

News And Gossip From Our Various Departments

Cafeteria Chatter

By MRS. SULA COX

First, we each wish to express our thanks to our company for our Christmas presents and to say that we enjoyed the Christmas music. We think Mr. Eversman's youngsters certainly did well. We also enjoyed Mr. Bennett's speech.

We wish to welcome Marjorie Faye Patton to our gang. We hope you will like us and remain with us for a long time, Marjorie.

The older members of the gang especially enjoyed a visit from a former member, S-Sgt. Dan Hill. Dan was visiting us on his third anniversary of leaving for service. He was somewhat disappointed not to find more members of the old gang here. Only six remained. He is a gunnery instructor, stationed at Waycross, Ga.

Mrs. Blake can boast a new daughter-in-law for Christmas. We wish them the best of everything, Mrs. Blake.

Ethel reports a letter from Carl, written Dec. 25th. He says he had a good dinner. We hope they all did.

Bessie and young son, Donald, spent the week-end of Jan. 2 with Sylvia at her apartment in Hendersonville.

Sylvia feels much better about that husband of hers, since he informed her of his arrival in England. He writes that he hopes to contact her brother, Cloyd Levi, who is also in England.

Edna Batson and family enjoyed visits for Christmas from S-Sgt. Hubert Batson of Camp Mackall, N. C., and from Woodard Batson of Ypsilanti, Mich. Woodard works for the Ford airplane factory there. Homer has also arrived home for a visit since Christmas. Carrol is still overseas.

Bessie spent several days during Christmas week with her sister, Mrs. Lowell Ensley, of Brunswick, Ga. She went because of the sudden accidental death of Mr. Ensley, who was killed by a hit-and-run driver. We extend our sympathy.

The draft board is knocking at our door again. Hal has been put in 1-A and Lee Roy is going to Ft. Bragg the 23rd, to see just what Uncle Sam wants him to do. If we lose them, we will have to say, "We have lost two of our best." We will have two more good soldiers, though, and maybe this old war will soon be over, and we will get all our boys back home.

Divola was showing us the Purple Heart awarded to Bill for wounds received in action. It goes without saying that we are very proud of Bill, also a whole string of other servicemen representing our department. Divola is very happy and excited because of a letter saying that he may get to come home soon—probably February. We hope you are not disappointed, pal.

Ethel and Nadine are lucky owners of the most unusual rings we ever saw. They both came from souvenir metal. Several unusual pieces of jewelry have found their way here.

We have a name-complex—two Joes, a Jo, two Freds and two Ednas. Looks like we need some new nick-names. Come on, folks, help us out.

Divola and her roommate, Lillian Rochester, of Machine Booklet, visited Miss Clarene Cogdill of N. Wilkesboro on the week-end

Winner Of 1945 Baby Derby Contest



Meet HAROLD PEARSON NICHOLSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nicholson, of Route 2, Brevard, who was born in the Transylvania Community Hospital on Monday afternoon, January 1, at 2:45 o'clock. The baby's father works at Ecusta and the baby is the winner of Ecusta's annual baby contest and will receive a \$25.00 war bond. Best wishes to the young lad and to his parents.

Chemical Lab. News

By THELMA GLAZENER

The new year entered the lab. with resolutions and memories of the Christmas holidays. Anna, Frances, Dot and Lucille remember best—they had five whole days, but the major problem on their shift now, is Frances going to Virginia or isn't she?

Wilkie, his pipe and co-workers report a plenty "super" time on their Christmas party.

Aleene, what's this about you and Santa Claus?

Hazel went home for one day and then rushes madly back to Brevard—explanation, please!

Then there's the resolution to drink as much coffee in '45 as they did in '44. What about it Edith, Mary, Pearl and Willie Mae? Tops to all resolutions is the little lab's "Highway To Heaven" box. Lucy, Hazel, Dot, Lewis or Paul, who's gonna fill it?

The lab. extends sympathy to Marietta and Ray.

of the 6th and 7th.

The Canteen gang held a party of celebration on Thursday night. It seems that every one had a grand time. Practically all present members were there, also several former members.

We rejoice with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kay in the arrival of a daughter, Miss Martha Louise. Mrs. Kay is a former member of the Cafeteria gang.

We all are pleased about the excellent rating given our Cafeteria by Mr. Walter Hart, Transylvania health inspector, and will all resolve to work and keep it that way.

OLD REFRAIN

"How much have you sung?" queried the bored producer of the young lady being auditioned.

"Down to where it says 'refrain,'" she replied.

"Then," he remarked dryly, "I suggest you do what it says."

Refining News

(Shift B)

By OSCAR W. HARBIN

We have several new men working in the Refining Dept. since the last issue of our paper, and we welcome them to our department.

We all went to work with the same thought in mind: don't let the service men or civilians say, "We could smoke if there were not a paper shortage." To keep the wheels rolling, we have men that are willing to work as long as the need may be. That is a fine spirit. If our boys keep the battle front going, let us work and keep the home front going, and do all we can toward getting smokes to them.

We are all looking for greater things this New Year. Our boys are fighting harder than ever; we should work the same way, with Victory as our goal.

We have men back that have been out due to sickness. Glad to see Orr, Love and Whitmire back with us.

We miss "Little Cowboy", who has been transferred to another shift. He is now operating the electric jack. Little, but loud, "Cowboy" is always on the job.

Jokes

Dinah: "I thought Rastus was froze on that defense job—now you say he is out of work."

Lindy: "Lawdy, chile, he wuz, but that hard-boiled fo'man done defrosted him."

Doctor (making out a birth certificate for Mose's and Dinah's first child): "What is the name?"

Dinah: "Electricity."

Doctor: "Why 'Electricity'?"

Dinah: "His daddy's name is Mose, mine is Dinah, and if Dinah-Mose don' make electricity, what do dey make?"

Machine Room News

BY JOHN GOOLSBY

Well, to start a new month and a new year, we will tell you of a newly-wed.

Bernice Roberts signed a life contract with Miss Mildred Hollingsworth to be her lawful wedded husband for the rest of his natural life, to love, honor and obey, for better or worse, and cherish unto the end. Congratulations to both of you; we wish you both a life time of happiness. They were married in Greenville, S. C., Dec. 30th.

Salesman — Say your shoes are mixed. You have got the left shoe on the right foot.

Henry McCormick—By gum; and for 20 years I thought I was club-footed.

When you can get a story from those boys in Hendersonville you have got to be on your toes. Frank (Foods) Case was telling me he was up at a rather late hour of the early morning and was on his way home when he met Ed White. Well, anyway, Ed was quite a rabbit hunter and he could not see how he was going to do much hunting with the ammunition he had on hand. Foods asked him what he was doing out at that hour of the morning. He said he thought he would go out early like that and catch them before they woke up.

Did you ever stop and ask yourself this question: What kind of a plant would this plant be if all the men were just like me?

To you boys that have come to our department recently, I believe you can get some good out of the following. I hope so.

Your job is important, don't think it is not,

So try, and give it the best you have got.

And don't think, ever, that you are of little account,

Remember you are a part of the total amount.

If they didn't need you, you would not be there,

So always, my lad, keep your chin in the air.

A third hand, machine tender or a clerk

Think well of your company, yourself and your work.

—Anon.

Well, this is the first time I could speak of our bowling team. You see we are on top at this writing. If it is possible that we can hold this lead, we will be eligible to play in the finals. Why can't we attend some of these games and keep that Machine Room spirit alive?

We have had quite a few of the boys visiting us in the past month and they all spoke of this war being over, and how they would love to be back working. Let me say this, fellows, we all agree with you 100 per cent and hope how soon it will be.

Most fellows will tell you to pay your income tax with a smile. Brother, don't you believe it, it takes money. That is one place a smile will not work.

BUY WAR BONDS!