

Office Bits

Did I understand someone to say that it was winter again? Get out your long ??? and let's have a snow fight. Quite a lot has happened since we made our last appearance, so I suppose that I had better get busy.

First of all, we regret losing "Dottie" Hunter, who left us to be with her husband in New York. "Dottie," won't you please come back? The place isn't the same. Then there's "Patsy" Grimshawe, who leaves us for "better or for worse." We will miss you, "Patsy," but keep that bowling average up. Frances O'Briant leaves us to join her father in Baltimore. Watch out for those sailors, Frances. Of course, there is Alan Brombacher, who has returned from Florida. Alan never knew that he had so many "Hill Billy" friends until he went away. How about it? Nothing seems to get those two screw ball office boys down. They give "Carter's Little Gizzard Pills" all of the credit. Some one over heard them swapping gossip the other day and one said to the other, "I'll let you see my sore toe if you will give me that door knob." Crazy people!

We have several new people, Phyllis Hampton and Wilda Huggins, in the payroll department. Louise Sheppard has been transferred from Hand Booklet to the Filing Department in the main office. Beware of opening envelopes because you never can tell who or what might jump out in your face. Mr. Huskamp has been away. We wish you a speedy recovery, but take it easy. Lucile Roberts is also on the sick list, hurry back, Lucy. Eleanor Colwell reports a wonderful time in New York.

A welcome face to the office was that of Jimmy Glanville. Jimmie was home on furlough from Fort Mason in San Francisco. During that time he was married and is taking his bride back to California with him. Hurry back, Jimmie, we are always glad to see you. Whee—what a dance and did everyone have fun? The Ecusta Swing Band made its second appearance at the President's birthday ball, and everyone seems to be waiting impatiently for the next dance. This one was one of the nicest dances to be given at the country club for some time. Guests for the evening were 35 men from the Weather Wing in Asheville.

If anyone found or knows the whereabouts of a dinner ring that was lost with nine diamonds, please contact the librarian in the main office. Telephone lines are very busy, and so is a certain young lady we know, but still she manages to get four long distance calls in one week. Yep, sounds bad. Better take it easy there; you know there's a war going on. "Kitty" Anderson went to Columbia to see her husband before he left Fort Jackson. What's the latest dope, "Kitty"?

Now, who's gonna black who's eye to give them something to remember them by? Sounds bad. "Pat" Hodson has returned from a week's visit in Florida. Gee, is Kate Rheberg all excited, and why shouldn't she be? Her husband, Lt. Col. Steve Rheberg, is expected back in the States by the first of March. Long time no see, eh, Kate? Where did Johnson get that tie? O. K. Sinatra, you can wear that tie but don't start crooning. We couldn't have these 14-year-olds swooning at your feet. Reports from Ruth Orr Lancaster are that her husband is in Hawaii. Those letters finally came through, didn't they? A little "Birdie" told us that M. Carpenter took a nice ride on all this snow. What happened to your

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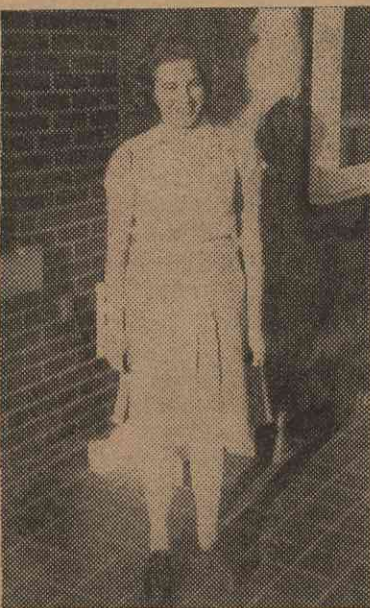
—BY STAFF WRITERS—

THELMA GLAZENER



THELMA GLAZENER came to Chemical Laboratory of Ecusta, her first job, in June of 1941 at the age of 21. She had just graduated from college (Greensboro College, Greensboro, N. C.) where she double majored—in chemistry and in math. Although Thelma came to us from Greensboro, she went to high school in Hamlet, N. C. Her hobbies are swimming, bowling and that all-time feminine favorite, embroidering. Thelma's husband, Lt. (jg) Charles Glazener, who is now in the Southwest Pacific, used to work in Ecusta's "Chem. Lab." too.

LUCY E. CLARKE



Lucy Clarke, who is now 23, came to Ecusta Jan. 1, 1942, to work in the Analytical Laboratory. She hails from Lavonia, Ga., where she finished high school. At Bessie Tift College, Forsyth, Ga., Lucy majored in biology and physical education. She taught biology in Sandersville, Ga., before coming to Ecusta where she has continued her versatile life. She is the captain of Control's Bowling team, a member of the Beginner's Band. Her hobbies are basketball, tennis and collecting poetry.

feet, "Carp?" "Gus" Gustafson, now with the Seaboard railroad, wrote in January he couldn't forget the pleasant days spent at Ecusta and sent warmest greetings to all his friends, wishing them a wonderful year. Don't believe anything that you hear and only half of what you see until we again make a report to you next month. Yours 'til April showers.

IMOGENE ALLEN



IMOGENE ALLEN, we all call her "Gene," came to Ecusta when she was only 18, in June of 1941. She began working in the Finishing Department where she is still working. Gene's home is in Etowah, N. C., where she went to school. Her hobbies are reading, singing and dancing. Gene is a faithful and valuable member of the Ecusta Chorus. We are sure you all will agree with us, she is sweet and unassuming.

Gumming News

By Helen Duckworth

We regret to report that since our last writing the employees of the Gumming Department have lost one of their best friends and co-workers, Miriam Galloway. Miriam died at her home in Rosman after a short illness of pneumonia.



MIRIAM GALLOWAY

She came to work in Champagne in August of 1939, and had been in the Gumming Department for the past two years. During this time she had endeared herself to all of us. We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband and family.

We are glad to see Frank Duckworth back at work after a few days' absence with flu.

Ben Wolf had to miss two days last week due to the sickness of his wife. You must have been a good doctor, Ben, since you say she is so much better.

Girls! Girls! You had better hurry up—almost two months have already passed and Mitch is still waiting for a proposal. We hear he is expecting one from the Machine Booklet Department. How about it, Geneva?

Preston, we think you have kept

Refining Shift D

Yep, here it is time to give the readers some of the happenings of Shift D again.

There has been quite a lot of sickness reported lately. We are glad to know Clarence Crow's wife is much better after having been very ill. Sue McCall is improving after an operation at the Transylvania community hospital. Jerry Freeman is in the Mission hospital at Asheville with an infected hand. Hurry up, Sue and Jerry, and get well. We are looking forward to your return. Our sympathy goes out to James Staton who has been seriously ill for several weeks. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Foreman Patton and Fred Wallin have had good luck with their bird hunting this year. Clifford Gillespie and Leland Thomas have gotten their share of coons this hunting season.

The snow and sleet that paid us a visit recently are said to have slowed down the good business Buck Pressley's trucking line was doing.

John Ball says the best western movies are in town when he is on the evening shift.

Anyone thinking about building a new garage should get information from Charlie Ashe who is erecting one.

So long until next month.

the people in Champagne fooled long enough. It's time to tell them that you have a twin brother working in the Shipping Department.

We notice bright smiles on the faces of the Gumming boys since a few of the girls have begun to drift back after working in the other departments for a while. We know you boys are pleased to have us back.

Alfred G.'s car looks like new since he took a little nap behind the steering wheel about a month ago.

The workers on E. Shift are glad to have Truman Rogers helping them out for a while.

Violet M. seems plenty happy these days—but could you blame her? She's expecting her husband in from the West coast any time. Don't celebrate too long, Violet.

Tulen D. has decided to settle down and make a good operator out of herself. Don't get too good, they might keep you in the M. B., Tulen.

Julia M., do you think you're getting enough exercise feeding on those big machines?

I suppose James H., Preston M. and Jess E. are finding it very easy to get up early these mornings after working days so long.

We can't help but feel a bit envious of Ed Garren, who's spending a two weeks' vacation at home.

Helen S. seems to have a special interest in the gum bloc machine. Wonder what, or who it could be.

We're afraid Nell J. is going to ask for a transfer to the Machine Booklet 'cause she likes the work so well.

We think Bernice S. found out that the cutters bite when you get too close to them.

Chris Costanza, a former employee of the Gumming Department, paid us a short visit while home on a furlough. Chris is a member of Uncle Sam's army and is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky.

Jim H. has decided to come back to the Gumming Department after a long vacation in the Machine Booklet.

Due to the limited amount of gas and time, we are requesting that any more men, be they 3-AH or 4-F, contemplating courtship with Rosalie refrain until the Draft Board liquidates present competition.