

## FEMININE NEWS AND VIEWS

### ★ ★ ★ FIRST WAVE ROLLS IN

Seaman "Ricie" Robinson, our former French Horn player, and now an ardent WAVE, surprised band members with a visit during rehearsal on January 19th. Ricie, looking very trim and immaculate in her becoming blue uniform, was en route from Cedar Falls, Iowa, to her home in Old Fort, N. C. She is to be congratulated on successfully completing her first six weeks' training. After her furlough she will be stationed ??? and her specific duties will be ??? . Sorry, it's a Military secret, but she did state that she's looking forward to it with great expectancy, and that she's very satisfied and content with her new mode of life in the service.

After being sworn into the Navy at Atlanta, "Ricie" embarked for Chicago. The Chicago station was conglomerated with a thousand feckless WAVES attempting to get on board for Cedar Falls. When that was finally accomplished they found themselves two to a berth. She discovered in this chummy atmosphere that her companions represented debutantes, secretaries, bookkeepers, physical ed. instructors, school teachers, telephone operators, and many other professions and occupations. The majority were from the North and Middle West. Naturally, Ricie's southern drawl was soon discovered and she took her share of the kidding.

Morbid, perhaps, but one of our first concerns was about her feet. We needn't have worried. She had her shoes "broken in" and has had very little discomfort except a few sympathy aches for some of her fellow Seamen. In her platoon of sixteen members, Ricie was the last to sing out her number. After hearing her drawl a few times in typical fashion, she became known and tagged as "16". ("Sweet 16," too, we'd say). Her two uniforms are identical in Navy Blue wool serge. For "dress" she wears a light blue shirt with dark tie, white gloves, and may wear pumps and silk or nylon hose if she prefers (and is lucky enough to possess them). For duty she wears a Navy blue shirt with light blue tie, black kid gloves, regulation service weight hose, and conservative oxfords. She also reports that some of the girls who arrived with shoulder length "glamour" bobs were soon shorn of their superfluous tresses and were given what we might call a feminine version of the well known "crew cut," which means that hair do's must clear the collar. There are no restrictions other than one's own discretion in using make-up and finger nail polish. All in all, her reports were favorable, and we are mighty proud to know that she is faring so well in the Navy. Ricie, here's to you, and long may you WAVE. Meanwhile, we're missing you so don't forget to write us occasionally.

### WOMAN'S WEAKNESS

I earned some money the other day,  
And thought the dentist wants his pay,  
And baby needs a pair of shoes,  
And hubby has many "unpaid dues."  
So many places for money that  
I spent it all on a silly hat.  
—Ruth H. Norris in The Sun Dial,

ONCE upon a time I planned to be  
An artist of celebrity.

A song I thought to write one day,  
And all the world would homage pay.  
I longed to write a noted book,  
But what I did was—learn to cook.  
For life with simple tasks is filled,  
And I have done, not what I willed,  
Yet when I see boys' hungry eyes  
I'm glad I make good apple pies.

—Elizabeth Thomas

Freedom is the one purport, wisely  
aimed at, or unwisely, of all man's  
struggles, toiling and sufferings in  
this earth.—Carlyle.

### ★ ★ ★ Joins WAACS



Elizabeth Kimsey left Ecusta January 1st to become a WAAC. She is stationed at Des Moines, Ia. Three of our Ecusta Girls have now joined Uncle Sam's military forces. Elizabeth worked in the Finishing Department as slitter operator before her departure.

### Homemaker's Diary

Rain spots can be removed from suede shoes by rubbing the suede with a fine emery board.

To prevent nuts and fruits from sinking to the bottom of a cake when it is baking, first heat the nuts and fruits in the oven, then mix in a little flour before adding them to the batter.

A piece of sandpaper will give you a good grip for opening the tightest screw-top container.

To candy orange peel, soak the peels overnight in salt water (1 tablespoon to a quart of water). Boil them in fresh water until tender, then place in a syrup made of equal quantities of sugar and water. Cook until the rind is tender and the syrup heavy. Cut and store in a cool place.

Use a toy coffee pot to hold bacon drippings. It may be placed on the stove, and the contents melted so that you can pour out the desired amount.

A little salt added to an egg before beating makes the egg light and easier to beat.

Use a thin film of colorless lacquer to protect polished metals, such as candlesticks and bowls. Then, dusting will keep them bright and shining.

To make a light French omelette, use water instead of milk in the mixture.

Electric light bulbs give maximum light only when they are clean, so it's a good idea to go over them occasionally with a damp, but not a wet cloth.

Any flaked, ready-to-serve cereal can be used in the preparation of dishes that call for bread crumbs.

### WHAT THEY SAID ABOUT MEN

To laugh at men's affairs is a woman's privilege, tending to enliven the domestic hearth.—George Eliot.

It is always incomprehensible to a man that a woman should ever refuse an offer of marriage. A man always imagines a woman to be ready for anybody who asks her.

—Jane Austen.

And why doesn't some painter get hep and paint the mill just before sunrise? Did you ever realize that it looks beautiful?

### ★ ★ ★ QUICK SUPPER DISHES

**TROPICAL SOUP:** a can of cream of tomato soup with a can of pea soup seasoned with a tablespoon of curry.

Creamed chipped beef with peas in the sauce on boiled rice makes a good supper dish.

Reba Russell gives us this one: Noodles and mushroom soup make a one dish meal. Cook noodles in boiling water about 10 minutes and drain. Heat can of mushroom soup and add the noodles to the hot soup. A few strips of crisp bacon crumbled into the mixture adds a distinctive flavor and a small can of mushrooms enriches the dish but is not necessary. One box of noodles and one can of soup will serve two people large servings. Of course, Charlie has gone into the service so we could not get him to vouch for this dish. However, Reba raves about it.

### DO OTHER WOMEN LIKE YOU?

Here are 7 fundamental rules for making friends and holding them:

1. Be able to share the interests of the women you know.
2. Listen Well.
3. Compliment your friends sincerely.
4. Be loyal.
5. Don't descend to malicious gossip but—don't be above gossip. There are two kinds of gossip: the evil tale-bearing which hurts and the newsy observation upon the life of others which spices the day for all of us.
6. Appreciate your friends' possessions without envy.
7. Don't bore your friends. Why make friends listen to things which would bore husbands stiff and put your mother to sleep in five minutes? Don't dwell on your health, your habits of diet or any of your personal problems unless you can make these topics amusing.

### How to Keep Your Friends

Do things for them—send them books, magazines, flowers.

Do things with them—play golf, cards, or other games.

Ask things of them—opinions, recipes.

Compliment them—on their skills, their cars, their kids.

Tell people about them—their sense of humor, their keenness.

Learn things of them—forbearance, kindness, determination.

Respect them—their confidences, their moods, their reticences.

Try them—in adversity, in sorrow, in hilarity.

Value them—above advancement, enrichment, amusement.

Never neglect them—or you risk losing them.—Psychology Digest.

It was possible for a small band of two hundred Spaniards to conquer the Inca nation because the people who made up that nation had been taught to let their ruler do their thinking. When the ruler was taken, the nation crumbled. The strength of a democracy is the combined strengths of thinking citizens.

"If you wish to be happy for an hour, get intoxicated. If you wish to be happy for three days, get married. If you wish to be happy for eight days, kill a pig and eat it. But if you wish to be happy forever, become a gardener."—Chinese Proverb.

Rome endured as long as there were Romans, America will endure as long as we remain American in spirit and in thought.—David Starr Jordan.

The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one has to do.—James M. Barrie.

Affection can withstand very severe storms of vigor, but not a long polar frost of indifference. — Sir Walter Scott.

### Office Bits

If anyone is wondering about that wistful faraway look Kay English wears these days, we must explain that it might be on account of Johnnie's marching—away! Buck up, Kitty, you have plenty of company. . . . "Spud" Carpenter visited his old haunts during the holidays and seemed his old cheerful self . . . We're all wondering what can be so important in Richmond to cause Ann Howell to spend most of her time during the holidays riding the buses . . . We have two more wives to console (really, they're very brave about it) now that Charlie Russell and Joe Litchenfels are in the army . . . Mr. George Bell from El Centro, California, has recently been added to the Fibre Office staff. We welcome him and sincerely hope he's going to enjoy the sunshine at Pisgah Forest . . . Lily Burch seems very pleased with her visit to husband Earnest at Camp Lee, Va. Pryor Millner has left us for a position in Danville, Va. We miss having him around and wish him plenty of luck in his new location . . . We welcome Mary Knurr who is taking Margaret Jones' place in the Purchasing Dept. . . . "Gus" Tucker certainly looks well as Lieutenant Tucker. Congratulations "Gus" and we hope you'll be back to see us again soon. . . . N. L. Ponder left to join the Marines and Harold Brown from Hendersonville is taking his place . . . hint—Harold has already been to the Recreation Dept. asking for boxing gloves—We wonder why.

Yours 'til Valentines.  
Sniff and Snoop

### Woodman Head



Paul Pipkin, of the Job Printing Department, was recently installed as Consul Commander of Balsam Camp No. 16, W.O.W., Brevard.

### Shift A—Refining Room

Well, another brand new year has been ushered in. We awake to find a new beaterman on Battery No. 4, the Hon. "Red" Harbin taking the place of Charles "Blondie" Russell who has joined Uncle Sam's forces. Luck to you Charlie. Keep 'em flying and Red will keep stirring . . . Men, don't be without pork in your home. Get in touch with Enno Camenzind . . . For information on the New Year's Day football games—see Hubert Jarvis . . . A brand new baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Eckenrod. Congratulations, Eck, and thanks a million for the cigars . . . Several new men have come to Shift A. A hearty welcome, fellows! . . . What is "Nick" so jittery about? Could it be the paper on Machine 7 and 8? . . . We are proud of the new equipment in the refining lab . . . Ronnie Jarvis says he won't mind stirring those little beaters . . . Everyone is looking forward to a week's vacation. Thanks to Mr. Straus for making it possible . . . We'll be "Echoing" again soon. Until then—so long.

"Bud"