

## Several Of Ecusta Men In Uniforms Return For Visits

Several of our boys have paid us visits recently. We are always glad to see them and know that they really want to come when they have furloughs and fit a visit here into their busy schedules.

Paul Reese, who left Ecusta on February 11, 1943, is now in Fort Bliss, Texas. He visited the Pulp Mill, where he was formerly a tester, on May 11.

On the same day, May 11, we had another visitor, Harry Sentelee. We were surprised to see that Joyce, his twin brother, was not with him. They have been together since they have been in the service. Harry was in Ecusta's Fibre Warehouse and Joyce was an Inspector. They left on October 9, 1942; a write-up and picture of the Sentelee brothers appeared in the December Echo. Harry has just completed a naval radio course in New York.

The thirteenth of May was lucky for us; Pfc. Edward V. Drake, who was a backtender in the Machine Room, came back to visit Ecusta. He left on January 30, 1942 and has been in a Fighter Command School in Orlando, Florida. He is now in Ocala, Florida.

Warren Alexander, who is in Camp Howze, Texas (near Dallas) was willing when he visited the Pulp Mill on May 11, to give out with a little information. (No, it wasn't military secrets.) He told us of the armadillos, horned toads, rattlesnakes and jack rabbits. He told us too that the temperature was about 100 in the summer and freezing in the winter. This was Warren's first furlough in over a year. We want in on that next furlough, too, Warren!

We've heard from Pvt. Ralph C. Erskine, Jr., who tells us he is having his basic training in the Army Air Corps at St. Petersburg, Florida. He sends his regards to his Ecusta friends, whom he says he misses very much.

Corporal Dewitt Drake paid us a visit recently, and quite pleased we were to see him. Dewitt was in the main office at Ecusta and each and everyone of his friends and co-workers enjoyed his short visit here. He is quite a busy man or at least he gets around. Since leaving Ecusta in May, 1942, he has been to Keesler Field, Miss.; Dearborn, Michigan; Duncan Field, San Antonio, Texas; Clovis, New Mexico; and Newport Air Base, Newport, Arkansas; where he is now stationed. Dewitt is now in an office there and from all reports he seems very fond of his location. We wonder if it could be the location or the fair damsels called the WAACs who are on the same job.

Robert J. Huggins, who was on the Cleaner Crew before he left in February, 1942, and has been stationed at Camp Tyson, Tenn., has been detailed to Princeton University for a basic college course under the army specialized training program.

Paul G. Friday has been promoted to the rank of corporal at Camp Hood, Texas, where he is in the tank destroyer replacement training center. Paul was an Electrician at Ecusta before he left for the army in November, 1942.

Jesse E. Grossett, a former member of the Landscape Crew, who

## U. S. ARMY JEEP VISITS ECUSTA



Here's the Big Boss in a Jeep! To help boost the War Bond Rally held recently, a Jeep bringing three soldiers from the Moore General hospital came to Transylvania and these men in uniforms were luncheon guests in the Ecusta cafeteria. The above photo was made by Paul Plaut immediately after the luncheon. Seated in the back are F. S. Best and Pete Eberle.

## War Bond Purchases By Ecustans Helped County Make State Record

left here on March 17, 1943, visited Ecusta May 24. He has just finished his boot training at Bainbridge, Maryland, and is going back there to attend electricians school. He says he thinks everything "is swell" in the Navy. His brother, William R. Grossett who was in the Machine Room at Ecusta, is also at Bainbridge in the Medical corps.

Russell Allen, another of our boys who is with Uncle Sam now, visited us on May 20. Before he left on December 18, 1942, he was a Vacuum Washer Operator in the Bleacher. He visited the Pulp Mill when he came back to Ecusta. Cpl. Allen looks well—he says he has gained thirty pounds. He is stationed at Plattsburg Barracks in New York.

Richard Lance, who was a Scale Repair man before he left here in March, 1943, visited the Machine Shop here on May 21. He has been in "boot" training, until getting this nine day leave, in Bainbridge, Maryland. On his return he goes to Machinist School for two weeks then he will be assigned to a ship. Richard says he is feeling fine although he has lost 8 pounds.

Everett T. Bayne, Jr., one of the boys from the Finishing Department, who is now one of our soldiers, visited Ecusta May 21. He is stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass., in the Anti Aircraft where he lands gliders, (those planes without motors). He left here on January 16, 1943.

### CHARLES ALLEN IS BACK

Charles Allen is back in the office after graduating at Wake Forest. He has been with us two summers before and we all welcome him back.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation by thanking all the men and foreman of the Refining Room Department of Shift B for their kindness and liberal offering given in the serious illness of our child. Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson

### Employees Continue To Increase Purchases. Figures Are Given

War bond purchases on the part of Ecusta employees and the company were major factors in making it possible for Transylvania county to make the second best record in North Carolina during the month of April when the second War Loan drive was conducted.

Of the county's total war bond purchases in April which amounted to \$339,714.50, employees and the company subscribed \$163,341.00. Besides helping the county to make a record of more than tripling its quota, a large bomber, to be known as "Miss Transylvania," will be purchased.

Attention is called to the fact, however, that all of us are expected to buy bonds every month, and every pay day, and that is what Ecusta employees are continuing to do.

According to information released by Charles S. Dunlap, who has charge of our war bond buying, the weekly purchases run from \$2,100 to \$5,500. His full statement is as follows:

"In the recent War Bond Drive at Ecusta, we received 205 new pledges, amounting to \$427.25 per week, and we had 318 employees to raise their deductions to a total amount of \$527.00 per week. Besides the regular payroll deductions, employees subscribed \$2,175.00 in cash for Bonds. The total amount of money subscribed in April was \$19,718.00, the largest month we have ever had.

"Since July employees have purchased \$157,377.50 (purchase value) in War Bonds. We have not missed a single week in purchasing Bonds. Our weekly purchases run from \$2,100.00 to \$5,500.00."

### Impossible To Get Men's Uniforms Now

Several persons have asked when the store room is going to have a new supply of men's uniforms. Every possible effort has been made to get them, but they cannot be bought now and probably not until after the war.

## News Notes From Shift "A" Section

The recent loss of men from this shift to the army has been some of the oldest members.

Wade Scroggs, Bleach Room Foreman lately of shift D, is one of our recent newcomers to shift A. Wade has been serving in the capacity of foreman for more than three years and his absence will be greatly felt by the men in the pulp mill. Tom Couch left in April from the bleach plant. Tom had a perfect attendance record for a period of over three and one-half years, as well as a very good work record. Fred Wilson, (Blondie) and Marin Landreth of the digesting room were two members of the quartet of music makers. We regret seeing these men go and wish them the best of luck and hope they will be back with us soon.

Charles Knight and Fritz Merrill are much better following major operations, which had kept them out for a few weeks. Millard Fleenor has returned to the hills of Tennessee. Millard had been operating the breaker beaters since the beginning of paper making at Ecusta. Garland Teague has been moved to shift B as bleach operator being replaced as bleach helper by Coy Redden.

Red Cagle has been giving us a little "Buck and Wing" here lately, he says, "he wants to be ready for the square dances at the cafeteria." Recent count shows Hardy Kilpatrick and John Fisher to be pushing the production of chickens and hogs for the war effort. Karl Kilpatrick, with the able assistance of Clyde Galloway, hopes to make a large yield of potatoes and corn on their victory garden at Ecusta. There seems to be some argument as to whether Karl can get Clyde to swap his fishing poles for a good hoe or not.

### Finishing Touches

A Shift—What will we do without Cecil Smith? Uncle Sam took him too, and that means we will no longer hear our man with the hearty laugh!

The latest of our new girls is Mary Betts Allen, a sister of Sue. So glad to have another from the Allen family; they tell us that there are several more yet.

Doesn't Charles McGraw "wield a wicked mallet"? That must be the joy of bobbin cleaning.

Edna Fullbright and Frances Smith are the most recent of our "war widows."

Dot Sellers really forgot who she was when she got that call from the Pacific Coast the other day. Her husband has safely landed, but we doubt her being able to land for a few days. She says "it's great to have her one and only back in the good old USA for a while."

Katherine Staton is back but we can't get much information about her vacation.

Be Sure To Attend  
**MINSTREL SHOW**  
—and—  
**SQUARE DANCE**  
Thursday, June 10  
CAFETERIA