bones softer than metal.

James Cox was waylayed by one of the fancy named jobs along the same line as arthritis which knocked him out of commission for quite a while, but fortunately he too has returned to work.

We never did get the straight of the story concerning Jack Wilber out on the golf green looking for a lost golf ball and finding a large quantity of bees instead. "Hank" Newbury has filled in for us a lot of the missing information.

## OFFICE BITS By Alex Duris

The weather of every day living seems to be freshening up a bit, bringing with it a promise of better things to come. The Korean Truce or Peace Treaty which ever you choose to call it, gives hope that we may be spared an-



other world-wide war. Come to think of it, neither vanquished or victor wins.

The general increase which reached the pay envelopes of Ecusta employees was another agreeable experience. For normally hot August, we have been enjoying rather cool nights with the mercury dancing around the low fifties several times.

There is only one really dark cloud in the sky and that is for the school gentry. Soon vacation will be over and carefree days will be exchanged for the more important and serious days of acquiring an education.

Charles and Reba Russell announced the arrival on August 5th of Carolyn Legaree who tipped the scales at 9 lbs. plus. Congratulations,

both of you!

Rita Sherrill, is leaving us to join her husband in Easley, South Carolina. Good luck to you in your new home, Rita! And as Rita leaves, we gain Lois Marlowe, who takes over where she leaves off. Lois comes to us from Mills River. Welcome, Lois!

Lloyd Tuck, took another partial vacation late

in July.

Virginia Johnson vacationed early in August. She spent most of her time at home, really getting a rest.

Bill Hunnicut and family, took off on a "See America First," vacation which took them to Canada also. We will let Bill tell us about it when he gets back.

Mrs. Inola Bolt, is the young lady whose voice you have been hearing over the switchboard. Inola, will also work in the General Files section. She comes to us from Lake Toxaway, N. C. Welcome!

Charles Baker, ran into some of the famous hot, humid, sticky Manhattan weather while on a

business trip. We understand that Mr. Baker had to seek relief in Central Park, from the awful heat.

Virginia Ellis had a wonderful time at Myrtle Beach, but also acquired a not so wonderful sun burn. I still maintain that going to the beach should require a minimum of six weeks—five weeks to get used to it, and the last week to enjoy it!

George Heyman and family visited Mr. Heyman's parents in the vicinity of Elizabeth, New

Jersey.

Martha Fraser was another of the gang to enjoy a vacation in August. At this writing, we

could not learn her vacation spot.

Arthur Lindley, Mrs. Lindley, daughter, son-inlaw and that very important person, Art's grandson visited Niagra Falls, Warren, Pa., Jamestown, New York, and Canada. Art said that Mrs. Lindley and his grandson took the trip right in their stride.

Inez Whitmire and family drove over the Skyline Drive to Washington, D. C., where they spent their vacation sightseeing.

John Rhyne and family journeyed to Myrtle

Beach for their vacation.

Ola Gooch enjoyed a very interesting vacation. Part of it was spent in Huntsville, Alabama. She then saw the outdoor drama, "LOST COLONY", at Manteo, and "COMMON GLORY", at Williamsburg, Va. Included in her trip was a visit to Winston-Salem, N. C.

E. B. Garrett and family enjoyed a vacation at Tillman, South Carolina, near Myrtle Beach.

Brad Harrison has left us to join forces with the Firestone Textile Company, in Gastonia, N. C. Good luck, Brad. We were sorry to see you go!

Maudine Orr is the new young lady working in the Main Floor stenographic group. Maudine hails from Etowah. We are glad to have you with us!

DeWitt Drake and family visited Jonesville, S. C., and points in Western North Carolina during their vacation.

Correction!!! In last months issue of The Echo it was reported that Charley Cook had gone fishing but was not bragging on his luck. On subsequent trips, his luck improved and he got some very nice catches.

Noticed a couple of rigs rigged up around Jean Chambers home. She says that they are drilling for water. We know better—it is oil they

are looking for!

Every man knows how a wife should be managed, but few seem to be able to act on the knowledge

Our lowest national debt was in 1840—21 cents per person. Today it's the highest—more than \$1,700 for each of us.