

Over 5,000 Attended July 4th Picnic

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pleges and thank God that he is living in America, the land of the free and the home of the brave where a man can express his thoughts, work on his farm, work in the factory, run his own business or whatever he may be doing, and indulge in such pleasures and recreation as he may wish and not be told what he may or may not do."

"Mr. Straus and all of us are trying to do everything we can to make Ecusta a happy place to work," Mr. Word continued. "We all spend the best part of each day at work, and we want everyone who is employed at Ecusta to look forward to being on the job each day and find real pleasure in his daily tasks. All of this brings happiness, contentment and security, and we hope that you all feel this condition exists at Ecusta."

Expansion Program Under Way

"As you all know, we are carrying out an expansion program at the plant with a view of increasing the production of our products. We all look forward to the future with great faith and confidence for continued increase in our business, which means more work and more security for all of you."

Referring to present unsettled economic conditions, Mr. Word continued: "The entire world seems to be in great confusion and turmoil due to the aftermath of the war and we are all going through a serious readjustment period which poses many problems, but we have faith in our government to work out these problems, and I hope we will soon be back to the peaceful and normal American way of life. Each of us will have to put his shoulder to the wheel and do his part to accomplish this."

Mr. Word referred to the fact that the nation was observing the first peace-time Fourth since the beginning of World War II, and welcomed the veterans back.

Greasy Pig Race

As usual, Vernon Neill was given the responsibility of providing the greasy pig. This year he said that Claude Jones had the fastest pig in the mountains and as a result, Claude trapped one and brought it in for the race. "Speedy" greased it good and gave it a start—but it wasn't enough of a start with meat as scarce as it is.

Lee Cunningham caught the pig and got it for a prize. Two other boys who also got good holds on it at about the same time and held on were given satisfactory consolation prizes.








Baby Parade Held

The most thrilling event of the day was the Baby Parade, sponsored by Mrs. Harry H. Straus. Over 150 Ecusta youngsters under four years old were led or carried by their proud parents around inside a roped off enclosure and in front of the reviewing stand.

Seated in the center of the parade area was the Ecusta band which provided music for the marches.

In the absence of Mrs. Straus, who was unable to attend, Mrs. Raymond Bennett presided over the parade. After the parade, Mrs. Bennett announced that in as much as all of the babies were the best, cutest, and prettiest, she was carrying out Mrs. Straus' wishes in awarding equal prizes to all contestants. These prizes consisted

Interesting Facts About Our Companies

	NUMBER OF ECUSTA EMPLOYEES.....1320 NUMBER OF CHAMPAGNE EMPLOYEES...223 NUMBER OF ENDLESS BELT EMPLOYEES.....101			
	NUMBER MARRIED 1164	SINGLE 480	70.8% MARRIED	
	BORN IN NORTH CAROLINA 1276	BORN ELSEWHERE 368	77.6% BORN IN N. CAR.	
1939	WITH 1 YR. SERVICE 278	2 YRS. 191	AVERAGE LENGTH OF SERVICE 4 YRS. 2 Mos.	
1946	3 YRS. 273	4 YRS. 310		5 OR MORE 592.
	WITH 1 CHILD 318	2 CHILDREN 240	3 CHILDREN 130	TOTAL 2030 CHILDREN
	4 CHILDREN 82	5 CHILDREN 48	6 OR MORE 47	
	WORKERS 18 THROUGH 24 YRS OF AGE 379	25-29 YRS 358	30-34 YRS 361	
	35-39 YRS 231	40-44 YRS 133	45-49 YRS 63	50 AND OVER 110
	1644 EMPLOYEES, 2030 CHILDREN, 892 DEPENDENTS.			
	4566-TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES.			

of a suitably printed blue ribbon, a basket of candy, and \$2.00.

Assisting Mrs. Bennett in reviewing the parade and in passing out the prizes were: Mrs. Walter Straus, Mrs. Lee Bauer, Mrs. Leisha Straus, Mrs. John Eversman, Mrs. Ludwig Straus, Mrs. R. E. Matthews, and Mrs. E. B. Garrett, Jr.

F. S. Best did a good job at the microphone, in announcing the contests, restoring lost children to their parents, etc. After hearing him in action for a while, it made one wonder how it would be possible to run a 6 ring circus, like the Ecusta picnic, without a loud speaker.

J. O. Wells and his assistants did a rushing business at the bingo tables all day and made a lot of people happy with their prizes.

Boxing Proved Popular
Dick Perron put on his usual good boxing show and did a professional job of refereeing.

Ward Harrison had a new partner, Slim Bullock, in running the men's and boys' games and these events went off with their usual snap and efficiency.

Marie Nelson, ably assisted by Sarah Avery, did a grand job with the girls' games and races.

Two of the really busy people at the picnic were Furman Cansler and Ed Sprouse. They and their men were on the grounds from before the picnic started until after it ended.

The committee on arrangements

has asked the Echo to express their thanks for a job well done to everyone who helped make the picnic possible. Such an event is an outstanding example of the efforts of many people working in close harmony.

The winners in the various contests are as follows:

Foot race, boys under 12—John Love, first; Carl Compton, second.

Foot race, boys 12-15—Robert Burrell and Max Rhodes, first; Tom Hargis, Bryan Green, second.

Foot race, men 16 and over—Hayes Riddle, first; Harold Stamey, second.

Foot race, girls under 12—Eula Banget, first; Billy Jane Cansler, second.

Foot race, girls 12-15—Ruth Styles, first; Patty Nelson, second.

Foot race, girls 16 and over—Mary Catherine Wood, first; Dixie Whitaker, second.

Egg race, boys under 12,—Carl Compton, first; Harvey Sigmon, second.

Egg race, boys 12-15—Raymond Clark and Ralph Nelson, first; Howard Wolfe, second.

Egg race, men 24 and over—Fritz Merrill, first; Larry Bryant, second.

Egg race, girls 12-15—Patty Nelson, first; Jean Rhodes, second.

Egg race, girls 16 and over—Patty Nelson, first; Jean Rhodes, second.

Backward race, boys under 12—

Carl Compton, first; Wayne Burgess, second.

Backward race, boys 12-15—Max Rhodes, first; Robert Burrell, second.

Backward race, men 16 and over—Hayes Riddle, first; Howard Burgess, second.

Backward race, girls 12-15—Martha Reese, first; Meta Rhodes, second.

Backward race, girls 16 and over—Dixie Whitaker, first; Evelyn Smith, second.

3-legged race, boys under 12—Carl Compton and Joe Compton, first; Tom Whitmire and Richard Fuller, second.

3-legged race, boys 12-15—Jimmy Yarbrough and J. R. Poteat, first; Paul Rogers and Bryan Green, second.

3-legged race, men 16 and over—Jason Orr and Fred McCall, first; Howard Burgess and Robert Hunter, second.

Potato race, girls under 12—Eula Banget first; Barbara Jeanne Wilkie, second.

3-legged race, girls 12-15—Mary Burgess and Caroline Fuller, first; Mildred Fuller and Norma King, second.

3-legged race, girls 16 and over—Maizie Sorrells and Melba Rhodes, first; Dixie Whitaker and Lucille Whitaker, second.

Relay race (4 per team) boys 12-15, Robert Burrell, Lewis Compton, Charles Galloway and Bryan Green, first; Tom Hayes, Ralph Nelson, Max Rhodes and Raymond Clark, second.

Relay race (4 per team) men 16 and over—Pete Wright, Harold Stamey, Earl Sorrells and Dixie Johnson, first; Roland Mull, Hayes Riddle, Robert Burrell and Alvin Eberle, second.

Relay race (4 per team) girls 12-15—Ruth Styles, Jane Rhodes, Patty Nelson and Gertrude Kirtland, first; Laura Dunlop, Myrtle Sanford, Betty Whitmire and Meta Rhodes, second.

Relay race (4 per team) men 16 and over—Lou Parthons, Max Wood, Evelyn Smith and Melba Sorrells, first; Dixie Whitaker and Laura Dunlop, Myrtle Sanford and Meta Rhodes, second.

Dizzy wizzy race, girls under 12—Billy Jane Cansler, first; Barbara Jeanne Wilkie, second.

Flag race, girls under 12—Eula Banget, first; Billy Jane Cansler, second.

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Rope skipping race, girls 12-15—Eula Banget, first; Barbara McCall, second.

Rope skipping race, girls 16 and over—Dixie Whitaker, first; Katherine Wood, second.

Egg catching contest, boys 12-15—Hayes Riddle and Paul Rogers, first; Raymond Clark and Gertrude Kirtland, second.

Egg catching contest, men 16 and over—Fritz Merrill and Wayne Straus, first; Fred McCall and Jason Orr, second.

Peanut scramble, boys under 12—Robert Sizemore, first; Carl Compton and Bobby McCall, second.

Peanut scramble, girls under 12—Emma Lee Reese, first; Jean Rhodes, second.

Whistling contest, girls 12-15—Jean Rhodes, first; Laura Dunlop, second.

Peanut scramble, men over 16—Earl Sorrells, first; Jason Orr, second.

Rolling pin throw contest, boys 12-15—

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