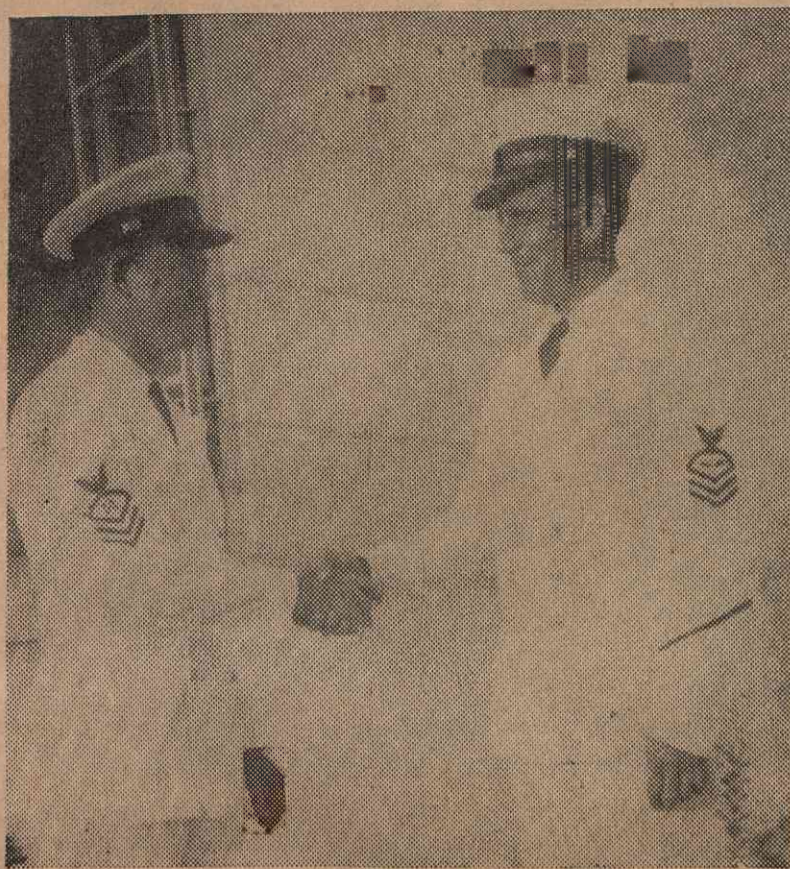


**HAND BOOKLET**

We hear that Janette H. is going to N. Y. We wish her the best of luck . . . We are so glad to have Helen Dunne back at work . . . Hazel McKinney and Dora Tanner are all smiles since they heard that those boys from Jacksonville are coming soon . . . We wonder what it is about Americus that Thelma Birinham likes so well? . . . We wish that the cafeteria would get some new records for the ones they have made us very sad since all the boys are away . . . Have you noticed that little flower pot that Helen Dunne wears on her uniform? . . . Marie Duvall certainly looks happy these days . . . It seems as if all the girls are having their pictures made. It must be to send to the boys who are far away. Unless I miss my guess Madys McKinney's will go to Arkansas but I wonder where Inez Summey's will go . . . Drama Gibb's husband has been here. I guess that accounts for her new expression . . . I. Summey is spending her vacation visiting her mother, Lewis, who is in training at Tampa, Fla. . . . We are glad to welcome the new girls that have recently joined our dept. They are Edna Bell, Beva Gosnell, Madge Brown, Annie Banning, Ruth Baynard, Vinnie Worley and Betty Compton. We are so happy to have a few of the Machine Booklet girls with us temporarily . . . The Hand Booklet Dept. is busy in the buying of War Savings Bonds. The one who has not signed up is requested to help us make it 100% . . . Uncle Sam has had little respect on Dan Cupid's marksmanship. His last victims are Ruth Merrill, Marie Duvall, Maxine Michael, Pauline Deece, Clara Yerton and Sylvia Hugans . . . Mr. and Mrs. T. Schepskowski returned from a two week's vacation, one of which was spent in N. Y. How did she like the big town, New York? . . . Rosalie's favorite song these days is "Georgia On My Mind." Wonder if the soldier from Jersey City has anything to do with it . . . We all wondered why Teddy went out and put on his white shirt and tie the other day. We soon learned that he was expecting some very special company . . . L. C. Wilson accidentally took a shot at his foot a few days ago. Glad to see that he is able to be back with us again . . . Laura Pharr should be an expert at selling newspapers if she ever decides to leave us . . . Johnnie Bermid has been caught casting sly glances in the Stitching Dept. . . . Flossie Tipton shouldn't tease Ruth Merrill Clayton so much for her turn will come soon . . . If anyone should need any of the service boys you'll find them over talking to Jean K. or Kathleen Mc . . . WANTED: Someone to carry water for Mary Bennett and Laura Pharr . . . Velma Huff is spending two weeks visiting her husband in Florida . . . Bonnie McLean has returned after a two week's visit in Baltimore, Md. . . . Harleston McInish is back with us again and is happily located in the Stitching Dept. . . . Wonder what that typewritten paper was that Helen gave to Jimmie . . . Shirley Whitmire made a flying trip to Baltimore over the week-end but she didn't fly back quite so fast . . . Lillie Siniard and Thelma Daniels are spending two weeks visiting H. Siniard who is stationed in Chicago . . . If married life should effect the girls the way it is effecting Maxine Michael, please stay single . . . Ina Mae, Ina Mae, please don't cry. He'll be coming back bye and bye . . . Why did Frances McCall have that special someone meet her at the gate without his uniform? Was she afraid he would attract too much attention? . . . Why did Ruth Merrill get so mad the day she found a little present on one of her trays? That's what you get for doing things behind our backs . . . Wonder why "Red T." has quit looking out the window? Is it because the new building has been completed? . . .

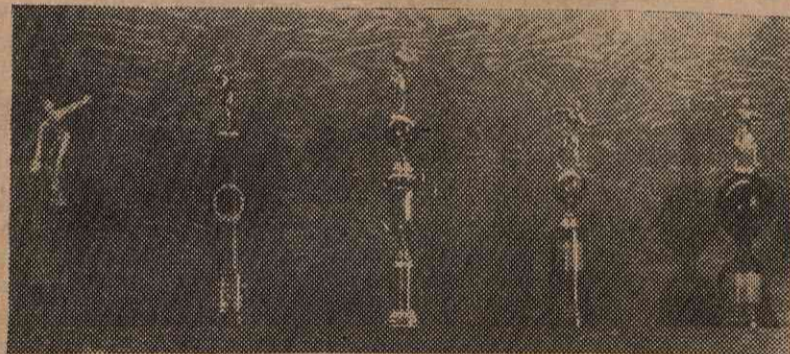
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**CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS IN NAVAL RESERVE**



Pictured above in the "ice cream suits" are Jack Alexander and Spencer Macfie, two former Ecusta employees who are now serving in the Naval Reserve, stationed at Norfolk. Jack is snapped as he congratulates Spencer on his recent promotion to Chief Petty Officer. Spencer, who was the first married man from Transylvania County to enlist, is an aviation mechanic and is certainly doing his part to keep 'em flying.

**Champagne's New Trophy Display**



Champagne's new trophy display is a source of great pride and joy. We understand that this department has walked away with enough honors in Ecusta athletic events to necessitate construction of a separate show case from which to display their laurels.

**ECHO LETTERS HOME CONT.**

Dear Mr. Straus,

June 15, 1942

Please accept my apologies for not writing you sooner. I have waited to write in order to be in a position to tell you something about our program.

Like all young organizations, our training here has been on the experimental basis. However, considering the training period as a whole, we have accomplished a great deal. It's a funny thing, but so far our training has scarcely touched physical fitness. Most of our time is spent in learning our military bearings; in other words, they have tried to teach us in a few weeks what usually requires months of the average seaman's time. Apparently, the reason for the change in emphasis in our program is the great demand for additional Platoon Instructors or Drill Masters. There is a great shortage of C. P. O.'s. Also, many of our group are being selected for Gunner Officers. Of course, these men will receive additional training. Orders for our Squad have not, as yet, come through. None of us know what our duties will be or in what direction we will go. We should know something at the end of this week.

All in all, Mr. Straus, we have a real group of men assembled here in training. Every state is represented and almost every nationality. Although our course in Physical Fitness has been altered, I would venture to say that 95% of our boys are ready for action any time and any where.

Thelma tells me that everything is going along fine at Ecusta and I am glad to hear it. My best wishes for continued success.

I would appreciate hearing from you.

Yours truly,  
Jack Alexander.

**To Be Dedicated To Jack Rhodes From A Machine Room Foreman**

Something at No. 7 and No. 8 has fallen apart.  
Jack hears the gong with an awful start  
Jack's sledge hammer rings and his crow bar slips  
As 5 helpers watch him with their hands on their hips.  
The switch is thrown and the current goes home  
The machine takes off with an awful groan.

**Mill Office Tid-Bits**

It looks like the Mill Office is going to take all the honors in the Ping Pong Tournament at the 4th of July Picnic as our aces (?) "Bob" Anders and Karl Straus have convinced themselves that they are the favorites . . . Eula Whitlock left supposedly for a week's vacation and returned as Mrs. Walter Drake after honeymooning in Florida. Best wishes to "Umpsie", and from the way she brags about cooking, we are impatiently waiting for our invitation to dinner . . . Sarah Jackson should take better care of her husband as he missed coming to work on the mid-night shift twice in a row last week . . . Our old pal and co-worker Walter Ashworth dropped in and paid us a visit a few days ago. It surely was good to see him in his Air Corps uniform after not having seen him for almost six months.

Welcome to Buck Hunt, the new addition in the Engineering Office, and to his new addition, a baby girl, Cameron Jean . . . One more week and Dan Cooke will be working for Uncle Sam, instead of Mr. Pooser, "Dan, we sure will miss you." . . . It looks as if Juanita Cox will soon be in the club of "Draft Widows" but we're not worrying—we know she can take it . . . It's good to have Harry Straus, Jr., back in the office again for the remainder of the summer . . . "Dreamy-eyed" Rose Wolfe is really dreaming these days and we wonder if her dreams are with Mississippi or Georgia, (you never can tell about these women—especially fickle ones).

**REFINING "C"**

Congratulations to Harry Clayton and bride from the entire "C" shift. They were married in Easley, S. C., May 26, 1942 . . . "C" shift's luck still runs good for when Ansel Jones went to the Army we received "Doc" Gillespie back . . . Since the carbonate operators have to bale their empty bags, "Two Tone" Leonard says he feels more at home than he's ever felt. Just like baling shucks on the farm back home. How about it, "Kolorbak"? . . . Newell Boyd, a man fast climbing the ladder to success, is now beat helper on number two battery. Mr. Boyd was conveyor operator. His step up pulled Allen Kmizey up to conveyor operator. This in turn gave to Mr. Robert Leathers the job of assisting on the conveyor, a worthy job for a man of Leather's talent . . . Alvin McCrary, recently transferred from number two to seven and eight, when notified of his transfer, manfully shouldered his paddle and marched over to number seven and eight. Alvin, you're not supposed to stir the Bertrams with a paddle but have patience, you'll learn . . . The loss of Mack "The Kipper" Cathey has left a very sad and woe-be-gone expression on the faces of the men on "C" shift but we'll overcome the loss, we hope. To show that we are with him in spirit we wish him all the success in the world with his Liars' Club. Mack, you're getting along ok from the reports that are drifting in . . . The entire "C" shift has been invited by Mr. Paul Hooper to dine with him some time in the near future. He tells us he has a whole bale of poke salad left from last fall and an entire barrel of pickled ground hogs' feet. Ummm, what eatin'!!! We feel assured that "Speedy" will be with us for it is rumored that he is very fond of pickled ground hogs' feet.

"Strawberry"

For every man at work in one of our large war-production plants, there are nine others turning out parts in factories of sub-contractors.

A man doesn't have much horse sense until he can say "nay."

Mark Twain said that the way to identify deadly toadstools is to eat 'em. If you die, they were toadstools.