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A Christmas Greeting



FOR the first time in five years we will celebrate Christmas free from the dread shadow of war. For most of us it will be the happiest Christmas since 1940 and we hope that the action of the Company in arranging for a general wage increase to help you meet advanced living costs will contribute something to your Yuletide joy and cheer.

There will be many merry reunions among our R. G. and E. family of 2,000 workers this year. More than half of the 280 men and women who served with the armed forces are back with the home folks. Some homes will be touched with sadness because eight of our men gave their lives for their country. I know that all of you join me in hoping that the bereaved families will find comfort and strength in the knowledge that the supreme sacrifice of their beloved ones has helped to make a better world for those who come after.

As we approach the holiday season I want to express my appreciation of your loyal, efficient service and your support and co-operation during the year that has passed. You are a great organization to work with and to each one of you goes my best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

HERMAN RUSSELL,
President.



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Christmas Tin Can Treats Go To Soldiers Overseas

Thanks to modern ingenuity, scientific research and our Home Service Department literally hundreds of boys will have the same kind of holiday dinner the folks at home do. When that GI of yours, who may still be overseas or in camp in this country, says "pass the turkey and cranberries" Christmas or New Years, it is a shiny new tin can

that will bring it to him.

A total of 2,122 cans of good things to eat were sealed by Verna Parmelee and Donna McChesney and other Home Service aides during the Home Service's tin can project, running from September 11 to October 15. These goodies included such unusual things as fried turkey

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This pile of tin cans are part of over 2,000 cans which were prepared and sealed by the Home Service Department for shipment to service men and women still overseas or in camp in this country. In the picture Grace Cross, left, is receiving instructions in food processing from Verna Parmelee, Home Service.

The Turkey Winners

The following employes won turkeys at the pre-Thanksgiving "Chiselers" turkey party. Here are the lucky "birds" as announced by Secretary A. C. Rissberger:

Ticket No.	Name	Department
2010	Ada Green	Gas Distribution
203	Ormond Keemer	General Maint.
1554	John Dunn	Storehouse
338	Edmund Schenk	Station 3
2305	Harlan Strahan	Fillmore
1557	Norma Fee	Storehouse
1210	Fred H. Patterson	Management
1233	Kathryn Cain	Auditing
2391	Raymond Witzel	Coke Sales
1616	John Laird	Steam Distribution
1048	William W. Killip	Meter Reading
1795	James Distefano	Gas Distribution
2282	Hollis Young	Fillmore
10	John A. Baker	General Maint.
1212	Elbert H. Freeman	Inventory Dept.
2619	25-C	Treasury
2499	H. A. Martin	Domestic Sales
2124	Frank Hubbard	Gas Distribution
2470	Joseph Santoro	Domestic Sales
2270	Arno J. Kux	Canandaigua
992	Jeanette Barr	Consumers' Book'g
78	Cy Attridge	General Maint.
2025	Muriel Oratz	Gas Distribution
246	Everett Robinson	Station 3

2368	H. A. Weitzman	Rate and Contract
2349	Fred Saddock	Stores Record
2175	Martha Tullius	Collection Dept.
326	John Purtell	Station 3
718	Richard Lee	Industrial
353	Chas. F. Daugherty	Transportation

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and chicken, creamed and fried rabbit and other game, steaks, cutlets, stews, spaghetti and meat balls, chop suey, chili con carne, peanuts, nuts, pickles, fudge and many other things, which it was never before possible to send to servicemen.

These tin can activities have been so popular that classes were again started after the overseas people were taken care of. Now, a special class is held on Thursday afternoon for any who wish to continue sending tin can food treats to soldiers more or less regularly. For further information regarding these activities please call HOME SERVICE, Main 7070.

Pack Food
IN TIN



- GET TINS HERE AT COST
- WE'LL SEAL THEM FOR YOU
- WE'LL GIVE YOU RECIPES

See Home Service in Basement

CHRISTMAS PACKAGES
for
OVERSEAS



Mail it
ON TIME

OCT.
15
LAST DAY

- WRAP SECURELY
- ADDRESS CLEARLY
- WEIGHT & SIZE LIMIT

5 pounds in weight, 15 inches in length & 36 inches in length and girth combined

R. G. and E. window display featuring Home Service activity in helping the public pack (in tin) food packages for service people overseas. This service has been so popular that it has been continued long past the period for which it was planned.



President Herman Russell receives his Forty-Year R. G. and E. Service Pin from Edward G. Miner, chairman of the Board of Directors. Because of his many years of service on our Board of Directors, Mr. Miner is also an honorary member of the R. G. and E. Pioneers Club.

The "Boss" Gets a 40-Year Pin

The Boss himself received a 40-year pin at a recent staff meeting when Chairman of the Board of Directors Edward G. Miner affixed it to his coat lapel. Mr. Miner, who has been made an honorary member of the R. G. and E. Pioneers Club because of his many years of service on the Board, spoke of his years of association with Mr. Russell, who got his first job with the Company on November 1, 1905, in the Gas Department and rose by successive stages to be Superintendent of Gas Manufacture, Assistant General Manager, General Manager, Vice-President and, since December 6, 1926, President. Mr. Russell said that whatever success he has achieved has been due to the fine support and co-operation of his fellow workers.

New Parking Facilities Relieve Traffic Jam at Front Street

During the past months traffic congestion at the Front Street yard became severe. In order to make it possible to park all the cars in that sector, to insure the safety of employees walking through the yard, to prevent car damage and ease the situation generally arrangements were made to build an additional parking lot.

This parking lot is conveniently located across from the Front and Andrews Street offices on property recently purchased by the Company. Dick Hoddick, Harvey Klumb and a few others gave this matter no little attention. The way in which it has worked out is bringing satisfaction to a great many employees.

The new lot has parking space for

71 cars, single spaced, also 11 spaces for double parking, cases where one employe parks days and another nights or similar arrangements. This takes care of the R. G. and E. passenger cars, coaches and the mileage cars, leaving needed parking facilities in the Front Street yards for heavy duty trucks, light trucks and other rolling stock.

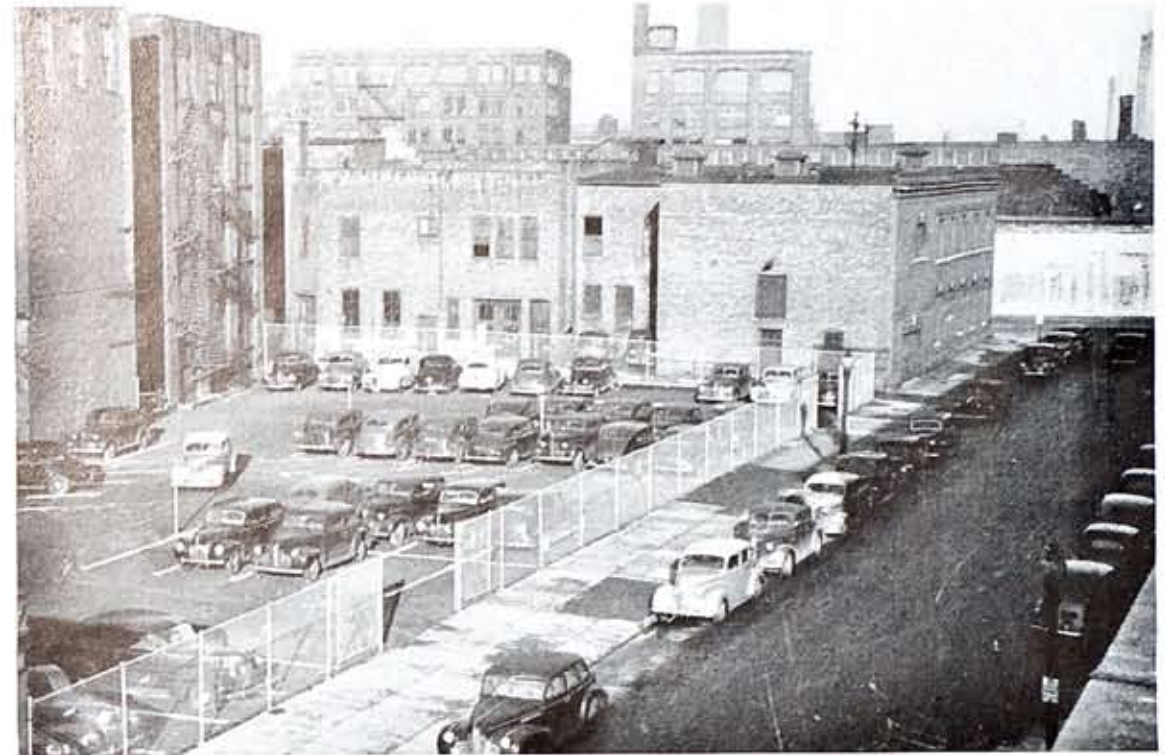
The new lot is arranged so that either the names of the drivers or the license numbers appear on plates hung on cables well above the tops of the cars. When snow comes it will be easy for the bulldozer and snow plow to work without unnecessary obstructions. Altogether it is a fine job, well planned and executed; one which answers a long felt need.

Memories

Jim Davis, Station Three, had his picture taken on Number 2 'board in 1937 with the late Vice-President Haftenkamp. Jim told us recently, "Do you know, I never even saw that picture, but I sure would like to have one".

In looking through our "Gas and Electric" photo files the other day we ran across one of these pictures and sent it to Jim, who had loaned Mr. Haftenkamp his operator's cap for the picture. This seemed to make Jim very happy.

Wherever we go about the plants we continually run into folks who speak of Joe Haftenkamp and of how much they always enjoyed meeting him. This is the kind of monument good men rear to their memories.



New parking space for Company cars at Front and Andrews Street, across from R. G. and E. office building. It has space for 71 cars single spaced with 11 spaces for double parking. Lot was designed to permit of easy cleaning off of snow in winter with bulldozer and snowplow.



Parking area in Front Street Yards which became congested and is now greatly relieved by shunting many of the passenger, coaches and mileage cars to the new parking plot directly across the street. Formerly this area was jammed with trucks and lighter cars, especially during early and late periods of the working day.



WILLIAM SHARPLES of Rochester, NY
DID THE "SIT-UP" 2000 TIMES IN SUCCESSION
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Believe It or Not :- A Rochester Champion :- By Ripley
On request, sent with stamped, addressed envelope, Mr. Ripley will furnish proof of anything depicted by him.

Bill Sharples, West Station, sits among his world's championship medals. When it comes to sitting-up exercises, Bill is a real cham-peen. Even Bob Ripley took notice of Bill's exploits some time ago and wrote him up for his cartoon.

**Bill Sharples, Citizen,
Makes Fine Contribution**

Bill Sharples isn't a big fellow, he's a lightweight in his favorite sport of weightlifting, but his contributions to the Red Cross and various other organizations during the war total to a highly commendable peak. Bill has been with the Company for about 16 years and is a coke bin operator working out of West Station.

Bill has been donating his services as orderly to local hospitals for two and one-half years. He began that work after hearing a radio plea for help delivered by Al Sigl, for the Red Cross. Since that time Bill Sharples has donated more than the equivalent of \$1,100 of his

time, often working parts of two to three nights a week, even as much as 23 hours for one week. Besides this Bill had donated 18 pints of blood.

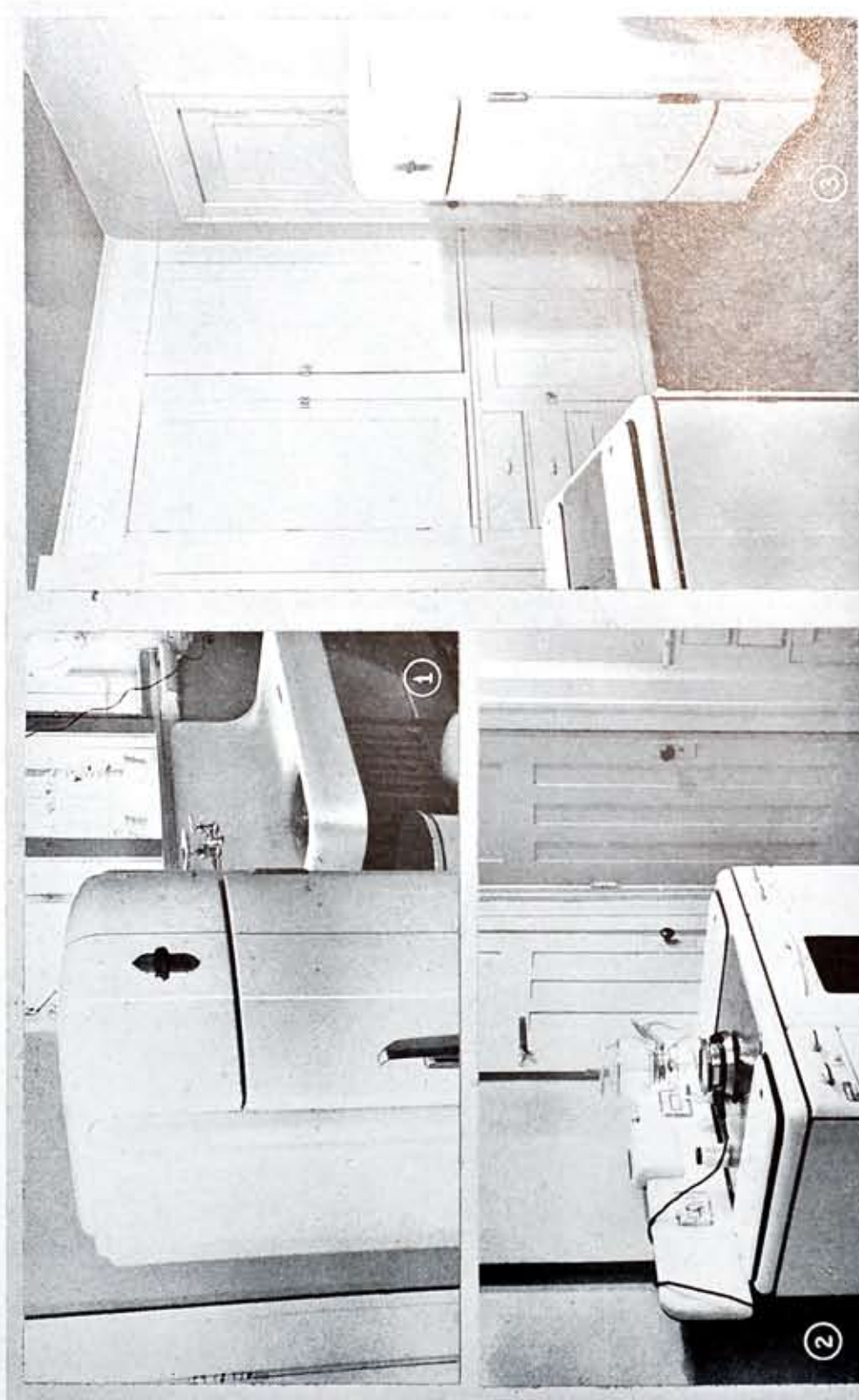
Bill holds a world's record in sit-up exercises, sitting up 2,000 times in one hour and 19 minutes. He broke the record by 200 sit-ups. He also holds the record for one-hand weight lifting, raising 155 pounds with one hand, which is some job, especially when the weight weighs more than you do. From sitting-up exercises to sitting up with a sick friend or acting as hospital orderly may be a far cry, but Bill Sharples makes it in stride and says he's going to keep on in this good work as long as he thinks he is needed.



Bill Boyce, and some of the old shaving mugs he collected. Bill has left the R. G. and E. and is now employed by the Coleman Stove and Lamp Company, Wichita, Kansas, but we know he will pursue his hobby wherever he goes for he's a real enthusiast. We had the engraving made before Bill went away so he won't be too surprised to see his own "mug" when we send him a magazine.



LeRoy Hegeman, West Station, whose hobby is collecting old clocks, with his little girl, Janet. Leroy gets a lot of fun out of it and incidentally puts a lot of his neighbors' and relatives' clocks in good ticking order. Yes, he can also make a missing cog when necessary. LeRoy's Dad is Master Mechanic Clinton Hegeman, West Station.



Figures 1, 2 and 3 are from photos taken in the kitchen of Mrs. M. E. Boss, 55 Clay Avenue, showing how it appeared before she contacted

the R. G. and E. Home Service Department and made plans for its reconversion according to modern ideas.

An Example of Home Service Kitchen Planning Activity

One of the most interesting activities of the Home Service Department these days is kitchen planning. For many years, kitchen planning has been an important part of its program, and during the last year this service has been used by more and more customers. This increased interest is due partly to the inspiration which the New Freedom Gas Kitchen on the main floor lends to those who visit it each day. This kitchen offers more than ideas for attractive, more convenient kitchens. It is unique in the fact that it shows the latest method of ventilation

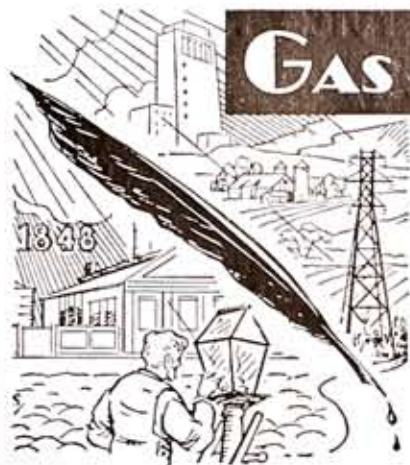
which keeps the kitchen free of grease, soil and objectionable cooking odors.

Even in this time of shortages of building materials and equipment, many of our customers have felt the need to do something immediately about improving their kitchens, and here is where the Home Service Department comes in. At the request of the customer, the Home Service girl visits the home, takes measurements and finds out what the customer wants in her new kitchen. Then she plans the new kitchen and

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This is the same kitchen as shown in views on the opposite page, after it had been given a dose of our Home Service Department's Kitchen Planning "medicine". Any readers who may be interested in converting their kitchens are invited to get in touch with the R. G. and E. Home Service Department, 89 East Avenue.



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Who's Who In Canandaigua

We are proud of the public-spirited men and women who represent us in our rural districts, so many of whose names we see in the newspapers of their home towns so frequently. They sure have done their bit during the war in many ways and will continue to take an active part in community activities. Here are some examples:

Howard Clawson: Member of the Finger Lakes Industrial Club. An ardent victory gardener, having won a prize in an R. G. and E. Victory Garden Show.

Thomas Cougevan: Vice-President of the K. of C. Building Association. A member of Rotary and a local fire company.

Lynn Booth: Director of the Ontario County Rabbit Breeders' Association.

James Barlow: Scout committeeman.

Edward Burmeister: Active in the American Legion and the New York State Guard.

Margaret Burns: Grand Regent, Court of Canandaigua, Catholic Daughters of America.

Ernest Hurlbutt: Scout leader of a local troop.

John Johnson: Member of the Canandaigua rescue squad.

Arno Kux: Assistant chairman of the Ontario County War Finance Committee. Chairman of the local Boy Scout committee.

Richard MacReady: Member of the New York State Guard.

George O'Brien: Active in the Kiwanis Club and the Finger Lakes Chess Society.

Lemabel Parry: Works with the Girl Guards, Boy Scouts and other youth organizations.

Margaret Pietropaolo: Member of the Red Cross Canteen Corps and a block leader.

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Thomas Smith: Member of the American Legion, a director of the Finger Lakes Industrial Club. Director of Kiwanis; also chairman of rehearsals and chorus of the Kiwanis Minstrels.

Ray Tanea: Active in Canandaigua fire company.

Richard Tuttle: An enthusiastic member of Victor Lions Club.

Loretta Avery: President of the Canandaigua Archery Club and a member of the Young Women's Bowling League.

Ray Wells: Committeeman Boy Scout troop. Publicity chairman Rotary Club. Director of the Salvation Army.

Phil Thomas: President of the Chamber of Commerce. Member of the Sales Executive and Rotary

Clubs, Community Chest, School Board. Chairman of the Ontario County War Finance Committee. Director of the Ontario County Tuberculosis Association. Vice-president of the Finger Lakes Association. Director of the Y.M.C.A. and a warden in St. John's Church.

Len Geyer: Member of Canandaigua Grange. Len is called on constantly by local grange to operate movie projectors. Teaches the application of electricity, one week each year, to the 4-H boys at their summer camp in the Bristol Hills.

Last month we ran a brief note about Paul Rombaut, who is chairman of a new Scout Cub Pack; but we inadvertently made a Methodist out of a very devout Catholic and is our face r-e-d! Sorry, Paul, we should have said St. Monica's Church instead of Monroe Avenue Methodist. Guess we've gotta brush up on our shorthand a bit.

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gives the blueprint to the customer. The plan is complete, as to lighting, proper work and storage space, and convenient arrangement of appliances. As new equipment appears on the market, kitchen planning service will mean more and more to all our customers.

The accompanying pictures show how one customer carried out the recommendations of the Home Service Department. It is the kitchen of Mrs. M. E. Boss of 55 Clay Avenue.



Phil Thomas, District Manager at Canandaigua, is one of the busiest men in seventeen counties. Phil's employe body also keeps busy and gives portions of its time to civic and community affairs as our article shows, to mention just a few of them.

Men's R. G. & E. Chorus Holds Dinner at Chislers

The more or less dormant R. G. and E. Men's Chorus sprang into life to enjoy a dandy chicken dinner at Chislers Camp recently. All you need do is shout "soup's on" and you can always get a good showing of those intrepid warblers. The "gang" still delights to get together. It is a habit that has grown from many years of association and even though concerts have been few and far between, the old spirit still remains.

President Elmer Smith explained the difficulty of obtaining a good pianist as well as that of getting new first tenors. Some of our former songbirds will soon be back from the service and some new recruits are anticipated. So, it was decided by vote of the Chorus to stand by till conditions and circumstances war-rant renewed activity.

Former President W. E. Hughes, former Vice-President William O'Brien and others had their say in a forum during which many things were decided to the satisfaction of those present. Director Frank Houston also gave a summary of conditions as he saw them. It was voted to get together occasionally for a social evening and feed and to exercise unused vocal cords, for fun, if for nothing more.

That brings us around to that time, many years ago, when a group of employes got together—to sing for the fun of it. Many of those same fellows are still in the Chorus. And they still get a lot of fun out of singing together. This, in itself, is well worth while.

Hugh Costich Promoted by Red Cross

Hugh Costich, formerly of Domestic Sales, has been elevated to full Field Supervisor by the American Red Cross. Hugh was one of the first Red Cross men to land on Japan. It is his third major promotion overseas in less than eighteen months.

Hugh is attached to the Eighth Army and is in charge of the entire club and canteen program planned for U. S. occupation troops stationed in Yokohama, with responsibility for welfare offices, warehouses and Red Cross installations of the five divisions coming under his jurisdiction.

In the Bougainville and Leyte campaigns, on Cebu and other hot spots Hugh built himself an enviable tradition of Red Cross service, one for which he has been highly commended. Nice going, Hugh.

Joseph P. MacSweeney Again Named for State Group

Joseph P. MacSweeney, president of the Tuberculosis and Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County, has been reappointed to membership on the New York State group's executive committee. This is his seventh successive year of service on that committee.

Mr. MacSweeney attended the first fall meeting of the group which was held at the Hotel Commodore in New York City recently. He reported on the progress made by the organization in Rochester in co-operating with the Iola Mobile X-ray Unit and the Neighborhood Health Program.

These Employes 'Cashed In' On Winning Suggestions

Winning Suggestions

From September 1 to November 1 six R. G. & E. employes are featured in our winning suggestions column below. Perhaps YOU have a suggestion in mind which you would like to present to the committee. If so, get in touch with Miss Evelyn Hoesterey, secretary of the Suggestion Committee, Personnel and Public Relations Department, who will give you further instructions.

James Cooper, Line Maintenance: Suggested equipping all single and extension ladders with a small chain above the top rung, anchored with small eye bolts, at a point where it will act as a support and with enough slack to hold the ladder rigid.

William McLean, Line Maintenance: Suggested a door on the old switchboard next to the automatic elevator on Floor B to cable chamber at Station 3 for the convenience of employes.

Clarence Grey, Line Operating: Suggested replacing certain Company truck cards (cards on trucks in September) as they were being misinterpreted by some people.

Robert Allen, West Station: Suggested making return idler pulleys for West Station conveyors instead of purchasing them, and to make them in such a manner that only the wearing surface need be replaced. This suggestion will save the Company a considerable sum each year.

Charles Drons, Station 3 Laboratory: Suggested removing thermostat in Station 3 Laboratory to Station 3 Office to more efficiently heat these two locations.

Joseph Schoenherr, General Maintenance: Suggested the erection of directional signs on all Company properties.

Sergeant 'Jippy' Makes Our Christmas Cover

Many of our cover pictures for "Gas and Electric News" have frequently presented Company employes in some activity or avocation. This month's cover is no exception. On it you see "Sergeant Jippy", who is an "employe" of some years standing, a canine (if not K-9) guard at Station Three.

"Jippy" has been a trusted guard at Station Three all during the war. Originally an "orphan", thrown from an automobile one cold night in winter, he was picked up and nursed back to life by the kind-hearted men at the station. "Jippy" is well armed, as the picture shows, with his holster and gun, even if it is a toy one. He knows, and instantly recognizes, all the men at the station and scrutinizes everyone else who appears, especially at night, with great care and official pride.

Each year the men at Three give "Sergeant Jippy" a colorful Christmas tree, well covered with nice chawing bones and other goodies dear to the heart of a little dog. "Jippy" has a sizeable bank account which the men have provided and is well enough off to retire, with honor.

We thought it suitable for "Jippy" to wish you all enthusiastic "Season's Greetings". He is very thankful for all of his many blessings and when he says, rather barks, a "Merry Christmas" at you, you can bet it comes from deep down in his little canine heart. "Jippy" has seen some tough times too and he seems to think that, this year, things are more like old times again.

When we asked "Jippy" if he was glad again to be able to get good bones without ration points, "Jippy" said: "Bow wow wow!" which, when translated, means "You're darn right!"



Anita Swarthout and her mother drove to Natural Bridge, Virginia, then on to Asheville, North Carolina, visited the Great Smokies National Park, and returned via Tennessee, coming through the famous Skyline Drive, in Virginia. They found much of interest at the Indian reservation at Cherokee, North Carolina, where they purchased some interesting souvenirs of bead work, wood carvings and native pottery, and talked to the Indians who make them. They enjoyed beautiful weather throughout the entire trip.

Thomas Cox, recently out of the army, with three years in the Air Corps with the rank of staff sergeant, is back again on Fourth Floor. It's good to see you with us once more, Tom.

James Myers, recently employed by the Canandaigua District as meter reader, and Margaret Conroy of Canandaigua, N. Y., were married Saturday morning, November 24, at St. Mary's Church. The bride is an employe of the Hickok Company, Canandaigua, N. Y., and Jimmy, who was recently discharged from

the armed forces, spent considerable time in the European theater of war.

Sgt. Theodore Avery, employe of the Canandaigua District, recently received his honorable discharge from Uncle Sam. All of us are glad to see Ted again and hope he will be back working with us soon. Ted spent much of his time overseas in Australia and Manila.

Many of the male employes in the Canandaigua District took their vacations the week of November 25. In case anyone wonders why we might say that we suspect it is because of the deer season.

Loretta Avery, following the discharge of her husband, Sgt. Theodore Avery, from the army, will leave the Company's Canandaigua Office to take up her housework where she left it in May, 1936, when Theodore left for the war zone. Ted has been in the Pacific area most of the time. Loretta will be missed both by her associates and by Company customers with whom she got along so well because of her pleasing personality and manner.

We are glad indeed to see Lt. George McGrath back at the Coke bins office. Now perhaps we can have a good softball team next year.

Alonzo Kennedy, Fillmore plant operator, was placed on the retirement roll on November 1 after having served the Company faithfully and well for 24 years.

Dorothy Fisher Brightens Unique Zonta Dinner

Dorothy Fisher was a real bright spot at the recent Classification dinner held by the Zonta Club. At this dinner each member wears or carries something to associate her with the company she works for. Dorothy took along a red transparent figurine of "Reddy Kilowatt" as her business trade-mark. Then, Lester Twichell provided her with a fluorescent lamp which Dorothy lit up whenever she made contact with a piece of metal which she had concealed at her table.

Altogether it was quite a demon-

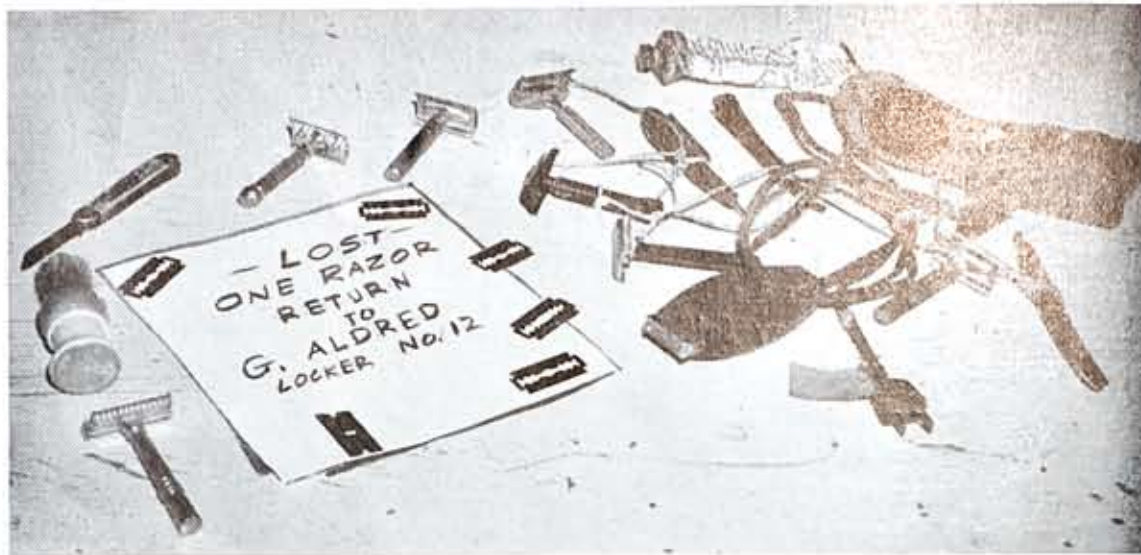
stration in which both Dorothy, "Reddy Kilowatt" and fluorescent lighting got their share of applause. We imagine that if Dorothy had sung that old familiar Sunday School song "Brighten the Corner Where You Are" she would have brought the house down. Dorothy was secretary of the Zonta Club last year.

Don Caffrey, East Station, fills every spare moment of his hours at home with interesting avocations. Don raises Dobberman Pincer dogs and Dick Henry bought one and it has already won a second prize and it's only a pup. Don also buys and sells horses and cattle and fills quite a need in his community providing farmers with their beasts.

"Gas and Electric News" received a nice letter from a serviceman commenting on how he enjoyed the personal items in the last issue. Sad to relate, however, he didn't sign his name. Was it you?



Left to right are: Harriett Pflaum, Sylvia Else and Melrose Franklin, who recently became members of the Home Service personnel. Another new personality added since this photo was taken is Mrs. Meribeth Lastrapes. Nice personnel, eh watt?



This is what Gerald Aldred, East Station, got when he advertised for his mislaid safety razor.

It seems like old times when you see Lt. Colonel Al Doud, now associated with the Personnel Department. Al hasn't lost a bit of his old pep and punch.

Roy Hegeman tells of a raven out his way that has the neighborhood in a frenzy of laughter. It lights on a roof, a clothes pole or some other handy location and takes delight in mimicking folks. It even whistles at the good looking girls. No one knows who the raven belongs to.

Jimmy Miller, Line Operation, has been missed from his 4 o'clock to midnight trick at the Front and Andrews Street offices. Jim handled line operation trouble, but had a little trouble all his own and the doc took him out of commission for a few weeks. He is at home now, but we hope he will be back before too long and help make those late hours brighter.

Robert J. Pockett, superintendent of the Appliance Division, Front Street, and for 30 years a faithful employe of this Company, died recently. Bob, as most of us called him, will be missed a lot. He was a corporal in World War I in Company D, 37th Engineers. He leaves his wife, Edith Miller Pockett; two sons, S1/c Robert J. Pockett and John Pockett, and a sister, Mrs. Thomas Miller.

Gerald Aldred, East Station, took a shave after finishing work and forgot to put his safety razor back in his locker. Next day he was minus the wherewithall to clear the fast growing stubble off his face. He made a sign reading: "Lost, one razor. Please return." That afternoon about everyone in the plant, apparently, brought Gerald an old razor, either straight edged or safety, and lots of old blades; but Gerald's favorite shaving piece is still missing. (See picture at top of page.)

Luciano Gallo, recently discharged from the U. S. Navy, has been welcomed into the Fillmore line force. Glad to have you with us, Luciano.

Mary Gibson and Laura Pink, both from the Fourth Floor, spent a very enjoyable vacation together in New York City, where they had an interesting few days sight-seeing.

Bernice "Molly" Taylor also went to New York for her vacation and enjoyed some good shows and a delightful change of scene.

Mary Belle Munn, formerly of the Fillmore Office, is now a member of the Rochester staff. She has taken over the duties formerly performed by Mary Stott in the Advertising Department.

Fillmore Office has a duet of new

office girls. They are Catherine Shaffer and Betty Voss. Welcome to our big family, Catherine and Betty.

Hollis Young is smiling proudly over the recent arrival of a fine new grandson, Hayden Ansel Young, at the home of Lieutenant and Mrs. Ansel G. Young, Richmond, California.

Cpl. Wendell Watkins, who has been in the service three years, had prospects of coming home for Christmas. They were dashed, however, when he received orders transferring him from Saipan to Iwo Jima. Previously he had been in the Mariannas.

Wendell, when he was in the Mariannas, was able to visit his Dad, who is in the Sea Bees and located on a neighboring island. Perhaps he and Dad can get together for Christmas. That would be something.



Some of the Purchasing Department girls who helped provide the "sunshine" at a shower given Jenny Cook (holding gift of cutlery) on her last day here. Left to right they are, front: Norma Agricultoso, Jenny Cook, now Mrs. Dustman since her recent marriage, Margaret McCurn and Evelyn Cross. Back row: Anita Swarthout, Margaret Lee, June Elkins, Hedy Garis and Doris DePalma.

Genesee District Employees Hold Dinner Dance

Genesee District employees with their wives and guests enjoyed a dinner dance at the Central School, Fillmore, N. Y., on the evening of November 15. More than 100 persons were at the dinner including the following guests from Rochester: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ginna, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Consler, John Fredericks and Sydney Alling.

Limited facilities kept the dinner guests to one per employe, but employes could invite as many guests as they wished for the dancing. About 200 persons participated in the dancing, music for which was provided by Gene Zacher's orchestra from Rochester.

Toastmaster Charles Gleason introduced the employes who participated in the evening's program which included remarks by District Manager Hollis Young and Vice-president Robert Ginna. Other entertainment consisted of a comedy team in violin and piano numbers composed of Leland Lafferty and Wilson Kopler, story telling deluxe by James Donohue of Genesee and a take-off on a Tom Brennerman "Breakfast in Hollywood" number provided by George Aldrich and Wilson Kopler, who also led in group singing.

Painter Ray VanDerwall holds bottle containing a cluster of grapes grown therein by the patience of Mother Nature and Louis Turano. Mother Nature did most of the work but Louis provided the bottle and the idea.



Kathryn Cain, Assistant, recently spent a week-end in Syracuse and while there saw the exciting Syracuse-Coigoate football game.

Bob Kelley, Bert Freeman, Dave Swift and Dave Swift, Jr., went deer hunting in Scottsburg, only eight miles from Bob's cottage at Conesus Lake. Bob qualified for the "Dead-eye Dick" class by bringing down an eight-point buck with a shot through the left orb. Venison dinners are in prospect.

We are glad to welcome to the Fourth Floor Virginia Whitcraft and Violet Steinmiller, both formerly from General Maintenance. Violet's husband is still overseas.

Pfc George Thorne Writes About The Beautiful Blue Danube

Pfc. George Thorne, formerly of Meter Reading, wrote to Gale Stevens thanking her for Christmas cards received. He said they would be a good jolt of direct current to his Christmas mail home. George has been in Passau, Germany, but was expecting to move into Austria soon.

George has prospects of some good skiing this winter along the Bavarian Alps, where the snow lays eight to ten feet deep on the ground. He mentions his company's rest center, housed in an ancient castle overlooking the Danube, at Oberhaus. Here, George said, are old manuscripts in the museum dating back as far as 700 B.C., with fortifications built centuries ago still in existence.

George thought the men in the Meter Reading Department would be interested in knowing that he (he calls himself an R. G. and E. Yankee) enjoyed a wonderful trip on the beautiful blue Danube, listening the while to Straus' waltzes as played by an orchestra which was aboard. Add to this the effect of moonlight on the water and you can imagine what George meant when he spoke of experiences never to be forgotten.

The boat on which this trip was taken had been a private launch of Adolph Hitler. These Yankee boys sure do get around. Good luck, George, we hope you will soon be back to our beautiful Genesee; yes, and we will try to duplicate that moonlight too. You know Rochester-made means quality.



How's that for "spuds"? Carl Cooman with some of his wonderful Sequoia potatoes going well over two pounds per tuber. Carl raised about 650 bushels and has sold many of them to employes.

Carl Cooman produced 650 bushels of fine Sequoia potatoes on about 2½ acres of ground, in his Penfield victory plot. Many employes have bought their winter "spuds" from Carl and think they're excellent.

Ann Howe and Mary Killeen, both from Fourth Floor, visited New York recently, though not together. Mary visited at the home of friends for a few days and Ann enjoyed the Thanksgiving Day holiday during the four days she was there.

Alice Longbein, Payroll Department, returned from her vacation of one month in Pennsylvania looking refreshed and rested.

Margaret Mary Pietropaolo, Canandaigua Office, recently became the bride of L. James A. Canali, a veteran of 35 months in the European theatre of war. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Michael C. J. Wall, pastor of St.

Mary's Church in Canandaigua. Numerous guests from out of town helped to form a large and appreciative audience at the ceremony and at the reception, which was for 400 persons, dinner being served at the Canandaigua Hotel for 200 guests.

The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in New York City and will make their home in Canandaigua.

Jack Dailey, George Johnson, Carl Cooman and Frank Macey all blossomed out in colorful new neckties following the recent bridge party of the Anna D. Hubbell chapter of the Y.W.C.A. held at that institution's auditorium. Jack Dailey also won a set of tile table coasters. Mrs. Dailey (remember, our Pearle) organized this Hubbell Chapter and promotes a bridge party once each year, the money going to make possible summer camp vacations for deserving girls.

Speed Fiend: "It's great speeding along like this. Don't you feel glad you're alive?"

Passenger: "Glad isn't the word; I'm amazed."



Mrs. Edith Russell, Company Nurse, located at the West Station First Aid Center, who hails from Webster, and came to us from Highland Hospital.

The TRADING POST

FOR SALE: Mahogany Victrola, console type (you wind it), good condition and reasonable. Call evenings, Genesee 5761-M.

WANTED: A piano bench, preferably walnut. Please call Arthur Klick, Ext. 372, West Station.

FOR SALE: Sequoia potatoes, excellent quality, cook mealy and nice, all homegrown in victory garden. These potatoes are selling fast, but there still are enough to supply a few more R. G. and E. employes. Reasonable deliveries made. Carl Cooman, Ext. 509, or 28 Woodrow Avenue.

WANTED: A No. 127 Eastman Kodak or similar camera for young serviceman overseas. Please call Kitty, Ext. 580.

FOR SALE: Outgrown, but in good condition, several dancing suits for girl about size 4 or suitable for girl around 8 to 10 years old, white and green, orchid and pink, etc. Also a rose evening wrap of white corduroy with hood, almost new. One drum majorette's suit, blouse and skirt, white and gold and a few other items for young girl. Call Mrs. Joseph Forsythe, 21 Lozier, phone Genesee 5502-R.

FOR SALE: Apron sink and drain board. Call Wilkins, Ext. 398.

FOR SALE: Electric iron in good condition. Reasonable. Just call Ext. 471.

FOR SALE: Black leather over-stuffed easy chair, an antique love-seat and a set of ladies' golf clubs, reasonable. Call Genesee 5761-M.

FOR SALE: One nice red pony "dog cart", easily worth \$20. Because one wheel needs a rubber tire, the price is only \$10. Schuyler Baldwin, Ext. 265.

FOR SALE: All metal coaster cart, Hart model, for \$5. Just what your child probably wants. Also have old cuckoo clock. Call Culver 4456-M.

FOR SALE: Electric coffee urn, like new. George Lyon, Ext. 265.

WILL TRADE: Will trade a pair of nice tube skates, size 1½, with shoes, for similar skates and shoes, size 4. Carl Winterroth, Ext. 334.

WANTED: Two switches for operating electric train, either manually operated or electric, standard gauge. Call Friga, Ext. 594.

WANTED: Would like to get a good sunlamp, General Electric preferred, for a sick person. Please call Floyd Mason, Ext. 527.

WANTED: Oil burner, pot type, for home (space heater). Prefer either Florence or Duo-Therm. Call Margery, Ext. 302.

WANTED: Electric Victrola and possibly some nice records for young woman studying music. Call Betty, Ext. 240.

FOR SALE: Some nice German shepherd dog puppies. Call Mac, Ext. 265.



Santa Claus is Back with His Reindeers and Pack



IF YOU HAVE small children in your family they will be glad to learn that Good Old Santa Claus is back again this year with his trusty reindeers. He will follow the same routes he knew so well before the war and will arrive at your home sometime in the wee sma' hours of morning. "Just when", said Santa, "I ain't a sayin'."

Santa Claus told us that it has been a tough year to get things made for his Christmas pack, but that he and Mrs. Santa Claus have enough made up to bring lots of happiness to most of the youngsters on his list. He stated that by next year he hopes there will be an end of strikes and labor troubles and that his stock of good things for the home, including gas and electric appliances, ranges, refrigerators and many other items will be available for the thousands of families throughout this country who need them so badly. Oh yes, as he went back to his work Santa Claus wished all of us a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Light after Darkness

This is our brightest Christmas in a long, dark time. The lighted trees—the glowing windows that greet night with cheerful challenge—are shining symbols of the passing of war's shadow.

There is radiant happiness in family gatherings this year. Men are coming home from the war. And those who hear their Christmas carols under strange skies are closer, nearer to home than they have been in a great while.

And sometime during Christmas Day let us pause in our own merrymaking to offer a prayer and shed a tear for those families whose ranks have been invaded by the grim hand of war.