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'Bits And Pieces' That Help The Axis

War workers should be careful not to play the Axis game of 'bits and pieces'—a game in which the enemy fits together scraps of gossip about military secrets and uses them to destroy American lives and material.

The Axis' far-flung spy system, employing infinite patience, has operatives who concentrate on sifting hundreds of apparently unrelated, fragmentary items of information and weaving them into a pattern which may enable them to sabotage a plant, sink a convoy of ships or repel a "surprise" invasion on some foreign shore.

For example, an enemy agent may overhear such idle bits of chatter as these:

"Yep, shipped 40 bombers out of here last week" . . . "Saw 20 new lathes come into the plant today" . . .

"They're sure unloading a pile of bauxite at our place these days" . . .

"Three machine tool men shipped out for foreign service somewhere—must be something doing." . . .

Every man who made those remarks may have been acting in-

nocently, and none of the remarks was dangerous in itself. But the enemy might fit them into a jigsaw puzzle, collect missing pieces from other sources, end up with an accurate picture of a pending military operation or with exact information on some phase of expanding war production.

Here are a few simple rules to follow:

If you HEAR it from someone—

don't repeat it. If you SEE it yourself—don't talk about it.

But if you read it in a reputable publication or hear it on the radio it's official and you may pass it on.

In other words, the American workman is urged:

"STOP and THINK before you talk" because "Careless Talk Costs Lives."

Safety Honor - Roll

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

Table with columns: DEPARTMENT, SUPERVISOR, Days Worked Without a Lost Time Accident. Lists various departments and supervisors with their respective days worked.

Thirty - Nine Join U. S. Armed Forces During Past Month

249 EMPLOYEES ARE NOW IN SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY

Thirty-nine employees departed during the past month to start their training with Uncle Sam's armed forces. This group was the largest to leave for military service in any one month since the beginning of the war.

William P. Fugitt, locomotive fireman in the Yard Department enlisted in the Naval Construction Battalion.

Charles Wakefield, assistant analyst at the Chemical Laboratory and C. F. Skinner, gauger at the 18" Bar Mill enlisted in the U. S. Navy.

The following thirty-six employees were inducted for service and are now in training at various military camps:

James R. Allen, welder in the Barrel Department.

Thomas Barbour, helper in the Brick Mason Department.

Wesley E. Beloit, helper in the Coke Mechanical Department.

Donald Bertram, fireman at No. 2 Boiler House in the Mechanical Department.

Harold Lee Branham, laborer in the Tie Plate Department.

Lonnie G. Burchett, hot dipper in the Range Boiler Department.

Glen Chasteen, welder in the Barrel Department.

George Dodd, crane operator in the Electrical Department.

James Fleming, helper in the Rod and Wire Mechanical Department.

Glen L. Haney, laborer in the Yard Department.

Glen Harrison, handyman in the Boiler Shop of the Mechanical Department.

Fred Jenkins, laborer in the Spike Mill.

Forrest G. Kennedy, Stock Shed employee in the Open Hearth Department.

Arlie Knight, switchman in the Yard Department.

Ceaph A. Lowe, laborer in the Blast Furnace Department.

Cecil H. McCormick, labor foreman in the Blast Furnace Department.

Cecil E. McGraw, laborer in the Blast Furnace Department.

John McMahan, loader in the Rod and Wire Shipping Department.

Howard Marcum, switchman in the Yard Department.

Willard Martin, fireman in the Yard Department.

Harvey G. Meenach, mold scrapper in the Open Hearth Department.

Ollie Pelfrey, checker in the Barrel Department.

Vernon Ratcliff, spray painter in the Barrel Department.

Albert Reed, rougher in the Rod Mill Department.

Eugene Shaw, helper in the Nail Mill Department.

Wilbur Staker, tapper in the Range Boiler Department.

Everett Stewart, hook off in the Rod Mill Department.

Charles M. Taylor, gauger in the 18" Bar Mill Department.

Jack Zeek, pipe fitter helper in the Coke Mechanical Department.

John W. Leake, patrolman in the Police Department.

Perry Alexander, clerk in the 18" Bar Mill Department.

Eugene Haislett, time checker in the Time Office.

Robert Trimmer, cost clerk at the Main Office.

James E. Davis, helper in the Brick Mason Department.

Paul Lucas, helper in the Brick Mason Department.

Joseph Dittwiller, clerk in the Mechanical Office.

We who remain at home recognize the great service these men are doing for our country and we extend to them our best wishes for the success of their endeavors.

Plant Is Praised For Operations During Recent Flood

Production Loss Very Slight

When the raging waters of the Ohio recently inundated almost every city from Pittsburgh to the Mississippi and the devastating floods stopped production and damaged equipment in many plants, the water reached a height of 61.2 feet at Portsmouth.

At the local plant however, flood defenses and much hard work, permitted our furnaces to continue turning out steel until Saturday morning, January 2 when back waters necessitated closing the furnaces down to prevent damage. The following Monday morning the production was resumed with very little loss of tonnage. Production in general continued without interruption throughout the emergency.

The following letter of appreciation for this performance has been received from the Wheeling Office:

Wheeling, W. Va. January 5, 1943

Portsmouth Works

Mr. L. D. Huestis, General Manager.

I want to convey to you and your organization the sincere appreciation of the management for an outstanding performance in protecting your property during the recent flood and getting back into production again with a bare minimum of tonnage lost. It was an exceedingly valuable contribution at this time when steel production is vital and when it would have been a real calamity to have had any essential equipment damaged or put in need of extensive repairs.

I think you can all feel that you won a battle in this war, even if it wasn't on the actual fighting front.

Signed: Henry D. Scott, Vice President.

LOCAL PLANT NEEDS YOUR SUGGESTIONS

"From the articles that have appeared in the two previous issues of the "Plant News", we are most certain "Every Worker" in "Our Plant" understands the aims and purposes of "The Production Drive Committee".

Come now, Fellow Workers, step right up with your "Suggestion". Do not put it off and after it is all over, say "Well, I just did not think it would help".

Follow the "Gang"—Suggestions to use more efficiently our facilities in the Production Drive at our plant are pouring in like "Greased Lightning." Your idea or suggestion may be the means of "Winning the War" the quick way. You will never know until you try.

We must not overlook the fact that the production line is just as important as the battle line, and don't forget when the Production Line "Bogs Down", so will the "Battle Line".

Let's face the issue fairly and squarely. Some of the thousands in our "Military Service", may be in the "Solomons" or "Africa" or "New Guinea". They are calling on us for an all out effort. We are not going to "Let them Down" now, so follow through with your suggestions. It makes no difference how many you turn in. If at first one is "Side Tracked", turn in another one. "The more the Merrier". Remember you cannot hit the "Jack Pot" every time.

This is your greatest opportunity! Every extra ounce of thought and effort that you put into your work NOW, means that you are making that much more of a contribution to your Country, your Family, Yourself and to Mankind in general.

Let all of us work together and keep production moving, for the boys on the front expect us to do our part here in order to keep Old Glory waving high.

If we can not be a soldier on the Battlefield, we can be a Home Guard in helping to keep peace in our Country.

"United We Stand and Divided We Fall" and "Don't Forget to Send in Your Suggestions."

H. E. BAUGHMAN.
CLAUDE HAMM,

P Stands for "Perseverance" on all our jobs.

R Stands for "Responsibility"—the obligation we have to produce more.

O Stands for "Obligation,"—our promise to the Armed Forces "All Out Production".

D Stands for "Delivery" of more War material.

U Stands for "Unified" effort on our jobs.

C Stands for "Continuance" of our efforts for the duration.

T Stands for "Team Work" for all working forces.

I Stands for "Initiative" introducing new schemes for more steel for War.

O Stands for "Organization" of all workers for War effort.

N Stands for our "Nation" united in War and Peace.

Production Drive Honor Roll

The following employees have contributed suggestions in an effort to do their part to help win the war. (Covers Period May to Dec. 31, 1942)

Homer Bussa	Paris Wicker
Chester Smith	O. Skidmore
Leonard Lightner	Ernest Mitchell
F. S. Lantz	H. E. Baughman
Leslie Doyle	Norman Crose
Carl Carver	Claude Hamm
James Davis	Beecher Salyer
N. Gilmore	Geo. H. Wilburn
J. W. Payton	Harold E. Elrod
R. A. Buffinger	R. F. Doerr
E. H. Peirce	Walter Orshan
Chas. Neff—2	Leonard Conklin
C. E. Delph	A. Mathis
Forest Plymale—4	Orville Stewart
H. Castor	Wiley Rister
T. Thomas	Wm. Burns
C. C. Scott	Burleigh Coldiron
Eldon Deemer	Thos. Hileman—4
C. G. Horn	John Hall
Earl Moxley	Vincent J. Tose
W. McCoy—2	Leslie Hughes
W. J. Hunt—2	Geo. Channel
J. J. Caveney	Donald Horsley
Ste'h'n Dixon, Jr.—2	Carl Delabar
Milburn F. Boone—4	James Slone
Lawrence Warner—2	C. E. Howell
ANONYMOUS—2	

QUOTAS OF PRODUCTION DRIVE SUGGESTIONS

Department	No. of Suggestions Expected Per Month
Coke Plant	2
Blast Furnace	1
Bbl. & Rg. Boiler	3
Rod & Wire	8
Mechanical	6
Yard	3
Inspection	1
Open Hearth	3
Blooming Mill	2
Electrical	3
Miscellaneous	8
TOTAL	40

Production Drive Committee

PORTSMOUTH COKE WORKS

	Representing Wheeling Steel Corporation	Representing United Steel Workers of America
Dept. Committee	H. E. Baughman	C. Hamm
Sub-Committees		
Ovens	E. Castle	D. Horsley
	C. M. Coldiron	G. Moguey
(Committee for each turn)	G. M. Willis	A. Van Horn
	O. Smith	R. Fields
		C. Lawson
By-Product	A. Burke	J. McGill
Ammonia Plant	A. Burke	A. C. Brunner
Tar Plant	A. Burke	T. Journey
Laboratory	W. T. Kessinger	H. Overstreet
Coal Handling	R. E. Delamater	I. Buchanan
Coke Handling	R. E. Delamater	T. Hileman

Suggestion Box Score

May 1st, 1942 to December 31st, 1942

Department	NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS			
	Submitted	Approved	Consideration	Rejected
Rod & Wire	22	14	2	6
Coke Plant	11	4	1	6
Bbl. & Rg. Boil.	7	1	2	4
Yard	7	4	2	1
Blooming Mill	7	3	1	3
General	4	1	3	0
Open Hearth	4	2	1	1
Mechanical	3	2	1	0
Electrical	2	1	1	0
Inspection	0	0	0	0
Blast Furnace	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	67	32	14	21

Rod & Wire Team Wins First Half Bowling Title

FOUNDRY AND YARD TIE

The Rod and Wire team captured first place in the plant interdepartment bowling league for the first half of the season when they won two out of three games from the Barbed Wire while the Yard defeated the Foundry three straight games in their final match, which resulted in these teams being tied for second place.

The following bowling records were established during the first round of competition.

The Brick Masons hold high honors for both the single high game and the high three game total with scores of 963 and 2773.

Bernice Stamper of the Rod and Wire also holds both high honors for individual performance with a 668 total for three games and 267 for high single game. Cecil Bocook of the Blast Furnace is next with 656 for three games and 265 for single high.

Clarence Munyon of the Brick Masons, with an average of 181, leads the league while Vaughn Faught of the Nail Mill is a very close second with an average of 180.

For the second half the league will roll with twelve teams instead of fourteen, the Range Boiler having having dropped from the league and the Carpenters and Mechanical combining to form one team.

All games will be rolled on Friday night at the Masonic Temple alleys during the second half. The first shift will start at 6:00 P. M. and the second at 8:00 P. M. Rules governing the conduct of the league will be found on this page.

Bowling League Results For First Half

Here's how they finished the first round:

Team	Won	Lost
Rod & Wire	27	12
Foundry	25	14
Yard	25	14
Brick Mason	23	16
Nail Mill	22	17
Blast Furnace	20	19
Laboratory	20	19
Barb Wire	20	19
Carpenters	19	20
Mechanical	19	20
Store Room	18	21
Barrel Shop	18	21
Coke Plant	16	23
Rg. Boiler	1	38

WPAY Continues Employees' Band Broadcasts

The familiar radio concerts by the Wheeling Steel Employees' band, under the direction of Ray Adams, continue to be broadcast over Station WPAY each Monday night from 7:30 to 8:00 P. M.

This program is rapidly gaining in popularity with local radio fans and Director Adams is constantly securing new musical features for these broadcasts.

Popular vocal numbers by Miss Catherine Roush of the Main Office will continue to be a feature of the program for the remainder of this series.

Tune in your local station every Monday night at 7:30 and hear the gang broadcast for your entertainment.

Rules & Regulations Of Bowling League

1. A team must have a least three members present by the fifth frame of each game or forfeit the game. A team is allowed to pick up one bowler who is not a regular member of that team. Team claiming forfeit must roll to be allowed win.

2. Two-thirds of the difference between the total averages of the teams in competition shall be given to the lowest average team as a handicap. The minimum handicap will be five. When two-thirds of difference in averages is less than five the teams will roll with no handicap.

3. A new bowler's average shall be determined for purpose of handicap, after his first night's rolling.

4. Averages shall be computed weekly for handicaps for the remainder of the season.

5. The blind score will be 125.

6. A bowler must begin to roll before the fifth frame is completed or remain out until the next game.

7. A bowler who starts a league game must complete the game started or the blind score (125) will be counted.

8. Fouls will be called.
9. Each bowler shall ante five cents each night of bowling to help defray the expense of a get-together at the end of the season.

10. Each bowler in the league must roll at least 21 games in order to be eligible for the tournament at the end of the season.

11. All games must be rolled as scheduled unless it is mutually agreed between the two teams involved to roll at another time.

The regular league competition will finish with the bowling on the night of April 30th, 1943.

Bowling League Schedule

Date	6:00 P. M. SHIFT			8:00 P. M. SHIFT		
	Alley	Alley	Alley	Alley	Alley	Alley
Friday 1943	1-2	3-4	5-6	1-2	3-4	5-6
January	22	4-7	5-1	6-3	2-10	9-12
"	29	1-3	10-12	9-11	8-6	2-4
February	5	12-3	4-9	2-7	11-6	8-5
"	12	2-8	6-10	4-1	5-9	11-3
"	19	9-1	7-11	3-10	6-12	5-2
"	26	8-1	2-6	12-5	11-4	10-7
March	5	6-9	1-7	11-2	12-4	3-8
"	12	8-12	11-5	10-4	3-7	6-1
"	19	6-5	10-9	8-7	1-2	12-11
"	26	12-1	6-7	5-4	10-11	3-2
April	2	10-8	11-1	7-9	3-5	4-6
"	9	3-6	9-12	10-2	4-7	11-8
"	16	11-9	4-2	3-1	8-6	5-7
"	23	7-2	1-10	6-11	12-3	8-5
"	30	1-4	3-11	9-5	2-8	7-12

- 1—Coke Plant
- 2—Yard
- 3—Blast Furnace
- 4—Laboratory
- 5—Foundry
- 6—Brick Mason
- 7—Nail Mill
- 8—Barrel Shop
- 9—Store Room
- 10—Rod & Wire
- 11—Barbed Wire
- 12—Carpenter-Mech.

Safety Shoe Sales Reach 972 Pair During Year

112 SOLD IN DECEMBER

During December employees purchased 112 pair of Safety Shoes bringing the total sales for the year to 972 pair, a new yearly high at the plant.

For the first six months only 384 pair were sold, but during the last half of the year the sales averaged almost a hundred pair a month for a total of 588.

This is evidence of the increased popularity of Safety Shoes with the workers and has resulted in a very noticeable decrease in foot injuries during the year.

Mechanical Musings

—by V. Warnock

Tom Meadows heard someone say that they were making canoes over in Baltimore, so he goes over to see for himself. Tom said they were canoes alright, but they were the first ones he had ever seen that had motors fastened to the paddles.

The Gibson girls used to blush at a risque story, but some of the modern ones memorize them.

Glen Harrison of the Boiler Shop has joined up with our armed forces.

We wish to express our sympathy to Mr. Charles Rice and family whose son Wesley was recently killed in action in Africa. Mr. Rice is employed in the Boiler Shop and Wesley was formerly a Mason's helper.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter were recently presented with a new arrival in the family circle.

Elkin Tipton's son is now with the United States Marines in the Solomon area.

Paul Barry is still trying to join the Marines, but his wife just won't give her consent.

Have you heard this one? A couple of Dogwood Ridge youngsters proceed to choloform a turkey and plucked all of its feathers and put it in the ice box. Ma and Pa came home from the show and opened the ice box to get a midnight snack and out strutted the bird sans feathers. The story goes that there is still a turkey flying around over the ridge with a sarong on.



Karen Elaine 4 months, daughter of Edison Reed, Barrel Shop. Grandfather Raleigh Saunders is an electrician in the Range Boiler and great-grandfather, Frank Blume is employed in the Mechanical Dept.



George Anthony Banchy of the U. S. Navy and a pal. He is a son of George Banchy, foreman in the Foundry.

Foundry Castings

Be gay with Gay

New Year's resolutions for the Gay Column.

1. Nothing but the truth with frills and variations.
2. See all, Hear all, Tell everything.
3. Be the last to talk about a fellow workman, also the first.

The two most talked of men the past month were Santa Claus and Old Man River. Both were very generous in their gifts.

Fred Lang claims that the wall paper on the wall kept the water out of his house. We understand that he only has wall paper in the front room so we take for granted the rest of the house was under water.

Lauder during the flood excitement moved all his best furniture (both chairs) up on the hill. He said he could get more nail kegs and boxes if he lost what he had.

During the hard rain before the flood Charlie Roe broke the liberty speed limit of thirty-five miles pushing a Pontiac up Gallia Street. Three guesses who owned the Pontiac?

Slightly late but never-the-less congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton on the arrival of a baby girl.

Remember, a lost time accident cuts down on that ten per cent you are loaning your country to lick the enemy.

Our Safety record to date is nearly thirty months without a lost time accident.

Carpenter Shavings

—by W. L. Ross

A. H. Peyton spent a Happy Christmas week with his son Challis, who was home on a furlough from Camp Gordon.

Rancel Thatcher and Adolph Graf have been having a good time getting to work during the high water. They have been driving about 100 miles a day.

Gerald Miller and Wilbur Bobst should join the Coon Hunters Association. Gerald's dog which is the best in the country, treed a Coon, and then someone slipped up and shot the Coon, which turned out to be a Wild Cat.

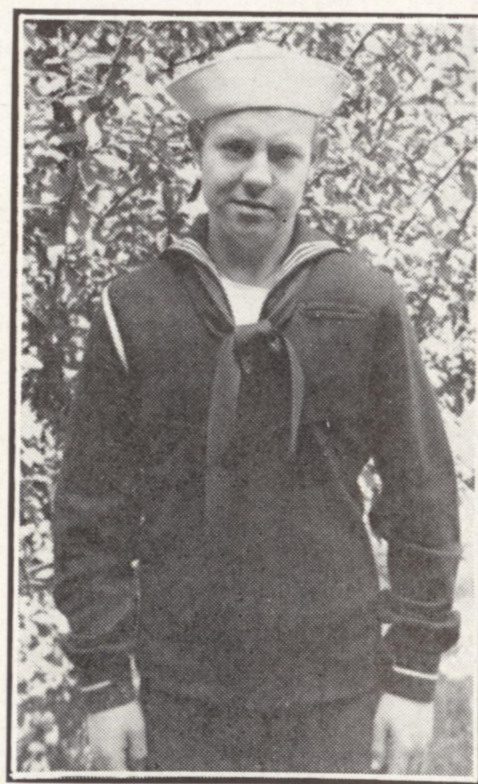
Dick Harmon and H. W. Vanbibber have been shut-ins, they have been sleeping with their hogs to keep Old Man River from getting them.

Ted Sowards has been working overtime at home on account of the high water.

Henry Mann has become a ridge runner, as he spends several hours a day walking the hills to get to work.

Shorty Rogers has an educated cat that plays golf. The other morning Shorty made the cat angry and he picked up a golf ball and hit Shorty in the back of the head.

Homer Stanley is taking up archery. He is going to do his hunting with the Bow and Arrow.



Drugan Paul Davidson, seaman in the U. S. Navy, is a son of Paul Davidson, Employment Office. He is now at sea with our fleet.

Yard Department Yarns

—by Cecil Literal

Each month men from the Yard Department are going into service with our armed forces. During the past month the following men either enlisted or were called to the colors: John Wilking, Arlie Knight, Howard Marcum, Willard Martin and William Fugitt, Jr.

To you men and all employecs from the Yard who are now serving our country, we wish you well. We are mighty proud of you and would like to hear from all of you.

Wonder if Elmer Staten ever got back from Cincinnati yet. During the recent flood Elmer was driving to his home near Lucasville via the hills and high roads west of town and got lost, finally turning up near Cincinnati.

John Faulkner who is off from work because of illness is improving. We hope you are back on the job soon.

Joe Romanello has been rebuilding our rail system. If the winter permits he will make some good improvements soon.

William Fugitt Sr. is off sick. Bill, we hope you are back to work soon.

Mr. Jarvis, Cop-R-Loy captain, rode mighty high during the high water. If Ed just had a way to ride high over the N. & W. tracks he would get along better with the crossing gates at West Avenue.



Blooming & Bar Mills

—by K. Cronin

We never saw the meat, nor do we know how much it cost per pound, but the guys who did buy some from Charley Cable are willing to swear that beef was never higher since the cow jumped over the moon.

Mr. Thomas Glover has been given a new name since he distributed \$18.00 among the boys in the millwright shanty as Christmas presents. From now on he shall be known as Santa Claus.

Alex Haislet has an oiler in Claude Johnson who keeps everything oiled from the engine to the engineer. The first oil bath that Alex got was Claude's fault, but when he ran right back in and got another one, that was his fault.

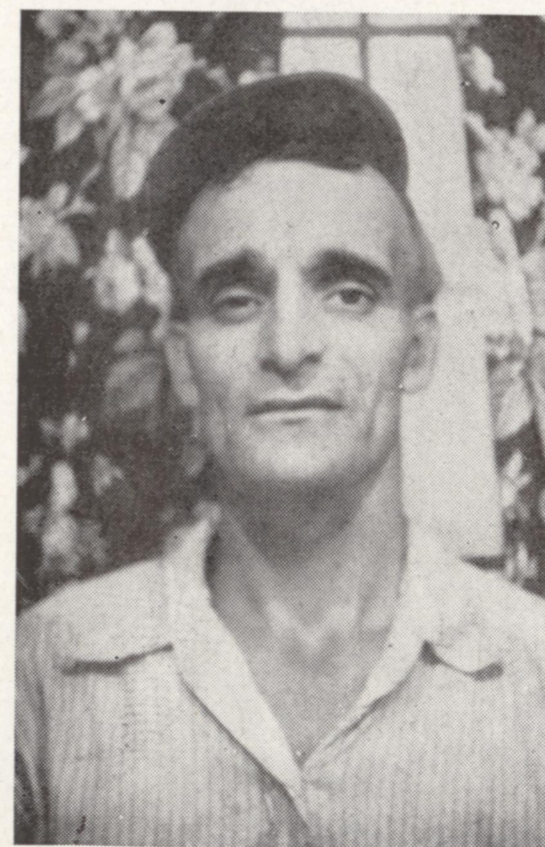
Curiosity once killed a cat. We don't know what the cat wanted to know, nor have we been informed as

to what Charley Canary was looking for when he struck a match and looked down in his gas well, but we do know what he found—gas. Stud is now busy growing some new eyebrows and says it will never happen again.

They are telling one on Art Tomlin about a recent hunting trip. It seems as though they found a rabbit asleep out in an open pasture field and shoo'ed him out for Art to shoot. He got six shots at the rabbit before it ran in a hole, but we don't believe the part about him singing "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition" because Art can't sing.

Wonder if Bob Boren has ever found John Kelley yet to see what he is doing.

Frank was sure surprised when he found out he had to put that roofing on top of the garage to stop that leak. Says he'll try it, but we bet he don't.



William Carver, nephew of Ben Thompson, Blooming Mill shearman.



Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cooper. Grover is employed as scrap baler at the Open Hearth Department.

Coke Plant Breezes

—by John Payton

Greetings, Coke Plant, Happy New Year to All. Did we do it? The answer is Yes. I congratulate each and everyone of you for helping make it two whole years without a lost time accident at the Coke Plant. This is the second consecutive year we have done it and I am sure it will not be the last time. Let's make it no accidents for 1943.

Harry Ginn came to work one-half hour late recently and told the boys he overslept. What we would like to know is why he would sleep in the bath room instead of the bed room.

And Del Stamper was seen making a generous contribution to a Salvation Army pot just before Christmas. Del says he was putting in a dollar because he had run out of pennies and insists he will be more careful the next time and have plenty of them.

Jack Zeek is in the news this month. Every time Jack buys a dozen eggs he feeds the cat half of them at bed time. If the cat isn't dead the next morning he eats the other half himself. Jack says he believes in Safety First and does not want to take any chances on getting poisoned.

I have been asked to explain to Gus Hauth that the whistles at twelve o'clock midnight on December 31 were blowing the old year out and the new year in. It was not an air raid, Gus.

We know that Alfred Ruby's horse has died. We are sure of this. Some of the boys claim it dropped dead, others say it was just plain sick and some insist that it fell down and broke its neck. And I have been told

by some of the gang that feeding a horse is one good way to keep them alive. Why not try it, Ruby?

Well boys, the doors will soon be padlocked. The bad part of it is Bill Henry will get a chance to again join the boys at the bath house. After having a private locker room for so many years, we know it is going to hurt, but all the boys wish you good luck in your new quarters.

If any of you wish to see L. A. Davis at his home, you will find him living next door to Jim Clark on Gallia Street. Lou has moved again.

And if you notice the size of Charlie Fisher's shoes, don't think his feet are too big. This boy wears four pair of socks.

The war is on. Bonds and War Stamps are being bought, taxes are being paid, the boys over there are fighting and we are winning. These boys who have left us so willingly, may never return. They are your friends and relatives and I know you are worrying about them. If I am right, let's do a lot more thinking and acting as well so that we may see them again soon. We have not had a lost time accident since the war began and I think that now we should all be more careful than we have ever been. Remember, "No Accidents" will help produce the things these boys are needing in their fight for Victory.



Paul Gilmer is stationed at Memphis, Tennessee with a Naval Air Corps unit. He is the son of Earl Gilmer, turn foreman in the Electrical Department.



Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Coriell. Lawrence, who formerly worked in the Nail Mill, is now with the 57th Air Force Band at Sioux City, Iowa.

Blast Furnace Quips

—by Scoop the Snoop

A few days ago William Wright of the Blast Furnace was stopped while on his way to work by a very friendly fellow in uniform. This guy said he was only curious why Bill didn't use a tail light. After a friendly little chat he gave Bill a card that had some handy information on it which made everybody happy. Not to be outdone Bill gives the fellow a cigar. Then they shake hands and promise to meet again if Bill don't get his tail light lit.

This one comes fresh out of the Electric Shop where the discussion of big crops prevails. One of the ore bridge operators told of a pumpkin that he seen while fishing in Rocky Fork. He swears the farmer had put doors and windows in it and was using it for a blacksmith shop. But I always say, a fisherman is liable to see most anything, what with all those bottles of cold remedy they store away in the tackle box.

Here's a true tale of a real knock-down, butt 'em in the air fight between Irvin Hodges and a male sheep. The sheep won the first two rounds with his opponent in the air most of the time. In the third round Hodges used unfair tactics by picking up a rock and hitting the sheep smack-dab in the face. Taking advantage of the creature's bewilderment he sneaks up and throws tobacco in his eyes and then beats it for the tall timbers.

The roving millwright is on the move again. Raymond Rogers was moving from Lucasville to New Boston and when the van went back for the second load, Ray called another van and had the first load moved to Portsmouth. This happened last week. Hard tellin' where he lives now.

Open Hearth News

—by Raison and Frantz

Perk Allen writes back that he sure appreciated the boy's Christmas gift to his family and he hopes some day to thank all in person. Perk says he has been receiving the Plant News and mentioned several items contained in late copies.

Okie Dokie Sprague is with the Quarter Master Corps at Camp Lee, Virginia and post cards the following: "Hello Gents, Have been at Camp Lee for about a week. Like it fine so far, though it's a little tough peeling potatoes."

Earl Kalb, observer, reports the wife and baby are okay, and thanks Santa Claus for the Christmas holiday. "Count" Reutenger started the baby's bank account with a shiny new penny.

Orchids to the melters, Cullen, Messer and Davis and their assistants for the liberal distribution of Christmas smokes.

"Bad Eye" Taulbee suffered quite a lot from the "green eyed monster" after seeing Charley Newman sporting a new set of ivories. "Bad Eye" worried his dentist with daily visits trying to hurry the delivery of his new grinders.

Not bad, "Bad Eye", and just about puts you and Charley on par again.

The boys would like to know what kind of a blackout "Glamour Pants" Davis was in the other night.

Tom Sowards still suffers from cold feet and is getting along with the few grinders he has left. All inquiries as to when the rest come out receive the same reply, "Next week."



Jacqueline, granddaughter of Clarence Mayfield, Blooming Mill cinder man.



Sgt. Thos. E. Perkins and his sister, Mrs. Marjorie Hall. He is the son of John Perkins of the Wire Mill.

Rod & Wire Mechanical

—by Ben Wieggers

Every flood produces a victim—this year it was Mont Preston—he fell in clear up to here—one consoling fact was evidenced by this year's flood—after all the work was done on the new flood wall we are still just as safe as we were ten years ago—Jim Fleming has been placed in—of all things—the balloon battalion—that's one way of moving up in the army.—Mrs. Sam Brescia is a patient at Mercy at this writing—"Tip" Dupuy is showing improvement steadily and soon may be able to see a few of his friends—and along that line may I thank all you fine gentlemen for your best wishes concerning me and mine.

For all you skeptics who think our boys are not taking this war seriously I suggest you visit the new military academy that has been installed in the store room under the direction of Dick Gardner—recognition was slow in coming so the necessary equipment was difficult to get but just recently the splendid work Mr. Gardner is doing was rewarded and the boys are now training with wooden rifles instead of broomsticks—I, for one, am anxiously awaiting the first mock battle—one thing I can promise you—you won't find a better spot for maneuvers than the store-room.

It has been suggested that a request be made for a special bus to handle the shift that quits at three o'clock at the Rod and Wire mill as they do at the Main gate—If you are interested contact me and we'll take action.

Howerton complains that he spent all his early married life teaching his wife to carry in the coal and then one day her father found out what a good job she was doing with the buckets and very bluntly informed her that it was not a prerequisite for a happy married life and now Howerton is handling all the coal and ashes. And him with a busted toe.

Barrel Shop Bulletins

—by "The Young Man"

Rance Williams, a former Selby shoemaker, recently took a job in the shop. Welcome, Rance.

Carl Bender, Dee Branham and Eugene Spriggs recently took jobs in the Shop. Glad to have you, gents.

"Wildcat" failed to pass the final exam and has returned to his job. Tom Barbour, formerly of the restaurant and Barrel Shop, was recently inducted and has reported to Fort Thomas, Kentucky. Best of luck to you, Tom.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Piggy) Gillian are rejoicing over the arrival of their new son recently. Congratulations, "Piggy"—thanks for the cigars.

Sam Litz has returned to the shop after an absence of several years. Welcome back, Sam.

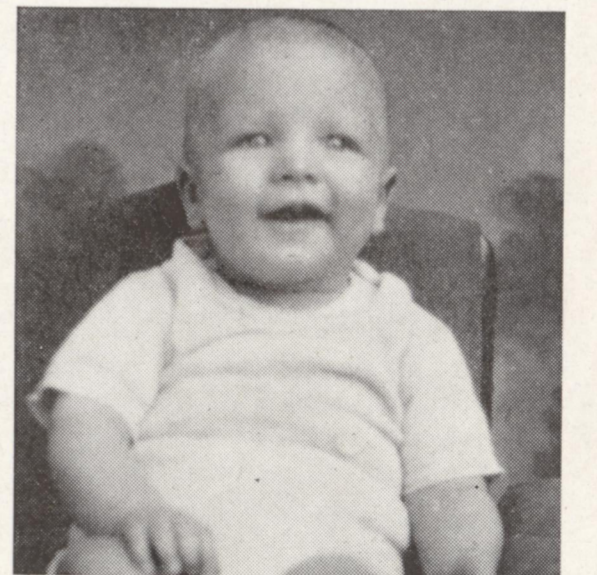
Beecher Salyers, better known as Kentucky, is expecting a call to the colors soon. He plans to take his bicycle with him if he has to go.

Ollie Pelfrey, well-known car bracer, was recently inducted into the Army and sent to Fort Thomas, Kentucky for assignment.

Vernon Ratcliff, popular painter and James Allen, an electric welder, were also recently inducted for service and are now at Fort Thomas, awaiting assignment.

"Big Bill" Davis, foreman, wishes to thank all the boys who chipped in and bought him a nice turkey for Christmas. The boys also bought Albert "Bud" Applegate a War Bond. Bud says, "Thanks a lot, fellows."

Eugene Shonkwiler was recently promoted to foreman. Congratulations, Gene.



James Lawrence, 4 months, son of Charles Bayerl, formerly of the Store Room, but now in the Coast Guard service.

Welding Flashes

—by Walt Dressler

"Doggone." Ray Chestnut owned prized hunting hound. Gas rationed. Dog seemed doomed for any more outdoor life. Felt sorry. Came John Thornton and Milford Conley. Purchased dog. Twenty-one Dollars. Entered field. Dog chases rabbit. Bang - bang - blooey - boom." Dog suddenly leaves track for unknown territory. Canine has never been seen since. Bye-bye 21 bucks. Dog-gone. Moral: Quote Lou Staker and Ray Evans—"Before purchasing a hunting hound be sure he is not allergic to explosives."

"Buck" Himes claims "Babe" Mercer and Ernie Bush went black-berry picking in a snow storm recently; picked 10 gallon of berries and got all covered with "winter jiggers." "Jack" Jones and John Reilly say: "to keep away from "winter jiggers" don't take refuge in a hen house during a snow storm."

It is rumored "Bud" (Beau Brummel) Applegate received seven "flashy" overcoats for Xmas. A change of attire for each day of the week. Paul Reiser and Bob Bahner think maybe "Bud" is studying the life of Sherlock Holmes.

Re-opening a dormant gas well on his farm Raymond Cole obtained enough gas to fry an egg each morning. Beryl Parks, Gus Collins, Ed. Pollock and Raleigh Saunders, fam-



Irene, 17, was home coming queen at McKell High School this year. She is the daughter of William Mosley of the blacksmith Shop.

ous "gas" engineers, intend to visit the well to see if they can use Cole's milk separator to derive enough of the by-product gasoline from said well that might enable Ray to get his egg crate to and from work.

Ab Rose 40 years ago today with two Indian guides seined the Ohio River at the foot of Vanceburg. Bringing the net into bank it revealed a nice catch of bass and on top of these fish sat a live dry rabbit. Ab said he has seen catfish with whiskers, but this is the first time he ever saw bass with "hare" on them.

James Louis is the head of the "west side" Navy. His crew of seamen consists of: Ernest Mitchell, Pete Yeager, William Grey, William Mason, Gene Horsley, John Jones, Charles Reynolds, Ollie Hilt, Orville Reiser and John McCorkle. These men brave and courageous battle the heavy seas between Nauvoo and Portsmouth going to and from work, during high tides.

We have a new sanitary wash basin the boys have named "bird bath." Some of the "ol' roosters" seen taking their daily dip are: James Mauck, John Cuppet, Walter Everman, Hewitt Wilburn, Tom Stroth, Earl Newell, Earl Williams, Carl Haywood and George Richter.

Please note Co-chairman James Louis with his co-workers Walter Dressler, William Mason and Ernest Mitchell pushed the War Bond sales in the Range Boiler Department from 53% to near the 100% mark.

Howard Mackey of the pay office is an accomplished musician. I guess this accounts for Howard handing us the Do-re-mi each pay day.

Rod & Wire Mill News

—by Shinny

Theodore Eck, Spike Mill inspector, is the proud father of a brand new baby girl born on New Year's Day. Congratulations and many thanks for the cigars.

Corp. Edward L. Frantz of the United States Marines, was a recent visitor at the plant while home on furlough. Eddie looked fit as a fiddle and was glad to see all the boys. Good luck, Ed.

The flood scare certainly brought back those never-to-be-forgotten days in 1937, and everyone was thankful when the crest was reached on the outside of the floodwall.

If you are wondering why "Dead Arm" Stamper of the Wire Galvanizing Department is talking to himself, ask Lance Smith for the particulars. It's something or other about bowling, handicaps and no strikes.

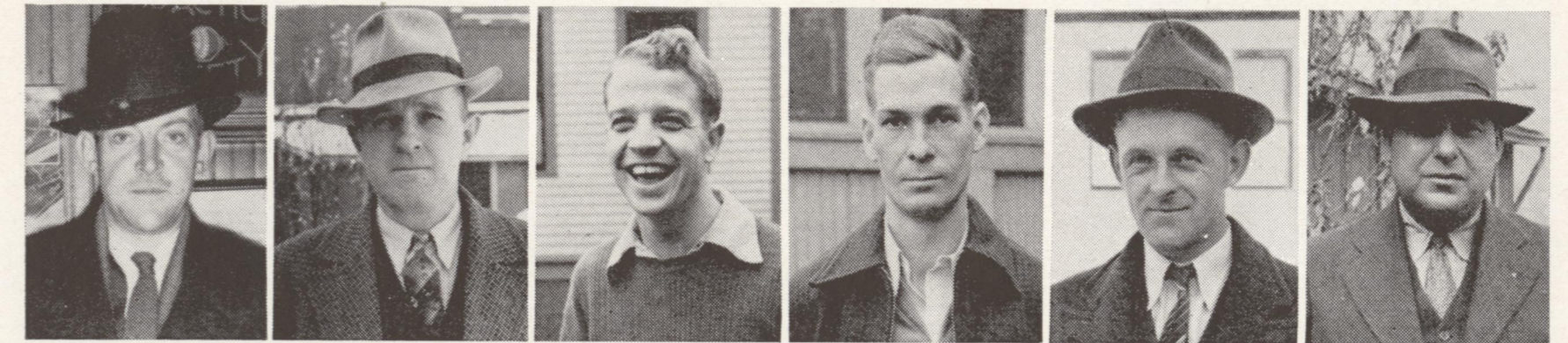
The Rod and Wire bowling team finally emerged victorious and captured the honors for the first half in the plant bowling league. It was quite a tussle which lasted until the final night before the winner was decided.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

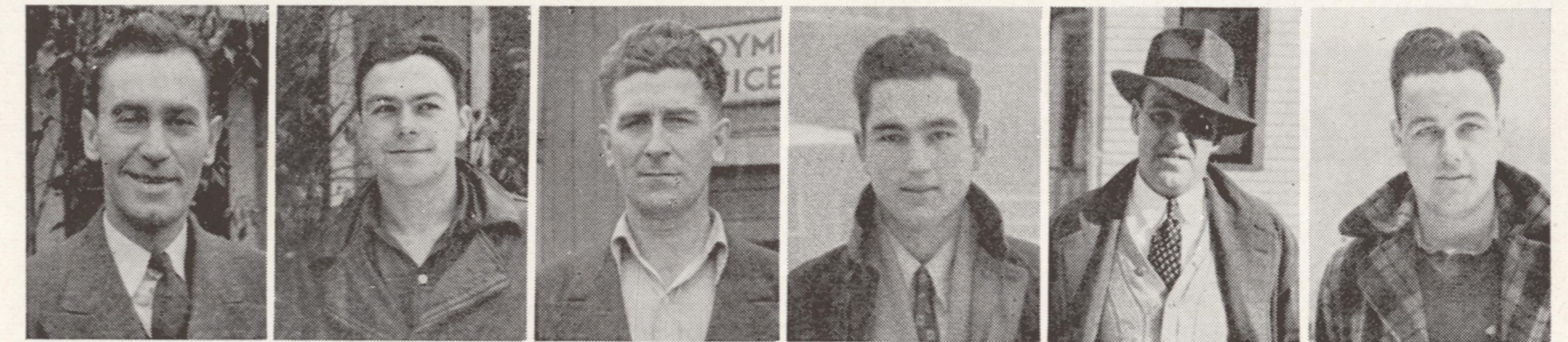


Roger, 11 months, son of James W. Payton of the Range Boiler Department.

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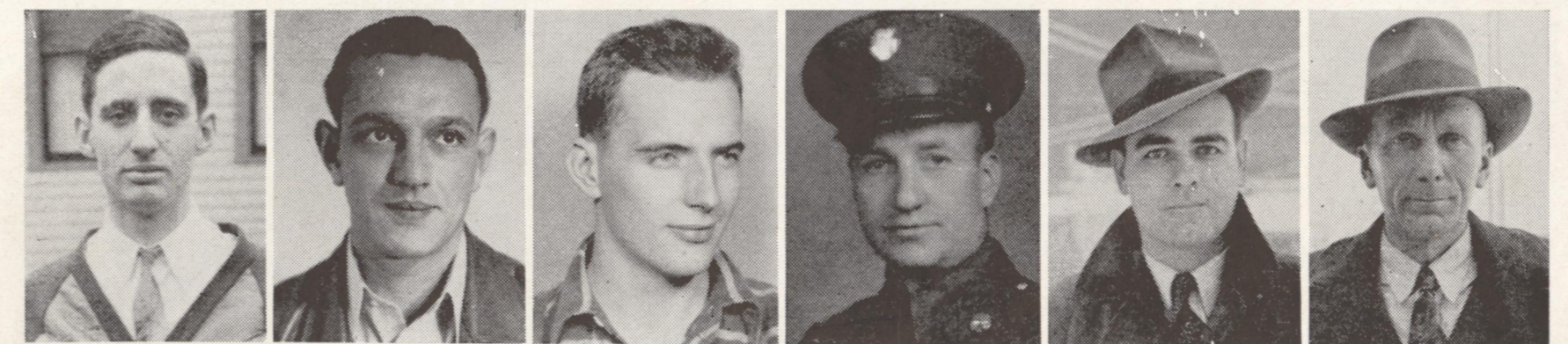
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Willard Benjamin, stationed at Pensacola, Florida, is the nephew of Clyde Backus of the Rod and Wire Mill.



Sgt. Paul F. Broomhall is now stationed at Fort Ord, California. Before entering the service he was employed in the Rod and Wire Mechanical Department.

IN MEMORIAM

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

To the family of Clarence McGinnis, fireman at No. 6 Boiler House, who died December 22.

To Emmert R. Leonard of Department 17, whose daughter died December 9.

To John Veach of Department 17, whose daughter died December 12.

To John Henning of the Main Office, whose sister died December 15.

To Paul Rockwell of Department 17, whose daughter died December 17.

To Maurice Cremeans of the Foundry, whose father died December 8.

To Garland Frazier of the Police Department, whose mother died December 11.

To Arthur Cole of the Nail Mill, whose mother died December 10.

To Clarence Kinker of the Rod and Wire Electrical Department, whose wife died December 12.

To Joseph McNelly of the Range Boiler Department, whose mother died December 13.

To Jim, Arthur and Dee Cook of the Coke Plant, whose mother died December 23.

To the family of William Meddings of the Machine Shop, who died December 27.

Relief Association Shows \$275.58 Loss For December 1942

The net resources of the Employees' Relief Association as of December 31, 1942, were \$275.58 less than that as of November 30, 1942, as the following monthly financial statement shows. Sick and Accident Benefits amounting to \$914.72 were paid, and two Natural Death Claims, amounting to \$1,200.00 each, were paid during the month.

The two Natural Death Claims were paid to the beneficiaries of Mr. Mike Whelan of the Brick Mason Department and Mr. Harry Mitchell who was last employed in the Jobbing Mill.

RECEIPTS

Collection from Members, as per Pay-Roll	\$ 4,273.00
Cash Collections from Members	57.00
Dues Deducted from Claims	21.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 4,351.00
In Checking Account, December 1, 1942	9,378.61

TOTAL

DISBURSEMENTS

Sick Benefits	\$ 611.43
Accident Benefits	303.29
Nat. Death Benefits	2,400.00
Salaries	100.00
Purchase 1—\$5,000.00 U. S. War Bond	3,700.00
500 Form RA4 Rev.	10.86
Refund on Dues	1.00

TOTAL DISB.	\$ 7,126.58
In Checking Account, December 31, 1942	6,603.03

TOTAL

RESOURCES

Checking Account	\$ 6,603.03
Savings Account	13,526.92
Bonds	77,850.00
Building & Loan Stock ..	1,581.02

TOTAL

LIABILITIES

Unclaimed Checks	\$ 650.37
Claims Payable	3,600.00

TOTAL

NET RESOURCES, December 31, 1942

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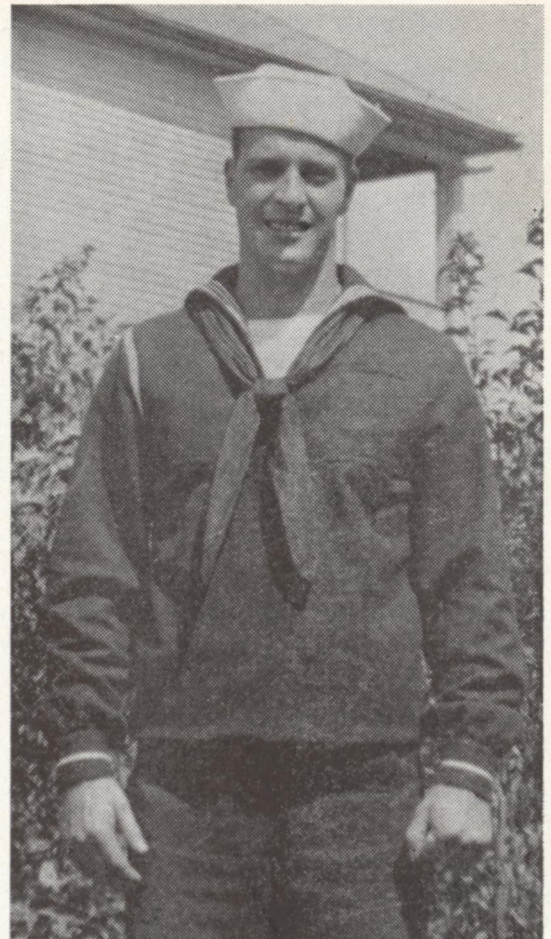
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Sick Benefits	\$273,194.46
Accident Benefits	181,603.14
Nat. Death Benefits	391,930.00
Acc. Death Benefits	97,736.84

TOTAL

R. C. HOLBROOK,

Treasurer.



Clifford R. Norman, seaman second class, is the son of Roy Norman of the Brick Mason Department.

Safety Shoe Honor Roll

The following employees bought Safety Shoes during the month of December, 1942:

George Webb	George F. Knapp
Gardner Dunham	John R. Lewis
Riley Branham	Otto Stamper
LeRoy Thornton	Russell Andre
Valdis Stamper	Ivan Patrick
James Boggs	Baker King
Willie Adkins	Wm. Kammer
F. G. Kennedy	Eddie Williams
Chester Smith	Forest E. Lewis
Wm. Gee	John Matiz
C. H. Huffman	Clarence Ault
Lee Marlow	Leonard Armstrong
James Combess	Jack Williams
Everett Vest	Herbert Murphy
Ike Queen	Claude Hutchinson
Lewis Turner	William M. Shy
James Coleman	Richard Castle
Clay Burns	Gilbert Lee
Leslie Bolton	Herman Gearhart
Alto Lee Byrd	Stanley Schackart
August Piatt	Beecher Phipps
E. S. Morrison	Clarence Metzler
Alva McDaniel—2	Shay Ruby
Chester Newman	Eugene Horsley
Geo. Keilman	Robert Dixon
Claude Gilbert	Dennie Patton
Frank Morrison	Everett Tomlin
R. Spangenberg	Herbert Johnson
C. Duffey	William M. Clay
Stephen H. Like	Emory Pollock
Robert Adams	Homer C. Burke
Frank Cook	Harry W. Davis
Jas. C. Sleight	Percy Schleip
Charles Welton	Harry T. Atkins
T. R. Moore	Eugene Cooper
Russell Baglin	Harry Cole
Howard G. Darby	Dennie Robinson
Arthur Foit	Robert Adams
Wm. H. Moore	Miles Allen
Benj. F. Young	Wilbur Bobst
Orval Steverson	Howard Cottle
John Craycraft	Jess Kittles
Brooks Daniels	Wm. H. Johnson
Charles Litteral	C. R. Smith
Elmer A. Lambert	Roy Riddlebarger
Lewis Dillow	Stephen Hale