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## 25-Year Club Has Second Banquet

The second annual banquet of the 25-Year-Club, composed of men and women who have worked continuously for the company for twenty-five years or more, was held at the Central Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday, November 15th. Thirty-five new members were added to the original 107.

Some interesting sidelights were that 126 members have worked a total of 3,859 years. Figure the overtime on that! Ernest D. Pitcher will have completed 60 years of continuous service on January 31, 1945. Mrs. Mollie Mitchell has worked approximately 46 years without a lost time accident.

Another interesting feature is that the company has several brothers and sisters who are members of the 25-year club. Among them are Ellie and Will Sykes, Harry and Andrew Collins, Demus and Pink Purdy, Charlie and Sam Reese, and J. F. and W. B. Wilson.

Vocal solos by Mrs. Ronald Hirst were greatly enjoyed.

Short talks were made by W. H. Owen, O. F. Ferguson, Miss Betty Hayes and Paul Fleming, whose total years of service add up to about 147 years.

Toastmaster J. F. Wilson called on Luther H. Hodges, one of the new members, for a short talk, after which Mr. Hodges introduced Hughston M. McBain, President of the company, who made an interesting talk. Mr. McBain stated that the one thing that makes M. F. & Co. such an outstanding organization is the personnel; men and women who are cooperative, loyal, faithful, that they and nothing else can build and maintain an institution of the type of M. F. & Co. All these qualities are exemplified in the group here tonight. At the conclusion Mr. McBain was presented with an old fashioned pound cake, prepared by the ladies of the Cooking School.

The banquet itself was delicious. A Negro Quartett, dressed as laborers, sang during dinner, shucking corn as they sang.

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"Oh, Mr. Policeman—a man has been following me."

"Are you sure he was following you?"

"Yes, I went back two or three times to see if he was coming."

## TRI-CITY BUDDIES IN ENGLAND



These boys don't look like they're fighting a war, but maybe it is because they were so glad to get together that they are smiling so broadly here. From left to right they are: Pfc. Jackie Ray, Leaksville; Sgt. Ernest Stopel, Draper; Cpl. Emerson Manuel, Draper; Pfc. Herbert Isley, Spray; Dillard Harris, Draper, and Roland Brown, Spray, who took the picture. Nearly all are former Marshall Field & Co. men and one, Cpl. Manuel, formerly published The Draper Times. They are all in France now, it is believed.

## HAZELWOOD TAIL GUNNER ON B-24

15TH AAF IN ITALY: Sergeant Winfred M. Hazelwood, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abner A. Hazelwood, 2 Early avenue, Leaksville, N. C., has arrived overseas and has started combat flying as tail gunner on a B-24 heavy bomber.

"I guess they started me out the hard way," said Hazelwood. "My first three sorties were over the oil refineries and factories in Vienna, Munich, and St. Valentin. On the St. Valentin mission one of our bombers had a wing blown off and as the plane went into a spin the tail turret broke off—I began praying then as I had never prayed before."

## Third Army Command Gives Fine Show

It is generally agreed that the crowd that packed the Tri-City baseball park on November 10th was the largest ever to congregate there. And it is also generally agreed that the show put on by the Third Army Command, composed of some 75 soldiers, was the best of its kind ever seen here.

Of interest to local people is that Capt. J. O. Thomas was instrumental in selecting the personnel of the show, although he didn't know at the time it would stop in his home town.

It was a great show and not one of the approximately 5,000 people left the ball park with any doubt in their minds that our service men have the stuff it will take to win this war.

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## LAND AWARDED BADGE

With an Infantry Division somewhere in the Southwest Pacific Area—Private First Class William D. Land, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie G. Land, Spray, North Carolina, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for "exemplary conduct" in combat against the Japanese.

Land earned the badge—a silver rifle on an Infantry blue field imposed on a silver wreath—for his part in helping defeat Jap assaults on Hill 129, Bougainville Island.

Overseas 18 months serving also in New Hebrides and Guadalcanal, he has two brothers overseas: Private Paul, 27, an infantryman in France, and S. 1/C James C., 25, in the navy in India.

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## PICTURES

We've said it so many times that we're tired of hearing ourselves talk about it, but the fact is that impossible pictures are still coming to this office. Last week, alone, we had to return nine pictures that for one reason or another could not be used.

Once again let us urge that you do not send us any tinted pictures, faint (light) ones, or those with various colored backgrounds. We can't use them and it is a waste of time and effort to handle them.

And please put your name on the BACK of the picture, otherwise we cannot guarantee your picture will be returned to you.