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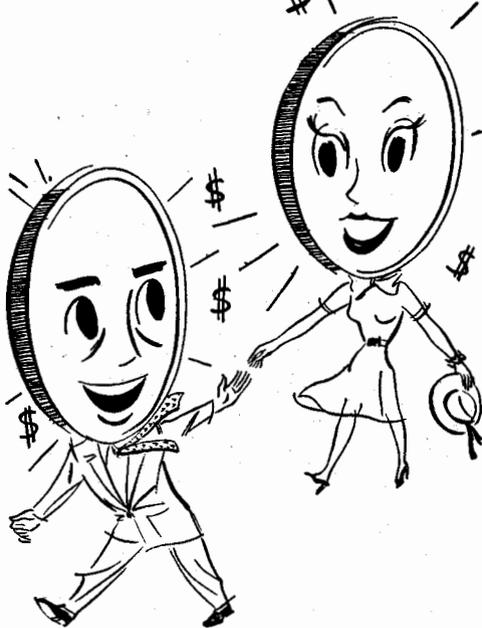
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Kind Providence smiled benignly on these determined Pilgrim Fathers who trudged to meeting with a prayer book and musket. Skill and energy were rewarded with a bountiful crop, thus creating in the hearts of the colonists the First Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving 1945 . . . Once again kind Providence has smiled on America. Our skill, our energy, our determination have been rewarded, after a long and costly struggle, with peace and freedom all over the world. We pause in our rejoicing over victory and the return of loved ones to breathe a prayer of thanksgiving for our heritage of freedom so dearly paid for, for all our freedoms—freedom of worship, freedom of speech, freedom from want and freedom from fear. Most of all we give thanks for the precious privilege of thinking and feeling and doing as we have been taught is best.

Americans today join with the hardy colonists of an earlier day in an offering of thanks for the blessing of freedom and the healing balm of peace.



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Detail of tanks shown on the cover reveals hard wear and battle scars, for, while hundreds of tanks being returned to the R.I.O.C. as salvage have been used for training purposes in the U.S., others have lived through many a grim battle overseas.

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YESTERDAY — AMERICA'S MIGHT — TODAY — THE SCRAP HEAP



Capt. O. S. Perry, O/C Redistribution and Salvage, and M. H. Meier, civilian head, pour over regulations governing salvage disposal.

A length of rope, an oil can, buckets, rakes, even a table or desk, are important items to the Redistribution and Salvage Section, Rock Island Ordnance Center. It's the job of this department to dispose of these items and material salvage from the tremendous war-time manufacturing program of the Arsenal, as well as material no longer needed by the Field Service Branch of the Ordnance Department.

Here's the way this material is sized up by the Salvage Department: Since it has strictly no military usage, it has only scrap value. However, many of these items, when they are classified into groups—have a definite civilian use. These items are not sold as scrap, but are made available for civilian consumption through sales. Buckets, rakes, shovels are only a few these items that are of interest to civilians. If their value is less than \$300.00 they are sold by the sealed bid method.

If the value of items that can be used by civilians is in excess of \$300.00 the Department of Commerce takes charge of these.

Typical items sold by the Department of Commerce include automobiles, trucks, tractors, tentage, etc. If you really want to know what is available for sale, you can get a list from the Surplus Property Division, Department of Commerce, 209 South LaSalle street, Chicago, Illinois. These are bid items.

Low value items only are sold by the Center, and machine tools, steels, etc. are declared to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation as the disposal authority for such material.



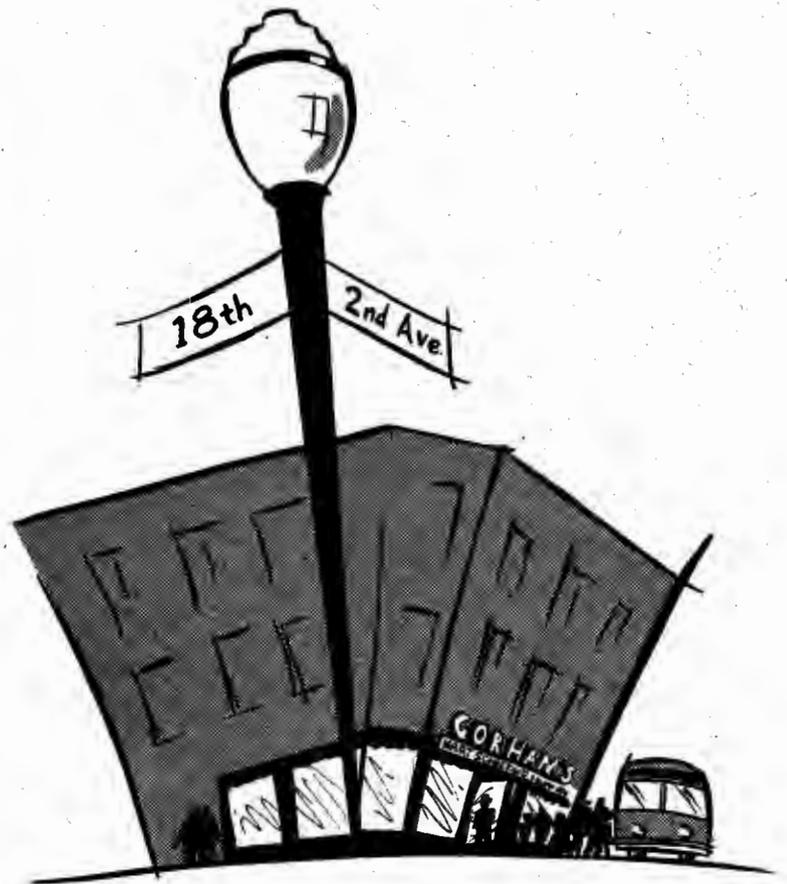
Preparing for sale of salvage are, back: Betty Neilsen, Ann Zimmerman, Verna Kaucher; seated, Leslie Stevenson and Irving Haefs.



Walt Jager (L) and Lloyd Ziegler handle declaration of items to disposal agencies. They are capably assisted by Marie Burmeister.



During daily inspection tour, Capt. Perry and Mr. Meier discover tank issued by Capt. Perry while he was in Italy with the 5th army.



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At work in Shop F are, l. to r., L. Pruden (on truck), C. Rose, A. Ahrens, I. Duncan (back), R. Chase, H. Schuman and K. Hall.

Administration



Finance Division

Virginia Elder recently resigned and was "wined and dined and gifted" at the Fort Armstrong Grille. We gave her black riding breeches, which she "showed off" to very good advantage in the Horse Show at the Fair Grounds in Davenport. We all miss "Ginny" and wish her success in her new position.

Mary Lou Williams also resigned to return to her home in Minneapolis. She was "gifted" here in the office, and while she has not been with us as long as Ginny, we liked her a lot and wish her success in her new work, too.

We understand that Lucille Viren of our Bond section and her husband have purchased the Karmel Korn shop in Davenport across from the Central Turner hall. Now we know where to go for our eats before the show. Lots of luck, Viren. How about reduced prices for your old fellow workers?

We rejoice with Martha Johnson and Eleanor Andre who now have their husbands back in civilian life again.

Luella Mason just returned from a visit with her folks in Fond du Lac. Her brother was home from the west coast, and they did so much running around that Lu completely wore out a pair of shoes. She had to make an emergency purchase of another pair to keep from coming back barefoot.

Major Graishe almost lost a thumb recently when he tried to stop a fight between his dogs Smokey and Smiley. It seems that both dogs put their teeth in; then each pulled in opposite directions.

Lt. Thompson can really ignore the power of suggestion. We tried hard to talk him into becoming "chilled" and "fevered" when he was inoculated for flu. He just sat there and insisted that he felt fine—and just for spite waited until Saturday when we were not here before "reacting."

Mail and Record Division

T/Sgt. Robert Bessee arrived at Mayo hospital just in time to enjoy the Arsenal show and talk to many of his friends from the arsenal. Sgt. Bessee was somewhere in the South Pacific when he was wounded.

No wonder Jeanne Meinke was so excited the other day. Her husband, Darrell Meinke, EM 2/c, had arrived in Los Angeles and called her. Darrell will soon be home to stay.

Edna Millen's husband arrived home October 8. After three years' service he has now been discharged and has returned to his civilian job at Montgomery Elevator Co. While in the army he was stationed in Texas and Florida.

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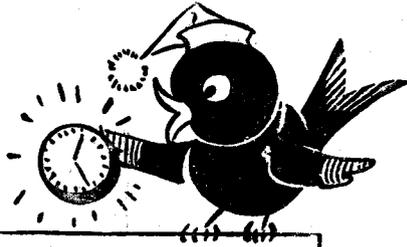
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Initial steps have been taken for the organization of a Rock Island post of the AMVETS (American Veterans of the Second World War), it has been announced by Truman Plantz III, district organizer, who was recently discharged from the army air corps on the basis of critical points after having served for four years, two of which were spent overseas.

The tentative date for the first meeting of the new organization and the place will be announced at a later date.

Any man or woman who participated in the second world war and who has an honorable discharge is eligible to join the post. Discharged veterans desiring to form an AMVETS post in other communities in Rock Island or Mercer counties are asked to contact Mr. Plantz at 513 Safety Building, Rock Island. Dues are \$5 per year, plus \$1 for a membership pin.

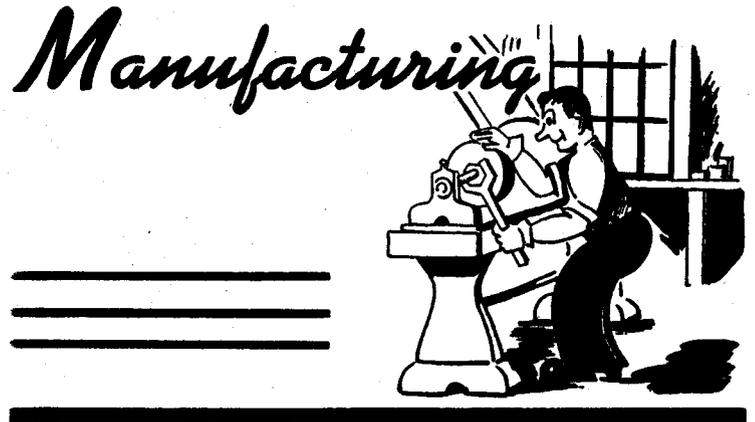
ARSENAL GIRLS' CLUB MEETS

The Rock Island Arsenal Girls' Club held its October dinner-meeting at the arsenal cafeteria. There were thirty members in attendance. Miss Elizabeth Matthews, the retiring president, presided. Following the dinner, the annual election of officers took place. The results of the election are as follows: President, Miss Joyce Helbling; vice-president, Miss Leone Stokes; secretary, Miss Gertrude Clark; corresponding secretary, Miss Cecile Logic; treasurer, Miss Virginia McEniry; and historian, Miss Mary Gertrude Connell.

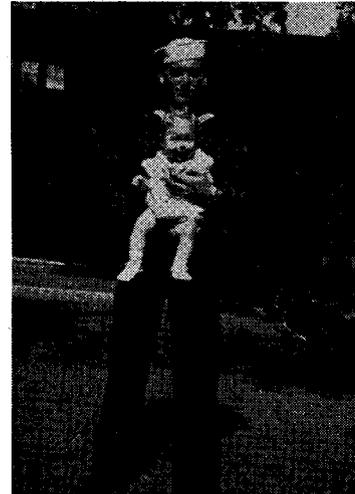
The nominating committee was composed of Miss Minnie Nuest, chairman; Miss Leone Stokes and Miss Ruth Cramer.

The Arsenal Girls' Club sponsored an afternoon party last Sunday at Schick hospital, Clinton, Iowa, and a report was given on that activity by the committee in charge.

Miss Corinne Jansen will be in charge of the plans for the November dinner-meeting. She will be assisted by Miss Elizabeth Matthews. The installation of officers will take place at that time.



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S 1/c Robert M. Boden, formerly of Shop R, poses proudly with his young two-year old daughter, Carol Ann.
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Engineering Department

DRAFTING DIVISION

Russell Brunner, George Hudson, Glenn Beinke, and Cliff Johnson, all of the armed services, visited us during the past month.

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Excitement ran high during the World Series. You should have heard the lunch period arguments between the Cub and Tiger fans. Oh, brother!

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Harry Johnson and Phil Warrick both became proud fathers during the past month; also, our best wishes to Monroe Fennell, who now has his first grandson added to the family.

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Midge Carlquist has been walking on air lately. The reason—her boy friend has finally come home—and with a navy discharge in his pocket, too!

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We hope to see Aura Furnas and Bill Walker, who have been on the sick list, back with us soon.

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Frank Schroeder won the prize (?) for rolling the most splits while bowling with the Ordnance Engineers' bowling league on the 11th of October.

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All of the fellows agree they had a good time at the stag party held at Garden Inn in honor of Birukoff, Cole, Althaus and Thornhill.

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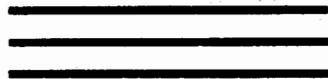
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Arrivals—

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Transferred—

Colonel Roland L. Gaugler relieved from Rock Island Arsenal and assigned to 3622d SCU Hq. and Hq. Company.

Colonel William F. Sadler to permanent station outside the continental limits of the U. S.

Lt. Colonels Donald C. Fabel, Samuel S. Post, Majors Frank H. Smith, Benjamin A. Chew, Captains Joseph E. Walthall, Harold W. Bourgoine, Charles T. Carter, and 1st Lieutenants William H. Ashwell, William P. Simpson, Kenneth E. Winstrom, Wayne A. Downey, and John W. Holmgren, Jr., relieved from active duty.

Captain Eugene K. Fisher to Pueblo Ord. Depot, Pueblo, Colorado.

Captain Leslie W. Jackson on temporary duty to overseas station.

Captain Jacque E. VanGieson to ASFPRD, Cp. Beale, Calif.

Captain Eric N. Isakson to ORP, Ord. Sch., APG, Md.

Captain Raymond A. Walsh to OCO, Legal Div., Washington, D. C.

1st Lt. William F. Willson relieved from Rock Island Ordnance Depot and assigned to 3622 SCU Hq. and Hq. Company.

1st Lt. Lloyd W. Scott, Jr., to Schick General Hospital, Clinton, Iowa.

1st Lt. Arthur E. Henderson relieved from Ordnance Overseas Maintenance and Modification Detachment, OCO, and transferred to Field Service Suboffice, OCO, with station at Rock Island Ordnance Center

CWO Elmer S. Barkhurst retired from active service.

DRAFTING (Continued)

George Strausse, now in the U. S. Army, arrived in Tokyo on or about September 1.

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Do you suppose that Marilyn Davis, Shirley Spencer, Ginny Nickels, and Pat Kroy would teach us those "Broadway" steps they did at their recent party out at the Lark?

* * *

We are happy to have two veterans working with us again. They are Irving Wheeler of the Photo Lab and Tom Feeney of the Drafting Files. Welcome back, fellows!

Training Division

MAINTENANCE PUBLICATIONS SECTION

The breath of ice cubes is in the air; the leaves are leaving the trees so bare; the football season is really here, but of news we have little to share. The noise and squeeze plays were in moving the editing department to a larger space rather than cheers for the home team. Changes in personnel and equipment were evident to our visitors, Lt. Bob Illman and Tech. Sgt. Bob Campbell. Lt. Illman is back from the major battles of the South

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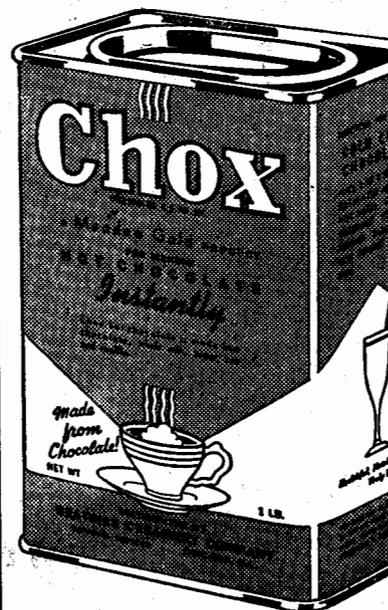
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WHAT A NIGHT! - WHAT FUN! - SEE THE REST OF THE PICTURES IF YOU WANT MORE PROOF



Impromptu sing-fest staged by music-loving party-goers at "Arsenal and Old Lace" party held at Watch Tower Inn, Blackhawk Park.

Actors and actresses, promoters and promotresses, directors and directresses, stage hands, make-up artists, electricians, usherettes and all others who contributed to the success of the production frolicked together in celebration of a successful run of the stage show, "Arsenal and Old Lace" — the all-arsenal production which received a tremendous round of applause at each of three performances staged at the Capitol theater, at Schick hospital and at Mayo hospital.

The party for "all hands" was held on October 18th at Watch Tower Inn, Blackhawk State Park. Before sundown the party-goers began to arrive at the Inn. Approximately 200 in all enjoyed the evening of fun.

First item on the schedule was a delicious and hearty buffet dinner. There followed dancing of all types including plenty of jitterbug rug-cutting. Music was provided by Gene Payton and his Clouds of Joy, the orchestra which participated in the "Arsenal and Old Lace" show. Other extroverts among the party-goers skipped dancing and settled for assorted party games. Group singing interested many.

The party, one of the gayest social events of the arsenal during recent years, was arranged under the auspices of the Rock Island Ordnance Center Welfare Fund Council and financed through a portion of the proceeds realized on the show.



Caught in a corner reminiscing about the show were, l. to r.: Capt. K. A. Reyher, Lt. A. C. McCulloch, Helen Ericksen, Maj. G. A. Scanlan.



Pictures of the "Arsenal and Old Lace" show taken at the Capitol theater and at Schick hospital bring wide grins to these faces.



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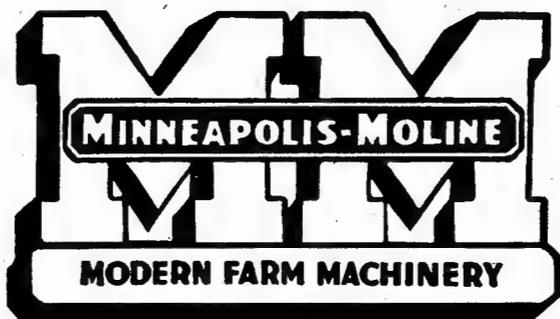
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One of the evening's big attractions was looking at show pictures. These will really brighten up a number of staid old family albums.



Mrs. Helen Ericksen and Capt. Herman G. Eberling have a serious word to say to each other during the course of the evening's fun.



"Ain't this sumpin!" grins Guy Porter as he tolds his picture up against the wall. As a hula "girl," Guy was really at his best.



Fun! Oh, boy! Some were satisfied with what used to be known as ballroom dancing, but Wylma Thornbloom and Herman Alex cut rugs.



It was lots of fun—both the show itself and the party, said everyone connected with "Arsenal and Old Lace." These girls agreed!



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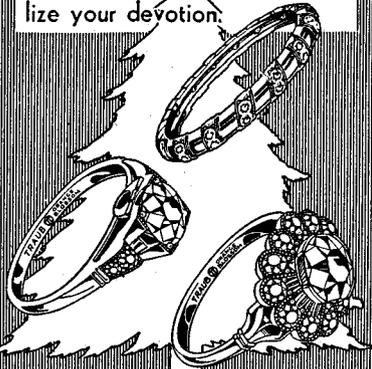
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A pot-luck dinner October 3 was enjoyed by the women in the Maintenance division. How is it the women have never invited the men to praise their accomplishments in the culinary arts except by the left-overs?

Our youngster's 20th birthday was one she will long remember. The lucky girl, Margaret Fritz, received a gorgeous necklace and matching bracelet from her husband, Pfc. James Fritz, now stationed on Staten Island. Many happy returns of the day from friends.

Since Wilma Rudd's departure, John Zugg has Virginia Vogt to heckle. Was Zugg's face red the other day when he was putting on a masquerade for his co-workers and some of our army personnel walked in!

Is there a detective in the house? The party guilty of connecting a bomb to Norman LaGrange's car is WANTED. He (or she) must smooth down Norman's hair.

The personnel and Depot Property branches had a delightful pot-luck on October 8. There was no special reason for the gathering except, we might say, it served as sort of a farewell party for those of us who will be leaving soon.

Things are really moving around on the second floor. If you don't believe it, ask Myrtle Switzer of the Records section.

Marguerite Verpaleates of W-1 Shipping department is back with us again after undergoing a goitre operation. We are glad to have you back, Marguerite.

James Gray has returned to Property Disposal division as their chief. Philip H. Erlandson is now chief of the Inventory Control branch.

Following is part of a letter received from Albert Lambin, who was on board the U. S. S. Portland when the Japanese signed the surrender document. He is the son of Zelia Lambin of W-1 Equipment:

"Our ship, the heavy cruiser U. S. S. Portland, under the command of Capt. Lynn A. Thackrey, U.S.N., with Vice Admiral George D. Murray, U.S.N., Commander Marianas, acting in behalf of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, U.S.N., Commander-in-Chief of the U. S. Pacific Fleet, yesterday (Sept. 2d) accepted the surrender of all Japanese held islands under the command of the Senior Japanese Imperial Forces based at Truk Atoll, Caroline Islands.

"The Japanese signatories, Lt. Gen. Shunzaburo Magikura, Commander of the Thirty-first Imperial Japanese Army, and Vice-Admiral Chuichi Hara, Officer-in-Charge of the Imperial Japanese

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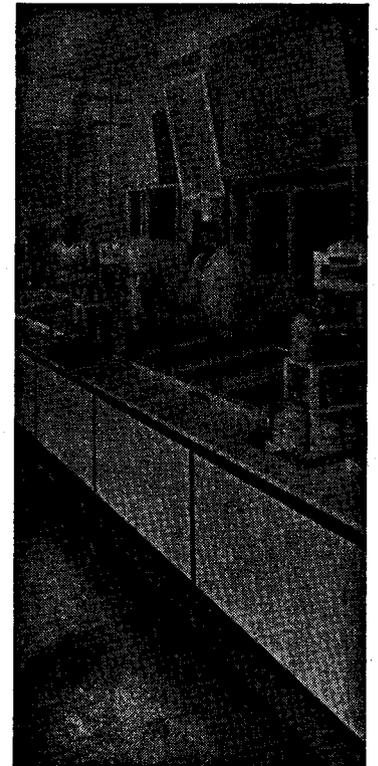
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ARSENAL OLD-TIMERS FINISH THE JOB!

In checking over the roll of persons who made sacrifices for their country, a special accolade goes to the men who, after putting in years and years of work for their country, reached the retirement age during the war years, and stayed on the job to do their part in winning the war.

The knowledge and experience of these men were an important contribution to the Arsenal's job of turning out supplies efficiently and quickly.

Two of these men have been replaced. Albert P. Fluegel, Jr., takes over the job of foreman in the Printing Shop—a job held for nearly 37 years by Albert A. Eihl, who was retired on September 30.

Mr. Fluegel has been employed in the Printing Department since March, 1936. It was a lot of hard work, he remembers, even to his very first job in the department. "They put me to work wrapping targets," he mused.

Ten years of typesetting, locking up, registering, o.k.-ing forms, and running presses, have given Mr. Fluegel superior experience and background for the important job he now holds.

Central Planning also has a new foreman with the retirement of Eugene F. Hostetler after over 47 years on the Arsenal. Harry Denecke

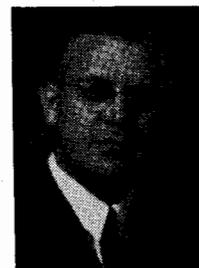


Fluegel

stepped into his place effective October 1, 1945.

Mr. Denecke's first employment at the Arsenal goes back to 1907 when he worked for a year as a tool maker. In 1914 he returned to Arsenal employment as a machinist, and in 1915 he was transferred to the Engineering division as Central Planning was then called.

In this department Mr. Denecke was employed first as an estimator, and shortly became assistant foreman in charge of estimating. He also served as foreman, and assistant to Mr. Hostetler, and finally, replaces Mr. Hostetler as General Foreman of his department.



Denecke

Mr. Denecke remembers during World War I when the department totaled 116 persons. During the depression years after the war, this number was reduced to only 16. Central Planning was busily engaged during World War II, keeping 265 persons on the job. When V-J Day came along, this number was reduced to 147. Today Central Planning Department employs 71 persons, with Mr. Denecke its efficient head.

Below is a complete list of employees who have been retired for age since the war's end. All of these men have given precious years and extra effort to do their war job—and the Arsenal and their associates honor them for work well completed.

Name and Address	Age	Length of Service	Designation	Date Retired	Successor
*Albert A. Eihl 1176 - 25th Street Moline, Illinois	73 yrs.	36 yrs. 9 mos. 23 days	Foreman, Printing	9-30-45	Albert P. Fluegel, Jr.
**Eugene F. Hostetler 2818 Arlington Avenue Davenport, Iowa	72 yrs.	47 yrs. 4 mos. 15 days	General Foreman, Central Planning	9-28-45	Harry Denecke
Duncan C. Eldridge 1726 Arlington Avenue Davenport, Iowa	77 yrs.	29 yrs. 8 mos. 23 days	Sub-Inspector	8-31-45	
Charles L. Kasten 1117 Perry Street, Apt. 3 Davenport, Iowa	73 yrs.	47 yrs. 7 mos. 22 days	General Planner, Sr.	8-31-45	
**Edward J. Normoyle 1321 - 36th Street Rock Island, Illinois	72 yrs.	29 yrs. 1 mo. 17 days	Artillery Vehicle Assembler	8-31-45	
Harry H. Simpson 309 East Eleventh Street Davenport, Iowa	72 yrs.	35 yrs. 4 mos. 22 days	Senior Shop Inspector	9-24-45	
Oscar C. Williams 2323 Sixth Street Moline, Illinois	72 yrs.	22 yrs.	Air Compressor Operator	9-24-45	

*Retired for age on August 31, 1942, but was continued in the service to assist in the war effort.

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Duncan Eldridge was 74 years of age when he was reemployed on June 1, 1942 to assist in the war effort. He had been separated from the Center since August 31, 1925.

Charles L. Kasten retired for age on March 31, 1942 and was reemployed the following day; retired again on October 31, 1942 for age and was reemployed again on August 1, 1944 to assist in the war effort.

Harry Simpson and Oscar Williams were separated for reduction in force.

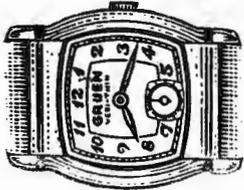
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"When am I going to get MY discharge?" That is the most prevalent remark around "these hyar" parts of the office. Several of our "older" military "employees" as well as some of our newer additions are soon to haul their civvies out of the mothballs. Good luck to all of you. We will really miss you.

Captain Gladwin's blue pin-stripe suit is finally in sight. We understand a few alterations are in order!

Planning and Control division lost Captain Bourgoine and Lt. Hornby who have been released from active duty. Lucky boys! Major Nutt is hopefully anticipating his release within the next few weeks. Captain Gollup and Captain Walke are hopelessly anticipating their releases within the next few years.

Mr. Farrey and Gail Marsh recently joined the ranks of P. & C. Phyllis Cheney took a week's vacation and returned as MRS. Jack Schmidt. It's a bit late, Phil, but congratulations!

It seems as if Mr. Bristol has made quite a number of trips to Chicago lately. Everybody is curious to know what big attraction the "Windy City" holds for him.

Major Nutt and Lt. Kieckhefer went duck hunting last Saturday and returned with . . . ONE duck. This hardly seems fair—two big strong men after one poor, little, defenseless duck. Incidentally, this required only two boxes of shells.

The annual Illowa Horsemen's Show, held at the Fairgrounds, October 6th, was ably represented by June Strohemeier, a member of the Cavallettes. A number of Suboffice personnel attended the show and commented very favorably on the performance. Rumor has it that June is very much interested in owning a horse and has been scouring the countryside for a good one. If a certain person has anything to say, she'll have one before the snow falls.

Mail and Records bade farewell to two of its employees, Ruthann Beckmann and Marcella Potter, who left to join their soldier husbands. Good luck, girls, it was nice having you with us.

MR. Fred Wilkins visited our office last week. Judging from the "Oh's" and "Ah's" heard around the office, that civilian suit looked "purty" good!

Mustn't forget—another of Maintenance's "eligible" bachelors has fallen by the wayside. It is none other than Cpl. Harold Plaut. Rumor has it that our friend Lt. Rice will be the next one. Time will tell.

Our sympathy to Lt. Colonel and Mrs. H. H. Needham. Colonel Needham's mother passed away recently following a brief illness.

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Before a group of interested spectators at the arsenal, members of the arsenal fire department demonstrate their fire-extinguishing technique.

ARSENAL FIRE-FIGHTERS STAGE DEMONSTRATIONS

In observance of Fire Prevention Week, October 7 to 13, the Rock Island Arsenal fire-fighters donned their boots and slickers and staged a number of fire extinguishing demonstrations for the benefit of all ordnance center and depot employees.

The demonstrations, all with Class A and B fires, included the use of carbon tetra-chloride extinguishers, carbon dioxide, Dugas, soda and acid and foam, in addition to the application of water by the fog method.

Climaxing the Fire Department's activities was the demonstration conducted at the dump area south of Building 299 where a 2-room structure erected for the purpose was enkindled. A simulated alarm was given and one company from Moline and one from Rock Island joined the arsenal firemen to extinguish the flames. Water spray and fog were used.

Employees participating in this, the final demonstration of the week, were Karl M. Seagren, John W. Gibson, Bill Kelley, Assistant Fire Chief Roy Gibson, Assistant Fire Chief Roy Conklin, Donald Evans, Clyde A. Nesseler and Casper Conklin.



R.I.O.C. crew, l. to r.: Seagren, J. Gibson, Kelley, R. Gibson, R. Conklin, Evans, Nesseler, C. Conklin.



Mechanical foam is used on this oil fire, one of the many types of fires extinguished during week.



Before onlookers R.I.O.C. fire-fighter applies hand pump water extinguisher on a waste paper fire.



Gas fire is quickly extinguished with DU gas. The week's demonstrations attracted many observers.



For one of the demonstrations a large oil fire was prepared. Firemen used fog applicator to put it out.



Experienced arsenal firemen demonstrate the use of Carbon Dioxide gas in extinguishing waxpot fires.

MAIL AND RECORD (Continued from page 9)

Jett Daley is now convalescing at her home in Davenport after an illness of flu and complications. We miss you, Jett, and hope to see you back soon.

The Cubs lost the World Series and Simon Roberts lost a bet with Bobbie Dorman. Better luck next time, Simon.

We welcome Robert Taylor back in our midst. Bob participated in the European theater and was gone for over three years.

Personnel Division

You'd hardly know the Personnel division, what with the recent losses, etc. Among those who have left are: Harold "Spike" Jones, Verne "Nightie" Holdeman, Max "Shakespeare" Hanson, Murtie "Gertie" MacLean, Doris Shaw, Pat Hinsch, Lyle Lofgren, Oscar "Killer" Barnhart, Mary Johnson, Eileen Bryant, Martha Cram and Ivy "Poison" Bartine.

Wedding bells chimed October 13 for Ina Calkins who was recently transferred to AR from AP. The lucky man was Emil Brewer, a dischargee. The newlyweds will make their home in East Moline.

Al George is the new glamour boy in the section, judging from the calls and visits going his way via the fair sex.

Speaking of weddings, Captain and Mrs. Raynes have added another score to their years of marital bliss, and Al and Marie George have reached their 20th wedding milestone.

Accident Department: Esther Kuehl came to work one morning with the most beautiful shiner, in technicolor, too. So far Esther has not divulged the "how come." Pearl "Jeep" Anderson fell off her daughter's bike recently and acquired some very fancy bruises.

Procurement Division

AP recently enjoyed a visit from ARM 2/c Walter ("Buddy") Wells, formerly of our Follow-Up section. Since Bud left the arsenal (in February of 1943) he has seen a lot of service in Uncle Sam's navy. He was with the fleet at Saipan and Iwo Jima, and later at Okinawa when the first landings were made there. He was stationed at Okinawa from April until August of 1944. A patrol plane on which he served as radioman sank one Jap ship and damaged another while enroute to China and Korea. Bud wears the air medal with two silver stars. Except for the fact that he has increased greatly in stature, he hasn't changed a bit. Nice seeing you, Bud!

Pvt. Richard Johnson, who is stationed at Camp Carson, Colorado, writes enthusiastically of the scenic beauties of the West. Richard is a busy soldier; he is doing office work during the day and operating a movie projector evenings.

Dorothy Baker has accepted a transfer to Schick General hospital at Clinton, Iowa. Carolyn Kosciucha, Eleanor Wunsch, and Maren Madsen have been transferred to Chicago; Eleanor and Maren are with the Treasury department, and Carolyn is working for the Weather bureau. (It has been an exceptionally beautiful autumn; had you noticed?)

New members of the Starry Eye department: Helen Gordon when she received a phone call from her husband, Kenneth, following his landing in the States after serving in Austria and Germany . . . Wilma Rockwell when she displayed a beautiful diamond on that

significant finger, announcing her engagement to Erin Naughton of Chicago . . . Mildred Obrecht when she heralded the arrival of her first grandchild, Nancy Lynn.

At a recent steak fry, Ruby Johnson had been enjoying the beauty of what she thought was the harvest moon. She was astounded when she turned around and saw a new crescent moon rising in the east, and exclaimed, "Why, there are two moons now!" When it was pointed out to her that her "harvest moon" was only a street light, Ruby was greatly relieved. Note: Coffee only was served with the steaks.

Speaking of steak fries (Please note our nonchalance in reporting them), the AP Spinsters' club enjoyed one not long ago at Long View park. The feature of the evening's entertainment, besides the steaks, was the conga line, led by Dorothea Meegan and Mary Ella Boxman (the latter recently graduated to the rank of Ex-Spinster, following her marriage to Allyn Boxman of Moline).

Plant Property Division

We had a pleasant visit from Tom Medill who has seen plenty of action in the Pacific. Hope he'll be home for good soon.

Maryanna Gravitt was honor guest at a miscellaneous shower in the home of Mary Anderson. She received a lot of beautiful as well as useful gifts for her future home.

Roy McGimpsey was welcomed back to ST after being in Uncle Sam's Army since March, 1944.

We had two of our former co-workers stop in to see us. Butch Mayes, who has been in Europe for several years, came in to see some of the "old-timers." "Scotty" (Phillip Scott) on his visit said he thought he was scheduled for overseas duty upon his return to Ft. Riley, Kansas.

The O'Malleys are truly having a wonderful time. Mary's brother Hugh has returned from the Pacific theater after being gone nearly four years.

We're glad that Mary Anderson is getting along nicely after her operation.

Selma Johnson was the only person to leave ST this month and our two "new-comers" are Mary Chapanian and Manita Nelson who transferred from Shop M.

Safety Section

We've conquered the Jerry and conquered the Jap,
But we must keep giving those accidents the rap.
It means constant vigilance in peace and in war
If we are to keep a low accident score.

The RIOC can be proud of its frequency trend;
For it was 'most downward from beginning to end.
The accident record was one of renown
For each one did his part and kept that frequency down.

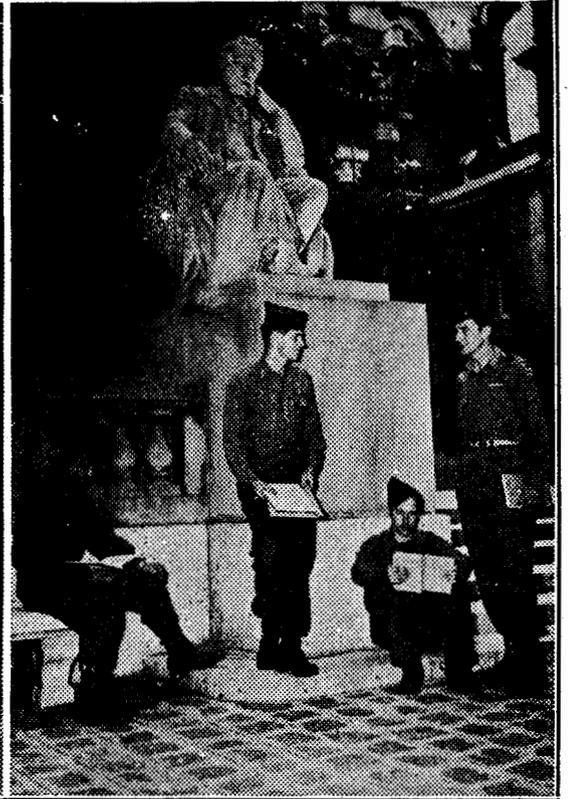
And now to continue with the record we've won,
For when we work safely, work is well done;
For production means working safely, too,
And keeping a record of accidents few.

Roy Barker went fishing the other day, but we didn't see any fish; we didn't even hear about the big ones that got away.

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AMERICANS IN ARMED FORCES ENROLL IN ARMY OVERSEAS SCHOOLS



G. I.'s study art in Louvre in Paris. Left, a troop of Sorbonne students admire the famous Venus de Milo statue. Right, students take time out in front of a statue of Victor Hugo during sculpture tour.

Approximately 1,000,000 G. I. Joes and Janes are now enrolled in one of several army university centers, having exchanged swords for plowshares and rifles for tomes.

The first of the centers was opened on July 9 in Florence, Italy, the second on July 30 in Shrivenham, England, the third on August 20 in Biarritz, France. These university centers are the culmination in the army's ambitious post-hostilities educational program for troops in the European and Mediterranean theaters of operation.

Under the capable direction of Brig. Gen. Paul Williams Thompson, Chief, Information and Education division, Theater Service forces, European theater, the program was carefully mapped out and put into operation.

Study and practical training are offered in hundreds of unit schools by and within battalions and similar military units. Likewise, the facilities of civilian educational institutions are made available to service men and women. Special university centers, centralized vocational technical schools and correspondence study through the United States Armed Forces Institute open other educational avenues to interested G.I.'s.

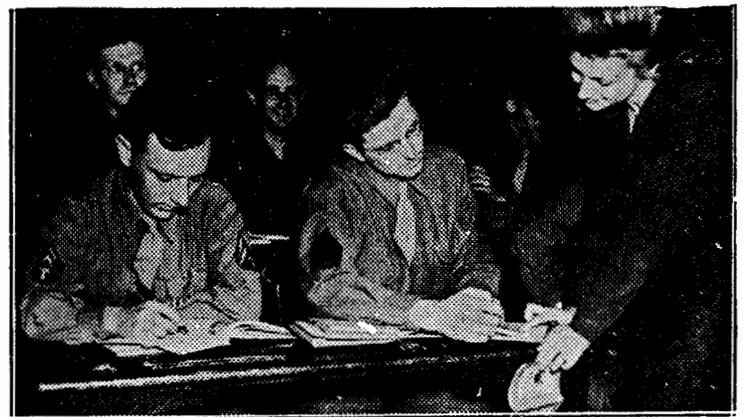
The most extensive part of the program is at the unit school level, which includes study from fifth grade through the second year of college. Courses range from literacy training to the usual college subjects.

Four million textbooks are on hand for use in some 2000 schools operating under the direction of the university centers. The texts cover more than 300 different courses in two types of training, academic and vocational.

Instructors and administrators in these unit schools were trained in special information and education staff schools conducted in France, England and Italy. They returned to their units to pass on this instruction to other personnel who are assisting in the operation of the unit school.



WAC's and nurses, who form contingent of great body of students at Florence University Center, stand at ease before their quarters.



Under the watchful eye of mademoiselle, American soldiers brush up on their French at Sorbonne where a 2-months' course is given.

SERVICE BUTTONS AWARDED LONG-TIME EMPLOYEES



Award winners are, from left, Wise, Kemp, Schroeder; 2nd row, Sommer, Jepsen, Dau; 3rd row, Col. Waldmann, and Col. R. Gaugler.

"Nothing takes the place of experience," according to Col. Carl A. Waldmann, commanding officer, in commenting on peak war-time production, while presenting Army Ordnance Buttons to employees with 15 or more years of faithful service.

On October 5, Walter H. Wise, Jr., Dept. AG, was awarded the 30 year button at the ceremony, while 25 year awards went to Lester H. Dau, KM; Leslie E. Kemp, AD, and Robert R. Methven DT. Twenty year pins went to Jens Jepsen, AH, and Elmer A. Sommer, DS. Fifteen year award was won by Frank W. Schroeder of AD.

On November 5, Joseph J. Pemp, SI, won the 30 year award, and J. Edwin Faust of DR the 25 year pin. Army awards for 20 year service went to Grant J. Snyder, RIB; and W. A. Weiser, DT; for 15 year service to Henry J. Behr, DM; and Ingwer R. Burton, AH.

Officers present at the ceremonies in Col. Waldmann's office were Col. E. Goebert, Col. R. Gaugler, and Col. O. G. Fegan.



First row, from left, Weiser, Snyder, Faust; 2nd row: Burton, Pemp, and Behr; 3rd row: Colonels Waldmann, Gaugler, Goebert, and Fegan.

SAFETY SECTION *(Continued from page 20)*

Congratulations are due to Mr. Carlin, one of our inspectors, and Mrs. Carlin upon the arrival of their new six-pound son, Michael Joseph. We are all sure that he will be a safety enthusiast just as his dad is.

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We surely hope that Roy Williams' pheasant hunting expedition—the one we have been hearing about ever since the leaves began to turn—doesn't turn out like Roy Barker's fishing trip, because we want pheasant!

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The Accident Prevention Engineering association, which consists of Rock Island arsenal employees who have completed the safety engineering course sponsored by the University of Illinois, held its meeting at 7:30 p.m., October 16. After a business meeting, Mr. Ladkin, the safety engineer, spoke on "Safety in the Postwar World." He explained that safety has a future and that it has a useful and important place in the postwar world. He stated that industry has come to realize that safety has a rightful place as an essential part of industrial life, and that the safety expert is needed more than ever to insure maximum production.

MAINTENANCE PUBLICATIONS SECTION

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Pacific wherein he served as a navigator on a B-29 bomber. The Distinguished Flying Cross and air medal helped to add up some 100 points. Sgt. Campbell returned from the Burma campaign and is planning on a future in his father's monument business.

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The latest changes have added Ruth Stonefield, Pearl Bellomy and Anna Brady to our clerical staff while we have bid adieu to Wilma Timbrook, Lennice Elvidge, Frank Kennedy, Nan Ruhig and Besse Doolittle.

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Our "half-period" entertainers, Helen Albrecht and Hazel Abrahamsen, are back to normal again after the girls' choir performance in "Arsenal and Old Lace." Bob Pedersen, the suggester of a variety performance, has had a workout as property man in the additional production at Schick and Mayo hospitals.

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The gleam in Maxine Frauen's eye when she visited us was due to her escort, marine corporal Erwin Frauen, Maxine's husband. Walt Holst, John Bloom, Wilma Bredt and Gladys Husby are among the outdoor fall sketching enthusiasts. Wilma has even gone as far as composing poetry about a Wisconsin beauty trip. Like many others enjoying horse shows are Fay Wall, Wade Stickler, Gladys Husby, Audrey Sand, Walt Holst and Phyl Smith, but Bob Heflen has taken on a real task—he's instructing beginners in riding. The latest mishap occurred to Mary Ingham in the form of frisket paper. She wasn't stroking her palm for nothing. The rubber cement really stuck!

R. I. ORDNANCE DEPOT *(Continued from page 16)*

Fourth Fleet boarded the U.S.S. Portland at 0925 Tokyo time, from their motor launch that sailed out of a cove from the mysterious, once powerful, Truk. The launch was flying a white surrender flag.

"The Japanese boarded our heavy cruiser, without weapons; even samurai swords were noticeably absent. They were escorted by a Marine Guard to Admiral Murray's cabin where they received the official instructions and were given an opportunity to read the surrender terms. After agreeing to abide by all terms set forth in the surrender document the Japanese signatories, with their respective aides, were escorted to the quarter deck for official signing of the surrender terms. Both military authorities had requested to sign individually since each had jurisdiction over several islands and neither had authority to sign for the other branch of the Japanese military organization.

"All officers and men of the ship's company were assembled at general muster, dressed in neat white uniforms. Watching the Japanese emissaries aboard our ship brought back memories of many long hours and days at our battle stations and also the bombarding of this same atoll, Truk, in April, 1944. All rigors of the past had shown the way to this one day of Japan's inevitable surrender and peace.

"Having earned fifteen battle stars and participated in thirty-one operations and engagements, the war record of the mighty Portland is one we are all very proud of and is a record as outstanding as any other ship in the fleet. Our cruiser has credit for sinking two Japanese destroyers and damaging one battleship and one cruiser on November 13, 1942, in the Third Sava action. In the Battle for Leyte Gulf, October 25, 1944, we assisted in sinking two Nip battleships, two destroyers and damaged one heavy cruiser. Our anti-aircraft batteries have shot down twenty-two planes and assisted in bringing down four others. A grand total of twenty-six.

"Having served on the U. S. S. Portland for 22 months, I have earned eight battle stars. I also am entitled to wear the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two stars."

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