



BEAUTY TREATMENT for BACKWARD GARDENS



Photo sent from Pacific Area by Signal Corps Photo Captain Gardiner Mason

We Only **INVEST . . .**
While They **GAVE THEIR ALL!**

The Mighty Seventh War Bond Drive received consistent support from R. G. and E. employes, so many of whom take this form of investing as both an obligation and an opportunity.

Many have died for their country, away from home and friends, on foreign soil. That is total giving, the ultimate in self-sacrifices. Can we, then, do less than our full share in ALL War Bond Drives?



**LET OUR GIVING BE A TRIBUTE TO
THEIR FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION!**

A Letter to GI-Joe

Hello GI-Joe. We have a little secret we'd like to pass along to you.

All the folks we contact are very proud of you and tell us many little stories gleaned from your letters which are always so welcome. Some of your letters get around quite a bit and really help to keep up our home front morale. We know that what you are doing for your country and for us is priceless. We can never thank you enough for your many sacrifices.

You may not realize, GI-Joe, just how stimulating YOUR letters are to us. It works both ways, we guess; you, we know, get a lift from the letters we here send to you. We know, however, that you often find it harder to write because of the ordeals you must go through; we have little excuse for not keeping you well-written-to. When your letters arrive, there is great happiness among us.

And so, GI-Joe, write when you

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Dorothy Dake, Vera Augenstein, Betty Tiede, Dorothy Garrett and Jean McLaughlin all from the Front and Andrews Sector, were feeling mighty happy when this photo was taken. Each had just received a letter from a "boy friend" overseas. They all do their full share in keeping letters consistently going "over there." DO YOU?

Junior Baby Bonds Strengthen Mighty Seventh Drive

Mrs. Bessie Z. Crum, who has been very active all through the war in sales of U. S. War Bonds and stamps has been featuring the Junior or "Baby Bonds" to add strength to her accomplishments in the "Mighty Seventh" War Loan Drive. A purchase of a bond by or for a child up to about thirteen years of age entitles the buyer to a very interesting Walt Disney certificate in color, with purchaser's name inscribed by the War Finance Committee of the U. S. Treasury Department. These certificates make an attractive picture for a child's room when framed.

Honor Roll

Mrs. Crum also keeps a child's Honor Roll on the wall near her desk on which names of children buying "Baby Bonds" are inscribed. Our pictures show a few of the Company folks who have purchased these bonds for the boys and girls in their families.

Bessie Crum realizes the great importance of War Stamps as "feeders," so to speak. Many of her customers buy stamps regularly and regularly turn them eventually into Bonds. Two of her prime stamp customers are Byron Barley, Office Maintenance Department, and Jake Calderon, of the Collection Department. The seemingly small sales Mrs. Crum makes from her desk on Main Floor build up unbelievably fast. The resulting Bonds which eventually materialize from this classification of sales is quite a large factor in maintaining consistent sales. It will be appreciated when it is known that in Rochester there are about forty stamp and bond booths in which total sales will average upwards of \$50,000 per month.

Mrs. Crum Busy as a Bee

When you want a real good job done—take it to a busy woman. Mrs. Crum has made such a fine

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June Mielke, left, with her mother, Isabel Mielke. Telephone service, has big plans for the future in which U. S. War Bonds play an important part.



Burton Frederick Ringelstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ringelstein, is very proud of his Disney Bond Certificate.



David Roy Fulton, left, with his Dad, Lorne Fulton, is an ardent stamp buyer, and sure knows a good investment.



Byron Barley, Maintenance, is one of Bessie Crum's best U. S. War Stamp customers and he has piled up a very attractive collection of bonds this way.



Little Michael Nolan, and his sister Anne, children of Mr. and Mrs. James Nolan. Michael knows a good thing when he sees it—War Stamps to turn into BONDS.

Winning Suggestions

For the month of May fourteen R. G. and E. employees 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 Hoestery, Secretary of the Suggestion Committee, Personnel and Public Relations Department, who will give you further instructions.

William J. Neary, Line Maintenance; suggested placing Subway Map Numbers on the Line Distribution Maps after the Street name. Saves time for the Line Operator.

Thomas Clarke, Line Operating; suggested the installation of a Test Circuit at Station 42 which will save time when tests are needed or temporary lights are required.

Earl Dennis, Engineering - Record Drafting; suggested combination of filing system of material on underground jobs of two departments.

Andrew Brostrom, Electric Meter and Test; suggested the use of a commercial prefabricated service box.

Albert Koehler, Line Operating; 1. Rearranged Line Operating Report Form O. D. 79 to give additional information and to eliminate extra writing. 2. Prepared form for the recording of service interruptions which will permit a better analysis of the causes of trouble and the places where most trouble occurs.

Henry Magin, Steam Division; suggested the addition of a chain to the wheels of No. 3 and No. 6 by-pass valves to more efficiently and safely operate them.

John J. Kramer, Steam Division; suggested the installation of a telephone on the Main Floor of Station 33.

Henry Wilson, Electric Station Maintenance; designed a device, the use of which will enable rapid assembling of commutator bars with mica insulation.

Leon White, General Maintenance Department; suggested change of design in connection with the high and low level reference pipes in the five high pressure boilers at Station 3 to permit removal of these pipes for repair and replacement with a saving in labor and safer operation.

Frank Sisca, Gas Distribution; 1. suggested the use of aluminum tubing to replace steel pipe on Lloyd Regulator installations. 2. Suggested equipping emergency trucks with long handle valve key wrenches.

Thomas H. Ludlow, Electric Station Maintenance; suggested the correction of an unsafe condition at Station 5 in regard to the passenger elevator.

George F. Gleason, Electric Station Maintenance; suggested assigning numbers to the disconnecting switches used to sectionalize the 11 KV Bus at Station 42.

Arthur G. Walton, Electric Meter and Test; constructed an improved "Test Kit" for Electric Meter Testers.

Henry Genthner, Electric Station Maintenance; suggested training some of the Electric Station Maintenance men in the use of cutters and welders.

Three Weeks Vacation For All Employees With 20 Years Of Service

The application of the R. G. & E. Management for permission to liberalize the company's vacation plan has been approved by the salary stabilization agencies of the United States government, according to a bulletin sent out by Vice-President Joseph P. Haftenkamp. As the result all employees who have passed the 20-year service date, or who will reach it any time during 1945, are entitled to three weeks vacation with pay instead of the usual two weeks which is given to all other workers. The extended vacation periods, of course, are to be arranged to conform with the schedules set up in advance by each department.

Peace of Neighborhood Disturbed

Some call it love, a male woodpecker calling for its mate. Others in the quiet Hillside Avenue neighborhood call it a lot of other things, especially the woodpecker whose antics kept folks awake and gave a Line Maintenance crew one of their unusual jobs. We went out to get a picture of the trouble men trying to remedy a difficult situation. Incidentally, folks thought it was real nice of our Company to try to put the quietus on this unruly bird, whose love taps, we trust, are silenced at least till another mating season comes around.

The woodpecker was wont, daily, beginning at 6:30 A. M. to light on one of our distribution poles and rat-tat-tat away at a moulding covering some wires. He kept this up till dusk or later. The noise was tough on war workers sleeping days and on a sick man who tried to sleep a bit day-times. The moulding acted much as a string on a banjo, vibrating

against the pole with a great din. What the linemen did was to remove the moulding temporarily and hope that the bird would not try his stunt on another similar pole not too far away.

Apparently the work done by linemen Tom Clark, foreman, and John Sheehan was successful. Either that or the woodpecker has sung his final love song for the season. John Sheehan said he wouldn't mind if some public spirited woodpecker would peck away on a pole in front of his home every morning at 6:30, alarm clocks being so hard to obtain.

Some of the children in the Hillside Avenue neighborhood will miss this old bird, for they used to watch him all day long as he did his curious courting. No one ever did see the female woodpecker answering her mate's call; but perhaps he was only dating her up for some future rendezvous out Ellison Park way, by remote control. Oh well, all's well that ends well.

John Sheehan and Tom Clark, foreman, get out their hammers and give the troublesome woodpecker a dose of his own medicine—noise. When last seen the bird was scolding furiously over the rights of a utility to interfere with the love life of a woodpecker.



Prize Specimen of Bad Wiring

"Faulty wiring thought to be the cause of the fire."

How often we have read that sentence in a newspaper. Now we know how bad faulty wiring can be. Our picture shows the ingenious device used by some unknown "inventor" to act as insulator for "wiring" carrying electricity from one part of a house to another.

This "prize package" was found by wireman James Young, of Belmont, N. Y., before it could do anything more dangerous than cause radio disturbance. It should be an object lesson to any budding amateur electricians who think they can outsmart the Board of Underwriters.

This contraption consists of nine and one-half feet of a cord known as Lays-Flat which is intended for use as an extension cord

under a rug, also three United Brand evaporated milk cans, five pieces of Union Leader Pipe tobacco cans, and three sections of flattened tin cans. These cans and pieces of tin were used to insulate the wire from the wooden rafters in the cellar to which it was held in place by small brads and pieces of bell wire driven through the conductor.

Harold W. Nichols Elected Head of Accountants

Assistant Treasurer and Auditor Harold W. Nichols was recently elected President of the Rochester Chapter, National Association of Cost Accountants, at their meeting, held at the Hotel Seneca. He succeeds Harold E. Rowles of the Stecher-Traung Lithographic corporation.



Aileen Laidlaw, left, our Belmont correspondent, and Lynn Mathern, Belmont Office Manager, with the queer contraption used for insulator in transmitting electricity through wiring from one part of a home to another.



Mt. Morris Manager Bob Weir, newly elected President of Mt. Morris Chamber of Commerce.

Bob Weir Elected President Of Mt. Morris C. of C.

Bob Weir, R. G. and E. Manager at Mt. Morris, was recently elected President of the revived Mt. Morris Chamber of Commerce. That organization had been dormant for several years, but recently some of Mt. Morris' business men called a meeting to reorganize it.

Although Bob is also local Chairman of the Committee on Economic Development (CED) for Livingston County, which is the first in the State to get its committee functioning, he is greatly interested in his new responsibility and we know he will do a real job.

Lt. Thomas J. McHugh Home After Story Book Experience

A happy ending of Lt. Tom McHugh's long war story was written recently when he came home, where he could talk freely of his many war adventures. Lieutenant McHugh's exploits have received prominence in local papers, which detailed how he, a bombardier on a B-17 Flying Fortress, was shot down with his crew over Innesbruck, Germany, on December 19, 1943, and of how he spent more than a year in German hospitals and prison camps.

Escapes from Germans

Tom and three American buddies slipped away from their Nazi captors some time before the Allied "push" into Germany, while on a forced march. They eluded the Germans till the forces of the Seventh Army caught up with them fifteen days after their getaway, after having hidden in a forest and receiving food from a friendly family. This factor was an element in their decision to stick it out until they could be liberated. Tom was formerly employed at the Coke Bins.

Jim Kauweel's Gallon Good to the Last Drop

James Kauweel, Lineman at Wolcott, recently became a member of the Blood Donors Gallon Club. When Wayne County discontinued their blood bank, Jimmy lacked but one contribution to make him a member of the Club.

Nothing daunted by the bank's closing, right in his face you might say, Jim jumped into his jalopy and drove posthaste to Rochester, making his contribution just before the Rochester blood bank went out of business.

Jimmy—that's "tops" in any man's country. You can wear your button with special pride and satisfaction.

Poor Weather Points Need for More Home Gardens

Herb Ringelstein

Are you discouraged over the weather and the prospect for your home garden? If the answer is "yes" you are just one of thousands and thousands of Victory Gardeners in this country. Being discouraged and giving up, however, are two entirely different things. Few of our people here in the Rochester Gas and Electric will fail to come through as usual, harder though this task may be this year. Yes, we WILL have our home gardens but they will be delayed by weather conditions.

Big Job Ahead

The U. S. A. has the job of feeding its own people; also of helping to feed the people of Europe. Even with a bumper crop there would not be enough food to do this job adequately. Farmers are handicapped by a very late start and much of the "slack" in the food situation must be taken up by home gardeners. And don't forget that it may be difficult for you and your family to get farm products, so that a home garden is

practically a "must" if you are to get your share of vitamins.

Still Plenty of Time

Yes, there's still time for everything but peas. Plan to grow your full share of the "big three": tomatoes, green or wax beans and carrots. Then supplement these with other vegetable items to suit your own individual taste. You'll be surprised what little difference this late start may make in the final analysis of your garden success. So, let's forget this bad late-start psychology and get down to real brass tacks (slang for hard work).

Pheasants Can't Read

Herb Ringelstein says some of Bill Weaver's educated pheasants eat up his newly planted corn irrespective of the sign reading "VICTORY GARDEN." Other gardeners, many of them, are wondering if they should or should not remove the side sucker growth on stalk or leave it alone. Ernie Huntington says "It sounds like extra work to me" and Cornell plant experts agree.

Those Pesky Rabbits

Many gardeners agree that a fence around their garden is a fine thing, especially if it can be arranged to keep in the rabbits. Our Home Service Department can provide an excellent routine for fried rabbit, which is a welcome change of pace from all the beef and chicken we are glutted with these days.

Word From Your Committee

Seriously, your R. G. and E. Victory Garden Committee feels it



"REDDY KILOWATT" says: "Now is the time to get in some good licks in your home garden, for FUN, for FOOD, for HEALTH and for TOTAL VICTORY."

should be able to double the present registration of about 300 Victory Gardeners during the month of June or early July. Your registration will automatically keep you posted on developments here, provide helpful tips, literature, etc. And—DON'T FORGET THE VEGETABLE SHOW (late August or early September). Advance notice will go on bulletin boards this month summarizing classes of exhibits, prize lists, etc. The committee has planned to provide for a greater participation this season by more than doubling the number of classes. This means you'll have a better chance to win a good prize. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Hilton's J. Harlan Cooper A Very Busy Man

R. G. & E. District Manager, J. Harlan Cooper, of Hilton, is a very busy man. Harlan is Chairman of the Seventh War Loan Drive for the town of Parma, and assisted in raising a quota of \$100,000 from individuals in that sector.

Manager Cooper was also one of a committee of two in charge of Memorial Day Services conducted at Parma Union Cemetery. Following a very interesting program dinner was served by the American Legion and Girl and Boy Scout organizations by the Legion Auxiliary.

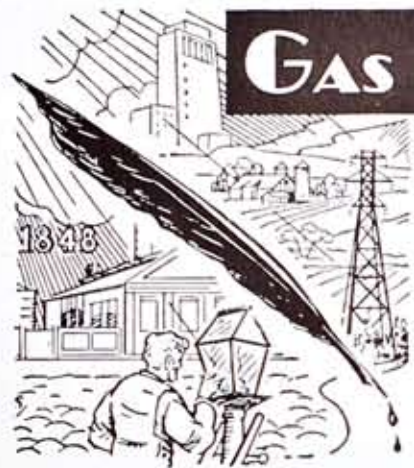
Harlan recently resigned as President and Manager of the Hilton Telephone Company. This company was organized by the late J. E. Cooper, Harlan's father, in 1902, who served as president till his death in 1935, when Harlan succeeded him and managed the business till now.

Synchronously with his resignation, Mr. Cooper announced that the Rochester Gas and Electric will have an office in the former Fraser Building. After its establishment, gas and electric bills for the Hilton District will be payable at the new office rather than at the Mikel store, where they have formerly been received.

Sign in maternity ward: "No Children allowed."

Versatile Jim Donohoe

Jimmy Donohoe, our R. G. and E. representative in Geneseo, as many of us know, is a fine speaker. His prowess in this direction is being well utilized these days. Jimmy is Chairman of the Speakers' Bureau for War Bonds in the Livingston County bailiwick, also Chairman of the Geneseo branch of the American Red Cross and in between times he is a Second Lieutenant in the New York State Guard, Company J. All this comprises a fine contribution. Nice work Jim.



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Says Free Enterprise Is Best System Yet

It is true that under free enterprise, we have had depressions and people have been underpaid, children exploited, and injustices perpetrated. But are conditions better in the countries where there is no free enterprise? In those countries, the government is master, the people servants. You cannot choose your job. You may be sent to work a thousand miles from home, at a moment's notice, and ordered to leave your family behind.

You may not own any private property without permission of the government. Your time and activities are scheduled for you. You cannot improve your living conditions, study for a profession, or even try to ennoble yourself spiritually, unless the official stamp is put upon you. If you did give up your job without permission, you would be shot or imprisoned. If you criticized your boss, which is the government, you'd meet the same fate.

It is scarcely necessary to point out how different our way of life is, how great the benefits to the individual under our system of free enterprise. One of those benefits is the inalienable right to own property. Here's an illustration:

You want a vacuum cleaner. You may save your money to buy it from household expenses, earn the money by working, get it as a gift from your husband, or even win it as a prize. The cleaner belongs to you. The government cannot tell you that Mrs. Jones around the corner is to have the cleaner twice a week from two to four o'clock. If you wish to, you may lend it to Mrs. Jones. You may exchange it, give it away, or even rent it out by the hour. The system of free enterprise gives you the right to obtain that vacuum cleaner, the responsibility of owning it, the privilege of using it in any way you see fit. (Editorial in True Story Magazine).

General Maintenance Carpenter Shop

General Maintenance Carpenter Shop, at East Station, does much special work for many Company departments. Adjacent to the General Maintenance Machine Shop and Blacksmith Shop, it provides the woodwork for many custom-made devices and much equipment for which the other two shops do the heavy hardware.

Special pattern work, oak division boards for coke trucks, line truck bodies, housing boxes for welding apparatus, tool boxes, wooden oxide trays or grids for the gas purification towers are made here as well as many other things. Among the important items constructed here for many years are the heavy duty ladders used in line work, and painting, as well as ladders for numerous special purposes.

Safety Paramount

Some years ago serious ladder accidents were all too frequent. The Safety Department in collaboration with General Maintenance, however, practically eliminated ladder failure by designing and building our own ladders. The record shows how effective this ground work has been.

R. G. and E. ladders have Douglas Fir rails and Hickory rungs. They are heavier than ordinary ladders often used for the same purposes elsewhere. Each ladder is thoroughly tested before it is put into use and then maintained in workmanlike fashion.

Always Room At The Top

"There's always room at the top of the ladder" is the slogan which

has kept our ladder maker, Art Rosin, inspired for over twenty years in which he has made more than 600 ladders of many varieties.

The Carpenter Shop is under the supervision of John Fredericks, head of the Engineering Department. Mr. Fredericks' first and second lieutenants are Bill Dewey and Johnny Baker.

Letter to GI-Joe

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can. In between letters we'll try to see that you are well provided with the tools of war and keep the home fires burning till you return again to us. Let's hope it may not be too long distant. Till then, take care of yourself and now, in closing, let us sign off with—Lovingly Yours, your Home Front Folks.



Art Rosin, ladder maker extraordinary, has turned out over a mile and one-quarter of ladders, using about five miles of hickory, fir and other woods, yet—his ladder is still growing.



Marian Kraft, left, and Marge Thompson quietly leave to Attend VE-Day Services



Thousands of Rochesterians including many R. G. and E. Employees Gathered at Main Street and East Avenue for VE-Day Services



Flyer's wife, with little girl, on Fringe of Main Street Crowd drinks in newspaper's message of - - VICTORY

High Spots of VE Day

V-E-Day was celebrated quietly in the R. G. and E. No hilarity marred the quiet dignity of the occasion, so long awaited. Many departments did their usual stint of work, all day and did it better because of the lift in their hearts. Others of us quite work in mid-afternoon, some to go home, others to seek the quiet precincts of their churches, to pray.

Among the happiest folks here were R. G. and E.

wives of soldiers in the European zone, whose hearts beat quite a bit faster because they thought—soon, I shall have HIM home with me again and we can start in life anew. Now that we've had our VICTORY over the alleged super-men, all hands at R. G. and E. are busy as bees to bring closer that VJ-Day, Victory over the fanatical Japs and, we hope and pray—PEACE throughout the world.



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**Sergeant Theodore Avery
Writes of Manila**

Mrs. Loretta Avery, clerk in the Canandaigua Office, recently received a very interesting letter from her husband Sgt. Theodore Avery located in Australia. Of special interest was Ted's ten-day trip by plane to Manila. He described, so interestingly, the devastation of that once beautiful city. He said, "They now have a city that is characterized by rubble heaps, burnt-out shells of buildings, torn-up pavements, tottering walls and smashed bridges. Much is being done to restore facilities as rapidly as possible, but "it's a big job."

**Death of Lt. Paul A. Nachtwey
Confirmed**

Lt. Paul A. Nachtwey, formerly of the Line Operating Department, was officially declared to be dead by the War Department. He had been missing in action over Germany since last December, and we had hoped that we might eventually hear that he had been liberated by advancing Allied Armies.

Paul came to work for us in June, 1936. He entered service in November, 1942 and went overseas last October as a navigator in a bomber. Paul married a young woman in Monroe, Louisiana before he went overseas. He leaves his father, Peter Nachtwey, 212 Tremont St., and two brothers and a sister all of whom are in the service of their country.

Song of The Pioneer

Carl Ayen

Our Pioneers they fool you so
It's hard to tell just who to know
Belongs to that particular group,
They are not feeble, do not stoop.

But if it's dancing, work or sings
You'll find them in the thick of things,
And if a job there's to be done,
You'll find them doing it—by gum.

And when this war is finally over,
The Pioneers will be in clover,
Their pensions sure will come in handy,
And all will be just fine and dandy.

And when the northern wind does blow,
They can go south, where there's no
snow,

Sit in the sun, an' get a tan,
And catch some fish for their fryin' pan.

And what better could anyone ask,
After they've finished—
Their working task?

Wall Paper in Kitchens

When the R. G. & E. opened its New Freedom model kitchen last fall the walls were covered with a particularly attractive pattern of wall paper. Visitors to the kitchen admired it so much that they swamped the Rochester store where it was obtained and the district representative made a special trip to the city to find out what had started the rush. The reason for wall paper in the kitchen, which is not a common practice, is to show how clean the kitchen is with its modern ventilating system which removes dirt and cooking odors.

**R. G. & E. Service Men 'Spot' Recent
Friday Meeting**

A large and enthusiastic gathering of their fellow employes turned out at a recent "Friday Morning Meeting" to honor by their presence six R. G. and E. Service Men who happened to be with us at one and the same time. The six were: Michael Farmen, Merchant Marine G. M. 2/c (returned from service); Earl Waltman, A.M.M.H. 3/c, Gas Distribution, in service 16 months, but who is now back at work with us; Wm. Makey, E.M. 2/c, Electric Distribution, Minesweeper, operating in the Atlantic; Darwin Hoag, Merchant Marine, East Station, has had eight months on troop transport service; Lt. Thomas McHugh, Coke Bins, returned Prisoner-of-War from the German Sector and Lt. John McConnell, Service Department, with 26 months at Guadalcanal.

Vice President Joseph Haftenkamp was in charge of the Friday

Meeting and after some preliminary matters had been taken care of he turned the meeting over to DeWitt Pike, who presented the Service Men one by one. They received quite an ovation for everyone was hungry to see them again.

Lt. McHugh Tells War Experiences

A large part of the meeting was given over to Lt. McHugh, who detailed to us some of his highly exciting experiences as a German war prisoner, who eventually escaped on a forced march, lived in the woods for many days and was finally liberated by the men of the Seventh Army. Tom did a nice job. He has the knack for making a thing interesting, and like all American Service Men he has a fine sense of humor. It was a decidedly interesting meeting throughout. We only hope we may soon see more and more of our men back—to stay.



Left to right, Michael Farmen, Merchant Marine; Earl Waltman, A.M.M.H. 3/c; Wm. Makey, E.M. 2/c; Darwin Hoag, Merchant Marine; Lt. Thomas McHugh and Lt. John McConnell.

Junior Baby Bonds Strengthen Mighty Seventh Drive

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record in all her work that she is frequently called upon for special work at patriotic meetings, bond meetings and to secure young women for ushers and to do other essential work in bond activities. Among those who have been on call and have done a good job in this connection are the following R. G. and E. women: Anne J. Lovatt, Dorothy Paliotti, Margaret George, Margaret Settle, Helen Dimick, Arlene White, Jean Conner, Grace W. O'Brien, Grace J. Cross, Florence Phillips, Dorothy Letson, Harriet Fauth, Iva Ford, Lottie Carona, Charlotte Boniface, Mary K. Ryan, Marie Patton, Bea Schroeder, Doris Dean, Ethel J. Lovatt.

Besides Booth Captain and special project work, Mrs. Crum is well known for her activity in the Business and Professional Women's Club, now Recording Secretary of the State Association. She is also a member of the Rochester War Finance Committee and Chairman of the Hostel Committee for American Youth Hostels, Inc.

Joseph P. MacSweeney Pioneer In Many Activities

Joseph P. MacSweeney has again been elected President of the Rochester Tuberculosis and Health Association and the Rochester Legal Aid Society. He has been President of the former for five straight years and of the latter for fifteen successive years and is a charter member of the Board of Directors of both organizations.

Mr. MacSweeney's contributions in time and intelligent effort for Rochester, along lines of public health and social well being are unusual. He is a charter member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Public Relations Committee of the Rochester Hospital Service Corporation, also one of the two advisers to the Executive Committee of this organization by appointment of the President.

Mr. MacSweeney is a charter member of the Board of Directors of the Monroe County Fair Committee; Secretary of the R. G. and E. Pioneer Club since its inception; a member of the Executive Committee of the Tuberculosis and Health Division of the State Charities Aid Association; member of the Health Division Committee of the Council of Social Agencies; member of the National Catholic Conference on Social Problems; member of the New York State Conference on Social Work; member of the Health Conservation Committee of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Monroe County Mental Hygiene Society.

EMPLOYEES OF THE COMPANY can save quite a bit of time when they need Money Orders by getting them on Main Floor from the Community Savings Bank. Savings Bank Money Orders are there available for the paying of bills, a receipt being furnished with each money order, which are issued in amounts up to \$250.

Our Cover Picture

Our front cover for June shows three R. G. and E. girls giving a beauty treatment to a backward garden. Charlotte Van Etten, left, has been using a reading glass in an effort to anticipate some of the seeds which have been afraid to peep above the ground because of cold, rainy weather. In center is Betty Bruman, who thinks that if a heat lamp is good for anything at all it ought to make garden stuff—step on it. And, right, is Ruth Costich, who is all set to get the first bug that makes its appearance.

The backward garden seemed to like the form our beauty treatment took. At least, it liked the R. G. and E. form of pulchritude and surely ought to do better after the nice going over it had at the hands of our girls.

"Sea Dog" Boyer Has Birthday

Fritz Boyer, Front Street, reads the war news with avid interest. He entered the U. S. Navy as apprentice as a mere boy, before the Spanish-American War. When the U. S. Battleship Maine was blown up, Fritz was off the Florida coast on maneuvers. The Main had been in his fleet division.

From then on Fritz lived an exciting life, traveling to the Philippines, Cuba, Africa, making surveys off the China coast. The birthday card shown herewith, Fritz sent to many of his old seafaring Buddies, and received answers from all over the world.



Small reproduction of anniversary card sent out by Fritz Boyer, Front Street, to his old Buddies of the Spanish-American War.

Like Dogs ?

If you see any nice little dogs following Frances Cameron along the street it may be because they know she is their true friend. Frances recently wrote an article about dogs and their care to read before a group to which she belongs. Every dog has his day, 'tis said, and that is seven days a week with Frances. If you have a little dog, or a big one, in your home, ask Frances to let you read her article.

Salute for Freda McAdam

Freda McAdam, Personnel Department, was paid a fine tribute on McCurdy's Journal of the Air radio program recently over WHEC. In saluting Miss McAdam the announcer called attention to her 685 hours of service as a hospital aide over the last five years. "She has a sympathetic and understanding nature and a cheerful personality that makes her visits to the sickroom an antidote for gloom and depression" said the head of one of the local hospitals about our Freda.



Gordon L. Calderwood was recently installed as Chairman of the Rochester Chemical Engineering Society.

Frank Schmitt, President of the Rochester Safety Council, is rather proud of the award the City of Rochester recently received from the National Safety Council in view of its safety record (for cities of its class). Frank is now finishing up his season's work as Chairman of the Western New York Section of the Illuminating Engineering Society.

First Fish Story

Jim Ryan, East Station, wanted to get away from it all for a few days. He had "fishing fever." So, he left the gas house gang and went up into Canada for about three hundred miles to a Lake called Penachingo, in Quebec Province.

The first morning out the fishing was fine; just one "big one" after another, that is until another boat came along. Then, the fish just seemed to lose all interest, stopped biting, even nibbling.

The guide said this all was very strange, that it had never happened to him before. He became so worried that he finally rowed over to the other boat to see if the folks in it could offer any explanation.

When Jim's boat got within hailing distance of the other boat, he was about to shout a message when he thought he saw something familiar in the dress of the other fisherman. And he was right. What he saw was Ed Button, also of East Station, all rigged up in his familiar fishing togs. Unbeknown to each other, they had come over three hundred miles to fish and both had landed on the same dime so to speak.

What, if any, secret weapon Ed had in his boat that caused the fish to lay off, no one had found out up to this writing. It's all very mysterious but goes to make up our very first 1945 true fish story.

At East Station not a few of the men are agog over fishing prospects. Eddy Voelker is plotting a vacation with fishing as the piece-de-resistance; Bud Aldred, Harry Owens and Joe Lacagnina are conditioning their fishing paraphernalia, and "Red" Rhodes has perfected a campaign to get that "big one" that got away last year. "Red" has his back yard equipped with a target representing an open spot in a bed of swamp grass and reeds. He can hit the open space right on the nose and that big 'un better watch out this summer for "Red" is seeing red.

Leonard Champion's Mother Has Fine Knitting Record

Leonard Champion, who recently returned to work after a long sick leave, got home just in time to help celebrate his parents' Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Champion, 245 Hazelwood Terrace, celebrated this gala day surrounded by their three sons, one daughter, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Mr. Champion is eighty-four years of age and Mrs. Champion is eighty, and the work she has done knitting socks for soldiers is outstanding. She has to date knit more than three hundred and five pairs of socks to be sent overseas to soldiers she never saw, plus twenty pairs for soldiers of her own acquaintance. Besides, Mrs. Champion provided forty-seven scarfs sent to service men. She also does all her own housework.

Mrs. Eleanor Brady, Gas Distribution office, evidently believes in the old adage stating that the early bird catches the worm. She already has been getting in her coke supply for next season.

We are hoping that Carl Hoffman will soon be bringing in some pictures of that cottage of his on Canandaigua Lake. He has been working each week-end there and it should be in apple pie condition by now. It is hoped to be the scene of the Gas Distribution picnic this season, but the boys don't want to rush Carl.

Chet Schlenker, Cal Brown, Don McCollum and Frank Lux are finding it hard to decide where to eat at noon since the Arcade Restaurant closed. They are still trying to get located. If you know of a real good place for a hungry guy to eat, please let them know. Now that we know these four gourmards ate at the Arcade, we don't wonder it closed its doors.

Leonard Champion, left, who recently returned from a long sick leave, with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Champion who recently celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. The little girl is Leonard's daughter, Pamela.





Ray Hilficker to his little son "Butch" (Raymond Jr.) who is about to take his dose of "nice castor oil": "Butch, I wish I could take this and get nice and husky like you are." And "Butch" replied: "Well, Daddy, why don't you?"

Dick Hoddick is up to his old tricks again. We understand he put on a hot and hamburg dinner recently at the Philip Garbutt Rod and Gun Club. As Chef he always shines.

Henry Fredenvall, Gas Shop Stock Room, is busy these days. Henry just bought a Boston flat on Pinnacle Road and has been busy moving and getting settled. We all wish Hank the best of luck in the new home.

A son, named James Magin, born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Magin recently has a birth date that sure will be easy for his friends and relatives to remember. Little James came to town on VE-Day, Tuesday, May 8. His Dad is employed in the Steam Division.

Sylvia Anne is the new bundle of joy at the Clint Rauhe home in Fillmore. She arrived on May 5.

Lowell Chapin, formerly of Domestic Sales but now on Guarding, is the father of a fine baby boy named Donald Sanford Chapin. He will make good company for his little sister, Margaret Jean, aged three years.

Corporal Donald Calnan, son of Eugene Calnan, Shift Foreman at East Station, who had been reported missing in action for some time on Saipan Island, has been found. His Dad learned it one noon recently in a communication from the War Department which stated that Donald had been wounded and was in a hospital.

Harold Perry, formerly of the Line Operating Department, is now in the Merchant Marine in the Philippine sector.

Congratulations are extended to James Cooper, Line Maintenance Department, who was recently appointed to be the new Chairman of the Safety Committee. Also, we extend our thanks to Thomas Clark, whom Jim succeeded, for the fine job he did as Chairman during the past year.

We are glad to report the liberation from a German prisoner of war camp Second Lieut. Robert A. Worthington. He was a co-pilot of a B-26 Martin Marauder. Robert's Dad, is Frederick (Al) Worthington of the Distribution Engineering Department.

Maude Evans Fish, wife of Charles Fish, Appliance Service, died recently at the family home in Webster. Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters and three sons, one of whom, Pfc. Charles E. Fish is in the Service in Hawaii.

Mrs. Inez Howe Lord, mother of Howe Kiefer, died recently. Besides her son, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Dexter Perkins, three grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

Michael "Cactus" Friga, Mapping Records Department, has been taking a lot of ribbing in connection with a heroic deed he recently featured, when he rescued from drowning in the lower Genesee River a man from the Charlotte section.

Pauline Smith drew a picture showing Michael rescuing the unfortunate man and altogether Mike was "man of the week" at Front and Andrews Streets, all of which he took in stride. Anyway, Mike is used to publicity, being a Twenty-Third Ward Constable. He covers the water front and is in on plenty of exciting events.

Mrs. Parry Conducts Cooking Classes for Canandaigua Boys and Girls

Mrs. Lemabel Parry, Canandaigua District Home Service Representative, has made plans to conduct Junior Cooking Classes during July and part of August. Surprisingly, this group is made up of boys and girls. Mrs. Parry told us she was astonished at the interest shown by the boys in particular. One boy asked if he could learn how to make an Angel Food Cake. Another boy wanted to know if he would have to learn about calories, as all he heard about at home was calories, calories and more calories. It just goes to show that boys like men hate to be outdone by the "weaker" sex.

Leslie Nevinger is a new employe in the Fillmore Line Construction Department.



Dick Helfer, Sam Potter, Bill O'Brien and Glenn Pickett come up for a breather. They have been working down in a steam distribution tunnel, where steam mains providing Kodak Office Building and other customers in the State Street sector are being revamped and enlarged.



Scene at Cliff White's Cigar Counter and Liquor Store on the opening day of the Mighty Seventh War Bond Drive. These men celebrated by buying a bond and toasting the drive with, what do you think—Seven Up! Left to right they are: Ray Marvin, Bob Galbraith, Harry Russell and Cliff White.

Glenn Jackson, Mt. Morris Hydro Plant operator, recently returned from a 5-day's vacation which he spent at his old home in Delaware County. He reported his return was held up one day because of a nine inch snowfall on May 10.

The Rochester Salon is one of the foremost in the world and receives prints from entrants the world over. Through the years, Art Underwood has had more prints accepted here than anyone else in the world (and that is a large order) with the exception of one other internationally known photographer.

Four of Art's color slides also received awards.

The Bronze Star Medal was recently awarded to Captain James J. Wilder, son of Edward L. Wilder, Industrial Sales. Captain Wilder is with the 464 Ordnance Evacuation Company in Germany and the medal was in recognition of meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy.

Pfc. Leadley R. Morris, son of Tom Morris, Maintenance, and a brother of Edward Morris, House

Heating Service, is with an engineering division on the Western Front. Leadley has been in England, France, Belgium and Germany.

Harry Russell is a member of the War Activities Committee of the Masonic Service Bureau. His appointment includes membership in the United National Clothing Drive which accomplished such a worth while goal during April.

Muriel Saunders of the Unit Department, was recently feted by her fellow employes at a farewell party held at Mike Conroy's. A large group enjoyed the evening's fun and entertainment, as well as the dinner. Everyone will miss her and wishes her the best of luck.

Leonard Champion is back at work on the Second Floor doing Meter-History work after a long absence from the fold. Welcome back, Leonard.

Dorothy McDowell, Credit Department, recently visited Florida for two weeks. It is rumored she had a rendezvous with Cupid, who press-agented her sudden departure. No secrets Dorothy, please.

Stella Dalheim, Appliance Department, recently visited her husband who is convalescing at the St. Albans Hospital, Long Island. Best wishes for a speedy recovery from all of us.

Dorothy Letson and June Letson went to New York hoping to see the latter's husband, Edgar Letson, formerly of the Engineering Drafting, before he sailed for overseas. They waited excitedly at the appointed address for word from Edgar, but he was unable to keep his appointment with them as Uncle Sam had priority rights, and Edgar was well on his way to France.

Nellie Ghysel, Second Floor, spent a few days in New York City with her fiancé, William Bueckel, M. M. 2/c, who is serving with the Coast Guard.

Jean Pettis was very pleasantly surprised by the unexpected arrival of her husband on a thirty-day furlough from Trinidad. Jean paraphrased that modern popular song to read: "Because he came from Tri-ni-dad, it makes me feel so very glad."



Gloria Blakeley and Lt. Bertram Lewis, whose engagement was recently announced. Gloria is visiting her fiancé in Washington State, where he has a special assignment.

Ralph Mason and Mrs. Mason, of Wolcott, recently spent a few happy days in Washington, visiting their son, Lt. Colonel Maurice ("Spike" in the old High School days) Mason and his family. The last time we had him in "Gas and Electric News" "Spike" was attending the Coronation of King George in London. Since, he has been all around this man's world and in most of the hot spots where the U. S. Marines had mopping up to do. He is now located at Marine Headquarters.



Virginia Moore and Jean Sorg, fourth and fifth in above photo, were among the thousands to attend VE-Day services at E. Main and East Avenue.





Behind that manly beard and mustachios is Harold Perry, formerly Line Operating, now Merchant Marine, in Philippine sector. It's Okey Doke, Harold.

Arthur F. Gosselin, Supt. Electric Meter and Test Department fooled the ill-fated Wolverine Express by departing April 30 with his wife for St. Petersburg, Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Gosselin are basking in the sunshine during the daytime and enjoying the cool evenings at night. Their visit had a twofold mission as Mr. Gosselin is visiting his brother Sydney in St. Petersburg, while Mrs. Gosselin is able to see her son who is stationed at Tampa with the Air Corps.

William Makey, Electric Meter and Test Department, who has been stationed on a Mine Sweeper in the Atlantic for the past two years, was recently granted a 30-day leave. From all appearance, the war has been kind to Bill, but he is under oath not to disclose his experiences until after peace has been declared. More power to him, and may that day soon come so they may all return to civilian life.

The mother of Owen Feltman, Electric Meter and Test Department, died May 24.

Howard Brown, Assistant Superintendent of the Electric Meter and Test Department, recently gave a talk on "Kitchen Ventilation" at the Florida-Georgia Meter Association meeting which was held at Daytona Beach. Mrs. Brown accompanied Howard on the trip and they enjoyed the hospitality of the "Cracker State" as well as some of its beautiful scenery. The southern heat was discounted by their location at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel in a nice room overlooking the ocean.

Frank Simeone, of East Station, is the very proud father of a son, named Joseph Frank Simeone. Little Joseph got a fine start with eight and one-half pounds as weighing-in weight.

A daughter, Margaret Ann, was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LaMonica. Joe is employed in the Steam Distribution Department, and reports that little Margaret Ann to date has herself displayed plenty of steam and is growing fast and furiously.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Swarthout recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Storekeeper First Class Erma Jean Swarthout, USNR, to Lance Cpl. Robert Titheridge, son of Lt. Commander and Mrs. William Titheridge, of Hampshire, England.

Miss Swarthout is stationed with the WAVES at Lambert Field, St. Louis, while Lance Corporal Titheridge is serving with the British Paratroopers in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jackson recently had the pleasure of seeing their daughter, Shirley, inducted into the National Honor Society. The ceremonies were held at Charlotte High School, where a group of Charlotte students received this high honor, and with their parents enjoyed the banquet.

Shirley plays in the Charlotte band and orchestra, also in the Inter-High band and orchestra, featuring the bassoon and the cello.

On Thursday noon, May 10, West Station Office was the scene of gaiety and festivity, when a farewell party was held in honor of Mrs. Ruth Vogt, who has been with the Company for many years.

The color scheme was pink and blue, and huge bouquets of tulips, lilies-of-the-valley and lilacs adorned the center of the table. After a very delicious luncheon, Ruthie was presented with a gift, as a token of remembrance from her associates. The presentation was made by Fred Pfluke, and appropriate remarks by Alexander M. Beebe followed.

Everyone had a wonderful time, and Ruthie left amid the good wishes of all her friends.

Mrs. William N. Whitney, Helen Thompson, Mrs. Ruth Moore, and Virginia Wolverton were hostesses at a shower, held at the home of Mrs. Whitney, 210 Dartmouth Street, Saturday evening, May 5, in honor of Ella May Rollinson, popular West Station nurse, whose marriage to Dr. Robert Campbell took place June 6. Ella May was completely surprised—or at least, she said she never suspected a thing! She received a number of beautiful and useful gifts. We certainly shall miss her!

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Joseph Piperni of West Station, whose son, Samuel Piperni was killed in action, early in April, in Germany.

Mrs. Edith Russell, formerly of the Highland Hospital, has come to West Station, recently, to preside over our first aid room. We hope Edith will like us as much as we already like her.

This much prized souvenir of D-Day was sent to Fred Raines, by his son, T/5 James P. Raines.



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This Is To Certify That

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WAS A MEMBER OF THE

29TH INFANTRY DIVISION

ON D-DAY, 6 JUNE 1944, AND SERVED WITH IT CONTINUOUSLY UNTIL THE CAPTURE OF ST. LO ON 18 JULY 1944



The TRADING POST

FOR SALE: 1 Simmons steel double bed with double coil springs. Also, one car bed for a baby. Calvin Brown, Extension 551 or Charlotte 3019.

FOR SALE: Nine piece walnut dining room suite, in good condition. Gertrude Rinker, Extension 318, or Stone 4560 (1004 Portland Avenue).

WANTED: Outdoor gymnasium set (swing, trapeze, etc.) for small boy under five. It is for the little son of one of our service men. Please call Genesee 774-W.

FOR SALE: Sunbeam electric razor, smaller model, \$6. Also, two console radios, \$10 and \$20, in good shape; a home steam table \$12. Still have a Kodak, \$6. Takes nice pictures, and a Gainaday Electric Ironer, table model, for \$10. See Frank Wentworth, Extension 217, mornings.

WANTED: Lawn mower (one that pushes easily); also sewing machine. Please call Margaret George, Ext. 277.

WANTED: Porch chairs, metal. Betty Richmond, Ext. 394.

WANTED: Traveling iron, Mary Gallagher, Ext. 278.

FOR SALE: Nursery chair, \$2. Also porch gate, \$1.50 and a standard wooden swing for 3 yr. old child, \$8.00. Call Genesee 5316-R.

WANTED: Boy's 2-wheel bicycle, 28-in. Janet Brigham, Ext. 426.

WANTED: Hand sickle to cut my tall grass. Fred Scavone, Ext. 402.

WANTED: Girl's bike, size 28, balloon tires (if possible). Bernice Mehserle, Ext. 305.

WANTED: Small table radio, accent on small. Marguerite Carnes, Ext. 305.

FOR SALE: Ladies shoes, only slightly worn, size 6½ A. Pin point patent leather, open heel and toe. Ann Leela, Ext. 479.

FOR SALE: Girl's rubber boots, size 5 and practically new. Marjorie Pett, Ext. 301.

WANTED: Would like a nice Pin-Up lamp, indirect type. Call Carl Hoffmann, Ext. 231.

FOR SALE: Waffle iron, \$6. Electric vibrator, needs new rubber but motor is fine, \$5. Also, sturdy standard for G. E. Sunlamp and Premo film pack camera, fine lens, news new bellows, \$7.00. Ray Davis, Ext. 416.

WANTED: Would like to get a lawn mower in good condition. Pete Versprille, Ext. 402.

WANTED: YOU to get those "Trading Post" items for next issue in to us—EARLY on account of vacation time. Send to "Gas and Electric News," Gas and Elec. Bldg.

WANTED: Hair dryer, hand model, Culver 961-J.

WANTED: Medium sized electric refrigerator, good condition. Ruth Shermer, Ext. 310.



The DECLINE of the "Gas House Gang"

Virginia Wolveton

*In days of yore, you may recall,
The "boys" spent noon-hours playing ball,
And some years later, for relaxation,
They played tennis at East Station.*

*But they abandoned the tennis court,
To pitch horseshoes, less strenuous sport,
And as years went by, it seemed attractive,
Just to play Pinochle—not so active.*

*And, now, with the dawn of a much later day,
A quiet little game of checkers they play.
And so, it would seem, as we grow older,
Our desire for games of speed—grows colder,
grows colder.*



Gardeners,

*Don't Let the Weather Lick You
... In the First Round!*

Well, maybe your Victory Garden did get a bad start, folks, but—don't forget your objective: FOOD is AMMUNITION. VE-Day was a red letter day for all of us. But—that VE ought really to mean—VICTORY EVERYWHERE!

Until the Japs are finally licked to a decisive finish, we all have a responsibility to PRODUCE FOOD, food which Victory Gardens provide.

Last year you all did a swell job. Thousands of homes had a fine array of canned vegetables and fruits to ward against last winter, the hardest winter we have had in years. You haven't yet forgotten the thrill you had whenever you went down into your cellar and saw all that canned goodness which you could use at will—without spending even one ration point.

LET'S DO IT AGAIN, DON'T BE DISCOURAGED.

Remember: AS YE SOW, SO SHALL YE EAT! 