

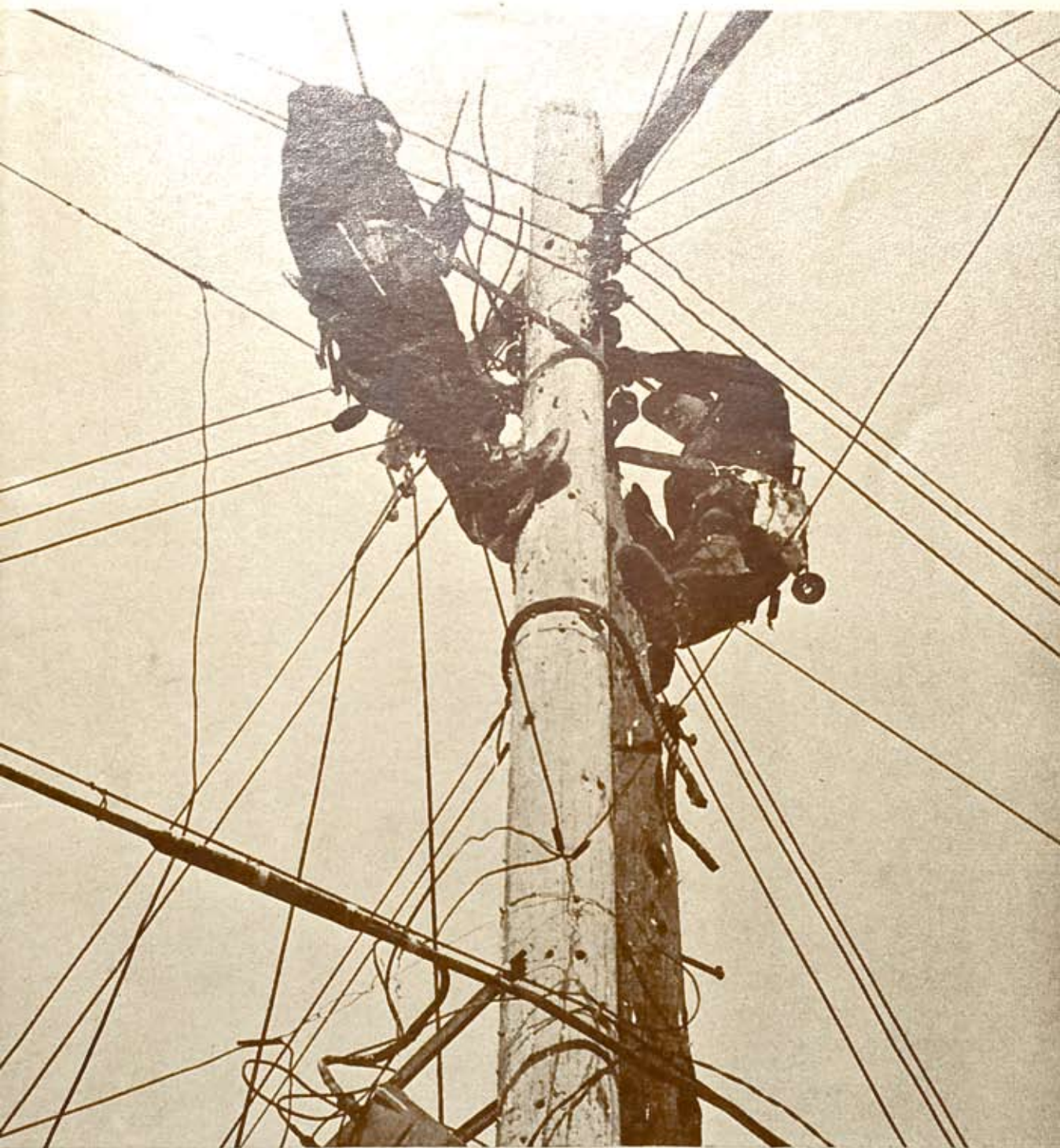
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LINEMEN INSTALL NEW 50-FOOT POLE

(See story inside)



"REDDY KILOWATT" is Just Like One of the Family

"He's so helpful. Always willing. Never grumbles, and never threatens to leave us for a better job.

"Who else would do our washing, ironing, cleaning, sweeping and refrigerating, run our radio and operate scores of helpful and daily used appliances as reasonably as he does?"

"REDDY" has cut his own wages so many times that he now does about twice as much work—FOR THE SAME MONEY AS HE DID TWENTY YEARS AGO."

"REDDY KILOWATT"—The Little Man Who is Always There, and Saves you from a World of Care

Our Cover for March

OUR COVER PICTURE shows Wm. Shears and Frank Connellan, of Mike Kelly's Electric Line Maintenance crew, installing a new fifty-foot pole, on Adair Alley. The old pole was simply worn out through years of service. It had been standing in this alley doing its job for about twenty-five years and evidently was glad indeed to "give up the

ghost." It carries a distribution circuit with primary and secondary wires, street lighting wires and telephone cables as well.

Bill and Frank did the aerial work, assisted by Roy Makey, who passed up to them by means of a rope sling the different tools they needed as the worked. Although the temperature was around zero,

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Line maintenance is rugged work. Here are the "Three Musketeers" of Mike Kelly's crew: Left to right: William Shears, Frank Connellan and foreman Mike Kelly. Roy Makey of the same outfit not in picture.

these men did their work rapidly and well and stuck to it like a dog to a root. To them, it is all in a day's work.

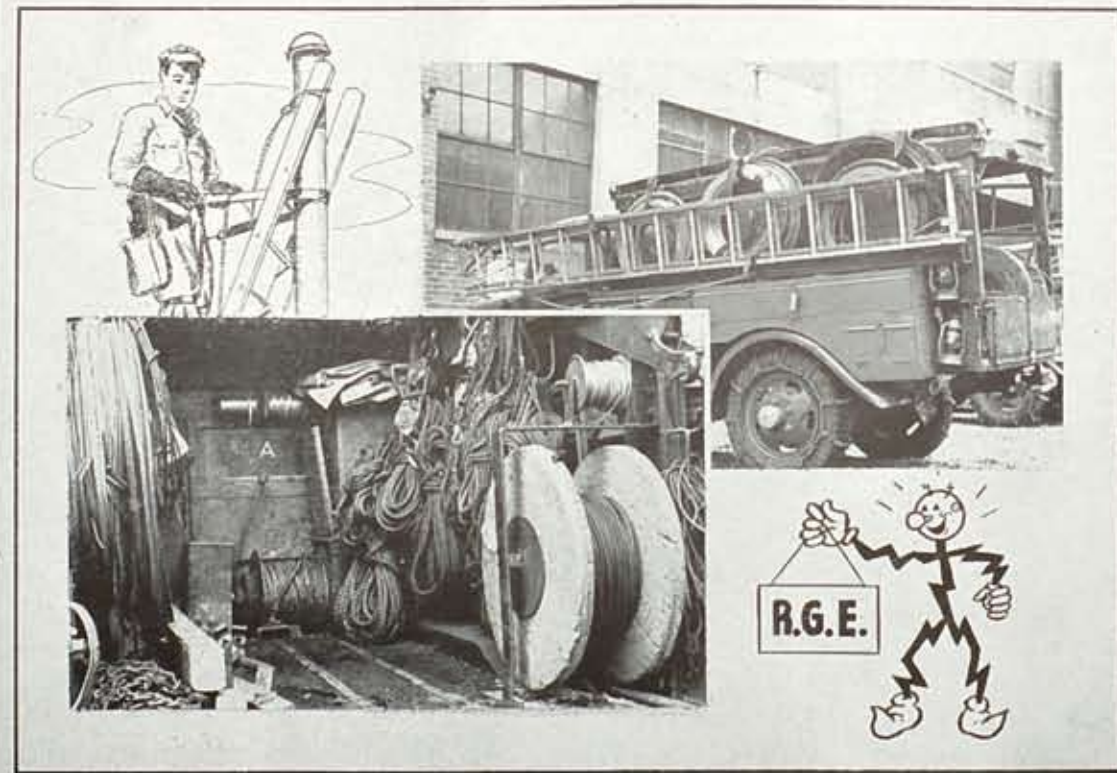
Mike Kelly, who might be called the master-of-ceremonies on this job, is foreman of the gang and sees that everything is finished up in apple pie order. First, the old pole is sawed off at the bottom, its base pulled aside to facilitate removal of the old stump and the cleaning of the hole. Then the electrical hoist on the truck sets the new pole in place. The wires are then released from the old pole and affixed to the new one and the derrick lifts out the discarded pole as quickly and as easily as you can say "Reddy Kilowatt."

Each line truck has its own hoist or derrick which saves much time and physical effort. A few years back poles to be replaced were painstakingly lifted out by a crew

of about seven men using long pike poles. An average crew today consists of three or four men with their foreman. Many other new tools and items of modern equipment enable a large organization like ours to spread out its trained men to cover the ever increasing demands made upon us for service in these days of curtailed manpower.

Fine Coordination

It is a pleasure to watch any of our line crews at work. Each man knows his job to perfection and the entire crew operates in fine coordination. This counts in times of unexpected trouble, where it may save lives. In routine work, like this instance where the pole was installed in zero temperature it is merely routine, but does cut down the time required for men to remain aloft in the cold.



Views of typical R. G. and E. line truck, showing some of the extensive paraphernalia carried by them. In picture at the left (A) may be seen the winch for operating the electric derrick. Plenty of ropes and chains, jacks etc bring to mind the color and atmosphere of the sea.

Company Contributed \$411,987 To Employee Welfare in 1944

Last year the R. G. & E. contributed \$411,987.01 to Employee welfare in the form of company payments into the retirement fund, life insurance, E. B. A., hospitalization and compensation injury cases. These company contributions were \$46,467.27 greater than the preceding year.

The largest company contribution went into the Employees' life insurance plan, totaling \$162,023.22 for the year. The Employees' pension fund was given \$139,667.97 and \$36,906.61 was contributed in supplemental payments to retired employees whose regular pensions were not sufficient to care for their needs. The Employees' Benevolent Association received \$39,906.97 and \$19,721.19 more was given by the company in extra payments to sick employees, to make up the difference between their wages and E. B. A. weekly benefits. Injured employees were paid the difference between maximum Compensation Law payments and their wages, the company contributing \$7,634.83 to this purpose.

During the year one hundred and ninety-one employees, including pensioners, received financial aid totaling \$64,262.13 over and above contractual requirements, or an average of \$336.45 per employe.

Line foremen among other duties are responsible for two major things, that their men do their work well and that they operate within the protecting realm of consistent safety. This practice is fostered and constantly taught by a solicitous and active safety department which has the confidence of the men in its important work.

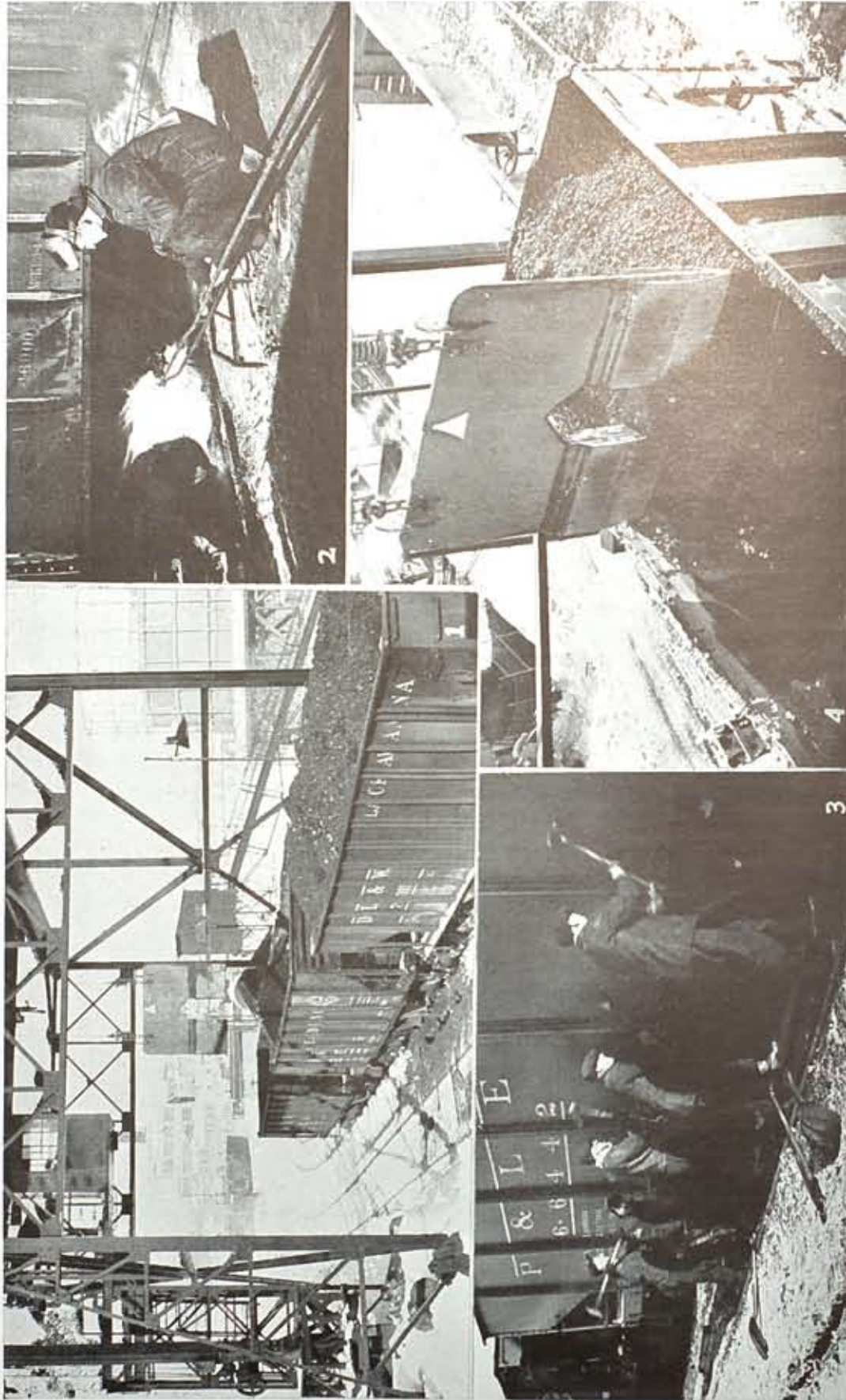
Pvt. Justin Price at Manilla

Private Justin L. Price, formerly of Station Three, was in the eighth wave which landed on the Island of Luzon during the recent invasion by American troops. Justin's first job was to set up his radio on the beach. He remained there with it for a period of four days, before receiving any relief.

Versatility must be an appreciated virtue in the army, at least

for the company of hungry men for whom Private Price found himself cooking welcome meals on the sixth day. To help make his lot more pleasant, a kindly Filipino who may have sampled some of Justin's culinary products, dug him a foxhole and made it quite tidy with bamboo.

Private Price's company embarked from New Britain for the invasion and was about one month making the trip. He says it took them forty-eight hours to unload their boat. It is quite a jump of the imagination to go from the heat of the Philippines to the wintry blasts we've been "enjoying" in Rochester. We'll wager Private Price would sure like a boatload of our abundant snow, and we could use a bit of that heat he finds a drug on the market out there.



WHERE 1300 TONS OF GAS COAL IS UNLOADED DAILY, State Street coal unloading siding, showing: (1) General view of new coal unloader, showing slice bar over middle car. (2) Thawing frozen doors of coal car with torch. (3) A little manual persuasion to get the coal started on its way, and (4) The slice bar knifing its way into the frozen coal.

Mechanical Coal Unloading At West Station

FRED PFLUKE, *West Station*

ONE of the very important operations involved in manufacture of coal gas and coke at West Station is the unloading and preparation of approximately 25 cars or 1300 tons of coal a day.

Due to limited plant storage facilities this quantity of coal must be unloaded every day of the year regardless of weather. As can readily be imagined there are many obstacles to be faced and overcome by the men charged with the responsibility. In the summer they must work on the hottest days, rain or shine. In the winter they must contend with blizzards, snow and frozen coal. In spite of all the handicaps, these men have never failed.

Coal Washed at Mines

In order to make a better grade of coke the coal is washed at the mines and although it is dried to some extent it is still quite wet when received which makes unloading more difficult. Cut A shows the conventional method of unloading which was used at our plant for many years. The car was spotted over a hopper, the doors opened and the men climbed on top and poked the coal through the opened doors in. When the car was about empty it was necessary to get inside with shovels and sometimes picks to remove the remaining coal. This was a strenuous and hazardous job.

In 1935, at the suggestion of one of the coal unloading supervisors, we installed a derrick from which was operated a standard clam shell bucket. The loaded

bucket was dropped on top of the coal after the car doors were opened. This method eliminated the hand poking but it was still necessary to do considerable shoveling and pick work inside the car after the bulk of the coal had been removed by the bucket.

Last year in collaboration with the superintendent of the Charlotte Docks where large quantities of coal from Canada are handled, we devised what we call a slice bar to replace the bucket. This is a 3-ton steel plate which does the same job as the bucket, but in addition it is possible to clean the bottom of the car, so that very little if any hand cleaning is necessary. When used on the derrick the



Unloading coal the hard way, before the slice bar came into use, was a tough job of manual labor.

operation was rather awkward since the operators' cab was on the ground level, which made it impossible to see inside the car. Consequently, it was necessary to work "blind" and this resulted in some additional hazards.

In order to smooth out the operation and provide for maximum safety of the men it was decided to design and build an overhead crane with which to operate the slice bar. Our Engineering Department did the design work and supervised the construction of the equipment shown in cut B.

Job Completed in Time for Severe Test

This job was completed in time to be used during the severe weather conditions we have experienced since the first of December. It has performed very well and has enabled us to keep our ovens supplied with coal in spite of all handicaps imposed by the weather. It has also reduced the hazards and

eased somewhat the work of the coal unloaders who have performed so well at all times regardless of conditions.

Welcome to R. G. and E.

Dorothy McInerney and Florence Woodward are recent acquisitions of the Home Service Department. Dorothy hails from Elmira and was graduated with a B. S. in Home Economics from the University of Western Kentucky. She has had experience in food testing in a laboratory in New York City before coming with us.

Florence Woodward is from "out where the west begins," Mason City, Iowa. She also has a B. S. in Home Economics from that institution of learning. Florence got initial experience in the Home Economics Department of the Minneapolis Gas Light Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Florence's husband is a chemical engineer with the Kodak Company.



Dorothy McInerney, left, and Florence Woodward, recently added to Home Service Personnel, familiarize themselves with the Comfort-Conditioned Kitchen on Main Floor. Florence points to the orifice of the ventilating system, a new "wrinkle" in freeing kitchens from cooking odors and dirt.

Line Department Aids

Gas Distribution

The traditional "rivalry" between the gas and the electric departments breaks out every once in a while. To be sure it is a friendly rivalry and neither department ever calls in the other as guest performer till it has thoroughly tried out all of the tricks it has in its own bag.

A case in point occurred one Sunday recently when the gas main traversing the bridge across the outlet at Sea Breeze froze. It was one of our coldest nights and none of the usual gas methods could make that frozen gas main budge a bit. Around midnight, "Captain" Ed Schlueter was called. Ed got some of his Electrical Distribution men on the scene and with the friendly aid of "Reddy Kilowatt" that gas main thawed out and warmed up and the much needed b.t.u.'s flowed on their merry way as usual.

Electric Department men who helped out in this emergency were:

Ed Schlueter, Floyd Windsor, Benny Cahill, foreman, and the following members of his crew: Jess Morrison, Edward Aschenbrener and Frank Gardner.

Gas Shop men on this job were Vincent Hoddick (head of department) Chester Schlenker, Carl Ayen, Arthur Beuckman, Charles Rice, George Harris, Ransome Barlow, Max Reber. Gas house heating department men associated in the activity were George Lyon, John Croston, and Street Department men present were: James Failing, Leo Fouquet, Joseph Lopergola, Dominic Ennonti, Angelo Masuzzo, R. Ciaccio and Vincenzo Di Stefano.

Among the "chores" the men did on this job was to notify all gas users in this sector that service was being shut off while necessary work was being done.



Reddy Kilowatt says: We Americans do some queer things. We boil the tea to make it *hot*. And then—

We put ice in it to make it *cold*. And then—

We put sugar in it to make it *sweet*. And then—

We put lemon in it to make it *sour*. And then—

We say here's to *you*. And then—

We drink it *ourselves!*

Canandaigua Kiwanis Club Finances Memorial (Photo)

The Canandaigua Kiwanis Club, of which George A. O'Brien of the Canandaigua Office and Thomas L. Smith of the Canandaigua Gas Department are members, held a Minstrel Show at the Canandaigua Academy on January twenty-ninth and thirtieth. Proceeds from this show are used to finance the "Kiwanis Knews" a monthly news report of the activities of all the men and women in the service to whom it is sent, and to finance the "Photo Memorial" which is a series of framed photographs of all service men and women from this area. These photographs are intended to be a permanent memorial housed at the local Historical Society Building.

Wilson L. Young Reaches Eighty-Ninth Year

Wilson L. Young, celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday on January 1st. In 1902 he organized the Genesee Valley Power Company and in 1904 started serving the Village of Fillmore with electricity. That Company expanded, serving the neighboring townships as far south as Belmont and in 1929 sold out to the Rochester Gas & Electric. "W.L." as he is known to his friends, is the father of District Manager Hollis G. Young, Genesee District. W.L. was one of the pioneers of the electric industry in this section.



Wilson L. Young, Fillmore, N. Y., father of District Manager Hollis Young, who recently celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday.

Friend: "So you've got a baby six weeks old? Talk yet?"

Proud father: "Not yet."

Friend: "Boy, eh?"

Hotel Guest: "Have you A. C. or D. C. current in your rooms?"

Clerk: "I'm sorry Sir, there is no one registered here by that name."

Landis Smith Glad To Be Back From War Zone

Since his return to the Industrial Department in November, Landis Smith has been called upon by over fifteen clubs, Legion Posts, the American Red Cross and other groups to talk and to lead discussions. Landis' experiences and observations while he was a Captain in the U.S. Army Air Forces for two years in England, Northern Ireland and Scotland give him a large fund of interesting material. Landis served for about ten months with a British Central Intelligence Unit, being billeted both in camp and in private homes. He lost 17 lbs. of weight on the British mess, but had a wonderful opportunity to observe conditions in and around London. Landis quickly regained this lost weight on being assigned to Intelligence duties in briefing and interrogating bomber crews in the U.S.A.A.F. in S.E. England. In Northern Ireland he found the scenery lovely, the people happy and friendly and the food and hospitality excellent. Air crews passing thru Northern Ireland were given an intensive course of last minute information by a school of which Landis was the "Dean."

Last year the R. G. & E. used 395,139 tons of coal in the production of electricity and the manufacture of gas, for a total coal consumption of 875,746 tons.

In 1944 our company generated 510,221,956 kilowatt hours of electricity by steam; 195,082,822 by water power and purchased 20,054,420 more for a total of 725,359,198 kilowatt hours from all sources.



Freda McAdam holding the plaque awarded to the R. G. and E. by the National Victory Garden Institute for outstanding accomplishments in Victory Garden effort.

National Victory Garden Award Hanging on Main Floor

The award of the National Victory Garden Institute to the Company for the outstanding Victory Garden effort of its employes last season hangs on the Main Floor. It is worth viewing and represents the highest award of the Institute. It was also received by three other Rochester organizations: The New York Central Railroad Company, Rochester Products Division of General Motors and the Folmer Graflex Company.

Fred Marsh, chairman of last years Victory Garden effort, whose enthusiasm sparked the 1944 R. G. & E. campaign went to Chicago to receive the official recognition of the Institute and to report that the Employees of this Company would continue the gardening effort during the approaching season. This supposition is based upon a check

with those who made last years effort so outstanding.

Notwithstanding drought, the lowering of points and the then talk of German collapse, America did an excellent job of gardening last season, in fact the best ever recorded. It is estimated that there were more than 2,000,000 home or community gardens as a result of industry's effort alone. Ernest Huntington will head the R. G. & E. Victory Garden Committee this year.

Pfc Robert J. Cronin Receives Purple Heart

Marine Private First Class Robert J. Cronin, formerly a Company messenger, of 293 Brooks Avenue, Rochester, N. Y., was presented with the Purple Heart at impressive, mass ceremonies at a Pacific base during which 372 Marines wounded during the battle of

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Pfc. Robert J. Cronin, formerly of Consumers Accounting, who recently received the Purple Heart at a S. Pacific base. He has returned to duty.

The TRADING POST

This column was created to stimulate the exchange of useful things among Company employes, and to keep them in circulation. This service is for employes only and not for friends or relatives. Here is your opportunity to buy, sell or trade. Let's hear from YOU.

FOR SALE: Arvin hot water automobile heater in excellent condition, like new. \$10. Carl Miller, East Station Extension 363, or Glenwood 3275-M.

WANTED: Electric washing machine of any kind. Call Charles Pike, Glenwood 4993-M.

FOR SALE: Boy's Ski-Wind jacket. Brand new. Size 14. Bargain at \$5.00. Also have waterproof ski mittens to match, new, small size, \$1.50. Bill Young, Fillmore, N.Y.

WANTED: Sav-u-time water heater control with stations. Ed Faulstich, 95 Colonial Road, Culver 5373-W or write.

FOR SALE: Brown cloth coat with blue fox collar. In very nice condition. Size 14. Marianne Plehn, Glenwood 6375 or call Pension Office.

FOR SALE: Two electric irons in nice condition. Get in touch with Max Wohlgemuth, 87 Mitchell Road, or Front Street offices.

FOR SALE: Eastman Kodak enlarging easel and a few packs of outdated 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ by 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ Verichrome film packs, with film pack adapter same size. Floyd Mason, Extension 527.

FOR SALE: Folding bridge table and four chairs to match. Cost \$30. Made of wood, mahogany finish,

chairs red leather trimmed. Pre-war quality, never used. Table top 31 by 31 inches. Chairs are standard size with invisible steel springs. Can be used as home furniture. A bargain at \$22. Call Kathryn McIntyre, Extension 427.

WANTED: General Electric Workshop or power bench saw. Jim Nolan, Extension 393.

FOR SALE: Boy's Swiss wrist watch with sweep second hand. Keeps excellent time. Price only \$12.00. Bill Young, Fillmore, N.Y.

WANTED: Pre-war metal Taylor Tot. Good Condition. Frank B. Smith, Charlotte 3005-J.

FOR SALE: General Electric coffee brewer and electric stove. An electric chafing dish. One Sunbeam electric razor. One Remington electric razor. One Kodak. One electric tie presser. F. A. Wentworth, Extension 217.

FOR SALE: Underwood typewriter in good working condition, \$23. See Landis Smith, Ext. 450.

FOR SALE: Old model gas stove suitable for cottage, with oven, price \$5. See Harold Rickner, Extension 445.

FOR SALE: Table model flat top ironer, electric. Make offer to Russ Howe, Ext. 466.

Gas and Electric News is Your Publication

Gas and Electric News is your publication. The more all of us put into it the more help and fun all of us will get out of it. We need more news of ourselves . . . of our activities in the plants, offices and outside. We need constructive criticism, suggestions . . . anything that you think will make a more interesting publication.

Engagements, blessed events, weddings, honors won on the firing line, in camp or on the home front . . . all of these things are interesting to your fellow workers but the editors of *Gas and Electric*

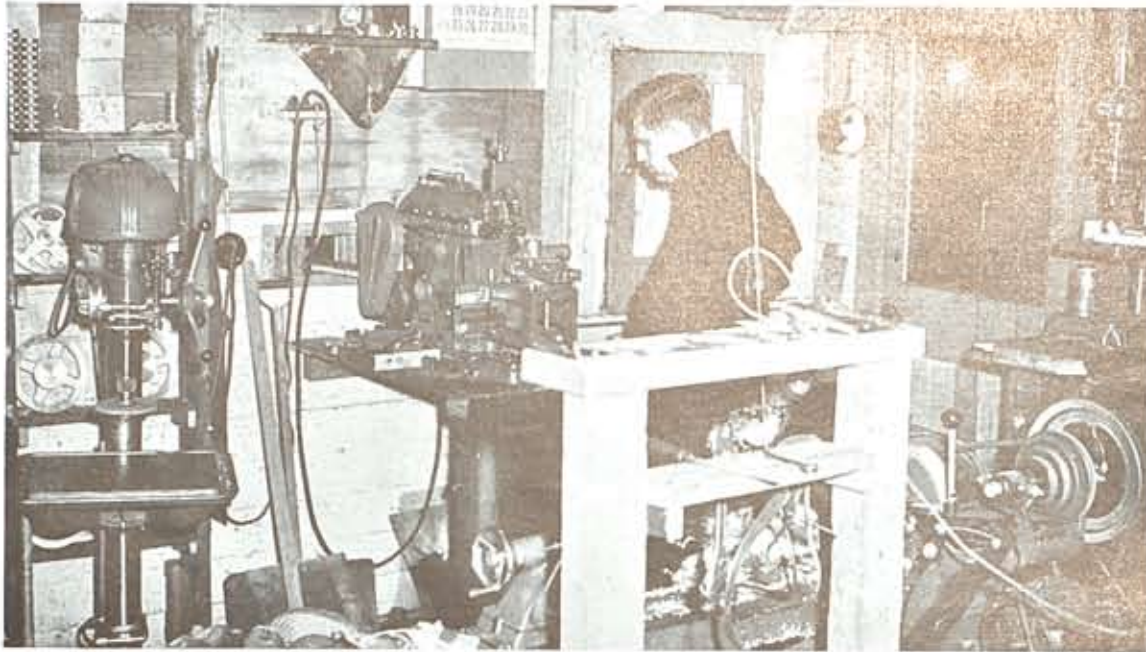
News won't know about them unless you send the items in. Don't be bashful . . . let the workers in the various R. G. & E. plants know that you have real live people in your department.

Sometimes there may be a complaint that an item has not been published. When such an omission occurs it is usually because the item "ribs" some individual who might not take the "kidding" in the same joking spirit in which it was written. We want to make the *G. and E. News* a bright, sprightly organ of information that all readers will enjoy, with no embarrassment to anybody.

Increased Benefits For Workers Under New Hospital Plan

Increased benefits under the Rochester Hospital Service plan for industrial workers are planned beginning May 1st. They will include 30 days care in semi-private room instead of 21 days, plus \$3 day allowance toward bill for additional 90 days when necessary in any one contract year; full family coverage eliminating former \$2 per day service charge for children; emergency treatment up to \$10; private room allowance of \$5.25 per day as against present allowance of \$4.50 per day and other additional benefits. A small increase in membership fees will be made and all R.G.&E. Employees will have an opportunity to avail themselves of the additional benefits by signing new contracts. All present contracts terminate when the new plan goes into effect. For services rendered Rochester Hospital fees now are the lowest of 82 similar non-profit plans in the nation.

Figures for 1944 show that R.G.&E. workers and their dependents received nearly \$6,000 more in hospital care than the Employee group paid into the fund, with 392 participating in the benefits.



A fine example of spare time "little business man" is Dunc MacEwan, Fillmore. He is seen working in his home workshop in which he has done a considerable amount of real war production work for both the Army and the Navy. He subcontracts from a contractor in Buffalo.

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the Marianas received awards.

The presentation, one of the largest of its kind in Marine Corps history, was made by Major General Clifton B. Cates, commanding general of the veteran Fourth Marine Division. General Cates said: "I thank God that you are here in person to receive these decorations. You are heroes all."

Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cronin of the Rochester address. He was hit in the left leg and shoulder by Jap rifle fire and shrapnel on Tinian July 24. His patrol was advancing against a strong Jap pillbox when he was wounded. He returned to duty October 7. Robert enlisted in the Marine Corps September 17, 1942, and first saw action at Roi-Namur in the Marshalls. He was also in the Saipan operation. What an experience this has been for a young man twenty years of age.

The R. G. & E. payroll increased to \$5,394,851 yast year, a gain of \$231,595 over the preceding year.

Life in the Army

Pfc. John D. Bridgeman, formerly of the Electrical Distribution department, writes whimsically from France: "So, the folks in 'the States' are borrowing matches to light the cigarettes they haven't got. Here as a simple way to light a cigarette as I recently saw it worked in a French home. First, you get a cigarette. Then you take a flint gas lighter of the kind you used to have a few years back and strike a spark over a gas burner. Next, procure a piece of paper, form it into a roll and light it in the gas flame; hold it up to the cigarette (if someone has not already swiped it) and puff away. Simple, isn't it—just like Rube Goldberg."

John was profuse in his thanks to 'Gale Stevens' for the nice Christmas box he received which contained among other things a Christmas card, Post Yarns, cartoons from Colliers, razor blades and miniature magazines from dif-

ferent publications, which he thought were very interesting.

About the razor blades, John remarked: "I suppose the general idea of the blades is to make myself beautiful, as you said; but I fear it will take more than blades to accomplish such a miracle. Why be beautiful anyway—I ain't going anywhere."

Nice to Hear from 'Our Boys' ...

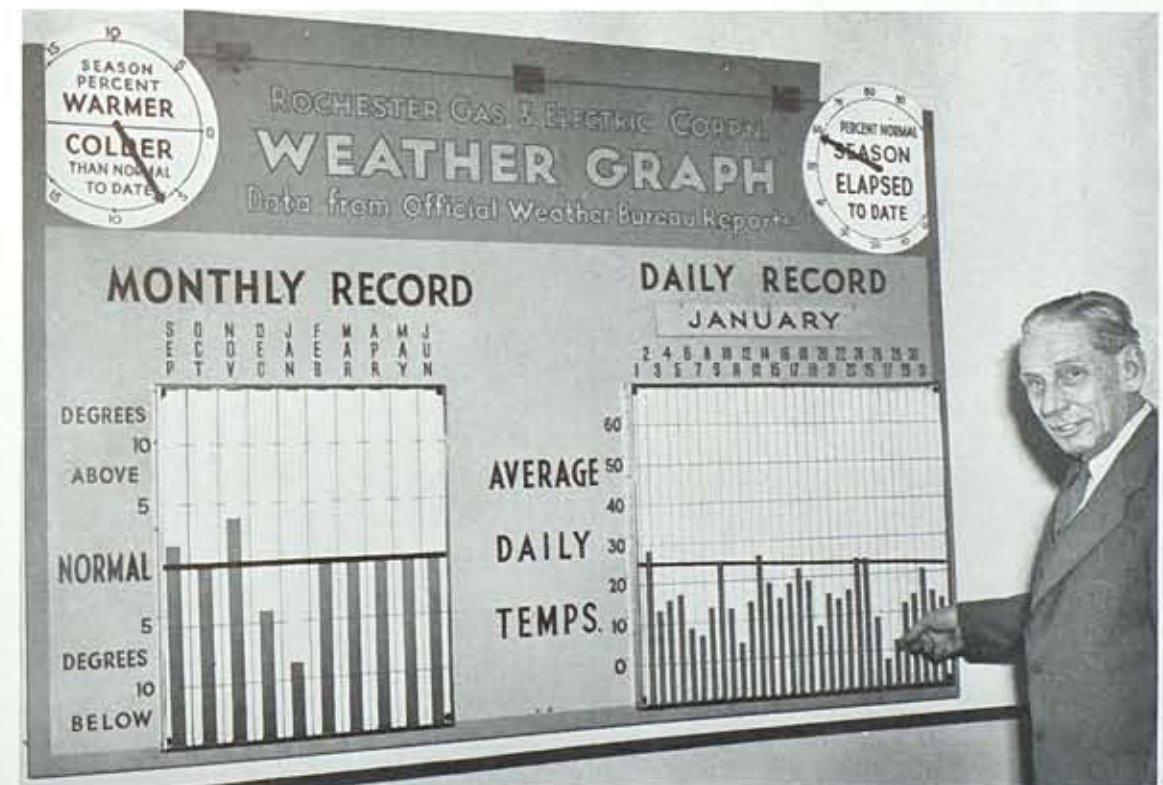
"Gale" Stevens and "Andy" Anderson are right glad to hear from you service people "out there." They like to know that you have received your Christmas box and how you enjoyed it. Naturally, there may be some which failed to get there, but we all hope it isn't too many. By the way, John says that he thinks including pencils in the Christmas box was an idea strictly "on the ball." Any other comments from our service people as to the box will be appreciated.

Pfc. Bridgeman is quite an experienced European by now. He has successively been located with units in Northern Ireland, England, then France. What stories he will have to tell to his grandchildren some day.

Lt. Robert L. Sant Is Awarded Air Medal

Second Lieutenant Robert L. Sant, formerly of the Tabulating Department, was recently awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement. Robert is navigator of a B-24 Liberator bomber in the 15th AAF and his award comes for his participation in aerial flight while engaged in operational flights against the enemy.

Gas production during 1944 totaled 6,533,537,000 cubic feet.



Harry Fuller finds it easy to pick out a cold day on the weather chart, third floor. Last January was the coldest January in eighty-eight years, the second coldest for all time. Last January was 37% COLDER THAN JANUARY A YEAR AGO.



West Station was delighted, recently, to receive a visit from Robert Francis, who was home on a furlough.

Joseph Piperni of West Station, and Mrs. Louisa Picardo, were united in marriage on December 30, 1944. We wish them loads of happiness and good luck.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hegeman will celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary, on February 16. We extend our heartiest congratulations and very best wishes.

John Fang of West Station is very happy these days. He has a new granddaughter, Mary Catherine Rigby. She was born February 2, and weighed 6½ lbs.

Just in case anyone is interested, West Station has some grand new dishes! We discovered the need of them during the recent storm, and we are now prepared to meet any emergency that may arise!

Season's greetings were received at Front Stret from the following employes in service: S 1/c Walter Driscoll, Lt. (j.g.) Robert Radell, T/5 Leon Berman, AMMH 3/c Earl Waltman, Sgt. Kenneth Collins, MM 1/c Thomas McAvoy, Capt. Lee Brown, Major Leo East and Pfc. John Armisino.

Carl Hoffman is wondering how the snow and possible high water will leave his cottage down on Canandaigua Lake. Carl was a bit worried for fear he would not be able to get down there to pay his taxes.

Russell Howe was recently appointed to the restaurant panel of the Office of Price Administration. He is the present secretary of the Hotel and Restaurant Dealers Association.

Terry Remington is the name of the baby boy born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Remington Foster. Terry is Number One on the offspring parade.

Little Mary Alice Laird is the name of a dandy baby daughter born on January second to Mr. and Mrs. John Laird. Mrs. Laird was Alice La Tour, formerly of the telephone department. It is their second child.

The Second Floor CONAGA Club recently elected the following officers for 1945: President, Frank Nolte; Secretary-Treasurer, Mildred Hacker; Representatives, Beatrice Schroeder, Martha Tullius, Dorothy Perkins, Charlotte Boniface, Charlotte Van Etten, Evelyn Ten Eyck and Jean Pettis.

Bob Cregg, line operation, is the proud Daddy of a baby girl born recently. Her name is Linda.

Ham Bailey, line operation, has been elected commissioner of the Laurelton Fire District. Congratulations Ham.

The acrid atmosphere of the Chemical Laboratory at East Station temporarily had the aroma of a bake shop recently when a big cake was cut there one noon in honor of Marion Rossney and Jane Sattler, who had simultaneous birthdays.

William Cummings, East Station guard, is spending his spare time working on a reconstruction project at his home, Sea Breeze. Some time ago he made his "Missus" a fine new kitchen. Bill is designer, builder and critic combined.

Philip E. Thomas, Manager of the Canandaigua District, is the newly elected president of the Can-

andaigua Chamber of Commerce. From what we read in the Canandaigua newspaper, Phil has a well-formed plan for the coming year.

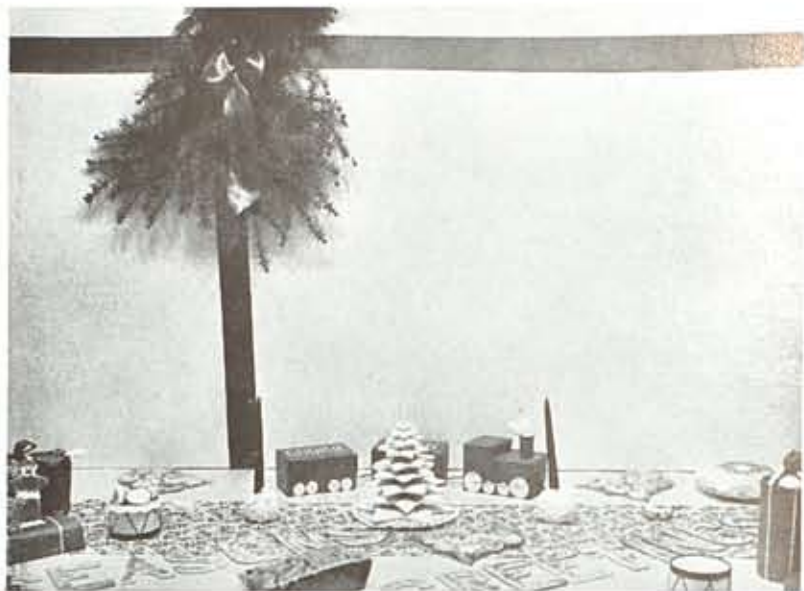
Max Wohlgenuth is living on his new farm, Mitchell Road, near Long Pond. Max says for some time it has been an acre of snow.

Elizabeth P. Cooley is a new employe added to the list of the Canandaigua Office Personnel. The gas business is not new to Betty as she came to us from the Citizens Gas Company, Salisbury, Maryland. She is very well qualified for her new position and has taken over her new duties like a veteran.

Richard H. MacGrady of the Canandaigua Electric Department and Edward R. Burmeister of the Canandaigua Service Department were called out by the State Guard on February second. Inasmuch as they were not seen for some days, we assume they were satisfactory snow shovelers.



Bill Hodge, left, and Dell Magin with valentine which was sent to nurse Helen Thompson when she was temporarily incapacitated. It was signed by the men from General Maintenance Tool Room and the idea was the "brain child" of Louis Boss.



Mrs. Lemabel Parry, Home Service Representative, Canandaigua, literally said it with cookies in the Canandaigua Holiday Window, Chapin Street. This window made hundreds of mouths water down in that sector.

Donald Bledsoe is a new recruit to the Fillmore Line Construction Gang. He moved his family, wife and three children, to Fillmore from Friendship. We hope he likes his work and will remain with us permanently.

Howie Ricketts, former member of the Fillmore Line Gang, recently enlisted in the Navy and is receiving his "Boot" training at Sampson.

Coxswain Hank Miller, former member of the Fillmore Line Gang, recently spent a few days with his parents, flying from the State of Washington and returning the same way.

E. Louise Woods, Mt. Morris Office, has recently been installed Matron of Mary Jemison Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

George Siebert, Herbert Sayer, Edward Hogan and Homer Pryor, gas distribution, are members of the Twenty-first Regiment who were recently called to the armory and mustered in to serve in connection with the emergency called because of snow conditions during the coal shortage.

Corporal Ralph Coryell, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, recently spent a short but enjoyable furlough in Sodus and Wolcott. Before entering service Ralph was a meter tester in the Lake Shore District.

At a recent Gas Shop party in honor of AMMH Earl Waltman, U.S. Navy, home on furlough, Carl Ayen acted as song leader. Cal Brown officiated at the piano, Jack MacLarty got in the tympanics and Max Reiber strummed the bass viol. Earl said the Navy's big guns have got nothing on this aggregation when it comes to noise. Twenty-eight employees were present. It is hoped more men will be home on furloughs and that all will visit their former associates in the Gas Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Helfer have been getting good catches of perch and pickerel at Honeoye Lake and Sodus Bay, fishing through the ice. They use minnows as bait and one-pound perch are common catches for them. Ed says this is good sport and conserves red points. Besides, fish is brain food.

Jane Sattler of the Chemical Laboratory recently heard that her husband, Sergeant Jack Sattler, who is with the Seventh Army, is now in Alsace Lorraine, on his way to Berlin.

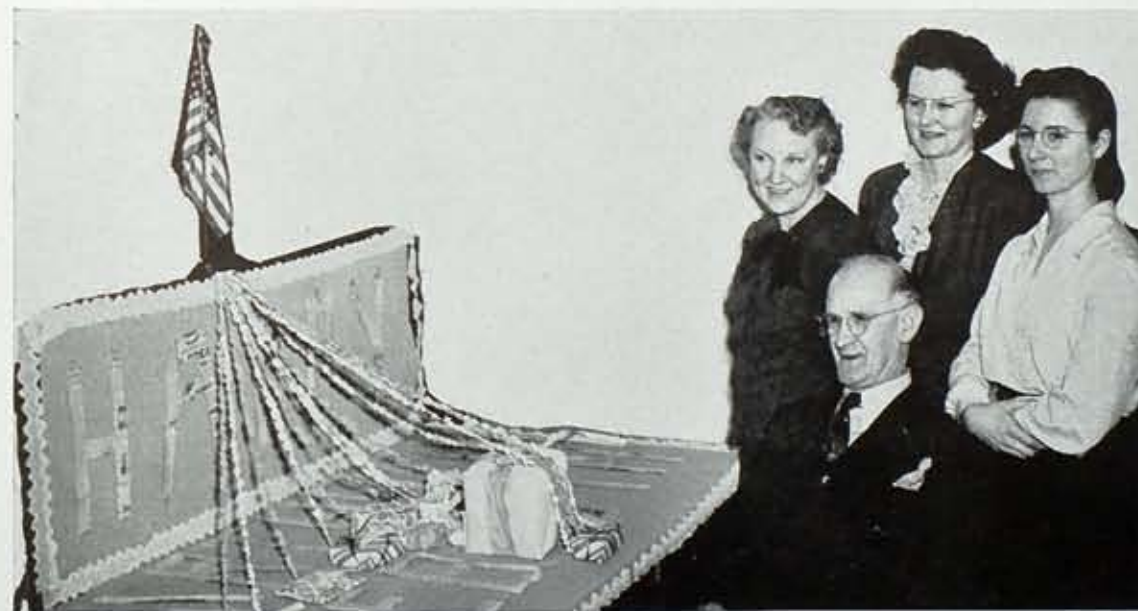
The cigarette shortage doesn't bother John Gardiner, William Major or Seth White. We overheard their confab one noon in Lamey's Tool Room. John rolls his own; Bill is quite happy, thank you, with his old corncob pipe while Seth, well, he says he'd rather have his "chawin' terbaccy" than a whole carton of those new-fangled tailor-made smokes.

It is now three to one in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Arden Howland. With the recent addition of little Mark Howland, the score is three boys and one girl. Many famous people seemed to choose to be born in January. We trust Master Mark will add to this list of renowned statesmen or musicians. He sure had a fine start, weighing nine pounds.

Lt. Chester McCann, formerly of the Chemical Laboratory, dropped in to say hello to his associates recently. Chet is in the Medical Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Van Epps recently journeyed to Gary, Indiana, to be present at the wedding of their son, Lieut. Robert J. Van Epps, to Miss Ann Speeding. Nuptial high mass was celebrated at Holy Angels Church. The bride formerly attended Lockport High School and business schools in New York and Chicago. Lieut. Van Epps left Cornell University for duty in the armed forces.

Second Lieutenant Mallory Loos from India writes that he recently enjoyed a needed period of relaxation at a very nice recreational center. While there he met two Rochester friends, Frank Jones and Dick Rich. Mal has been at an Indian malarial control unit for about nineteen months. Dick Rich was formerly of our transfer room at Front Street.



Arthur F. Gosselin, Superintendent of Electric Meter and Test Room (seated) recently celebrated his sixty-seventh birthday. Julia Neubrand, left, Clara Schlenker and Ruth Streb did the special decorations, assisted by William Carlin. Mr. Gosselin received lots of nice gifts and not to be outdone, treated his girls to ice cream and cake.



Stalwart Walt Kenyon is a behemoth at snow shoveling

Walt Kenyon a few winters back used Old Dobbin on his Macedon farm to pull him, on skis, out to the state road to get his mail. Now, Walt uses a truck and his own snow plow to clear his long lane. When the town plow broke down, Walt pinch-hit to clear the state road and get himself to work as usual.

Lois Redsicker recently enjoyed the Icecapades at Buffalo and temporarily got lost in the Windy City. She enjoyed the former immensely.

Frank Sisca wouldn't make a very good milkman. He took Ada Geen's bottle of milk one noon recently and left her his bottle of rich heavy cream. Ada thought the "milk" was a bit rich that day, and Frank found the "cream" anything but heavy. Perhaps cream should be put in red bottles.

Wives of Employees will enjoy the new General Electric "House Party" radio show which is heard daily Monday through Friday at 4 P. M. over Station WHEC.

✦ DEATHS ✦

Walter T. Schulz, switchboard operator at Station 1, died on January 19, 1945. He resided at 371 Champlain and leaves his wife, Grace and one daughter. Mr. Schulz had been with the Company for nearly twenty-two years.

Air Cadet Raymond V. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Smith, Bay Road, Webster, died Friday, February 9, at the Naval Hospital, Pensacola, Florida, from injuries suffered in a plane crash. He was to have been commissioned shortly. Cadet Smith was president of the 1942 graduating class of Webster High School and later was a student in the University of Rochester. He is survived by his parents, a sister Linda Smith, and uncle, Elmer V. Smith; and a grandmother, Mrs. O. S. Woodhull, all of Webster.

Captain Earl Clark of the AAF was recently in town and visited Front Street for a brief period before attempting the snow-blocked roads to his home in Caledonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Pellett recently enjoyed the hospitality of a Rochester hostelry when they were marooned in town following a social evening here and snow-filled roads prevented their getting home to Webster. Francis used the telephone to have friends operate his furnace by remote control.

Line foreman George Sanders may be at home on a fifty-foot pole when fitted out with safety belt and climbing spurs, but when it comes to shoveling off a garage roof he is a rank amateur. George, on his own admission, fell off his garage roof four times while ridding it of thirty inches of snow. He was smart, though, in falling each time in a huge snow bank Mother Nature kindly arranged to protect him from harm.



George Sanders cleans off his garage roof.

Instead of the usual "Good Morning" in Canandaigua it has been "More Snow." It is good to hear again the sound of the New York Central and Pennsylvania trains pulling in and out of Canandaigua. It seemed like old times to see so many people watching and commenting about the big snow plows being pushed, sometimes by two very large engines.

Last issue we got Pvt. Don Bel-

linger mixed up with Corporal Harold J. Weathers. Don hails from Fort Story, Virginia, down where the south begins. We had him up in the Aleutians, which is really the bailiwick of Corporal Weathers, who doubtless would enjoy trading stations with him.



These irregulars, or left-wingers of the Steam Distribution department won a glorious victory over the department's regular league bowlers not long ago. Clete Kress, captain of the losers, said it was ignominious as at that time his team was leading in the R. G. and E. Bowling League. Left to right are: Walt Baker, captain; Howard Cornelius, Glen Pickett, Dick Helfer and Bill O'Brien.



Pioneers' PAGE



We hear that John Patrick is living the life of Riley on his farm, and really enjoying himself, with plenty of odd jobs to keep him amused and interested.

We hadn't heard from James Bell in some time, until we received word that he is as comfortable as a bug in a rug, making his home with a niece down in Syracuse.

Edward A. A. Carroll (and we have to use the A. A. to distinguish him from our other Eddy A. Carroll) is living down Dewey Avenue way. Ed brought Station Three its first large American flag, soon after "Pearl Harbor." It is still hanging at this station.

NOTE: We would like to hear from any of our "Old Timers" wherever they may be. Drop a line to "Gas and Electric News" or send in an interesting photo so we can all keep in touch with you.

Owen Smith was down Andrews Street way during the holidays to wish everyone "seasons greetings."

Joseph Matthews is back again at Front Street after a couple of months at home "under the weather."

Wm. A. Allen and Albert Crimmins live up Cady Street way near enough to each other to make it a

"cinch" to get together quite often for a good old game of cards.

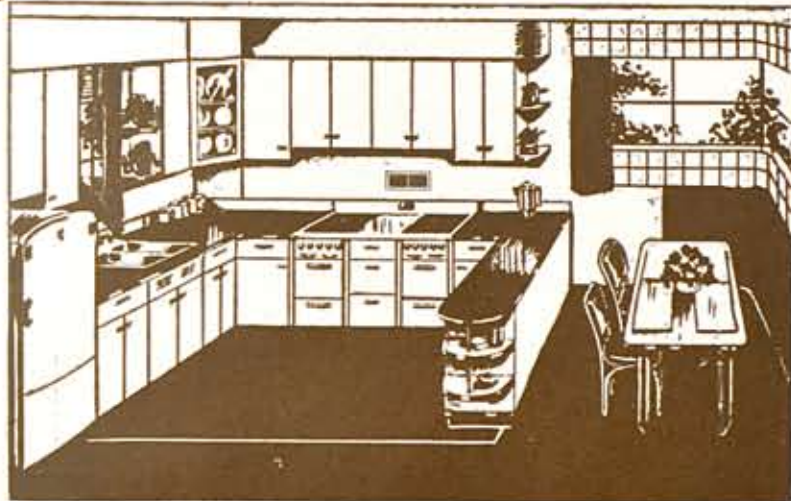
Edward Byrnes is now living in the state metropolis, Albany, N. Y. Some time ago Ed was bequeathed property there by a relative and will doubtless make the Capitol his permanent home.

Frank Owens has the right idea when it comes to keeping physically fit. He makes it a point to swim regularly at the Natatorium, South Avenue.

We learn that Carl Becker some months ago took unto himself a wife. They are at home to their friends at thirty-four Jefferson Terrace.

Thomas L. (Louie) Rhodes, Pioneer, retired from gas shop, dropped in at Front Street for a brief visit. The folks there were sure glad to see him. After he left the girls remarked: "He looks better than ever before, he must be enjoying life."

The Pioneers from gas shop are organizing a Bald Pate Club (bald head to you). There is difference of opinion as to who shall be president. The president of course must have the shiniest and most hairless head. There is keen rivalry among two or three thus far for this honor. It looks like it will be a photo-finish. Among the nominees are: Walt Gray, Frank Hubbard, John Reinhardt, Vincent Hoddick and Herbert Kreutter.



One of the Designs for the NEW FREEDOM GAS KITCHEN

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These New Freedom Gas Kitchens can be chosen from numerous designs to fit your own choice. They can be built into new homes or fitted into remodeled older homes. They are built around the marvelous New Certified Performance gas range, with its automatic oven lighting and the famous silent gas refrigerator. Working surfaces and appliances are so arranged that you save miles of steps every year and the ventilation system keeps the kitchen clean and free from cooking odors.

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