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REDDY KILOWATT MAKES A HIT WITH R. G. AND E. GIRLS



## *R. G. and E. Service Men and Women Now Receiving "Gas and Electric News"*

Relatives of R. G. and E. Soldiers will be glad to know that "our boys and girls" in the Services are getting *Gas and Electric News*. It goes to them by first class mail and they get it in most cases in a remarkably short time (even those going overseas) thanks to our fine postal system.

Charles Shippy reviewed the July issue and spoke of the fine Victory Garden job being done here. He also mentioned with pride the picture of our Hospital Aides and the "Sunshine Fund Party."

Elmer Villnow congratulated "Gale Stevens" on a job well done, and sent his earnest thanks for *Gas and Electric News*. Elmer said he "digested" our first issue and read it threadbare.

Ernest E. Carroll (storehouse) wrote: "What a welcome sight to see the Good Old News. All our service men will sure appreciate it. The many photos and the pleasant reading create refreshing memories for us." He then says, "You folks are sure doing a real job on War Bonds." Ernie then mentions many fellow employes whose names or pictures appeared in the July issue.

*All this should be a real incentive for every employe to help the editors and correspondents of your Magazine to keep on doing our very best for—OUR BOYS and GIRLS in Service.*

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## Sergeant "Jippy" Morale Builder At Station Three

SERGEANT "JIPPY" ranks as one of the most popular "employees" at Station Three. He is on the job practically all the time, he never kicks and he always has a welcome greeting for every one of the 125 men at this large power plant. This little dog is held in high esteem especially by the Company guards who work with Sergeant Jippy. They like him so much that they gave him a Christmas tree last Christmas. They bring bones and other choice canine tidbits from home for him, and they all contribute to Sergeant Jippy's bank account as a matter of course. Jippy now has a tidy sum in the bank, against those unforeseen doggone misfortunes that come even to dogs. For instance, last spring Sergeant Jippy broke a leg and hobbled about on a wooden one for quite a time.

One recent expense for Jippy was his summer haircut and general check up physically (every self respecting dog ought to have one occasionally). The men took six dollars from Jippy's savings and had this done. He says he feels like a new dog.

Guard Corporal Jim Hillock per-

haps has a slight edge on Jippy's affections, although Jippy tries to be impartial. The Corporal takes Jippy home with him upon occasion and this is a real "dog day" for the little fellow. Jim has patiently trained Jippy so that he is a real good watch dog. He obeys

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Sergeant Jippy, minus his winter coat and all fixed up with a haircut for the dog-days. In front of him is his Liberty bank and a paper bearing the names of some of his contributors at Station Three.

# War Emergency is Mother of Coating Operation for Lamps

BERT HAMMOND,  
Line Operating Dept.

**N**CESSITY is the mother of invention and in this connection the present war is foster mother to many improvements which conditions make necessary. One of these is the new system for coating street lamp bulbs to prevent glare, which is proving to be a pretty good substitute for the frosted type of lamp or bulb which had consistently been used on these lamps before the war. When frosted lamps were discontinued because the armed forces needed the hydrofluoric acid, fluoride salts and other materials required in their manufacture something had to be done to make the use of clear glass bulbs more at-

tractive from a glare standpoint. The Kodak Research Laboratories had produced, after much experimentation, a very satisfactory coating material for coating a strip or band about the clear glass lamp bulbs at a point where it would most effectively prevent glare by shielding the intense light from the filament. This helped to solve the situation and was a major factor in making the use of these clear glass bulbs more desirable from a safety standpoint, as well as from that of the pedestrian or driver at night. Kodak developed a substance which could be painted on to the lamp, one that will withstand the 400 degrees temperature which the lamps generate. Kodak gave this Company



The lamps, after the band is coated about them to prevent glare to pedestrians and drivers from the filament of the plain (non-frosted) lamps are dried by being circulated in the merry-go-round arrangement shown above. An electric fan circulates a draft of air and dries the lamps as the table rotates.



Bert Hammond applies coating paint to lamp rotating in a turning lathe-like machine invented by Company employees. About 40 cases or 960 lamps can be coated per day. This costs less per lamp than was paid for the inside frosted lamps which can not be obtained because of wartime restrictions on materials.

excellent advice and collaboration when our engineers undertook to create a machine of our own.

### Kodak Collaborated

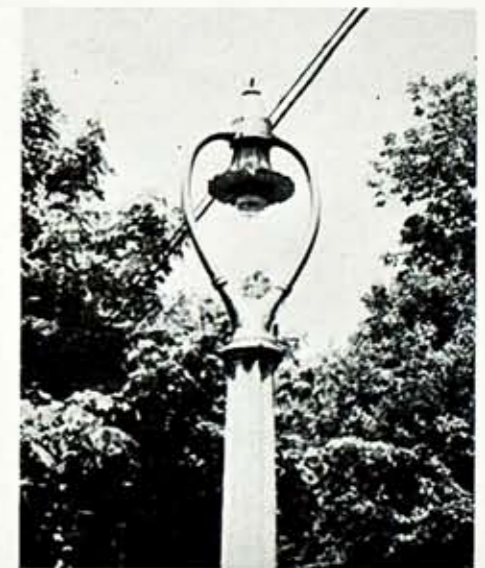
Using the knowledge gained by Kodak, and adding some new "wrinkles" themselves, Bob Pocket and Ed Wolfe (Ed is now in the U. S. Army) developed the machine shown in one of our pictures. These employees of the Appliance Service Department not only built the machine, but also perfected it until it operates efficiently and simply so that one man can easily turn out an average of 40 cases (960 lamps) per day.

The Rochester Gas and Electric owns and services 20,188 lamps in the city of Rochester, about 4,666 of which are equipped with globes. The remaining 15,522 are serviced with the new coated lamps.

The lamp coating machine comprises a revolving, lathe like apparatus which holds and rotates the lamp to be coated; it also ro-

tates a turntable on which lamps are set in holes with the coated bulb part upwards. These bulbs as they rotate are slowly transported through the heat from three heat lamps located on the ensemble, the

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One type of lamp fixture using the new Company coated glare preventing lamps. This harp-type lamp is in use on lower Lake Avenue boulevard.

# Hinchey Road Garden Club Pioneered R. G. & E. Victory Garden Movement

IT WAS a real pleasure to see the R. G. and E. Hinchey Road Garden Club (that is the official monicker) in action. These folks, all Company employes and their families, came out in force one evening to show us what a real garden club can do. The camaraderie and friendly spirit we observed reminded us of some of the old Company picnics we used to have. In the following article Ernie Huntington tells us about this excellent project.

THE Hinchey Road Garden Club was started through interest aroused by a course on gardening given at the YMCA early last year. A little investigation through Bill Weaver showed that there were several parcels of Company land which would make satisfactory garden sites. Inspection of several of these various sites indicated one which we thought most desirable to be on that part of the proposed Mount Morris Transmission Line right-of-way extending about 1,000 feet north from Hinchey Road, in the town of Greece. A usable part of this strip of land, which is 140 feet wide, was divided into sixteen plots, each fifty or sixty feet wide by 120 feet long, thus providing a roadway and parking space along

one side. All plots were quickly taken up as employees heard of the project, and after considerable delay due to the wet season, we got the land plowed and went to work. Some savings were effected through the purchase of seeds, tomatoes and potatoes for several members of the group at one time. Every garden was worked to its capacity, and the results augur well for another year.

A harvest dinner at the Chiselers' camp in October was so popular that similar affairs have been held bi-monthly ever since. This feature helps to get families better acquainted and no doubt accounts, in a large way, for practically all of the original members continuing.

The plan this year was much the same as last, except that a better



Above are shown about one-half of the membership of the Hinchey Road Garden Club with their families as they appeared one recent evening in their working "Duds."

approach from the highway was put in and a ton of fertilizer drilled in after plowing.

The success of this sort of a project depends largely upon the continued enthusiastic efforts of the people who initiate it. This group has a very good record in that respect. Every plot seems well tended and very prolific. Right here let us give an orchid to Fred Odell who has no garden plot of his own but generously helps out anybody who gets a bit behind with their work, through illness, vacations or other circumstances. Fred is truly

a friend indeed to any gardener in need, and a right royal "man with the hoe."

Present membership consists of: Fred Close and Harry Loucks, Station 3; Bill Charles, Harry Eckerson, Roy Meyers and Ollie Sinclair from the Electric Station Maintenance; Clarence Luke and John Neary from Station 4; Eddie Metzger from Station 33; Fred Odell from Station 35; Paul Miller and Bill Tietge from General Maintenance; Edna, Marion and Irene Muntz from Home Service; and Ralph Vrla and Ernest Huntington from Electrical Distribution.



Four of the sixteen plots in the R. G. and E. Hinchey Road Garden Club project. 1—Ralph Vrla's garden getting a going over by Ralph himself. 2—Harry Louck's cultivation shows excellent results. 3—Mr. and Mrs. John Neary stop for a brief pick-up and 4—Ernie Huntington goes to town on his beans.



Charles Hoffmeier center, was honored guest at the R. G. and E. golf tournament and dinner at Locust Hill. At left is Carl Winterroth, at right, Ray Myers.

## Office Golfers Defeat Plant Team in Tournament at Locust Hill

A team of sixteen Office golfers defeated a similar number of divot diggers from the various R. G. & E. Plants at Locust

Hill Country Club. Although the team match went to the Office crew the Plants produced the two low scoring contestants—Jim Dick and Charlie Hoffmeier. Jimmie shot a fine 78 for low gross while Charlie, home on furlough from the Navy, went around in 82 blows.

Following the contest the players enjoyed a buffet supper in Locust Hill's pleasant dining room. Results follow:



Jim Dick, left, shot a fine 78 to win first honors. Charley Hoffmeier, right, home from the Navy on furlough was close second with a snappy 82.

OFFICE		PLANTS	
Frank Houston	3	Bill Boyce	0
"Doc" Wilder	3	R. Crittenden	0
Ray Myers	1	C. Hoffmeier	2
Don Kresser	0	Ham King	3
Leon Kimpal	2½	Dick Moran	½
Gordon Ross	2½	Carl Winterroth	½
C. Coddington	3	W. McDonough	0
Phil Thomas	2½	Cy Cooley	½
Art Kelly	1	Art Rosin	2
Walt McKie	2½	Gus Demeyer	½
Fred Patterson	3	Frank Henry	0
Wilbur Seidel	½	Harold Hall	2½
Syd Alling	1	Jim Dick	2
Ivar Lundgaard	½	John Wesley	2½
Clint Cole	1	Bud Aldred	2
Russ Howe	2½	"Red" Rhodes	½
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29½</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>18½</b>

## 25 Years of Service - Congratulations!



Edmund (Ted) Spanagel

EDMUND L. SPANAGEL came to the Industrial Department twenty-five years ago with a B.S. in E.E. degree from the University of Michigan. At that time his immediate employer had two different jobs available and asked Edmund (Ted to all of us now) to flip a coin to see whether he'd go in for the electric phase of Industrial practice or for gas. Ted claims that's the only time he ever gambled, but he hasn't been sorry it came "heads up" for gas. Ted has a real zest for industrial gas contacts. He is in touch right now with the great war effort being waged by industrial gas and is making no little contribution to the solution of the many problems which are tossed into the lap of the Industrial Department.

JAMES HILLOCK, corporal of guards, began work here in the old "Lameys Tool Room." He must have been given an erector set early in life for he is mechanical to the extreme. He and his wife used to drive to Niagara Falls once a month regularly just so that Jim could check up on the construction progress of the new international bridge then being built. Then again, Jim says he's a sort of "cave man." Let us explain that on every vacation trip he tries to visit some new and interesting cave. He's seen about all of them, but longs for bigger and better ones to peer into. Being a guard might be a bit mechanical to some, but we'll bet Corporal Hillock finds ways to make it interesting.



James Hillock



David Dornan

DAVID DORNAN is another R. G. and E. who stuck to the same "knitting" for twenty-five years, as an operator at Station No. 2. That station was literally in a wilderness when he first went there, an isolated spot few persons ever reached, and then only by climbing up and down 127 steps to the river bed. The steps are still there, but the place may now be reached by automobile. Mr. Dornan was busy as a bee when we went down to get his picture, but we eventually corralled him for a brief and pleasant chat. He went to work for us about as soon as he came from Ballymena, Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Dornan went back to Ireland for a visit just before the war, and he had a wonderful re-union with his mother. They are a fine example of the sturdy Irish stock who came to America and helped to make this a great country.

# Gas and Electric Man Named Radio Co-ordinator

**W**ILLIAM F. BELLOR of the electrical meter department has been chosen by the American Radio Relay League to be Emergency Coordinator for the pre-war service in this area. In this connection Mr. Bellor was appointed Radio Aide for the local War Emergency Radio Service unit by County Manager Clarence Smith and City Manager Cartwright.

The establishment in March, 1944, of a county-city War Emergency Radio Service and the licensing of Station WHNH by the County of Monroe placed the Rochester area among the many communities now enjoying the addi-

tional security of this branch of civilian protection.

The War Emergency Radio Service, known as W. E. R. S. was originated and sponsored by the office of Civilian Defense. It is a Federal Service licensed and supervised by the Federal Communications Commission.

With the disruption or overloading of normal telephone and telegraph circuits, a W. E. R. S. unit provides emergency radio channels between the Citizens Defense Corps control centers, air-raid warden posts, police stations, hospitals, factories, schools, and other strategic points. It is available also for use during emergencies endangering life, important property and public safety in connection with Civilian Defense or National Security. Civilian Defense—W. E. R. S. units may communicate with units of State Guard or Civil Air Patrol, other W. E. R. S. units, Police or other stations in the emergency radio service as well as with the United States government stations for essential operations in connection with their duties. Certain hours of the week have been set aside for testing and practice drilling purposes so that the personnel involved, consisting entirely of civilian volunteers who may or may not have had previous experience in radio communication, will be trained to execute their assigned duties promptly and efficiently should the need arise.

Built by Amateurs

The Civilian Defense War  
Emergency Radio Service makes

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Ray Jobes and Don Clarke, radio engineers at Stromberg-Carlson operating Jobes' portable mobile unit No. 4. They receive or send communications from and to points of trouble and in common with other mobile units are receiving regular training in testing out the system.

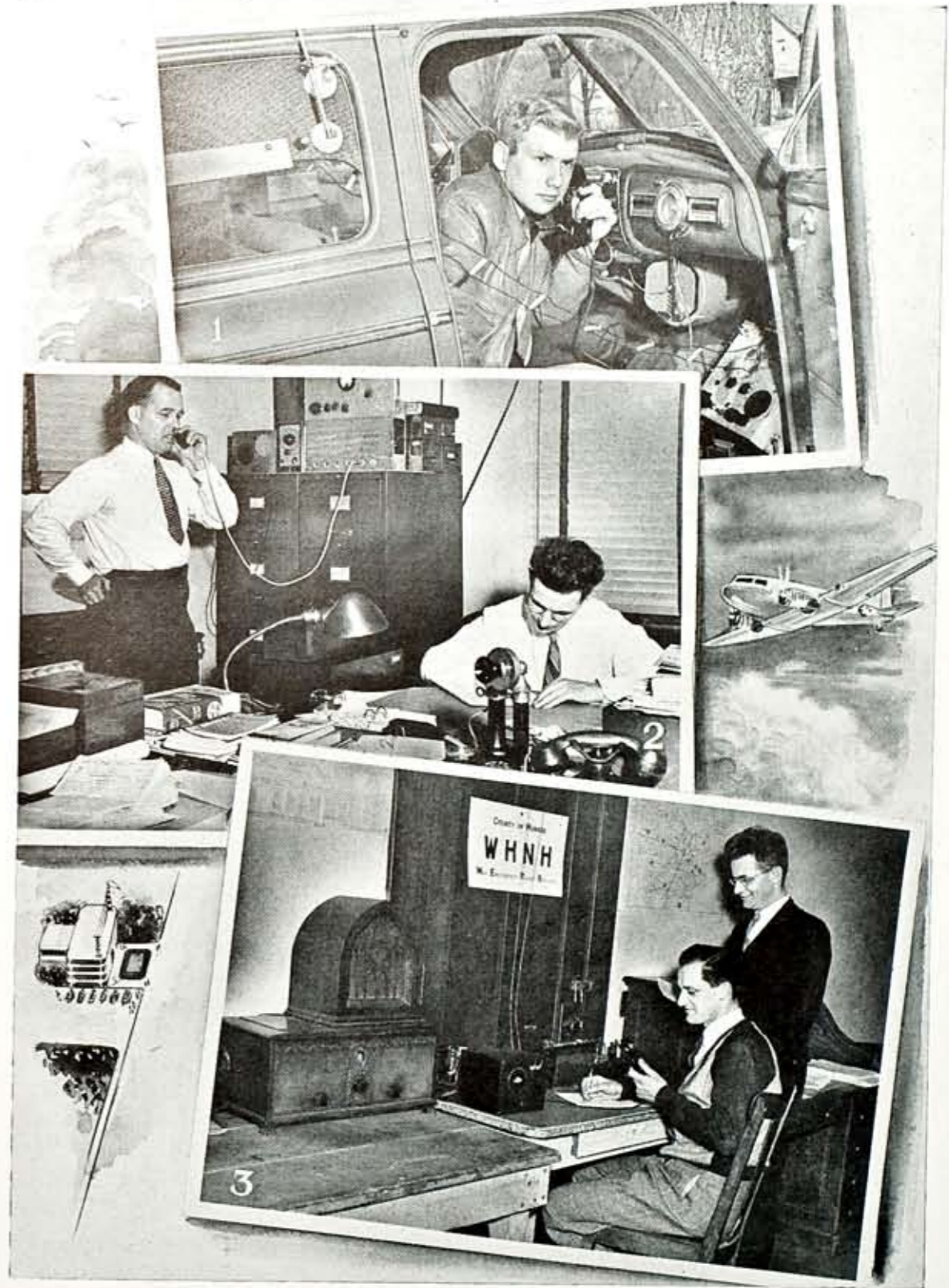


Figure 1: One of the portable mobile units No. 5 with Bob Snyder operating. Bob's Dad is a Lieut. Commander in the U. S. Navy and Bob expects to relinquish his post to join him soon in service.

Figure 2: Scene during actual test operation, with Co-ordinator Bill Bellor of this Company, dispatching and receiving from the system's central station on top of the Lincoln-Alliance penthouse. Working with Bill is Paul Utz, also an employee of the electrical meter department.

Figure 3: Sun control unit No. 13 with Walt Berke and Paul Utz operating. These men and units are always ready for emergencies when ordinary means of communication may be out of commission because of fire, flood or war or trouble.

Send in YOUR News

Employees are urged to send in news items to *Gas and Electric News*, also good photos of interest, as: vacation "shots," photos of the family, etc.

Let us repeat, this is YOUR magazine and we shall always be glad of your suggestions, criticism and cooperation in helping to make it of real interest to all employees.

use largely of equipment supplied or built by amateur radio operators. The service was started on the organizational foundations existing in the American Radio Relay League emergency corps (A. E. C.) a peace-time reserve of amateur operators and equipment devoted to the supplying of independent auxiliary communication.

The local group at present consists of eighteen units. The main control station located in the tower of the Lincoln-Alliance Bank Building is a model of modern high frequency achievement and was constructed by Raymond Jobes, Assistant Radio Aide and an engineer at Stromberg-Carlson Company. Tests to date indicate its coverage of the county area is quite complete on its frequency of 112.5 megacycles. Other sub-con-

trol units are housed in several of the local police precincts and mobile and walkie-talkie types make up the rest. Although intended primarily to service the Monroe County area, signals from the control station have been heard in the Syracuse area consistently.

The War Emergency Radio Service takes part in Civilian Defense drills and alerts as well as special tests in the form of simulated disasters such as explosions, floods, fires, etc. A recent article in the *New York Times* makes note of the time saved by the use of a small portable unit by a fire chief in giving orders from a vantage point at a large fire in New York City and the success of this application received much attention from city officials.

Our company has particular reason for appreciating this type of service. At the time of the severe sleet storm twelve years ago, a group of local radio amateurs with hastily assembled equipment did much to facilitate necessary switching orders and information when telephone lines were down between company properties.

The War Emergency Radio Service is intended as an emergency auxiliary to present facilities and is already demonstrating the value of its trained personnel, its Mobile units, walkie-talkies and other equipment throughout the county.

OUR COVER GIRLS

The attractive girls who are competing for the attention of Reddy Kilowatt on the front page, left to right, are Gloria Blakley, Florence Phillips, Alice Hall and Madeline Royce.

# R. G. and E. Victory Garden Products Contest Set for Thursday, August 31

THE R. G. and E. Victory Garden Products Contest and garden truck show will be held on the Main Floor of the Gas and Electric Building on Thursday, August 31. Entry blanks are being prepared and will be sent to all of the 667 employees who have registered their gardens to date. The committee has added to its roster the name of Florence Phillips, Auditing Department, who will assist in the clerical work involved in the coming contest.

An additional class has been arranged for Victory Gardeners who have already canned some of their choice garden products. This will add color to the show and help to show how Victory Gardens help to feed the home front workers dur-

ing the winter months ahead. All canned products must be from employe gardeners and canned in employe's homes. This new class it is thought will fit into the Company's Home Service aspirations and indicate what a real assistance Victory Gardens have become in the national food picture. A tabulation of the classes to be judged accompanies this article.

A Land of Milk and Honey

On the two following pages of this issue are some pictures of a few of our own Victory Gardens. The photo editor reports that he never has seen such enthusiasm, that the gardens present a picture not unlike that biblical "Land of Milk and Honey."

## R. G. & E. EMPLOYEES' V. GARDEN PRODUCTS EXHIBITION

The following classes will be judged.

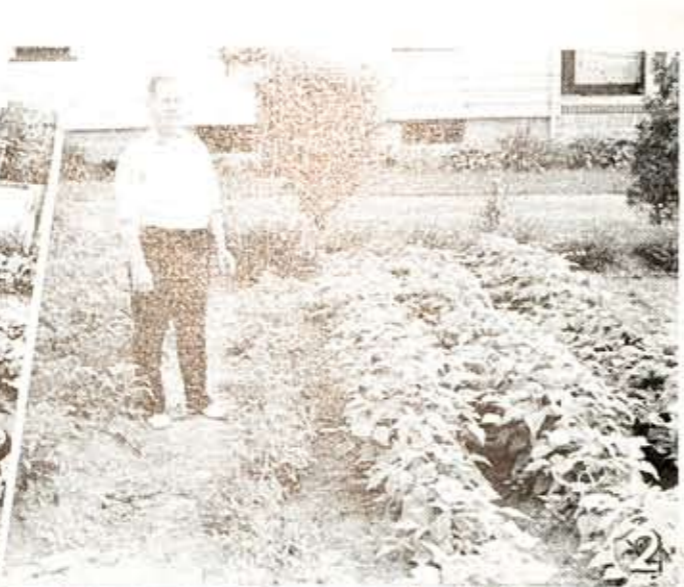
Class	Kind	Variety	Number	Remarks
1	Beets	Any	5	No Tops
2	Cabbage	Any	1 head	Trimmed
3	Carrots	Any	5	No Tops
4	Corn	Yellow	3 ears	
5	Corn	White	3 ears	
6	Beans	Yellow	12 Pods	
7	Beans	Green	12 Pods	
8	Beans	Lima	12 Pods	
9	Onions	Globe	5	
10	Parsnips	Any	5	No Tops
11	Potatoes	Any	5	
12	Pumpkins	Any	1	Weight before Quality
13	Tomatoes	Any	5	
14	Turnips	Any	5	No Tops
15	Squash	Summer	1	Quality only
16	Squash	Winter	1	Quality only
17	Arrangement of 5 or more of the above kinds in a basket.			
18	Assortment of 5 Pint cans of vegetables—your choice.			

Conditions: Vegetables must be grown by Exhibitor.

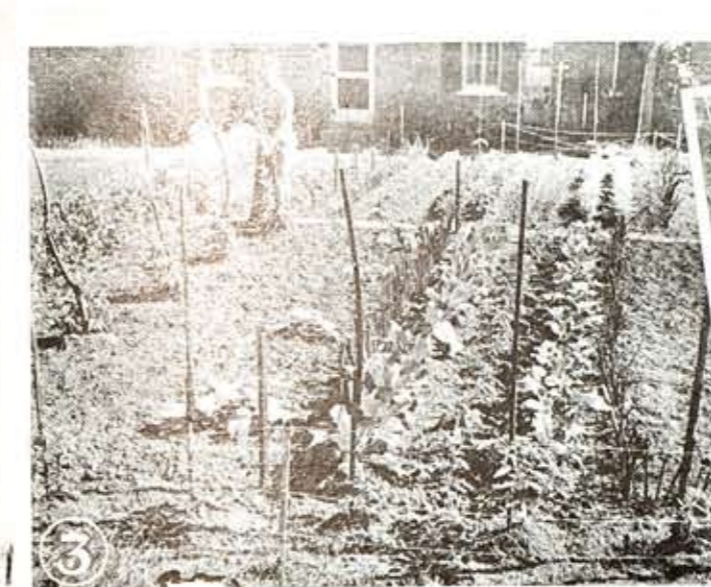
All entries will be displayed on paper plates provided by the Committee.



Herb Ringelstein



Fred Rosa



Bill Boyce



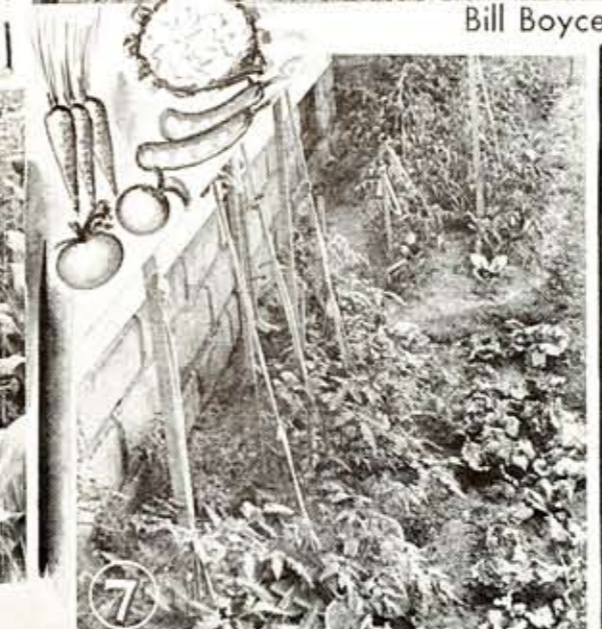
Isabel Mielke



Cal Brown



Carl Hoffman



Dick Henry



Station 5 Garden



Lorne Fulton



Bert Lewis



Floyd Mason



Karl Erbach

# SOME ROCHESTER GAS AND ELECTRIC VICTORY GARDENS

THE NAMES OF THE GARDENERS ARE UNDER EACH PICTURE



# Employee Plays Heroic Role In Rescue of Family

**W**ILBUR E. MITCHELL, station Three, recently showed great presence of mind and a fine knowledge of first aid when he rescued a number of persons from probable death from the effects of asphyxiation due to fumes from a furnace pipe. The details, including some good pictures appeared in Rochester newspapers not so long ago and they gave much praise to Mr. Mitchell for his heroic work.

It was just about eleven years ago that Wilbur came to work for the Company. At that time, Wilbur tells us, he was given some pretty thorough instruction in first aid by Edward Schenck, also of Station Three. Says Wilbur, "He told me to lay on the floor on my stomach. Then he proceeded to give me a sample prone pressure resuscitation treatment. Afterwards, he had me do the same to him to see if I had assimilated the knowledge which is an initial part of the training of all Company station

men, in common with employees of all operating departments." Continuing, Wilbur said, "Eleven years went by and I never had an opportunity to try out this prone pressure treatment in a real emergency, but the knowledge must have been there all right, back in my head somewhere, just standing by for action." Then Wilbur said something that gives one an insight into the great perseverance he used in pursuing this case to its happy ending. He said, "When you see a little child laying there on the floor, apparently lifeless, and you know that but for what you may be able to do, it may be 'curtains' for her—well, you've just got to do the right thing."

### Had the "Know How"

Mr. Mitchell, who has two fine little children in his own family, sure did the right thing. He was later commended by the police department and by the ambulance physician who came after he had



★  
William Mitchell, Station Three, who put into use Safety First knowledge learned as a part of employe training to help save the lives of three persons. In an emergency — he knew his prone pressure, although he had learned it some years ago.  
★

things well in hand. It is a long story and we won't tell it in detail, but four persons were overcome, two of them small children, besides two canaries, a rabbit and a dog. Wilbur smiles when he mentions the pets. "I threw Teddy, the dog, out as dead," says Wilbur, and he later recovered. Darkie, the cat, also survived, after being taken into the fresh air, and so did the pet rabbit." "But," he went on, "I lost the canary," and then he went on to say how Officer Messinger had later told him that all he needed to do to revive the canary would be to open its beak and blow into its throat. "I guess I didn't know about that," said Wilbur.

All this brings out the important fact that a Company employe (as President Russell implied in his letter of commendation to Wilbur) knew what to do in an emergency and did it. Mr. Russell in part wrote, "Please accept my congratulations over your prompt and efficient action in preventing what might otherwise very well have been a tragedy. I am glad also to know that the first aid instructions and training given by employees of the Company proved their value."

### War Emergency is Mother of Coating Operation for Lamps

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heat being blown through them by a large electric fan. A camel's hair

brush is held by the operator so that as the bulb revolves a coating of the material used is applied to the bulb at the proper part of its outside circumference. A very neat and lasting strip results, and the material has been developed to the point where the bulbs are thoroughly dried and ready for boxing in cartons when the last bulb on the turntable has been coated and has made a few turns on the "merry-go-round." All of the coating material used is prepared by Frank Thompson, of the chemical laboratory.

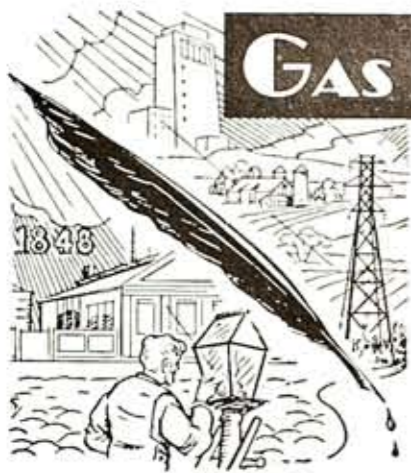
### For Open Type Lamps

These coated lamps of course are used on various type lamp fixtures, some of which, for instance, you will see on the Charlotte Boulevard. Others, on a different type of fixture will be seen on North Street and on many other streets. Notice them sometime when you are out driving. You will observe that the band helps effectively to cut down the glare.

Thus it will be seen that this new coating process has successfully vaulted the barrier and the hazard which resulted from scarcity of materials, materials which the government sorely needed on war materiel, and which are being used to help put the "spot" on Hitler, Hirohito and the other axis outlaws.

### HELP! HELP!

Plan to help the Crop Corps harvest valuable foods during your spare time, weekends or part of your vacation. For further information call Francis Drake, Extension 297 or Arden Howland, Extension 265.



# GAS & ELECTRIC NEWS

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## Free Enterprise Gives "Little Guy" Chance to Become "Big Guy"

WHAT is the Free Enterprise system about which we hear so much these days? Well, it's the system that gives the "little guy" a chance to climb and become a "big guy." Free Enterprise is the freedom to work in a field of your own choosing . . . the freedom to earn and save and to invest your savings.

It is freedom to plan and build and to profit from your contribution to the growth and progress of your community. It is the freedom to create and to enjoy the fruits of your creativeness. It is the freedom to venture and to reap the rewards of your initiative and daring. It is the freedom to try, and to fail . . . and to try again.

Free enterprise helped men like Henry Ford build great industries that give employment to hundreds of thousands of men at wages higher than industry had ever known before.

The free enterprise system encourages men to invent, to create

and to improve, with the knowledge that if they succeed they will share in the fruits of that success. Thomas Edison, George Eastman and other great American benefactors were products of the American system of free enterprise. It is free enterprise that has given America the highest standard of living in the world.

Now there are groups in this country who would like to substitute political control for the free enterprise system. They want to take over all industry, beginning with the electric power companies, and to substitute political operation for sound business management. Under political operation of industry and business a man's chances for advancement would depend upon how he voted and who was in power instead of upon his ability, diligence, thrift or ingenuity.

We don't believe that the American people will let them get away with it.



A/S Harold Rosenstetter



Pvt. Wm. B. Parker,  
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TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THREE R. G. and E. men and women have to date been inducted into the service of their country. The three employes shown above recently left to join their buddies in the ranks. Their names now adorn our R. G. and E. Service Plaque in the elevator lobby at the Gas and Electric Building.

DO YOUR SHARE—WRITE A SOLDIER A LETTER TODAY!

### Skippy—Continued from page 3

orders and is well disciplined. He has an affectionate wag of his tail for employees and barks inquiringly when strangers appear.

"Sergeant Jippy is a real morale builder" guard Fred Keller told us, continuing "When a guard for instance, is on night duty and comes to work on a hot day rather down in spirits, Sergeant Jippy's affectionate greeting sure lifts ones' spirits. If there's a dog heaven or 'happy hunting ground' I'm sure Sergeant Jippy will make the grade. He's a pal in a million."

The lady movie-goer turned to the man sitting behind her:

Lady: "Shall I remove my hat?"

Man: "Please, don't. It's funnier than anything I've seen on the screen."

### New Radio Show

One hundred and seventy electric light and power companies including the R. G. & E. will sponsor a new radio show featuring Nelson Eddy, Robert Armbruster's orchestra, guest stars and chorus beginning Wednesday, September 20. It will replace "Report to the Nation" sponsored by the electric companies for the past year. The new musical show will be heard every Wednesday night at 10:30 over the Columbia network, with Station WHEC as the local outlet.



Martha Tullius, collection department, with Mrs. Cecelia Troy, unit department, recently completed a twelve-week course in home nursing.

Mrs. Velva Wooster, consumers' accounting, left her work with the company on July 14 after nearly nineteen years of faithful service. The best wishes of a host of Company friends go with her and—our latchkey is always out for her.

Born to Elsie Dayton Nolan, former employee of the tabulating department, a little girl named Patricia. Patricia was initiated into this world at the Highland Hospital.

A baby boy, Todd, was born to Belva Brown, formerly of the appliance department, on June 22 at the Highland Hospital.

Leonard Champion, who has been at Iola for about a year and is progressing nicely, got a real thrill recently when he went home for two days on the occasion of his tenth wedding anniversary. He had a wonderful visit with his wife and little daughter, Pamela.

Gertrude Shaw was honored by the electrical distribution department by a party at the Chiselers' camp on June 28. As a gift of apprecia-

tion from her associates Gertrude received a fine lapel watch and earrings. As her hobby is collecting "horses" (in miniature of course) the decorations were very horsey too. Favors were gum drop horses and the center piece was a beautiful nag made from a loaf of brown bread with bread sticks for legs and rolls for hoofs and head. It sure was like a day at the derby.

May Darling, electric distribution office spends some of her week ends in Attica (no, not the prison), to visit a former employee, Mabel Zahlman, now Mrs. Christian Kuhahl.

June Phyllis, born June 28 is the new arrival at the home of George Hall, Line Construction, Fillmore.

John Charles, born March 8, is the pride and joy of the Alton Woller household, Line Construction, Fillmore.

Tom Flaherty, Plant Operator and former Salesman at Fillmore, returned to work July 13 after an extended illness of several months.

Vic Fritz, Stores Records, Fillmore, an ardent Izaak Walton Leaguer, spent the week of July 2 at Crosby Lake, Canada, and reported no bass but plenty of great big and beautiful wall-eyes.

Announcement was recently made of the marriage of Adelaide E. Murray, of the auditing department, to William J. Hill, formerly of the domestic sales department. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Francis Hester, in Old St. Mary's Church.

Lester Twitchell has resumed his usual lighting activities in industrial sales after five months spent in "lend lease" to the Eastman Kodak Company. Lester was practically working for the U. S. Navy and apparently the project he was assisting with has been launched and is now in production.

Hedy Garis, with her husband, Stores Record Department, spent a delightful vacation visiting friends and relatives in New York and

Pennsylvania. At Regalsville, Pennsylvania, they enjoyed inspecting the old homestead which Mr. Garis' grandfather built in 1820.

The Steam Distribution Department recently held a picnic at the Chiselers' camp and had as their guest, a former employee, Joe Kastner who is a member of the Sea Bees and is stationed on the Pacific Coast.

Joe was presented with a very useful gift.

During the course of the evening, several awards were made, one to Walter Baker for special services rendered, and another to Clete Kress for being the most proficient exponent of questionable fishing stories in the Steam Dept.



Second Floor picnickers, left to right, front row: Marjorie Bowen, Frederica Farrell, Stan Allen, Dorothy Perkins, Joan Lounsbury. Back row: Dorothy Boncke, Marguerite Carnes, Florence Richter, Eva Feenstra, Frank Nolte, Betty Probst, Helen Longbine, Colleen Kimball.

Graydon Curtis, District Manager of the Wolcott District, has just been elected President of the Leavenworth Central School District for a term of five years.

The Stores Record Department picnic was held at Chiselers Camp recently and Ray Myers and his Elevator Lassies were guest picnickers. The committee consisted of the newest employes of the department (a smart idea) and the older ones took it easy. The committee of Norma Agricolto, Jenny Cook, Margaret McCurn, Ann Morris and Betty Simpson did a swell job. They served hots and rolls, escalloped "Murphies," relish, baked beans, celery, pickles, radishes, olives, ice cream, cookies and coffee, besides incidental beverages.

The Gas Househeating Service Department had a picnic recently (they called it a shin-dig) and George Lyon and Frank Dries were the culinary Department. After partaking of the bountiful food, Charlie Molyneaux began to feel his calories and challenged Schuyler Baldwin to a weight lifting contest. Schuler, however, consumes huge quantities of food, and perfect assimilation provides him

with (as they would say in the househeating department) almost complete combustion of calorific content; therefore, Charlie didn't win and Schuyler is still champ.

The annual picnic of the Gas Street Department was held on June 17 at the Chiselers Camp. A very interesting program of sports and entertainment was arranged by the social committee which comprised: Norman Christ, Bob Stevenson, and Frank Lux. A chicken dinner, served by a caterer, was the piece-de-resistance of the picnic, but baseball, horseshoes and card games were very popular.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gray recently celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary. This is somewhere in between the "pearl wedding" and the "coral and jade" wedding anniversaries and is just about turning the three-quarter marker to come down the home stretch for the good old Golden Wedding not so far off. Many happy returns.

Mary Belle Munn, Fillmore office, has enjoyed a week of vacation at Cuba Lake.

#### FIFTH WAR LOAN QUOTA EXCEEDED

R. G. & E. employes have again topped their quota in a War Bond drive. In the fifth War Loan they purchased \$194,850 worth of bonds for 103.64 per cent. Hilton and Brockport led all departments with 300%. Treasury and Cashiers' department was a close second with 273%. Other leaders were Electric Superintendent's Office with 205%; Genesee Valley with 181%; Station 8 with 165%; and Administrative with 151%. Some departments, for very good reasons, were unable to make their quotas but every one of them did a creditable job and the overall showing was very gratifying to the heads of the local campaign committee.

Gertrude Potter, Addressograph Department, enjoyed a most wonderful and colorful trip to Boise City, Idaho, to visit her fiance, Sgt. James Whitcombe. Sgt. Whitcombe's sister Helen accompanied Gertrude on the trip which was by bus. The young women saw many of the interesting scenic and historic spots of the far and middle west and were well entertained by Sgt. Whitcombe, a nose gunner on a Liberator bomber, who has since flown for duty overseas.

Jimmy Donohoe, Genesee Utilityman, spent from July 5 to 17 training with his National Guard Company at Peekskill, N. Y. He reported back in the "pink."

Louise Woods, Herb Conklin and Glenn Jackson, Mt. Morris, are showing their patriotism by working their spare time at Bird's-Eye Division, Snider Packing, Mt. Morris.

Vivian Younglove, Wolcott, didn't mind the lack of transportation facilities when she took her vacation recently. She decided to just stay home and rest. She enjoyed it a lot and saved enough money to buy some more War Bonds.

Fred Rissberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Rissberger, surprised his parents with an unexpected visit one early morning recently. Shortly after Fred got back to camp, Fred's APO number arrived and Fred is now somewhere "over there" in the capacity of aerial engineer. He has his own plane, a C-47, and flies with a crew of pilot, copilot and radio man. Fred has the latest "dope" on every type of instrument used in modern planes as his extensive

technical training has been fortified by time spent in plane plants getting practical experience.

Fred Keller, guard at Station Three, spent part of his vacation fishing at Eel Bay and Lake of the Islands. Fred went well prepared with depth charts of the St. Lawrence so that he could fish as deep as the water permitted during the extremely hot weather. He had pretty good fishing luck and brought back with him a fine fish for his canine friend, Sergeant Jippy, also of Station Three.

#### Workers and Company Win Security Award

As the result of the fine work done by more than one thousand employes who have participated in the Air Raid Precaution program of the R. G. & E. the company and its workers have been awarded the National Security Award by the United States Office of Civilian Defense. In co-operation with local authorities the R. G. & E. organized its own protective corps at the outbreak of the war and men were trained in the handling of gas fires, service repairs and turnons and shutoffs in homes. A special information tag containing instructions to be followed in case of an air raid was placed on every gas meter in the territory we serve.

All of this training and preparation contributed to the maintenance of a superior standard of protection and security for the community, according to the citation.

George Fritz, son of Victor Fritz of Nunda, is in the Merchant Marine and has made many trips back and forth between this country and the British Isles. He has had the thrill of being chased by a German "sub" and the added thrill of getting away unscathed.

Harlan Strahan, Fillmore, probably has about the best strawberry patch anywhere in the Genesee Country. They are everbearing and bear till the snow flies. Harlan knows how to make 'em produce and makes use of all the little tricks of cultivation and care. Just so no one gets too strong a hankering for some of these strawberries we might say that they are located in a well protected spot back of Harlan's garage.

Mrs. Marlie Brigham, whose hubby is a line foreman in Fillmore has found real satisfaction in her initiation into newspaper work. She now sets the entire "Northern Allegany Observer" on a linotype machine, and this after only four months of study and practice. That's what we call nice work.

Mrs. Hollis Young, of Fillmore, recently visited her son, Pfc. Norman F. Young, who is in an MP Battalion at Fort Meyer, near Washington, D. C. Norman sees most of the big names who visit Washington, men like Churchill and others in the world's eye. While she was away Hollis and Wilson Young, the only Young son now not in the forces (he is 14 years old) had a dandy time cooking their own meals (Wilson prepared waffles and pancakes) going to ball games and otherwise having

"high jinks." The most recent Young youngster is the fine baby girl recently born to Ensign and Mrs. Ansel Young, at Pensacola, Florida. Ensign Young is in the U. S. Navy Air Corps. The little girl's name is Emily Nanette, and her Daddy says he is already taking orders from her.

When Russell Parker, former Fillmore farm service representative for R. G. and E., went to work for Livingstone County as Farm Bureau head, he was succeeded by Wilson Kopler, Fillmore, who has always been a town man and had never so much as milked a cow before. Wilson, however, has decided to be a real honest-to-goodness dirt farmer, and in order to gain his experience and atmosphere first hand he has purchased a couple of cows, just as a beginner. Hollis Young says Wilson has the right spirit and that all he needs now is a corncob pipe and a flock of chickens and he can go places, but, joking aside, Wilson is doing a swell job according to that farm expert Carl Jeerings.

Charles Gleason, Fillmore, is an ardent and versatile photographer. Recently he took some nice pictures of Bishop Berg, of Buffalo, when he came to Fillmore to officiate at confirmation ceremonies. Charles does all his own developing and printing in his dark room, which he has built in the basement of his home. As Mr. Gleason is to be one of our correspondents in the Genesee Country, we look forward to some nice photos during the year, as well as personal items from Fillmore and vicinity.

Fred W. Rosa, Station Three, has a fine garden; at least that is what about forty assorted bunnies think, for Fred not only supplies himself and Mrs. Rosa from his extensive garden, but also provides dainty tid-bits for his New Zealand Whites and his Checkered Giants of the rabbit clan.

About sixty-eight employes of the Customers Accounting Department held a picnic at Willow Point on June 21 and got huge appetites for the picnic dinner playing all the games available at the Point. The winners of the big silver dollar door prizes were: Marjorie Bowen, Lotte Corona, Norman Luther, Jane Varian and Harvey Van Zandt. The committee consisted of chairman Muriel Sanders, Bob Woods; sports, Ray Patton and Velva Wooster; refreshments, Fay Cotanch, and transportation, Cliff Fulton. It was a great time.

The R. G. and E. Servicemen's Committee entertained a group of soldiers and sailors on Saturday, July 8 from 4 to 12 o'clock. Dorothy Dake is chairman of the committee, with Mildred Hacker co-chairman. They are assisted by Josephine Rodgers, Lucile Cason, Evelyn Fisher, Dorothy Fisher, Mary Stott, Irene Muntz.

Harry Cahill recently returned from Sampson long enough to see his newborn baby boy, who was a strapping seven - and - one - half pounder. All of this makes grandpa Benny Cahill very happy. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Herbert Miner, Office Manager at the Wolcott office, was recently awarded his fifteen year service pin. The ceremony was in connection with a meeting held for employees of the Wolcott section.



A few of our feminine divot diggers, left to right: Gertrude Potter, Betty Wiethorn, Marie Patton, Barbara Fermoil and Janet Boxwell. Even in these tough times, it shouldn't be difficult for these pulchritudinous putters to capture caddies.

# The TRADING POST

*This column was created to stimulate the exchange of useful things among Company employes, and to keep them in circulation. This service is for employes only and not for friends or relatives. Here is your opportunity to buy, sell or trade. Let's hear from YOU.*

**WANTED:** Revolver, 38 or 45 for essential work. Call M. J. Friga, Charlotte 725-R.

**WANTED:** Large pre-war doll carriage. Clyde Latson, 199 Aragon Avenue, Point Pleasant. Culver 2643-W.

**FOR SALE:** Fifty-inch swing chain Nantucket. Also, three 36-inch sections, drawer base and top unit, golden oak sectional bookcase. Both in good condition. Alice M. Baker, Gen. 3960-R.

**FOR SALE:** Baby carriage. English coach, pre-war, all steel. Very good condition. Going out of business. Gus Crombach, 930 Meigs Street.

**WANTED:** Two or four pitching horseshoes (minus the horse). Edison J. Moyer, Monroe 364-J.

**WANTED:** Spring driven toy locomotive in good running condition. F. W. Fisher, No. 5 Watson Road, Fairport, N. Y.

**FOR SALE:** Man's English riding boots, size about 10.5 or 11. Also, riding breeches about 30 or 32-inch waist, and a pair of fine Johnson and Murphy oxford shoes, size 10-B. Karl Erbach, 750 Grand Avenue, or Culver 4412.

**WANTED:** I would like to obtain about 5 pounds of live goose feathers for pillows. Miss A. G. Place, Webster 141-F-4.

**WANTED:** If you have a G. E. Workshop you would like to dispose of please call Frank Houston, 185 Culver Road, Monroe 859.

**WANTED:** Small bicycle for little girl aged seven and one or two electric dryers for photos, in good condition. Will swap a photometer for getting correct exposure on enlargements, and a flash synchronizer gun and reflector for Leica or other focal plane small camera. Floyd Mason, advertising department, or phone Char. 1048-M.

**WANTED:** 1940 or 1941 Chevrolet Sedan. Call Genesee 7251-W or Edith Baurle, Appliance Department.

**WANTED:** A coaster wagon or cart, no wooden wheels desired. L. B. Fulton, 118 Perrin Street, Culver 5229-W.

**FOR SALE:** A pair of Jodpurs or riding breeches in fine condition, size 14, light tan in color. Maryland Curran, Charlotte 3148-M.

**FOR SALE:** Two coats, winter gray, size 18. Also three or four silk dresses same size. S. Blair, 11 Buena Place, Stone 2795-R.



## Will You Give a Pint of Your Blood to Save a Fighter's Life?

Army and Navy doctors tell us that in the last war we lost eight out of every ten men who had intestinal wounds. In this war we're saving most of them!

How?

Because they are given blood plasma before anesthesia. The plasma gives their hearts something to beat on. It is a major factor in saving their lives.

Hearts are beating today—young courageous hearts . . . hearts that may stop tomorrow for lack of blood plasma.

Who can supply it? You can!

Any man or woman over 21 and under 60 years of age can walk into the RED CROSS BLOOD DONOR CENTER at 37 Exchange Street, Rochester, and donate a pint of blood. The same donation can be repeated every nine weeks.

Play your part in the invasion by giving some of your blood to a man who may die without it.



## *"Just A Piece Of Cloth"*

That's all it is materially—just a piece of cloth.

You can count the threads in it and it's no different from any other piece of cloth.

But then a little breeze comes along, and it stirs and comes to life and flutters and snaps in the wind, all red and white and blue.

And you realize that no other piece of cloth could be like it.

It has your whole life wrapped up in it. The meals you're going to eat. The time you're going to spend with your wife. The kind of things your boy will learn at school. Those inspiring thoughts you get inside a church, on Sunday.

Those stars in it—they make you feel just as free as the stars in the wide, deep night. And those stripes—they're bars of blood to any dictator who'd try to change it. Just a piece of cloth, that's all it is—until you put your soul into it and give it meaning.

What do you want to make it mean? A symbol of liberty and decency and fair-dealing for everyone? Then let's do something about it. Let's do plenty and do it soon enough.

There are not enough ships yet, nor cannons, tanks and planes. How are we going to produce them? Are we going to force people with lash and concentration camp the way they do in Germany? No . . . we're going to produce our weapons of war in the American way . . . as a patriotic obligation laid upon every one of us.

We're going to outproduce our enemies. We're going to cooperate with every war bond and salvage campaign. We're going to abide by all rationing regulations and spurn the Black Market. We're going to demonstrate that the free American way is the best way. We're going to fight for a World that will be free and peaceful and worth living in again.

Yes—that flag is just a piece of cloth until we breathe life and honor and hope and loyalty into it . . . until we make it stand for everything we believe in and refuse to live without!

—Westinghouse Magazine.