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R. G. & E.  
Victory  
Garden  
Show





## GOOD NEWS!

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Lost R. G. & E. Flyer  
CAPT. KENNETH J. SORACE  
Reported Safe  
somewhere in France

CAPTAIN KENNETH J. SORACE, Assistant Engineer, Electric Laboratory, and a member of the R. G. & E. Male Chorus, has been reported SAFE—somewhere in France. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. F. Sorace, 1108 Plymouth Avenue South, received a cable recently telling the good news.

Ken was last heard from through a radio message picked up by one of his flying buddies. It was during their return from a bombing mission over Germany, and Captain Sorace's plane had been hit. His message was that the plane was leaking gas badly and that he was going to try to fly back and land over French territory rather than to land on the ocean.

Nothing further was heard from Ken since that day, June 11, 1944, but he evidently landed successfully. He may have been a German prisoner for some weeks, a plight which the recent invasion probably changed for the better. Captain Sorace had made well over fifty missions over enemy territory, mostly in P-38's (Lightning) planes. He is a member of the Eighth Air Force.

We all join in sharing the great happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Sorace and their and Ken's many friends. We also breathe the hope that many other "lost" or unreported soldiers, sailors and flyers may be treated as kindly by Lady Luck.

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## Mechanical Scarecrow Baffles Birds

EDWIN FISHER, Andrews Street, called us and told us we ought to have a picture of a mechanical scarecrow out Rich's Dugway that has all the crows, pheasants and marauding birds in Ellison Park section downhearted. So we visited August Chatt, a genial company customer with a mechanical bent and got the low-down. Briefly, Mr. Chatt lost all his tomatoes last season, and especially blamed the pheasants. They ate him out of home and garden, and he vowed it wouldn't happen this year.

Thus was born, mechanically speaking, August the Scarecrow, a zombie-like, robot-type fellow who all day long stands and waves his long arms threateningly and not a bird dares to invade his precinct. "Suppose the birds and pheasants find out he is just a dummy" we asked. "Well," said Mr. Chatt, with a big grin, "Don't you go and tell them." He then showed us how August works. Mr. Chatt, whose son is in service, now has all the garden work to do himself. He doesn't want to lose the fruits of his labors to hungry birds. So, he made a three-foot water wheel, hooked it up to a spring

and by means of pulleys and cable and a grandfather's clock arrangement of weights and gears in August's chest he turned the trick.

We told Carl Jeerings that here was a chance for an entire new rural development, mechanical scarecrows. He of course claimed that such contraptions ought to be electrically operated because everybody doesn't have a handy spring to use.



Mechanical scarecrow which has worked night and day without a hitch and kept one Victory Garden free from marauders. Not a bad idea. Carl Jeerings please note.

## Company Co-Sponsor in Radio Program Featuring Nelson Eddy over WHEC

IN answer to the constant cry of the millions of radio listeners, "We want GOOD music," the electric power companies have sponsored a new radio program over the entire CBS network called "The Electric Hour" starring Nelson Eddy and beginning Wednesday, September 20. It will be heard in Rochester over Station WHEC at 10:30 P. M. every Wednesday.

Eddy, who is known the country over for his concert appearances, his fine musical motion pictures and his radio work, will be accompanied by Robert Armbruster and a symphonic-type orchestra. The combination of Eddy and Armbruster is a familiar one to lovers of fine music, for not only has



Nelson Eddy, singing star of the new "Electric Hour" radio program sponsored by 160 business-managed light and power companies, including the R. G. and E. Listen in each Wednesday for this feature over Station WHEC. You'll like it.

Armbruster worked with the famous baritone on the air, but has furnished the musical background to Nelson Eddy record albums.

The show will be a half-hour in length. Charles Herbert, brilliant young director who has just completed three years with CBS, has been signed to produce it.

### OUR FRONT COVER PICTURES

OUR FRONT COVER pictures show, upper left, Ruth Breithaupt, left, and Helen Law looking over Fred Marsh's basket arrangement of different kinds of fruits and vegetables. Upper right: This is Phyllis Roller giving an approving once-over to Rosario Merlo's first prize basket of garden beauties. Lower left: Vera Byan came along just in time to demonstrate some of our prize cabbages, and lower right: Sandra Reiss sits amidst a tabletop of fine canned foods, all from R. G. and E. Victory Gardens.

Informal in character, the half-hour will bring to listeners the best in music—whether it be operatic or a romantic ballad of today, a Gilbert and Sullivan "patter" song, or a melody from our Latin American neighbors. Many of the hit songs of Eddy's moving pictures will be heard. Eddy himself, will announce his own numbers and will bring a note of informality to the half-hour.

The programs will originate in Hollywood's Radio City.



Ralph Hughson, regular night 'board operator, left, and Tom Carlisle, back from the Army where he received switchboard training in the Signal Corps that helped out in an emergency.

## Army Training Helped Out In Company Emergency

IN a shutdown at one of our large stations not so long ago, telephone calls poured in literally by the hundreds. People wanted to know what was the trouble, how soon it would be remedied, if anyone had been hurt and many other things. When Carl Erbach arrived at Front and Andrews Streets to take charge of the telephone situation he found things running better than he had expected.

Tom Carlisle and Howard Hawkins had jumped in and worked like Trojans to help night-board operator Ralph Hughson, who takes all the calls on both switchboards at night in normal operation, Tom Carlisle's presence to help handle the calls proved to be very helpful indeed.

Tom received excellent training while he was in the U. S. Army Signal Corps. He has been honorably discharged, and the training

he brought back with him stood the Company in good stead on this particular night. Tom, through Signal Corps training, is familiar with switchboards and he knew how to take hold. He did this so well that he has been especially commended by the head of the telephone department, Gordon Ross, who paid him a personal visit at Andrews Street to compliment him.

Carl Erbach calculates that about 2,000 telephone calls were received on the two switchboards the night of this trouble. This does not include calls coming in over special wires in the line operating department.

The incident accentuates the fact that in our army today men and women are receiving valuable training which most of them will be able to use to good advantage in civilian life.

## Keeping Service Men Informed Of Doings Back Home

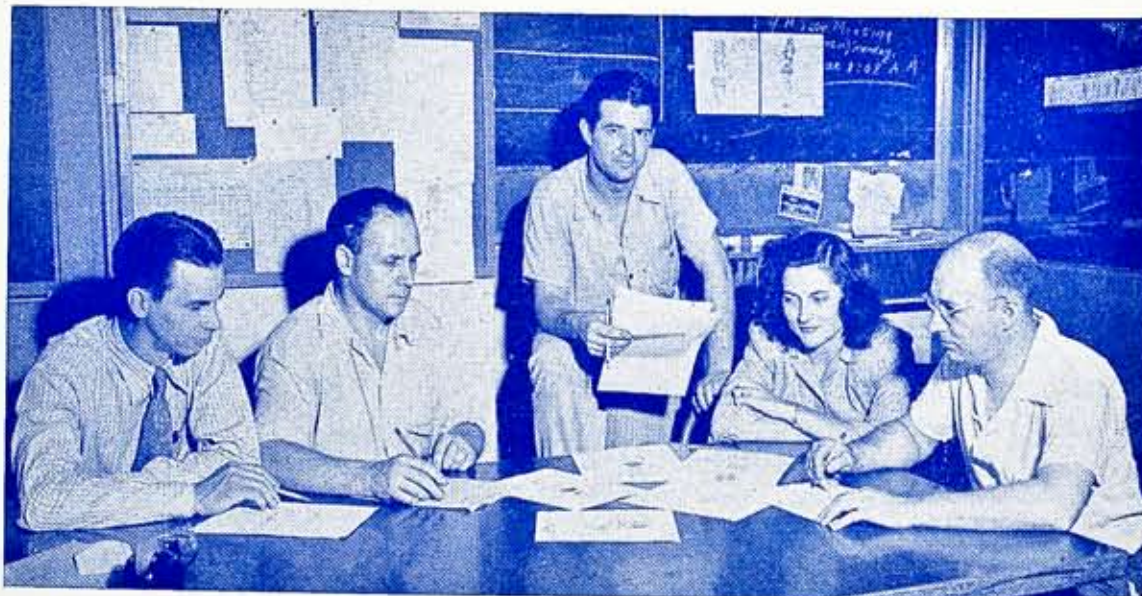
SERVICE men somewhere "out there" in camp or overseas probably never get their entire fill of news from back home. Many, diverse and commendable have been the plans made by various departments of the R. G. and E. to keep in touch with the men and women in service whose immediate associates in the department want to do a good job of keeping them in touch with departmental activities. This, of course, is in addition to the fine job done by "Gale Stevens" in her letter to all our service men and women. The Gas Heating Service Department created a plan that is very successful and we want to tell our readers about it.

The department some years ago got out a rather elaborate mimeographed sheet for departmental

consumption. It was complete with sports, short stories written by employes, a "Donald Dix" column, a society section and cartoons. Jack MacLarty, who edited that first issue said that it was so pretentious that the first issue proved to be the last one. No one ever had time to get out another one. It died aborning.

### Everyone Helped

When about a dozen boys had left the department for the services and letters and cards began coming back asking for department news, everyone seemed to want to do something about it. Several schemes were tried without "clicking." Then, Floyd Nellis suggested a plan that seemed to have merit. It consisted in putting a large blank sheet of paper on the



Staff of the "Flue Gas Journal" mentioned in our story. Left to right are: Arden Howland, Schuyler Baldwin, Jack MacClarty (editor) Pauline Smith and Ray Hilficker.



Pauline Smith, Gas Househeating Service, herself a fine model, draws Pin-Up girls for the twelve service men from her department, each man getting an original drawing at regular intervals.

department bulletin board with a heading requesting employes to jot down items for incorporating into a news letter. The comments thus received are varied and interesting. Not long or boring, but short and snappy, breathing the interest of those back here who want to project their comments into the weekly news letter. It is really a round-robin of friendly cheer.

Once a week this sheet is taken from the bulletin board and typed.

Editor MacLarty coordinates the items into the "Flue Gas Journal," after which Pauline Smith dolls it up with some of her snappy drawings. Pauline also draws pin-up girls to send the boys in service, each boy getting an original drawing at stated periods. They all enjoy these immensely. The "Flue Gas Journal" is doing a good job of keeping the boys from the Front Street sector in touch with their own immediate departments. Its news gathering method might be of interest to others.



A sample of Pauline Smith's Pin-Up girls. She draws them to amuse some of our service men "over there." She is very prolific in her artistic creations, no two ever being alike.



REDDY KILOWATT says:

"Get this picture—it's a snap for you when I take over the household chores!"

# Victory Garden Produce Contest And Show Big Success

**N**EARLY two hundred entries from R. G. and E. Victory Gardeners provided garden truck enough in our Garden Show and Produce Contest to make the Main Floor of the Gas and Electric Building look like a section of the county fair. It was a beautiful sight. One visitor, not an employe, said that it was one of the very finest such shows he had seen this year. The hundreds of persons who viewed it seemed greatly interested. It helped to make people generally feel that their own Victory Garden, even though not represented in this show, was something to be proud of. This exhibit definitely indicated that al-

most everyone is Victory-Garden-minded, and that Mr. Johnny Average Citizen came to realize a long time ago that "Food is Ammunition."

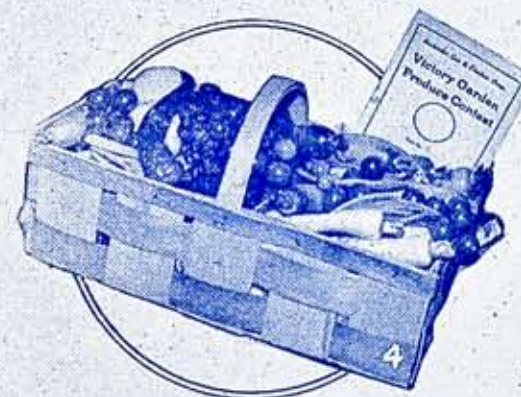
### Close Competition

The judges had a difficult task selecting the winners, so close were most of the classifications in real class. Potatoes and onions, melons, carrots, beans and corn and other products were scrutinized with an eagle eye and weighed against each other before the winners were selected. In one instance the judge wrote on a potato exhibit "Extremely well grown." It seems that little potatoes, like small children, must have the best of everything before they can become thoroughbred grown-ups. Texture, color, freedom from blemishes and size—all tell a story of painstaking care and attention in the growing stages.

An old fellow once said about roses "You've got to love 'em in order to grow 'em right" and we guess the same holds true of vegetables. Arden Howland, who won first prize with his potatoes and his onions, therefore, must love 'em, for his exhibits were tops. He was noticed, before the show to be polishing off his onions with his pocket handkerchief; he sure handled them tenderly. And so it was with many other exhibitors. You just know that the products they brought in to the show had been cared for with understanding hands.

### Painstaking Judging

The judging of the basket arrangement of vegetables took the



1—Bill Boyce and his three-pound cucumber. 2—Florence Phillips, Fred Marsh and Ruth Landers admire the melons. 3—Victory Garden canned fruits and vegetables for VICTORY VITAMINS. 4—Jack MacLarty's basket arrangement. 5 and 6—Sections of the varied exhibits on the three main tables. 7—Frank Nollte, left, Herb Ringelstein and Fred Marsh scrutinize the tomatoes. 8—Erny Huntington, as typical Victory Garden farmer.



You don't have to go to Iowa to find the tall corn. Here Marjorie Moore is shown with some brought in for our Garden Show.

judges at least one-half hour. They didn't hurry it, but tried their best to pick the winners scientifically and according to the best modern technique, and they sure "knew their onions."

The R. G. and E. Victory Garden Committee is composed of Ernest Huntington of Electric Distribution; Carl Jeerings, Farm Service; Herbert Ringelstein, Credit; Irene Muntz, Home Service; Fred Marsh, Credit Collection

Department, chairman; and Florence Phillips, Auditing Department, secretary. They put a lot of thought and time into this promotion, and Miss Phillips, who was added to the original committee when the detail work piled up, did her secretarial work efficiently and well. Thanks is also due to the young women from the Main Office and Andrews Street who helped to send out the various cards and blanks.

### Prize Winners in Victory Garden Produce Contest

*Prizes in War Stamps have been sent to the winners in this contest.*

1. Beets — 1st—Clarence Miller, Station 5; 2nd — Warren Root, Customers Accounting; 3rd—Ralph Vrla, Mapping Records; Honorable Mention — Hamilton King, West Station.
2. Cabbage—1st — David Swift, General Accounting; 2nd — Ed. Schleuter, Line Operating; 3rd — Richard Brown, Steam Distribution; Honorable Mention—Calvin Brown, Gas Distribution.
3. Carrots — 1st — Lucas Caple, Industrial Department; 2nd — Horace Scofield, General Accounting; 3rd — Schyler Baldwin, Househeating Service; Honorable Mention — Jemain Titus, Transportation.
4. Corn (yellow) — 1st — John Johnson, Canandaigua; 2nd — C. LeRoy Briggs, Cashiers; 3rd—Ralph Vrla, Mapping Records; Honorable Mention — Dorothy Boncke, Customers Accounting.
5. Corn (white)—1st — Richard Brown, Steam Distribution; 2nd— 3rd— Honorable Mention—
6. Beans (Yellow bush)—1st — Frank Taylor, Industrial Department; 2nd—Ralph Vrla, Mapping Records; 3rd— Fred Marsh, Credit; Honorable Mention—Roy Arnold, Canandaigua.
7. Beans (green) — 1st — Lucas Caple, Industrial Department; 2nd—E. K. Huntington, Electrical Distribution; 3rd—Ralph Vrla, Mapping Records; Honorable Mention — George Griffin, Customers Accounting.
8. Beans (Lima) — 1st — C. LeRoy Briggs, Cashiers; 2nd — Frank Taylor, Industrial Department; 3rd — Irene Mitchell, Customers Accounting; Honorable Mention — Arno Kux, Canandaigua.
9. Onions—1st—Arden Howland, Gas Distribution; 2nd—Lucas Caple, Industrial Department; 3rd—Clarence Miller, Station 5; Honorable Mention—Norman Schuth, Inventory.

10. Parsnips — 1st — Harry Culliton, Customers Accounting; 2nd—C. LeRoy Briggs, Cashiers; 3rd—Dave Swift, General Accounting; Honorable Mention—Lucas Caple, Industrial Department.
11. Potatoes — 1st — Arden Howland, Gas Distribution; 2nd — James Nolan, Collection; 3rd—Ed. Schleuter, Line Operating; Honorable Mention — H. Schofield, General Accounting.
12. Pumpkins—1st—Fred Marsh, Credit; 2nd—John Johnson, Canandaigua; 3rd—Norman Schuth, Inventory; Honorable Mention—
13. Tomatoes—1st—Howard Hill, Customers Accounting; 2nd — Howard Clawson, Canandaigua; 3rd — Lucas Caple, Industrial Department; Honorable Mention — Richard Brown.
14. Squash—1st — Wilson Boyce, Plant Guarding; 2nd—Harry Eckerson, Electric Station Maintenance; 3rd — Frank Nolte, Collection; Honorable Mention — Arden Howland, Gas Distribution.
15. Mellons—1st—Robert Sinclair, Elec. Station Maintenance; 2nd—James Spencer, Househeating Service; 3rd—Richard Brown, Steam Distribution; Honorable Mention — Calvin Brown, Gas Distribution.
16. Basket Arrangement — 1st — Rosario Merlo, Gas Distribution; 2nd—John MacLarty, Househeating Service; 3rd—Arden C. Howland, Gas Distribution; Honorable Mention—Norman Schuth, Inventory.
17. Five Pints of assorted canned vegetables—1st — C. LeRoy Briggs, Cashiers; 2nd — Hamilton King, West Station; 3rd—Ralph Vrla, Mapping Records; Honorable Mention — Arthur Underwood, Inventory.

#### Judging in Capable Hands

Judges for the Exhibit were Lois Elems, Monroe County 4-H Clubs and Harry Glen, from Hart and Vick, who very kindly filled the breach when another judge had to be out of the city and could not officiate. Among the outside exhibits of an educational nature brought in to add interest were those of the Harris Seed Company, Hart and Vick and the E. C. Brown Pump Company. Hart and Vick also furnished the beautiful urns flanking the entrance filled with lovely flowers, and Ethel Perry, Florist, kindly donated beautiful flowers to adorn the tables. One large bouquet of special interest was from Mrs. George Elmer, for her husband, a former employe of the Service Department, now in the South Pacific; the card on this bouquet reads, "Best wishes from the Pacific area to the R. G. and E. Victory Garden Show" and bore a photo of George himself, and we all wish he could have been here to see our show.

#### Committee Grateful for Help

The thanks of the Committee is hereby extended to all who so painstakingly provided exhibits of so high a character, and to all others who helped to make the show a success; this includes the local newspaper who gave the show such fine mention and good pictures, and to Station WHAM and Al. Sisson for his contribution in verbal radio publicity in his morning column of the air.

## Do Not Delay Ordering Your Supply of Winter Fuel

There just isn't any big stockpile of coke at West Station, such as pre-war days saw. Part of the reason is that the coke is being allotted to city and vicinity coal and domestic coke dealers, in the government sponsored drive to spur early deliveries of permissible quantities of these products. YOU can cooperate with this plan by getting your order in NOW, and thus help to prevent a later possible bottle-neck due to transportation and other difficulties which may arise unless the full cooperation of coal and coke customers is had.

Victor A. Miller, head of the R. G. and E. Coke and Transportation Departments and a member of the Solid Fuels Administration's "Community Committee on Emer-

gency Distress" for Monroe County had this to say in connection with coke sales: "Our usual average summer stockpile of coke at West Station ran around 21,121 tons. Right now our pile is negligible as our picture indicates. Nevertheless, we probably will not have any backlog of coke this summer, regardless of what may happen as regards shipments and deliveries of other hard fuels into this section. It will also be remembered that our coke supply is always subject to government priorities for war plants in and outside of Rochester. Such plants last year took 85,000 tons of our coke supply."

Mr. Miller suggests that domestic users of R. G. and E. coke make full use of Government regulations



In contrast to the usual appearance of the coke stock pile at West Station (we usually, in normal times have a pile of about 21,000 tons available there this time of year) the pile is down to a very low ebb, as our picture shows. Tip—get your order for winter fuel in without delay.

which permit consumers to receive up to fifty per cent of their annual requirements before October 1. "This the consumer has not taken advantage of up to now," said Mr. Miller, who then stated that the Community Committee on Emergency Distress for this country is doing all it can to obtain as efficient distribution of domestic coal and coke as is possible under the present day war conditions, and that further and fuller cooperation on the part of fuel buyers will be greatly appreciated.

### Pioneers' Picnic Well Attended

The R. G. and E. Pioneers' Club held its annual picnic at the Chislers' Club on August 10. Nearly 100 of the 127 members were in attendance, and transportation was furnished members requesting it. The picnic is an annual talk-fest and get-together where old acquaintances and associates meet, enjoy games and a nice dinner, and keep alive old memories and traditions.

### Pioneers To Have Page In G. & E. News

The R. G. & E. Pioneers Club has grown to such a husky size that the editors of the *Gas and Electric News* have decided that it is entitled to a page of its own in each issue. We can make this page interesting only if we have the cooperation of the 112 members of the Club.

Let us know what the Pioneers, whether active or retired employes, are doing that might be of interest to the rest of the R. G. & E. family. We'll look for a flood of interesting personal items for the next issue when we plan to give this grand organization, composed of men and women who have at least 35 years of continuous service to their credit, a full page for their various activities.



A group of Old-Timers taken at the recent Pioneers' Picnic. Left to right, front row, they are: Charles P. McGovern, Michael Hall, Joseph P. MacSweeney (Secretary), Thomas H. Yawger (President), Jacob Lauth. Back row: John G. Hilbert, Thomas L. Rhodes, Harry J. Warren, Frank L. Mertz, Dennis Sheehan and Patrick J. Casey.

# Thousands View New R. G. & E. Comfort-Conditioned Kitchen

The new R. G. & E. "Comfort-Conditioned" kitchen is attracting thousands to the main floor of the office building at 89 East Avenue. This is the kitchen that has the ventilated range that eliminates all objectionable odors as well as grime and grease and which is attracting the attention of the whole gas industry. Representatives from the American Gas Association and from manufacturers of gas ranges and kitchen cabinets have already come to Rochester to see how effectively it works and others are to inspect it within the next few weeks. The ventilating plan was developed and installed by R. G. & E. engineers.

One hundred and fifty builders,

architects and equipment suppliers spent an evening examining this kitchen and marveling at how completely it gets rid of all cooking odors. In fact Home Service Director Irene Muntz challenged the visitors to tell what was roasting in the oven as they went through the kitchen and not one person could do it because the ventilator, which connects the oven with a concealed flue, carries off all traces of cooking smells and also keeps grime off kitchen walls. A meeting of the Rochester Home Builders was also held on the main floor of the R. G. & E. Building with C. V. Sorsenson, nationally famous authority on kitchen planning, as the speaker. More than 800 people attended and thronged through the kitchen after the meeting.

The Comfort Conditioned Kitchen will be on display for some time on the main floor and all employes are urged to bring their families to see it. It will be open for inspection on week days from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. and on Saturdays until noon; also Monday evenings until 9 o'clock.

### The Truth

A certain newspaper that makes a practice of answering inquiries from readers received this one: "Please tell me what is the matter with my chickens. They go to roost apparently well. The next morning we find one or two on their backs on the floor, stiff, combs white, and their feet in the air."

It was the editor's busy day, so this is what the reader received: "Dear Sir: Your chickens are dead."

A rude and vulgar man is one who stares at a girl's figure when she's doing her best to display it.



Section of the R. G. and E. Comfort Conditioned Gas Kitchen, with Edith Rogers presiding.



Donald H. Spencer  
Spencerport



Robert S. Francis  
West Station



Peter Dutko  
Station 3

TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX 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.

SEND A SOLDIER A LETTER TODAY!

## Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Forsythe Honored On Silver Wedding Anniversary

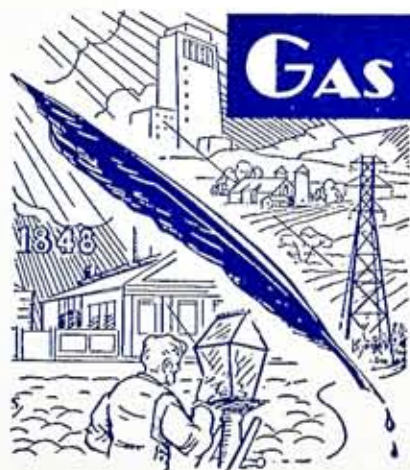
MR. and MRS. JOSEPH FORSYTHE celebrated their silver wedding anniversary recently in the West Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, the edifice in which they were married a quarter of a century ago. Mrs. Thomas Welch and Mrs. Donald Miller, who participated as bridesmaids in the original ceremony, served in the same capacity in the "repeat" celebration. Original ushers, Donald Miller and Harry Forsythe also duplicated their services. Mr. Forsythe is employed in the garage.

Mrs. Paul Steese was soloist and Mrs. Grace Dennison was organist.

A reception was held after the anniversary services, where Miss Joan MacMullen and Mrs. Harmon Coates poured. Dr. George Cooke, who officiated in the original marriage ceremony as well as in the anniversary celebration cut the first piece of cake, assisted by Mrs. Cooke, in honor of the fact that they were celebrating their thirty-second anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilbur, cut the second piece of cake. Mr. Wilbur is employed in our welding department.

Elaine Drucilla Forsythe, daughter of the honored couple gave a violin selection "The Young Prince and Princess" from the Scheherzade suite by Korsakov, a piano solo "Yuccas" from Prairie Sketch, by Cadman, and concluded with a reading "America for Me" by Henry Van Dyke.





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## Political Attacks on Power Companies First Step in Attempt to Socialize All Industry

*One of the areas where a particularly aggressive effort is being made to socialize the electric power business as the first step towards socialization of all industry is the Pacific Northwest. Out there a determined battle is being waged against radical groups by the Puget Sound Power and Light Company and the following excerpts are from a speech by its president, Frank McLaughlin:*

"I believe that every American is disturbed today because of the extent to which centralized government is regimenting the individual and controlling and dominating the economic and political life of the country. Today business generally and people collectively are up against, broadly speaking, the same thing which the power companies have had to contend with out here for so long. As an illustration, insurance and medicine are under the gun for socialism in the Wagner Bill, the same

as the power companies are with Referendum 25.

"In other words, today it is not just a case of the power companies—the big question is whether all business is going to be socialized and the people lose their political and economic freedom. On all sides there is evidence to the effect that people are now aware of the fact that their Bill of Rights and the existence of the free enterprise system are being threatened, and they are most anxious to fill up the holes in the dike so that they will not become engulfed in a flood of socialism.

### Menace To Freedom

"Further socialization of power today means socialization of something else tomorrow, because such a program menaces the people's political and economic freedom and the freedom of standing on their own feet and running their own businesses. We have seen in Europe what happens when these trends are followed to their inevitable conclusion—the government

becomes all-powerful, and the citizens merely slaves of the state.

"The real solution to this power issue must come from statesmanship; politics will never solve it. We have business-managed power as a part of the American pattern of life. It has been woven into the fabric of America so closely that it can't be torn out without ruining the garment entirely. We have federal public (political) power existing alongside, and its promoters are very unhappy because business-managed power is so ungallant as to want to retain a part in the drama that is the story of America. The American taxpayers have paid hundreds of millions of dollars for the public power projects. It would be sheer folly to waste such an enormous investment. The statesmanlike thing to do is to use both business-managed and public power to the utmost and our postwar plans should be laid out accordingly.

### Individual Must Have Chance

"America must be kept a land of opportunity in every respect for the individual. Furthermore, the individual must be regarded, not as a cog in a machine, not as one to be regimented, but as a human being with hopes, aspirations and a desire to better himself, and he must be assured of the opportunity to obtain a more generous measure of the good things of life. He must be allowed to travel as far as his talents will take him, a la Edison, Westinghouse, Bell, Ford and the like. To make this democracy of ours work, the individual must have, after the war, the freedom he is now fighting for."

## How About A Hobby!

A GENTLEMAN who is on the pension list came in to make us a visit recently. He is well and happy and really enjoying life. This is quite largely because he has learned how to live with himself and gets a big kick out of life even though he has retired from his accustomed work. So many men in this category seem to find their life almost a complete void after they begin staying home from work that we felt that here is the nucleus of an idea which may help others to size this question up in a healthy perspective.

### Gardening a Seasonal Hobby

This particular man has made a hobby of gardening, at least in summer time. He finds it pleasant and profitable. Mother Nature seems to have a soothing touch for folks who cultivate her. Even this gentleman finds it a bit more difficult in winter time, during the shut-in months to keep entirely happy and free from fretting.

A hobby is something which a man can do or work at at any time, day or night. It is something in which he has become extremely interested and never seems to tire of doing. A hobby satisfies a man's craving to keep busy, do something worthwhile. A hobby is really a friend in need.

In "Gas and Electric News" we are going to have some articles and pictures on hobbies. Perhaps this will help some of our employes who want to find a hobby to "catch on" and grab one off. People collect almost everything under guise of

a hobby and do all manner of home handicraft in the same pursuit. We heard about one hobbyist who began, some years ago, to collect old hymn books. To make a long story short, this man's collection of old hymn books sold some time ago for a price which was high in the thousands of dollars.

Most hobbyists, however, have no thought of money in connection with their particular hobby. Interest, amusement, the steadying influence of something to pin to mentally are more important reasons why everyone should have one.

Watch for our first hobby story in the next issue of "Gas and Electric News." In the meantime see if YOU can't think of something you would like to "ride," remembering that a hobby carries you over the rough places in the road; it "picks you up" now and then when the going is a little rough and lets you down, easy, on a brighter, more interesting road to — happiness.

### "Mary had a little lamb"

Was Mary followed by a boy lamb or could it have been a girl?

Lounging in a comfortable chair beside the radio, listening to your favorite quiz programme, the questions seem so simple but facing the "mike" before a visible audience and with thousands more listening in it's a different story. They just never asked questions like this before. At least so it seemed to the four picked contestants who represented our Company in a friendly competition with Niagara Hudson on Station WHAM's "QUIZ OF TWO CITIES" Programme.

Oh yes, the Buffalo team nosed us out by a few points, but in a final spurt of brilliance our team answered the "jack-pot" question and took the largest money award so that even defeat had its satisfaction and its reward.



R. G. & E. participants in recent "Quiz of Two Cities" over Station WHAM. Left to right, Ruth Landers, Home Service Department; M. Bernice Taylor, Auditing; Cliff Jones, Master of Ceremonies; Rufus Fulreader, Engineering, and Phil. Thomas, Manager, Canandaigua District. This group got the "Lion's Share" of the Jackpot.



Michael J. Kelly  
Lineman

Harold F. Scheck  
Supervisor

Fred H. Boetcher  
Station Operator

John E. Culliton  
Meter Reader

## 25 Years of Service - Congratulations!

**MICHAEL J. KELLY** is gang foreman in the line maintenance department. He was head-over-heels in a line job when we got to him. Said he wasn't very presentable. We said we were proud of our men of the line, especially when they were in the habilaments of work. Mr. Kelly once was on the police force here and kept his bailiwick respectful indeed to his authority. Mike still has that dignity which demands respect. His size and bearing are such as to make this seem the thing to do. Mr. Kelly, in his spare time, delights in doing mason work and odd jobs.

**HAROLD F. SCHECK:** Harold is a supervisor in the Auditing Department. For twenty-five years he has been juggling figures, checking balances and otherwise "figurin' things out." Harold plays golf upon occasion, but says he never gets very "hot." He does like to fish, and spends a lot of his time grooming his own dooryard. Mr. Scheck does a lot of tax work for the Company and is also in on Company reports. He is as conscientious as the fellow who is always looking for the least common denominator, and pursues an error with the vigor of a Sherlock Holmes.

**FRED H. BOETCHER:** Mr. Boetcher is first-class Switchboard Operator at electric Station One. Has been there for twenty-five years, mostly on the "milkman shift" from 4 P. M. till midnight. When he isn't on the job, Fred likes to fool around with his motion picture camera. Being mechanically inclined he recently built an electric motor on his hand-driven projector and it does a nice job. Fred takes his vacation pictures in Kodachrome when he can get it. In the first world war Fred was on a submarine, as electrician, and has taken many trips underneath the briny.

**JOHN E. CULLITON:** John has been in meter reading for a quarter-century, and still likes it. He says most of the thousands of persons he has met in his work are pretty fine folks. In twenty-five years John has probably read approximately 2,370,000 meters. He has also been bitten by his full share of inquisitive dogs. It's all in the game, John says. He is one of the founders and a Past Commander of the Crouch Doud Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars. John is a staunch Victory Gardener.



Tommy Clarke, line operation, spent his vacation on Fred Walters' farm out in Avon. Fred is a former employe of the Company and Tommy gave him a lift with the farm work.

John Sheehan, Jake Clyne, Bert Perry and Carl Johnson spent their vacations up at the Thousand Islands, with their families. Most of their time was spent in the search for bigger and better fish.

Howe Kiefer is getting back "in shape." This is literally true. Howe twisted his back trying to develop a new swing in golf and was out of the game for a time. He hopes to make up for lost time if the weather keeps nice.

George Everetts went to Canandaigua Lake for his vacation, where he and Mrs. Everetts had a very nice rest.

Jean and June, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James Cooper, recently graduated as nurses from the Strong Memorial Hospital. June recently announced her engagement to Ensign William Monks, of the U. S. Coast Guard, in the Radar division.

William T. Mackie, salesman for some years in the Domestic Sales department, was recently married

to Miss Josephine Burleigh, who is associated with the General Motors Company in its Delco Plant offices. The ceremony took place at Alexandria Bay. The newlyweds will be at home to friends at 1655 Culver Road, the Mackie home-stead.

On his recent trip home from submarine base, after two years of undersea service, electrician's mate first class Frank Beatty was featured in a newspaper Red Cross story, which showed Frank with the service flag on which the Jap ships his sub had sunk were tallied. The exact number was not indicated in the censored picture, but it stated that when Frank gets out of service he is sure of one thing. That is that he is coming back to R. G. and E.

Herb Ringelstein and family recently returned from their vacation at Beaver Lake, Canada, where Herb has spent eleven successive vacations. He knows where the big fish hang out, and can always get a mess for dinner. With Mrs. Ringelstein and his sons Billy and Burton he also enjoyed hiking expeditions and swimming.

Dorothy Dake received a nice letter from Mrs. George Schlegel thanking her and her committee

and the Home Service girls for their cooperation in entertaining and feeding a group of servicemen at R. G. and E. Night in the Military Service Center, New York Central Depot.

Lynn Gleason, brother of our Charles Gleason, Fillmore, recently outwitted a bank robber in that town. Lynn is cashier of the Fillmore Bank and upon opening up that institution for the day was held up at pistol point by a robber. Lynn managed to get away by recalling to the robber that the front door had been left open. The robber told Lynn to close it, and Lynn hot-footed it to freedom. Fillmore District Manager Hollis Young is a director of this bank.

Owen (Jake) Feltham had a dandy vacation in New York escorting two young men from the Royal British Navy, whose homes are in the northern part of England. Jake met them at the USO and himself helped to arrange for his two young friends to see the city sights. Owen took them to a ball game, which they enjoyed in their English way and thought it was wonderful the pitcher could hit the batter's club so often. Mr. Feltham hails originally from London and had a real talk-fest with these young men from "over ome."

Henry MacGregor is a member of the Rochester Celtic Soccer team which recently played a very exciting game with a team composed of Italian prisoners of war. The Celtics team was defeated by a score of 3 to 2. The losers had not played together for over a year. The winners were in perfect physical condition, and deserved their victory. Henry is enthusiastic over the fine type of men the opposing team presented, as well as that of

the entire group of three hundred prisoners in the outfit. These men are being trained in special activities by the U. S. Army. One of their players formerly played on the Italian Olympic team. A return match is hoped for.

John J. Palermo, Service Department, spent a week's vacation in Chicago, renewing old acquaintances. He attended the Republican National Convention as a guest and witnessed the major highlights of the convention, hearing the principal speakers, such as keynoter Governor Warren of California, former President Herbert Hoover, Mrs. Clair Luce and others. John also was in the auditorium when Governor Dewey was nominated and heard his speech of acceptance.

Mr. Palermo visited the Peoples' Gas Company and the Commonwealth Edison Company where he met some nice folks and gathered many worthwhile ideas on how the other fellow operates.

Edward Schaubert, Appliance Service, has again assumed the Daddy role with the arrival of another little daughter, Elaine Carol. Three girls and one boy precede Elaine, who will find her life in the Schaubert household colorful and exciting.

William J. Spears, son of our William Spears, West Station, was recently promoted to Captain in the service. He is with an army flying safety unit.

Mrs. Josephine W. Ford, of Bolivar, recently replaced Mrs. Charlotte O'Donnell in the Belmont office force. Mrs. O'Donnell left recently to drive to California with friends and expects to be away about six months.



Group of Chiselers Club picnickers representing most of the members of the R. G. and E. Men's Chorus together with their families. President and Mrs. Herman Russell were guests of the occasion.

Don Calderwood had an interesting vacation on Cape Cod. In a postcard to Dick Henry, Don wrote: "Went out with a lobster fisherman while he emptied his lobster pots. He sure had a bag full of yarns. The coast guard patrol blimps go over every little while and the coast guard Jeeps patrol the shore."

Lee Franke, with Mrs. Franke and their two sons Kenneth and Roger, had a wonderful vacation at Fish Creek in the Adirondacks. For two weeks they camped out, and daily followed new canoe and land trails into interesting spots as the two boys, both of whom are Boy Scouts, practiced their woodcraft.

John Culliton's son Robert is located on an island in the South Pacific where the temperature rises to 130 degrees at noontime. Robert says the nights are cooler at 90 degrees.

Richard Henry, Jr., whose Dad is at East Station, recently gave his mother and father a real thrill when he called up from a California port. Dick is in the U. S. Navy and is torpedo man on a destroyer escort. A recent trip took

him from Brooklyn to Cuba, thence through the Panama Canal and to a California port. From here Richard was expecting to go to sea.

Several employees of the Canandaigua District enjoyed vacations recently, including Don and "Stu" Moore of the Electric Department, Tom Smith of the Gas Department and Arno Kux, Office.

Tom took a chance in leaving his fine cornfield, at the site of his summer camp in the Bristol Hills. Tom always talks about his prize corn crop but never seems to have any samples to show to back up his statements. Everytime he goes up to pick a mess of corn he comes back with a heartbreaking story about a predatory deer, racoon or possibly a woodchuck which always—beats him to it. Some say that Tom's stories are a bit "corny."

Lynn Booth, Canandaigua Stockkeeper, is on the local Board of Directors of the Finger Lakes Rabbit Breeding Association, which promotes the breeding and sale of bigger and better bunnies. Lynn says the rabbits are raised for meat, fur, breeding stock, etc. The Association held a meeting recent-

ly in the Home Service rooms which was well attended. It is surprising to know how many people are interested in rabbit breeding, which is spreading very rapidly. (Editor's Note: this is natural, in as much as rabbits, also—spread very rapidly).

Vic Kennedy, District Sales Manager, did a fine job in displaying in the Chapin Street show windows various curios and items sent home by Canandaigua service men. Included among the items from the South Pacific were Japanese aviators' gloves, Japanese army blanket, and a tea kettle bearing the insignia of the Jap navy, several small caliber Jap shells and finally a grass skirt formerly swayed by some dusky damsel from the Marshall Islands. The remarks made by spectators about the grass skirt were varied and colorful.

Betty Wiethorn, Tabulating Department, has received a leave of absence from the Company and has reported to the U. S. Coast Guard for duty in the SPARS. She went to Palm Beach, Florida, for

training with nine other young women from Rochester.

The Line Operating Department held a steak roast that was such a model of culinary delight that the Mapping Records and Electrical Distribution Departments suffered from watering of the mouth upon hearing about those luscious steaks. The last named department just had to follow suit, with steaks which were equally satisfying in a gustatorial way.

Marian Clark, Electric Distribution, had a very wonderful vacation. One week she enjoyed a cruise from Buffalo to Detroit with friends, and dancing and indoor roller skating helped keep her trim figure not withstanding all those fine meals. A second week was spent at the home of her brother, Jim, a former employe of the Company now working for General Electric in Lynn, Massachusetts. Bicycling to and from Marblehead was one of her appreciated sports.

James Nolan and family went up to Georgian Bay for their vacation. They stopped near Victorian Harbor where they've been before.



Returned Service Men who gathered recently to organize a Fall clambake. Left to right, back row: Eugene Mater, John Powers, Harold Versprille, Remington Foster, Ernest L. Clark. Front row: Clarence Stevens, Gladstone Dawes, Walter Hildebrandt and Thomas Carlisle.

Harry Culliton has tomato plants that are seven feet high and bear luscious tomatoes. Harry is an advocate of the single stalk theory and it seems to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin Lehrer spent a robust vacation roughing it at Cayuga Lake State Park. They lived in a cabin. The only thing to remind them of life back home was the grocery boy and the ice man who helped to keep the larder supplied. Bert Freeman and family also enjoyed vacations at this spot, and have helped to popularize it among other employees.

Dorothy McDowell visited her brother recently in Georgia, where he is a student of naval aviation. She spent two weeks there. Helen Jakeman spent one week there also with her fellow employe, Miss McDowell.

Betty Probst visited New York City for a few days and spent a few more at Sodus. She is saving a few days for later on.

Eva Fenstra went to Pocono, Pennsylvania, to Pinebrook Camp for her vacation. Dorothy Boncke went with her. It was Eva's second year there. Fine music and some national broadcasts put on by the Young Peoples' Church of the air are features at Pinebrook.

Russell Howe was recently appointed to be secretary of the Rochester branch of the Interna-

tional Stewards and Caterers Association. Russ will do a grand job—and Howe.

Granger Green, Sodus Office Office Manager, with his family enjoyed a dandy time at the Green cottage, at Canandaigua Lake.

Katherine Thomas, of the Wolcott office, divided her vacation between LeRoy Island and her home.

Roy Jollie and Claude Harnett, Sodus linemen, with Lawrence DeBock, Rural Representative, and Ivan Pittroff, Cato lineman, all helped along the war effort by recently spending some of their spare time working on farms.

The Lake Shore Fellowship Club held its annual picnic at Margaretta Grove, Sodus Bay, on a Friday afternoon, recently. Lou Mayo, President of the club, was in charge of the eats and did a swell job. Praise for Lou's work was unanimous. Kay Thomas of the Wolcott office demonstrated that she could make a dandy drink of lemons and oranges, that hit the spot in spite of having to use chlorinated water.

James Kauweel and Mrs. Kauweel had an enjoyable vacation at Sodus Point. James is a lineman from the Wolcott District and had an entire week in which he didn't have to climb a pole. The nearest he came to it was to use a fish pole to land some nice fish.

Sandra Diane is the name of a baby girl born on August 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph T. Crittenden. Sandra is the third girl in this happy family which includes Phyllis, ten years old, and Carol seven. Eddy Cantor please note.

Ed Schlueter and Mrs. Schlueter spent their vacation on the Schlueter boat, The Dorothea, in Fairhaven Bay. The fishing was not too good, but hot weather made life on the water especially delightful. Ed's dog "Champ" was aboard and he couldn't quite find his sea legs, and longed for a cat to chase.

Second Lieutenant Paul Nachtwey spent his first leave after graduating as a navigator in the USAAF with his family, and visited his many friends at Andrews Street before returning to camp in Lincoln, Nebraska. The best wishes of all his associates goes with him.

Freeman Boyer Sr. of the Steam Dist. Dept. has recently returned from the state encampment of the United Spanish War Vets (at Saratoga Springs) where he served as a member of the state credentials committee. Fritz is a past commander and has been adjutant of the L. Bordman-Smith Camp since 1925 and is very active in all the affairs of the Spanish War Vets.

Aileen Laidlaw, of Belmont, is reputed to have a journalistic bent: we were going to say "nose for news," a rather inelegant expression. However, Miss Laidlaw will be official headquarters for personal items for "Gas and Electric News" for her section of our big R. G. and E. family. If she doesn't ask you first (and we assure you she doesn't let the grass grow when she has a job to do) be sure to tell her of your interesting functions, parties, etc.



REDDY KILOWATT says:

"It doesn't take Sherlock Holmes to find the good things about R. G. & E. gas and electric service."



Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs seem delighted (and who wouldn't) in the company of these charming young ladies from East Station. Left to right they are: Virginia Whitcraft, Kathleen Green and Mary-Ann Cardillo. Mary-Ann received the little images from a soldier in Italy.

# 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.

**NOTE:** If you have any gas or electrical appliances that you are not using, here is a suggestion. Bring them in and take them to Frank Wentworth, Main Floor. He will very likely be able to sell them for you as he has numerous requests for such things. Keep usable appliances at work.

**FOR SALE:** Farm freezer equipment. A 22-ft. freezer and a 136 cu. ft. walk-in type. Bill Gillette, 2489 Brighton and Henrietta Town Line Road. R. D. 2, Rochester 10, N. Y.

**WANTED:** Electric space heater, to heat a back bedroom. Katherine Cornell, Extension 426.

**WANTED:** Recorder in fairly good condition. (Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast etc—"). Dorrie Dean, Extension 427.

**WANTED:** Electric heating pad (and—or) sunlamp. Phyllis Deal, Extension 426.

**FOR SALE:** Coffee dripolator, 14-cup, crockery base, aluminum top. Gertrude Rinker, Stone 4560-R or 1004 Portland Avenue.

**FOR SALE:** Film pack adapter for a 3 1/4 by 4 1/4 Speed Graphic (Graphic back) also one same size for (Graphic back). Floyd Mason, Extension 527.

**WANTED:** Please get your ads in early for next issue—Editor's going on vacation.

**WANTED:** Portable typewriter. Margaret George, Extension 279 or Phone Genesee 988-R.

**FOR SALE:** Decoys for duck hunting. Even a duck can't tell the difference. Leon Sprague, Auditing, Extension 496 or—phone Genesee 2718-W.

**WANTED:** Modern pre-war gas range. Paul B. Rombaut, Extension 511 or 'phone Genesee 1040-R.

**WANTED:** Tri-cycle for small child. Granger Green, Sodus Office.

**FOR SALE:** Inner spring mattress, like new. No use for same. F. Anderson, Extension 472.

**WANTED:** Used Christmas greeting cards for service work. Alice Wilson, Sodus Office.

**WANTED:** Gymnasium equipment known as "Jungle GYM" for small boy to use. Howard Brown, Extension 267 or 'phone Hillside 1078-M.

**FOR SALE:** Mahogany Duncan Phyfe drop leaf table. Will seat eight people. Bill Boyce, Extension 483.

**WANTED:** Victrola, preferably cheap and in good condition. Two small daughters need it to practice their tap dancing. Fred Marsh, 393 Flower City Park.

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13, 1944

DEAR GALE,

I AM A PRISONER OF WAR IN A  
GERMAN PRISON CAMP. WE ARE BEING  
TREATED FAIRLY WELL, AND ARE WELL  
FED, THANKS TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.  
THEY ARE DOING A WONDERFUL JOB OVER  
HERE. I'LL SEE YOU AFTER "THE WAR"  
DICK

First Postcard we have ever received from a Company employe who became a German prisoner. Above is shown Second Lieutenant Richard S. Macauley, formerly of the Steam Division, in center of a layout made up from the two different sides of a German postcard, which came by air mail. We are all "squeezing" to see Dick—soon.



COMMANDER TASK FORCE SEVENTY-TWO

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From: The Commander, Task Force SEVENTY-TWO.  
To : BEATTY, Frank Howard, RC4 15 69, EM2c V6, USNR.  
Via : The Commanding Officer, U.S.S. GUARDFISH.  
Subject: Commendation.

1. During her Fifth War Patrol in enemy controlled waters the U.S.S. GUARDFISH was assigned a particularly difficult and dangerous mission, the nature of which cannot be revealed at the present time. You unhesitatingly volunteered to assist in carrying out this task and contributed materially to its successful execution. The Task Force Commander takes great pleasure in commending you for the skill, courage and seamanship you display and extends to you a deserved "Well Done".

*James Finn*  
JAMES FINN.

FIRST LIEUTENANT SEAMAN  
SS217/P15/MM-gn



c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, Calif.  
24 November 1943.

From: The  
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*H. J. Ward*  
H. J. WARD.

Another one of "our boys" who has done a fine job in service. He is Electrician's Mate first class, Frank Beatty, formerly of Station Three. This citation speaks for itself, and Frank sure earned his laurels. Frank says of one thing he's sure. That is that he is coming back to Station Three after this war is over.

