

### Ecusta Machine Shop

You've all heard about women gossips! Well, here comes some stag line gossip but we hope it won't be for long for some of the boys think a feminine touch would help. Two or three of the machinists have already asked about girl helpers . . . . Horace D. must be in the draft age. He came in one morning with a big smile and a box of cigars (a boy!) . . . . James Allison said he stayed out the other day because the draft board called him. No James, what's her real name? . . . Mr. Brown is worried that the weather will be so nice on his days off that he will have to get at that screen repair job . . . Charles F. wonders why they don't wash the shop windows so he can see over the platform . . . Bruce C., Tool Room Clerk, is always ordering pencils so the mail girl will have to deliver them . . . We wonder if Bruce R. has bought another dog yet . . . . Tom H. is looking for a better job now that he has graduated from Carl E's valve grinding school . . . Horace De. B. thinks it is a good idea to cheer up the sick with a nice get well card . . . Everett H. and Hamp S. seem to have lost their titles as set back players to Robert M. and Dee McC . . . Was glad to have Douglas DeB., Hubert Medford, and Moultrie Smyth in to visit us . . . Sorry to hear that someone broke Bub Thompson's noon-time entertainment—the record, "Old Grey Mare" at the cafeteria . . . H. P. W. seems to be doing well this season with his trout fishing . . . Seems that some of the boys have started back to school again or so it would appear. They have caught mumps . . . . We wonder if Clayton G. is feeling well nowadays. . . . Medford C. seems to be very enthusiastic over getting that Victory Garden planted. . . . . Carl E. won the trophy in the picture voting contest and was followed in second place by "Big Rabbit" . . . . . We wonder if James J. P. feels young and fresh these beautiful spring days . . . Emmett C. seems to have brightened up since someone told him that cigarette papers were essential to morale.

### Dimes Buy Bonds For "Buddie"



The young man pictured above is the son of Wade Webb of the Electric Shop and the proud possessor of a \$50.00 War Bond purchased for him by his father from a bank of dimes. Wade Senior said it took lots of dimes to build "Buddie's" bank to the grand total of a \$50.00 bond but we recommend it as the best investment in the world today.

### Potatoes For Sale ?

Employees who have a surplus of potatoes on hand and wish to sell same, please contact the management of the cafeteria.

Courage consists not in blindly overlooking danger, but in seeing and conquering it.—Richter.

## AMATEURS ARE DUCK PIN 'CHAMPS'



Left to right above: Sarah Avery, Mammie Reynolds, Katherine Brigman, Ann Morris and Lucille Lockman.

### Office Takes 2nd Place Honors And Endless Belt, 3rd

#### Amateurs Made Outstanding Record. Trophies Presented To Teams

The Champagne Amateurs went through to an easy first place in the Women's Duck Pin League this season. This team lost one game to the Office team, who took second place honors, and tied one game with Finishing, but rolled it off to win by 1 pin, giving them a record of 5 wins and 1 loss.

The Amateurs have been well on the top of the heap during the entire season and are to be commended not only for their skill in the game, but for their team spirit which kept them on an even keel over more than one rough spot.

Ann Morris, captain, and Lucille Lockman, who holds the high 3-game set record with 325, are the only girls in the league, with the exception of Alba Drake of Endless Belt team, who played every game scheduled during the season.

Trophies go to the Amateurs and the Office for winning first and second places, and medals will be awarded Grace Zeiverink, Office, for highest individual game, Lucille Lockman, Amateurs, for highest individual set, and highest individual average, and to Sarah Avery, Amateurs, for second highest individual average.

Seventy girls from Ecusta, Endless Belt and Champagne took part in bowling activities this season and plans for a post season celebration will be arranged in the very near future.

#### STANDINGS

Teams	Won	Lost
Amateurs	59	1
Office	39	21
Endless Belt	31	29
Finishing	22	35
Champs	21	39
Inspection-Labs	5	52

Finishing and Inspection-Labs may play off their match of February 11, which was cancelled.

Team High, 3-game Totals	
Amateurs	1444
Amateurs	1435
Amateurs	1429

Team High Single Game Total	
Amateurs	520
Amateurs	497
Amateurs	494

Individual High, 3-game Total	
Lucille Lockman, Amateurs	325
Lucille Lockman, Amateurs	320
Lucille Lockman, Amateurs	317

Individual High Single Game	
Grace Zieverink, Office	126
Ann Morris, Amateurs	123
Sarah Avery, Amateurs	121

### In Merchant Marine



N. L. Ponder, Jr., has completed special training in transportation and supplies in the merchant marine. He has been at Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, N. Y., since December, 1942 and when last we heard, was preparing for assignment to a ship. N. L. was Ecusta Office Boy.

### LETTERS HOME

March 11, 1943

Dear Mr. Wells:

Received your letter, cigarettes and several copies of the Echo some time ago. I assure you all were thoroughly enjoyed although my negligence in answering your letter and showing my thanks seem to belie that fact. Censorship regulations forbid my telling where I am and what I'm doing, leaving very little to talk about except Ecusta which is my favorite topic anyway. I simply can't praise her too high for the excellent manner in which she tries to keep her service men's morale up.

Grateful to you and all Ecusta,  
MICHAEL MYERS

March 10, 1943

Dear Mr. Wells:

Just a line to let you know my address as I certainly do want to get a copy of the Echo every month as I want to hear about the plant and how all the shifts are getting along. Certainly would like to be near enough to visit once in a while. Don't know yet how I will like the Army but our instructor is a swell fellow. He tries to make us understand in a nice way—not hard boiled as some of them seem to be.

Don't forget to send me the Echo.  
Pvt. Arthur L. Orr  
57th Training Group  
Flight Group 109  
Keesler Field, Miss.

April 11, 1943

Dear Mr. Wells:

Thanks a million for sending me the Echo. I really enjoy reading it. One good thing about the Army is that you don't have to do much of your own thinking. Another good thing is that I get to sleep such long hours. You know, until 5:00 every morning. We do have a very nice camp. It's built on and around the famous Santa Anita race track. It's a very beautiful place but for me, I'll still take N. C. I'd like to be back at Ecusta. It's a fine place to work and I miss all the boys, especially C shift in the Refining Room. Well, keep 'em smoking!

Sincerely yours,  
ROBERT JACKSON

April 5, 1943

Dear Mr. Wells:

I have received the Echo regularly and want to thank all who make it possible, for it's just like getting letters from home. I am still at Fort Benning, Ga., and like the Army fine but like all other Ecusta boys, I would love to be back there too. It's obvious however, that we have a big job to do before returning and I am sure that Ecusta is doing her part to win this war too. So here's hoping to see you all in the near future and my best regards.

Sincerely,  
CPL. DOYLE HAMILTON

Dear Mr. Wells:

Due to unavoidable circumstances it has been impossible for me to get in contact with you. Within the last six months I have been in eight different camps and have now been transferred from Quartermaster to Ordnance Division. You can readily see my time up to this point has been very well occupied and interesting. I hope you don't think I had forgotten you and the rest of the employees.

In for first part of Jan. I received your Christmas present which was very deeply appreciated. This act of kindness proves to me that the people back home have not forgotten me.

I also receive the monthly paper which keeps me in contact with the activities that are taking place back at home.

Due to censorship I am limited in explaining my activities. Being in a foreign country is a great experience and interesting but you can still give me the good old U. S. A. The Army is doing everything they can to make it pleasant for us at this base. I have finally been assigned to duties. I am Stock Room Clerk for the Ordnance Hangar. It is very interesting. I learn many different parts which go into the making of a vehicle.

Give my best wishes and regards to Mr. Rhodes and his gang. Hope to hear from you soon and promise to answer sooner than last time.

Respectfully yours,  
THOMAS POOR

Dear Mr. Wells:

Am stationed at Camp Santa Anita, Arcadia, Calif., Co. E, 22nd Bn. O.T.C., and am receiving my basic training. At present I am in the Ordnance Dept. Arcadia is only a few miles from Hollywood.

I don't have a great deal to write about except that I'm pretty busy and plenty tired when the end of the day rolls around. I do want to take this opportunity of thanking all of you for kindness I received while at Ecusta. Would like to see the folks there but U. S. needs me now. Would like for you to send me the Echo.

Sincerely,  
ERNEST G. ALLISON

March 23, 1943

Dear Mr. Wells,

Am very sorry I haven't written sooner but have been busy. I receive the Echo and enjoy it very much. I like Army life just fine and am taking it as it comes. Of course, I'd rather be back at Ecusta working with my friends on C shift. I am now a student in airplane mechanics. I only have one more month and will then try to visit my friends at home and Ecusta. Thanks again for the Echo and good luck to you and Ecusta.

CPL. ROBERT G. TAYLOR