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**SECTION OF WEST STATION GAS MANUFACTURING PLANT**

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## "We'll build a house on a hilltop"

OR BY A BROOK—or near a lake . . . It's great to be young and dream and plan.

The dream-homes being planned today call for ventilated kitchens free from dirt and cooking odors, and with frozen food cabinets, automatic washers and other conveniences.

And the electric and gas service to keep them running will continue to be both cheap and friendly. That's one way we at the R.G.&E. can help make dreams come true!

Hear NELSON EDDY in "The Electric Hour" with Robert Armbruster's Orchestra, Sunday Afternoons, 4:30 WHEC.



A Monthly Publication for the Employees of the Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation  
89 East Avenue, Rochester, N. Y.

## Employees to Present "Gas Light Gayeties" on Thursday, April 19th

Get ready for an evening of fun and music on Thursday, April 19th when the annual R.G.&E. Sunshine Fund Party will be held.

This year the affair will be held at the J.Y.M.A. Auditorium on North Street, at the corner of Andrews Street. There is a fine auditorium seating more than one thousand and with all the facilities for a real bang-up stage show.

Plenty of good parking space is available in the immediate neighborhood.

The show this year is called "Gas Light Gayeties" and will outdo the Gay Nineties frolic of last year in color, music and liveliness. The members of both Men's and Women's Choruses have been rehearsing for weeks under the di-

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Don't miss this fine Company talent show. These Sunshine Parties are always "hits" and the money collected is used in an excellent cause.

rection of Frank Houston and when the curtain rises it will touch off an evening of hilarious enjoyment.

Tickets are now being sold in all departments and every employe is urged to purchase at least two. The money raised is used to provide special comforts for R.G.&E. workers who suffer illness or accident during the year, the fund disbursed by Chief Nurse Helen Thompson.

The following committees are in charge of the party:

**General Chairman,** Arthur P. Kelly; **Vice Chairman,** J. Gordon Ross.

**Reception Committee** — Helen C. Thompson, Chairman; Alice Baker, Alexander M. Beebee, Edward P. Carroll, Walter J. Consler, Edgar R. Crofts, Graydon G. Curtis, Frederick W. Fisher, John E. Fredericks, Robert E. Ginna, Joseph P. Haftenkamp, Ernest J. Howe, Willis E. Hughes, Josephine Landerer, John Logan, Ivar Lundgaard, Joseph P. MacSweeney, Paul J. W. Miller, Victor A. Miller, Frederick H. Patterson, Katherine Price, Herman Russell, Julius J. Schenk, Wilbur R. Seidel, George Swarthout, Sr., Philip E. Thomas, Virginia Wolverton, Thomas H. Yawger, Hollis G. Young.

**Publicity Committee**—Floyd Mason, Chairman; Mary Stott.

**Ticket Committee** — Evelyn F. Hoesterey, Chairman; Vera Augenstein, John A. Baker, Lynn B. Bowman, Althea Brown, Dean Caple, R. Fred Close, J. Harlan Cooper, James J. Coyne, Bessie Crum, Dorothy Fisher, Henry Fitzenberger, Vincent C. Hoddick, George M. Johnson, Harvey J. Klumb, Walter G. McKie, Harold W. Nichols, Frederick J. Pfluke, Mona Pratt, Arthur C. Rissberger, Joseph E. Schnorr, Margaret Set-

tle, Louis Shnidman, J. Seward Summers, Jack T. Taylor, Val Wein- ing, Harry A. Weisman.

**Door Committee**—Raymond Myers, Chairman; John Dasson, James Malion, Fred Senovone, Clarence Stevens, Peter Vensprille.

**Ushers**—M. Bernice Taylor, Chair- man; Edna Aitken, Janet Boxwell, Margaret McCurn, Madeline Mc- Guire, Marjorie Petts, Betty Simp- son, Jean Tummonds, Florence Richter, Madeline Royce.

**Lighting and Sound Effects**—E. J. Nelson, Chairman.

**Stage**—Raymond V. Clark, Chairman.

**Entertainment**—Frank M. Hous- ton, Chairman; Frances Andersen, Doris Fink, DeWitt Pike, Elmer Smith, Harry Taille.

#### Letter Received in Death of Son

Thomas Byrne, gas street department, received the following letter of condolence from Captain of Infantry Arville R. Cusdahl, Commanding Officer, in connection with the death of his son, Private First Class Joseph M. Byrne, who gave his life for his country while fighting in eastern Belgium:

Mr. Thomas Byrne  
383 Champlain St.  
Rochester, New York

Dear Mr. Byrne,

"It is with the deepest personal sorrow that I write to express our sense of loss in the death of your son and our comrade, Private First Class Joseph M. Byrne, 32234917.

I feel that it may ease your sorrow, slightly to know that he was killed in action on 21 January 1945 while our outfit, of which he was rightly proud, was engaged in a hazardous undertaking in eastern Belgium. Intense enemy resistance was encountered, endangering many of our men's lives, but due to the heroic action of men of the caliber of your son our mission was successful, although it lost for you a devoted son and for us a loyal friend and soldier.

I appreciate that my written words will fall far short of doing justice to his courage and his devotion to duty. His nature was such, that most of us knew him and knowing him, admired his disposition and attitude greatly. Rest assured that all of us remember him with affection and will continue forward, knowing that we must carry on for Joseph and others who have died for their country.

He was buried with both military and religious services in our Army cemetery in eastern Belgium, conducted by a Catholic Chaplain.

Very sincerely yours,  
ARVILLE R. CUSDAHL  
Captain, Infantry  
Commanding"

## We Congratulate You!

The employes whose likenesses are shown below are celebrating recent anniversaries in Company service as stated below under each name. We congratulate them and wish them many more years of happy, helpful endeavor in our large "family circle."



WILLIAM B. CLARE, Station 3  
Twenty-Five Years



WILBUR R. SEIDEL, Cust's Acct'g  
Twenty-Five Years



HARRY GOODLAND, Station 1  
Thirty-Five Years



NICOLO BUONEMANI, No. 10 Holder  
Twenty-Five Years



STANLEY H. CADY, Inventory  
Twenty-Five Years



JAS. H. THANAY, Indus. Sales  
Twenty-Five Years



GEO. W. HARRIS, Gas Shop  
Twenty-Five Years



GEO. E. ROBINSON, El. Sts. Maint.  
Twenty-Five Years



PAUL F. UTZ, Elec. Meter  
Twenty-Five Years

## 83% of Employes X-rayed by Mobile Unit

This is a fine record, especially in consideration of the fact that some employes were on night work, others out sick and that not a few had been X-rayed recently through other sources.

In photos, taken at Mobile Unit, are: left to right, (1) Dorothy Boncke, Jean Sorg, Helen Jakeman, Dorothy Perkins, Joan Lounsbury, and Eva Feenstra. (2) Helen Jakeman, Jean Sorg really enjoyed the experience. (3) Betty Van Etten (4) Marie Patten, Helen Hunt and Mrs. Grace Muhlberger, Tub, and Health Ass'n. (5) Mrs. Bernice Keady, Iola, Betty Van Etten, Madelyne Bickel, Helen Jakeman, Jean Sorg and Constance Walsh, Iola.

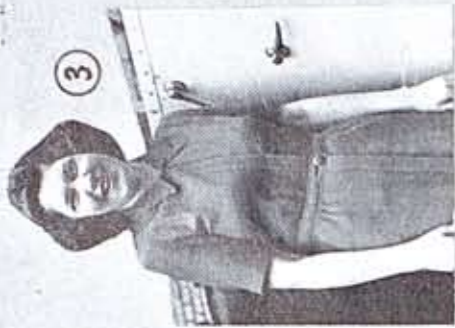
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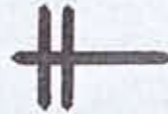


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FOR THE PRESERVATION OF GOOD HEALTH



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## Pumping Company "Drips" A Steady Job

CALVIN BROWN, *Gas Distribution department*

A DRIP is defined by Webster as "that which lets fall drops of water." Slang has a different definition that is familiar to the younger generation. Employees of the Gas Distribution department think of a drip as an enclosed tub or pot placed at low points in gas mains to collect the water that condenses inside the main. Each drip is equipped with a rod extending from near the bottom of the drip up to the surface of the ground, so that the water may be pumped out whenever necessary without disturbing the ground around the drip. The rod is protected by a cast iron sleeve called a drip box, which has a square cast iron cover that can be

removed to expose the drip rod.

The condensate is removed from the drips by the drip truck shown in the picture. This truck pumps the condensate into the large tank shown and hauls it to the gas plant, where the small amount of vile smelling oil is recovered for use in making explosives, while the water is discarded. More than 12,000 drips are pumped each year.

You may wonder where the water comes from that is deposited in the drips. The amount of water that gas can carry depends entirely on the temperature of the gas. As gas warms up, it picks up water

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James Failing pumping out a gas "drip" on his morning route along Lake Avenue. The truck's engine does the pumping. Note the large round signal lights which flash a red warning while truck is in operation on a busy thoroughfare.

## MEET ERNEST HOWE New Vice President



Vice President Ernest J. Howe

Folks, meet a new member of the R. G. & E. family—Ernest J. Howe.

Mr. Howe comes to us as Vice President in charge of finance and will hang his hat on the fourth floor.

He's no stranger to Rochester nor to this company because he has served as a member of our Board of Directors and our Executive Committee for nearly six years. Mr. Howe was born in Denver, Colorado, the son of Herbert Alonzo Howe, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, University of Denver. He was graduated from that university and later received a Master of Science degree from Columbia University's School of Business. Following wide experience with well known financial organizations Mr. Howe was elected vice president of the NY PA NJ Utilities Company of New York, which post he is resigning to take up his duties with the R.G.&E.

Mr. Howe has purchased the former Gustave Erbe home in Allyn's Creek Road, near Clover Street, and is moving here with his wife and 15-year-old boy.

Drop in and say "Hello!" to our newest fellow-worker. You'll like him.

### Son of Charles Cottone Receives Air Medal Decoration

Charles Cottone, Gas Street Department, received a very nice letter from Lieutenant General George C. Kenney, Commander in the Army's Southwest Pacific area, commending his son, Sergeant Thomas S. Cottone, for meritorious service to his country in missions carried out in that locality.

Sergeant Cottone is an engineer-gunner on a B-24 bomber, somewhere in the Dutch East Indies. He has completed more than twenty-five bombing missions against enemy installations, shipping and supply bases.

Commander Kenney said in his letter: "I would like to tell you how genuinely proud I am to have



Sergeant Charles Cottone, son of Charles Cottone, Gas Street Department.

men such as your son in my command, and how gratified I am to know that young Americans with such courage and resourcefulness are fighting our country's battles against the aggressor nations."

### "Mal" Loos Now a Lieutenant

A communication from the Air Transport Command, Assam, India, tells of the promotion of former Staff Sergeant James Mallory Loos to the rank of Second Lieutenant. It was a field commission. "Lieutenant Loos" the communication states "was outstanding in the field with a Malaria Control Unit. His ability with the Hindustan language, coupled with unusual aptitude for liason with British and India military and civil authorities contributed to the fine record of Malaria control at his air base."

"Lieutenant Loos" the communication continues "received his commission on the anniversary of the death of his younger brother, First Lieutenant John Phillip Loos, a B-24 Liberator bomber pilot, who was killed in a combat training flight at Caspar, Wyoming, after being awarded the Purple Heart for wounds sustained during the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor."

After stating some of Mallory's (most of us call him just "Mal") peacetime experience in athletic, social and swimming circles and mentioning his connection with the R. G. and E., the government letter stated in closing "Lieutenant Loos has been overseas nearly two years and wears the coveted Presidential Unit Citation, the American theatre ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific ribbon and the Good Conduct medal. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Loos are living at 16 Arlington Street, Rochester, N. Y."

## The Hospitality was Warm But the Foods—Frozen

Ralph Mason, our Wolcott correspondent and Domestic Salesman, recently arranged a dinner here for the teachers in Home Making of the Lake Shore District. The following teachers were present for dinner at the Home Service Rooms: Mrs. Green, Cato, Meridian School; Mrs. Boyd, Red Creek School, Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Merrill, Wolcott; Mrs. Fesenden, Sodus School; Mrs. Knapp, North Rose School; Miss Blair, Fairhaven School; Miss Amlee, Williamson School and Miss Spice, Marion School.

### Teachers Have To Learn How

The teachers were enthused with both the dinner and the visit to our modern "Comfort Conditioned Kitchen" on the Main Floor. This



Second Lieutenant James (Mallory) M. Loos, formerly of the Transportation Department, receiving his gold bar from his commanding officer, Captain Moody L. Crowder. "Mal" as we all like to call him, was given a direct field commission for his outstanding achievement in Malaria Control, in the India-China Division of the Air Transport Command.

time, teacher was a pupil while Ruth Landers, Home Service, gave a talk on how frozen foods are prepared. Irene Muntz, department head, then explained the services offered by her group and introduced the New Freedom Kitchen.

We imagine the excellent fruits and foodstuffs of the Lake Shore District will be well handled this coming season. We trust that the impetus given the frozen food method will, through the enthusiasm of these teachers, be a real future asset to the already excellent culinary prowess of the housewives of Wayne County and the Lake Shore District.

Guests of the evening included Domestic Sales Manager Frank Houston, Walter McKie, Harry Taillie, Lawrence De Beck, Ralph Mason and H. Vincent Potter, American Gas Association.

THE UTILITY DIVISION of the Red Cross Campaign, of which Vice President Edgar R. Crofts was Chairman, "went over the top" in great style. The entire division made an excellent showing, one in which the employes of R. G. and E. participated to the extent of \$9,297.60 or 15% more than the quota, which was \$8,060. This is a record of which Vice President Crofts, and Arthur C. Rissberger, who was Chairman of the R. G. and E. activity may well feel highly satisfied.

### Pumping Drips

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from any source it contacts, then as the gas cools it loses its capacity to hold water, and the water condenses out. This phenomenon is familiar to everyone who has seen water from the air condensing on the outside of a glass or pitcher containing ice water.

Our gas is normally stored in the large holders at East Station and at Blossom Road as it is made, and pumped out as it is needed. The bottom of each holder is filled with water to provide a seal against the escape of gas, so that the gas is in contact with all the water it needs to remain saturated. The sun shining on the holders warms the gas so that it can carry a lot of water. After this gas is pumped into the gas mains, it cools down to ground temperature and drops the excess water. As you would suspect, the gas soon cools to ground temperature, so that most of the water is condensed out in a radius of 1½ miles of the gas plant. However, more water will be formed wherever the gas is cooled to a lower temperature, as at an exposed bridge crossing, so that our entire system must be protected with drips.

What would happen if we failed to pump our drips regularly? The water would continue to build up until it would completely seal off the main and stop the flow of gas, leaving our customers without fuel with which to cook their meals, heat their bath water, and do all the jobs for which gas is ideal.

Thus we see that the apparently prosaic job of drip pumper is vital to the maintenance of a continuous and dependable supply of gas to our customers.



R. G. and E. Victory Garden Committee for 1945 gets into action. Left to right are: Florence Phillips, Secretary; Fred Marsh, Publicity; Erny Huntington, Chairman; Ruth Landers, Food Preservation and Arden Howland, Produce Show.

## 1945 Victory Garden Activity Starts

The great amount of interest taken by employes in the Victory Garden program promoted by this company last year has proved the worthwhileness of their project. The generous cooperation of the management again this year will make it possible to continue and, in several respects, enlarge the service available to employes. The committee planning the program consists of Ernest Huntington, Chairman; Florence Phillips, Secretary; Fred Marsh, Publicity; Arden Howland, Produce Show; and Ruth Landers, Food Preservation. This group is assisted in spreading news and getting information by the following representatives:

Fred Marsh, Main Office, 1st and 2nd floors; Theodore Wiederholde, Main Office, 3rd and 4th floors; Arden Howland, Main Office, 5th, 6th, and 7th floors; Walter Paine, Front Street, Electric; Schuyler Baldwin, Front Street, Gas; Walter Hildebrandt, Front Street, Transportation; William Hegeman, Gas Mfg., West Station; James Davis, Gas Mfg., East Station;

### TIMELY TIPS

Over The Garden Gate

"As Ye Sow—so  
Shall Ye Eat."

- 1—MAKE PLANS: Study the variety of seeds available. Some of them take too long to mature in this climate to assure a good crop.
- 2—Don't use saved-over seed without testing it. Seed is cheap compared with labor, time wasted, etc.
- 3—Prepare soil well.
- 4—Plant seed at right depth.
- 5—Send a penny postcard for the Cornell Bulletin No. 631 entitled "Victory Gardening." It's worth its weight in gold and covers most of the above mentioned points in detail and gives you much more usable information.

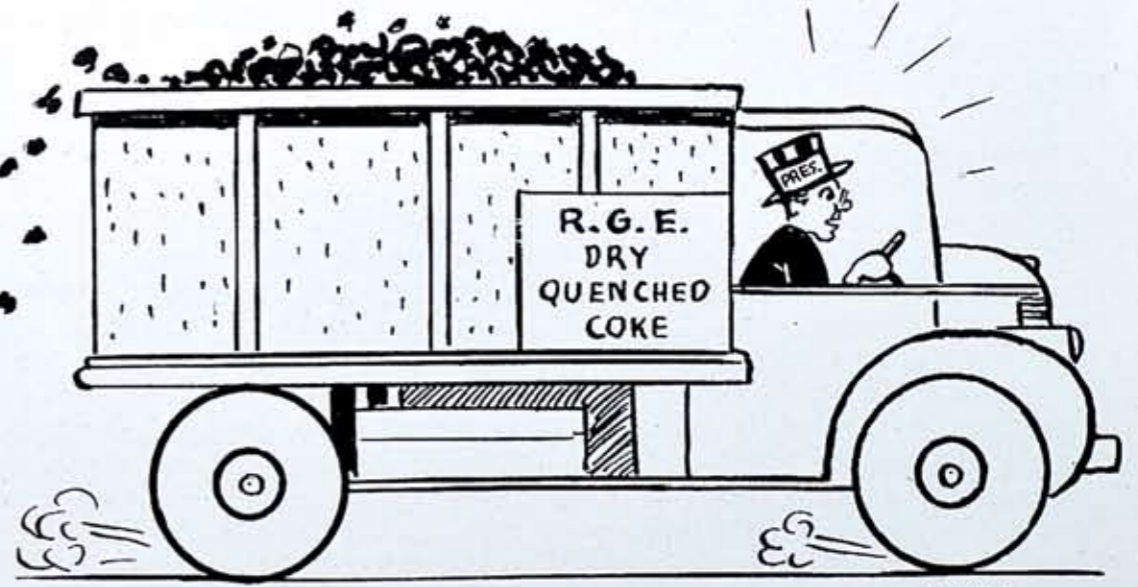
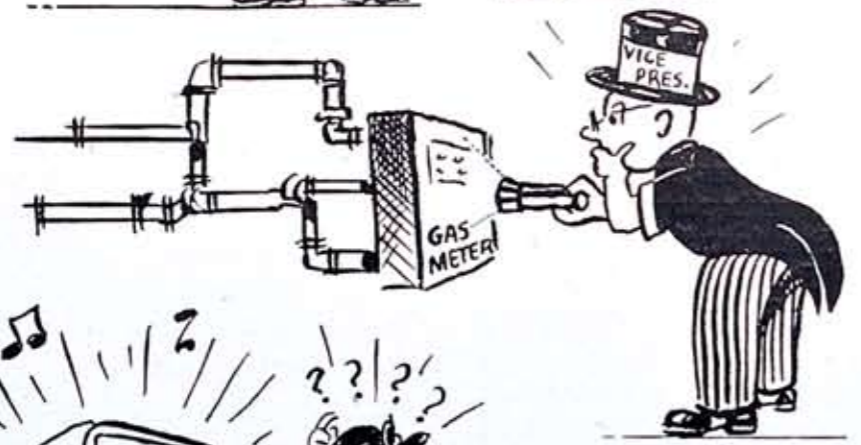
NOTE: Address New York State College of Agriculture, Ithaca, N. Y.



HELP WANTED



IT MAY  
YET COME  
TO THIS  
ON THE  
HOME  
FRONT



ALBERT  
KRAUSE

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James Lieve, General Maintenance; Guy Chaddock, Station 3; Charles Carlin, Electric Stations; George Johnson, Steam Stations; Leonard Geyer, Canandaigua District; Charles Gleason, Genesee District; and Lawrence DeBack, Lake Shore District.

Through the cooperation of the Monroe County Victory Garden Council and the National Victory Garden Institute, numerous interesting and instructive bulletins and pamphlets have been made available for distribution to employees.

The company owns various plots of land about the city, and has made these available to employees for gardens. Arrangements have also been made for employees to purchase 5-10-5 fertilizer.

A bigger and better Garden Produce Show is planned this year. The big success of this project last year assures it a high place in the program this season. It is hoped that we may also have competition with other industries in the city.

Employees are urged to register their gardens through their representative. This assures their receiving all literature available and participation in various features of the program. For registration cards call Miss Phillips, secretary.

Victory gardening has become a popular movement all over the country. Many companies are investing large sums in the promotion of this activity as a patriotic means to increase the food supply of the nation. However, it is also recognized as an important factor in building better employe relations, and as a most healthful exercise. We are glad that our management also realizes these benefits and is cooperating to make our program most effective.

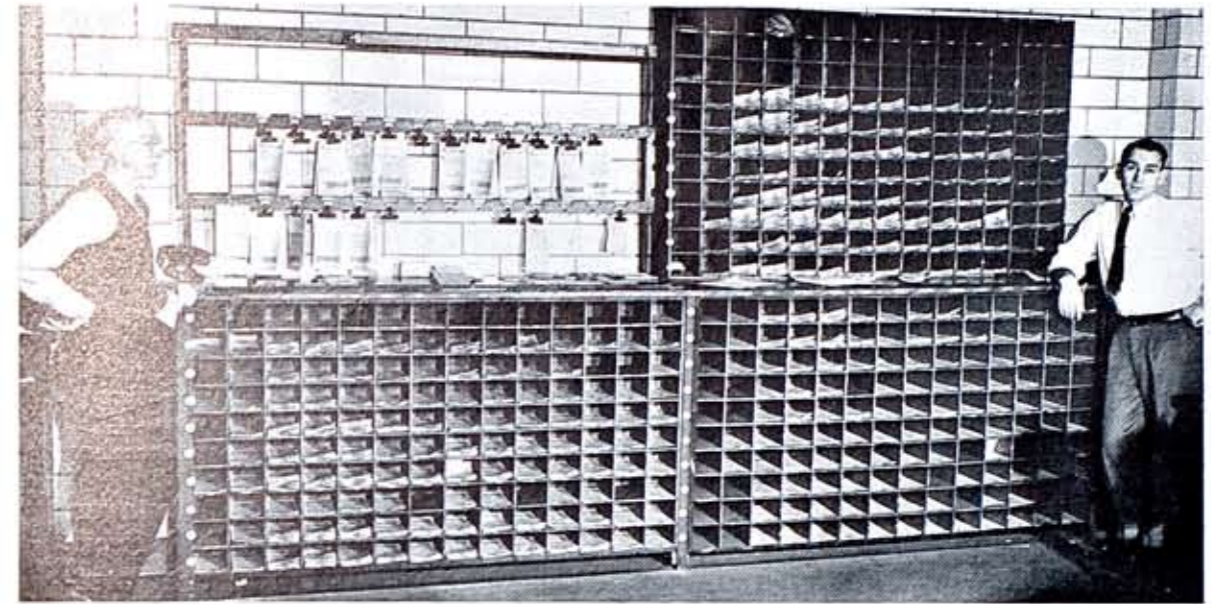
## Efficient Routing System Speeds Delivery of R. G. and E. Dry Quenched Coke

A wonderfully efficient system in which the city and its environs are segregated into one-half-mile geographical squares is the nucleus of our coke delivery activity. Victor Miller, head of the department, created this plan and has so carefully plotted it that scarcely if ever does any one of our huge coke trucks or their personnel make a false transportation move.

Each truck carries three separate consignments of coke during the present wartime practice, a ton each for three different customers. Deliveries are so well planned that they are consummated without a hitch. Should a customer, however, fail to be at home and leave the home locked, thus making delivery impossible, inconvenience is minimized. The driver calls up the Coke Bins Office where a clerk gives him another address within the half-mile sector from which he calls where the coke in question is delivered. It may be the house next door, just down the street or in the next block. It is never more than one-half mile away.

### Rapid Dispatching

The Coke Bins can find this other customer in the twinkling of an eye for the large series of pigeon-holes in which waiting coke orders are kept (see our picture) is marked off in alphabetical rows, vertically, and according to numbers horizontally, each pigeonhole representing a half-mile square. The spot from where the coke driver called may, for instance, be pigeonholed in L-42. The clerk merely gets out the orders in L-42



Hayes Evans, left, and Charles Daugherty, right, contemplate the 4,000 orders for R. G. and E. Dry Quenched Coke which at one time during the snowy period were waiting for delivery. Hard work and an excellent delivery system got the best of the situation.

and finds a waiting order nearest the point in question. Before you can say "Jack Robinson" the driver has received his information and the coke is being rolled in.

### It Was a Tough Winter

It was a tough winter, a record for bad transportation conditions,

yet our big coke trucks were rolling every day but two throughout the period. The men who man our coke trucks, those who keep them running and the personnel of the entire Coke Department have done an excellent job in the face of insurmountable difficulties.



Three typical R. G. and E. "coke men." Left to right: Driver Harry Hogue, Driver Roy Robinson and Inspector Frank Poland. Great credit is due Alfred Wittig, Garage, and his men who did such an excellent job keeping our rolling stock going under very difficult and exasperating conditions, as well as to James Casey and his tireless, practically "indestructible" Drivers.





Mary McLaughlin spent four days, including her birthday, in New York where she was royally entertained by her sister. She saw the interesting show "Kiss and Tell."

Air Cadet Lewis Butler, son of Lewis Butler, driver in Transportation Department, was home from camp in Florida for a brief visit.

"Joe" Landerer and Ruth Koehler both had birthdays recently. Ice cream and cake were served at an informal noon party and birthday cards and best wishes were presented.

Bert Covert recently purchased a 16-foot launch with a Johnson motor. He will use it this summer throughout the waterways of this section. Together with a trailer this outfit spells lots of the Great Outdoors, fishing and happy days.



Little Ruth Dailey, now eight months old, featured Jack and Pearle Dailey's Holiday card. Ruth's mother was our first "Gale Stevens."

Bob Weir, Resident Manager, Mt. Morris, heads the Red Cross War Fund Campaign in that community.

George Aldrich, Fillmore, New Business Department, has recently been elected President of the Allegheny County Conservation Federation.

Clyde Nostrum, Nunda, Serviceman, is feeling the effects of the tobacco shortage in that he is appearing minus his usual cigar. If anyone has a few White Owls (cigars) get in touch with him.

Lt. Louis Nosco, son-in-law of Guy Chaddock, is a Navy flyer. Louis formerly worked at Station Three. He has been home on a furlough and made it a point to visit his old associates at the steam plant. Louis has had many exciting experiences. One of them was when in rough weather he was flagged in by the flight officer of the carrier but had to pull his plane short to prevent hitting another one. He has three intriguing photographs to show what happened, the last one in the episode being where men are rushing with fire extinguishers to help Louis debark. He was not seriously hurt but the bomber was sent home for repairs.

Underground foreman Charles Harter has three sons in service: Sergeant Roan Harter has been in the army for about three years, in Texas. Sergeant Charles Harter is in Cincinnati teaching WACs the technique of I.B.M. machines, while First Sergeant Russell Harter is in Germany.

Erma J. Swarouth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Swarouth is now a full-fledged first-class Storekeeper at Lambert Field, St. Louis. Erma enlisted in the WAVES in March, 1943, then went to Hunter's College for boot training and to Burdette College, Boston, for her storekeeping training.

Dale Fravel Jr., Seaman 2/C joined the Navy on his seventeenth birthday in October, 1943. He was on the U. S. Destroyer John Hood when it shelled Paramashiro and performed other exploits in Dutch Harbor in the Aleutians.

Jim "Scotty" Graham, former Domestic Department salesman, is now at the Storehouse, Front Street. He is getting real anxious to see a good soccer game. "Scotty" is a former star of the Rochester champ McNaughton Rangers Soccer team.

The engagement of Miss Alice M. Hall, Industrial Department, to S/Sgt. Lynn B. Todd was recently announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hall. Sergeant Todd is now stationed in the South Pacific.

William McLean of the Line Maintenance Department receives frequent calls for blood transfusions, type three. One day he received a call while eating lunch and immediately responded.

George Fritz, SM 2/c, USN, son of Victor Fritz, Fillmore Stores Records, recently enjoyed a thirty day furlough. While home he married Mary Franklin, teacher in Nunda Central School.



Clete Kress' associates at Front Street had a lot of fun with him every time his car refused to start last winter (and those times were plenty). Clete takes a gang home every night and so had plenty of friends to push and, worse luck, make nifty comments. For Clete, spring is sweet release from all this.

Marvin Verplank, who works spare time in a local auto accessory establishment, has been made an OPA official tire inspector. It's nice to know you, Marvin.

Floyd Miller, son of Harry Miller (and they both work at Front Street) was a Marine at Guadalcanal. Since leaving the Army because of disability he has continued to demonstrate that fine old Marine spirit. During the heaviest snowstorm of last winter Floyd walked in from his home in Webster. "They will need all of us" was how he explained it to his Dad.

Merrill Shears, Underground, has had the wonderful experience of regaining his sight after having been blind. He is temporarily in the Storehouse while regaining his full strength and vision.

Corporal Richard Diedrich recently visited associates in the Gas and Electric Building. Richard wears four battle stars, for European campaigns and one for Asiatic. Richard was dunking a doughnut in a Red Cross canteen in New

Henry Shaw, Station Three, lives in River Meadow. During the recent high water the Genesee River at its flood peak put out Henry's furnace fire and he had to borrow Red Van Horn's sump pump to pump out his cellar.

Clyde Miller, Station Three, recently celebrated his fiftieth birthday. Mrs. Miller on the Q. T. invited in for the evening some of Henry's friends and the party was a complete surprise. The party was one week late or till Henry got off the night shift. Mrs. M's chile con carne made a big hit.

The smoking room at East Station is the site of many a hot euchre game during noon lunch time. The General Construction Department has one table where the Carpenter Shop team of Max Wohlgenuth and Ed Helfer take on Messrs. Harris and Cosman.

The East Station mechanics are always a good game to kibitz. Delhi, India, when he met Chet Taft. The Corporal looks just fine. William Kolb, LeRoy Hegeman, or



There was a "shower" of good wishes and gifts just before Marianne Plehn, extreme right, left the Company to be married. With her are, left to right: Freda McAdam, Lois Tompkins, Margaret Settle, Evelyn Beidick, Frances Cameron, Evelyn Hoesterey.

Jim Ryan take on Chester Stiklaf and "Sitting Bull" Pete Billick. Pete gets his nickname because he seems always to hold the right bower until the last trick.

Marine De Smith, who has been reading meters for the past twenty years, reported for work on February twelfth with candy for the girls and cigars for the men. The celebration was in honor of Rene's twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Gertrude Rose Potter, formerly of the Adressograph Department, recently became the bride of Sgt. James V. Whitcomb. She was given in marriage by her father, Samuel Potter, of General Construction Machine Shop. A wedding breakfast at the bride's home, followed the ceremony which was performed at St. Ambrose Church by the Rev. Frank W. Mason. A reception was held later at Valley Echo. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon at Lake Placid. Sergeant Whitcomb

is the holder of the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf clusters.

Lt. Merton S. Evans, son of Hayes Evans, Coke Bins, received the Air Medal as a Christmas present following thirty-five missions in the South Pacific sector. He has been in the service over three years and till recently flew a Mitchell bomber. He is at present in headquarters service transporting officer personnel, a very interesting job, in which he meets many of the high ranking officers and commanders.

Captain Frederick Odell, son of Fred Odell, foreman of Station 35 is at Turner Field, Georgia. His present job is that of instructing flyers, many of them returned AAF combat flyers in the "new wrinkles" of the Mitchell Bomber. In three years Captain Odell has turned out more than seven hundred young pilots and has collected more than 3,600 flying hours. He is now on special assignment abroad.



Left to right, above: Dorothy McDowell, Mary Gallagher, Madeline Royce, Corporal Richard Diedrich, Bea Jensen, Florence Richter and, seated, Evelyn Diedrich, wife of Corporal Diedrich. The Corporal with 27 months overseas has been in Africa, Italy, India, China.

Esther Moore, accompanied by her mother, enjoyed a fine trip to New York recently. They saw a number of shows including Mexican Hayride, Hats Off to Ice, The Lady Says Yes; visited Radio Music Hall and enjoyed three radio broadcasts including the Kate Smith program.

There was a happy reunion at Jim Titus' home when his son, Marine Sergeant Lowell Titus (thirty-two months in the Pacific sector) flew home from Saipan. To make it perfect, another son, Robert, a flyer with the Air Transport Command got a brief pass home to make the reunion perfect.

Mary Keenan, of the Customers Billing Department, recently left for Texas where she became the bride of Corporal Daniel Vincent Ryan. Just before she left, her department gave a luncheon and shower in her honor. Mary will return after her honeymoon to her work with us.



The Chemical Laboratory, East Station, is holding up its end in vital statistics. "That bird" recently made visits to the homes of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Hulbert and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Yeaw.

The latest little Hulbert is a dandy boy and was named Thomas and came to town on February eighteenth. It was a fine little girl at the Yeaw's, named Miss Betsy.

Emory G. Powell, 96 Ellicott Street, Steam Distribution Department, was recently married to Aileen M. Callahan, 10 Werner Park. The ceremony took place in Buffalo and was performed by the Rev. Charles Braughton.



A "smile shower" for Mary Keenan given by some of her pals on second floor. Front row, left to right: Virginia Moore, Doris Newman, Charlotte Van Etten, Gloria Blakeley, Cecelia Mulhern. Back row: left to right: Kathryn McIntyre, Betty Van Etten, Monica Helfer, Mary Keenan, Betty Bruman and Ruth Costich.

Frank Leiston lives out Ellison Park way in a beautiful site overlooking the park. His specialty is raising flowers and he sure has a fine setting for it.

Howard Ellsworth, formerly of the Sodus District and now of the U.S. Army, spent a thirty-day furlough recently with his family in Wolcott.

Anthony Rogers, Gas Meter Department, lives so near the Genesee River bank south of Rochester that during high water he anchors his house to two large trees by cable. His theme song, every spring is "River Stay 'Way from My Door."

A Times Union photographer, who hadn't taken Dorothy Dake's picture since the Boston Coconut Grove fire (in which Dorothy just

missed being a casualty some months ago) sought her out recently to pose on the side of the plaque marking Rochester's high water mark on Front Street. Some wag phoned in to ask Dorothy if she could kick as high as that water mark.

Winfield Van Horn is an enthusiast for miniature railroads, model trains and such. He is a member of the local group which sponsored the recent model show at the New York Central Station, where the club regularly meets.

Carl Wittman got a nice "shiner" falling on an icy sidewalk. It was quite a shock to him when, upon arriving home that night, his little daughter, Lorraine, appeared with one of her beautiful orbs well blacked. Lorraine got hers roller skating.



R. G. and E. Women's Bowling Team. Left to right, Front Row: Doris Dean, Lillian Dewey, Phyllis Roller, Secretary Margaret Gropp, President Evelyn Hoesterey, Vice President Frances Anderson, Colleen Kimball, Dorothy Perkins, Helen Hunt, Alice Hall, Betty Meusberger, Marjorie Thompson. Middle Row: Nellie Ghysel, Marian Clark, Helen Longbine, Evelyn Grim, Margaret Settle, Marie Fredricks, Marianne Plehn, Betty Probst, Eva Feenstra, Laura Pink, Joan Lounsbury, Arline Fuller. Top Row: Jennie Cook, Margaret McCurn, Marjorie Bowen, Anna Morris, Mary Gibson, Jean Tummonds, Mildred Magin, Helen Law, Muriel Sanders, Jean Sorg, Gloria Lauber, Janet Boxwell. Missing: Treasurer Betty Simpson, Mildred Hacker, Mary Blind, Helen Moore.

# 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:** An electric curling iron. Please call Ray Patton, Meter Reading, Extension 303.

**WANTED:** Apartment, 3 to 5 rooms, furnished or unfurnished—in Kodak section or adjacent thereto. Florence Woodward, Home Service, Extension 207.

**WANTED:** Would like to buy a lawn swing in fair condition. Call Janet Strachan, Extension 560.

**WANTED:** One jig saw (in jig time if possible). Get in touch with Ralph Mason, Sodus Office.

**WANTED:** Tricycle for three or four year old child, also a cart with rubber tires. Perhaps I'm an optimist. Lew Mayeu, Sodus Office.

**FOR SALE:** A Boulevard lot in the Masonic Section, White Haven, with six graves. Will sell at cost. Andy Brostrom, Extension 370.

**WANTED:** Could you spare a three-pound vegetable shortening can (tin) with cover. Will be used to send cookies to soldiers. (Editors Note: we hope someone CAN). Please call Mrs. A. Boscher, Genesee 774-W or A. Boscher, West Station.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Have a few 3¼ by 4¼ film packs, Verichrome. We don't think they're any good. If you want to try one call Floyd Mason, Extension 438.

**FOR SALE:** Complete fireplace set, screen, andirons and standard with accessories. Black with brass trim. \$10. Aileen Laidlaw, Belmont Office.

**WANTED:** Two small tricycles. Mrs. Franklin Saunders, Sodus Office.

**WANTED:** Two breakfast sets of table and chairs. J. Landerer, Extension 382.

**WANTED:** Cart for boy about five years old. Would prefer one with metal frame and wooden top. L. Ogi, Station Three, Extension 622.

**WANTED:** To hear of someone who is able to cover (green cloth) a half-sized pool table. Floyd Mason, Extension 438. Also, have for sale a 3¼ x 4¼ film pack adapter for a Speed Graphic camera.

**WANTED:** Dead or alive, my size 9½ rubbers which someone took by mistake from Station Three, leaving me some—still bigger ones. I guess we're both unhappy. Might come in handy next fall. "Red" Van Horn, Station Three.

**FOR SALE:** Sump pump (it's some pump, too) Vertical type, automatic control, ¼ Hp., single phase, 110-volt, 60-cycle, but why go on. It's a nice sump pump and may be had at a reasonable price. "Red" Van Horn, Station Three.

*This is a Yarn from our*

## **"IT'S a SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL" DEPARTMENT**

Mrs. John C. Bigelow (Hubby is S 1/c John C. Bigelow) of Fillmore, N. Y., recently gave birth to a fine baby boy. Little Douglas John was not more than a few weeks old when Mrs. Bigelow received from Hawaii a page torn from our Jan.-Feb. issue with all the details of her baby's birth as we had published it.

She couldn't imagine how anyone in Hawaii could have received a copy of "Gas and Electric News." She knew but one service man there, Sailor H. A. Gross, a young man who is a pen-pal of hers and of our Fillmore correspondent, Aileen Laidlaw, neither of whom had sent him a magazine.

Then, our "It's a Small World After All" department investigated. Word came back that the copy of "Gas and Electric News" from which the birth notice had been extracted had been sent to one of our R. G. and E. Service Men, Joe Tranello, who formerly worked in the Gas Street Department. Joe gets it each month.

Yes . . . it is a small world, after all.

Joe Tranello passed the magazine around and all his pals read it including the pen-pal of Aileen's who sent it to Mrs. Bigelow as a "surprise."



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