

## OFFICE BITS

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Hear ye, hear ye, don't get excited, folks, it's just the "Main Office" gossip. We have had plenty of excitement this month. We hope every one had his rabbit foot on Friday, the 13th. It surely came in handy.

If any of you feel down and out, and think there is nothing to live for, just borrow Mr. Heyman's "21 Delightful Ways to Commit Suicide." We hear that it is a very popular book these days.

Well, it seems that we lost another of our crew. Lucille Collins got hitched up before Sadie Hawkins Day. Congratulations and the best of luck to you both.

Betsey and Dinkey McCall reported a nice trip to Washington, D. C., last week-end. No secrets allowed, girls.

At last the calendars are getting a little rest. The time finally rolled around for Ruth Shepherd's vacation, which carried her to New York.

Reba Russell has left us for a while to be with her husband, who at the present time is stationed in Colorado.

Charlie Cook is entering the livestock business. Charlie is purchasing goats by the dozen; so, folks, if you have a goat to sell, just call No. 343.

The office force from Hendersonville came in excited one morning after having been side-swiped by a truck while on the way to work. No one was hurt, though.

We welcome Mary Drake to the Payroll department this month. Mary is from Hendersonville. Before coming to Ecusta, Mary was employed in Washington, D. C.

We hear Mr. Huskamp is a grandfather now. Congratulations, Mr. Huskamp.

Katherine Kirk and Mrs. Ola Gooch both reported nice vacations this month. It is nice to see their smiling faces back with us again.

Howard Schmidt went on a snipe hunt last week. We hear his luck wasn't so good, though. It seems that the snipes weren't biting much that day.

If anyone has an alarm clock for sale, please get in touch with Mr. Kapp so he won't have to eat his breakfast on the bus anymore.

Is Hicks Scruggs taking a correspondence course, or is Keesler Field back of all this?

"We have just learned Art Loeb, formerly of the Fibre Department in the Office, has been promoted to first lieutenant (seems to us he's been a second lieutenant only a short time) and is supposedly on his way to the coast for Pacific overseas duty. We wish him a lot of luck."

Well, so long, folks, guess that's all for this time.

## Hand Booklet News

BY EILEEN NELSON

What would happen IF: The frost bit Kat Mackey's flowers? Toot Pharr came to work on time? Jimmy didn't stop by and talk to Hazel?

Flossie, Eileen and Vi had a serious thought?

Annie Lou lost her hair-bow? Carolyn W. didn't get to go to Camp Croft on Thursday night?

Virginia's shoes got dirty?

Mary, Georgia, and Martha didn't get on the bus first?

Charlotte J. didn't lose her voice once a year?

## Skirt and Jacket Ensemble Interchangeable



This fall's school and business girls are demanding clothes with a new, trim look. In assembling their wardrobes, they will look for pieces with deft tailoring and ingenious detail. A clever girl will make, as the foundation of her cool weather wardrobe, this yellow wool skirt and checked jacket with the new extended shoulder. She can thus pair off the skirt and jacket with other outfits and experiment with the various types of accessories.

(A brand new leaflet with all sorts of ideas for assembling a balanced wardrobe is No. M 5757, "Fall Fashions to Make, Match and Mix." This leaflet is available to you, free of charge by calling at the Library.)

## Just For Fun

LIKE EGGS - FRESH AND NEW, YOU BET!

(Several of the following "smiles" were sent in by some fellows in the Paint department).

## MISTAKEN IDENTITY

A pin initialed "WAM" sold right and left in Washington recently. The jeweler who brought it out meant it for women who were doing "without a maid" for the duration. Most of his customers, however, seemed to be teen-aged government girls. "Why, Mister," one exclaimed, "don't you know 'WAM' means 'without a man!'"

## LEARNING THE HARD WAY

Young Doctor: "Did you ever make a serious mistake in a diagnosis?"

Old Doctor: "Yes, an old fellow in shabby clothes came into my office one day and after I told him all he had was a stomach ache, I learned he was rich enough to have appendicitis."

## IT HAPPENED IN INDIA

A young officer had been killed by a tiger. His parents in England wanted the boy buried in the family vault and wired the colonel of his regiment: "Please send poor James home to us, all expenses paid." After many months, a gigantic coffin arrived. On opening it the family was horrified to discover a dead tiger. They wired

the colonel: "Some mistake here; tiger in coffin, not James." The colonel replied: "No mistake whatever, tiger in coffin, James in tiger."

## INSULT TO INJURY

A country preacher was informed that the congregation had voted to increase his salary \$200.

"Tell those good souls," he replied, "that I cannot accept it. I have enough trouble now trying to collect my present salary."

## BATTLE SCARS

Barber: "Haven't I shaved you before?"

Sergeant: "Nope, I got this scar at Pearl Harbor."

## CLOSELY RELATED

"Jimmy, I wish you'd learn better table manners. You're a regular pig at the table."

Deep silence on Jimmy's part. So father, in order to impress him more, added, "I say, Jim, do you know what a pig is?"

"Yes, dad," replied Jimmy meekly. "It's a hog's little boy."

## ALL TOGETHER

The U. S. Naval Construction Battalion "Sea B Gull" tells the story of a chaplain who was trying to organize a choir with a group of volunteer singers. "No, no, no!" the chaplain interrupted. Only the

## TIME SAVERS

**BRIGHTENING ALUMINUM** — If aluminum ware is darkened with stains, boil rhubarb leaves and water in it. The inside of a pan or kettle will be bright in a few minutes. Wash thoroughly afterwards.—Mrs. M. R., Penn.

**QUICK GREASING** — Grease baking sheet with a piece of bacon rind when baking cookies. A small piece of rind will suffice for a large baking. Saves fat and time.—Mrs. W. F. C., Iowa.

**TOO SALTY** — When too much salt has been spilled into the soup, slice a raw potato and let boil for five or six minutes. Then lift out potato.—Mrs. J. G. C., Mass.

**POT SCRAPER**—Cooking utensils can be quickly and easily cleaned by the use of a common wooden clothespin. Split one and you have an ideal pot scraper—one which is economical and will not rust or scratch enamel ware or aluminum.—E. T. Utah.

**DRESSING GAME**—When dressing wild game that has been shot, if fur, feathers or shot are embedded in the flesh, use a crochet hook to remove.—Mrs. F. W., Ill.

**NUTCRACKER FOR CAPS**—To remove caps which are hard to unscrew from sirup bottles, try using a 10c nutcracker. It acts like a vise, and works even on glue bottles.—Mrs. W. L., Ohio.

tenor sings that part. The rest of you just hum. Now, don't forget! The tenor will sing alone until we come to the 'gates of hell,' then you all come in!"

## WASTED ENERGY

Johnson: "What's wrong? You look awfully mad."

Thompson: "I am. Here I have been treating a patient for three years for yellow jaundice and now I find he is Chinese."

## MORE, MORE

Teacher: "Johnny, I'm surprised! Do you know any more jokes like that?"

Johnny: "Yes, teacher."

Teacher: "Well, stay after school."

## COULD BE

A lady motorist was driving on a country road when she spied some repair men climbing telephone poles. "Fools," she exclaimed inwardly, "they must think I never drove a car!"

## NO MISTAKE

A lady, checking over her grocery bill, found this item: "One tom cat, 15 cents." Indignant, she called her grocer and demanded what he meant by such a charge.

"Oh, that's all right, Mrs. Blank," he replied, "that's just an abbreviation for tomato catsup."

## MUTUAL

A captain and the colonel were walking down the drill hall. They met many privates and each time the captain would salute, he would mutter, "The same to you."

The colonel's curiosity soon got the better of him and he asked: "Why do you always say that?"

The captain replied: "I was once a private and I know what they are thinking."

## EASIER

"Have you any explanation for your wandering around at this time of the night in this drunken condition?"

"Ossifer, do you suppose that if I had an explanashun I'd be out here in thish cold instead of in there explaining to the lil' wifey?"