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## A Christmas Message

to the

## Whole R. G. and E. Family

BY PRESIDENT HERMAN RUSSELL



*Although the war has been over for nearly a year and a half, this Christmas finds our country still a long way from the full production of goods that means so much to our national well-being. Industrial disputes and work stoppages continue to plague the reconversion program and shortages exist in almost every line of manufactured article. None of these things has been due to any production failures within the electric and gas industries and you have a right to be proud of the part that you have played in helping to establish such an enviable record.*

*The welfare of our employes has always been one of the first concerns of the management of this company and it is our intention to continue to do everything we can to further the well-being of the men and women who give us such loyal and efficient co-operation. Your help, your intelligent understanding of our problems and your sense of personal responsibility to the community make it a pleasure to work with you. To all of you go my thanks and appreciation and my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*



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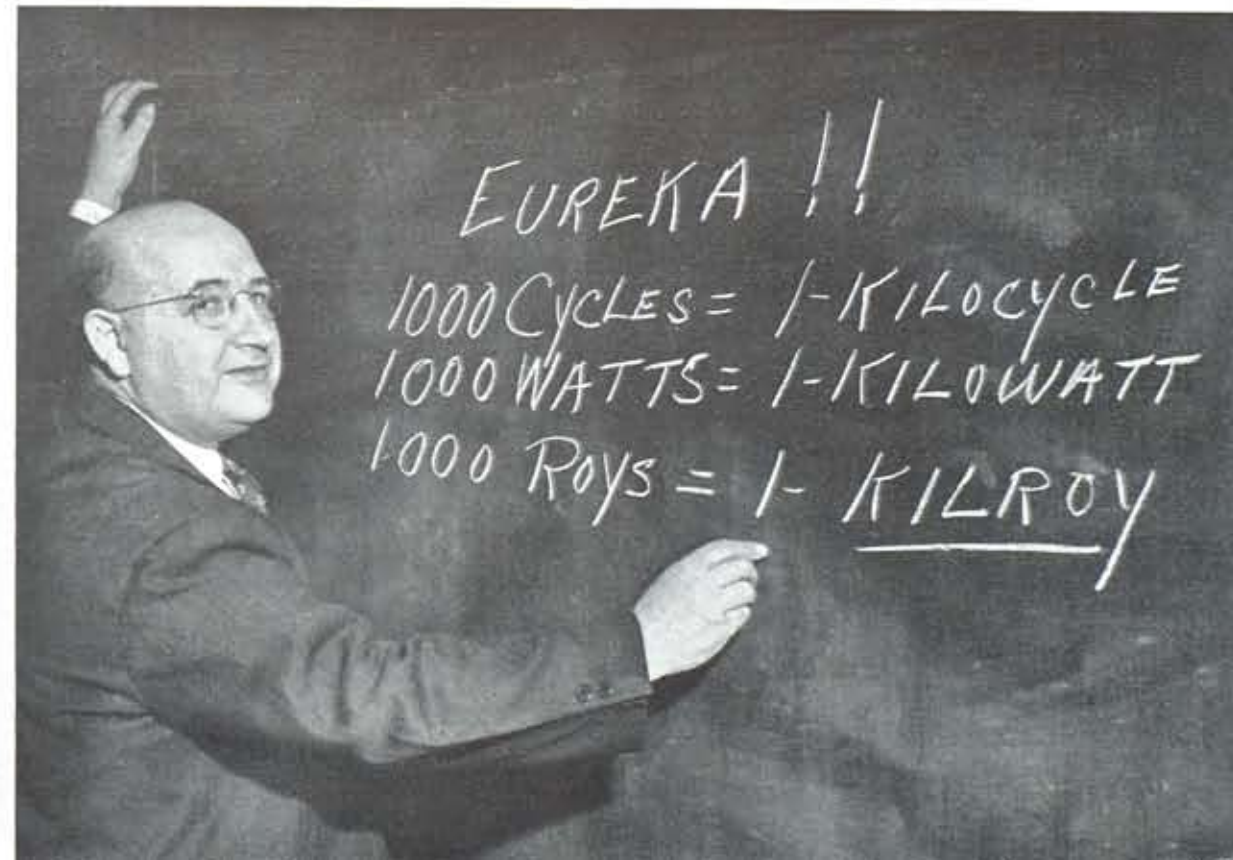
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## Who Said Kilroy Was Here?

The person or persons (it seems almost legion) who have been intimating so vociferously that—"Kilroy Was Here", are obviously in error. We checked the Rochester city directory, the local telephone book and the customer list of the R. G. and E. and found nary a Kilroy. None showed up at the morgue or at our local hospitals.

Like the Finley brothers in news reports of a few weeks ago, Kilroy was 'seen' all over town. Hardly a spot big enough to chalk on but carried the cryptic message "Kilroy Was Here". Curious thing, isn't it, these Kilroys don't seem to be very prolific. Oh, well, it was fun while it lasted.

John Palermo, Service Department, and his formula relative to the ephemeral Kilroy. No, Kilroy wasn't here, but he seems to have a lot of good press agents.





Vice President Alexander Beebee with a group of Canandaigua employees some of whom have retired, including the latest recruits, Tom Cougevan, left, and Jimmy Woodside, right. Next to Tom is Catherine O'Rourke Rice, former Secretary to Phil Thomas, and others, left to right, are Mr. Beebee, Martin O'Brien, Katherine Coyle Koehler, Pete Hilliard and Mr. Woodside.

## Canandaigua District Honors Old-Timers Tom Cougevan and Jimmie Woodside

The Canandaigua District employees gave a wonderful dinner and party in honor of retirees Tom Cougevan, sometimes called the Dean of the Canandaigua Office, and Jimmie Woodside, both of whom are retiring after many years with the R. G. and E. The turkey dinner was a culinary piece-de-resistance of the "Holloway House" in East Bloomfield, and was, all agreed, a feast to remember.

President Russell, and Vice Presi-

dents Alexander Beebee and Edgar Crofts took part in varied presentations during the program which followed dinner, paid homage to the retiring men and greeted those already retired from the Company, who were guests.

A very nice program had been worked out and everything clicked off in wonderful shape. Credit is due to all who had a part in the numerous features which went to make up such a happy evening.



Vice President Edgar Crofts, left, had a nice 25-year Service Pin for Howard Clawson, who is Line Superintendent for the Canandaigua District.



President Herman Russell, left, does a bit of ad-libbing before presenting Gruen watches to Jimmie Woodside, right and Tom Cougevan, while Mrs. Cougevan smiles her approval. Tom has a service record of 35 years and Jimmie, 28 years. The watches were engraved with the names of the recipients, with the statement: From your Canandaigua R. G. and E. friends.

R. G. and E. returned Canandaigua District veterans receive word of appreciation from District Manager Phil Thomas. In back row, left to right are: Vic Kennedy, Alexander Curtice, William Ryan, Albert Kennelly, Paul Brooker, Donald Lincoln, Theodore Avery, Phil Thomas, Manager. Front row: Robert Brown, Francis Welch, Adelbert Bruen, James Myers and George Brown.



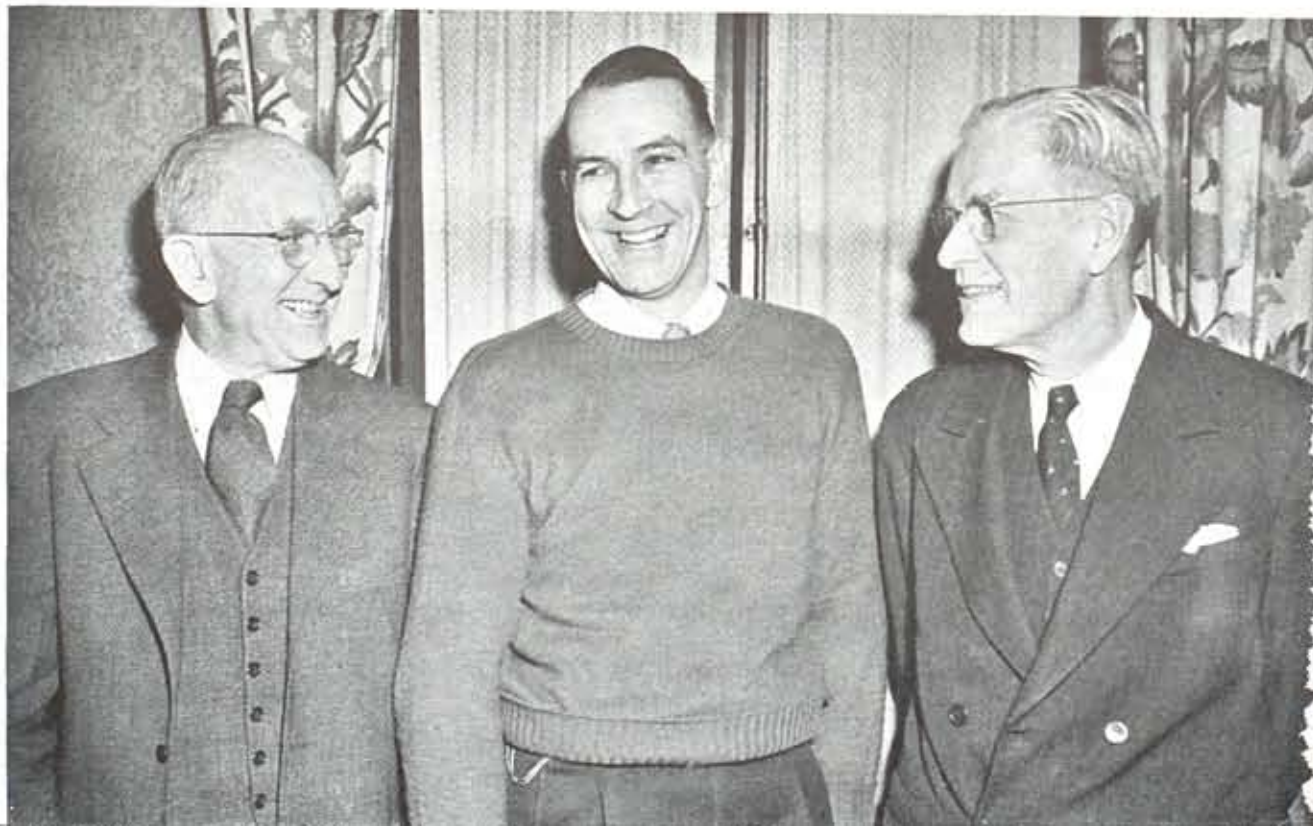
**R. G. and E. Chorus Holds  
Social Evening**

Following a recent practice session in the R. G. and E. Auditorium, the Male Chorus went to the Home Dairy rooms on Main Street East to enjoy a delicious dinner and social evening of cards. It was the first get-together of the present season and a good turnout was on hand.

As our pictures show, the Chorus has taken on a few new singers. It has also welcomed back to the fold former members who went to war but have returned to sing again. We are glad to have them with us.

The Chorus is getting in some good practice sessions weekly and is looking forward to some concerts in January and early spring, when several of the out of town districts will be visited.

Chorus Director Frank Houston, left, discusses the future of the Chorus with President Elmer Smith, center, and the new pianist, Harold O. Smith, just before the card games start.



**Phil Thomas Elected President  
of Finger Lakes Association**

Canandaigua District Manager, Phil Thomas, was recently elected President of the Finger Lakes Association at its 27th annual meeting held in Seneca Falls. Phil is an ideal choice for this important office and, with his characteristic enthusiasm and energy will, we know, make an excellent contribution to the promotion of the Finger Lakes region.

The association went on record with a proposal that the United Nations set up permanent headquarters at the former Sampson Naval Training Center, on Seneca Lake. The center housed 45,000 sailors during the war. It is in a region renowned for scenic and cultural advantages and has nine miles of railroad on a main line to New York, 54 miles of roadways, 50 miles of power lines, 30 miles of sewers and a 5,000,000 gallon-a-day water supply.



Above are shown members of the R. G. and E. Male Chorus at their first dinner of the present season. Perhaps, you would like to join this social singing group. If you happen to be a good tenor, the welcome door is wide open. For further information contact President Elmer Smith or Director Frank Houston.

New members of the Chorus who were welcomed into the fold at the recent dinner and get-together held at the Home Dining Room, on Main Street. They are, left to right, seated: Lowell 'Red' Chapin, Cleon Goodwin, and John Gleason. Back row: Harold Rosenstreter, Arden Howland, Jack Corson and Ed Williams.



## Customers' Service Department Combines Clambake with Testimonial Dinner



Service Men drink toast in clam broth, they are: William Young, Jack Malerk, Ed Jensen, John McKeon, William Howard. Lower right, Jim Nolan, Gordon Ross and 'Hap' Frank Houlihan try the bivalves.



Top left (from left to right) Principals in the skit, Frank Nolte, Dave Corey and Charles Pike. Top Right: Main Office Service Men, Al Bocci, Bob Manuel, George Elmer and Bill Richardson. Lower left, Front and Andrews

## Customers' Service Department Combines Clambake with Testimonial Dinner

A combination farewell dinner for Frank Houlihan, who retired on November 1, was combined with a clambake and testimonial party for the returned veterans of the Service Department. The function was held at the St. Paul Exempt Firemen's Club, on Thomas Avenue. The service men thus honored in the ceremony are: Robert Manuel, William Howard, Jack Malerk, Albert Bocci, George Elmer, John McKeon, William Young, William Richardson and Edward Jensen. The club rooms were beautifully decorated in red, white and blue for the occasion, with Reddy Killowatt prominently featured.

Jim Nolan was chairman and following a bountiful clambake dinner, greeted the guests and extended a welcome to all present. Jim then in-

troduced department heard, Gordon Ross, who presented Frank 'Hap' Houlihan, who recently retired after 39 years of service, with a very nice fishing rod, a gift from his associates in the department.

In his suave and humorous style, Gordon spoke of Frank's fame as a fisherman, of his anticipated happy days ahead in which he could pursue all those 'big ones' that heretofore had gotten away. Then he presented him with a purse of cash and a package which he said contained some alleged snake bite lotion, to be used only in emergencies. Mr. Ross then spoke of Frank's long years of service and, for the department, wished him many more years of enjoyment in his leisure years ahead.

Frank responded by saying how

Left to right are Jim Nolan, Gordon Ross, who presented the gifts to the guest of honor, Frank Houlihan, right, and Bessie Crum. That's a fine fish pole in long wrapping.





Magar and Ralph Short.

Top right: Andrews Street guests Laura Dick, Karl Erbach and Esther Verhuys.

Bottom right: 'Champ' pie eaters shown are Harvey Van Zandt, Ed Gosnell, Harold Sweeney and George Lindsay.



Top Left: Food Samplers, left to right, are: Mary Gallagher, Madeline Holla, Dorothy McDowell, Florence Richter and Grace Bailey. They said food was 'tops'.  
Bottom Left: Going strong in clambake marathon are, left to right about the table, Dorothy McDowell, John Palermo, Esther Verhuys, Simon Moll, Harold Sweeney, Marjorie



Service men enjoyed a fine departmental welcome at the Frank Houlihan retirement party and clambake. Shown above are, left to right: John McKeon, Wm. Young, Jack Malerk, Al Brocci, Wm. Richardson, George Elmer, and Bob Manuel.

much he had enjoyed his association with the Company and his many friends in it, and said that he hoped he would continue to be invited to all the parties for which the department is famous.

The nine veterans of World War Two, all from the Service Department, were honored by their associates in a fitting ceremony which included a humorous sketch about army life in the raw, and the principals were Charles Pike, Frank Nollte and Dave Corey. Bessie Crum was the narrator. The sketch, which was very well done, brought back memories of army life to the veterans present and got an enthusiastic 'hand' from all present. Robert Manuel and William Howard made responses of appreciation for the veterans present, each of whom was presented a beautiful tie clasp.

Musical numbers, cards and dancing followed to make up what was a most enjoyable occasion. The committee in charge of the party consisted of James Nolan, Bessie Crum, Herb Ringelstein, Harry Miller and Louie Schweikart.

Everyone will miss Frank Houlihan. His many friends are glad to know that he and Mrs. Houlihan will be enjoying the sunshine and warmth of their winter holidays in the south and will be back again next spring. As a parting word, Frank said that he can now go forth to fish secure in the knowledge that he will be immune from the hazards of 'snake bite.' Now, Frank, let's see what you can do with that new fishing pole.

### The Stork Rings Twice for Station 3 Dads

Just like the postman in the motion picture "The Postman Always Rings Twice", the stork adopted the same tactics recently in his visits to Station 3 Dads and Mothers. The old, but still active bird, brought little Diane Kay Guyette to the Guyette domicile, weighing 5 pounds and 11 ounces. He also made a three-point landing with Master Arthur Francis St. John, weight 7 pounds, 11 ounces. The Station 3 fathers, respectively, are: John Guyette and Francis St. John. Congratulations all around, folks.

## Customers' Accounting Department Holds Party for Returned Veterans

More than 141 employes of the Customers' Accounting Department attended the recent party and clam-bake held for the department's returned veterans. The clambake was held at the Crouch-Doud Post of the American Legion.

The 'bake was a great success as was the program of entertainment which had been worked out by Chairman Beatrice Streicher and her committee which comprised Joan Lounsbury, Norman Eckrich, Edward Kendrick, Ruth Costich, Clarence Ragan, Clifford Fulton, Marguerite Carnes and Arthur Morrill.

In an informal ceremony in which department head Wilbur Seidel presided, the following service men were presented with a very nice initialed belt and buckle set as a gift from their associates. The veterans were: Milton Robinson, Robert Woods, Chester Taft, Stanley Scheer, Roy Redfield, Warren Killip, Edward Shippy, Marlin Shepard, Glenn Goodno, Alfred Mead, Willie Ness-

man, Edward Robena, Charles Shippy, Wesley Struble, Frank Gleichauf, Jason Smith, Charles Hoffmeier, Earl Secor and Walter Moore.

One hundred and forty-one employes were present to honor the veterans and join with them in a social evening. Among the features of the entertainment was an R. G. and E. Follies group, shown in one of our pictures, which sang songs and did some dancing numbers. The scavenger hunt, by making almost impossible demands upon everyone to find various and sundry articles, was a means of getting acquainted.

Wilbur Seidel thanked the veterans on behalf of their associates and the company for their fine contributions during the war and expressed great thankfulness that they were again back with us in the R. G. and E. family.

### FEELING BETTER?

Al: "My wife has been nursing a grouch all week."  
Hal: "So—been laid up have you?"

### The Smiths Swell Vital Statistics

The Joneses and the Browns better watch out for the Smiths are on the rampage, so far as vital statistics go. If you must have proof, here are two instances within our own family circle. Mr. and Mrs. Landis Smith recently became the parents of a very cute little girl whom they named Christine Florence Smith. She was born on her Daddy's birthday, October 27, and weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces.

Just to even things up, and so that the Smith girls don't get too far ahead of the Smith boys, this item from Belmont is just what the Doctor ordered. It also suits Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith of that place, who recently announced the arrival at their home of a brand-new son and heir, none other than Philip Fred Smith.

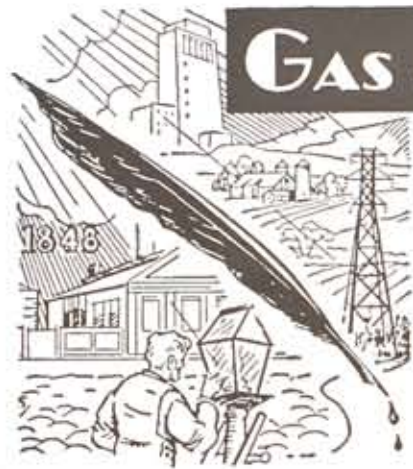
Congratulations to these two Smith families and their very welcome offspring.



Above—R. G. and E. Customers' Accounting Clambake Follies song and dance girls. They put on a good show. From left to right, the talent is: Ellen Doyle, Betty Oster, June Myers, Sarah MacPherson, Shirley Hoffman and Marian Reynolds.

Below—COMMITTEE in charge of Customers' Accounting clambake, held at Crouch Doud Post. Left to right are shown, front row: Joan Lounsbury, Norman Eckrich, Beatrice Streicher, Edward Kendrick and Ruth Costich. Back row: Clarence Ragan, Clifford Fulton, Marguerite Carnes and Arthur Morrill.





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## Employees Have Won \$5,000 in Awards For Suggestions

Nearly \$5,000 has been paid to 180 employes in suggestion awards since the plan was inaugurated in 1942. Amount of individual awards has run from \$10 to \$200, with the average being about \$27 for each approved suggestion. Total number of suggestions submitted to date has been 539. All of them are carefully considered by a committee which does not know the identity of the employe who makes the suggestion.

Employes are urged to send in any suggestions that they think will make for better or more economical operation of any phase of the company's business. Send your suggestions to Evelyn Hoesterey, Secretary of the Suggestion Committee, care of Personnel Department, 89 East Avenue.

Awards in varying amounts have

been made to the following in recent months: Albert H. Koehler, Joseph J. Attridge, Line Operating; James E. Cooper, Charles Harter, Line Maintenance; Raymond Hoyle, Electric Station Maintenance; Donald F. Thomas, Load Despatcher's Office; Edmund Schenk, Station No. 3; Michael A. Rohde, Househeating Sales; Richard H. Brown, Erwin M. Morris, Steam Distribution; Robert B. Jones, Station No. 3 Laboratory; Samuel LoTemple, Norman F. Huether, Robert G. Stevenson, Gas Distribution; Raymond L. Myers, Mrs. Esther McLaughlin, Office Maintenance; Donald N. Hulbert, Louis H. Ogi, Chemical Laboratory; Leon White, General Maintenance; John R. Spelman, Storehouse; Betty J. Simpson, Purchasing; Homer C. Deffenbaugh, Rate & Contract; Sheldon G. Jones, West Station; William J. Coyne, Industrial.

## Company Contributions to Employees' Welfare Total Nearly Million in 1946

During the year ending December 31st, 1946 the R. G. & E. will have contributed to various employe welfare projects the total of \$952,000. This includes vacations, holidays, payments supplementary to workmen's compensation insurance in injury cases, contributions to employes' retirement annuities and life insur-

ance premiums, Employees' Benevolent Association, hospitalization and surgical care.

The total sum contributed by the company to employe welfare this year almost double the amount of all the dividends paid to all the holders of preferred stock in the company during the same period.

### "Hour of Charm" Will Broadcast Christmas Program for Children

Mr. Herman Russell, President Rochester Gas & Electric Corp. Rochester 4, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Russell:

On Sunday, December 22nd I am planning to have the Hour of Charm broadcast a program dedicated to the children of America. We have been hard at work preparing it, and I am confident that it will be one of the outstanding broadcasts of this Christmas Season.

I write to call it to your attention, hoping that you will not only listen yourself, but will do everything to encourage the families in your territory to listen also.

Christmastime belongs to the children, and I will do everything in my power to make the program worthy of the opportunity and the spirit that the Season will provide.

May this letter, even though it is far in advance of Christmas, carry my best wishes for a joyous Holiday Season, and may it also express my happiness and my intent to make the Hour of Charm a constantly better Electric Hour.

Cordially yours,  
PHIL SPITALNY.

This program will be heard over Station WHEC and the entire Columbia network at 4:30 o'clock, Sunday, December 22nd. Tune in on it.

### R. G. & E. Wins Garden Contest Award

Arden Howland, chairman of the 1946 Employe Garden Contest has received notice that the R. G. & E. has been awarded an Honorary Certificate of Merit by the National Garden Institute of New York. The R. G. & E. was the only local company to win any award this year.

### "March of Dimes" Next Month

The annual "March of Dimes" campaign to raise funds to carry on the work of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will be conducted from January 15th to January 30th. It's a good cause that deserves the support of all of us.

### VICAR-IOUS

The country vicar was giving the milkmaid a lift home in his car, and when he came to her home he set her down. The girl proceeded to thank him. "Oh, don't mention it" said the vicar.

The girl blushed, and then replied, "All right, mum's the word".



# Our Best Wishes for a Grand Life of Leisure..



EMORY POWELL, 38 Years  
Steam Distribution



EDWARD P. CARROLL, 43 Years  
West Station



FREEMAN BOYER, 22 Years  
Steam Distribution



GIUSEPPE LOPERGOLO, 27 Years  
Gas Street



MICHAEL VIA, 35 Years  
West Station



JAMES COYNE, 22 Years  
West Station



WALTER VAN EPPS, 38 Years  
Gas Street



PHILLIP MEZZULLO, 28 Years  
West Station



JOHN ARMSTRONG, 28 Years  
West Station



JOSEPH MATTHEWS, 39 Years  
Gas Shop



DANA COLBY, 27 Years  
West Station



FRANK FRENCH, 44 Years  
Electric Meter



PETER WARD, 26 Years  
Station 3



EDWARD WANDERSEE, 25 Years  
General Maintenance



FRED FRY, 39 Years  
Line Operation



PHILLIP MAGIN, 24 Years  
Station 4



ANTONIO MAGLIOZZA, 26 Years  
West Station



FRANK HOULIHAN, 39 Years  
Customers Service

Some of Our Veteran Employes  
Who Retired Under R. G. and E. Pension Plan



Linn Bowman, center, congratulates winning team manager and captain for their excellent leadership in bringing victorious teams to East Station. At left is Gerald (Bud) Aldred, team manager. At right is Ed Phillips, captain.

East Station's winning soft-ballers. Left to right, front, are: Mike Warsaw, Jim Ryan, Joe Lacagnina, Edison Phillip (Captain) and Bud Aldred (Manager). Back row: John Hinds, Edward Clark, Jim Davis, Kenneth Collier, Donald Halbert, Mike Daniels and Ed Voelker. Players not in picture are: Red Rhodes, H. Phillips, Howard Smith, John Madigan, Pete Billick, Anthony Cimino, A. Webster and Norbert Kuhn.



## East Station Holds 'Old Timers' Party and 'Rouser' for Service Men

East Station's fourth annual Old Timers party was combined this year with a party to pay tribute to the Station's returned service men and to present two baseball trophies to winning teams there. It was in the nature of a clambake and was held at Crescent Beach Hotel. Four men from East Station who have attained forty years of service were honored by their associates as well as by President Herman Russell and Vice President A. M. Beebee. The four men thus honored were: Frederick Gunther, Dennis Donovan, Addison Kramer and Edward Yeake.

During the past season's softball activities in the R. G. and E. League, East Station teams captured the coveted Company pennant and finished first in the play-offs. The recipients of the trophies were Gerald Aldred, Manager, and Addison Phillips, Captain. The trophies were presented by Vice President Alex-

ander Beebee, on behalf of the Veterans' Association of the Company, which sponsored the league.

The entertainment included harmonica solos by Kenneth Collyer and Joseph Lacagnina, songs by Chet Dupont and William Smalley, who also led group singing. Jack Purtell was pianist. The following men comprised the committee in charge of the party: Erasmo Tramonto, Frank Simeone, Schuyler Thomas, Frederick Woodruff, John Hinds, George Rodak, and Edwin Voelker, Chairman and Toastmaster. Two former employes now on pension were present and spoke briefly. They were John Martin and Nicolo Buonimani.

The eaters at table are, left to right, all 'round the groaning board: Ray Jenis, Robert Rodell, William Kalb, Rufe Fulreader, Earl Olin, Donald Hulbert, Frank Thompson, Michael Daniels, Fred Jenni-john, Raymond Wolf, Frank Schanlein and Gordon Calderwood.





nina. Bottom left, the musical notes, William Smalley and Jack Purtell. Bottom right, Don Caffrey, Sam Buonemani, Wallace Wolf and Antonio Simeone at the baby grand.



East Station Party Pictures, all names indicated as from left to right. Top left: Old-Timers Jack Martin, Ed Yeake and Dennis Donovan. Top right, Holding the bag (of clams) are Frank Testa, Gerald Aldred, Don Caffrey and Joe Lacag-

### Thirty Win Turkeys In Annual Chiselers' Party

Thirty employees from widely distributed Company departments and districts won turkeys in the Chislers' Clubs' Annual Turkey Party. Employees who had one of the fine birds for Thanksgiving dinner are as follows, according to the list given out by Julius Schenk, who was in charge of the party. See tabulation below:

Name	Department
Peter Brink	Subway
Edward Williams	Line Maintenance
Donald J. Cody	268 Penhurst Street
Richard Skuse	Electric Station Maint.
Herman C. Klick	Steam Division
William Gannon	Electric Meter
Charles W. Bond	Station No. 3
Joseph Chambers	Steam Division
Albert Hammes	Gas Shop
Walter Clark	West Station
W. T. Bassett	3673 Ridge Road W.
Robert Radell	Househeating Serv.
Tom Reddy	Gas Shop
Peter S. Caputo	West Station
S. W. Weaver	West Station
Kathryn Yackel	Storehouse
A. M. Despard	Tool Room
Joseph Porter	General Maint.
Albert Greenwood	Canandaigua
Ray Tanea	Canandaigua
Margaret A. Burns	Canandaigua
Monica A. Helfer	Customer Account.
Madeline McGuire	Office Maintenance
Arden C. Howland	Personnel
Stanley Allen	Meter Reading
V. L. Weining	Stores Record
Betty Westfall	Addressograph
Lorraine Willer	Stores Record
Doris Ameele	General Accounting

The contributions realized from this annual party go to help maintain the Chislers' Camp, where R. G. and E. employes have so many good times during the year.

### Our Christmas Cover

Our Christmas cover shows a little behind-the-scenes action in our Window Display Department, where the very attractive R. G. and E. windows are 'born'. In the picture, Archie McLeod, one of Elmer Villnow's display men, is seen putting the finishing touches on one of the Christmas display cards which are being used this Christmas in Gas and Electric Building and in the district offices.

It was quite a revelation to see the way Elmer and his assistants 'Chuck' Schoals and Archie McCleod transform plain cardboard and colors into beautiful Christmas designs. Soon, we intend to have a magazine article on how these display men operate, and what varied work they do during a year. Only one of their jobs is that of pinch-hitting for Santa Claus in Christmas decoration, which includes both windows and Main Floor display at the R. G. and E.

### Recruiting Program for Reserves of the Navy

Peter Barry, Steam Division, is Battalion Officer of the USNR (United States Naval Reserve) for the Third District, which includes Rochester. Headquarters are at the New York State Armory, 900 East Main Street, and veterans of World War Two regardless of branch of service in which they served, are eligible for the excellent program planned in building up a reserve.

The objective is 50 to 75 officers and about 1,000 enlisted men. The course offers opportunities to keep abreast of the development in electronics and other fields, offers shipboard training with two weeks cruise with full pay and allowances, and weekend cruises and training on PC and CLS stationed at Summerville. The latest equipment for training will be installed.

Classes meet one night a week for a minimum period of one and one-half hours. If you are interested in the above program, please see Peter Barry, who is a former U. S. Navy Commander, or contact active duty officer Lieut. Thomas A. Smith, at the N. Y. State Armory, 900 Main Street East. Offices open during the day, Monday through Friday, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8 P. M. to 10 P. M.

## Completes Invention Four Days Before Retiring

The machine, shown in the illustration with its builder, Frank French, was originally, in part, an old brass gear, an ancient Hammond typewriter, and an idea. The idea germinated in the Rate and Contract Department, and was based on the need for doing a very tedious job in less time. The job was that of reading G-type demand charts, 48 reads per days, 7 days per chart, for special load studies. This involved many thousands of readings, each to be written down, multiplied by a constant, and the resultant answer in Kw, also transcribed. If a device could be designed to print the Kw. answer directly on a data sheet without any of the intermediate steps it would save many hours of transcribing and multiplying work, therefore time and expense. Such printing would require a metal stenciltape on the edge of a moving drum. That is where the old brass gear came in. It was just about the right circumference to carry the 100 readings required. And to gear it to a moving pointer, which would indicate the length of the lines on the chart to be read, was a matter of simple mechanics.

The only thing required further was a typewriter mechanism which would hold the data paper, advance it one space after each reading, print through a ribbon by hitting the

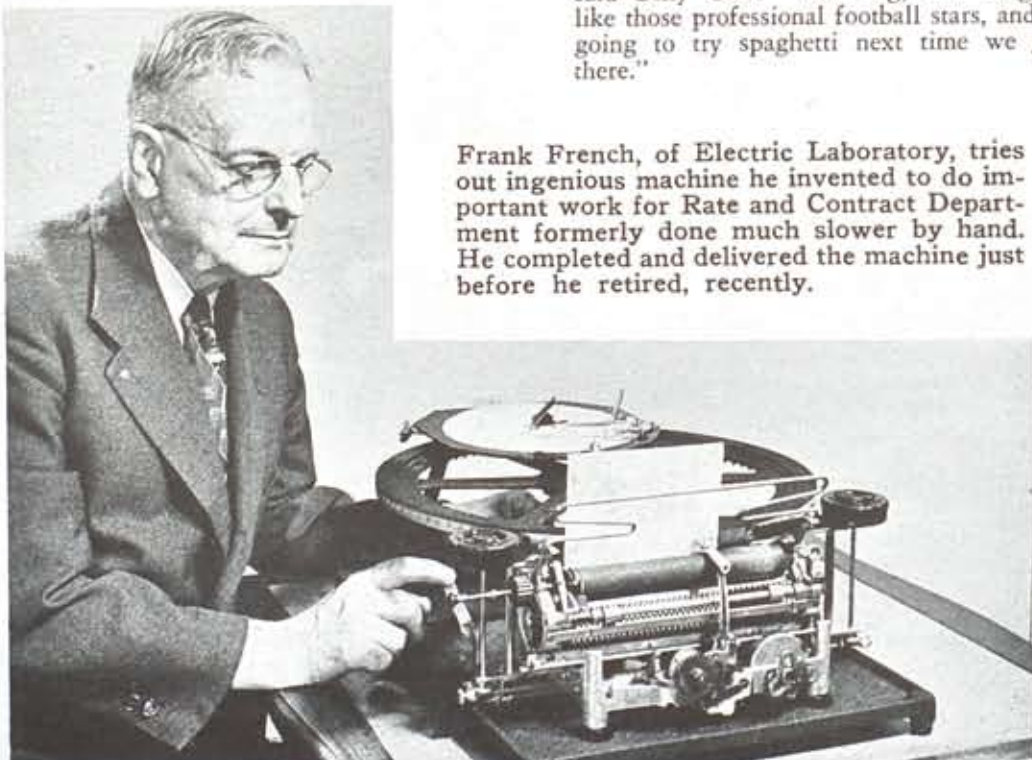
paper against the metal stencil on the drum, provide a centering device so that each reading would be in line in a column, and provide for 10 to 12 columns of data on each page. Add a good measure of patience, a real skill in mechanical adaptation, and a willingness to drop any idea that didn't work out, to start afresh and you have an idea of Frank French's problems on this "little job".

Working on it in spare time over a period of a year, he finally announced its completion just four days before he retired from Company service. The machine, thoroughly constructed and engineered, remains as a worthwhile tribute to his perseverance and ability.

### The Game Was Good— The Steak Tough

Paul Rombaut, Billy Clare, Bill Knox and Earl Stanton went to Buffalo one night recently to see the Buffalo Bisons professional football team play a tie game (21-21) with Dud DeGroot's Los Angeles Dons. They said it was the finest exhibition of football they had ever seen. After the game they stopped to appease their mounting appetites, at a favorable looking place, and ordered steaks, which were so tough they had to send them back. "Those steaks," said Billy Clare "were big, and tough just like those professional football stars, and we're going to try spaghetti next time we go up there."

Frank French, of Electric Laboratory, tries out ingenious machine he invented to do important work for Rate and Contract Department formerly done much slower by hand. He completed and delivered the machine just before he retired, recently.



## Charles Rawnsley, "Musical Gas Man"

Artist, musician, lecturer, hobbyist deluxe Charles Rawnsley of East Rochester is the original Mr. Fixit. Shown in his workshop in our illustration, Charles is surrounded by the things he loves, a workbench, fine tools of every description and rare woods from every corner of the globe. In the picture he is seen putting the finishing touches on an authentic reproduction of "The Minute Man" which he donated to one of the Liberty Loan Drives during the war.

Charles Rawnsley has the soul of a poet and an unusual appreciation for art and beauty, whether it be in music, painting or wood carving or the friendship of the people about him. He is a reasonable facsimile of the kind hearted person who is always on the job—when a feller needs a friend.

Charles Rawnsley is skilled in the lore of antiques. He can repair anything from a rare old snuff box to a grandfather clock. He can restore an old masterpiece and maintain the authenticity of every line and form of intricate detail. He is an Old Master himself. Charley Rawnsley is a fine tenor singer, has sung in many operatic performances, knows all the old songs and either sings or whistles them almost continuously. He is well traveled, visits farflung places with his good wife and studies the geology of the locale, its rare woods, lectures to high school and other groups on a great variety of topics and is an ardent church goer.

Mr. Rawnsley would fit perfectly into a fairy story, where some great king or potentate sought an artisan who could create the world's most beautiful gift for his queen. Charley would fashion it, surely to the Queen's taste, and the king would knight him for his skill and originality. This is not idle talk for Charles Rawnsley has been written up in some of the best national hobbyist magazines. Proof enough is at hand, however, without traveling far; just ask any citizen of the East Rochester-Pittsford sector and you would find that our "Musical Gas Man" is quite a personage, whose good works are a real benefit and inspiration to his community.

Charles Rawnsley, 'Musical Gas Man' of the East Rochester office, music lover, art connoisseur, and hobbyist de-luxe, in his workshop. He is an original 'Mr. Fixit', beloved by a host of friends.





### Doris Neuman, Second Floor, Weds Ross Amico

Doris Neuman, of Miss Baker's Billing Department, on November 9 was married to Ross Amico. Following a dinner and reception, Mr. and Mrs. Neuman departed for a honeymoon trip which took them to Quebec, Toronto, and New York City.

An office shower for Doris was given by her associates in the department at which she was given an electric clock, an end table, cocktail glasses and many other beautiful and useful gifts as shown in the accompanying picture.

A new employe in the Stores-Record Department is Richard Doyle. Richard is the step-son of Arthur Soderholm, formerly of this city and known to many Company employes. Richard returned some time ago from army service, having spent two years in the South Pacific. It's nice to have you with us, Richard.

### Retirement Party for Edward Faulstich

Members of the Purchasing, Traffic and Stores-Record Departments, to the score of thirty-two, joined in honoring Ed Faulstich, at a retirement party given for him and Mrs. Faulstich at the Town Tavern, on October 30, in one of the private dining rooms.

Mrs. Faulstich wore a beautiful orchid, a gift from Ed's associates in the R. G. and E. Ed's 41 years of continuous service with the Company were featured in talks given by Miss Angeline Place, who covered the

period of Ed's service from 1905 to 1917, and Joe Schnorr, who brought the record up to the present time. As a fitting climax, Mrs. Faulstich spoke briefly on the topic of Ed's future, which we all hope will be strictly up to par or better.

Baird Robinson, head of the department, on behalf of all of Mr. Faulstich's associates, presented him with a beautiful Parker "51" pen and pencil set and a fine new plane for his workbench at home.

"Auf Wiedersehn" Ed, and don't forget to drop in and say hello once in a while.

Al Koehler, Front and Andrews Street some time ago purchased a gasoline powered cultivator and we wondered if he was going in for farming in earnest. Since his taking a wife, Esther Moore, we imagine that if you drive out Penfield way next spring you will see a charming farmerette doing her daily dozen behind this modern plow. More power to you, Al and Esther.

### Jean Adams Married In Candlelight Service

On November 10, Jean Adams, of the Canandaigua office, became the bride of C. William Koch, of Canandaigua and Norfolk, Virginia. The wedding took place in the home of the bride, on North Pearl Street, in a candlelight ceremony performed by the Rev. Clyde J. Hurlbutt, uncle of the bride and pastor of the Gorham Baptist Church. Mr. Koch was recently discharged from the Signal Corps, with the rank of Sergeant, after service in Iran for over two years.



## Rough Edges

They say the world is round, and yet  
I often think it's square,  
So many little hurts we get  
From corners here and there;  
For there's one truth in life, I've found  
While journeying East and West,  
The folks whose praises we should sound  
Are friends who've stood the test,  
We flatter those we scarcely know,  
We please the fleeting guest,  
And deal full many a thoughtless blow  
To those we love the best.

—Selected



*We Are  
Happy This  
Christmas With  
Our Service  
Men and Women  
Who Are  
Once Again With  
Their Families—  
HOME for  
CHRISTMAS!*



## *Season's Greetings*

WE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN those dark years when we sent Christmas boxes all over this country and to the far corners of the world and reminded 'our boys and girls' in Service that perhaps 'next year' they would be home with us—in person. That next year, that long awaited Christmas has come!

While everything isn't as we would like to have it, while the lights h-a-v-e-n't turned on again all over the world, and while we still find turmoil and strife, instead of 'peace on earth, good will towards man'—except for those who heroically gave their all for their country—our R. G. and E. Service Folks are HOME FOR CHRISTMAS. That alone is enough to inspire us. That alone is sufficient to give us all—

*A Merry Christmas*