

Finishing Touches

("A" SHIFT)

Hello, now! Gee, but it's good to be back on days again although it means giving up the luxury of sleeping as late as we wish in the mornings. Oh, well, getting up so early only hurts for a day or so—so-oooo.

Wonder how Harry likes to make boxes. Just wondering. Several seem to be short of gum since he's no longer on the floor.

Margaret's sporting a brand-new diamond that rivals the spark in her eyes. Tell you what, girls, let's go to Canton. That place seems to have what it takes.

It's good to have Nina back again. She said she had a nice vacation visiting her husband and spending a week in her home town.

Gosh, what's Maude gonna do next, after nearly burning a car while on her vacation? Gal, don't you know cars are scarce? We'll give her credit for putting the flames out with sand because too much damage was done.

Marie is having an appendix operation. Good luck, pal.

Judging from Martha's big smile we'd say she has just received a letter from her sailor-husband today. And, there's Ada happy as a pig ever since Jack came home on a leave. What's cooking, huh?

Charles sure went and "dooded" some of us thrice!) before conceding it was really he. He's gone for a G-I haircuts one better!

Trying to stop their horses in order to get curb-service on main street in H'ville, Dene and "Tur" discovered the horses would stop. No, not in spite of all the yanking (and lady-like swearing) they were capable of. Guess the horses just didn't care as much about a milk-shake and a ride as their riders.

We're anxiously awaiting Jessie's return to our department. Jessie had some awfully tough going through a long and serious illness; we're thankful she's on the road to recovery now.

See you around the plant!

Refining Dept. News

News and Doings on G-Group

Speaking of Bergin, he has some razorback, genuine mountain hogs for sale; and that he gladly furnish one bag of hogs and two bushels of corn per customer.

Mr. Jack Rhodes informs us that when the men say they run around the house, they are referring to the lawnmowers, wash machines, etc.

Anyone wanting a nice pet could get in touch with Willie Mayley; he can furnish half skunk and half house cat—nice pets.

We welcome the following new members: Hubert Whitmire, Ras Whitmire and Bill Anders.

Shift "B" News

Things we would like to see: Hooper and "Little Cowboy" get off some fat so they can keep these hot days without smoking. Luck to you, boys, it will be winter again. We would like to see Guy Emerson convince those box boys who the man really is.

Earwood would like to see what would really happen if the mayor stopped running for just a few minutes.

new boy to blender: "What do I

Children's Free Musical Training APPLICATION BLANK

Activities Committee,
Ecusta Library.

Gentlemen:

I am interested in seeing the proposed "Free Musical Training for Children of All Employees" started and if it is I should like to make application for such instruction for my child or children as follows:

(Name)	(Age)	(Instrument)
(Name)	(Age)	(Instrument)
(Name)	(Age)	(Instrument)
(Name of Employee)	(Employee's Address)	
(Department Employed)		

Can you arrange transportation for your child? yes no

(CLIP OUT, FILL OUT AND RETURN THIS BLANK)

Ecusta Worker Who Was Reported As Being "Dead" Is Very Much Alive

Charles Franklin McGraw, of Hendersonville and an employee at Ecusta, is not dead!

In fact McGraw, who was discharged from the navy in December, 1942, is very much alive and has been working every day this week at the plant.

Tuesday a news story appeared in The Asheville Citizen, with a Hendersonville date line, stating that McGraw died at 6 o'clock at his home in Hendersonville.

A complete list of survivors was given and all of the information in the story tallied exactly except the deceased part.

When fellow workers at Ecusta read the story Tuesday morning they started collecting money to purchase flowers. Shortly after that McGraw called and said he had just read his obituary and for them not to worry that he would be back on the job that afternoon.

No information has been announced as to how the mix-up or error in the story occurred.

do here; I am a new man just come in tonight?"

Blender: "Just help the other boys."

Boy: "But, I am not sleepy."

Blender: "That's O. K., you still have 13 more graveyards." Shift "C"

One that they have selected for reporter that I know never had a job of this kind, and does it make him shaky. Oh, my! But anyway, he has been in the Refining Room almost ever since he began work here four years ago.

Today was the day for James Camp to put up his hay. Better hurry, Camp, it looks like rain. J. B. Rogers presented the boys 10c cigars a few days back — a fine girl, says J. B. Lots of luck for the family.

We hope M. Jennings Lance doesn't fail to punch anymore. It takes three men to swear him his pay. . . . Look out, Passmore, you will get drowned.

We sure would like to have some of that Rayfield honey. He said it was pure sourwood. I suppose it would be sweet honey just the same. Markley Jones is back. Be careful, Mark, it is almost time to start hog hunting.

May Start Music Classes For Ecusta Children In Sept.

Much interest has been shown by Ecusta employees and their children over the proposed Ecusta children's music project. This project is for the purpose of giving free musical training to interested children of Ecusta employees who are 12 years of age or older.

It was announced in the last issue of the Echo that if a sufficient amount of interest was indicated, that the project would be put into operation.

To date many applications have been turned in to the Recreation office with many more expected. John Eversman, recreation director, who will have charge of the project, has asked that parents and children come to the Recreation office for interviews next week. The dates and time for these interviews will be August 28, 29 and 30 from 4 until 5:30 o'clock each afternoon. It is necessary that at least one parent come with the child who is applying for this free training.

Those applying are asked to go to the gatehouse. They will be directed to the Recreation office. As soon as the interviews are completed, a schedule will be made and the starting date for classes will be announced. The present plan is to begin classes sometime in September.

In the July Echo an application blank was published to be filled in by parents interested in this training. Several calls have come to the Recreation office asking about blanks. For the convenience of those who want to apply but do not have a blank, the application is again published in this Echo. If you are interested and have not already filled out and turned in an application, please do so at once.

Pvt. Frederick A. Powell is now stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He went into the army in March, 1944. Prior to entering service Pvt. Powell was a Boiler Room cleaner.

COMPANY MAKING

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order to keep ourselves supplied in smokes, but it surely gives us a sense of pride to know that we are contributing so much directly to the war effort.

Ecustans are contributing in other material ways. The supply of wood pulp, waste paper and other materials from which many papers are made has become extremely critical. Any relief that can be given by producing papers out of non-critical flax seed straw, saves that much more wood pulp for the manufacture of ammunition containers and other paper goods necessary to keep the boys overseas supplied with food, ammunition and fighting equipment. Since the shortage of wood pulp and other materials has become critical, Ecusta has broadened its field of paper production and is manufacturing such critical papers as carbonizing, manifold, air mail, pigeon mail and light weight text papers. Most of these papers ultimately are used by government or war agencies to fill the gap left by the scarcity of wood pulp papers.

Ecusta is also manufacturing condenser tissue, a paper used in the insulation of electrical equipment needed for the war. This paper is so urgently needed that its manufacture was started at the request and encouragement of the War Production Board. The War Production Board has granted Ecusta permission to obtain a number of items of equipment to make it possible for us to produce more of such critically needed papers as are required for the war effort.

Ecusta converted some of its equipment in order to handle what we call the "Cotton Project" and a number of our employees are engaged in this work. For military reasons, the War department has requested that we do not divulge the details of this project at this time.

THE WORK OF ECUSTANS IS TRULY ESSENTIAL AND WE ARE PROUD TO BE WAR WORKERS.

Practically all of the new papers developed are adaptable to civilian use, and these papers along with other papers are being planned for production after the war. This expansion into the broader fields of production, along with our very staple product of cigarette paper, assures loyal Ecustans of even more work when we finally can say that our war work has been well done.

Staff Sgt. Jones Is Highly Praised

S. Sgt. Clyde "Speedy" Jones, well known Transylvania county man who has been in Italy for some time with a bomber squadron, received a commendation from his major recently for a special act in bravery. The citation read:

"It is our desire to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the unselfish effort you displayed on May 27 by defusing bombs that had accidentally dropped out of an airplane.

"Such devotion to duty deserves commendation and I assure you I consider it a privilege to have a man of your calibre and character in my command."

Sgt. Jones entered service in January, 1943. Prior to that time he worked at Ecusta as superintendent of the Refining room. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Jones.