

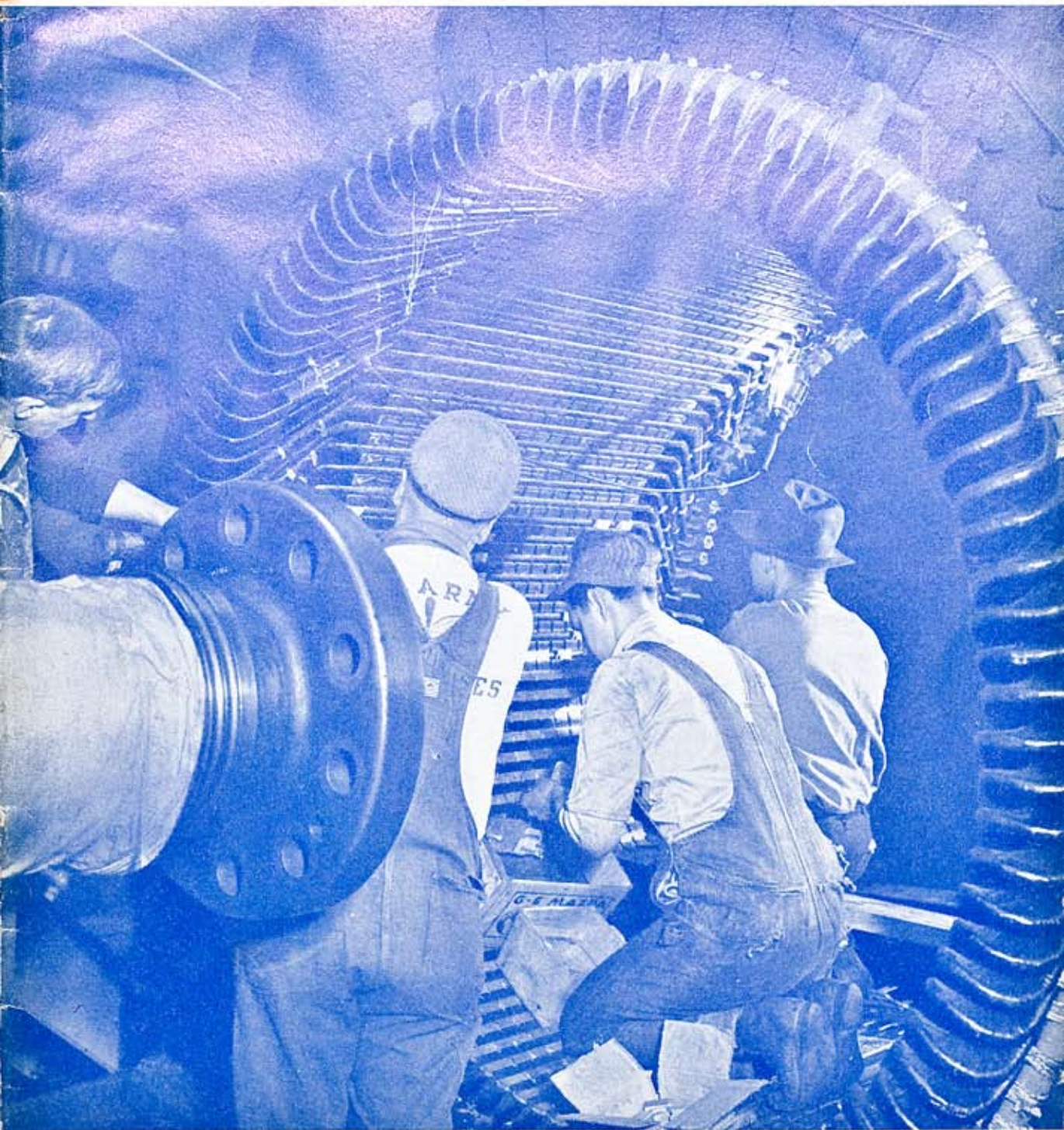
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Rewinding Stator of No. 1 Frequency Changer at Station 33

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Wounded American soldier dictates a letter home to a Red Cross 'Gray Lady' at Camp Shanks Hospital, Orangeburg, N. Y. Soldier had arrived that day on troop transport. The war is never over for the Red Cross. Let's give them a lift!

WAR IS NEVER OVER FOR THE RED CROSS

THE FIGHTING IS OVER, yet the Red Cross has to care for the sick and wounded in hospitals, for veterans who must be rehabilitated and for men overseas, as well as for any catastrophes which may still occur here, such as floods, fires, etc.

A total of \$554,000 is to be raised in the Rochester area for the American Red Cross in a campaign running from March 1 to March 18. The support of every individual is needed. We know you will want to do your share.

Vice President E. R. Crofts is Chairman of the Utility Division of the campaign, and Arthur Rissberger heads the R. G. and E. Committee. Solicitations will be made through the various departments, each of which has its assigned quota.

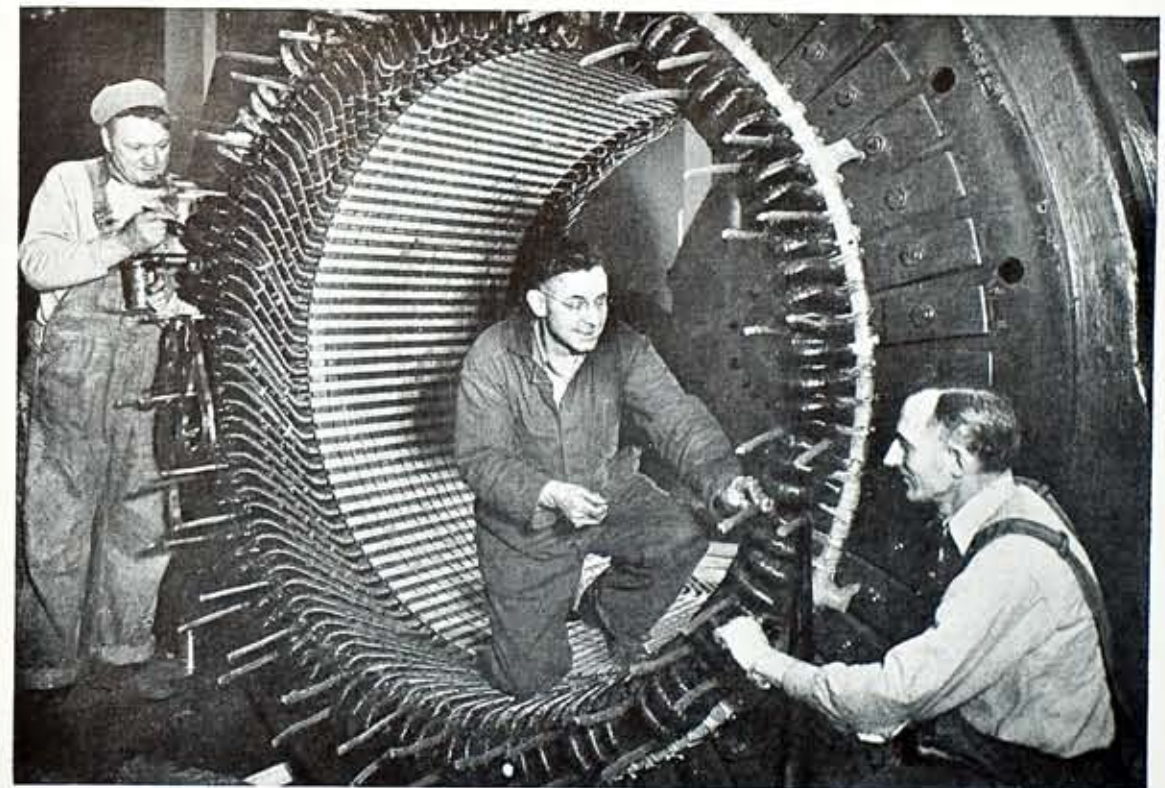
PLEASE Be as GENEROUS as POSSIBLE
HELP This WONDERFUL WORK to CONTINUE
(CAMPAIGN March 1 to 16)

Rewind Stator at Station 33

OUR COVER PICTURE this month shows Electric Station Maintenance men rewinding the stator of the No. 1 frequency changer at Station 33, near the Elmwood Avenue bridge. This is the largest job of wiring this department ever tackled. The job will cost about \$19,000 which gives some idea of what it costs electric utilities to keep their

large equipment in condition. The stator, or outside part of the generator, weighs about 20 tons, and the entire unit will weigh 90 tons.

This frequency changer converts the Niagara power received at Station 33 from 25-cycle to 60-cycle or vice versa. The unit has been in operation for over 22 years, which is a tribute to R.G. and E. maintenance.



Work of this nature is done by the Electric Station Maintenance Department of which Doug Bruce is Superintendent. This specific job is under the supervision of George Ernst. Shown in the picture are: center, Clair Starr, foreman; left, William Brownlee and, right, Henry Wilson. Al Levan is third man from left on the front cover.

Vice President Beebee Receives "Degree" At 30-Year Party Held in His Honor

At the Rochester Club on January 15, Alexander M. Beebee, Vice President, was initiated into the 'College of the R. G. and E.' by duly authorized alumni of that growing institution. Mr. Beebee is the third employe to receive this coveted degree of our own Alma Mater. It was bestowed by members of the Turn-on and Shut-off Department before an audience consisting of department personnel and their wives.

As in previous ceremonies when Tom McGraw and Jim Skinner were graduated it was a surprise performance. Mr. Beebee had been steered to the Club by President Russell, more or less under 'false pretenses'. After a fine dinner, the fun began with Jim Skinner as Master of Ceremonies.

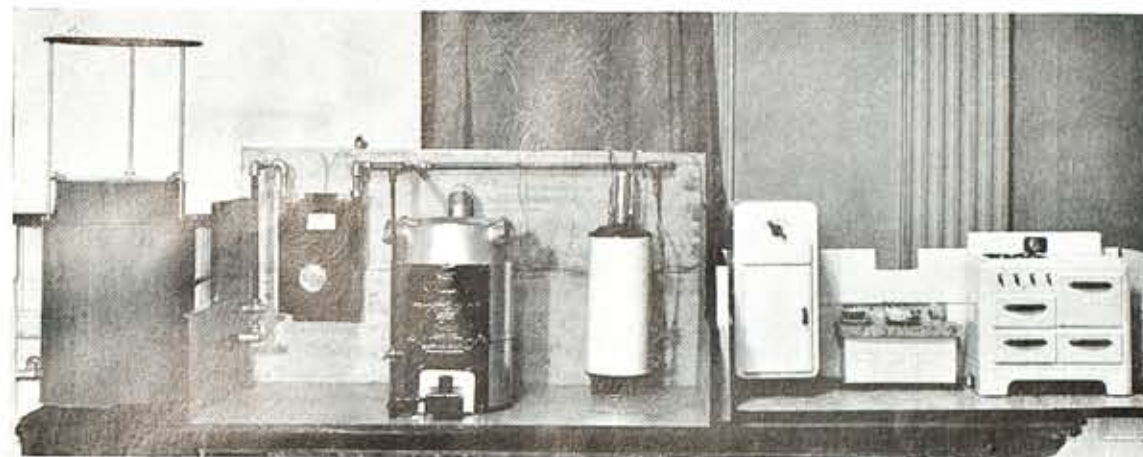
Parodies were sung extolling the qualities of the 'Stout Hearted Gas Graduate' more or less as a man whose fixation in life was completely dominated by things relating to gas and its role as the salvation of all humanity. The entire atmosphere was planned to be, in background, what one would expect at a Gas man's convention. Men from the Front Street Gas Shop had rigged up a miniature gas holder, gas water heater, gas refrigerator, and gas furnace, all connected and operating.

Mr. Beebee in Pictures

Slides were shown depicting important epochs in Mr. Beebee's life, from childhood up, the running narration being done by Schuyler Baldwin. President Herman Russell presented the diploma. It was a grand



President Herman Russell, left, presents diploma to Vice President Alexander M. Beebee, entitling him to a 'degree' in the 'College of the R. G. and E.', at recent party held at Rochester Club, celebrating Mr. Beebee's thirtieth year of service with the Company.



Display of miniature gas appliances prepared by men of the Turn-on and Shut-off Department for 'atmosphere' at Mr. Beebee's '30-year Party'. Appliances really worked. They are, from left, gas holder, meter, furnace, water heater, refrigerator and range.

evening, full of surprises and loaded with laughs. Besides those already mentioned, the following had important parts in making this event one to be remembered:

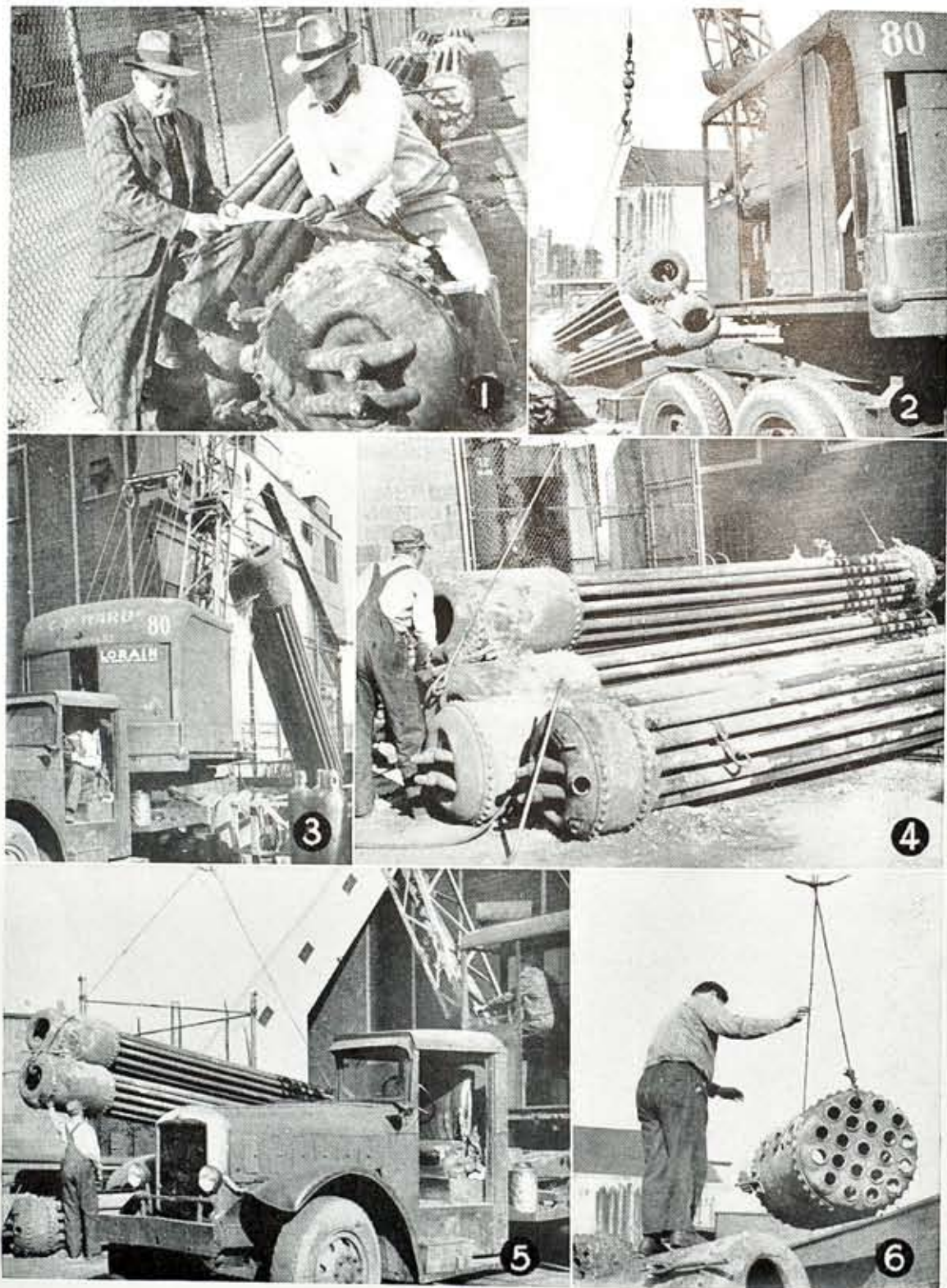
Chairman, Harold Kelly, who did the lion's share of the planning. Cap and gown investment, Tom McGraw and Rudy Hoffmeier. Miniature gas holder, Renkert Bastian, Frank Hubbard. Gas meter, Cal Brown. Furnace, loaned by

William Newbauer. Gas furnace conversion, Jack MacLarty and Herbert Rowling. Water Heater, loaned by Frank Wentworth. Electrolux, made by Frank Hubbard. Miniature stove, loaned by Mary Ann Kelly. Burners, Chet Schlenker. Display assembled by Carl Ayen. Fittings for stove, flowers carved from vegetables by Sam LoTemple. Cartoons, Claude Thibault. Slides and photos, Owen Feltham. Songs, Cal Brown, Schuyler Baldwin, Gus Farese. Lettering, Ray Vanderwall.



Mrs. Dick Hoddick watches hubby cut the dandy cake presented to him in honor of his birthday which synchronized with Mr. Beebee's 30-year party.

**Bigelow Boilers Installed at Station 3 in 1913 Make Way
for New Combustion Engineering Unit**



1—Johnny Baker and Paul Rombaut encounter a problem. 2 and 3—Large cranes yank out the old Bigelow house boilers which are being replaced by Combustion Engineering boilers. 4—Some of the old Bigelow tubes from boilers 15, 16, 17 and 18 which were removed, together with their economizers, stokers, fans and pumps etc. 5 and 6—The old units will be replaced by one combustion Engineering boiler of twice the capacity of the old units.

**New No. 7 Boiler to Have Capacity
Twice That of the Old Installation**

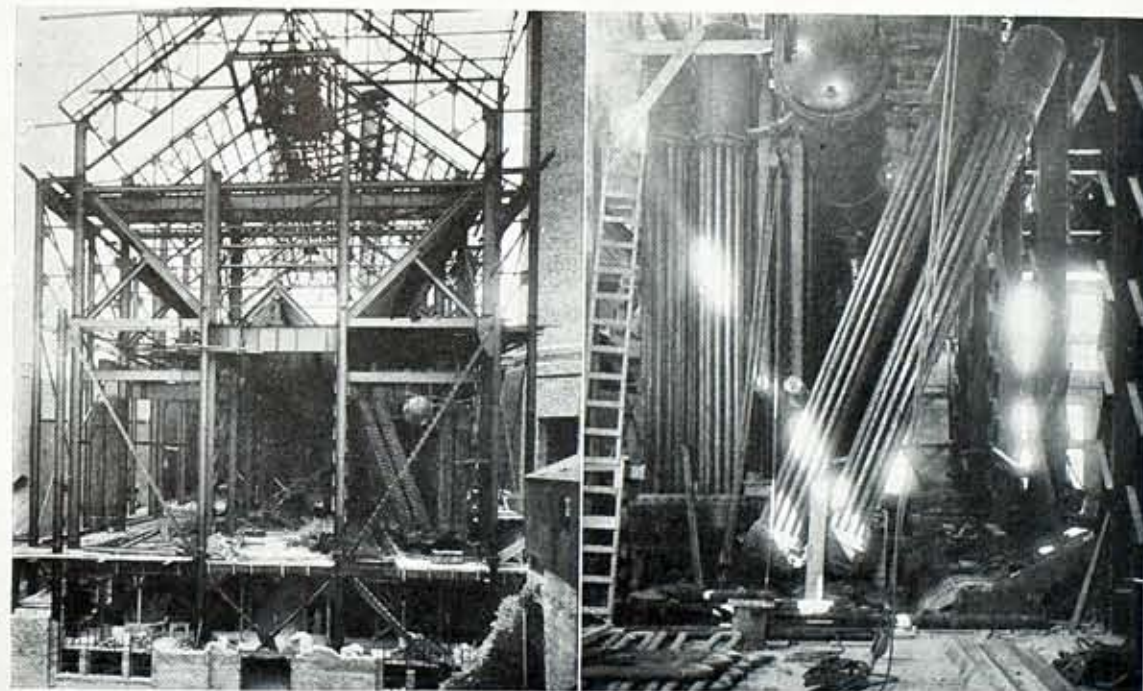
The lowering of the maximum allowable pressure for steam boilers by the Insurance Companies was partly responsible for yanking out the old Bigelow boilers which were installed at Station 3 in 1914. To be sure these boilers had served faithfully all that period, and one of them had already been adapted for the use of pulverized coal. However, in order to maintain pressures at Station 3 and avail itself of the best modern techniques in efficiency, the Company is doing a thorough job of revamping this older part of the plant.

The old No. 15, 16, 17 and 18 Bigelow boilers were installed in 1914, equipped with stokers, and in 1926 No. 18 boiler was put on pulverized fuel. The old boilers were

rated at 50,000 pounds per hour of steam each and generated steam at 200 pounds per square inch of pressure.

The four units being removed total 200,000 pounds per hour capacity and are to be replaced by one unit of 400,000 pounds per hour capacity. The new units will operate at 650 pounds pressure at 830 degrees as compared to 200 pounds pressure and 500 degrees for the old ones. In order to remove the Bigelow tubes it was necessary to cut them up into sections with acetylene torches and pull them out by means of crane.

It is expected that the new unit will be ready for operation in the spring of 1947, a year from now.



The two reproductions above were taken from an old photograph made at the time the Bigelow boilers were being installed at Station 3, in 1914. This part of the building and the old boilers were recently removed for the new installation of greater capacity.

CONGRATULATIONS to YOU!

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



WILLIAM E. GOMM, 40 Years
Station 3



EUGENE MICHAUD, 25 Years
Station Three



SALVATORE NASCA, 25 Years
Gas Street



J. GORDON ROSS, 25 Years
Service Department



FREDERICK MILLER, 35 Years
Elec. Sta. Maintenance



FRANK M. HOUSTON, 25 Years
Domestic Sales



CHARLES C. JACKSON, 25 Years
Station Three



WILLIAM L. WEAVER, 30 Years
Contract Department



HOWARD HARDING, 40 Years
Engineering Department

Ridge Road Gas Pumping Station Saves Gas Service in Emergency

The following article shows how the Gas Department of the R. G. and E. fortified itself with adequate equipment and a well worked out plan to combat a possible emergency. The story tells how this enabled our Company to meet a recent emergency without curtailing service, when it was called upon to meet a failing gas supply due to unusual conditions in Tonawanda, N. Y., outside our own lines.

Manufactured gas used in Hilton, Parma, Spencerport and Brockport is purchased from the N. Y. State Electric and Gas Corporation of Lockport, N. Y., which, in turn, purchases its gas from the Somet Solvay Company of Tonawanda, N. Y.

Any interruption at the Tonawanda plant or the pumping plant at Lockport, or a failure in the transmission lines would leave these towns without gas. As an emergency measure, the R. G. and E. extended its gas line to Parma Corners and

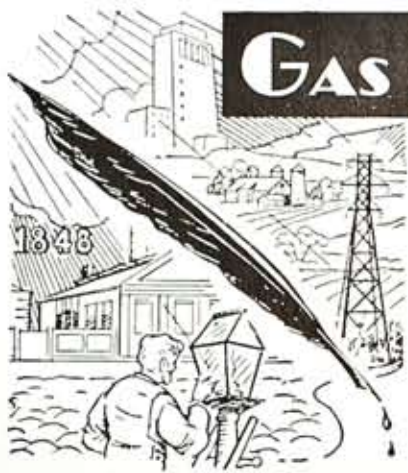
connected with the Lockport main, using 2-inch Merco shut-off valves at this location to insure a positive shut-off when not in use for emergency purposes.

Approximately one half mile beyond Long Pond Road on Ridge Road West, we installed a small manhole with the necessary openings, so that we could make the connections to permit pumping gas from Rochester within a short time in an emergency. All connections such

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Don MacCollum, left, pointing out features of the Ridge Road gas pumping installation to Dick Hoddick, Superintendent of Gas Distribution.



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What is "Public Relations?"

By Arthur P. Kelly

Just what does "public relations" mean?

We're often asked that question by fellow workers and we're not surprised that there seems to be some confusion. The subject has been surrounded with a lot of hocus pocus by so-called experts who want to make it seem mysterious, complicated and understandable by only a few practitioners of a magic art.

The best definition of "public relations" that I know of is found in the New Testament and known as the Golden Rule—"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." A company which follows that rule in its policies, and whose employes practice it in their contacts with customers, is bound to have good public relations.

Unless a company is fair and honest in its dealings with its customers all the experts in the world can't create good public relations for it. Fair policies in themselves, however,

are not enough because policies have to be carried out by employes and a company is known and judged by its men and women workers. Therefore you and I are a very essential part of good public relations.

Someone has said that "Good public relations means having good relations with the public" and that's a fine definition too. Another definition, recently voiced by Edward M. Queeny, head of Monsanto Chemical Company, states that "Good public relations are simply good corporate manners." Goethe, the great German poet said it years ago in different words: "A man's manners are a mirror in which he shows his likeness."

If you have good manners you acquire friends. People like to talk to you and to do business with you. If you have bad manners . . . if you're belligerent, arrogant, boastful or discourteous . . . people won't like you. Nor will they like a company which

Company Paid Over Million in Employee Welfare Benefits Last Year

Last year contributions by the Company to pensions, insurance, vacation and holiday pay, Employees Benevolent Association, hospitalization, social security, unemployment insurance, disability and other employe welfare benefits totaled \$1,076,457. This amount was in addition to the \$5,132,306 paid out in wages last year.

displays those characteristics.

Rochester Gas and Electric enjoys a fine standing in the community because the management tries to create policies that are fair to its customers and considerate of their rights in the matter of utility service and because we, as employes, treat the people who do business with us as we like to be treated.

In making the transition from the 48 to 40 hours week we have taken many new members into the R. G. & E. family and from what the personnel department tells us, they're fine folks. Let's show them by example what we mean by good public relations.

Meter Reader John DeRycke Shows Presence of Mind

John De Rycke, Meter Reader, has been with the R. G. and E. for over 19 years. He began as a messenger boy in the Mailing Department as so many others have done. He grew up in the traditions of this Company. It is not surprising, therefore, that John reacted true to form recently when he investigated the premises of a customer who failed to respond to his knock on his monthly call.

John smelled a slight odor of gas and notified police, also calling for the R. G. and E. Inhalator. The old gentleman who was found unconscious from gas poisoning survived for some hours after responding to treatment, but later died. However, as President Herman Russell said in commending John for his good work ". . . It would have been easy to pass along and not investigate, but, due to your presence of mind a human life might have

been saved . . .".

Many lives have been saved during the past years because of this same alertness of Company employes, combined with the training in first aid and resuscitation which they have received, which is one of the essential factors in the education of our employes.

Edward DeRycke, Front Street switchboard operator, pulled the buzzer which called the R. G. and E. Inhalator operators on an emergency gas poisoning case recently, after his brother, John De Rycke, meter reader, had initiated the call.

Aide (to busy colonel): "That man out in the waiting room has no appointment, but I think you'll be interested in seeing him—his brief case gurgles."



John De Rycke, meter reader, who helped resuscitate a man whom he found unconscious in a gas-filled room, assisted by Patrolman Bernard Mensing and the R. G. and E. Inhalator crew.

Inhalator Crew Helps Save Two Little Girls

Inhalator crews of Rochester Gas and Electric Company every little while experience the big thrill of knowing that their efforts have resulted in saving lives. Some years ago the R. G. and E. organized this inhalator service to be used in resuscitation of employes who might be overcome by gas or experience an electric shock. Company safety programs so reduced the need for this service among employes that about 90 per cent of the calls now come from the general public, mostly concerning carbon monoxide or coal gas poisoning and, in summer, drown-

ing. Crews are still in readiness night and day, however, and a week or so ago a call came from the Claridge Hotel, where the two young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Perkins of 156 Paxton Road had been taken when they were overcome by carbon monoxide while riding in the family car.

The following excerpt from a letter from the parents is what gladdened the hearts of Edward Borate and Henry Freudenvoll, the two utility company employes who responded: "We wish to express our gratitude to your company for the



R. G. and E. Inhalator unit just back from a hurry call. Inhalator crews last year answered a total of 134 calls and helped revive 65 of the victims of various types of shock, stroke and asphyxiation. Shown above are two leaders in this work, Frank Lux, left, and Ed Borate, right.

Phyllis Phillips, left, aged 5 years, and Barbara Phillips, aged 8, whose parents were very thankful for services rendered by the R. G. and E. Inhalator crew.

great service you rendered us in sending the inhalator. We were particularly impressed with the speed with which they arrived and the men were very kind and efficient in administering the oxygen to the children."

134 Calls Last Year

Inhalator crews of Rochester Gas and Electric Company responded to 134 calls for help last year and succeeded in reviving sixty-five of the victims of various types of shock, stroke and asphyxiation. In 40 of the cases the victim was dead when the rescue crews arrived and in 29 cases the party had already revived and it was not necessary to use

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This is the R. G. and E. Inhalator crew which answered the emergency call to a downtown hotel recently and helped bring back to consciousness the two little girls shown at the top of the page. These men are: Ed Borate, left, and Henry Freudenvoll, right.

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as hose, pipe, fittings, flares, lanterns, blueprints showing how the connections are made etc. are kept in one large box located at our Front Street Yard.

To supply this section, we use four 105 cu. ft. air compressors to pump gas on the off peak hours from our medium pressure main into the gas mains supplying the towns mentioned above. At both Hilton and Spencerport we have a large steel tank in which gas is stored in order to insure a supply to our customers when the emergency compressors are shut down during the peak load hours.

The picture shows two of the four compressors in service, the piping connections to the inlet of the compressors, the hose connections from the outlet of the compressors, fitting

box and pressure gauges. The picture was taken in the early part of November 1945, when we were called upon to meet a failing gas supply, due to unusual conditions at Tonawanda.

This pumping station enabled us to meet this emergency without curtailing service to any of our customers.

New Boss: "I hope, Miss Sellers, you understand the importance of punctuation?"

Miss S.: "Well, eight-thirty in the morning is a little early, but I guess I can make it."

Wilson L. Young Passes

Wilson L. Young, a pioneer in the electrical industry of Allegany County, and father of Hollis Young, Manager of the Genesee District at Fillmore, died recently. Mr. Young organized the Genesee Valley Power Company in 1904 which developed hydroelectric power at Mills Mills and Wiscoy and built lines to serve electric current to about half of Allegany



New lighting in the Electric Distribution Engineering office, Front and Andrews, a pioneering application (first of its kind in the United States) of a new low brightness fluorescent lamp, which operates at one-half of its normal power. It provides from 60 to 90 foot-candles of illumination on desk tops and drafting boards. Installation was planned and supervised by Industrial Lighting Department, under lighting engineer Les Twitchell. No employees are shown because the exposure was for about twenty minutes.

County and a portion of Wyoming County. Mr. Young continued as President of that company till 1928 when it became a part of the Rochester Gas and Electric. Mr. Young retired at that time and has since spent most of his winters in Florida, where he maintained a winter home.

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resuscitation methods.

Most common cause of trouble was poisoning from carbon monoxide, coal gas and illuminating gas. Other types of cases included drownings, heart attacks, ammonia and fertilizer fumes, fire, convulsions, strangulation, smoke and suffocation.

The inhalator service is under the direction of Vincent (Dick) Hod-dick and more than 25 employes have been trained to carry it on under the leadership of Frank Lux and Edward Borate.

Hot Stuff at East Station

"Hot stuff" is an expression often used to characterize electrical voltage, especially in its higher categories. Over at East Station Gas Manufacturing plant the men also encounter "hot stuff" in the daily routine of cleaning the fires on the generator of the water gas machine.

Formerly the men doing this work wore old shoes, which didn't last very long as can be imagined as they had to walk on the hot cinders to do this work. Necessity, therefore, which is the mother of invention, dictated the wooden shoe routine, which was used here at West Station

gas ovens.

The hot clinkers which are a by-product of water gas manufacture at East Station, are removed from the generator and taken outside in the yard, where the good coke is separated from the clinkers and used again. The clinkers are sold and eventually go into the preparation of cinder blocks or are used for driveways and other useful purposes.

This is just a little sample of how safe practices and efficiency work together hand in hand in our large plants, and how means are usually found to combat the many little, and often big "hot spots" which continually crop up operation.



Erasmo Tramonto, foreman of the clinker gang, with pair of wooden shoes made for special work by the General Maintenance Carpenter Shop.



Herman Fichtner, Front Street, recently sold his home, and has purchased a dandy log cabin out at Seneca Lake. Herman, always optimistic, says he will take your order for lake trout to be delivered next summer.

After being away for three and a half years, Phil Gropp is now back in the Statistical Department on the Fourth Floor. Phil left our company in May, 1942, to serve in the Army with Ordnance. He saw thirty months of overseas service in the following countries: New Caledonia, Bougainville (in the Solomons), Luzon (Philippines), and Japan. He was honorably discharged with the rating of Master Sergeant, in December, 1945. Phil's wife, Peggy Gropp, works on the same floor in the Accounts Payable department. Welcome back again, Phil.



Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris, recent newlyweds. Mrs. Harris was the former Mildred Briggs, of the Second Floor. Captain Harris is on terminal leave.

Charles Houck, Line Maintenance Department, who recently returned from service, solved his own particular housing problem by buying a house. He was one of the lucky ones who made a deal before the rush began. Charley is the son of the late Art Houck, formerly of Electric Meter.

Michael 'Judge' Friga, Front Street, is enjoying his leisure time now that he is free from the arduous duties of Constable, in the Town of Irondequoit. Mike lost his bid for a second two-year term in the recent elections by only two votes. Now, it isn't Mike that gets his man, but Mrs. Friga who gets her hubby. She says it's nice seeing him again, now that he's no longer a politician.

Canandaigua Kiwanis Minstrels Play to 2500 Persons

The recent Kiwanis Minstrel show put on at the Canandaigua Academy was a huge success. For two nights this entirely home talent show literally packed people in. The financial success of the undertaking assures the continuance of the 'Service Mens Weekly' sponsored by Kiwanis and sent regularly to all Canandaigua and vicinity men and women in service.

Another project which the minstrel show makes possible of fulfillment is the Photo Memorial for Canandaigua service people of the last war. This memorial will be created as a monument to them and will be a featured exhibit in the Canandaigua Historical Museum.

Two R. G. and E. employes who deserve their share of credit for the success of the show are George O'Brien and Tom Smith, R. G. and E. representatives in Kiwanis. Tom Smith is also a director of the organization, and made quite a hit with his rendering of that good old love ballad: "My Little Girl".

Helen Huntington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Huntington, was recently married to Ensign Austin Kieth, of Ridgewood, New Jersey, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Following a reception at the church a buffet supper was served at the Huntington home.

Gordon Vragel, of the Addressograph Department before the war, is back at work after having served four and one-half years in Africa, Italy and Sicily with an ambulance company in a Thirty-fourth Division aid station. Gordon is now in Electrical Station Maintenance.

James Brady, Late of the Navy, New Advertising Assistant

James Brady, recently separated from Service as Quartermaster aboard Uncle Sam's LST 629, is the new assistant in the Advertising Department. Jim took special training at Newport preparatory to his sea duties in which he engaged in offensive operations at Lingayen, Luzon, Subic Bay, Parang, Mindanao and at Okinawa and Ie Shima.

As leading Quartermaster aboard ship, Jim, according to his skipper: "Performed his duties

in an excellent manner, was in full charge of the ship's control area, including the bridge, wheelhouse, signal and navigation bridge and all the navigational instruments and records . . . he combined unusual thoroughness in knowledge and application of the rather complex technical material of his job with an ability for handling men under his supervision . . ."

Jim, before entering service, was graduated from Aquinas Institute and later entered the F. A. Hughes Advertising Agency, where he was employed just before he went to work for Uncle Sam. He has a wife and little boy. We're glad to have you with us Jim.

The men of the Steam Distribution Department wish to express their sincere sympathy to Frank Schansky, of that department, whose wife passed away recently.

Edward R. King, son of Ed King of General Maintenance, has returned from the Navy with the rating of Coxwain and has taken up work with the Company at the General Maintenance Machine Shop, under the tutelage of Billy Mitchell. This is but one of scores of instances where both father and son work for this organization.



Group in luncheon party given Cecelia O'Brien Ohern, second from right in first row recently at Odenbach's. In the picture are, left to right, front row: Rose Matthews, Mary Ryan, Cecelia Ohern, Helen Sell. Back row: Arlene Fox, Katherine McIntyre, Charlotte Van Etten, Ruth Costich and Monica Helfer. Cecelia has left the Company to take up housekeeping after a service of 16 years.

Marjorie C. Boschert Married To Lt. James Mallory Loos

Marjorie C. Boschert was recently married to Lt. James Mallory Loos. The wedding was solemnized in Our Lady of Lourdes Church by the Reverend Francis Luddy.

A wedding breakfast was served at Oak Hill Country Club. Following a reception the newly-weds departed for a honeymoon spent in New York City and Hartford. Upon their return they will make their home at 342 Antlers Drive.

Among those who entertained in honor of the bride-elect were Mr. and Mrs. James L. Coyne, who, with Walter Hildebrandt, were present at the reception. Mallory but recently returned from the Burma-China-India Theatre of Operations.

Mrs. Elma Garvin, Plant Inventory Department, gave a splendid party on January tenth for returned servicemen, on the fourth floor, and their wives. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parshall, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gropp, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tummonds, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hansen and Dick Diedrich, former employee here, and his wife. They discussed many of their experiences while in the Armed Forces, and a grand time was had by all.



R. G. and E. Male Chorus get together for a social evening. In picture are, left to right, back row: Harry Taillie, Chet Dupont, Ken Lyon, DeWitt Pike, Paul Miller, Dan Curtis, W. E. Hughes, Elmer Smith (President of Chorus), Cal Brown, Schuyler Baldwin; center row: Percy Merredew, Al Mura, Rudy Hoffmeier, Milt Robinson (recently returned from service), Clete Kress, Bill O'Brien, Director Frank Houston, Frank Dorkey. Front row: Cleo Goodwin, Bert Lewis, Howard Hill, Gus Farese, Henry MacGregor and Howard Brown.

Recently home on a Christmas Furlough was Everette Pierce. Everette worked in the Plant Inventory Department and is now stationed at Wright Field, Ohio. He has been in the service three years, and we hope he will be back with us soon.

You'll find a very happy girl these days in the typing Department on the Fourth Floor, because of a beautiful diamond she received as a Christmas gift from her boyfriend. She is Jean Kitts, and her boyfriend was recently discharged from the Armed Forces after overseas duty. The wedding is scheduled for the end of March. Congratulations to you both.

Phyllis Mason Becomes Bride of Lowell S. Titus

Phyllis G. Mason, member of the faculty of Webster High School, was married to Lowell S. Titus recently at the Gates Presbyterian Church. After the ceremony a dinner was served at The Weeks House.

Mr. and Mrs. Titus later left on a honeymoon spent in and about Chicago. The bride is a graduate of the Brockport State Teacher's College, and the groom, who is a graduate of the University of Indiana, recently completed over thirty months in the Marines, in the South Pacific area. Lowell is a son of James Titus, of the Front Street Garage.

Herb Rawling's son Raymond, a S/2c, is back from Tokyo and home for keeps after saying farewell to the light cruiser 'Dayton'. Herb also has a daughter Dorothy, who is in service as a Marine, at Quantico, Virginia.

Former Staff Sergeant William Downes, of Station Three, we learn, was personally cited by General Bruce for exemplary conduct. With two other men, Bill was characterized as being outstanding in his contributions to his country at Okinawa.

With regret we announce the deaths of six retired R. G. and E. workers, and to the bereaved families we extend our deep sympathy:

Patrick J. Neary, aged 68, retired November 1, 1942; Jeremiah J. O'Leary, aged 91, retired February 1, 1925; Carl Becker, aged 75, retired May 1, 1940; Jacob Lauth, aged 77, retired May 1, 1937; John Jennejohn, aged 74, retired May 1, 1940, and Thomas L. Rhodes, aged 77, retired May 1, 1940.

Ray Black, after about five years in the U. S. Navy, is now working for Electric Station Maintenance, under Doug Bruce. Ray was electrical officer aboard ship and has operated on an electrically driven mine sweeper, an electrical repair ship and others and became Chief Warrant Officer. Looks like he's in the right spot now.

Frank Bentley, Storehouse, had a birthday on the 29th of January. Frank says his natal day comes in between those of two former presidents of the United States, William McKinley and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Nice spot, Frank.

Lew Kimmell, Line Maintenance, is back at work after two years absence on sick leave. Lew seems as sound as a dollar and looks the picture of health. Welcome back, Lew.

It was two boys and a little girl that local vital statistics chalked up recently for electric department employes at Front and Andrews Street. First on the scene was Leo James Kenneron, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kenneron (Line Operating Department). Next came Nancy Ann Randall, whose Dad is Fred Randall, of the Line Operating Department. Four days after Christmas Michael Patrick Slayer, whose Pop is Norm Slayer, of Electric Meter, came along to make it three for the Dads of the electric departments. We do not claim this to be any record, but—let's hear from some of you papas from the gas section. Our best wishes to these little folks and their Dads and Mothers.

Alice Hall became the bride of Lynn B. Todd on February 16, in a ceremony performed by the Rev. Weldon Crossland, at the Asbury First Methodist Church, at 3 P. M. Alice's sister, Joan Hall, was Maid of Honor. After the wedding a reception was held at the Victorian Room of the Sheraton. Mr. Todd recently returned from duties in the Air Service, in the South Pacific sector. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Todd.

A wedding shower and dinner was given by the girls of the Electric Distribution Office for Vera Augenstein, Steam Dept. whose marriage to George LaTour took place January 19, 1946. The dinner was held at the Town Tavern on Tuesday January 8, 1946. The tables were decorated with yellow and orchid candles and individual corsages of white and yellow chrysanthemums. The girls presented Vera with a beautiful orchid and many useful gifts for her new home.

While at Electric Maintenance shop we were interested in seeing 'Butch' Kraus and Nelson Harned putting band wires on new motor coils for a crane used at West Station. They do it so well that they make it look quite easy.

John Gillis is back from Guam and expects to return to Electric Maintenance where he was formerly employed. John is son-in-law of Ralph Vrla.



We caught Sam Potter, expert welder of General Maintenance out on a job, looking like a man from Mars. He raised his visor long enough to say hello.

Joe Griebel, Champ Ben-Gas Pumper, Retires After 28 Years of Pumping

The Front Street Ben-Gas Station won't be quite the same without Joe Griebel. Joe worked there pumping Ben-Gas for 28 years. Jim Coyne estimates Joe, throughout the years, has pumped approximately 3,000,000 gallons of gas, which we believe may be a record, perhaps even a world's record.

Joe Griebel always handed out a friendly 'line' with his Ben-Gas. He was a fixture in the Front Street sector. To think of the Front Street Station without Joe is to think of ham without eggs, pepper without salt.

We'll wager that Joe's pumping arm is twice the girth of his other arm. Like 'Shifty' Gears, Kodak's veteran softball pitcher, Joe was a champ in his line. He made friends with everyone down Front Street way, and incidentally ran what amounted to an information bureau for motorists driving past from Main Street looking for the 'Honeymoon Trail' or the best road to Buffalo. Joe used to shout out: "Take your first left, then right and go down three blocks and turn left again and go straight ahead till you meet a road sign".

Probably no one else will ever pump that much gas for the R. G. and E. So it looks as if Joe Griebel retired as undefeated Gas-pumping champion, with very little chance that his record will ever be equalled. Good luck, Joe!

Francis Farese, son of Gus Farese, is away at school, at Mary Knoll, Michigan. Recently he was operated on for appendicitis and he now boasts of an appendix (that was) which measured 11½ inches in length. Francis had visions of keeping it for a souvenir, but the Doctor who operated, said it was record-breaking and that the old rule of "finders keepers" should prevail. So, it is now in a medical museum.

Lois Redsicker, of Transportation Office, received a diamond ring for Christmas and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Redsicker, have announced her engagement to Robert Barry.

We hope soon to see Ida Webster back in Transportation office. She broke her wrist some time ago (it had to be the right one), and has been temporarily out of commission at her home in Spencerport.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fox have announced the engagement of their daughter, Arlene Fox, of the Billing Department, to Harold Quetchenbach, recently separated from the Army Air Service, after 33 months of service. Harold is employed at Station 9, and his dad, Thomas Quetchenbach, is a long-standing employe of the Electric Station Maintenance Department. Our hearty congratulations, Arlene and Harold.



A sampling of R. G. and E. Meter Readers, having a total service record of 100 years. Left to right are: Wesley R. Struble, Earl H. Secor, William E. Beuthling, Clinton F. Heitsman, and Marine DeSmith.



Meter Readers' Bowling team, recently vanquished from first place in the league after many weeks of supremacy. Left to right they are: Ted Adams, Fay Cotanch, Leon Wittman, Rene DeSmith and Tom Kennedy, Captain.

Bowling League Passes Half-Way Mark With General Maintenance Leading

For weeks it looks as though no team in the R. G. and E. Men's Bowling League would oust the Meter Readers from top spot. They stuck and hung there till Rene DeSmith took to the sick list, then gave up the ghost after a final terrific try at clinging to the first rung. Yes, they may even come back again, so you leaders and runners-up better watch out.

We show herewith the team standings as we go to press, as well as incidental statistics. Here it is as furnished by Secretary Howard Stebins:

The tremendous speed of high pressure condensing turbines at Station 3 Steam Plant reaches a maximum of 3600 revolutions per minute, and the rim speed of the largest wheel is—twelve miles per minute.

R. G. & E. Bowling League

TEAM STANDINGS FEB. 13, 1946
(Six weeks of season remaining)

	Won	Lost	Pct.
1. General Maintenance..	31	17	.646
2. Electric Distribution..	30	18	.625
3. Meter Reading	29	19	.604
4. Office	27	21	.562
5. Turn-On Dept.	26	22	.542
6. Gas Manufacturing ...	23	25	.479
7. Electric Laboratory ..	22	26	.458
8. Househeating Service .	22	26	.458
9. Line Maintenance	22	26	.458
10. Gas Distribution	21	27	.437
11. Steam Division	19	29	.396
12. Electric Meter	16	32	.333

High Team—Single Game

1. General Maintenance	1036
2. Electric Distribution	1017
Meter Reading	1017

High Team—3 Games

1. Steam Division	2826
2. Electric Laboratory	2807
Office	2807

High Individual—Single Game

1. Kiefer	255
Hall	255
2. Beach	247

High Individual—3 Games

1. Kiefer	648
2. Sale	642

The TRADING POST

WANTED: A set of the old original 'Uncle Wiggly' books written by Thornton Burgess. Or, individual books of set by this author. Please call Mrs. Jess Yeaw, Charlotte 2498-W.

FOR SALE: G. E. Sunlamp, medium size, with swivel and standard for lowering or raising. Never used much. Bargain at \$17. James Dick, Ext-366.

FOR SALE: General Electric Sunlamp, the larger size, with new bulb, used very little, nice condition, on heavy duty standard for easy moving. Price only \$25. Really worth more. Call Andy Brostrom, Ext-383.

WANTED: Badly need a living room rug, size about 8 by 14 ft., but 9 by 12 might be O.K. Please call Jessie Napier if you have such a rug for sale. Extension-271.

FOR SALE: Bicycle, man's, English type with Shelby tubing, chromium rims, tires kept up in excellent condition. Has light, chain guards, carryall rack, side-kick, is pre-war and quality all way through. Price is but \$30 and very well worth it. Please call James Dick, Ext-366.

FOR SALE: Riding boots, size about 10 or 11. Also riding breeches, waist 31, of fine whipcord. If interested please call Carl Erbach, Ext-558.

FOR SALE: Razor, a Rolls Royce, aristocrat of the whisker-blitzers. You can have it for only \$6.00 if you are the first one to contact George Elmer, Ext-277.

FOR SALE: Black Gaberdine dressmaker's suit, size 16, like new. Culver 4456-M.

FOR SALE: Dog, Doberman Pinscher, 8 months old, pedigree, altered female, and has already won two prizes in dog shows. Moving where dog can't be taken. Please call at 220 Culver Road if interested, and see this dog. More information if you wish by calling Dick Henry, Ext-363.

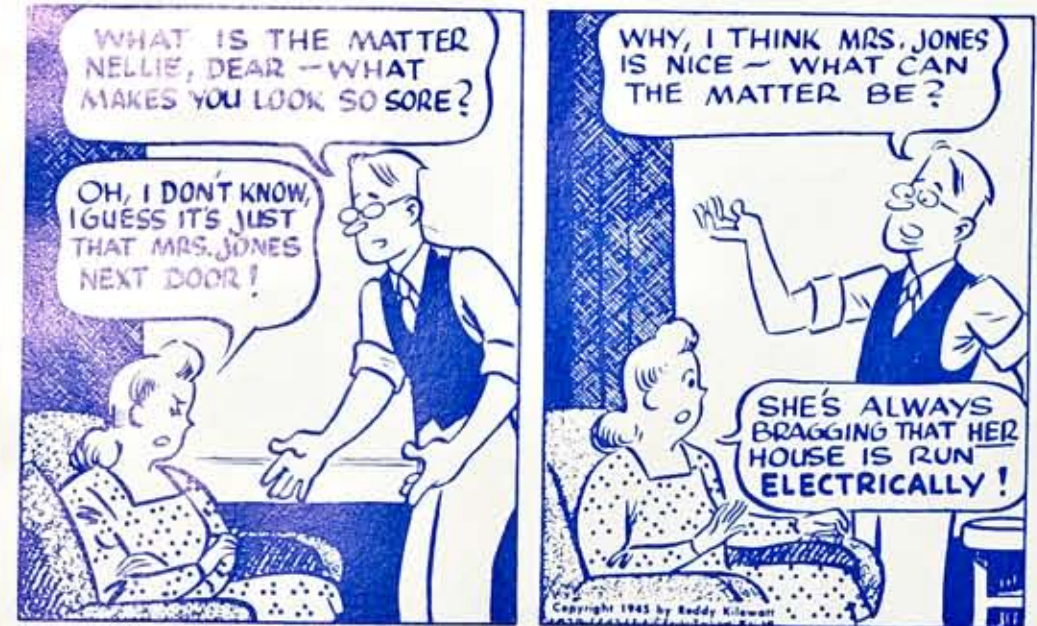
WANTED: An 8-inch bench saw with electric motor preferred. Extension 343.

WANTED: Piano, apartment size. Where can I get one? Fritz Boyer, Ext-343.

FOR SALE: Lion water heating unit, gas, without tank, side-arm, damper control with brass piping. Also jack-stove. Frank Hauser, Ext-231.

FOR SALE: One Davenport table (one of those long fellows). Also have a very nice pre-war, old but very good, baby's high-chair, and one utility table, square top with shelf underneath. Ask A. Fauth, Extension 476, or drop in at 108 Belmeade Road.

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