



Jim Henderson - BADIN, N.C.  
(After BROWN)

THE RIGHT RECEPTION COMMITTEE

from up the lake when Ed. Biddix sallies forth for the kill.

My, ain't you glad they didn't use gentlemen cows in the army?

S. E. CORBETT

Pot Room Notes

Mr. R. E. Parks

We believe the right belongs to us to tell you about it, because he belonged to us first; therefore, we think he's more ours than the others, and that settles the question for us.

We used to think the R. in his name was for Robert, and even referred to him as Bobby; and to tell the truth we hadn't given very much thought to the E., but we were sure that Parks stood for it all when it came to running a pot room. But we have found out that R. is for Ralph, E. for Edward, and Parks is for making everything hum behind the fence.

Mr. R. E. Parks, recent superintendent of pot rooms, has received a much deserved promotion, and is now in active charge of both the pot rooms and carbon plant.

So naturally you want to know more about him, don't you?

Not so many many years ago—we don't know just how many, but we think he was among those who were wondering whether they were going to be caught in the next draft—a new citizen arrived in the town of Saugautuck, Mich., and after a short conference, Father Parks and Mother Parks decided that it should bear the name of Ralph Edward. We presume the name suited Mr. Parks, as history does not tell us whether he voiced his opinion or not. Mr. Parks passed his younger boyhood days in Saugautuck, but his high-school training was received in Michigan City, Ind., which is a few miles from Chicago, where the family had moved to make their home.

After graduating from the high school at Michigan City, he attended Purdue University, where he finished a course in electro-chemical engineering in 1913. He immediately secured a position with the Aluminum Company of America, at their Niagara plant. In 1914, he was transferred to the Maryville, Tenn., plant, and assumed charge of the pot rooms there. While at Maryville, Mr. Parks married, Mrs. Parks being from Hartington, Neb. This took place in April, 1915. Before leaving the Maryville plant, he was made assistant superintendent, and had active charge of all operations with the exception of construction work.

In May, 1918, he was transferred to the Badin plant, as superintendent of pot rooms.

Since coming to Badin, Mr. Parks has won the esteem and friendship of everyone with whom he has come in contact, and especially the men working under him. He has proved, both to the Company and the men, that he is capable and efficient, and has made many improvements that have saved the Company many thousands of dollars, both in material and labor. It is his untiring efforts and devotion to his work that has been recognized, and the Company is offering him this important position as a reward for his services.

We wish him every success possible, and give assurance to the departments that he has been placed over that they are getting a "man's man" for a boss and leader.

C. M. STURKEY

We, don't know whether it is because the fellows don't have to worry about being caught in the next draft or not, but it is a sure thing those boys in the pot rooms are making better metal, and seem to have their minds on what they are doing, since the war has ceased to be. For instance, section 1 in room 28 about the middle of the month had made the best grade of metal that has been