

Know Your Reporters



EMMETT CLARK, Maintenance — Assisted by Medford Cooper, Emmett does a thorough job of covering the news in the Maintenance Department. Emmett doesn't remember exactly the date he started as an ECHO reporter, but it's been four or five years at least. He adheres strictly to one of the first requirements of a good reporter—that of filling his columns with names. This month no less than 38 names appear in his departmental news column.

Refining News Shift "B"

By JACK RHODES

Fishing season is here again and the fellows are getting their tackle all ready for a big year. I'm afraid that many gardens will be set aside in favor of that favorite sport, fishing. Here's luck to all of the Isaac Waltons.

J. L. Bryson and Fulton Holliday have proven to be very adept at trying fly hooks and are letting some of the boys try some out. The results ought to be good.

Several of the boys are taking vacations. Paul Hooper, George McKinna, Ralph Nicholson and James Mills are among the latest.

Sam King returned from his vacation with a big box of cigars, announcing a bouncing baby girl. The mother and daughter are doing nicely.

"Speedy" Jones just ain't lucky. After his boy was born he passed out six boxes of cigars. A week or so later at a bingo party, what does he win but a box of cigars. He hasn't gotten over it yet.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mills are taking a motorcycle trip through Florida and we should get some

Send It In

The reader interest of an employee newspaper such as our ECHO is largely determined by the amount of local news it contains. You can help us by submitting the day-to-day happenings in your life and in the lives of those with whom you work. Whenever you see or hear a bit of interesting news—something you believe is of general interest to those of us here . . . stop right where you are. Jot down a few words to remind you and at your first opportunity send it in . . . or tell one of THE ECHO reporters about it.

News From Our Departments

Refining News Shift "D"

By BILL HENSON

We regret very much having to give up John Eversman as our editor of THE ECHO, but we want to extend a hearty welcome to our new editor, Marse Grant.

Robert Duckworth has been taking advantage of the nice spring weather by getting in shape for the golf season.

Well, we in the Refining Room are starting another round in wet length stock competition. Congratulations to "A" Shift for winning the first round.

Glad to have Henry Holliday back with us after several days absence with flu.

We want to thank those responsible for the swell bowling banquet given at the Country Club. Everyone had a swell time.

Ed Allen took two weeks' vacation starting April 7th.

Most of the men in the Refiner Room are getting ready for the fishing season in a big way this year — everything from fishing tackle to motor boats.

Mr. Frank Patton has been sporting a new Chevrolet around for the past few days. Congratulations! (Mr. Patton, I expect to get mine by 1950.)

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. "Speedy" Jones on their new arrival. ("Speedy" is back at work now). Thanks for the cigars, Boss.

Lawson Moore is making good progress in his spring plowing with the new tractor he purchased recently.

Bill Anders, Coley McCall, and Mays Waldrop had a weeks vacation the first of April. All three report a nice time.

Walter Phillips and family are now located on their new farm.

Refining News Shift "A"

By EARL GRAY

The first weight length contest is over, and "A" Shift is in the lead by 1%. This doesn't sound like much of a lead, but when there are three more shifts competing, you climb very slowly, even where every chest is correct. If you start falling back, it is hard to get back in the lead. As for the next contest, which started April 1st., we want to win it, also. Nature leans that way. Even if we should lose, our determination is to win.

Winning this contest is like winning a baseball game, or any other game. Everybody wants to win, so let's all pull together, and try to beat 1% high for the coming three months.

Spring is here, birds are singing,

interesting points when they get back.

We take this opportunity to welcome the new editor of THE ECHO. We hope that the "growing" ECHO will benefit from his experience in the journalistic field.

And, it is only fitting that the retiring editor, John D. Eversman, be commended for his excellent leadership during the first years of THE ECHO. Although he was buried under several different jobs, he took over the editorship and has made many improvements in the paper. It has been a privilege to work with John and I'm sure others will join me in saying that he has done an exceptionally fine job.

"Across The Tracks"

By

BETTY FINCK

Hear ye! Hear ye Hear ye!

We welcome back the unidentified black bird who returns every year to help us welcome spring-time while he perchs on the steam line.

Dot Singletary's eyes sparkled with vibrant radiance while David S. visited her during the Easter holidays.

Larry Dixon is building a new house which he hopes to occupy by July 15th.

Betty Brown hurries homeward daily at eventide to become more acquainted with her newly acquired possession . . . Yes!—you've guessed it—a new Ford!

Bruce and Gloria Pettit announce the arrival of a daughter, Marilyn Ann, who was born March 28th.

C. L. Dickson spent the Easter week end in Concord.

A generous reward — 10c — awaits anyone who can positively identify a rare mineral on display in room 202.

Lucky Grey Dawn and Hunter Robin Hood are just as much a part of the laboratory as the crucibles, test tubes, and all the rest of the chemical equipment; for whenever Julia Morgan and Betty Finck have a chance to exchange notes on their new 10 week old English Collie puppies, it goes something like this: "Has he held his ears up yet?", "He'll take the blue ribbon in the next dog show," "That pup of mine never stops chewing!", and, of course, "Dawn and Hunter are the cutest pups that ever lived!"

Julia Morgan wishes she had that car which she and Martha Sellers are planning to buy "one of these days"; so she could drive down to Florida on her vacation during the latter part of this month.

FLASH . . . two black birds are perched on the steamline. We'll be back in May to report any further developments.

and everybody working,—planting gardens, etc.

Clarence Crow says his mule sure does enjoy visiting the baseball field, even at night. I saw Clarence punch his card and I asked him if anyone was sick, or anything serious the matter. "No," was the reply, "that old mule just decided he wanted some more of Ecusta's good grass,"—so Crow had to go home and put the poor old mule up. Naughty boy, Crow!

"A" Shift has been very lucky about sickness. If I am not mistaken, we were ahead on the sick report for March. Let's all be careful, and make a perfect attendance record for April.

The weather is beautiful now, and many of the streams look good for fishing. Don't forget your fishing permit. The fine might cost you several days' work.

The hunting season must be over, because we don't hear our famous hunters talking about going. They are getting new dogs and looking forward to cold weather. Then you will hear about "Blue," "Speck," "Trim," "Drum," and "Sandy."

Maintenance Dept.

By E. CLARK & M. COOPER

Getting off to a new start, we have a little propaganda to dish out covering a few brighter spots here and there.

The following had vacations the week of April 14th.: Hamilton Scruggs, Harry Clark, W. W. Westall, Dee McCall, Fred Gilreath, and P. C. DeBrabant. Unfortunately, DeBrabant spent his in bed with a severe cold.

Norman Thompson also is sick and is having to spend some time in the hospital.

The following have been out sick but have returned to work: Nat Townsend, Joe Wright, Waverly Morris, Louis Johnson, Paul Owens, Albert Holden, Bert Jones, Harry Brown and Jeff Lance.

Donald Scruggs was married to Miss Grace Ducker April 5 at Boylston Baptist church. Miss Ducker was formerly from Arden. They now live on Boylston Road.

And speaking of weddings, we still have some more eligible young



The above illustration depicts Wallace Collins' version of his Florida trip on April 9th.

men and some a little older if you young ladies wish to chase them in a Sadie Hawkins race.

Gordon B. says he can do some fairly decent blacksmith work using a cook stove for a furnace.

Walt Reems just purchased himself a new tractor so if you need your garden plowed, you know whom to contact.

Will Westall said his hens started to laying pine knots and the only reason he could give for that was that he had mixed saw dust with their laying mash.

Pop Heaton says it's astonishing how many mistakes you can cover up with a little green paint.



Since Jack Wilson has started playing golf with Carl Eldridge and wearing Carl's extra pair of knickers, Jack plans to get in bigtime golfing.

Tom Conley couldn't get any spinach off the lunch wagon the other day to supply him with his daily amount of iron, so he just ate a handful of nails.

C. Day ordered some cockerels from the hatchery last week and when they came they all turned out to be roosters.

We hear Doc. S. has a very small pooch. Wonder if anyone would like to trade him a car for it?

J. Brown, as we understand it, has planted about five acres this year. Guess he will need a two row hoe.

Horace DeBord and Hubert Medford made a trip to Maine, leaving here March 9th. and returning April 3rd. The people (Continued On Page Fourteen)