

News And Gossip From Our Various Departments

Printing Department

Just a little gossip from printing:

Lucile W. is enjoying a vacation this week. Have a good time, Lucile, but don't forget to come back.

Several of our printing employees are now working in the gumming department. We miss all of you and hope we'll be seeing you in our department again soon.

Judging by the tomatoes Harley Merrill is said to have been bringing along with his lunch, he would be a very good person to give advice on your Victory gardens for next year and we do mean victory.

Fritz, we're sure you're having a nice time on that vacation, relaxing and all that, but somehow the printing department just does not seem the same so hurry back, but try to get rid of your Reachburn first. Next time don't be a hog.

We wish to report a new addition to the Ahrens family, a son-in-law. Best wishes, Alfred and Rosalie.

"Pick" says working around a printing press is no new job for him.

Can it be that Nick doesn't like "Graveyard" shift? When reminded he would be working that shift soon, all he said was "Oh, my goodness!"

Kat has been borrowed on a shift that is short of help. Next time your wife is away on vacation, Frank, try to remember, for the sake of your white socks, that colored clothes and white ones just won't mix in the wash.

Mary received that anxiously awaited letter today, or rather five letters, from her 'one and only.'

Irene is back at her old job again. How do you like it, Irene?

Mariah has been away from work for some time due to an operation for appendicitis. We hear she is getting along all right and hope to see her back at work soon.

All rabbits are dangerous. If you don't believe it, ask Harry. Even a dead one can kick well.

That's all for now, but we'll be seein' you. Bye.

Cleaner Crew News

By VAN V. JOHNSON

The Echo goes to press soon and I was asked today to gather up the news in our department. I have found it more difficult to secure all of the news from 72 workers scattered over 20 acres of floor than it is to keep the floors clean.

Theodore Merrill has been on the Clean Up crew for quite a while, but he has volunteered to clean up the Japs for Uncle Sam. We hope Uncle Sam issues him a long flexible water hose—he's a crack-shot.

Those in our group are: F. L. Cansler, foreman, and Chester West, assistant foreman; Franklin S. Fisher, Edward F. Fowler, Jethro J. Sentelle, Arthur H. Banther, Charlie R. Newton, Bowen D. Ward, John E. Cantrell, Posey B. Owen, Edgar Sitton, Horace C. Galloway, Evon N. Mitchell, Rosie Gillespie, Edith S. Queen, Lyda O. Dalton, Rosa A. Holden, Myrtle B. Pruitt, Cora R. Blythe, Ethel R. Smith, Blanche Owen, Mazie M. Orr, Josey F. Edwards, Edna E. Owens, Othia W. Morris, Bertha B. Nix and Gladys O. Reese.

Plant Research Dept. News

By DONA WRIGHT

All is well with our little group here on the third floor of the "T. T." building.

Our boss is in a chemical committee meeting at the present and the rest of us are very peaceful—if the train did not keep a continual buzzing in our ears.

Carolyn is very happy that the sun is behind a cloud, so she cannot see her shadow (as her shadow is a stumbling block in her way.)

If anyone wants to know why Josephine Powell is wearing such a sweet smile you might know that her boy friend was around to see her Sunday afternoon.

Lillie Nicholson spent her vacation at home, canning. We'll be around to see you this winter, Lillie.

Dr. Ray has been away on a business trip to Minnesota and North Dakota. You had a nice experience on the train, didn't you, Dr. Ray?

Anyone interested in buying a pair of keep-cool shoes, see Dave Ward (no ration stamps required.)

If anyone sees a "sandy haired" young man strutting through the cafeteria as if he didn't know anybody, don't be alarmed, it's just Jack Sewells. He used to be in the turkey business. He's minding a bunch of geese now.

I'm afraid my space is limited so I will sign off until the next time.

BLOCKING GAB

As this is not going to be in the news line, we think we will just jot down some heart-to-heart sayings and scripts. Read for yourself just what this world is made of. How's this: If fate appears to be against you, and life's goal seems only a dream, don't give up, just keep trying and always remember it takes a live fish to swim up a stream.

Here is a special item to all housewives: A Kentucky man broke his collar bone while beating rugs.

The way the girls are helping in this war, I think, we should call them "Defense Blondes."

Fifteen thousand dentists met in New York to discuss handling of national emergency conditions confronting dentists. No doubt they all pulled together.

Since Germany has started out to lick the world, I don't think it will get any further than its boots.

All the black market prices are high for the simple reason that some people are so low down.

All war facilitates the spread of diseases. What is it in America? It's jitters in Germany.

The man who ran away from a nice, warm steam-heated insane asylum in Indiana must have been crazy.

The blockers would like to suggest, to whom it may concern: To improve your trade, try adding a nice juicy steak.

Our boss may feel bad if he can't get enough gas for his vacation, but just think how much worse his hired help will feel if he can't.

I'll say adieu with my best wisdom. Loose auto nuts are most dangerous when one of them is driving. So long till Sept. rolls around.

STITCHING GAB

Another month has rolled around Here's the stitchers, safe and sound.

Bringing you a little news Hoping you will like our views.

John Smith is proud and happy He's just become a brand-new pappy.

We wish him all the luck and joy With that fine new baby boy.

Evelyn Taylor has been to town She wears a smile instead of a frown.

No wonder she's so happy and gay With a guy like that, we all say.

There's a girl named Ruby Dunn She's always been a lot of fun Now she says, "No, girls, I can't; I've just become another aunt."

Thelma Snyder is at her old den Back at her place on number 10. She's quite happy and asks nothing better

For from her brother, she's just had a letter.

"Slick" Galloway is so quiet and shy

You hardly know when she passes by

All those presents from Hawaii we admire

Some of the same we all desire.

Margaret and Josie are working hard

They do their best on every card

And it's business they're ever watching

Bringing praise and regard to the notching.

Next to come my way, I see

Is Lillie Siniard on number three. A better operator cannot be found

On the sea, in the air, or on the ground.

Frances Webb is absent today

We hope she won't be long away But soon return to help us out

For we miss her being about.

Kate Sanders works most every day

While her husband's gone away To fight for all and for his wife

He'll soon return, you bet your life!

Bobby Mitchem is in there pitching

He does his best for us in stitching

A grand fellow-worker is he And a grand mechanic he's going to be.

Pauline, who's one of our newer girls

Has blue eyes and dark brown curls

She loves to work with us, we tell

And hope she remains for quite a spell.

I am quite sure we'll all agree

Bill Hunter's the monkey of society

But when you're in trouble and in a mess,

Just send Bill an S. O. S.

Katherine Fisher, we're glad to see

A new girl to stitching is she We hope she'll be happy in here

From Machine Booklet she did lately appear.

Hazel Owen had a nice surprise She could scarcely believe with

Gumming News

(SHIFT "E")

By EVELYN MORROW

A week or so ago we had a visitor from the army, Willie L. Gash. He came around for a couple of days. Everyone was pleased to see him.

Shift "E" had a hamburger fry last Tuesday evening. First we went swimming and all the fellows and girls exhibited their diving techniques. I'm afraid some hit the water kinda flat—yeah, you guessed, they certainly were burned to a turn. As for me, I got a nice ducking, scaring the wits out of me, otherwise unharmed. I don't know why it is that people who are afraid of fire or water always try to get closer. Perhaps it's just a part of human nature. There were pictures taken which turned out swell. Jim Holden is rated a first class chef, at least those hamburgers were certainly delicious. After everything, except a couple of tomatoes and some onions, was eaten, Walter Straus paid us a visit. Poor fellow, he didn't know then what a predicament he was getting himself into. We made him eat the last of them — onions and all. Hope he didn't have too much company afterwards.

They say some people never grow old, that they grow younger as the years pass by. Believe me, I'll never doubt that again, after seeing those men play as they did. Everyone had a wonderful time. Tired and happy after so much exertion, we called it a day and went home. You ought to try the same some time. You may be black and blue all over, so sore you can't bend, but I'll guarantee you'll have fun. Be seeing you.

Mitchel Taylor is expecting to do a lot of traveling next week on his vacation. Luck to you, Mitchel, you deserve it.

Goode Loftis spent last week on vacation. Fishing, I guess.

Ed Garren entered the armed forces Monday, Aug. 21st. Luck to you, Ed!

her eyes,
A visitor from across the dam
Her dear brother from "Alabam."

We know she is not very well
And we miss you, Nell
Hoping you'll be back soon
Feeling like singing a happy tune.

Wilma is quite well and able
To do the work there at the table

A very pretty girl, we all agree
As she works there quietly.

I've brought the news to you today

In my own particular style and way

I know this fact you will not dispute

As a reporter, I'm a poor substitute.

Betsy Allison.

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