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Gardens For Victory A Wartime Necessity

Last year home gardening was encouraged as a way to cut down living costs and help the general food situation. This year Victory Gardens are a war necessity.

It's easy to see why. The demand for food in this country has grown along with the vastly increased needs of our fighters at home and overseas, and to a much less extent, of our allies, wherever serious food shortages threaten their ability to smash our common enemies. To supply these various needs, other than civilian, will take at least half of the 1943 pack of important canned goods, and possibly more. This means that war workers and other civilians will have to depend more and more on fresh supplies of these foods, whether they buy them at their grocery stores or raise them themselves.

We know that food is getting scarce. The government has started to ration some foods and will ration more. We are just beginning to feel the pinch and in a few months it will really begin to hurt. We have to be adequately fed and if we cannot get the food simply by going to the store and ordering it, then there remains only one other alternative—to grow it ourselves.

Millions of Americans can reduce their needs of critical canned goods by growing fresh food for their own use and any surplus should be preserved for winter consumption.

It will take a lot of planning and a lot of hard work to have a good garden, but it will be a great help in easing the food situation. The first

consideration must be the selection of a suitable plot of ground, 30 by 50 feet or larger. This plot may be the backyard of the householder. Vacant lots in town may be cultivated or a deal may be made with a nearby farmer on the outskirts to work a part of his land as a community garden.

The second step is to know what to plant and when. The important vegetables for a well balanced nourishing diet are the leafy green vegetables, the yellow vegetables, root vegetables that can be easily stored, and such vegetables as tomatoes,

peas and beans, which can be eaten fresh or canned or dried. Home canned foods are not counted in ration allowances.

In planning gardens that will produce throughout the entire growing season, information can be secured by writing the U. S. Department of Agriculture for the publications "Victory Gardens", "The City Home Garden" and other bulletins.

A lot of you are no doubt already thinking about a Victory Garden for this year and the purpose of this message is to get more of you thinking about it.

Safety Honor - Roll

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

DEPARTMENT	SUPERVISOR	Days Worked Without a Lost Time Accident
Coke By-Product	R. Green	4059
Nail Galvanizing	John Ressinger	3728
Locomotive Repairs	C. L. Sunafrank	2904
Blast Fee. Boiler House	John Hurley	2591
Coal Handling	R. E. Delamater	2584
Blacksmith Shop	Claude White	2281
Paint Shop	Homer Stanley	2129
Tin Shop	John Lewis	2129
Spike Mill	Geo. Ford	2118
Rod & Wire Labor	E. Brescia	1446
Roll Turning	H. G. Vaughn	1355
Boiler Houses	Claude Weidner	1234
Rod & Wire Bundling	Henry Lewis	1903
Coke Handling	R. E. Dalamater	986
Foundry	A. E. Forsberg	982
Field Fence	Carl Heinisch	979
Carpenter	W. L. Ross	970
Machine Shop	George Born	938
Police	A. J. Lewis	931
Bbl. & Rg. Boiler Galv.	L. M. Bell	815
Coke Ovens	O. J. Deitzler	803
Coke Plant Mechanical	Fred Zeisler	803
Rod & Wire Galvanizing	Robt. Smith	704
Road Mesh	Carl Heinisch	527
Nail Mill	J. P. Arthurs	454
Wire Mill	Wm. Seburn	377
Boiler Makers & Iron Workers	Cecil Brammer	302
Brick Masons	E. L. Allison	289
Rod and Wire Shipping	Frank Gasele	271
Barbed Wire	John Olson	264
Department No. 16	L. M. Bell	243
Blooming Mill	Wm. Meguigan	221
18" & 24" Bar Mills	Wm. Meguigan	195
Inspection & Laboratory	C. E. Kessinger	187
Barrel Shop	A. Applegate	101
Rg. Boiler Manufacture	John Thornton	72
Electrical	H. C. Mosley	63
Rod Mill	Geo. Kitchener	61
Department No. 17	Andrew Toft	51
Rod & Wire Mech.	Wm. Livingston	41
Tie Plate	Wm. Meguigan	41
Mechanical	C. H. Nunamaker	39
Pipe Fitters	Carna Duffy	39
Open Hearth	E. E. Brown	35
Yard, R. R. & Labor	E. B. Campbell	27
Blast Furnace	K. Steinbacher	4

Lost Time Accidents for February 1943	2
Lost Time Accidents for February 1942	2
Total for First Two Months of 1943	9
Total for First Two Months of 1942	3

Thirteen More Employees Leave For Army Duty During Month

274 EMPLOYEES NOW IN ACTIVE SERVICE

Only thirteen employees from Portsmouth Works were called for military service during the past month. This is a considerable reduction under the number leaving in the past several months. Sixteen employees who were in military training have received their honorable discharges and have returned to their old jobs at the plant. The number now in active service totals two hundred and seventy-four.

The thirteen who left for service during the month were:

Vernon D. Baker, helper in the Brick Mason Department.

William L. Conley, loader in the Rod and Wire Shipping Department.

Donald Diener, weighman in the Yard Department.

George E. Born, grinder in Department 17.

George Piatt, laborer in the Blooming and Bar Mill Department.

Raymond R. Evans, locomotive engineer in the Yard Department.

Alfred Miller, nail machine operator in the Nail Mill.

Donald Trende, welder in the Barrel Department.

Raymond Viars, tinner helper in the Mechanical Department.

George Widdig, machinist helper in the Mechanical Department.

Oral F. Roe, painter in Department 17.

Charles A. Taylor, Jr., inspector in the Inspection Department.

Joseph B. Mason, car checker in the Yard Department.

The following sixteen employees have been in service but were recently discharged and have returned to their old jobs at the plant: Roy Turner, Jack Miller, Robert V. Marcum, Edwin Brisker, Gordon Spickard, Eugene Shaw, David Pyle, Claude Cargo, Ted Conley, Dee Cook, Burris Hale, Kline Aeh, Ova Ferguson, Arnold D. Fields, Jesse A. Wilson and George Horne.

As we desire to send these employees the Plant News each month while they are in service we again request that their friends and relatives furnish us with their service addresses and notify us of any changes.

Test Blackout At Plant Successful

The recent test blackout at the plant was a complete success and the following letter was received from Mr. L. D. Huestis, General Manager, conveying his thanks to Mr. J. K. Hansee, Assistant Air Raid Chief and all employees who participated in the trial blackout of March 4.

Mr. J. K. Hansee

The test blackout of March 4, covering some twenty-nine counties, was, I understand, a complete success, and I know it was as far as New Boston and the Steel Plant were concerned. I was on the roof of the Main Office during the blackout and it was remarkable in what a short time it was accomplished and how nearly perfect it was.

I wish to express my thanks to you, your assistants, heads of departments, and all the men who contributed their time and efforts in making this test blackout the complete success it was.

I have been advised by Mr. Leo Kricker, Chief Warden, Civilian Defense Council, that he considers our efforts as 100% successful, all of which is due to the fine cooperation of your department and our other employees engaged in the demonstration.

L. D. HUESTIS,
General Manager.



Lester and Chester, 2, twin sons of Chester Osborn of the Tar Plant. Grandfather Donald Horsley is also employed at the Coke Plant, and Great-grandfather Mason Horsley works in the Mechanical Department.

Store Room Bowlers Lead Plant League

The Store Room bowling team has taken undisputed possession of the first place position in the Plant Bowling League with 24 wins and 7 defeats to their credit. They have a postponed match of three games with the Brick Masons yet to play.

The Carpenter-Mechanical combination are right on their heels with 24 wins and 9 defeats. The Laboratory is in third place with a record of 21 victories.

On February 19 the Barrel Shop team rolled a total of 2728 to set a new record for the three game total this season.



Pvt. and Mrs. Ellis B. Setters. Mr. Setters is the son of Roy Setters of the Open Hearth and Mrs. Setters is the daughter of Charles Fultz of the Road Mesh. The young couple are now living at Sparta, Wisconsin where Ellis is stationed with the army.

Open Hearth News

—by Raison and Frantz

Congratulations to all employees of the Open Hearth for their splendid cooperation in making the recent blackout test a complete success.

Hoggy Cropper faithfully travels up and down the Open Hearth peering in all the buckets, followed by his shadow Legs Clare who sees that he don't overlook anything.

"Doghouse" Sampson is talking a lot of baseball. This is a sure sign of Spring.

John O'Neil and his close pal Red



Charlotte, 10, daughter of Charles (Pepper) Martin of the Yard Department.

Burgess are seen conferring frequently on matters of great importance.

Curnutte paid off with cigars after Brady and the boys found proof of his recent marriage.

"Mister Harry" swears by all that's holy that his lunch bucket will not be treated as other buckets are on his new turn.

Perk Allen post cards the news that he has just completed another phase of his training and Okie Duke writes that he is now going to school again learning the various clerical duties connected with the Quartermaster's unit.

Jimmy Combess, hill conductor, says he has finally gotten the upper hand on Captain Moore, relief weighman helper.



Homer Sparks at the age of 7. He is now foreman at the Coal Prep. Department of the Coke Plant. We just want to show you what a few years will do to a good looking boy.

Carpenter Shavings

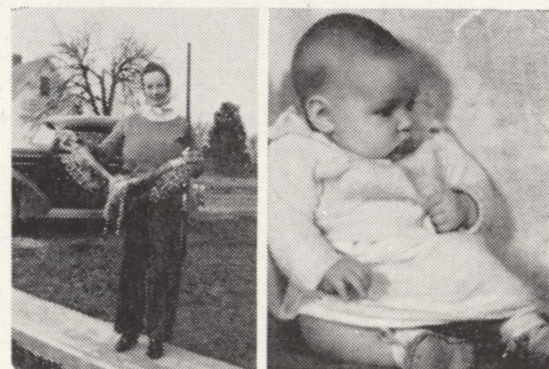
—by W. L. Ross

Ted Sowards wants to know if it takes six weeks for one bone to heal in a man's foot, how many weeks does it take for two bones in the same foot to heal.

A. H. Peyton has been doing a lot of talking lately, but Pate has a very bad case of "Blond-itis".

It seems that "Wild" Bill Burton has been talking too much. He is even afraid to travel on Stanton avenue anymore as a certain party has been looking for him with a shot gun. Bill also has a cut on his forehead that he won't talk about, but it has leaked out that he was riding his cow and she ran in the stable door and he did not duck quick enough.

Wilbur Bobst who has quite a reputation as a gardener is getting a little nervous as he is expecting some opposition from Ben Skaggs. Don't get excited Wilbur as it may be Ben is doing most of his gardening here at the shop.



Mrs. Opal May and daughter Marilyn Sue, 4 months. Mrs. May, who is quite a nimrod, is the wife of Clifton (Slim) May of the By-Product Department.

Mechanical Musings

—by V. Warnock

Roy Blum asked Gabbie how he would get his calf in a barn with no windows and no doors. Gabbie said, "Oh, I just run him around it a couple of times and he's all in."

George Born Jr. has been inducted into the service. Them thar Jap-anzeitalanos are sure going to live hard now.

Cecil Brammer's son, who was inducted for military service recently, writes back and says he's having a swell time.

"Hot Tip" John Phillipi certainly gets all the dope on the latest races



Alvin Messer, 23, is stationed with a Medical Corps unit at Little Rock, Arkansas. He is the son of Ed Messer, mason helper at the Coke Plant.

and the fastest horses, but the heck of it is, it's always after the race is over and another ten bucks over the hill, tsk! tsk! That's the reason John is still a machinist.

One of the men in the shop recently lost a part of his finger. "The thing to do is to DO Safety and not just Think Safety."

Once upon a time there were two Irishmen. Now there's lots of them.

Spud Kerns on the telephone to Sam Pennington at Pipe Shop:

"Hello Sam. is Duffy there?"
Ans. "Mr. Duffy, he's not here."
"Well, is Dan there?"
Ans. "No, Mr. Duffy, he's not here."
"Is Percy there?"
Ans. "No, he's not here."
"Well, who is this?"
Ans. "Sam Pennington."
"When will the wharf boat be in, Sam?"
Ans. "I don't know, Mr. Duffy."

Coke Plant Breezes

—by John Payton

I take this means of thanking the Air Raid Wardens, messenger boys, Auxiliary Police and Firemen and all who helped in the recent black-out which was such a great success in New Boston March 4th this year. Also the people in their homes and the steel plant officials for their splendid cooperation. I believe the New Boston black-out was as near 100% as it will ever be.

Speaking of black-outs, it was necessary for one of the wardens to wake Sleepy Time, Press Arnold up and tell him to turn off his lights. Press, why the asbent mindedness so early in the evening?

Yes sir, Jack, when we have a blackout, it means everyone. Jack Herbst was convinced of this by Mr. Biggs, watchman at the Coke Plant gate, when he came in with all lights burning, and Biggs had to put them out for him. Jack says he will do better the next time. We wonder how he got thru Circleville and Chillicothe.

If the pipefitters can't stand Albert Miller's pipe any longer, why not loosen up on the old purse strings, let the June bugs out, dig into it, and buy Mr. Miller a new pipe. What do you think about it?

And did you hear about Vicars, Crane Operator at the Coke Plant? Well, he had the boys push him up a very steep hill, only to find that the emergency break was set tight. What's the matter Vic, did your A, B, or C cards play out?

Notice, John McLeod, Fred Zeisler, H. C. Lambert, Bill Manning, Herb Whitt, Henry Knigge and many others. Wm. Henry will not have to go to the bath house to change clothes since the pump house doors



Janet May, 7, daughter of Harold Arnold, Open Hearth employee.



Sgt. Lew W. Pendleton, son of Grover Pendleton, helper in the Brick Mason Department.

have been padlocked. After careful investigation, Bill reports he will remain in his private locker room, having been given permission to do so. He insists he is a member of the preferred stock and will retain his right to change clothes in the pump house. O. K. Bill.

Harst Taylor took the examination to become a member of Uncle Sam's fighting forces, two different times and failed both times. Harst insisted he did not have rheumatism, the M. D. said he did, the M. D. won. He is back home. Ain't it tough, Shorty?

Men at the coke plant, I believe it is time for me to lay down the job of writing the news for you, and I want to thank you for the cooperation you have given me. Also the fine spirit you have shown in taking the little jibes thrown at different ones on numerous occasions. It has always been my intention to give you my best, and I assure you I have done this to the best of my ability. Remember, I have always talked to you about Safety, and I certainly do believe that you have read my articles and followed my advice along these lines. For this, I thank you. I am asking you to remember all the things I have said, and continue to act in the future, as you have in the past.

Remember, Safety pays and we need it more, now than ever. I know a good man will take my place, and Mr. Reader, if it happens to be you, call on me at anytime, if I can be of any assistance. Again, I thank all of you whom I have worked with for so many years, for your fine cooperation and friendship in the past. —JOHN W. PAYTON.

Barrel Shop Bulletins

—by "The Young Man"

Donald (Boob) Trende has at last been inducted into the Army and has been sent to Fort Thomas, Kentucky for assignment. Boob has been living in hopes for a long, long time, so now the boys all hope he's satisfied.

Joseph William Augustin and Vernon Ratliff of the Barrel Shop have been transferred from Fort Thomas, Kentucky to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland.

Charles (Ted) Urban, a former welder in the shop who has been working at Detroit for the past several months, has been inducted for service. He is now in training with the Army Air Corps and is stationed at Baer Field, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He recently paid a visit to the shop and looks like a real soldier.

WANTED: Ten men badly needed as assistant collectors. Must be neat in appearance and good looking. If you think you can qualify, please contact Charles Castle at once.

Believe it or not, but "Della" recently brought home the bacon for Bud Applegate, and there was plenty of it too, for in this case it happened to be a fine big honest-to-goodness live hog that cost him 79c delivered. And yet people will talk about the price of pigs and pork.

Doc Purdy and Les Martin, tired of seeing Bill Creekbaum going around without any teeth, finally decided to make him a set. After many hours of tedious and arduous labor during their spare time they have finally emerged with a wonderful set of steel teeth, red gums and all the trimmings. The teeth are causing a lot of excitement and Bill is very well satisfied.



Pvt. Robert L. Augustin is now at Camp Flora, Mississippi in an Ordnance Company. He is a brother of Jack Augustin of the Barrel Shop office.

Nail Mill Whiskers

—by Nosey, Newsy and Noisy

Several fellows around the Nail Mill have learned what financial suicide is. Ask Dick Gardner if he ever matched pennies with Ernie Milligan and Steve Gaspich.

Tommy Arthurs is developing a new style of bowling. He now uses what is called a stratosphere bowling ball. Just so the alley manager doesn't complain, Tommy.

Some bowlers have a habit of looking all of the ladies over, if any are present. "Flash" Pendlum is different. He looks all of the ladies all over.

Ask Bob Toller why he was at the N. & W. Depot at five o'clock in the morning. He went to see a friend off to the army, but this friend didn't leave until 2:30 that afternoon.

Rumor has it that Richard Ruark joined the Navy some time ago. If this is true, why is he still working?



Pvt. Delbert R. Vogler, stationed at Camp White, Oregon, son of Harley M. Vogler, Barrel Shop car bracer.

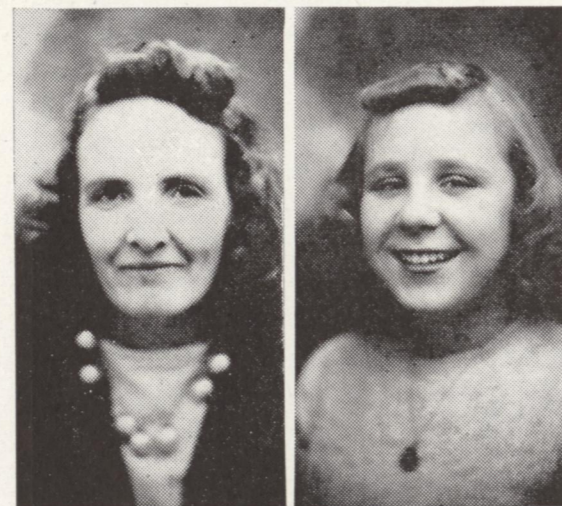
We hear he has an anchor tattooed on his chest.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen — One towel and one bar of soap. See Eugene Rickey for reward.

Fred King to "Stinky" Miller, "I can imitate a cat, a dog and a wolf." Miller: "Let's hear the imitations." Kink: "Meow" "Bow wow" "Hya babe".

If you care to hear prophecies of the future, (whether it be about war, sports or what Little Orphan Annie will do next) see George Walton. He sees all, hears all and knows?

Pat Bocoock has an invention in mind whereby our gasoline worries will be over. His idea is to build a car's rear wheels bigger than the front ones. He says this will cause the car to always be going downhill.



Mrs. Raymond Leach and daughter Arlene, 13. Raymond is employed as stopper maker at the Open Hearth.

Rod & Wire Mill News

—by Shiny

Jim Slattery says he doesn't mind Hank Lewis visiting the Inspection Office during lunch hour, but he does wish he would keep his teeth where they belong.

Carl Frazier, Inspection Dept., has returned to Baltimore after visiting friends and relatives for a few months.

Joe Wetta, Rod Mill, remarks that the income tax law is one of the finest pieces of legislation ever enacted by Congress. Oh Yeah!

"Dead Arm" Stamper is certainly knocking the pins for a loop at the bowling alleys lately. We believe he is taking double doses of those vitamin pills.

"Bones" Stewart seems to have seniority rights over Vance Dudit when the midnight shift rolls around; "Saturday night—midnight—Bones."



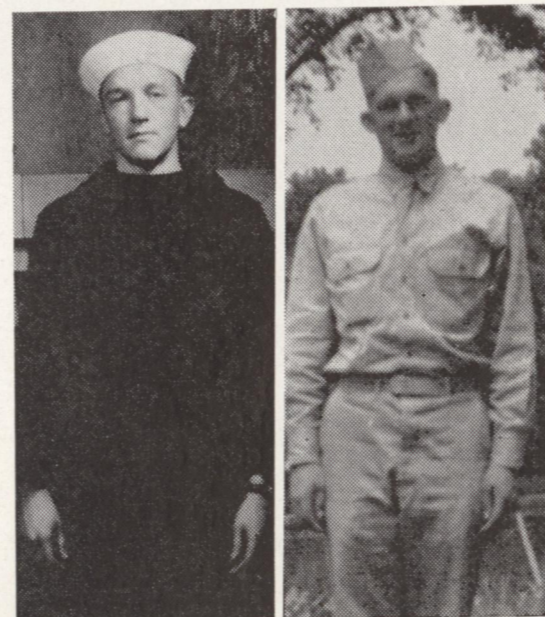
Richard M. Boyd, stationed at Lincoln, Nebraska with the Army Air Corps. He is the son of Richard Boyd, scarfer in the Blooming Mill.

Rod & Wire Mechanical

—by Ben Wieggers

Here is the first contribution to the column by Mr. Column Jr. quote Whaaaaaa, Whaaaaaa unquote—note the tendency to rhyme—As you read this the "Tip" Dupuy's will probably be in their new home on Third street—Ray Gulley—formerly of the Rod Mill—has changed his buckeye for a much less attractive pocket piece—he and family now reside in West-by-durn-Virginia—Parkersburg to be exact.

This may be my last column because on March 18 I am addressing the Junior Chamber of Commerce on a vera vera ticklish subject—particu-



Ellis V. Howell of the U. S. Navy and his brother Charles who is now over seas. Two other brothers, Wayne and Chester from the Barrel Shop, are also in service. They are the sons of Carl Howell, loading foreman of the Barrel and Range Boiler.

larly so in their own back yard—so look for me in Limbo.

John Caudill has returned—a six week siege with Ol' Man Jaundice—Orville Howerton distributed cigars for his new son—Bill Bell has felt the knife—back of the neck too—it was a surgeon's not a Com-mando's.

Now that Wig Davis has gone to the Blast Furnace—Jonesy and Doll may be able to patch up their feud—Wig was the aider and abetter—If there was ever anything blacker than the blackout down here no one has ever seen it—The Chorus scored another success this month—and with only three "barrytones"—And speaking of words—naughtly or otherwise—you should have heard Elmer Doerr when he sent Sam Brescia after a piece of candy and Sam brought back a bar of Tasty-Yeast.

Yard Department Yarns

—by Cecil Literal

The Yard Department continues to send men to the armed forces. Raymond Evans, locomotive engineer, Herbert Marshall, locomotive fireman and Donald Diener, clerk in the Yard Office are the latest to join up with Uncle Sam. Evans and Diener have already been inducted and Mashall has gone to Huntington for final examination.

Good luck, fellows, and do as good for Uncle Sam as you have here and you will come home proud of your service.

Gordon Spickard has been discharged from the army and has taken his job back as hostler. Gordon was past thirty-eight and was released following government orders on the release of such men.

Troy Lyons, yard switchman, has left the service of the company after many years with us. We wish you good luck, Troy, in your new venture.

Benjamin Wheeler has taken W. A. McQuat's place as locomotive engineer. Mr. McQuat has been off duty some time due to his wife's health. Mr. Wheeler simply moved over to day turn from the second shift. Both men have been engineers at the plant for many years.

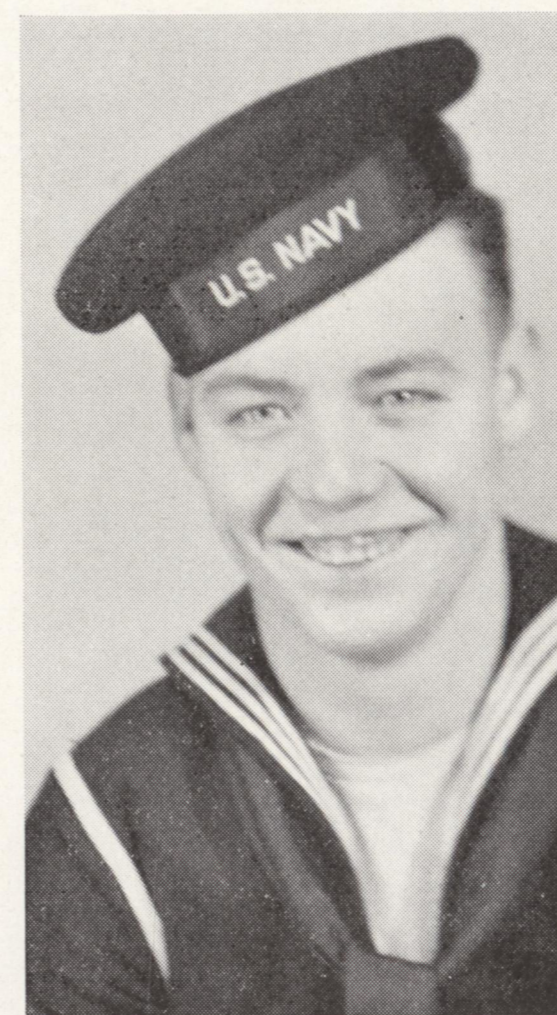
We are mighty proud of the Yard Department contributions to the War Chest and we take this opportunity to thank all of you for your willingness to contribute to such a worthy cause.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bobst on the birth of their new daughter recently and also, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Webster, who have a new son. And we just don't remember you gentlemen passing any cigars either.

Mrs. Genoa Shultz, wife of Forrest Shultz, yard switchman, is a WAAC in our army. She is stationed in Georgia and has just recently visited her husband and family in New Boston.

Are you ready to plant those potatoes yet? It behooves all of us to plant a Victory Garden this year to assure our homes of fresh vegetables this summer and to fill those jars you have not used for years. Let's resolve to fill them up this summer as the three cans per month allowed on your ration stamps will be pretty skimpy eating, if you ask me.

Don't tell anyone I said so, but it looks to me like the Smiths are advancing on the Court House. Don't believe a battle there would be much news however, as there's been plenty of them around the Commissioner's Office for some time.



Ora O. Slack Jr. recently enlisted in the Navy and is stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. His father is an employee of the Barrel Shop.

Foundry Castings

—by Willis Kayser

Since we have lost our columnist, Gaylord (Gay) Johnston, we will have to use a cub, but we wish you the best of luck, Gay.

Farming is the big topic in the Core Room these days. Anyone who is interested in one hundred acres of tomatoes, see Chaldo Lewis.

Harold Wiseman recently purchased a new cow. When asked what kind she was he replied, "Jersey and gentle too." P. S.—He had to hog-tie the other one before he could milk her.

The income tax seems to hit everyone pretty hard this year, but it is sure better than slave labor at that, boys, so keep up your 10% for War Bonds so you will keep other bonds from around your neck.

Food rationing is not worrying William Huffman Jr., since he bought Whitty's goat. In fact the whole shop seems to like goat-burgers, eh Huffy?

Richard Reffit found a mechanical turtle (a toy one, of course) and young Huffy said that since everything else had gotten so big he thought it was a bed bug.

Blooming & Bar Mills

—by K. Cronin

Art Slaughter has resigned his position as Blooming Mill observer to take a job elsewhere. Art was always able to keep Frank Lego worried and even in his absence he still has him worried.

It seems funny that Kelly rates extra protection during a blackout. We never heard of anyone else being escorted to the bus that night.

Every time Stinkey calls us the dumbest man in town we can only bow our head and say "Amen", but maybe we can live it down.

Charley says that the night of March 4th was the first time in a year that forty consecutive minutes passed without the red light being on in the Blooming Mill pulpit.

Ben Thompson has recovered from a slightly mashed foot. He was injured while helping unload a truck at 4146 Gallia street.

Wes Moore is still talking about going to California, but three will get you five that he never gets any farther south than Vanceburg, Kentucky. That gold rush down there was in '49 Wes, not '43.

Stumpie is still looking for his little brown hat. No reward is offered, but it's return will be greatly appreciated and no questions asked.

John McDaniel keeps his best gal at home while he is at work by buying her a five cent magazine. That's what we call both control and economy.

Charley Canary was very proudly showing me the rapid growth that his new eyebrows are making. They do look real nice since he hasn't had any for so long.

We are glad to report some improvement in Henry Butcher's rheumatism. Butch decided on some steam baths, but evidently the thing was over done as his legs became so pliant that it was necessary for him to remain off the job for several days.

While in town undergoing this course of treatments he was forced to pay five dollars a night for the worst kind of lodgings, but maybe the results will be worth the cost.

Peter Mainer's statement that he has only burned one ton of coal this winter has been verified by Mrs. Mainer who claims that she has had to sleep with her fur coat on all winter.

That tale about the hymn singing hop toad as told by "Popeye" Swords proves that all the liars are not on C-turn.

Range Boiler Welding Flashes

—by Walt Dressler

Newt Rigsby, working in the millwright's shanty, smoked a wedding cigar. The smoke became so dense it crept through the cracks in the doors and windows of the shanty. Bud Young detected this smoke and sensed fire. He grabbed a fire water bucket and rushed inside, while Elmer Crain, Elwood Himes and Homer Cole stood outside wringing their hands and screaming for help.

Bud splashed the bucket of water against the low ceiling and it splashed back in his face. He became frantic as this was the most water he had experienced since the water pipes to Nauvoo were frozen. Newt had a time convincing him the reservoir on Bald-head Hill had not broke loose.

The only ill effects of this incident were that Bud had to change and and work in his street clothes for the rest of the day and Johnny Thornton had difficulty deciding who was general foreman, he or Bud Young, our hero.

The latest dope on Chief Inspector J. L. Jones and his six assistants.

Jack Jones loves to "kid" Paul Reiser. Read Jack's item on Paul this month.

Buck Himes dropped a nickle in the test tubs and if the buffalo does not come to the surface at the end of nine days Buck will be ordered into a life preserver.

Ernie Bush, after paying his income tax this time, was forced to "thumb" a tow-boat ride to Ashland to visit his family last week end.

John L. (Slow-time) Reilly had



Sylvia, daughter of Sam Bolotta of the Wire Galvanizer.

planned ahead ninety hours of extra sunshine this summer. We don't know whether he is anemic or had fishing in mind, but we do know that when the City Fathers refused slow time the boys thought maybe they would have to put Reilly in a straight jacket.

Chester L. (Chesty) Mathley formerly lived in Louisville, Kentucky. It is rumored that Chesty has invited Ernest H. Bratton and Henry McCormick to visit with him Decoration Day to view the beautiful flowers there. Mathley did not explain whether they would view the flowers at the botanical gardens or the wreath around a thoroughbred's neck at the Derby.

Raymond Cole is quite conservative. When slicing bread he heats the butcher knife red hot so as to slice and toast the bread with one operation.

The fire bells rang on the midnight clear. Paul Reiser raised his bedroom window and looked there and here. His room mate said, "What are you doing there, bo?" and Paul replied, "I'm watching those firemen extinguish yon flaming glow."

Live Stock Report: Officer Sydney Call says the goat market is at a standstill. He has two nanny goats and one billy goat for sale. Sydney says the prospects he has approached to date have been somewhat rude when refusing to buy.

Gus Collins cuts his bread five inches thick, tunnels out the center

and fills it with selected chopped meats. He calls this a "Dagwood bomb-shelter snadwich."

Otto Lewis owns a very sensitive horse. He was standing near his barn recently with Ray Young discussing the present food rationing and how popular horse-burgers were becoming. The horse overheard the conversation and from that day to this whenever Otto feeds the stock this horse raises up on its hind feet, backs up in the stall and puts up his dukes in case of self defense.

"Brownie", the layout man, told about the fellow who was eating a horse-burger when someone yelled "Whoa" and the guy choked to death. Ollie Hilt and Ernie Mitchell refuse now to eat horseburgers in the shop for fear that James Louis might happen along and say "Whoa."

Bill Mason has the main grievance committee stumped as to his length of seniority. Bill said that he entered the Range Boiler Department shortly after the Civil War when the manufacture of tea kettles preceded range boilers.

Officer Lawrence (Dizzy) Brannon and Forrest Bray are candid camera fans. They are sadly disappointed if you cannot show them a picture of yourself each morning. Their knowledge of art is so great that their admiration for a picture on the north wall of the welder's booths has almost set Forrest on fire and made Lawrence really dizzy.

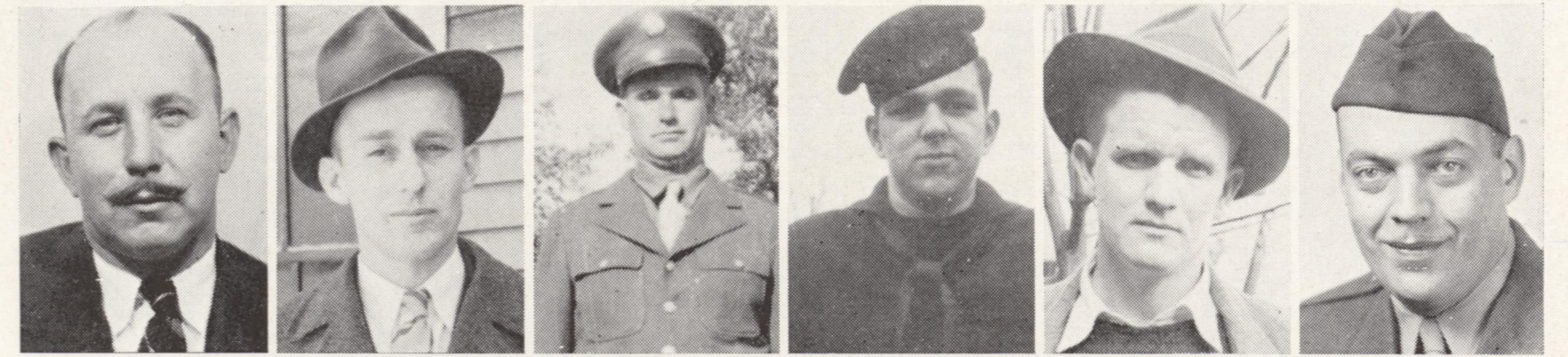


Ronald Lee Hill, 5 months, grandson of Alonzo Lucas, Brick Mason Department.



Bernis Stidom, son of Ellis Stidom of the Blast Furnace, is serving in the Quartermaster Corps of the U. S. Marines. He is now overseas.

★ WITH OUR BOYS IN SERVICE ★



RAYMOND EVANS ALFRED MILLER LLOYD FITCH WILLIAM CARVER GEORGE WEBB WM. E. HEIL



PERRY ALEXANDER BURRIS HALE GEO. E. WIDDIG ARDEN V. BRADY LEONARD VIARS ROBT. TRIMMER



CHARLES TAYLOR GEORGE PIATT HOWARD MARCUM VERNON BAKER WILLARD MARTIN J. W. AUGUSTIN



OLLIE RIDOUT DONALD TRENDE ROY BOTTLES ROBT. HUFFMAN ORAL F. ROE J. CUNNINGHAM



WALTER JONES BILL BELOAT RALPH BELL JAMES FLEMING LEONARD DIXON DONALD DIENER



Safety Shoe Honor Roll

The following employees bought Safety Shoes during the month of February 1943:

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| Boyd F. Payne | C. M. Strickland |
| Walter E. Lewis | August Mucha |
| Jacob McGraw | Earl Mingus |
| Eddie Dotson | Chas. A. Drake |
| Elmer Thompson | Nick Croce |
| Wm. Hilderbrand | Lester Kuhner |
| Elmer Horton | Winton Buckley |
| Howard Hansgen | Harry W. Willis |
| Raymond Rogers | Clay Burns |
| Finnar P. Kallner | Wm. B. Wellman |
| Chester Apel | Burton Koch |
| Delbert A. Peach | Omar Butler |
| Wilbur H. Cole | Tom Crawford |
| Chester McGraw | L. F. Jackson |
| Frank Morrison | Ellsworth Purtee |
| Clarence Vinson | Eldan Fields |
| Clifford Elam | Jos. A. Rogers |
| John W. Larson | Eugene Spriggs |
| Harold Gilmore | Erma Fannin |
| Everett S. Morrison | Herbert C. Mitchell |
| Robert Bradbury | Jas. Craft |
| Clarence H. Ault | Richard Harmon |
| Henry W. King | Arthur Mathis |



Billy Ann and her dog. Billy Ann, who is now fifteen months old, is the daughter of L. A. Davis, Coke Plant.

Relief Association Shows \$1675.37 Gain For February, 1943

We are showing below a copy of the Monthly Financial Statement of the Employees' Relief Association for the month ending February 28, 1943. As you will note, sick and Accident Benefits amounting to \$707.53, and two Natural Death and one Outside Accidental Death benefits, amounting to \$1,200.00 each, were paid during the month. Even though \$3,600.00 was paid out for Death Benefits, net resources show a gain of \$1,675.37.

The three Death Claims were paid to the beneficiaries of Mr. Richard Wallace, Department No. 17; Mr. Joe Smith, Coke Plant; Mr. Arthur Duncan, Open Hearth Department.

RECEIPTS

Collection from Members, as per Pay-Roll	\$ 4,794.00
Cash Collections from Members	70.00
Dues Deducted from Claims	18.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 4,882.00
In Checking Account, February 1, 1943	5,177.05

TOTAL	\$ 10,059.05
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DISBURSEMENTS

Sick Benefits	\$ 419.46
Accident Benefits	288.07
Nat. Death Benefits	2,400.00
Accidental Death Benefits (Outside)	1,200.00
Salaries	99.10

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 4,406.63
In Checking Account, February 28, 1943	5,652.42

TOTAL	\$ 10,059.05
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RESOURCES

Checking Account	\$ 5,652.42
Savings Account	13,526.92
Bonds	77,900.00
Building & Loan Stock ..	1,581.02

TOTAL	\$ 98,660.36
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LIABILITIES

Unclaimed Checks	\$ 650.37
Claims Payable	1,200.00

TOTAL	\$ 1,850.37
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NET RESOURCES, February 28, 1943	\$ 96,809.99
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NET RESOURCES, January 31, 1943	95,134.62
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GAIN, for Month	\$ 1,675.37
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PAID BENEFICIARIES SINCE ORGANIZATION

Sick Benefits	\$274,461.91
Accident Benefits	182,142.20
Nat. Death Benefits	397,930.00
Acc. Death Benefits	100,136.84

TOTAL	\$954,670.95
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R. C. HOLBROOK, Treasurer.

IN MEMORIAM

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

To the family of William Rodgers of the Barrel Shop, who died February 15.

To M. F. Conley of the Open Hearth Department, whose daughter died February 3.

To Wm. J. Buckley of the Rod and Wire Inspection Department, whose father died February 10.

To Thomas H. McCann of the Rod and Wire Carpenter Shop, whose mother died February 19.

To Elkin Tipton of the Mechanical Department, whose mother died February 17.

To Raymond Hoberg of the Rod and Wire Mill, whose brother died February 11.

To Stanley Craycraft of the Electrical Department, whose brother died February 27.

To Roland Humble of the Foundry Department, whose father-in-law died February 11.

To Harold Ramey of the Barrel Shop, whose uncle died February 5.

To Harold Gilmore of the Coke Plant, whose brother-in-law died February 5.

To Fred Jordan of the 18" Bar Mill, whose sister-in-law died recently.

To Ralph Davison of the Coke Mechanical Department, whose sister died February 26.

To Elwood Lindsey of the Rod and Wire Shipping Department, whose father died February 18.

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



Sgt. Raymond Simon and his wife and son at Fort Lewis, Washington. His father, Henry Simon is an employee of the Electrical Department.