

# Departmental news

## REFINING NEWS

By Earl Gray

Here comes "A" shift with its share of the month's news. We want to let everyone know that we are still on the job ever trying to do a better job this year than we did last year.

Frank Tinsley, Coy Surrette, and Enno Camenzind have enjoyed vacations recently and both report some hunting and some working.

Winford Tweed is still improving. We are hoping he will be back to work soon..

John Ball is back to work after losing about ten days.

Clarence Crow's mother-in-law is improved and Clarence is back on the job as this is being written.

We wish the weatherman would give us more warm days as fuel is not too plentiful this winter.

If anybody needs any pigs, see Oscar Harbin. We hear he has a new model! Red says they are *white* Poland China.

When Thad Newman was talking about his registered dog not gaining any weight, Coy Surrette suggested that Thad show the mongrel all those papers that say he's supposed to be tops in every respect.

We don't know whether Floyd Evans has papers with his dog or not, but we imagine ones for "Alibi Dogs" are very expensive.

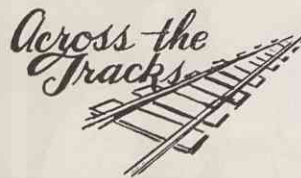
All of us on "A" shift were sorry to hear about the accident that Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth had. Mr. Hollingsworth is not on our shift, but his many friends wish him and his wife a speedy recovery.

## LOOSE ENDS

(By Mary Sue Thorne)

Now that Christmas is a month in the past we can look back and form a just and unbiased opinion about it. We think it was one of the merriest ones we can recall. It seemed that everybody had the Christmas spirit. . . . And as we devoured black eyed peas and hog jowel on New Year's Day, we made a few resolutions, most of which we shall keep secret, so in case we break them others will be no wiser. But we resolved to make more Endless Belts during 1948 than have ever been made before. That we intend to make better ones goes without saying. . . . Incidentally, Santa left us a whole flock of new machines.

Opal Whitmire made a resolution to get married this year. And is she making progress! She already has a diamond! We think she is just playing safe in not telling who gave it to her, because a few dozen other girls have made the same resolution. . . . Betty Jean Bryson was married to Bill Heath of the U. S. Marines on December 26 and has resigned to live in Quantico, Va. . . . Endless has a partial claim on the first 1948 baby in the Ecusta family—that of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Allison. The baby arrived January 5 and is a fine boy. Mrs. Allison formerly worked in this department. . . . We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hollingsworth who were seriously injured in a highway accident recently. L. W. works in the Beaterroom and Mrs. Hollingsworth is one of our old girls. We are wishing for both of them a quick recovery. . . .



BY BETTY FINCK

"All—aboard—" for 1948, a year which we all hope and pray will grant to everyone health, peace, and security.

John Burwell and his wife are spending a glorious vacation down in Bermuda where they are visiting his family.

Dot and David were married in a lovely ceremony at the Methodist church last month. When David graduates from Wake Forest this month, they will be at home in their attractive new home on Franklin Street.

Betty Trantham and her husband had a wonderful time in Charlotte during the holidays.

We all wish the best of success to Jerry Marder, who has left the Technical Staff to return to his medical studies at the University of North Carolina.

Al Skinner is happy to have his family home again in their new residence.

Joe Schlosser is busy building a new home for his family on Franklin Street.

Grace Tinsley and Mabel Galloway have transferred from Evening Shift to Days. Hope they like us. . . . There doesn't seem to be much news right now, but with the approach of Roosevelt's birthday and Valentine Day we expect things to brighten up. And that is a reminder—will everyone please make a contribution to the March of Dimes?