



DOWN THE ALLEY WITH GUTTER GUS

"All I want for Christmas is a bowling ball and a game without splits, misses or cherries — a 300 game would be fine." This is the Christmas wish of our many bowlers here at Ecusta. However, in spite of the splits, misses and cherries, everyone seems to be enjoying their bowling.

In the largest bowling program we have ever had here, Gutter Gus proudly points to the three different leagues within the plant and to our Ecusta entry in the Western North Carolina League—a total of 32 bowling teams.

As we reach the half way mark of the season, the Bums, captained by Harry Ballard, are leading the 18-team men's handicap league. In second place are the Cardinals with the Engineers, Bees and Pinbusters close behind.

The Vagabonds, captained by the ole pro, Bruce Reynolds, are leading the 6-team men's scratch league race, with the Hornets, Cello-Mecks and Cardinals making strong bids to shake them loose from the top position. With several months left in the season, it's anyone's guess as to how the final standings will read come springtime.

The Officettes, Champagne Rebels and the Finishing "B" team have been staging a nip and tuck

battle for the league's lead in our Women's bowling league. In the past four weeks each of these teams have, at one time, had the lead. At this writing, the Officettes lead by a few percentage points.

Gutter Gus hopes to publish some individual statistics of the different leagues in the January issue of The Echo. Standings of the different leagues can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Our bowling leagues will be idle during the holiday season, with no games scheduled during the weeks of Christmas and New Years. Soon after January 1, activities will pick up where they left off, with much enthusiasm and each team determined to make a bid for top honors in their respective leagues.

Gutter Gus received word that Santa Claus is going to bring Mr. Loftis some semi-automatic pin spotters for Christmas. So, when we resume the season's play after the holidays, we should be able to speed up our bowling and have more time for practice lines. Your cooperation in speeding up the games when possible will be appreciated.

Gutter Gus wants to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Members of the Steam Rollers' team (standing) are: (left to right) Captain Morris Wood, Sam Kent, Leland George, Walter Clubb and Ralph McCall. Members absent were: Tom Bowen, Ralph Lance, Virgil Galloway, Richard Ball, Garland Teague and Bill Kendrick.

Seated are members of the Water Dogs' Team. Left to right: Lewis Alexander, Harold Misenheimer, Larry Dixon, Eugene Steppe and Hunley Mehaffey. Absent were Samuel "Pete" Norwood, Carl Chastain and Fritz Waldrop.