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Cover picture: Here is a dramatically lighted picture of the furnace at Plant 2 of Decatur. It shows Elwood Potts, foreman, cleaning slag off of a bull ladle while Ernest Witke (at left) watches. This is another photo by our own Walter Bowan of the Engineering department. Thanks, Walter, for loaning us the picture.

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Hurry, Doc!



We do not pretend to be as good as Walter Winchell, but we picked up some hot news. Elmira, the tiger cat mascot of Plant two, is "expecting." This will be her seventh litter. The boys tell us that they ought to have more on the Plant 2 budget to take care of the increased maintenance costs. When Elmira first showed up at the plant she was but a kitten. The boys, being a little bit rusty on the birds and bees stuff, promptly named the kitten Elmer. But after the first litter was born they had to change her name to Elmira.

Get First Aid Training

EVERYONE knows how valuable first aid training is. In fact, every home should have a trained first-aider. One never knows when he may need first aid himself, or may have opportunity to render aid to someone else.

During the last war many of our employees took Red Cross First Aid courses. All of our Civilian Defense Corps members were given training. Now, with the newer threat of atomic warfare, it is more important than ever that our civilian population be fully informed on what to do. Today the stress is upon self-help, for during the confusion apt to follow any large-scale attack, it may be impossible to secure immediate treatment by a physician. We now know that the number of dead and injured at Hiroshima and Nagasaki could have been greatly lessened if the Japanese could have known what to expect and how to care for themselves.

At the government's request, the Red Cross has accepted the responsibility for the training of millions in first aid and hundreds of thousands as home nurses and nurse's aides. To improve that training, the new Red Cross text books have supplemental booklets that cover very thoroughly all phases of civil defense training.

Any employee who was a Boy Scout or Girl Scout had to learn first aid. And, of course, many others received this training. But that isn't enough. If you really practiced safety when off the job, there was little opportunity to practice the first aid that you learned. And first aid, like many other skills, has to be practiced if you want to retain it. The old memory gets rusty, as you know.

We recommend that each employee in all of our factories get out the old Red Cross manual and review it. Or, better yet, take the course again and learn the newer survival techniques needed in case of atomic attack. Any trained first-aider can be of help at work or at home. Especially so in the case of auto accidents and other injuries occurring far from skilled medical help. Persons trained in home nursing and as nurse's aides are expected to fill the gap created when large numbers of professional medical and nursing people are called to disaster areas.

. THOSE DEDUCTIONS!

or "Leo Has a Nightmare"

ANY COMPANY employing other persons is required by law to make certain deductions from your pay check for social security, income tax, and so on. For this reason, every firm has set up a payroll deduction plan, and many, as a matter of convenience, also make deductions for hospitalization, insurance, tools, savings bonds, credit union, and many other items. The list varies according to the state in which one lives or the firm for which one works.

But suppose you pick up your paper some day, and find that the laws have been changed. That companies are no longer permitted to make payroll deductions, even though they are glad to give you this extra service. Suppose that, instead, you had to make all those payments yourself!

Man! What a shock that would be! Imagine how much time that would take. Just driving around town from one spot to another would require a lot of hours, not to mention the gas and oil used. But suppose you lived in Moweaqua, Pana, or Herrick, as some Mueller folk do. Then you could see what it would mount up to if you had to make all those payments yourself.

First, you go around to one office to pay your hospitalization or group insurance; then to another for your income tax; a third for your social security; and so on for the rest. Then if you have anything left, and you probably won't (since you did not take out the savings FIRST before you started spending), you try to salt a little away in the Credit Union.

Consider, too, this business of waiting in line. Most of you would have to do your paying on Saturday. Now there are many thousands of people on Decatur's payrolls. These would all have to line up, let's say, at the Social Security windows. If one person a minute could be handled, it would take 16 HOURS just for our employees. The same thing would



1. "Boy! Look at all those deductions," muses Leo Siloski of the Tool Room. "Didn't realize that there were so many of them. But those 'deducks' come in handy at that. The Paymaster's office sure saves me a lot of time running around."

happen for the other firms, too. But suppose you had to work all day Saturday, as some have had to do lately. Then how would you handle it?

Most all businesses have payroll deductions in some form, though not all for the same items. But for the sake of illustration, we show on these three pages a picture story (it's really a nightmare) of what it would be like without payroll deductions.

Star of our photo feature is Leo Siloski of the Tool Room. He performed like a veteran in the modeling game. Supporting players in the cast are Mrs. Siloski, their daughter, Betty Lou, and Officer E. S. Speaker of the Decatur police force.

Really, folks, it takes a lot of time to operate a payroll deduction system as is required. But the company is glad to give you this free service. But like all typical Americans (we don't know about our Canadian friends), you

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2. "Yes, it would be pretty rough if I had to pay all those items personally. Wonder how much time it would really take to do all that work myself. Hadn't thought about it before, but the company sure saves me a lot of grief by paying all these items for me."

3. Leo should know that eating hot dogs just before going to bed causes nightmares! Sure enough, he starts dreaming. And in his nightmare he sees himself running all over town paying all those bills his deductions used to take care of for him.



7. "My gosh! It's Saturday—and the Tool Room works on Saturday! Why, I had to lay off today just to pay up those 'deducks'! Oo-o-oh!! I not only wear myself out, but I lose all that pay, too." . . . Quit worrying, Leo! Go back to sleep and see what else happens.

8. "Honest, officer, I admit I had to stand in line a long time in the Blue Cross office to pay my hospitalization premiums. But I couldn't have been gone a whole hour! Must be something wrong with your parking meter. Please! This is costing me enough without getting an overparking ticket."

9. "I hope the Credit Union office is still open. That Peoria trip cost so much that I can put in only half what I planned to save. With payroll deduction, the money is taken out first, and I can always save what I plan to save."



4. "First here! I'm sure glad I got down to the Federal building early this morning. The line-up at this social security window must be something awful by noon. Hope it doesn't take too long to mark down my payment. I've got a lot of places to go today."



5. "Mighty glad the income tax office is in the same building. I got a break there. But what a long stairway! If there are many more stairs to climb I'll be dinked by the time I get through chasing all over town."



6. "Hop in, folks. Going to have a long ride to Peoria with picnic lunch and all. Wouldn't take time to go, but the nearest group insurance office is there. Have to pay my premiums in person. With transportation all tied up, I can't even mail a check to them."



10. Last stop. Had to climb more stairs again! And I'm already worn out. Well I gotta keep up my payments if I expect to be long. When I get home I'll be too tired to eat and too grouchy to be good to the wife and kids."



11. Wide awake again and his lesson learned. "Jeepers, what a nightmare! I'm sure glad those deductions take care of all those bills for me. Guess all of us ought to write a big letter of thanks to the folks in the Paymaster's office. They save us a lot in time and money."



Close-up of the Paymaster's office in Decatur. These busy people spend a lot of time on payroll deductions. And they must be accurate! They are, left to right, in front row: Evelyn Ballard and Alberta Bliler. Second row: Laura Hirsch and Estella Stille. Third row: Ellen Jane Stevenson, Thomas P. McGrath, and Alice Weir.

assert your right to free speech. You never let a pay day pass without shrieking in feigned agony, "Look at all those dee-ducks!! Gad! There's nothing left!!"

But deep down inside—we all know that those deductions are our efficient

servants, and save us a lot of time, trouble, and expense. We wouldn't be without them. Let's give a big hand to the folks in the Paymaster's office. In Decatur, in Chattanooga, in Los Angeles, and in Sarnia.

Ridgeway Elected V-P

Frank Ridgeway, molder in Plant 1 Foundry, was elected on January 16, to the office of Vice-President of the Ralph G. Long Chapter of Illinois Credit Union. Frank has long been active in credit union work, and at present is chairman of the credit committee of our own Mueller Employees Credit Union. The Ralph G. Long Chapter includes a number of cities in this area and it is an honor to Frank to be chosen from all the available people for this post. Harold Munsterman, Pattern Shop, is also active in this chapter, and two years ago served as its president.

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Two Mueller Executives Honored

On January 9, Mr. Lucien W. Mueller, Chairman of the Board of the Mueller Co., was named to the board of directors of the Citizens National Bank.

On the following day, January 10, the National Bank of Decatur elected Mr. W. H. Hipsher, our Executive Vice-President, to the board of directors of that bank.

We congratulate both of these men. We are proud that these two banks have turned to our company when they needed men of executive caliber.

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For some time the Mueller Co. has sponsored a bowling team in the Women's Leagues. And we have some enthusiastic feminine keglers on our office staff. So much so that they bowl on more than one team. We were delighted to learn that on January 6 and 7 our own Betty Walker placed second in the Dawson and Wikoff Singles Tournament. The event was held at Schaeffer's Bowling Lanes, and Betty breezed right through easily for a score of 544.

Lynn Simpson Becomes Eagle Scout



Mrs. O. L. Simpson pins the Eagle Scout badge upon her son, Lynn. Next to this badge is the God and Country Award. Lynn is one of the few Scouts in Decatur to hold this recognition of high service to his church.

On February 8, at the Annual Boy Scout Council Dinner in the Masonic Temple, Lynn Simpson of Troop 2 was awarded the highest honor a Scout can get. To him went the coveted Eagle Scout badge. Lynn first joined the troop in December 1947 as a Tenderfoot Scout. He has gone steadily up the ladder of Scouting in both rank as well as leadership. He was made a Patrol Leader of the Indian Patrol, then Senior Patrol Leader, and this year was made Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. His attendance at meetings was excellent. Twice he won the 100% Attendance Pin which is awarded yearly. Lynn is a veteran camper and is a three-time winner of the Fire Trailers Clan badge for year-round camping. His mother was privileged to pin Lynn's Eagle badge on him. In return, he pinned on her a mother's miniature Eagle pin.

Keil Receives Veteran Recognition

At the Annual Council Dinner referred to above, Mr. O. C. Keil, Secretary of Mueller Co., was awarded his 30-year service pin for his many years of work with the Boy Scout movement. Mr. Keil first entered Scouting soon after he came back from serving in World War One. He became a Scoutmaster in Pleasant Ridge, Michigan. Upon coming to Decatur in 1930 he aligned himself with Scouting as a committeeman in Troop 2, the Mueller troop. He eventually became chairman of this committee. Along with this task he became active in council affairs, and was elected vice-president of the council in 1931 and chairman of the finance committee in 1934. He was a council officer for six years. At present he is Institutional Representative for Troop 2. He holds the Silver Beaver Award for "distinguished service to boyhood." It is not often that one finds a man like Mr. Keil whose interest and loyalty to a cause has been carried over so many years. Mr. Keil has three sons, all of whom were Scouts, two of them

reaching Eagle Scout rank. His only daughter was equally active in the Girl Scouts. And Mrs. Keil also served on a Girl Scout troop committee.



O. C. Keil, Institutional Representative of Troop 2, receives congratulations from Edgar Meldahl, Council Commissioner, as he is presented his 30-year service pin.

CATALOG CREATOR

EVERY NOW AND THEN we run a story on some department and tell how it fits into the overall scheme of our company. This month we introduce you to one of our newcomers whose work is very important to all of you. He is James S. C. Cussins, III, head of our Catalog and Display division.

You folk know that, collectively, you make a lot of finished pieces in just one day's work. Multiply that by a year and it becomes quite a figure. But the company never takes in a penny, nor can any of you be paid for any of your work on those products until the things you made are sold. And so we have a Sales department and a lot of salesmen on the road in order to move our products into

the hands of customers. To make this selling easier we have catalogs, folders, and broadsides. Also displays for conventions. But these things just do not happen by themselves. They have to be planned. And right here is where Jimmie comes in.

Take a lot of enthusiasm, add to it a sense of humor, a pleasing personality, a winning smile, a gift of gab, and wrap it all up in the spirit of cooperation and you have a good description of him. Young Mr. Cussins comes to us with a background admirably suited to his new duties. He was graduated from James Millikin University with an A.B. degree. His major was a combination of sociology and psychology. These two subjects



are important factors in this business of influencing folks to buy things. His minor was four years in art. Very helpful when designing catalogs or displays. Added to these he has had practical experience in an engraving house and worked for an advertising agency.

When the Sales department needs a new catalog or brochure, they give the details of what is wanted to Jimmie. Drawing upon his knowledge of layout and design, he works up in rough form a dummy which shows where all the elements go. He writes up the descriptive copy that goes with the products shown. The Engineering department supplies him with technical details. When the Sales Manager approves the dummy and copy, the final work begins.

Photographs must be taken, if none are on hand. They may need retouching. Working drawings must be made. Complicated parts drawings are worked out on the Sun-Vu Projection Drawing Machine shown in the accompanying picture. This does, mechanically, that which no artist could do free-hand with any degree of success. Typesetting is ordered. When drawings are completed, the job is turned over to the photo-engraver who makes the plates. Next the job goes to the printer who assembles all the plates and type for printing. When the completed catalogs are done the Stationery department takes care of mailing them to our many customers.

It takes time to build a new catalog. There are so many factors to be considered. What products are to go into the catalog? How many pages? What kind of cover and binding will it have? All these questions and many more must be answered. Then there is the matter of gathering engineering data. If photographs are needed, then the original

At left: By looking through the movable eyepiece, Jimmie can locate important points on the casting or part lying on the floor of the machine. When the button is pushed (as he is seen doing) a pencil on the arm to the right marks a dot on the paper beneath it. When a sufficient number of points have been located, these are connected by lines. The resulting diagram reproduces the object in outline, and closely resembles the original object. This drawing will be used in a page of parts diagrams and numbers.



Catalog designer James S. Cussins looks up from his work to "watch the birdie." He is measuring the space needed for some photographs. The two pages shown when assembled into the final book, will eventually end up on the desks of our many customers.

castings or parts must be secured. Often these have not been made at the time the catalog is first planned. Add to this the fact that many times decisions must be changed. It is enough to distract a less patient man. But Jimmie takes it in his stride. It is all a part of his day's work.

At present no new convention displays have been made up. These are essentially tailor-made projects. But when one comes up, Jimmie will design it! After the Sales department approves the design, he, in conjunction with the skilled craftsmen in the Maintenance and Experimental Tool Engineering departments will build it. All of it is very fascinating work. And since it is creative, we can think of no vocation which is so satisfying if one has a flair for this sort of thing.

Decatur



Cute Baby

Here is a recent picture of Philip Hiser taken when he was just six months old. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis J. Hiser. This little fellow thinks he is pretty lucky to have such a swell grandfather like Marshall Hobbs of Department 70. And Marshall thinks little Philip is just about tops, too.

New Babies

On January 26 there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Latch a baby boy who was named Leo Douglas Latch. The little fellow weighed 9 lbs. and 6½ oz. Eugene works in the Foundry. Mrs. Latch worked in the Core Room for a long time, and the girls in that department presented the new baby a silver cup, fork, and spoon.

David William Bauer is the name that was given to the first son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Bauer. The baby was born on January 28 at St. Mary's Hospital. His arrival in this world at 9:31 a. m. made the father late for work in the Tabulating department which he heads. Mrs. Bauer, a long time employee of Mueller Co., was in Accounts Receivable at the time she left.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mueller on the birth of another son, Frederick Lucien, on February 16. The stork dropped him off at the Decatur &

Macon County Hospital. Frank is Engineering Vice-President of our company.

Mr. and Mrs. George Binkley are the happy parents of their first child, a healthy son, who weighed 8 lbs. 14 ozs. upon arrival at the Decatur & Macon County Hospital. Seems as though they preferred a daughter and already had a nice name chosen for her. When a boy came instead, they had no name chosen for him. But this was easily solved by naming him George Frederick Binkley, Jr., after the proud daddy. George, Sr., is in the Personnel department.

After keeping everyone in the Foundry in suspense for 20 days little Charles Wayne Plummer finally made his appearance at St. Mary's hospital on February 19. When he stepped on the scales the dial registered six pounds and 14½ ounces. Howard Plummer, the proud father, is Scoutmaster of Troop 14. He promptly called Scout Headquarters and told them to save a place for his son as he wanted him in the Boy Scouts when the boy became eleven years old.

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Shown here is D. W. Bowan, son of Walter Bowan of the Engineering department. He enlisted November 1950. When he was graduated from basic training in January he enrolled in the Hospital School and in February began his schooling. He is stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Weddings

Miss Winona Walton and Roger Himstead were united in marriage in the Niantic Christian Church on January 6. Mrs. Himstead is the daughter of Floyd Walton, a molder in the Plant 1 Foundry. She was a student in Normal university in Bloomington.

Miss Yvonne Jones of Pierson Station and Dale Harshbarger of Atwood were married January 7 in Lake Fork church near Atwood. The Rev. David Jones read the ceremony. Mrs. Harshbarger is employed at Illinois Power Company. Dale is a materials handler in Department 90.

Miss Betty White and Norman K. Kaufman, both of Argenta, were united in marriage on Sunday, February 18. The ceremony was performed in the Argenta Methodist Church by the Rev. V. David. Miss White works in the office of the Signal Depot, and Norman is in the Grinding Room on the second shift. They are living in Argenta.

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Fay Boggs, machine operator at Plant 2, was pleasantly surprised when his brother, who is in the Soil Conservation Service in Montana, visited him recently. He had not seen his brother in twenty-eight years.

With the Sick

Al Ridgeway, who is in charge of the Receiving Department, underwent an operation recently. It has taken him some time to get back to normal, and as a result the department was crippled for a time. To add to the complications, John Hall, his assistant, was called to the service. Leon Bethards and Joseph Yonker have taken over until Al gets back on the job again.

Dorothy Gepford has been seriously ill with pneumonia. She is chief mail clerk and everyone around the main office misses her big smile and sunny disposition.

Deaths

We extend our sympathy to Robert "Pete" Workman, of the Foundry, and to his family in the recent death of his father, Mr. Wib Workman, on January 22. Prior to his retirement, the elder Mr. Workman was employed in the Maintenance department at Plant 1.

Mrs. Anne Nettie Wood, wife of Roy Wood of the Foundry Office, passed away at 10:30 a. m. on Saturday, February 24. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones.



Core Room girls look on as Jack Bain, foreman, presents gifts to Gale Hayes (left) and William E. Duck (right). Both boys enlisted in the service. William was a core carrier and had been with us eight months. Gale was a finished core handler and had worked here but four months. Photo was taken January 11, the day they left.

Los Angeles

William Baker, Correspondent



ENTERPRISE

Lives there a man with soul so dead who has not visited a war surplus store or yard? Lives there a man with soul so dead who has paid a visit to an emporium of this ilk and has come away empty handed? Who can resist the magnetism of an honest to goodness, brand new Freming priced at \$9.95 (cost the Gov't. over \$475.00) or a reconditioned Fortisan, (worth \$937.00) for \$12.50.

Shopping in these marts can be a gay, mad experience, but how far out of hand can you get?

Leonard Johnson, foreman of our steel machine department, was allergic to the call and look what happened; he came home one summer afternoon, dragging a genuine L.C.V.P. behind him. To the uninitiated, this is a type of landing barge employed by the military, 36 feet long and used to unload vehicles and personnel on an appointed beach. For this, Leonard and his partner, Dean Sudduth, paid \$200.00.

So, with visions of charter fishing parties to re-balance the books, the boys set to work on or about August 4, 1949.

To convert the boat into a cruiser, it was necessary to completely build a new bow, 14 feet long. This task was just the beginning. A few additions include construction of a deck, cabin, galley, head,

etc. The craft is 50 feet in length, with an eleven foot beam, mounts a 200 gallon live bait tank, sleeps ten people, and is powered with a Chrysler marine engine. It has a total cruising range of 600 miles.

The craft is near completion at this writing and it has been a long and expensive experience coupled with hard work at nights and on week ends, but the reward is near at hand. The total cost will run around the \$3000.00 mark, but the two man corporation will have a boat with a market value of about \$7500.00—and that's not a bad investment.

The boys expect to launch the boat by June, so get your charter reservations in early.

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WEDDINGS

At the stroke of high noon, February 11, June Gardner, of the audition office, became Mrs. June Rogers, bride of Mr. Harry L. Rogers of Huntington Park.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Worthy in the First Christian Church of Bell, and was well attended by Mueller employees in addition to many other friends and families of the couple. The bride was given away by Mr. Charles Purinton, while Mr. Rogers

was given moral support by best man, Art Hill.

An outstanding offering by Thelma Anderson, daughter of "Pop" Baker (retired) was her inspirational rendition of "The Lord's Prayer."

Following the reception, at the same address, the couple left for their honeymoon in Riverside and San Felipe. They will make their home in Huntington Park.

Bob Ward, forge press operator, took the big step recently when he took as his bride, the former Miss Phyllis Cluggage, of Los Angeles. The couple were married in the San Marino home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Sharon, and spent their honeymoon in San Diego.

They will make their home in Los Angeles. May we add our congratulations and best wishes to you both.

P. S.

An interesting sidelight to the Gardner-Rogers wedding was the misfortune of John Royer, regulator repairman.

The old adage "right church, wrong pew" doesn't complete the picture. Johnny arrived at church on time to attend services. When they were over, he inquired about the delay in the wedding ceremonies and was informed that he had not only attended the wrong church, but was in the wrong town. He didn't miss it far though; the boundary line between Bell and Maywood runs down the center of the street at that point and John missed the wedding by only about 75 feet.

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Bob and Betty Newell announced recently an addition to their family. Son Donald now has a little brother, Russell Robert. Baby Newell weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. at birth and by the time this reaches print, should be a good sized boy. Bob is a turret lathe operator and a son of Charlie Newell, chief inspector.

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Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Gordines and son have finally moved into their new home. As their location overlooks the new East L. A. Junior College football field, Rudy's first investment will be a pair of binoculars.



Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Rogers as they leave the church after the ceremony.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

March

Velma Portee, Inez Mooring, Victoria Montoya, Paul Duncan, Victor Manzo, Morris Cooper, Glenn McCoun, Lewis Hall, Ismael Tercero, Russel Hubbard, Roy Thomas, Milton Brandolino, Ben Price, Doc Oglesby, Emmett Reedy, Carroll Butterfield, Harold Hamor, Roy Warren, David Dittimore, Faye Vaughn, Barclay Cobb, Donald DeArmond, Tom O'Grady.

April

Gene Simpson, Frank Fritzer, John Gonzales, Charles Holloway, Emmett Long, Roman Patryla, Paul Packer, Don DeDoncker, Beth Laster, Bernice Blize, Alice Dinwiddee, Claire Zale, Jeanne Katherman, Joseph Denny, Leah Baugh, Lillian Espey, Richard Wiederkehr, Eddie Jones, Charles Keith.

Chattanooga

Marcella Lykins, Correspondent

Some changes have been made and our men are rightfully proud of the new locker and shower room building which is located at the northeast side of the plant proper. This building includes locker and shower rooms for both colored and white, First Aid room and Personnel Office. The facilities for all these departments are greatly improved, and everyone is well pleased with the building. The old First Aid room in the main building has been taken over by the Standards Department, thereby giving more room in the main office.

Odie Walker, Jr., has returned from West Palm Beach, Florida, where he spent an enjoyable vacation with his dad, who is still there.

James W. Walker is away from the Engineering Department this week due to his Army services in Montgomery, Alabama. Jim may be reporting for active duty with the Air Force several days after his return.

Recent visitors from Decatur were Mr. W. H. Hipsher and Mr. Lyle Huff who were here February 15 and 16.

The girls of the office entertained with a party last Tuesday evening at the home of Mary O'Kelley in St. Elmo. The honoree was Bernice Compton who has left industrial employment. For the past five years she has been in the Sales Department.

Bernia Fischer, Order Interpreter, will be leaving us soon to take up his new duties with the T.V.A. Since his return from service in 1946 Bernia has been in the Sales Department, and prior to his Army service he was in the Machine Shop. Ronald Rogers, formerly of the Machine Shop, has been selected to fill the vacancy left by Bernia. We hope that he likes it fine.

Jane Keeton is another new member of the Sales Department. Glad to have you Jane, and hope you like being with us.

Cecil Coffin, of the Decatur office, is with us for several days. He will be helping out in the Sales Department.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Jonathan Newton Vincent, on January 22, 1951. "Uncle Newt," as he was affectionately known, was one of our retired employees. He left in 1945. Prior to his retirement he was an employee of the Pattern shop.

Another death was that of Willie Albert Harris who passed away January 30, 1951. Willie was also one of our retired employees and a former employee of the foundry division.

Adult Education School

We received an announcement from our YMCA recently and find that something new has been added. In addition to the Industrial softball and baseball leagues they offer each spring, they now have an Informal Adult Education "School." The following classes are planned to begin early in March: Public speaking, arithmetic refresher, square dancing, badminton, beginners swimming for women, life saving for men and women, advanced swimming, and gift crafts.

Our company has "Company membership" in the YMCA, and because of this fact we as employees can take advantage of these classes for very small fees. For those changing shifts special schedules will be made when possible. Anyone interested may obtain folders containing descriptions of the courses by calling the YMCA at the first opportunity.

New York News

Workmen are installing a new antenna for television on the tower of the Empire State building. (Our New York office is located on the thirteenth floor of this building.) This will increase the height of the building to 1472 feet, or an increase of 220 feet.

We were pleased to have with us on February 7, 8, and 9, Mr. Hugh L. Baker, General Sales Vice-President. He was here to attend the V.M.A. meeting.

Mrs. Lillian Robar celebrated her sixth wedding anniversary on February 10. She had a night on the town.

Virginia Doolittle formally announced on Saturday night, February 3, her engagement to be married. She received a beautiful diamond which has all of us "ga ga." Her fiance is Lt. Edmund Fenstad from Fullerton, California, who is with the Marine Corps. He is stationed at Quantico, Virginia. Lt. Fenstad recently returned from Korea, and the couple plan to be married either April or June, depending upon the whims of the higher brass.

Near Tragedy

We are sorry to relate that three days after the "announcement," Virginia Doolittle was in the train wreck on the Pennsylvania "Broker Special" out of New York. Both she and her father were riding in the second coach which left the tracks and went down a twenty-foot embankment, had its trucks shorn off, and turned over on its side. Fortunately, Ginny was not badly hurt, but was wedged under a seat after having been thrown the full length of the coach. She did not know that her father was in the same coach, and after being extricated went to search for him. She found him pinned down just behind her, and helped in getting him out. They had to wade through mud over their ankles, and Ginny lost her shoes, hat, and bag in the crash. After emergency treatment at the hospital they were both taken home. She suffered from shock, cuts, and bruises. Her father had a possible broken collar bone, head cuts, and bruises since his head was pinned to the floor by a seat. We hope both of them

recover quickly, and that the accident will not interfere with Virginia's wedding plans.

We, in New York, were shocked to hear of Mr. Simpson's death. We had known him for many years, and we have suffered an irreparable loss.

Lillian Jarman was overlooked with her ten-year pin at the December party, and she is receiving it shortly. We all apologize to her for our negligence.

George W. Knipe took sick the middle of December, and was unable to be with us for our Annual Christmas Party. His condition was diagnosed as "Angina Pectoris." He was confined to bed for almost a month. We all missed him and are very glad to have him with us again, even though he has to take it very easy.

■ ■ ■ YOUR JOB

Wherever you're working, in office or shop,
And however far you may be from the top,
And though you may think you're just treading
the mill,

Don't ever belittle the job that you fill;
For however little your job may appear,
You're just as important as some little gear
That meshes with others in some big machine,
That helps keep it going, though never is
seen.

They could do without you, we'll have to
admit,

But business keeps on when the big fellows
quit!

And always remember, my lad, if you can,
The job's more important—(oh yes)—than
the man!

So if it's your hope to stay off the shelf,
Think more of your job than you do of
yourself.

Your job is important; don't think it is not,
So try hard to give it the best that you've got!
And don't ever think you're of little account,
Remember you're a part of the total amount.
If they didn't need you, you wouldn't be
there.

So, always, my lad, keep your chin in the air.
A digger of ditches, mechanic, or clerk—
Think well of your Company, Yourself, and
Your Work!

—Author Unknown.

STOP THOSE AUTO ACCIDENTS



The number of people killed in automobile accidents reaches a staggering total every year. We must do something to reduce this awful slaughter. When you read the figures below you will wonder why so many are killed and injured annually.

- 82%** of all accidents occur in clear weather.
- 71%** of all accidents happen on roads that are dry.
- 68%** of all the cars involved were traveling straight ahead—
not on curves.
- 96%** of all cars were apparently in good mechanical condition.
- 75%** of all the drivers were mature adults between the ages
of 25 and 64.
- 97%** of all these drivers were experienced, having driven a
car more than a year.

According to the facts above, all the conditions are nearly ideal for safe driving. Then why do we still have so many fatal accidents, with so many more injured? Statistics show that the chief cause of accidents is

SPEEDING!

Next trip—slow down. What's the hurry? Follow the advice of the people who make the automobiles. They say:

Not over 50!