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DEPARTMENT	SUPERVISOR	Days Worked Without a Lost Time Accident
Coke By-Product	R. Green	4151
Nail Galvanizing	John Ressinger	3820
Locomotive Repairs	C. L. Sunafrank	2996
Tie Plate Machine Shop	Elmer Stegman	2909
Blast Fee. Boiler House	John Hurley	2683
Coal Handling	R. E. Dalamater	2676
Blacksmith Shop	Claude White	2673
Tin Shop	John Lewis	2221
Spike Mill	Geo. Ford	2210
Rod & Wire Bundling	Henry Lewis	1995
Rod & Wire Labor	E. Brescia	1538
Roll Turning	H. E. Vaughn	1447
Boiler Houses	Claude Weidner	1326
Coke Handling	R. E. Dalamater	1078
Foundry	A. E. Forsberg	1074
Field Fence	Carl Heinisch	1071
Carpenter	W. L. Ross	1062
Machine Shop	George Born	1030
Police	A. J. Lewis	1023
Bbl. & Rg. Boiler Galv.	L. M. Bell	907
Coke Ovens	O. J. Deitzler	895
Rod & Wire Galvanizing	Robt. Smith	769
Road Mesh	Carl Heinisch	619
Nail Mill	J. P. Arthurs	546
Wire Mill	Wm. Seburn	469
Boiler Makers & Iron Workers	Cecil Brammer	394
Rod and Wire Shipping	Frank Gasele	363
Barbed Wire	John Olson	356
Blooming Mill	Wm. Megugin	313
Inspection & Laboratory	C. E. Kessinger	279
Scrap Salvage	C. W. Walter	213
Barrel Shop	A. Applegate	193
Rg. Boiler Manufacture	John Thornton	164
Electrical	H. C. Mosley	155
Rod Mill	Geo. Kitchener	153
Rod & Wire Mech.	Wm. Livingston	133
Pipe Fitters	Carna Duffy	130
Paint Shop	Homer Stanley	102
Mechanical	C. H. Nunamaker	89
Coke Plant Mechanical	Fred Zeisler	89
Open Hearth	E. E. Brown	85
18" & 24" Bar Mills	Wm. Meguigan	84
Yard, R. R. & Labor	E. B. Campbell	77
Department No. 16	L. M. Bell	77
Blast Furnace	K. Steinbacher	55
Brick Masons	E. L. Allison	55
Tie Plate	Wm. Meguigan	30
Department No. 17	Andrew Toft	8

Lost Time Accidents for May 1943	2
Lost Time Accidents for May 1942	5
Total for First Five Months of 1943	20
Total for First Five Months of 1942	14

**YOU CAN'T HELP LICK
the JAPS IF AN
ACCIDENT
LICKS YOU!**



Corp. Sherman Blair, former employee of the Barrel Shop, is now stationed at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. He is the brother of Orin Blair of the Barrel Shop.

Bowlers Hold Annual Get-Together June 5 At Hurth Hotel

The annual get-together of the plant bowlers was held on Saturday, June 5 at the Hurth Hotel where the bowlers enjoyed a buffet supper and refreshments. About sixty bowlers gathered at the hotel for the occasion.

Following the lunch Lew Kent, President of the Bowling League, distributed the prizes which were won by the various teams and individual bowlers during the season and the annual tournament which followed.

The bowlers were then entertained by a group of performers from Columbus, Ohio, with songs, dancing and humorous dialogue. The remainder of the evening was spent playing cards.



Corporal Morgan R. Ashworth, son of John Ashworth of the Wire Mill. He is now stationed at a transport air base near Columbus, Georgia.



Edward L. Frantz, formerly inspector at the Rod and Wire Mill, is now with the Motor Transport Battalion of the U. S. Marines. He is located at San Diego, California.

5 Employees From Plant Enlist For Military Service

SIX RECEIVE HONORABLE DISCHARGES

No employees from Portsmouth Works were drafted for military duty during the past month, but five young men enlisted in various branches of our armed forces. In the meantime six other employees who had been in training received their honorable discharges and returned to their jobs at the plant. For the third straight month there has been no change in the number of employees in active service appearing on the Honor Roll, which remains at two hundred and ninety-six.

The five young men who enlisted for service during the month were:

Frank Dodd, conductor in the Yard Department enlisted for officers training, and is now at Camp Croft, South Carolina.

Harry Goodan, machinist in the Mechanical Department, who enlisted in the Naval Construction Battalion, known as the CB's.

Floyd Potts, slagman at the Open Hearth, who enlisted in the Navy and is now at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Leonard Roberts, helper in the Barbed Wire Department who enlisted in the army.

Charles Watters, laborer in the Yard Department, who enlisted in Navy.

The six employees who returned were Jesse George and Paul Lucas of the Brick Mason Department, Raymond R. Evans of the Yard, Charles Lutz of the Mechanical Department, Stanley Pelfrey of the Wire Mill and Harry L. Stephens of the Barrel Shop.



Chester and Avery Bailey, sons of Jim Bailey of the Yard Department. Chester is with the Army Air Corps at Austin, Texas and Avery is training at Camp Swift, Texas.

Mound Park Band Pavilion Dedicated Sunday June 13

The Employees' Band, directed by Ray Adams opened their fourth summer concert season by taking part in the dedication ceremonies at the new band pavilion in Mound Park on Sunday evening, June 13.

The band played a number of varied selections during the program which were well received by the large crowd in attendance at this event.

This open-air concert was the first in a series which will continue throughout the summer months. They will be held every Sunday evening at the new band pavilion in Mound Park following the church services which are conducted at the park. They will start at approximately 8:00 P. M.



Pvt. Russell Lewis, stationed at Camp Beal, California, is a brother of Willie A. Lewis and Fred Lewis of the Rod and Wire Mill.

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Summary table showing Lost Time Accidents for May 1943 (2), May 1942 (5), Total for First Five Months of 1943 (20), and Total for First Five Months of 1942 (14).

YOU CAN'T HELP LICK THE JAPS IF AN ACCIDENT LICKS YOU!



Corp. Sherman Blair, former employee of the Barrel Shop, is now stationed at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. He is the brother of Orin Blair of the Barrel Shop.



Edward L. Frantz, formerly inspector at the Rod and Wire Mill, is now with the Motor Transport Battalion of the U. S. Marines. He is located at San Diego, California.



Chester and Avery Bailey, sons of Jim Bailey of the Yard Department. Chester is with the Army Air Corps at Austin, Texas and Avery is training at Camp Swift, Texas.

Bowlers Hold Annual Get-Together June 5 At Hurth Hotel

The annual get-together of the plant bowlers was held on Saturday, June 5 at the Hurth Hotel where the bowlers enjoyed a buffet supper and refreshments. About sixty bowlers gathered at the hotel for the occasion.

Following the lunch Lew Kent, President of the Bowling League, distributed the prizes which were won by the various teams and individual bowlers during the season and the annual tournament which followed.

The bowlers were then entertained by a group of performers from Columbus, Ohio, with songs, dancing and humorous dialogue. The remainder of the evening was spent playing cards.



Corporal Morgan R. Ashworth, son of John Ashworth of the Wire Mill. He is now stationed at a transport air base near Columbus, Georgia.

5 Employees From Plant Enlist For Military Service

SIX RECEIVE HONORABLE DISCHARGES

No employees from Portsmouth Works were drafted for military duty during the past month, but five young men enlisted in various branches of our armed forces. In the meantime six other employees who had been in training received their honorable discharges and returned to their jobs at the plant. For the third straight month there has been no change in the number of employees in active service appearing on the Honor Roll, which remains at two hundred and ninety-six.

The five young men who enlisted for service during the month were: Frank Dodd, conductor in the Yard Department enlisted for officers training, and is now at Camp Croft, South Carolina.

Harry Goodan, machinist in the Mechanical Department, who enlisted in the Naval Construction Battalion, known as the CB's.

Floyd Potts, slagman at the Open Hearth, who enlisted in the Navy and is now at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Leonard Roberts, helper in the Barbed Wire Department who enlisted in the army.

Charles Watters, laborer in the Yard Department, who enlisted in Navy.

The six employees who returned were Jesse George and Paul Lucas of the Brick Mason Department, Raymond R. Evans of the Yard, Charles Lutz of the Mechanical Department, Stanley Pelfrey of the Wire Mill and Harry L. Stephens of the Barrel Shop.

Mound Park Band Pavilion Dedicated Sunday June 13

The Employees' Band, directed by Ray Adams opened their fourth summer concert season by taking part in the dedication ceremonies at the new band pavilion in Mound Park on Sunday evening, June 13.

The band played a number of varied selections during the program which were well receive by the large crowd in attendance at this event.

This open-air concert was the first in a series which will continue throughout the summer months. They will be held every Sunday evening at the new band pavilion in Mound Park following the church services which are conducted at the park. They will start at approximately 8:00 P. M.



Pvt. Russell Lewis, stationed at Camp Beal, California, is a brother of Willie A. Lewis and Fred Lewis of the Rod and Wire Mill.



Wanda Jean, 13, and Junior, 11, children of Forest (Mike) Lykens, bale tie operator at the Rod and Wire.



Carl E. Figlestahler, of the Air Corps in north Africa is shown doing the family wash on a hand-made wash board and using an oil can for wash tub. Carl's brother George is an employee of the Machine Shop.



Homer (Peewee) Montgomery and his buddy at Camp Polk, Louisiana. Peewee, who formerly drove the puddle jumper for the brick masons is now driving armored battle wagons for Uncle Sam. He was recently promoted to sergeant.

Where Are They?

We would like to secure the military address of the following employees who are now in service so that we can send them the Plant News regularly.

We would appreciate it if anyone having the addresses of any of these boys would send it to us.

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| John J. Adams | Walter R. Humble |
| Edgar A. Allen | Walter Kemper |
| Raymond Barrett | Elmer A. Lambert |
| Lawrence Bauer | Ervin Lambert |
| Wm. Beloit | Carlton Maggard |
| Raleigh Binion | Jos. B. Mason |
| James M. Bivens | Dennis Mowery |
| Harold L. Branham | Woodrow Moyer |
| Bert A. Chapman | Walter Mucha |
| Joseph Clawson | Toner McElroy |
| Edward B. Conley | Arnold McGraw |
| Paul F. Conley | Cleve E. Newman |
| Wm. L. Conley | Clyde E. Parlin |
| Wilbur E. Cooper | Jess W. Pendleton |
| Owen Craft | Millard Perry |
| Arthur Curnutte | George Piatt |
| James E. Davis | Denver Poston |
| Roy W. Debo | Herman Royster |
| Donald Diener | Floyd Runyon |
| Chas. E. Dittmer | Virgil Skaggs |
| Leonard Dixon | Floyd Smitlle |
| Gilbert Ellsesser | Herman L. Swords |
| Chalmer J. Fannin | Earl Taylor |
| Wm. R. Fields | Leo Tipton |
| Lionel Frazier | Donald Trende |
| Thomas E. Frye | Paul C. Turner |
| Wm. P. Fugitt | Elza Waggoner |
| Richard E. Going | Samuel Weaver |
| Arthur Goodman | Phillip T. West |
| Clifton O. Hall | John Wilking |
| Robert Hamilton | W. W. Williams |
| Sexton Hampton | Howard Wilson |
| Geo. E. Holcomb | Harry Young |



Lonnie Franklin, 3 months, daughter of Lonnie G. Burchett, former employee of the Range Boiler who is now stationed at Camp Beale, California.

IN MEMORIAM

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

To the family of Charles Giles of the Barb Wire Department who died May 29.

To Everett Edwards of the Barrel Shop, whose Mother died May 13.

To Simon Bruce of the Rod Mill, whose Father died May 19.

To Clark Burns of the Mechanical Department, whose Mother died May 30.

To Herbert Watts of the Coke Plant, whose Son died May 28.

To Frank Call of the Mechanical Department, whose Father died May 26.

To C. E. Clevenger of the Barrel Shop, whose Mother died recently.

To Allister Burke of the Coke Plant, whose Son died May 24.

To Russell Andre of the Open Hearth, whose Father died May 22.

To Sam Tolliver of the Mechanical Department, whose Grand-daughter died May 17.

To Harrison Wallace of the Nail Mill, whose Brother died May 17.

To James Vest of the Barrel Shop, whose Daughter died May 17.

To Leroy Colley of the Yard Department, whose Mother died May 15.

To James F. Hicks of the Army Ordnance Department whose Wife died May 7.

To Oscar Rawlins of the Nail Mill, whose Brother died May 12.

To Ernest Vaughters of the Rod & Wire Mill, whose Mother died May 9.

To Abner Rose of the Range Boiler & Barrel Department, whose Father died recently.

To Howard Pilson of the Rod & Wire Mill, whose Wife died May 6.

To John Armstrong of the Coke Plant whose Father died recently.

To Howard Jackson of the Brick Mason Department whose Sister died May 26.



Corp. John Chasteen of the Medical Corps is stationed at Palm Springs, California. Pvt. Forrest Chasteen is located at Patterson Field, Ohio and Pvt. Glenn E. Chasteen is with the 13th Armored Division at Camp Beale, California. They are brothers of Gene Chasteen, Barrel Shop painter. Glenn and Forest were formerly employed in the Barrel Department.

Barrel Shop Bulletins

—by "The Young Man"

FOR SALE: One streamlined pair of white shoes. Not recommended for use in the Barrel Shop. If interested, see Ben Channel.

Reports have it that Vivian Smith has launched a big "spring offensive" against the large armies of bugs and weeds menacing his crops. However, rumors are that the enemy is now making several strong and successful counter attacks, especially in the bean sector.

On June 10 Robert Howell joined the Air Corps making five sons of Carl Howell, leading foreman, in the service of our country. Wayne and Ellis are in naval aviation, Chester is in the Army Air Corps and Charles is in North Africa with the Signal Corps. Chester and Wayne were employees of the Barrel Shop before joining up with Uncle Sam.

The boys in the shop have started a new game. It's called Fan, Fan, Whose got the fan?

NOTICE: If the party who suddenly took my nice gig will please return same in good condition, no questions will be asked.

Bill Liston,
West Side King Fisherman

NOTICE: If the party who recently swiped my lawn mower from the back yard will return it in good condition, it will save me years and years of worry.

John Dever.

"Chicken" Applegate, paint foreman, has returned to work after a pleasant week of vacation spent working in what he terms "The prettiest garden in Portsmouth."

Reports have it that Charles Kirsch planted a dollar's worth of Mexican Jumping Beans. We hear

that two days after being planted they jumped out of the ground and have been chasing bean bugs all over the garden ever since.

Donald (Boob) Trende, a well-known arc welder who is now in the Army, recently paid a visit to the shop. He is looking hale and hearty and makes a fine looking soldier. Boob, though only inducted a short time ago, has already been promoted to sergeant and the boys are expecting to hear of him becoming a general soon.

Kenneth Cogan, popular painter who has been in the Army for many months now, also paid us a visit recently. He was looking swell and says he likes army life fine. He has been promoted to Staff Sergeant and is stationed at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky. The paint gang joins me in saying "Hurrah for Kenneth".

Vernon Ratliff, another well-known painter who is now in the army was home on a furlough and paid us a visit. Verne was looking great. He says he is having a wonderful time and likes it in the army. He is stationed at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland.

Russell Sparks, a former inspector in the shop, was recently promoted to Staff Sergeant. Russell is now stationed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Another year has passed and "Burky" the machinist, is still claiming title to the "Most Handsome Man in the Shop."

James VanHorn, oiler deluxe, recently bought a fine home on the Hill Top. "Big Jim" now says "I'm sittin' high, dry and handsome."

Tom Allen says his (rag) business is picking up, day by day.

Coke Plant Breezes

—by S. S. Reports

William Henry remains very ill at the Veterans Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia and would like to hear from all his friends. Boys, take time out and drop Bill a card.

Bob Cornett has returned to work after spending several weeks vacation at the Blast Furnace.

John Payton must have sold all his knives. It is reported he was seen at the Cole Brothers circus.

Bill Dalton spent the week end of May 23 with Mayor Stratton.

Where did Shorty Holsinger get the five dollars he lost after last pay day?

Anyone wanting their dog exercised see Slim Sparks. He is experienced at the job.

After investigating it is reported Mr. Nunamaker's shirt is plain blue. Some argued it was dotted blue, but Five Brothers is hard to control in windy weather.

Any department running short of rain coats see Slim Morrison of the Blast Furnace. He will give you the coat off his own back.

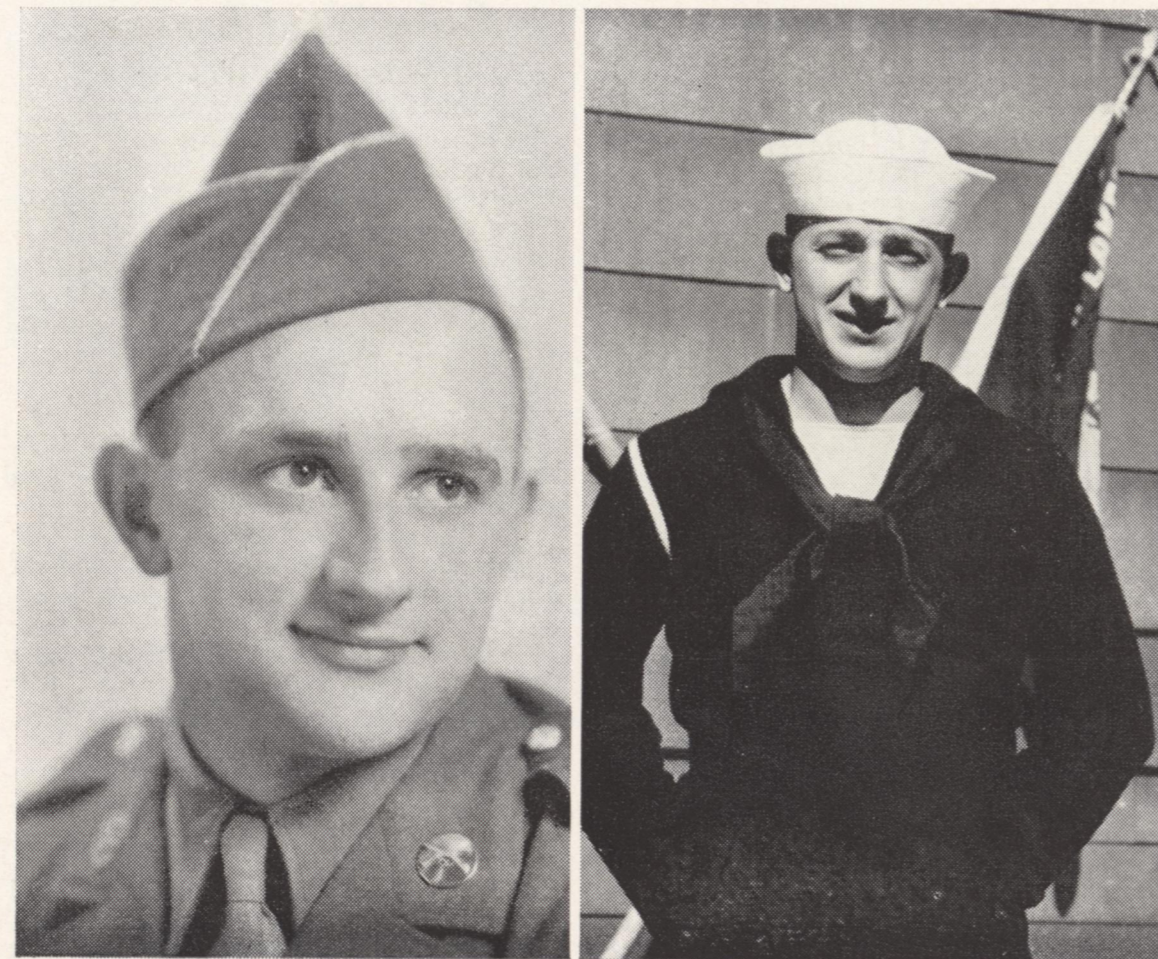
Fred Zeisler took his annual vacation to Lake Erie. As usual—no fish.

Press Arnold is complaining with a bad back. He must have received it pulling those big fish out of Millbrook Lake.

Adolph Rehs and Floyd Strehle have returned after a business trip to Cincinnati. How do the Reds look this year, boys?



Pfc. Walter L. Buckle of the Army Air Force and his father Tallie Buckle, bottom maker at the Soaking Pits. Walter is now stationed at Dow Field, Bangor, Maine.



Pvt. Sadie S. Ramsey Jr. stationed at Camp Shelby, Mississippi and his brother Seaman Alfred D. Ramsey. They are sons of S. S. Ramsey of the Police Department.

Open Hearth Department News

—by Raison and Frantz

What well known 2nd helper that works on Cropper's turn whose initials are ? M. plowed his furrows up and down the hill, and then came the rains and smoothed his ground all out again—what a system. (No doubt he was just practicing.)

There is a rumor going the rounds that Pete Mingus purchased a moon eyed cow from Red Cottle. (What say, Pete.)

Attention! Legs Clare. Oakie Dokie postcards that he has gained 20 lbs., and taken a course in Ju-Jutsu and is in the pink of condition.

Big Toney has finally given up and settled with Raison for 60c. (Wash McGin is next.)

Isn't that mustache of Jack Stratton's a horrible thing.

The hot metal car is once more a frequent sight on the Open Hearth Floor.

Joe Allen took an early vacation—getting in shape for the New Boston Mayor's race.

Howard Ziesler and Earl Kalb are taking all formulas for the canning—dehydrating and storage of garden

produce. We suggest they contact Captain Moore as to his formula for sunfish capsules.

Roy Dunham brought the 4th prize ribbon back from the Tri-state field trial. Nope! It wasn't Roy's dog. It was Dolly Dimples, Mrs. Dunham's prize peep.

Charley Newman has his new fishing rod and reel all in readiness for vacation days.

Ferret (Farmer) Young denies turning in last month's contribution concerning Bill Howell.

Brady Patten made a nice haul at Camp Creek and was the Captain burned up.

"Hap" Colvin gives the boys the low-down on the West coast since his return from his vacation.

Harold Arnold, Open Hearth office, displayed a very red back after a recent off-day.

Looks familiar to see "Mac" McQuat once more back at the throttle of the "Hill Engine".

"Little Buck" Buckley has his profile in a recent issue of the Kaiser Steel Plant publication.

Foundry Castings

—by Willis Kayser

Anyone who has a camp to rent or loan to a fellow workman should get in touch with Glen Shump up on the emery wheel.

Harold Jenkins and Henry Luca-doe have been discussing who has the best frying chickens. The Foundry boys are willing to vote on a secret ballot if they are granted a chicken supper.

The Queen traded Chester Whitt some chewing tobacco only to find out Whitt was trading him his own tobacco.

The three most famous expressions in the Foundry are:
1—Are you kidding?
2—Oh! Dear, dear.
3—Hello, Little Chum.

Our Safety Record stands out as one of the best with 1074 days worked without a lost time accident in the Foundry. Keep up the good work, boys, practice safety on the job every day and don't spoil this fine record.

Cotton Mauntell fought a red rooster and took it home after the rooster had whipped everything on his country estate including his Victory garden and run Cotton in to the house. He finally coaxed a neighbor to use his shot gun (We think he used a Mortar on it) to kill it, and Cotton had chicken. "Well anyway", he said, "the dumplings were good."

Anyone wanting to know how to rid the country of tom cats, ask Clinton Piatt, Jr.

In signing off I'll use this phrase "Bye Bye and Buy Bonds."



Robert Alcorn Doerr celebrated his first birthday on May 2. He is the son of Bob Doerr of the Employment Office.

Blooming & Bar Mills

—by K. Cronin

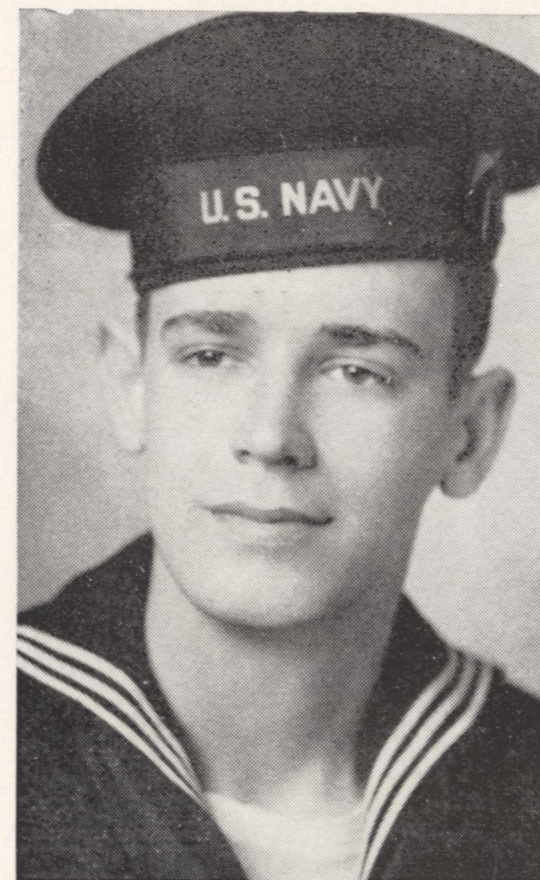
As proud as all these dads are of their sailor and soldier sons, we can't understand why more of them don't wear service pins in their honor same as the mothers do. There may be more of them but we don't believe we have seen more than two men in our department wearing such pins and at least seventy-five per cent of them have sons in the service.

Give it a think you guys, get yourself a pin and wear it where everyone can see it and then go around bragging on him till Johnny comes marching home again.

We have heard of storks transporting babies, geese hatching their young in the South and escorting them back to the northern feeding grounds, but our able and poetic reporter, Mr. Kenneth Cronin has the honor of owning the first day-old chicks to fly from the State of Oregon to Sciotoville.

John McDaniel easily defeated Arthur Brock for the lying championship last Saturday as C-turn was going out at 11:00 P. M., by simply saying "I am going right home and go to bed."

To date the fund for purchasing an iron lung for Dave has reached the staggering sum of four cents (one in cash and three in script). All donations will be cheerfully re-



Robt. W. Stegman, seaman second class, is training to be a gunner at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. His father, Elmer Stegman is foreman in the Tie Plate Machine Shop.



This farmer is Claude Gilbert. The buckets might contain anything from corn squeezins' to blackberries. Claude is employed as roller on the 18" Bar Mill.

ceived as we hope to soon eliminate the necessity of Dave having to do his own breathing.

In order to conserve ready made garments Ben Thompson has borrowed Stud's lingerie pattern and is having his scanties custom tailored out of feed sacks.

Chub Erwin reports the arrival of a new youngster at his home. He says he passed out cigars but all we've gotten out of it so far has been the news.

The post hole argument has finally reached its conclusion as Holcomb has admitted he did not actually dig any of them but sawed them from the big hole left in the ground where Alec Haislett pulled up that 17 lb. head of cabbage he says he raised.

It was a false alarm when Bill Meyer laid off one day and came out the next day passing cigars. They were on Dip Martin who was recently married.

Dip is now Ora Covert's nephew although Ora still hesitates about admitting it.

They dood it again. For the second consecutive year someone stole Lego's chickens as soon as they reached the frying size. And like the guy who lost the horse, Frank bought a lock for the barn door the next day.

Ora Covert is getting quite a kick out of telling about some of the gang getting off the bus a stop too soon the other night. Ora says he got off just to see what they said when they discovered their mistake, but we bet if the truth was known he was just as much surprized as any of them when he found out where they were,

Brick Mason News

—by "A Boot"

Well fellows the big blast furnace job is completed and the furnace is again producing pig iron. We congratulate you for the safe way in which you handled this assignment and the record time in which the job was completed with only a few minor injuries.

The mason bowlers all attended the "blow-out" at the Hurth Hotel Saturday evening, June 5 and every one seemed to enjoy themselves very much.

Who is the "wettest" man in the Brick Mason Department? Could it be Pat McCoy? Does he get caught at his own tricks.

We understand that during the re-lining of the blast furnace a certain bricklayer got all the chicken necks and all the bad buddies. What's the matter bud, are you getting old?

How come Earl Moore don't sit on the steps and watch Polly and Perkins make aluminum—is there too much water?

Things we Would Like to See:
Bud Pelfrey when he wouldn't argue.
Ed Evans' chicken farm.
Frank Polley when he wasn't bragging.
Johnstown Red going to church.
Bud and the "Block Buster" together.



Seaman Johnny Hughes and his bride of April 17, the former Pauline Pennington, 17, daughter of Dennis Pennington of the Rod Mill. Seaman Hughes is now on active duty in the south Pacific.

Mechanical Musings

—by V. Warnock

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Jenkins are the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy.

Raymond Scharf was sent to the store room recently to get a three gallon bucket. Upon inquiring it was apparent that they didn't have any standard buckets so the clerk told Raymond that they had a few cement buckets and if he wished they could let him have one of these. "Phew", replied Raymond, "I knew there was a steel shortage, but I didn't know they were making buckets out of cement."

Oh yes, in the interim they have taken Raymond into the armed services. Good luck boy and Phhhh in der fuherer's face.

James Crowe is off duty because of illness and we hope he makes a rapid recovery.

If you ever go fishing with Cecil Literal, the Yard reporter and sportsman, be sure you have lots of tramping ground because whenever he yanks one out, big or small, he'll sure run over you.

Corp. Paul Stiles was in to see all the fellows while home on a furlough recently. He looked swell and even had his chest lifted.

"Springheel" Paris Wicker worked a hundred feet above ground on the Blast Furnace job and never got a scratch. Then he returned to his regular duties and proceeded to fall off a measly little old flat car and injured his arm. Such is life at the big steel plant.

It's alright for Steve Stewart to make a one man Rubber Salvage Campaign, but he should draw the line on snatching rain coats, and even if he should stoop that low (which he did) he should remove all evidence from the pockets. Tsk, tsk, take a man's raincoat right off his back.



Billy, Patricia Earlene and Betty Lou, children of Earl Arthur of the Barrel Shop. Two other sons are now in service.



Mr. and Mrs. Earl Denny and daughter Delorus. Mr. Denny is employed as guide setter at the Rod Mill.

Rod & Wire Electrical News

—by Howard Pherson

How come our reporter quit us cold? Could it be that he tread on the toes of a certain party? Routt was warned about that when he took over.

Come on some one and take this job over. Or, at least shoot the news to me if you want it to go on.

The initials of Windy White are L. W. Patrick just calls him WLW now. Pat says Windy is all the time broadcasting anyhow.

Ivan Patrick has just been finding out what it is all about now since he has been working in the Wire Mill.

Doc Sanders says he is working harder than ever now since he turned the farm over to his boy.

I wish to take this means to inform you that Harry Clites is steadily improving. Mr. Clites has been seriously ill. He is not yet allowed company. He is getting around in a wheel chair now.

During the illness of Mr. Clites, Earl Gilmer has been filling in.

When Chas. Allen opened the bundle containing his fresh clothes, he found that the Mrs. had given him those belonging to their young son.

Buck Fillmore is back to work after being off sick.

Alex Norvell is on the sick list at present.

It is a sight the taters that are being raised around the Mill. Herb Tipton and E. Messer have the best in Scioto County. That is their story.

Memphis Jarvis don't agree with

them at all. How about each one bringing out 100 lbs. each and I'll be the judge.

Earl Gilmer sent Harold Thompson out on a job to measure the size of a needed bolt. When 'Rocking Chair' came back, he said his finger went into the hole up to a place he was holding. So they had to caliper the mark on his finger to get the bolt size.

Earl couldn't find that splinter that 'Rocking Chair' said was in one of his fingers.

Wonder how Red 'Blue Hole' Kegley is getting along on his new job? Hello Red. Long time no see.

Bert Tipton did not like what Routt said about his tan shoes.

Posey Sisler, and L. V. Smith have something in common now.

Tabor is still unable to work. Hope to see him back to work soon. Tabor was hurt, at home.

Bill Schouster can eat peanuts with his new store teeth. Messer has to take his out to eat.

Remember that shiner Hurley Maynard had? And he said he got it in an automobile wreck. No one ever saw an account of it in the paper.

Delmas 'Off-the-hole' White yelled 'uncle' the other nite when he was on the business end of a magneto.

It was more than 'Stripes' Barklow bargained for too.

Earl Kennedy wants to watch what he says and who he says it to. He got me in the dog house. Not guilty Alex.

Nail Mill Whiskers

—by Nosey, Newsy and Noisy

Dear Fellow Workers:—

Due to the fact that there have been a few comments in regard to the writer of this gossip, apparently this column has other readers besides the Editor.

Just to find out how good you fellows are on clues, here is a description of myself:—I make sparks at emery wheels, wear greasy pants, carry a gauge in my pocket and I have a mole in the middle of my back. Perhaps I will give you some more clues about myself in the next issue.

We happen to have many personalities in the Nail Mill other than myself. Here's hoping you enjoy them:—

George Walton—Big City Politician.

Carl Demint—Super Salesman.
Gene Rickey—The Deacon of set No. 4.

Bob Mullins—Mr. Five by Five.
Archie King—Fisherman Deluxe.
Mack Patrick—Checker Champ.
Clint Spearry—Bull-slinger extraordinary.

"Skinner" Helt—Beau Brummel.
Joe Miller—"By Gum"!
George Reed—Dagwood.

Oscar Seymore—The Paparhanger.
Jack Arthurs—"Old Moving Van's got me."

DiETING days are over for Sam Ashworth, since he proudly displays his ration card, recently granted him by the state. By the way, if anyone has extra coffee, see Bill Nance. He

prefers a brand called "Chip off the old block."

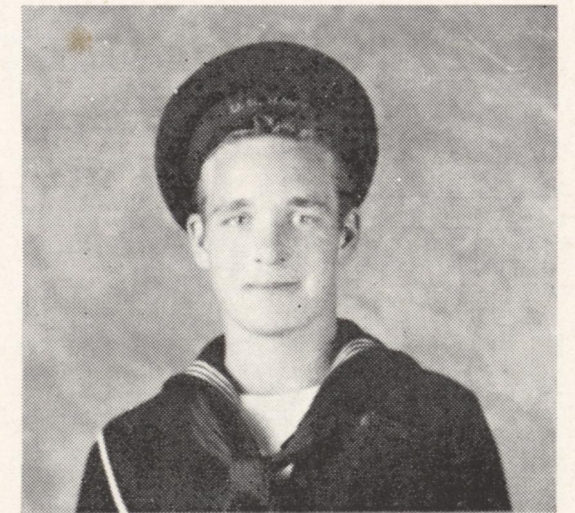
Bob Toller has returned from his vacation with a beautiful sun tan—or is it a honeymoon tan? Thanks a lot, Bob, for the cigars.

Walter Stewart was very much surprised that he didn't have to have a transfusion after his recent blood test.

I understand that George Speck is looking for two new helpers, not in the draft age. Anyone over 80 may apply.

Noah Wells of South Portsmouth fame is now known as "Square Deal Noah". The mention of Kentucky reminds me that Elwood Hardyman still insists that Kentuckians are just as good as Americans. Herb Fyffe says he wouldn't go that far but says they're almost as good. Poor Arlie Greenhill recently decided to go back home to Grayson, Ky., for a visit. He took his luggage in his hip pocket and soon landed in Ashland. An old friend, noticing that Arlie was sleepy, and in search of another bus, put him on one that arrived back in Portsmouth, not Grayson.

The Rosemount Road Church has an amplifier which broadcasts the services to the neighborhood. Maybe Bill Canter knows the name of the silver voiced baritone heard so often at these services.



Otis William Carver, anti-aircraft gunner now on active duty with our fleet. He is the son of W. M. Carver, table operator at the Blooming Mill.

Carpenter Shavings

—by W. L. Ross

Chief Harold Eynon is one of the many employees of the plant who is raising a Victory Garden. Jeff Crum supplied him with a dozen orange tomato plants. The chief took them home and set them out and some of his friends discovered that Jeff had made a mistake and gave the Chief rag weeds and he didn't know the difference.

Chief Eynon is now threatening to prosecute Jeff for sabotaging his Victory Garden.

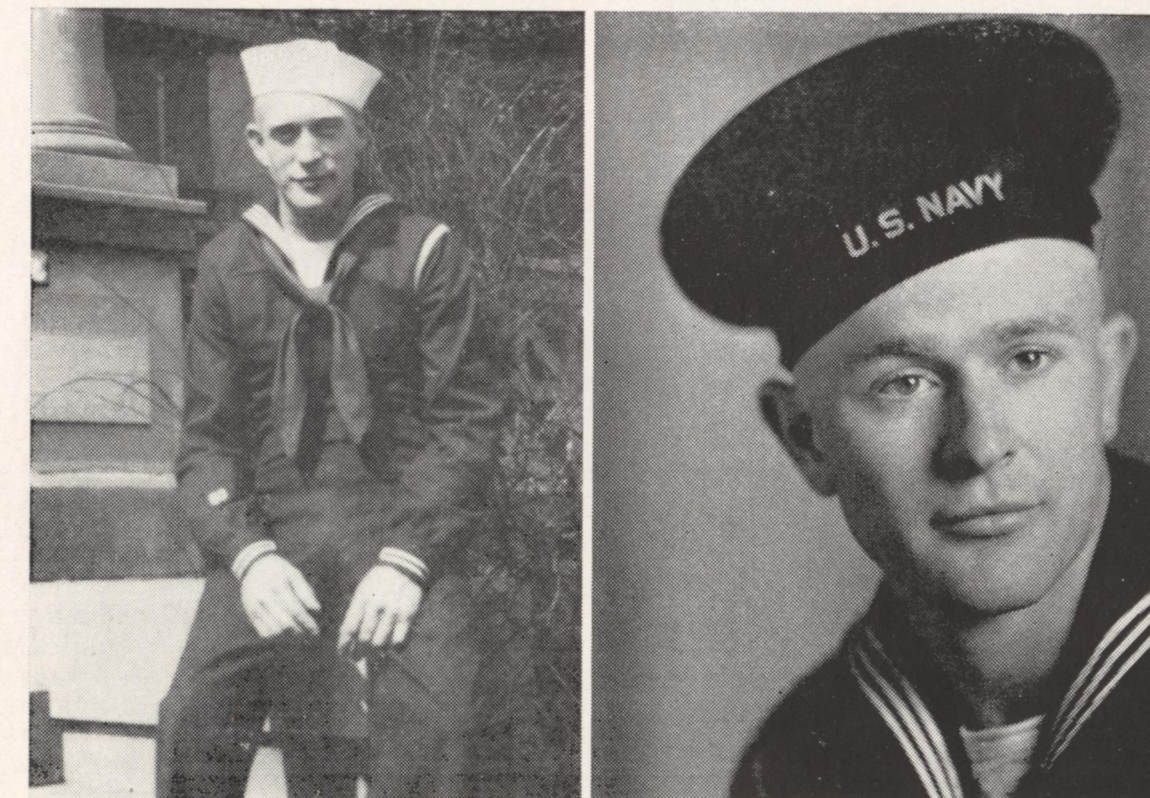
We extend our sympathy to the family of Adam Young who passed away Sunday night June 6. Adam had been a faithful employee of the Carpenter Department for almost twenty-five years. He was employed as a painter.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weaver on the arrival of a new daughter at their home. Thanks for the cigars, Joe.

Wilbur Bobst, our professional farmer, is eating new potatoes from his own garden and will have ripe tomatoes soon.

Cleve Holeston says he got through with the Blast Furnace job O. K. but it was pretty tough at times. The harder the jobs come the better Cleve likes them.

The writer in company with Cotton Mauntel, John Hainline and Charley Gordon went to Cincinnati to see the Reds play Brooklyn. After wandering around the big city we wound up at Union Station where we tried to rest. While there Gordon spent all of the time reading the pictures on the walls and inspecting the building. We saw the Reds lose two games in the afternoon and we all went home disgusted.



Lawrence E. and Lohan L. Singleton are both petty officers in the Naval Construction Battalion. Before enlisting in the Navy they were employed in the Brick Mason Department. Another brother, Richard, has been in service since Pearl Harbor. They are sons of Mrs. J. V. Singleton, of Sciotoville.

Production Drive Committee



Front Row: Walter Dressler, F. R. Cashner, James Louis, E. B. Campbell, Albert Wood, Otto McLaughlin.
 Middle Row: Clarence W. "Bud" Walter, William Thurston, Harold Frecka, Frank Coe.
 Back Row: H. E. "Doc" Baughman, E. E. Brown, Claude Hamm, Stephen Dixon Jr., C. A. Cook, Albert Whitaker, William Bell, Charles Neff, R. E. Whitlatch, Clyde E. Kessinger.

COMPARISON OF SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED WITH QUOTA OF SUGGESTIONS EXPECTED FOR PERIOD May 1, 1942 to May 31, 1943

DEPARTMENT	No. of Suggestions Received	Quota of Suggestions Expected	% of Quota For Year
Coke Plant	27	26	104
Rod & Wire	104	104	100
Yard	21	39	54
Blast Furnace	7	13	54
Department No. 17	* 5	12	42
General	32	104	31
Bbl. & Rg. Boiler	11	39	28
Blooming & Bar	7	26	27
Open Hearth	7	39	18
Electrical	6	39	15
Inspection	4	39	10
Mechanical	6	78	8
Salvage	* 0	3	0
TOTAL	237	561	42

* 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.

Here are past results of offering suggestions in industries.

One person conceived an idea. Other persons offered suggestions to improve his idea. In this way we have built our giant modern plants and factories covering acres and even miles.

Our modern locomotive steam engines, our modern inventions in every field of human effort have been brought about by millions of persons who offered suggestions of improvements on the original ideas of others. These suggestions now have become the very basis of our economic life.

We still have plenty of room for further improvements or original ideas.

Society will always bless persons who have heads and know how to use them. Your suggestions may be the very thing that your plant needs. It may be what your Country needs to furnish more striking power for your sons and loved ones at the various firing fronts of the world.

Make this a daily habit.

As you punch your card to go home, ask yourself these questions.

Did I look for ideas today?

Did I do a fair day's work?

Was I fair to myself, my Company and my Country in the effort that I put forth with both my hands and my head?

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