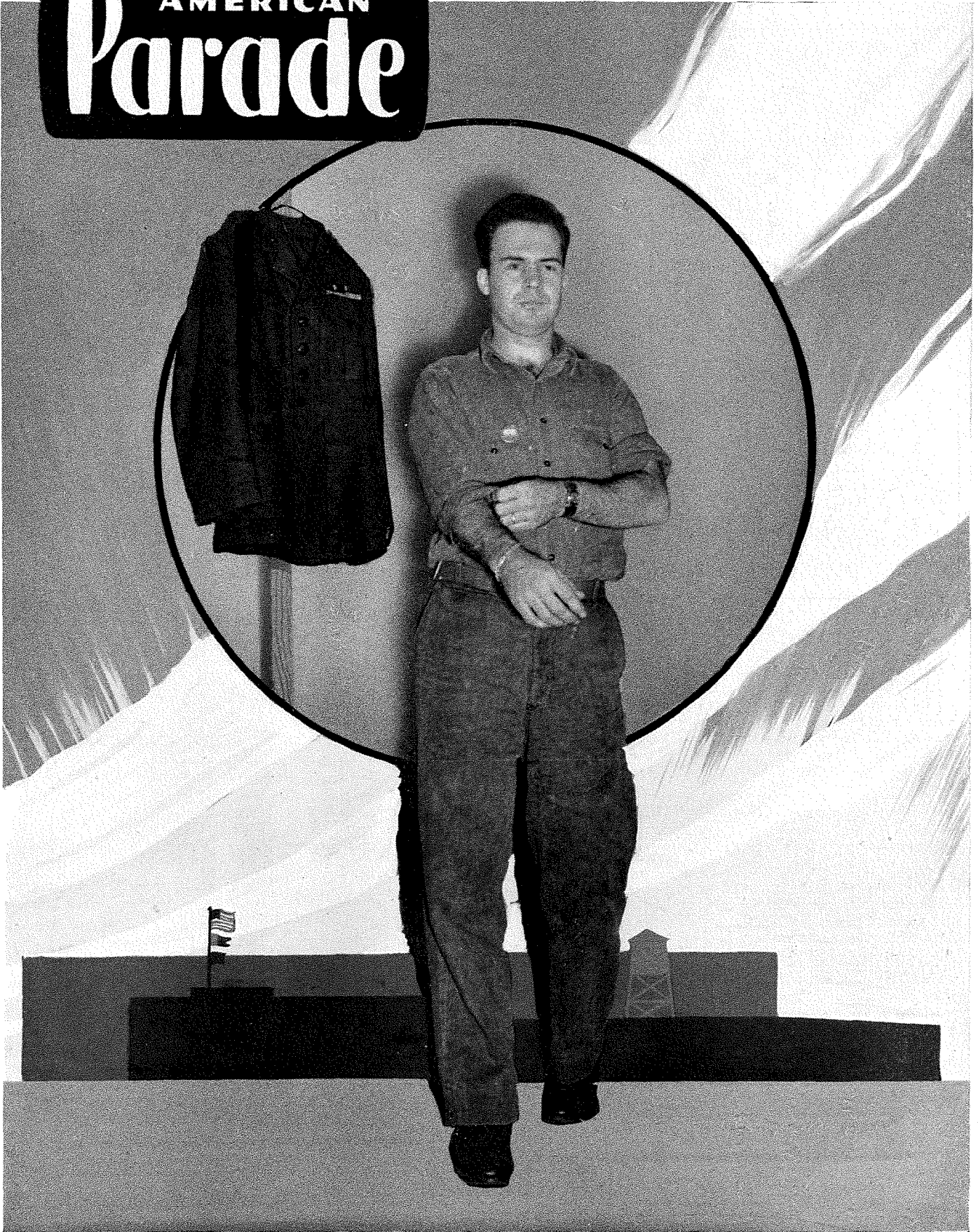


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Meet Your Parade Reporter



Delbert Dare, Sr. Virginia Ernst

Delbert Dare, Sr., second shift stock room reporter, has had a number of articles published and often writes for the Mishawaka Enterprise. One of his favorite pastimes is to take a trip along the St. Joseph river, or to some nearby place, then write about his impressions—it is these articles that find the most ready acceptance.

Virginia Ernst, one of the trio of Ernst sisters, working at AFECO has been handling Heater Division news ever since reporters from the various departments were appointed 2½ years ago. Virginia acted in the play given at the Variety Show. She bowls and has always been very active in the Julianna Club.

HORRORSCOPE VIRGO

August 22 to September 23

Born in September, eh! Well, don't feel so happy about it, everyone else was born, too, so don't act so superior.

You were born under the sign of Virgo, known by astrologers as the Virgin sign. People born under this sign are by nature modest, conservative and refined. As a matter of fact, they are so modest, conservative and refined that they don't associate with other people at all. This no doubt accounts for the great number of lighthouse keepers, night watchmen, hermits and spinsters among people born in September.

Virgos have a tremendous amount of artistic and creative ability. They create many embarrassing situations for themselves through their artistic reproductions of other people's signatures and their drawing of checks on other people's accounts. But aside from this rather unattractive trait, they have many features of which to be proud. To name just a few, there are uh-uh-um-well, they uh, uh—however, we've known some nice September people.

You are very discriminating in your selection of friends, usually choosing to fraternize with those of your own intellectual class.

You must overcome your natural shyness and take a mate born in Scorpio, in Capricorn or in the Dough. We suggest the latter because we know you'll never be able to make a nickel of your own. Never let yourself get discouraged and you can go far. As far as we are concerned, the farther the better.

We Lay Out the Welcome Mat For

Steel Shop	Heater Dept.
A. S. Green	W. M. Biggs
J. E. Green	C. F. Miller
D. J. Stephens	C. E. Snyder
A. T. Thrasher	H. L. Roach
P. A. McKinley	D. E. Straub
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	F. Fulce
	C. Harris
	W. C. Hughes
	F. E. Allen
Office	Machine Shop
L. J. Frisoni	M. C. Wise
R. Hicks	R. E. Rice
J. Hatfield	
N. F. Fredericks	
M. A. Gehring	
Miscellaneous	Engineering
M. M. Pletcher	D. May, Jr.
H. Krueger, Jr.	
C. Trowbridge	

THE COVER

Dear God, the war is over, the fighting finished, the prayers we have been offering for long years need not be prayed again. We have a new prayer now, a prayer of thanksgiving and a prayer for help, for no matter what we gain, we always want more, and need Thy help and guidance.

Now we pray Thee for help in rebuilding a world that is sick and weak and weary of the long, terrible years of war, a world that wishes to heal its wounds, forget its suffering and terror and walk in the sun again.

Now that the fighting has ceased we leave behind the uniform of the soldier, the sailor and the marine and put on the proud uniform of the American workman.

We finished the war by long, hard labor, we will build a peace for the years by the same hard labor. Labor that we all do, the worker, the scientist, the teacher, the farmer, the mother—we can't do it alone—it needs all of us and we will give our best talent and energy.

We are ready to take up where we left off four years ago—there is work to be done and Americans have never been satisfied with what we have and pray that it is Thy will that we never will—for only as we are dissatisfied do we progress. Amen.

Organization Changes Announced

On September 1, Stanley Krzeszewski assumed the position of Factory Manager and will be the responsible head of the following departments or activities: All production departments including machine shop, steel shop, all foundry departments—molding, melting, core making, pattern shop, etc.

With this announcements came the following list of superintendents and department heads:

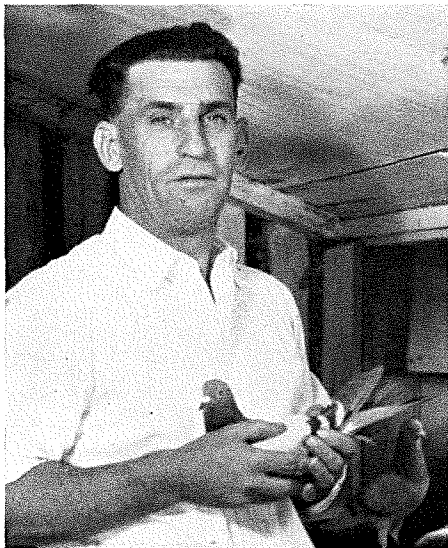
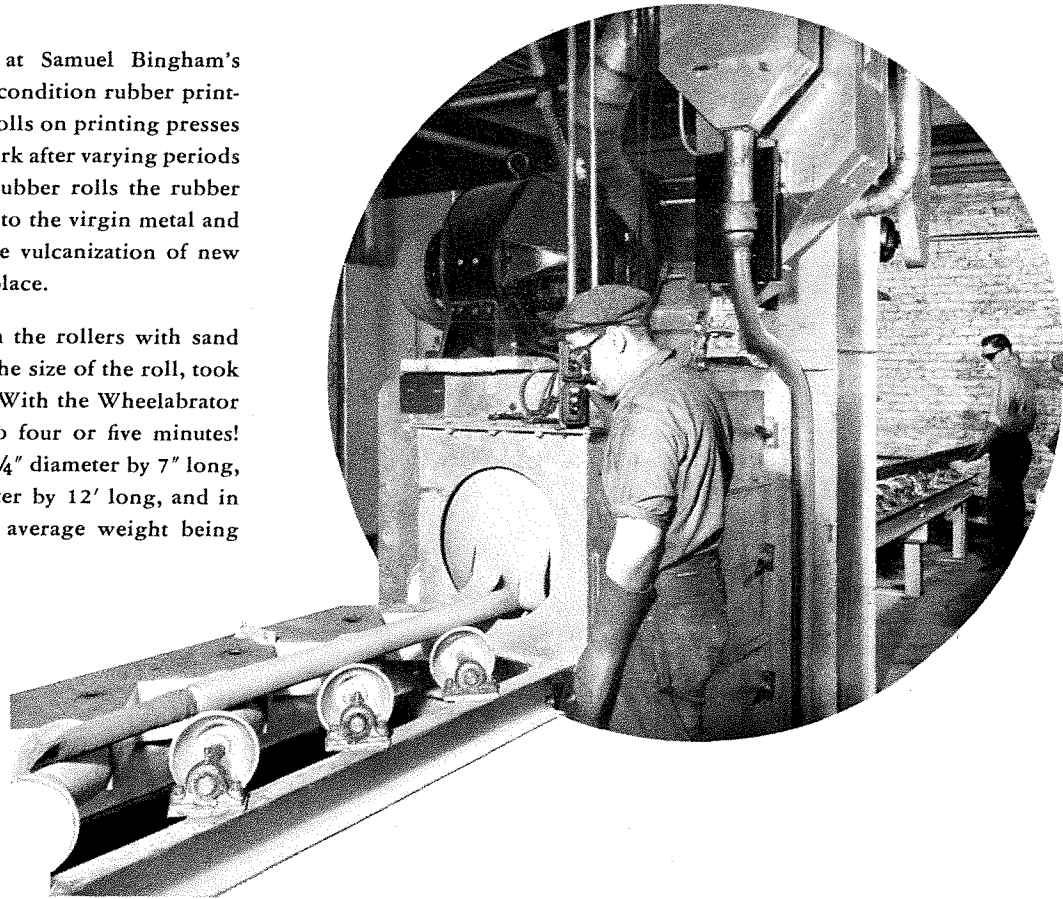
Ralph Whittaker, *Steel Shop Supt.*
Sam Hearrell, *Machine Shop Supt.*
Otto Zahn, *Chief Process Engineer*
Andrew B. Stevens, *Production Control and Stores Supervisor.*
H. A. Ross, *Industrial Engineering.*
Harold Whitmer, *Plant Protection.*
Ray Steele, *Personnel Department, including First-Aid.*
Frank Gehl, *Inspection.*
William Crowell, *Shipping.*
Arthur Murphy, *Building Maintenance.*
Joseph Hendrickson, *Grounds Maintenance.*
Sam Hearrell, *Tool Room and Equipment Maintenance.*

Everything starts with an idea. Turn in your suggestion today!

Wheelabrator Keeps The Presses Rolling

This Wheelabrator Cabinet at Samuel Bingham's Sons Co., Chicago, is used to recondition rubber printing rolls. The rubber covered rolls on printing presses become unfit for quality press work after varying periods of use. To recondition these rubber rolls the rubber must be entirely removed down to the virgin metal and the metal roughened so that the vulcanization of new rubber onto the steel can take place.

The old method was to clean the rollers with sand blasting, which, depending on the size of the roll, took from 20 minutes to six hours. With the Wheelabrator the time is from 20 seconds to four or five minutes! Printing rolls vary in size from $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter by 7" long, to a maximum of 16" in diameter by 12' long, and in weight up to 750 pounds, the average weight being 200 pounds.



Pete Mattens, Mishawaka Pigeon King, holds one of his race-winning birds. In the background can be seen a pigeon waiting to have the band removed from his left leg. The band is placed in a clock registering the time of arrival in the home coop.

Off They Go!

How fast can a homing pigeon fly? Pete Mattens, of the AFECO maintenance gang, who ought to know, for his birds have won seven first prizes from the Mishawaka Homing Pigeon Club, says, with a good tail wind, a pigeon can make up to 70 miles an hour! Unfavorable conditions, such as fog, head winds or rain, cut down this speed, but 40 to 65 miles an hour is average.

Pete started training homing pigeons when he lived in Belgium, and when he came to the United States in 1924 his interest in the sport came with him. He now has around 60 birds, old ones and young ones. Homing pigeons are of several breeds and a good bird is valued up to \$50.00.

Pete trains his homing pigeons by taking a group of the young birds out each day, along with some of the older birds, first a mile away from their coop, then two miles, and on up, releasing them to return home. At six months of age, a bird is usually ready for racing and can race for nine or ten years—providing nothing happens to it.

When a race is held, Pete takes his birds to the Club rooms, enters them in the race and places his bets. The birds are put in

a basket and shipped by Railway Express to the starting point, with a note to the train conductor at the destination telling him when they are to be liberated. After the pigeons are released, the conductor telephones the Club telling them the weather conditions and the time the birds were released. From this information Pete can figure within a few minutes when to expect his birds home.

Pigeons do not fly by night, only by day, so it will take a bird from three to four days, depending on the weather, to fly 1,000 miles. When the birds enter the home coop, the rubber band attached to its left leg is taken off and put in a registering clock, establishing an indisputable record of the flying time.

Pete has a large collection of colorful certificates attesting to the many prizes he has won. He is the only man to have ever won seven first prizes from the Mishawaka Club.

During the war, Pete and other members of the Mishawaka Homing Pigeon Club donated and trained without charge, birds for the Army Signal Corps.

Little Cogs in a Big Machine

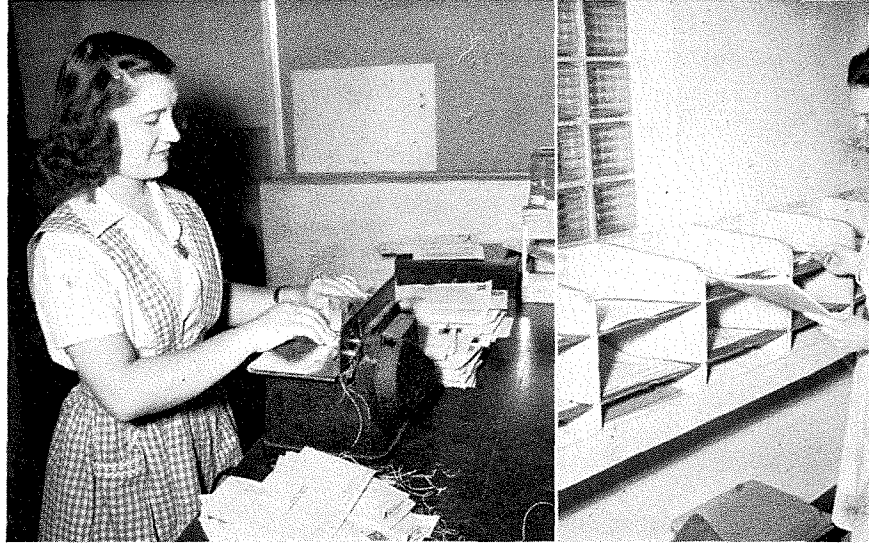
Every cog in a machine must function properly or the whole machine is adversely affected. Three of these small cogs in the AFECO organization, moving among the larger wheels, are the mail desk, the filing department and the switchboard-receptionist. Without them it would be difficult to do the volume of work each department is required to handle.



RECEPTIONIST

The first person usually seen by a visitor to AFECO is receptionist-telephone operator, Mildred Fore. She announces the visitors to the party they wish to see, then directs them to the proper desk, as she is doing with Mr. L. E. Collar of the Angier Co.

AFECO has an automatic switchboard to handle inter-office and outgoing city calls, but Mildred places all long distance calls, handles incoming calls and the signals for department heads and company officials away from their desks. In addition she checks the monthly telephone bill, and answers hundreds of questions, some relating to her work and some not. She is assisted by Milly Webster and Patty Shipley of the filing department.

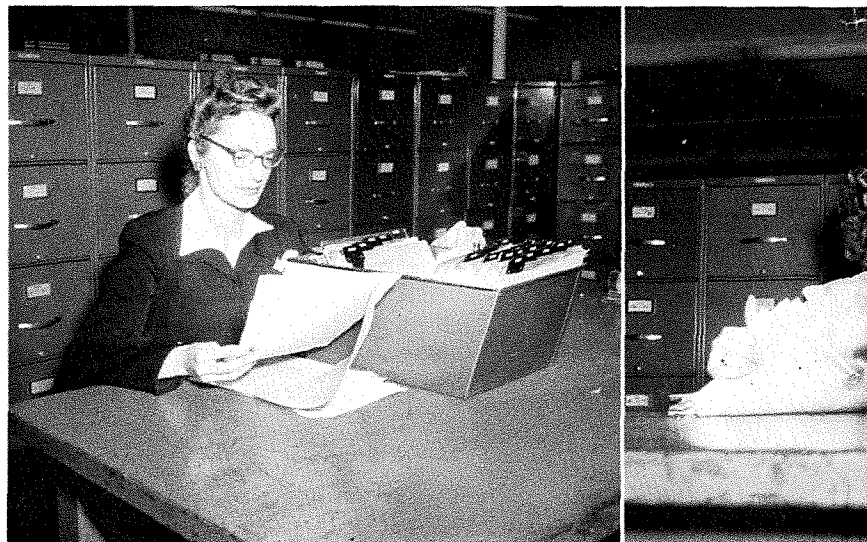


MAIL ROOM

More mail is handled in our plant than in many of the postoffices throughout the country. The contents of the big mail bags that are brought into the office every day are sorted and delivered to the proper de-

partments for handling and correspondence. Checks, vouchers, invoices, literature leave the plant daily.

Automatic speed equipment is used to process the heavy volume of incoming and outgoing mail. Envelopes are opened on the slitting machine



FILING DEPARTMENT

The huge quantity of correspondence and other records handled by office personnel must be filed in convenient, easily accessible files for quick reference when needed.

When material is sent to the files, they are first sorted into the various divisions: general correspondence, servicemen's reports, the various copies of works orders, invoices, vouchers, returned mate-

LOOKING IN ON THE OTHER FELLOW'S JOB



Anna Mae Ehrmin is operating. The contents of each envelope is then sorted for final delivery as Gloria Pickavet is doing. During the day the girls pick up mail, memorandums, and other communications from the various desks and factory offices and deliver them to their destinations as

Anna Mae is doing here at the desk of Davis Taylor. Since the appearance of mail reflects the character of the sender, the utmost care is taken with outgoing mail to insure neatness and accuracy. Here, Gloria is stamping and sealing a few of one day's outgoing letters

on the postage meter machine which prints the amount of postage on the envelope at the same time sealing it. In addition to handling the mail, the girls get supplies from the stationery room, run errands, fill the Ediphone dictating machines with clean cylinders and shave them for reuse.



ports, change notices, expense reports, etc., as Milly Webster, head of the department, is doing here. After the first division of material is accomplished, the various groups are sorted

alphabetically in the manner used by Patty Shipley in the photo. When the sorting is completed the papers are put into the proper folders in the file cabinets, as Ida Jones and Martha Kemp are doing here.

Whenever a request is made for filed material, the girls remove the desired letter or form. Here Tweet Harris of the purchasing department waits while Martha Kemp looks for material in the correspondence files.

Our Boys



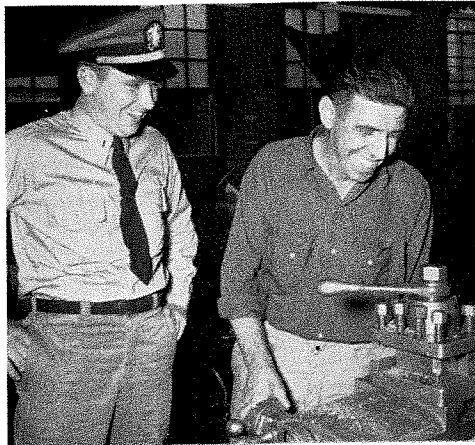
STANLEY M. HES, A/S . . .

"I got a break when I got to Sampson Naval Training Station, they picked me as a company clerk. There is a lot of responsibility connected to it, but I guess a fellow just has to learn it all. I have to start learning all over again, and learn the Navy way.

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PVT. DALE E. BRESSLER, Camp Rucker, Ala.

"I'm down here in southern Alabama where it is nice and warm. We're taking advanced infantry training. We are supposed to be here nine weeks and then I guess we'll see the other side of the world."



Ensign Dale Martin, who was recently commissioned at the Columbia University Midshipmen's School, gets a big bang out of watching Bob Dettbrenner at work.

Cpl. ELDIEN G. POWELL says: "I'm in Natal, Brazil, and it isn't so bad. The climate is cold now because it is late winter, almost spring."

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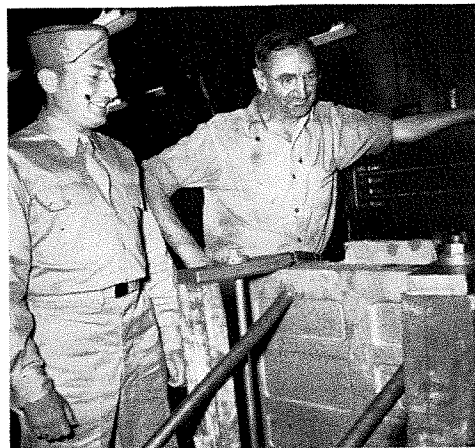
CPL. GUERINO GIACOMINI . . .

"Received the announcement of the War Bond presented to me by the Servicemen's Gift Fund. I want to express my appreciation to all of you for the many things that we servicemen have received, and made possible through your efforts and good works.

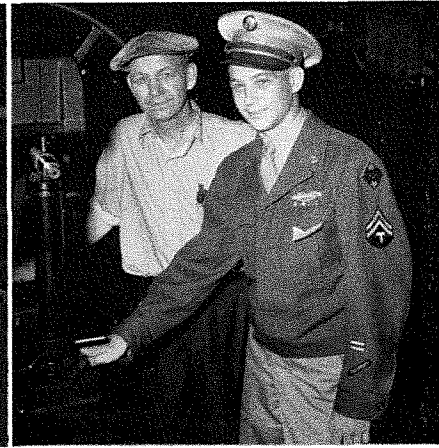
"My what new faces the *Parade* has been sporting in the past couple of issues. By



The Servicemen's Gift Committee has been purchasing war bonds for servicemen overseas for a long time. Cpl. Lee Logan, Jr., recently stopped in and, with a big smile, Jean Gunnett of the accounting department hands the bond to him.



Pvt. Albert DeWulf, back from Italy, watches Otto Diepert do the job he did when he worked in the machine shop.



Cpl. Bernard Gehl keeps his hand in on the operation of the Rockwell Hardness Tester, while dad Frank looks on.

Welcome Home!

CHARLES W. COLE, JR.
BERNARD A. BYRD
LAYTON L. WICKIZER

the time we get back and able to go to work there will probably be plenty more.

"About stopping in and picking up my War Bond, when that time will be is still a big problem to me. Maybe a big question mark would be about the best answer for the present."

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JACOB E. SPILE, MOMM 1/C, Philippines

"A few days ago I received my vacation check. It came at a most welcome time and is deeply appreciated. My time is nearly up over here and I am certainly anxious to see the U. S. again."

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PFC. ROBERT W. CONLEY, Ryukyu Islands

"Recently I received a vacation check from the company. Of course, the *American Parade* and *Reader's Digest* come regularly. Things like this are deeply appreciated and won't be forgotten. I can't find words to describe my thanks to the AFECO for their continual thoughtfulness of employees in the service.

"I've made quite a tour of the Pacific, some places cannot be mentioned at present, but I can say I spent considerable time in the Philippines and that I am now in the Ryukyus."

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PFC. REX REIHL . . .

"I am in Austria now, but intend to move back to Germany the last of this week. I didn't have enough points to go home, so I got transferred into a new outfit that is supposed to be occupational troops. I have enough points to keep me out of the Pacific, but not enough to go home

"It rains around here quite a bit. They say it snows from September to May and rains from May to September, and I believe it. There surely is some beautiful country over here, but it is the same old story—'There is no place like home.'"

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PFC. FRANCIS W. GEIST, Okinawa

"I borrowed this Jap stationery from the local ration board here at Naha, Okinawa's capital city . . . I've been doing all kinds of stuff since we hit, everything from burying good Japs to making them. Since I've been transferred, I'm a Browning auto, rifleman. It's a darn good 'Nip reformer' but with ammo and the weapons that's about 60 lbs. to lug over this place . . ."

In October the Servicemen's Gift Committee is buying a \$25.00 War Bond for WT 2/C Otto Albert Schmidt. The bond will be held in the company vault until he can pick it up.

Eye To The Keyhole

Kenny Sill, of the machine shop, managed the Youth Center softball team entered in the City "B" League. Managed them so well they won the League Championship. Walt Beatty had the important job of designing a monogram for the winning members sweaters.

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While on the subject of sweaters, Walt Beatty, speaking for the *Parade* reporters, recommends that each reporter, to partially compensate for their work in gathering *Parade* news, be given a jacket, or sweater or shirt (practically anything, in fact) with the word "Press" on it. The idea is, that such a garment will enable them to get into football games free.

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Carl Peterson fattened a cow for market, acquired a trailer and took it to market. The cow only brought 13c a pound at sale—so Carl bought back his own cow!

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Bob Martin and Carl Peterson kept the machine shop decorated with samples of their garden produce—each item adorned with a blue ribbon. Who is ahead, depends upon the day—check today, for latest results.

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The girls of the advertising department entertained Janis Deo, September 12 with a dinner at Baldoni's. Janis will attend Indiana University this Fall. Now let's see, there was a dinner for Mary Brioli when she was married, then one for Ellen Heaton and Rosemary Goossens when they were married, and one for Ruth Books when she left for school—McMurray College. Guess that's all, recently.

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The cigars are being passed out by: Virgil W. Huff on the birth of Judith Ann, August 6; Harold Schulte on the birth September 1 of Katherine Bowe; Robert Rich on the birth August 25 of Michael Eugene; Lynn Bowers whose son Raymond Eugene was



No, it isn't a fashion picture from "Mademoiselle", but Mary Bokhart of the Advertising Department. Mary has been a member of the board of directors of the Julianna Club for the past two years.

born September 4 (that's the fourth boy), and Glenn L. Martin, a daughter Sandra Kay, September 7.

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Chet Crumrine and his wife took advantage of the lifting of gas rationing, for a trip through the Smoky Mountains, over the Labor Day holiday.

Tom Owen has realized a lifelong ambition and now owns a bow tie. He was heard to say that he hoped to acquire the popularity of Sinatra.

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The Heater Division was finally made a full-fledged member of Local 995, U.A.W.-C.I.O.

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The school bell rang out once again for Orville Thornberg, Donald Bunyon, Marilyn Key and William Biggs.

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It cost him \$20.00 to find it out, but Ivan Nelson knows now that a sign reading "20 mile speed limit" is to be obeyed.

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Major Harold Garman, formerly of the experimental department, and late of the U. S. Army Air Corps, was in recently. He said he was going to fish for two weeks before coming back to work in our experimental department.

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The wedding bells rang September 2 for Helen Vander Heyden and Maurice Scheyving, and September 16 for Rosemary Hogan and Russell Hicks.

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Doris, Elouise, Marilyn and Ester of the engineering department, went down town for lunch in Doris' Ford. They came back in a taxi, the Ford had a flat tire.

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Phil Johnson has finally finished digging his cellar.

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Rachel Steele of the purchasing department, who was selected pin-up girl of the 29th Field Artillery, has had new honors bestowed upon her. Rachel's picture appeared in the March issue of *Parade* and was seen by the sailors aboard the U. S. S. LCI(L) 738. As a result she was selected official pin-up girl not only of that ship, but of LCI group 738—composed of 12 ships!



The Softball Team was awarded these jackets, at the close of the season, at a stag party held August 24 in the Hotel Mishawaka. The men sitting for this formal portrait are, first row left to right: Bob Dettbrenner, Dimitri Soviak, Harold Groh, Ray Vande Walle, Carly Housand and Jackson Snyder. Back row: Gene Kempner, John Van Belleghem, Andy Federnok, Chuck Kwasny, Kenny Bidlack, Jce Velleman, Gerald Brunk, Dick Thornberg and John Dorogi.



Alba Ciavatta puts the knife to a chocolate birthday cake while Ray Reaker cuts a white cake. It was August 27, their birthday. That's George Grodrain eying the chocolate cake, his birthday and that of Harry Holms, extreme left, was August 24. Harry treated the shipping department to a cake inscribed, "Happy Birthday to Me".

The Sports Review

by Harold Groh

The only entry made in the Fishing Contest, sponsored by the Athletic Assn., was made by Bernard Fleming. He turned in twenty-five Blue Gills for the best catch of pan fish. They were taken from Dewart Lake near Syracuse, Indiana, August 15, 1945. Bernard has a cash prize of \$4.00 for his fish.

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A group of Fellows from AFECO have entered teams in the Bowling Leagues in town. The Commercial League at Rose Recreation has three teams of AFECO men. Jack Snyder, Andy Federnok, Harold Groh, Tom Hameline and Harold Books are sponsored by "Bills" Ramona Bar.

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Ray Steele, Jake Schmidt and Virgil Huff are representing the office in the same league. Ray Leuthold, John Dorogi, Gene Dickerson, Willard Flowers and Gene Kempner represent the stockroom.

Frank Rendel, Walt Heiser, Jim Andrews, Willard Flowers and Vic Miller are bowling in the Major league at the Pastime alleys. These men are sponsored by the AFECO A.A.

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There hasn't been a great deal of interest shown as yet for the gym class mentioned recently. If a large enough group is interested, please make it known so we can make arrangements with the school officials.

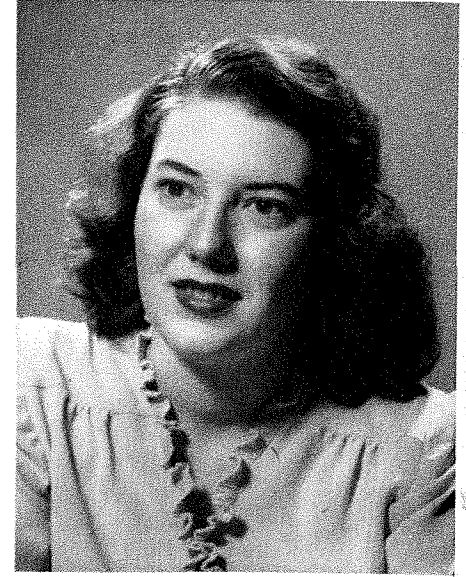
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September 7, 8 and 9 found Ray Van De Walle, Dim Soviak, Andy Federnok, Frank Miles, Harold Groh and Curly Housand on their annual trip to Silver Lake, near Ludington, Michigan. They brought back an ice box full of Blue Gills, Rock Bass, and Walleye Pike.

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Ray Van De Walle took largest fish

honors with a 4½ lb. Walleye. There were several others caught, but not as large. A number of Bluegills and Rock Bass, weighing up to a pound were caught. Dim Soviak's snore kept everyone awake—so they played poker.



Marjorie Van Rie was elected president of the Julianna Club at the third annual election of officers held August 30.

She will be assisted by Mary Helen Driver as secretary-treasurer, and a board of directors composed of Mary Bokhart, Patty Shipley and the retiring president, Betty Linsenmier.

The Julianna Club was organized two years ago for all girls of the offices and engineering department.



The Suggestion Committee, composed of Ernest Young, Jack Metcalf, Ernest Walgamuth, Dick Ross and Mel Morris, discuss suggestions turned into their group. Stanley Krzeszewski, another member of the Suggestion Committee was not present when this picture was taken.

Take a Bow

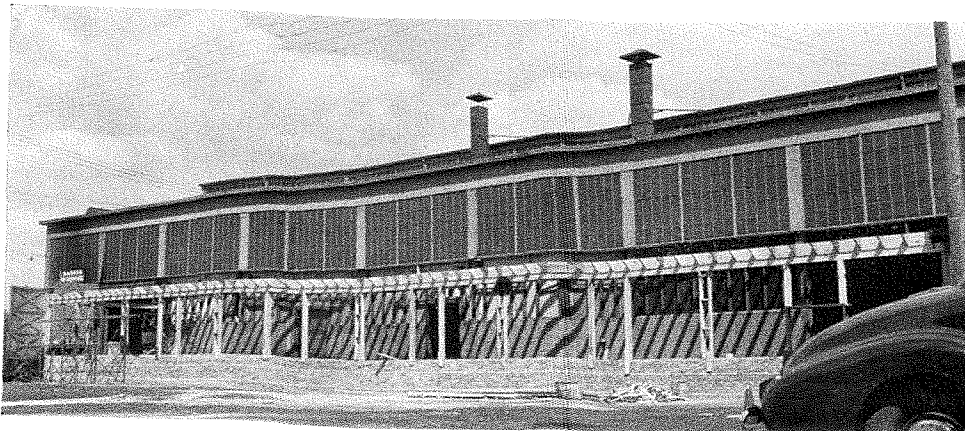
Here's a letter received from the resident purchasing agent of Manning, Maxwell and Moore, Inc., Bridgeport, Connecticut.

"I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the fine cooperation that we have received from your company.

"Since we have had the Wheelabrator installed in our plant we have had numerous occasions to request a representative from your company to contact us, and without any prolonged loss of time, your representative would be in our plant, and would not leave until our problems were straightened out.

"Again, thanking you for your cooperation and interest in our problems."

J. A. REYNOLDS.



The war is over, but AFECO is still expanding! The structure here, where the truck loading dock was formerly located, is to be used for the additional space needed in the steel fabricating department.