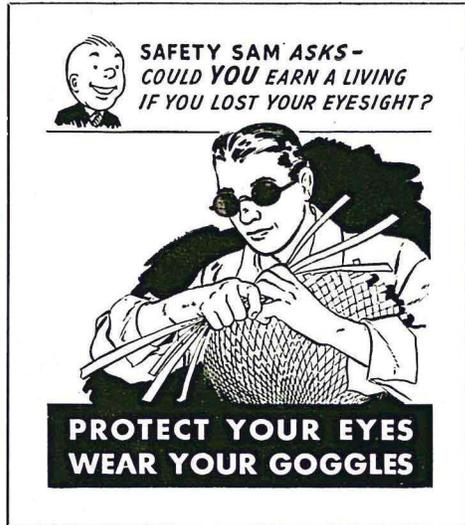


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Goggle 'Em Brother You Can't Get Another

period, eye injuries were experienced, grouped by machine operations, as follows:

Assemblers.....	23
Grinders.....	14
Lathe Operators.....	14
Sheet Metal Workers.....	11
Welders.....	6
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Drill Presses.....	4
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AN ACCIDENT analysis for a thirteen-month period from February 15, 1942 until March 13, 1943 revealed the disturbing fact that 101 eye accidents resulting in fourteen days lost time took place in the plant. More serious than the fourteen days lost time was the loss of two eyes directly resulting from accidents in the shop.

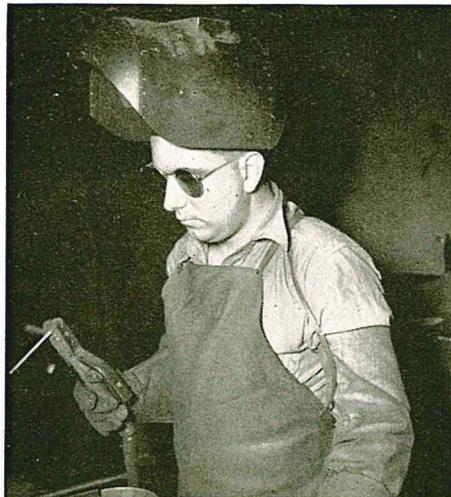
The sad part of this is that almost 100 % of these accidents would not have happened—if the workers had been wearing protective goggles, spectacles or eye shields. Experience has demonstrated repeatedly that through the wearing of goggles, hundreds and even thousands of workers are going about their daily tasks with their vision unimpaired. These same workers without such protection would today probably be partially or totally blind.

Do not believe for a minute that the type of work in which you are engaged is totally free from accident possibilities. There are no occupations in our shop in which eye accidents can not happen. During the thirteen-month

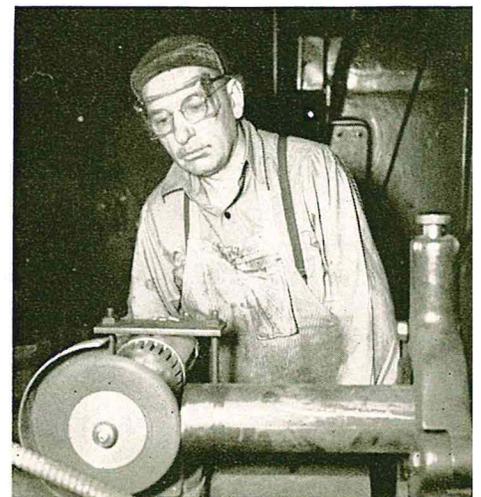
Wear *your* goggles—not on your forehead—but over your eyes—to protect your most precious possession: your eyesight. Goggles are furnished by the company for every operator. It is up to you to wear this correct eye protection for the specific task to be done.

Uncle Sam needs your eyes. Wear your goggles.

Lonnie Reynolds protects his eyes from cracking weld metal with tinted glasses after his welding hood is raised.

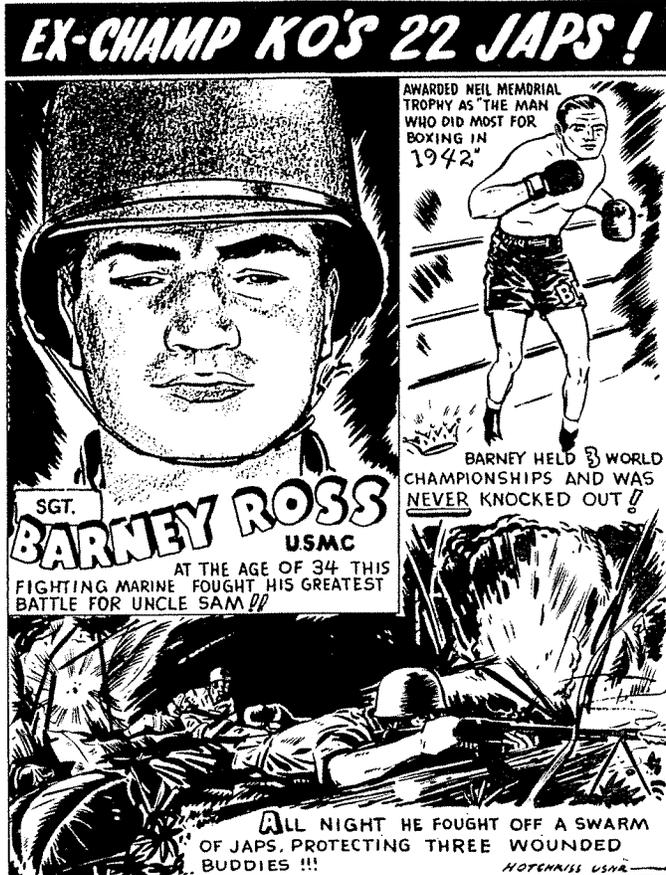


His eyes properly protected from flying metal chips, John Reedy grinds this shaft in complete safety.



Production — THE KEY TO KNOCKOUT OF THE ENEMY

Says Ex-boxing Champ Barney Ross, Who Killed 22 Japs in Single Action at Guadalcanal



★ "Out there on Guadalcanal, every time the radio news told us that production at home was getting bigger and that lots more stuff was coming off the assembly lines to fight with, it added to the courage and confidence our boys already had."

So speaks an expert on courage—Sergeant Barney Ross, Marine hero who once held three world boxing championships and who "came back" to fight his greatest battle for Uncle Sam, killing 22 Japs one night while standing guard over three wounded buddies in a foxhole.

In that fight, which lasted for 15 hours without let-up, Ross, who was suffering from malaria at the time, fired 280 rounds of ammunition and threw 20 hand grenades at the enemy. Before help reached the quartet of Marines, 33 enemy bullets ricocheted off a log protecting them, many of them nicking Ross's steel helmet.

"We Marines at Guadalcanal weren't any braver or better than the Marines at Wake Island," the game little battler declares. "But thanks to the workers on the home front, we did have better equipment and more of it. Even at that, we didn't always have everything we needed to square off with the tough Japs."

His slick black hair, that made him a dashing figure in his ring days, now quite grey, and still showing the

effects of shrapnel wounds and his fourth attack of malaria, the former champion gratefully kissed the ground as his first act on returning to the shores of the United States. Following a period of recuperation in a Naval hospital, he is now on a tour of war plants manufacturing equipment for the Navy, in order to speak personally with the workers and convey to them his plea for greater production.

"I'd like to tell 'em all the boys out there are hoping all the folks here are doing all they can to make things easier. Those boys are doing all that is asked of them, and a lot more. I'm only one of the many thousands who have done as much—in fact, most of them have done a whole lot more than I have. But I happened to be lucky.

"Don't forget one thing—every man that's able to hold and fire a rifle is a hero. There are no cowards out there. Sure, we all had that knocking of the knees and clacking of the teeth. But the only thing all of us thought about and cared about was to see how many Japs we could shoot every day we went into the line.

"One thing I learned at Guadalcanal," Sergeant Ross continues, "and that is that in the shell-holes and slit trenches you don't get a one-minute rest period after three minutes of fighting. You've got to stay in there punching. But we had a great referee out there—the good Lord above."

The difference between fighting with the gloves and fighting with a gun? This is Barney Ross's opinion:

"In the ring they split the gate on a percentage basis between the winner and the loser. This isn't that kind of a scrap. This is a *winner-take-all* war. This is a war for keeps, and no one knows it better than the Japs. If we lose, it's not just the fellows at the front that lose. Every American stands to lose—our homes, our rights, everything a man wants to live for.

"That's why it's necessary to get out every plane, gun, ship and tank—and all the parts that go into them—as soon as possible. That's why we must get every bit of equipment the boys need out there to them without delay. We've got to have them, if we expect to win by a knockout.

"I just wish I could personally thank every man and woman that helped make the bullets and hand grenades that kept us alive during that long night in the shell-hole. If it hadn't been for them, I know I wouldn't be back today."

HOW DOES YOUR VICTORY GARDEN Grow?

Undaunted by the over abundant rainfall of early May AFECO Victory gardeners, can be found in their every spare minute industriously tending the tender green vegetables popping up throughout the garden.

Seventy-five employees are participating in the Victory Garden program at the plant with a 50 x 55 ft. plot east of the Heater building and the majority of other employees have gardens of varying sizes in backyards or vacant lots.

"Don't be a spring fever gardener". You know, one of those fellows who works so hard the first day he can't get out of bed the second and by the third he's lost all interest in anything that looks like a shovel. As soon as a bit of green starts growing in your garden—that's the time to cultivate. And from then it's up to you to keep the soil in the best shape for a profitable and bountiful harvest. Although the work will be pleasant, profitable—the most important reason is a patriotic one.

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BUNBOTTOM'S GARDEN COLUMN

Because we have had so many requests from amateur gardeners for helpful hints on how to raise a Victory Garden, the AMERICAN PARADE has, at great expense, retained Doctor Horatio K. Bunbottom as a garden advisor. In this, the first of his articles, Dr. Bunbottom says!

"The first step in establishing a garden is the selection of the site. This, preferably, should be just beyond the reach of your sprinkling hose, as it is considered quite fashionable to use buckets to carry water out to your dying plants. Besides that, the water slopping down your pants' leg has a definite cooling effect which will be much appreciated on hot summer days

"Once the site has been determined, a simple soil test should be made. This test consists of picking up a clod of dirt, smelling it, and then crumbling it between your fingers. This will create the impression that you are a soil expert, and it also dirties your shirt front, which gives you an honest, down-to-earth appearance.

"Obtaining a full assortment of tools is the next step. This is best done by borrowing from the neighbors; although, under very unusual circumstances, actual purchasing from a hardware store is permissible. One of the most important of all tools is the hoe, so be sure to get one with a sturdy handle. You will find it of great value in helping you assume the Tired Gardner Stance. A long-handled rake should also be included. You may not need it in the garden, but it will come in handy for retrieving your morning paper from the porch roof.



"The successful gardner also makes a judicious use of fertilizer, of which there are two general types—one coming from bags and the other from nags. You will find that a great many people will insist that the bag type fertilizer is just as nutritive as the Old Original, but it is suggested that you get the opinion of any well informed sparrow on this.

"The soil should next be prepared. There are two ways of doing this, but the most popular is to hire some farmer to do the plowing. You will usually find the farmers, as a class, most obliging; they are generally on their way down to get a government check for not growing things, and they, ordinarily, will be very glad to help you not grow things, too. The farmer and the plow method is especially valuable if your garden plot is small, for it gives the farmer a chance to show his skill in driving horses. When he shouts 'Gee', that is the signal for the horses to swing to the right and trample down your wife's begonia bush. 'Haw' means just the opposite . . . (The begonia bush tramples down the horses?).

"You may prefer to prepare the soil in the more manly and virile American way. First, get yourself a spade—no trumps—and spitting on your hands—unless there is a cuspidor handy—go next door and hire the neighbor's boy to do your digging. You will generally find the neighbor has hired your own boy to spade his garden. On the surface this would seem to be a wasteful exchange of labor, but it sure is one swell way to keep money circulating. In extreme circumstances you may even have to do the digging yourself in; which case, do not expect any assistance—that is, at first. Later on, as your crops are well along, the neighbor's dogs will be very helpful.

"When to plant, probably, will be your biggest problem. Late frosts get the early vegetables and early frosts get the late ones. It may be smart to just forget the garden business and put in a miniature golf course, but if you insist on answering the call of the soil, it is well to remember that certain things should be planted on certain days. Potatoes, for instance, should be in the ground by St. Patrick's

Day. Of course, if you aren't going to raise potatoes, it doesn't matter what day you don't plant them on.

"The majority of garden vegetables are grown from seed, and there are various ways of planting. One expert advocates wrapping each seed in lead so the weight will cause the seed to sink into the ground and thus plant itself. This method is not generally accepted, for it is one sure-fire way to get lead in your plants.

"No garden is complete without the onion—be sure to raise big ones. Remember the onion is a cousin of the leek—and a small leek will stink a great ship.

"Radishes are another very popular item. Why, no one seems to know, unless it is that great burps from little radishes grow. They are pictured on the seed packet as being colorful scarlet globes topped by small green leaves. Actually, the average home-grown radish resembles spinach. That is, it has large green leaves, while the edible portion resembles an anemic toothpick.



"Tomatoes are also a popular vegetable. They are generally grown from plants purchased from commercial growers. The plants usually seem sickly and puny and don't look as if they will survive. Don't let them fool you—they are, and they won't.

"Vegetables are famous for their vitamin content, some having more than others. Parsnips, turnips, and spinach are notoriously rich in vitamin content; while the things you like, such as strawberries and corn-on-the-cob, are sadly lacking in vitamin value. This often tempts the amateur gardener to try developing new species which incorporate the good points of several types. We warn you that this does not ordinarily pay. We knew of one man who, after years of experimentation, succeeded in growing strawberries that tasted like spinach. He wrote to the Department of Agriculture and told them of his discovery. They wrote back and instead of complimenting him, told him his discovery wasn't worth much, but that they would have considered it of great value had he been able to develop a spinach that tasted like strawberries.

"In closing, it is well to remember that some plants require two years to mature. The only way to get around this is to order your seeds from a last year's catalog."

Together WE WILL WIN!

The pages—*American Men In Uniform*—have come to be one of the most important parts of our magazine. Those friends of ours with whom we used to work show their appreciation by writing frequently, giving us the little bits of information which they are allowed to impart from the war fronts of the world.

"The company is certainly doing its part in the war", is a statement frequently found in these letters. Yes, the Company is doing its part. Honored by the Army and Navy for production achievement in the "E" award is only one of the accomplishments attained. Of equal importance is the part Wheelabrator and blast cleaning equipment is playing in hundreds of war plants enabling the implements of war to reach the battlefronts. As employees of AFECO, we are working day and night to produce even more than was considered possible.

Have we been doing all we can to win this war? As employees of the Company we have, but as John Doe, private citizen, what sacrifices are we making? Are we buying all the War Bonds we can? Are we making any sacrifice to buy them—or do we just use what money is left after picture shows, dances and other personal pleasures have been satisfied?

Remember, the 155 American men in uniform aren't sacrificing just what is convenient.



Corp. Lloyd Lucas is now stationed at Stinson Field, San Antonio, Texas, working in special service department as a physical instructor. He has also been in two amateur boxing tournaments, ending up in the last one as runner-up for State championship in the welter-weight division by dropping a decision. He is looking forward to the day when we may all be together again.



T/5th William R. Griswold, Camp Bowie, Texas, sends us this excellent letter:

"First I would like to offer my heartiest congratulations on your winning the Army-Navy 'E' award. As we would say in the army—it looks as if you are 'on the ball' back there. Things such as this sure give us men a lot of encouragement. The sacrifices the people back home are making is simply wonderful. They are giving a lot for us boys in the service. I hope that I will get my chance to show my appreciation. And there is only one way to do this and that is to get this damn thing

over. Now this battalion is preparing for overseas duty so it looks as if my chance is coming.

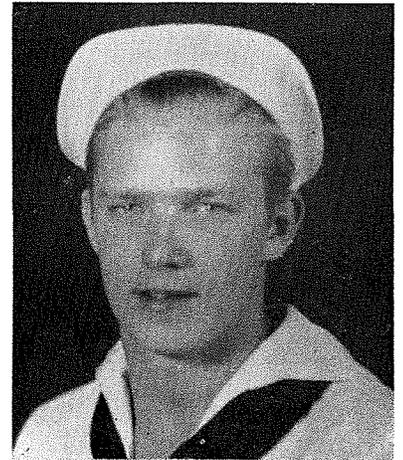
"Now I would like to ask a favor. I have been treated so wonderfully by the AFECO I want you to thank the proper ones for all they have done for me. I don't know just where to begin, but for the short time I worked there they have treated me as a 'long lost brother'.

"I received my bonus checks at Christmas time. And I have been getting my copy of the *American Parade*. Now, you are sending the *READER'S DIGEST*. I received my first copy today. And I really appreciate this. I have tried to write several times to thank everyone but, since our recent intensive training for overseas duty, time just didn't permit. But, I have thought of it many times."

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Staff Sgt. Jerry Canfield is still working in Military Personnel office in headquarters at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky. Until recently he was in charge of "officers pay and personnel". Since then he has worked in various phases of military personnel work (casual section, service records, classification, etc.) and now is in charge of the "Strength Report" for all units on post.

He hopes to get home with Mrs. Canfield and the little Canfield during June.



Edgar Williams, F 1/c

Edgar Williams, in the service since January 16, 1942, is stationed on a submarine and rated as fireman first class. Outside of bumping his head once in a while, he is fine and likes the Navy quite well.

Submarine mail is very slow and he has only recently received the *October Parade*. Although mail doesn't reach him very often, he is thrilled to receive letters from his friends back home.

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From Pvt. Harry Hixenbaugh, Camp Gordon, Georgia:

"May I offer my congratulations on the plant being awarded the Army-Navy 'E'. I sure am proud to be able to say that is where I worked and sure am looking forward to the day I can return and associate with all the fine people at AFECO.

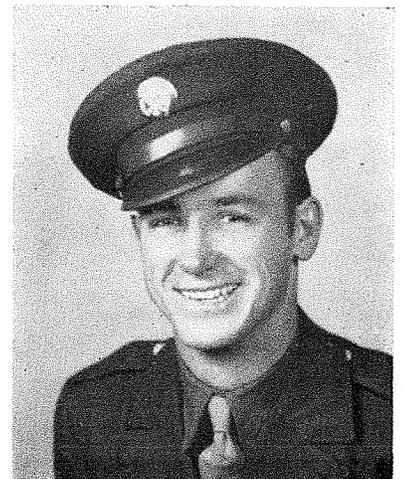
"There isn't much happening around here but can say that you people just keep the things rolling at home and we sure will raise HELL from this end when the proper time comes."

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Additions to Honor Roll

Walter E. Bricker	Raymond C. Lytle
Delbert Dare, Jr.	Donald L. Sampson
Robert W. Hoerstman	Robbin A. Wall
Richard E. James	Edward Hueimmer

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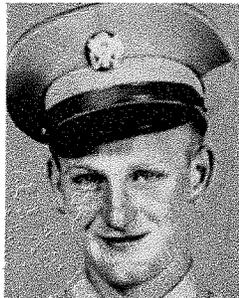
Pvt. Levi Himes, Jr.

Harmi Hulbert

Pfc. Edward Byrd

Pvt. Harold E. Young

Pfc. Guerino Giacomini





**HAVE YOU ENTERED
THE AFECO**

Suggestion Contest?

SHARE IN THE \$50.00 CASH PRIZES TO
BE AWARDED IN ADDITION
TO REGULAR AWARDS.

CONTEST ENDS JUNE 15—GET
YOUR IDEAS IN TODAY!

You still have time to get in on the Suggestion Contest which ends June 15. The three cash prizes will go to contestants having the most ideas accepted between May 15 and June 15 inclusive. In addition, regular awards will be paid for all winning suggestions.

Turn in as many worth-while, practical ideas as you can. If you haven't contributed suggestions before, do so NOW. Make every idea count. The more ideas you turn in the better will be your chance of winning a prize.

As an extra inducement, next month's *American Parade* will include a special section of suggestion winners. The names and photographs of all men and women winning awards during this contest, regardless of whether they win a grand prize or not, will be published.

Get on the band wagon Here's your chance to show you've got what it takes. Turn in your suggestions TODAY.

First Prize \$25.00, Second Prize \$15.00,
Third Prize \$10.00.

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GOING, GOING - - - - -

If the holders of winning suggestion stubs Nos. 732 and 1473 do not turn their stubs in and claim their award within a reasonable time, the money will be turned over to the Servicemen's Gift Fund.

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Suggestion Winners

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| J. M. Barlow | Otto Morgan |
| J. Robert Bunch | George A. Morin |
| Frank T. Burkett | Frank T. Rendel |
| Chester C. Crumrine | M. G. Rogers |
| H. Davidson | Kenneth Rohleder |
| Carl P. Friedrich | Charles R. Shireman |
| Herman Fries | C. Everett Snyder |
| Laverne Hess | William C. Snyder |
| Russell Hutchins | O. D. Swartz |
| Raymond Leuthold | Dale K. Unrue |
| George Linn | Vivian Waldorf |
| Phil W. Johnson | Clair Wilson |
| Julius Vander Bruggen | |

Take a Lesson

FROM THOMAS A. EDISON

What do you remember about Thomas Edison? You never think of him as a man who died 12 years ago. It's not because of the many things that he invented. Most of them no longer bear his name (that's okay with Tom, he didn't care for credit lines). Tom's still very much alive because he started something that will never stop.



He started America tinkering. Forever tinkering with little things. Forever dissatisfied. Forever improving.

And that's what makes America great!

Tom's Remembered most for the two things he taught Americans:

1. The great inventions start with small ideas.
2. There are lots of better ways to do a job . . . any job.

There are lots of Toms . . . right in this plant. Lots of guys who are never satisfied with the way their job is being done. Lots of guys who are always alert to *little* ways of doing their job better . . . faster. Lots of guys who know that the way to shorten this war and save American lives is to *work like Tom!* *How about you?*

STUDY YOUR JOB!

So small a change as . . .

- A bench at a different level.
- A new arrangement of tools.
- A slight change in method.
- A handier, new, simpler tool.
- An unnecessary motion saved . . . *any little change like these*

can be the spark that sets off . . .

- A new assembly method.
- A change of materials.
- A new manufacturing method.
- A new, better product!

THINK UP IDEAS!

If they can . . .

- Save a second.
- Save materials.
- Improve quality.

they can . . .

- Shorten the war!
- Save American lives!

Let's have them!

Think 'em up. Talk 'em up. Drop them in today into the suggestion boxes for increasing war production in this plant.

Among the little things that Thomas Edison thought up are: wax paper, gummed paper, wrapping tape, the megaphone, a paper disc to record telegraph taps (it developed into the phonograph), the electric socket, a spiral of photographs on a cylinder (it developed into motion pictures), safety fuses, a miner's lamp . . . and only by experimenting with little things . . . one by one . . . did Edison finally perfect the dynamo, electric light, storage battery, sound-ranging, nitrogen from air, submarine detector, plane detector, microphone, telephone transmitter, and other great inventions.

Big things from small ideas grow; work like Tom! Drop your ideas in the suggestion boxes Today!

★ **Shop Bits** ★

STEEL SHOP

*Denver Johnson
Ray Hutchins*

The Well Dressed Man

If any of the boys are in doubt about the new spring styles; contact the Beau Brummel of Sister Lakes, Lowell Timmons, as he is the fashion plate of Southern Michigan. He admits he looks snappy when he is all togged out in his finery. Now what we are wondering is: how can the ladies resist this boy with so many of the local boys out of circulation. I suppose some day some rich widow will snare him, clothes, tavern, convertible Ford and all that go with advancing age and late childhood.

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Superman!

Our jeep driver on the second shift, who hails from the Sunny South, is a man of many talents. A few are listed: story teller, farmer, jeep driver, pilot, orchestra leader deluxe, and last but not least, a collector of trinkets. Says he may take up the medical profession next.

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A Challenge to Game Cock Fighters

Shorty Hayden, 4 to 12 o'clock crane operator, who hails from Niles, says he has a guinea rooster that he will pit against any and all comers. Shorty came to work this week with his face all scratched up and when asked what happened he pulled this gag on us about his guinea rooster doing the damage, but wait till his wife finds out he has called her a guinea rooster. Oh boy, go after him Myrtle, I'll bet on you every time!

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Another "E" Award

Walter Myers and Ray Bray, second shift electricians, got their heads together just previous to the day of the "E" ceremony. Used material, therefore non-essential, was used, and a handy roll-a-way box was constructed. Such a good job was accomplished that someone, evidently with proper authority, gave it the "E" award. The astounding miracle happened the other night when the box, finding itself unused, quietly rolled up to the small Tumblast line to work on its own that it might win a Star.

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Servicemen's Weddings

Staff Sgt. Marvin E. Rapp and Miss Leatrice Gardner.

Sergeant Howard Hull and Miss Carol Stoner.

Pvt. Harold (Curly) Housand and Miss Jane Ashwood.

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VOICE OF ENGINEERING

Alice Chamberlin

We welcome to our department a new stenographer, Miss Agnes Ernst, who comes to us by transfer from the Sales Department.

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Kenny Rohleder wants to thank the girls of the blueprint room for the carefully wrapped gift they gave him on his birthday. The two by four box contained sugar candies, bubble gum, licorice sticks, and all-day suckers.

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No wonder Charles Hirsch always looks so clean and neat: All the time soaking, scrubbing, spraying, washing, rinsing,

drying. He has about nine washing machines on order now.

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Chuck DeCraene came back from his New York trip with a broken toe and "Hopalong Cassidy" certainly did take a ribbing!

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Next in line for the bad breaks was ambitious Ruth Ball, when she smashed her foot while trying to fix her car.

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MACHINE SHOP

Kenny Long

Bob Bunch was the first man in the shop to take his vacation this year and he tried to do three week's work in one but found out it just couldn't be done. He got his victory garden plowed, hauled and spread a load of manure and now he has even rows of potatoes on their way to production.

He added one thing about these wartime vacations. "They sure do keep you at home. The furthest I got away from home was South Bend, but I did get a hundred dollars worth of air and sunshine."

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According to a poster hanging in the Machine Shop about 75 AFECO employees are Wanted For Sabotage. The names were all listed and quite a commotion was aroused until it was discovered that the list of names was those with Victory Garden plots assigned. This list had been tacked on a War Production Board poster with the "Wanted for Sabotage" heading. And thus another case for the F. B. I. was closed.

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Have you seen Lambert Klaer strut around the machine shop since May 9? At 3 A. M. on that date he became a father of Paul Edwin Klaer, a bouncing 8 lb., 2 oz. son.

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STOCK ROOM

Robert Gibbens

They say Sam Hearrell is looking enviously at the new put-put truck in the stockroom. It is rumored that he would like to make a deal with the Company for said truck. If your Chevrolet is in the deal Sam, no soap. The stockroom must get the material to the shipping room. Cheer up, Sam, Summer can't be far off. I hope you haven't used that No. 17 stamp.

Twenty-nine members of the Engineering Department—just one big happy family. Some of the boys in the rear row must be camera shy



Well, I guess, Ray Good won't go back to the farm after all. He sold his motorcycle and his wife positively will not pull the plow. The only horses left are either in the Kentucky Derby or pulling a milk wagon, so Ray will be with us for a while.

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OFFICE

Marjorie Frazee, Odelia Schaut, James Bostick

Kenny Long, Machine Shop, recently discovered that the "Share the Ride" club has advantages which should induce everyone else to include at least one attractive girl in the individual groups of riders. Kenny, in a hurry as usual, to get to work, ran out of gas, miles from a gas station. He tried unsuccessfully to flag down a ride—so Margie Frisz, a member of his group, tried her luck. With a screech of brakes, the first car to come down the road pulled to a stop. In the car were two of the nicest policemen who assisted the fair damsel, Kenny and Don Raabe in the important job of getting to work.

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Roses to Mary Power for winning the advanced typing contest at Mishawaka High School. Now she wears a beautiful silver medal for her typing speed and accuracy. Alma Huys, another senior, who is helping in the mailing department, several hours a day, walked off with the first place medal in advanced shorthand competition. Congratulations!

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The Pied Piper of AFECO—is in reality only the candy man. He can gather the largest crowd of girls two days a week—and without even whistling!

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Anton "Tony" Koleszar (Garnett Heward) on the birth, May 10, of Stephen Craig.

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New Faces in the Office

- Margie Kater—Cost
- Selma Heaton—Cost
- Pat Bancroft—Sales
- Mary Alice Hamblen—Purchasing
- Mary Power—Office Girl
- Jean Jontz—Parts Service
- Peggy Shipley—Filing—Switchboard.
- Rosemary Varga—Payroll

AFECO Credit Union FORMED



At a meeting held May 10 in the Mishawaka Hotel a representative group of 22 AFECO employees organized the AFECO Credit Union. Incorporation papers were signed and officials and committees to manage the affairs of the cooperative association were chosen.

Officers elected to serve until January 1, 1944 were: William Raabe, President; Ray Steele, Treasurer; and Margaret Hadaway, Secretary. These officers with Wilber Simms and Al Blaskie will comprise the Board of Directors of the group. Supervisory or auditing committee will consist of J. Robert Bunch, J. A. Schmidt, Jr. and Cathryn Cruise. The important loan committee includes Clair Wilson, George DuBois and Alden E. Lenhard.

There is nothing mysterious or complicated about the new Credit Union. All employees of the American Foundry Equipment Co. are eligible to become members by agreeing to buy a minimum of one share priced at five dollars. This can be purchased in one lump sum or in installment payments. Through these share purchases, a member accumulates savings just as he would by making deposits in a savings bank. Similarly shares or deposits may be withdrawn, just as one withdraws funds from a savings bank.

Out of the funds thus accumulated from the savings of members, loans are made to the members. The credit committee passes on all loan applications—which must be one which would be of service to the member borrower and his family. This includes such items as medical, dental, or funeral expenses, taxes, household expenses, consolidation of bills, etc.

A member can get a loan from the Credit Union at a lower rate of interest—one percent a month on the unpaid balance—than he will find at almost any other source

of consumer credit. Loans are to be repaid weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly according to the arrangement made with the credit committee.

The net earnings of the Credit Union from its loan operations is then returned to the members in the form of dividends. It is quite customary for credit unions to average 4 to 5% a year in dividends.

Operating in this way, credit unions grow like a snowball rolling downhill. Repayments from loans are constantly flowing in. To these are added the steadily accumulated savings of old and new members. All this money is at the disposal of the credit committee for new loans—and this procedure continues, with the fund always revolving.

As soon as the application for the state charter is approved by the Indiana State Credit Union, the AFECO Credit Union will be ready to commence operations. Every employee is eligible to become a member and full particulars of this convenient credit organization will be available.

Two big purposes of the new AFECO Credit Union are to make it possible for members to borrow money reasonably and safely when they need it, and to encourage thrift. The twin purposes work hand-in-hand, because while some folks are putting away their savings, others are borrowing out of this pool of savings.



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THE MEN AND WOMEN OF
AMERICAN FOUNDRY EQPT. CO.

THIS MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ALLIED FORCES IN AFRICA IS RELAYED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT. OUR FIGHTING MEN STANDING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH OUR GALLANT ALLIES, THE BRITISH AND THE FRENCH, HAVE DRIVEN THE ENEMY OUT OF NORTH AFRICA. IN THIS VICTORY THE MUNITIONS MADE BY AMERICAN INDUSTRY, LABOR AND MANAGEMENT PLAYED A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE. THERE IS GLORY FOR US ALL IN THIS ACHIEVEMENT.

GENERAL EISENHOWER, COMMANDER IN CHIEF
OF THE ALLIED FORCES IN AFRICA.

DIAMONDS

by Hector Sheehan



Diamonds are only chunks of coal
That stuck to their jobs, you see;
If they'd petered out, like most of
us do,
Where would the diamonds be?

It isn't the fact of making a start;
It isn't the starting that counts,
I'll say;
It's the fellow that knows not the
meaning of fail
But hammers and hammers away.

Whenever you think you have
come to the end,
And you're beaten as bad as can be,
Remember that diamonds are
chunks of coal
That stuck to their jobs, you see.



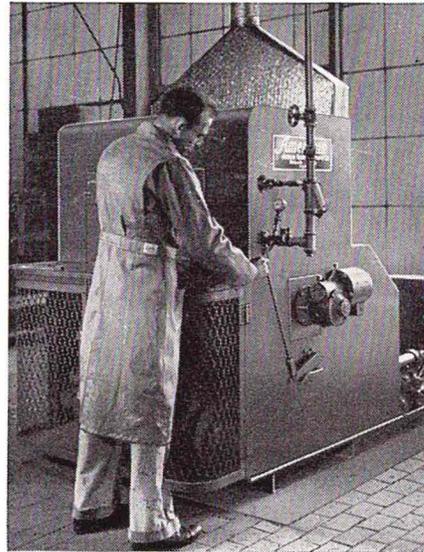
METAL WASHING EQUIPMENT ADDED TO AMERICAN LINE OF PRODUCTS

In order to provide industry with a complete metal cleaning service we have added a new line of metal washing machines to our airless blast and pressure blast equipment. This addition will enable us to engineer metal cleaning equipment for any plant from the foundry or forge shop on through the machine shop, inspection and finishing departments.

The new division is under the supervision of Charles Hirsch who joined the American family in October, 1942, with a broad background of industrial metal washing machine design and manufacture.

The new American metal washing machines include standard batch type mills and special machines for removing chips, dirt, grease and oil from machined parts, stampings, screw machine products, etc. High pressure sprays are used and the equipment is designed for solvent emulsion degreasing or alkali cleaning and hot air drying.

One of the largest manufacturers of aircraft engines has recently purchased five metal washing machines for cleaning magnesium and aluminum engine parts including crankcases, supercharger housings and gears.



Another small unit has already been installed in an Ohio plant for cleaning small precision ball bearings and races which are used in gyroscopes, etc. Six more machines of a similar type are on order for the same customer.

Proposals have been made for many other concerns for a number of units of various sizes and types. Since this new line of equipment is being accepted by industrial plants for its metal washing applications, prospects for a continuance of a full plant manufacturing schedule are excellent.

Plenty of food, drinks and entertainment were had by this party at a birthday luncheon held in Margaret Hadaway's honor in Ye Olde Office Tearoom



HOW TO GET WORK SHOES

If You Have Already Used Stamp No. 17

For work shoes you need a ration coupon, Stamp No. 17 in your No. 1 Ration book. That's the Government ruling, but suppose you've already used up this stamp for other shoes and suppose no member of your family can spare you his No. 17 stamp, there's still something to be done.

See Clair Wilson in the Rationing Board office at the next scheduled meeting—Monday and Thursdays from 8:00 to 8:30 A.M. and 3:30 to 4:00 P.M. He will give you a blank to be filled out which will show that you meet these requirements:

1. You have spent War Ration Stamp 17
2. You need the shoes because you work under conditions that require protection for your health and safety.
3. You have no more than one pair of work shoes that are wearable or repairable.

A certificate will then be approved by the AFECO Rationing Board. This is to be taken to your local rationing board and special shoe stamp will be issued you.

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AFECO RIFLE TEAM ENDS SEASON

Victorious in only one match of their thirty game season but defeated in the majority of their matches by only a slim margin, the AFECO Rifle team has disbanded for the duration. Those members of the team still possessing ammunition will continue individual competition on a limited basis during the summer, but team activity has ended.

Averages compiled by the members of the team for season are as follows (Based on a perfect 300 score):

James Davidson.....	276.53
Kenneth Rohleder.....	263.13
Clyde Snyder.....	257.93
Richard Mecklenberg.....	255.67
John Reedy.....	236.53
Bernard Fleming.....	235.27
Julius Vander Bruggen.....	220.11
Les Neddeau.....	210.00
Del Smith.....	182.50
Pete Myers.....	160.43



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This reproduction of an unretouched photograph of a very common object, mineral, vegetable or animal, is not necessarily printed right side up. Can you identify the object?

IT IS NO BULL!