

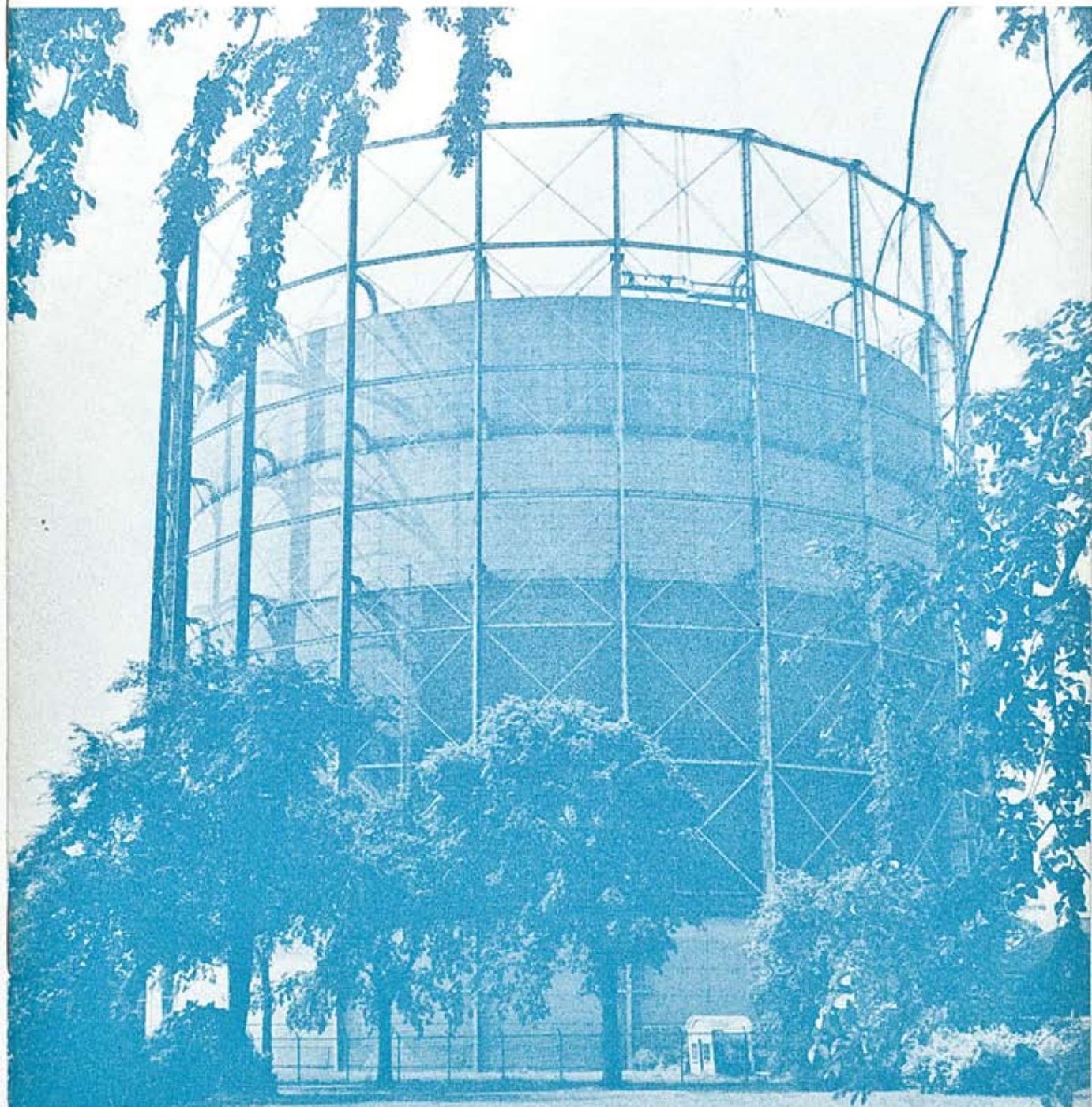
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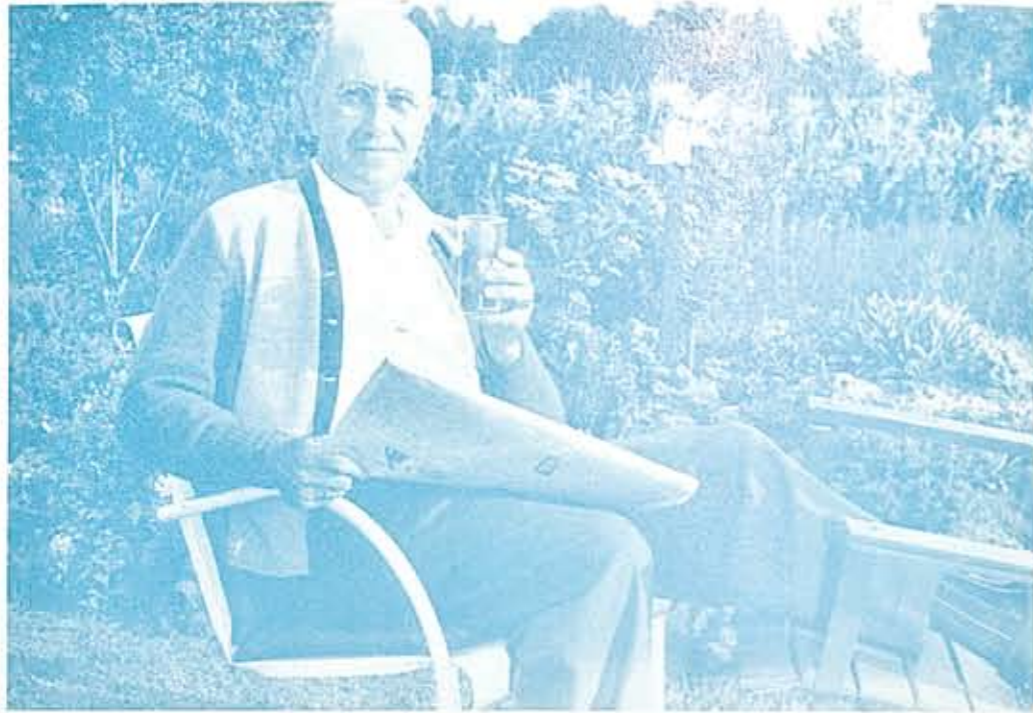
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BLOSSOM ROAD HOLDER



Herb Clark, for 15 years an R. G. and E. meter reader, enjoying some of his vacation in his own backyard. Said Herb: "Home, Sweet Home is still 'tops' with me. No tickets to buy, no priorities to arrange for, and three square meals a day—without cover charges".

## An August Tragedy . . .

August is the time of year  
When we say "Vacation's here!  
Shall we take an ocean dip  
Cruise aboard a Great Lakes ship,  
View the country from a plane  
Or scale mountainous terrain?  
Alas, alack, it hits us hard  
We're still right here in our backyard,  
While we talked of our vacations  
Practical folks got reservations."

—Art Kelly.

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## Gas Holder Gets Beauty Treatment

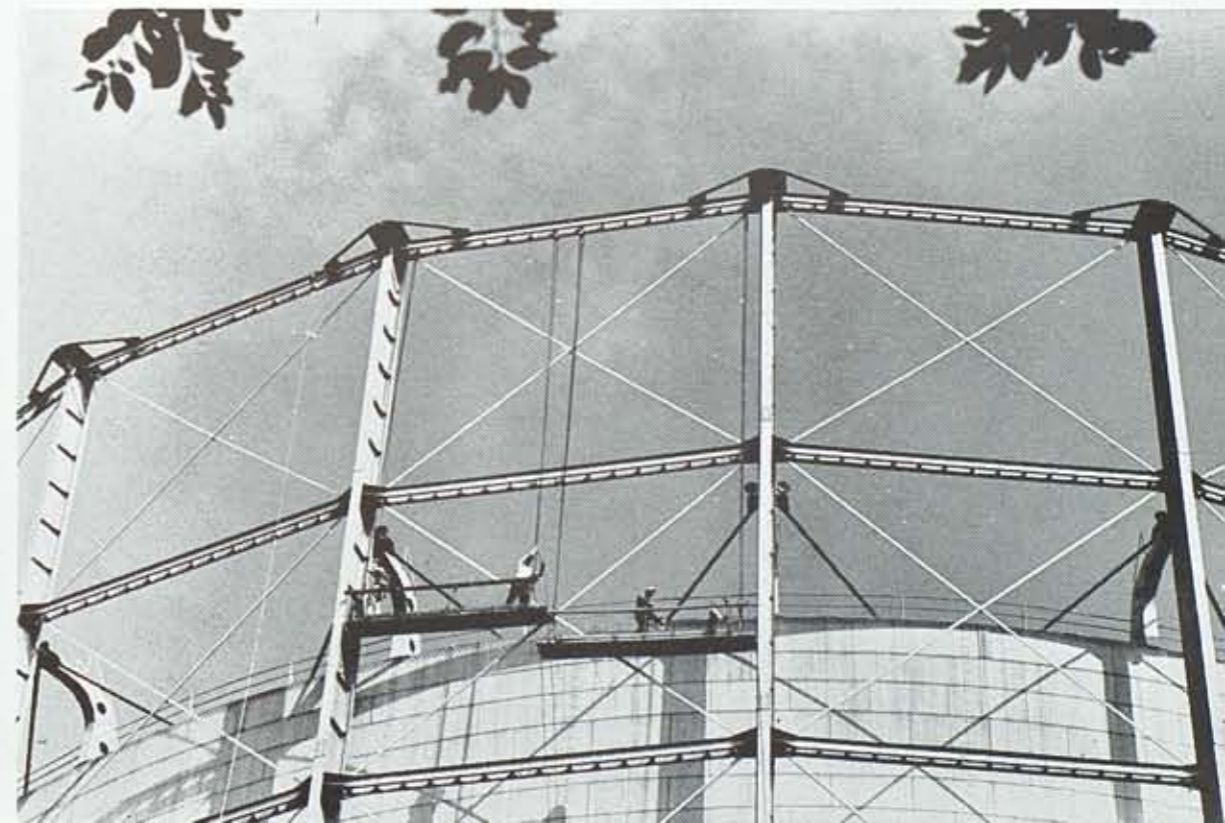
John Baker's "boys" used 200 gallons of lead and oil and 260 gallons of holder grey to touch up Blossom Road Holder's columns and guide frames. Del Magin says it is a continuous job to keep such a large structure in good condition, and has to be done in 'heats', so to speak.

The press of war work and a minimum of help were handicaps to getting this job done on schedule.

Today, however, Blossom Road Holder, which holds 6,000,000 cubic feet of gas, is feeling her oats. She acts like a lady who has just come from a beauty parlor and her self-confidence and personality have increased at least fifty percent. She told us so!

Painter foreman Adolph Schmidt and his high-flyers (the holder rises about 250 feet from the ground) did the work.

Telephoto 'shot' of section of our Cover Picture showing General Maintenance men painting gas holder. The men working on the job are: William Cornish, Nick Niemi, Angelo Carafice, Michael Palumbo, Bob Belding and Ken Rosa.





In a fine natural setting of beautiful trees, along the upper Genesee River, sets the Chiselers Camp, that Mecca of R. G. and E. planners of summer picnics, fall clam-bakes, and other social events.

## Mecca of R. G. and E. Picnickers, Chiselers Camp is Having Busy Season

The Chiselers Camp, the Mecca of R. G. and E. picnickers is located in a fine natural setting along the upper Genesee River. This year, as usual, it is providing hundreds of employes in varied Company departments an appreciated change and play spell from routine labors.

From July 30 to September 30, eleven different departments will have used its welcome services. Among them are West Station, which has to use three different dates to take care of the picnic wants of its different shifts; East Station, Steam Distribution, the Pioneer's Club, General Maintenance, Gas Househeating Service, Gas Street Department, Meter Reading and others, including parties for different smaller groups,

like Purchasing, parties for retiring employes and many others.

Time has not lessened the R. G. and E. employes' yen for these occasions. We note, however, that as we become older in service, we stick more to the indoor sports and pastimes, like cards and games, and less to the robust contests, like baseball and running races. There are, however, always young-bloods to carry on the strenuous doings, as we oldsters merely look on and enjoy our exercise vicariously.

Some have suggested that "Chiselers Camp" is not a fitting name for such a wonderful place as that spot really is. If you have any ideas on what a more appropriate monicker might be, just rack your brain a bit

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Some of the young-bloods of the Steam Division, shown above, kept up the athletic traditions of Chiselers Camp by playing leap-frog at the recent department picnic at the Camp, partly to get good appetites for the wonderful dinner they had later on. Left to right are: back, Bill Stein, Bill Kennerson, Dick Helfer, Jack Paris and Hank Symonds. Front, Joe LaMonica, Clarence Pickett, Les Fischer and Henry MacGregor.

Some of the picnickers took their athletic sports vicariously and were glad to just sit in the shade and play cards. It's every man to his taste at Chiselers Camp. Left to right in picture below are: Frank Schansky, Ed Morris, Emory Powell and Chris Dengel.





Top left, East Station men hold conference over close score in 'barnyard golf' at their recent picnic at Chiselers Camp. Left to right are: Don Caffrey, John Stubbe, Patsy Matroniano, Antonio Tinnirello, Fred Gunther (front) and Art Loveny. Top right, Four of West Station's 'Old Timers' were at its recent picnic. Left to

right are shown: Charles Giglio, Patsy Brown, Cosimo DiFiore and Ray Viola. Lower left, Cheerful threesome of East Stationers fill spectators' roles at picnic. Left to right are: Fred Gunther, Patsy Matroniano and Antonio Tinnirello. West Station picnic foursome goes in for a bit of soft-drinking. They are, from the left: William Sharples, Andrew Murphy, Terrance Casey and Cosimo Sava.



Howie (Bulgy) Cornelius, third from right, tells the boys with gestures, (Howie likes to play charades) that as long as he's umpire he's gonna be boss, or else. Other players from Steam Division picnic team are, left to right: Lyle Tuttle, Walt Baker, Bud Smith, Howie Cornelius (the ump), Sam Potter and Harry Ridley.

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and send it in, just for the fun of it if nothing more.

Soon, it will be clambake time again, if it isn't already. Then, the Chiselers Camp will indeed be a thrice welcome place, for at no other time of year is the camp more enjoyable than in the fall, when one can enjoy Mother Nature at her best and judge of his gustatorial proficiency by the almost unbelievable pile of empty clam shells he finds beside his plate.

#### Servicemen Are Urged to Purchase Stag Picnic Tickets Before September 20

September 20 is the deadline for members of the R. G. & E. Servicemen's Club to get their tickets for the Stag Picnic to be held at Westminster Park, East River Road, on September 28. The picnic will be the Club's third social meeting of the year. Tickets are \$1.65 and include the

picnic supper, entertainment, prizes and refreshments.

A hole-in-one driving contest and an Army vs. Navy baseball game will be features of the entertainment program. A Badminton tournament, horseshoe pitching contest and other sports will complete a widely varied schedule of activities for the day.

The following paragraph is quoted from the September issue of Vet-Chat, the R. G. & E. Servicemen's Club monthly news bulletin. "This picnic is open to members of the R. G. & E. Servicemen's Club only—which brings up a point for non-members. Why not get in on this party? Just ask a friend how to apply for membership and join now. This picnic is just *one* of the get-togethers on the Club's schedule. Besides having fun, you'll widen your circle of friends and acquaintances here at the R. G. & E. You'll find you're with a crowd of fine fellows to know."

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*Industrial Department*



**LEE R. SCOTT, 25 Years**  
*Engineering Department*



**DOROTHY S. FISHER, 25 Years**  
*Industrial Department*



**WM. J. ZIRKELBACH, 35 Years**  
*Station 6*



**MILDRED HACKER, 25 Years**  
*Customers Accounting*



**GERALD WILKIN, 30 Years**  
*Meter Reading*



**LEON E. JACKSON, 30 Years**  
*Engineering Department*



**CHARLES COTTONE, 25 Years**  
*Gas Street Department*



**THOMAS KENNEDY, 25 Years**  
*Meter Reading*



**JOHN DEVEREAUX, 30 Years**  
*Station 3*



**CHRISTIAN HELFER, 35 Years**  
*Steam Distribution*



**HARRY F. MILLER, 25 Years**  
*Line Maintenance*



**VINCENT ACCIAIO, 30 Years**  
*West Station*



**NORMAN GROOT, 25 Years**  
*Office Maintenance*



**JAMES E. COOPER, 25 Years**  
*Line Maintenance*



**EARL OLIN, 25 Years**  
*East Station*



**EDW. J. STAHLECKER, 30 Years**  
*Station 2*



**LEWIS BUTLER, 25 Years**  
*Transportation*



Head of Meter Department, Ray Patton, right, and his 'Four Horsemen' of the meter reading division. Left to right are: Tom Kennedy, William Beuthling, Norm Eckrich and Walter Moore.

## Four 'Dead-Eye Dicks' of the Meter Reading Department

Remember 'Deadeye Dick', Annie Oakley and 'Buffalo Bill'? They were all extremely good 'shots' even according to the precise shooting standards of their time. Good eyes and steady nerves were part of their secret of success in their line. Meter reading also calls for these attributes and Ray Patton has a quartet of meter readers who can 'shoot' meters with unerring success. You can put that in italics, for last year these four men read a total of 355,871 meters—without an error. All of Ray's men do an excellent job generally and these four 'sharpshooters' merely lead the parade.

Meter readers say it is no trick to read meters with great accuracy. They are trained to do it, have good eyesight and click 'em off about as fast as 'Buffalo Bill' used to shatter those little glass balls while riding horseback. "It's like this" one of our readers explained it: "Even you" he said "can tell what time it is by a clock on a building a quarter mile away, by position. Reading meters is something like that, with the exception that some of the hands move clock-wise and some counter clock-wise. That would seem to complicate things for you, but, to

us meter readers, it is 'duck soup'." We watched one of our readers reading our meter in the cellar last winter on a dark, late afternoon. He took out his flashlight, directed it at the meter away across the room and quickly jotted down the figures. It looked like hocus-pocus to us, but he had the right 'score'.

Herewith are shown the number of meters read by each of the men with perfect scores during 1945.

Name	Meters Read
Wm. Beuthling	101,208
Norm Eckrich	92,012
Walter Moore	85,486
Thomas Kennedy	77,165
No errors in reading	355,871 meters

## R. G. & E. Pioneers Enjoy Annual Picnic

Well over a hundred R. G. and E. Pioneers enjoyed the annual picnic of that organization at the Chiselers Camp recently. A nice chicken dinner climaxed an afternoon during which our Old Timers, many of whom are on pension, renewed old acquaintanceships and visited.

Retired Pioneers who are on pension were guests of honor at this occasion. The Pioneers have been fortunate in having nice days for their picnics. This year was no exception. Transportation was furnished to those requiring it, Johnny Baker and Jim Coyne comprising the transportation committee.

President Herman Russell was present to greet the picnickers, among whom were many men with whom he had formerly been associated for many years, who now are retired.

Among the oldest service records represented at the picnic were those of Thomas H. Yawger, Pioneer's President, who has been with the R. G. and E. for 58 years, and the Pioneer's Secretary, Joseph P. MacSweeney, who has served faithfully for 57 years. Another 50-year Pioneer present was Jack Logan.

The officers of the Pioneers Club are: Honorary President, Herman Russell; President, Thomas H. Yawger; Vice presidents, Edward P. Carroll, Frederick W. Fisher and Edward H. Schlueter; Secretary, Joseph P. MacSweeney; Treasurer, Vincent C. Hoddick and Assistant Treasurer, Chester R. Schlenker.

(Picnic pictures in next issue)

## Harold Hall Puts Men Through Training

Harold Hall, who succeeded Bob Pockett, deceased, as Superintendent of the Appliance Service Department is enthusiastic about the Frigidaire Viso-Trainer, shown with some of Harold's service men in the accompanying picture. The trainer consists of specially built apparatus which when plugged into an electric service reacts the same as any electric refrigerator.

Using the Viso-Trainer, Harold puts his men through a 'course of sprouts' which supplements the knowledge they have already assimilated by a visual experience the trainer provides, showing how all parts react under actual operation. This is how even experienced service men can keep abreast of developments in the field of refrigeration and part of the basis for our fine R. G. and E. service to customers.



Harold Hall, third from right, standing, and some of his Appliance Service men, with the VISO-TRAINER. Left to right are: Seated, Doug Bridgeman, Ed. Schaubert, Deforest Colegrove and Gene Smith. Standing, from left: Paul Groat, Ray Smith, Ed Wolfe, Harold Hall, George Zeller and James Whitcomb.

## East Station Solves the Committee Problem

The men at East Station Gas Plant have a unique idea relative to committees which other departments might like to copy. It is well known that no committee, however good, can always please all the "customers". Therefore, squawks arise. This, however is not too alarming; rather, it is the American way of clearing the atmosphere. But these squawks are put to work at East Station. Whenever an employe makes a kick about how a party was run he is immediately asked to become a member of the committee. Of course, there's always someone who is glad to be relieved.

A recent committee of employes in charge of social functions, parties and what have you, consisted of Jim Ryan, Jack Martin, Dick Henry, Erasmo Tremonto, Lynn Bowman and William Hegenauer. These men helped to inaugurate the present committee routine.

East Station Picnic Committee recently elected to plan activities for 1946-47. They are, left to right: Front row, Thomasso Nacone, Angelo Braccio and Bill Cobb. Back row, Peter Billick, John Stubbe and Max Schabel.

Another feature of these committees is that they give representation to all branches of work. There is always one member from the shift workers, one from the labor forces and one from the mechanics' group. So, it looks as if East Station had worked out a very equitable committee routine, one that will continue to sound the keynote of—harmony.

## R. G. and E. Employes Golf Tournament Scores

(Pictures of the tournament follow on the next two pages)

Ernie Skinner of the Electric Meter Department is the 1946 R. G. & E. golf champion. Ernie captured the toga at the employes' tournament held at Lake Shore July 27th when he scored an 82 for low gross honors. Jim Dick, General Maintenance, was runner-up with 84. George Klafehn won low net in Class A with 85-15-70. In Class B Leo East, Gas Department, won both low gross and low net but was allowed only the gross prize.

Clint Cole, Industrial Department, 93-26-68, and Al Thomson, General Maintenance, 96-28-68, tied for low net and on the toss of a coin Thomson copped the prize.

### Scores in Class A

	Gross	Hcp.	Net
J. Dick	84	12	72
H. Hall	85	13	72
D. Johnson	85	11	74
H. Kiefer	88	17	71
W. Streitle	88	11	77
R. Myers	89	18	71
L. Cooley	90	19	71
E. Miller	90	15	75
C. Stothard	90	9	81
G. DeMeyer	92	19	73
P. Thomas, Sr.	93	18	75
P. Thomas, Jr.	93	17	76
C. Winterroth	94	19	75
T. Sale	96	19	77
F. Houston	96	18	78
W. Seidel	101	19	82
P. Briggs	101	19	82

### Scores in Class B

A. Young	92	23	69
N. Sailer	94	25	69
R. Ginna	95	25	70
T. Carlisle	95	23	72
A. Rosin	96	25	71
E. Villnow	97	20	77
T. Adams	98	25	73
J. Klick	100	30	70
A. Kelly	100	28	72
J. G. Ross	100	25	75
R. Manuel	100	22	78
W. Hildebrandt	100	21	79
Don Chamberlain	101	32	69
T. Cougevan	101	24	77
C. Cooman	102	30	72
E. Lerch	102	25	77
R. Morgan	103	20	83
P. Versprille	105	32	73
E. Wilder	105	30	75
R. Rhodes	105	30	75
R. Crittenden	105	20	85
W. McKie	108	30	78
J. Titus	108	28	80
W. Loudon	109	30	79
J. Contestable	110	32	78
D. Pike	112	32	80
J. Daily	115	32	83
R. Carr	117	30	87
J. Bloom	118	32	86
W. Popen	118	32	86
R. Hilliard	119	32	87
L. Fridley	119	30	89
D. Smith	120	32	88
D. Billick	120	30	90
D. Hoag	121	32	89
M. Rhode	140	32	108
W. Weaver	No Card		

## Some Things to Know About Your Company

Rochester Gas and Electric will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary in 1948. The Rochester Gas Light Company, first to serve the people of this community, was incorporated in 1848.

The R. G. & E. is now serving 150,447 customers with electricity, 122,968 with gas and 86,000 customers with both gas and electricity. Our electric lines extend 90 miles to the south, almost reaching the Pennsylvania border; 60 miles to the east and 20 miles westward. There are 13,222 miles of wire in the system. Gas service is available in Rochester and suburbs, in Canandaigua and in the Brockport, Caledonia and Scottsville areas. There are 2,032 miles of gas lines.

More than 2,000 applications for gas for househeating had to be turned down this year because of lack of equipment.

The Hour of Charm, broadcast for eleven years under the sponsorship of General Electric Company, will be taken over by a group of 170 electric light and power companies, including the R. G. & E., beginning September 22nd. It will be heard over WHEC at 4:30 Sunday afternoons. The program features Phil Spitalny's All-Girl Orchestra and various vocal and instrumental soloists. Our company is also sponsoring a new, quarter-hour Farm News program, conducted by Tom Murray over Station WHAM, every Friday at 12:15 noon.

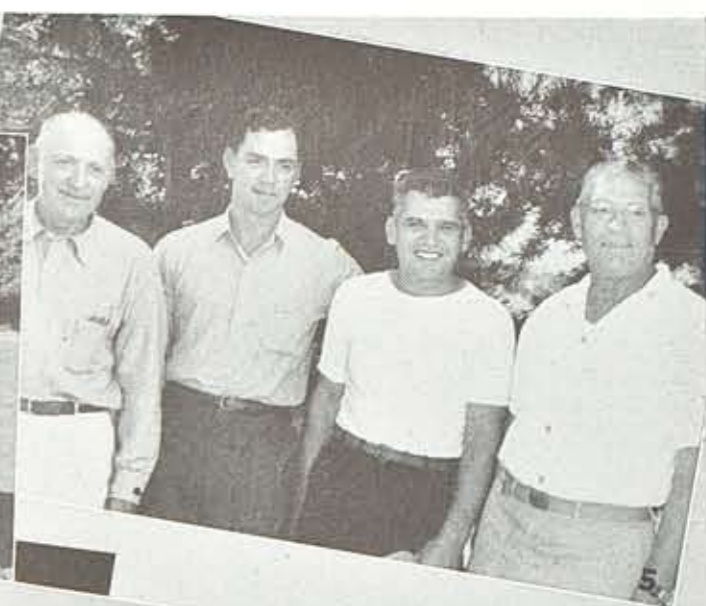
R. G. & E. revenue is divided approximately as follows: 66 per cent from sales of electricity; 27 per cent from the sales of gas and 7 per cent from the sales of steam. Wages are the largest item of expense, amounting to 26 per cent of revenue.

## The Good Old Days

Oh for the good old days. According to a set of Rules of Regulations drawn up for the Rochester Gas Light Company in 1856 the following service was offered: "In cold weather the meter and service pipe must be carefully protected from the action of the frost. In case they cannot be fully protected the Inspector will, upon application, supply them with alcohol or high wines, at the expense of the consumer."

### ONCE

Doctor: "Ever have any trouble with dyspepsia?"  
Recruit: "Only once, sir. I tried to spell it."



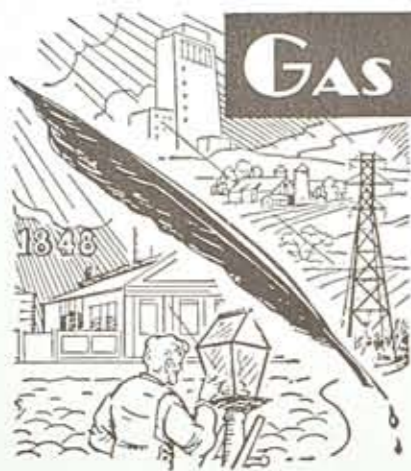
# R G & E GOLF TOURNAMENT



R. G. and E. GOLF TOURNAMENT PICTURES: 1—Four genial golfers from Transportation await their T-time. They are (all names read from left to right): Walt Hildebrandt, Ray Stoddard, Wes Streitle and Mal Loos. 2—Tommy Carlisle putts a good game. 3—A few had caddies, others used those 'scotters'. 4—Mike Rohde finds putting easy. 5—A quartette of veteran golfers seek shade while waiting. They are: Carl Cooman, Pete Versprille, Johnny Bloom and Don Chamberlain (former employe of Engi-

neering). 6—Pete Versprille repeats on our photographer with, left, Jack Dailey, Pete Versprille, 'Red' Rhodes and Johnny Contestible. 7—Here he is, The Champ of R. G. and E.—Ernie Skinner. 8—Cy Cooley, Larry Fridley, Walt McKie and Richard Morgan await their T-Day. 9—Walt Popen tries a new technique. 10—Jack Dailey takes a mighty swing. 11—Milt Klick and Tom Carlisle do a bit of "un-laxing". 12—East Stationites Bud Aldred, Pete Billick, Art Rosin and Jimmy Dick.





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## Pioneers Club Elect Two New Officers

The Pioneers Club recently elected Edwin H. Schlueter a Vice president to succeed the late Walter Consler. Chester R. Schlenker was also elected Assistant Treasurer of the club. We extend our good wishes to these two new officers, both of whom are well qualified to fulfill the duties of their respective offices in that organization.

## Vice President Ginna Addresses State Meeting

Addressing the New York State Association of Electrical Contractors and Dealers at Saranac last month, Vice President Robert E. Ginna told them that commercial and industrial lighting offer a potential market beyond anything ever faced by the electric industry. Other big markets, he said, await the electrical contractors and dealers in the fields of refrigeration, air conditioning, welding and electric heating.

Mr. Ginna told his listeners that they had a common objective with the power companies — "to induce the customer to use all the electricity that can be put to work advantageously in his business."

## Farm Service Men Become Instructors in 4-H Program

Len Geyer, Canandaigua, John Carlyle, Rochester and Lawrence DeBack, Wolcott, all Farm Service men, were on the teaching staff for the 4-H Camp, which featured five weeks of instruction for boys and girls in the Bristol Hills. Len opened the first week's activity and taught the electrical project classes to 63 enrolled boys and girls.

The young people made student lamps for home use, electrical extension cords, toy electric motors, etc. John Carlyle was in charge of instruction the week of July 8, when Monroe County young people were there, and Lawrence DeBack taught the week of July 15, which was allotted to Wayne County young folks.

This program for using R. G. and E. men was carried out through the cooperation of Industrial Manager Sydney Alling and Farm Service Supervisor Carl Jeerings.

### WATCH BOTH

A five-year-old girl was taught to close her evening prayer, during the absence of her traveling father, with "And please watch over my papa." It sounded very sweet to the mother, but her astonishment may be imagined when one evening the little girl added, "And you had better keep an eye on mamma, too."

## Re-elected President of Wolcott School Board

G. Graydon Curtis, R. G. and E. Manager of the Lake Shore District has been re-elected president of the Wolcott School Board. He recently made a report covering the budget for next year, and stated that the tax rate for educational costs will rise because of increases in costs of various items, the addition of two new school buses and two additional teachers.

## Jack Logan Retires After 50 Years of Service

After fifty years of faithful and efficient service, Jack Logan was recently retired. Jack began work with the R. G. and E. on June first, 1896. He was given a job in the Electric Line Department where he was engaged for some years on trouble shooting. With this work came an experience with all sorts of transmission trouble which made Jack a very valuable man in another activity for which he was selected, which comprised line maintenance inspection. It included ferreting out possible troubles and remedying at least some of them before they occurred and keeping the transmission lines free from the dangerous encroachments of trees, whose swaying branches in continued storms can wear down the toughest cable insulation. Jack always had an 'eagle eye' for this work and became very successful in line trouble prevention.

Because of this continuous contact with electric lines and linemen, Jack Logan was especially well equipped for still another later activity which included contacting linemen and seeing that they were adequately equipped to carry on their work with a fine appreciation for safety angles. In this activity Jack became a sort of godfather to all linemen and was a factor, under the supervision of the Safety Department, in carrying out a type of accident prevention and instruction program which came to be a real asset to the Company and the men doing this hazardous work.

Jack lives at 78 McKinster Street with Mrs. Logan. He has a married daughter and two sons who are in service. His outdoor work has helped him to keep hale and hearty. His hobby,

quite naturally, is an outdoor avocation—fishing, which he pursues devotedly. Jack passed his 68th birthday last December 13.

## "Dick" Hoddick Typifies the Real R. G. and E. Spirit

It has been said that: "A man is known by the company he keeps". It is also true that a Company is known by the men it has in its employ. We thought of this recently during a brief talk with "Dick" Hoddick, 'Mayor of Front Street', who has been with the Company for over 40 years and retires this month. "Dick's" real name is Vincent C. but nobody ever calls him that.

"Dick", like so many old-time employes we run into, is very conscientious. He takes his work seriously and his interest in his particular field of endeavor is keen. This particular day he was worried over the fact that he couldn't complete some gas service installations because he was held up by factors beyond his control. To pacify himself, he even went to talk with the owner of the property involved to assure him that the R. G. and E. was doing everything within its power to see that he got his gas service at the earliest possible moment.

"Dick" Hoddick's interest goes beyond the normal call of duty. On especially hazardous wintry days when the walks are apt to be tricky, you can see "Dick" out at least a half hour before work begins, sprinkling salt on the slippery spots. "I don't want any of the folks to get hurt" is all "Dick" says about it if interrogated.

"Dick" even admits that he can't forget the office, Front Street, Gas Distribution and other important things in his active existence, even after he gets home. "I can quit smoking when I want to" he says. "But, darned if I can quit working. Even after I get home I'm still going through the mental motions of my job and its responsibilities."

To conclude our visit, "Dick" Hoddick picked up a telephone receiver, gave us a sly wink and said: "I'm a man from the old school. Maybe I'm just a bit old-fashioned". And we thought—perhaps it's a good thing we have so many old-fashioned folks to show us what loyalty really is.

### PLENTY OF IT

"My husband plays tennis, handball, swims and goes in for physical exercise. Does your husband take any regular exercise?"

"Well, last week he was out seven nights running."

## 'Transfusion' Lengthens Life of Station Three's Boilers

A 'new lease on life' was given Station Three's five big boilers recently. It consisted of pumping a chemical into the boiler tubes from a mammoth trailer-tank up in the station yard. Whereas old methods used to take from three to four weeks, the new 'transfusion' idea requires only about a day and one-half. Thus, much time is saved and the boilers are out of use but a very short while. The chemical disintegrates the formation of lime within the tubes, obviating the long, hard former method of literally drilling and chipping it out by weeks of hard work.

### Boilers Get Hardening of Arteries, Too

There are about five and one-half miles of boiler tubes in Station Three. When these tubes take on deposits of lime from the water (even though every possible precaution is taken to prevent this formation) it can cause serious trouble if not eliminated efficiently and before losses begin to occur.

Older methods, however carefully done, might possibly leave traces of deposits in and about the curved portions of boiler tubes which later on might result in burn-throughs. The chemical technique gets to every part of the boiler and does a thorough job. It is done by the traveling trailer-tanks of the Dow Chemical Company. Even though it is an expensive operation it is much more reasonable in the long run than the old way. It surely has an appeal for the men who used to have to get inside the boilers during hot weather and drill and peck away amid a din which would put a normal boiler factory to shame.



## "R. G. & E. Linemen Deserve Orchid for Repair Job"

*(An item from the Friendship Register concerning a recent wind storm)*

"The Register doesn't have a real one but we would like to hand a verbal orchid to the repair gang from the Rochester Gas and Electric.

"If we ever saw a hopeless looking mess it was Tuesday afternoon after the 'Big Breeze' had blown on past the village leaving a pile of wreckage in its wake.

"After a quick inspection it looked to us as though the power couldn't possibly be restored before Wednesday morning.

"But efficient fellows who know their business cut away the fallen trees, strung new lines and in just four hours had the power flowing through the lines."

Below: One of the two large trailer-tanks which recently brought new life to the more than 5 miles of boiler tubes at Station 3. Chemical solvents pumped through the tubes from the tanks free them from scale in a new technique saving much time and a lot of hard manual labor.

## Harold O'Keefe Has Modern Hobby

Harold O'Keefe, Belmont utility man, lobbies enthusiastically for his hobby, which is model airplanes. Harold became interested in planes during World War One and his first model was a JN-4 Curtis. He may often be found in the center of a group of enthusiastic neighborhood boys, all model plane enthusiasts. Harold O'Keefe was once a Boy Scout and knows how dearly a boy can love a fine hobby, and how much good a hobby can do for a boy.

### Lots of Exercise

Harold gets plenty of exercise on nice flying days retrieving his gasoline propelled model in which flight is controlled by a timer which is an air escapement permitting escaping air to break the point of contact and cut the flight. These small airplane model motors have a range of from 3,000 to 20,000 revolutions per minute, enough to carry them quite a distance, and the free flight models travel from 30 to 40 miles per hour in steady flight.

Mr. O'Keefe says the model airplane hobby requires plenty of patience for many alterations and corrections must be made before your model plane sails steadily and reso-

lutely; then, you have to climb trees, cross streams and spend no little time finding it when it makes an especially good flight and gets out of hand, so to speak.

Harold has plenty of boosters right in his own home so far as his hobby goes. Mrs. O'Keefe, daughter Jean and his co-pilot, Phil, all give him a hand and help him to 'keep 'em flying'.

The new preacher was speaking to his congregation.

"Brethren, if you want me to stay here we've got to make this church walk."

"Amen", said a deacon, "Let her walk."

"And brethren, if you want me to stay here you got to make this church get up and run."

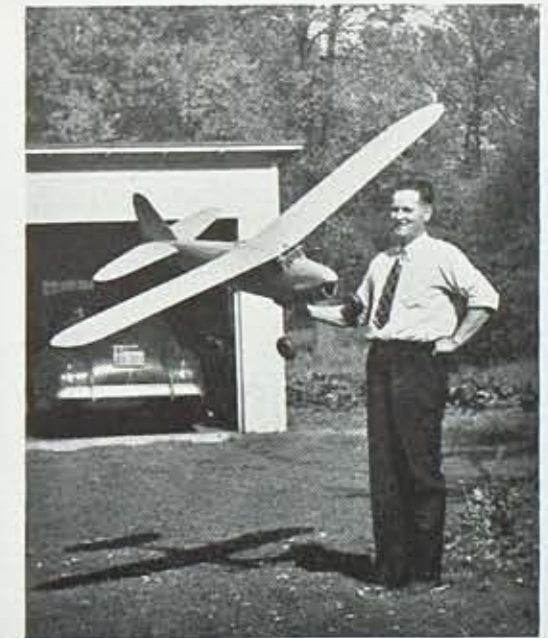
"Amen", said a deacon, "Let her run."

"And if you want me to stay here you got to make this church fly."

"Amen", said a deacon, "Let her fly."

"And if you want this church to fly it's going to take money."

"Oh, Oh", said the deacons in unison, "Let her walk."





### Farewell Party Held for Carmelita Kelly Gayton

Carmelita Kelly Gayton left the employ of the Company on July 10, after having worked as stenographer at the Fillmore Office for nearly thirteen years. She plans to devote her full time to home-making at Fillmore.

A farewell party was given at the Hotel Belmont on July 10, at which Mrs. Gayton was presented with a pen set as a token of appreciation and remembrance from her fellow employees.

Robert Weir, Resident Manager at Mount Morris and President of Mount Morris Chamber of Commerce, had the honor of presenting a deed for a plot of ground to the Hickok Company for a building to be erected in the near future. The land was a gift from the people of Mount Morris to the Hickok Company. Bob is also instrumental in forming a Chamber of Commerce in Geneseo.

Left to right, back row, are: Harlan Strahan, George Aldrich, Roger Mills, Lewis Gayton, Clinton Rauhe, Charles Gleason, Hollis Young, Robert Holland, Evar Swanson and Wilson Kopler. Seated are: Harriet Pflaum, Fern Ess, Dora Smith, Carmelita Gayton and Ethel Prentice.

### Robert Zangerle of Fillmore Married to Alice Robinson

Robert Zangerle, Fillmore line construction, was recently married to Alice Robinson. They plan to make their home in Mount Morris after Bob learns the business. An item of interest concerning his marriage is that his wife has a twin sister; and when the announcement was given in the Mount Morris paper, a picture of her twin sister was used.

Victor Fritz returned from a two weeks vacation in Canada. He not only fished but helped to build a cottage with lumber hauled from Nunda on a trailer.

Hollis Young, Genesee District Manager, and Mrs. Young enjoyed a few days vacationing on Lake Huron.



Jim Leippe, right, luckily got a new car. The men at General Maintenance Tool Room made it an occasion and christened it. Elmer Hartmen, left, was 'flower girl'.

Ethel Prentice has been transferred from Belmont Office to Fillmore Office.

### Betty Probst Marries Sodus Fruit Farmer

George Aldrich, Genesee District Domestic Sales Manager, and family spent a few days with relatives in Patterson, N. J., and visiting in New York and Philadelphia.

Betty Probst, Second Floor, became the bride of Frank Hermenet in a pretty wedding which took place on August 17, at the South Avenue Baptist Church, at 2 P. M. After their honeymoon the newlyweds took up their home in Sodus, N. Y., where Mr. Hermenet operates a fruit farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Cross spent a delightful week vacationing in the New England states, Montreal, Quebec and other places. Mr. Cross goes to Clarkson and is taking a course in electrical engineering under the GI educational program. He recently returned from service in England, France and Belgium. Mrs. Cross is 'our Grace' Cross of Main Floor.

Betty's associates, in Unit Bookkeeping, gave her luncheons at the Sheraton before she left and at the Town Tavern. The office shower was participated in by various units of Customers Accounting and our picture shows Betty and some of the nice things she received. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Hermenet long life and much happiness.



Betty Probst, Second Floor, who was recently married and now lives in Sodus, N. Y. where her hubby operates a fruit farm. Betty, who is now Mrs. Frank Hermenet, is shown with gifts she received at an office shower.





Left to right are shown Pauline Gehret, Adolph Schmidt, General Maintenance, Charles Schmidt and Beatrice Schmidt. Adolph's children Beatrice and Charles, with their friend Pauline, came out to Blossom Road Holder to say hello to him while the holder was being painted.

### Addressograph Personnel Entertained by Mr. & Mrs. Art Morrell

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morrell recently entertained the employes of the Addressograph Department at their home, 77 Klink Road, Brighton. The following persons were present to enjoy a wonderful time: Janet Wiethorn, Evelyn Teneyck, Fredericka Farrell, Betty Westfall, Muriel Stieve, Marjorie Thompson and Jean Bittner. Among the outside guests were Edwin Jeffries, of the Brighton Fire Department, and William Berkovich, who recently returned from service in the U. S. Navy.

Canandaigua Gas Superintendent Tom Smith and Mrs. Smith spent several days vacation at their summer camp "Twin Springs" at Burby Hollow in the Bristol Hills. They finished their week's vacation by motoring to Dunkirk, N. Y., to attend the 8th District Legion Convention. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Moore. Stu is an employe of our electric distribution department.

Loretta Avery and Elizabeth (Betty) Cooley, former employes of the Canandaigua District, helped in the office while Mae Jones, Charles Cowan, Margaret Burns and Felicia Panzarella were away on vacation.

Ray Wells had new potatoes from his garden on June 30th and sweet corn on July 27th. Ray thinks this is a pretty good record for the Canandaigua district this year.

Edward Boyle, of Canandaigua, recently became an employe in the Service Department of the Canandaigua District. Eddie is married and has one son. He is a former graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology. He has had several years experience in service work. We welcome Eddie to our group.

Albert Biner, recently retired, who has been with the R. G. and E. for over 35 years, recently left for Zermatt, Switzerland, his birthplace. He has not been back home since he left for America, about forty years ago. He will visit at the homes of relatives there and we trust have a wonderful time during his six-months stay in the old country.

We are sorry to note the recent death of Herbert J. Underwood, formerly a faithful employe of the Storehouse for many years. He was an uncle of Arthur Underwood of the Fourth Floor.

Molly Taylor, Typing Department, Alice Longbine, Payroll Department, and Margie Leibinger, Accounts Payable Department, recently enjoyed short vacations at home and trips to nearby points of interest.

Clinton Codington went to New England, where he enjoyed a restful vacation fishing, digging clams and making numerous side trips to places of historical interest.



David Cooley, left, and Richard Rudman, the last two R. G. and E. men to leave the Company for service with 'Uncle Sam'. We are not sure just where they are now, but hope to hear from them soon. In the meantime, here's greetings from all of us, David and Richard.



Marjorie Moore, with her husband, recently motored to Bar Harbor, Maine. They had a wonderful time and Marjorie forgot, temporarily at least, that she eventually had to come back to work.

Irene Stickney went to the Adirondack Mountains for a two-week vacation, which was very enjoyable.

After having a delightful vacation at Asbury Park for two weeks, Thelma Dys came back to work with a beautiful tan and feeling 'tip top'.

Sayre, Pennsylvania, was selected for a few days relaxation by Mary Powers and Marie Fredericks. They visited at the homes of some of Mary's friends there and had a grand time generally.

Mildred Buckman recently spent two delightful weeks of vacation at Conesus Lake, where she specialized in—resting.

### Service Honor Roll Reaches Total of 282

Richard Rudman, Brockport, was the last R. G. and E. man to enter the service of 'Uncle Sam'. Richard, his Dad tells us, received basic training at Kester Field, Mississippi, then went to Lowry Field, Colorado.

David Cooley, who went into service some time before Richard did, is shown with Richard in the accompanying pictures. This is a snapshot taken by Dave's mother the morning he left his home in Shortsville, eventually to land at Camp Polk, Louisiana. We don't know where these two young men are at this writing, but would like to hear from them once in a while, just for old time's sake. Both of them receive 'Gas and Electric News' which we trust will help to keep them in touch with all their friends in the Company.

One of our new employes on Main Floor in the Service Department is Marjorie Magar whom we welcome into our 'family'. Marjorie assists Bessie Crum.





Some of the rooters who watched the softball battle at Blossom Road Holder between East and West Stations. Left to right are: Master Joel Aldred, Mrs. Gerald Aldred, Janet Hegeman, Mrs. Addison Phillip and Mrs. Michael Warsaw.

Home Sweet Home was good enough for a week's vacation for Charlie Doyle. He says it was one of the best he ever experienced.

Judging from her fine coat of tan, Virginia Whitecraft had a dandy vacation at Lake George, where she spent a week resting and having a real good time socially.

### Death Takes Three Former Employes

With regret we chronicle the recent deaths of three former employes of the Company, all of whom retired from active duty during 1940. They are Frederick Miller, for many years an employe of the Engineering Department; Charles Barrett, who before retirement worked at East Station, and Harry Coburn, who up to 1941 had been a member of the General Accounting Department.

Lt. Anne Wilder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Wilder, has returned from active duty in the USNR. She is now on terminal leave. Miss Wilder was connected with the office of Public Relations of the Seventh Naval District. She has also been womens' Reserve Officer, special events officer and assistant to the public relations officer. Miss Wilder was the only WAVE officer to serve as public relations officer of the district, a position she held just before she was discharged from service.

What this country needs is more tractors and less distractors.

### Frank Houston, Member of A. G. A. Refrigeration Committee

Frank Houston, Industrial Sales Manager, is an active member of the Refrigeration Committee of the American Gas Association. In a meeting of the committee held in Evansville, Indiana, plans were studied for increases in sales outlets and expanded markets for gas refrigerators which it is felt will materialize following complete industrial reconversion.

### TRADING POST

**WANTED:** A GE workshop or reasonable facsimile. Ansel G. Young, Industrial Department, Ext-471.

**FOR SALE:** Lady's bicycle, pre-war, good condition. Call Culver 201-W.

**WANTED:** Doll carriage for little girl about 2 years old. Please see Leo Sullivan, Ext-448 or call Monroe 7792.

### Alma Garvin Hostess at Her Cottage at Lake

Alma Garvin, Plant Inventory Department, recently had a group of young women down to her cottage at the lake for a dandy picnic dinner and swim. Those present to enjoy a lovely time were: Mary Gibson, Betty Fritz, Jeanne Hallett, Gertrude Rinker, Marjorie Wenglein, Alice Longbine, all of the Payroll Department; Peggy Gropp and Laura Pink, of Accounts Payable; Virginia Kadar, Molly Taylor and Marjorie Fredericks, of the Typing Department and Mary Powers and Freda McAdam, of the Stenographic and Personnel Departments respectively. All had a very wonderful time.

Ed Hansen and Mrs. Hansen recently spent some time vacationing at Henderson Harbor, where they did some fishing and made visits to various historical spots along the St. Lawrence River.

Kay Cain, Auditing Department, recently enjoyed a fine trip to Canada, where she spent a week visiting numerous places noted for their scenic beauty.

Betty Fritz and Jeanne Hallett spent a weekend in New York City, where some of Jeanne's friends showed them numerous high-spots of interest for a very good time.

### Jean Tummonds Entertains

Jean Tummonds, formerly of the Payroll Department, who is now taking up housekeeping full time, recently entertained the following girls from Fourth Floor at her home for a delightful picnic. They found Jean very happy in her new vocation. Those present were: Mary Gibson, Jeanne Hallett, Betty Fritz, Marjorie Wenglein, Edna Parno, Gertrude Rinker, Thelma Dys, Mildred Magin, Jean Quetchenbach, Virginia Kadar, Peggy Gropp, Laura Pink, Marie Fredericks, Mary Powers, Martha Davis and Marjorie Gordon. To round out a very interesting time they all visited Sea Breeze.

Lillian Fay, Typing Department, recently went to Canada where she spent a delightful week visiting at the home of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lennon are parents of a baby girl, Gail Lennon. Little Gail arrived in tip top shape and tipped the scales at 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

### Picnic in Honor of Returned Veterans

The Domestic Sales Department recently held a picnic at Willow Point in honor of returned veterans in the department. Those thus honored were: Archie McLeod, Larry Fridley, Norman Stott, Elmer Villnow and Charles Scholl. A group of 27 were present to enjoy a fine picnic dinner and numerous games and stunts planned for the occasion.

Donna Lee Lambiase is the name of a fine baby girl born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lambiase. Bob is employed at Station 3.

Dorothy Letson, Work-in-progress Department, and Virginia Whitecraft, Auditing Department, recently forgot work for a week on an interesting boat trip to Canada.

Ethel Prentice, formerly of Belmont Office, has been transferred to Fillmore. We were sorry to see Ethel leave, but were glad she did not go too far. She is still close enough so we can check up on her occasionally. Best of luck in your new job, Ethel.

Helen Hall is our newest employee at the Belmont Office. Helen is a graduate of Belmont High School, Class of '46 (just a young thing), Salutatorian of her class by the way. Helen keeps us all happy by an occasional burst of song—at the proper time of course. Welcome to our gang, Helen, we're happy to have you with us.



William F. Howard, left, his wife and, center, their little girl Nancy from a photograph taken on their recent vacation in Florida.

## Winning Suggestions

The prize winning suggestions presented below include those sent in to Evelyn Hoesterey, Secretary of the Suggestions Committee, up to August 1, 1946. If you have a suggestion you wish to have considered by the committee, please send it to Miss Hoesterey, in care of The Personnel Department, 89 East Avenue.

**Sheldon G. Jones—West Station:** Suggested a more efficient method for closing tripping doors on clay hoist at coke ovens, West Station.

**George F. Gleason — Electric Station Maintenance:** Suggested the installation of a flood light, operated from a time clock, at Station No. 42 to light the approach to the Station at night.

**Harold S. Page—Station No. 9:** Suggested a more efficient and practical set up of the Interphone System at Station No. 9.

**Clifton J. Dason — Transportation:** Suggested the use of a Red Flasher at night instead of the white and green flag when on Inhalator calls.

**George H. Lyon—Gas Househeating Service:** Suggested a new system of daily check of service requests and other work in the Househeating Service Department.

**H. Paul Princehorn — Station No. 3 Laboratory:** 1. Suggested construction of a shelf on the side of the Phosphate Bin to be used when putting phosphate into the bin. This will eliminate a possible accident hazard of a severe strain from lifting the phosphate bags from too low a position. 2. Suggested an improved method of operation of the automatic feature of the Storage Tank Controls at Station 3.

**Hamilton C. Bailey and Fred H. Randall—Line Operating Dept.:** Invented a device which permits the opening and closing of "D & W" switches from outside the manhole. This will insure safer and more efficient operation.

**Samuel E. Springer and Edwin M. Morris—Steam Distribution:** Suggested building suitable platforms with ladders at three of the four drip pockets on the new 10-inch high pressure steam main. These three locations are higher than a person can reach from the ground and the present method of reaching same is very hazardous. These platforms will eliminate this hazardous condition.

**Walter E. Paine—Subway:** Suggested the placing of split conduit and fiber in a covered storage location to prevent deterioration caused by inclement weather.

**Charles C. Harter—Line Maintenance:** Suggested the wearing of an asbestos hood with a window in front to go over head and shoulders to protect the eyes and face from a possible flash burn while inspecting or making connections and disconnections on the underground D.C. system during emergencies.

**Donald R. MacCollum—Gas Distribution:** Suggested equipping a pressure re-

coding gauge with a fast movement clock (that is, a clock that will cause a complete revolution of a 24-hour chart in one hour) whereby the location of trapped water in gas mains will be clearly indicated on the chart.

**Lawrence W. Gleason—Mapping Records:** Suggested the use of a condensed form for present Subway Reports.

**Leon White — General Maintenance:** Suggested that explosion proof type lights be installed in coal bunkers at Station No. 3. This suggestion was made in the interest of safety and also to maintain more reliable Station operation by being able to judge the amount of coal in the bunkers.

**Patrick Fahy—Gas Distribution:** Suggested that a support for pavement breaker tool be used when tool is in operation. The type of support suggested enables much easier and safer operation of the tool.

**Robert H. Ewart—Subway:** Suggested an improved Street Lighting Patrolmen Schedule Form which reduces manhours in compiling these forms.

**John J. Miller—Street Lighting:** Suggested that Line Operating Trucks and Night Patrol Trucks be equipped with "Back Up Light".

**Harry F. Miller — Line Maintenance:** Suggested that a drain be constructed under hose where the men fill their vacuum jugs at the Front Street Yards to prevent excess water being spilled on ground.

**Joseph A. Attridge—Line Operation:** Suggested a more efficient way of running electric service into cinder and concrete block constructions.

**Madeline McGuire — Office Maintenance:** Suggested that a clock be placed in the Main Office Lobby for the convenience of the public entering the building.

**Ralph T. Crittenden—Line Operation:** Suggested that a record of all temporary joints that are made on underground cable be kept in the Line Operation Office. The purpose of this record is to make certain that all temporary joints are replaced with permanent work as quickly as possible.

**Emil E. Schneider—Line Maintenance:** Suggested a type of cable pulling ring to be used for pulling cable in and out of manholes.

**Clinton Rauhe—Genesee District:** Suggested an improved method of handling spillway planks at the gate and dam at Mills Street Plant.

## Put or Take

SOME fellows stay right in the rut,  
While others head the throng.  
All men may be born equal, but  
They don't stay that way long.

There is many a man, with a gallant air,  
Goes galloping to the fray;  
But the valuable man is the man who's there  
When the smoke has cleared away.

Some "don't get nuthin' out of life,"  
But when their whines begin,  
We often can remind them that  
They don't put nothin' in.

—Office Economist.





# Get set to go!

## **R. G. & E. Gardeners Preen Parsnips (etc.) for Vegetable Show September 5th-6th**

As rabid a bunch of hobbyists as you'll find—R. G. & E. vegetable gardeners are eagerly waiting for September 5-6 and their annual chance to exhibit the results of their summer's work, sweat and tears. They gamble for months against the whims of nature—and more often than not, come through with things that are as beautiful as they are delicious.

If you don't think a vegetable show can be exciting—come to the R. G. & E. Victory Garden Vegetable Show. See for yourself. The entries for competition will be on display from 8 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. Friday, September 6. The high point of the show will be Thursday evening, September 5 when very discerning judges will decide the merits of the exhibits and award the prizes. Everybody's welcome. The show will take place on the main floor at 89 East Avenue.

### **R. G. & E. Gardeners!**

Have you received your entry blank for the show? Have you read the 1946 Revised Directions for Exhibitors? If not, call Lucas Caple, Extension 455, Industrial Department, Main Office. He'll send you copies at once.