

News And Gossip From Our Various Departments

Endless Chatter

By RUTH AND NELLE

We welcome several girls who came into our department last month. We are also glad to have Nell Loftis back.

Wonder how many more winters it will be before Nelle, Ruth and Addie B. forget the lesson they learned on "How to Catch a Cold" when they went riding in a convertible with the top down. Fun though, wasn't it?

Today we heard why Mary Sue is going around with that extra big smile. Her brother is home from the Navy.

Mildred B. is still wondering when she will get a call and someone says, "Hello, this is Buddy."

Dot H., Lucille M., Enda R. and Virgie F. are really happy now that their better halves are home to stay.

We are sorry to lose Dot and Lucille, as they are going to leave us.

The old flame seems to still be burning brightly for Faye and Henry.

Who is the man Helen N. has been dating lately?

Ruth is expecting what she considers the best of the U. S. Navy home soon. Pat D. is still singing "I wonder when my baby's coming home?"

Nelle G. is going to parachute from her front porch to the road these rainy mornings—her feet don't seem to be doing her much good lately—the ground flies up and hits her.

We surely enjoyed the square dance last Friday night. Hope we have more—soon!

FLASH! WANTED—BOWLERS!

Maintenance Dept.

BY EMMETT CLARK

Winter is now at hand and that calls for a lot of changes—to overcoats, sweaters, etc. The snappy breezes even change yor cheeks to that school girl complexion. Sometimes I wonder what with cold weather coming on, the coal shortage, etc. and everything else being changed, why someone doesn't write in to Washington and get Winter put off for thirty days.

As everybody knows, we have a Jesse James in our department, but this morning "Big Bill Hickok" (DeBord) appeared in the shop.

Bear season has been in full swing, but haven't yet heard of any deer or bear tales except that old one about the big one that got away.

We want to welcome back to the department Robert Taylor, John J. Brown Thomas E. Poor, and Earl Fullbright.

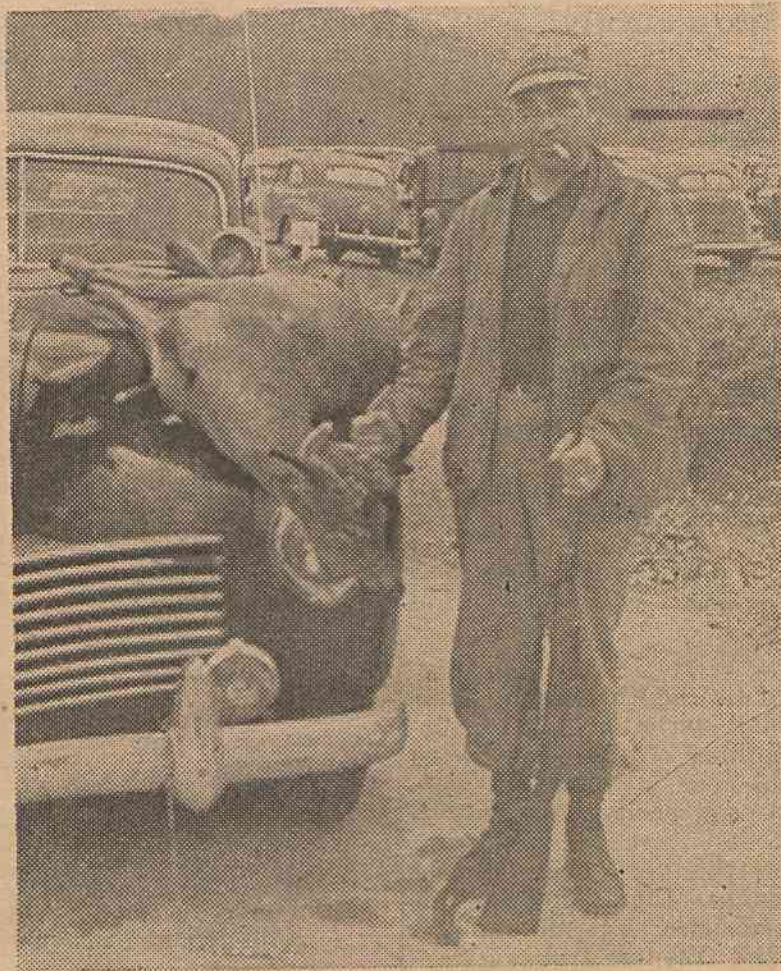
Robert Taylor served 3 years and 9 months — mostly in England. John Brown served 3 years 8 months with 20 months in England, France, Belgium, Germany. Earl Fullbright served 3 years, 9 months 26 months in England and Germany. Thomas Poor served 40 months in Africa, Italy, Sicily, France, Germany and Alaska.

Several of the fellows claim to have some nice porkers and with this cold snap guess the meat shortage will ease up a bit for those who are lucky enough to have raised their own meat.

Rabbit is building onto his house—adding four more rooms.

Shorty Freeman and James Passmore have boys born to their fami-

Ecusta's Police Chief Kills Large Buck



CHIEF "BUCK" McCALL, of the Ecusta Police department, was the first Ecustan to kill a deer this season in Pisgah Forest. After having spent all of Monday in the Forest waiting for a bear, Mr. McCall went back again on Tuesday and about eleven o'clock he said two does and two bucks came by. Even though he had had his heart set on getting a bear this season, Chief McCALL said he couldn't resist the temptation to shoot when he saw the large buck. It weighed 167 pounds and only had 2 spikes 8" long, covered with velvet and 13 inches at the top. Buck brought him down with one shot at "DEAD-END" of the Scenic Highway near Ravens' Nest Gap.

lies—we won't say baby boys because they seem to be half grown. One weighed 9 lb. 10 oz. and the other 9½ lbs. Thanks for the cigars, boys.

Carl Eldridge is very proud of a new 7-pound baby.

Tom Heaton is all smiles now that his son is on his way home from the Pacific.

Here's a little story I thought you might enjoy:

Down in Kentucky an old hill-billy decided to venture out of the hills. As he cautiously led his mule to the edge of the paved road, a car streaked by, leaving the old man wonder-struck as he stared after the disappearing dust screen. At that instant a motorcycle cop tore by the mountaineer in pursuit of the motorist. This was too much for the old-timer. Turning to his mule he said: "Dang it, Effie, I'd a' never thought that blasted thing could 'a' had a colt."

Well so much for this month. Wishing everyone a nice Thanksgiving with all the turkey and trimmings that go with it.

HARD TO EXPLAIN

A newly married doctor was walking with his wife when a beautiful girl smiled and bowed to him. The wife became suspicious.

"Who is the lady, dear?"

"Oh, just a girl I met professionally."

"No doubt," replied the wife, "but whose profession—yours or hers?"

Autobound News

BY EULA GRAY

"Deadline" again and here we are off with the game of "Let's Pretend!" We pretend we have some good news for you and you pretend you like it. Anyway here is what we have to offer you this month.

We are glad to see our two new mechanics back on the job, L. C. Wilson and William Albert.

Several of the girls took their vacations last week. They all came back to work and sure were surprised to hear they hadn't even been missed. Don't believe it!

Foot: Foot: Where is Jewel working this week? Oh yes, I see she is up at the front. We miss you back on No. 1.

Clara Belle, what's this we hear about your boy friend getting a discharge?

Jean, has a certain guy got home from India yet? Guess we will hear from you when he gets here tho'.

We have all missed Willie since she has gone to Florida.

Myrtle, we've not heard anything from you lately, turn a few of those secrets loose.

Johnnie S. is on his vacation this week. Keep the motorcycle in the road. We don't want you to come back to work minus a leg or eye.

Here is an item for the Lonesome Heart Society: Which of the three mechanics will Mary Edith choose as her best man? Best man always wins. Poor fellow, it sure is a close race.

Well, this is all folks so don't forget to "Let's Pretend" you like it. So long till Christmas.

Highlands. They seem to like those square dances at Helen's Barn. Hicks also seems to be very fond of spiders, or should I say "Spider".

Thelma Alexander left on Friday, November 9, for New Orleans to meet Jack. Reports on Sunday were that she was still waiting for the gentleman to show up. When they return, they plan to live in Brevard.

We are pleased to welcome the following newcomers to the Main Office: Harry Byers, John Lee Emory, John T. Geoghegan, Metta Woods, Harry Dreyer, Bill Hunnicutt and Charles Rawls.

Since the beginning of the football season and the ending of the World Series, we find that Carl Stephens' blood pressure has again reached normal.

Did you notice the long face Gladys Burnette has been wearing around for the last three weeks? Cheer up, Gladys, Woody'll be back. Anyway, it isn't too far to New York.

Aloha!

EXPENSIVE TREAT

WILSON BARRETT, the actor, thinking to give a number of workmen who were redecorating his house a treat, asked if they would like to have complimentary seats one evening to see him play in "The Lights of London." They said they didn't mind if they did, and all went one Saturday night.

At the end of the week, Barrett's eye caught sight of this item against each workman's name on the pay-sheet: "Saturday night. Four hours overtime at Princess Theatre, eight shillings."

Office Bits

By FELICIA EDWARDS AND CARMEL McCRARY

Well, another month just slid around the corner and it was time for Echo news before your reporters could say "Jack Robinson."

Old "Lucky" Stephens is at it again. He won a 20-pound turkey in the Park Place benefit raffle. We really don't think that Thanksgiving bird should travel out of Transylvania county, though.

Little Miss Betty Barker, daughter of V. E. Barker of the Accounting department, is going places in New York City. She went to New York in June to do modeling. Three weeks ago she won first place in Macy's Dept. store children's portrait contest in competition with 8,000 children. She also appeared in a television broadcast and will appear soon as one of the characters in a stage show entitled "Passing Show."

We extend our deepest sympathy to L. D. and Bob Maney on the death of their father and grandfather.

We are glad to have Pat Hodson back with us after being in McCleary Sanatorium in Excelsior Springs, Mo., for some time.

Have you noticed the smiles Reba Russell has been passing out lately? Charlie, as this is being written, is being "cleared" from the army. The army's loss and Reba's gain!

Hicks and Gladys report the most wonderful week-end in