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About 800 prospective home builders hear story of the R. G. and E. Ventilated Kitchen.





Boys and girls in Rochester schools, during the past year or more, have encouragingly cut down the breakage of street lamps through the operation of "The Rochester School Plan."

An article dealing with this commendable and patriotic activity will be found in this issue on page 14. You will enjoy reading it.

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R. G. and E. Has Own Electric Railway At West Station Gas Plant

EVEN a gas plant has to depend upon electricity to coordinate its many functions. It may surprise you to learn that there is an electric railway at West Station Gas Plant. To be sure it is perhaps the world's shortest little railway, it is only about six hundred feet long, but it is also one of the very busiest.

This little railway comprises an electric locomotive and a huge hot coke car. This outfit operates between the Koppers coke ovens and the Dry Quencher. It transports about nine hundred tons of coke per day from ovens to quencher and is in continuous operation, twenty-four hours per day and three hundred and sixty-six days per year; at least this is the record for the present year.

It takes about seven to eight minutes to complete a trip. The train backs up to the oven which is ready for "pushing" receives its load of molten cherry red coke, the gas having been removed in the ovens, then draws it to the Dry Quencher where the load is dumped onto an elevator, raised to the top of the quencher tower, af-

ter which it is catapulted downward to be cooled in the process.

When you are down around Station Three or West Station and hear a din, din, din like the sound of a high frequency metal gong striking—that will be the warning sound of the moving coke train. As our picture shows, the railroad crossing where the train intersects the roadway leading into the plant is well protected by modern electric green and red signal lights.



Railway crossing at West Station is well protected with electric safety devices which signal approach of hot coke train.

Wanna Buy A Duck?

Leon Sprague's Hobby is Making
Decoys for Duck Hunting

DID you know that for some time we have had a "duck depression"? Yes, and Leon Sprague, whose hobby is making ducks of the synthetic variety, tells us it is because of the destruction of most of the best breeding grounds in the prairie region of the west. Therefore, Leon claims that as long as it is so hard to get ducks to shoot at, one good way to make for better hunting is to greet the ducks when they do appear on the horizon with a coterie of welcoming decoys. Then they are more apt to linger about till a hunter can get a good sporting shot at them, after they have had their little visit with the coy decoys.

Field and Stream Man

Leon read in "Field and Stream" about five years ago an article on

decoys and duck hunting. From that day he started learning about ducks, their habits, about decoys and other pertinent data. As a result his decoys are, we might say, almost human; that is, they look like ducks, act like ducks and with the aid of a duck call in the hunter's mouth they can appear to "talk" like ducks.

We won't go into details as to how Leon makes his decoys, excepting to say that he uses pressed cork for the "chassis" and wood for the "wheel base" or underpinning. His ducks sure make a fine showing as they lay in convoy on a pond or bay. Leon constructs Bluebill decoys almost entirely. As the real Bluebills travel in large flocks or groups, one must have a generous number of decoys on the water to attract them. They believe in numbers and must have heard of that old expression "follow the crowd." Ducks just love company.



Leon Sprague, Auditing Department, "carving" out his ducks. He has made hundreds of them and finds it a profitable and a very interesting hobby.

Painting decoys is a very important part of the deception. Leon says he learned how from an old decoy maker out in Michigan during a vacation he spent there. Now he mixes his own paints. Many of Leon's decoys are being used by Company sportsmen, including Bob Kelly, Harold Huls and Cy Cooley, the latter using as high as eighty decoys on some of his hunting missions.

Leon has received a lot of kidding about his hobby. The unkindest cut of all was when one of his best friends termed it "shanty art"; but he keeps on carving 'em out. Just the other day he had a flock of newly painted decoys on the front porch drying. There came a rap on the door and a truckman, who had been passing by and saw the decoys, dropped in and bought the lot.

So, Leon Sprague's decoys are even good enough to decoy a truckman from off this truck. That to us, seems the acme of perfection in decoy making.

Clinton Cole Gets Cup

Award Winner and booster of the Opportune Club, Clinton Cole of the Industrial Department is the first member to have his name inscribed on a Silver Cup for Speaking Achievement. One of the objects of the Opportune Club is to provide opportunities for the practice of Public Speaking. Professor Frank A. Clement of the Rochester Institute of Technology, an enthusiastic proponent of Better Public Speaking is the instructor.

At the opening banquet for the 1944-1945 season at the Rochester Hotel recently, Howard Harding of our Engineering Department created an overwhelming sense of good fellowship and fun with his humorous and witty sayings.

R. G. & E. Men Help Out in V-12 Program at the U. of R.

OVER a year ago the University of Rochester was hard pressed to get suitable and sufficient teachers to handle the influx of V-12 naval students which the government had dropped in on them. To make a long story short, it was arranged that three of our own R. G. and E. engineers should assume teacher's roles and help out a few hours each week till the emergency passes. They are James McConnell, Engineering department; DeWitt Pike, Industrial department and Lester Twichell, Industrial department.

Having taught these many months for periods approximating six hours per week, these employees are entitled to the well deserved title of "Professor" and are quite used to that "handle" right now. Jim McConnell teaches Descriptive Geometry, DeWitt Pike teaches Heat Power Engineering (thermo-dynamics) and Les. Twichell has a "chair" in Engineering Drawing. These subjects are the regular University of Rochester courses and students passing them are credited with earned hours on future courses they may take.

Both Jim McConnell and DeWitt Pike are graduates of the University of Rochester's Engineering School and Les. Twichell was graduated in engineering from M. I. T. They are all doing a good job of professoring and are enjoying the contact with the young service men immensely.

6,000 Tests, Then Success

Edison conducted 6,000 experiments, mostly on vegetable growth, for eight years seeking a suitable incandescent lamp filament.



S 1/c Charles Shippy

Charles Shippy Served On The "Lucky Herndon"

Charles Shippy S 1/c was aboard the "Herndon" destroyer during the invasion of France, when that ship performed so nobly in helping to eliminate five enemy strong points commanding the landing beach. As the story of this heroic ship and her dauntless crew is told by Tom Wolf in the New York Telegram it was an epic of "Guns and Guts."

Paratroops roared overhead to landings in France (this was on D-Day) and an air umbrella protected the scene overhead. On the ground things were different, for German batteries on shore were bothering. The "Herndon" crept in so close to shore that it has later been claimed she has a "charmed life."

The "Herndon" was literally the decoy for German batteries as she fought back as shore and air missiles dropped near her. She fought for more than a day and a night. She sent boats ashore for wounded. Her wardrooms became hospitals for the aid of wounded Americans, while she was a target for guns two miles away on shore.

The "Herndon" held her position. Once she had to fire her guns while anchored. Ammunition got low. Mines blew up around her, but she continued lucky, pasting the enemy as directed by the Army officers ashore and in planes. Finally she had to leave. Her mission was ended. She made her get-away after hours of perilous fighting in which the lucky "Herndon" had spearheaded the Allied Naval Attack on the French coast.

We congratulate our associate Charles Shippy for his part in this gallant epic of the sea.

Service With a Purr

The electric motor, converting into service 90% of the energy supplied it, is rated five times as efficient as the steam engine, three times over the automobile motor.

WANTED: We want employees to send in **WANTED, FOR SALE** or for **EXCHANGE** items for *Gas and Electric News'* **TRADING POST**. This service is free to our employees.

Frank Schmitt got a nice used tricycle for his little girl from an ad in last issue's Trading Post. Perhaps you have something you'd like to pass along for others to enjoy.

Used electrical appliances are in demand, also things the children can make use of.

SEND THEM IN FOR NEXT ISSUE. Write "Trading Post" 3rd floor, Gas and Electric Building.



REDDY KILOWATT says:

"I'll tell the world that utility workers have done a swell war job! Look at all the companies we helped win the Army and Navy E!"

Second Lieut. Robert Geck, Missing Over Germany

Robert Geck, formerly one of our employees at Station Three, is missing over Germany. Robert was pilot of a Mustang fighter plane and was last heard from on September 12. He is the son of Mrs. Gertrude L. Geck, of 20 Delano Street, and graduated from Aquinas before coming to the R. G. and E. Lieutenant Geck has been overseas since July and in service since November, 1942.

The many friends of Lieutenant Geck in this Company are hoping and praying that he may be among those fortunate ones who come back from the realm of the missing. We are all going to believe that this can happen until we know our hopes are in vain.

Corporal Raines' Unit Cited

Corporal Jimmie Raines, son of Fred Raines, power billing department, is a member of the Sixteenth Infantry which was cited for its heroic action at the Normandy beach-head on D-Day. Corporal Raines (he is a T/5) received his blue ribbon with gold frame and the badge of expert infantryman. He is a radio infantryman, operating a walky-talky, was wounded in action, hospitalized in England but has recovered and is now back in action again.

Small Beginnings

A Teakettle singing on the stove was the beginning of the steam-engine.

A shirt waving on a clothesline was the beginning of a balloon, the forerunner of the Graf Zeppelin.

A spider web strung across a garden path suggested the suspension bridge.

An apple falling from a tree was the cause of discovering the law of gravitation.

If you think you can't do very much, and that the little you can do is of no value, think of these things.

—Detroit Purchasor



Lieut. Robert Geck, formerly of Station Three, who is "missing" over Germany.

C O N A G A

(Consumers Accounting Gift Association)

THE burden of undirected solicitation for money to finance contingencies which arise in a large department such as weddings, deaths, farewell gifts, etc., is felt in many organizations. People are always willing to contribute to worthy causes, or to express their sympathy, or goodwill to their fellow employes, but so often object to the manner in which the money is raised and dispensed. Realizing this, ten years ago the Consumers Accounting Department formed the CONAGA Association which has developed into an efficient, self-sustaining organization.

The association has a president and a secretary-treasurer, also representatives elected from all the allied sub-departments of the

entire group. The CONAGA fund is regulated by well drawn by-laws which prescribe the complete operation of the association. Its preamble states that the purpose of the association is to establish a fund which will abolish all gratuitous collections. It then branches into five articles which under various sections direct this work into clear and unmistakable channels. Provision has been made for making amendments to the by-laws when desired, by request of at least 20 members, or by a group representative. The suggested amendment is then voted on by the entire membership. Regular and special representative meetings are called, quarterly financial reports are made, and machinery is at hand to



Consumers Accounting Gift Association committee, left to right, front row: Lois Urquhart, George Griffin (president), Martha Tullius, Iva Ford. Second row, Lillian Van Buren, Charlotte Boniface, Peter Van Lare (secretary treasurer), Ruth Shermer and Jean Pettis.

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take care of any exigency. The various inter-department representatives report back from committee meetings, and handle the details as they affect their own section. Officers and representatives are elected annually.

Keep a Bank Account

Each member pays an initial fee of 25c, as well as regular semi-monthly dues of 15c until a maximum of \$200.00 has been accumulated. All dues then automatically cease until authorized withdrawals decrease the fund to a minimum of \$100.00. Payment of dues is then resumed. No dues are expected from members absent because of sickness for a period of more than one month. All association funds are deposited in a local bank and withdrawn only by sanction of the committee.

The by-laws stipulate sums to be expended for flowers in the

event of a death of a member, or the death in a member's immediate family, for wedding gifts, farewell gifts to members retiring or leaving the company employ, and for special gifts as voted by the committee.

Among the special gifts of CONAGA are: Contributions to the American Red Cross, also the flood relief fund, Christmas baskets to ten worthy persons outside the company, aid when a member's house burned, and donations to the R. G. & E. Employes in Service Fund, as well as gifts to any members leaving to enter the service.

The present officers of the CONAGA are: President, George E. Griffin; Sec'y-Treas., Peter J. Van Lare. Department representatives are: Jean Pettis, Lillian Von Buren, Lois Urquhart, Charlotte Boniface, Ruth Shermer, Martha Tullius, Iva Ford.



Bill Haggerty, Harry Miller and Howard Walters, of the Underground Department, doing a little "chiseling" in order to make one good harp-type lamp fixture out of three old ones. They took off their goggles so that the photographer could tell them apart, as "REDDY KILOWATT" looks on at the left.

Department Finds Answer To Tough Problem

WARTIME brings many problems and our General Maintenance Department recently had a rather tough one which it solved through resourcefulness and skill. This problem reminds us of the old parable that if you can't bring the Mountain to Mohamet, you should take Mohamet to the mountain.

This incident has to do with installing a large steel "surge tank" at Station 11 to serve in the boiler feedwater system there. The tank had to be of such a size (it is four feet in diameter by ten feet in height and holds about 942 gallons of water), that it was impossible to get it into the station and up a narrow winding iron stairway onto

the second floor without dismantling the front of the building and some of the walls. This would have been a costly method to pursue.

General Construction finally decided to build the tank at its East Station Machine Shop, where it could be done most efficiently and speedily, and then to cut it into four irregular pieces by means of an acetylene cutting tool. The four parts were then transported to Station 11 and taken up to the second floor, one at a time. After that it was a routine job to weld the pieces together again.

Perhaps this proves that there is an answer to every problem, but we think it goes farther than that; it indicates that what at first appeared to be a "mountain" of a project, was whittled down to an interesting routine task; and we like to think that here in the Company we have some pretty good "whittlers."

Street Lights

Street lights may seem pretty commonplace and prosaic to some folks but they are described in eloquently poetic lines by May Richstone in a recent issue of the New York Times. Her poem follows:

Go, if you will, to walk before the dawn
Where nature wears the fern and windy
reed,
Go seek out beauty flashing like a faun
In wilderness of tangled tree and weed.
But I can find my fill of beauty here
At night, on city streets, when long
lights span
The pulsing dark with sphere on golden
sphere
Of beauty scattered by the hand of man.



Henry DeRoller, expert Company welder beginning to cut up this large steel tank into geometrical sections in order to get it into Station 11, where it was reassembled and rewelded.



Art Pendelbury has a nice place out on route U. S. No. 20 at Holcombe, N. Y. He bought an old unused school house and reconstructed it, then garnished the place with beautiful flowers and a fine garden. Art is happy indeed and really enjoying life.

George Howell has been enjoying the past few months at his summer home in Union Springs, the Howell's Old Homestead. George finds plenty to do taking care of his vegetable and flower gardens and for added attraction enjoys the fine scenery of the Keuka Lake region. He will return to Rochester for the winter season.

Art Zimmer, when it comes to fishing, is a real disciple of Izaak Walton. He not only enjoys fishing, he has a mania for it. Art spends all his available time, in fishing season, trying his luck with the denizens of the deep, and has developed a real affinity for his finny friends, searching for whom constitute Art's chief hobby.

Ed Schlueter recently received his thirty-five year pin from President Russell in a party held for Ed by his associates of Andrews Street. Guests were President Russell, Vice President Haftenkamp and Messrs. Beebee, Consler and Hughes. Ed. received a fine lifetime pen and pencil set from the employes of the Front and Andrews Street sector.

Another "gift" Ed appreciated was the information he gained the

following morning to the effect that not a single street lamp had been broken by vandals on his birthday. This is the first night in many months with absolutely no breakage.

Bill McElwain and George Hilbert attended the Line Operating Dept. clambake at the Chiselers' Club October 9.

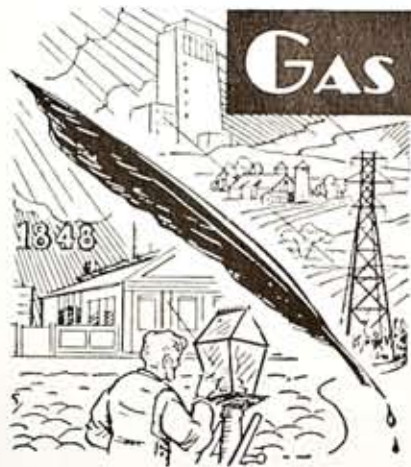
Bill is the champion euchre player in the McElwain relations.

George Hilbert, like an old fire-horse still reports all street light outages after 4 years retirement as head of the street light dept.

Three former employees of the Canandaigua District are now receiving that good old pension check namely Peter Hilliard, Martin O'Brien and Thomas Johnson. Pete, as he is known by his many friends, had about thirty-eight years of service at the time of his retirement. He is a member of the Pioneer's Club. We hope they feel they are still a part of the gang.

Norm Westfall, formerly of West Station, has a nice little farm out on Maxwell Road. Because of help shortage, Norm had to do practically all of the planting, cultivating and harvesting, but he says he had a dandy crop, notwithstanding.

Denny Sheehan, also a former West Stationite, finds Euchre and "45" very satisfactory pastimes when some of his former buddies drop in. Denny offers a defiant challenge to all comers.



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Lauds Record of Electric Power Companies in War Production

THE fact that no electric utility has yet been awarded an Army-Navy E, despite outstanding participation in the war effort, prompted an editorial in a recent issue of *Electrical World*. It says:

"From many a factory there proudly floats the Army-Navy E. They are the civilian counterpart of citations on the field of action for extra effort by members of our armed forces.

"These awards, however, have been given only to manufacturing organizations. No electric utility has been given an Army-Navy E. Yet no manufacturing concern was better prepared for the demands of war, has delayed war production less or has shown so little labor disturbance since the war began.

"Why has there been no recognition? It would almost appear as though the Army and Navy were conscious of the fact that electric utility employees have inbred in them the fixed belief that, regard-

less of anything else, service must be maintained and that no incentive is needed to encourage them to do their best. Like our fighting men, they give no thought to themselves when there is a battle to be won.

"It would be difficult to single out utilities for such honors, because all of them are doing A-1 jobs. They produce the only universal raw material of war production, without which every factory making war goods would have to stop. They make a raw material that cannot be stocked, yet must be instantaneously available wherever and whenever and in whatever quantity wanted. Their men have been drafted, their requests for additional facilities more and more limited, yet they never have defaulted on the job.

"Metals that could have been stored before the war, machinery and tools that might have been built—all developed shortages early. But there has been no power shortage. Both labor and manage-

ment have done an outstanding job of keeping the war production machinery running unceasingly.

"Recognition or no recognition, no one can take away from the electric utilities the knowledge that they have done a good job."

What is Your Pet Autistic Gesture?

What are the peculiar little mannerisms that all of us have and that so often distract the attention of the person we are trying to impress? Recently Dr. James F. Bender, Director of the National Institute for Human Relations, asked 50 purchasing agents and buyers to list the autistic gestures which they considered most annoying and their answers are interesting. "Autistic," by the way, is a ten-dollar word tossed around by the psychologists and which means a type of self-action that is recurrent and is done more or less unconsciously.

Here are ten autistic gestures which are regarded as among the most annoying:

1. Scratching the head.
2. Pulling the ears.
3. Stroking the chin.
4. Tugging at collar or tie.
5. Continuous blinking of eyelids.
6. Jerking the head.
7. Tapping the floor with foot.
8. Finger tapping.
9. Licking the lips.
10. Twiddling the thumbs.

Gestures of this kind, say the psychologists, build sales resistance because they distract the attention of the buyer and, in the case of public speaking, divert attention from the speaker's theme and focus it on the mannerism.

Heard from Afar

From "Mother India" Mallory Loos sends his best Salaam to folks at home and expresses his appreciation for receiving "Gas and Electric News." Said Mal: "I get a kick out of reading it; it sure seemed like old times. Incidentally, I think it a grand idea as all the boys enjoy it." Mallory has been away for sixteen months and is in good health and feeling fine, as he says—"even my sinus is behaving."

From the beautiful Island of Corsica Jim Fassanella writes of his appreciation for receiving "Gas and Electric News" and mentions having had his picture in our Magazine in the spring of 1921. Jim says that, outside of being home, he cannot imagine a spot where he would rather be than Corsica this time of year. He compares its natural beauty with that of our Adirondack Mountains region. He mentions that he has done a lot of flying of late, has been to Naples a few times, has seen the ruins of Pompeii, flown over Vesuvius, Rome and the Anzio battle front and has a trip planned to Cario.

Corporal Norman Stott wrote from New Britain Island after having received his first copy of the revived "Gas and Electric News." Norm said the magazine brought him closer to home than he had been in a long time. News and pictures of old friends, Norm said, was a welcome relief from the contrasting tension of war, war bulletins and life in the South Pacific. He sends his best regards.

School Plan Saves Vital War Material By Reducing Street Lamp Breakage

Edwin H. Schlueter, Superintendent Line Operation Department

THERE is a streak of destructiveness in most human beings irrespective of race, color or upbringing. In aggravated cases this becomes vandalism and in time of war it is sabotage. This is true in connection with street lamp breakage which has always been a problem in all cities. How the Rochester School Plan has affected a very encouraging improvement in this matter is the theme of this article.

Lamp breakage in Rochester has been on the downtrend for some time due to the cooperation of such agencies as the Rochester Public and Parochial Schools, the Rochester War Council, the Chamber of Commerce, the Police Departments of Rochester and nearby

towns, the Y. M. C. A. and other interested organizations.

While progress made here previous to the operation of the School Plan has been encouraging, fresh outbreaks of this more or less dormant habit of destruction of vacant property and street lamps have had a perennial increase about Hallowe'en time each year. Months when snowballing is available for youngsters are also months of increased destructive activity. An accompanying tabulation provided by School Safety Officer William H. Keeler was originated the daily lamp breakage summary sent to all schools, shows how the trend has decreased throughout the past few years and how the Rochester School Plan (begun in February, 1943) has affected new and very encouraging results. School Safety Officer Henry H. Jensen works enthusiastically with Officer Keeler in promoting this plan in local schools.

Introduced by Mr. Norton

The School Plan was introduced into the schools by Herman J. Norton, Director of Health Education of the Rochester Board of Education. It comprises a system wherein the school children themselves do the policing. Our pictures show conferences held by the school children in No. 43 Public School in which the children, through their Junior Safety Council (an affiliation of the National Safety Council) talk over the matter of lamp breakage, receive reports of destruction and make plans to combat it. Each grade is represented in the Council's meetings and their deliberations, which are supervised by assigned school teachers are re-

ported back to individual home rooms by duly elected representatives. This plan has succeeded so well that it will doubtless be followed by many other cities. Its success could not have been so marked had it not been for the fine cooperation of school officials, principals, teachers, and pupils.

Pupils Report Broken Lamps

Under the School Plan the children themselves report lamp breakage and other destruction of property which in time of war comprises a "black eye" for the home front war effort because metals and materials used in street lamp manufacture are vitally needed in war production. Officers Keeler and Jensen in their talks to school children have shown them that bringing a youthful destroyer of property to the attention of their fellow members of the Junior

Safety Council is not being a tattletale. Children are taught that in doing this they are rendering a noteworthy service to the war effort and are protecting their school from the stigma of sabotage.

The daily lamp breakage report sent out to all schools gives the date, the cost in money and the location of all lamp breakages. Seeing in black and white what the record of one's school really is, and how your school compares with others has helped to effect a fine competitive spirit for improving the breakage situation. Youthful destructionists begin to see that breaking lamps will not make them popular with their fellows. Part of the plan includes paying for damage, usually with the cooperation of parents. Miss Olive A. Paine, Principal of Theodore Roosevelt School, No. 43, where this Plan has been very successful,



These children of Public School No. 43 are seen in conference at a Junior Safety Council meeting. They discuss ways and means to reduce street lamp breakage and other matters relating to safety and the destroying of property generally. Each boy or girl reports the deliberations back to his or her home room.

DON'T Help **HIROHITO** and **HITLER**

THAT'S FINE LIGHT SMASHING KID!

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Breaking STREET LAMPS AIDS AMERICA'S ENEMIES

Rochester WAR COUNCIL



School Safety Officer Henry H. Jensen, seated, Director of the "Pal Club," is seen here with some of his boys. This club of about 110 boys is all out to help reduce lamp breakage and wanton destruction of property. The club gives recreational instruction, teaches fair play and good citizenship.

recently remarked, "One small boy has continued even during vacation to bring to the school salvage paper in order to pay for a broken lamp and get himself back into the good graces of his associates in school. This is encouraging."

Training in Self Control

The constructive work of all cooperating agencies with the youth of this locality constitutes a fine training in self control for exuberant young people, who sometimes forget that having fun does not include destroying property. It provides youth with an appreciation for the values of good citizenship. It helps to eliminate the false impression often found in youthful minds that "the law" is something only to fear and that a policeman or a truant officer is a person who is always "agin" you.

In his "Pal Club" a picture of which is shown in this article, School Safety Officer Jensen is doing an excellent job with youth.

This Club is sponsored by the Council of Social Agencies, the Y. M. C. A. and the Board of Education for boys of from 7 to 13 years of age. Hi-Y leaders from Madison High School assist Director Jensen in club activities which include training in constructive recreation, good citizenship and general character building. Officer Jensen directs (in off duty periods) the Pal Club at both No. 4 School, the Police, and Boy Scout Troop No. 59. This fine work like that of the School Plan has the hearty approval of Herman J. Norton, Director of Health and Physical Education for the Board of Education, and the Rev. Father John M. Duffy, Superintendent of Rochester Parochial Schools; it shows boys how to provide healthful amusement for themselves and curbs youthful tendencies to rove and destroy which are characteristics almost as common as measles. Fair play and good sportsmanship

Lowering Trend of Lamp Breakages Since Inauguration of School Plan

1942—	January 1 through July 31—	6974	units broken—	Cost	\$8583.54
1943—	" " " "	4691	" " —	"	\$6336.47
1944—	" " " "	2497	" " —	"	\$3526.49

are also stressed and all this is bound to have a curbing tendency in regards to lamp breakage and other destruction.

The Rochester School Plan, then, is really getting results in the matter of street lamp breakage. This improvement also includes consistent reduction in miscellaneous and wanton destruction of property, for it gets at the root of the trouble. The plan no doubt will never succeed in entirely "curing the disease" for a fresh crop of youngsters is ever "just around the corner" growing up. Consistent training, however, of our youth along the lines mentioned in our story, together with the influence of these trained key boys and girls will have a cumulative effect towards improvement.

Fine Collaboration

Success of the Rochester School Plan seems to be due to the excellent collaboration of all the various organizations mentioned previously which participate so wholeheartedly in the work. We should also mention the local newspapers, who have printed articles concerning breakage, notably around Halloween and Election Day; local school publications and the School Safety Patrols, which have performed a noteworthy service in helping to make the School Plan work; and finally, talks given before local groups by Safety School Officers Keeler and Jensen, who operate in the schools under the direction of Herman J. Norton with the enthusiastic approval of Chief of Police Henry T. Copenhagen.



School Safety Officer Wm. H. Keeler in committee meeting with some of his Junior Safety Council young people of Public School No. 43. This school has participated enthusiastically in the Rochester School Plan and has a fine record in its reduction of street lamp breakage.



Earl McDonough, car dispatcher, transportation department, and Mrs. McDonough spent two delightful weeks at Lake Muscalonge, in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains. Earl found the fishing all that could be desired and this, to a fisherman, makes everything else O. K.

DeWitt Pike, industrial department, recently completed his term as chairman of the Central New York Section of the American Society of Refrigeration Engineers. In honor of his accomplishments while in office he was presented with an engraved emblem of the Society at its last regular meeting.

A. M. Kennedy, Mills Hydro Plant Operator, recently displayed a hidden talent by singing over Station WHDL, Olean, on September 17. We wish him luck in his new avocation.

Harold Botsford, Fillmore, Line Construction, is going after all the coons in this neighborhood during the coming hunting season. An expensive coon dog has recently been purchased by him from a kennel in Arkansas. The dog looks promising and with Harold's experience it looks as if he will get plenty of the "cunning" animals.

Duncan MacEwan, Fillmore CPR Clerk, has been burning the candle at both ends by doing lathe work in his home shop after office hours as a sub-contractor for the Army and Navy.

The host of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dailey (Jack and Pearle to many of us for quite a few years) will be glad to learn of the safe arrival at the Dailey home of a fine little baby girl. She has been named Ruth Helen, is well and healthy and a great joy to her parents.

President Herman Russell was elected a director of the American Gas Association for a term of two years at the annual election held in New York recently. Mr. Russell is a past President of the Association.

Many employees from the Canandaigua District took advantage of the industrial x-ray program (Chest x-ray) brought here thru the Ontario County Committee on Tuberculosis and Public Health. Among other industries in this district taking advantage of the program were: Miller Corset Company, Papec Machine Company, Brigham Hall Hospital and Grand Bag & Paper Company. Phillip Thomas our local district manager

is on the Board of Directors and was instrumental in obtaining the x-ray program in this district.

Rumor has it that Phil Thomas recently turned Golf Pro. We wonder if it wouldn't be a good idea for him hereafter while instructing to keep his eye on the club instead of the ball. Anyway he admitted having a very sore nose.

In case anyone has a boat to be rebuilt it might be advisable to get in touch with John Johnson, Canandaigua meter reader. We understand he is well equipped with boat building tools which have cost him considerable money. We believe he would like to get back part of his investment provided that you are in no hurry to get your boat back.

Margaret Burns, clerk in Canandaigua Office, accompanied by three lady friends took a boat trip to Detroit over the Labor Day weekend. They made that portion of the trip from Rochester to Buffalo by plane. Margaret reported that she did not get lake-sick.

The steam department held its annual clambake at the Chiselers Camp recently. John "I've got it" Kramer pitched his team to a hard earned victory, defeating another ball team captained by Joe "twinkletoes" Sharkey. Their hard earned appetites were well rewarded by a bake that only these steam men can put on.

The Rev. and Mrs. Herbert E. Plehn recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Marianne, of the personnel department, to the Rev. Lyle Halvorson. Rev. Halvorson is just completing the building of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in the Chili-Gates section of which he is Pastor.

True Fish Story

The Lake Shore District has several old-time fishermen who can hold their own when it comes to landing big fish, but it remained for G. Graydon Curtis Jr. to show them how to get a real catch.

"Graydon Curtis, District Manager of the Lake Shore District, with Mrs. Curtis and Graydon Jr., were fishing in Sodus Bay when the young man felt a "strike." He started to reel in like any old-timer would, but it was apparent that he had a fish much too large for a boy of his age to land. His dad came to his rescue and when they finally brought the fish into the boat they found they had landed a nine-pound Northern Pike measuring 34 inches in length. According to the fishermen around Sodus Bay this is the largest fish caught this season in these waters.



Graydon Curtis Jr., who caught this nine-pound Northern Pike prize fish in Sodus Bay.

Our best wishes go with Ida Scott, formerly of the Collection Department, who left the company September 15.

Jean DeRuyscher, Unit Department, was married Sept. 23 to Milburn Sorg, BM 2/c, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. He has just returned from twenty-one month's service overseas.

Dorothy Kowaski, Tabulating Department, has just completed a three month's course in Home Nursing and is now taking Nurse's Aide training at the County Hospital.

Ruth Breithaupt, Unit Department, left the company Sept. 28 to join her husband Sergeant Harvey Breithaupt, who has just returned after twenty-seven and one-half month's service overseas. He is now stationed in North Carolina awaiting a new assignment.

Tim (Philip Thomas Jr.) son of our own District Manager Phil became a student at Manlius School on September twenty-second. Tim was one of our local employees this past summer helping out Tom Smith in the gas department. All of us wish him success in his new undertaking.

Loretta Avery of the Canandaigua Office spent a week of her vacation with her people recently. Loretta allowed it seemed rather nice to get back on the farm again.

Charles Cowan enjoyed a week's vacation, spending it with his sister and family at Snyder, N. Y. Charlie is that man that sends out those pretty little pieces of colored paper when you fail to pay your gas and electric bill on time.

Thomas Cougevan, Canandaigua, took a vacation in September. Tom finds it hard to get very far away from either the golf course or his nice lawn. He does most of his extra-curricular work on either one or the other.

Jack Martin, foreman at East Station, with Mrs. Martin celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on August 21. Mr. Martin has been with this Company for thirty years. Jack is an old-time soccer player and was on some of Rochester's pioneer teams. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have four sons in service, who were able to get home to the celebration.

Peter Billick of East Station is again back in the football wars. Pete is one of our dependable local football officials. He officiates under and is a member of the New York State Certified Officials, Rochester Chapter. When local officiating wanes, Pete often is called to the Southern Tier, where he is also well thought of.

Corporal Vincent M. Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Murphy, was recently cited by the commanding officer of a heavy bombardment wing in Italy for fine work in that sector of the World War Number Two.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weston had a camping vacation in the Rideau Lake region. They lived in a cabin, obtained their ration coupons from the Canadian Government and prepared their own meals for ten days, fishing and swimming for diversion. The camp site was on the Canadian Mississippi River.

East Station Adonises Shave Pates to Grow Hair

Encouraged and abetted by Hank DeRoller, the men from East Station (lower photo) decided eight years ago to shave their craniums to billiard ball smoothness. Safety Engineer W. E. Hughes called the resulting phenomena to our photographic attention with the result shown in our picture; Mr. Hughes investigated the shiny pates from a safety angle, and the wives of the men flatly refused to go out with them till all these good "eggs" had again readorned their beaming "beans." Today, these same men are still at East Station.

Mary Belle Munn, Fillmore Office, has been hit by one of Dan Cupid's well aimed arrows and her engagement has recently been announced to Lt. Earl J. Franklin of the Army Air Corps.

Rumor has it that Roger Mills, Fillmore Appliance Serviceman, is going to spend his vacation remodeling his kitchen. With Rog's ingenuity plus all of his electric kitchen appliances, the kitchen should be a model well worth seeing.

Walter Fox, Wiscoy Hydro Plant Operator, is well known in this area as a Columnist for two



Left to right, in both pictures, are Jerry Mahoney, Clif Watson, Hank DeRoller, Frank Smith and James Dick. Pictures were taken eight years apart. Lower one shows the shiny pates shaved to promote healthier hair eight years ago. Top picture is as these East Station Adonises look today. The experiment was at least three-fifth successful. Jimmy Dick and Clif Watson had waited a bit too long.



Andy Murphy, West Station crane operator, is "shot" by the roving camera man as he is about to use a grease gun on his steel "hoss."

of our weekly County newspapers. His stuff is interesting and shows considerable thought back of his statements.

Carmen Kelly, Fillmore Office, spent part of her vacation with friends in Jersey City and New York City.

George Lyon was recently made president of an organization called the Bottle Club. Its members are mostly from the vicinity of Webster and West Webster and among them are Mr. and Mrs. Ken. Lyon and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Curtis.

Bill Jarvie, Jack MacClarty and Henry Freudenvoll, all of Andrews Street, visited the Bay of Quinte,



REDDY KILOWATT says:

"Every day that passes brings our boys one day nearer home."



R. G. & E. Service Honor Roll

Two More Names for the R. G. & E. Honor Roll

S 2/C Elizabeth Wiethorn, tabulating department, has just received her promotion from apprentice seaman, and has reported to Washington, D. C. She was formerly in Florida.

Franklin Saunders, Sodus, left for service recently and is now at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The pictures of these two employes will be shown in our next issue of "Gas and Electric News."



a-fishing bent. The 8 big ones' got away with huge quantities of bait and tackle, but—the boys aren't saying just how many they landed; you know it takes a lot of fish to go 'round down Front Street way. Mike Murphy even had the spider all heated up for pan fish, at least, and—was he disappointed!

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Kennedy, a baby girl, named Kathleen Mary Kennedy. This most recent edition of the Kennedy family weighed 7 pounds and 9 ounces and chose Highland Hospital for her baby debut. Her Dad is a meter reader and her mother is the former Charlotte Michael of the unit department, customers accounting.

Lucus Caple has been appointed a member of the Small Gifts Committee of the Rochester Military Service Council. The Council is a group representing eighty-five different Rochester firms. They meet monthly at the Chamber of Commerce where members suggest types of small gifts to be sent to service men and women, and discuss ways and means whereby those back home can be of greater helpfulness to them during the year.

Captain Kenneth Sorace Returns

Captain Kenneth Sorace and his bride, who was formerly Nancy Narten, of Cleveland, Ohio, recently visited in Rochester at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sorace, 1108 Plymouth Avenue South.

Captain Sorace holds the Air Medal with clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Purple Heart, awarded when his clothing caught fire in his jump from his burning P-38 Lightning plane. Mrs. Sorace was a Red Cross Assistant Club Director in England, when she met and later married her husband. Their honeymoon was spent in Bournemouth, England.

James Lash, of Number Ten holder, spent his vacation at home and finished doing a lot of odd jobs he'd been trying to get to for a long time.

Doris Van Hall, who recently graduated from the Rochester Business Institute has accepted a position as junior clerk in the Sodus Office.

Franklin Saunders while home on furlough from the Army called on his friends in the Wolcott and Sodus Offices.

Vivian Younglove of the Wolcott Office spent a part of her vacation in Detroit sightseeing and visiting. She made the trip by boat.

Lieutenant James B. Doyle, whose Dad is our James B. Doyle, foreman at Station Six, has been home on furlough from the Italian sector. Lieutenant Doyle has completed fifty missions as pilot of a B-24 bomber and has flown over Vienna and the Ploesti oil fields, getting in some good licks for Uncle Sam. James Sr., recently received his thirty-five-year service pin from President Herman Russell.

This luxurious garden was the pride of Patrick Nugent, who kept in trim tending it. Mr. Nugent retired from active service in June, 1939.



When VE-Day Comes Should We Celebrate it — or Observe it?

We have asked four employees what they intend doing when Victory in Europe Day arrives. One of them has a son in Europe who has already been wounded in battle. Another has a sweetheart "over there" and all of them have friends or relatives in the service.

What do YOU think about this question? This is what some of these employees say about it.

F. S. Raines, Power Building

I think VE-Day should be celebrated, but it should be in a rather orderly manner, as we must remember that this war is only half won when we have finished with Germany, and that many thousands of our good boys will still be fighting in the Pacific, which shouldn't give us the right yet, to have a real high celebration.

Ora E. Feary,
Appliance Department

Whether to celebrate or rejoice . . . There should be no thought of either celebrating or rejoicing until the boys in the Pacific have finished their job of cleaning up the Japanese, which is still a long, hard battle. Let us rather on VE-Day be profoundly thankful for our success with the Germans and if we feel that we must celebrate,

let us do it by buying another Bond or War Savings Stamp.

Grace Watson, Coke Sales

VE-Day for me will be a day of thankful prayer but not of celebration. Since the churches are going to be open, it would be a fine idea if the people would spend just a few minutes there to pray for what is finished and what remains to be done. The time for all-out-celebration will be VJ-Day; the day the Japanese surrender.

Maryland Curran, Cashiers

Through the courage of our fore-fathers we observe Independence Day. But won't the reality of VE-Day bring more to the hearts of this generation? I want to be one of the throng, walking through streets of rejoicing, seeing tears of faith and giving thanks in Divine service. Yes, I want to send an eye witness account of VE-Day to those in the Pacific, just a hint as to what their day will be.

Behold the Fisherman

He riseth up early in the morning and disturbeth the whole household; mighty are his preparations. He goeth forth full of hope; and when the day is far spent he returneth smelling of strong drink—and occasionally of fish. And the truth is not in him!

3,768 Benefit Through Hospital Service

In the last nine years 965 employees and 2,813 members of their families have received 24,401 days of care and total benefits aggregating \$156,688, according to Sherman D. Meech, managing director of the Rochester Hospital Service Corporation. These benefits exceed the amount which the employees (as a group) have paid into the fund the difference being made up by company contributions. Total contributions from employees and the company for the nine years were \$196,220. At present the R. G. & E. has 1841 members in the Service.

Mr. Miner Honored

Edward G. Miner, chairman of the board of the Pfaudler Company and for many years chairman of the Board of the R. G. and E., was recently presented the Good Citizenship Medal at the fiftieth anniversary and testimonial dinner of the Sons of the American Revolution, Empire State Society. The ceremony was part of an interesting program which followed dinner at the Chamber of Commerce.

The medal was presented to Mr. Miner by Arthur C. Parker. Frank Houston, of this Company, President of the Rochester Chapter, S. A. R., introduced the guests of the evening in a program which climaxed a day-long series of events, many SAR dignitaries and officials from other states being present. The morning and afternoon events were held at the Rochester Club.

Mr. Miner was first secretary of the SAR when it was organized in 1894. He is also an incorporator of the Empire State Society; is a trustee of the Rochester Museum Association, a trustee of the Rochester Public Library and was Rochester's Civic Medalist in 1940.

Geo. Aldrich Coordinates Rural Line Materiel

George Aldrich, Fillmore, has had a busy time working as coordinator of materials used in building rural lines in the Genesee Country. Over seventy-five miles were constructed during the past few months, and all of this heavy hardware and other equipment has cleared through George Aldrich. The Company does this as a convenience to the contractors, who are thereby given better service and can themselves do their construction work more expeditiously than where each contractor had to haul or order his material from Rochester. Carl Jeerings can be thanked for this idea which is working out real well.

As the inquisitive man sat in the park, he watched a tramp coming along picking up cigarette-ends.

Then the tramp sat down on the seat and began sorting his spoils. Presently he threw a long one away. This was too much for the curious looker-on.

"Excuse me," he said. "That looked like a good one. Why did you throw it away?"

The tramp drew himself up proudly and replied:

"It ain't my brand."



REDDY KILOWATT says:

"It's a good rule to treat customers right when you don't need their business if you want their business when they don't need you."

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: Pair of ski pants, approximately 24 to 26 inch waist, preferably navy blue. Also, pair of ski or snow boots, sheep-skin-lined. Shoe size 8. Marian Clark, Extension 262.

FOR SALE: Andes combination (coal and gas) white enamel range in fine condition. Ideal for cottage or home. Adolph Fauth, Extension 476 or phone Charlotte 2822.

WANTED: Small tricycle. G. E. Green, Sodus Office.

FOR SALE: Ladies black leather riding boots, size 7-B. In excellent condition. Call Culver 4222-R evenings.

FOR SALE: One Stromberg-Carlson No. 3-A radio head set, resistance 2,000 Ohms. Call Culver 4222-R, evenings.

FOR SALE: Large oblong oak library table with oak rocker to match. Rocker has leather seat. Both are in fine condition and may be had for \$15. Have no further use for these articles. Jack Latson, Carpenter Shop, or may be seen at 267 Norman Road.

FOR SALE: A nice two-wheel pony cart and harness for Shetland pony. Cart and harness have been used but are in good fair condition—a bargain. Schuyler Baldwin, Extension 265.

WANTED: An electric range, either a General Electric or a Westinghouse. Also need an electric percolator. Carl Hoffman, Extension 231.

FOR SALE: Parlor clock in very nice running condition. H. M. Titus, 217 Field St., or phone Monroe 4919-J (a bargain at \$5.00).

FOR SALE: A completely equipped bicycle (man's). Call Stanley Allen, Meter Reading Department.

FOUND: Pair of gold-rimmed glasses, with bows to match, in vicinity of Station Eight steam plant. May be seen at Meter Reading Department. Ask for Edw. Wright.

FOR SALE: Oil burner, rotary type Torrid Heat. Call Mason, Extension 527.

WANTED: One small cuckoo clock (in good cuckoo-ing condition). A. Place, Extension 234.

FOR SALE: Westinghouse Electric Roaster. Dorothy Fisher, 49 Collingsworth Dr., Hill, 2215-R.

FOUND: Cocker Spaniel dog, tag 298894, at Sodus Bay, near LeRoy Island. Dog swam in from the lake and no one nearby knew owner. H. C. Ward, Stone 1392.



★
S/Sgt. Frank D. Love

**Awarded Air Medal
for Meritorious
Achievement
in Aerial Flight**

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FROM WAR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, official notification came recently that S/Sgt. Frank D. Love, formerly of East Station, had been honored by receiving the Air Medal "for meritorious achievement and aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy."

Sergeant Love's group recently distinguished itself by setting a new high in bombing accuracy. He entered service, December 12, 1942, and is serving with the Fifteenth AAF in Italy.

All of Sergeant Love's many friends will be glad indeed to hear of this honor which has been bestowed upon him.



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