

# Several Hundred Ecustans Have Fun At Party

## A "WOMANLESS WEDDING" BRINGS MUCH APPLAUSE

Presented By Electricians.  
Two Orchestras Play  
For The Dances

On Friday night, Feb. 18th, several hundred Ecustans attended the big Ecusta Employee Party which was presented by the Recreation department in the Cafeteria. The evening got off to a grand start with an excellent performance of a "Womanless Wedding" which was put on by 26 members of the Electric department and directed by Ed Happ, Ecusta's chief electrician.

From the very beginning of the performance when the ushers rolled an imaginary white rug down the center aisle until the end when the bride rushed out holding her skirts up and revealing her unusual "step-ins" which were made from feed sacks, the audience was kept in gales of laughter. The part of the two ushers was played by C. Vance and R. Bishop. They alternated in introducing the different guests who attended the wedding. The first arrivals were B. Chapman and G. Bostic who, as aunt and uncle of the bride, kept up a constant disturbance throughout the ceremony with the uncle doing too much talking and his spouse trying to make him keep quiet.

Next Mrs. Nosey Toadvine, a neighbor, played by E. McLean, arrived and was followed by the jilted sweetheart of the groom, Miss Ubika Scratchfeed, played by Luke Harrison. Luke's very realistic crying and wailing and the sympathy of Mrs. Nosey drew many laughs from the audience, and by the time R. Sherrill, as Miss Needza Man arrived all in a titter and full of giggles, the show was off to a good start. Another high spot was reached when K. Trefzer as a colored nurse wheeled the bride's baby sister, M. Nicholson onto the stage (and weighing something over 200 pounds) in a specially built baby carriage and the following action of all participants on the stage kept the audience convulsed. The tempo of the show was further stepped up when S. Lewis, as the bride's grandmother and E. McCall, as the grandfather arrived and were introduced. Grandmother acted quite young and giddy and kept all of the men interested by flirting with them.

Next, E. Collins as Mrs. Oats, mother of the Bride, Tiny Oats, arrived—quite crestfallen because, as she said in response to questioning about Tiny's wedding presents, that there were not many and she observed that they barely made expenses. The last person to arrive before the wedding began was Ed Lancaster as Mr. Turnip Green, a musician. Since everyone at Ecusta has known Ed as a singer, they were quite surprised to hear him play a couple of violin solos, at the conclusion of which the wedding march was finally started. The wedding procession was most impressive starting with two flower girls walking down the aisle throwing string beans, spinach and other vegetables among the guests. The flower girls' parts were taken by T. Hargis and C. Holden.

Next came the bridesmaids, for both square dancing and round

## You Can Make A Hat Just Like This One



Popular with winter sports fans is a hat that is both cozily warm and softly flattering. Winter winds will find it hard to penetrate this snug crocheted cap which covers the tips of your ears. With its contrasting edging and ball trim, you will find it a easy-to-make companion to your coat or sports jacket. Directions for making this hat are available at the Library free.

Pickelsimer and Waters and then N. Townsend as the ring bearer carrying a large brass ring placed on top of a cauliflower. The maid of honor followed the ring bearer and this part was taken by R. Hogan. Wayne Conn as best man, got a laugh when he dragged the groom, H. W. Drake, onto the stage by the back of the neck. Next the minister, Jimmey Mitchell, with a red nose, high hat and everything took his place at the altar. The bride, D. Gordon, looking radiantly happy entered upon the arm of her father, J. DeBord, and the long train of her wedding gown was carried by the train bearers, H. Meece and J. Summey. Amid a great amount of oratory from parson Mitchell and with many interruptions from different members of the wedding party, the happy pair was finally married and the final laugh was when the Grandfather tried to kiss the bride and she in trying to escape from him ran from the stage holding her skirts high over her head and showing a very colorful pair of step-ins made of feed sacks. The altar was very beautifully decorated for the occasion with all kinds of tasty vegetables and when the curtain first opened brought forth many "ohs" and "ahs" from the audience. It was a grand job and much credit goes to the Ecusta Electricians for giving their fellow workers a grand evening of fun.

### SWING BAND MAKES ITS DEBUT

Following the Womanless Wedding, Ecustans were treated to a full evening of dancing, with two orchestras providing the music

dancing. The dancing started off with the String Band playing for a square dance and Dick Paxton calling. As soon as this first set was completed the new Ecusta Swing Band made its debut and those Ecustans who have been asking for this type of dancing were given their first chance to step out.

Lucille Heffner, who is employed in Champagne Hand Booklet department and who has been singing with the Ecusta Girls trio for the past several months, was presented in a new role as VOCALIST with the Swing Band. She was well received and her lovely voice and special interpretations added much to the evening's entertainment. The two orchestras alternated playing throughout the evening. Ecustans have indicated that they like both kinds of dancing so from now on, both kinds of dance music will be offered at the regular monthly parties.

Cook: "Did they say anything about the cooking?"

New Maid: "No, but I noticed them praying before they started eating."

### NOTICE TO ALL DEPT. REPORTERS

Deadline For  
March Issue Is  
Tues., March 14th

Please get copy in  
early, if possible.

## Machine Room News

John Goolsby, Reporter

Well, here we are again in the month of February, the birth month of three great men, Abe Lincoln, George Washington and Paul Simpson. We have come to the end of the Fourth War Loan with grand results. This will help clear the way for that great general of Bataan and Corregidor when he told his troops, "I'll be back," and what a score we have got to settle with those dirty rats! We know that War Bonds are the fighting man's guarantee that we at home are behind him. And to you boys throughout the world, we send sincere greetings for God speed, good luck.

Burder Teague and P. L. Cantrell have recently been inducted and will be on their way in a few days to join their comrades in arms in the U. S. navy.

John Pickelsimer writes and wishes to use this column to express his appreciation for the wonderful present "C" shift gave him, and says he likes the navy fine.

Recently a friend of mine told me this one, and I think it's worth passing on:

**Epitaph on a Tombstone**  
Remember, friend, when passing by  
As you are now, so was I,  
As I am now you soon will be  
Prepare for death and follow me.

A man reading it took a hammer and chisel and wrote:

To follow you I am not content  
Until I know which way you went.

We are sorry to hear the grim reaper visited the home of Ralph Teague and claimed his infant daughter. We mourn his loss.

Hoyle Gregory must have had a good business before coming to Ecusta. He tells me he still gets orders for medicine he used to sell in the Eastern part of the state. Some kind of pills he used to buy for 13 cents a thousand and sold for 25 cents a dozen, which was truly a good medicine for either man or beast.

Stanley Taylor is on duty at New Orleans Navy Supply and working with a WAVE. What did Sherman say? (War is hell.)

Edwin C. McCall, S 2-c, is taking training at the University of Illinois. From his brother, "Cotton's" conversation and pictures, Ed is bearing down to end this war quickly.

You can plant the seed of knowledge in an individual but it is up to him to make it grow.

Edgar Fletcher has asked me to say that he will sell at public auction the first two days the following items:

2 footprints in the snow  
1 bee course  
1 well (you can cut it up into post holes)

1 square wheeled garden plow  
Other items too numerous to mention.

Recently this was noticed in a pet shop window: "Eskimo (spits) Spitz Pups, inside for five dollars (my bet is 3 to 1 he can't do it)."

All under 38 are looking for the next induction quota. All over 38 are looking for spring, vacations and a due bill back on income taxes.

Never go A-round with a married woman unless you can go 4-rounds with her husband.

Well, so long until March, and give us some news.

Sometimes words followed by deeds bespeak of the simple grandeur of man. — Harry E. Burroughs.