

## Former Employees Pays Us A Visit

Pfc. Lewis Bagwell of the army air forces, and employed in the Machine Room until Dec. 1942, visited here July 6. Pfc. Bagwell is stationed at Smoky Hill Army Air Field, Salina, Kan. He says the heat is terrific, the average temperature being 100 F. Pfc. Bagwell and his family attended the Ecusta picnic. His wife, Katherine Simpson Bagwell was formerly employed in the Hand Booklet department of Champagne.

Ray V. McCall, Electrician's Mate, 3-c, of the U. S. Navy, who had a 30 day survivor's leave, visited July 12. Seaman McCall, after last training in Norfolk had one and one-half year's active duty in the Atlantic. He reported to

### ECHO'S MUSICAL INTRODUCTIONS



Bertha Edwards

Do doubt you've heard the expression "wrapped up in music"—that is literally true when we see Bertha Edwards playing the bass horn. A graduate of D.A.R. high school, Tamassee, S. C. and junior college at W.C.T.C., Cullowhee, Bertha has always been interested in music and choral work. She was a representative from her high school to the National Convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution held in Schenectady, N. Y. and Massachusetts State Convention held in Worcester, Mass.

Bertha has been a member of the band since May, 1943. Running a close second to her musical interest is that of water sports and hunting. Incidentally, "Bert" won first place in the women's diving contest at the recent July 4th picnic. She is a native of Highlands, N. C., and came to us from Cliffside Lake. In August of 1943, she started to work in Ecusta's Finishing Department as a slitter operator, but is now a re-claimer operator.

### Bennett Accepts

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hesitation that I speak of anything we have done while men on the battle fronts were giving their lives for their country, we do know that our workers here at Ecusta have been doing an outstanding job and we are pleased that our government has discovered this fact and has taken this opportunity to acknowledge it.

For them, I thank you.

## Masons, Painters,

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W. O. Morris, Robert Fulton, foreman, C. Gardner, Alvin Hoxit, R. R. Allison, W. Heaton, W. E. Mull, and S. Hamilton. E. E. Vassey, foreman, Earl O'Shields, Ed McCall, Joe Brown, James Passmore, Jake Metcalf and J. B. Jones. Harley Gibbs, foreman, F. L. Johnson, Roy Porter, Paul Parris, Grover Austin, Dewey Burns and Hovie Talley.

### Oilers

Unless you worked in the mill and had the opportunity to see for yourself you would not know that there is a large staff of men known as oilers whose job it is to see that all moving parts of the company's machinery are properly lubricated. The specific job of these oilers is to check all bearings and equipment and to oil and grease all machinery according to specific instructions. We have many different types of machinery and equipment here at Ecusta and many special types of lubricants are used. The oiler must see to it that the right kind and amount of lubricant is used for the proper application on each piece of equipment he services. There are eight oilers in this department and they are: Carl Hamby, DeWitt McCall, J. W. Britten, Ingomar McCall, O. B. Moffitt, Robert Merrill, James Maney and E. B. Sams.

a receiving station in New York, but was hoping to get a four months electrical school course before more sea duty. Seaman McCall worked on the cleaner crew and left Ecusta in November, 1942.

Sgt. Mary Rickman came to Ecusta in 1941, and joined the WAC in 1942. After basic training in Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., she had specialized training in administration in Denton, Texas. In Ft. Devens, Mass., she had the honor of being color bearer; there she received the rating of Sgt. She has been stationed at Daytona Beach, Fla., Ft. Meyer, Va., Baltimore, Md. and now Washington, D. C. Sgt. Rickman is a supervisor in an office, a branch of the Signal Corps. She said, "When I read in the Echo the number of bonds the folks back home are buying, it makes us, in uniform, realize the home front is fighting, too."

Lt. (2nd) Ben M. Rickman is a pilot instructor at Mac Dill Field, Tampa, Fla. Before entering the service in August of 1942, he was employed in the Electric Shop. After basic training in Spence Field, Ga. and duty as electrical instructor, he was appointed aviation cadet in Feb., 1943. Following was primary training at Ark., advanced training at Seymour, Ind. He was commissioned there Nov. 3, 1943, then sent to B-17 First Pilot's School in Sebring, Fla. and trained with a heavy bomb squad. In McDill Field, Lt. Rickman was assigned to his present station there. He visited us July 17 accompanied by his sister, Sgt. Mary Rickman.

Pvt. Ted Danziger worked in the Chemical Lab. until he entered the service in July, 1943. During his 14 day furlough from Camp Silver, Ala., he visited July 19. From July, 1943, until Jan. 1944, Pvt. Danziger was in the Institute of Paper Chemistry at Appleton, Wis., as part of his training in Chemical Warfare Services. He expected to go through a 3 week period of training for non-commissioned officers, then overseas within 3 months.

## WHO'S WHO

—BY STAFF WRITERS—

### NAOMI ASHE



Naomi Ashe, attractive Physical Laboratory employee, came to that department April 20, 1942. She is a native of Tuckaseegee, Jackson County, N. C. She graduated in 1940 from Cullowhee high school where she was captain of the softball team for four years.

Since Naomi has been at Ecusta she has been active in musical activities—as a member of the chorus, trio, and the recently formed sextette which made its debut at the surprise show for Mr. H. H. Straus' birthday and has made several appearances since.

Naomi is quiet, good-natured, and likeable. She likes to spend her spare time reading and writing letters.

### J. D. "JESS" GOSSETT



Mr. Gossett was first employed by Fiske-Carter for seven years beginning in 1922. A native of Greenville, S. C., he attended Westville school there. Mr. Gossett worked with several construction companies in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida for an additional seven years. He was employed by Fiske-Carter as cement finisher and mason foreman in the early construction of the plant. He later was transferred to the Maintenance department as mason foreman.

Mr. Gossett lives in the Little River section, is married and has seven children; the two oldest sons are in military service overseas. Mr. Gossett particularly enjoys hunting and fishing.

### Prize Winners At

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men's singles in ping pong, and Tommie New second award. In mixed doubles, M. Collins and Al Montville were first and Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries second.

Men's doubles, first place went to Al Montville and Plaut with Muffatt and Burch winning second. Junior Edwards and Morrison Baynard and company were the greasy pole champs, while Tommie-Smith caught the greasy pig.

Horse shoe tourney—C. B. Freck and H. Bradburn, first place, and W. C. West and F. Rackley, second place.

Checker tourney—J. F. Kaylor, first, and V. E. Huggins, second.

Hog calling contest for girls and the rolling pin contest were won by Martha Whitmire, with Dixie Whitaker being second in hog calling and Mrs. Eugene King and Sue McCall tied for second in rolling pin throwing.

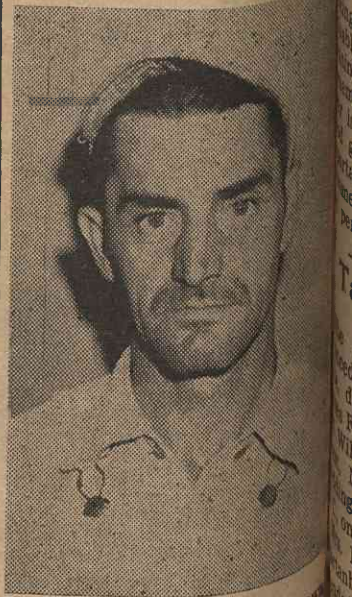
Husband calling contest, single girls, was won by Florence Hyder and Josephine Powell second. Married women, Mrs. Eugene King and Dixie Whitaker.

In rifle matches, Henson and Holden tied for first place and Jack Richmond was second. Marie Nelson was first in the rifle matches for women.

Six boxing bouts were staged as follows: Summey and Cheek, draw; Riddle won over Lancaster, Souther over Ledford, Fore over Reece, Fletcher over Moore and Jones-Montville bout was a draw.

A large percentage of those attending the picnic participated in the various contests.

### J. S. WHITAKER



"Shorty" first became known to the world early in the 1900s in Henderson county, where he attended Balfour school. His painting career began at the early age of 18 when he was employed by Fiske-Carter in the construction of Balfour Mill and later was employed by the McDaniel Construction Company in the erection of Sayles Bleachery.

The first job "Shorty" had here was with Fiske-Carter in 1938; later he was transferred to Ecusta's Maintenance department as painter foreman.

"Shorty," witty and likeable, likes hunting and fishing and is a lover of baseball. He is married, has three children and lives at Mountain Home.