

News And Gossip From Our Various Departments

Cafeteria Chatter

Mr. Wilde and family visited Mr. Wilde's father and other relatives at Marshall, N. C., the past week end. Mr. Wilde preached at his home church while there . . . Dare visited in Asheville also. Dare has been helping us out occasionally when someone was absent from our gang. We appreciate the help very much; also that of our old friend, Lucy McCall. Lucy used to be a member of our gang and she is always welcome with us.

Bessie has made several trips to Asheville lately. Her husband visited Chattanooga, Tenn., recently on business; we are glad he is back . . . Ethel and daughter, Guyma, visited Mr. and Mrs. Moore at Cherry Field lately . . . Divola has heard from Bill and feels much better about him. He is in Italy. Maybe he and Carl will get to know each other better, girls. Both get the Echo and might look each other up after this . . . Divola also spent the past week end in Sylva with her folks, especially her Dad who works in Kingsport, Tenn.

Seegoley (Mr. McCall) spent last week taking his vacation. No need to tell you he enjoyed it . . . Mr. Andrews had the misfortune of breaking a finger last week . . . Sylvia spent the week end visiting her mother, dad and brother at Tuxedo, N. C. Her only brother, Cloyd Levi, entered the service from Henderson County last Tuesday . . . Hazel has left us again. We miss you "Ole Gal."

John T. reports he does not lack so many new pennies having Junior's fourth bond since they came out. We wish he had them all so the rest of us could have yellow ones. They're much easier to tell from dimes . . . Mrs. Cox and daughter, Lucile, expect to visit Mr. Cox in Augusta around the 21st. Their hope is that he may be able to return with them. He has been away from home in some Government hospital for the past six years.

It looks now like the army is making another raid on our gang. We can't tell yet, but we'll let you know later . . . Little Bit visited his family in Morganton, N. C., recently. (Yes, he got back, but the army may take him from us yet.) . . . Our new girl is Miss Jackie Corn. We hope she likes us and her job and stays a long time . . . Sylvia had a very pleasant surprise Wednesday. Her husband came home from the army. No we didn't have to hold her; we just couldn't catch her!

Finishing Touches (SHIFT A)

Due to the fact that we've been coming to work at 7:30 a. m., we haven't had time to hear any news of much interest. We would like to welcome eleven new girls to our department.

The old adage "Two heads are better than one" was proved by the success of the candy Alberta W. and Charles M. made, or was it accidental.

We are glad to hear that Marie R.'s little boy is recovering from scarlet fever also that Becky C.'s mother is better.

For your information, Vaughn, on the subject of the disappearance of "Pistol Packin' Mama": she's laid her pistol down so someone could shoot the man who wrote "Mairzy Doats."

To Charles C., who expects to be called to the navy, we wish lots

of luck and hope he makes a good sailor for Uncle Sam.

Two new men, Calvin Orr and Charles Huggins, are with us.

Some people have all the luck, meaning in this case, Mary K., who has gum and candy oftener than most of us.

Of course, you have heard of the little moron who thought he was Hitler and was!

We hear that Gene A. and Fannie S. are two of the best patrons of the studio in town.

Well, we'll be with you again next month on evenings.

—Martha Lee McCall.

Physical Lab. News

We're still chuckling over "Mad House." The best show yet and the funniest. Congratulations, Recreation Department!

Glad to welcome Louise King to "A" Shift in the Lab.

Gladyce Teague and Connie Fendley seem quite happy these days. Burner is home on leave after completing his "boot training" at Great Lakes and Fred was home for an 8-day leave from Fort Eustis, Virginia.

Naomi Ashe has been visiting her brother who was home on leave from the Navy.

Doyle Wells is the new supervisor on "A" Shift.

Edna Earle Nanney has returned from her vacation. She is now Mrs. Erwin Schranz.

Leah Robinson Karpen was visiting in the Lab this week. Pfc. Karpen accompanied his wife here.

Have recently received letters from Cpl. Randall Lankford and Pvt. Bill Baley. Randall is in England and Bill is in Italy. Glad to hear from them.

Machine Shop News

Well, folks, it's about time to start on that Victory garden for this year, but we don't hear much about H. DeBord's potato crop this year. Guess help is scarce. Glad to have Paul Smith back with us again.

L. Lance says he had a grand trip to New York to see Wales L. who is in the Navy. Uncle Tom H. is still plugging away repairing valves, getting new ideas daily.

Harry C. is beginning to talk about fishing. B. Allen has had good luck already, but folks, please keep this quiet or Bruce R. will come in with a fish about 24 or 30 inches long. Sherman C. hates to sweep the floor so bad he goes and hides his broom. Paul O. is still on production. C. Westall says guess he will have to close down his goat farm being tin cans are so scarce.

Shorty F. and Fred G. enjoyed their trip to Florida—seems they just dreamed of that nice sunshine. Harry B. doesn't seem to get around anymore.

M.J.C. is planning a large Victory garden. He still brags about the one last year. Charles F. has gone into the midget motorcycle and auto business. Richard P. seems to have some pretty waves in his hair, wonder if they are just natural. And last, but not least, we wish to thank the boys in the shop for the nice cigars that were handed out recently.

BREAK THE NEWS EASILY

"Did you tell Mr. Daley that he is the father of triplets?"

"No, he is still shaving."

STITCHING GAB

The most important news item this month is concerning our boys in service; Van O'Kelly was here recently, after his furlough he was sent to Fort Meade, Md.; Jimmey Dunne, our Marine, is now stationed at Quantico, Va. Jack Holden is stationed at Naval air base in Norfolk, Va.; Teddy Schepkowski is taking his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. We are looking forward to his visit in May. Teddy was the last to leave and we haven't seen him in uniform yet. Lester C. Wilson took advantage of his fifteen-day leave in March and was married to Lula Cassell of the Blocking department. He reported to an Army air base in Lincoln, Nebraska. Congratulations to both of you. Ernest English is still a prisoner of war and the whereabouts of Bob Clayton are unknown to any of us. We haven't heard from Phil Riddle in a long time, but he is reported to be somewhere in the Atlantic. He is a proud father now and can't be expected to stay away long, so hurry and pay us a visit, sailor. — (Editor's Note: Phil paid that visit on April 19th. He had just returned from sea where he has been on convoy duty in the European theatre. His last trip was to Casablanca and as soon as his six-day leave was over he was to return to his ship.)

Wedding bells are still ringing in our department. Alma Ricker and Taft Owen were married in Pickets, S. C., on April 18th. Alma has been with us for a year and hails from Hot Springs, N. C. "Buck," as we call him, is employed by the Gloucester Lumber company store in Rosman. The best of luck to you.

Mr. Erwin just loves red striped shirts. If you don't believe it ask Pearl A. We would like to welcome the following girls to our department: Mae Galloway from Inspection, Wilma Henson from the Cafeteria and Hazel Owen . . . Beware of barn lofts and ladders, Ruby D. Sometime you are going to get hurt unless you train those hens of yours to lay in the hen-house and not in the barn . . . Lillie S. has been unusually quiet lately. We have discovered her secret though; she is saving her words for that hero of hers who is due anytime now on furlough from Seattle, Washington . . . Just think nothing of it when you see John S. with a far away look in his eyes. He has been seen reading an Astrological Birthday book. The news must have been promising, eh, John? . . . Margaret P. recently underwent an operation at Patton Memorial hospital in Hendersonville. We wish for you a speedy recovery and may we see you at work soon, Margaret . . . Kate S. is visiting her husband in Virginia . . . If anyone is interested in cats, see Betsy A.. She has about ten to give away, or was that an optical illusion on my part, Betsy? . . . We miss seeing Thelma S. on No. 11. She has been moved to Notching . . . Don't be alarmed at the laughter above the roar of the machinery. There isn't a "haint" lurking around, it is just Bill H. . . . Joe C. is a very happy girl these days. Her husband is home on furlough.

Myrtle P. will soon be leaving to join her husband in Lexington. She will be missed.

Beware of wings, Evelyn T., they bring bad luck, or have you already discovered that?

Last minute news—according to

Finishing Touches B Shift Reporting

Hello, now. Afraid most all our news is sad news this time, as several of our girls have left and more are leaving.

Lucille Morris, one of our oldest employees, has gone to Knoxville with her husband. Maybe the lovely gift of jewelry she received is worth quitting for!! Mary Edwards left the same day as Lucille. Ronnie and Wilma surely looked lonesome for a spell, and no wonder.

Lessie is forsaking us for awhile too, 'cause her only daughter is ill and requires her constant care. And there's Susie going; well, Ecusta's loss is Charlotte's gain. But will we miss her?! Gosh, we'll miss 'em all!

Ada looked sorta out of place the first day or two, making those bobbins, but we're learning to distinguish her bright head from Lesie's dark one. Slitter 15 looked sorta out of place, too, without Ada, but now has a new operator.

Claude Phillips said he was gonna ramble some; "some" is right as he rambled plumb to California!

We're terribly glad to have Freda Corn with us again after a long absence. The ones who are leaving will likely be back, sooner or later, they just can't keep away for long. A. Bryson is a good example of that. She came in one evening and quietly took possession of her slitter.

Thelma is all a-twitter, and the envy of half the department. Well, she's entitled to it since she'll be answering the call to duty most any time now. The Marines have been attracting her for some time and finally won over us.

For a little news of another brand—looks as though someone besides Frosty and Nadine could receive long-distance calls, doesn't it?

Was more than nice to see Birdell Monteith around these parts again. Several of the girls said that if they knew they could look as well in a uniform as she they wouldn't hesitate to join right away.

Had a marvelous time at the "Bowling Banquet." Our wish of last month came true. We did win the trophy for the second time. No need to tell you how proud we are! Helen made away with the medal given for the greatest improvement on our team, from the first of the season through the last.

We were very sorry Mr. Straus couldn't be present, but we enjoyed his message read by Mr. Bonnett; also the short talks by the members of bowling teams and activities committee.

Bye now. See you, 'round the corner!

a letter from Teddy S., he has but six more weeks to complete his basic training. He is in the infantry and hikes on the average of 85 miles a week. That should not be so bad; he got quite a bit of experience while working with us.

I would like to thank my fellow workers of Champagne for the kindness shown at the death of my grandmother, Mrs. J. N. Harkins, and for the flowers that were sent.

—By Nell Lance Waldrop

CHEMICAL ACHIEVEMENT

Professor: What is the outstanding contribution that chemistry has given to the world?

Student: Blondes.