

# News And Gossip From Our Various Departments

## Office Bits

By TED REECE and  
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No matter how low the mercury drops, the time for ECHO news always seem to roll around; and no one seems to do anything except talk about the cold weather. Speaking of cold weather, we know one person who is really prepared for it. You can bet your boots Thelma Alexander isn't going to freeze—not with her six layers of clothing!

How does that old saying go? "When the cat's away the mice will play." Something like that—anyway, it doesn't apply to us. In our wanderings about the office, we find the people working even if their bosses are gone.

The Office "B" team is still going strong in the bowling tournament. They're certainly holding on to that last place. But really, that team makes us wonder about another old saying that if your determination is strong enough, you will succeed. We're talking about the time they beat Office "A" team. Office "A" figured that it would be an easy win, but B's determination was so great that they won out.

Our mid-winter vacationists surely like that sunny land called Florida. Mr. Garrett, Miss Palais and Mr. Eversman all report wonderful times there. We wonder if any of them were there when the cold spell hit Florida. Can't you just hear them saying, "And I came all the way to Florida to escape the cold!"

We extend a hearty welcome to Phillip Brownell, Ruth Buckner, Marse Grant and Catherine West. We hope they all enjoy working with us.

Glad to have Marie Eggert back with us after a minor operation.

Mr. Maney also had an operation. We understand that he is getting along nicely and has been permitted to come home.

Some of the office women are becoming diet-conscious. We're expecting big—or should we say small—results.

We're expecting Bickett, Dreyer and Curwen all to have house warmings in their new pre-fabs right away, and of course everyone is looking forward to a wonderful time.

Wonder if Margaret Collier has lost any more bottle openers?

"He who snoops and runs away will live to snoop another day." So bye now.

## Plant Research

By DONA WRIGHT

Mr. Vannah spent an enjoyable evening in Asheville last Monday. There he visited with Congressman Hale and former New Hampshire State Senator Simson, who were graduated from the Bowdoin college in Maine. Mr. Vannah is also a graduate from Bowdoin.

We have enjoyed having Mr. Summey from the Landscape Crew working with us for the past few weeks.

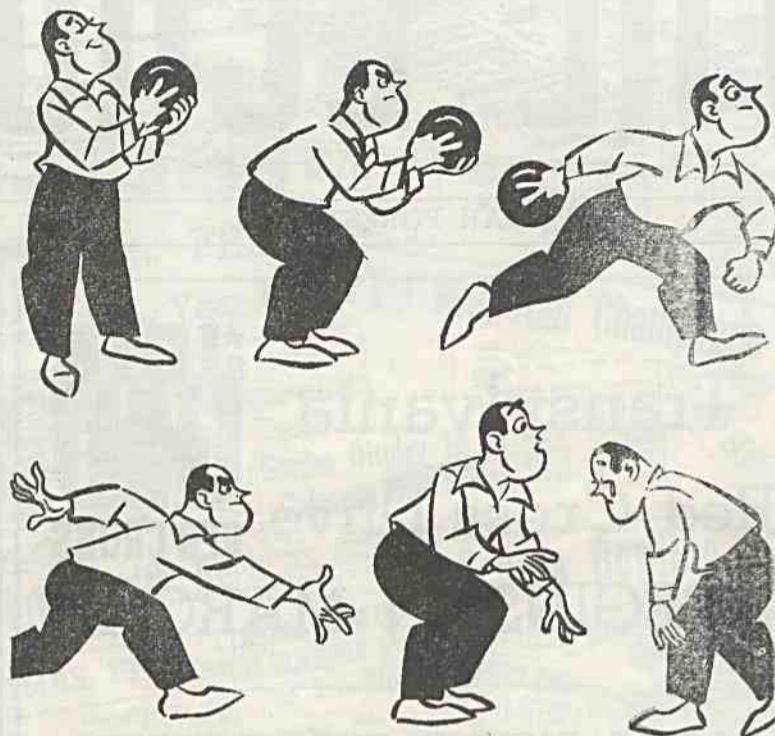
Nothing exciting has happened in Plant Research—or at least it hasn't been reported to me. So for this time I shall say, so long.

## LIGHT LUNCH

Diner: "Waiter, please close the window."

Waiter: "Is there a draft, sir?"

Diner: "No, but that's the third time my steak's blown off my plate."



SPLIT !

## Refining News

By EARL GRAY

Here comes "A" shift with not much to say. I sure hope the weatherman missed his aim. The cold weather we have been having will be enough for me, not saying anything of the "Granddaddy" cold wave that was supposed to hit later. It would be very nice to hit a happy medium before we start days. It's plenty cold about 6:30 a. m. standing out in a breeze like we have had for the last few days.

We have one man on our shift that doesn't like graveyard. He had rather do carpenter work. The way I understand it, he was building a bull-pen, fell out of it and stuck a nail through his finger. Be careful, Edgar, you might get hurt someday.

In the spring we hope to see a house going up just above "Neillville". Crow has most of his material ready and says he is going to get plenty, and some to spare, before he starts. Figure closely, "Mousey", it takes plenty!

Oh! this weight length—we are not first and we're not last, at the present. Here's hoping something will come our way and stay. For "A" shift to be ahead would please us all. It would be good for all shifts to get 100% then we would be producing without any check marks. Come on fellows let's keep those lengths running right.

Markley has a black eye. He said that a limb hit him in the eye. He didn't say the limb of a tree or what. Don't keep us wondering, Markley!

Thad Neuman would like to buy a good onossum dog, the 'possums have carried off the morning paper several times in the last few days. Seems to me that he would turn loose "Old Trim", and let the 'possums catch her. "She is a coon dog," says Thad.

If anyone knows the elevation of French Broad River, here and over at Asheville, please send it to me, print it in the Echo, or give it to Enno. Do this so he can prove to Brackett, that the river doesn't climb 200 feet between here and there.

If you can't understand what I have written, don't ask me for an explanation, for I can't understand it either.

## Refining News

By BILL HENSON

As I didn't get any news in the January issue of the Echo, I want to take this opportunity to express our thanks to Mr. Straus for the wonderful sickness Insurance Policy he presented us for Christmas, and also for the many other fine things he has done for us.

Well, it looks like winter is here at last. The old Ground Hog must have seen his shadow in technicolor this time.

"Speedy" Jones seems to think the ground is frozen harder than usual this winter; incidentally, "Speedy" tested it the other night on the annual Refining Room coon hunt. (Sorry no coons reported missing in this district.)

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holliday have a new baby girl at their house. Congratulations and thanks for the cigars, Henry.

M. J. Lance is spending his vacation cutting logs for his house. We just wonder, if by any chance, he is using Jerry Freeman's mule to pull the logs out. (M. J., you better watch that mule!)

Due to the kindness of Jerry Freeman and Jimmie Sledge, Maze Harden has an ample supply of nails on hand now. (Nails must be plentiful in South Carolina.)

The Refining Room was well represented at the Five-Year Service Club Bingo party. Everyone had a swell time. There certainly were some fine prizes.

We are all happy to have Edgar Allen back with us after having served over five years in the Armed Services. Ed was the first man from the Refining Room to leave for the army. A very hearty welcome from all of us, Ed.

We are glad to hear that the Ike Cairns family, after quite a bit of illness, is now doing fine.

We should organize a ski club down about North Mills River as Rupert Gordon reports almost an inch of snow there.

## KNOWING HUSBAND

The woman autoist posed for a snapshots in front of the fallen pillars of an ancient temple in Greece.

"Don't get the car in the picture," she said, "or my husband will think I ran into the place."

## Machine Room News

By JOHN GOOLSBY

Well to start things off—Tom Stroup has returned from his vacation and reports a good rest. Ralph Teague was also one of the early birds who mixed business with pleasure. But according to Frank Barton, a poor man does not have any business. He only makes arrangements.

Olin Edney is a proud owner of a straight-eight Buick which he recently purchased at a good price.

We welcome Oliver Vaillancourt back after a few weeks of illness. He seems to be ship-shape in every respect. He is also thinking about reviving the "Old Mill Club," he had going strong about 1942—Wilson Gregory was secretary and together with Lester Brown and his accordion, who was band leader, nearly brought down the roof.

Owen Banning recently picked up a bargain (he called it) in Greenville—an honest-to-goodness Sport-Model Coupe. He spent four days and nights trying to locate the man who had the title. The telephone bill was \$19.50, telegraph \$7.50, lawyer \$50.00, the amount of gasoline he said he didn't know (having used a courtesy card). The total results—Car \$200.00 over ceiling.

Our Skipper has moved into a cottage (telephone 322-W) and a few of the boys were helping him to straighten his furniture and lay his linoleum. Of all things that could happen, after inspection were two large ruptures (two holes knocked in the linoleum put there by a Machine Tender—expert—HUH)

Bob Pierce it seems has his load of worries—if it isn't real estate, it's income tax which he has been working on since January 1st. Every time he figures it, he comes out in the hole. He tells me he has used the long form, the short form, and John Collins was telling him about another form. Reform which is the next one he intends to try—"something new" as he puts it.

## Autobound News

By SARA LOFTIS And  
BETSY ALLISON

A number of Champagne girls enjoyed a miscellaneous shower given for Evelyn Reese, by Eula and Ethel Gray. Evelyn received many useful and attractive gifts.

We are glad to have Lillie Sinclair back with us after a long winter vacation in Florida.

Hope Johnnie Dermid will soon be well and back with us again.

Mae Whitmire is recovering from the "wrench" she received while feeding gum paper. We hope this will be the end of her trouble.

We wish a speedy recovery for Sarah Avery's father, who is in the hospital in Greenville.

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