

News And Gossip From Our Various Departments

Machine Booklet

Much has happened since last we were with the public. Among those to start out on the trail of happiness and sorrow — the road of matrimony—were Gladys Johnson, one of our popular packers, and also Edna Huggins. Girls, we wish you all the happiness in the world.

Recently Maymie Bryson underwent an operation at Brevard hospital and reports are that she is improving at a rapid rate of speed. Hope you can soon be with us again, Maymie.

Lately "Buck" Albert was heard from and has had a recent promotion also transferred to the state of California. Best of luck, "Buck".

Guy Mull recently paid M. B. a visit and every one was more than glad to see him well and know he is doing a swell job in Uncle Sam's service.

Soon we are to lose another of our male force. Jimmie Dunne leaves soon; although he has not been with us long we will miss him very much. Jimmie was once a M. B. fellow, later transferred to H. B. and lately has been with us again. Best of luck, Jimmie, wherever you go.

To all the new girls who have come to us recently, we say a hearty welcome and may your stay here be a happy one. We also welcome our old-new boy, Wade Phoenix, to M. B.

Louise Souther has recently been walking around in a dither. That particular someone is home from the Navy.

News received, from an old member and friend, Louise Dishman, reveals that she is doing well. We miss you, Louise.

The girls and fellows want this opportunity to thank Mr. Walter Straus for the mats which he made possible for them to enjoy in Machine Booklet. It helps many an aching foot. So thanks very much, Mr. Straus.

Endless Chatter

By SALLY WAGTONGUE

Newcomers to Endless are pretty red-headed Sarah Cagle and brunette, Josephine Hollingsworth. We welcome Marjie Elliott back after a few weeks absence due to her husband's illness and regret to lose Dorothy Thomas, who was called to her home in Sylva because of her father's critical condition.

Wanted: To be in England. Alba Drake and Ruth Jones.

Gracious! Margaret Collins, but that 130 was a beautiful bowling score and incidentally a new high record for match games in Women's Duck Pins in Brevard. If we should dig up the old bowling records we would find that Mary Sue Thorne bowled 129 against the Champagne Stars in the first departmental game of any kind in Ecusta history and third high score to date is Graceros Zieverink's 126. Corrections, please?

The Endless Bowlers are bemoaning the sad loss of Elouise Matthews. But don't be too optimistic, girls, we still intend to make somebody do some good bowling if we relinquish our second place standing in the league.

Mrs. Blanche McCrary Phillips and Mrs. Frances Nelson Galloway are the proud mothers of a fine son, Robert Dixon and a lovely daughter, Frances Anita, respectively. Blanche and Frances

Refining Dept. News

We extend our sympathy to Clifton Thomas. He lost his father last Tuesday. Welcome back to work, "Slim." We also are glad to see Paul Raffield back reporting his folks well again. Dick Perron reported back from his vacation Nov. 8. He had a swell time, but gosh! did he hate to get back to work. Willis Cauble did a nice job in filling in for Dick while he was away.

Enno Camenzind, a popular foreman, left last month to enter the Navy. He was honor guest at a chicken supper given at Shook's Lodge, near the Pink Beds. Everybody had a swell time. Congratulations to Bud White on his promotion to foreman on "A" shift.

Lloyd McGaha, beaterman on "C" shift, is recuperating from an appendicitis operation at the hospital. We are very glad to have "Butch" Clayton and Arthur Orr back with us again, having returned from the Army. Our gain is Uncle Sam's loss, boys.

Congratulations to Jimmy Sledge and Miss Juanita Erwin. They slipped over to Pickens and took the plunge. We wish them the best of luck.

We take great pride in announcing the return of our big game hunters, namely, "Bring 'em Back Alive" Patton and "I Wish I Could" Holliday, tough luck, boys. At this writing, Bud White, Paul Whitmire and Al Montville are in the forests trying their luck. We are saving our sympathy for these fellows.

We've had several letters from the boys in service, scattered over the globe. They are getting along fine and wishing to be remembered to all their friends. We hear that our artist pal, Charlie Russell, has a new set of store-bought teeth. Good for you, Charlie. Now, what are you going to do about your hair?

We were glad to see Cpl. Clyde G. Jones, who was home on furlough recently. He is getting along O. K. and looking pretty good, too.

Due to the many recent derogatory remarks our bowling team wishes to make a statement. We hereby challenge any team to equal our record or attempt to tie our low score. The other teams, we admit, have won a few more games than we have, but, none of them can surpass our record to date of games lost.

So long, folks.

JACK.

are pleasantly remembered in Endless where they were formerly employed.

We wonder how folks can really enjoy the Christmas Spirit which comes from the mad rush a couple of weeks before Christmas if they have finished their shopping before Thanksgiving.

Who's giving Stamps and Bonds for Christmas this year? We know a four year old boy who can't be induced to spend his money for candy and ice cream anymore; he buys "fense stamps".

Food nutritionists say that a practical way of making sure that you get enough iron is to eat a wide variety of foods.

Poultry growers should not buy chicks for broilers until feed dealers can assure them of an adequate amount of feed, T. T. Brown, poultry specialist at State College, advises.

ECHO'S MUSICAL INTRODUCTIONS



GERALD ("Gus") GROSE started to work for Ecusta in the Chemical Laboratory September 30, 1941. His home is at Lake Lure, N. C., and he is a graduate of Lake Lure High School. Gerald, or "Gus," the name his friends know him best by, has always been interested in music and soon after the organization of the Ecusta Band, he began the study of the clarinet. Not satisfied with playing one instrument, he soon took up the tenor saxophone, and even later, the trumpet. He holds a prominent place in the band's reed section and is a valued member of the Ecusta Chorus. While his chief hobby is music, he also likes swimming and bowling.

Last week Gus entered Rutherford Hospital for an operation. He is reported making speedy recovery and expects to be back at Ecusta in a few days.

Gumming Dept. News

First Shift

Hello again, folks, this is your old Gumming Dept. reporter gabbin' attcha'. Haven't been around much lately. Gee, the cold weather makes you want to stay in!

I was just wondering what Nell Justus is looking so sad about. Oh, her boy friend is home on furlough and she can't go to see him. Well, cheer up, Nellie, just look forward to those telegrams and the future.

Goode Loftis' favorite song is "Pistol Packin' Mama". Don't be surprised anytime you hear him singing it.

I have been receiving a bit of advice about going to "jump off". Kinda cold up there, eh, Bill?!

We sure do miss Kathleen McCrary and Dixie Whitaker and hope they get to come back real soon. They are both out, recovering from operations for appendicitis. Get well, girls and come on back.

We want to welcome Mattie Quinn to our shift and hope she likes it.

I see a familiar face on Bill Erwin's shift. Welcome back, James Henson!

I haven't been "snooping" around much so I haven't got any more news for you this time. So I will say "au revoir" until next month. I have a lot of Christmas shopping to do. Speaking of Christmas, remember, war bonds make wonderful Christmas gifts.— See you next month.

BAND NOTES

We sorta missed the last edition of the Echo so we'll try to make up for it this time.

Sure is good to have Thelma Greene and Jim Reese back again. Thelma was out for an operation but returned Tuesday night, October 19th, for band. Then on November 9th she was back again at her place in Finishing.

Jim has been in the army for nearly a year. He came back to work in the Gumming Department on October 18 and was present at the October 19th band rehearsal, his first in a long, long time.

Roland Wilber has been out for a couple of rehearsals. Hope you get back soon, fella. We surely do miss you.

"Chief's" been pushing us plenty hard lately in learning a bunch of new marches, sort of getting ready for our next concert. Also, we're working on Christmas music which we'll play at the annual Ecusta Christmas Party.

Seems like there's lots for us to do and a lot of new music to learn, so it's up to all of us to make as many rehearsals as possible.

STICHING GAB

By NELL LANCE WALDROP

There surely must be a Black Market for chewing gum and Mr. Erwin is the only one who patronizes it. Keep it up, Mr. Erwin, cause we like the gum.

'A diller, a dollar, a ten o'clock scholar' but Ruby came to work at 9:45. Just where were you, Ruby?

We would like to welcome Grover Peace and Hillary Boyd to our Department and hope they like us well enough to stay a long, long time.

Uncle Sam has made another call to our Department and this time he asked for Jimmy Dunne. Good luck, Jimmy. We know the Marines will be better after you get there.

Pearl A. certainly needs glasses. She can't even see a large table or that is the way it appears from the way she turns them over. A soldier in Florida seems to think Evelyn T. has a double, but in our opinion, there never could be but one. John S. was seen in Asheville recently really strutting. Teddy and his wife recently spent the week-end in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Lillie has been seen wearing a ring made from a Jap Zero. Who was the expert gunner, Lillie, or is that a military secret? Kate S. spent the past 10 days entertaining her soldier husband from Camp Wheeler, Ga. Jo C.'s heart is in the Army now. Her husband left for service last week.

Jack Holden was home recently. He is doing a great job in the Naval Air Corps with his big smile, besides all the knowledge he has acquired.

Betsy A. is certain she will never be "broke". She has a Canadian dollar and no place to spend it.

Sweet potatoes long have been used as food in the Americas, some having been found in ancient graves of Peru.

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