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Seasonal Dividends: FALL DAYS AND PHEASANT HUNTING



We Give Thee Thanks . . .

In the name of the living, and of the dead,
And of those unborn—Lord, bless the bread
Of brotherhood that we now break
In gratitude for Thy sweet sake.

In the name of the living—we thank Thee, Lord,
For deliverance from flame and sword;
For loved ones spared; for the task well done;
For the battle fought—and the victory won.

In the name of the dead—locked deep in sleep
Under alien earth—give us strength to keep
Their dearly-bought gift—untarnished, free,
The brave, bright armor of liberty.

And for those unborn—Lord, we lift a prayer
For a wiser world where we all may share
Enduring friendship and accord,
For this we give thee thanks, O Lord!

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COAL is Big Business at the R. G. & E.

The recent coal strike had our Purchasing and Traffic Departments and heads of various operating departments, as well as Company Officers worried, to put it mildly. Our large coal pile at Ambrose Street yards, which often contains as high as 100,000 tons of reserve coal (in normal times) was cut down to less than 20 days' coal supply, or about 50,000 tons. It was a great relief to all concerned when coal began flowing again through the more or less intricate system of transportation which brings it from the mines in Pennsylvania and West Virginia to Rochester, thence via routine switching operations to Ambrose Street,



Our reserve coal pile at Ambrose Street which in normal times contains about 100,000 tons of coal for our plants. During the recent coal strike the reserve supply got down to 50,000 tons, or less than 20 days' supply. SEE OTHER COAL PICTURES ON PAGES 12 and 13.



Jim Yost and his coal gang at the car unloader, State Street yards, left to right, are: Sam DiMarzio, Mike Buonemani, Jim Yost, foreman, Salvatore Giglio. SEE OTHER COAL PICTURES ON PAGES 12 and 13.

State Street and then into West Station, East Station and Station 3, as well as by automobile trucks to various other steam plants, etc.

Coal, the Black "Corpuscles" of Operation

We depend upon coal to keep our plants manufacturing gas and electricity and steam. It normally takes from 50 to 70 railroad cars to transport this amount of coal daily to R. G. and E. plants. When the reserve supply has to be dipped into it is just like beginning to spend savings instead of living within one's income. But, that is what the reserve coal supply is for and thus far it has always sufficed to tide us over until a strike is settled or bad weather conditions give way to normal traffic.

Lots of Rolling Stock

It sure takes plenty of rolling stock, autos, locomotive cranes, bulldozers and much conveying equip-

ment to deliver our coal supply to where it is needed. In some of this work we use outside contractors to help us do the job. But in normal times these wheels move smoothly and according to plan. Strikes and traffic dislocations sure do worry us, but—all's well that ends well.

Much Switching and Routing

The Pennsylvania Railroad delivers our coal supply (the part it handles) to the New York Central at Lincoln Park, which in turn transfers it through to our State Street yards. The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad delivers coal to us at Charlotte, from whence it is drawn across the Genesee River there, from the west to the east side, coming up the east side as far as the railroad bridge, just north of Ambrose Street and East Station, where it again recrosses the Genesee River over to the Ambrose Street yards, from where it

goes to State Street tracks, some of it being drawn from there by automobile trucks to Stations 3, 8 and 35, the rest being released from cars on the trestle to conveyors installed beneath the trestle tracks from which the coal is conveyed to various points in the West Station plant.

High Grade Bituminous

Both our steam and our gas coal is high grade bituminous coal. Thousands of tons of both of these kinds are always in storage at Ambrose Street. West Station has at the State Street yards a small reserve pile of gas coal of about 2,000 tons and we have had a bit of coal in reserve at Charlotte Harbor for some months. This latter was used up completely during the recent days, having been hauled in trucks from Charlotte to the State Street yards.

Our pictures will give some idea of the system by which our coal is delivered to our plants according to the plan worked out by the Traffic and Purchasing Departments, whose responsibility it is, indeed a large one, especially in times of strikes and traffic troubles. Baird Robinson, head of the Purchasing Department, and John McMann, Traffic Manager, deserve a lot of credit for the way they always handle their special brands of trouble. Much credit is also due all the men along the line who have to handle the coal, see that it is always where it ought to be at the right time, in sufficient quantities. This is after John McMann has gotten it safely to Rochester with the fine cooperation of the railroads.

Yes, there's only one nice thing about coal strikes—they make you feel so good after they're over.



These men keep the R. G. and E. wheels turning in the Hilton District. Left to right are: Cleon Goodwin, Gifford Jackling, Clarence Davenport and District Manager Harlan Cooper. Hilton District has a nice new office.



Lamp Campaign



4—Charlotte Fuchs, Front Street Lamp Department, points with pride to the R. G. and E. lamp poster and truck card. Charles Holmes, Electric Testing Laboratories, gives G. E. lamps a field test at Front Street.

1—Patricia Rooney at lamp packing depot, Front Street Storehouse.
2—Evelyn Hoester gives the G. E. lamp poster lady some good commission. 3—Left, Bob Carreo, of Front Street lamp depot, and Ed Heintz, get down a few of the 500,000 or more lamps held in storage

Employees Can Earn Extra Money In Lamp Bulb Campaign

This Christmas will be the brightest in years with homes and stores illuminated as they haven't been since the beginning of the war. In order to promote better lighting all of the dealers in this area are co-operating in a special lamp bulb campaign in which the customer is given one free 100-watt bulb with each carton of nine assorted bulbs that is purchased at the regular price of \$1, plus federal tax.

Now R. G. & E. employees who want to make some extra money for Christmas are being given a chance to do so through a special Employees Bulb Campaign. In this campaign the customer gets the same bargain . . . a free 100-watt bulb with each purchase of the carton of nine . . . and the employee receives a commission of 15 cents on each carton he or

she sells. If the employe delivers the carton the company will pay an extra 5 cents bonus, so there is opportunity to earn 20 cents with each sale.

Practically every family needs a carton of lamp bulbs and will appreciate being given an opportunity to obtain one of the special cartons with four 40-watt, three 60-watt, two 100-watt bulbs (all for the price of one dollar, plus tax) and the free extra 100-watt bulb.

The Employees Campaign will continue to the end of the year. A special order blank has been prepared and must be used. They can be procured from any department head. The cartons of lamps will be sold on a charge basis with the customer paying for them on his next monthly service bill.

Employees Coming Through On Victory Drive Chairman Harold Nichols Says

As we go to press our part in the VICTORY LOAN DRIVE is gaining speed, says Chairman Harold Nichols. On November 8 ten departments were well over 100% of their quota, with Station 33 leading with 178%. Following closely were Station 8, Credit-Service-Telephone, Chemical Lab, Turn On-Shut Off Department, Station 11, Electric Superintendent's Office, Gas House Heating Service and Gas Meter, with other departments coming to the front fast.

If you have any question relative to the payroll savings plan, please call Lola Durney, Telephone Extension 429. It seems apparent that every employe will do his part to see that our quota of \$129,000 is well oversubscribed.

"They have finished their job, let's finish ours."



AT GORDON ROSS' 25-YEAR PARTY: 1—Between the acts. Messrs. Harold Nichols and Charles Fitzgerald "chew the rag" as Jim Skinner, Harold Kelly and Gordon and Mrs. Ross relax. 2—Gordon Ross receives diploma from Mr. Patterson. 3—That chicken was good. Left to right are: Martha Tullius, "Hap" Houlihan, Leah Fellows, Louis Sweikart, Dorothy MacDowell, Harry Miller and Grace Cross. 4—Master of Ceremonies Harold Kelly gives us a history of our honored guest. 5—Al Bocci and Mrs. Bocci were unexpected guests. 6—Harold Kelly, right, gives the lowdown to Fred Marsh and Flo Richter.



Waiting for their chicken dinner, left to right, are: Helen Rogers, Treasurer Fred Patterson, Laura Davenport, Martin Quinn, Vice-president Alex Beebe, Muriel Oratz, Ada Geen and Dorothy Fisher.

Gas and Electric News Goes To a 25-Year Party

The Turn-On and Shut-Off Department recently gave Gordon Ross a surprise 25-year party at the Chiselers Camp. Gordon had been more or less kidnapped by some of his associates and came in to see a fine gathering all set to have a good time.

Harold Kelly was master of ceremonies, assisted by Jim Skinner, who was master chef, and did a swell job with the help of Rudy Hoffmeier and Art Noffke. After the excellent chicken dinner, Harold Kelly launched the after-party with a humorous "pedigree" of the guest of honor which made quite a hit with the folks with the friendly ribbing it gave Gordon. Harold Nichols spoke briefly along this same line.

Jim Skinner presented guests, including Mr. Beebe and Mr. Hoddick, Mr. Patterson and others. He also led the group in singing. The high spot of the evening was the presentation, by Mr. Patterson, of a diploma

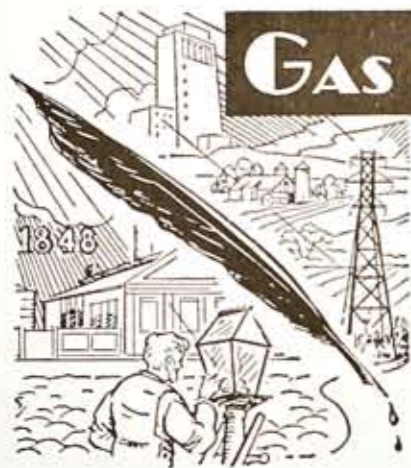
and scroll to Gordon which stated that he is a graduate of the College of the R. G. and E.

A little skit, presented by Florence Richter and Rudy Hoffmeier, de-

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Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ross, who recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. At about the same time Gordon put 25 notches in his R. G. and E. service record.



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President Russell Asks Federal O. K. For Wage Increase

In a letter sent to all employees last month President Herman Russell announced that on December 1, subject to approval by the proper federal agencies, the company will increase wage and salary rates in appropriate amounts. He stated that the Company has been studying problems arising from the close of the war, such as working schedules, wage and salary rates, and the return to normal operating conditions.

Until our men in the armed forces come back to us, he said, we will have to continue working on an extended schedule in some departments but return to a normal 40-hour per week operating schedule in all departments will be made just as soon as operations permit.

"Because of this anticipated return to a 40-hour operating sched-

ule", says President Russell, "your Company will, on December 1, 1945, subject to approval by the proper federal agencies, increase wage and salary rates in appropriate amounts."

Employees will be notified by their foremen as soon as the new schedules are worked out.

"Employees should keep in mind", adds President Russell, "that your Company, as a public utility, is regulated by public agencies, and, inasmuch as wages and salaries paid affect its operating expenses, it must ask the Office of Economic Stabilization for permission to include the proposed wage and salary increases in its cost of doing business. Accordingly, appropriate applications for their approval are being filed with the proper governmental authorities."

Winton Road Residents Praise "Dick" Hoddick's Men

One of the principal rules in the R. G. & E. service creed is to perform repairs and construction jobs with the least possible inconvenience to the customer or to the public. Recently "Dick" Hoddick's Gas Distribution Department had the job of supervising construction of a new gas main through Winton Road from East Avenue to Monroe Avenue, and the job was done so expeditiously and with so little disturbance to homes along the route that two property owners have written letters of commendation to President Russell.

Here's one from Mrs. Florence Godshall, 330 Winton Road South, that said: "Your employees should be complimented on the splendid way they took care of the property where they had to work. They were careful and did everything possible to protect the bushes and lawn and to replace things as they found them. We, the owners, appreciate this and think some of the nice things said should be passed along to the men responsible."

Frederick C. Herzog, Sr., 296 Winton Road, sent the following note: "This is to inform you that I was extremely well pleased with the manner in which Mr. Sykes handled the work on my lawn, replacing of sod, etc., after they had installed the main gas pipe line in front of my property. He did a most commendable job and I thought you should be apprised of this fact, particularly since in times like these, with the difficult labor situation, an instance

of this kind seems to warrant special mention."

W. C. Sykes Company was the contractor on this part of the job and among the R. G. & E. men who had a hand in it were Walter Van Epps, as supervising inspector, and Donald MacCollum, layout man.

Nice work, boys. You made a lot of friends for the company by the way you handled this particular job.

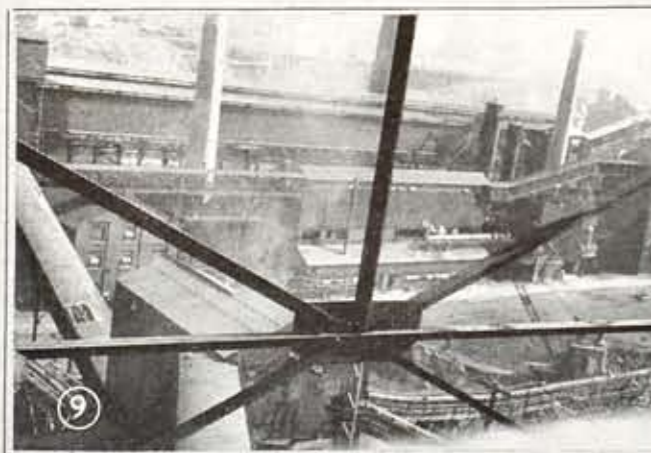
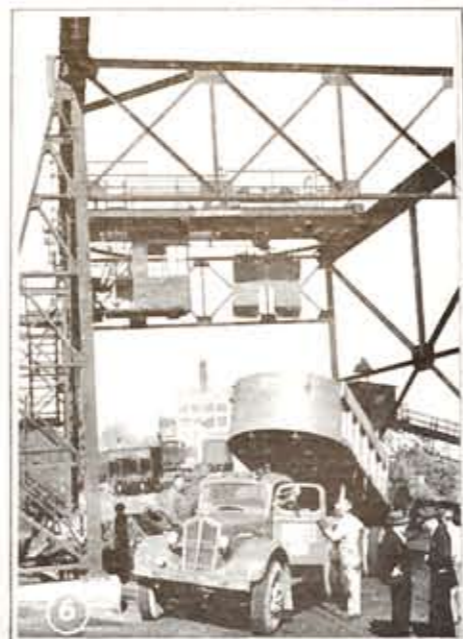
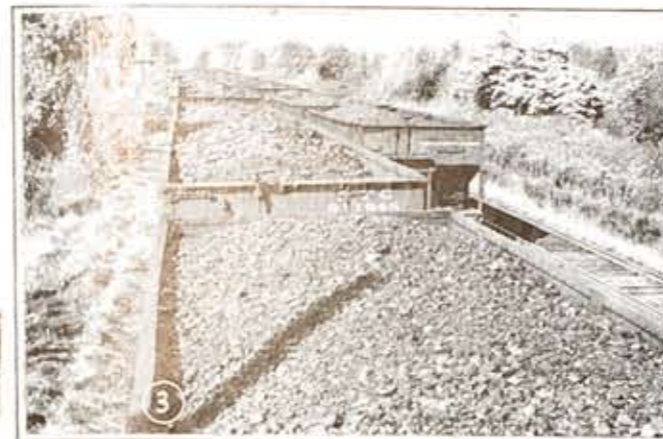
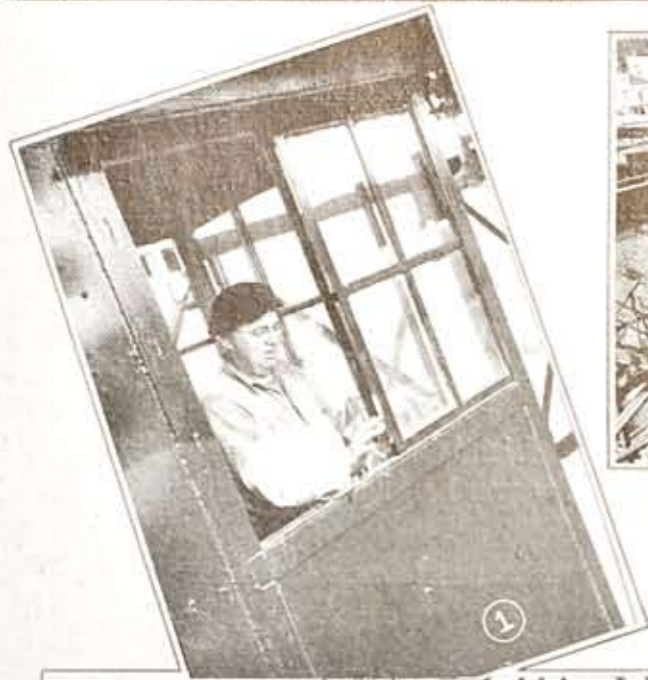
Our Front Cover

For our November front cover picture we "borrowed" Margery Moore and Ed Hansen, both of Fourth Floor, and went on a simulated pheasant hunting expedition. Ed recently returned from extensive service in England, Africa, Italy, Sicily, India and China. Pheasant hunting to him must seem tame indeed.

Margery really does hunt quite frequently with her husband and is said to be a true disciple of Annie Oakley. She has a keen eye and a well trained trigger finger.

We thank Margery and Ed for their cooperation and hope you like the picture, which just about winds up our outdoor cover shots for this year. Before long those beautiful birch trees will be white with snow and winter will be upon us—darnit!

COAL is BIG BUSINESS in the R.G.E.



1—John Fang gives signal from unloading tower. 2—State Street Yards and emergency coal pile for West Station. 3—R. G. and E. coal on tracks at Windsor Beach. 4—Traffic Manager John McMann, who keeps the coal coming. 5—The scoop gets last bite of coal at the Charlotte pile. 6—Large trucks brought last Charlotte coal to State Street and dumped it down onto conveyors for West Station.

7—Making up a train of coal for R. G. and E. on Charlotte siding. 8—Compacting coal at Ambrose Street to prevent heating. 9—Vista of West Station from State Street coal unloader. 10—One of C. P. Ward's shovels used to load trucks. 11—Locomotive cranes unloading cars at Ambrose Street. 12—Ambrose Street reserve coal pile got pretty flat during the strike.

R. G. & E. Bowlers Start Season With A Bang

Lots of enthusiasm and some good bowling featured the start of the R. G. and E. Bowling League for 1945-46 season. Teams play regularly each Tuesday at the K. of C. bowling alleys.

High Individual Averages

Herman Fichtner	192
Wilbur Neuffer	189
Carl Winterroth	188
Leon Wittman	185
Erny Bruns	183
George Young	182
Art Rosen	181
Sales	179
Howard Stebbins	178
William Spall	175

Team Standings

	Won	Lost
Electric Distribution	10	2
Turn-On	9	3
General Maintenance	8	4
Meter Reading	8	4
House Heating Service	7	5
Gas Distribution	6	6
Office (Main)	6	6
Gas Manufacture	5	7

Line Maintenance	5	7
Steam Division	5	7
Electric Meter	2	10
Electric Laboratory	1	11

Individual and Team High Scores

Jerry Mahoney (1 game)	246
Carl Winterroth (3 games)	609
Gas Distribution (1 game)	995
Gas Distribution (3 games)	2706

Thomas Nash Passes

We were saddened by the death of Thomas Nash, Superintendent of Transportation for this Company. Mr. Nash had been with this organization for the past forty years. He was a member of the R. G. and E. Pioneers Club. Mr. Nash leaves his wife, Matilda M. Nash; two daughters, Mrs. Richard T. Sullivan and Mrs. Arthur H. Schuyler; a brother, Patrick, and three grandchildren. Funeral services were held at St. Monica's Church and burial was made at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



Officers and some of the team captains of R. G. and E. Bowling League. Left to right, front row: Jim Skinner, Jerry Mahoney (vice-president), George Galen (president), Howe Kiefer (treasurer), John Contestable. Back row: Howard Stebbins (secretary), Charles Molyneux, Guy Beach, Earl Stanton, George Lumley and Owen Feltham.

CONGRATULATIONS to YOU!

The employees shown below have recently celebrated anniversaries in Company Service. We congratulate them and send good wishes from their fellow workers.



MELVIN BRUMAN, 25 Years
Line Maintenance



EARL W. DENNIS, 25 Years
Mapping Records



ORA ALLEN, 25 Years
Cust. Service



MARTIN QUINN, 30 Years
Cust. Service



THEODORE HERR, 25 Years
General Accounting



FRED A. LOVICK, 25 Years
Meter Reading



PETER WARD, 25 Years
Station Three



NICK EVANGELISTE, 25 Years
West Station



ERNEST MERREDEW, 25 Years
Customers' Accounting



Mary Stott, who had been with the Company for over 18 years recently left to give all her time to being a housewife. For the past many years Mary had been a valuable assistant in the Advertising Department where her charming personality was an asset in meeting both employes and outsiders contacting the Company.

Her leaving synchronized with the homecoming of her husband, Corporal Norman Stott, recently returned from long service in the South Pacific. Norman, who will return to us as City Sales Supervisor, was invalided at home upon his arrival with a recurrent siege of malaria, but we hope to have him with us soon.

Mary Gibson, Payroll Department, was one of the fortunate people whose vacation synchronized with some of the games of the recent World's Series. Mary spent hers in Detroit and saw some fine games. Although she rooted for the "Cubs", she was glad the "Tigers" won, which may be the feminine slant on how to pick 'em.

Bob Weir, R. G. and E. Mt. Morris representative, polled the second highest number of votes in that town's recent elections to qualify for justice of the peace. From now on Bob's friends will greet him with "Good morning, Judge".

Bob polled a total of 667 votes (democratic) to win his place on the town board. We congratulate Mr. Weir and feel sure that his ability and sound judgment will make him a judge his town will be proud of.

June Elkins and her sister recently spent a few enjoyable vacation days in New York. They were royally entertained by friends there who gave them a few fine dinners and trips to the latest shows and visits to a few night clubs.

We were sorry to learn of the recent death of George Tobin, the father of former employe and Sergeant "Chuck" Tobin, who gave his life for his country in Germany. George, till he left the Company some months ago, had worked at the Ben-Gas Station for over 24 years, and had made for himself a host of friends.

George Hutchinson Dies at the Sheraton

George Hutchinson, Safety Engineer for the Utilities Mutual, died recently at the Sheraton Hotel. He had been on one of his regular visits to this Company. Mr. Hutchinson was an authority on Utility and Industrial Safety and was greatly liked both for his ability and his friendliness. He leaves his wife and a daughter, who reside at the family home in New York City.

Evelyn Grim, Payroll Department, recently left the Company's employ after serving it faithfully for eight years. Her associates honored her with a dinner at the Town Tavern. On her last day at work, her desk was literally covered with varied colorful brands of canned foods and groceries in anticipation of the opening of a grocery store by Evelyn and her husband. We wish them success.

Gas and Electric News Goes To a 25-Year Party

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The Rate and Contract Department enjoyed a party held at Valley Echo on November 8, in honor of the return of Jack Kennedy, after three years' service overseas.

Mr. Ginna and Mary Powers were guests. A further reason for the celebration was the department's most recent move to new quarters on the sixth floor.

tailed incidents from the daily life of a turn-on shut-off man. It was well done and amused the audience a lot. This party was a huge success, and we think that if a laugh-meter had been installed there that evening the darn thing would nearly have exploded.



Dick Dietrich and Ed Hansen, left, both returned from overseas, receive the glad hand from members of Fourth Floor Social Committee, Laura Pink and Dorothy Letson. Dick has decided to be a contractor and recently went into the construction business.

Heddy Garis and her husband went to Ithaca for the Cornell-Princeton football game and there met Heddy's brother, who is a Cornell alumnus, and his wife and daughter who came up from New York for the game. The following week Mr. and Mrs. Garis visited New York to fill out a very delightful vacation period.

June Elkins, one of our summer "cover girls" sent one of our magazines to her brother on Saipan. Some of his buddies took the cover picture, which showed June with Marian Kraft and Sylvia Else, and pinned it up alongside many other feminine beauties on display on the bulletin board where it is said to be more than just holding its own in "hot" competition.

Dorothy Dake and Marion Clark took a boat trip on the Great Lakes. They especially enjoyed their stay at Mackinac Island with its horse and buggy rides, Detroit, the Sault Canal, Georgian Bay and the Midlands. The food was excellent on the S.S. "Noronic" and the girls say they even rested a little bit.

Jennie Cook recently announced her engagement to Donald Dustman and the wedding bells will ring after Don gets home from the service. He has been overseas over two years.

Fred Saddock and family drove to New York for a few days vacationing in the big city. They were guests of friends and relatives there and had a wonderful time.



Inventory Department picnic group. Left to right, back row are: Charles Doyle, Ed Hanson, Dave Swift, Homer Deffenbaugh, Al Mura, Stan Cady (department head), Norm Schuth, Charles Royle, Sherman Wise, Roy VanNess and Ray Connor. Front row: Ray Marvin, Art Underwood, Hugh Ackland, Martin Hunt and, center, Mrs. Steve Garvin, who was hostess.

Alton Emery, Utility man at Friendship, was recently married to Vivian Smith, at St. Philip's Rectory at Belmont. Mrs. Alton has been a member of the staff of the Belmont Department of Public Welfare. Mr. Emery returned some weeks ago from five years of service for his country in its armed forces. The newlyweds expect to make their home in Friendship.

Helen Benjamin recently became the bride of Robert Holland in a ceremony performed in the Bolivar Methodist parsonage. The bride is a Public Welfare Department investigator, while the groom is an employe of this Company at Fillmore, where Mr. and Mrs. Holland will make their new home.

Walter McKie is being lend-leased by the Company to help Chairman Ball run the "VICTORY LOAN" Drive. Walt is an old hand at this work, having served many weeks in other War Bond drives in this capacity.

Cy Cooley, Pete Cross, Tom Cross, Andy MacDowell, Guy Beach, Jack Dailey, Sparky Huls and Wally Bond went partridge hunting (hunting is right, says Guy) up north of Pulaski, a practice followed by them yearly. The weather was the worst ever this time and the birds were especially elusive, the entire gang getting but two. The men had a swell time, however, playing cards those rainy days and the food, as always at this particular farm home, was super fine.

Margaret McCurn, Ann Morris and Jennie Cook recently visited Toronto for a few days, it being their first visit to Canada for Ann and Jennie. The girls did some shopping and visited many points of scenic interest, such as Hanlon's and Centre Island.

Dave Swift and Bert Freeman, with Dave's dog "Jill", make a very successful hunting trio. We encountered them one Saturday when they had just bagged two fine pheasants. Dave's dog was but five months old when he got his first two birds. This is a good record for a pup and greatly pleased Bill Hughes and Hap Ward, from whose kennels "Jill" came.



Dave Swift, left, with his crack hunting dog "Jill", and Bert Freeman get two fine pheasants on a recent Saturday pheasant day. Jill is a protege of Bill Hughes and Hap Ward.

Ann Skuce, Payroll Department, recently spent an enjoyable vacation visiting at the home of friends in Canada.

Frank Millard has returned from a vacation spent in Cleveland. The weather man gave Frank his best brand of sunny days and autumn color.

Ralph Short, Collection Department, went phantom hunting one Sunday with a borrowed bird dog, but no gun, just for practice for Fido. The dog flushed innumerable birds. Later, when Ralph and a buddy really went after the birds, guns, dog and all, the birds just failed to materialize. Ralph thinks the birds had him "posted".



Fred Rosa, Station 3, raises beautiful bunnies, both as a hobby and an avocation.

New faces seen back from the wars at Front and Andrews are Lowell Titus, of the Marines, and Bob Ewart, of the Sea Bees. Many others will soon be back with us.

F. Merton Chapin, former Supervisor of Accounts Payable Division of the General Accounting Department, retired on October 1. He was honored with a dinner at the Town Tavern given by his associates, who wished him happiness in his new way of life and presented him with luggage as a parting gift. Mr. Chapin plans, with Mrs. Chapin, to travel extensively.

Leon Sprague has been appointed Supervisor of the Accounts Payable Division of the General Accounting Department to succeed F. Merton Chapin, recently retired.

Leon will be assisted by Robert Kelley.

At a party at Crescent Beach, East Station employes presented Erasmo Tremonto with a thirty-year pin and honored him as the special guest of the evening. Messrs. Beebee and Kruger spoke briefly, being introduced by Bud Aldred, who was master of ceremonies.

Fifty-four employes were present to enjoy a fine steak dinner and the festivities including songs, stunts, cards and a boat ride provided by Frank Rosenbaum and his launch. Ed Voelker and Frank Simeone assisted in the party plans as committee members.

Fritz Boyer, Front and Andrews Streets, enjoyed a week's vacation during pheasant hunting season. He tried his luck out in Rush and Henrietta and got a bird after long marches.

John Culliton, Meter Reader, says August is his banner month for him and his family. He was married on August 17, twenty-five years ago. He came to work for the R. G. and E. on August 19, twenty-six years ago. John's mother's birthday is the 4th of August and his son, Robert, now 23 years of age, celebrates his on August 27.

So, any way you want to figure it, August is the "celebratingest" month you could possibly imagine for the Cullitons. John is commander of the Crouch-Doud Post 600, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and (chalk up another date for John Culliton) they always have their annual picnic in—August.

Donald Craig Billick is the name of a fine seven-pound son born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Billick. What with the new son and refereeing football games, Pete, whose habitat is East Station, will be a busy man.

The annual picnic of the Inventory Department was held this year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Garvin at Island Cottage. It was very enjoyable, the fine weather lending itself to boating and the late fall swimming. A delightful picnic lunch just "hit the spot".

William Carlin, Art Walton, Mike Friga and Fred Clark engineered a clambake for the Electric Maintenance, Mapping Records and Engineering Departments recently which was a knockout. The usual visiting and cards filled in the evening following the bake.



At Merton Chapin's farewell dinner at Town Tavern. Left to right are: Margaret Lennon, Frederick Patterson, Merton Chapin and Mrs. Chapin.

The TRADING POST

WANTED: Kodak, Brownie, 620 or similar type of Kodak for an amateur. If you have one please call Jim Coyne, Ext. 597.

WANTED: Dress form, size 18 or 20, adjustable. Please call Charlotte 1408-R.

WANTED: 3 or 4-room heated apartment for employe and wife. (This employe just returned from overseas.) Call Ed. Hansen, Ext. 491.

WANTED: Another returned serviceman, an R. G. and E. employe, and his wife badly need a suitable apartment. If you know of one, please call Jane Sattler, Ext. 387.

FOR SALE: Bucket a day water heater with tank and thermostat, together with 500 pounds of pea coal, reasonable. Don Thompson, Ext. 257.

FOR SALE: Ladies' fur jacket and muff to match, black, size 18 to 20. Excellent condition and reasonable. Also, ladies' ski outfit with shoes, size 20 and 8½ respectively. Wm. P. Buckmaster, 306 Parsells Avenue.

FOR SALE: Copper wash boiler, \$3; 10-gal. crock, \$1; sleeve ironing board, 50c; steel rowing machine, \$3; auto bumper jack, \$1.50; three windows, 60 by 25 inches, 75c each. Mrs. H. Hethier, 95 Lehigh Ave., city.

FOR SALE: Ladies' spring and fall coat, green, fitted, size 18. Reasonable. E. Moore, Ext. 564. (Good condition.)

FOR SALE: Girls' dust pink fleece coat and leggings set, Size 2. Call Dick Spellman, Culver 2567-J.

WANTED: Artificial Christmas tree. Small size that will easily set in place on a table. Ask for Mary Anne, Ext. 291.

FOR SALE: Radio, General Electric H-87, selective tuning and wave bands, directional built-in antenna, complete with connection for television and GE HM-3 record player. This is a very nice floor model and is in fine condition. Walter Paine, Ext. 391.

FOR SALE: Ladies' spring and fall coat, navy, size 16. Like new. Reasonable. D. Dake, Ext. 562.

WANTED: Doll buggy for nice little girl. Please call Extension 563 and ask for Norbert Kuhn.

FOR SALE: Men's or boys' ice skates with shoes, size 6. Good condition, \$5. D. Dake, Ext. 562.

FOR SALE: Beds, twin and large size. Good condition, very cheap. M. Darling, Ext. 563.

FOR SALE: 3-piece green wool suit, new, size 15. M. Darling, Ext. 563.

FOR SALE: Child's rolled top desk and chair. Good condition, \$5. E. Moore, Ext. 564.

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Is That in the Rule Book?

Whether it's football or business, Americans expect fair play all down the line.

In football, the referee is there to see that the game is played according to the rules. But he's not supposed to run with the ball.

In business, the referee is the government, which establishes regulations for fair practices.

But when government goes into business and competes with its own citizens under an entirely different set of rules, the American tradition of fair play is set aside. The referee then becomes a player, and he enjoys advantages that are denied to all the other players in the game.

Government-owned electric power systems, for example, pay little or no taxes. When they need money, they get it at little or no interest from the U. S. Treasury. If they have losses, you, as a taxpayer, will take care of that.

Business-managed power systems, on the other hand, do not have these special privileges. They pay their full share of taxes, pay fair interest on any loans. They contribute to the communities they serve—help keep your tax bills down.

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