

Mrs. McCormick Has 4 Sons, 1 Daughter In Service

ALL OF HER SONS ECUSTA WORKERS, DAUGHTER O'SEAS

"Mother Of Soldiers" Lives
On Route 2, Brevard.
Hats Off To Her

The least we can do is to put some of our earnings or our savings into stamps and bonds when we think of women like Mrs. C. A. McCormick, of Route 2, Brevard. She has given four sons and one daughter to serve in our armed service—two of them in overseas service. One of her sons is still working at Ecusta.

James Is Parachutist

James, whose picture appears in this issue, was an Ecusta Inspector. He entered the service last September. Having trained at Fort McClellan, Ala., Fort Benning, Ga., and Fort Bragg, N. C., he is a qualified parachutist. In his letter of November 30, 1942, he said he received his wings for this November 27, 1942, and "it sure makes me feel good when I pin the wings on." He also said "Sure is a thrill floating to earth with only a piece of silk and a few lines holding you. I am in the Demolition School (Ft. Benning) learning how to blow up bridges, buildings and everything that is designated for us to lay low. It is very interesting work and I like it a lot. Except I don't think much of jumping with TNT on my back." He is now overseas. His new address is: Pvt. James E. McCormick, A. S. N. 34037395, Hg. & Hg. Co., 504th Inftry, APO 3435 % Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Melvin In Mass.

Melvin, another son, was also an Ecusta Inspector who left Aug. 12, 1941 — a year earlier. The Transylvania Times of December 30, 1942, had something on him, and his picture was in the October, 1942 Echo. Melvin is now a Technical Corporal in the Ordnance Division, and the latest address we have is Auberurndale, Mass.

Douglas In Oregon

The third son, Douglas, who was also employed by Ecusta—on the yard crew, left October 22, 1942. He has apparently been in Camp White, Oregon, ever since he entered service. He is a private in the Infantry. In a letter dated December 27, 1942 he mentioned Leon Scruggs, former Inspector Helper who left September 17, 1942; and John Reid, Champagne Gumming Department, who left October 23, 1942. They were both there and he had seen them.

Daughter Is Overseas

The daughter, Juanita, is in the Army Nurse Corps overseas. According to a letter from her mother she enjoys her work with up-to-date equipment in a new hospital. Her address is: 2nd Lt. Juanita McCormick, A. N. C. 40th Station Hospital N 727399, % Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

At the time of the last letter from this Mother of Soldiers, she had no news of Thomas, her latest Ecusta boy to join the army. We hope she will advise us of his address.

Mrs. McCormick said in her letter of May 4, 1943, "I enjoyed that letter of Doug McCormick in April Echo. So thanks again." We say, "good luck to the McCormick family and thanks to Mrs. C. A. McCormick for keeping us posted."

Rubber Director Urges Public To Stop All Non-Essential Driving

STAY SAFE
OFF-THE-JOB, TOO



Thirty years ago it was considered "sissy" to disinfect a scratch. Even today arms, legs and lives are lost because some men cling to the false notion that small wounds are not dangerous.

If you get a cut or scratch, get first aid immediately. Better than that, avoid cuts and scratches in the first place. That's the best way to protect yourself from infection. The following suggestions from the National Safety Council will help to do this:

Don't throw sharp-edged knives loosely into kitchen drawers. Racks for kitchen cutting tools are cheap and safe.

Open cans with openers, not butcher knives. Openers with disc cutters, which fold cut edges under, are safer than the "pry type" but if you must use the latter keep your hands out of the way, use short lifting strokes, and be wary of jagged edges.

Keep ice picks sheathed when not in use.

Razor blades are designed for shaving, not for paring corns or toenails or sharpening pencils. Dispose of used blades promptly and properly. Don't throw them into wastebaskets or leave them on wash basins or on medicine cabinet shelves where hands, little or big, can get cut by them.

When using a knife, chisel, ax, hatchet or any other sharp tool, cut away from yourself. Make sure you won't suffer even if the tool unexpectedly slips.

Correction Of Telephone Numbers Of Employees

Please make the following corrections in your directory and if there is any change in your number, notify the operator by dialing 9.

Name	Brevard Ex.
Allen, Tom	342
Collins, Margaret	270
Huskamp, George	353
Johnson, Elizabeth	332
Orr, Ruth	338
Roberts, Lucile	171 219
Thomas, David	218
Zieverink, Gracerose	276-R3 328
Morrow, Eben	205
Spinning, H. W.	339

"How about the sermon?"

"The minister preached on the sinfulness of cheating at bridge."

"You don't say! Did he mention any names?"

Stresses Fact That Rubber
Situation Is Still High-
ly "Critical"

In a letter to Prentiss M. Brown, OPA administrator, Wm. Jeffers, rubber director, says he is becoming "concerned" over the prevalent idea that the need for conserving rubber no longer exists. Mr. Jeffers reiterates his statement that 1943 will be a critical year as regards rubber.

Commenting on this letter, Jes S. Burch, executive secretary, State War Transportation Committee, says there is a lot of "false optimism prevalent." He also points out that gasoline stocks are at the lowest levels in history in the Eastern states, which renders the need for conservation more acute even though rubber were plentiful. "It will remain difficult but necessary to keep both feet solidly planted on the facts, rather than hopes, during the coming months," Mr. Burch asserts.

The text of the letter from Mr. Jeffers to Mr. Brown follows:

"From reports reaching me, I am becoming concerned over the fact that seemingly there is a notion getting about that there is no longer any need for conserving rubber.

"While my various statements with respect to the rubber situation have been encouraging, I have definitely and specifically stated that the year 1943 would be a critical year, and that if we do not bridge the gap between the rubber we now have, and the date when synthetic rubbers would be brought in in sufficient quantity to take care of at least essential driving, we will find ourselves in serious trouble.

"It might be helpful in the situation if you would send a copy of this letter to the various boards with an admonition to them to curtail driving, as nearly as possible, to that which is essential."

News Items From Finishers, B Shift

The "B" Shift hasn't given you any news in quite a while, so we decided to chat with you, since we have all the grass out of our victory gardens.

Those who have taken vacations so far, sure look rested up. Even Gladys and Margaret McKinney, who didn't get to take their trip to Florida. Cheer up, Gladys, maybe he'll be in port soon. Mary L. is back with us now. She says her vacation was as much as she could expect without a husband. Inez E. is now in California. Agatha K. seems to have had a big time too.

We hated to see Jack Gillespie leave us to join the armed forces. But he promises to be back soon with a couple of Jap heads as souvenirs.

Alta Galloway is our new Floor Lady. We all like Alta and hope that she will enjoy working with us too. Farrow G. is working days all the time now. We miss you, Farrow, but hope you like your new job.

We were very sorry to hear that Thelma Greene has been sick, and are glad to learn that she is back on the job.

What Would Happen



By "HANK" NEWBURY

A FOREMAN'S SLANT

If you ever have to criticize your foreman, or mumble under your breath about his being an old sourpuss because he's continually harping about wearing safety goggles and using all type of protective equipment, read this—it actually happened:

A machine shop foreman passed through the shop and saw Bill chipping a casting with his goggles around his neck. The foreman said nothing for fear of offending a good friend and a good workman.

Twice more the foreman passed by and noticed Bill doing the same thing.

After the third time a metal chip caught Bill in the eye and sent him to the hospital, where the eye was removed.

Two days later the foreman visited Bill and received the bad news. Bill said, "Boss, why in the name of God didn't you send me home for a week when you saw me the first time? I'd have lost a little time, but I'd still have my two eyes."

Bill's foreman broke down and cried, realizing full well that his neglect to insist on safety rules had cost Bill an eye. DO NOT LET IT HAPPEN HERE.

Advice Is Given On How To Prevent And Cure Summer Ailments

BY DR. O. MARSHALL

Sunburn — In Western North Carolina due to the rarefied air not filtering ultra-violet rays it is very easy to get second and even third degree burns. One should expose their bodies for a few minutes each day to the sun's rays and get a tan before long exposures. If one already has sunburn, apply Calamine lotion.

Ivy Poisoning—One should recognize the notched leaf, in clusters of three and avoid contact. If your hands, feet, or legs have been in contact with the ivy, get warm water and laundry soap and thoroughly wash off the exposed area. Then rinse with water and wipe off with alcohol. In this way the resin is removed and no inflamed skin develops. If poison ivy irritation is already present, apply Epsom salts over night and Calamine lotion during working hours.

Bee or Wasp Sting—Apply Ammonia or wet baking soda.

Mosquito Bite—Alcohol sponge.

Chiggers or Red Bugs — Paint with Tincture of Merthiolate and don't scratch.

His Better Half—"I think it's time we got our Lizzie married and settled down, Alfred. She will be twenty-eight next week, you know."

Her Lesser Half—"Oh, don't hurry dear. Better wait till the right sort of man comes along."

His Better Half—"But why wait? I didn't."