fair sex had monopolized the jobs in his cafeterias to the extent he is afraid Steve the local chef might

have to camouflage himself in a house dress to hold his position.

Olan Himes is the only known welder who can use an acetylene torch in one hand and a hand electrode in the other and repair two different objects with one operation. P. S.—No doubt George Barry will contest this statement.

Beryl Parks witnessed a flock of educated chickens being cultered by Officer Sydney Call. The chickens to date can read a thermometer and regulate the heat of their brooder to suit their own comfort.

Each week end Buck Himes visits his farm down in Kentucky. It is there he is cultivating a Victory Garden and at work on Monday morning his muscles are so stiff Ernie Bush and John Reilly have to play Turkish masseur to get him limbered up enough to manipulate the typewriter keys.

The last day of the frantic meat buying Hayward Stanley, Carl Hayward, Ray Evans and James Mauk refused to ride their horses into town for the usual week's supply of food. They said it was unsafe to leave the horses parked without any protection.

Walter Everman has a hobby saving soap wrappers. Anyone having any wrappers around the house or in the back of their car please notify Walt if they care to give them away.

Carl Burkhardt says Leon Bell built a fowl house on the back of his lot. Mr. Bell says he hates to have to eat chicken for breakfast but it is the closest substitute he can get for bacon. Dave Williams thinks he can buy chicken feed at wholesale price if he can absorb a carload lot.

Wire Mill Gossip

—by George Doll

Here is how Bill Hammond breaks a balky horse. First, he harnesses and hitches it to a shed. Second, he says "Get up" and the horse starts backwards, sideways, etc., in fact every way except forward. Third, he goes and gets his raw-hide whip. Fourth, he takes off his jacket and puts it over the horse's head and ties it tight. Fifth, he starts whipping, horse refuses to go forward. Sixth, he goes and pats and pets the horse. Then he takes hold of the reins and leads the horse blindfolded. Seventh, he takes off the blindfold and says "Get up". The horse goes ahead and everything is O. K. He says you have to get your bluff on them.

George Crisp says he drives a '32 Model Chevrolet. This car stops quite often with him and he just let's it set and thumbs a ride in to work. In the evening he goes back and works on it a little, steps on the starter and off she goes. George says he doesn't have a bit of trouble with it. What do you think?

What do you think of a man who stays up all night to watch a thirty pound catfish after he had tied it up with a log chain. Ask Albert Shively about this.

Watch out men when you go hunting on James Chapman's 500 acre farm. They tell me he has a mule not much larger than a rabbit. Is that right, Jim?

If anyone wants to buy a cow or anything similar to one, see Taylor Patrick—he specializes in same.

Gaspich, Milligan and Gardner are still fueding. Ask them why.



Pvt. Chester E. Kowalsky of Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida and Corp. Joseph F. Kowalsky of the Station Hospital at New Orleans, Louisiana. They are sons of Thomas Kowalsky of the Wire Mill.

Foundry Castings

—by Willis Kayser

"Foot wear has gone too far in the rationing world," says Marion Smith. He wore out three pair of shoes trying to find new ones and then found out he didn't have his No. 17 stamp with him.

Walter Ishmael recently was dismissed from the hospital and is reported doing nicely. We wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you back with us very soon, Walter.

Carl Glass is thinking of taking up a collection to purchase a bicycle so he can keep up with the crane. His argument is that he is twelve inches shorter than he was when he started following it.

We all know that a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love in the spring time, but in the Foundry it seems to have turned to the raising of Victory Gardens and chickens.

The War Bonds that we have been buying has helped to put the Axis on the defensive and eventually will cause their defeat, so buy more bonds and see a "Hun-kirk" in Africa.

Ike Queen passed out the cigars the other day. They sure were good, Ike and we know it's a fine baby, so please except our congratulations.

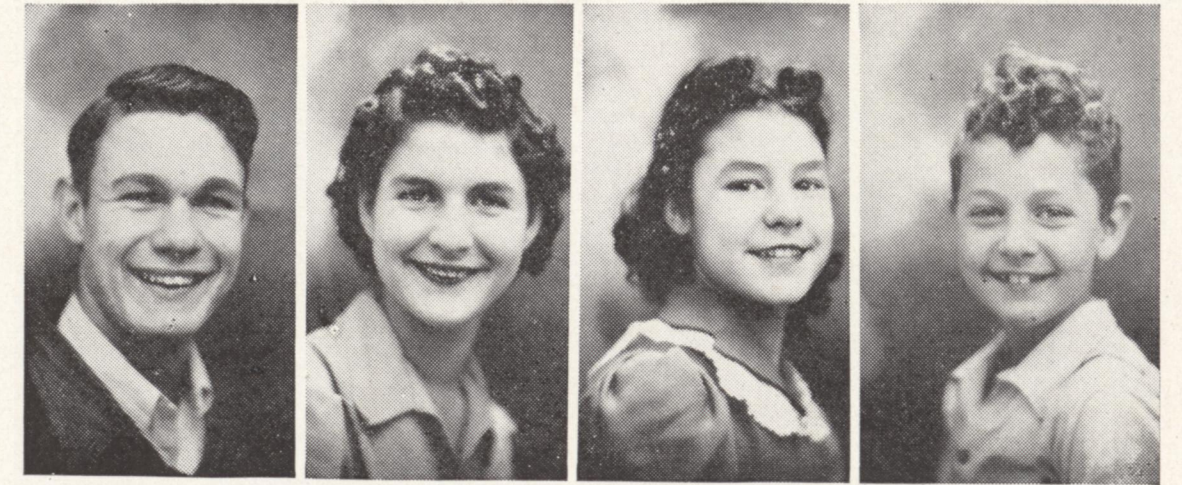
Glen Shump said, "Ike's cigars and Huffy's black coffee is just about to make a nervous wreck out of the emery wheel."

We would like to have more pictures of you and yours, so bring them in boys.

Someone must want Cooper to save shoe leather. When he opened his tool box he practically owned a tricycle—in parts.



Albert David, 7, and Linda Ruth, 8 weeks, children of William D. Gove, helper in the Brick Mason Department and grandchildren of Albert Hill, Carpenter Shop.



Donald Jr. 18, Marie, 16, Imogene, 13 and Paul Edward 8, children of Donald Horsley, pusher operator at the Coke Plant.

Nail Mill Whiskers

—by Nosey, Newsy and Noisy

Steve Dixon wishes to inform all the readers of this column that he is neither Nosey, Newsy or Noisy, and that he does not write this monthly news.

We imagine our boss, J. P. Arthurs, is glad that April Fool's Day comes but once every year.

We understand that Joe Cinereski enjoys getting telephone calls late at night. How about calling him up after midnight sometime, boys. He's sure to appreciate it.

FLASH TO THE WIRE GALVANIZER—Soldaty certainly is the melancholy bowler. He loves to weep on someone's shoulder and tell of his hard luck.

Ernie Milligan has finally woke up to the fact that the boys take him along for free bowling. He says he's through being a sucker.

Mrs. Eugene Shaw thinks all married men should serve a little time in the army. They learn discipline and obedience.

Vaughn Faught's good times are over.

We wonder—Have George McCune and Andy Brescia kissed and made up since Andy found his shower shoes nailed together.

We wonder why Treat treats his buddy, Joe Legg, to a free ride home every day. Especially, after April Fool's Day.

We'd like to wish three more Nail Mill boys the best of luck. Arnold, Fannin and Royster are recent additions to Uncle Sam's Army.

Miller is going to have a time living down his recent bowling low. In a grudge match, he and his buddies were 117 pins high before the last

game. Like the pressure bowler he is, Miller came up with 108 to lose the match.

Bill Hunt hasn't fallen in the river since he was a boy. We wonder what would happen if he fell in now. Would he still feign the faint if someone whipped him for it as in days of yore.

Carl Horne is getting quite a reputation for directing traffic around the viaduct.

Charley Arthurs must be getting plenty of sleep lately. His bowling average has been going up in recent games.

We hear Bud Ruth enjoyed his recent vacation in the huge city of South Webster. Gerald Crowe whiled his time away watching the high water. Bob Hammond intends to spend his behind the plow.

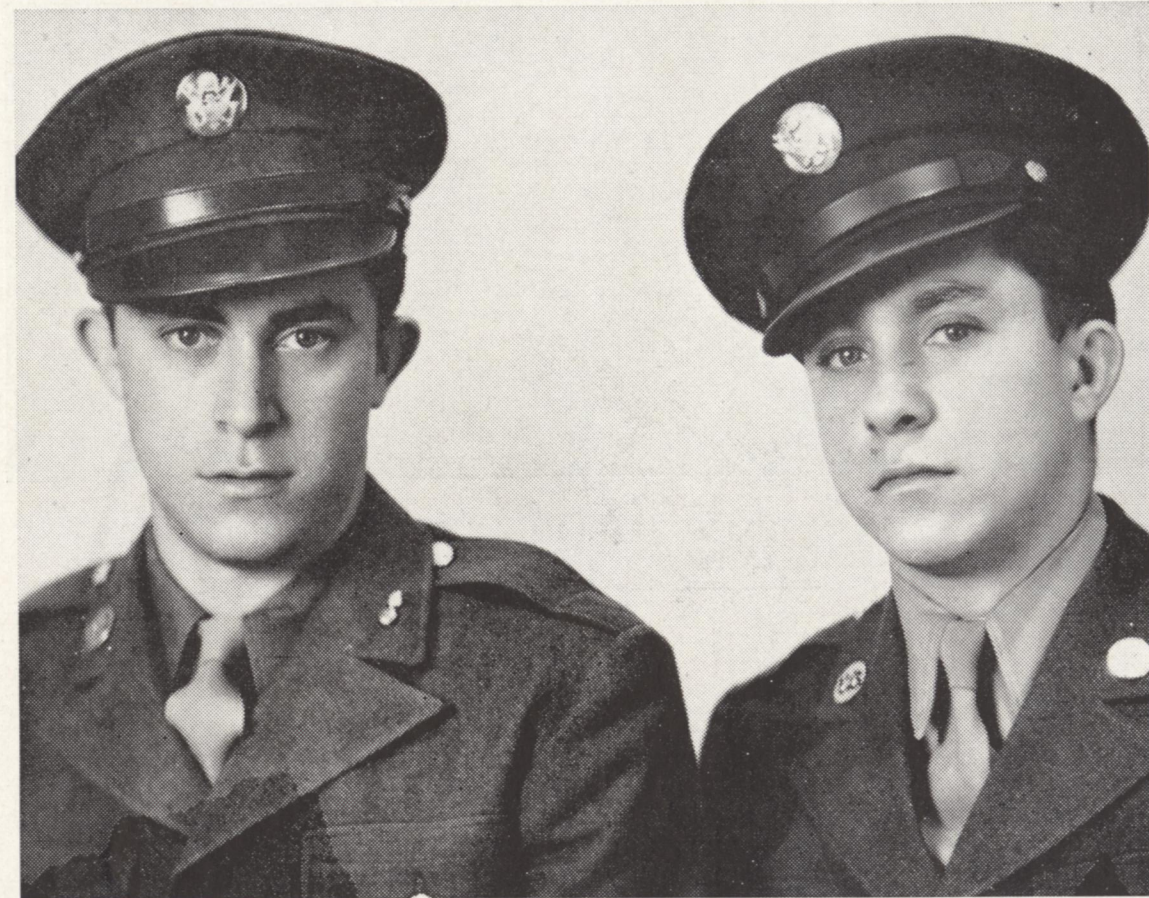
"Skinner" Helt has been promoted to the rank of chief office boy by Bill Canter recently.

The boys in the Nail Mill were glad to hear from soldier Alf Miller, who is stationed at St. Petersburg, Fla. Dick Gardner of the tool room received a card from Alf saying hello to the gang.

We would like to congratulate Ralph Heller on his recent leap to wedded bliss. However, the cigars are slow in coming, Ralph.

Now that sugar is rationed, Plymale seems to be interested in bees and honey. At least, he claims to have lots of hives.

Someone was telling Fred King about Clarence Cunning's accident. He had injured his fingers in a fodder shredder. Freddie innocently asked, "What was he doing with his father's sweater?"



Pvt. Thomas Barbour, stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, was an employee of the Barrel Shop before entering service last November. His brother Hercules S. Barbour, who worked at the company restaurant, was recently promoted to staff sergeant and appointed chief of clerks at the Army Air Base in Ardmore, Oklahoma. They are sons to Steve Barbour, chef at the Sheet Mill restaurant.

Carpenter Department Shavings

—by W. L. Ross

The Carpenters, Painters and Pattern Makers made a very nice record on their Red Cross Drive of which we are very proud. The big kick came when Ben Skaggs and Perry Alexander donated two chickens to be raffled off. Alfred McCorkle took over the job of selling chances at fifteen cents each.

After the chickens were won by Wilbur Bobst and John Essman, these gentlemen being good sports, suggested that the chickens be auctioned off to the highest bidder. McCorkle handled the auction like a professional and the chickens were finally bought by Manor Ervin and Cotton Mauntel and \$14.30 was turned over to the Red Cross War Fund.

Harry Stanley is now claiming that his white rooster is missing which makes it look bad for Perry Alexander. Cleve Holeston was accused of being crooked when he drew the numbers.

A. H. Peyton, while punching his time card in the new clock house, had his nickel ready for bus fare and instead of putting his card in the box he dropped his nickel in the box.

Cotton Mauntel has gone to the country to raise a Victory Garden. The credit all goes to the little woman who decided she was going to eat

next winter. We are waiting to see what kind of a farmer Cotton is going to be.

Charley Gordon, our "Big Time Sportsman", is now paying ten cents for home runs in the dart ball league. It's nice to be a millionaire.

Bill Lansing showed up the other morning with a burn on the side of his face. Bill claimed he got too close to a hot stove pipe, but it really looked like a skillet mark.

Bill Burton says that Minor Ervin was driving his Austin through New Boston the other day and all the kids grabbed their dogs and beat it to a hiding place thinking Minor was the Dog Catcher.

Asbury Crum, who used to talk about hunting big game in Africa, has now realized his ambition. Asbury is really hunting in Africa but a different kind of game than he expected. We know he will get his share of those Nazis and we hope he gets back safe.

Another of our service boys Harry Bloomfield was home on a furlough. Harry is stationed at a Naval Air Base in Norfolk and says he likes it fine. Our other soldier boy, Challis Peyton is still at Camp Gordon.

Open Hearth News

—by Raison and Frantz

The boys are all talking fishing but gasoline rationing and Victory Gardens will make the "line wetting" infrequent this season.

Kalb, Zeisler and Zeisler's helper are sharing a garden tract this season and hecklers are asked to remain on the side lines.

The Count is receiving letters and post cards from down south now that his son is in training with our armed forces.

Charles Wilbur Foster, who is in training at Camp Rucker, Alabama, recently paid us a visit. He looks fit and ready to do his part.

Captain Moore was absent from work one day a few weeks ago and the boys were rather lost without him. The Captain hasn't been gulping enough sunfish capsules of late.

Raymond Smittle was heard making the following remark as he passed Lennis Haney at No. 9 Furnace, "One if it is, two if it ain't".

Harry Meadows has returned to the Davis turn. Rumors persist that Mr. Harry was worried too much about his dinner pail while working with Cropper and Clare.

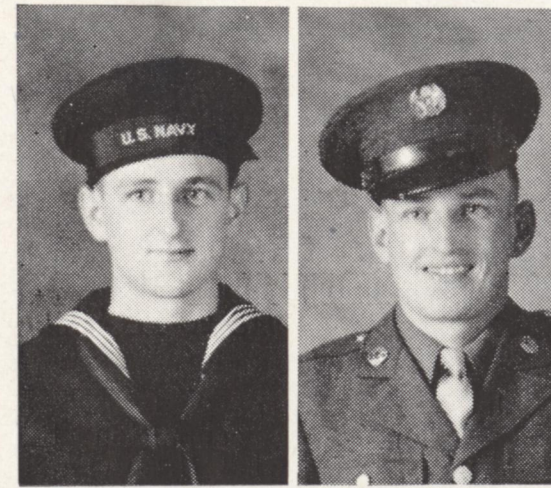
Raymond Prior has started raising chickens. He says fried chicken as an alternate to catfish, will ease the meat rationing at his home.

Jimmy Combess, hill conductor, has moved again and the boys have advised Jimmy to purchase a trailer and save those ever-so-often expenses.

Tom Sowards is now a greatgrandfather and Bert Malott is a grandfather. Bert's son-in-law, Ollie Redman, is now in the service of Uncle Sam.



Henry Canter who has been employed as a molder helper in the Foundry since 1926. Before coming to the Foundry Henry spent many years on the Open Hearth.



Seaman Ralph Hatton and Corp. Richard Hatton of the Army Air Corps. They are sons of Orphus (Jack) Hatton, crane operator in the Electrical Department.

Yard Department Yarns

—by Cecil Literal

The men that swing the lanterns and blow the whistles have had a bad break this month as we have had several off sick. We can't quite figure it out because in the past we have had very little sickness, but we hope you men all return to work soon.

John Wilking of the U. S. Navy paid us a visit the other day. He's looking fine and the boys in the Yard Department wish him all the luck in the world.

Cecil Hilliard is a patient in General Hospital, due to an injury received while at work. We are all hoping you recover soon Cecil, and send our regrets to you and your family.

Paul Conley, locomotive fireman, has been drafted into the Army. Good luck, Paul, and write to us sometime.

We hear that Cecil Cole is about ready to return to work. We hope so for Cecil has been off for some time.

The employees of the Yard Department contributed well to the Red Cross War Drive. You are to be commended for your support of such a worthy cause and we hope many of you will donate your blood to the blood bank being operated by the Red Cross.

I have never seen so many people gardening before. Food rationing certainly started 'em hustling and scratching. It will be good for your physique as well as your appetite to work some out of doors, and by the way, if you think "Ole Rockin' Chair's" going to get you and you're all in a stew, just remember you still have your second childhood to be looking forward to.

Rod & Wire Mechanical

—by Ben Wieggers

THE HOME FRONT

The O. W. I. will be interested to know that the propaganda regarding victory gardens is meeting with such great success that it induced Charlie Stoop to drive more than thirty miles in search of a small hand plow, even, mind you, in the face of threatening flood waters and even bearing the burdens of fording many streams which had overflowed during his search—I heard of the man who bought his wife a team of mules for Christmas but I don't know about a plow for a birthday present—Albert Wagner got a "B" gasoline book so he could raise a few crops—Bill Geary has also applied as well as Harry Little—If the Victory Garden idea doesn't beat the axis we can send the products over there and feed it to 'em—I bet that'll do it.

PET HATES

These women who can find no other time of the day but 3 P. M., to ride the bus—and especially those who sit on the outside of the seat holding the inside seat vacant while honest WORKING MEN stand up—Those drivers of the electric tractors who make you scuttle for your life getting out of their way—they're so clever with their perverted sense of humor—

WAR FRONT

Paul Broomhall is in Australia where it is hot enough—he says—to make pig iron without a furnace—Jim Fleming is in Tenn., still learning to fly balloons or sumpin'—Young Charlie Bayerl has been transferred to Conn., for schooling—John Dixon's sergeant son is attending Officers Candidate School.



Thomas McIntosh of 1412 Spring Street and his daughter, Mrs. Mabel Brown and son Albert. Mr. McIntosh, who is the grandfather of Homer Brown of the Invoice Department, recently celebrated his 78th birthday anniversary.



Lewanna, 17 and Betty Jean, 6, daughters of Earl Chamberlain of the Open Hearth Gas Producer.

Mechanical Musings

—by V. Warnock

Ashby Hiles has been on a strict diet of vitamin "O" tablets for quite a spell, and he showed so much improvement that Al Ray is doing likewise. That seems like a good idea for Uncle Sam to adopt. You know, man power shortage and all that.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE FELLOWS IN THE SERVICE

Fred Etterling is bald as ever. Geo. Born still has runnin' fits. Jay Bird's jaw protrudes same as always.

Ray Blum still has a "dropped chest."

Vernon Powell still spits and stutters.

Schisler still toots the tooter. Paul Turner is now one of you.

Chas. Nunamaker still raises !!—xx Potatoes.

Joe Dettwiller was back for a short furlough. He looks like a million. Gained 27 lbs. Gangway "Moto."

Tom White installed a new electric fence and at about the same time "Bossy" to all you city folks, had twin calves. Tom was just a little afraid to try the new fence on the twins, so Tom has the wife plant some flowers real close to the fence, "the fiend", and naturally Mrs. White accidentally gets against it and Tom pushes in the switch on the fence all at the same time. Just an accident explains Tom, but we understand to make everything even and on the level Tom gets against the fence on the following day and Mrs. White pushes the big switch—"Just an accident! Just an accident!" she says.

One cure for insomnia is to take a drive every fifteen minutes. It may not put you to sleep, but you'll be a lot more satisfied to stay awake.

Those congressmen who get extra gas for campaigning furnish their own air.

Blooming and Bar Mill Ingot Splashes

—by K. Cronin

As you read this our government is asking you to participate in another great War Bond Drive, and we cannot urge you enough to take part in it to the utmost of your ability.

It's not a sacrifice or a gift, but a favor to yourself and an obligation to the boys fighting on foreign soil. They are the finest gang in the world, but they need more than guts where they are fighting against our enemies. The sneakiest little Jap or the dirtiest Nazi is a better man than Johnny Doughboy if he is better armed or has more ammunition.

So let all of us recapture the enthusiasm we had at first and get back on the bond wagon. It was great the way all of you lined up to sign up for the pay roll deduction plan and later for ten per cent or more—and you were all proud of that first bond.

But then you started grumbling when you didn't get a notice when you had a bond paid for. Some of you even cancelled your pledges and drew out the balance in your account, often times enough to buy a bond, just because you did not get the bond immediately. But everyone knows that we won't voluntarily go to the Post Office and buy bonds as often as we did on the pay roll deduction plan.

Let us keep in mind that the handling and purchasing of so many bonds requires a lot of work—let's stop the grumbling and buy more bonds and make this drive the biggest success yet. Let's try it anyway and maybe



Corp. Robert Klitch, son of Herman Klitch of the Police Department. He is now stationed in Alaska with the Army Air Corps.

Marlene will come back. I never got to see her the first time.

Dave Pyle recently went into the hog business and has built a pen so far up the hill above his house that by butchering time he will have walked twice the distance to the moon with a bucket of feed in each hand.

We believe Tom Taulbee is going a little too far with this ration business when he brings his little grandson's milk to work with him and leaves it in the car on night turn. It took the combined efforts of myself, Popeye Sowards, Tom Glover and the company police force to get the little fellow his usual nip before bed time the other night.

G. Holcomb recently set a record of some kind when he and his son dug sixty odd post holes and set the posts in two hours. Alex is curious to know if he also cut and peeled the posts during that time or if he already had them on hand.

Mr. Averal Williams has returned to work after spending one week of his annual vacation. We don't know where he went but the last time we saw him he was sure on his way.

Its sure going to be lonesome for me for a while without Ed Kelley around. Ed is taking a well earned rest and getting back in shape so he

can keep up with the recorder. Hurry back, Irish, it's harder to get along without you than it is with you.

Dave Woodward is back after a tussle with the flu. He's not in the best of shape yet, but you can't keep a good man down.

Slim Nelson will be glad to learn that Pete Mainer committed the same unpardonable sin that he did, and has been severely chastised by Mr. Kelley.

Unless Mrs. Chinn is a very clever gardener we imagine Cliff's Victory Garden will die a lingering death about the time fish start to bite. Why don't you plant red wood or white oak, Cliff? They take quite a while to mature and don't require much cultivation.

The shanty was honored by a visit from George Simpson recently and while there he earned a membership in our Liars Club. George really got wound up. He's almost as good as Arthur Brock. We said almost.

We would liked to have seen Art Tomlin when he was lost in the fog while looking for a heat out in the yard the other night. He thought he was coming back in the Bloomer and almost beat his head off on the board fence around the high drop.



Rebecca Jane Pennywitt, 4 months, granddaughter of Thomas Meadows, handyman in the Machine Shop and William Pennywitt, millwright at the Blooming Mill.



The former Betty Jean Petry of the Rod and Wire Office was married March 5 to Harold Ellison, son of Thomas J. Ellison of the Nail Galvanizing Department. Mr. Ellison is now attending an officer's training school at Vancouver, Washington.

Rod Mill Cobbles

—by Henry Waring

Working hard to cooperate with the present meat shortage, Percy Taulbee has announced that his entire supply of two year old frying chickens is exhausted and he can now furnish only the older type.

The boys in the Rod Mill are all ready to argue who is who and who is first in Victory Gardens.

Famous Sayings in the Rod Mill:

Hurley Maynard: "Boys, they were fine ducks."

Roy Gasaway: "It beats anything I ever saw".

Hambone Hamilton: "Now you know that—"

Wm. A. Bocook has been elected the most outstanding young man on D Turn, having bested Thaw King by one vote. (We think he voted for himself).

Oney Brown, finisher on A Turn, has reported on again.

In spite of the rationing Delmas White remains fat, happy and jolly.

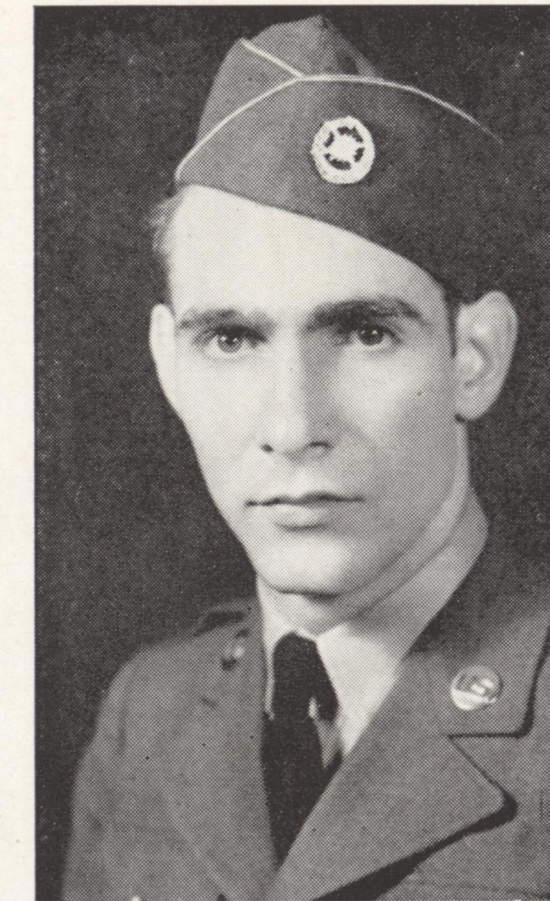
Duduit and Bones Stewart, inspectors, argue all the time about who is entitled to the midnight turn. Duduit's final statement was, "I don't care—much".

Glen (Rabbit Bill) Woodrum remains impossible.

As we observe the ever increasing list of friends and relatives published on the Service Honor Roll in the Plant News, all of them our fellow workers who are giving so much for us and our country, it should be an inspiration for us to buy bonds and still more bonds to the limit of our ability. Don't you think so?



Clifford, 29 and Virgil, 22, sons of Nathan Frazie who is employed at the Blast Furnace. Both boys are now in active service overseas.



P. F. C. Herbert W. Rice of the 13th Armored Regiment, who was killed in action on November 28th, 1942 in North Africa. He is the son of Charles W. Rice, boiler maker in the Mechanical Department and formerly worked in the Brick Mason Department at the plant.

The following poem was composed by Nellie Rice, age 12, and dedicated to the memory of her brother.

FOR HIS COUNTRY

He loved his country more than self,
And laid all his treasures away on a shelf
To fight and die for the land that he loved,
Now he's with Jesus in His home up above.

He was with our armed forces not quite a year,
And to us here at home he was very dear,
But he's over there under battlefield sod,
No more in the fields back home will he trod.

We wanted him back just like all people do,
And if it was your boy, you would too,
But he died for his country to preserve liberty,
So we and our children will always be free.

The Bonds you buy today move the day of victory that much closer. You've done your bit. . . NOW DO YOUR BEST. . .

IN MEMORIAM

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

To the family of Steve Diffen, foreman in the Mechanical Department, who died March 22.

To the family of Wilfred L. Miller, machinist in the Barrel Shop, who died March 30.

To the family of Howard Hayden, crane operator in the Electrical Department, who died April 1.

To Frank Malone of the Mechanical Department, whose wife died March 13.

To Robert Poston of the Nail Mill Department, whose son died March 6.

To Robert Hamilton of the Foundry Department, whose mother died March 13.

To W. M. Whittaker of the Yard Department, whose brother died March 6.

To William Justice of the Road Mesh Department, whose sister died March 21.

To James Trimble of the Nail Mill Department, whose brother died March 14.

To Eli Barker of the By-Product Coke Department, whose mother died March 15.

To John Bays of the Rod and Wire Shipping Department, and Carl Bays of the Brick Mason Department, whose mother died March 15.

To Gordon Flinders of the Range Boiler Department, whose daughter died recently.

To Paul Spry of the Barrel Shop, whose mother died March 18.

To Lester White of the Nail Mill Department, whose mother died March 16.

To Carl Spence of the Nail Mill Department, whose mother died March 25.

To Stanley Horsley of Department 17, whose mother died March 17.

To Alva Hall of the Yard Department, whose mother-in-law died March 26.

To Pearl Palmer of the Open Hearth Department, whose mother-in-law died March 26.

To Ernest Allen, Electrical Department, Dewey Allen, Range Boiler and Miles Allen of the Rod and Wire Shipping Department, whose father died March 30.

To Earl Kennedy of the Electrical Department, whose wife died March 31.

To Harry S. Knighton of the Electrical Department, whose grandmother died March 12.

To Orin Hanner of the Barrel Shop, whose grandmother died March 21.

To George Sullivan of the Open Hearth Department, whose father-in-law died March 2.

To Donald Nourse of the Brick Mason Department, whose daughter died April 2.

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RAYMOND SADDLER



CECIL CANTER



HERMAN ROYSTER



DENNIS MOWERY



CHAS. NEWMAN



RAMIE ARNOLD



LOREN HOLLEN



JOS. B. MASON



CHARLES GILLEN



EUGENE LILES



JAMES T. JONES



RAYMOND BLUME



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