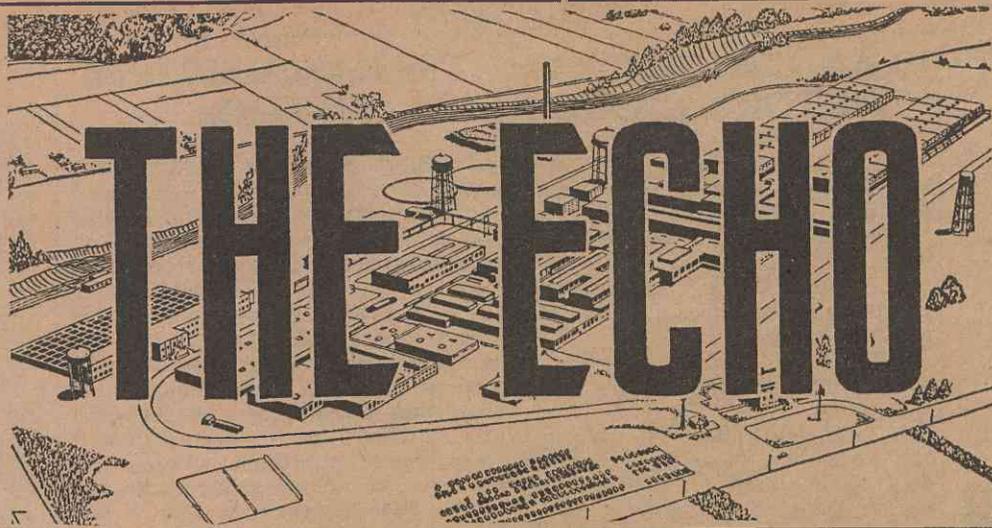


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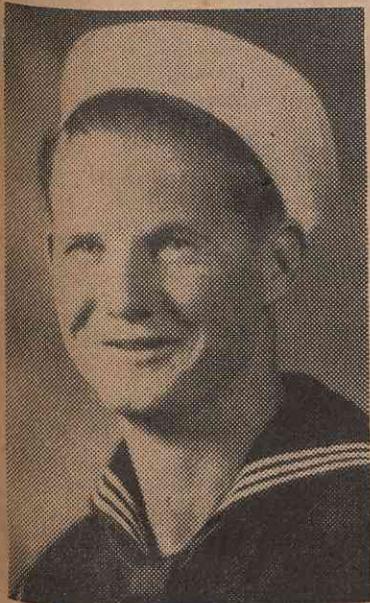
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Victory Gardens For All Planned

In Foreign Service



Earl Garren, now a gun captain on a transport in the Pacific, recently spent six days of a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Garren of Brevard, Route 1. When he landed in San Francisco, Calif., it was his first time on land in three months. Earl was in a convoy during the battle of the Solomon Islands last November when the aircraft carrier Wasp sunk and he helped rescue some of the survivors. Earl was formerly an Ecusta Inspector and volunteered for service on Dec. 27th, 1941.

Bowlers Win Stamps, Plans Are Announced

Under the new bowling arrangement started the evening of January 13th, nineteen bowlers came out, making up four teams. On this first evening, prizes of 50 cent war stamps were given for high single game and high set. Both prizes went to Walter Straus for his high game of 212 and high set of 522. On January 20th there were again enough players present to make up four teams. Earl Filkins won the 50 cent war stamp for high single game with a score of 192 and K. McCurry won a similar prize for high set of 509. Number four team composed of the above two players, Walter Straus, Joe Lavell and Howard Schmidt won 90 cents in defense stamps for the high total pins for the evening.

It is believed that the number of bowlers will increase from week to week for all bowlers are invited to participate. Matches will take place every Wednesday evening at 7:30.

NOTICE:

Blood tests will be given all employees, with the exception of those who were checked between September 1, 1942 and January 15, 1943. Your department head will notify you when you are to report for your test.

Otis Marshall

Christmas Presents And Programs Given

Following their established policy, the Companies headed by Mr. Harry Straus, gave Christmas presents to all of their employees this year.

These presents consisted in all cases, of as much money as was given last year, plus a surgical insurance policy. While these were being given out Mr. Straus was in conference with government officials, asking permission to give a larger amount. This permission was granted, and a few days later, practically all employees received a second present. This was even a bigger surprise than the first and was really welcomed with open arms.

The first presents were passed out in conjunction with musical programs which were given in the Cafeteria by the Ecusta Band and Chorus.

A program was given for each group of employees as they went off duty and required five performances. These started at 8:00 A. M. Wednesday, December 23rd and ended at 8:00 A. M. the following morning. 8:00 A. M. was rather early for the band to be tuned up and the chorus in full voice, but they showed themselves to be good troupers by being on the stand at the appointed time.

Too much credit cannot be given to them, their officers and their director, Mr. John Eversman, for a beautiful and impressive program. It consisted of Christmas music by the band and carols sung by the chorus.

The only solo was by Miss Marie Sprinkle of the Chemical Laboratory who sang "Silent Night" over the "mike" and did a nice job of it. Midway of the program Mr. Bennett delivered a 5 minute Christmas message over the microphone, while music could be heard in the background. We believe it made everyone stop and think.

The fact that many persons came back to hear three programs and some four is something that everyone who contributed to the programs should be proud of.

After this, the whole audience sang a chorus of "Silent Night" and started leaving. As they filed out all doors at once, their department heads were waiting to hand their presents to them.

The Photographer?

So many people have asked the same question that a credit line seems in order for Ralph Erskine who is responsible for the four winter scenes in the center section of our December Echo. Ralph has spent a great deal of time with his hobby and some of his work has been accepted by such leading magazines as Printers' Ink.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to secure pictures for the ECHO, yet we know that pictures have wide public appeal. Send your pictures to the ECHO editor and they will be returned to you within two weeks.

You Need A Victory Garden In '43 Because:

1. War demands more food—for home use, for our fighting men, and for our allies.
2. The government will take an even larger part of commercially canned foods in 1943 than in 1942.
3. Meat will be rationed. This will require use of more vegetables for a balanced diet.
4. Certain foods will be scarcer and prices higher.
5. If you do not grow your own food in 1943, your family may not be properly fed.

Cafeteria Supplies

Because of priority and ration regulations and present market conditions, we are finding it increasingly difficult to obtain certain supplies and foodstuffs for the cafeteria. On some items we are able to obtain only 50% of the quantities ordered to meet normal needs and sometimes it is necessary to do a great deal of shopping around to locate a dealer who has any supply, at all, of materials required.

If at times you find that the cafeteria, canteen and lunch wagon are short of supplies like wooden spoons, wooden forks, paper cups, coffee, eggs, or if they do not serve the meats that you prefer as often as you like, please be patient with the operators because everything possible is being done to obtain the necessary supplies. Any shortages that may exist are entirely beyond the control of the cafeteria management.

Mr. Straus Re-Elected Head Of Hospital

At the annual meeting of the board of trustees of the Transylvania community hospital our president, Mr. H. H. Straus, was re-elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees. William Jordan was re-elected secretary. Mr. R. F. Bennett was also elected to the hospital board at a Chamber of Commerce meeting several weeks ago.

NOTICE

Due to the congestion of all circuits we are asking that you make as few long distance calls as possible. If it is necessary to place long distance calls, do not use your telephone or leave it until you receive some report from the operator. If you place a call, complete it as soon as possible so that other business may be transacted on that same circuit. Your indifference in this regard may prevent urgent calls from being completed. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

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Company Agrees To Help By Furnishing Land, Details Given

As a result of a meeting of 25 representatives of leading industries, clubs, and schools of Transylvania County in the office of the county farm agent on January 16, the following notice was placed on the bulletin boards.

NOTICE

This is to call your attention to the severe shortage of food that faces all of us this year. It is expected that ten million dollars worth of food will be shipped out of the United States daily.

No tin cans will be available for civilian food this year, etc., etc.

Consequently, those of us who stay at home will either raise our own food or do without. It is no longer a case of what is cheaper or what we would rather do, it is a case of necessity if we are to provide for our families as usual.

Mr. Straus realizes all of the foregoing and wishes to make it possible for all of us to have a Victory Garden. If any employee does not have ground for a garden at home it is expected that one will be furnished to him here at the mill. A tool house will be provided so that a man can check his garden tools and ride the bus home.

An agricultural committee will be formed for the purpose of keeping in touch with the needs of the gardeners and passing out necessary information from the "County Victory Food Committee." It is possible that they will later consider prizes to be awarded in connection with the gardens.

In order that everyone gets his garden planted on time, it is necessary that we know as soon as possible how much land is required, and ar-

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May Use Ecusta Buses For Inter-Urban Run

Plans are now being made under the sponsorship of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce to establish an inter-urban bus system in Transylvania county. The owners of the buses that haul Ecusta employees said their buses are idle a good deal of the time and that they would be glad to use them for regular scheduled trips.

It is believed the chances of getting this service installed are good since the demand is great as a result of the gasoline restrictions.

Infantile Drive Is On

In several places throughout Ecusta are deposit boxes for the Infantile Paralysis drive. Mr. Straus has stated his intention to match employee contributions. Your donation to this nation-wide drive will be greatly appreciated, and half of the funds will remain in the county to provide treatment for polio victims. The county quota is \$360.