

News And Gossip From Our Various Departments

Cafeteria Chatter

What! the 19th has slipped up on us again and it's time to send in a little nonsense for the Echo.

Well, first we have a long list of new ones to welcome to our gang—still the "Knot Hole Gang" until further notice.

Of course you have noticed our cute new "Bus Boys." They are Misses Willie Mae Carson, Ina Mae Lyday and Wilma Summey. Also in the Cafeteria are Miss Nancy Galloway and Mrs. Hattie Moore.

The Canteen boasts of the additions of Mrs. Nadine Nations, Mrs. Reba Powell, Mrs. Edith McCall and Miss Flora Littleton. These young ladies have the honor of doing work formerly done by men though none of them can claim to have taken the first man's job as Mrs. Cox did that about three years ago when "Neb" (Woodfin Nesbit) left the plant to visit his three sisters in three different states before volunteering for the Army.

Sylvia missed several days from work recently because her husband was home on furlough. He is now stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. He is expecting to be sent overseas soon. She spent a recent week-end with him. We missed her very much.

War or no war romance goes on. We have several new ones with the new girls, but none so bright as our two old ones for two new rings have come all the way from Italy. Divola's sparkler was supposed to be for her birthday, but we think it means more than that. Speaking of rings, Ethel can show the most unique one any of us ever saw. It shows perfect workmanship and is entirely hand-made. The material is aluminum from a German plane and came from Italy. Yes, Sergeant Bryson is the designer and workman. Come on, Ethel, tell us what is behind all this.

Divola has about as encouraging news from Bill as could possibly come from Italy.

Frank McGee has not been with us for the past few days, but we all hope to have him back soon.

Jackie visited her folks in Henderson County recently. She is now taking a course in typing at Brevard College and states that she expects to leave us soon for work with the Army Air corps at Orlando, Florida. We will greatly miss Jackie and hope she will change her mind and stay with us.

We regret very much to lose John Jones to the army. But as he has made us an extra good worker, co-boss and such, so will he make an excellent soldier. We hope he will read this and we will have another chance to wish him all the good luck possible.

Mr. Wilde is now taking his vacation. He is on a rather long trip. We hope he enjoys this to the fullest.

The baby blanket of the month goes to J. L. Tinsley, who has a brand new baby boy, John Douglas. Good luck, young fellow.

We are very sorry Arnold Anders is laid up for awhile. Hurry and get well, we miss you.

Did you ever see so many new hair dos? Our boss said he'd take time to have his hair done too if he had any hair. Looks OK to us as is.

Bessie, hadn't anyone told you winter was over? Well, nice blankets will come in handy next winter. It pays to prepare in advance any-

way. You don't have to use them now.

Mr. Reece has a young lady graduate at his house now. The daughter, Miss Evah Mae, finished her school work at Mills River high since last writing.

Things seems a little strange to us since Taylor and Hubert do not work on the same shift any more. Hubert is now on shift D and Taylor has a new helper now.

Finishing Touches A-SHIFT

Last month our news consisted mostly about so many leaving. This time, about new ones filling the vacancies.

We didn't have to go far in search of some girls—Sally Frank, Estelle Johnson, Mary Hogged and Hazel Galloway all came to us from Hand Booklet. Alice Burns and Mae Belle Hyder have been added to the list recently and last but not least, is Gladys Cody.

Can't leave the boys out, so Marvin Allison, Mike Walker and Aaron Pitillo are very welcome. They make Charles homesick for his old job of cleaning bobbins.

Said Virginia, "Wish Katherine would hide the tickets in the right roll if she's going to hide 'em!"

Even Carl has started chewing gum and eating candy—something unusual with him—must be the scarcity. But, no Muriel always has gum — shh — the new operators haven't gotten wise to him yet.

Just wonder why Billie and Frosty declined a week-end vacation to Canton!

Mr. Southerland is taking a two weeks vacation and Alta is acting foreman in his place. Seems to enjoy it, too. We hear rumors going around that Alta is going to Kansas on her vacation right away.

Francis and Cecil had to "foot it" home during a storm one evening recently cause they ran out of gas out in the country. Feet sore, Francis??

Opal sure keeps up with all those sets coming off every other moment—good going there.

Edd Mims joined the Navy and every one regretted his going. Had been with us a long time. There's Herman Street leaving, too. We surely think he'll make a good Marine.

Jessie is in Florida enjoying her vacation. Helen has already taken hers and said it was swell. Frosty reported little sleep during the week she was off.

Doesn't Bertie's new hair-do look nice? Bet she's getting ready for her vacation.

It was good to see Inez Summey again. Inez likes the Waves fine and we know the Waves like her.

We still miss Lydia "making the rounds" of the slitters, but congratulate her in her new work.

Bye now, see you "round the corner."

Gumming Shift E

We were sorry to hear about Lt. Gordon Fowler being missing in action over Corsica. Gordon was a former Gumming operator and a member of the baseball team. We surely hope Gordon turns up soon, and to his wife, mother and family, we offer our deepest sympathy.

We wonder what Jim Holden is doing on his vacation?

What's the new gleam in Alfred's eyes these days? Could it be the new home, or—?

Helen is now keeping house for

STITCHING GAB

Our sailor, Phil Riddle, paid us a visit recently. He had just returned from a mission in the Atlantic and he certainly was looking well.

We miss Pearl A. since she decided she had rather be a farmerette than a stitcher. We wish you luck in your farming, Pearl.

With a very important part of the Navy getting leaves, it surely has had an effect on our department. Lillie S. and Betsy A. both had unexpected guests and Frances W.'s husband visited her.

A boy in khaki was seen escorting Ruby D. around. Wonder who he was?

Birthday greetings go to Betsy A., John S. and Mr. Erwin, who all celebrated birthdays this month.

No wonder Katherine S. has such a sunny smile, her husband is stationed now at Camp Davis, N. C.

We are glad to see Margaret P. back after a few weeks' absence due to illness. Welcome to you, also, Marie Louise F.

If you see a little girl in the stores buying pots, pans, towels and other household items, think nothing of it. It is only Alma O. shopping for her new house.

Any information concerning Rudy D.'s whereabouts one day out of each week certainly would be appreciated.

John S. spent his vacation in Florida and returned with a nice sun-tan.

Thelma S. doesn't look the same without her cap, now that she is a member of Notching.

Evelyn T. has turned dreamer on us. She dreams at night and looks up their meaning the next day. If anyone has a dream book to give away, Evelyn will appreciate it.

Frank, former Gumming operator, and now Brevard's new policeman. Preston goes into the service soon.

Who's this mysterious person called "Phoebe?"

We want to welcome Oliver Taylor to our shift.

What boy in Gumming has a crush on a girl named Myrtle in Blocking?

"Slugger" Morrow is the only girl from our shift on the softball team.

The boys from Champagne who play baseball were glad to break into the win column—Duke's Mixture beating Control 11-5.

What's this about Mitch's "Cover Girl?"

Julia Barton surely likes to ride horses. Recently she was seen riding a horse on a merry-go-round at the carnival in Hendersonville.

Bernice, who was the beau at the carnival?

Robert was seen yesterday getting sugar ration stamps—What's the matter, "Dixie?"

T-Sgt. Harold Erwin, former Gumming operator, visited us recently. Harold is in the Air Corps.

Ben says he can't understand why he works in Champagne, but never finds any to drink.

Rosalie, I hear you have competition from the Hosiery Mill.

Inez Summey, yeoman 2-c, who is in the Waves, visited our Dept. last week. She surely looked "snazzy" in that uniform. Inez is stationed in Washington, D. C.

Evelyn Morrow was visited by her brother, Leroy Morrow, Radio-man 1-c, U. S. Navy on May 18. He has been in foreign service for the last four years, stationed at Panama.

Machine Booklet Gab

As warm weather gets on its way, vacations seem to be the general talk these days. We hope Caroline G. is having a big time on her week off. Could her boy friend have anything to do with her taking her vacation so suddenly? Curiosity kills the cat, you know.

Betty M. seems happy lately. Wonder if those big letters she receives from Texas way have anything to do with it?

Charlotte C. seems to have enjoyed the past week-end in Hendersonville. Maybe the new boy friend had something to do with it.

Mae W. sure is in the singing mood lately. Her husband says she even sings from the little green song book in her sleep and he demands that we watch her closely.

Mae S. seems to enjoy eating so much that she brings extra lunches every day. Why not let us all in on those picnics?

Blockers' Chirp

Let's see—the Blockers haven't gathered much news from last month . . . Sorry to have had Mary Hogged, Estelle Johnson and Sallie Frank transferred to Finishing Dept. Hope you like it there, girls. Jessie Lance and Lucile Misenheimer spent the week-end in Charlotte. Say, girls, much fun? . . . Jennie G. got bit by a bug ("love-bug"). Could be Johnnie came in from the Marines. What's this I hear about radios being installed on the buses from Hendersonville? Reba S., you'd better change your tune, or you'll have competition . . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Katherine F., after your operation . . . Seems nice to have Willie P. with us again . . . Ruby J. has won her man. Now how about asking me out to supper, Ruby? . . . Frances P. and Ruth B. are spending a couple of weeks in New York. Don't forget your co-workers . . . It was a surprise to have such a nice Easter card from that boy friend overseas, huh, Ruth J? . . . Alma H. plans a trip to Hawaii! Well, I guess I could daydream also if my husband were stationed there . . . Girls, if you need assistance with your letter writing, call on Eula G. She has started publishing magazines. Mabel F. tries to lead us astray. We catch on—it's a vacation to England instead of Virginia, isn't it, Mabel? . . . Gladys H. is leaving to join her husband. Hurry back, Gladys!

Come, speak up, Helen N. and Edith W.—tell us some of the fun you're having. We are no mind readers . . . Virginia W. is liking this warm weather . . . Would the blockers all "chip in" a small amount of change for the purpose of buying a new wheel for the Asheville bus, or an alarm clock for the driver, so Myrtle D. will be able to get to work on time? . . . Next time Sammie H. is seen in Asheville, won't some one find out whom the fellow is meeting? . . . I can tell by the smile on Irene M.'s face that a certain someone is home on furlough from Augusta, Ga. Be listening—hoping the June Bug flies by with more news.

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