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Black Market In Meat A Threat To Workers

Black markets are a triple threat to the workers of America, the Office of War Information declares. Deals in illegal markets at illegal prices can force living costs far above present income levels.

Black markets in meat offer a spectacular example of this triple threat. They also indicate the extent to which the nation's military efforts and its war economy can be thrown out of line by black market operations.

The black market in meat is being supplied from a number of sources. Considerable meat is sent into illegal markets by unscrupulous buyers who buy live animals from farmers at prices above the market and drive these animals to slaughter houses in rural areas or on the edge of large cities.

The extent to which these operations take work away from those employed in legitimate trade can be seen in the decline in the number of animals slaughtered in inspected warehouses during the first two months of 1943.

was off 32 per cent while the slaughter of cattle was off 29 per cent. The effect of the black markets in meats on the cost of living was reflected in the retail price of meat. A survey in New York City revealed retail rates 10 to 35 per cent above the authorized ceilings.

Much of the meat sold in the black market is sufficiently tainted to cause illness. Department of Agriculture figures reveal that under

rationing there will be sufficient meat available for workers to insure their health. To stamp out the black market operators who would dig into the supplies which ought to be available for the fair distribution, the Department of Agriculture and the Office of Price Administration have launched a meat control program.

Safety Honor - Roll

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

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

Summary table showing Lost Time Accidents for April 1943 (3), April 1942 (3), Total for First Four Months of 1943 (18), and Total for First Four Months of 1942 (9).

Only Nine Employees Called To Colors During April

296 NAMES NOW ON HONOR ROLL

Only nine employees from Portsmouth Works were called for military service during April. During this period nine employees who were in training received their honorable discharges and have returned to work at the plant.

Those leaving for military service during the month were: Raleigh Binion, laborer in Department 17.

Roy J. Brown, helper in the Barbed Wire Department.

Owen Craft, laborer in Department 17.

Robert Hamilton, molder helper in the Foundry.

Elmer A. Lambert, helper in the Brick Mason Department.

Stanley Pelfrey, wire drawer at the Rod and Wire Mill.

Lloyd Runyon, wiper in the Wire Galvanizing Department.

Samuel Weaver, laborer in the Barrel Department.

Leo Tipton, clerk at the Blooming and Bar Mills.

The nine employees who received their honorable discharges and have returned to their jobs at the plant were: Rollan B. Conley, Willie Cooper, Lloyd Fitch, Gilbert Gleim, Howard Griffin, John Madden, Lee Young, E. A. Sommer and Wm. J. Moreland.

Special Shoe Stamp Causes Record Sale Of Safety Shoes

Following the announcement in the April issue of the Plant News that the Office of Price Administration recognized the importance of Safety Shoes to the war production effort and that these shoes could be purchased by filling out an application for a special Shoe Ration Stamp, the Safety Department was swamped with applications from those who used their No. 17 Stamp for dress shoes with the result that an all time record sale of one hundred and sixty-three pair was made during the month.

It was noted also that many of these shoes were purchased by new employees who were advised to get them by the men who have been wearing them for years on the job, and who learned through experience that it pays to protect your toes. We hope the time will come when every employee of Portsmouth Works will wear Safety Shoes on the job.

The shoes can be purchased any afternoon from 1:00 to 4:30 P. M., through the Safety Department at the main gate. Be sure to bring your shoe stamp or if it is used, bring your War Ration Book No. 1 to make application for the special stamp.



P. F. C. and Mrs. Charles Wear. Private Wear is now in training at Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida. Mrs. Wear is the daughter of Oscar Cropper of Department 17.

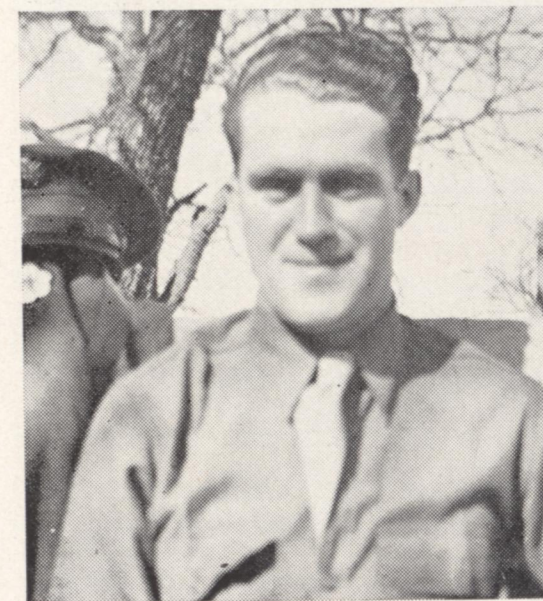
Mound Park To Be Scene Of Open Air Concerts By Band

Again this summer the Employees' Band will be heard each Sunday evening at Mound Park where they will present a half-hour concert of open-air band music. This program is scheduled to follow the Sunday church services conducted at the park during the summer months.

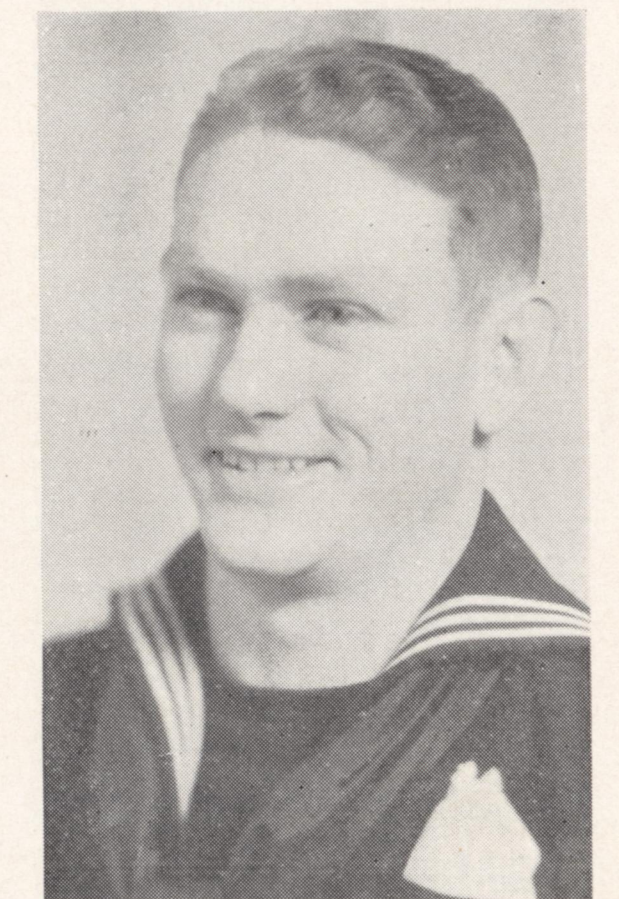
The band has been rehearsing during the past month and plans to present a varied program of marches, patriotic melodies, overtures and popular numbers on these programs.

This is the fourth year that the band has conducted concerts at the park. A new band pavilion has been constructed and this year the concerts should be better than in the past. The new pavilion will be dedicated on Sunday, June 13, at which time the band will be heard in connection with these ceremonies.

However, if weather conditions permit the first open-air concert will be held on Sunday, June 6, at the old band stand.



Elmer L. Snyder, son of Cleo Snyder, foreman in the Brick Mason Department. He is now overseas with our fighting forces.



Edison Laney, now in service with the U. S. Navy, is the son of Conrad Laney trackman in the Yard Department.

Annual Tournament Winds Up Plant Bowling Season

ROD & WIRE DEFEAT STORE ROOM IN CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL OFF

The second half of the Employees Interdepartment Bowling League ended in a horse race with the Store Room winning the number one position. The Carpenter-Mechanical and Barrel Shop finished in the second and third place respectively. Only three games separated these three teams causing an exciting finish to the second half of a successful season.

The Rod and Wire team won the season championship from the Store Room in the roll off on May 17. The Rod and Wire floated along the second half finishing in ninth place, but got up steam and beat the Store Room two straight games in the roll off. The rolling of Sam Brescia and Hank Lewis, who finally hit their stride on the last night of the season, contributed largely to the Rod and Wire victory.

SEASON PRIZE WINNERS

Highest Average

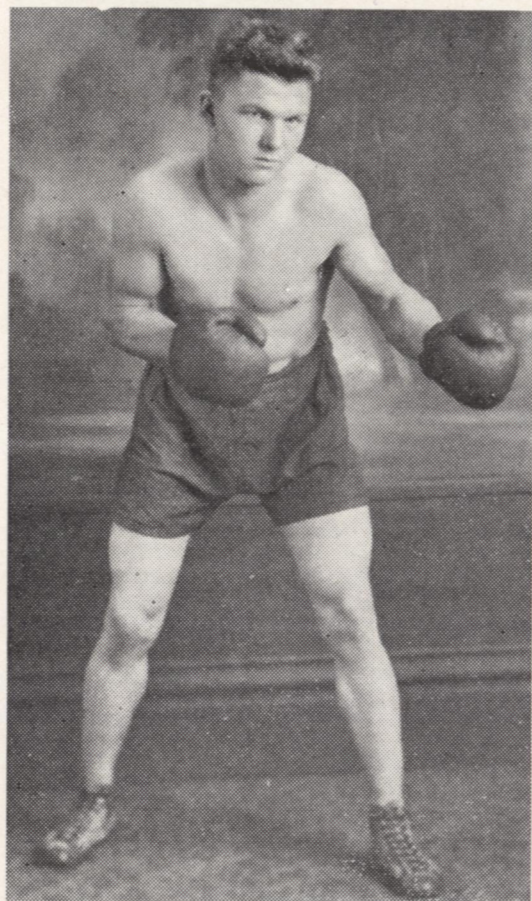
Clarence Munyon	179
Pat France	178
Individual High Three Games	
Bernice Stamper	668
Individual High One Game	
Bernice Stamper	267
Team High Three Games	
Brick Masons	2773
Team High One Game	
Store Room	971

The annual singles and doubles tournament was rolled on May 7 and May 14 with seventy bowlers participating. The tournament this year was a handicap affair with every bowler receiving the difference between his average for the season and 200 as a handicap.

In the singles event on May 7, George Banchy, Foundry foreman, rolled eight straight strikes in his last game for a 281 score and a three game total of 734 to capture first place. He was twenty-eight pins ahead of Raymond Potts of the Coke Plant who rolled 706. Harry Hunt of the Barrel Shop was third with a score of 677.

In the doubles event on May 14 another gentleman from the Foundry, Fritz Humble, rolled a 275 in the first game while his partner, Herb Lambert of the Coke Plant turned in a 245 to establish a lead that was never overcome. Their total of 1352 was 37 pins better than the Cecil Bocook-Tom Arthurs combination which finished second. Claude Weidner of the Foundry, coupled with Lance Smith, Wire Galvanize foreman, won third place with their score of 1295. Nelson Walden, also of the Foundry and Sub Pellegrinon of the Mason Department rolled 1294 for fourth position.

The boys from the Foundry captured a good share of the tournament prizes, taking top honors in both events while Walden and Weidner won prizes in both doubles and singles. Tom and Charles Arthurs and John Pellegrinon were also two time prize winners.



Carl "Thumper" Biggs of the Police Department at the age of 20. As a prize fighter his career was six months training, three minutes fighting, one fight, one loss.

TOURNAMENT SINGLES

George Banchy	734
Raymond Potts	706
Harry Hunt	677
J. Pellegrinon	672
Chas. Arthurs	663
Virgil White	658
Tom Arthurs	651
Nelson Walden	648
C. M. Weidner	647

TOURNAMENT DOUBLES

Humble-Lambert	1352
T. Arthurs-Bocook	1315
Smith-Weidner	1295
S. Pellegrinon-Walden	1294
France-Hainline	1286
Kalb-C. Arthurs	1278
J. Pellegrinon-Fenimore	1272
Andrews-Zeisler	1269

IN MEMORIAM

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

To the family of Cecil Van Hilliard, Yard Department switchman, who died April 17.

To James E. Lodwick of the Army Ordnance Department and Paul Lodwick of the Coke Plant, whose father died April 6.

To Morton Bradley of the Range Boiler and Estill Bradley of the Rod Mill, whose father died April 5.

To Louis Goings of the Rod and Wire Electrical Department, whose father died April 8.

To Willard Finn of the Open Hearth Department, whose daughter died April 6.

To David Kendrick of the Blacksmith Shop, whose brother died recently.

To Mose Bolton of the Rod and Wire Shipping Department, whose mother died April 15.

To Charles Cook of the Rod and Wire Office, whose father died April 13.

To Kenneth Carter of the Police Department, whose father-in-law died April 14.

To Richard Kennison of the Rod and Wire Shipping Department, whose father died April 17.

To Robert Marasek of the Mechanical Department, whose wife died April 14.

To Owen Belcher of the Army Ordnance Department, whose mother died April 10.

To George Conkel of the Mechanical Department, whose wife died April 18.

To Chester Murphy of the Army Ordnance Department, whose wife died April 15.

To W. J. Reynolds of the Blooming and Bar Mill, whose mother died April 28.

To Harmon Hacker of the Tie Plate and Edgar Hacker of the Army Ordnance Department, whose mother died recently.

To James, Harold and Richmond Walbright of the Blooming and Bar Mill Department, whose father died April 8.

To James Slattery of the Rod and Wire Inspection Department, whose father-in-law died April 8.

To Clarence McKenzie of the Rod Mill, whose father-in-law died May 2.

To Ora Wells of the Electrical Department, whose father-in-law died May 2.

To F. Kallner of the Mechanical Department, whose father died May 2.

To Ralph Middleton of the Tie Plate Department, whose son died April 25.

To John H. Biars of the Army Ordnance Department, whose daughter died April 19.

Wire Mill Gossip

—by George Doll

As I am writing this the high water is over the road that leads to the west side for the third time this year. Several of the men that work in the Wire Mill live over there. They say that they are going to have a talk with the Governor of the state and see if he won't take some of that \$20,000,000 he has saved up and build them a foot log bridge across the pond. They figure it will take only 660 logs 16 feet long. What do you think?

Loren Hollen, "Bony Fiddle" they call him, is in training at Fort Thomas, Kentucky. The army got him on the third time up. I had a talk with him the other day. He said he likes it fine, except one thing, he doesn't like to be away from his girl.

William Seburn, Superintendent of Wire Mill, is back to work again after being off sick several weeks. Don't ever let it happen again Bill.

If you are in the market to trade, sell or buy, see the following men: Gems and watches — see Ira (Shorty) Wells.

Mules—see Jim Chapman.
Cows and calves — see Taylor Patrick.

Automobiles—see George Jordan or Perry Gilliam.

Some one asked our night foreman, Gus Sterns, which he would rather do,—chop wood or buy coal. He has the right answer.



Pvt. Madison Bibb is stationed at Baer Field, Fort Wayne, Indiana with the Army Air Corps. He is the son of Ned Bibb, Blooming Mill soaking pit employee.



Jackie, 11 and Ronald, 7, children of Delmas White, finisher at the Rod Mill.

Blooming & Bar Mills

—by K. Cronin

At last report Cliff Chinn had his Victory Garden covered up with tin cans to protect it from frost.

Harry Bradford has returned to work (?) after enjoying a very, very pleasant two weeks vacation. Harry intended to go to Florida but got in the wrong line to buy a ticket.

James Clary was recently elected errand boy by an overwhelming majority.

Wonder what Stocky will do with his cigar butts since Pap left him?

Johnny Bull has started to brag on the Pirates already. Every year hope springs eternal in Johnny's heart only to die by the first of July.

We are inclined to believe Holcomb might have set those posts in that length of time since Claude Johnson says that sixty per cent of them were dropped in crawfish holes.

Arthur Brock seems very proud of the distinction bestowed on him in the last issue and is earnestly endeavoring to live up to that reputation.

Little progress is being made in determining if "Foghorn" Atkins is Pepper's nephew and if Red Morgan was ever his bat boy. We've only heard one side of the story and it's still very confusing.

Charley traded his shoe stamp for a coffee stamp. We don't blame him. I would too if I had to walk on my hands till next month.

Our congratulations to Jess Burkitt and the entire gang on "B" turn for rolling 832 net tons on April 25th. We believe that would be a record on any Blooming Mill of the type we have.

Brick Mason News

—by "A Boot"

Well fellows, this is my first attempt as a news reporter, but will try to write the news as I see and hear it.

First, I want to congratulate the gang for the wonderful safety job that has been done on the blast furnace. While there has been a few accidents so far none of them were very serious. So let all of us work together for the safety of one another until this job is completed.

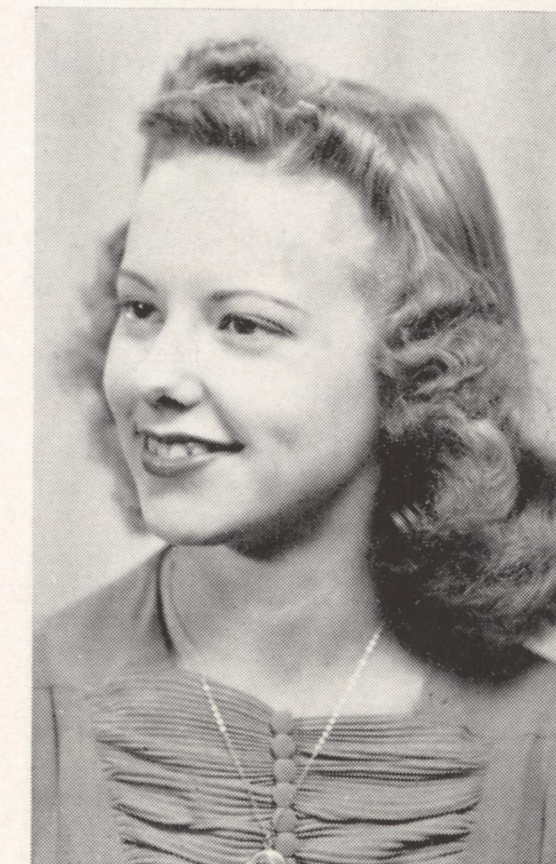
What certain bricklayer hid the biscuits when company arrived? Should he have grabbed the bottle? Now how about it Sub?

And what bricklayer recently received a bouquet of flowers? Was he about dead?

Why does a certain West Side farmer have to take so many days off? Did the calf die, Ferguson?

We are glad to report that Charlie Bowser has recovered from his recent injury and is now back on the job of laying brick again.

Things We Would Like To Know:
Who got the hardboiled egg?
Is Shorty Gee really boss?
How long can a man stay in the dog house, Judge?



Ruth Avel, daughter of Everett Valodin of the Carpenter Department was recently married at Seattle, Washington to George Clifford, Jr., of the U. S. Navy. The young couple now reside at Los Angeles, California.

Mechanical Department Musings

—by V. Warnock

News for the Gang at the Front

Well fellows as a real news hound someone else will have to take the cake because I can't, but here goes.

A Circus was in town the other day and we had a heck of a time keeping some of the fellows on the job. Harry Browning said his aunt was seriously ill and he would have to lay off, but we managed to put a bug in the boss' ear and nipped that in the bud. Art Ridings took son Jackie to the big show and Art was observed pointing out all the points of interest to Jackie and at the same time he would sneak a drink out of Jackie's bottle of pop. My! My!

You fellows "ain't" got it hard. We know now why they joined the army. Some one told you that we were going to rebuild the Blast Furnace. Well, we are, and the Five Brothers and Red Horse is sure flyin'.

"Jay Bird" Darragh, Ben King and Edward Duncan are all on the sick list, and also Eugene Stewart has been seriously ill.

Say fellows don't forget—Love is one game that doesn't have to be postponed on account of darkness.

How are you fellows and the "Top Kick" getting along? Have you had any "Special Detail" yet? Don't let him boss you. Tell him where to get

off and get another 10 days in the guardhouse.

Did you hear this one?

Guard: "Halt! who goes there?"
Ans.: "The Major."

Guard: "Advance and give the pass word."

Major: "Confound it, man I've forgotten it, you know me, let me pass."

Guard: "Sorry sir, I must have the pass word."

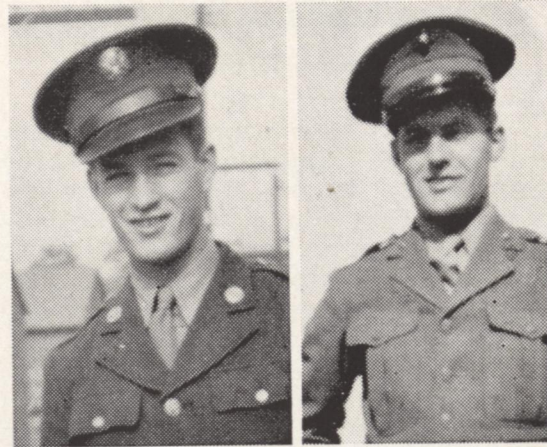
Then a voice from the guard house: "Darn it guard, shoot him, so we can get some sleep."

John Hardin, Tom Hardin's son, has been inducted into the army. Lots of luck John.

Oscar Phillips has returned to work after being off for several months, due to an auto accident. Glad you're back Oscar.

Lawrence Carter and Wm. Mosley are each counting grey hairs. Their daughters were recently married and they both may have the chance of becoming grand pappy and then all of their troubles will be little ones.

Mrs. George Colvin who recently suffered a broken leg is recovering nicely and we can now get a lift or two out of George. George claims that the old crane just wouldn't perk right until the missus showed some improvement.



Pvt. Dale Logan of the Army Air Corps and Pvt. Gilbert Logan of the U. S. Marines. They are sons of E. E. Logan of the Rod and Wire Shipping Department.

Open Hearth News

—by Raison and Frantz

It is with sincere regret that we learn of the resignation of Donald Price, the handsome patrolman with the infectious smile and good natured banter and spinner of tall tales that we have become so used to as he frequently dropped into the Open Hearth Office, but Wheeling Steel's loss is the Portsmouth Fire Department's gain and we wish him the best of luck on his new job.

Between Hoggy and Booth, Paul Raison has been having a tough time getting his sandwiches, but Johnny Snider still brings him in country ham.

Howard Zeisler of the Open Hearth Lab is a good prospect for anyone with a hand plow for sale. He recently purchased a pound of lettuce seed.

Corporal "Perk" Allen has completed another phase of his training and has been transferred to a camp in Missouri for further schooling.

Clarence Ault of the Blooming Mill reports that our Eddie "Tap-hole" Pemberton is gardening once more and that he expects to have a bumper crop since he will plant by the signs.

The boys are suspicious of Lew Smith's intent since learning that he only hauled one length of 2 x 4 during his many trips to Rolfe's relatives saw mill.

"Oakie Doke" Sprague writes that he has been transferred to a camp in western Pennsylvania.

Farmer Ferret Young has swapped his circus horse for a mule. Now Farmer Young has Bill Howell scouring the country trying to buy a feed grinder. Seems as though he has to process the mule's feed since it turned out to be toothless.



Pvt. Howard Raymond Allen, stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and his brother Pvt. Harold Vernon Allen, now somewhere in the south Pacific. They are sons of Ernest R. Allen of the Rod and Wire Electrical Department.

Coke Plant Breezes

—by S. S. Reports

Where did Harold Reed get that mule he's been riding around New Boston?

Bad news for the moving companies—John Denton has purchased a trailer.

French Lambert has moved into his new home. French, did you put guy wires on the chimney?

Si Frank has gone to the dogs. It is reported he was seen on the corner of Gallia and Harding as late as 7:00 P. M.

Harry Wiget: "Why does John McLeod stand in front of the First National Bank on his days off?"

Paul Martin: "Because there is money in it."

Herb Lambert's idea of a perfect life—off every nite, a new bowling alley and a hook ball.

Anyone wanting advice on killing chickens, see Lou Davis. Lou cuts them up before removing the feathers.

John Payton found out that the hand is quicker than the eye. Well John, you never get too old to learn, but sometimes it costs you. But the pity of it all, it's the oldest skin game known.

Ace Angel reports that it's funny that Pete Harris got sick the evening the circus was in town.

We extend our deepest sympathy to J. H. Dever and family whose son Lowell was lost in action.

We welcome Arthur Cook back after a fine vacation trip to Cleveland, Baltimore and Vanceburg.



Charles F. Lochbaum, Police Department and Charles Newman, Open Hearth pitman and their grandson Herald Doval Lochbaum Jr. Harold Senior was formerly an employee of the Pay Department.



Corp. Eugene Cooley stationed at the Army Air Base in Richmond, Virginia and his brother Pvt. Carl Cooley. They are brothers of Russell Cooley of Department 17.



Range Boiler Welding Flashes

—by Walt Dressler

Much excitement prevails in the field office of the Range Boiler and Barrel Shop. Lew Kent and Jack Augustine were seen in the 5 and 10 cent store buying hot dog forks for all the office force. The secret of this is Jerome Biolosky, chemist, claims to have a successful formula for a synthetic wiener. If Biolosky can accomplish this it will be a great relief to all of us, with horse wieners staring us in the face.

Bill Mason has invented a pair of rubber handles for his plow. When the plow hits a snag the plow quivers and the horse grunts, but the rubber handles absorb the shock that Bill used to get. Bill releases the plow, pulls back the rubber handle which snaps the horse in the vicinity of its fly swisher, and away they go down the furrow.

James Louis is back from his vacation needing a much needed rest.

Pals: Jeff Casey and Columbus (Sherd) Fields.

If all the boys in the Range Boiler Department raise the amount of potatoes this summer that they plan on, the N. & W. will probably have to run a siding along side their farms to haul the spuds away in box car quantities.

George Barry and George Channel caused much excitement around the pay office windows last pay day when they saw R. C. \$1.00 deducted from their checks. They thought they were being charged for "ration coun-

pons" but their blood pressure came back down when the pay teller convinced them it was their first payment on their Red Cross subscription.

William Briggs, draftsman, has taken Biolosky's synthetic wiener seriously. He thinks this wiener can be put on a production basis. He feels he can draw plans for a range boiler to cook this "dog" and a vacuum tight barrel to ship them in direct to the customer. Better offer a dollar on the barrel back, Bill or they might start hoarding barrels.

After two days at the Civilian Defense fire fighting school Frank "Bud" Young says he can get an incendiary bomb cooled off enough in 30 seconds to light his cigarette with it.

Earl Lawrence has gone in for chicken raising. He has a flock of about 1000 or 1200, I forget which. Recently they all contracted colds. He took out a bed mattress and blanket and nursed them back to health. Earl is the "doc" of his flock.

John Jones and Charles Reynolds have been experimenting in plant husbandry. They have planted 300 acres of a new variety tomato plant on Carey's Run. The tomato when matured will yield 14 pints of tomato catsup each. Anyone wishing catsup on their synthetic wiener will be able to get it here cheap, but those who prefer mustard can find plenty of it in this column.

Nail Mill Whiskers

—by Nosey, Newsy and Noisy



Commander L. C. Leighton and Willard H. Martin at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Before enlisting in the Navy Willard was employed in the Yard Department.

Doc Douglas and James Green are to collaborate in a lecture on "Life In The Army", at an early date.

Our information is that Charlie Ferrel and Herbert Estep have called a truce, with Charlie apologizing to Herbert.

Goats eat tin cans, but what did W. Moyer chew with his tobacco?

Mike Cinerski has had trouble with his chickens. Their legs refused to hold their weight. Doc Helt's suggestion of splints wrapped with tape may be the remedy.

Get Bill Hunt to tell you sometime about the boat he built in his basement. He had to take it apart again to get it out.

Homer Kennedy is now known as the Weight Lifting Champion of Set 8.

Earl McCowan was seen running down Chillicothe street recently (all 220 lbs. of him) at the speed of a

Greyhound. Wonder who he was chasing?

Although his fellow workers don't know it, Ike Henthorne is quite a high jumper, even yet. These warm spring days you can find Ike clearing the bar at 5' 7" in Milbrook Park.

It is good to see Wavey Dehart able to work again. He was stricken with seasickness on the ferry boat during the high water.

Odell Purdy is a shifty individual At least he changes shifts a lot. His victims are up in arms about the coffee he sold them. It turned out to be sawdust.

Joe McNeil has the reputation of being quite a story teller. His chief virtue is that of giving the listener his cue to laugh, by doing so himself. Well, there's something good about the noise in the Nail Mill.

A few days ago someone was heard to shout "Look, thar's Daniel Boone in his coon skin cap." It turned out to be only John Rickey on his way to the barber shop.

Tommy Arthurs was seen recently hauling a dog house on the back of his car. It is possible he expects to be a part time occupant or has he a dog at home.

Oscar Seymore and Charle Culp are tired of being referred to as "Punny" and "Skinny". They have



Angela Fredaline, 11 and Lowell Douglas, 3 months, children of Fred Lewis, Rod and Wire Department.

recently started eating, so as to put on a few pounds.

Clyde Ball claims to have completed an invention of a combination fly catcher and mouse trap. He says the fly acts as bait for the mouse.

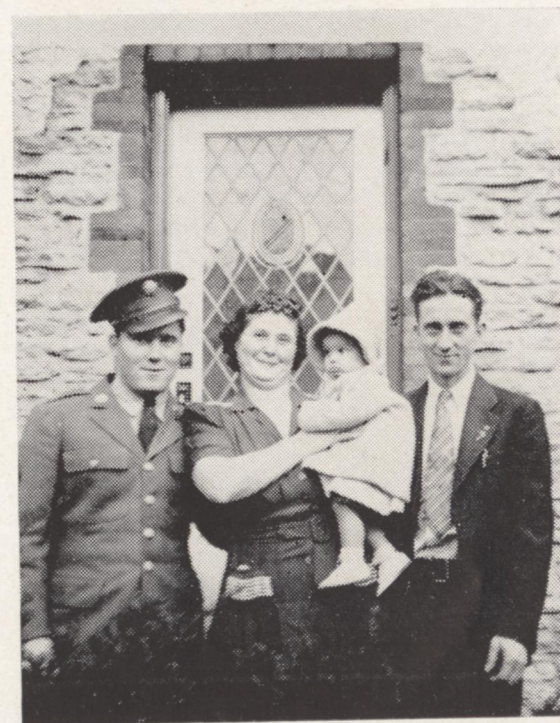
Our inventing genius, W. Osborn, would do well to put his great mind to work on the hens he talks so much about.

Residents of Death Valley say it has become a garden of Eden since Art Carver reformed.

Most folks don't know that Henry Tyo is a former Ironton Tank football star. He will tell you himself that his great speed defeated Portsmouth on several occasions.

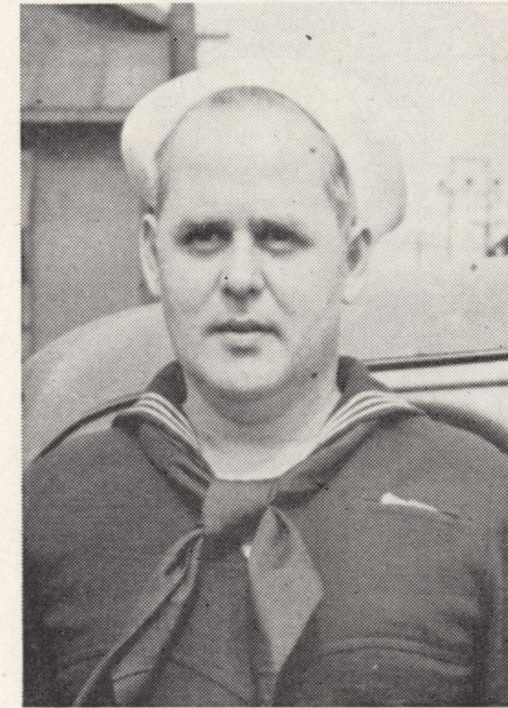
John Ressinger's victory garden will be a success if he can find someone to be his plow horse.

Clyde Ball has had his monthly physical checkup. The medicos agree that Clyde is a perfect specimen of the chronic kicker.



Mr. and Mrs. Sank Hall and son Richard who is in the service and their granddaughter Sharon Ann Kagy. Sank is now employed in the Barrel Shop and Mrs. Hall is employed at the Main Restaurant.

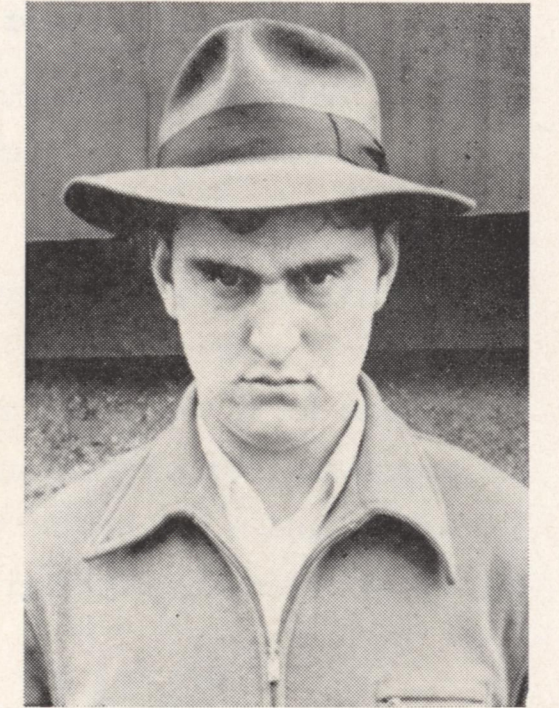
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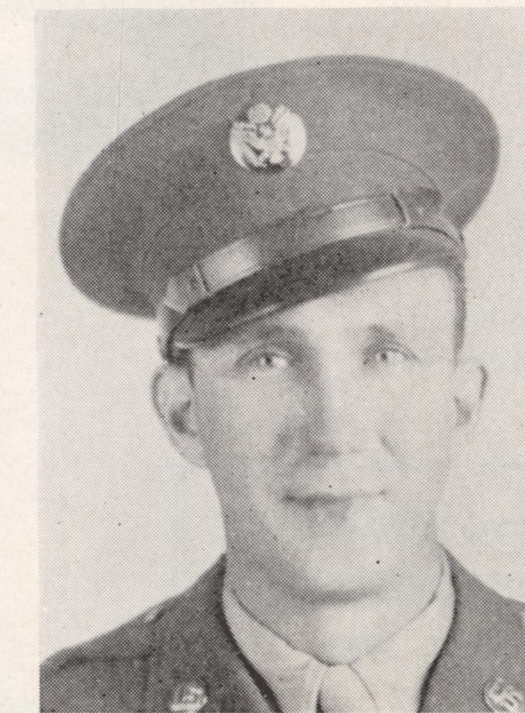
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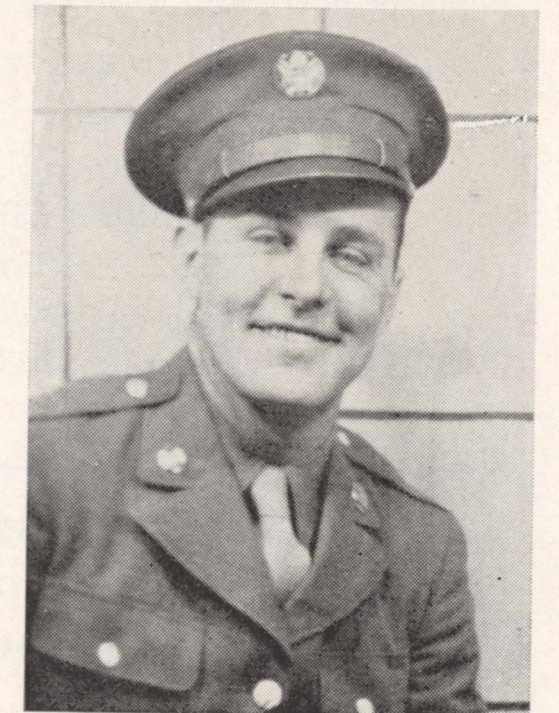
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Scratch For That Idea!

SHOP WORKER or OFFICE WORKER--Your idea may seem to you to be a small thing but small things sometimes develop into large ones.

A small part, actually costing only 40 cents to manufacture, recently held up production of war planes for a week until someone came along with an idea which eliminated the bottle-neck. Could a dollars and cents value to the war effort have been placed on that idea?

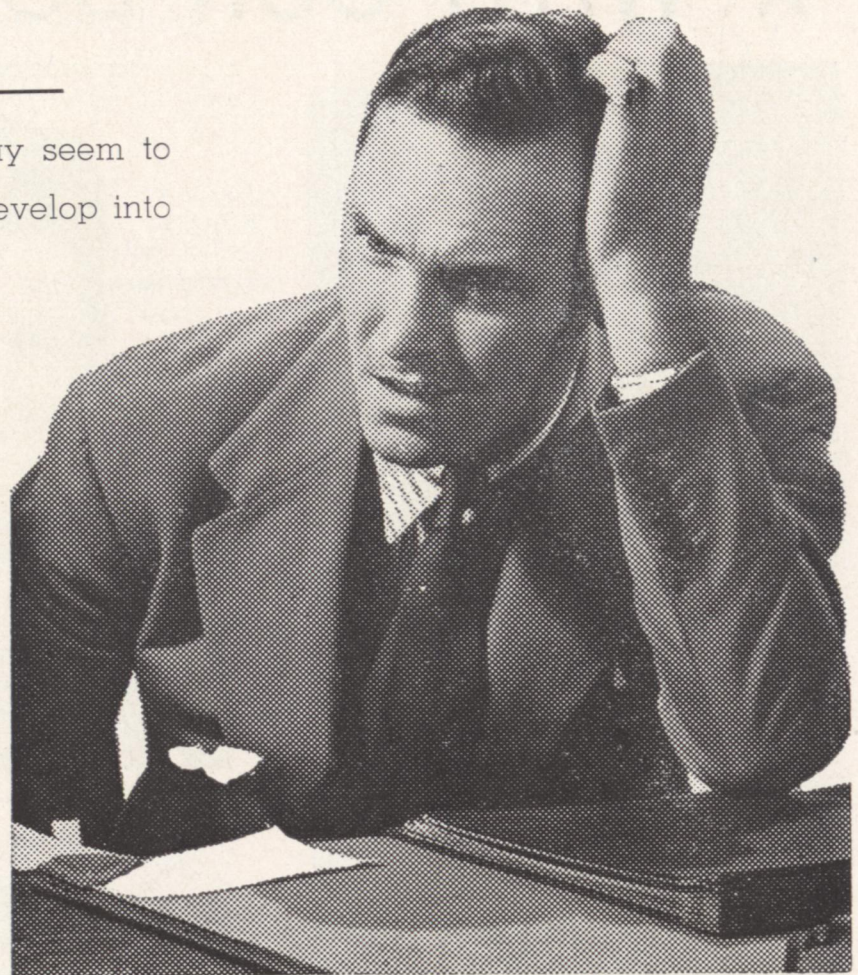
Think!

No matter how small it may seem to you, turn in that suggestion, or, at least, talk it over with your department committee.

WALTER DRESSLER

R. E. WHITLATCH

Production Drive Committee
Barrel & Range Boiler Department



COMPARISON OF SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED WITH QUOTA OF SUGGESTIONS EXPECTED FOR YEAR May 1, 1942 to April 30, 1943

DEPARTMENT	No. of Suggestions Received	Quota of Suggestions Expected	% of Quota For Year
Coke Plant	20	24	83
Rod & Wire	58	96	60
Blast Furnace	7	12	58
Department No. 17	* 4	* 8	50
Yard	16	36	44
General	28	96	29
Blooming & Bar	7	24	29
Bbl. & Rg. Boiler	10	36	28
Open Hearth	7	36	19
Electrical	6	36	17
Mechanical	6	72	8
Inspection	1	36	3
Salvage	* 0	* 2	0
TOTAL	170	514	33

* These departments have not been in operation for the entire year. Above figures based on period of time that Production Drive Program has been in effect in these departments.

