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-Accidents-

The trouble about accidents is that one leads to another, and not being in any union, they never know when to quit.

We were talking to a fellow from Cotton, Arkansas, awhile back, and he told us about a railroad brakeman by the name of A. C. Bonham.

And then the man who used to earn his living repairing farm machinery told us about a careless farmer who lost a new claw hammer he paid a dollar for.

set of false teeth. The three year old kid, left all alone found a can of paint and took it on the parlor rug and started playing with it

away with the hired man. And whether you believe that story or not it shows what carelessness might result in, once it gets a good start.

Safety Honor - Roll

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

Table with 3 columns: DEPARTMENT, SUPERVISOR, Days Worked Without a Lost Time Accident. Lists various departments and their supervisors with corresponding days worked.

Summary table showing Lost Time Accidents for June 1943 (5), June 1942 (3), Total for First Six Months of 1943 (26), and Total for First Six Months of 1942 (17).

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Large Crowds Hear Employees' Band At Mound Park

The Wheeling Steel Employees' Band, under the competent direction of Ray Adams, engineer at the Blast Furnace, continues to furnish the most enjoyable of Marches and Overtures for the entertainment of the large crowds that gather in Mound Park every Sunday evening.

While our boys are making sacrifices abroad you too can do your part by saving tires and gasoline and also money with which to buy more War Bonds and Stamps by attending these fine open air concerts, to which there is no admission charge.

It is a real pleasure to hear this fine band playing from the newly erected band shell that was recently donated by The Civic Forum.

All employees of the Wheeling Steel Corporation, and their families and friends are cordially invited to attend and spend an enjoyable evening listening to the entertaining music in the finest park in the City of Portsmouth.

The band presented a short concert and furnished the music at the "Kid's Day" program, Monday evening July 5th, at Municipal Stadium.



On Wednesday, June 23 the Portsmouth Plant was visited by these officials of the company. The day was spent in making an inspection tour of the entire plant and a dinner was served at the company cafeteria with all department heads of the plant present.

Nine More Go Into Service From Portsmouth Works

NINE RECEIVE HONORABLE DISCHARGES

Nine young men from Portsmouth Works departed during June to begin their training with the armed forces of our country. However, the number of employees on the Service Honor Roll remained at two hundred and ninety-six as nine others who had been in training received their honorable discharges, making the fourth consecutive month that no change has been shown in the number of employees on active duty.

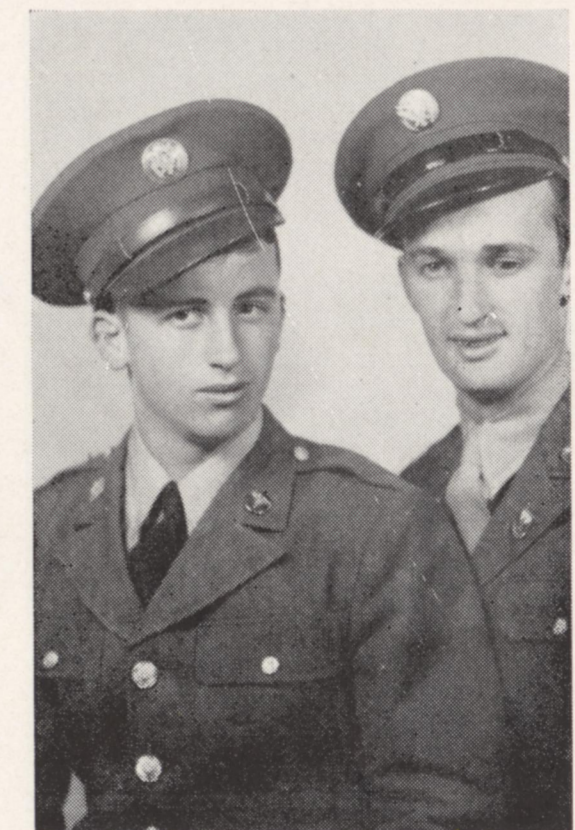
The nine employees who left during the month were:

- Myron Caines, pipe fitter helper in the Mechanical Department.
Harry W. Hughes, helper in the Brick Mason Department.
Bernard O. Jones, locomotive fireman in the Yard Department.
John N. Milward, helper in the Nail Mill Department.

- Oakley Potts, nozzle setter helper in the Open Hearth Department.
Raymond G. Scharf, machinist helper in the Mechanical Department who enlisted in the Navy.
Clayton VanCuren, machinist

- in the Mechanical Department who enlisted in the Navy.
Winifred C. Vaughn, laborer in the Tie Plate Department.
Howard P. Kaps, patrolman in the Police Department.
The nine employees receiving honorable discharges were: Paul C. Turner, Glen E. Moore, William Knickenbocker, Earl Huffman, Wesley Harris, Clifton O. Hill, Millard Perry, Bert Chapman and Wm. Griffey.

Mail from home is a thing the boys in service look forward to. When you hear from any of them be sure to answer and if you will send us their address we will send them the Plant News each month. We will appreciate your sending us addresses of any of the boys appearing on the Honor Roll.



Pvt. Paul Buckle and Corp. Jesse Euckle, sons of Jesse Buckle, electrician. Jesse is stationed at Chicago and Paul is in training at Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

# Range Boiler Welding Flashes

—by Walt Dressler

Harrison Gayhart is a constant wearer of safety goggles. For fear his smoking pipe might become conscious of its strength and walk away he keeps the pipe stored in his goggle box.

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Foreman Bob Bahner and "Chicken" Applegate were on the good housekeeping committee in the Range Boiler Department this month. After close scrutiny of the shop for cleanliness, they located a speck of dirt on a light bulb in James Louis' welding booth. They gave Jim a requisition for a fly swatter.

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Now in the middle of summer, George Kademenos, manager of our favorite restaurant still keeps his patrons in hot water. With five million tons (more or less) of ice being frozen daily in Portsmouth the cafeteria's drinking fountain has suffered many heat prostrations.

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Quality work is at a high level in the Range Boiler and a flaw in a bit of your welding brings much criticism from both crews of welders.

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Raymond Cole, John Salsbury and Paul Reiser are back from their vacations. Due to gas rationing they did not leave the city limits.

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Newt Rigsby offers deluxe millwright service. Fast and accurate service is guaranteed. He is as near as your nearest whistle—three toots and he is at your service. He has a



Mrs. Ray Plummer and sons Garry and Donald. Mr. Plummer is employed as a stamper in the Range Boiler.

staff of assistants, Kendal Mault, William Denning and a consultant engineer, Frank (Bud) Young.

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Interruption for important bulletin: Foreman Elmer Crain states the Range Boiler Department will remain clean and tidy even if he has to dig down in his own pocket and purchase individual ash trays and cuspidors for those concerned.

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Pals: Earl Lawrence and Carl Haywood, champion head sluggers of the Range Boiler Department. These boys said their life's ambition is to drive Tojo's head through the rim of the rising sun.

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Chester (Tarzan) Godfrey gives a daily display of his super-muscles.

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John Neff expects to be a sweet potato king this fall. You know me, John.

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Ed Brannon and son Junior operate the mammoth head presses in the Range Boiler. Being publicity shy an assistant operator refused me his name. I'll get it for the next issue.

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Happy birthday to you, Mr. William Whitlatch. You were recently 81 years of age. Your fellow workers presented you with a handsome Bible and a ten spot of "wampum". This was a token of our esteem for such a long time employee of the Range Boiler and above all a most

agreeable person to work with. If all mankind were possessed with a personality such as yours, friendship and not war would prevail throughout the world.

For twenty-one years you have worked in the Range Boiler without a lost time accident or a voluntary lay-off. This should be an example for us young "fellers" who continue to sign absentee slips.

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Bill Fannin and George Phipps influence the range boilers to become so "pickled" they get overbalanced and fall in the galvanize pots.

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Selby Godfrey, veteran of World War I and now inspector of boilers says, "There's no better investment than to invest in the United States of America, so let's all buy more War Bonds."

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Jake Overturf, Forrest Bray, Dizzy Brannon and Harvey Foster are four daring sleuths of the plant's intelligence force—fearless and trustworthy and adorned with "gats" that speak for themselves.

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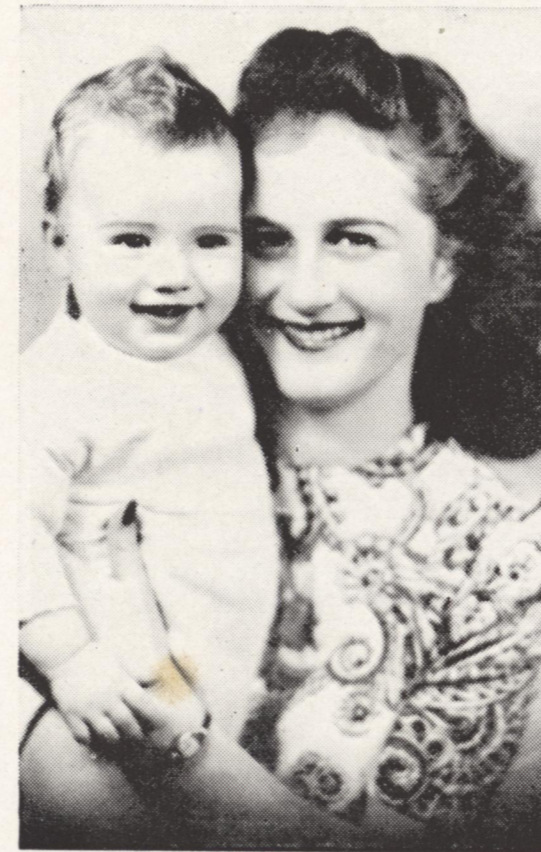
With the rationing of food invitations to that friend's house for free dinners have ceased; shoe rationing has caused us to exert ourselves by taking longer strides to save the leather and rationed gas causes us to stay at home on week ends when a drive for a few miles would relieve that mental and physical strain caused by the week's business. But don't worry, we can take it.



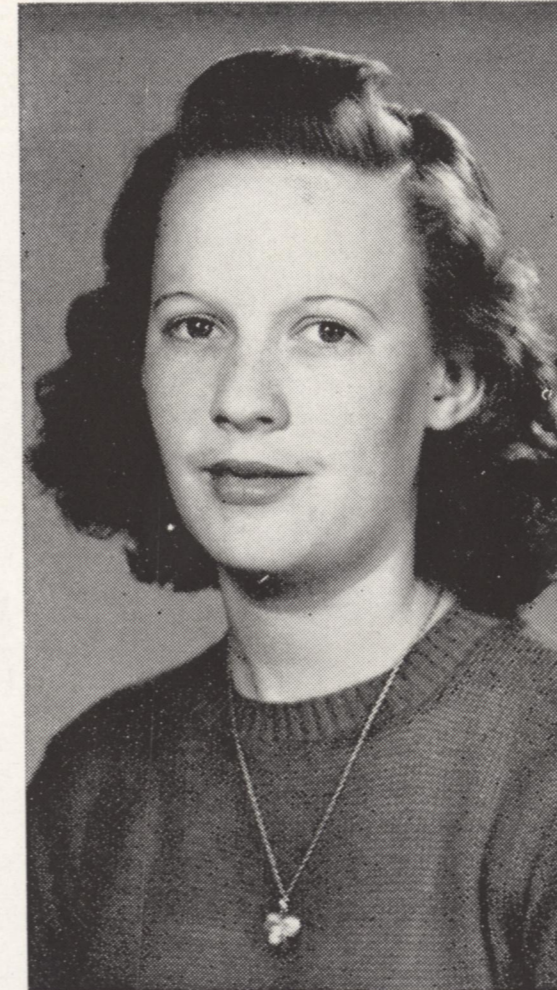
Sharon Kaye Gilley, 5 months, daughter of Woodrow Gilley. Woodrow was employed in the Brick Mason Department but is now in military service at Camp Gordon, Georgia.



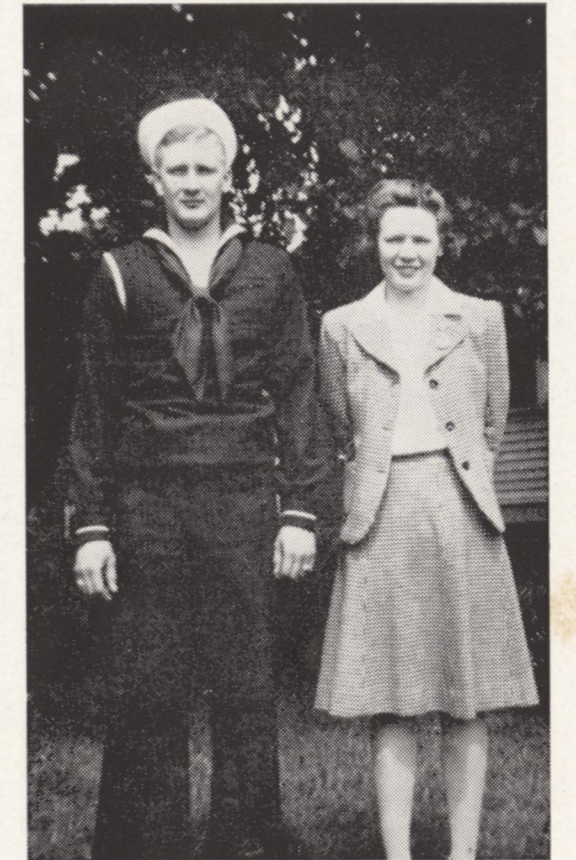
Leonard Adkins, 17, is now in training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. He is the son of Virgil Adkins of the Open Hearth Skull Cracker.



Mrs. Ray Staten and son Ray Eugene (Butch). They are the wife and nine month old son of Lieut. Ray H. Staten, who is now on maneuvers in Louisiana. Ray was employed at the Store Room before entering the Army.



Lorraine Davis, 19, is employed as stenographer at Cedar Heights Clay Company, Oak Hill. She is the daughter of Truman Davis, engineer at No. 1 Power House.



Donald E. and Irene Groh, son and daughter of William Groh of the Stock and Order Department. Don is training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station and Irene will graduate from Ohio University on July 30.

## Coke Plant Breezes

—by S. S. Reports

Leck Colvin found his hammer in time to remove the south side of the Carpenter Shop so he could get the ventilator for the wash house out before it grew any larger.

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What paint splasher was seen borrowing meat stamps and at the time had fifty nice friers at home?

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Adolph Rehs has returned from his two weeks vacation spent at Roanoke, Virginia and Farney Avenue, Ohio. How many days in April Adolph?

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We wonder how much commission Wiley Riser received for getting customers for the fortune teller at the Street Fair.

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Eli Barker of the Coke Handling is back riding the bus since he resigned his bossing job.

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Someone reported ten wine trucks going up Bonser Avenue the week of June 27. After finding out William Whitaker was on his vacation that week everything is now very clear.

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After digging two hills of potatoes Ed Zellmer gave John Denton a contract to put a siding in at his farm to ship the spuds out. Ed said they averaged one peck to a hill. We know Ed wouldn't lie about anything.



Donald Lee Nance, former Greenwood grid star, is now in training at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois. He is the son of Martin Nance, pipe fitter and grandson of Joseph Hughes, charger operator at the Open Hearth.

## Carpenter Shavings

—by W. L. Ross

John Essman is spending his vacation on his farm near Otway. We hope John don't work too hard.

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Pete Cassity is spending his vacation at home "resting".

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Bill Lansing is using Glover Mange Cure to restore his hair to its normal color. We suggest Bill, that you use color black to change those gray hairs.

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They have some awful bad wind storms on Dogwood Ridge. Ben Skaggs claims the wind blew so hard it blew all the corn down, and blew a cow right through the field.

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A. H. Peyton claims that a West Virginian (meaning Cleve Holeston) does not know what good corn bread is. Cleve says that Kentucky corn bread has snags on it. Peyton says that Cleve never saw a biscuit until he worked in Kentucky, and would slice his corn bread and put the biscuit inside making a sandwich.

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Sweep Burton has hit the news again. Sweep has been caught black marketing coffee grounds. His victims so far have been Homer Stanley, Alfred McCorkle and Minor Ervin. Better be careful Sweep the Pure Food Law is liable to get you.



Pvt. Wm. M. White is stationed at Camp Wolters, Texas. He is the son of Willie White of No. 4 Boiler House, Blast Furnace.



Pvt. Robert Dunfee, now stationed at Camp Beale, California in a tank corps is the son of Robert Dunfee, water softener.



Carl Middaugh, son of Harry Middaugh of the Rod and Wire, is in training at Camp Davis, North Carolina.

### Nail Mill Whiskers

—by Nosey, Newsy and Noisy

Dear fellow workers:—

In the last issue I gave a few clues as to my identity. The description was very general and should have caused little confusion. The mention of a mole was the secret of the trouble. No one was safe from his curious buddies until he proved he had no mole on his back. If a little mole can cause such excitement, I'd better lay off the clues.

Jim Greene says that Everett Tomlin may take his place on the job, but not at the table. As an eater, Jim has no equal.

Anyone needing a watch repaired, see Carl Ruckel.

Why does Leonard Phillips always wait until five minutes before the whistle to primp up?

If anyone has friers for sale, see Leon Hale. He pays top prices and asks no questions.

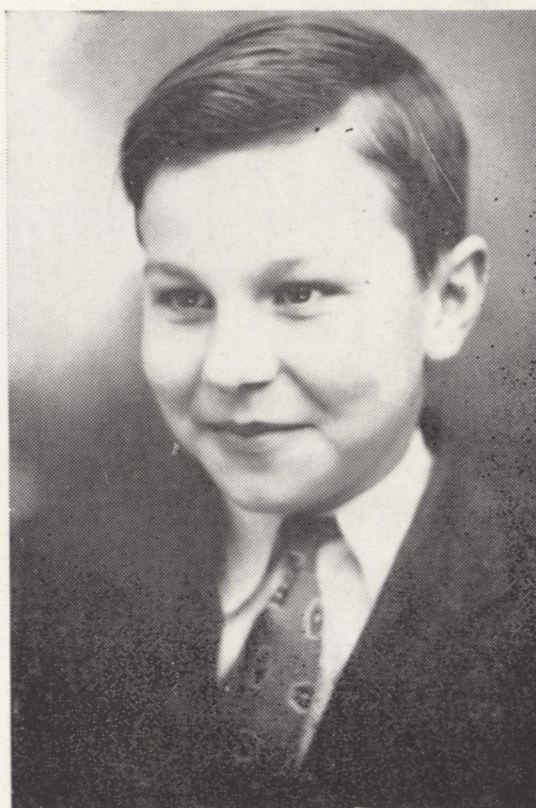
Why does Turner Branham set up the cigars to Walter Curtin?

After all these years of day turn, why does Norman Kegley suddenly decide to leave his old buddies for a second turn job?

A temper is a terrible thing as proven by "Lightning" Hale. In a rage, "Lightning" threw his cap on the floor, then kicked it. Alas! The cap was covering a brick, which accounts for "Lightning's" lameness a few weeks ago.

Carl Horne has met his master when it comes to passing out insults. Joe Miller handed Carl one that kept him quiet for two days. Horses! Horses!

Has anyone noticed Firman Moore's resemblance to a certain movie star? Don't strut, Firman—



Henry Waring Jr. 11, son of Henry Waring, weighman at the Rod Mill.

we didn't mean Robert Taylor.

Its good to see Carl Spence back at work. Here's hoping his luck is all good from now on.

During a recent investigation concerning Joe Behmer, Seldon Taulbee found himself a red faced witness.

Eugene Shaw has taken the job of shower room back-washer. Charge —2c a back.

Continued from the last issue, here are some more thumb-nail descriptions:—

- John Bays—Man about town.
- Dave Deatley—"Tiny".
- Hanners, Henthorne and Shope—Human Kangeroos.
- Ellis Collier—Worried Mind.
- Charles Thompson—"Mousey".
- Floyd Grashel—"Curley".
- Leslie Lynn—"Two Gun".
- Bruce James—"Watta Man".
- Milo Mullins—"Man Mountain Milo".
- Bob Evans—"Andy Gump".
- George Pettit—"Darwin was right".
- Louis Bretz—"Sleepy".
- Frank Cinereski—"Billy Goat".

And here are some things we never expect to see:—

- Wood Moyer without his chew.
- John Barklow and Oscar Burke without their pipes.
- Sam Creech with a grouch.
- Frank Bihl lazy.
- Theodore Pruitt fat.

### Yard Department Yarns

—by Cecil Literal

Due to the fact that I was very busy last month I didn't get my yarns in in time for publication. Several fellows have asked me if I had quit. I am still very busy, but I don't like a quitter so I have not quit, quite the opposite I'm just getting started.

Now that Independence Day has gone we must realize that our celebration each year on that day is a renewal of our faith and our determination to keep America free and independent. We are now in another great conflict, in fact the greatest struggle of our history—a fight we must win if freedom is to survive. And we are all proud of our armed forces and the successes they have achieved so far in this fight. But we've still a long way to go before the world can again be free from the forces of oppression forever.

So let us on the home front again pledge ourselves to do our utmost to produce the materials needed for our armed forces, so that we can be assured of peace and prosperity at home and so our fighting men can return and enjoy with us and their loved ones a lasting peace they truly deserve.

Since you last read the news from the Yard Department any number of things have happened, so if I am a bit stale on some articles please remember that our news is read by many who are not so close as we who want to know all about it.

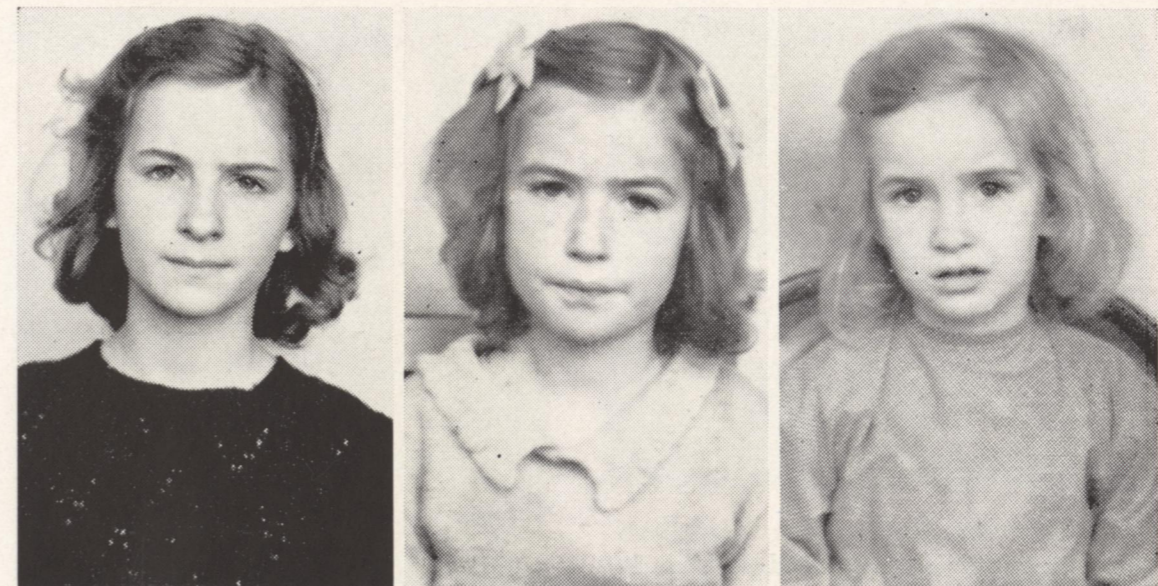
Elmer Staten has returned to work after quite a sick spell and to further promote his health he is working day turn as conductor and Stewart Suthers is working as yard master.

Benjamin Wheeler, locomotive engineer, retired July 1. We regret to see Mr. Wheeler, who is better known as Shorty, leave us and we wish him peace and contentment and many happy years.

We all thought that John Townsend would live as a bachelor forever, but believe it or not John now has a wife. Yes sir, he dood it. Lots of good luck, Mr. and Mrs. Townsend.

James Combess spent his vacation checking up on all the things he missed in New Boston during the past year.

Sorry I haven't any good fish stories this time but I've been too busy to fish and besides the rain never gave the streams a chance to clear up. However, a friend of mine had a good catch recently and I will have a photo of it and his story soon.



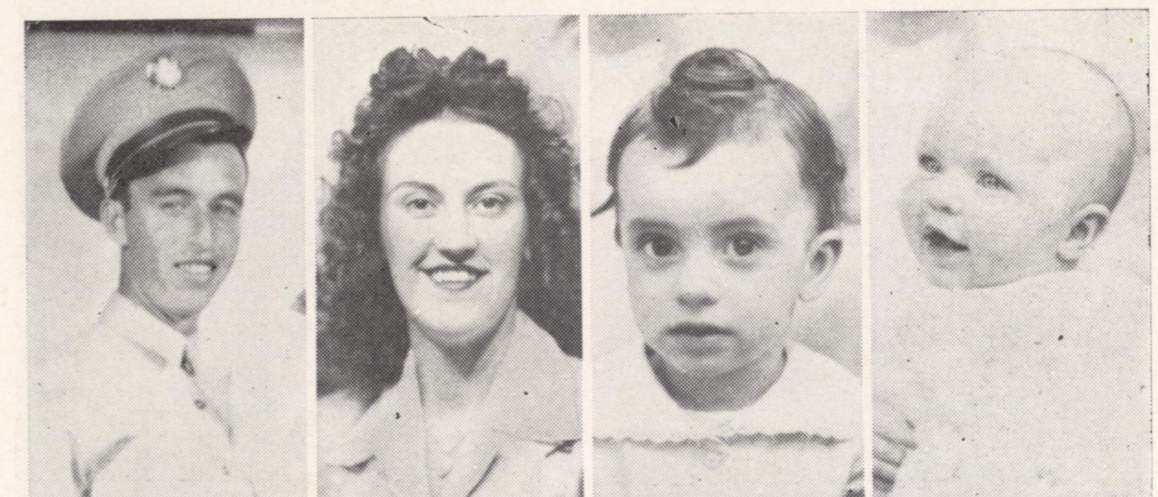
Patsy Jane, 12, Carolyn June, 10 and Anna Marie, 7, daughters of Ted Swords of the Carpenter Shop.



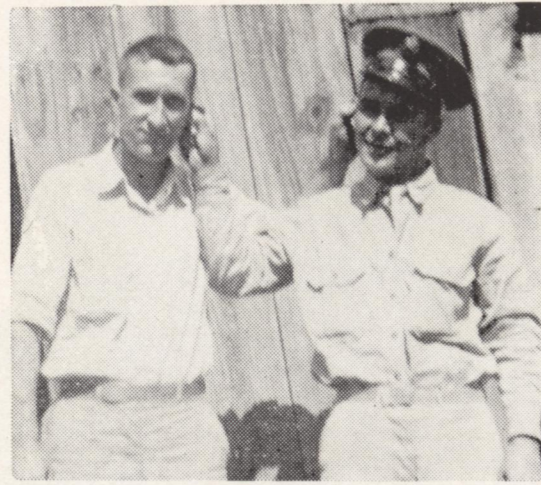
Geary Cremeans, 4, grandson of Thos. Rhoden, Open Hearth Gas Producer and Walter Cremeans, locomotive engineer.



Pvt. Geo. W. Loper, son of Walter Loper of the Yard Department, is stationed at Spokane Washington in the Army Air Corps.



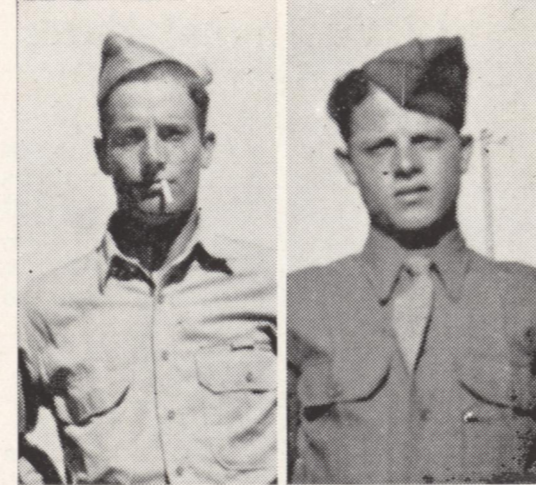
Pfc. and Mrs. Walter Vaughn and their children Shirley Ann and Janet. Mrs. Vaughn is the daughter of Charles Garrett, crane operator at the Open Hearth. Walter is now stationed at San Antonio, Texas.



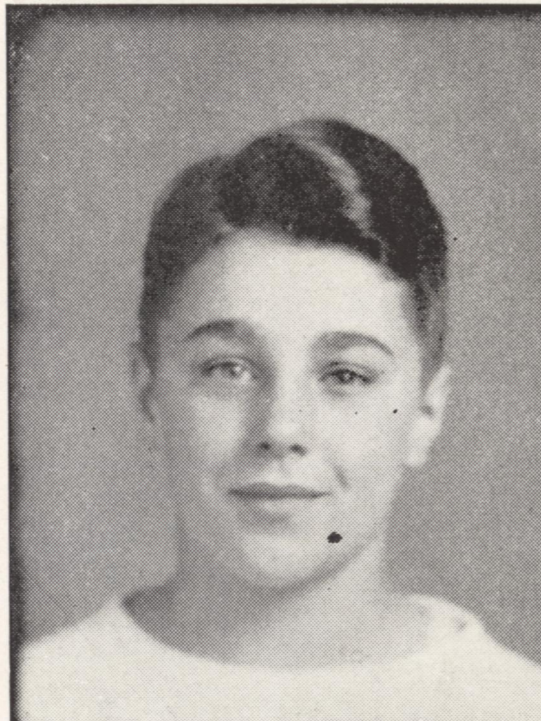
Pvt. Grover Cooper and brother Dennis who is employed as "pud-dle jumper" driver at the Open Hearth. Grover is stationed at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, with a field artillery regiment.



Ray Young, Range Boiler welder and his prize mules. Ray and his pals are going to raise a real Victory Garden this year. (He hopes).



Sgt. Hillman Wallace, stationed in Panama and Pvt. Donald Wallace of Camp Beale California. They are sons of Clarence Wallace, Rod and Wire Galvanizing Department.



Alton Cornwell, 14, son of Herbert Cornwell, head press operator in the Barrel Shop.



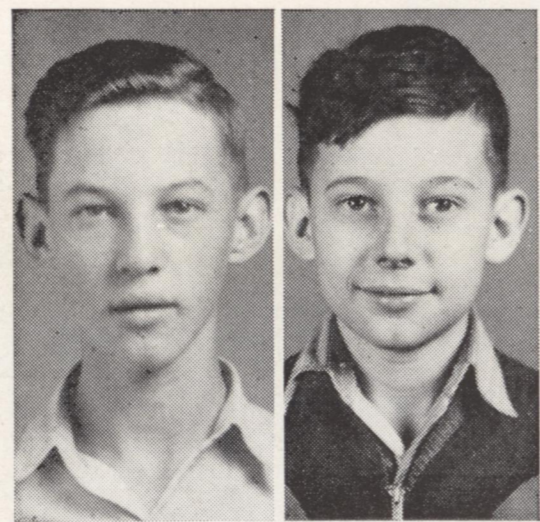
John Willard Beard, 2, grandson of Bert Frazier of the Yard Department.



David Allen, 8 months, son of Morton Gee of the Brick Mason Department.



Alice Ruth, 2 and Nancy Flo, 5 months, daughters of Robert Hedrick employed as a grinder in Department 17.



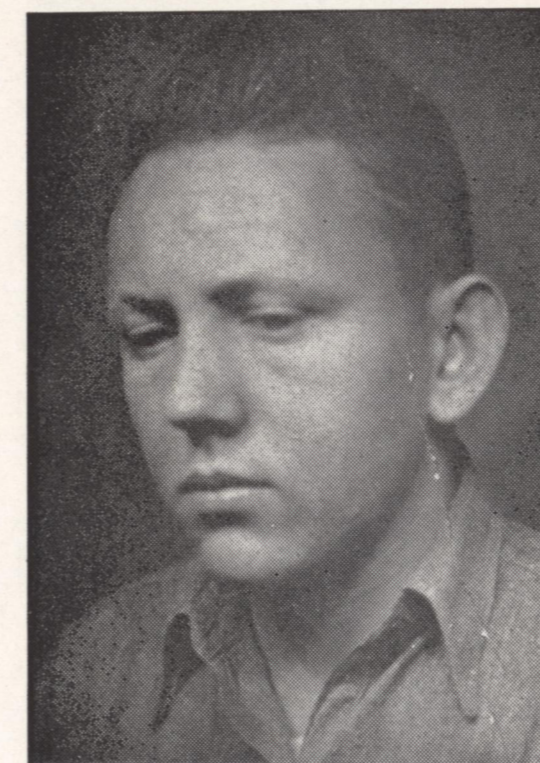
Clayton, 16, and Shelby 11, sons of Major Riggsby of Department 17. Clayton is now serving with the U. S. Marines.



Nancy Carole West and Milburn Frank Schuler, grandchildren of Milburn F. Boone, foreman in the Yard Department.



Harold Graham stationed at Cochran Field, Macon, Georgia and Loren Graham on duty in the South Pacific, sons of Clarence Graham of the Rod and Wire Mill.



Sgt. Charles E. Dodds is serving with our armed forces over seas. He is the son of E. H. Dodd, crane operator at the Open Hearth.



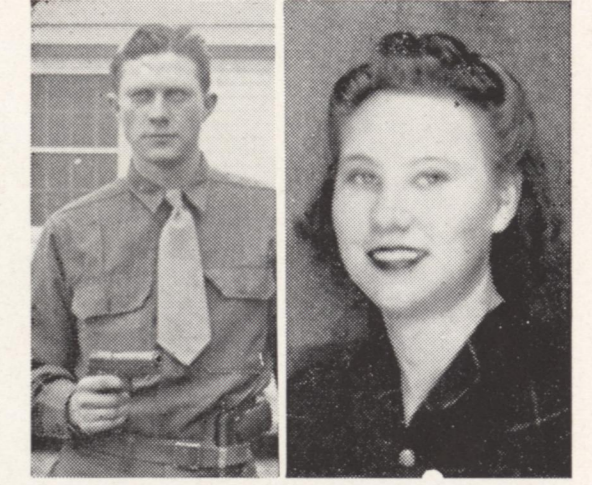
Cecil Powell, seaman first class in the U. S. Navy. He is a former employee of the Barrel Shop and the son of McKinley Powell of the Blooming Mill.



Richard Cottle, brother of Howard Cottle of the Open Hearth. He is stationed somewhere in the Aleutian Islands and wrote us recently that while unloading supplies he handled a shipment of nails from the Portsmouth Works, which sure brought back memories of home.



Robt. E. Franck enlisted in the Marines in September 1942. He has completed training as a radio technician and now awaits assignment. Bob is a former well-known football player having played on the Trojans and at Duke University and Ohio State. He is the son of David Edward Franck, plant patrolman.



Pvt. and Mrs. Chas. W. Martin. Pvt. Martin is a son of Chas. Martin Open Hearth stocker and is stationed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana.



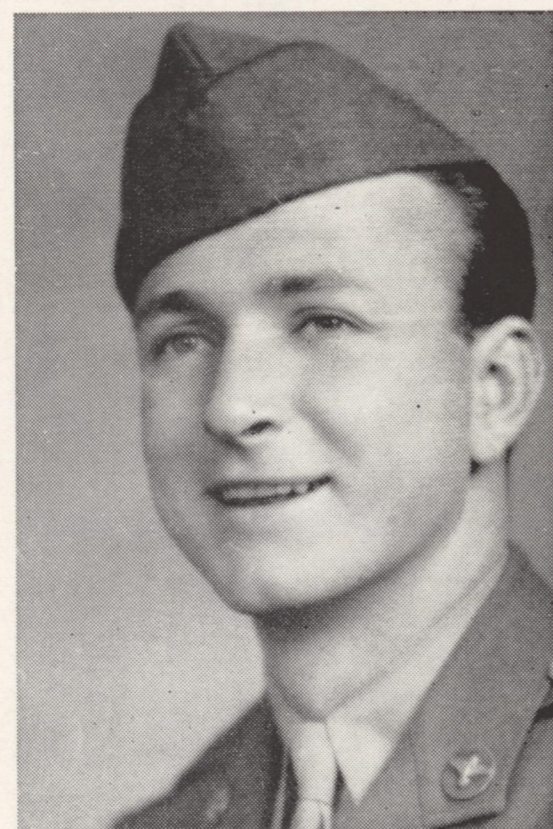
Corp. Earl Sparks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Sparks of Mabert Road. Mr. Sparks is employed in the Range Boiler.



Corp. John Huddleston, U. S. Army Air Corps, cousin of Walter Dressler, Range Boiler welder.



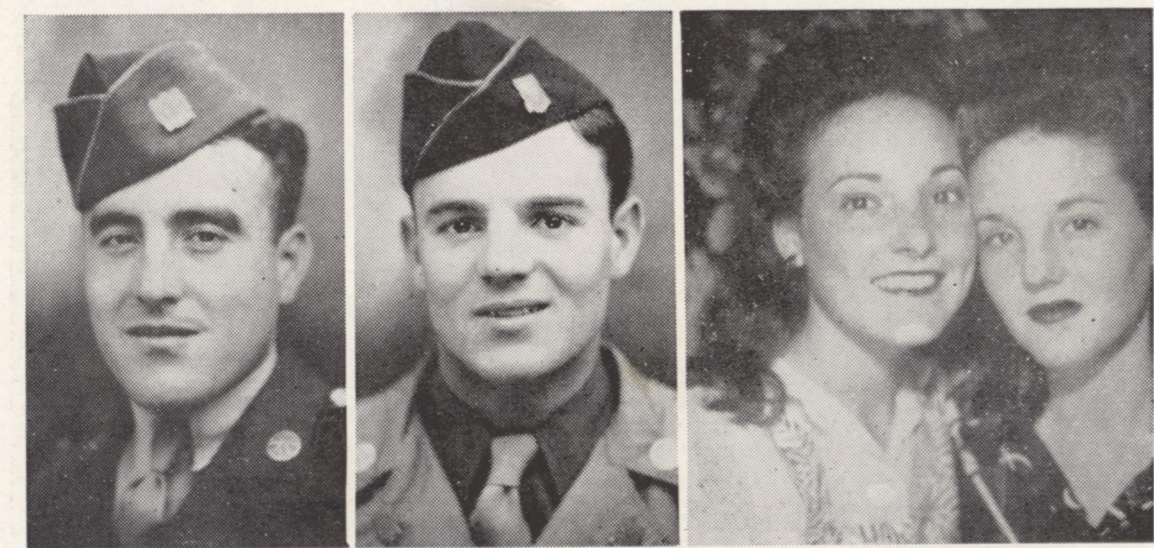
Mr. and Mrs. Everett Liles and daughters, Hilda, 23 and Frances, 17. Mr. Liles is employed in the Carpenter Department.



Sgt. Albert Ray, stationed at Kelly Field, Texas, son of Al Ray, stationery engineer in the Mechanical Department.



Pvt. Clifford Rister, 21, is stationed at Camp Rucker, Alabama. He is the son of Willard Rister of the Barrel Shop.



Jimmie, Paul, Ruth and Betty, children of Nick Kallas of the Yard Department. Jimmie is now stationed in Alaska, Paul is serving with our forces in England and Betty recently joined the WAC's.

### Rod & Wire Electrical

—by Howard Routt

The Rod Mill Electric Shop is getting to be a mad house at turn-changing time. Harold Danes is threatening to wash up elsewhere and Charles Allen waits until everyone is out of the shop before he makes any effort at cleaning up.

Carl Davis is in training now. He's going to ride his bike to Akron.

Ray Lecompte hit the baseball pool for 200 bucks. Lucky stiff.

Harry Clites' health is improving steadily. He is now "vacationing" with his daughter in Jefferson, Indiana.

Tabor is back to work again. He wishes to take this means of thanking each and every one in the Rod Mill and Electric Department for their financial aid during the time he was laid up. In behalf of those who contributed let me say you're quite welcome, Tabor.

Doc Sanders says he has a hat that very few colored men and no white men have. P. S.—Ain't it the truth?

Earl Kennedy was asked to get a straight-edge. What he had when he returned was classified as a bean-pole. Earl reports he was called everything from a jackass to a milk cow.

"Rocking Chair" was given a whole hand full of suggestion blanks. It has been reported he and Earl had many ideas.

Messer couldn't take it. He must be an old panty-waist.

Routt reported an awful growling on the Rod Mill crane. Upon investigation he found it was not the crane, but the crane operator.

L. D. Cochran was recently married. Congratulations, Lou.

Tom Collingsworth has returned from his vacation.

Harley Maynard is sporting another black eye. Jack Henderson only gets his once a year, but Maynard has a fresh one every new moon.

After not having to report for work until 10:00 A. M., the other day, Tom Maloney was still ten minutes late.

John Hunt is recovering from a broken rib. He fell down the stairs but didn't say where these stairs were.

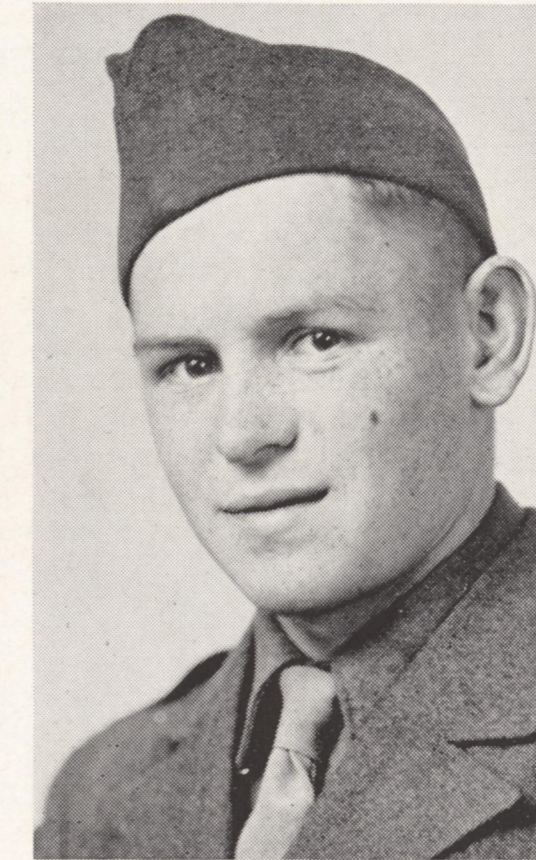
Roy Gasaway is one inch bigger around the waist than Harry (Five by Five) Middaugh. Believe it or not.



Pvt. Paul J. Brammer, son of Cecil Brammer, boiler shop foreman. Paul is with the Tank Corps and is located at Fort Lewis, Washington.



Patty Louise, 14, daughter of Dewey Burton, millwright helper at the Rod Mill.



Pvt. Leslie V. Lybrook is training at Camp Edward, Massachusetts, in anti-aircraft gunnery. He is a son of Leslie Lybrook, laborer in the Open Hearth Department.

### Blooming and Bar Mill Ingot Splashes

—by K. Cronin

After allowing a couple of weeks cooling off period we believe that it will be safe to tell about Holcomb forgetting to put himself on the schedule and coming out to work at midnight to find that he had no card in the rack.

Being unable to contact anyone in the Bloomer office to O. K. him in he was forced to return home and lose a turn.

Harold Cullum was recently promoted to fill the vacancy left by the recent resignation of Dave Pyle.

Congratulations, Junior, we sincerely hope you are able to keep up to the high standard of workmanship set by your predecessor.

Now we've seen everything. Petey Mainer told the truth on two consecutive days (June 11 and 12) and he can prove it by four other guys.

We imagine that Benny Thompson is about as popular around home as a bean bug in a victory garden, since he unthoughtedly locked his wife in the hen house for four hours. Move over, Fido; Benny wants to board with you a while.

We would certainly like to see Wes Moore in his new pajamas if his wife is ever able to get him to put them on. Wes never had any before and he thinks it would be like sleeping with his clothes on. When he first

saw them he thought she had squandered his money on herself a new slack suit.

Mac May is still trying to figure out why the little pig he purchased from Roscoe Burke died the next day. So far he has been very unsuccessful in securing a rebate.

Lee Patton recently journeyed out to Slim Stroud's to buy a little pig and while out there he saw another one he liked so well he gave Slim two dollars more for it than he did the first one. After spending a very



Clarence (Doc) Davis, son of H. W. Davis, crane operator in the Electrical Department.

pleasant afternoon he placed his porkers in his car and started home. On his arrival he refused Brady's offer to help put the pigs in the pen and started up the hill with the biggest one that he prized so highly but unfortunately he slipped and fell. The result, one dead pig which goes to prove that only the good die young and that while some kinds of mash is good for little pigs there is some that is not.

Our congratulations to Ben Elam who spent three dollars of this month's pay check for a marriage license. A mighty fine investment, Benny, we don't know of any place else you could purchase so much excitement for such a small amount of money.

Bill Voysey is spending his annual vacation in Pittsburgh. We suppose he will spend a couple of days watching the Pirates and the next 350 telling us how good they are.

"Cap" Moore spent his vacation in Alabama. While there he indulged in his favorite sport of fishing. He spent \$2.50 for a non-resident license and claims he landed five sunfish averaging two and a half ounces each. At least he didn't tell any tales like the fellow who is telling of having to throw away forty pounds last week because he caught so many he couldn't give them all away.

Brick Mason News

—by "A Boot"

Well boys, I think we are getting a little careless since the Blast Furnace job has been completed. In the past month there were quite a few accidents in the department, so let's check up on ourselves a bit and see if we can't find the cause of these accidents and stop them. Remember all that some folks get out of carelessness is a fine funeral they can't see.

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What two prominent men in the mason department are trying to start a goat farm. This is our first time to hear of goats laying eggs. Anyone with goats for sale contact Gene and John.

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This is the best story we've heard in the mason department for some time and Frank Mauk tells it for the truth. He says he has his chickens so well trained that he only needs



Adeline, daughter of Pearl Malone, slagman at the Open Hearth Department.

one nest and when it's laying time the hens march up in single file and wait their turn and the rooster marches up and down the line to see that one hen don't get ahead of another.

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"Cats" Peery was seen sneaking in the Street Fair. How come, "Cats," didn't you know it was free?

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Things We Would Like To Know:

When "Cats" and Geno will take their vacation.

Where Earl Moore got his wrist watch.

What brick mason is known as "Sugar".



LLOYD FENDER

Private secretary to Major General James Doolittle of Tokyo raid fame, was a distinction that came to this young soldier from Portsmouth Works shortly after his assignment to the American Bomber Command in North Africa. He was employed as clerk in the Tie Plate Department prior to his induction.



Staff Sergeant Lester Phillips and Corp. Earl Phillips, sons of Wilbur Phillips, slagman at the Open Hearth. Both boys are serving with the Army Air Corps.

Open Hearth News

—by Raison and Frantz

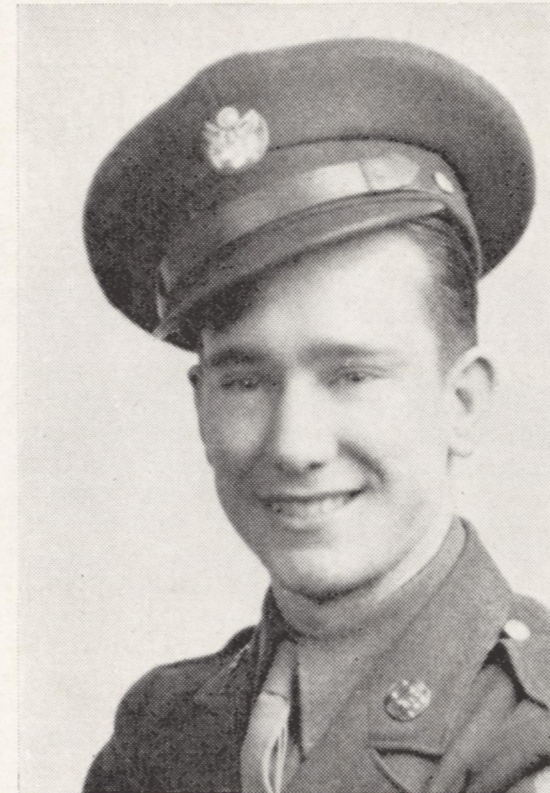
Lee Patton has always let it be known that he is tops as a hog raiser. What the boys are just learning is that Lee is also the possessor of a tender heart. Due to the scarcity of .22 shells Lee was experimenting with different methods of slaughtering porkers. It seems as though Lee got over enthused while trying a half-nelson and now bemoans the loss of a prize shoat. Afterthought—Actual tests show that falling on them is very efficient.

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Benjamin (Shorty) Wheeler, engineer on the Open Hearth hill, was the recipient of a handsome Bible presented to him by his fellow workmen when he retired from active service July 1st. All the Open Hearth gang wish you many happy years, Shorty.

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When James Fowler, known as



Pfc. Ernest R. Steele of the Army Air Force. His father, Roy E. Steele is an angle welder in the Barrel Shop.

Texas Pete, switchman on the Open Hearth hill puts one foot on top of the other the boys know he is getting ready to spin a tall tale of high adventure or tell you some of the high-lights of his past life. We are sure he could qualify for Lowell Thomas' tall story club.

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Raison wears a satisfied smile on his face now that John Snyder returned to the hill job. He claims he lost seven pounds while John was away for lack of ham sandwiches.

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Harold Booth is the proud father of a seven and a half pound daughter, Dona Sue. What—No cigars.

Barrel Shop Bulletins

—by "The Young Man"

Charles Castle, of the Storeroom is back on the job after a great big week's vacation, spent in picking green beans, an fishin'.

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Albert H. Weghorst a popular Store-room employee, is an avowed candidate for City Council from the First Ward. Al is a former well known councilman, having served in that capacity for twenty-three years. The rest of the boys join me, in wishing him the best of luck.

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Wanted! To buy about twenty-five boxes of chewing gum, not particular—any kind will do. If interested, see Bob Bahner.

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The secret of why Joe Voit, Inspector, has been so down-hearted the past several weeks has just been revealed. Authentic reports say, the cause of it all is simply this. Joe had to "buy" a three cent stamp recently in order to mail his Ration Application Blank to Columbus.

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Jesse Payton, Hoop-maker who for many years has been a well known resident of Twin-Valley, recently sold his home and moved to Portsmouth. "Believe it, or don't."

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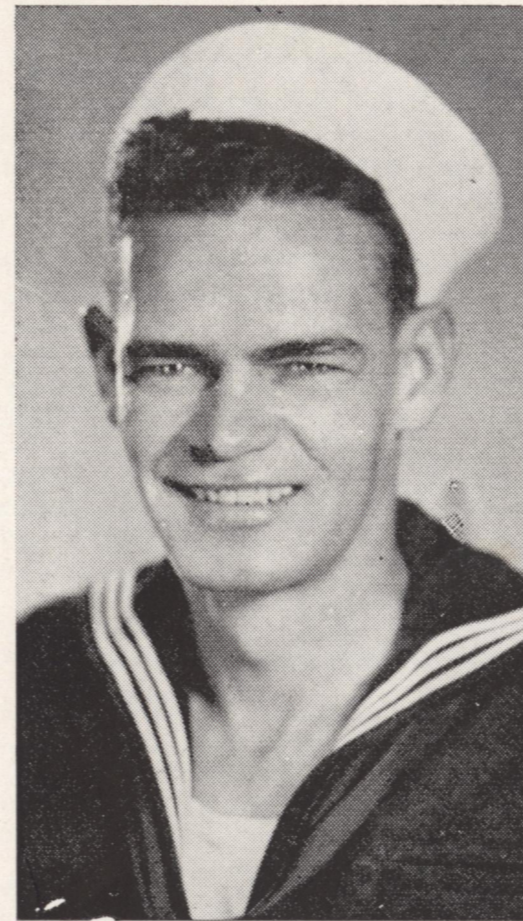
William Littlejohn who is now in the Army, recently paid a visit to the shop. "Bill" as all the boys know him, is looking grand, and sure makes a fine looking soldier. He was a welder for several years prior to his induction.

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The boys do not anticipate any shortage in poultry or eggs this year now that "Poop Deck Pappy" is back in the business.

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Reports have it that two former well known Barrel Shop boys, Master Sgt. Arthur Ward, and Tech. Sgt. Wilbur H. Hoffman both have already proven themselves real heroes. Both have been in the service many months. They have both been flying



Richard M. Jackson is a member of a gun crew in the United States Navy. His father Henry Jackson is Blooming Mill electrician.

Foundry Castings

—by Willis Kayser

The crops on the farms are all planted and everything is going along according to plan, so says Charles Poe, and now we can turn our minds to baseball and the invasion of Europe.

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William Huffman Sr. has purchased a runabout for shopping. He insists it is called a two-wheel shopping carriage, but the whole shop thinks it is nothing but a baby carriage.

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Johnnie Jones has got his new store teeth and has just found out he can sing. Now he puts on a "Top of the Morning" program in the washroom every day.

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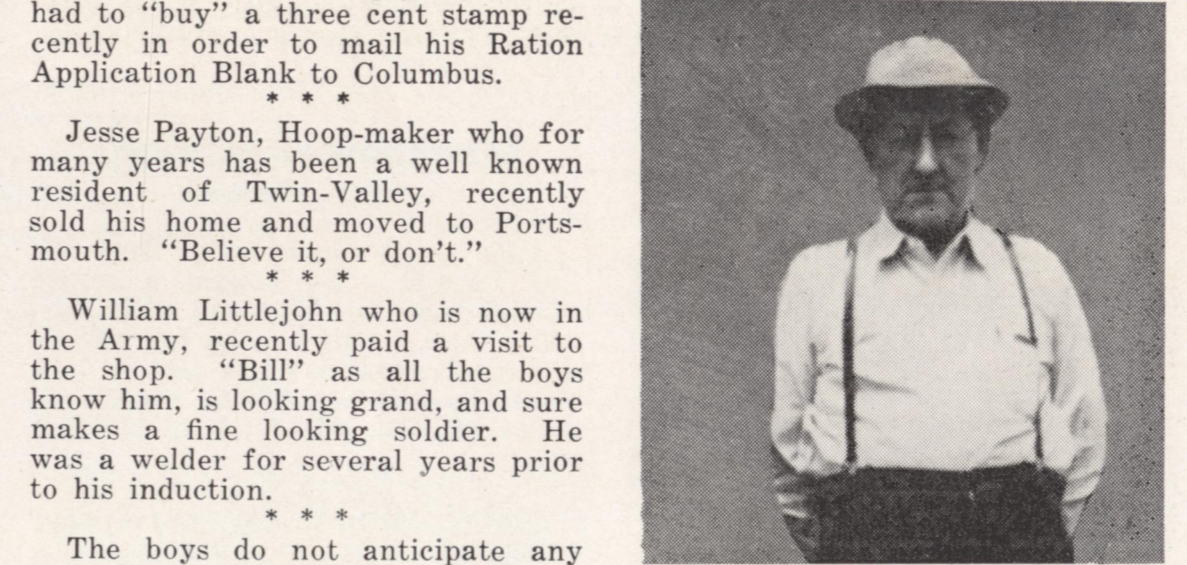
A man recently stopped by an OPA official about driving with a C card gave this excuse: "Gas costs thirty cents a gallon, Federal stamp five dollars, license tags twenty dollars, speed limit is 30 miles an hour, my tires are about to blow out and my mother-in-law is beside me and you have the gall to call this pleasure driving."

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Boys, there ought to be some pictures from the Foundry in the paper so why not bring some in for next time.

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Ed Delabar and Walter Ishmael are giving away tomato plants and furnishing the stakes for them too.



Herman Kreuger Sr. has been an employee of the Barrel Shop for 25 years. At the present time he is employed as a generator tender. He recently became a proud great grandfather when a son was born to Pvt. and Mrs. Joseph Rhea. Mr. Rhea was employed in the Brick Mason Department before entering the army.

COMBATING ABSENTEEISM

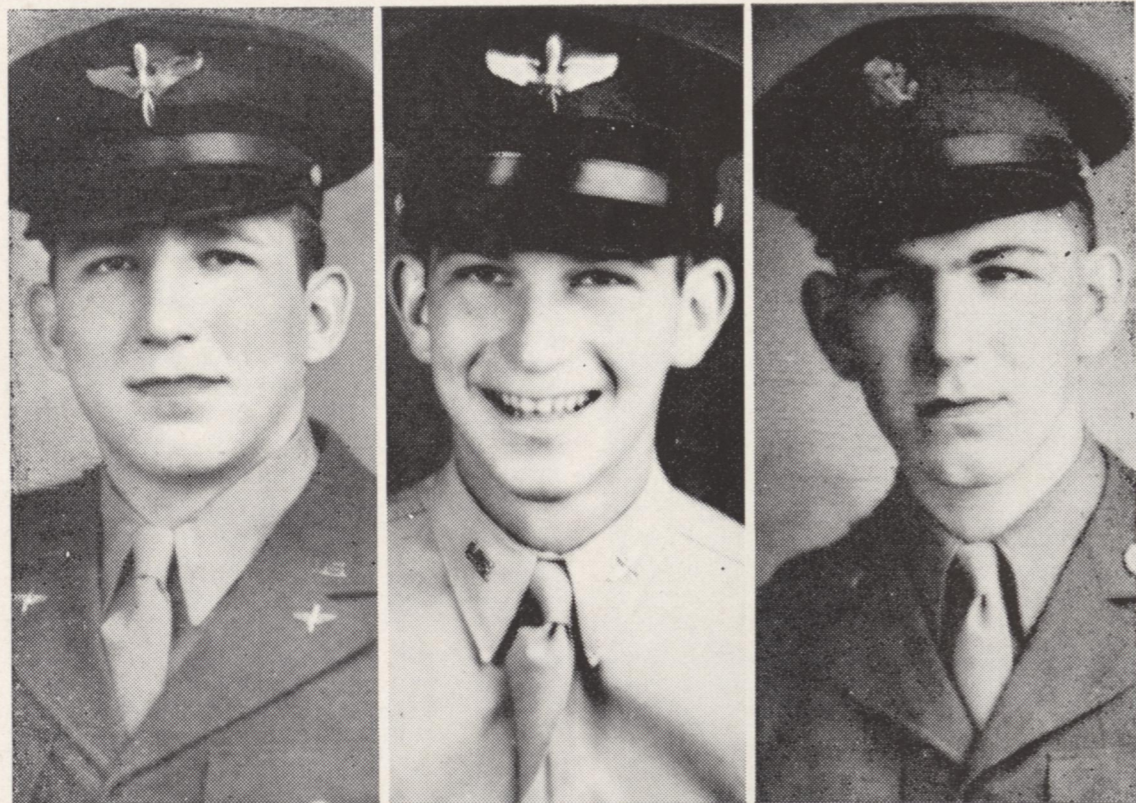
In the interest of reducing absenteeism in the plant we reproduce the following reminder from a recent issue of "The British Empire Digest" which was contributed by Mr. L. D. Huestis, General Manager.

"The Lord gave us two ends to use;

One to think with, one to sit with.

The war depends on which we choose,

Heads we win, tails we lose."



Ralph, Harold and Carl Reipenhoff, three sons of Charles A. Reipenhoff, gas maker at the Open Hearth, in the service of our country. Ralph and Harold are aviation cadets and Carl is with the Coast Guard at Hawthorne, California.

**Rod Mill Cobbles**  
—by Henry Waring

James Chapman of the Cleaning House is inquiring for pasture for a guinea pig, but has been unsuccessful to date.

Delmas White, finisher, says that although he was wearing the scratches on his face as previously mentioned, he isn't nearly as bad as Thomas Maloney, the guide setter, who came in to work half an hour late when the mill wasn't starting until 10:00 A. M.

The boys in the Electrical Department report that anyone who fails to see Earl Kennedy when he gives a public demonstration of his latest dance steps is really missing out on something as Earl has a new original step that is a combination of the jitterbug, black bottom and the Virginia reel. Spider Hamilton, who came in on Earl unexpectedly when he was practicing, says there are many more features to this new dance.

Louie Cochran, popular roller, passed out cigars this week on the occasion of his recent marriage. Good luck, Louie.

Last month in this column the item about a certain inspector was misprinted. It should have read "Has anyone out-ried me yet?" instead of out-lived me yet.

We are glad to welcome Everett Stewart back in the Rod Mill. Until he recently received his honorable discharge Everett was in training with Uncle Sam's Army Air Force.

**Mechanical Musings**  
—by V. Warnock

Talk about tough luck. Just ask Lee Patton. Lee bought a couple of pigs the other day and while carrying them to the pen he fell on one and snuffed out it's life and as luck would have it Lee fell on the eleven dollar pig instead of the nine dollar one.

Albert Hileman is grandpappy again.

James Seth was teaching his five year old son how to drive. The five year old proceeded to release the brakes on the car and over the bank she went. About \$80.00 to fix her up—quite a costly first lesson we think.

"Painted toes, turned up nose, Five feet six and all of those". Some ditty, but you should have seen Verne Fearis come tripping into the Pipe Shop recently. Boy, if he'd just had some of that new golden glow smeared on his legs. Wow! What a man.

The Tin Shop gang is selling tickets for the square dance that they're going to have on their new floor.

Bill Hollen, Joe Abbott and Harvey Knapp journeyed to Cincinnati to see a big league game. Hot weather, hot pop and a rotten game. Harvey claims he's seen lots better games up on Jeanette's Creek.

It is rumored that Duffy and Townsend have put in their order for zoot suits. They go jitterbugging together now every day at noon.

**IN MEMORIAM**

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

To the family of James Crowe of the Mechanical Department, who died July 7.

To the family of Earl Denny, Rod Mill guide setter, who died June 15.

To Arlie Greenhill, Nail Mill, Gobel Greenhill, Department 17, Woodrow Greenhill, Coke Plant, Charles Greenhill, Wire Mill, Amos Greenhill, Yard Department and John Greenhill, Nail Mill, whose mother died June 7.

To Tom and Roy Newberry of the Carpenter Department, whose mother died July 1.

To Ralph Groh, Pay Office and William Groh, Rod and Wire Shipping, whose father died June 29.

To Paul J. Barry of the Mechanical Department whose brother was killed in military service June 10.

To Albert McGuire of the Brick Mason Department, whose son died June 22.

To William Stewart of the Barbed Wire Department, whose father died June 13.

To Ernest Milligan of the Nail Mill, whose wife died June 26.

To Luther Lewis of the Coke Plant and Ed Lewis of the Open Hearth whose sister died June 21.

To Dewey Rose of the Open Hearth Department, whose daughter died June 14.

To Harold Reed of the Coke Plant, whose mother died June 21.

To Everett Lemon of the Field Fence Department, whose father died June 15.

To S. A. Stewart of the Coke Plant, whose mother died June 12.

To James Cooper of the Brick Mason Department, whose father died June 13.

To Lenzie Hodges of the Wire Mill, whose wife died June 11.

To Russell Ison of the Foundry, whose son died recently.

To Willard Rister of the Barrel Shop, whose father died recently.

To James Logan of the Range Boiler Department, whose son died June 10.

To Lawrence Sommer of No. 1 Boiler House and Fred Sommer of the Barrel Shop, whose father died July 3.

To Harry Webb of the Barrel Shop, whose mother-in-law died recently.

To C. L. Glass of the Foundry, whose father-in-law died June 9.

To Eugene Cooper of the Electric Department, whose father-in-law died June 13.

To James Clark of the Coke Plant, whose brother-in-law died June 2.

To Luther Horn of Department 17 whose uncle died June 25.

To Irvin Hodges of the Blast Furnace, whose sister-in-law died June 14.

**Production Drive Committee**

Remember the African victory! Products of the Portsmouth Plant were used in this drive. Your suggestion helped increase production to make this drive possible. The main objection at the present time is that your suggestions are not coming fast enough. Get your shoulder to the wheel and let's get going. The committee is anxious to get all suggestions and will give them their immediate attention.

The production drive committees in the various plants of our country have done a real job. The results are a credit to the American people. It shows what can be done by cooperation. Each and every employee of this plant is a part of this movement. What have you done? Where is your suggestion?.. The man on the job is more familiar with his work than anyone else. Regardless of how foolish you may think your suggestion will sound, let us have it.

The work of the committee cannot be performed without your help. Let's all give it an extra effort.

New Chairmen for the Production Drive Committee will be Mr. R. S. Luckett and Mr. Stephen Dixon. Mr. Luckett will replace Mr. F. R. Cashner as the Management Representative. Mr. Dixon will replace Mr. James Louis as the Union Representative.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Cashner and Mr. Louis for the fine work they have done.

We would also like to ask full cooperation from all the employees for Mr. Luckett and Mr. Dixon.

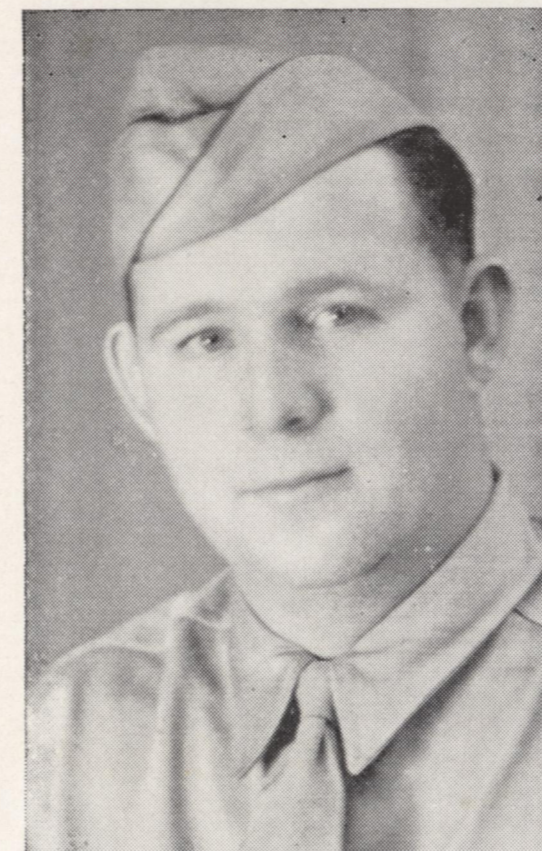
Come on everybody keep your suggestions rolling in.

FRANK COE,  
ALBERT WOOD.

**COMPARISON OF SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED WITH QUOTA OF SUGGESTIONS EXPECTED FOR PERIOD May 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943**

DEPARTMENT	No. of Suggestions Received	Quota of Suggestions Expected	% of Quota For Year
Rod & Wire	157	112	150
Coke Plant	27	28	104
Yard	23	42	59
Blast Furnace	7	14	54
*Department No. 17	5	16	42
Barrel & Range Boiler	13	42	33
General	32	112	31
Blooming & Bar	7	28	27
Open Hearth	7	42	18
Electrical	6	42	15
Inspection	5	42	13
Mechanical	7	84	9
*Salvage	0	4	0
	296	608	53

\* 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.



Cpl. Richard W. Flowers is serving as instrument man with the Army Air Corps in North Africa. He is the brother of Dot Flowers of the Bond Department.



Pfc. Estell E. Messer is stationed at San Diego, California with the United States Marines. He is the son of Elvin Messer, Rod Mill crane operator.



Pvt. Chester Papillon is stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He is the only son of Henry Papillon, crane operator at the Blast-Furnace.



★ WITH OUR BOYS IN SERVICE ★



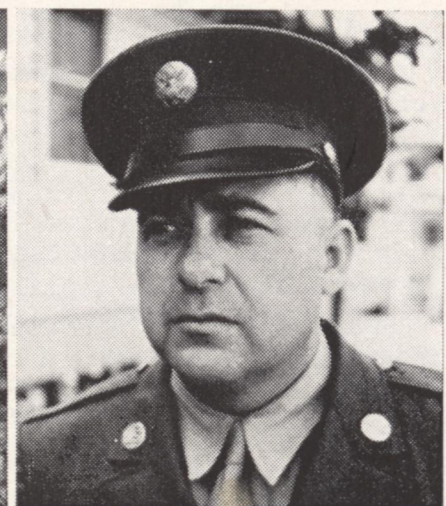
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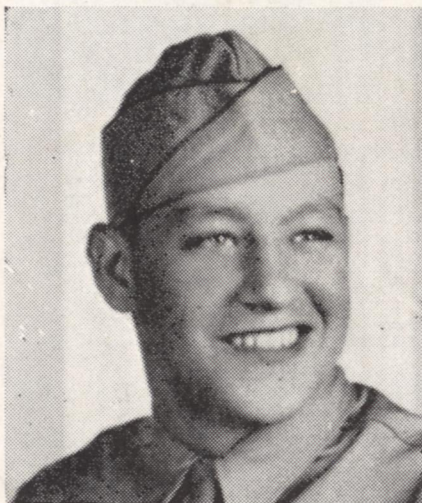
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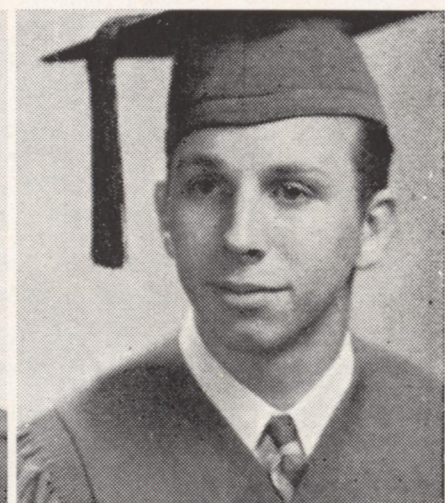
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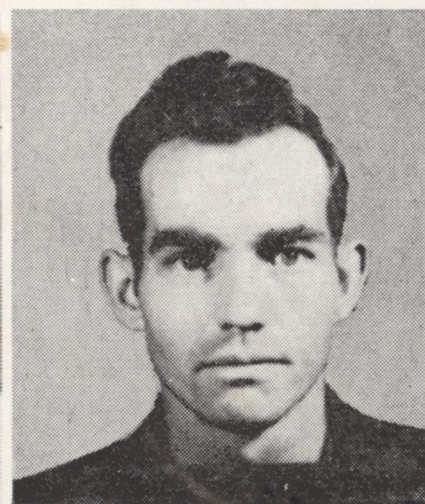
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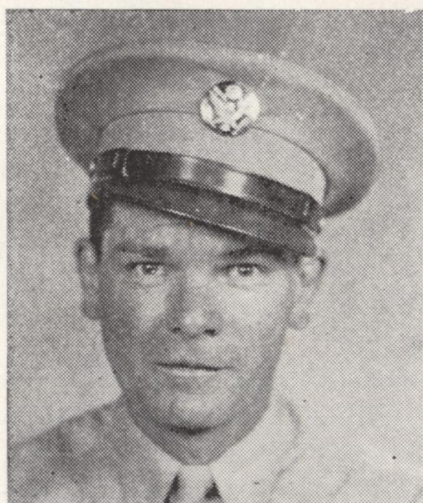
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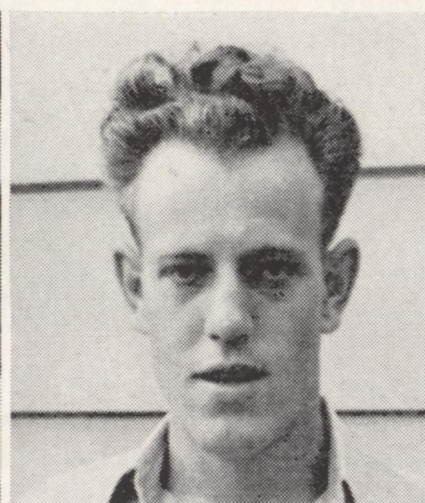
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