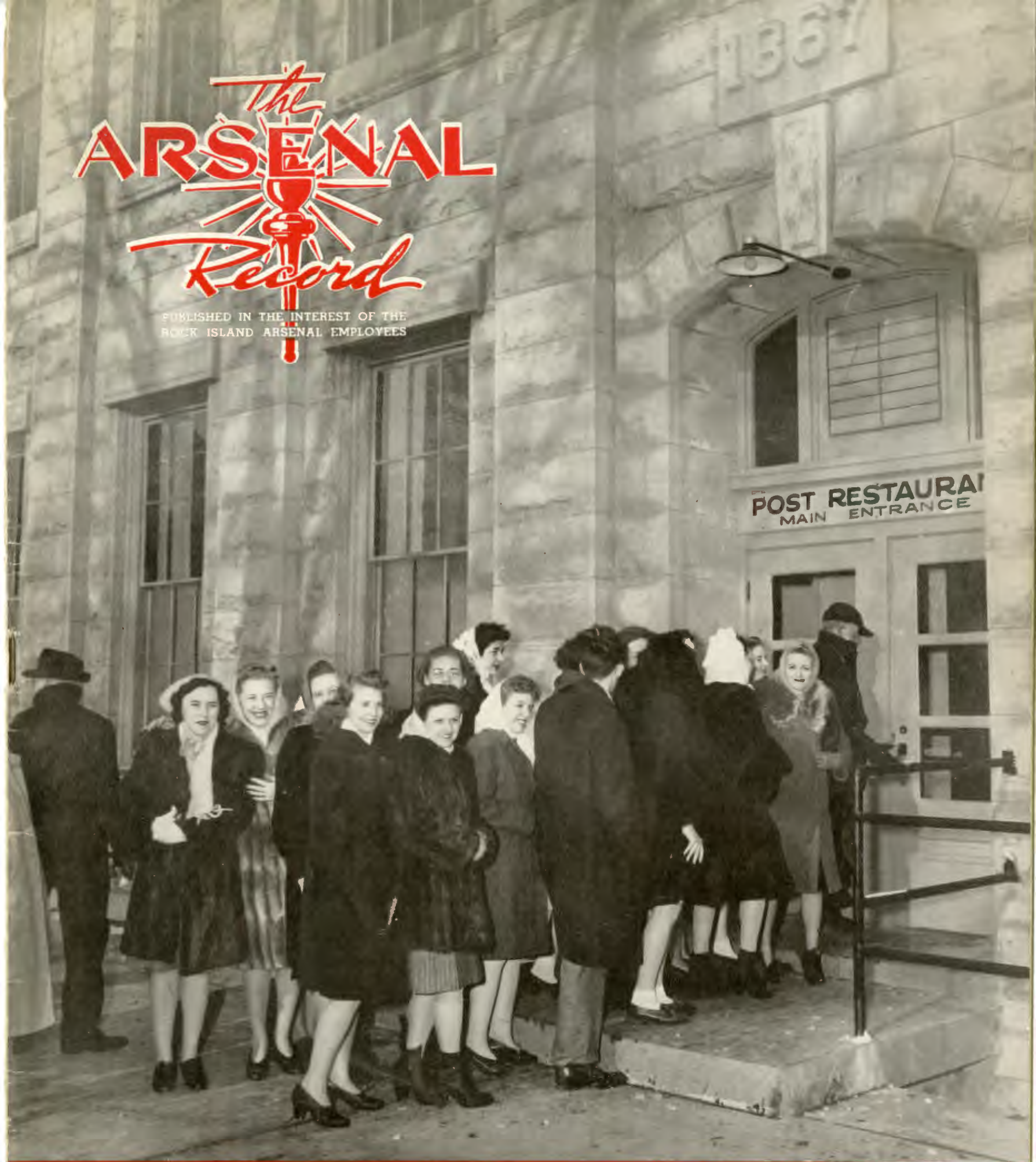


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Arsenal friends of Karl J. Fennell, Gage Section, were saddened at the news of his death on November 16. On December 12, Mr. Fennell was posthumously awarded a 30 year efficient service pin at services conducted by Col. C. A. Waldmann.



(U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo)
by Cpl. K. McNamara

Pfc. Jeanne I. Crow, formerly employed in AE, celebrated Christmas, through the courtesy of a Christmas furlough, at home. Jeanne is stationed in the Rail Movement office of the Third WAC Training Center at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Netherlands East Indies
Gentlemen:

I am writing you after having received three issues of the ARSENAL RECORD. I wish to say that I enjoyed them immensely. They were sent to me by my mother who is an employee of the arsenal.

One article in particular interested me—the one concerning the test firing and repairing of howitzers. Being in a howitzer



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outfit myself, I surely found the article enjoyable reading. It may be of interest to arsenal workers that some of the howitzers we have here came from the arsenal in Rock Island. I can honestly say that they have given a good account of themselves much to the sorrow of the Japs. Keep up the good work and keep 'em coming!

To all the fellows, especially those in Shop B and 299—Hi, fellas!

Sincerely yours,
Ronnie Dickey



Six year old Gay and four year old Gary, children of Alvin C. Wellendorf, DM201C, pose proudly for daddy.



The many friends of J. W. Carroll, 36 year man on the Arsenal, were saddened by the news of his death. Originally employed in the Machine Shop, Carroll was transferred to the Engineering Department in 1915, where he was employed at the time of his death.

BLUE CROSS CELEBRATES FIFTH ANNIVERSARY



The local Blue Cross Plan, sponsored by the Hospital Service Inc. of Iowa recently celebrated its fifth anniversary with a total membership of over 200,000.

To Arsenal employees the event was of great significance as the first group enrolled in the plan in the Tri-City area was the National Federation of Federal Employees, Local No. 15, on the Rock Island Arsenal. This step was taken in October, 1940, nine months after enrollment in Blue Cross started. Since that time, the program has been made available to all Arsenal employees and their families. In addition, the event was also considered significant because of the thousands of dollars that have been paid out in the four years that the Arsenal has been connected with Blue Cross. Since October, 1942, alone, \$77,606.37 has been allowed on hospital bills of Arsenal workers.

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When it's lunch-time at the Arsenal war workers swarm to the new Post Restaurant. Old Shop B has been transformed into one of the finest restaurants of its kind in the country.

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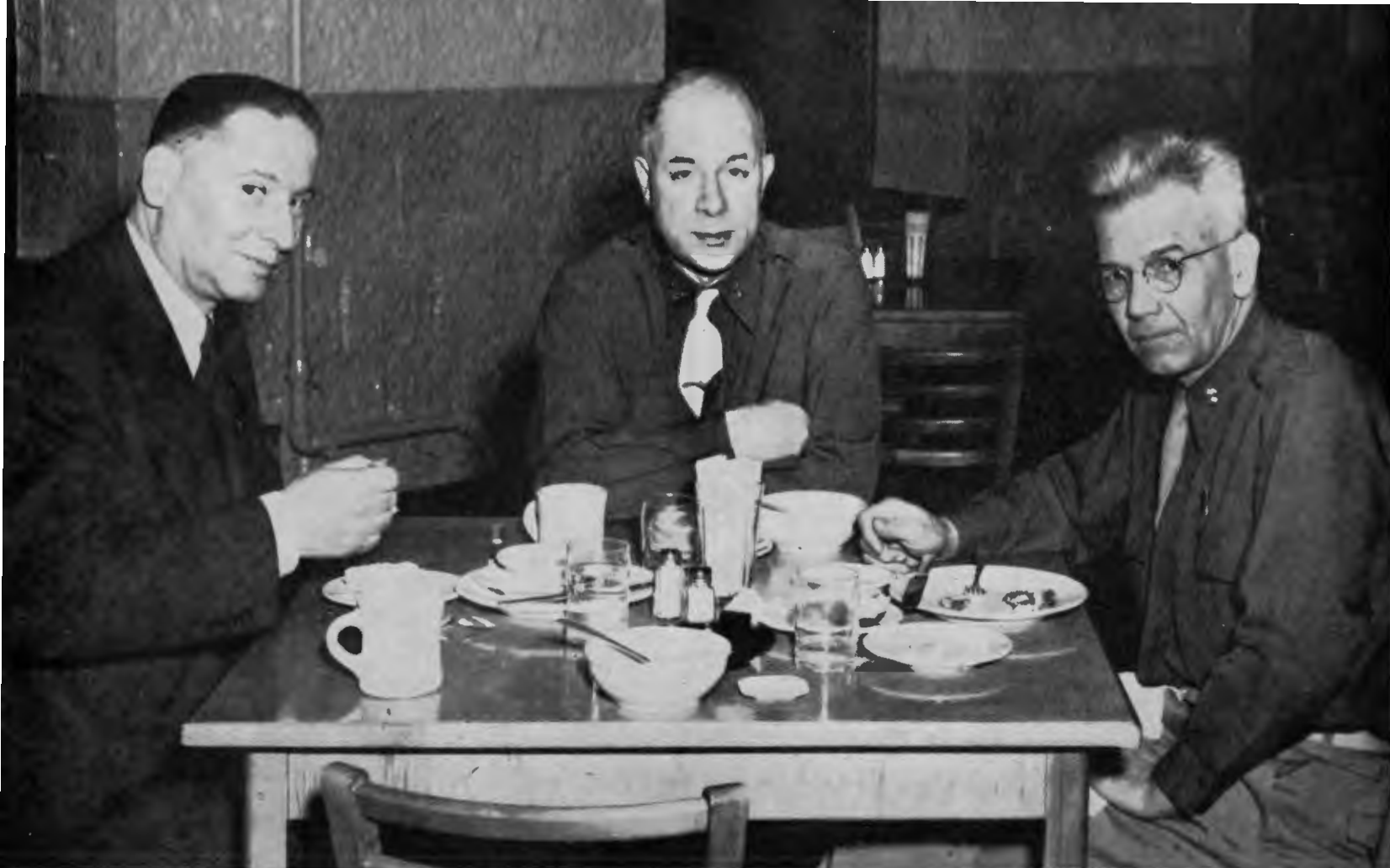
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COME AND GET IT! FOOD NOW BEING SERVED IN SHOP B

From basement soup kitchen to a main floor restaurant, unique in construction and service to war worker gourmets, is the history of old Shop B.

Old-time arsenal employees who remember lining up in the basement room cafeteria, and who moved over with the food to the building used for the past 26 years as a cafeteria, claim that the new facilities are the most efficient and beautiful of their kind.

Three entrance doors open into the lobby of the new post restaurant. This wide, roomy lobby houses the store, which dispenses magazines, cigarettes and souvenirs, and the snack bar, at which employees can get a cup of coffee, or their idea of a snack—a piece of pie, a sandwich, ice cream, or whatever their hunger dictates. The pleasant, well-lighted restaurant office is located in the west end of the lobby and administrative offices in the east end.

Three main arteries run the length of the long restaurant. The center, or kitchen section, is many-roomed, all the rooms opening on a long corridor. The outstanding features of this section are the extensive kitchen and the refrigerator facilities made available for the preparation of food for approximately 80% of the employees of the arsenal who eat in the restaurant proper or are served from the carts which go through the shops.

The mammoth kitchen is complete with electric bake ovens, gas and electric ranges, deep fat fryers, steam tables, cook's refrigerator and utensil wash room. A part of the kitchen facilities is the bake room which is adequately equipped in all respects.

Also in the kitchen section are nine refrigerating rooms. The meat and the vegetable preparation rooms are cooled to 50 and 60 degrees respectively. The meat storage room, opening off the

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Smiling Bob Day is the efficient manager of the new restaurant. He's proud of the place—and no wonder, say arsenal employees.



Attractive and capable Mrs. Bob Day, wife of the manager, assists in general operations of the new Post Restaurant in old Shop B.



Cashier in the left dining room is Mrs. Minnie Ewing. Arsenal employees find the cafeteria very handy, sanitary and convenient.



The lunch line forms rapidly and moves along the service tables as selections are made from a wide and appetizing array of foods.



Scene: The new arsenal cafeteria. Time: Any lunch hour. Food: Umm—not bad. There's plenty of it and it is reasonably priced.



In the main dining room, Jennie Martin (l) and Ethel Davis, both of Dept. AS, make their way with laden trays to the nearest table.



It's lighter, cleaner, more airy—say Mrs. Frank Day, Bob's daughter-in-law, (l), and Pauline Cavanaugh, who worked in old cafeteria.

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Col. Waldmann who appreciates the added brightness and cleanliness of new restaurant, pockets his change at the cash register.



"The Shop Round Table." Reading counter-clockwise are: Col. Waldmann, Ransom, Coulsom, Johnson, Pearson, Stevens, Walls, Glass.



In the executive dining room of the new cafeteria Lt. J. C. Linnberg, Capt. J. D. Gladwin, Capt. E. C. Judge (l. to r.) have lunch together.



At the deep fry kettles in the efficient new restaurant kitchens are Chef James Winner (left) and his efficient assistant H. W. Woods.



Fire burn and cauldron bubble! Vincent Welk, left, and Ross Yoke, right, simmer the soup in huge 100 gallon aluminum kettles.



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There'll be plenty of steak today by the looks of things! Butchers are Okal Holtzingen, William Hamann, Domenic Guzzo (left to right).



Meat for the hungry hordes from the new restaurant's meat storage room. Butcher Otto Kiesbuy makes his selection for the day's menu.



36 years of eating in arsenal cafeterias, the first one in basement of the new one, have made a real food authority of A. A. Eihl.



This is what the army ought to have—an electric potato peeler. Potato goes in top and falls out the side stripped of its skin.



They polish everything but the handles on the big front door. Here it's the silverware that is undergoing a thorough rub down.



Cool and crisp from the refrigerator room, these salads—and there are all kinds—are ready to go out to the cafeteria service tables.



In the crockery storage room Maud Moffitt, left, and Zella Wilson stack salad plates in neat piles. Imagine washing all these dishes!



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meat preparation room, is cooled to 36 degrees. Adjoining the vegetable preparation room are three large refrigeration rooms—one for the storage of vegetables, kept at 40 degrees, another for the deep freeze storage of frozen foods, at 0 degrees, and the other for the temporary storage of salads and prepared foods, at 40 degrees. In addition, two large refrigerated rooms, kept at 40 degrees, have been constructed for the storage of dairy products and soft drinks. Another refrigerated room is used for the manufacture of ribbon ice at the rate of one ton per day.

A complete ventilating system has been installed throughout the building. Odors in the dining rooms are removed by a fresh air supply and exhaust system. A hood of sheet metal weighing approximately 2½ tons and covering the kitchen ranges and ovens removes odors and vapors from the kitchen.

On either side of this modern kitchen are the main dining rooms that extend the length of the building. Each main dining room is serviced by two serving lines where restaurant patrons may choose their food and serve themselves, cafeteria style. The west wing is divided into two dining areas—the executive room, which seats 200, and the main dining room, which seats 800. The east wing dining hall seats 1,000. Bright and sunshiny, the halls are equipped with small tables which enable three or four to get together for chats over their lunches. Longer tables are provided for larger groups in party moods.

Original plans for a new cafeteria on the site of the old were disapproved by Washington because of war time limitations. It was Brig. Gen. N. F. Ramsey, former commanding officer of the arsenal who remembered the old soup kitchen in Shop B, Building 60, and suggested remodeling the main floor for use as a central restaurant.

Plans were prepared under the direction of H. K. Stevens, design engineer, and submitted for approval and construction funds. Again the request was turned down. In January, 1944, after the President ordered better restaurant facilities for all industrial establishments, the plans were again submitted, approved and transmitted to the corps of engineers for construction.

Detailed plans were then prepared by the District Engineer and his corps of assistants. The Lovering Construction Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, was given the contract in May of the same year. By December 4, 1944, the building was completed, and the cafeteria started operation under the guidance of Col. Marsh, officer-in-charge, and his restaurant council who dictate the policy to be followed by the cafeteria manager, Robert Day and his wife, who assists in general operations.

The unusual design and the efficiency of the layout have attracted national attention from restaurateurs. They agree that the arsenal has one of the finest restaurants of its kind in the country.

EMPLOYEES RECEIVE SERVICE PINS

Fifteen quad-city arsenal employees were awarded long time service pins recently by Col. C. A. Waldmann, commanding officer. Three received 30-year pins. Karl J. Fennell of Davenport was posthumously awarded. Axel Holm of Moline and John Von Alten, retired, of Davenport were the other recipients.

Twenty-five year pins were bestowed upon George Blackburn and Charles Dannacher of Davenport and Lester Huyett, Sr. and George Willms of Rock Island.

Claus Martens of Davenport and Harry Zierke of Rock Island received 20-year pins.

Five men and one woman were awarded 15-year pins: Arthur Chandler, Adolph Haase, Claude Roney of Davenport; George Van Burkirk, Edmund Youngquist of East Moline; and Mrs. Hazel Vermere of Rock Island.

Administration



Fiscal Division

Some of the employees of the Cost section held a Christmas party at the LeClaire hotel on December 13. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and a gift exchange. The evening was spent playing Dub's Bridge. First prize was won by Janet Paul, a former employee, and Elva Ross won the "door" prize.

George Winters is either very honest or else he just isn't afraid of us. After plugging vitamins and sun lamps with everything short of singing commercials, he admitted a two day absence was caused by a chest cold. From now on, he is going to take his vitamins every day.

Manufacturing Stores Division

Our department is minus one of its oldest employees, Mr. S. O. Nafe, who has gone to make his home at Muskegon, Michigan. A pot luck lunch was held in his honor and farewell gifts were presented.

John Block of V-12 met with an accident recently and was rather badly injured. We are glad to report that he is now recovering at home.

STEEL ROOM FLASHES

On the sick list are Ed Diercks, Mabel Swanson, and Ed Fuller. Hurry up and get well, folks!

We welcome to the Steel room Richard E. Stevenson, transferred from dry kiln.

Our sea-going boss, Bill McMann, recently traveled to St. Louis to deliver a coast guard cutter to dry dock. Your gait is still a-rollin', matey!

SHOP A FLASHES

Our department receives great joy in reading the letters of appreciation that are coming from our boys in service who have received our Christmas letters.

SM employees all join in wishing Shorty Clure a speedy recovery. We hope to be seeing him again soon. Shorty is one of our best mule drivers.

Flash! What is this we hear about Mr. Kneigge? Well take it easy, Henry, we've never lost a father yet.

Mail and Record Division

After three months of anxious waiting, Mrs. Phillips has received a letter from her son Captain Dean Phillips. Captain Phillips is in the Armored Tank division and is stationed somewhere in Germany.

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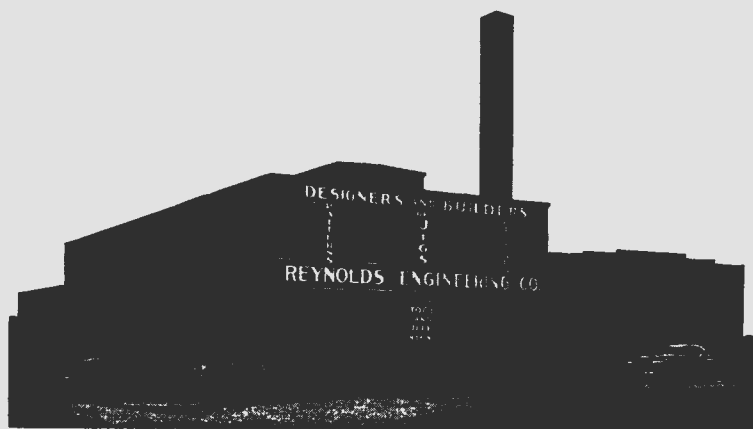
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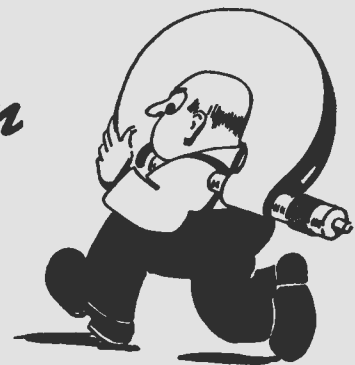
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. W. Harder are parents of a baby girl, Sherrilyn Jean, born November 24, weight 6 lbs., 3 oz. Bob Harder works in AK Incoming Material section.

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We are proud to announce that the Air Medal has been awarded Second Lieutenant Leslie P. Herbert, now based in upper Assam, India, for "meritorious achievements while participating in flights totaling more than a hundred hours in unarmed, heavily loaded transport planes, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected." Les was employed in the steel room and also served for a while on the Proving Ground crew.

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The office girls' Christmas dinner party took place at the home of Mrs. Clara Biggin. And what a dinner it was! Fried chicken and all the trimmings. (Any pictures? . . . Ed.)

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Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Caroline Vroman who is convalescing after an appendectomy.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Martin recently became parents of a brand new baby boy. Mr. Martin just knew it would be a boy and collected several bets to prove it.

ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

Lawrence Quast enjoyed a two weeks' vacation in Detroit, Akron, and Dayton.

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Pfc. Jack Dorman surprised his sisters early one morning by coming home on an unexpected furlough. His sisters weren't the only ones who were excited. It seems a certain red head (from Mail and Record) also enjoyed seeing him.

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Newcomers this month include: Virginia Davis, Kathryn Messner, Joyce Buller, Edward Gile, Clara Van Nevel, Alna Helmer and Velma Thompson.

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June Fabricius now understands that it doesn't pay to be the first one on the evening buses. The first bus in line doesn't always leave first, does it, June?

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Ella Giesenhagen is convalescing from a minor operation at her home in Rock Island.

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Leone Stokes spent a very enjoyable week in Chicago recently. While there she saw the stage show "Ten Little Indians."

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Kathleen Stoltenberg is convalescing at her home in Eldridge after an appendicitis operation. We hope to see you back soon, Kathleen.

* * *

3/C Petty Officer Paul Johnson spent a 15 day furlough with his wife Catherine and son Larry. At the expiration of his leave, Paul reported back to San Bruno, California, for further orders.

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Manufacturing



Artillery Vehicle Dept.

Building 208 has missed the presence of one of its foremen, Alfred Swengel, of DX309, away on temporary ordnance business in Colorado. His duties are now being handled by Walter Hacker.

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Hunting continues to be one of the main pastimes of many of the employees in 208. Emil Anderson, Hans Martens, Earl Williams, Albert Goin and Gerald Cooper, all of DX307A, report hunting to be "just fair," so far.

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We wonder what Marvin Schultz meant when he said, "Women will probably be the last thing in the world civilized by man." (So do we! . . . Ed.)

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The new cafeteria is a wonderful place, but it's a long, long trail a winding from way down here in 208.

Central Planning Division

Central Planning's Service Honor Roll has three Gold Stars; the last two are for Bill Cooper, killed in Leyte in the Philippines, and Roland Johnson, reported killed in Italy November 28, 1944.

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Ilene Poitz bade farewell to her many friends in AE and has joined her husband, Lt. Herb Poitz, at Aberdeen, Maryland. Ilene's genial disposition is going to be missed.

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There's never a dull moment in the life of Helen Reilman—first a knee out of joint, an operation, and then the arrival home of her boy friend, Lt. Kenneth Nix, U.S.M.C., who had been in the South Pacific for 22 months. Now to top things off Helen is sporting a beautiful sparkler on the third finger, left hand.

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The following new names have been added to the Central Planning division roster: Lois West, Janet Ketrang, Virginia Peart, Audrey Cone, Marie Freeman, Pauline Senatra, Walter Tenny, Dorothy Leighton.

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Dagwood in the comic strip has actually come to life. Billy Houar brought his shaving paraphernalia the other day and shaved in the men's lavatory. He explained that the alarm was set an hour late and he had about five minutes time before his driver came to pick him up. (Picture, please!—Ed.)

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The AE Bowling league is in full swing and there is plenty of competition. Gerry Fisher is leading in individual high average, high game and high series. Hats off to Gerry! Any time you want to see some good bowling, go to the Moline Elks bowling alleys on Wednesday evenings.

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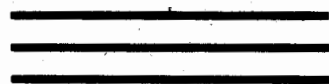
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Maj. Francis D. McNertney to 1638th SU, Milwaukee, Wis.

Capt. John W. Scott to Hq. Seventh Service Command, Omaha, Nebraska.

Second Lt. Phillip L. Sleight to Ordnance Overseas Maintenance and Modification Det, OCO, with station at Rock Island Ordnance Center.

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Promotions:

Capt. James H. Biddy promoted to Major effective Dec. 11, '44.

Second Lt. Robert W. McCune promoted to 1st Lt. effective Nov. 22, '44.

Headquarters

Orchids to Mr. Goetsch, the unofficial pickerupper for the Arsenal Girls' Chorus.

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Cheesecake—Marie Burmeister (better known as "Slim") in seventh heaven with all those nuts around . . . whoops, the ones you EAT, natcherelly! Helen Erickson mighty neat with her "Colleen Moore" bangs.

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Wanted: One horse and sleigh! If unavailable, Capt. Pettit will settle for a pair of snowshoes. Just as in an old-fashioned "melter-dramer," he got snowbound at his home in Reynolds, Ill., after our big snowstorm, but that true pioneer spirit showed itself, and he dug himself back to the tri-cities. P.S. He limped for several days.

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Miss Abel is taking over the job of typing travel orders, while Mrs. Joanne Heyda arrived in our midst to assist Dixie J. Tuggle in sending publications to the various departments of the arsenal.

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Lucky Ellen gets to appease her hunger 25 minutes earlier than anyone else because she eats with that handsome Lt. husband of hers.

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In case the people in the Administration building have been wondering, Tal, the elevator operator, injured his hand doing the dishes for his wife. Not very helpful if he breaks dishes and cuts himself up like that. Or is that just an excuse so he won't have to do them any more?

ADMINISTRATION (Continued from page 16)

Plant Property Division

Bonnie Blair had an exceptionally happy Christmas this year. Her brother, Gib, who has been in the South Pacific for the past two years, was home.

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Lt. Col. F. Doran and E. H. Dibbern are mutually congratulatory over the success of the bond drive conducted in Field Service recently.

As a result of the efforts of approximately 150 Minutemen in the Field Service division of the Rock Island Ordnance Depot during the Sixth War Loan Drive, \$28,000 weekly or \$1,456,000 yearly will be contributed to the purchase of war bonds by some 3,633 employees of this division.

Under the tutelage of E. H. Dibbern Chief of Depot Service Section, Col. Oscar Fegan, and Lt. Col. Felix Doran, the Minutemen, each responsible for contacting some 25 fellow employees, were coached in sales approach. Emphasis was placed upon the patriotic motive of supporting the war financially and upon the advisability of a systematic savings plan which will enable employees to make desired purchases when consumer goods are again plentiful.

The result of the endeavors of the Minutemen, who campaigned the second and third weeks in December, was the raising of the percentage of employees who purchase bonds through the payroll deduction plan from 75% to 95.8%, and other Field Service workers have made their pledges since the drive closed. At the same time, \$25,621.75 was subscribed in extra-payroll bond purchases. This figure, too, has been raised since the closing of the drive.

Typewriters thrashing, accounting machines clanking, telephones buzzing, carloaders sputtering, scooters chugging. Rock Island Ordnance Depot is under way.

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Field Carriage and Recoil

Social success of the month was the roller skating party held by this department at the Prom. Fifty-nine persons attended and there were fun and spills galore. Capt. Gladwin was awarded the Purple Heart. Next time, Captain, we'll let you play the organ.

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We reluctantly say goodbye to John Williamson, who has left us to enter private business. We'll miss you, John, but we wish you every success in the world.

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Question of the month—Who took the prize for the most spills at the party? Cookie, of course! Well, as Cookie says, at least he got a big bang out of it.

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We have been having some rather rapid promotions and demonstrations among our officers. We simply can't keep up with it. Now we say "Capt., No, I mean Col. No, I guess it's Cpl." It's all very confusing.

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Trust Capt. Judge to provide us with the best laugh we've had in ages. Seeing Lil busily pasting on a notebook, he felt moved to ask, "How are you glueing?"

R. L. ORDNANCE DEPOT (Continued)

"These cars must be unloaded . . . Get that stuff under cover . . . This port shipment has gotta go . . . When you gonna have that target material ready? . . . How soon will you have the trucks here? . . . We're waitin' to load 'em. . . Tell 'em to get the load out."

Tanks and tacks; guns and grease; pistols and paint; rifles and rivets. Coming in; going out; piled up; taken down. Carloads, truckloads, little packages, big packages, boxes, bales, bundles, crates.

A sheaf of teletypes; a basket of letters; a long distance 'phone call. "Ship immediately . . . In the shipment on your voucher No. 161954, please advise . . . When am I gonna get the targets on my requisition? If I don't get 'em, the training of 500 men will be held up . . . This is a hot shipment . . . Look this up and let him know . . . I'll send you a teletype and give you the dope."

Requisitions for tank parts; teletypes for firearms; 'phone calls for nails; bills of lading in hundreds; item cards in thousands; shipping documents in piles.

It is long past closing time for the day shift, and the man at the corner desk has been here since early morning. He has forgotten his dinner, and has broken his appointment. The report must be finished! And the girl near the filing cabinets said she couldn't go out tonight, for she takes her responsibilities seriously, and this correspondence has to be cleaned up.

On and on; today, tomorrow, incessantly, the supplies come in and the supplies go out. A need filled; a deadline met, a unit

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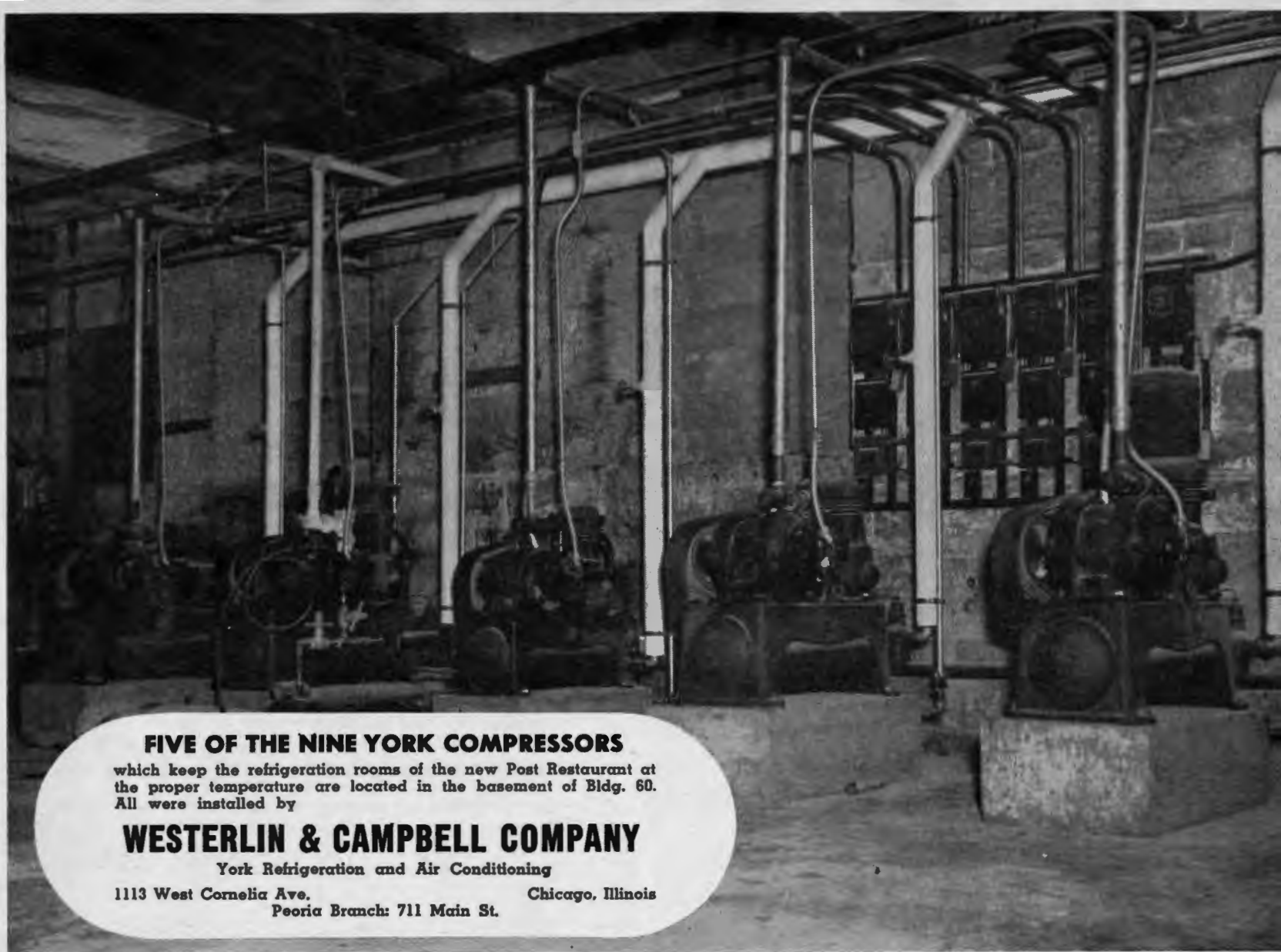
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Lt. Flowers and his secretary have moved from the Incoming Property unit to Stock Planning and Distribution. We miss him very much, and Mr. Bricker looks so lonesome in the office.

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The Consolidated Register group is quite proud of its few celebrities, Rosalind Russell, Donna Duck, and the Duchess of Davie.

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Grace Helms received some lovely pins and relics from her son Tom who is in Paris.

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The girls in this department must be slipping. We haven't had the pleasure of announcing an engagement in many a day.

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We bid farewell also to Clyde Zimmerman. Our ranks are thinning fast.

Stock Analysis

A farewell party was given recently to honor Dorothy Lindy of the Stock Analysis unit, who has joined the WAVES.

There seems to be quite a habit of putting boots in the waste paper baskets. Better watch out, Mildred. They do empty those baskets occasionally.

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Our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dittmer, whose son was killed in action. Mr. and Mrs. Dittmer are employees of Building 299.

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We wish to take this opportunity to welcome some newcomers to 299. Clyde Sanborn has moved from the V-area to 299 to become the new Civilian Chief. Ernie Moss has taken charge of the Transportation department, and William Frazer is now Chief of the Back Order Shipping unit. We hope you like us and will stay a long time. We also want to welcome Major B. A. Chew who is back with us again. Just seems as if Major Chew belongs in 299.

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A matching bed spread and wool blanket were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mohr for a wedding gift, from all their friends in 299 Receiving.

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Deepest sympathy is extended to Beulah "Boots" Gunnell who recently received word that her brother was killed in action.

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A large pot luck lunch was given in honor of Charles "Smoky" Glazier who is leaving for service. Good luck, Smoky; now you can do some real hunting.

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R. I. ORDNANCE DEPOT (Continued)

We know how hard it is to get good messenger service since the shortage of help has lessened the ranks of intelligent and efficient young people to undertake a job of this sort. But 299 has one in whom we have the utmost confidence. She's willing, capable and steady on the job, and we think she's a swell girl. Almost forgot, her name is Helen Dansdill, and she has a nickname—"Red." Wonder why!

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We are going to miss Captain Campbell who has left us for the W-1, Property Section. No matter how busy or rushed he was, he always had time for a pleasant word or suggestion. Yes, we're going to miss you, Captain.

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Emma Mohr and Alan Stebbins of the Coding unit were recently married. Best of luck from all your friends in 299.

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Wilbur Utley is the proud father of a new boy named Ronald Cale. Family is doing nicely and Wilbur seems to have made a quick recovery.

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Mrs. Nora Timper of 299 Receiving gave a dinner party November 20 in honor of Mrs. Ruby Braddy who is leaving for California to join her husband. Hurry back, Ruby.

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Charles Fairall is the proud father of Christine Elaine, born November 1. Congratulations from your many old friends in Inventory Control. Asked if the new baby were a girl, Charley replied, "Of course; that's what we ordered."

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A new addition to the Branch—we welcome Lt. Flowers and Sue Minas, his capable right hand gal.

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Dorothy Barts has changed the name to Mrs. Vaughn Reed. Congratulations and best wishes from all of us.

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The busiest man in the branch—none other than Don Huber. Have you ever heard anyone calling "Hey boss" in the Medium Tank Section? Huber is the "boss."

Storage Branch

RETURNED FIELD STORES

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to the following newcomers, and sincerely hope they will be happy in their new jobs: Mabel Moller, Hazel Sellers, Jean Greene, Gladys Flattum, Marion Rusch, and Betty Benker. We also greet Lt. E. R. Bondesson, who was transferred to us from Stock Control, W1.

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We received a surprise visit last week from a former employee, Joyce Smith, Seaman 2/c of the WAVES.

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Gerry Paulos announced the arrival of her new nephew in a rather unique way. She printed "It's a boy," on cigarets and passed them around. (We are wondering where she got the cigarets. She won't tell.)

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Bob Newton has returned to his old job in RFS, after serving three months in the army. Glad to see you back, Bob.

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There is one job down here in Y-1 office that we wouldn't particularly like to have—that of getting out the monthly reports on time, especially the monthly maintenance report. We know it is a headache, and Ruby and Capt. Herbert have our deepest sympathy.

Friends and co-workers of RFS wish to extend get well wishes to Josephine Fritz, of Y-2, who is at home with a fractured foot.

W-1 SECTION

At noon on Thanksgiving day the personnel of the Auditing department went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barkhurst on the Island where they enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner. Many thanks to the Barkhursts.

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The Property Auditors enjoyed a visit from Inez L. Holquist last month. Inez is a WAVE now stationed at Norman, Oklahoma. She was employed with the Auditors before entering the Service.

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The Auditors welcome a newcomer to their department, Mrs. Elsie McCarty. Mrs. McCarty's husband also works at the Arsenal.

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Virginia Sherman is the lucky wife who received the many perfumes, including Chanel—No. 5 from Lt. Joe Sherman "somewhere in France."

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lund had a very welcome visitor home on leave recently from Great Lakes—their son, Gunner's Mate Jack Lund.

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Miss Ruby Jean Pomeroy of the Major Items group in W-1 has left to become a student at the Moody Institute after four years at the arsenal. Her friends here regret very much to hear of her resignation. We hope she doesn't forget her friends at RIOD.

ADMINISTRATION (Continued from page 18)

Our Christmas box packing was quite a success this year. We had enough to give each of our boys in service a box overflowing with good food and sincere best wishes. We wish to thank everyone who contributed, also those who gave their extra time to help pack the boxes.

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Two of the outstanding personalities of ST have left us. Mary Frances Prest left to return to her home in Chicago, and Irene Stroehle is taking the full-time job of a housewife.

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In print, hello to Jean Nelson, Deva Wendell, and Marg Karstens. These are the new girls in our department, and welcome back Mary Melow.

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For an unsanctioned league, the girls' bowling team in ST certainly has a good record. Mary O'Malley was placed on the "honor roll" the other night when she bowled a 206 game. Others in the same class are Bonnie Blair with a 244 game, and Virginia Wilson in her first season of bowling with a 203 game.

Personnel Division

These may be famous last words but Mr. Huckins (who says there was also a party of the second part) contributed 2300 blue Union stamps from cigarette packs to the Union which in turn sent them to Schick Hospital in order that the veterans receive one cigarette for each two stamps or 1150 smokes.

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Pearl Anderson has been on the sick list now for two weeks. Hurry back, Pearl, as we certainly miss you.

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We wish to extend our welcome to a newcomer, Mr. William P. Barth, who was transferred from Field Service to Wage Administration. Of course he has already received some "razzing" about those initials—WPB.

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PERSONNEL DIVISION (Continued)

Joan Jenkins and Ellen Bateman tripped lightly off to Chicago on December 8 to spend a delightful weekend. From what we hear, they crowded a little of everything into two days and are looking forward to their next trip.

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We extend our sincere sympathy to Betty Baker who has been notified of the death of her brother, Dr. Robert Baker, who died in England of pneumonia on November 23. Dr. Baker was in charge of the Medical Division of Rock Island Ordnance Center before going overseas.

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Best wishes are in order for "Jeanie" Sturm of the Administrative branch. That diamond sparkling on her left hand is really a beauty.

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Mr. Johnson and Mr. Mengler believe that "no news is good news" according to the way they evade our questions for news.

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Jackie McGuckin, one of the newer girls in Placement, has been called to duties at home. So long, Jackie; it was nice having you.

Time Division

The girls at the machine table packed six boxes for the Red Cross this year. They were distributed to men who were out at sea this Christmas. A very fine gesture, girls.

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Gertrude Bloom has received a Christmas greeting card from Pfc. Bob Arnold. Bob is stationed somewhere in Italy, and this was his fourth Christmas spent away from home.

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Gertrude has also heard from Sgt. Everette McKenzie. Everette is with a bombing squadron on Saipan, and has been seeing quite a lot of action.

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Marian Mullery received some very nice Christmas gifts from her husband, Staff Sgt. Glenn L. Mullery, who is aerial engineer and crew chief on one of the C-47's which resupplied our ground forces throughout the campaigns in Europe. She received Glenn's air medal along with a bottle of the most precious Chanel No. 5 perfume, French cologne and a clever leather compact. Merry Christmas, Marian!

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Recently a reporter on the Davenport *Democrat* called the Moore household for a story on Sgt. R. Robbins who was stopping at the Moline Municipal airport. Marilyn became quite excited. Why? She's engaged to a Sgt. R. Robbins stationed somewhere in France. Sorry, wrong number!

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Charles Riepe, former employee of W-1 and son of Nellie Riepe, has recently been inducted into the U. S. Army. He is now taking his basic training at Camp Robertson, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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It was very pleasant to see and talk again to Pvt. Evelyn Meehan of the WAC's. Evie is stationed at Rosecrans Field, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Goodbye to Mrs. Jennie Dillon who left our department on December 1.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Rynott (Gladys Rynott) who celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on December 17.

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Our sincere sympathy to Viola Smith whose father, William Cook, passed away December 8.

Procurement Division

Thanksgiving day in AP was high-lighted by not one, but two, potluck feasts, and we do mean feasts! The Advertising section enjoyed roast chicken, with all the trimmings, while the Follow-up folks did full justice to a picnic menu—meat loaf, baked beans, potato salad, etc. Speaking of avoirdupois—!

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A recent edition of the Clinton, Iowa, "Herald" carried a photograph of 1st Lt. Edwin J. Schneider, navigator on the Seventh A.A.F. Transport plane "The 'Bama Belle," being presented by Brig. Gen. Truman H. Landon, Commanding General of the Seventh A.A.F. Bomber Command, with the Air Medal, as an award for participation in the first transport flight linking the Central Pacific with the Southwest Pacific theater. Lieutenant Schneider's ship was the lead plane on that flight. We are all mighty proud of Lt. "Ed," whom we still regard as one of our very own boys; he was formerly employed in AP's Advertising section.

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Private Bernard Nesseler recently dropped in for a very brief visit; he was on his way from Camp Robinson, Arkansas, to his new assignment at Fort Meade, Maryland. Nice seeing you, Bernie, if only for a little time.

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Gladys Lindstrom is wearing an exquisite solitaire, the gift of William Brown, of Rock Island. No date has yet been set for the wedding—at least, Gladys isn't talking.

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Voucher Section's annual Christmas party was held at Violet Pendleton's home on the evening of December 13. Community singing and other diversions provided a delightful program, climaxed by a gift exchange and a dessert luncheon.

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Is the wearing of a bow tie a prerogative of the legal profession? We are moved to this inquiry by the fact that two of our three attorneys in the Legal section disdain to wear any other type of clavicular adornment. Of course, it may be pure coincidence; in any case, they're very fetching—the ties. (Frank Sinatra effect, perhaps? . . . Ed.)

CENTRAL PLANNING (Continued from page 17)

Earl Trimble has just returned from a travel order to Texarkana, Texas.

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Alice Osborn was honored at a dinner at the Blackhawk hotel by a group of 30 feminine employees. Alice has resigned due to ill health. Her ready smile will be missed and we hope she will soon be on the road to good health.

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Wilson "Smitty" Smith is proud of his twin brother, Major Woodrow Smith, who is with the 5th Army in Northern Italy.

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AE thinks it had a good idea for the Sixth War Loan Drive and it put us over the top in bond sales. The department was divided into two teams, the combined salaries of which were equal. Each team member taking an additional pay reservation or purchasing a bond for cash, during the period of this contest, was eligible to participate in the drawing for a \$25.00 war bond, which was given as the grand prize to a member of the winning team. The names of the teams were "Tokyo Takers" and "Berlin Bombers."

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The following servicemen visited AE during the past month: T/5 Dale Holmgren, Pfc. Charles Bausch, S 1/c Bob Efflandt, and M/3c Paul Johnson. The latchstring is always out for AE's servicemen and women.

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CENTRAL PLANNING (Continued)



Leaders of the bond drive teams (l. to r.): Loding, Tyler, Agnes Dendooven, Altermatt, Rinck, Beatrice Showalter, Matter, Haviland.

The Sixth War Loan Drive found excitement and rivalry running high in Central Planning where the entire personnel belonged to the Berlin Bomber team, led by Agnes Dendooven, Ray Tyler, Mel Loding and Harold Altermatt, or to the Tokio Taker team, led by Beatrice Showalter, Phil Haviland, William Rinck and Percy Matter. Progress was marked on a graph located in the center of the room, and the lead passed back and forth several times during the drive weeks.

The last week of the drive, the Tokio Takers bombed their way into Tokio to win, leaving the Berlin Bombers still blasting away, a little short of their mark.

The enthusiasm and combined effort of both teams accomplished extraordinary results. The cash value of bonds purchased outright was \$11,656, an average of \$70 per person. New and additional payroll deductions amounting to \$176.25 per week were authorized which boosted the percentage of employees using this plan to 92.1%. But the record of which this division of 165 employees and their General Foreman, Mr. E. F. Hostetler, is justifiably proud is that 98.16% of its employees participated in the 6th War Loan Drive.

Engineering Department

DRAFTING DIVISION

Twelve girls excitedly looked on while Marilyn Lange opened gifts she received at a personal shower given in her honor by Wanda McClure and Erleen Hevern, December 6. Prizes for Bunco went to Alice Woods and Marian Suhr and booby to Cora Goad; all cut to Marilyn. Luncheon was served.

One of the events of the month was the wedding of Marilyn Lange and Paul Spencer at the First Presbyterian church in Davenport on December 9. Congratulations and best wishes to you both.

Husbands buy wives roses on birthdays, but most husbands wouldn't think to send their wives roses when in England—as Marjorie Arp's husband did for her birthday.

Kenny Herbst and Benitti Myllimaki were both much surprised on their birthdays with cakes and various gifts.

There are two newcomers in the Photo Lab—Robert Archer and Anne Sieren. Hope they stay with us a long time. Mrs. Lorene Archer, Bob's wife, also is a newcomer in the Specification section.

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DRAFTING (Continued)

A pot luck dinner was enjoyed by members of the Tracing section on Thanksgiving.

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Chuckie Koeper, weighing 9 lbs. 14 ounces gladdened the hearts of the Koeperes on his arrival, November 27.

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Sgt. Max Guske paid us a visit.

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Bill Nohelty is back after eighteen months of illness.

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We are sorry to learn that Paul Sandstrom is sick with a strep throat.

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If you want to have some fun, ask Hank Michaels what he thinks of the Arkansas football team.

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Evelyn Brackeveld and Walter Ackerman entered the mixed doubles at the Midway alleys. They would have been in the money if Miss Brackeveld had been as lucky as her partner. She rolled 173-169-131 for a total of 467, Mr. Ackerman 169, 199, 235 for a total of 603 plus 82 handicap.

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Eddie Schlunz treated the gang to cake and ice cream and John Annis brought another cake on the respective birthdays of these fellows. Mr. Fennell will have to put stronger springs in the scales if we have too many treats in succession.

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Lost . . . Miss Betty Thompson, who became Mrs. Marron on November 22. A card from Betty to the department revealed a California postmark. Best wishes to the bride and groom!

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Annette Carlin, one of Bertha Schroeder's helpers, left to take care of her home and family.

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Ruby Salisbury has gone to be with her mother who is ill. We hope you will soon be back with us, Ruby.

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Florence Schroeder is going to have an operation in the very near future, so she is home resting.

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Anyone caring to know why the always so happy "Pat" LaClaw felt kind of low the other day, might put one and one together and get Flight Officer Glenn Holme's returning back to his base after a furlough. There's always another furlough Pat! (Yes, I'm kidding.)

LABORATORY

Daddy Faigen is now offering courses to prospective fathers on the art of blending baby's formula. (Postgraduate courses to special students.) Harry's requirements for the course include a baby, a small chem lab (sound proof, if possible), nine bottles (baby bottles, of course), a steam sterilizer, several dish pans, a pair of dishpan hands, eight evenings a week, shatterproof nerves and someone to read aloud in a soothing tone, "Some of My Best Friends Are Soldiers." (Lucky fellows.)

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The newest of Harry Faigen's assistants (honest, it isn't Harry's fault that they leave so soon) is Marvin Pesses, a recent graduate of Purdue university. Welcome, Marvin.

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Sometimes these road shows have a remarkable effect. 'Tis said that Al Saunders came into momentary contact with "drahma" the other night and was so intoxicated by his juxtaposition to the muse that he had to be carried home feebly crying "Whoopee!" in a bedazzled overtone. On being interviewed the next day, he shook the stardust from his eyes and rapturously articulated, "Boy that

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LABORATORY (Continued)

was the real thing! It was the nuts!" (What? Where? And When? —Ed.)

The Research Laboratory gang, aided and abetted by four GI's from the second floor, helped Virginia Cornwell celebrate her birthday. Sorry there weren't sixteen candles to put on the cake, Virginia.

"Trouble! trouble! and more trouble!" What with taxis stuck in snow drifts and late trains, Jerry Inman arrived two hours late for a meeting in New Jersey. That's life!

Sgt. Ted Ruhig (the Laboratory sphinx) will be twice as quiet now that his wife is working across the street in BD-Annex.

Pfc. Roy Upham returned after a two weeks' furlough without getting "hooked." How come?

Training Division

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Art Hoard is at present on temporary duty at Pueblo Ordnance depot, Pueblo, Colorado. We understand he likes it so well out there he asked for an extension of his travel orders. How about that, Art?

Since Helen Leuchtenburg returned from a recent trip to St. Louis she has had the "blues," you know, those St. Louis Blues.

Just to remind you of the good old summertime, we thought we would bring up the subject of four leaf clovers. Apropos of that remark, we believe that Harold Davis holds a record for finding them. During the past year he has found at least two hundred four-leaf clovers. We didn't know that there were that many in the whole country.

We practically have Captain Wehner "sold" on the tri-cities, and any day now we expect to have him inform us that Texas isn't what it used to be. He recently returned from a ten-day business trip to the west coast, and was overheard to make the remark on his return that he hadn't seen anything in a long time so inviting as the sight of Davenport.

Kenny Karnuth and Harold Jansen are doing a nice job on the large caliber guns, even if they do like airplane models as a hobby.

Snow may cover Mother Earth but it will take more than ear ruffs to shut out the original recording Marge Edwards got for her birthday. If Maurie Bruckman is looking for new song stylists, we urge him not to contact John, Art or Leslie (Bloom, Beilenberg or Wright).

Corp. Lou Berry of Camp Luna, N. Mexico, formerly of the tool design section, paid us a visit. The Corporal is a gunner with the Army Air Corps.

If your parties are dull just call on Frank Kennedy for some pantomimes. Red Skelton has nothing on Frank.

SHOP D

Private Eugene Myers was in to see us last month and he really looked swell in his army uniform. Eugene is stationed at Aberdeen Proving grounds.

Alyce Wisdom, formerly of DX711, left recently to begin her training in the WAVES at Hunter college, New York.

Jack Reginnetter, DX711, has returned to work after spending a couple of weeks at the Red River Ordnance depot at Texarkana, Texas.

Donald Burmeister of the Coast Guard and Art Brochway of the Navy were recent visitors at Shop D. Both boys are former arsenal employees.

We understand that Walt Eyler, assistant foreman in DX711, is quite proud of the fact that he has a new floor and three new girls in his department.

The package the stork dropped off at the Raymond Engels' house last month contained a bouncing baby boy!

Shop D is glad to welcome back Henry Geu and Pearl Arch to the fold once again.

Inez Thomas, KM711 Inspection department, brought in a Carbondale, Pa., newspaper the other day, which is published by John Holmes, former employee of the inspection department. Everyone hopes Johnny has lots of luck and success in his new undertaking.

We look for the Rock Island Boat club to expand its program now that Emil Bucke has been elected to the Board of Directors.

We hear that Bob Wren, DX711, is going into the used car business after the war.

Harold Fischer received letters from Henry Plett and Dick Frysinger, former employees of Shop D, who are now in France. Both boys report that they have seen a big portion of the old globe since leaving R.I.A.

DX711 extends its sympathy to Mrs. Nellie Carman, who was notified by the War department that her son, Sgt. Robert Carman, a gunner on a B-29 bomber, was killed in action over France on Sept. 13. Surviving are the parents; two brothers, Sgt. Jack Carman, stationed in West Africa, and Pvt. Louis Carman, stationed in the Pacific area.

SHOPS G & I

Stan Patterson, DX414, is a member of the R.I.O.C. basketball team competing in the Industrial league in Moline.

After 20 months overseas in the Carribean Area and Antilly Command, George R. Barrows has returned to DM513. George had a sergeant's rating and was a Technical Inspector with the Army Air Corp Ordnance, H.A.M. Because of a crash landing, in which he received leg and head injuries, he was given a medical discharge. It's nice to have George back with us again, and we sincerely hope that he has all the luck in the world. He deserves it!

Cecil "Pete" Ping, from up Morrison way, informs us that he is now the daddy of an 8-lb. baby boy, born on December 5. Congratulations, Pete.

A "Minute Man" in Shop G suggested that a package of cigarettes be offered to each purchaser of a \$25 bond during the Sixth War Loan Drive. We suggest you buy the bond, anyway.

Kenneth R. Hammond returned to DM513 after serving in the U. S. Navy in the South Pacific theatre for 15 months. At the time of his discharge on August 18, 1944, from a San Diego hospital because of a shoulder injury, he was a fireman, first class. Everyone is happy to have Kenny back with us again, and we would like to let him know that we appreciate everything he has done and is doing for his country.

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SHOPS G & I (Continued)

DM523 furnished more stork news this month: Edward C. Will is bragging about his new baby boy, and Mike Neylon and Glen Larson have gone "girl crazy" over their new baby daughters.

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Lt. Edward Gregor, formerly an employee of DM515, paid us a visit on November 8. The lieutenant has completed many missions in a B-24, bombing Germany, Belgium, Holland and parts of eastern France. The lieutenant is the proud wearer of the Distinguished Flying Cross with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

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The Sixth War Loan Drive was a huge success in Shops G and I, which in a large part was due to the efforts put forth by the "Minute Men," who again did a very fine job. Thanks, fellows.

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Anne Mesojedec had a pleasant surprise last month. Her husband, an overseas veteran of some 26 months, returned home on a furlough without giving notice. Anne was tickled pink.

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There seems to be some competition between the Army Air Force and the DM505 duck hunters as to who gets wings. After hearing many versions of duck hunting stories, we now require the hunters to bring in the duck's right wing to make the story stick. Gerald Yorks and Ed Lehan are certainly making their stories stick. Their marksmanship must be tops. (How about pictures? ... Ed.)

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Carl Elkin, DM505, is the proud father of a baby girl born on November 16. Congratulations, Carl!

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Jack Hughes, former employee of DM533, was back for a short visit recently. Jack is stationed at Fort Ord, California, and looked like a million in his army uniform.

SHOPS H & K

Mrs. Alvena Kuehl of DA6A is the leading bond buyer in Shops H and K for the Sixth War Loan Drive. Mrs. Kuehl purchased \$7500.00 worth of government bonds during the drive. We all wish we could do as much to back up our boys.

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Milton A. Stotmeister, a former DA13 employee, paid us a visit recently after having spent ten months on sea duty with the Navy. He served at the Anzio invasion and the landing in southern France. We wish you a speedy return from your next trip, Milton.

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Marjorie DeMay and Doug Seaver of Follow-up, and Ray Demling and Frank Pechar of Planning recently left to go to Shop M. The best of luck in your new jobs, folks.

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The new voice over our loud speaker these days belongs to Phoebe Thompson, formerly of DA24 office. "Tommy" takes over the duties of Vivian Arnett, whose new job is in DM Production Control.

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DA is saddened by the addition of three more gold stars to its service flag. Pfc. R. Eugene Berg, of DA32, was killed in action in the Philippines on October 25. No particulars were received concerning his death, but it is assumed that he was killed in action on Leyte Island. Sgt. Ralph L. Winter, formerly of DA13, was killed in action over England on September 27. Ralph was an aerial gunner and had been overseas since last May. Delmar Pierce, a former employee of DA34, was killed in France. He left the arsenal to join the Army in April, 1941.

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Our deepest sympathy is extended to Carl Cruys, foreman of DA720, on the sudden death of his father on November 29th.

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Ben Johnson of our KM Inspection department has received word recently from several former DA employees now in the service. Pfc. Jack Tuttle, formerly of DA32, is now stationed in

France after having served overseas for eighteen months in Africa, Sicily and Italy. His mother, Mrs. Birdie Tuttle, is employed in DA117. Two others are now in the European theater of operations: Pfc. William Palmer in Belgium and Pfc. Anton Bubon in England. Cpl. Charles Brandt, who was employed in DA32, is now in New Guinea.

SHOP L

If you want to hear some interesting stories, ask Art Lemme about his Marine corporal son.

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Quoting Fred Coelln: "Thomas Townsley (better known as ole Tom-Tom) was in the tall corn recently around Wapsie river 'knocking-down' the corn-fed pheasants."

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Max Butzbach of DM200 is progressing nicely. Hurry up and get well, Max; your many friends at the arsenal certainly miss you!

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Wonder why petite Jeanette Mueller has that starry look in her eyes? A tall handsome soldier couldn't possibly have anything to do with it, could he, Jeanie?

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Shop L has been very busy with the Sixth War Bond Drive. We're trying hard to make the very best effort to reach our quota.

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Helen Thompson has just returned from her home in Minnesota. She says that a guardian angel was watching over her for she won a 12 lb. turkey that graced the Thanksgiving table, making the dinner a huge success.

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The girls of the third floor have been bowling at the Midway. They report that they have wonderful times and also have some pretty fair scores

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Stork news:

A daughter, Julia Anna, born November 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius F. Bina. Mr. Bina is employed in the Automatic department of DM201C.

A daughter, Jeanine, born November 14 to Mr. and Mrs. William Schutte. Mr. Schutte is employed in the Turret Lathe section and Mrs. Schutte was formerly foreman of Pre-packaging in W-1.

A daughter, Lois Ann, born October 30 to Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson. Mr. Anderson is employed in DM201B.

A daughter, Carol Ann, born November 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Alden R. Wieneke. Mr. Wieneke was formerly employed as a job card clerk in DM201C office. He is now in the Navy.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Farrell celebrated their wedding anniversary October 29. Congratulations, Bob and Mary, from your many arsenal friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Keller had an anniversary on November 19. Mary (Mrs. Franklin Keller) is employed in DM201B. Congratulations to both of you.

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Albert Mickelson, DM201B employee, happily reports that his son, Sanders, formerly of DA completed his paratrooper training on October 16. Al is very proud of his boy and so are we!

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Word has been received that George Nielson, former inspection employee, is now stationed in Texas and enjoys the rank of lieutenant in the Air Corps.

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Quoting Walter Duykers of DM201E: "Gosh, fellas, my car was missing last night and I looked and looked for it and finally discovered my wonderful Chevrolet on a scrap heap." (Of course, Charley Briga knew nothing of this). Better keep on eye on that precious Ford, Charley.

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SHOP L (Continued)

Albert Gabel has promised to make and keep a New Year's resolution to work every day.

We can report that the volley ball team of Shop L Court is contending for the championship.

Jolliest person on the first floor—Al Lundgren, electric move-truck driver.

A pleasant surprise was enjoyed by the first floor employees when Harry Biller, a former employee, stopped in for a visit with his old friends. Harry is now with the Navy. Looks as if the Navy is agreeing with you, Harry.

Clarence W. Lang of DM201C receives mail frequently from his brother, Robert Lang, who is somewhere in France. We sincerely hope that he comes home soon, Clarence.

Have you heard? Thor Anderson, once an employee of DM201B, can now be found in Moline where he is operating a new "night spot."

An ingenious device invented because of the thermos bottle shortage is contributed by Frank Schlue of DM201B. The invention consists of a syrup bottle wrapped in thick wrapping paper. Frank says that it serves the purpose very nicely.

Birthday greetings are in order for Lester Gray who enjoyed a birthday on November 7. Best of luck, Les, from your many friends.

We are happy to announce that Gordon E. Smith of DM201C has returned to work again and is enjoying fairly good health although he has just undergone an operation recently. He seems quite able to discuss football pro and con. Welcome back, Smitty!

Abner Johnson is improving steadily and hopes to return to work most any day now. The best of luck, Abbie. We all miss your lengthy discussions about Chicago and vicinity.

Willie Williams, paratrooper, formerly of DM201B, visited Shop L recently. He says that he has made five jumps to date. We think you looked great, Willie! Good luck!

Our local 15 dance held at Danceland recently was well attended. Everyone had a wonderful time!

SHOP M

Pvt. Walter Martens, former grinder in DM102T, was back after completing his basic training to bid us farewell before heading for the Pacific. Walt's home-coming had an added thrill, as he was greeted by a new daughter, born since his induction. Congratulations, Walt.

DM102 office was the loser in the transfer of clerk Ethel Pickrel to Shop R.

Herbert Streckert, formerly a machinist in the Milling department, DM102M, paid us a visit in the role of Pvt. Streckert. Herb is stationed at Ft. Knox and says that army life is very rugged.

Blanche Bishop, night clerk in DM102 office, and Officer Candidate Loren B. Horton were married December 27 at St. Mary's church in Moline. Congratulations!

Harvey L. Becker, in a recent letter discloses that he is now stationed in the Netherland East Indies.

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"Bob" Mahood, who worked in the Follow-up section on Production Charts in Shop M looks pretty proud in this four-generation picture. His dad, Dr. J. W. Mahood, is from Pacific Palisades, California; his son is Lt. William G. Mahood, 1st Fighter Sqdn., Wilmington, North Carolina, and grandson William Robert, who was two weeks old when this picture was taken. Pretty good looking bunch, Bob!

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Carlos Daledovich, formerly a grinder in DM101G, Shop M, was seriously wounded in Germany. He is now in a hospital in France. All his friends here at the arsenal are hoping he pulls through in fine shape.

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Word has been received that Kenneth E. Liggett has been moved to an American hospital in England from a French hospital. He was wounded by shrapnel, October 11, in Germany. Kenny was formerly employed as a grinder in DM101G, Shop M.

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Ralph Heuer, former DM office employee, wrote a very interesting letter which was received last month. Ralph is stationed on an island in the South Pacific. Letters from Howard Berkshire, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; John Heibing, Navy Pier, Chicago, Illinois; Edgar Henson, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Alvin Hoff, c/o Postmaster, Seattle, and Robert (Scrappy) Peterson, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, were received. These boys all request that their friends at R.I.A. drop them a line or two. Let's make their mail call a happier one. Their addresses may be had by calling at the shop office in the departments where they formerly worked.

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Roy Brownlee of KM104A and Harry Hill and Floyd Peterson of DM104A went on a hunting trip recently. Everything was going along fine until Brownlee encountered an animal he wasn't hunting for. After a bath and a change of clothing, the hunting expedition continued. Oh, yes, the little animal with the white streak down his back got away.

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SHOP M (Continued)

The stork has been busy in the Planning room of Shop M. Mr. and Mrs. Helmut E. Soyke are the proud parents of a baby girl, who was named Linda Doreene; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rynes welcomed a baby boy, Philip Eugene; and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis T. Hafner increased their happy household by adopting twins, a girl and a boy, Elizabeth and Edward. The delicious candy was enjoyed by all, and we would like to offer congratulations and best wishes to all of them.

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DM102 has acquired two additional proud fathers within the last month. A seven and one-half pound boy arrived at the Lee Garner home on October 27. Lee works in the drill press department. William J. Reedy of the planer department also welcomed a boy on November 17. Congratulations to you both.

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Russell Atkinson, Planning room, has submitted to an operation and we all hope for a quick recovery.

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William (Mac) McCarthy is stationed at Aberdeen Proving ground. Mac writes of meeting Charlie Rank in New York recently and spending an enjoyable evening with him talking over old times. Mac is a former P.C. employee and Charlie formerly worked in PM Follow-up.

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C. G. Kuhn, Tool Planner, lost his equilibrium and fell off a ladder, breaking his ankle at home. We hope by this time that he is able to hobble around again.

GIRLS' CLUB HOLDS CHRISTMAS MEETING

The Rock Island Arsenal Girls' Club Christmas dinner party was held at the Moose hall in Davenport. The tables were festive with decorations of red and green. Thanks go to Katherine Schrempf and Beverly Boetcher of the Clock Tower for their hard work in making nut cups, place cards and candle holders.

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Leona Stokes was appointed chairman of the party to be held at Schick general hospital some time in February and plans were discussed for a card party to be held in January. The following committee was appointed: Corinne Jansen, chairman; Minnie Nuest, Eileen Swanson, Joyce Helbling, and Lovena Clark.

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An interesting talk was given by Mr. Ralph Stevenson, Police magistrate of Moline, who told of a few of the cases which he encounters in his daily work.

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Gifts were exchanged by members of the club and the party ended by the singing of Christmas carols with Elizabeth Matthews at the piano.

ANNUAL REPORT OF EMPLOYEES' AID ASS'N.

The Rock Island Arsenal Employees Aid Association numbers about 1091 members who pay 50 cents per month dues. A death assessment of 25 cents is also collected from each member. The Association offers a sick benefit of \$1.50 per day after seven days.

Mr. Albert R. McBride, 820 47th Avenue, Rock Island, Ill., Secretary-Treasurer of the Rock Island Arsenal Employees Aid Association for the past 15 years resigned on January 1, 1945.

Mr. Curtis H. Hogberg of 610 1st Street, Moline, Ill., of the Production Control Section in Shop M, was elected by the Executive Committee to fill the vacancy.

During the year 1944 the sum of \$7638.25 was disbursed from the Sick Benefit Fund and \$2285.00 was paid to beneficiaries of deceased members.

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Working alongside American personnel striving to get the materials of war to United Nations armies in Europe are former enemies of those same armies. Nearly 300 Italian soldiers are packing supplies and loading them into freight cars for shipment to the ports to be sped overseas.

They are doing the work willingly for they want the war finished with an American victory so they can go home. Many have not seen home or loved ones for six or seven years.

Before Italy surrendered, some 50,000 Italian prisoners of war had been shipped to the United States. After the surrender, with a new Italian government set up on a "co-belligerent" status, a broader usage of Italian prisoners of war became possible than under the pre-war international treaty known as the "Geneva Convention." The United States carefully screened the 50,000 Italian prisoners in this country and found 30,000 who had little love for Mussolini and Fascism. These men were sent to a training camp where they listened to, had explained to them and signed agreements to be governed by the Articles of War of the United States Army.

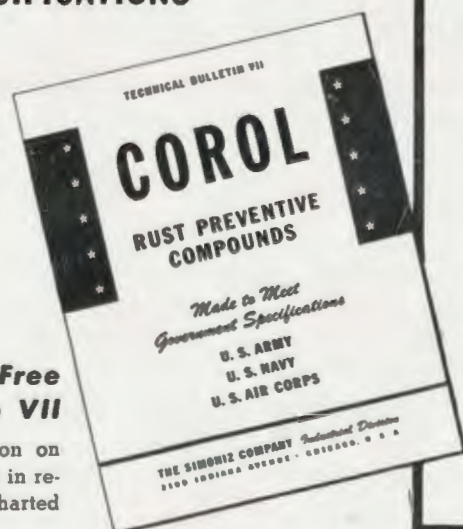
Two companies, 215 men each, of these Italians, the 39th and 40th Italian Quartermaster Service Units, arrived at Rock Island Ordnance Center last July and have since been working here at many jobs. Most of them have been working in the Depot, but more than 50 have been working for AM, the Maintenance department, and 25 more have been working for SM, the Manufacturing Stores division. During the current "blitz" in the Depot, both AM and SM have loaned some of their crews to the Depot. Col. Oscar Fegan, commanding Rock Island Ordnance Depot, says that Depot deadlines couldn't be met without the aid of these Italians.

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