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Companies Resume 42-Hour Work Week

King Winter Still Reigns Supreme At Pisgah Forest



Even the old timers have difficulty in remembering a worse winter. So far this season there have been nine snows, lots of cold rain and plenty of sleet, topped by the record-breaking sleet storm on Christmas eve. Transportation hasn't been too easy, but fortunately the Ecusta buses have managed to maintain excellent schedules and absenteeism resulting from bad weather has been less than might be anticipated. The photo above was made just after the terrible sleet storm.

AN INCREASE IN PAY GIVEN HOURLY WORKERS IN PLANT

New Schedule Became Effective Jan. 21. Dropped Forty-Eight Hours.

Last Monday, January 21st., employees of all Companies resumed their pre-war work schedule of 42 hours per week. This new schedule has been put into effect as a further step along with the reconversion plans.

At the same time, a general increase of 15 per cent in wages paid to hourly workers went into effect.

Everyone has been looking forward to the time when we could resume this shorter work-week so that they might have more free time. After talking with many of the employees, it is evident that the plan has the unanimous approval of employees.

The 48-hour shift was put into effect in May, 1943, for the purpose of increasing production as an aid to the war effort. The original plans for the 48-hour-week were made in April, 1941, shortly after entry into the war. The 48-hour-week was adopted in compliance with the orders issued by President Roosevelt and the War Manpower Commission.

All employees are to be highly commended for their patriotic cooperation in the 48-hour week schedule which has been in operation for nearly three years.

BINGO AND DANCE ARE ANNOUNCED

Recreation Department To Sponsor Two Employee Parties In February.

The Recreation Department has a full schedule of entertainment planned for employees during the month of February.

Another square dance will be held in the Cafeteria on Friday night, February 1st., and all employees—their husbands and wives—are cordially invited to attend. A large crowd attended the last square dance, which was held January 18th. The Ecusta string band, as usual, provided the music and Walter Wood was caller.

On February 15th., there will be another big Bingo party and, judging from the turn-outs for the last two Bingo parties, a capacity crowd is expected. As has been the custom in the two preceding Bingo

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CHAMPAGNE AND PULP MILL LEAD

Keen Interest In Bowling League. Season Is Now Half Over.

As the Ecusta bowling leagues reach the half-way mark of the season, interest in both divisions continues keen.

The biggest news this month is the fact that the Champagne Stars in the women's duck pin division, finally lost a game. Endless Belt took a game away from the Stars Wednesday night.

With 29 victories and only one loss, the Stars are, of course, leading and Finishing is in second place.

In the men's ten pin division, Pulp Mill is now on top, followed closely by Champagne, and Maintenance and Machine Room tied for third.

Bruce Reynolds broke Simpson's record with a set score of 603. Control has set a new high game record with a score of 896.

The men are continuing to bowl on Monday nights and the women on Wednesday nights.

There is also a lot of interest in the Tri-City bowling league in which the Ecusta team, headed by Walter Straus, is in second place.

Large Crowd Enjoyed Entertainment Play Friday Night In The Cafeteria

Ecusta Bowlers In Second Place In Tri-City League

Ecusta's entry in the WNC Bowling League, with the aid of consistent bowling and good teamwork, is now in control of second place.

Their standing in the league would be much more impressive if it were not for the ever present league-leading Champion Y. M. C. A. team of Canton. The latter, for years past, has been the top-notch team of this section, and again this year is repeating this steady performance. So in comparison with the other league members, Ecusta is doing a swell job.

The team consists of Bruce Reynolds, of Maintenance; Chris Rogers, of Champagne; Joe Lavell and Charley Colwell, of Finishing; Walter Straus, of Champagne; and Ralph Morris, of the Pulp Mill. The team average for the season is 840.

LEAGUE STANDING

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Champion Y. M. C. A.	4	9
Ecusta	34	20
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Bill Jordan And Sonya Colwell Star In "Petticoat Fever" Play.

A large crowd of employees, members of their families and friends enjoyed a highly entertaining three-act play, "Petticoat Fever", that was presented Friday night in the Cafeteria by the entertainment committee of the Five-Year club.

This outstanding play, which was directed by Bill Jordan who also played the leading role, was a big success on Broadway and was equally acclaimed here at Ecusta, thanks for the work and acting of the director and the other talented characters in the play. Sonya Colwell, who is chairman of the entertainment committee, played the leading feminine role opposite Director Jordan and displayed much dramatic ability.

Others taking parts in the play were Leon English, Ernest Burch, Willie Prince, Hazel McKinney Reese, Luke Harrison, Lloyd Harris, Fred McCann and Ellen Sentele.

The play portrayed the every-day life of a wireless operator who hadn't seen a woman for months

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