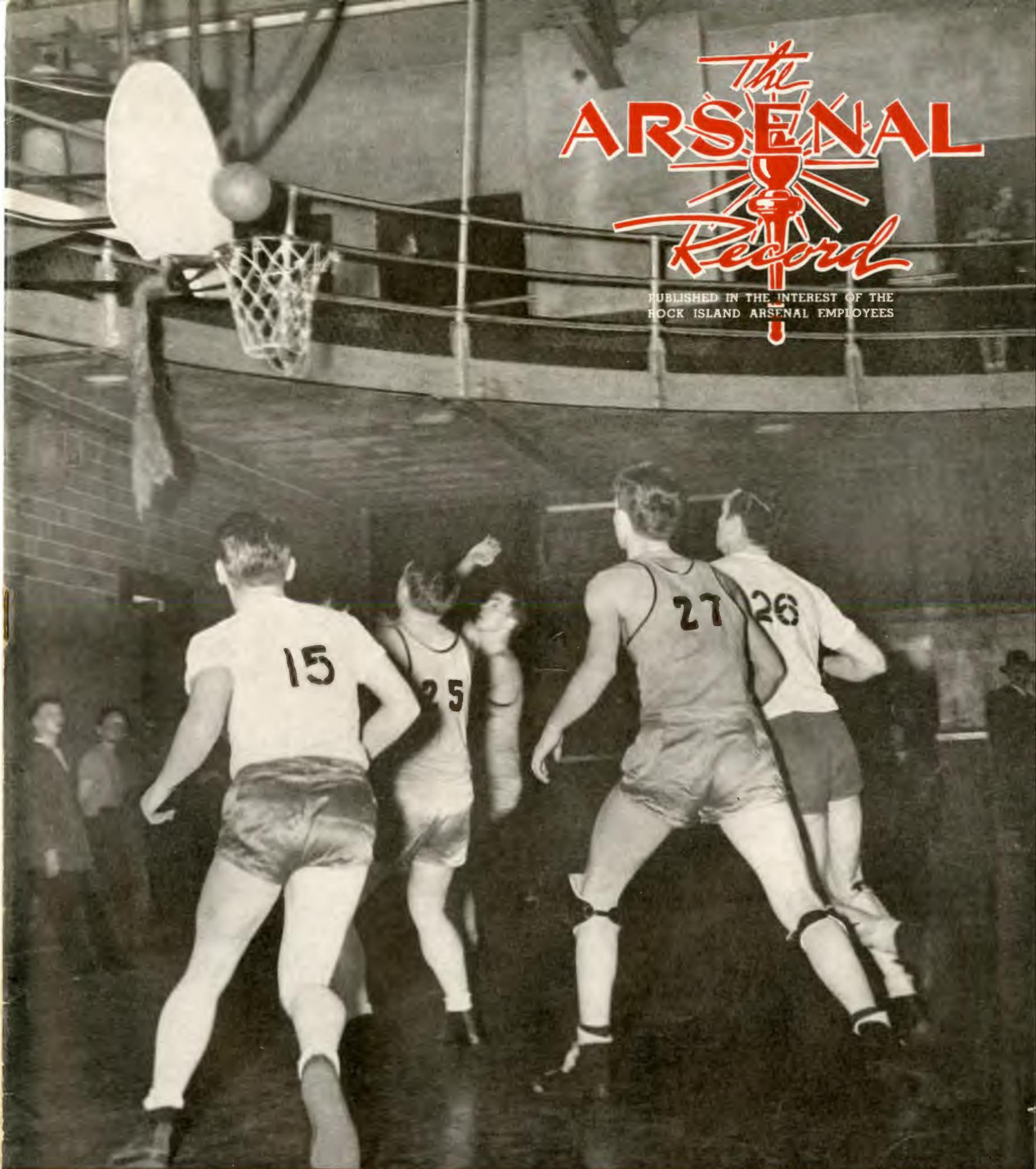


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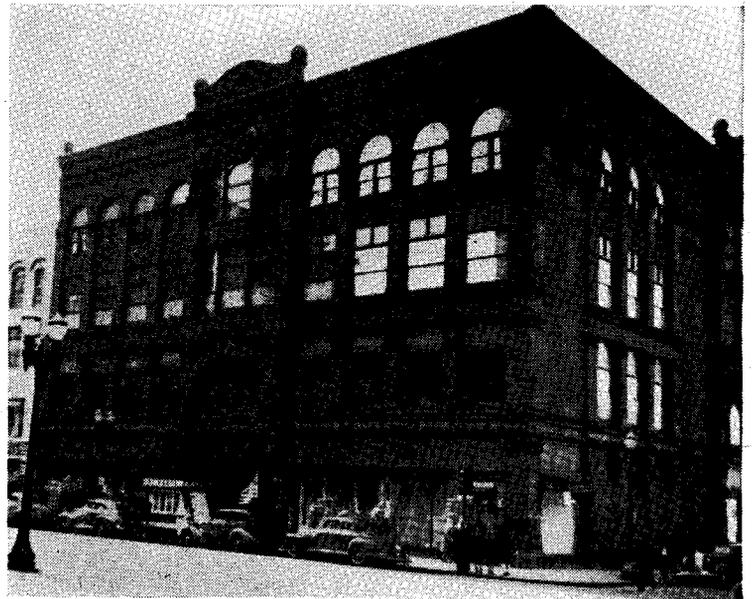
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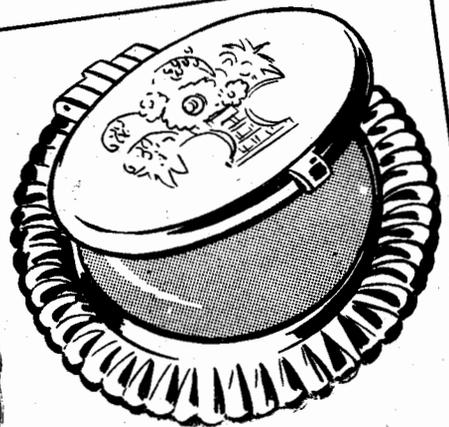
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Gentlemen:

A very good friend of mine in Shop M tool crib, Mr. Emmett Henshaw, recently sent me three copies of THE ARSENAL RECORD. I certainly did enjoy reading about the fellows I used to work with.

I have been in England, Africa, Italy and in France where I am now located. There's no place like the good old U.S.A., however, and I'm looking forward to the day when I'll be back at my old job at the Arsenal.

Lyle Sikkema

PICTURES TO THE EDITOR



Junior Commandos Michael and Steven Graham, grandsons of Freddie Coffin, Shop M, provide Grandpop with fun, excitement and stories galore.



Pfc. R. Burton Stone, son of Mrs. Mabel Stone, Small Arms, W1, is now stationed in the Philippines. He has also seen service in the Hawaiian Islands, New Guinea, Netherlands East Indies.



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PICTURES TO THE EDITOR



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Attention, Shop L! Anyone know this man?

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"I am pleased to inform you that you, your staff, and your civilian employees have won for the fifth time the Army-Navy Production Award for outstanding services in the production of war equipment," Robert P. Patterson, Under Secretary of War informed Col. Carl A. Waldmann, commanding officer, in a letter dated March 17.

Commenting on the Arsenal's record in a letter to the commanding officer, Major General L. H. Campbell, Jr., Chief of Ordnance, said:

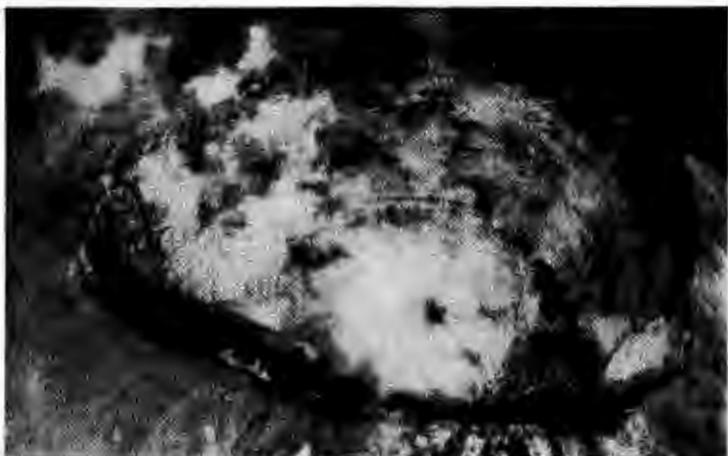
"The Ordnance Department has depended upon the Rock Island Arsenal for a vital portion of its war production, and you have never let us down. Please convey my thanks and appreciation to all of your employees for their contribution which has resulted in this fourth star award."

FORMER EMPLOYEE PHOTOGRAPHS MOUNT VESUVIUS

These views of Mount Vesuvius, taken by Staff Sgt. Alfred Hartkop shortly after the recent eruption of the venerable and active volcano, are something very special in the way of Vesuvius pictures, in that they are rarely seen aerial views.



Sgt. Hartkop, a former arsenal employee, is credited with saving the B-17 bomber on which he was aerial photographer during a mission over Czechoslovakia out of Italy. Sgt. Hartkop hung by his feet under the ship and released a bomb caught under the bomb bay door. He now wears the air medal with three clusters, the presidential unit citation with one cluster, and the silver star.



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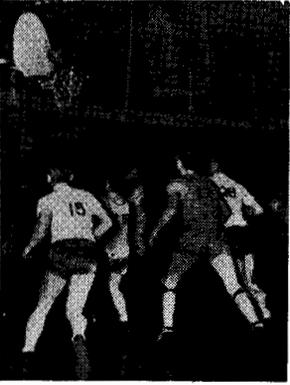
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THE RECORD'S COVER

Play-off game for championship of the Davenport Municipal League between Atlas Cigar, winners of the first round of games, and R.I.O.C. team, at St. Ambrose gym, Davenport, on March 13.

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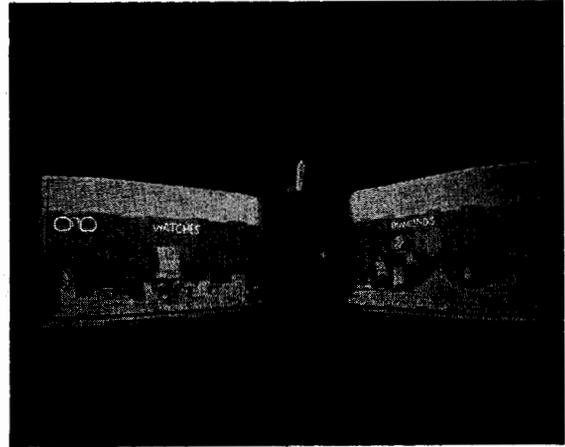
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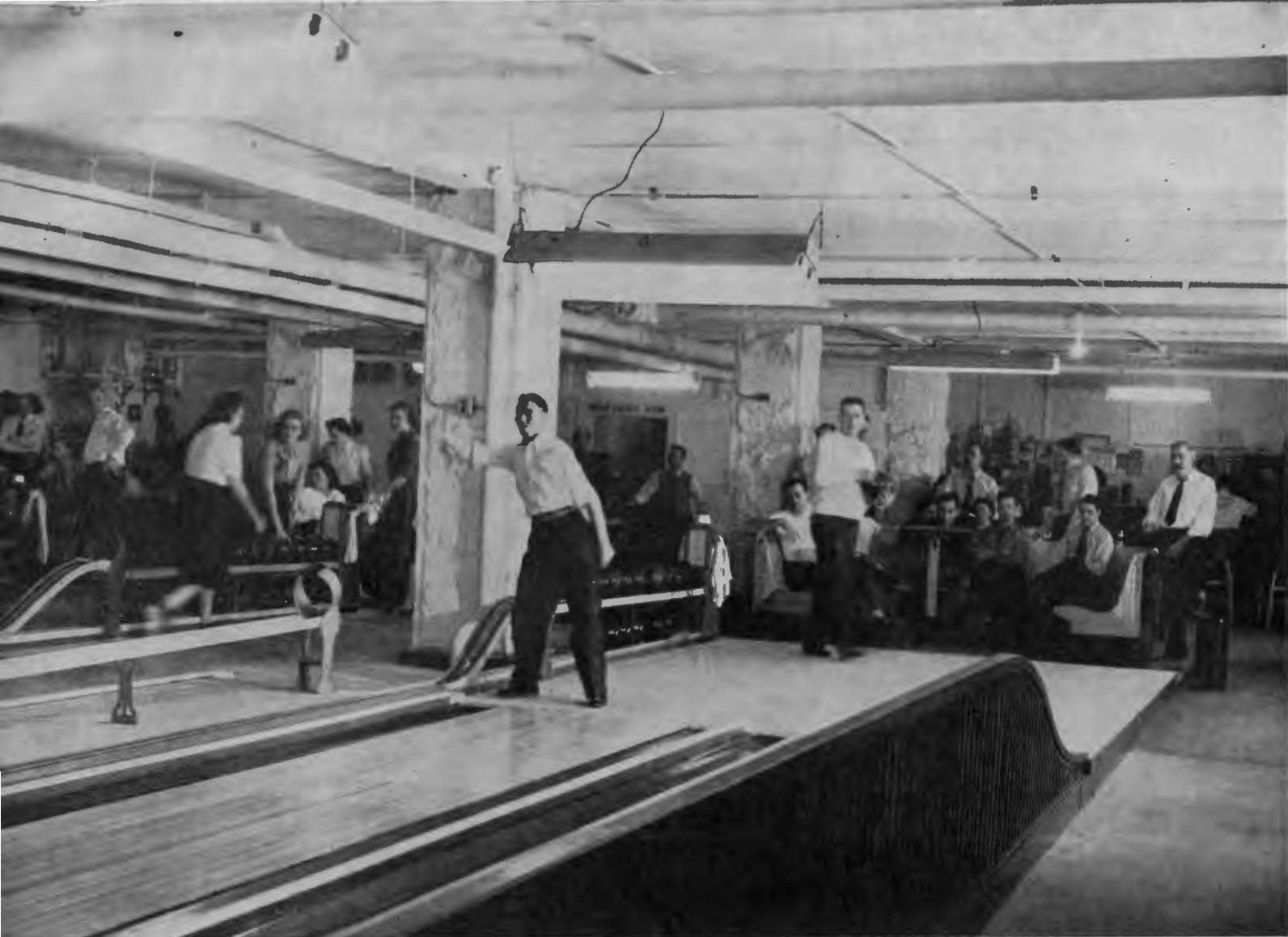
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On March 1, six new bowling alleys located in the basement of Shop B under the new cafeteria were officially opened to the arsenal personnel.

ATHLETICS IMPORTANT PART OF ARSENAL ACTIVITIES

Team work, in sports or in building war materials, is an important factor in the success of the Rock Island Ordnance Center, where employees participate in the many activities offered to them.

The Center enjoyed one of its best basketball seasons during this past Winter.

In the eight-team Davenport Municipal League, the R.I.O.C. quintet won the second round of play with a record of seven victories in as many starts, but lost to Atlas Cigars, winners of the first round crown with a similar mark of seven wins and no losses. The score of the championship tilt was Atlas, 30; R.I.O.C., 18.

In the six-team league sponsored by the Moline Y.M.C.A., the R.I.O.C. Cagers chalked up 13 triumphs in 14 games to win the title. In a championship tournament at the conclusion of the regular season, the Center bested the League's runner-up, American Machine and Metals of East Moline, by a 53 to 45 score.

Gold basketballs have been ordered for 14 players, most of whom saw action in both leagues.

Lt. S. H. Raynes, who learned the fine points of the game at Drexel Tech, coached the two clubs in their successful seasons. The players included: Joe Meenan, SM, former Rock Island High School star; Lyle Calvert, AD, a former Muscatine High luminary; Lloyd Daurer, SC, another former Davenport High great; Wally Grams, DM, who got his start on the Rock Island Y.M.C.A. court; Dick Lorenzen, DM, another former Davenport High star; Ray Engel,



Sponsors of arsenal recreational activities are l. to r.: Lt. Raynes, John Fuhrman (Employee Service Section) and Maj. W. H. Carpenter.

DM, erstwhile pride of Geneſeo High; Ernie Maas, SI, of Davenport High; Stanley Patterson, DM, formerly of Cherokee High; Jim Guss, SI, Jonesboro, Indiana High School; Clarence Lindholm, DM, and Eddie Wright, BB, both former Moline High performers; Lt. Ed Beda, SI, former Penn State ace; and J. Laga, DM, Moline, unattached.

Girls' basketball was also started at the Center during the winter with four teams comprising the Arsenal Girls' League. This league was organized by the Employee Services Section. The Shop M Tigerettes won the championship, finishing their league schedule with a clean slate.

Bowling also occupied the limelight at the Center during the fall and winter months and the new alleys are becoming increasingly popular with both the men and women keglers. A tournament is scheduled to be held during April and May.

Spring and Summer sports are already taking form with softball and hardball teams being organized. At least one softball team will represent the Center in outside league competition this season. Providing the necessary arrangements can be made, an inter-departmental league for players working at the Center will be organized and play will be staged on the East diamond. Formation of a girls' softball league is also being considered by the athletic group, of which Major W. H. Carpenter, Lt. Raynes, and John Fuhrman, AR, are the members.

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Casting their votes for members of the Welfare Fund Council in the Adjutant's office are (left to right) in line-up beside Captain Peitit, seated: Mr. H. L. Noth, Dorothy Abel, Marguerite Davis, Beatrice Cochrane, and W. W. Goetsch. Zelda Lemburg looks on.

Members of the Welfare Fund Council, elected by popular vote, are (left to right) front row, Helen Ericksen, Victoria Schafer, and Arline Benrud; back row, Colonel C. A. Waldmann, George L. Katkins, Carl C. Zacharias, Roy C. Lantz, and Major Carpenter, personnel officer.





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Anxiously anticipating the outcome of free throw by one of their members are arsenal girls who compose a crack basketball team.



Discussing plans for the forthcoming soft ball season at the arsenal are, (left to right) Peterson, Lau, Fischer, Bracker, Edens, Willett, Raynes, Mayes, Davis, Purschke, Foxen, Carlson and Lorenzen.



Team captains Grams (l.) and Pohlman shake hands while coaches Lt. Raynes (l.), Crawford, and referees Tarchinski, Taylor look on.



Play off game for Davenport municipal league championship between the Atlas Cigar Store team, first round winners, and R.I.O.C. team.



R.I.O.C. team—front, l. to r.: Meenan, Engel, Grams, Col. Waldmann, Daurer, Calvert, Lorenzen. Back: Raynes (coach), Wright, Patterson, Guss, Lidholm, DeVito, Hunter, Maas, Laga, Beda (assistant coach).

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Girls' team, Krueger, Kosciucha, Hamann of AL, Holm of AE, Anderson, Neiting, Calkins, Skinder, AL, Cameron, AA, Thompson, Wl.

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Tears of joy were shed by Katy Messner the day she received word that her husband, Pfc. Glen Messner, was attending Officers' Training School in Paris.

Jett Daley received a bottle of "Jet Perfume" from her husband, Tech. Sgt. Bill Daley, who is stationed somewhere in Italy. Tech. Sgt. Daley also remembered their wedding anniversary with a dozen red roses.

Interesting letters have recently been received from Johnny Eshelman who is now on the Philippines and Kenny Child in the Dutch Indies.

Newcomers this month include: Mildred Studen, June Koester, Marion Hall, Elizabeth Fisher, Lilly Grace, John Husting, Emma Shelton, Dorothy Scheuremann and Genevieve Themanson.

We're glad to hear that Yula DeMarla is getting along all right after her recent major operation. Hope you'll be back with us soon.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Alma Forsyth who was recently married to Coxswain Bruce Langford. Bruce spent the past 14 months in active duty. Best wishes are also extended to Betty Allison who became the bride of Raymond Goddar of Chicago on March 3.

Manufacturing Stores Division

Marjorie Andrews took a short trip to see her sister who is attending Luther college at Wahoo, Nebraska. She came back bragging about Nebraska beefsteaks.

A new member of our department this month is Retta Wolfram... a blonde!

Has anyone been noticing Bill McMann lately? His ears prick up at every sound. He's listening for the return of Coast Guard boats.

Linda Joann, the two month old daughter of Henry Kneigge, is already in picture. To see some of them, hail her father who carries them around in his pocket.

Ruth Golick, one of our shop checkers, is back at work after being absent for two weeks taking care of her small daughter.

We send our best wishes to Peter Sproston who is in Mercy hospital recovering from a broken rib.

We offer our sincere condolences to Leo Coughlin whose father passed away.

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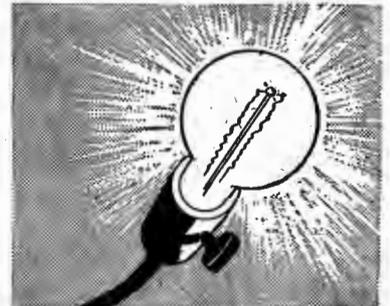
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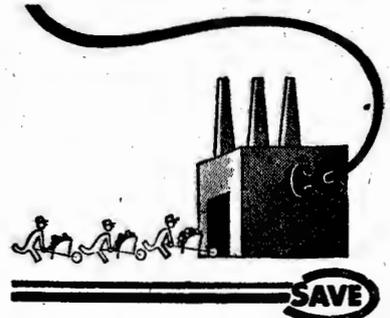
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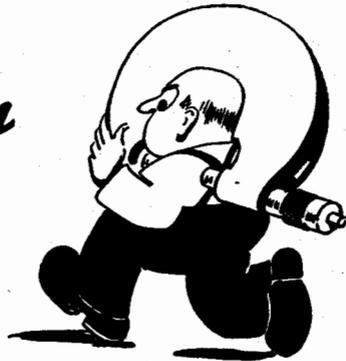
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Inspection



Robert V. Dryoel, G.M. 3/c in an L.S.T. Unit, says he has really seen excitement lately in the invasion of the Philippines.

Pvt. John Iversen visited the office recently while on delay enroute to the west coast. John, who is a baker, still promises to send us a sample of his cakes.

A letter was received from 1st Lt. Les Herbert, stationed in India. Les has over 800 hours of combat time to his credit.

Sgt. F. E. Blair informs us that we should see Paris some day. To use his own words, Paris is "beautiful, gay, interesting; and it would be much better in peacetime."

Congratulations are in order for Ed Holmes, recently promoted to sergeant. Ed is in the Dutch East Indies.

The last letter from Sgt. Norman Kallaus was written in a cellar somewhere in Germany. Said Norm, "Muddiest place I've seen."

There is mingled sadness and gladness in AK over the marriage of Miss Eleanor Howe to Mr. Leland Potter, formerly of Rock Island, on March 30 in Chicago, Illinois. (Sadness because Eleanor is leaving AK to make her new home in Chicago and gladness because they are such a grand couple.) Best wishes!

Thomas Kelley was promoted recently to a T/5 rating. Although Tom has an A.P.O. number, his destination is not yet known.

The sparkle of the diamond worn by Arlene Schave is as dazzling as her happy smile. Arlene is engaged to marry Corp. Robert Nelson who is in the Transportation Detachment of the Coast Artillery.

MANUFACTURING STORES (Continued)

Winners at this month's card party were Ruby DeCap, Arlys Miller and Cecilia Miller. Hostesses were Jean Beaudry, Doris Westerdahl, Mildred Rollins and Juanita Bagley. Jean, that girl of many musical moods, entertained the girls at the piano.

Personnel Division

Eileen Bryant and Doris Shaw are proud owners of matching bracelets and necklaces from Italy. Doris' is composed of cameo pendants and Eileen's is fashioned of pendants of intricate mosaic work.

Joseph J. Yenger has been added to Placement Section as exit interviewer.

With the influx of men in this department, several of the girls have taken up the hobby of comparisons. According to them, we

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Service Group



Don Gustafson, who used to work in the AM Tool Crib is at present someplace in Germany. Fred Matzen, who has been stationed in the Air Corps ground crew in Italy for the past several years, is expected home on leave, and Harry C. Moeller, U. S. Navy, was home on leave and dropped in on AM employees one day. Another former employee in the person of Jack Swanwick was back on leave. Jack seems to have been in a number of battles with Uncle Sam's Navy according to the ribbons on his chest. According to Bill Von Allmen, Bob Dawson is someplace in the Pacific, he knows not where! Joe Schober, who has been overseas in Belgium, has been wounded and will return to the States shortly.

Congratulations are in order for several employees of the Service Group. A son was born on Saturday, March 18 to both Mr. and Mrs. Walter Porth and to Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Fahrenkrug.

Get well wishes are sent to Chester Martin, Ralph Cox, Martin Sellers, Hannes Meyer, William Martens, Ernest Lueth, Ernest Vroman, William Vertrees, Ralph Smith, Blaine Lawson and Benny Schelling.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Hi Havens who recently lost his brother, Bill, and to Loris Sand, who lost her grandfather.

PERSONNEL DIVISION (Continued)

now have an Allen Jones, Frank Sinatra, Joseph Cotten, Edward G. Robinson, and Harpo Marx. (When are visitors' hours?—Ed.)

Mary Johnson had reason to be excited recently. Her husband wrote of "the beautiful blonde" he had met and loved. However, the blonde is a cute four-year old, orphaned by war, whom he would like very much to adopt. The little girl is now in an orphanage in Belgium, but she visits each evening with Chief Warrant Officer Lonie Johnson. Mary has a picture of "her daughter."

Philip E. Heden and Bartolo Bongiorno have been transferred from the Depot to the Wage and Classification Section.

The Personnel Division extends sympathy to Edna Waters and Elizabeth Jackson, whose fathers passed away recently.

Two new girls have been added to the Administrative Section, Edith Wailand and Elaine Watts.

Fran Burmeister has been exceptionally chippy of late. Her glee could have something to do with a certain lieutenant.

Have you noticed the exceptionally fine safety records on the Safety Record boards throughout the Center? There are three departments with a record of over 1,000 days without a lost time injury. They are as follows: DR514—1,173 days, DM202G—1,146 days, DM102S—1,013 days. And another department which is very close to 1,000 days is the Pattern Shop. The hazards in this department are very great and they are to be commended for this record.

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Manufacturing



Artillery Vehicle Dept.

In again, out again, gone again Finnegan. That could well describe the activities of Milo Stage. He's in (the office) again.

Dick Hansen, an on the scene witness of the attack on Pearl Harbor, is now working with Mr. Stage on his latest assignment. Dick spent three years in Hawaii as an Armament Machinist. After completing his tour of duty in Hawaii, he returned to Rock Island arsenal.

Congratulations to Vern Baenitz, who was recently awarded a 20-year service pin. Very few receive a 20-year pin at his tender age.

Congratulations are in order for Elmer Sherman, who rounded out his thirty-third year of service with the Ordnance Department last month.

Rachel Smith returned from First Aid the other day and said to her supervisor: "I want to work." Wanting to work is a rare virtue, especially among returning first aid victims, and Rachel well deserves a special badge of merit.

The night crew lost its work foreman, Wm. T. Johnson, a valuable man in the Packing Department. Mr. Johnson died on January 10. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family.

Dick Huss has returned from New Jersey with his new dog. We now have three "Seeing-Eye" dogs serving their masters and their country in SC.

Herman T. Schlimmer, student aviator, formerly employed in Shops M and W-1, spent a six-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Gladys Schlimmer, SC's very efficient night crew supervisor.

All the births reported by SC this month happened at the Gert-rude Junkins' home in Davenport, where eight beautiful baby terrier puppies, 4 males and 4 females, were born.

Frank B. Simpson was invited to attend the first big meeting of the quad-city Cornell Club, where a swell dinner, followed by an interesting program was held in the Pompeian Room of the Blackhawk. Mr. Simpson is an alumnus of Cornell.

SHOP I

First Lt. Theodore J. Brus, former employee of PM-14L as a Shop Checker, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross at a Fifteenth Air Force base in Italy. He has completed 50 missions as first pilot of a B-24 Liberator with the 450th bomb group during which he has also earned the Air Medal with three clusters.

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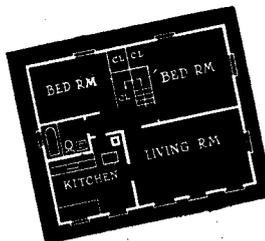
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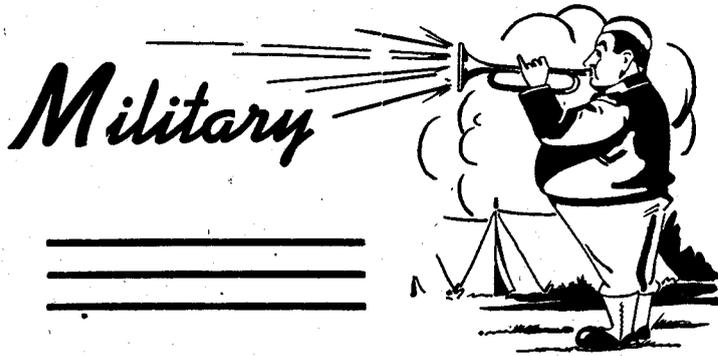
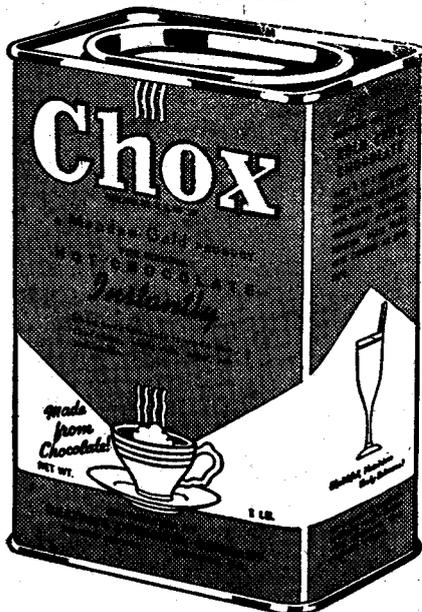
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Maj. Steve F. Walker, Capts. Erhard D. Nielsen, Spencer A. Sweeny, and 1st Lt. Kenneth S. Whittemore, Jr., to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., for temporary duty awaiting further movement orders outside the continental limits of the United States.

1st Lts. Theodore H. Hopkins, Murl C. Northcutt, Paul W. Mathew, and 2d Lts. George R. Miller and Phillip L. Sleight on temporary duty to overseas station.

1st Lt. Robert B. Niemeyer to Cincinnati Ordnance District, Cincinnati, Ohio.

PROMOTIONS:.....

1st Lt. Harold M. Knoth promoted to 1st Lt. effective March 3, 1945; 2d Lts. Jacob L. Kovner, Theodore G. Otto, and Malcolm E. Gettmann promoted to 1st Lts. effective March 7, 1945.

Adjutant's Office

Alice Williams answered the telephone the other day and some feminine voice at the other end of the line asked to talk with the youngest girl in the Assistant Officers' Office. WELL . . . you can imagine the commotion, when Florence, Gladys, Ginny and Alice heard!

Ever so often "Torchy" Davis gets a yen to return to her home state, Oklahoma, so two weeks ago she packed her bags and headed for the "Indian" state. Her boss, Capt. Pettit, gave her orders to bring him back a little Indian squaw to run his errands about the office, but Torchy failed him and didn't so much as bring back a feather!

Ellen Viets has been thriving on that good old "home cooking" these past several weeks. Shortly after her husband, Lt. Lloyd Viets, left for temporary duty overseas, Ellen's mother came from West Virginia to keep her company and to see that she got all her vitamins.

SHOP L (Continued)

Harry Requet made his first 500 series in bowling the other night. I wondered who belonged to that button I found the other day; now I know!

A benefit party was given for George H. Anderson as a result of the burning of his home. It was held at the Arsenal Machinists hall, No. 81 in Rock Island, on February 24.

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George Shepard of W-1 Shipping is walking around these days with his chest like a barrel—the reason being a new baby girl, Linda Lee, born February 16. Congratulations, George!

Mrs. Flossie Meier of the Co-ordinating Department, 3rd floor, W-1, is mighty proud of her son, Sgt. Harold Meier, a former employee of Shop D, who has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievements while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the Mediterranean Theatre of operations. Mrs. Meier also has a son, Veryl, in the Navy, who is now in the South Pacific.

Willie McCleary of the 3rd floor Co-ordinating is all smiles these days. She received for her birthday a beautiful diamond sparkler from her dream man, Wallie Chalupa, who is stationed in Honolulu.

Margaret Smith, one of the up and coming girls in the Co-ordinating department of W1, came to work recently flashing a beautiful diamond. The lucky guy is Master Sgt. Lawrence Leftwich of the Air Corps who has just returned from overseas.

There have been smiles and frowns galore in the Chart and Graph Section lately. The smiles belong to Pat Patterson whose husband, Seaman Lawrence Patterson of the Merchant Marines, was home on a furlough. He is stationed at Baltimore. The frowns belong to Dick Weingartz and were caused by some sort of Pink Ticket. What are the details, Dick, or aren't you talking?

This department is very proud that they are now a part of the Control Division and are at your service.

It has been said that a new baby doesn't resemble either parent until it gets a little older, but that isn't true in the case of Michael Vincent Peterson. His daddy, Clarence Peterson of 4th floor, W-1, Small Arms Department, says the new arrival looks just like him. Michael was born February 22. Congratulations, Clarence!

This reporter is rather worried about the Equipment Control Section. What we can't figure out is whether the girls are too busy to do anything that we might report about them, or if they would rather we didn't write up what they are doing. We do know that Celia Griffin's husband recently purchased a bakery. Maybe we could go over and have doughnuts and coffee some time. How about it, Grif?

Pre-Packaging Department, 3rd floor, W-1, had a delightful potluck dinner—a regular "Breakfast at Sardi's." The orchid for the oldest woman present was awarded to Clara Schroeder, who is 71 years old; the wishing ring was won by Sally Porter, and the prize for the funniest hat was won by Edna Davis.

Mabel N. Stone, Chief of the Timekeeping Section, W-1, celebrated a birthday on February 2. The girls in her department presented her with a beautiful black corded bag, and a dinner at the Arsenal Cafeteria. Mabel responded with cake and candy. It was a lovely occasion.

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Field Carriage and Recoil

BA had a skating party at the Prom in Davenport February 17. No casualties were reported this time. There were a few spills, but that always adds to the fun. Louie Valtsin really did some fancy skating. Don't tell anyone but he was trying to keep on his feet.

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A week end in Chicago is just the thing—at least Letty Huls and Maurine Huey think so. But, oh, did they look tired when they came to work the following Monday. I wonder why they are keeping a few things to themselves? How about telling us girls so we can enjoy a weekend in Chicago.

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Frances Sherlock was sure she was getting the measles, but it was only a rash caused from eating too many oranges. It seems that Frances and Bernadine Morrissey are still sticking to their diets.

Field Service Division Sub-Office

At long last, the Administration Building has finally dispensed with BB, and Mr. Bristol need no longer be bothered with "when-do-we-move" questions. The girls make only one complaint. They are losing weight running around our spacious office. Did I say complaining?

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Orchids to Lt. Col. Barney, our chief of Stock Control Division, who has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, by the Commanding General, 32nd Division, "for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Australia and New Guinea, from September 1, 1943, to May 1, 1944. As Division Ordnance Officer, Lt. Col. Barney brought to a high degree of operational efficiency all division Ordnance materiel.

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Marilyn Bies has left us to go back to her home in Chicago. Her pleasant personality is missed by everyone. Good luck to you, Marilyn. Mrs. Charlotte Swanson, formerly Mel Amoth's able secretary, has succeeded Marilyn as secretary to Col. Barclay.

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Did you all notice the big grin Dorothy Guthrie has been flashing lately? Well, just imagine, her husband traveled from Belgium to Germany to have his picture taken for her. That's not all, either—he, with four other fellows, drove a jeep across three countries just to get mail from home.

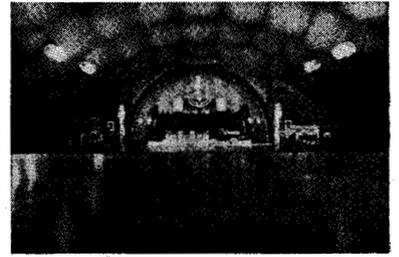
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The Overseas Supply Division, Issue Branch, left the other members of Issue with their mouths watering when they gave a farewell "pot luck" party at noon for their chief, Captain E. D. Nielsen, who left that afternoon for overseas duty. Good luck, Captain; we

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It is with regret that we report the replacing of a blue star with a gold on our Service Roll Call. Word has been received that Pvt. Joseph D'Antonio, of the 106th Infantry Division, was killed in action in Germany, February 13. Joe entered the service in October, 1942, and went overseas, last November. Shortly before leaving this country, he paid us a short visit. His cheerful disposition and big smile will long be remembered and missed in ST.

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We had a farewell get-together with Ralph Gerdes and his wife Harriet on Saturday, February 17. The evening was spent dancing to a juke box slightly on the broken side. A lunch of fried chicken climaxed the affair. Since then, Ralph has been shipped out of the country and we are anxiously awaiting word from him.

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We have received some interesting and newsy letters from several of our servicemen this past month. Roy McGimpsey wrote from Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, telling us that his pals at camp enjoyed the Christmas box sent by ST. Navy life was the theme of Tom Medill's letter from the Pacific, and Frank Ackerman's letters reveal that he is still hospitalized in California. Bert Welles sent us a "thank you" letter from France where he is in Ordnance work.

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No more fortune telling during lunch hour. The "sage" of ST, Mary Melow, has transferred to AP. Mary either was an excellent guesser or else she had some inside dope on some of us—or could she really tell fortunes?

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It is "hello" again to two of our former associates. Alva Dank and Helen Riggs have returned after long absences. Mary Jane Coddington is our only "new-comer" this month.

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"Is You Is Or Is You Ain't" is Dorothy Johnson's theme song these days. Dorothy's husband wanted to wager that she couldn't make an average bowling score of 100. To date her average is 99.8. The moral support, cheers and expert (?) advice from the rest of us should enable her to make the grade, so come on Dot, show him.

Procurement Division

Letters and cards received from our service men and women carry addresses from the four corners of the earth. Dean Chisel is in England; Ralph Benson and Fred Ehrhardt in Belgium; Russ Swanson, Cy Cottrell, Jim DeDecker, and Bob McIntosh in France. Bob writes from Paris; he says the French capital has its points of beauty and interest, but as for him, he'll still take the Quad-Cities. Bob Healey is somewhere in Germany. Jim Heap is in Italy; likewise Jennie Olsen, who reports having spent several week-ends on the beautiful Isle of Capri. Walter Wells, Bob Eggers, Alex Kolb, Jack Morrin, Harold Peters, and Bob Holt all are somewhere in the

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A Letter to

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Dear Al:

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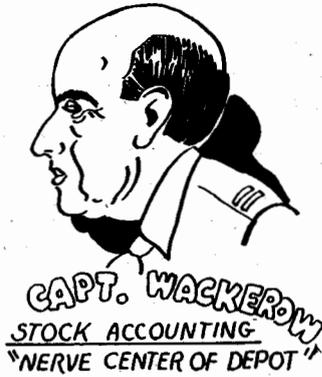
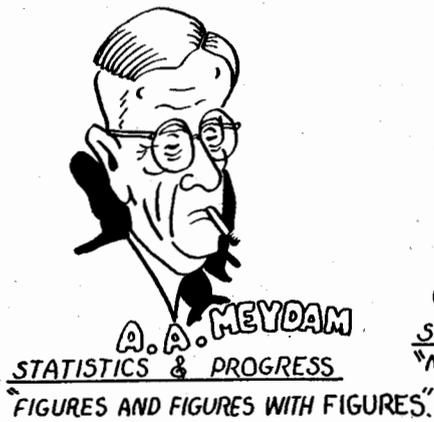
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PROCUREMENT DIVISION (Continued)

South Pacific area. Johnny Blietz, Ed Schneider, and Paul Arnould are in Hawaii, while Joe Blanche is stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska. Still in the good old U.S.A. are Ruby Hill, Louise Fishburn, Jean Beckwith, Vivian Nustad, Cheryl Hoerler, Mary Simmons, Danelia Wedge, Gertrude Carroll, Joe Alles, Everett Waters, Jim Walker, Bill Krahl, Dan Whalen, and Randy Drish. Bernard Nessler is in transit.

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS:

Sergeant James and Gladys Simmons welcomed an eight-pound baby son into their home on February 24. He has been named after his dad.

Five AP employees were recently awarded service badges by Colonel Marsh at a quiet ceremony in the reception room. Mr. Curley, Violet Pendleton, and Marian Haines received 25-year pins, while Leona Welsh and Edna Behrens were presented with 10-year awards. These awards represent a total of nearly a century of faithful service. Congratulations to each of these fine people!

SLEUTH'S CORNER (OR MINOR MYSTERIES OF AP):

What has impelled Mr. Mohr (authority extraordinary on chicken husbandry) to discontinue chicken raising? Has barnyard golf displaced the toothsome bird in his affections, or has there been some other distracting influence?

What AP lovely, when informed that Harold Downs of AE was wearing a birthday tie, asked him whether he was wearing his birthday suit, too?

How in the world could Vic Rodenberg have gained fifteen pounds on Darlene's cooking in the short period (one year) of their wedded life?

Anyone interested in acquiring a fine puppy of uncertain ancestry may contact Kay Solomonson, who has three available. Though they are not related to Fala, Kay guarantees them to be of good stock—a mixture of terrier, hound, and police dog, with the best traits of all three strains predominating.

Fiscal Division



Our best wishes go to our former Eva Bahnsen, who has been Mrs. Kenneth Hammond since her marriage on February 25. The new groom, formerly of the United States Navy, has now returned to the Arsenal and is working in DM.

We just imagine Eva is already a good cook, but she might pick up a few pointers from Sue Wickete Hendricks, a former AL girl,

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FISCAL DIVISION (Continued)

who reported last week that her husband had gained twenty pounds since their marriage last May.

Speaking of poundage, it seems there are too many people besides presidents born in February. With both Cost and Finance treating them to candy on birthday anniversaries, the Allotment gals are beginning to worry about their waistslines.

Personnel Ledger:

The Cost Section lost one of its members when Isabelle Klink transferred to BB.

The Allotment Section gained a member when Elmer Holmgrain arrived to assist Maurice Shanley. Since he has been his own boss for some years, something simply must be done to educate Mr. Holmgrain to Arsenal customs. When the bell rings he sometimes takes as much as two full minutes to arrive from his desk—even to join the cafeteria lunch line!

Finance Division

Martha Johnson has received word that her husband, Andy, is a prisoner of war in Germany. He has been missing since December 23, and though he is wounded, it is not serious. Martha received her word by letter from a sergeant who was repatriated. We all rejoice with her. Next to the news that the war is ended, this is the best news we could receive. Eleanor Andre's husband, Hugh, is in a hospital in California. He contracted rheumatic fever somewhere in the South Pacific, and won't be able to sail the seas for quite some time. Marcella Lind's husband, Bob, is in Germany. He writes that he'd like to have some warm woolen socks, and, of course, food. Margie Rosenberg's husband, Leonard, is home on leave. We're all exhausted from anticipation because his leave has been postponed several times. Margie is spending all her time with him, so we'll just have to get along without her lil' smile for two weeks. So much for the husbands.

Bill McCombs, whom some of you may remember from the Pay Wagon, visited us recently. He was wounded in Europe and is now at a hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, to have a nerve transplanted in his leg. Bill is very proud of his new son—and admits that the kid is already too much for him to handle.

Another "used to be" on the Pay Wagon, Cliff Bower, writes from the Philippines. He's still "on the hoof"—but once they were attacked, and the fellow who was in the spot Cliff had just vacated a few seconds before was hit.

Mr. Haines' son Bob was home on leave for 12 days, after having been at sea for six months. From here he went to King's Point, New York, to attend the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy. We do not blame Mr. Haines for popping all the buttons off his vest.

Time Division

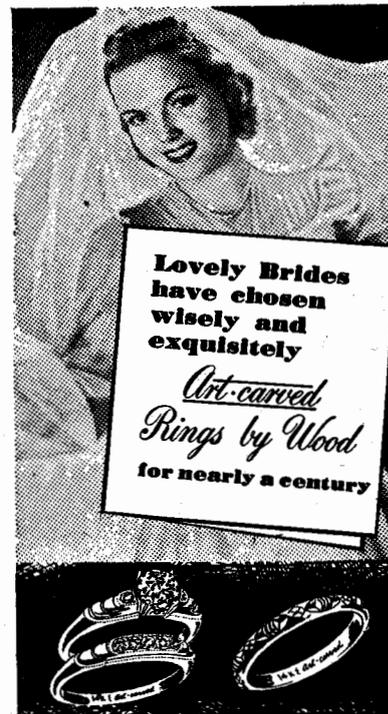
Two bright spots seen in the department these days might be caused by the diamonds being worn by two of our Timers. One—Eleanor Beck who recently became engaged to Edward Sothman, and the other—Ruth Wiedenhoft who is engaged to Kenneth Johnson of Geneseo.

We'd like to autograph the cast that adorns Thelma Strieby's lower right arm. Thelma went several days feeling a pain in her wrist without knowing that it was cracked in two places. Now she knows.



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ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

Recently some of Ellen Teros Crampton's friends and fellow-workers gave a dinner party in her honor at Johnson's Tea Room. After dinner they adjourned to the Elander household where they "raised the table" instead of the roof.

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The absent-minded professor has nothing at all on Charity Wolff who left a note for her husband to stop at the bakery and bring home a dozen "Red" cross buns. (Poor Henry couldn't fill the order.)

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Alice Johnson was probably in a very generous spirit the Sunday morning she departed for church with two purses tucked under her arm.

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Peg Wilson went off to sewing school one night to get aid in remodeling a skirt. The instructor looked over the problem at hand and told Peg to move the button over one inch! That is all.

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Pat Seaburg and Barb Pilcher laboriously completed a cartoon scrapbook which was delivered to the boys at Mayo Hospital. Two answers have been forthcoming—one from Leonard A. Carlo, S 2/c and the other from John Angulut, SK 1/c. Nice work, girls.

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We hear that Vi Dozark has received a beautiful mosaic pin and bracelet and a silver filigree rosary from her sergeant in Italy.

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May Nichols' son Robert, formerly of the Target Shop, is now in the Philippines, and another son, Lt. William Nichols, formerly of Shop H, is now stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas, where he is training to become a field artillery-liaison pilot.

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Bowling is one thing that is right up Elvira Shy's alley. Elvira placed first in the City Women's Bowling Tournament rolling up a total of 617 pins and also placing her first in the Scratch Series of 560.

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Step right up, ladies and gentlemen—to the cafeteria fountain and you'll see the spittin' image of Marcella Johnson industriously making these delicious sundaes, sodas, and "what flavor have you today" items. It's Marcella's twin sister, Marvel.

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The employees of the Time Division wish to extend their sincere sympathy to Alice Hourigan whose sister Mrs. Lucile Diedrich passed away March 2.

SHOP L (Continued from page 18)

Visitors this last month in Shop L were: Pvt. Willard Fersch, Navy Lt. John Jacobs, Robert Guss, Sgt. Russell Zach, Radioman Don Overman, Fred Dautermann, Sgt. Robert Gaylor, Donald Stocks.

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Recent fathers include: Charles Baker, a boy; C. E. Melley, a girl, and John Burke, a boy. All of these men work in the "Court."

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George Heene and Bill Dobbie are the doubles champions in Rock Island after bowling 1,243 in the 13th annual Rock Island Bowling Association tournament at the Central Alleys on January 20.

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Mr. Tigh, 202G Foreman, received a letter from Jack Hughes last month. Jack, overseas, is still O.K. and says he missed the old gang back in Shop L.

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The return of Chas. R. Callahan, 201B turret lathe operator, after 14 months of illness, is welcomed by all his friends in Shop L.

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Don Lemme, whose father Art works in the 201D repair department, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant in the Marine Corps. Don formerly worked in Shop M.

SHOP D

Lt. Richard Hinton, navigator on a B-29, son of Louise Hinton of the Automotive department, has been awarded the Bronze Oak Leaf cluster in lieu of a second air medal for meritorious service against Japan. Lt. Hinton was formerly employed at R.I.A.

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After scouting around today we found out why Goldie Anderson has been wearing such a pretty smile lately. We saw her second finger on her left hand. Who's the lucky man, Goldie?

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Pfc. Martin Abrahamsen of the U. S. Marines stopped in to visit with his friends in Shops D, H and K last month. He has taken part in four major battles—Saipan, Leyte, the Langayen gulf and the large sea battle around the Philippines.

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We could just sit for hours listening to Lois Cummings' Texas drawl. We always like to hear "them southern gals" call us "Honey."

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We've just learned that Lloyd Potter will take his pretty bride-to-be, Ann Steuer, to the altar on April 7. Best wishes to you both from all of us in Department DA720.

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Daryl Rundle seems to have a lot of things (?) on his mind these days. Lately he's been getting himself lost right here on the arsenal. Who is she, Daryl?

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We hear that Pauline Martin is covering so much ground down around the east end of the inclosure that the arsenal is figuring on issuing her road maps so she doesn't get off the beaten path!

BLDG 208

Employees of Bldg. 208 mourn the death of our good friend, Soren Thomsen, assistant foreman in DX307B. Mr. Thomsen died on February 17.

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We offer condolences to Mr. Glass, whose father died recently.

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Employees of DX307 are wondering what happened on the honeymoon of Elmer Jahn, DX307B, who was married recently. Elmer returned from his honeymoon with one eye bandaged and the other considerably inflamed.

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We of Shop R and Building 208 extend our sympathy to John Cocking, Jr., an employee of DX309A, whose brother, Pfc. Harold Cocking, has been killed in action in Luxembourg, Germany.

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Shop L gained the services of two competent inspectors, Jerry Cooper and Carl Napier, who were transferred to Shop L from KM308 recently. Best wishes to them.

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Evidently Roy DeCamp, Assistant Foreman, DX309A, has completely recovered from his recent illness. Fellow employees are glad to see him back at work again.

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PM14R will miss the presence of Lloyd Kelling who recently resigned in favor of farming. His duties were taken over by Andy Nietzel.

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The other day Marvin Schultz, our genial follow-up man, staggered into the office and exclaimed, "No elevator, no shoes, no shoe coupons, no gas! Boy, I'm sure glad I'm still a young man!" That follow-up work is really tough, eh, Marvin?

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Friends of Carl Stoddard, popular dance band maestro, wish him a speedy recovery from his present illness. Carl is employed as custodian in Building 208, and, incidentally, as master of ceremonies at the weekly jam sessions in 208.

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MANUFACTURING (Continued)

SHOPS G & I

Thomas T. Thompson, DM513, is the proud father of a sweet red-headed daughter who arrived on February 24.

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Speaking of cooking, we feel sorry for Mrs. Kerndt, who does most of the cooking for Arthur. How that man can eat!

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If there's a noticeable change in "Bill" Schneeberger lately, it's because he's busy making plans for future meetings of the card club he is a member of. Bill has been gathering some very valuable knowledge at these monthly meetings, and we've heard a rumor that he has a new game to spring on the boys next month. Could it be "Deuces Wild," Bill?

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lehan are parents of a baby daughter, Janet Susanne, born on February 27. Ed is a machine operator in DM505 lathe department, Shop G.

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We heard of a test to determine whether a person is introvert or extrovert. You just ask him how he is and if he says "Fine," he is an introvert. If he says "Fine, thanks, and how are you?" he is an extrovert. We of Shops G and I must be a pretty moody bunch for nobody rated as an extrovert. Sample answers: Bill Kuttler: I'm lousy. Carroll Dalton: Very well; very, very well. John Raynoha: O. K. Bruce Stark: Pretty good. Ira Myers: Not very good. Louise Dunlap: Feen some snus. Chas. Schreiner: Not so good.

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"Bill" Hanssen was sort of all confused the other day. He looked at his watch to see what the date was.

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We wonder what George Kropp does for his Sunday dinners with no teeth? We hear he's been living on mashed potatoes and snowballs during the winter months, but we understand his choppers will be in place by the green grass season.

SHOPS H & K

DA is very proud of its employees who recently received Awards for Meritorious Civilian Service. They are Mrs. Olive Donaldson, Al Snow, Tommy McCormick, Wilbur Kjellander, and Sydney Glossop. Congratulations to all of you on your fine workmanship.

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A new ration book has been acquired at the home of the Lyman Autens' with the arrival of Melinda Susan on February 8. Congratulations, folks.

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You'd think Al Snow was training for the infantry with all the walking he's doing these days. He's now in charge of both DA13 and DA121 and there's a long stretch of territory in between, isn't there, Al?

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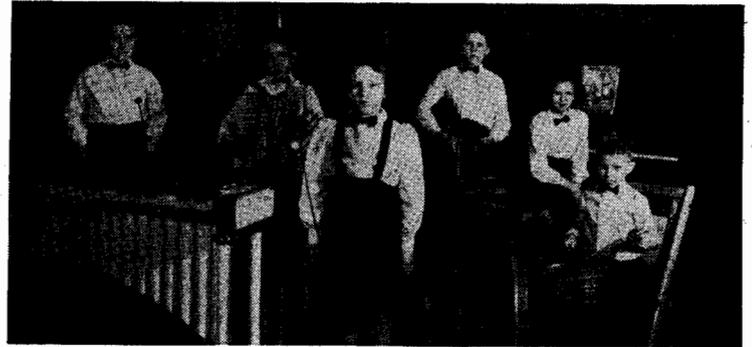
March is the birthday month for those in the Production Control and Gage Section Offices. Gretchen Drescher celebrated on the third, Marion Frazier on the twenty-fourth, and Roy Horst on the twenty-fifth. Dot Seaver of DA117 Office also had a birthday on the twenty-fifth. Best wishes to you all!

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With those in Service:

Pfc. Sydney Glossop, former Assistant Foreman in DA12, paid us a visit recently. He is an instructor at Camp Hood, Texas. Elinor Behrens, formerly of KM and the Planning Room, is now a Hospital Technician, 1/c, in the WAVES, stationed at the Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Maryland. She recently paid us a visit while on leave. Cpl. Al Sklenka, formerly of DA13 and now of the Army Air Force, writes that he's on B-29's these days and is based somewhere on the Marianas Islands, and Pfc. Clyde Wisenburg, a former KM Inspector, writes that he is now with the Army "somewhere in France."

SHOP M



This juvenile orchestra represents the talent of two families. The proud fathers are Al Janowski, 201B turret lathe operator, and Andrew Czupka, Shop G machinist. These youngsters (l to r—Richard, Ernest, Bernadine Czupka, Leonard Janowski, Geraldine Czupka, Giles Czupka) have been entertaining quad-city folks and it is reported that the kids put out some good music. The photographer was Jake Accola, 201B, who does pretty good work, too.

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All the "yelling" that goes on during the noon hour in DM101E each day can be traced to the big euchre game that goes on. That noisy foursome consists of Hank Beckman, Walter Behr, Harry Walterman and Eddie Jacobs. What a bunch!

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We wonder what Clarence Woods has that the rest of us haven't got. The gals who ride the bus to work with Clarence pitched in and bought him a lovely birthday gift last month.

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We claim Harry Zierke as the champion "indispensable man" of Shop M. Harry has accumulated 90 days annual leave as of January 1, 1945.

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The fairer sex have finally found their way down to DM101E. Until recent weeks women have not been used on production work in the department. We now employ ten ladies, and they're doing a swell job in furthering the war effort. Most of them have husbands, sons or brothers in the service.

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The quad-city newspapers gave quite an account recently describing the manufacture of Para-Crates that were developed here at Rock Island arsenal. Employees of DM101E are proud of the fact that over 95 per cent of the work is done in their department.

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The following servicemen visited Artillery Vehicle departments during February: MM 1/c Richard Rossmiller, F 1/c Donald Stocks, Pvt. C. H. Baumbeck, Capt. Bernard Ruefer, Lt. John Jacobs, Sgt. Albert Wilkens, Lt. A. Hoshor, Seaman Lester Schroeder, Pvt. John Sweeny, Lt. Richard Bronner, Cpl. Richard Baker, Sgt. Alfred Hartkop, Pvt. Willard Fersch, FM 1/c James McManus, Walter Brechmann, Merchant Marine; Seaman Fred Myatt, Seaman Fred Dautermann, Seaman Howard Estes, Pvt. Frank Laga, Pvt. Harvey Lemburg, ML 2/c Eldon Lawrence, Cpl. A. Flanagan, Seaman C. Anderson, Sgt. Robert Gaylor, Cpl. Paul Vowels, Yeoman Alice Wisdom, Loren Beaumont, Sgt. Russell Zach, Seaman Donald Tagge, Seaman Donald Overman, Pvt. John Iverson, Pvt. Wm. Lundgren, Cpl. Keith Irwin, Seaman Harold Jenkins, Cadet Albert Martin, Seaman Glenn Beardsley, Seaman Robert Guss, Pfc. Harold Bohl.

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We have two new employees in DM office in the persons of Eileen Campana and Clara Decker.

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There are suckers and there are suckers. This bit of philosophy was emphatically demonstrated to Max Slutzky by the Follow-Up

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SHOP M (Continued)

girls' candy club the other day when they presented Max with a specially made sucker of unbelievable proportions. If he is going to eat it—and finish it—his post-war job is cut out for him. The object of the presentation was to show appreciation for Max's generosity in contributing pennies to the girls' candy fund.

Al Hoff, in a recent letter, informs us that he is still stationed up in Fort Richardson, Alaska. He says he enjoys the news in the ARSENAL RECORD.

Ray Reese, former employee of Mr. Pohlmann's office, has arrived safely in France.

The scarcity of cigarettes should hold no terrors for Curt Hogberg. With that Prince Albert expression on his face, he can always go back to the old briar.

Arnold "Pinkie" Likeness paid the Follow-Up gang a visit while home on a ten-day furlough from Camp Hood, Texas. He is now stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Mr. Obermeyer, one of our ace bowlers, who hails from Shop R, outdid himself by bowling a total of 320 in three games. He said he bowled very consistently, his scores being 105, 107 and 108. We wonder whether 9400-W1 was preying on his mind?

One of our outstanding tool designers, Wm. Thenhaus, came to work one day wearing a deep purple shirt, a canary yellow tie and red and white hold-ups (suspenders to you). Someone suggested turning out all the lights.

Marjorie DeMay resigned her position in the Follow-Up Section of the DM Planning Room to go to Avon Park, Florida, to join her husband who is in the service. Mrs. Darlene Johnson has taken over Marjorie's duties. Good luck to both of you!

STORK NEWS: To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roseman, a daughter, Sharon Kay, born on February 19. The proud father is employed in DM101G, Shop M. A seven pound boy arrived on February 7, to be welcomed by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Owens. James is a machinist in the Milling Machine Department. A five pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard P. Colgan on February 17. This young man's father is a machinist in DM103M. To all the happy parents, congratulations!

DM102 office was the loser when Dorothy Spengler and Marjorie Landhauser, both clerks, joined the Cadet Nurse Corps. We all wish you both the best of everything in your new field of endeavor.

Dan Cupid let two arrows fly last week, both in the direction of the Lathe Department, DM102L. Felix Manthey, machinist, and Helen Jean Diedrick, were united in marriage on February 9. Marriage vows were spoken February 12 by Miss Lucille Briggs and Leo Wagner. Leo is a machinist in DM102L. We wish to extend to both couples the best in luck, health and happiness.

Our sympathy is extended to Mardell Brown of DM103M on the recent death of his mother.

Letters have been received from Johnny Collins in New Guinea, and Johnny Lauer in Italy. Both boys say they are feeling fine. Word was also received from Chas. Axel, former clerk in DM101C office.

There are a lot of missing teeth in the Gear Division these days, and they're not all from gears. A few of the boys you might approach for information are: Kenny Fritz, Chester Francis, W. Vanderbeck, Walt Wilkerson, H. Tushaus, Tom Eng or Bus Barclay.

It's quite a job to get "Cully" Carlson to say much about his bowling team these days. How come?

Bill Johnson, former clerk in DM102 office, and now a pilot in the Army Air Corps, paid us a visit recently. Bill says that flying is "right up his alley."

The plight of Bill Carlson is very understandable. The pants to his wedding suit were made a little too large in the waist. So after managing to get through the wedding ceremony he angrily returned the pants to his tailor to be made smaller. But it takes several weeks to get an adjustment these days and during these weeks of wedded bliss Bill is putting on weight because of the delicious cooking of his bride. Finally Bill gets his pants—they're too small! Last we heard Bill is still putting on weight and his trousers are still at his tailor's. What a life!

George Stuart has returned to work in DM102 after undergoing an operation. Glad to see you back, George!

Al Zabel and Ernie Bieberbach were shown real Southern hospitality when they paid a visit to the McCaffery's who recently purchased an acreage on 23rd ave., Moline. Was it the acreage or the refreshments that attracted them? Do you drink that grape juice undiluted, Ted?

Training Division

ARMAMENT MAINTENANCE SCHOOL—XA

Private William "Bill" Cox, former XA messenger, who is with a medical unit of the air corps, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received while in action over Germany. His friends will be glad to know he is again on duty, after spending five weeks in a hospital in England.

Ordnance establishments from ten different states, including New Jersey and California, as well as Office, Chief of Ordnance, ASF Headquarters and Adjutant General's Office were represented at the recent two weeks reclamation conference, held in Shop D conference rooms. Captain R. J. Gleason, OCO and Captain B. T. Wehner, R.I.A., performed a bang-up job as co-chairmen of the event.

In keeping with the school's policy to offer the trainees the finest and newest training available, Instructors Harry Huck and James Clapp have been on temporary duty at Delco-Remy Division, GMC, Anderson, Indiana.

Civilian Service Citations and Emblems of the Ordnance Department were presented to Forrest McKinney and Hallie Remier, in recognition of 25 and 10 years of service respectively. Congratulations to you both.

BASE SHOP DATA

William Newton from T.A.C. Detroit was entertained during his visit by Fred Bicknell, Herb Saling and Ken Downing. Well known to all base shoppers was the visitor who acquainted us with technical manual procedure.

Carolyn Lietz got lonesome for us after being home for three months. She's still lonesome though, and we can't do a thing about it. Uncle Sam took her hubby for the duration and six months.

Members of the art section under Bob Pedersen's direction have safety protection in mind with their eye shades, but when you see the designs on them you get another reason? Look at those shades sometime!



Arsenal employees who received Army Ordnance Buttons are (l. to r. standing) Simler, Bowser, Gee, Beckstrom, Downs, Townsley, Mrs. Rosene, Moller Petersen, Frost, Wunderlich, Hildebrandt, and Johnson. Military personnel present at the ceremony are (l. to r., seated) Maj. W. H. Carpenter, personnel officer; Lt. Col. Harold S. Thurber, officer in charge of inspection; Col. Roland L. Gaugler, officer in charge of service group; Col. Waldmann; Col. Elmer C. Goebert, officer in charge of manufacturing; and Col. Oscar G. Fegan, officer in charge of Rock Island Ordnance Depot.

ARMY ORDNANCE BUTTONS AWARDED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

Once again, the R. I. Ordnance Center honored employees with 15 or more years of service in a simple ceremony in the office of Col. Carl A. Waldmann, commanding officer, on Wednesday, April 4, at 2:45 p.m.

"I'm happy to recognize those who are responsible for the success of manufacturing activities at the Arsenal," Col. Waldmann said before presenting the Army Ordnance Buttons for years of faithful service.

"The present R. I. Ordnance Depot would never have been able to handle the thousands and thousands of items of war materiel demanded by the government if it were not for the experience and skill of the employees who remained with the Arsenal through

the years," he declared.

Chas. Hildbrandt of SM was the only employee to receive the 35 year pin, while 30 year pins were awarded to John D. Frost of SI, Benjamin F. Johnson of DM, and Carl A. Wunderlich of AK.

Twenty-five year pins went to Nicholas A. Beckstrom, DA, Albert Moller, DR, and Oscar Petersen, AY.

For completing 20 years of service, pins were awarded to J. Walter Downs, SI, Mrs. Amy F. Rosene, DR, and Thomas S. Townsley, DM.

Warren W. Bowser, DM, Ernest F. Gee, AK, and George J. Simler, DM, were presented the Army Ordnance Button for 15 years of Arsenal service.

To the editor:

I was pleased to see your editorial copy in the March issue of the Record featuring civilian award for civilian Arsenal employees. This is a most important work, and through the Record all employees have an opportunity to become acquainted with this Morale Building program. I know of no other way all employees at the Arsenal could learn of this activity so promptly and correctly. Thanks to the backers of the Record.

Chief D. L. Risley



BASE SHOP DATA (Continued from page 26)

New additions bring us Sherry Roff (former guard) in the art section and Leland Ingold in tool design section. Sherry is a flying enthusiast with the C.A.P. and makes the Moline airport her haunt. (Another "ghost" about the airport is Wilma Bredt.) Leland is new to the arsenal and has an interesting hobby of following the news broadcasts on our armed forces by aid of a pin map.

Al Day has been transferred to DM to resume his machinist trade—our loss, their gain. . . . Les Wright had a quick travel order to Erie, Pa., and Detroit, but we have the man with the plaid shirt and corduroy hat with us again. . . . The Easter season is nigh but Teppo Davison still thinks his youngsters' enthusiasm didn't have to give them pink eye. . . . Lennice Elvidge of the bindery was honored by a birthday party. . . . Captain Davis paid a farewell call to his old stamping grounds before leaving. Bon Voyage, Captain! . . . To come home and find a Marine waiting in your parlor is quite a thrill. Just ask Hazel Abrahamsen whose brother, Martin, had a surprise furlough after being overseas in the South Pacific. . . . Have you noticed the skinned nose a certain roller skater has been carrying around? Helen Albrecht's glasses don't cover it.

Latest invention! Since Major Myers put a ban on all but necessary visitors in this section, Herb "Rube Goldberg" Saling rigged up an efficient and unpatented device. He claims all you need to do is reach up, throw your arm out of joint, jerk the string . . . and . . . the door opens.

The stork beat the herald of spring to announce the arrival of Linne Carol Beldin and Marla Jean Vinson. Congratulations parents! Business eliminates mid-night lullabies and floor-walking until Royal Beldin returns from Detroit and Keith Vinson from Chicago.

Engineering Department

DRAFTING DIVISION

Baby girl, Pamela Ann, is a new arrival at the home of Kenny Herbst. Congratulations!

Alice Woods enjoyed a nice long visit from her husband, Chief Petty Officer Bob, who was home from overseas on a 30-day shore leave.

We are glad to welcome Pat (Callahan) Kroy back into the fold.

Alberta Raymond is working over in the "B" files now that she's been transferred from the blue print machine.

Etta Math, Marge Karstens, and Bob Kerr are the "cake bringers" in the Photo Lab. this month in celebration of their birthdays.

Louise Oliver never did receive the Valentine that some one mailed to her. Maybe it will arrive next year, Louise. Who knows!

We are all glad to see Millie Jones back to work after a three-week illness. Are you in the groove now, Millie?

Famous last words of Mr. Fennell, "I'm sure glad that Friday night bowling league is over!"

Julius Sidney has received word that his nephew, Ross Sidney, Jr., is a prisoner of war in Germany.

There's something about a sailor, that is fine, fine, fine! Especially one that is coming home! You agree, don't you, Nita Kelso?

Harry Bell bid adios to the Photo Lab. gang for he's going back to college. Rosetta O'Shea will have to find another student for her rumba lessons.

If there ever was such a wonderful smile! I mean the one that Mary Pobuda wore when she received word that her daughter, Virginia, of the WAVES was coming home on a pass. By the way, Virginia formerly worked down in W1.

We're wondering which gal in AZ spent her last 25 cents on a Frankie Sinatra book and sat hungrily looking at it one Tuesday at 12:20. It was worth it, though, wasn't it, Fran?

The Rock Island Arsenal Draftsmen's Bowling team entered the Davenport City Bowling Tournament and placed in the winner's column with a score of 2837. Ed Gere, Kenny Herbst, Ed Reck, Walt Ackerman, and Allen Rose made up the team. Congratulations, fellows!

By the way, Mickey Knight, were you thinking of your soldier husband, Bob, when you stuffed your cigarette down the ink well?

Warren Rutter has been very busy lately. Since he bought his new home out on 36th street, he's turned into a decorator.

LABORATORY

It was very considerate of Lil Dorsett to wait until after a certain wedding to catch the mumps.

Lt. Col. Cunnick was serenaded on his birthday, March 13. A reliable source has it that he is 21+.

Pvt. Herbie Kamerer, former employee of the Laboratory, visited the Arsenal on March 14. He has served in the South Pacific, Leyte and Philippine campaigns.

Tom Donnelly has become very proficient in navigating with a cast on his leg, the result of a fractured ankle incurred in an ice skating accident.

As per custom, the Research gang celebrated two birthdays in March. The first occasion honored Annabelle Branch and the second honored Jerry Inman.

There are a number of flying enthusiasts in the Laboratory. Maybe they're looking ahead to the day when there will be no "autobiles."

During the week of March 5, the Research Laboratory was visited by Major N. W. Faust of the Ordnance Office to discuss research projects. Lt. L. H. Wagner of Raritan Arsenal also visited the Laboratory to study test methods and equipment with the view of improving the procedures at Raritan Arsenal.

Central Planning Division

Our latest bride is Lois West of the War Plans Section who became Mrs. Paul Meredith. Paul was wounded in action and has been hospitalized but expects an active assignment soon. Lois has returned to Knoxville to enroll in a course of cooking and household management under "Ma" West. Our very best wishes follow both.

Al Freeland and Elvira Shy, Percy Matter and Lucille Ryan, Everette Hamilton and Evie Bolte, all entered the mixed bowling tournament at Moline. Not hearing any of them bragging, we assume they finished outside the money.

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CENTRAL PLANNING (Continued)

Another veteran has joined our group. Welcome, Jack Holzer, ex-marine, who was wounded in Pacific action.

On April 30, Fred Kincaid will bid adios to his friends and co-workers and retire from R. I. arsenal after 28 years of loyal service. We'll miss you, Fred.

Ray Weber thought a rocket-bomb from Germany had arrived the other day when one of those 4-foot long light bulbs fell down beside him. On his way down from the ceiling he said he saw Orlando Mayes picking some pieces of shattered glass out of his hair.

Our AE team in the Arsenal Girls' League burned their way into first place, and not figuratively speaking, either. That's where they were when the Topspot Alleys caught on fire. The league consisting of "B" Showalter, Louise Finley, Peg Judge, Barbara Ahl and Dorothy Nichols has decided to quit for the season.

FIELD SERVICE (Continued from page 20)

all miss you. A warm welcome is extended to the new chief, Mr. P. H. Larson.

The Office, Chief of Ordnance recently conducted a Military Correspondence Institute at the Sioux Ordnance Depot, Sidney, Nebraska, and as a result, our Miss Cecile Logic again finds herself in a "school marm" capacity. Classes are forming to instruct personnel in the intricacies of TM 12-253 and the Ordnance Supplement on military procedure and correspondence. It is expected upon the conclusion of these classes, the Center as a whole will be, like Caesar's wife, "above reproach" in all matters pertaining to correspondence. (We hope!)

CWO L. A. Bristol and Violet Myers, Chief of our Mail and Record Branch, have just returned from Washington where they spent a week in the gathering of new ideas from OCO-Mail and Record in regard to processing and handling of mail more efficiently. A check-up on the Dispatch Form System with Mrs. Flagg, who assisted in its installation in this office, was made. Cupid apparently took a holiday because CWO L. A. Bristol still retains his Bachelor's Degree.

Messengers seem to be shrinking in spite of the increased amount of territory to be covered in BB. When our new messenger, Frank De Brobander, was recently seen attempting to peer into the recesses of the outgoing mail baskets, our British Liaison Officer, Sub-Conductor Jones, was overheard muttering, "Now I know what the Americans mean by the expression 'Knee-high to a grasshopper'." Frankie is continually being asked to produce his birth certificate to substantiate his claim to the ripe old age of 16 years.

Captain R. J. Sletvold went on leave and came back to announce that he was married on February 21. Congratulations! Also, congratulations to Lt. Paul W. Matthew and Miss Jean L. Pyle, who middle-aisled it on March 7 and are now trying to see if two can live as cheaply as one. Everyone has a questioning look in his eye when he looks at either Helen Oakberg or Captain F. I. Abel. That's right. Helen now has a sparkler, third finger, left hand.

A reluctant goodbye was said to Lt. Niemeyer, whose services in BB will long be remembered. We wish you every success in your new assignment with the Cincinnati Ordnance District.

The score to date on Mr. Stork: A girl for the Lt. Hutzels, a boy for the Lt. McCunes, and a boy for the Sam Wilsons. Congratulations are in order.

Deepest sympathy is extended to our attractive receptionist, Mrs. Maxine Lind, in the loss of her mother.

Gen. Wikert feels the BB Girls' Bowling team should be given support. Recently they came through with flying colors to win all three games from the team in the first place! How about a little moral support, folks, on Friday nights at the Bowladrome in Rock Island?

R. I. ORDNANCE DEPOT (Continued from page 19)

Lucille Beltz has received a memorandum from Col. Doran setting forth the fact that the accident frequency rate for RIOD for the last six months was 2.3. Only two of the 32 Depots reported had a lower frequency rate, and the average rate for all depots was 7.1. This fine showing was attributed in part to Mrs. Beltz' work in training over 2000 Storage Division employees in the accident prevention work during the year. Congratulations, Lucille.

Mrs. Gertie Aubry spent her vacation visiting her husband in New York City. He worked at D.T.104 before entering the service.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Richard Farrow whose wife passed away.

Pvt. Charles Birkland, U. S. Army, stopped in to see the old gang while home on furlough. Looked "purty" nice to all us gals.

After spending a 30-day leave with his wife, Wilma, of Maintenance Div. 299, Pete Rudd, S 1/c, has returned to active duty.

Sgt. S. D. VanLaningahm, former employee of the arsenal, recently visited his sister, Juanita Walters of 299 Receiving. Sgt. Van was home on furlough after three years of overseas service in the China-India-Burma theater of operations.

Eva Dohse, foreman in 299 Pre-packing, recently spent a two weeks' vacation in Tennessee and Alabama. How we all envied her!

Pvt. Lynn Robb and wife of Reno, Nevada, visited his mother, Ruby Smiley, of 299 Pre-packing. He leaves soon for Miami, Fla.

The family of the Control Division is growing daily. We want to welcome the Management Analysis Branch back into the fold; also Mr. Vawter and his group. Other newcomers are: Roselle Jackson, Geraldine Paulos, Cliff Loveless, Joe Grear, Ralph Buckingham, and Bill Schaffert.

Kathleen Davlan has returned and is in very good health after her operation. Welcome back, Kathleen.

Tears are being shed at the thought of not having Benny Workman around us any more. Seems that he is being transferred to Stock Planning and Distribution. He looks like a little kid again since he shaved off his moustache. Don't let them kid you, Benny, we like you better without it.

We have a girl carpenter in this Division. Because she couldn't get anybody else to do it, she went ahead and made a dog-house. Was it for your dog, or you, Arlene? It's quite fancy, too, we hear. We know she can't put her husband in it as he is overseas.

The "Sink-Or-Swim" gang is still paddling around in the pool. Wonder when they'll learn to swim?

Bert Tingle insists that he dislocated his collar-bone while bowling. Are you sure that it was while you were bowling, Bert? (And what was the score for the game?—Ed.)

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R. I. ORDNANCE DEPOT (Continued)

Bob Ruth is stationed at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Bob worked in the Inventory Section before entering the Navy.

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Remarks heard throughout W1 in the Storage Division: "Everyone is wondering what has happened to that beautiful disposition of Paul Snell's." "The place wouldn't seem the same without our good boss, Carl Stoelting, running around looking over the top of his specks." "Little Tommie Tucker never will lose his Texas drawl." "The Ritboodius Club must be very enlightening considering the way the boys glow the morning after the parties."

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Ed Earps, the well-known bowler of the 6th floor, recently spent a few days at home with his son who was home on a furlough.

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Margaret Swisher is a grandmother now. Congratulations, Grandmaw, from the personnel of the Coding and Locating Branch.

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Pauline Claeys of the Master Location Group of W-1 spent a few weeks with her navy husband who was home on leave.

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Welcome back, Otto Dillie.

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Mrs. Bessie B. Newton recently received a doll garbed in gay native costume from her daughter, Lt. Mary C. Newton, who is stationed with 166th General Hospital, somewhere in France.

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Potluck dinner was served at Y2 on March 16 honoring Lyle Nixon who has re-enlisted in the Merchant Marine, having previously served two years at sea.

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Mr. Meahl, Supervisor of Inspectors at Y3, has sold his home and is now in the market for a tent.

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Mrs. Laura L. Allers of Y3 reports that her son, T/Sgt. Herbert B. Allers, is now stationed at Ashville, N. C.

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Frances Richards leaves for Chicago on March 17 to take her examination for the WAVES. Frances plans to strike for a rate in the Medical Corps.

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Joe Pemp, Supervisor of the Identification Group, is going to the Cressona Reclamation Depot at Pottsville, Pa., in connection with the setting up of bases for courses in Reclamation Specialists. Mr. Wagner will take over in X-1 during Joe's absence.

ATHLETICS (Continued from page 9)

Recently an election was called by Col. Carl A. Waldmann, commanding officer, in accordance with a new army regulation which provides that a Welfare Fund Council be established at all War Department installations to formulate policies for the welfare of employees, such as athletic, recreational, amusement and entertainment programs which contribute to the general comfort and pleasure of the employees. The revenues of the fund will include dividends declared by the post restaurant.

Nearly 50 per cent of the employees—6,280 to be exact—voted for the seven representatives of the council. The Center was divided into three classifications—the Depot, the Shops, and all others—and employees in each group voted on the day assigned to the particular classification.

Prior to the elections, representatives of the three groups nominated candidates. The Depot caucus nominated six from Field Service, J. J. Pemp, W. F. Evans, and James Shea as the male candidates, and Victoria Schafer, Elizabeth Ryan, and Sarah Stevens as the female candidates. Male candidates in the Shops were: Alfred L. George, PM, Roy C. Lantz, DM, Carl A. Nelson, Shop L, Charles C. Scott, PM, Edward C. Schepler, Shop L, and Carl C.

Zacharias, PM, and the female candidates were Arlene Geneva Benrud, DM, Olive Donaldson, DA, and Margaret Van Tine, KM. The All Others male candidates were Harry Denecke, AE, Lee R. Viers, AL, and George L. Watkins, AE, and the female candidates were Frances Cogan, AE, Helen Ericksen, AO, and Nina Knight, BB.

Fifty-seven ballots were voided because of improper markings and the final count showed the vote by each group to be: Depot, 1,982; Shops, 2,891; and All Others, 1,350.

The winners in each group were: Depot, Mr. Pemp and Mrs. Schafer; Shops, Mr. Zacharias and Mr. Lantz, (the only group allotted two men), and Miss Benrud; and All Others, Mr. Watkins and Mrs. Ericksen.

The successful candidates met March 31 with Colonel Carl A. Waldmann and Major W. H. Carpenter, Personnel Officer, and organized for the coming year. Mr. Zacharias was elected president and Miss Benrud, secretary. Colonel Waldmann is the honorary chairman and Major Carpenter is an active member of the council.

In the future, the Welfare Fund Council will be the medium through which various employee organizations at the Center will petition for funds that formerly were supplied by the Restaurant Council.

RIA GIRLS' CLUB NEWS

The Rock Island Arsenal Girls' Club held its monthly dinner meeting at the Arsenal Club House on March 13.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Don Pharaoh, a native Australian, now a resident of Davenport. She gave us many interesting highlights on Australian life and people, which was enjoyed by all members.

The business meeting followed at which President Elizabeth Matthewes presided.

Department AR was in charge of the arrangements for the meeting with Miss Mary Gertrude Connell as General Chairman.

Eighty members of the Rock Island Arsenal Girls' Club entertained at Schick General Hospital in Clinton February 18. A variety show was put on with the following participating: Lovena Clark—Vocal selections, Jamison Smith—Magician, Evelyn Ries—Accordian selections, Shirley Roper and Dollie Jennings—Baton twirling, Skit—"The Shooting of Nan McWoo" by Margaret Van-Tine, Barbara Allsboro, Eileen Swanson, Dolly Smith, Joyce Helbling, Loris Sand and Marian Plunkett. Homemade refreshments were served by the girls and each girl gave one deck of cards to the Red Cross. The Rock Island Arsenal Officers' Club also very generously contributed 12 decks of cards.

ARSENAL DRAMATIC CLUB

The Arsenal Dramatic Club, under direction of Queenie Ackels, provided the entertainment for the Ladies' Night meeting of the 15-year club, held in the east wing of the Post Restaurant. By the use of improvised screens and borrowed furniture, the proper stage setting was obtained for their play, and the efforts of the cast were well received. Their presentation of the one-act play "The Professor Roars" reflected the outstanding ability and activity of this group, who are carrying on despite a critical shortage of male players. The cast included Loris Sands, Margaret Van Tine, Miriam Patterson, Eva Jane Duvé and Robert Chritch. Several variety numbers were presented: June Day accompanied by Frank Forber entertained with popular songs. Billie Samier, 14 year old guest player, gave his interpretations of boogie-woogie. High Tones and his City Hicks executed a take-off hotcha band number that was ludicrous. The other members taking part in the entertainment were Delores Barbee, Shirley Hay, Millie Beard, Ann Blasen and Percy Matter.

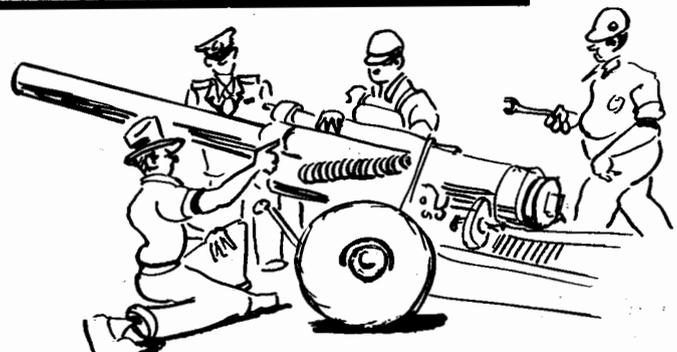
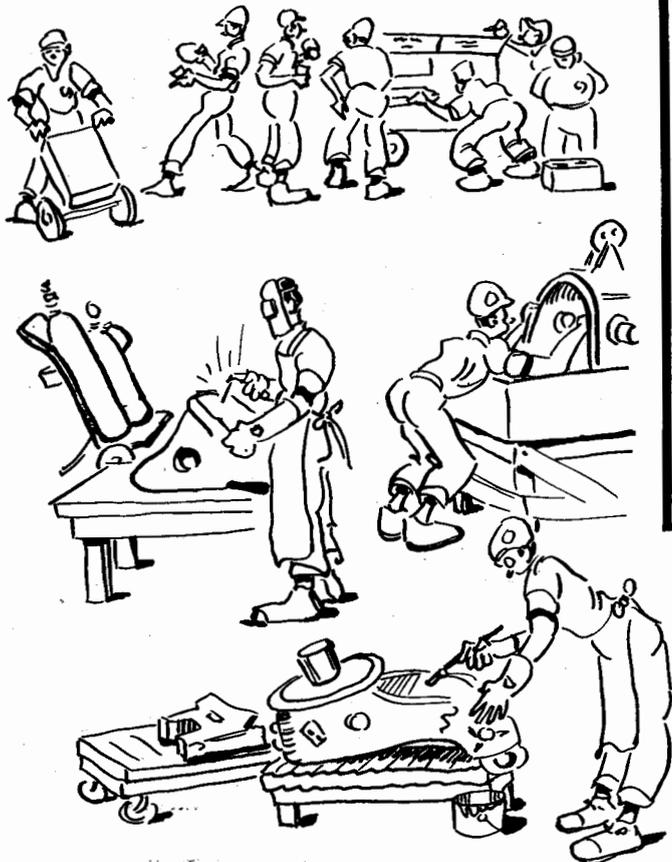


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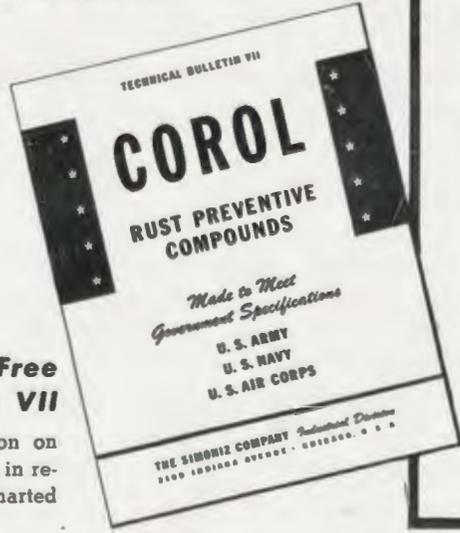
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