

# News And Gossip From Our Various Departments

## Office Bits

By FELICIA EDWARDS And CARMEL McCRARY

Well, folks, here we are again with a "brand new" year. Let's see what we can do with it. Of course, we will all probably break most of those good resolutions, but if we succeed in keeping even one of them we can make 1946 a swell year in which to live.

Since this is not an election year, we know that all these outlandish neck ties must be due to Christmas, so girls, take heed for next year's shopping.

Ruth and Louise Shepherd took a hurried trip to Columbus, Ohio, to attend the wedding of their brother, John.

We are glad that Harry Byers' father, after undergoing an emergency operation, is well on the way to recovery.

It was good to see Fred Jordan around again. He seems to be getting along nicely at the University of Tennessee. He was really confused because Steve and Bob didn't play set-back the way they do at school.

Our deepest sympathies are with Howard Schmidt in the death of his father.

Wonder if our having so much rain around here put the idea of joining the navy in Mike Walker's head. Anyway, he's gone. Smooth sailing, Mike!

Elliott Bickett has improved greatly and we're hoping he can be back with us soon.

We wish to announce that Arthur Lindley is going into the coal and coal delivery business and is now taking orders for next winter's supply.

After leaving a string of broken hearts all around Highlands, Gladys (Blondie) Burnette has finally "jumped the traces" and got herself engaged to an upstate New Yorker. Nice guy, though, even if he does require a lot of fresh air. Wedding music in the spring, we hear. Best wishes, Blondie! Incidentally, the lucky guy is William (Woody) Woodruff.

Glad to see you back, Lital! We've been missing you.

Bill Millner and wife were called out of town due to illness of her mother, who has greatly improved.

Joe, are you and Tom Smith really natives of Florida? Or is it Georgia?

We are all happy to have the following back with us after being in service for some time: Hal Gibson, navy; Harry (Chigger) L. Reese, marines; Charlie Russell, army; Arthur (Art) J. Loeb, army; Gus W. Tucker, Jr., army air corps. It's beginning to look like old times around here again.

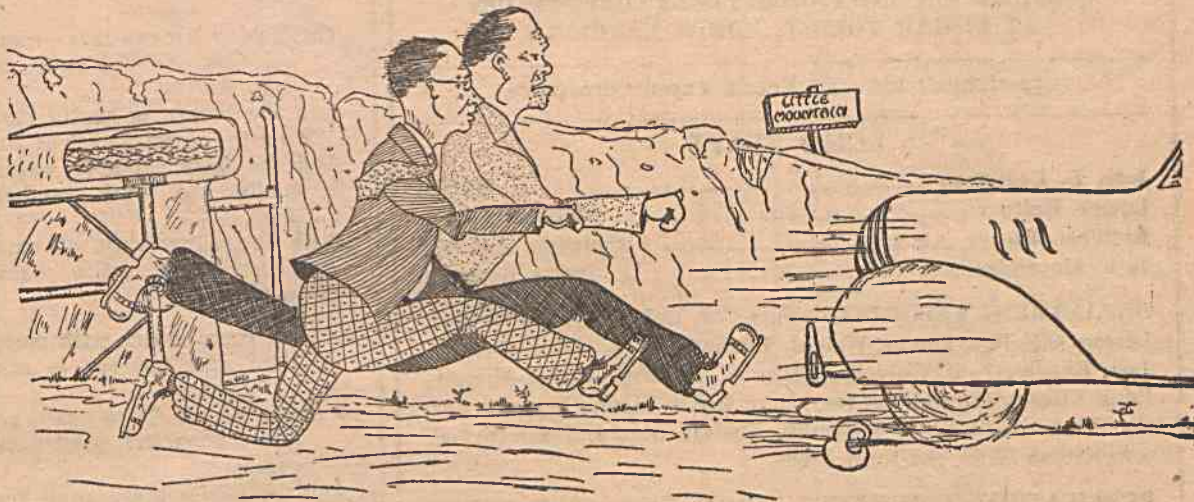
We also wish to welcome the following new employees: Marie H. Eggert, Edgar P. Carlton, Jr., Miriam Duris and John P. Mull, Jr. If they don't hurry and get the new office finished, guess the sides of the old Main Office will be bulging out.

Days may come and days may go, but "Office Bits" go in today! So, bye now.

### WILLING TO TELL HIM

She: A rich man wants to marry me, but I don't love him, and I don't know how to tell him.  
Girl Friend: Introduce me; I'll tell him.

## Echo Cartoonist Picks Up A Little Ecusta Gossip



That must have been a real foot race! According to the rumor, Cartoonist Charlie Russell has shown above what "not to do" when you drive over Little Mountain. It seems that one Ecustan was playing the role of a good samaritan in helping a pal who had skidded off of the road during a recent snow and ice storm, (don't ask which one—there have been too many). Apparently he neglected to pull up the emergency brake to his car and when he got out to view the situation, the automobile of the good samaritan started rolling back down the highway at a rapid speed.

## Maintenance Dept.

BY EMMETT CLARK

First of all, I would like to welcome back to the Maintenance Department the boys from the armed services. They are as follows: Wade Webb, Carpenter shop; Harold Torrence, James Gevedon, Leon Williams, Dock Smallwood and Dale Orr in Machine shop. Brisco Parker of the Paint shop. Douglas Neilson, Ray Israel, Bill Nicholson and J. D. Poland of the Electric shop.

We are very sorry to hear of the death of Bill Nicholson's father.

We are also very sorry to hear of the death of Carl Hamby's father recently.

Mr. Ed Vassey was off from work most of last week on account of illness.

If any one is interested in a couple of good beagles, see Jack Wilson. They are well-trained and I suppose that nothing less than a good-sized piece of coin would get them.

Bud Thompson would like to contact any one who would like to trade a good Long Tom rifle for a good shotgun.

E. Huggins was surprised the other day to find out that the Weasel was dead.

John Brown is in the market for a good hoe. We wonder if he is going to raise a garden across the river next summer.

H. Torrence is wondering where the nice pair of wooden shoes are that he sent from overseas.

Ed Reese wants a new crow caller. Says his chickens have almost given out and he says he has to have fresh meat.

Robert Brown is going to start singing over the air and, as I hear it, he is being sponsored by some kind of pistol repair firm.

Gordon Black reports an enjoyable week-end in Asheville this past week.

Jess Gossett must be a very fast wheelbarrow driver. He rounded a corner down about the warehouse today and failed to get back on the road again. He struck Harry Clark's bulldozer and completely wrecked the wheelbarrow.

Rabbit is taking his vacation this week. Says he is going to spend a little time with his peo-

ple in Georgia and South Carolina.

Several of the boys were absent from work during Christmas and I wonder if Santa brought them so many presents that it took all that time to look them over, or get over so much . . . presents.

Nick sold his car just a few days ago. I wonder if he has been talking to Rabbit about walking for exercise.

Gordon Black is in the market for a well-located filling station.

Worth Wells says he doesn't need any red points if they were good. He has some home-grown pork. Wonder if we could get an invitation down to his house for a pork dinner some day.

So long, folks, until the calendar turns over a new leaf.

## Chemical Lab. News

By THELMA GLAZENER

There's another year ahead. The members of the Chem. Lab. are a bit skeptical about resolutions since last year's didn't do so well.

Christmas memories are still lingering, especially with Anna, Cindy and Earl. The lucky things had five days off for the holidays. Anna and Cindy remained home and Earl went to South Carolina.

Many of the Lab. members spent Christmas away from Brevard with family and friends: Jean Kuykendall went to Asheville, Edith Styles to Franklin, "Ricie" Robinson to Old Fort, Edith Ridenhour to Charlotte, Ned Medford to Waynesville and Dr. Sigmon went to Hickory. Marietta Rozier spent a week in Florida visiting friends in Miami and St. Petersburg, Fla.

Ray Hooper took his vacation (?) during the holidays.

Lucy Clarke went to Lavonia and happened on a high school reunion. Let's hear some more about those good-looking doctors, please.

Dot Johnson keeps a close check on the weather forecasts—her car just will get stuck.

If you need any tires changed, see Ted Mull and Ray Winchester; if you have a bumper or fender bent, see Ned Medford.

We're glad Bob, Margot, and Paul mastered their influenza and are back with us again.

So for now—Happy New Year, everybody!

## Finishing Dept. News

By BERTHA EDWARDS And MAUDE STEWART

Everett Bayne didn't realize working in the Finishing Dept. was so nice before the war, but since his return he sees things differently. There's a little auburn-haired girl working his shift now who fascinates him so that he cleans bobbins without being conscious of having expended any effort.

Jessie Clampeth has a hobby. It's collecting acorns and walnuts. Any help in locating some would be highly appreciated.

Our foreman, Mr. Matheson, was absent a week because of flu. We're glad to report that he is back on the job again.

Aaron Patilla (Curtis' boy), who worked in Finishing before going into service, is home on furlough but is spending his time in bed due to a severe cold. To him we extend our wishes for a speedy return to health.

Gladys McKinney's boy friend must have done a lot of talking during the Christmas holidays for she is wearing her ring on the left hand at last. Her Christmas present, a beautiful watch, matches the ring nicely.

Polly Heath came back to work after the holidays wearing a diamond. That didn't surprise us, but we didn't know she could beam so much.

It's nice to have Jack Gillespie and L. C. Sanders back with us after spending several months in foreign service. Jack is still the same—always into some mischief.

Look out, Sally! What was that resolution you made about a year ago? How could you forget so soon?

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