

"B" SHIFT MACHINE ROOM

By Jack Williams

Spring is almost here—when a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love. But for the boys on B shift, it turns to thoughts of fishing.

Sunshine Warren has started a new profession of tying flies and raising night crawlers. His samples look pretty good—if you want to catch a "Denizon". Pete hints that he is going to have us over to Fontana for a supper. Don't guess he has an idea of slipping up on one of those mountain goats, do you? Well, anyway, we are ready, Pete.

Bert Neal says he is going home for his days off. To Rattlesnake Springs?—No, that isn't it. Maybe its Acorn. Anyway, Bert comes from somewhere around Nantahala Dam. He promised Poteet he would bring him back a big mess of fish. Wonder what Poteet has on him?

Ballard says he won't be able to do any fishing this five days off. He has 15,000 cabbage plants to set out. Seems like I heard him say he lost a couple of thousand dollars on his cabbage last year because he failed to get them planted.

Drake has been giving coffee away. Even passed the pot around to L. E. Times must be getting better, eh Archie?

Speaking of times getting better, I believe McKelvin is doing the best. He traded cars, has a new T.V. set, and now has bought a large home freezer. What do you think of that, "McQuarry"?

Our "Supers" are really fixed up for this month. John A. got a new pipe and Cheatum, a new car.

Kimzey says he never will understand these new cars. His '46 Ford won't start. If it were a T-Model John would know just what to do with it.

What is it Macfie has gotten or done? Someone called him "Lucky" the other night.

Charles Tinsley thinks he wears the pants around his house but he doesn't. "D" Shift invited him to a rabbit supper and Charles didn't get home until 3:30 A. M. Now he is restricted to quarters—or would you say he is in the dog house?

Charles got rid of one of his pigs at a profit, and invested the money in a cow and calf. Someone will mistake him for Coy Owens one of these days.

Speedy Davis says he would like to be an Echo reporter, but Gadget Mull says he never could because the news has to be in on time.

Although we are sorry to lose "Chick" Rhodes, we welcome Rice to our friendly shift. He is working with Roberts and Macfie. The first day he was with us, Roberts wore a T shirt. Must have strained a muscle trying to show who was boss, because the next day he had to go to First Aid for a rub down.

"Gorgeous" Whiteside was having a lot of trouble getting across the river during the high



Ed Kilpatrick (Machine Room) offers pictorial proof that there are some big ones in the French Broad River. The two he's holding measured 18 inches each and the third measured 14 inches.

water, so McCrary eased the situation by suggesting he sleep in his beauty parlor in Hendersonville. Gorgeous says it was sure nice to have his head in a drier for one night. Who knows where he had his head the night he had his wreck? Glad he didn't get hurt, anyway.

Speaking of the beauty parlor, Clifford says he and his wife are doing pretty good with it. The only objection is that he stays too busy on his days off, handing out advertisements. He was sitting on a bench in Hendersonville the other day with an old gent and had him about snowed under with adventure stories when McKelvin came by and asked him if he wasn't up from Florida early, etc. The old gent turned up his nose and was on his way, murmuring "Humph, Tourist!"

Callender's wife was much pleased that he called her an angel since such affection is seldom shown. She asked "Why?" and he replied, "Because you are always up in the air, you are continually harping on something, and you say you never have a thing to wear." (That sounds just like my wife.)

A load of the boys were going on a trip. The old car was so noisy that hearing was very difficult. They came to a town and Wm. Gash said, "Is this Waynesville?" "No," replied Stewart, "Thursday." "So am I," said Glen, "Let's stop and have a coke".

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jaynes on the birth of a daughter, Tinga Gail. Tinga Gail was born on March 14, at the Haywood County Hospital, and weighed 8 pounds, 10½ ounces.