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There is no substitute for interest in one's job.

EDITORIAL

What may be ahead in 1945 we do not know. Quietly a program has started. We—all of us in Melrose—are trying to do something together. Some persons may be skeptical, some may be hopeful—but all are interested.

We are set apart—dedicated—to achievement of an unfulfilled task. We are conscientiously experimenting with a novel approach to employer-employee relations. There are no rules established, other than frankness and open dealing with each other. There are no preconceived notions, other than a sincere attempt to understand each other.

It is realized that workers themselves are becoming more and more aware of the unique something that we are accomplishing. We are not like persons looking at a finished painting, we are the artists drawing the painting.

As we consciously participate we may sense that together we are working out a way of doing things that may benefit managers and workers, certainly in our own plants and possibly over a wide area.

Say a good word for the other fellow, or say nothing.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jewell Newton, looper for two years, has been employed in the office. This is a fine illustration of the Melrose policy of promotions from within the plant.

Bonnie Finch reports that she worked all available hours during 1944, including all overtime, and lost five work hours only.

Letters From Servicemen

Nov. 23, France.

Dear Mr. Hardison:

I'm writing you a few lines to thank you or whoever is in charge of mailing the *Mel-Rose-Glen*, for sending me the paper. I have received all three copies. I hope to receive it each month. I think the paper is a fine thing. I enjoy reading it. Over here we don't get much to read. We have a small newspaper which the army puts out and that's about all except for the mail we get from home.

How is everything going at the mill? I wish I could be there now. Maybe it won't be long before the war will be over and the boys can all come home. We know that all the folks back home are backing us up. I know that the Melrose is doing its part. As for the army socks, they are good wearing socks. They are the only socks I have worn since I have been in the service.

I have noticed in the paper that some of the boys have been home on furloughs. Well, I don't guess I'll get back before the war is over. I haven't seen many of the boys from home. I did see Earl Whitley on the way over from England. He seems to be doing fine.

I have to close for now. Tell all my friends "hello" for me and keep up the good work.

Thanks again for the *Mel-Rose-Glen*. I noticed that it is being mailed to my old APO address. Note the new address at the bottom of the page.

Sincerely yours,
Staff Sgt. Hoyt H. Morgan.

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My Dear Sir:

I am sorry that I have not written you sooner and thanked you for the paper you have been sending to me, and I hope you keep sending it to me because it really helps out a lot. I only wish I were back there with the people I know so well and think so much of. But I guess some one has to fight this war so it might as well be me. I am no better than any of the other boys, but at least I was more lucky than most of the boys. I just got back in time for Christmas and I really had a swell time. I will not get a leave. If I did I sure would be up to see you all at the mill. I miss the place very much.

I want you to thank each and everyone for making it possible for me to receive the most welcome paper. I like to keep up with the news at home. Tell Mr. Wilson I said hello and all the rest too. I hope everyone had a nice Christmas and a very Happy New Year. I wish everyone in looper room No. 1 would drop me a line. I would like to hear from them very much. So tell them to write.

Well, Mr. Boyd, I guess I will close for now. I hope to hear from you all real soon. And thanks again for the paper.

As ever,
M. E. POTTER.

Armed Guard Center,
52nd St. & 1st Ave.,
South Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Boyd:

I guess you think I was never going to write you, but I haven't had time. I am out in Kentucky and it's really tough. I wish I was back at the mill running a knitting machine. This army life is really going hard with me. If it wasn't so rough here it wouldn't be so bad.

I guess everything is going along smoothly at the mill. Tell Mr. Hilliard hello for me and I was sorry I couldn't see him before I left. He was out sick that week, and tell him I will write soon. I have so many people to write, my folks you know, and I don't have much spare time. We work day and night.

They are trying to train men to be soldiers in 17 weeks, which should take six to eight months. I am in the armored division, which deals with tanks and trucks.

Mr. Boyd, tell all the boys hello for me and also tell Mr. Wall, Faircloth and Burgess I will write to them when I get chance.

Yours truly,
CLARENCE MOFFITT.

Pitter Patter

(Full Fashioned Plant)

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THIRD SHIFT F. F.

The third shift wishes to extend their appreciation to Mr. Amos and all who helped to make the Christmas party possible. It was a swell party and was enjoyed by all. The food was delicious and the fun was grand.

TOO BIG A CHRISTMAS!

The third shift knitters had such a big Christmas that very few of them got to work Sunday night, and when they came in Monday night most of them either had the headache or the tummy ache.

We are very glad indeed to have have Odie Shackells on the third shift now and hope he likes working with us. He has served six years in the U. S. Army but was given a medical discharge last month.

Did anyone notice one of the loopers enjoying the Christmas holidays with a bluejacket? Come on, Lib—fess up.

The seamers, loopers and inspectors would certainly like to express their appreciation for the swell Christmas party that was given. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all who attended it.

Our congratulations to Ethel Burge and Lucille Kennedy for winning the candy at the party. Their intelligence was really surprising!

Clarence Moffitt, first shift knitter, entered the army December 6, 1944. Our good wishes go with him . . . Mrs. Margaret Arant, F. F. seamer, is back after being away for some time.

F. F. FINISHING ROOM

The F. F. F. room was well represented at our Melrose party. Everyone reports a very enjoyable evening, and extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Amos and the personnel staff for a lovely evening!

Wonder why it's taking Dessie Coggin's such a long time to recuperate from Christmas?.....Veigh Barham spent

Wonders Et Cetera

(Glenn Plant)

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Guess what Polly Leonard has to sleep with to keep with to keep her warm? A tame groundhog!

Boy, did you see Thelma blushing the other night when talking to the new boss man?.....Henry trying to get a bell at the party from a certain girl?.....William with the heartache? He received a 20-page letter from his girl friend.

FINISHING ROOM

No one had a better time at the Christmas party than Mrs. Winter. If anyone thinks she can't dance they're mistaken. And that goes for Mr. Clark, also.

Mary Eller wants someone to buy her the rest of the black and white outfit like she received at the Christmas party.

The boarders are glad to have Vivian Beaton and Jack Brown on daytime with them.

Evelyn Hester got a lovely dinner ring and watch for Christmas. Lucky girl!

Bonnie Cowan has been out ill for two weeks. She has returned to work now.

LOOPING ROOM

Virgin Staley's brother, Cpl. R. G. Taylor, spent the Christmas holidays at home after 17 months of service overseas.

Pearl Fuller has heard from her son. He left the states October 26 and is now in New Guinea.

Janie Thagger hasn't heard from her son since November 28. He's with the First army in Belgium. We wish him lots of luck.

The Glenn plant is proud of their square dancers. Did you see them at the party? Mrs. Vaughn, Mr. Clark, Mrs. Winters, Mr. Smith.

By the way, did you see Mary Endra's gift at the party? Well, she still don't know who gave it to her but would like to have the rest of the set.

We are sorry Delsie Strickland of the boarding room has been out sick. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Did anyone see a good-looking white-haired man sitting behind a top sewer talking?

We want to thank Mr. Amos for the swell Christmas party. The turkey was fine. We missed Hoyt who was visiting relatives in Tennessee, and he certainly missed a swell party.

Mrs. Hauser got lots of fruits, nuts and candy for Christmas, not to mention the chewing gum and she still don't know who Santa Claus is.

Did you see Flossie's pig tail she got for Christmas?

And now we wish everyone a "Happy New Year," and thanks to Mr. Boyd for all his trouble for the party.

COLORED NEWS

(English Street)

Did you know that Fletcher Waden has been working at Melrose since 1927 and is liked by everyone who knows him?

We, as colored employees of Melrose, enjoyed the privilege of having a Christmas party very much. Fletcher, acting master of ceremonies, made it possible for us to have a group of boys sing for us, which every one enjoyed.

We were glad to have Mr. Amos, owner of Melrose, come and look in on us as we enjoyed ourselves; also Supt. Hill, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Cates and Mr. Hardison. We hope the same thing will happen next Christmas.

Christmas with relatives in Asheboro, N. C..... Lucille Winningham went to Wilmington, N. C., for the holidays..... Ruby Smith was a visitor in Greensboro, N. C., during the holidays..... Attah Wilson was dinner guest of her daughter, Dorothy Wilson, of Greensboro, N. C., Saturday, December 16..... We are glad to welcome Pauline Driggers to our department and the Melrose family..... Pauline is the daughter of Mr. Ab Edwards..... Mary Cox hasn't been back since the holidays. Could she still be taking Christmas?..... Marie McPherson is in the Boulevard branch of the High Point Hospital, where she underwent an operation. We all wish her a speedy recovery.