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# Ecusta Girls To Play Basketball

## BOWLING SEASON NEARING CLOSE

**Champagne And Maintenance Leading. Men To Finish Next Week**

With the Ecusta bowling league season rapidly drawing to a close, Champagne and Maintenance are still leading in the women's and men's divisions.

The season closes next week for the men's teams and unless Maintenance loses three games and Machine Room wins three, the strong Maintenance crew will be the winners. Champagne is in third place.

The following week, all of the men's teams plan to hold a one evening's tourney, charging entry fees and awarding prizes.

The women's division season will close on March 16. Being away out in front, having won 45 and lost only 3 games, Champagne is assured of first place. Endless Belt and Finishing are battling for second place honors.

Paul Simpson, of the Machine Room bowling team, has set a new high score record. Scoring 266, Simpson broke the former record for high individual game made by Kappers when he bowled 244.

Also surpassing Israel's record score of 596 for high individual set, Simpson made 614 which is now the record-breaking individual set score. The Machine Room's champion bowler has held the highest individual average in the men's league for eleven weeks, his average now being 170.46.

Individual high records for the season are as follows:

### MEN'S LEAGUE

High team match, Machine Room

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## Patsy Owen Winner Echo's Baby Derby

Patsy Owen, daughter of Pfc. and Mrs. Ray Owen, of Lake Toxaway, has been judged the winner of the Echo's 1944 Baby Derby.

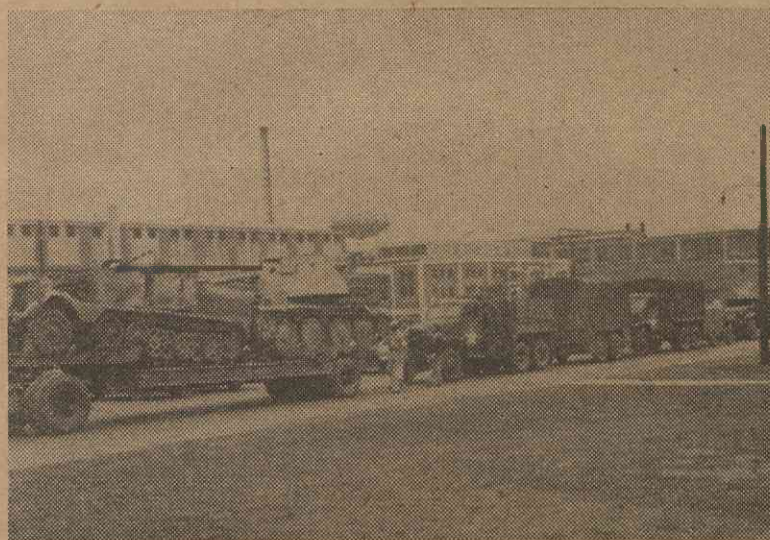
Patsy was born in the Transylvania Community hospital just two hours and fifteen minutes after the new year arrived.

The prize, a \$25.00 war bond, has been mailed to her by the Echo.

Patsy's father, Pfc. Ray Owen, was employed in the Refining Department before being drafted into the army in November, 1942, and her mother, a former employee of Champagne, had been transferred to the Chemical Laboratory where she worked until recently.

The Echo extends congratulations to Patsy's parents and to Patsy herself, greetings and the very best wishes of a long and happy life.

## Captured German Equipment Shown Here



The above picture was made by The Echo photographer when the Caravan visited the plant on Thursday evening, February 10th.

## TO USE COLLEGE GYMNASIUM FOR PRACTICE, PLAY

**Plans Made At Meeting On Friday. Many Expected To Participate**

A large number of Ecusta girls are expected to take advantage of the opportunity to practice and play basketball.

Plans for this new athletic program were discussed at a meeting held in the Brevard college gymnasium last Friday night under the sponsorship of the recreational department.

Attendance at the initial meeting was exceptionally good and keen interest is being manifested in this new program.

For the next week or two, practice will be staged regularly in the college gym during the evenings, and then it is proposed that a league be organized. When that is done, it is hoped that each department will be represented in the league.

Dressing rooms and showers at the college have been arranged.

Several Ecusta girls who have had both playing and coaching experience have volunteered to serve as coaches.

"For some time a good many girls have expressed a desire to play basketball and as a result we have made arrangements for them to practice and play," John Eversman states.

"It is not necessary that you be an experienced player to take advantage of this opportunity," he said.

## Ecustans Helped Put Bond Drive Over Top

During the Fourth War Loan drive, our companies and all employees purchased approximately \$250,000 worth of bonds, which was nearly half of the total sales in Transylvania county.

Under the payroll deduction plan, employees bought \$30,000 in bonds. In addition, they purchased approximately \$20,000 worth of extra bonds. The companies bought \$200,000 worth. The county's quota was \$346,000 and total sales have exceeded \$500,000.

At the various bond rallies held in the county, entertainment was provided by Ecusta string band, trio and Ginney Wood. The big band played at the county-wide rally.

Many Ecusta employees and their families entertained and helped sell bonds.

The officers and enlisted men who brought the caravan of cap—Turn To Page Thirteen

## To All My Good Friends At Ecusta, Champagne, Endless

The excitement of the festivities at the occasion of my sixtieth birthday has somewhat subsided.

All of you have contributed with time and effort to make the Birthday Party a huge success.

Completely taken by surprise by the "Vaudeville Show," I spent the best and most enjoyable evening I can remember. The acting, the singing, the stage setting, the playlets—in short, the whole affair, was just perfect.

I always dreaded to have any fuss made over me and do not like to occupy the center of the stage, but on the evening of January 7th, all this modesty left me. I enjoyed every second of it. It ended much too soon.

All of you made me very happy and proud. I thank you for everything more than I can express in words.

The beautiful and good Birthday Cake, the "Echo"—up-to-date, right up to the minute—surrounded by all of you, my dear co-workers, in a natural atmosphere of mutual confidence and friendship, the equal of which cannot be matched anywhere.

Last, but not least, let me express to you again my thanks for the lovely pieces of luggage which you presented me. They are perfect and exactly what I like and I hope to use them for many years to come.

Mrs. Straus, who enjoyed all the celebrations as much as I did, is also deeply indebted to you for the beautiful orchids you presented to her.

Unforgettably, I shall carry with me forever the memories of the Surprise Evening, which all of you so thoughtfully have made possible.

To those who participated on the stage and in the arrangements of the affair, special thanks and gratitude!

Sixty years young, I face the future and your renewed demonstration of loyalty and friendship spurs me on in my ambition to make Ecusta just the finest place to work and live.

Again, I express my hope that all of us will spend together many more years in prosperity and happiness.

For everything you did, I repeat

"A Thousand Thanks."

Sincerely,

HARRY H. STRAUS

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