

Machine Room News

By JOHN GOOLSBY

This month's news is filled with various things that have come to pass in the last few weeks. There has been sorrow in losing people dear to us and happiness in the little ones that have come to take their place. Our sympathy goes out to those who have lost loved ones—and our congratulations to those mothers and fathers of new-born joys.

It is with deep regret that I write the following three items: Early December 21st, the grim reaper came and took with him Tommy Hampton, Jr., our fellow worker on No. 5 machine. Tommy served his country almost four years and had been out of the hospital only about a week when the end came. We extend to his family our deepest sympathy.

Wilson Gregory was called to his home in Spartanburg. While there he lost his best friend and companion, his father, who passed away December 20th, after a short illness. Our hearts go out to this family in their hour of sorrow.

On Sunday, January 6th., the mother of Coy Fisher passed on after a lingering illness. Coy runs No. 5 machine and is also our vice-president of the Five-Year Service club. To Coy and his family, we mourn with you the loss of your mother.

Herbert (Speed) Roe and Everett Little visited their home town up in Ohio. I do not have it whether they went alone or together, but Speed came back three days ahead of schedule due to cold weather. Bathing here in this tropical weather does make the cold go hard with one. Everett piloted a small cub plane up there and was grounded due to bad weather. He told me he walked out of there, but he sure did go back in style. Nice work!

Now if any of you people would like to have some fowls fattened, I know just the man, Billy C. Shook, who'll really fix one up for you in about seven days. He experimented on his first one only a few weeks back; he is a great believer in "closer to the bone, the sweeter the meat."

Congratulations to Tom Brown and the missus on the birth of a daughter on December 8th., at an Asheville hospital. The name is Betty Jo; mother and daughter getting along fine.

And another little bundle from heaven was left at the home of Coy Fisher December 8th. An eight pound baby boy. Congratulations!

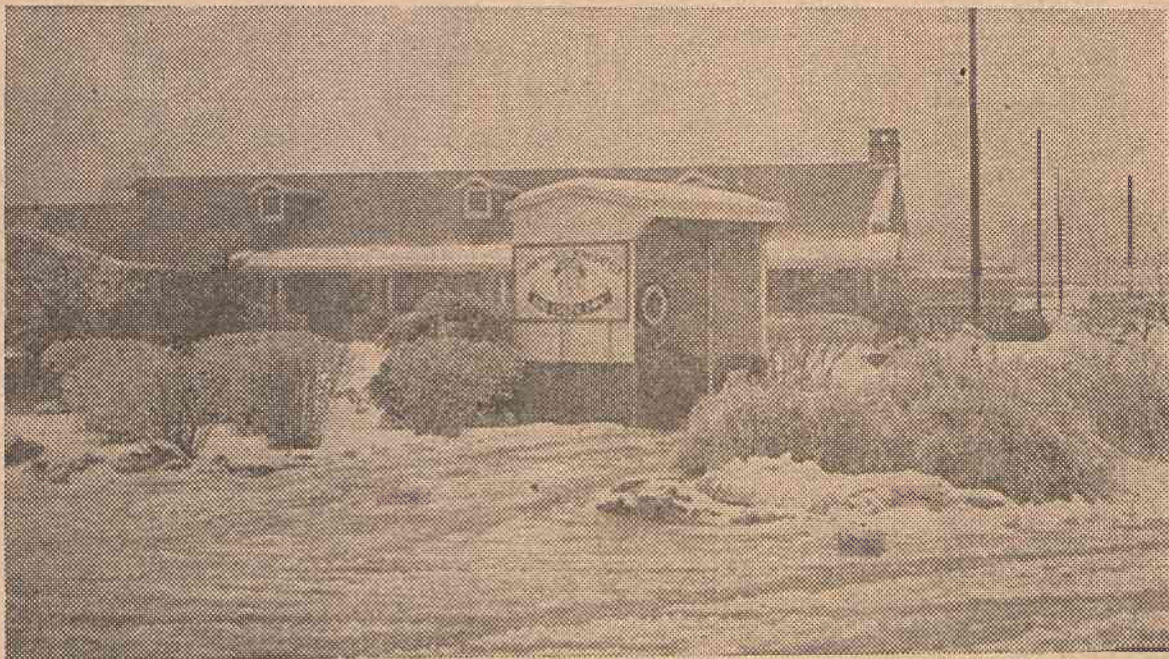
Wait, that isn't all! Liston Hughy, Jr., arrived at the Mission hospital, starting off life with eight pounds. He'll make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Liston Hughy. Mother and son doing fine. Where are those cigars, 'Red'?

Well, at last I can tell our folks we have a bowling team from the Machine Room! We are, at this writing, in first place. It is one of the best teams I have ever seen in action. If there was ever a time in bowling to turn the power on, it is now. Let's all of us go out and help keep these boys in first place.

Clarence (Indian Chief) White asked me to thank those boys from No. 2 and No. 4 machines for the lovely Christmas gift they gave him. So to Heaton, Langley, Bryson, Cagle and James Fisher, thanks. He says that there was nothing they could have given him that he would have enjoyed any more.

We're certainly happy to have our boss, Jess Denton, back following two days' illness and to know

Pretty, Yes! But Oh, How Slippery It Was Christmas Eve!



You remember Christmas eve, don't you? The worst ice storm in years visited this section and not only provided a "White Christmas", but also made the ground so slippery that it was difficult to walk or ride with any degree of safety. The above picture, looking from the Gatehouse towards the Cafeteria, was made at that time.

Five-Year Service Club News

We are happy to report that with the New Year many, many old familiar faces are back safely from the war—back to job again.

This month we welcome the following service men back to Ecusta and the Five-Year Service club: Ernest Cagle, Melvin L. McCormick, Eben S. Morrow, Lensy C. Sanders, Fred G. Barton, John B. Reid, Jackson A. Gillespie, William E. Drake, Charles L. Russell, Wade M. Scroggs, William J. Bailey, Millender M. Matthews, William F. Booker, A. Bryan Combs, Jr., Robert H. Duckworth, Arthur J. Loeb, Augustine W. Tucker, Jr., James P. Morrow, Burwell F. Hall, Jr., Clifford McCrary, Lambert E. Bagwell, Jr., Kenneth M. Roberts, Fred E. Bishop, Brisco Parker, Boyd B. Meixell, Jr., Burder W. Teague, Durham L. Thorne, Jr., Charles E. Holcombe, James E. Mosier, Jr., Ralph C. Morris, Clifton Moore, Charles Sitton, Hubert E. Batson, Edward H. Mackey, Jr., David M. Blackwell, James T. Williams, Harold L. Erwin, Robert C. Anders, Harry L. Reese.

In addition to our ever-growing club, the following employees have also completed five years of service to the company and have become members of the club: Henry E. Newbury, Edith L. Wright, Eva M. Sentelle, O'Beria R. Thompson, Tulen Deaver, Ada L. Reynolds, Maude Stewart, Hazel M. Reese, Thelma D. Snyder, Russell Reese, Earl G. Garren, Katherine B. Mackey, Birt W. Alexander, Harry G. Sentelle, James B. Waldrop.

Since our president, Luke Harrison, was kind enough to adjourn the meeting in such an efficient and rapid manner, and which by the way just gives you all an idea of how quickly we can do things in this club, the play, "PETTICOAT FEVER," got underway in a hurry. Judging from the well-attended audience, this play was given to a 'play-hungry' bunch of people. We should have more of them—what say, folks? If you liked it,

Mrs. Denton has returned home after a successful operation.

why not write a short note to the Echo. Our Recreational director wants your comments. It is really surprising—all the amateur talent which we have here at Ecusta. Some of our Thespians have already displayed their talent to you once before. To our new stars of the Ecusta Playhouse, thanks for a job well done.

As this is our first news column since Christmas, we do wish to thank everyone concerned for the swell Christmas program. Surveying the gathering at the Cafeteria that evening, we were duly impressed with the serious and almost reverent expression of all gathered there as they listened to the carols and hymns of Christmas tide; then as our boss told us of his plans for 1946, the expressions of happiness and good fellowship which followed.

To the boss, at this time, the Five-Year Service club again wishes him a very Happy Birthday and many more prosperous years in the best of health. It has been swell working with you these past five years, and we hope to enjoy many more under your employ.—By Richard Landeck.

SOMEWHAT YIELDING

The Hotel Lexington in New York, whose clientele includes many salesmen and buyers from other cities, keeps a record of the business houses represented among the guests. A breezy lady from the West, after filling in her name and address on the registration card, seemed to be brought up short by the query, "Firm?" She nibbled her pen a moment, then wrote "Not very."

NOTICE

All veterans who have not received the Ecusta Fifth Anniversary book should contact the Director of Personnel who has a copy for each one of them.

Autobound News

By EULA GRAY

January starts off a New Year for everyone. Let's all work together to make this above all a prosperous and peaceful year. We are all looking forward to your cooperation in making this the best year in years.

At this writing this finds some changes made in our department. Lots of the girls have left us for other departments. We miss you all and hope you like and make good at your new jobs.

We, as spectators at the first basketball game, enjoyed your game with Enka. We are looking forward to the games in the future and keep up the good work, gals. We wish you the best of luck.

Ann is all smiles now. Her husband is at home for keeps.

Lucy, what is this I hear about your going to take in washing for a living? Keep rubbing, gal.

Helen N. who have all those telephone calls been from lately? A date sure beats riding the bus, doesn't it?

Betty, better known as Lou Ellar, tell us all about your little red rooster you took to the ballgame Thursday night. Did it ever crow for Ecusta—or Enka?

Lois, what are you and Mary Edith so quiet about lately? Not planning things are you?

Alma H. is back at work after being out for five weeks to be with her husband, who has recently returned from service overseas. She sure looks happy.

We welcome our new mechanic back to work with us. Phil Riddle who has served some time with the navy.

Jean, what's the story on your new nickname—"Lard?"

Since our last writing we have had three new brides in our Department—Irene Fisher, Reba McCall and Hazel Owen. Best wishes to you all.

Annie Lou, you and Iva Lee give us the lowdown on the new watches you got for Christmas.

We all enjoyed our Christmas program a lot. We were glad to have Mr. Straus here to celebrate with us. We want to thank the company for our nice Christmas present. It was deeply appreciated by everyone.