

News And Gossip From Our Various Departments

Cafeteria News And Choice Gossip

No, gossip has not been any scarcer than usual but with beans to string, peas to shell and corn to husk, nobody has taken time to write any.

We have a few additions to our gang. Bessie Cheek, of Pisgah Forest, Canteen; Hazel Barrett Gaston, Brevard, Canteen; and Mr. Reece, Boyleston, Cafeteria. We welcome them all, but especially glad to have good ole Hazel back.

We are sorry to have to report that Mr. Hawkins is absent because of illness. We hope he can come back soon.

Most of us have had our vacations. Those taking theirs recently were Joe Duck, Fish Taylor and Doris. Taylor is now on his vacation trip home. Mrs. Taylor and the children accompanied him. Only three more of us get vacations this year.

Doris visited Camp Wheeler on her vacation. She received word that Roy had an infected toe, but when she got there the toe was much better. We are all glad, Doris.

Mrs. Cox visited her husband who is ill in Linwood hospital, Augusta, Ga., recently. The children accompanied her.

Poor Ethel S. seems awfully worried. Reason: the last address was New York, N. Y. Sounds like he has left for parts unknown.

Ethel D. is very likely to have her husband safe here at home where she can see him every day. We hope none of the fathers have to go.

John Jones and family spent a recent week end visiting home folks at Sylva, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Daniel and children visited Mr. Mac's mother, of Simpsonville, S. C., the past week end. Mr. Mac says his mother is now enjoying the best health she has for some time. We are all very glad and wish her good health for a long, long time yet.

Slim King was called to report to Camp Croft on September 7, which was his birthday. Not many folks are invited to visit Uncle Sam as a birthday present. He was rejected and is very blue about it, but we consider ourselves lucky to get to keep him.

Mr. Wilde made a trip to the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem to bring his young daughter home.

Wilma is back with us after a long hospital stay. Be careful, Wilma, we don't want to have to do without you again.

Divola is walking on air—why? She is expecting her boy friend home from the army soon. She wants to see those new wings he won this week.

We rejoice with Divola that her little sister, Dixie, is finally at home from the hospital.

Virginia was seen with a nice looking sailor. Say, Virginia, we expect an explanation.

Helen Henson joined her husband in Washington, D. C. Helen was a Canteen girl.

We are all looking for the judges' decision on the Canteen Beauty contest.

Roberta has not taken her vacation yet. Wonder why? Army or some other reason maybe.

Hal and Homer are remodeling their homes. From what their neighbors say, they will almost have new ones. More power to you, fellas.

We miss all the landscape boys and are told we will miss more of them as Homer Tate leaves for Clemson College; Virgil Barrett

Former Hand Booklet Employee in Fla.



Sgt. Mary P. Rickman, formerly employed in Hand Booklet Service is now stationed at Daytona Beach, Fla. Sgt. Mary Rickman entered the WAC January 24 of this year and was stationed at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., and Ft. Devens, Mass. She says that the army is rough, but that she loves it and doesn't doubt but that when the war is over she will be back at Ecusta. Sgt. Mary Rickman and Cadet Ben Rickman (whose picture also appears in this Echo) are the children of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Rickman, of Hendersonville.

News In Gumming Dept. — Shift E

Our Supt. Eric Neuman is spending a week's vacation at home. Here's hoping his wife stays on his heels at home as closely as he does on ours while we're at work. All jokes aside, Eric, we all wish for you a long week of rest, for you deserve it.

Rosalie Aherns is spending a week's vacation digging those three pound Irish potatoes from her father's victory garden. Don't fret, Rosie, these nice chilly mornings are just the time for such work.

The army stepped in and took two more of our boys this month: James Henson and Marvin Smith. James is stationed at Fort Jackson for the present and writes that the army is not so bad as he thought it was going to be. So far we have had no word from Marvin. We wish for these boys the very best of luck and hope they can be back with us soon.

We can all understand now why leaves for the Navy and Henry McCormick leaves for the Army.

Henry O. has moved to his new home at Penrose.

Anyone having any new pennies to throw away, give them to Tinsley instead to apply on Junior's second bond. He has saved almost enough new pennies for it.

Things are lonely around here since Bill Nicholson went to the Army.

If anyone cares to know our new "pie girl," it is Mr. Ernest Lance, formerly of the Canteen.

Yours till Frost comes,
The Knot Hole Gang.

Christine Anderson was looking so happy last Friday. She had just received word that her twin brother, who has been stationed in England with Uncle Sam's Navy for the past eight months, was home on furlough. It is nice to see your brother, but still nicer if he is your twin, isn't it, Chris?

Two of our former employees paid us a recent visit; James Avery, of the U. S. Navy who has been helping to settle our Pearl Harbor score, and Weldon Misener of the Army Air Force. Good luck, boys and happy hunting.

We are glad to have Ben Wolfe back on shift "E." We are also sorry to lose Troy Owens to shift "R." But maybe he'll be back in a week or two.

Sgt. Oliver Taylor from Camp Butner, N. C., a very handsome soldier and former employee of the Gumming Dept., surprised us with a visit this week.

We were glad to see Mitchell Taylor back at work Monday morning. He has just returned from a visit in Washington.

Tulen Deaver is back at work after a week's absence. All of us surely missed you, Tulen.

Kat McCrary sho' is a happy girl now. Yep! That sailor is coming home.

Bernice S. is really walking the straight and narrow path these days. She's trying to land herself a preacher.

Robert has finally discarded his fireman's cap. Folks, you should see his new crop of hair.

More than 80,000 men and women have been trained for radio work under the sponsorship of the War Manpower commission.

Snooping Around The Office

—By—
Sniff and Snoop

Yep, they still come and go. We are very sorry to bid goodbye to Juanita Faulkner, who is leaving us to return to her home in Savannah, Ga. Best of luck, Nita, let us hear from you! But we welcome to our "happy family" Mrs. Virginia Pryor, who hails from Hendersonville, and we have already learned that Virginia's husband is stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala.

We just got used to seeing Ruth Hooper's smiling countenance down in Personnel—when—whiz—off she goes to get some more "larning." Cullowhee's gain is our loss!

And we are most happy to have Lib Holt back with us, after quite a lengthy illness. Mildred Carpenter had us worrying about her for a few days. Glad you're on the road to recovery, Mildred!

If you have noticed that long, woebegone look on Ruby Brookshire's face, it's there because her "Hank" is leaving to join Uncle Sam's forces.

Muriel reports Ossining is still the best place after spending her vacation there. What we want to know is, what has Ossining got we haven't?

Among our vacationers this month, we find Ruth Shepherd, Howard Schmidt, Homer Harris, "Tootsie" Johnson, Carl Stephens, Katherine (English) Anderson, Lil Burch.

Dot Hunter has pulled a fast one on us—gone to join Lieut. Hunter for a while. We're really just jealous, Dot—but we will miss you, so do hurry back!

We hear William Millner is doing a good poultry business now. But we still need more than one pullet egg for breakfast!

Sam Gordon breezed in from the Army Air Corps, University of Tennessee, in Knoxville to visit with us a few minutes the other day. There's nothing we like better than to see our boys when they get a few days off.

BLOCKING GAB

We didn't know if it was Frances P. or her husband that joined the Navy since she was out a week. Louise S. still takes those weekly trips to Camp Croft. Wonder why? Jennie G. is all smiles. Could it be that a certain soldier was on furlough? Lillie M. G. took a trip to Tenn. How was it? Lula C. is improving nicely from an operation. Hurry back to work; we are missing you.

What's the big attraction in Greenville, Irene M.? Edith S. why is it someone has to call every day for a week before he finds you at home? Myrtle D. and Eula G. seem to be enjoying blocking every other day. Estelle J. reported a nice trip home over the week end. Helen N., where did you get those pretty blue dresses? Could they be fall fashions from New York? Welcome back, Jessie L. and Pearl P., we have missed you both. Alma H., where is your mind? We bet it is in Arizona. Cora T. is back at work after being off a couple of weeks. What's wrong, Edith M.? Don't they have telephones in the country? Sammie H. spent the week end at home. Gladys White, does your chair sit alright now?