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Cpl. June A. Townsend is serving with the Women's Army Corps at Perrin Air Field, Sherman Texas. Cpl. Townsend, the daughter of Robert P. Townsend, mechanical engineer in the Maintenance Department, has been in service since last March.

## Hot Metal Production At The Blast Furnace Reaches Wartime Peak

Another Department joined our "soldiers of the home front" when the boys at the Blast Furnace smelted 25,100 net tons of molten metal in January for the greatest tonnage produced in any month since Pearl Harbor. This record was 58.2 tons per day in excess of the previous best month.

It was a great accomplishment and the goal was only attained by the earnest endeavor of all employees at the furnace and the close cooperation of the Coke Works.

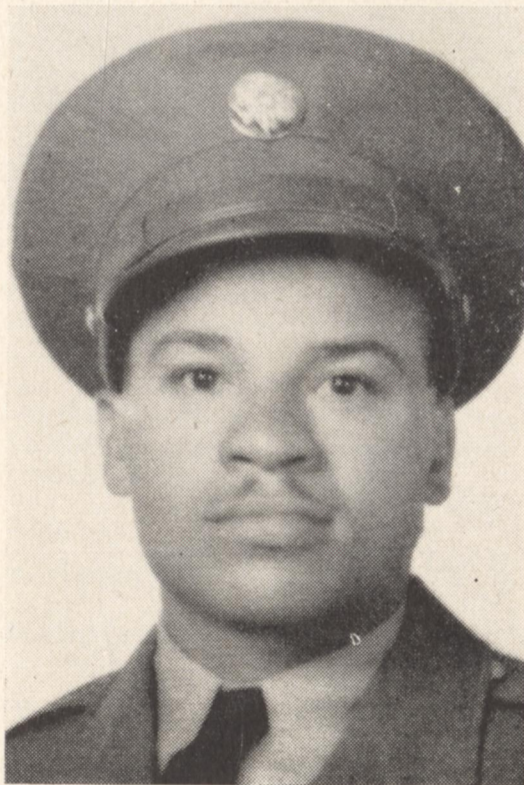
We are mighty glad to add the Blast Furnace to our list of record breakers at the plant and extend our hearty congratulations to Superintendent H. E. "Doc" Baughman and all the gang at the furnace. Thank you, boys, for this splendid contribution to our war effort and keep up the good work.

While making the above production record only two very minor injuries were reported during January.

## Brick Mason Soldier Is First From Plant To Die In Service

The first soldier from the Portsmouth Plant to die in the service of our country in World War II was Cpl. Paul N. Layne, who was serving in a Quartermaster Service Battalion of the Fifth Army in Italy.

According to a brief message from the war department, Cpl. Layne was killed while on active duty in Italy January 5. He is



Cpl. Paul N. Layne

survived by his wife and mother, who reside on Calvert's Lane, Nauvoo, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

Cpl. Layne was employed as a brick mason helper at the plant before he entered the army in September, 1942. After completing his training he was assigned to overseas duty in January, 1943 and served in the Tunisia and Sicily campaigns prior to the invasion of Italy.



Rosemary Zwickert, Petty Officer third class, in the WAVES, was recently assigned for duty at the Navy Personnel Department in Washington, D. C. She is the daughter of Milton Zwickert, chief clerk in the Mechanical Department.

## January Safe Month For Employees At Portsmouth Works

For the sixth time in the history of Portsmouth Works, the plant operated for an entire month without a lost time accident in January. Capacity operations, with a total of 787,315 hours work during the month, makes this record an outstanding accomplishment in safe working on the part of all employees.

On all other occasions, excepting December 1928, this no accident month was recorded when the plant operations were on the slow bell. The previous no accident month was October, 1942, when the plant worked from September 11 to November 16 without a lost time accident, a total of sixty-five days and a record which still stands for consecutive days without an accident. The number of consecutive days without an accident on the present occasion was fifty-two, from December 16 to February 7, and represents 1,090,493 hours worked.

We hope this January record is an indication that you will continue to work safely and make 1944 the safest year of all.

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It's Something To Think About Boys

We don't know if all of you made a New Year's resolution not to get hurt in 1944 or not, but the fact is now history that no one in the plant was injured seriously enough during January to lose time from his job.

There has been only a few occasions in the past 25 years, when the whole plant had no lost time accidents for an entire month, and these generally occurred when curtailed operation was the order of the day.

This January record means you've made an excellent beginning to what we hope will be the safest year in our plant's history. A good safety record at the plant means that more of you will be on the job in 1944 producing vital materials needed to win the war.

Safety is really a matter for your urgent personal attention. Perhaps you have not realized this. Perhaps you have been accustomed to thinking of accidents as something that happen only to the other fellow.

Even if you look at it from a pure-

Safety Honor - Roll

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

Table with 3 columns: DEPARTMENT, SUPERVISOR, Days Worked Without a Lost Time Accident. Lists various departments like Coke By-Product, Nail Galvanizing, etc., and their respective supervisors and days worked.

Lost Time Accidents for January 1944..... 0

Lost Time Accidents for January 1943..... 7

ly selfish standpoint—you just can't afford to get hurt, either on the job or elsewhere. After all, compensation or insurance is a mighty poor substitute for the weekly pay check.

sulting from your decreased earning capacity.

No matter what you do, or how experienced you are—if you are permanently disabled by any injury—another guy will soon replace you on the job, if you can't do it right.

It's something to think about boys.

Eleven Answer Call For Military Service During Month of January

344 NAMES NOW ON SERVICE HONOR ROLL

Portsmouth Works sent eleven more employees to serve with our country's armed forces in January. The total number of employees on active duty with various naval and military units is now three hundred and forty-four.

Our best wishes go with the following who departed to take up new duties for Uncle Sam:

Eugene Cobb, helper in the Brick Mason Department.

John R. Dalton, laborer in Department 17.

Patrick France, assistant analyst in the Inspection Department.

Earl Frasher, helper in the Brick Mason Department.

Ralph Heller, helper in the Nail Mill Department.

William A. Martin, assistant analyst in the Inspection Department.

Clinton Piatt, moulder in the Foundry Department.

Homer L. Shelton, laborer in Department 17.

Harry S. Knighton, apprentice in the Electrical Department.

Ralph Grashel, clerk in the Rod and Wire Shipping Department.

Kenneth Aeh, manager of the Tabulating Department at the Main Office.

War Bond Drive At Plant Huge Success

Again the employees of Portsmouth Works, Wheeling Steel Corporation have shown that they look upon this fight as a personal one. The Fourth War Loan Drive is over and at the plant it went over the top with ninety-eight per cent of the employees participating, either through increased pay roll deductions, or by purchase of extra bonds during the campaign.

Members of the committee report that the majority of the employees increased their pay roll deductions for bonds to ten per cent or more and that the number buying extra bonds, over and above their regular pay roll deductions was exceedingly large.

The great success of this drive at the plant was due to the earnest effort and enthusiasm of all members of the Labor-Management committee, who made it their urgent business to personally carry the War Bond message to every employee during the campaign.

Steve Dixon and G. H. "Hap" Jordan, headed the United Steel Workers committee and the highest praise is due them for the efficient and successful manner in which they handled a mighty big job.



Pin-up Boy for the U. S. Army Nurses stationed at Fairford, England is a distinction enjoyed by this young chap. He is James Laurence, son of James D. Hogan, machinist apprentice who is now serving in the Navy.

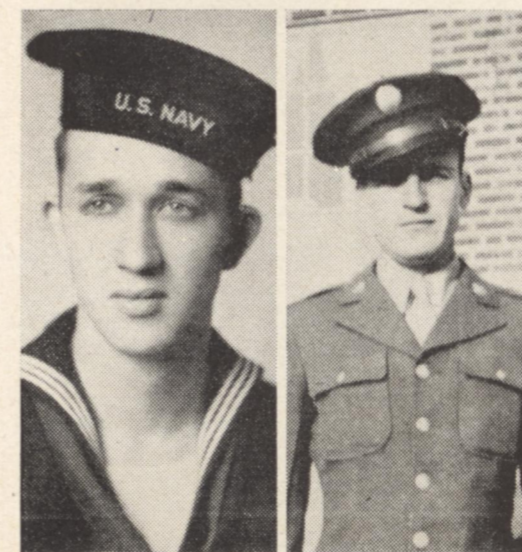
Generals Increase Lead By Defeating Furnace Bowlers

The Generals, a new team which replaced the Brick Masons on the schedule for the second half, defeated their nearest rivals, the Blast Furnace, in a three game match last Friday to increase their lead in the plant bowling league to four games.

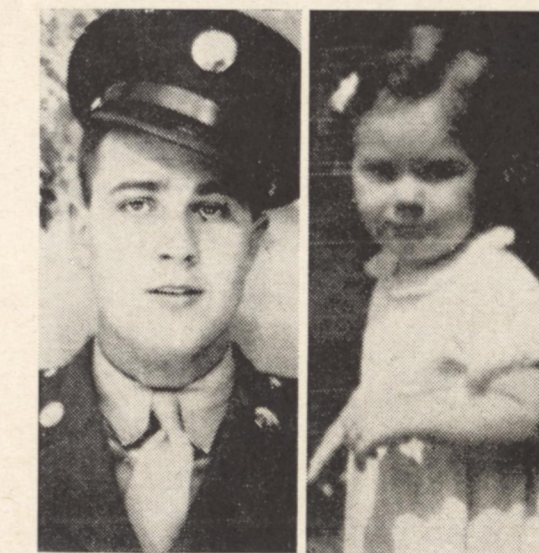
The Generals, who have held a slight lead since the half started, have a record of fifteen wins and three defeats, suffered at the hands of the Store Room who are now tied with Department 17 for second place with eleven wins each.

The first half ended in a tie between the Blast Furnace and Rod and Wire and the roll-off to determine the winner has not yet taken place.

A fund of \$108.40 has accumulated from the weekly ante of ten cents by the bowlers. This fund is for a get-together at the end of the season.



Roger L. Altman, fireman in the U. S. Navy and Phillip H. Crafts, who is taking Army Specialized Training at the University of Chicago. They are the son and son-in-law of John L. Altman, assistant steel pouter at the Open Hearth.



Pvt. Donald Coyle and daughter, Linda, 18 months. Don is on duty with our armed forces in Hawaii. Linda's grandfather is Virgil Stephenson, Open Hearth burner.

### Barrel Department Bulletins

—by "The Young Man"

We are deeply grieved by the death of Seaman Cecil W. Powell, who lost his life in a ship collision in the Atlantic recently. Seaman Powell was a former tester in the shop and all the boys join me in extending sympathy to his wife and family.

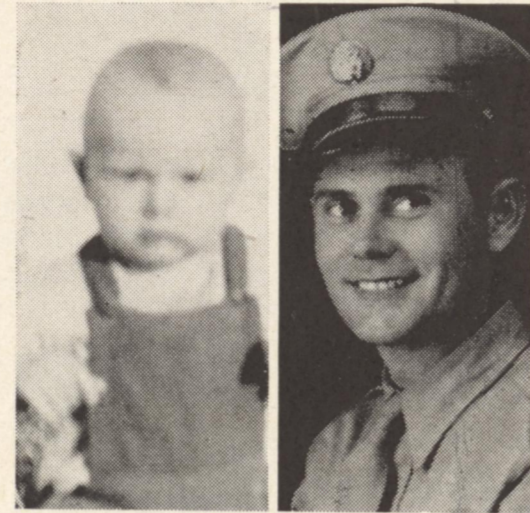
Several of the boys are expecting a call to the colors soon. They're just waiting—just - waiting.

And speaking of bonds, Henry Lordier, Chairman of the Bond Committee in the Barrel Shop, reported that 330 employees of the department had signed up during the recent bond drive, out of a total of 350; also that one employee signed up for two bonds each pay day. Nice work, boys. That's doing your part on the home front.

It begins to look as though the race for Sheriff of Scioto County may be settled in the Barrel Shop in the coming election as Frank (Nig) Purdy, popular machinist will be a candidate on the Republican ticket and Charles Pfau, Sr. announces that he will seek the nomination on the Democratic ballot. Both are former deputies.

Sorry you both can't win, boys, but we hope our next sheriff is from the Barrel Shop.

Rumors are going the rounds that Albert (Bud) Applegate is now seeking a position as bond salesman. We are willing to admit that when it

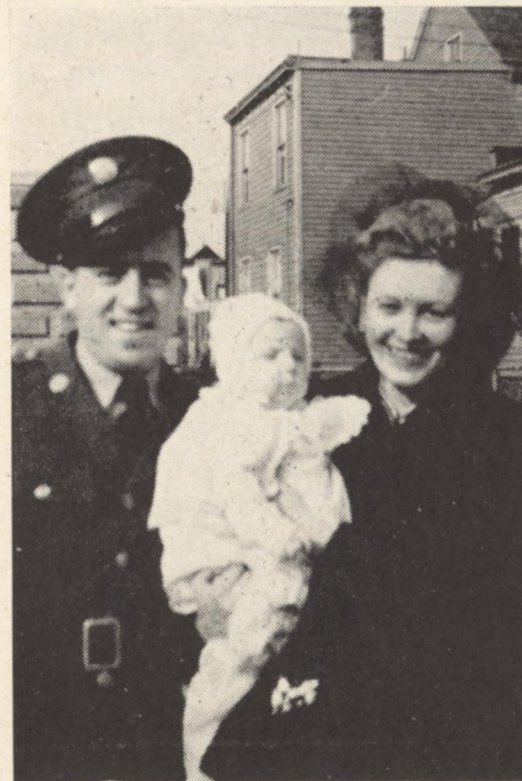


Pfc. Clarence E. Lewis and son Donald Douglas, I. Pvt. Lewis, who is stationed at Great Bend, Kansas with the Army Air Force, was employed as press operator in the Barrel Shop prior to his induction for service.

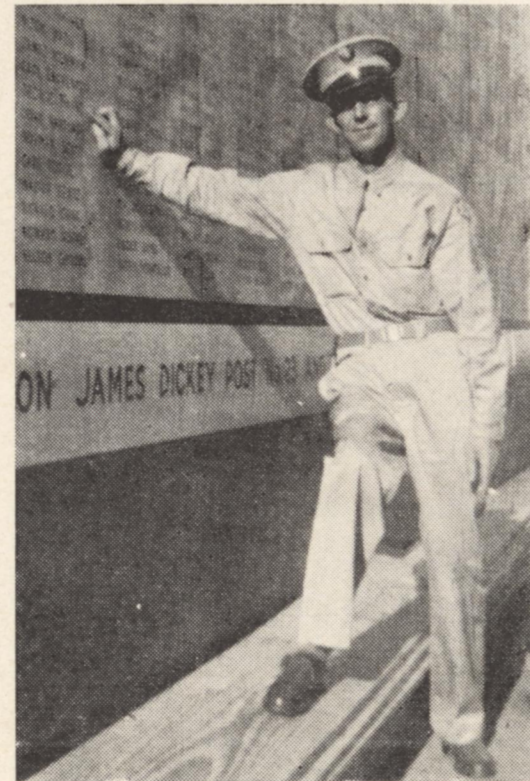
comes to this business of selling War Bonds, Bud SELLS WAR BONDS and there is "no bondogling" either.

The old "flu" has been playing havoc with the gang during the past few weeks. Among its victims were Charles Castle, Talmadge Riffe, "Poopy-Deck-Pappy", Gene Chasteen, Roy Strickland, Galen Marsh, James

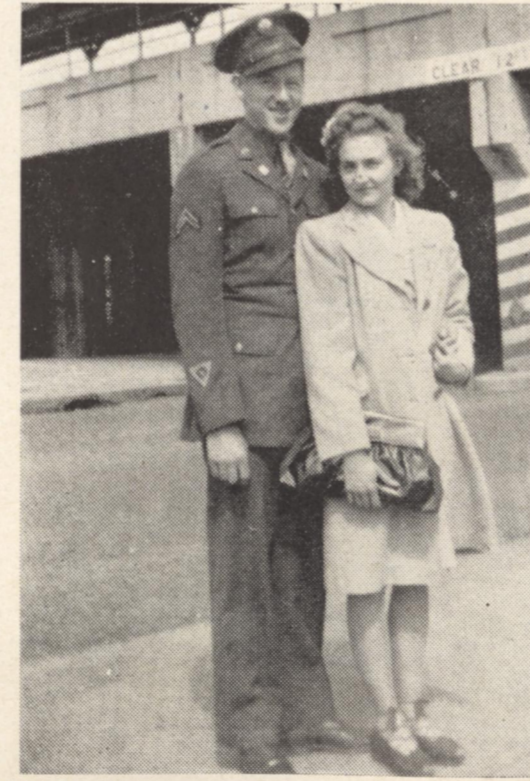
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Sgt. and Mrs. Phillip Coffman and daughter Gail Lee. Formerly an iron worker at the plant, Phillip is now serving with an anti-aircraft artillery unit at West Englewood, New Jersey.



Cpl. George A. Mayne from the Rod and Wire Shipping Department picks out his name on the Honor Roll on Victory Square. Cpl. Mayne is stationed at Newport News, Virginia.



Cpl. Carmon R. Breech, who is on duty in the Aleutian Islands, and Helen Mason, billing clerk in the Rod and Wire Shipping Department. Cpl. Breech is a brother of Ralph Breech of Department 17.

Everman, Rube Rose, Bill Kirsch, and many others including "The Young Man" himself. But we're glad you're all back on the job again.

"Big Bill" Davis, foreman, is now detained at home by flu and rheumatism. His wife also has been ill for many weeks. The boys are hoping for an early recovery for both and hope to see "Big Bill" back on the job soon.

Bill Littlejohn, a welder who recently joined our armed forces, blew in from "Deep in the Heart of Texas" for a hurried visit. He was looking fine and rarin' to go — to Tokyo.

Handsome Charles Abbott, tester from Sciotoville, has just passed his examination and will leave soon for military duty. Noah Brown, millwright, also passed his examination successfully and will soon be assigned for duty with the Navy or Marines.

Chick Applegate, paint foreman, received a very interesting letter from Kenneth Cogan, who was a painter in the shop before joining the army. Kenneth was recently commended for gallant service and has been promoted to Staff Sergeant. He would appreciate hearing from the gang. Here's his address: S/Sgt. Kenneth Cogan, ASN 35437289, Headquarters and Service Section, 1570 S. C. S. W. Section 1, Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

### By - Product Coke Plant News

—by John Payton

By the time you read this bit of news the 4th War Loan Campaign will be over. Did you buy an Extra War Bond? Did you answer the call of your pals on the battlefield who are trying to keep a gang of slant eyed murderers out of your own back yard? If not give it a good think and do it now. It is never too late to do good. \$25.00 War Bonds cost you only \$18.75, the best bargain in the United States.

Yes Sir, the Coke Plant has its fishermen the same as other Departments, but we claim they are harder to beat. Our reason, Lige "Jiggs" Spriggs reports a nice catch of perch on January 28, 1944, just below West Avenue in the Beautiful Ohio. The gang claims they would have more faith in what "Jiggs" says, if they had seen the fish, and so would I.

It is reported the boys on the ovens are having a hard time keeping up their check on the weather since Shorty Willis had his hair cut. Don't worry gang, it will grow out and start curling again before long.

Bill Dalton is back on the job again after being away on leave of absence, working for Uncle Sam. We welcome you back, Bill, and we have a feeling that New Boston will come back to life in the near future.

Harold Overstreet, the new apparatus boy in the B. P. Department is doing a swell job and we think he

likes it; however, we don't know how he likes his new nickname, which seems to be "Bump Neck, Jr."

If any of you have a nice farm of about 12 acres, all modern conveniences, such as cement walks, bath, gas, water upstairs and down, electricity, etc. (ground already plowed for this year), see Charles Cooper at the Boiler Room. This is Hammies 19th bid for a nice farm in 19 years. He is not hard to please. He is also



David E. Lambert was an employee of Department 17 before he enlisted in the Field Artillery in November, 1942. He is now serving with an Anti-aircraft Artillery unit in Italy. Pvt. Lambert writes us from the fighting front that he enjoys the Plant News and all the boys in the outfit read it. He sent us the following contribution:

**A SOLDIER'S PRAYER**  
Dear God in Heaven, somewhere up there,  
I humbly beg you, hear this prayer.  
Hear me, Lord, and understand,  
It's not just me, it's every man.  
Give us strength to do this task,  
Don't let us weaken, that's all we ask;  
We don't want praise for what we do,  
Just do our best, and win it too.  
When we're sliding off the track,  
Reach down, dear God, and bring us back.  
We realize You pave the way  
For each advance we make each day.  
There's something else that I might add,  
Sorta look out for Mother and Dad.  
Thanks, dear God, thank You again,  
Not just for me, but for every man.

in the market for 100 lbs. of lettuce seed.

Did you know that Bill Whittaker was seen trying to climb an electric light pole on one of the street corners in New Boston a few days ago? Yes sir, he was, and was having a very hard time of it until some of his friends came to his assistance. Bill says he will never do it again.

Dutch Wisener, of the B. P. Dept. intended to load a tank of Benzol gasoline. He was very much alarmed when he found the line was "froze up." Two hours later, after using a hammer and steam hose, until he was nearly frozen himself, he was not alarmed or surprised, but mad, when he found the trouble. It was just a valve closed.

"Old Hog Rasin" Slim Sparks, had to learn the hard way. Slim had a hog, but thought it only had to eat once a month, Results, Hog Starved and Died. Slim is not in the hog business any more.

There seems to be quite an argument between Herb Lambert and F. E. Myers; both are bowlers of high standing but seem to be slipping, Myers insists on calling Lambert "Dead Arm" because he cannot make a score better than 472. Lambert whispers to us that Myers could make a better score if his right arm had not been embalmed.

The best "BUY" I know of is the "SAFETY HABIT" and it doesn't cost you anything, why not get plenty of it.



Pvt. Robert D. Myers, son of F. E. Myers, electrician at the Coke Plant.



Pfc. Evan F. Bartlett, son of Mrs. John Payton has been on duty in the South Pacific for the past year. He writes that some of the material they have been using has been tagged "Wheeling Steel" Portsmouth Works.



Elmer S. Collins, son of Leonard E. Collins of the Rod and Wire Shipping Department, was home on furlough recently following active service in the Navy.



Staff Sgt. John L. Mauk is a brother of James E. Mauk of the Range Boiler. He is serving as rear gunner on a Flying Fortress and is stationed in England.



Jack McDaniel, stationed in New Orleans, entered the Navy on September 15, 1943. He is the son of John A. McDaniel, Blooming Mill oiler.

### Range Boiler Welding Flashes

—by Walt Dressler

A surprise birthday party was given Tommy Jones by the following machinists and their wives: Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Purdy; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burkhardt; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Williams; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eddy; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Marshall; Donald Dulin, bachelor; and Less Martin, stag. Tommy Jones displayed his two Florida alligators and a fine evening was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Burkhardt "rationed" Carl's "free" ice cream and cake before he became "froze" stiff and would have to be skidded home.

**Electronic Age:** Orville Reiser operates our electronic seam welder. He also pulls in Lowell Thomas news on it. Listening recently, he forgot and rode the welding carriage down the shop and welded two seams around Jim Lewis's shanty before Jim emerged from a spud hole and stopped him.

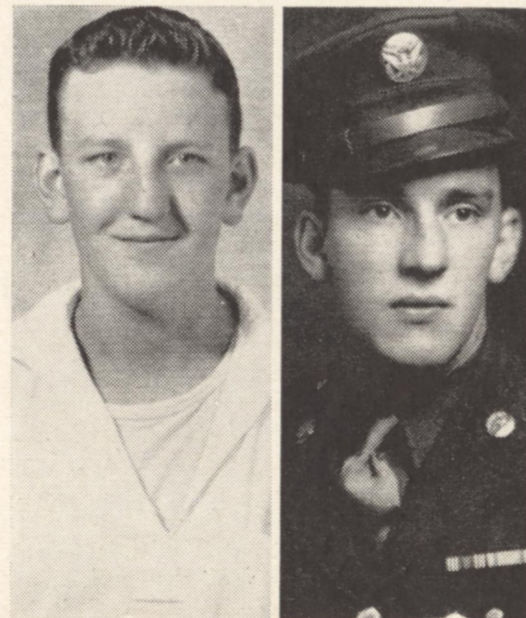
**Olan Himes' Blue-ribbons Welders:** H. McCorkle, vertical; stands them on end, and does the black bottom. Raymond Cole, Beryl Parks, and Elmer Dunn, horizontal, say, "lay that boiler down, Babe, and keep 'em rolling." John McCorkle, inside bottoms, believes in going in there after them.

Shall we call the FBI? Everett Schuman, when repairing our electronic seam welder uses a set of ear phones and a detector tube. Is he

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listening to the forbidden short wave or a short circuit? He uses a box that cranks like a grind organ and as music has charms, maybe, he is trying to lure those electrons back without having to skin too many wires.

**Doodle Bug Club!** Lafe Jordan, George Barry, Russell Gilliam, Raymond Cole, Leonard Stroth, Curt Caudill and Gus Collins. For past



Elwood J. Bishop, seaman first class on the U. S. S. Balch, is on duty somewhere in the South Pacific. His brother James W. Bishop is serving with an Army Ordnance company in England. They are sons of Frank Bishop, pitman at the Open Hearth.

time these boys lay on the ground and yell "Doodle bug, come out of your hole." The doodle bugs' curiosity bring them to the surface to see if there are any bats in the belfry.

**Sabotage:** Kenneth Litteral and Tom Stroth upset their lunch trays and wasted 75 points of food because they did not keep their eyes focused on their main objective—the table.

I want to be the leader! Ray Chestnut is chairman (unless bumped off) of a drive for "old gloves" for the benefit of Ray Evans and Lou Staker whose hands must be kept safe from exposure.

John Thornton, General Foreman, who helped solicit War Bonds in the Fourth Drive should receive worthy praise for his working overtime for solicitations in the Range Boiler Department.

William L. Fannin of the Brick Mason Department whose picture out West was in last month's issue—had been lost 30 days on the desert without food and nothing but cactus juice to drink at the time the picture was taken. The news photographers who found him caught this pose as they held a hot dog to attract his attention.

**SHARE YOUR EXTRA DOLLARS WITH PORTSMOUTH'S NEEDY**



Charles Stir is somewhere "over there" with our fighting Army Combat Engineers. He is the son of Omer Stir, welder in the Mechanical Department.



This picture of Henry "Scrub" Middaugh, now employed at No. 1 Boiler House, was taken on the occasion of his graduation from Mansfield Tech, class of '76.



Andy Cullen, serving with the Army Air Force in Central America, was a second helper at the Open Hearth prior to entering the army two years ago.

### Blooming and Bar Mill Ingot Splashes

—by K. Cronin

We sure got some response from last month's article urging the fellows to visit the blood bank next month. Three different fellows stopped us the next morning to inform us that they had made their first trip down. More power to 'em. It was through ignorance that we omitted their names last month, but it was the guys that didn't go that we were trying to wake up, not the ones that did.

Bill Darby recently had the misfortune of losing his mill badge and the food ration books for his entire family. It was an easy matter to purchase a new badge for a dollar, but the ration books were not so easily replaced. The family went meatless for weeks, living on bread and shuck beans and then when they were right on the verge of starvation Willie made the startling discovery that he had been wearing Joe's sweater back and forth home while his own sweater containing the missing books and badge had been hanging in the locker all that time.

We don't know if we would have been brave enough to have gone home and admitted such a thing to our wife or not, but we understand that Mrs. Darby took the whole thing very calmly and is keeping a careful, but suspicious eye on Bill at all times, and is secretly knitting him a straight jacket. We can now understand how it came about that he locked Joe in the garage.

Willie "the wolf" continues to op-

erate the north end branch of the Y. M. C. A. and is apparently doing an alright job of it as he still rates a spoon in his lunch box every night. Little more can be said on this subject at the present time as it would look very ungrateful on our part so long as we continue to get that swell piece of fudge each night.

Mr. Ben. Thompson is now a retired farmer, as he recently disposed of his vast real estate holdings on Hayport Road. Shortage of farm labor, coupled with the fact that he has earned well deserved rest were con-

tributing factors to this momentous decision.

Another Blooming Mill old timer has gone with the passing of John Armstrong, who died recently. John had been with us for a long time and will be sadly missed by his many friends.

After a 10 days trial, it has been decided that C-turn got much the best of the deal on the observer trade, and we would not be interested in trading back under any consideration.

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Karen Sue, 2 and Judith Ann, 19 months, granddaughters of General Hickman of the Foundry.

"Dip" apparently was injured pretty seriously when he fell off the wagon as he hasn't been able to work for the past few weeks. Many people fear he will now be unable to hold his proposed lottery as his liquid assets probably will have disappeared before he returns to work.

The shanty continues to be the dumping ground for some pretty terrible lies. This month, the subject is mostly about animals, namely cats. They have been too numerous to write about but most of them were fearful to listen to. There was Earl's Angolian cat that rang the door bell. Stricker's cat that opens doors and pats sleeping people on the face to waken them. Tad has one that answers the telephone when it rings. These guys are going to have to answer for such tales one of these days and we sure hope we're not caught in the shanty with them when Gabriel plays taps on his big horn.

### Open Hearth News

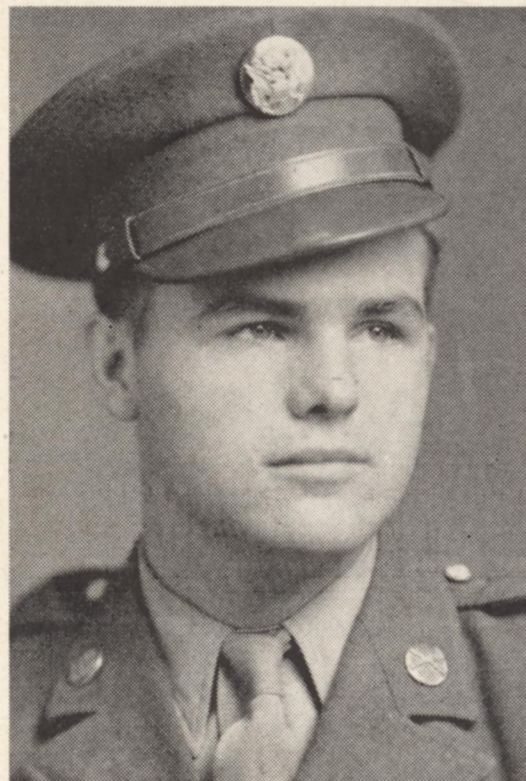
—by Raison and Frantz

John King passed out cigars and then the following day was called home from his work. A little checking informed the boys that John had been just one day early in his calculations. The boys are now discussing the reasons why John has proposed to name the new arrival "Raymond David King."

Jim Smith, cook on Lou Smith's turn, is being awarded all credit for Milt Williams' sudden increase in weight.

Cecil "Cherry" Rolfe got that "wished for" overhaul job on his Ford.

The recent installation of a large



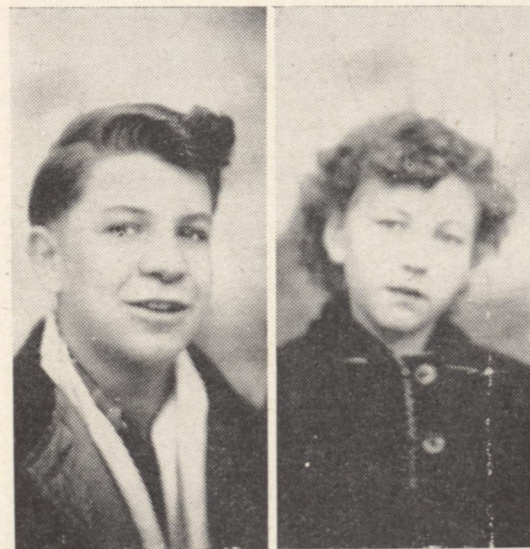
Earl Adkins Jr. of the U. S. Infantry is the son of Earl Adkins of the Nail Mill.

clock at the Ingot Weighman's Office had the boys combing the stockpile for a pair of Blinkers. Seems as though Captain Moore is without interest in the clock and no quarter "No Lookie?"

Dough-belly Sloan was a regular visitor to Pott's Restaurant until he learned that a person wouldn't sell country cured ham at 12c a pound.

Any healthy person that can spare a few Vitamin Pills should contact Bob Clare. No—Bob doesn't need them, but he feels they may do Badye Taulbee some good. Seems as though Badye hasn't the strength to get the ladle additions past the rim of the ladle.

Bill Martin's hat now hangs on a peg above a star tacked to the wall of the Open Hearth Laboratory.



Robert, 14, and Margaret, 9, children of Leslie Hughes, locomotive crane operator in the Yard.

### Carpenter Shavings

—by W. L. Ross

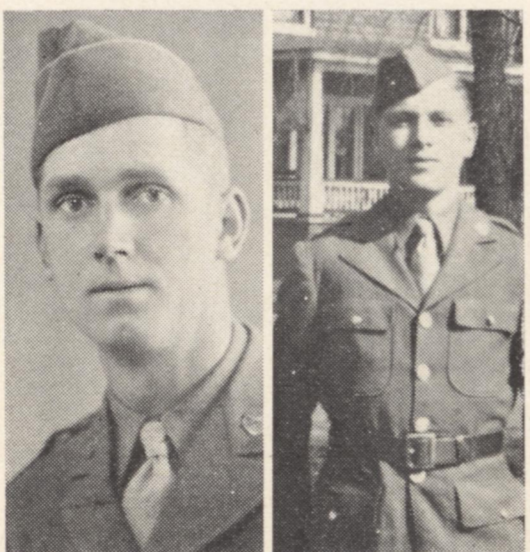
Charley Gordon went to Columbus to have a physical check up by a Specialist. The only thing the Doctor found was Charley's pocket book.

The feud between Minor Ervin and Alfred McCorkle has come to a happy ending. They were seen drinking coffee from the same bottle.

Bill Lansing was off sick for three days, but Bill Burton claims it took Lansing three days to make out his income tax papers.

We were very happy to hear from our old Pal, Asbury Crum, who is hunting big game in Italy. Crumy always was a good hunter; and we know he will get his share of game. Asbury says he enjoys the Plant News every month; and by the way Crumy, I haven't received that Black Princess you promised me.

Ollie Puckett says we are going to have an early Spring because Pate did not see his shadow Ground-Hog Day.



Pvt. Carl E. Royal and brother Cpl. Leroy Royal. They are sons of John Royal, yard master.

### Mechanical Chatter

—by O'Tool

For a little home cookin' see Bert Tipton of the Sub Station. He boasts of having a sure fire recipe for making biscuits. Better be careful Bert, this IS leap year.

Ernest "Boilermaker" Akers might be the head of the family but he never uses it. This was proven by the ingenuity and strategic maneuvering on the part of his wife in showing Ernest how to catch a pig. It seems that Mr. Akers sold a litter of nine pigs and the sow allowed him to remove all of them except one.

For days Ernest coaxed and cajoled—Offered choice ears of corn and large luscious pails of "City Slop", but the sow only grunted her disap-



Clarence Logan, a former employee of the Road Fabric Department, now serving with our armed forces.

proval. Then his wife came to the rescue. She dug a tunnel from the outside in under the fence to the center of the pen. Then she persuaded the little porker to come out via the underground, whereupon she put a board in the hole and THAT little pig went to market.

A young man having completed his last correspondence course lesson in physical culture, mailed the following letter:

Have finished course, please send muscles.

Albert Wagner, in discussing John Essman's capacity for "blowing", said that John uses a special apparatus on his car designed to start it with gasoline and run it on hot air. The fellows in the machine shop, who know John, will agree that he ought to be saving a lot of fuel.

### Foundry Castings

—by Harold Wiseman

You fellows in other parts of this plant are missing something when you do not hear the discussion on the war and how it should be run when we are gathered in the wash room of the Foundry before work time.

We lost another one of the boys from this department when Clinton Piatt, Jr. answered the call for men and joined our Navy. We all wish him the best of luck.

The Navy wasn't very proud of our other boy, Kayser, after they saw him in uniform, so they put him on a train and shipped him back to New Boston.

Mr. Morganthau ought to give Gene Enz a medal for selling War Bonds. Some of the boys say he is a real high pressure salesman.

If any of you fellows have any pictures you want to go with this column, bring them in.

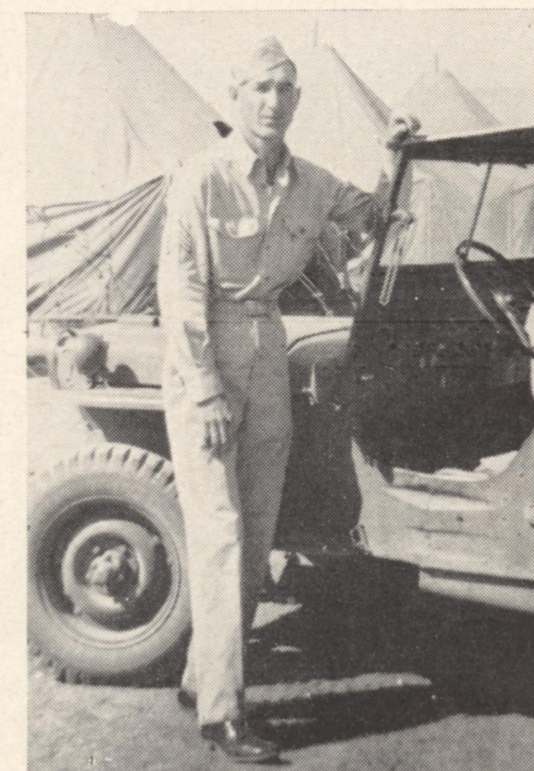
We wish to express our sympathy to William Snell in the loss of his wife recently. Mr. Snell was our fellow worker for many years before he retired.

Well boys here is the address of the first of the men in this department to leave for service. Let's all drop him a few lines. I know he will be glad to hear from all the gang:

1st Sgt. Ben Beasley  
14th Calvary Group,  
Headquarters Group  
Fort Lewis, Washington.



Staff Sgt. Edward L. Ford, son of P. A. Ford, Rod Storage foreman, is stationed in England with an anti-aircraft unit.



Sgt. Elmer E. Smith, who was an employee of the Rod and Wire Shipping Department before he entered service, is stationed at Pendleton Field, Oregon. The boys in the shipping gang received a nice letter from Elmer recently thanking all of them for remembering him at Christmas and asking them to keep up their good work in the mill.

### Brick Mason News

—by "A Boot"

What brick mason takes sandwiches home two or three nights a week and then brags to the gang about his wife's good cooking?

Who was the brick mason that struck oil at Mary's? From what I hear it must have really been a gusher. I thought you could do better than that, Junior.

What brick mason had the gang in tears when he went to the shanty one day at noon crying and saying he was going to be taken to the hospital and wouldn't be with them long? He didn't get any flowers yet.

Is it true that every time Shorty Gee's wife gives the children a bath she puts him in the tub too? Come on, Shorty, why don't you grow up?

It has been rumored that if Ed Tipton sees a few more doctors and gets a little more medicine that he may start practicing medicine or open a drug store.

- Things We Would Like to Know:
1. Who is known as "Grub Worm"?
  2. Who has been called "Press Agent"?

SUPPORT THE WAR CHEST

### Rod & Wire Electrical

—by Howard Pherson

Charles Weaver is reported to have said that he is going to visit at the Coke Plant to see if any of those puddles of his own sweat are still there.

P. S.—It has been some 25 years since Major labored at the Coke Plant.

H. Roult remarked that if there were any puddles found, it wouldn't be his sweat.

Charles Allen is back working in the Rod Mill since a certain other party transferred to the Line Gang. Don't dare mention his name.—New Year's resolution. The gang at the Rod and Wire wishes you success.

Porter would like to see "Paddle" Brown in action.

Herb Tipton will be claiming an additional tax exemption for this year. Yep, it was a 9 pound girl. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Tipton. Thanks for the smokes, Herb.

Phirl Tabor is another contribution of the Electrical Department to the armed forces. All the luck and best wishes from us to you Tabor.

John Byrne was home recently for a brief stay.

Overheard a gal on the bus telling her girl friend that she talked for an hour and ten minutes on the 'phone to another girl—and the 'phone companies asking you, and you, and her to limit talks to eight minutes.



Patty Ann, 2, daughter of Lester Lykins, clerk in Department 17 and granddaughter of Russell Porter of the Barrel Shop.

### Nail Mill Whiskers

—by Nosey, Newsy and Noisy

Here we are gain, trying to give with a bit of gossip about the most uncooperative lot of guys we ever saw. - - -

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One of the gems of the season, however, occurred the other day. Bill Hunt was seen to be limping and was asked the reason. He informed the questioner that his ankle was sprained. Bill was then told about the wonderful neck-ankle brace with which the company fitted such cases; said brace binding the ankle and straps leading first to the knee, then to the hip, and finally to the shoulders were said to take all of the weight off the foot. Bill didn't stop to think how he was to walk with one foot in the air. He went to the plant hospital and inquired about the wonderful brace, but being hard of hearing, Bill just didn't get the answer. A telephone call came for him and a voice impersonating the Doctor inquired his age, height, weight, and various measurements. At this time, Bill is still waiting on the support.

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"Swing" Pendulum almost made the hall of fame by bowling a "299" game recently. His total of 734 pins is one of the season's highest, locally.

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It's good-bye and good luck to Ralph Heller who is in the Navy. He's the third and last of the Heller boys to enter the service.

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Our sympathies to Cecil Traylor and Max Patrick, whose fathers passed away recently and to Armine Pendlum, whose brother died during the past month.

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Bud Brafford hasn't been the same since Henry Wallace's radio address.

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Dave Deatley and Clint Spearry continue to feud. When are those guys going to grow up?

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We're glad to see "Shorty" Benjamin back with us. Best of health from now on, Shorty.

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Firman Moore's condition can be described as highly nervous these days.

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Maybe George Pettit will learn to keep out of Joe Miller's pockets from now on.

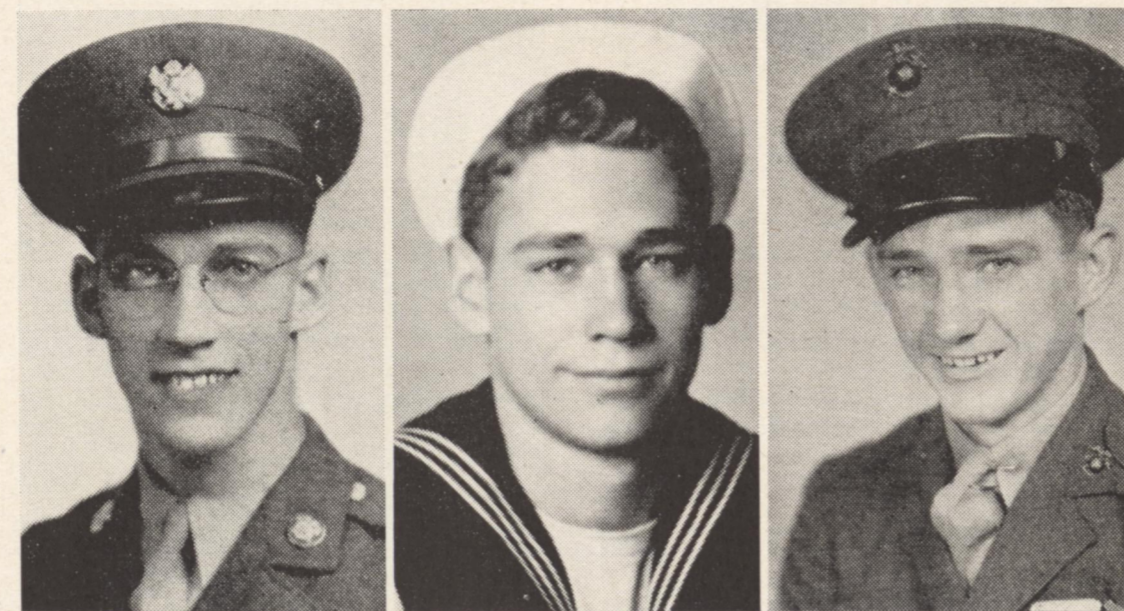
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Toller is having a time with his store teeth. Although Bob doesn't chew tobacco, it seems his teeth do, as soon as he lays them aside for a moment.

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Saw a sign in a down town Beer Parlor. "Don't stare at the bar tender,—You may be nuts yourself sometime".

**GIVE GENEROUSLY THIS YEAR TO THE WAR CHEST FUND**



Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Pleasant Lutz of 4219 Oak Street are serving with our country's armed forces. Donald is stationed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana; Joseph Richard, seaman second class, is on active duty with the navy and Pleasant Jr., is on over sea duty with the army. Their father is employed as pit crane operator at the plant.

### Mechanical Musings

—by V. Warnock

Hundreds each morning I behold  
Along the highways stalking;  
Many are walking to reduce  
More are reduced to walking.  
Shakespeare?

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Leonard Slaydon has been making slanderous remarks about the light poles on Market Street. Leonard made the remark that every time he wished to lean against one of those poles he had to take a gunny sack and wipe off the frost.

Al Ray, new city councilman, has



Lovel Evans, who is attending naval school at Annapolis is the son of Ray Evans of the Range Boiler Department.

had the city electrician working overtime installing electric heaters for Leonard's convenience.

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Clyde Williams, iron worker on the Open Hearth, was recently presented with a new baby girl. Clyde presented the gang with a 10c box of Recruit stogies.

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Eldred Winkler figured he would move to town. He had everything arranged, sold all his stock, etc., then the Mrs. said just plain NO!

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James Hamilton recently laid off because he was sick for a couple of days and everyone in the shop was more or less sympathetic until they discovered why he really laid off. Somehow Jim had managed to get hold of Bill Hollen's layout of the city hot spots, and it took Jim two whole days to find his way back to work.

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A visitor in a Virginia home was telling his host how to prepare ham. "Place the ham in a deep pan and for one whole day soak it in rye whiskey and then cook just a little while. The second day add a bottle of Jamaica rum and cook a while. The third day add a bottle of Port wine, and on the fourth day a bottle of Bourbon." The host turned to the colored cook, Sam, who had been standing by listening with great interest, and asked, "Sam, what do you think about that?" "Ah don't know about de ham, Boss," he answered, "but it sho do soun' like the makins' of mighty fine gravy."

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A rude and vulgar man is one who stares at a girl's figure when she is doing her best to display it.

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Wifey: "How do you like my new gown? I got it for a ridiculous price." Hubby: "You mean you got it for an absurd figure."

## N&W Safety Car Makes Another Visit At Local Steel Plant

### 897 RECEIVE SAFETY MESSAGE AT FIFTEEN MEETINGS

When the safety car of the Norfolk and Western Railway made its fifth visit to the plant in February and remained for four days, many employees were given the opportunity to visit the car where they received valuable instructions in industrial safety and its importance to the worker and the war effort. Nine meetings were held at the main plant, two at the Coke Plant and four at the Rod and Wire Mill. A total of 897 employees attended these fifteen meetings.

The car was in charge of Messrs. Joseph W. Clark and George G. Bent, Jr. The program consisted of a comedy, safety picture, slides illustrating dangerous but common hazards encountered by industrial workers and a very interesting talk by Mr. Clark, who stressed the importance of the individual's responsibility as a vital factor in the success of any safety program.

We appreciate the courtesy of the Norfolk and Western Railway in permitting their safety car to stop at the plant when in this vicinity and express our thanks to Messrs. Clark and Bent for their untiring efforts in bringing the safety message to so many of our employees.

The last visit of the Norfolk and Western Safety car to the Portsmouth Plant was in August, 1942.



Mary Lois Bentley, granddaughter of Moses F. Conley, of the Open Hearth stripper shed. Her father, Sherman Bentley, is over seas with the 37th Division.

### COMPARISON OF SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED WITH QUOTA OF SUGGESTIONS EXPECTED FOR PERIOD MAY 1st, 1942 TO JANUARY 31st, 1944

DEPARTMENT	NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED	QUOTA OF SUGGESTIONS EXPECTED	% OF QUOTA FOR YEAR
Rod & Wire	329	168	196
Coke Plant	32	42	76
Blast Furnace	11	21	52
Yard	28	62	44
Barrel & Range Boiler	18	63	29
Blooming & Bar	9	42	21
General	36	168	21
Department No. 17	6	44	14
Open Hearth	8	63	13
Mechanical	16	126	13
Inspection	8	63	13
Electrical	6	63	10
Salvage	0	11	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>54</b>

## IN MEMORIAM

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

To the family of John H. Armstrong, bottom maker in the Blooming Mill, who died January 24.

To Lloyd E. Hiles, laborer in the Yard Department, and Ashby Hiles, Engineer in the Mechanical Department, whose father died January 27.

To Chester Newman, Stocker in the Open Hearth Department, whose mother died January 27.

To Shelby Fyffe, stenciler in the Army Ordnance Department, whose mother died January 28.

To Simon Bruce, crane follower in the Rod Mill, whose mother died January 20.

To Luther Mathis, inspector in the Army Ordnance Department, Clifton Mathis, welder in the Army Ordnance Department, and Arthur Mathis, stocker in the Open Hearth Department whose father died January 13.

To Charles Murphy, scarfer in the Blooming Mill, and Cecil Murphy, flanger in the Barrel & Range Boiler Department, whose mother died January 3.

To Arnel Pendlum, Cooper boy in the Nail Mill, whose brother died January 7.

To Collie Williams, scarfer in the Blooming Mill, whose brother died December 25.

To Louis D. Hacquard, assistant analyst at the Laboratory, whose mother died January 2.

To Edgar L. Thompson, stockman in the Stores Department, whose brother died January 6.

To Harry Wiget, pipe fitter in the Coke-Mechanical Department, whose father died January 1.

To Fred Munyon, painter in the Carpenter Department, whose daughter died January 7.

To Heber Geiger, machinist in the Rod & Wire Mechanical Department, whose father died January 7.

To James E. Van Horn, millwright helper in the Barrel and Range Boiler Department, whose sister died December 31.

To Joseph L. Allen, stock weighman in the Open Hearth Department, whose father died January 8.

To Van Sizemore, reeler in the Wire Galvanizing Department, and Jack Sizemore, furnace loader in the Army Ordnance Department, whose mother died January 4.

To Curtis White, crane operator in the Electrical Department, whose father died December 2.

To Russell McCoy, nail stacker in the Rod & Wire Department, and to Lee McCoy, shipper in the Rod & Wire Department, whose father and brother, respectively, died January 19.

**GIVE THE EXTRA DAY'S PAY TO THE WAR CHEST THIS YEAR.**



## EMPLOYEES NOW IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF OUR COUNTRY

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

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

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

POTTS, OAKLEY  
 QUILLEN, CHARLES N.  
 RAIKE, WALTER  
 RAMEY, HAROLD  
 RATLIFF, VERNON  
 REED, ALBERT  
 REINHARDT, GEORGE  
 RHEA, JOSEPH T.  
 RICE, HOMER C.  
 RIDOUT, OLLIE D.  
 ROBERTS, HAROLD N.  
 ROBERTS, LEONARD  
 ROCKWELL, NORMAN  
 ROE, ORAL F.  
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 RUDITY, JOHN  
 RUNYON, FLOYD  
 RUSSELL, CHANDOS  
 SADDLER, RAYMOND  
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 SCHARF, RAYMOND G.  
 SCHULTZ, HERBERT V.  
 SERVEY, CLARENCE  
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 SHELTON, HOMER L.  
 SINGLETON, LAWRENCE  
 SKAGGS, VIRGIL  
 SKINNER, C. F.  
 SMITH, ALBERT E.  
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 STEINBACHER, DONALD  
 STILES, PAUL V.  
 STRICKLAND, JASPER  
 SUTER, THOMAS E.  
 SWITALSKI, JOSEPH  
 SWORDS, HERMAN L.  
 TAULBEE, JAS. F.  
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 TRENDE, DONALD  
 TRIMMER, ROBERT  
 VAN CUREN, CLAYTON  
 VAUGHN, WINIFRED  
 VAUGHN, RAYMOND  
 VIARS, LEONARD  
 VICARS, CLAUDE  
 WAGGONER, ELZA A.  
 WAKEFIELD, CHARLES  
 WAKEFIELD, DON  
 WALDEN, HORACE J.  
 WARD, ARTHUR C.  
 WATTERS, CHARLES  
 WATTS, ARNOLD  
 WARNER, HARRY O.  
 WARNOCK, FRANKLIN  
 WEAVER, SAMUEL  
 WEBB, GEORGE  
 WELLS, BARNEY  
 WELTMAN, BOB  
 WEST, LAWRENCE  
 WEST, PHILIP T.  
 WIDDIG, GEORGE  
 WILKING, JOHN L.  
 WILLIAMS, EARL  
 WILLIAMS, SANFORD J.  
 WILLIAMS, W. W.  
 WILSON, HOWARD  
 WOHLER, WENDELL  
 WOODS, WOODROW  
 WYMER, MARVIN C.  
 YOUNG, HARRY  
 ZEEK, JACK

★ Killed in Service

★★ Missing in Action