

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

PAPER DIVISION

OFFICE BITS

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The tree buds are fairly bursting open, while a number of flowering bushes are already blooming, pre-maturely perhaps, but blooming. It is Mother Nature, in her never changing cycles which follow year after year; bringing forth faith and hope and giving birth to new life. Through Mother Nature, a Supreme Being is showing mankind that in spite of disappointments, heartaches and troubles common to man, there is hope for those who pause to meditate on the meaning of it all. Most of us reach the conclusion that it is but another way of pointing out that God is ever present to give us faith and hope to face today and tomorrow.

Word reaches us that Hazel Reece, who formerly worked in the Files Section, now has a little daughter, Janice, who was born in February. We are glad to hear the good news, Hazel!

George Heyman visited in New Jersey recently to attend a birthday celebration for his father who has reached the age of 75.

Martha Fraser enjoyed a Florida vacation in February, spending most of her time around Vero Beach.

Mr. Ludwig Straus visited the office several times recently. Mr. Straus is looking very well. We enjoy his visits, as he always has a cheery remark to make as he passes by.

Mrs. Grace A. Lee is the new young lady working in the Billing Department. Make yourself at home, Grace!

The biggest, broadest, happiest smile we have seen in many a moon was displayed by Brad Harrison when he passed the cigars and candy around announcing the birth of his daughter, Helen Lucille. She weighed 5 pounds and 8½ ounces. She joined the Harrison household on February 25th. Congratulations to you and Mrs. Harrison!

We understand that the management is going to hire a hat check girl who will be posted in the Men's Cloak Room. It seems that some of the boys can't always find their hats.

It is interesting to learn that such a large number of Ecusta men are interested in Scouting work. The Boy Scouts of America offers the best opportunity for a boy to get the most out of life in the way of clean, wholesome fun and in gaining attitudes toward life which will stand a boy in good stead, time and time again, after he reaches

manhood.

One of the most popular pastimes around Ecusta is the giving of baby reports. After hearing some of the reports, one comes to the conclusion that we are in a hotbed of budding Albert Einsteins! More power to the young 'uns. May they live up to the claims of their dads and moms.

News items are hard to come by. Vacations have been almost non-existent. Most of the gang, I find, have been busy burning the midnight oil with Federal and State Income Tax returns. Some have been coming to work in the morning bleary eyed—and it's not from Bock either. I wonder if all of them "got it up?" The cash, I mean, to pay the taxes. Saw some ads in the paper where some banks were willing to help you get the cash.

Just to satisfy the editor, Charlie Russell, yes, it may be the nearest thing to paradise in Orange Blossom Time in Florida, but it is pure Heaven in Dogwood Blossom Time and Spring in North Carolina! Particularly Hendersonville, North Carolina.

The 1715 General Assembly made the following items legal tender in North Carolina: tobacco, Indian corn, wheat, cheese, tallow, leather, ram and dressed buck and doe skins, beaver and other skins, wildcat skins, butter, feathers, tar, pitch, whale oil, beef and pork.

Trouble is usually produced by those who don't produce anything else.



Marcia Ann Owen must have really enjoyed having her picture made. She's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owen. Harold is in the Research Dept.