

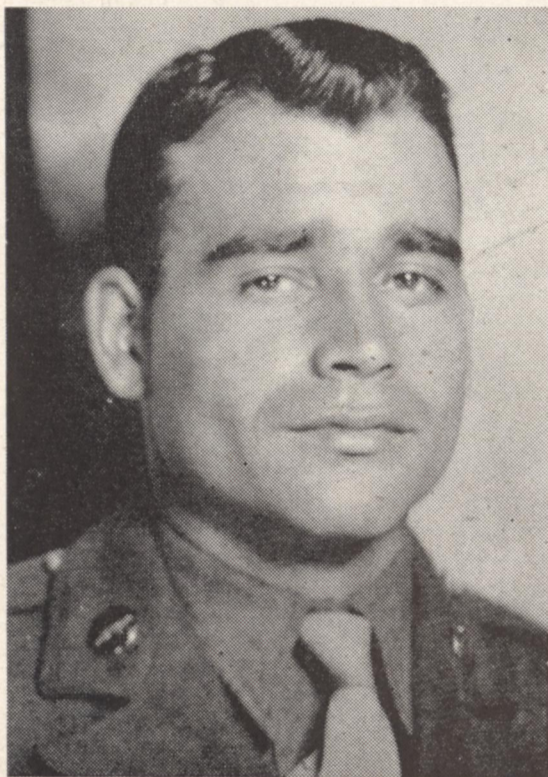
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**PVT. WOODROW GILLEY**  
.... Normandy Invasion Casualty

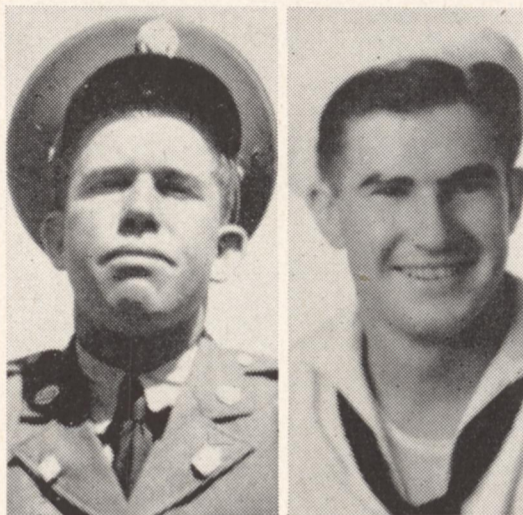
## Brick Mason Helper Reported Missing In Action In Normandy

Pvt. Woodrow Gilley, a former helper in the Brick Mason department has been reported missing in action since June 12 in France.

Employed on August 19, 1942, Pvt. Gilley was inducted for military service the following month. He was assigned to an infantry outfit and trained at Camp Wolters, Camp Gordon, Fort Dix, Camp Blanding and Fort Jackson. In January his outfit was sent overseas and participated in the invasion of Normandy. Pvt. Gilley has been missing since the sixth day of this campaign.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Verna Louise Gilley and one daughter, Sharon Kay of 307 Vine street.

In addition to Pvt. Gilley, two other employees, Floyd Smittle, hostler helper in the Yard Department and James Abbott of the Machine Shop, have been previously reported missing in action.



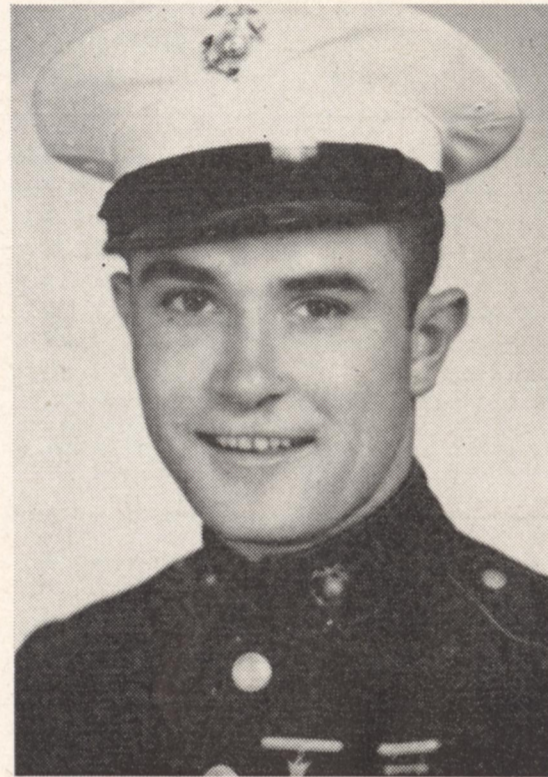
Wesley and Eugene Hoberg, two sons of Charles Hoberg of Department 17, who are serving with our armed forces. Another son, Ralph, is serving over seas with a tank battalion.

## Four More Employees Called For Service

With the departure of only four employees for duty with our armed forces, and the return of three who received honorable discharges, the number of employees actually in service increased but one during the past month and now stands at 408.

Those who answered the call to colors in July were Heinard Bradley, laborer in the Wire Mill; Albert Grimshaw, operator in Department 17; Clayton King, pipe fitter helper in the Mechanical Department and Milton McAdams, ammonia operator at the Coke Plant.

Four employees from the plant were reported as war casualties during the month. Robert E. Hileman of the Mechanical Department was killed during the invasion of Saipan. Woodrow Gilley from the Brick Mason Department was reported missing in action in France. Ivan Lavender, second helper on the Open Hearth received two head wounds while fighting in Burma and Woodrow Woods of the Barrel Shop was wounded somewhere in Europe.



**CPL. ROBERT E. HILEMAN**  
.... Victim of Japs on Saipan

## Plant Welder Third Employee To Die In Service Of Country

Another hero was added to our list of war dead when Cpl. Robert E. Hileman, 25, of the marines was killed during the invasion of the Japanese island, Saipan.

Cpl. Hileman entered our employ on August 15, 1940 as a helper in the Boiler Shop, where his father, A. E. Hileman has been employed for many years. In June, 1942 he was transferred to the Machine Shop as a welder and worked in this capacity until July 13 when he enlisted in the marines. He received his training at Paris Island and was sent to the Pacific area last December where his outfit took a prominent part in the invasion of the Marshall Islands.

Besides his parents, he is survived by his wife Mrs. Marcella Hileman and two children, Albert Frederick and Rosalyn Jean, who reside at Gallia and 11th streets.

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AND WE TALK ABOUT SACRIFICE

The casualty lists are coming in now. They come with deadly impact and bring a stunning realization of what War costs. More than a hundred young men of Scioto County already appear on these lists. Among these heroes are three of our fellow workers who gave their lives for freedom on battlefields. Three others are reported missing in action and many more have been wounded.

More bitter fighting lies ahead on all fronts and the cost of war will soar in heavy multiples. It will be a price paid in blood and death. It will be the blood and death of our young manhood and it can never be repaid.

This human outlay—this giving by our sons and brothers and husbands of everything they have to give except their immortal souls, is not a squandering of priceless treasure. It is a price paid for the freedom of mankind and the re-establishment of decency on earth.

But the War has another cost and unless it is met by you and me, these fighting men of ours go unsupported to their deaths. We have been asked before, and we shall be asked again, and each time it is a little harder to respond. Yet time after time, too, our men under arms will be asked to bleed and die—and they will not refuse.

And we are not urged to give. We are only exhorted to lend.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Safety Honor - Roll

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

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

Summary table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Includes 'Total for First Seven Months of 1944', 'Total for First Seven Months of 1943', 'Lost Time Accidents for July 1944', and 'Lost Time Accidents for July 1943'.

HIGH SCHOOL HORSE PLAY

A tragic case that of the fourteen year old student in a western city who, sat on a tack placed on his schoolroom seat by a mischievous youthful companion. The victim died when the wound became infected.

How forcibly the incident emphasizes two fundamental laws of safety. One, that horseplay should be avoided; the other that even seemingly unimportant wounds should be given prompt medical treatment.

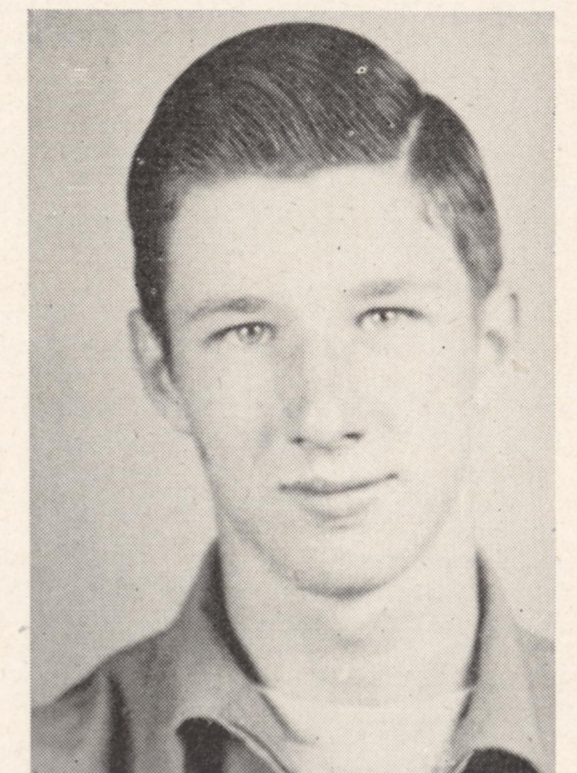
Also the tragedy emphasizes that we cannot start safety instruction too early.



Larry Eugene Porter, 4, son of Russell Porter, millwright in the Barrel Department.



Robert Earl, 6, and Lloyd Henry, 8, sons of Henry Preston, inspector in Department 17.



Harley Dix, Jr., 15, son of H. H. Dix, crane operator in the Blooming Mill.

Blooming & Bar Mills

—by Ken Cronin

Johnny McDaniel always was a guy that worked his way into anything gradually. For instance, he recently came to work late. He had the same alibi the hound had when it missed catching the rabbit. The next few nights he didn't get out at all and it took a false fire alarm to get him started back to work.

Claude Gilbert is seeking a six months membership in a "share the ride" club.

Charley Thompson started on the hunt for John McDaniel. Evidently he found him as neither of them showed up the next day.

Claude Johnson has been pinch hitting as oiler on C turn during the absence of "Stinky". Any place else Claude is an alright sort of fellow, but we hope it doesn't become necessary for him to work on our turn anyways near soon as his total disregard for the truth has a very bad effect on the morale of the rest of the crew, especially while we are handicapped by the temporary loss of Slim Nelson and Pete Manier.

Bill "Johnny Bull" Voysey is spending part of his vacation in Washington, D. C., this week. We hope that Churchill comes over while he is there so that they can have a

spot of "tay" together. Perhaps that would atone for the way our Reds stay on top of Bill's Pirates.

A card was received from "Wes" Moore in Utah. Appropriately enough it bore the picture of a large bull.

Alex Haislett has returned to work after enjoying his annual two weeks vacation spent in Portsmouth, Ohio. Alex says he was on his second



Pvt. Cornelius (Mike) Legg with his wife, Juanita, and children, Cornelia and Phyllis Ann. Mike, a former employee of the Rod & Wire, is the son of Joe Legg of the Nail Mill.

honeymoon, although much doubt has been expressed as to whether it was as much of a success as his first one.

One of his novel experiences was falling out of bed one night. He says he was dreaming and was scared by a cow. Maybe so, but he had better never let Annie hear he called her a cow.

Braddy recently made the painful discovery that you can't win even if you do hit the ball pool.

Holcomb almost had three more boxes of shot gun shells.

John Shoemaker is the newest member of the Blooming Mill's Grandfather Club. Maybe he will be too busy playing with the baby to start Ault's seed tomatoes this fall.

Speed Crisp, evidently not so popular at home as formerly, now has to go outside to get his lunch instead of bringing it from home.

Frank Lego can easily explain where he got that recent shiner, but it wouldn't have been such an easy matter had it happened while he was down in Kentucky over the Fourth of July and took on all that Panther sweat.

We'd still like to know what was wrong with the horse that Carver swapped to George Williams. It was the first time to our knowledge that anyone ever set George afire and that boy Carver surely must have made a conflagration out of it. If we were him, we wouldn't be so modest about it as we really think that anyone who skins George deserves a chance to do some bragging.

### Barrel Shop Bulletins

—by "The Young Man"

Hobart Preston, Tom Tisdale, Alva Walker and Tom Colegrove have resumed their duties in the shop following their annual vacations.

Chester Staten, stockman in the High Grade, who has been detained at home many weeks by illness has recovered and returned to his job in the shop. The boys were happy to see him back on duty again.

Staff Sgt. Charles (Piggy) Gillen recently visited the shop while home on a two weeks furlough. He was looking swell, feeling grand and likes army life fine. He is now stationed at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky, but expects to leave soon for an unknown destination.

Big Bill Davis is sporting another car. It's a dandy looking car even if it is so old it's vintage has long since been forgotten.

Logan King, Kingfish painter, has given up his job to accept employment in Department 17 as a painter.

Friends of Ray Arn, an ardent F.D.R. supporter, reveal that Ray is planning to leave the United States and move to Lewis County, Kentucky in case F.D.R. isn't reelected this time.

Chester Jordan, a former millwright now serving in the Navy, recently visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Jordan of New Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. James Vest of New Boston, recently purchased a fine new home in Nauvoo. Congratulations, Jimmie, from all the boys.

Friends of Fred Sommers, well-known painter, inform us that Fred is now claiming to be the champion tomato grower of Scioto County. They say Fred has a large patch of a new kind of tomato which grows on bushes and average about twelve pounds apiece and usually about six of them fill a bushel basket. He uses an axe to chop them off the limbs. Please bring one in Fred, the boys would love to see it.

Tech. Sgt. Russell Sparks, a former inspector in the shop, is now somewhere in France. He is the son of Charles F. Sparks, also an inspector in the Barrel Department.

#### Things Seen in the Barrel Shop:

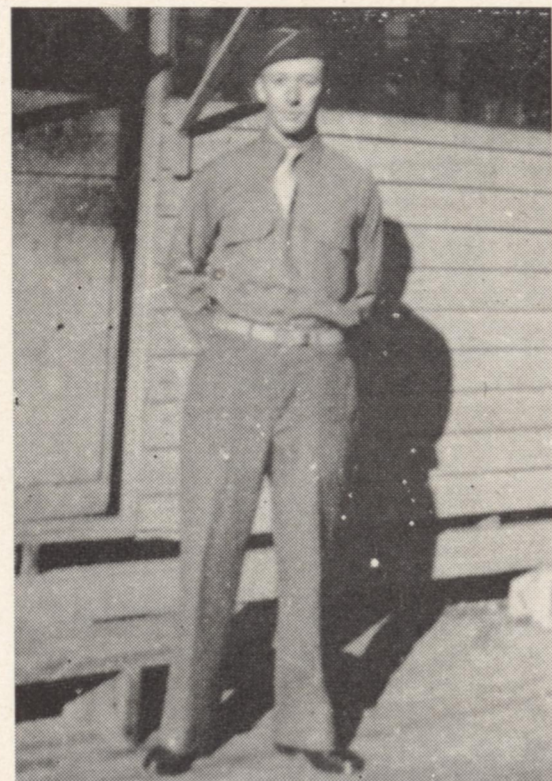
Muriel Davis deeply interested in an "Old Plug".

"Doc" Purdy wearing knee breeches.

Hap Nolan working seven days straight without laying off once.

Dick Kidwell with a roll of bills and wondering how to spend them.

Jake Applegate cussing and discussing the political situation.



Pvt. Evan Lavender, former second helper at the Open Hearth. In a hospital somewhere in Asia, Evan is recuperating from two scalp wounds received while fighting the Japs in Burma last month. He sends his regards to all the gang and says he has a personal score to settle with the Japs before he comes back.



Meeting in Italy after a year overseas with the army, three local boys celebrated the event with a ride. They were Pvt. Clarence Townsend, Cpl. Richard Hatton and Cpl. Eugene Cooley. Eugene is the son of Ed. Cooley of Department 17, and Richard's father, O. R. Hatton is employed in the Electrical Department.

Big Bill Davis wearing a different pair of pants every day in the week.

Bob Bahner trying to convert a real dyed-in-the-wool New Dealer.

Earl Gerald walking around unconcerned with a large pocket full of good old-fashioned five cent cigars. How we envied him.

Ben Channel worrying his head off to find a house to live in.

### Welding Flashes

—by Walt Dressler

Cecil Howard, Range Boiler lubricating engineer, gives the shop a daily bumper to bumper service.

Elvin Powell was recently the papa of a baby girl, Clara Larue Powell. Elvin distributed 1200 "Big John" ice cream bars.

Allergic to Dagwood mosquito swatting comics, Gene Horsley jumped from bed and screamed for a flashlight and fly swatter. A wasp had parked itself in a critical spot in Gene's bed.

Foreman Elwood Himes and Chief Shipping Clerk Carl Howell have hired a boiler detective to chase lost boilers to the loading crew. He is the one and only Elvin Powell.

Russell Plummer is back from a two weeks vacation. He spent one week with relatives in Baltimore and the other week chasing bats out of Carters' Caves.

Harry Jordan says for days Mayor John Salladay had been humming (at his desk) "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia". Mr. Jordan at last persuaded Mayor Salladay to spend a few days of his vacation with relatives in Virginia, which he did, and now the Mayor is back at his desk with more vim and vigor.

Joseph Hornickle who suffered untold agony for a few days from wearing undersized shoes, has been relieved of suffering by a good samaritan, who traded shoes with him.

Hayward Stanley and Dick Piatt each purchased a \$100.00 bond in the Fifth War Loan drive. Now they are scheming which one can trade the other out of a prize cow and get his \$100.00 war bond.

Curt Caudill and "Speed" Miller still retain their old "homestead" in the Range Boiler. All the rest of the arc welders have new air conditioned booths and indirect lights.

Hugh and John McCorkle when going fishing always have good intentions and plenty of bait, but it is the old, old story—"no fish."

Victory Gardeners attention: Columbus "Sherd" Fields and Charles Beasley say Jeff Casey has solved the problem of raising vegetables during a drouth. Jeff sprouts his beans, etc., in a pan of water before planting.

Thurl Blume, son of Dr. George Blume, sent me word that he would be glad to wax the top of my bald-head, gratis. "Aw-rite" Thurl, just for that I hope next week when you are making one of those "glamour dives" at Terrace Club Pool, your bathing suit "busts."



Pvt. Homer Clyde Castle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Castle, was killed on June 14 while serving with our armed forces in Italy. His father has been employed as a crane follower in the Rod Mill since June, 1925.



Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Donald M. Appleton leaving the church following their wedding on June 10 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mrs. Appleton is the only daughter of W. L. Fremont, river pump operator at the plant.



Pfc. Gus Jarvis, a former employee who is now stationed in England, has four brothers working at the plant, Glen and Earle in the Electrical Department, Memphis in the Rod Mill and Willard at the Blast Furnace.

### Rod & Wire Electrical

—by Howard Pherson

Missed the July issue. Sorry. Have been asked why. Well, how about a little help.

It will soon be time for Bill Daniel and his turkeys.

After discovering he had locked his car keys up in the car, Major Weaver journeyed home for the extras. Upon his return the law was making out a ticket for overtime parking and pleading and begging availed him nothing. Further upon opening the door he found that the engine had been running all that time, and him with only an "A" card.

P. S.—"Major" talked them out of it at headquarters.

When one gets so hot that the sweat drops from the cuffs of one's trousers, that person is sweating. That was the plight of Memphis Jarvis while changing his mill on the very hot evening of last June 26.

John "Bright Eyes" Hunt has returned from a one week vacation and Willie "Westinghouse" Schouster has returned from a two weeks vacation.

Ivan Patrick has stepped up (?) from Rod Mill crane operator to Wire Mill helper.

Phirl Tabor was home on furlough recently, looking very good. After mail from home he places the Plant

News next on his list.

"Off-the-hole" White didn't like salt in his tobacco, so it cost Scotie fifteen cents.

Did you ever see John Ashworth when he wasn't wearing his vest? Neither has anyone else.

Found—A man that just about takes the place of "Windy" White.



Sgt. Howard E. McClain, son of M. J. (Mike) McClain, machinist in the Tie Plate Machine Shop, is a tail gunner in the Army Air Corps.

Works on the same job that "WLW" had too, but instead of spelling his name S-e-t-h it should be S-a-y-e-t-h.

"Yellow Jacket" Marlow is the proud papa of an 8½ pound boy, born July 17. We don't care about the smokes—they're too darn hard to get.

A certain party said that the fire sure rolled when H. Routt put his screwdriver in that switch. "Swamp Toad" never tells those things on himself.

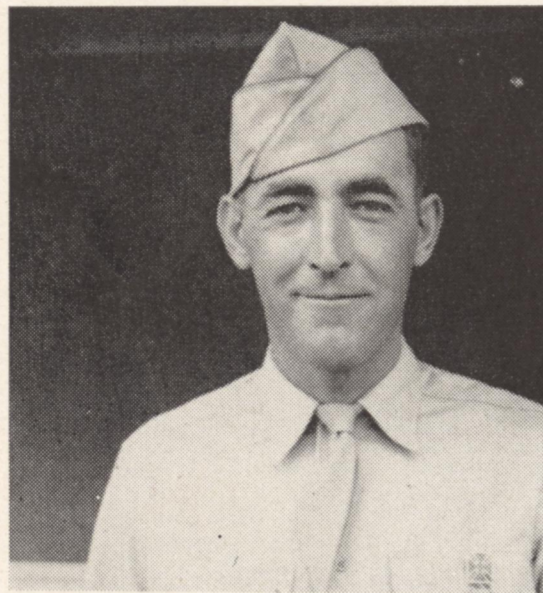
A spectator asked a gal at the softball game the other evening who was playing. The reply was "Checker Store is playing post office."

Everyone was wanting off the same day. All were wanting to go to the County Fair. Herb Tipton said that P. L. Manley told him No before the question was asked. Herb says that P. L. is a mind reader. Dunninger?

"Spider" Hamilton showed three dogs at the Scioto County Fair and won four ribbons, one blue, two reds and a white. Had a champion derby winner. There will be no holding "Spider" and his dogs now.

Harve Pollard filled in at the Rod Mill for one turn during the Fair. Jess Beoddy says Harve catches on fast.

A. Norvell has the jitters since getting word that his boy is on the way home for a furlough after over two years service in the South Pacific.



Eugene B. Atkins, rumbler helper in the Nail Mill, is now stationed at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, with a Field Artillery Battalion.



Emery T. Dials, crane follower in Department 17, has completed his basic training in the U. S. Navy and is awaiting a new assignment.



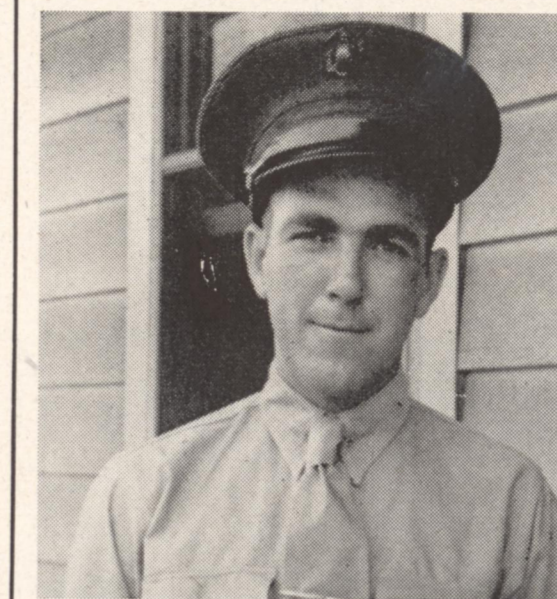
Homer D. Scheid was a reeler in Wire Galvanizing department before joining the Coast Guards. He is stationed in Seattle, Washington.



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## EMPLOYEES NOW IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF OUR COUNTRY



Joseph Abbott, welder, completed his basic training with the marines at San Diego, California, and was transferred to Camp Lejeune, N. C.



Edward Malone, Range Boiler welder, is serving with an ordnance unit of a Field Artillery Battalion somewhere in Italy.



Harry Heller, former machinist at the plant, is serving as chief petty officer in the Sea Bees. He is located in the Hawaiian Islands.

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 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.  
 NOURSE, BERNARD B.  
 NUNLEY, ROBERT  
 PACK, ALVIN  
 PARLIN, CLYDE E.  
 PELFREY, OLLIE  
 PELLEGRINON, ARTHUR  
 PENDELTON, JESS W.  
 PERKINS, LOUIS  
 PETTON, CHALLIS  
 PHILLIPS, DELMAS  
 PIATT, CLINTON  
 PITTS, RAYMOND  
 POSTON, DENVER  
 POTTS, FLOYD  
 POTTS, OAKLEY  
 PURDY, ELMO  
 PURDY, WILLIAM B.  
 QUILLEN, CHARLES N.  
 RAMEY, HAROLD  
 RATCLIFF, CLIFFORD  
 RATLIFF, VERNON  
 REED, ALBERT  
 REINHARDT, GEORGE  
 RHEA, JOSEPH T.  
 RICE, HOMER C.  
 RIDOUT, OLLIE D.  
 RIFFE, EDWARD W.  
 ROBERTS, HAROLD N.  
 ROBERTS, LEONARD  
 ROCKWELL, NORMAN  
 ROE, ORAL F.  
 ROWE, WILLIAM M.  
 ROYSTER, HERMAN  
 RUBY, HARRY  
 RUDITY, JOHN  
 RUNYON, FLOYD  
 RUSSELL, CHANDOS  
 SCHARF, RAYMOND G.  
 SCHAEFFER, JAS. O.  
 SCHEID, HOMER  
 SCHOMBERG, HENRY E.  
 SCHOMBURG, LEROY  
 SCHULTZ, HERBERT V.  
 SERVEY, CLARENCE  
 SERVEY, MARTHA ANN  
 SHAFFER, HOWARD A.

SHELTON, HOMER L.  
 SHUMP, GLENN  
 SINGLETON, LAWRENCE  
 SKAGGS, VIRGIL  
 SKINNER, C. F.  
 SMITH, ALBERT E.  
 SMITH, ELMER E.  
 SMITH, KARL H.  
 SMITH, SAMUEL  
 ★★ SMITTLE, FLOYD D.  
 STANLEY, CARLOS  
 STATEN, RAY H.  
 STARKS, GODFREY  
 STEINBACHER, DONALD  
 STILES, PAUL V.  
 STRICKLAND, JASPER  
 SUTER, THOMAS E.  
 SWITALSKI, JOSEPH  
 SWORDS, HERMAN L.  
 TABOR, PHIRL  
 TAYLOR, CHAS. A. JR.  
 TAYLOR, CHARLES M.  
 TAYLOR, EARL  
 THATCHER, EUGENE  
 THOMAS, CLIFTON J.  
 THOMPSON, THURMAN  
 TIPTON, LEO  
 TRACY, CHARLES  
 TRAYLOR, HERBERT R.  
 TRENDE, DONALD  
 TRIMMER, ROBERT  
 VAN CUREN, CLAYTON  
 VAUGHN, WINIFRED  
 VAUGHN, RAYMOND  
 VEST, EVERETT  
 VICARS, CLAUDE  
 VULGAMORE, ROBT. A.  
 WAGGONER, ELZA A.  
 WAKEFIELD, CHARLES  
 WAKEFIELD, DON  
 WALDEN, HORACE J.  
 WARD, ARTHUR C.  
 WARNOCK, RONALD C.  
 WATTERS, CHARLES  
 WATTS, ARNOLD  
 WARNER, HARRY O.  
 WARNOCK, FRANKLIN  
 WEAVER, EARL W.  
 WEAVER, SAMUEL  
 WEBB, GEORGE  
 WELLS, BARNEY  
 WELTMAN, BOB  
 WEST, EDWARD M.  
 WEST, LAWRENCE  
 WEST, PHILIP T.  
 WHITE, JAS. WILBUR  
 WIDDIG, GEORGE  
 WILKING, JOHN L.  
 WILLIAMS, EARL  
 WILLIAMS, SANFORD J.  
 WILLIAMS, WOODFORD  
 WILLIAMS, W. W.  
 WILSON, HOWARD  
 WOHLER, WENDELL  
 WOLFE, ROY J.  
 WOODS, WOODROW  
 WYMER, MERVIN C.  
 YOUNG, HARRY  
 ZEEK, JACK

★ Killed in Service

★★ Missing in Action

### Brick Mason News

—by "A Boot"

We are sorry to learn that Sub Pellegrinon is off because of a back ailment (so he says). From what we hear, however, it was caused by chasing little white bones around the kitchen floor on his knees.

Ova Ferguson is offering ten dollars to any man who can find water where he is digging his well.

Bud Pelfrey's latest venture is a hamburger and hot dog stand somewhere, but he can't decide where to have it located.

What brick mason foreman bragged about eating a steak two inches thick while his family was away and as soon as they came home started feeding them hot dogs.

I wonder if we didn't brag too much on Chester last month, as he just took another trip to Florida.

The favorite sport of a certain mason on payday is to take a sack of hamburgers home and watch the little Gees go after them.

"Fire Bug" says that since he has a deed to the Brick Shed, he's working on a plan to put some bunks in some of the bins, a hot dog stand in the cutting room, and take in boarders. He has already hired Spence for the hot dog seller and general manager.

Bob Morgan, the political expert, says that according to his deductions all political machines will be oiled and in high gear by November and without a doubt someone will be elected for something. But what we would like to know is can the Open Hearth use worn out political machines for scrap iron?



Carl L. Hill of the U. S. Navy and Charles E. Hill of Camp Rucker, Alabama, are sons of Carl Hill, operator in the Field Fence Department,



Norman W. Warner, 23, and brother Roscoe T. Warner, 19, are serving with our armed forces in England. Their father, T. J. Warner is employed as millwright in the Rod Mill.

### Open Hearth News

—by Raison and Frantz

Myron Reed should know better, but since he has made up his mind to accompany Charley Newman on his next fishing trip, we decided that it's "live and learn."

John Hammond has been nominated for the Dick Tracey comic strip. We have had Prune Face, Flat Top and the Brow and now "Light Duty" John has come up with the name "Sock".

Ralph Gilpin really out done himself with that red trim job while painting his home.

Little Elmer finally got a break and started a 3 to 11 trick with everything O. K. in the pits. We might also add that Elmer worked the 7 to 3 trick that day.

The Count's threat of writing up your correspondent in another department column shall not prevent future items regarding our singing and parleying clerk.

The opening of the new mill restaurant should greatly reduce Shoemaker's work as pop procurer.

The Captain is mighty mum about his recent trip to Buckeye Lake. What, no blue gills?

Booth and Schwables presence at the Weigh Office is no certain indication that any particular turn is working that shift.

Frank Puntenny is mighty proud of the ribbons won by his fox hounds at the recent County Fair. Bob Cullen says it was certainly a sight to see Frank parading the midway with the dogs on leash.

### Mechanical Musings

—by F. Etterling

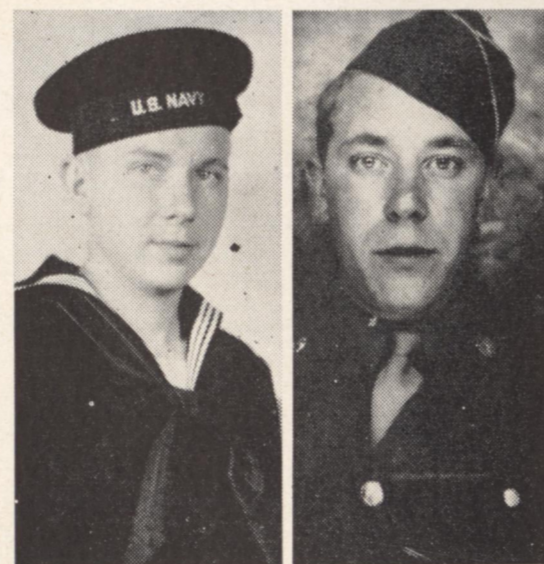
Joe Abbott, who is now serving with the Marines, recently paid us a visit. He was a Machine Shop welder before joining up with Uncle Sam. Joe said he could teach Bill Holland a few tricks now.

George Born, Machine Shop foreman, has suffered terribly with a tooth ache the last few weeks. He took aspirin tablets by the dozens, but finally had to see his dentist. The dentist extracted two teeth. Now George is so proud that he came through the ordeal so well, he goes about showing anyone who cares to see and talks about "my operation". It's a shame to spoil his fun, but he should be told that others have had teeth extracted too.

Hi Schisler seems to have a lot on his mind lately. For example, the other day he was standing on the corner after work hours, and a fellow workman asked him what he was waiting for and he told him he was waiting for his driver. His friend then told him that he had driven himself that day. Now we hear that Hi is the proud father of an eleven pound boy. That may account for his behavior.

On Sunday, July 30, George Figlestahler was elected to carry coffee from the restaurant for his fellow workmen, and when he got back he had coffee for everyone but himself. We wonder if this was caused by the children in his neighborhood annoying him or if he is expecting another heat treatment.

From somewhere in England, where he has been dodging the "buzz bombs" Bill Carr writes to send his regards to the gang in the shop. Bill was a machinist apprentice before he joined the service



Raymond and Lawrence Martin, sons of John Martin, Open Hearth stock foreman. Lawrence is with our army in Italy.

### Carpenter Shavings

—by W. L. Ross

The next time the gang goes to Cincinnati to see a ball game we are going to tie a cow-bell on Charley Gordon as we have such a hard time keeping him from getting lost. He is always wanting to go to Bucktown.

Ollie Puckett has had a wonderful vacation. Ollie went to Gulfport, Mississippi to visit his son John, who is stationed there with a division of the Navy Air Force.

We received a post card from Ollie stating that it would be a swell place for a honeymoon. We are not inferring that Ollie is on a honeymoon, but from all the talk going around we wouldn't be surprised if he came back with a lovely little bride.

We are also hoping for the best for Dick Harmon who at present is a patient in the Mayo Hospital because of an eye condition. We wish you all the luck possible, Dick, and hope to see you back with us real soon, and all O. K. again.



Lena Virginia Wright and Janice Darlene, 1 month, wife and daughter of James Ossie Wright of the Barrel Shop.

### Foundry Castings

—by Harold Wiseman

The boys in the Foundry are all proud of our safety record—four years without a lost time accident, and everyone believes in the slogan that "Safety is Better than Compensation."

We are all glad to see Ray Humble back on the job. Squire moved back to the West Side and was able to come to work the next day. We believe he was just homesick.

A letter was received from our old friend Evan Legrand who is doing his part with our armed forces in India. He said to tell all the folks hello and that he was well.

The feud between Ike Queen and Ed McGothlin, over who furnishes the chewing tobacco, seems to have no end. If chewing gets as scarce as smoking we predict dire things for both of them.

Everybody is always talking about the weather, but nobody does anything about it. However, there is an exception in the Foundry as Charles Spears has carried a heavy leather coat to work every day this summer. He says you never know when you're going to get wet. Now don't all of you say at once he's just contrary.

Fritz Humble the star slow pitch softball star, tried to slide into a base under the player who was there and got skinned up almost as bad as young Huff did when he rode his bicycle over the wall into the creek on Carey's Run.



Jay Dawson and Jon Edgar, 1 year old twin sons of Challis D. Peyton, clerk at the Carpenter Department, who is now fighting with our armed forces in Normandy as a sergeant in the infantry. Now we know that Challis has two mighty fine reasons for trying to get this war over in a hurry all by himself. In an attack on a hill during the fighting in France, Sgt. Peyton rushed forward under heavy machine gun and artillery fire and personally knocked out a German machine gun nest with rifle fire and hand grenades. This gallant action at the risk of his own life, saved the lives of many men in his company and Challis was awarded the Silver Star Medal, one of the army's highest awards. He is the son of A. H. Peyton, foreman in the Carpenter Shop, and has been in the army more than three years.



Michael Alan, 5 months, son of Allen H. Duffy, oiler at No. 3 Boiler House and grandson of Carna Duffy, foreman in the Mechanical Department.

### Nail Mill Whiskers

By Nosey, Newsy and ★

Will Rudy Saunders please give Charlie Thompson and Dick Douglas a tip on how to gain weight. Rudy seems to have the secret, or maybe it's the red points.

Speaking of weight, poor old "Puny" Seymour is a worried man these days. The scales show a decrease of nine pounds. He's down now to 270.

Did you all hear about the time "Chuck" Arthurs got stuck in a well? It seems the well needed cleaning so "Chuck" knotted a rope and lowered himself to the bottom. But when time came to climb out it was a different story. This well is very narrow at the top and the position of his shoulders while climbing caused too tight a squeeze. After so long a time three neighbors and a team of horses managed to pull him out.

News has been received that Sailor Tommy Arthurs has been promoted to Seaman First Class.

Our sincerest sympathy to the family of Dee Wells, who died August 1. His fellow workers will always remember Dee as a true friend and a gentleman.

Congratulations to "Papa Mike" Cinereski on the new arrival.

We are told that Walter Orsban spent his vacation home on the farm. Walter had quite a race getting his fruit crop on the market before the worms at it.



Doris Cole, daughter of Homer Cole, Range Boiler welder, received her Bachelor of Arts Degree at Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, on June 5.



Harry Gail, 3, son of Ernest Kegley, electrician helper in the Wire Mill and John Arthur, 2½, grandson of John Plummer, Yard switchman.



Betty Jean Thacker, 2, granddaughter of Russell Porter, millwright in the barrel shop. Betty's father is now serving with the armed forces in England.

By - Product Coke Plant News

—by John Payton

Well Gang, the old Plant News is out again and thanks for a little more help from some of you than I have been getting in the past. I had a letter from our friend Jack Zeek since the last issue, and he inquires about all of you, and says he is getting along fine, he also states that he gets the "Plant News" each month and gets a real kick out of the way we 'snozzel' each other on the 'snozzel' every thirty days. I think we should give Jack a post card shower and I am giving you his address, hoping you will take time out to do so. I think we should write to all the boys in Service, but I do not have the address of any more of them. Here is Jack's address:

Cpl. Jack Zeek, ASN 3564881  
864 Avn. Engr. Bn. H. & S. Co.  
A. P. O. 920 c/o Post Master  
San Francisco, Calif.

Pearl Cooper, Blast Furnace and Coke Plant electrician wishes to thank each and every one of you for your kindness during his recent illness.

Did you see Ralph Davidson riding his bicycle to work? If not, you are far behind in the great things to be seen. Ralph admits it is great to ride his wheel to work, but, says that he did not realize that the streets are as narrow as they are. Why not do some practicing on a baseball diamond before going out on them Ralph?

We imagine that you have heard about the champion peach peeler in Sciotoville. If not, he goes by the

name of Charles Smedley. Charles says that he peeled a bushel last week and doesn't believe it was full weight, as he only got 28 quarts to the bushel when he canned them. Charlie, we don't think you got enough quarts, but, maybe you peeled them a little too thick.

Steve Stewart says "When you hear Bob Burkhart talking there is only one thing to remember, the wind still bloweth."

Pug Van Horn is back on the job again after an extended vacation. Pug is the "Cock-eyed" law around here and if you don't believe it, come up and see him when he is in full regalia. He will make an arrest for you anytime just to prove he is the law. Be careful Pug, and don't let anyone take your blackjack away from you.

Did you hear about Jesse Martin getting in the wrong car on his way home? Well, he did, and he says any time he finds a car headed toward Sciotoville he will climb into it. O. K. Jesse, we believe you, as you demonstrated this fact a few months ago.

Fred Hardy is taking his vacation at this time and says that after he visits Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Dayton, Star Yards and Ironton, he intends to sit about 10 days on the front porch and rest. Brother Hardy, you'll sure need the rest.

Sam Cutlip has a vacation also,

but says he will use all of it cleaning out his barn.

Coal H'd'l'gmen, did you hear about Tom Lawson? Yes Sir, he's a real Granddad now.

Here's something to remember. Milton "Mac" McAdams, A. C. Operator is gone, but I may say not forgotten. Mac has two sons in the service of "Uncle Sam" and has just joined the Navy himself, that he might be able to help them and us, all he can. I am sure he will be greatly missed by the men at the Plant, and I am also sure that I speak for all of them when I say, "So long, Good luck, Get it over with, and Hurry back."

You do of course, realize that we are living in a war torn world—not a war torn U. S. but, our friends and relatives are fighting and dying over there to prevent it from being war-torn. For this reason, if for no other, they are entitled to the best services we can give them.

Today, men are needed on the job, your influence and example will help or hinder your fellow worker. Remember that some of them are younger than yourself, some do not have the experience that you have had, and some are not as well acquainted with the "set-up" of the job as you are.

Help them by showing them how to work safely, that the services to our armed forces may not be retarded by an injury.

WHEELING STEEL CORPORATION  
PORTSMOUTH WORKS  
EMPLOYEES' RELIEF ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
For Year Ending July 31, 1944

Receipts	
Balance on Hand, July 31, 1943	\$ 7,380.99
Collec. from Members, as per Pay-Roll	\$ 50,181.00
Interest from Investments	2,044.92
Cash Collections from Members	809.00
Dues Deducted from Claims	382.00
Transferred from Sav. to Chk. Acct.	2,900.00
Checks Unclaimed	2.00
	\$ 56,318.92
	\$ 63,699.91

Disbursements	
Sick Benefits	\$ 9,926.84
Accident Benefits	2,960.28
Natural Death Benefits	20,550.00
Outside Accidental Death Benefits	6,000.00
Inside Accidental Death Benefits	2,000.00
Salaries	1,191.60
Income Tax Withheld on Salaries	8.40
Printing and Supplies	68.40
Interest on Savings, in Saving Acct.	129.92
Unclaimed Checks Re-written	20.00
Refund of Dues	7.00
Auditor's Fee	50.00
Purchase of \$25,000.00 War Bonds	18,500.00
Safety Deposit Box Rent	6.00
Prem. on Surety Bonds of Sec'y-Treas.	33.76
Bank's Service Charge	2.89
	\$ 61,455.09
Cash Bal. in Chk.'g Acct. July 31, 1944	\$ 2,244.82
	\$ 63,699.91

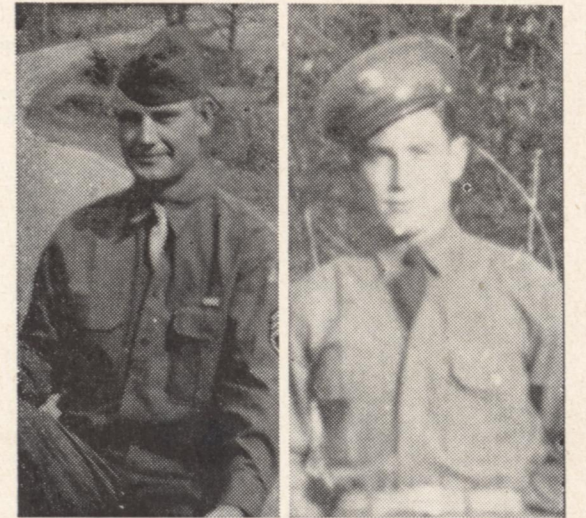
Resources	
Checking Account	\$ 2,244.82
Savings Account	10,892.43
Bonds	100,330.00
Building & Loan Stock	1,581.02
	\$ 115,048.27

Liabilities	
Unclaimed Checks	\$ 632.37
Claims Payable	1,050.00
	\$ 1,682.37
NET RESOURCES, July 31, 1944	\$ 113,365.90
NET RESOURCES, July 31, 1943	\$ 100,034.15

GAIN, for the Year	\$ 13,331.75
Paid Beneficiaries Since Organization	
Sick Benefits	\$ 288,162.48
Accident Benefits	186,513.39
Natural Death Benefits	431,680.00
Accidental Death Benefits	108,636.84
	\$1,014,992.71

R. C. HOLBROOK, Treasurer  
E. A. EYNON, Secretary

Portsmouth, Ohio, August 12, 1942.



S/Sgt. James Howard, stationed at Fort Knox and Cpl. Elmer Howard, stationed in North Ireland are brothers-in-law of Forest Hunt, Nail Mill helper.



A former employee of the Brick Mason Department, Cecil R. Colvin, is now serving with our armed forces in Italy. He is the son of George Colvin, crane operator



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fetty Jr. and baby. Charles, a son of C. E. Fetty, Blooming Mill heater, is on naval duty somewhere in the Atlantic. His wife and mother visited with him recently in New York

# Discussing A New Suggestion



R. E. WHITLATCH



ALBERT APPLGATE, WALTER EVERMAN  
and JOHN THORNTON with Co-Chairmen



W. R. DRESSLER

## *Know Your Production Drive Committee!*

What the heck? We don't bite! Look us up! We believe you will find the men on your own Departmental Production Drive Committee to be pretty good guys who will be only too glad to help you with your suggestions at any time.

Our job is still a big one. Things may look pretty rosy from where we stand but those boys whose names are on the Honor Rolls of each department could tell us that the

road is still long and rough. Your suggestion may be one that will help smooth that road out a bit and shorten the time by speeding up vital materials. It doesn't have to be something that will completely revolutionize the manufacture of the product on which you are working. One little minute saved will add up to an enormous total in a very short time.

### COMPARISON OF SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED WITH QUOTA OF SUGGESTIONS EXPECTED FOR PERIOD MAY 1, 1943 TO JULY 31, 1944

DEPARTMENT	No. of Suggestions Received	Quota of Suggestions Expected	% of Quota For Year
Rod & Wire	395	216	183
Coke Plant	41	54	76
Blast Furnace	12	27	44
Yard	35	80	44
Bbl. & R. Boiler	18	81	22
General	37	216	17
Blooming & Bar	9	54	17
Mechanical	18	162	11
Department No. 17	17	68	10
Open Hearth	8	81	10
Inspection	8	81	10
Electrical	6	81	7
Salvage	0	17	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>1218</b>	<b>49</b>

A General in the Civil War is credited with saying that "getting there fustest with the mostest men" was his secret of success in war, but we believe "the bestest and mostest material" should be added to that.

What do you say, fellows? "Let's not let the boys down."

WALTER DRESSLER,  
R. E. WHITLATCH