

### Finishing Touches

Last month we were all too sleepy to think and therefore there was no news from our shift. Now that the day shift has unfolded we are awake to at least some of the news.

We regret the loss of some of our girls in the past month. Edna Fullbright went to Maryland to be with her husband. Dot Sellers took off to Jacksonville, Fla., to be with her returned sailor husband, who is there in the naval hospital. Sue Orr thinks that Florida is wonderful, so she is going there to live. We will miss you, Sue. Marie Hall is leaving, too, and we will soon be talking to ourselves if the girls continue to run off. Now and then some dear girl decides to come back; one blew in the other day to be with us again. It was no one else but Estelle Ward, who has been with her husband for several months in Goldsboro. Glad to see you again, Estelle, you look as natural as ever operating that slitter.

Oh yes, Ander Hyder is back, too; he has his "crop laid by" and time left to work in the Finishing Department again.

Evelyn King has been out sick for two weeks but at last she is able to be back. We have a time when she is out; the bobbins get off slowly when she is away. Sorry you had to spend some time in the hospital.

Folks, you should hear our warehouse trio. No kiddin', we had some music over there the other Saturday that would make you perk up your ears, wondering what caused all the static. Really, some of those girls are not so bad.

May Freeman is one more happy person now that her husband is home to stay.

They tell us Mertte Jackson has a new baby at his house. Not so new now. The report is over a month late. The stork came to Chevis Jones' house, too, a baby girl called Patricia.

Ammie Hyder refused a date for the square dance the other day. Girl, do you not know that men are scarce?

Glad to have Claude Phillips back since he recovered from a foot injury.

These men are always trading something and the latest deal was between Henry King and Ed Bell. King bought a goat from Bell and then traded M. Jackson out of a watch to tell what time he should milk the goat.

Grace Hicks goes to Canton a lot for some reason. Her flame gets the most furloughs lately.

Another girl ups and leaves; none other than Grace Norman and we really do miss her smiling face.

Eunice Gash has been on the sick list but is abt to be back at work now.

Maxine Hollingsworth is back with us after having been out for a year due to an automobile accident. We were very happy to see her up and walking again.

### STRING BAND & DANCE TEAM TO APPEAR NEXT MONTH FOR CHAMPION

The Ecusta Dance team and Square Dance band will give an exhibition at Canton, on the evening of September 6, during the special Labor Day celebration to be held there by the Champion Fibre company. Both the String band and the Dance team made excellent showings at the recent Folk Festival held in Asheville the early part of August with the band winning first place and the Dance team running a very close second.

Buy U. S. Government Bonds and Stamps regularly.

## Just For Fun

LIKE EGGS - FRESH AND NEW, YOU BET!

#### Redecorated—

Draftee—"Was that your new girl I saw you with last night?"  
Regular—"No; just my old one painted over."

#### Description—

Ham—"She's as pretty as a picture."  
Eggs—"Yeah. Nice frame, too."

#### Distinction—

Junior—"Mother, are you the nearest relative I've got?"  
Mother—"Yes, dear, and your father is the closest."

#### Literal—

G-Man—"Got away, huh? Did you guard all exits?"  
Village Cop—"Yep. Can't see how he did it unless he slipped through one of the entrances."

#### Horrible—

"I like him less and less."  
"Why?"  
"He's the type that when he pours a drink and you tell him to stop, he stops."

#### Car—

Bill—"Honestly now, you'd never have thought that this car of mine was one I bought second hand, would you?"  
Friend—"Never in the world. I thought you'd made it yourself."

#### Calamity—

Student—"I hear the Board of Trustees is trying to stop necking."  
Second student—"That so? First thing you know they'll be trying to make the students stop, too!"

#### Escape—

Amos (after a narrow escape at railroad crossing) — "How come you blow yo' hawn? You oughta know it wouldn't do no good."  
Sambo—"Boy, dat wa'n't my hawn. Dat was Gabriel's!"

#### Rescue—

Waiter—"May I help you with that soup, sir?"  
Diner—"What do you mean, help me? I don't need any help."  
Waiter—"Sorry, sir! From the sound I thought you might wish to be dragged ashore."

#### Not So Blind—

A small store keeper, much to the astonishment of his neighbors, suddenly decorated his shop window with a gorgeous new blind. It was the sensation of the day, and few of his brethern failed to make some remark to him about it.  
"Nice blind you've got there, Isaac," said one.  
"Yes, Aaron."  
"How much did it cost you, Isaac?"  
"It didn't cost me anything, Aaron. My customers paid for it."  
"What! Your customers paid for it?"  
"Yes, Aaron. I put a little box on my counter, 'For the blind,' and they paid for it."

#### Wonderful?—

Edith—"Did anyone ever tell you how wonderful you are?"  
Elbert — "Don't believe they ever did."  
Edith—"Then where'd you get the idea?"

#### Lost—

A fidgety little man was searching on the floor beneath the theatre seat. Finally the woman next to him exclaimed:  
"What in the world is the matter with you? Have you lost something?"  
"Yes'm," said the little man, meekly, "a caramel."  
"Do you mean to tell me you are making all that fuss over a caramel?"  
"Oh no, ma'am—it had my teeth in it!"

#### Careful—

Customer — "Your dog seems very fond of watching you cut hair."  
Barber — "It ain't that; sometimes I snips off a bit of ear."

#### Willing—

Heard in an English air raid shelter:  
"Is there a mackintosh in here that's large enough to keep two ladies warm?"  
"No, but there's a MacPherson who's willing to try," was the reply from a dark corner.

## In A Letter To Mr. Straus, Ecusta Man In Service Urges Folks Back Home To 'Buy Bonds, Work Hard'

### J. T. Williams, Who Is In The Navy, Writes Interesting Letter

"Give my best regards to everyone and keep reminding them to buy bonds and to work hard for Victory," Tech. Sgt. J. T. Williams, former Ecusta employee who is now in service in the Navy, wrote in a letter this week to Mr. Harry Straus.

The full letter is as follows:  
"I was very happy to receive your letter of July 31st today. It was very much appreciated. My mail has been a little irregular lately, but it is all right now. I was away on detached duty for approximately four and one half months working in the Group Liaison office.  
"I have been very fortunate since entering the service. I have been given the opportunity to make

good and I have tried to take advantage of it. My work has been in the Quartermaster office since finishing school more than a year ago. However, my last assignment was somewhat different. There was some supply work, but most of it was general clerical work. That happened to be the only Marine office in that location and everything that concerned Marines came to that office. It was very interesting work and I enjoyed it very much. I returned to this station and the Quartermaster office last week.  
"I have received the Echo through the June issue. I look forward for it each month. It is a valuable source of information to me on the home folks.  
"Perhaps I had better sign off for this time. Give my best regards to everyone and keep reminding them to buy bonds and work hard for victory."

### ECHO'S MUSICAL INTRODUCTIONS



Hazel McKinney started to work as an inserter in Hand Booklet Department in January, 1941. In January, 1943, she was promoted to service girl.

Her home is at Mills River and she is a graduate of Mills River high school.

Hazel has always been interested in music and for a while studied piano. When the Ecusta Band started in February, 1942, she decided definitely that she wanted to be a part of that band. Very soon thereafter, in fact during the month of March, Hazel began the study of clarinet. She soon joined the beginners training band and in July of that summer was promoted to membership in the regular band. Early this spring Hazel was elected as a member of the Band Activities Committee.

Besides photography, swimming and dancing, Hazel is especially interested in softball, having been a star pitcher for Balfour Mills for two summers before coming to Ecusta.

### STORK CORNER

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Floyd, July 27, a son, Kenneth Lee. Mr. Floyd works in the Filter Plant.

Born to Pvt. and Mrs. Wales Randall Lankford, July 20, a son, Wales Randall, Jr. Pvt. Lankford was employed in the Physical Laboratory before he went into the army.

Born to Captain and Mrs. Ralph L. Waldrop, July 20, a son, Ralph L., Jr. Before going into the army Captain Waldrop was an Ecusta Bleach Foreman.

There is a new arrival in the Mr. and Mrs. Mertte Jackson family. Mr. Mertte Jackson works in the Finishing Department.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chevis Jones, a daughter, Patricia. Mr. Jones works in the Finishing Department.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Frady, August 1, a son, William Edward. Mr. Frady is employed in the Machine Room.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmey Jones, August 4, a son, Larry Jones. Mr. Jones is employed in the Machine Room.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chris Rogers, August 1, a daughter. Mr. Rogers works in the Gumming Department.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Burns, July 17, a boy, Clarence Dewey. Mr. Burns works in the Maintenance Department.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Day, July 23, a boy, William Warren. Mr. Day works in the Maintenance Department.