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EDITORIAL.

There is an Intangible Something, often taken for granted, which it is well from time to time frankly to recognize.

Ordinarily, we associate loyalty with the patriot warrior whose devotion leads him to live and perhaps to die for his country. Or, we think of the ship's captain whose devotion to the requirements of his office leads him to go down with his ship.

However, it is a thrilling thing to see an industrial worker who has quietly found his or her place in the life of the world, who acquires skill and steadily devotes himself or herself to the daily requirements of a job.

Loyalty is not something that can be bought, or for which a bargain can be made. Loyalty is a free gift, something that wells up out of a worker's own experience and life.

Loyalty and faithfulness, in a measure, are synonymous. All may have it. Each person needs to have a life task which he considers to be worthy and to which he voluntarily gives his attention. All are equal in the exemplification of faithfulness. It has been said, "He that is faithful in little is also faithful in much."

Josiah Royce wrote a book in which he defined loyalty as the willing and practical and thorough-going devotion of a person to a cause. He said, "A man is loyal when first he has a cause to which he is loyal; when secondly, he willingly devotes himself to his cause; and when, thirdly, he expresses his devotion in some sustained and practical way."

One cannot well be loyal to work in general, or to industry work in general, or to industry as a whole; he best can be loyal to a specific job in one plant.

In the affairs of men, loyalty is such a valuable intangible that we can well strive to be loyal to loyalty itself, that is, we can recognize the worth of it and pay tribute to this splendid quality which makes life worth while.

REPORT ON ALL SUGGESTION AWARDS

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number of the head on the stocking with picot points has been approved and will be put into effect. (\$10.00 Charlie Johnson.)

A suggestion for running a test on each shift has been approved. (\$5.00 A. H. Payne.)

A suggestion on 42 gauge tubes was approved. (\$5.00 Hoyle Morgan.) This suggestion was tried out and later abandoned.

A suggestion for cleaning flues for saving coal has been put into effect. (\$5.00, Jule Rook.)

GLENN PLANT—

A suggestion on releasing belts when machines stand over long periods has been adopted. (\$5.00 to Hurley Blizzard.)

A good housekeeping idea on the outside of the plant. (\$5.00 to Lucille Vaughan.)

AWARDS AND REPORT FOR MAY—

On May 1 the following awards were given of \$5.00 each (in stamps):

Roy Smith, Suggestion No. 8566 for a rack to hold throw-outs.

Mrs. Helms, Suggestion No. 8325 for painting inspecting boards.

Hurley Blizzard, Suggestion No. 8328 for safety device on the elevator.

REPORT FOR JUNE—

(Seamless)

\$25.00 Bond was awarded to the holder of Suggestion No. 8404 for a gap closer rod to prevent tear-ups.

INsert to kum..... No. 8365 on Air System. Ordered for trial and if satisfactory, will be awarded.

A shaft for testing machines in Knitting Room No. 1 is to be installed. (Joe Seigler. \$10.00.) Joe made his suggestion on Jan. 12 and it was not decided to put in the installation until May 15. In the meanwhile, on Feb. 14, Suggestion No. 8409 and May 14 Suggestion No. 8329 were submitted. The award is given to the original maker.

(Full Fashioned)

The holder of Suggestion No. 8354 is awarded \$5.00 in stamps for a plan to date knitting on lot ticket. This idea is to be modified by making a run each day at random.

No. 8356 is a suggestion for a study course for knitters. It is held for inquiry about materials.

Holders of all other suggestions are referred to the Suggestion Cabinet in each plant.

MUSIC AT WORK

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employees welcomed music, seem to be happier because of it. *The Advent of Planned Music*

In Industry—

Fifteen years ago a man of high reputation in his field made a statement in a business publication which has caused many a raised eyebrow among business men and manufacturers. He said, in effect, that within ten years music at work would become a universal tool.

Today, we know that this man erred only in his estimate of the length of time it would take for business men generally to recognize the importance of music in industry. For it has been just within the last few years that the value of industrial music has been fully appreciated.

Melrose is mindful of a great hidden resource in the loyalty of Melrose employees.

★ **LETTERS FROM SERVICEMEN** ★

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Philippines,
April 13, 1945

Dear Sir:

I have the January issue of the Mel-Rose-Glen, introducing the management and the Christmas party. No doubt, you have heard often that you can't realize how much the paper means to a fellow far away and long gone. No doubt, you have heard the statement till you'd rather not hear it. I assume you do understand the close-to-home atmosphere created by each issue received. I wish to express my gratitude for your thoughtfulness and understanding.

For a long time we have wondered a bit how things are back home. Now we have men returning from leaves at home. The stories are sweet music.

They stress how patriotism is not just a word—it is a reality. They admit things have changed, all things do, but emphasize that, really, things are about the same. This we see as enough reason for our being away. It's good to know that when we return to the U.S.A., she will be much the same, in fact, greater!

Mel-Rose-Glen, for now, is a nice little bit of home. May I request each issue?

Appreciatively,
David P. Hobby.
319 Bomb. Sqdn. 90th Group,
A.P.O. No. 74, care of
Postmaster, San Francisco.

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Dear Mom:

I just returned yesterday from a five day pass to Rome, and on return I found two letters from you. I was glad you were well. I had a very nice time in Rome. You know Rome is one of the oldest cities in the world and is spoken of in the Bible many times. I saw where St. Peter and St. Paul were buried and the place where Christ appeared before St. Peter. I also saw the footprints that Christ left. This may sound funny or strange, but the people have kept records for history of these things.

The footprints of Christ were fixed in cement or something and were kept in this cathedral. I saw the remains of buildings that were built before Christ was born. And I saw St. Paul's Church the largest church in the world. It is so big and stupendous that it can't be described. There were lots of other things, but these were a few I saw.

The weather is nice here now, about the same as it is back there in April.

I'll close for this time.
Lots of love,
Ray
Pfc. Ray Crotts, 34434384
Serv. Btry., 346 F. A.
A.P.O. No. 91
Postmaster, N. Y.

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May 27, 1945.
Melrose Hosiery Mills,
High Point, N. C.
Dear Sirs:

How are all the folks at Melrose? I am getting along fine and getting tough. Learning new things every day. I would like to receive the Mel-Rose-Glen.

I hope to be back at Melrose after I end the war with Japan, (smiles.)

Sincerely,
Pvt. Harold R. Davis.
Co. B., 34th Bn., EJ-ASITC,
Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.,

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Caroline Islands
May 9, 1945

Dear Mr. Boyd:-

I have been planning on writing you for a good long time to thank you for the Mel-Rose-Glen. Due to quite frequent invasions, I haven't had an opportunity to write. I suppose now will be as good a time as any to write, tho, so here goes.

It has been a long, long time since I have had the opportunity to visit the mill and see the old friends there. Since I have had almost a year out here I have seen many new and interesting things. I have learned several new jobs and much different ones than I had ever expected to do. However, I have been thinking of my old job there in the boarding room. From the Mel-Rose-Glen, you are planning on re-employing some of the old employees. I think that is very thoughtful and the proper thing to do, as many would probably be working there still had not the war come along.

I, too, agree with one of the service men that wrote in from India, that there is hotter places than a boarding room. At times it gets very hot out here and I often think of it being like a boarding room in mid-summer. There it does get kinda bearable in winter, but here it stays quite the same all of the time, year around. We did go up north to the Ryukyu Islands at Okinawa, so that was a break from all of our hot weather.

I do thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the Mel-Rose-Glen, and hope you will continue to do so. I enjoy it much and it is good to know just how everything is going on there.

I hope that before too much longer I can return to the States for leave. If and when I do, I will do my best to visit there to see all old friends.

One of the boys,
Joe Beck.
P. S.: Tell Mr. Hardison Hello.

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Mr. Boyd:
Dear Sir:-

I have been receiving the Mel-Rose-Glen for several months, and would like to tell you I enjoy reading it very much.

My new address is, Box 13, N. A. A. S., Gren Cove Springs, Florida.

There isn't much to tell about what I am doing here. We just work on the planes that crash and fix them up to fly again.

Wishing you lots of luck and a great future for Mel-Rose-Glen.

I remain,
James B. Ruddock.
April 5, 1945.

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Dear Sir:
I thought I would write to let you know I received your paper and was glad to get it and read some of the things that was happening at the mill.

I will be glad to get one every month if I can. The Army is alright, but walking up these hills and mountains is all I don't like. I wish I was back home at the mill working. If I ever get out of this mess I will be back to the mill and work. Tell Mr. Amos that Sgt. Holin, of Asheville, N. C., is here in camp. He said he
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