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Bill Richardson, left, of the Service Department, receiving the gas and electric service application of Mrs. Leslie MacNeal, a July bride and a brand-new customer. Mrs. McNeal kindly consented to help us get a picture to illustrate the R. G. & E. creed for good customer relations.

WHAT IS A CUSTOMER?

A CUSTOMER is the most important person ever in this office . . . in person or by mail.

A *Customer* is not dependent on us . . . we are dependent on him.

A *Customer* is not an interruption of our work . . . he is the purpose of it. We are not doing him a favor by serving him . . . he is doing us a favor by giving us the opportunity to do so.

A *Customer* is not an outsider to our business . . . he is a part of it.

A *Customer* is not a cold statistic . . . he is a flesh-and-blood human being with feelings and emotions like our own, and with biases and prejudices.

A *Customer* is not someone to argue or match wits with. Nobody ever won an argument with a customer.

A *Customer* is a person who brings us his wants. It is our job to handle them profitably to him and to ourselves.

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How We Got Our Cover Picture

Betty Jane VanEtten is the model on our front Cover, in which we have tried to get a cool, refreshing effect to offset the July heat. Mary Kirkpatrick, who works with Betty in Unit Bookkeeping and lives near the beach, at Charlotte, also helped us with the picture, which was taken early one Saturday morning, when there were few bathers about.

The lake was so placid that the picture lacked interesting background features, not a ripple was stirring. Therefore, on Sunday morning, when a fair surf was rolling, our photographer took another lake picture (without Betty this time) and on it later superimposed the original photo of Betty.

Mary Kirkpatrick, left, and Betty VanEtten primp a bit before our July cover was taken. Mary acted as critic and technical assistant.



R. G. and E. Men Give Aid To Flood-Stricken Elmira

This Company received an SOS from Elmira early on the morning of June 6. Experienced men were needed to help restore gas heating services rendered impotent by the destruction of water, mud and slime incident to Elmira's worst flood in history. Dick Hoddick got busy. He and Schuyler Baldwin selected five men to make the trip, men especially fitted to handle gas distribution and house heating problems.

The men selected were already out on jobs, but were called in at 10:30 A. M. and told to report to the office. In the meantime the wives had been asked to pack the luggage needed. The men were all in by 11 A. M., and were on their way to Elmira at

11:15. The Company's dispatching system by which contact is kept during the day with men out in the field help to expedite matters.

The men expected to stay in Elmira but two or three days. However, because of the havoc wrought and the great need for their services they actually stayed eight days. They were hard days of strenuous work carried on much of the time in conditions of mud and water. There were no movies nor theatres to attend to brighten the scene a bit because of flood conditions, but all the men agree that they were glad indeed to lend a helping hand to customers of a neighboring utility in their distress.

Left to right they are: Floyd Nellis, William Bristol, John Croston, Linus Reiger (Foreman) and Norman Huether.



Just a sample of the destruction wrought by Elmira's flood and wind storm, from photo brought back by Norm Huether and his buddies.

HELEN LONGBINE AND WEDDING ATTENDANTS

Left to right in the picture are: Bernice Mehserle, Joan Lounsbury, Mrs. Glenn Stewart (formerly Helen Longbine), Jeane Stewart and Dorothy Perkins. From photograph taken immediately following Helen's recent wedding. Bernice Mehserle sang "Oh Promise Me" and "Because". See item in Personal Column.



Three Hundred Years of Faithful Service

Employees shown below recently celebrated anniversaries in R. G. and E. Service.
We congratulate them and send good wishes from their fellow workers.



WALTER GUYETT, 25 Years
Collection



JOHN J. LOGAN, 50 Years
Electric Line Maintenance



EDWARD A. ROESSER, 30 Years
Industrial



ROBERT F. CLOSE, 45 Years
Station 3



MARTHA TULLIUS, 25 Years
Collection



HERBERT G. ROWLING, 25 Years
Gas Shop



THOMAS M. COUGEVAN, 35 Years
Canandaigua District



FREDERICK H. PATTERSON, 35 Years
Secretary and Treasurer



EDGAR R. CROFTS, 30 Years
Vice President

Thirteen Chinese Technicians Visit R. G. and E. Plants

羅城

歡迎中國技術人員參觀團

• 羅城煤氣電氣廠 •

Thirteen Chinese engineers and technicians, in the United States under the auspices of the United Training Administration of Washington, were recently guests of this Company and of Vice President Alexander Beebe and Superintendent of West Station Gas Manufacturing plant, Fred Pfluke, in particular. The group is part of 1,500 Chinese young men who are in this country at the instigation of the Chinese government. Their mission is to observe and study the application of American methods and techniques in industry, transportation and agriculture and to report back to their native land as specialists in their fields of work, to help build up war-stricken China.

During the trip to Company gas and coke plants this group was under the wing of Fred Pfluke and two of

“Rochester welcomes the visiting Chinese technicians.” These Chinese symbols on a folder made a great hit with the Chinese visitors. The last line means the R. G. and E.

his able assistants, Ed Button and ‘Ham’ King. The visitors were also shown some of our beautiful city and were entertained at luncheon by Mr. Beebe. These engineers will return to China very soon, having spent more than a year in this country.

“Ham” King and Ed Button (third and fourth in last row) and Fred Pfluke (fourth in front row, holding welcome card) and the visiting Chinese technicians who recently visited our gas manufacturing and coke plants.



New Department Heads Appointed To Fill Recent Vacancies

Two new department heads have been appointed to fill vacancies caused by recent deaths. Vice President Robert E. Ginna announced the appointment of Sydney Alling to succeed Ivar Lundgaard as Manager of the Industrial Department, and Vice President Edgar R. Crofts named Ralph H. McCumber as Superintendent of the Electrical Department to succeed Walter J. Conser.

Mr. Alling was graduated from the University of Rochester in 1909 after which he attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology for two years, receiving his Electrical Engineering degree in 1911. He entered the employ of the R. G. & E. in 1911 and served with the engineering, construction, distribution and industrial departments over a period of years. Since 1931 he has been on the staff of the Industrial Department.

Mr. McCumber entered the University of Rochester with the class of 1921 but the first World War interrupted his college career. After



Sydney Alling, recently made Manager of the Industrial Department.

a period of service with the U. S. Navy he returned to the U. of R. and was awarded a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1925. While still in college he entered R. G. & E. employ at Station 3 and filled various positions in the department of electric and steam generation. Since 1940 Mr. McCumber has been Superintendent of Steam and Electric Generation.

Frank C. Taylor will serve as assistant manager of the Industrial Department and Linn Cooley will move to 89 East Avenue into Mr. McCumber's former position.

OUR DAY

"You see, sir," he said, "my wife says I am not being advanced fast enough. She told me to ask you if you'd recommend me for a promotion."

"I understand," smiled the officer, "and so I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll ask my wife if I can."



Ralph MacCumber, the new Superintendent of Electrical Department.

3-Way Savings Plan Available For R. G. & E. Employees

By Vice President Ernest J. Howe

During World War II the payroll saving plan proved to be a very effective way of setting aside funds for use at a later date. As you know, on December 26, 1945 employees were notified of the termination of the original payroll deduction plan for the purchase of War Bonds. At the same time, however, they were given an opportunity to purchase U. S. Savings Bonds through payroll deductions and also to authorize payroll deductions for deposit in savings accounts in any savings institution located in the territory served by the company.

Now, through a special arrangement introduced by the Rochester Savings Bank, employees are offered a 3-Way Plan which includes in addition to the two above mentioned items, (purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds and savings accounts deposits) the added feature of purchasing life insurance through the savings bank. Main advantage of the plan is that one deduction each pay day will take care of the purchase of savings bonds, deposit in savings account, and purchase of a life insurance policy for protection of employee's family. The 3-Way Savings Plan is flexible in that the employe may select all three units or any one or two of them.

It is not intended that savings bank life insurance be confused with the ordinary life insurance made available to employes of the Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation. Under this plan the company pays a large portion of the premium, the resulting cost to the employe being substantially less than that of savings

bank life insurance. However, employes desiring to take out additional life insurance will find savings bank life insurance a sound vehicle for increasing life insurance protection at a minimum cost. This insurance is available upon satisfactory medical examination and may be purchased only in amounts of \$3,000 or less for each policy holder. Employee's wife and children may also be covered.

Those who wish to do so may of course make arrangements to purchase Savings Bank Life Insurance through other Savings Banks up to an aggregate amount of \$3,000 which is the maximum amount of Savings Bank Life Insurance which may be carried by any one person. For further information, consult H. W. Nichols, Assistant Treasurer, who will be glad to discuss the plan in detail with you.



Read folder distributed with pay checks. Find out about 3-way savings plan.

Veteran-Sponsored Softball League Creates Interdepartmental Interest

The first project of the R. G. and E. returned veterans organization, an interdepartmental softball league of eight teams, has proved to be a worthy activity. When the veterans took it over they selected a returned GI, Bill Howard, to direct the league. Billy sent out to all major departments, a questionnaire asking them to find out how many men would welcome such an activity, and the response was very gratifying.

Officers of the league are: William Howard, President; Walter Hildebrandt, Vice President; Walter Popen, Secretary and George Galen, Treasurer.

From this point on it was a matter of organization and Billy is a good man for that. Eight teams have been battling it out, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings throughout the summer. Some excellent talent has been brought out. Jim Skinner has been doing the umpiring, with some little help at times from others.

The Gas Street softball team. Left to right they are, front row: Alex Riola, Dominick Ennoco, Frank Fabrizio, Joseph Tranello, Nickolas Rivaldo and Espedito Chinappi. Back row: Lawrence Tranello, Norman Christ, Jim DiBiase, Ed Heintz, John Armossina and Ed Mayer.

At the start Bill Howard bought (with needed funds furnished by the Company) a new home plate rubber, six dozen balls, two dozen bats and other paraphernalia. The Gas Street men, who have always been very enthusiastic about the league, bought their own uniforms (see picture herewith) and play outside games with city teams during the week and on Sunday.

Standings to Date

As we go to press the standings of the various teams are as indicated in the table on next page. If you haven't seen these teams play, come out some night (any of the first four nights of the week) to Blossom Road Holder at 6:30 and see the fun.



Scorekeeper William Makey keeps cool during a batting flurry by nursing his best baseball briar.



Johnny Contestable, West Station, makes a swell target. He's big, but one of the fastest men on his team.

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
East Station	7	2
West Station	6	2
Line Maintenance	5	3
Gas Distribution	3	2
Station No. 3	4	4
Steam Distribution	3	7
Electric Meter	1	3
Gas Street	2	8

East Station still on top—it looks like a close race with their arch-rivals, West Station. If we ever get all the postponed games played, 14 games, it may be closer.
—Bill Howard.

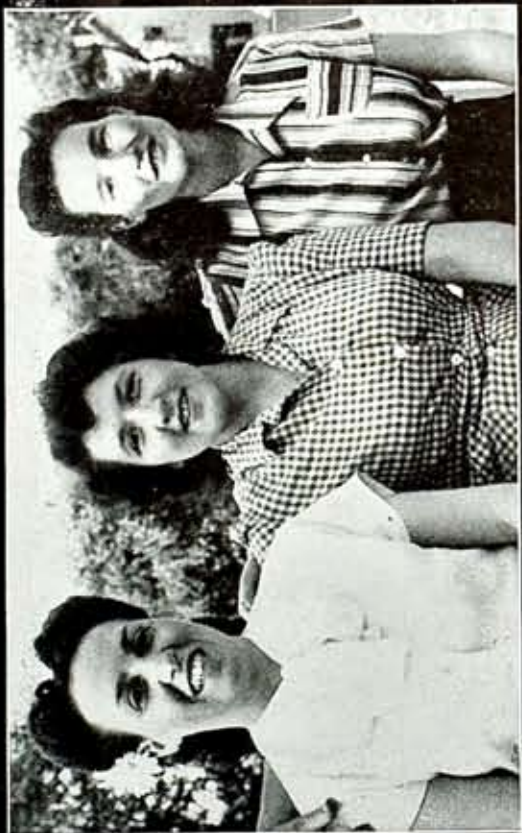
Other baseball pictures will be seen on the next two pages featuring some more teams and some of the family 'fans'.

Mike Lacagnina, West Station, and Alvin Spetz, Steam Division, give umpire Jimmy Skinner a close decision.





left: 'Ham' King swats a long flyball to deep left field. Bottom right: The family of catcher Howard Cornelius come out regularly to see 'Dad' play.



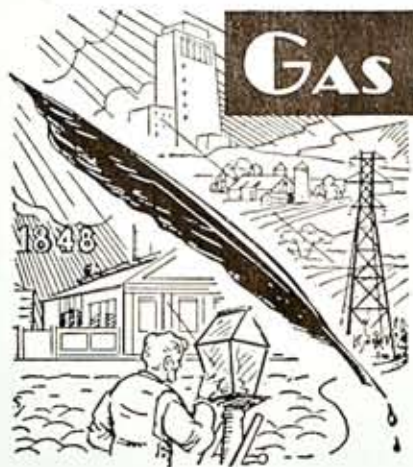
Top left: Family 'fans', wives of players, left to right, Christine Lacagnina, Helen Kuhn and Rose Destino. Top right: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mayer and daughter Kathrine. Bottom



Above, Steam Division softball team: Left to right, front row: Walt Baker, Alvin Spetz, Jimmy Pritchard, Joe Spillman and Dick Helfer. Back row: Henry MacGregor, Howard Cornelius, Alvin Smith, John Kramer, Jack Paris and Cletus Kress.

Below, West Station softball team. Left to right are, front row: Mike Buonomani, Joe Piperni, Jr., Cosimo Sorrento, Johnny Contestibile and Mike Lacagnina. Back row: Carmen Destino, Frank Malara, Joe Romano, John Johnson and Andy Kuhn.





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How Government Power Projects Fool the People

Suppose that two young men, living in the same town, began working at the same plant. They both earned about the same wages but one of them drove a more expensive car, had a larger apartment in a better section, dressed better and always seemed able to afford more luxuries. At first you thought that he managed his funds better but then, one day, you learned the real reason.

The man who was putting up a better front had a wealthy uncle who bought his car for him, paid his rent and supplied him with cash for all unforeseen emergencies.

Such a situation is a good deal like the set-up of the TVA, Boulder Dam and proposed government power projects like the St. Lawrence. Government power projects make a great show on Uncle Sam's money! They pay little or no taxes (in fact they get plenty of the taxes that you pay to the government) and they compete with business-managed electric power companies which do pay high taxes and are completely self-supporting. On an equal basis no government project is ever operated as efficiently or economically as a business-managed enterprise.

Send In Your Own News Items

The editors and correspondents of 'Gas and Electric News' can't possibly cover our large field of employe interest. The correspondents we have (there is one in your particular sector as shown on our editorial page masthead) will be glad to take YOUR NEWS ITEMS or bits of social interest.

However, we are very glad to receive such information direct FROM ANY EMPLOYE. Just jot them down and be sure to give us names in full, including middle initial, together with your news note, which may concern an engagement or marriage, a vacation item or anything else of general interest. Read our 'Social Sphere' or personal columns for type of information you may like to send us. Address it to Floyd Mason, Gas and Electric Building, 89 East Avenue.

Edward L. Wilder Honored by American Gas Association

For his many contributions to the welfare and progress of the gas industry, performed through the Industrial and Gas sections of the American Gas Association, that organization recently awarded to Edward L. Wilder, Industrial Department, an award which included membership in the A. G. A. Industrial and Commercial Hall of Fame. The award, which comprises a diploma or certificate of merit, was signed by three of the officials of the Association and should remind Mr. Wilder of his good work throughout past months and years.

What has all this to do with you? Well, after all, you, yourself, are Uncle Sam. If more and more government tax-exempt power projects are established they will force tax-paying companies out of business and the government will lose a huge amount of tax revenue. Governments have no money except what they get from the people in taxes so someone will have to make up the loss. That someone is you!

Are you going to let that happen just because certain groups want to scrap the American system that has given us the highest standard of living in the world?

Members of 4-H Club Honor Carl Jeerings

For years Carl Jeerings, Supervisor of the R. G. and E. Rural Farm Division, has been an ardent 4-H Club booster. His enthusiastic efforts in helping club members with their various projects has endeared Carl to these rural young people. At a recent award night when 4-H Club members received prizes and merit awards for projects accomplished during the year, Carl had a part in the ceremonies, as usual.

What was Carl's surprise, after the awards had been made, to hear his name called and to be asked to step forward and receive an envelope which contained a gift of appreciation from his boys and girls of 4-H. Many of Carl's older club friends were present as well as a large assembly of members from Monroe and Ontario counties, together with their fathers and mothers.

In a recent fire, Carl lost most of the electrical shop equipment he has used in instructing 4-H Club members, and the gift he re-

ceived was a purse from his young 4-H friends, who felt so badly about the personal loss he sustained.

Carl Jeerings has been a member of the Monroe County 4-H Club executive committee for over twelve years and is a local group leader supervising projects in Monroe, Ontario and Wayne counties. He has helped groom many a boy and girl member for both local and national honors in this field of rural activity. He has been in 4-H Club work heart and soul, and still is. To say that Carl appreciated the sentiment back of this gift, which was originated by the boys and girls themselves, is to put it mildly.

'Gas and Electric News' reporters seldom get in the news it seems. However, a certain cub reporter tells us that Virginia Wolverton, West Station reporter, was recently to be seen on vacation in Jamestown, N. Y. At the time she was visiting gaily with old friends, enjoying the beauty of Lake Chautauqua and enthusing about the gustatorial delights of a lavish smorgasbord of which she had recently partaken.

Arthur Kelly Elected Director of Utilities Advertising Group

Advertising and Publicity Director Art Kelly was elected a director of the Public Utilities Advertising Association at its annual convention, held recently. Membership includes public relations, advertising and publicity directors from nearly 200 utilities.

Charles Fitzgerald Made Auditor
By R. G. and E. Directors

Charles F. Fitzgerald was elected Auditor at the recent annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the R. G. and E. Charles lives with his wife and his two boys at 304 Hurstbourne Road. He has been with this Company in auditing work since 1929 and succeeds Harold W. Nichols, who is now Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Fitzgerald received his early education in his home town of Watervliet, N. Y. After high school he went to work for the Standard Oil Company, where he received a thorough training in auditing and business administration work. After some years at Standard Oil Charles engaged in business for himself and was doing very well until 1929, when depressed business activity forced



Charles Fitzgerald, recently made Auditor.

him to look to new pastures.

At this period, Charley happened to stop overnight at the Sagamore, next door to the R. G. & E. He was reading the morning Democrat and Chronicle in his hotel room when he happened to see an advertisement of a local employment agency, which he contacted. This organization advised him to visit the Rochester Gas and Electric employment department which hired him immediately.

Charley stayed right on in Rochester and has been with us ever since. His hunch to read that morning newspaper may have been providential. At least he thinks so; and judging from his progress during the past seventeen years it appears that it was also a fortunate occurrence as well as for this Company which he has served so well during those years.

R. G. & E. Officers Re-named

All of the present R. G. & E. officers were re-elected at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. They are as follows: President, Herman Russell; Vice Presidents, Alexander M. Beebee, Edgar R. Crofts, Robert E. Ginna and Ernest J. Howe; Secretary-Treasurer, Frederick H. Patterson; Assistant Secretary, Paul J. W. Miller; Assistant Treasurers, Harold W. Nichols and Charles A. Tucker.

OH, DEAN!

The Dean of girls at a certain college was making an announcement before the student body.

"The president of the college and I," she said sternly, "have decided to stop necking on the campus."

Greeted with gales of laughter, she became flustered and attempted to explain. "What I mean is, all this kissing that's been going on under my nose must stop."



Marion Clark Married To Leeland Bowerman

Marion Clark, Electric Distribution Office, became the bride of Leeland M. Bowerman on June 15. Marion is the daughter of Herbert Clark, Meter Reading. The ceremony was performed in the Church of the Master, by the Rev. Charles O. Harding. James Clark, brother of the bride, of Schenectady, formerly of our Gas Distribution Department, was one of the out of town guests.

A wedding dinner was served at the church for relatives of the bridal couple. Prenuptial events for Marion included a wedding shower and dinner, held at the Springhouse, at which she received many useful and beautiful gifts.

R. DeWitt Pike of the Industrial Department addressed the newly formed Rochester Chapter of the National Refrigeration Service Engineers Society, extending best wishes on their national affiliation and assuring them of R. G. & E. co-operation in their activities.

Mrs. Heloise Tiede has announced the engagement of her daughter Betty Jean, of the Electric Distribution Office, to James N. Whitter, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Whitter. Congratulations to both.

New girls at the Electric Distribution Office are: Mrs. Marion Simpson and Miss Shirley Reeg, sisters; Marjorie McGowan and Jean Zeller, daughter of George Zeller of the Appliance Service Department.

Louise Amish, Treasury Department, recently motored to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, with her brother to attend the wedding of a nephew.

Mr. and Mrs. Leeland Bowerman, right after they said "I do". The bride was Marion Clark, Electric Distribution office.

Joseph Dawes of West Station recently returned from a visit at Springfield, Mass., where he was introduced to his new grandson, Thomas Robson Dawes, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robson Dawes. Master Thomas was born on April 1st, 1946. He is the second grandchild. The first, Mary Joe Dawes is just a few months older, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph David Dawes, Jr.

Mr. William Hegeman of West Station is very happy these days, he is rejoicing in a new grandson, William Carol Hegeman, who was born Monday, May 20, 1946, and weighed six pounds and eight ounces.



Dorothy Garrett's boy friend, Bill Price, of South Carolina was recently discharged from the Navy after spending a long time in Panama. Dot took her vacation to enjoy it with Bill and from all reports they had a wonderful time.

Marie Fredericks and Mary Powers, of the Fourth Floor, recently enjoyed a few days in Chicago. They visited a member of Mary's family and were royally entertained.

Ginny Kadar, Typing Department, spent her vacation in New York and points in New Jersey, making the trip down and back by air. She saw some of the well known entertainment spots in New York City and heard a few of the top-name bands.

Ann Skuce, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Gropp and Cliff White recently spent an enjoyable weekend motoring to the Thousand Islands. Everything was top-notch excepting the fishing. The fish just wouldn't cooperate.

Personnel Group Welcomes Returned Veterans

Four members of the Personnel and Advertising group were officially greeted by their fellow employes at a dinner held recently at the Canandaigua Golf Club. The four were, and we give their former army or navy rank: Lt. Colonel Al Doud, Quartermaster 2/c Jim Brady, Corporal Norm Stott and Sergeant Hazel Leake.

At the luncheon given Doris Fink at The Sheraton. Standing, left to right are: Florence Richter, Edna Robertson, Mrs. Charles Fink, Doris Fink, Anita Swarhout, Evelyn Hering, Frances Anderson and Frances Cameron. Seated, left to right: Charlotte Boniface, Lillian Snell, Beatrice Schroeder, Ann Leela and Mary Powers.



We wish to express our sympathy to Lillian Fay, whose mother recently passed away.

Florence Phillips, Statistical Department, recently visited friends in New York City, saw some good shows and had a dandy time generally.

Mrs. Harold Godfrey recently spent a few days at Schroon Lake. Her daughter Hazel accompanied her on the trip and went on to the commencement exercises at Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont. Later, with Mr. Godfrey they returned to finish their vacation at their summer cottage.

Party for Renckert Bastian Given on 65th Birthday

The Turn On-Shut Off Department gave Renckert Bastian a fine party on his 65th birthday, at the Chiselers Camp. A nice dinner preceded the social part of the evening, which included speeches of congratulation for Renckert, who has been a valued employe since August, 1922.

Renckert received an especially fitting gift in the form of one of the new deluxe wheelbarrows one sees often in classy garden magazine ads. He will find suitable use for it inasmuch as he is now carrying out an extensive building program which eventually will blossom into a new home.

Little fishes in the bay,
Swimming 'round in carefree way.
Billy Spears, vacation bent,
To their peaceful streamlet went.
Bill got out his line and hook;
Little fishes took one look!
Trembling fishes, full of fears,
Hid 'neath rocks, and baffled Spears!

Bernard W. VanEpps, who was pensioned eleven years ago and who formerly worked for many years in the Line Maintenance Department, died recently. He was a brother of Walter VanEpps, of our Gas Street Department. Our sympathy goes to the bereaved family.

Mary McLaughlin, Transportation, spent a nice weekend in Batavia, where friends treated her to a dandy steak and spaghetti dinner. While on Transportation, we are glad to say that Vic Natale Sr., is very happy over the return from the wars of his son, Vic Jr.

It is nice to see Bob VanNess back in the Subway Department and to greet as new employes in the Mapping Records Department Bob Siebert, Ray VanZandt and Jack Fichtner. Jack has worked for us before, after school hours, but graduated recently from high school and is now a full time man.

General Maintenance Party Honors Retiring Employes

The General Maintenance Department recently held a party at the Chiselers Camp for Charles May, Edward Hoffman and Dennis Cahill, who have retired after many years of fine service with this Company. John Fredericks, as master of ceremonies, presented each man a cash gift and a miniature model of his former tools of trade.

The models were painstakingly and artfully made by Art Rosin and Charles Pike. The party was planned and supervised by the department's program committee, which comprises: Ormand Keemer and Clif Watson. The eats were excellent and complete, even to—butter.



John L. Johnson, head meter reader for the Canandaigua District, and check he received as second prize in the Wehle fishing contest. The fish is a 10-pound, 3-ounce wall-eyed pike caught in Canandaigua Lake.

Frank Spindler, who used to be with us at Station 8, and who married Alice Church, formerly of Fourth Floor, is now living with his little family in sunny California. Alma Garvin, Frank's sister, tells us that Frank and Alice recently became the parents of a fine baby boy, named Harry. It's nice to hear from them.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Garrett have announced the engagement of their daughter Dorothy, of Electric Distribution Office, to William Wm. Price, of North Carolina.

Unique Gas Distribution Job Done in Canandaigua

To overcome the uncovering effect of excavating preparatory to building a county road near Canandaigua, 1600 feet of 6-inch welded steel gas main was dropped in its trench, without at all interfering with service to customers.

This took place on the line from Geneva in the portion extending between Clifton Springs and Manchester. This extensive operation is not as difficult as it may appear, because the steel line is entirely electrically welded. Thus it can be swung about in the reopened trench at will for the welded parts are fully as strong and rugged as the steel pipe itself.

Tom Smith and his men, who operate under District Manager Phil Thomas did the work and Walter VanEpps, of the Rochester Gas Street Department, supervised the undertaking.



Frank E. Wentworth, whom we all affectionately called 'Pete'.

Frank Wentworth Passes Away

Death came recently to Frank A. (Pete) Wentworth, for many years associated with the R. G. and E. Domestic Sales organization. Frank was with us through the years during which his department inaugurated extensive sales campaigns on major gas and electric appliances. He was a past president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Beatrice Wentworth; a daughter, Jean Wentworth, who formerly worked in Appliance Billing; a son, Capt. Frank J. Byron of the U. S. Army; his parents and a sister.

Pauline Smith Married To Ronald Potter

Two of our popular employes in the Front Street sector were married on June 15, at the Brighton Presbyterian Church, when Pauline Smith became the bride of Ronald Potter. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. George Ulp. Their best man was Linus Rieger, House-heating Service.

This was a post-war romance, Pauline and Ronny never having met till he got back from overseas, and then it was a case of love at first sight. Following the reception and dinner, the newlyweds departed for a honeymoon which was spent in The Mountains and in and about the Thousand Islands. We wish them great happiness.

Helen Longbine Becomes Bride

In the first wedding ceremony to be performed in the new Lutheran Church of Our Saviour on Chili Avenue, Helen Longbine became the bride of Glenn Stewart, recently of the armed forces in the Pacific area. The ceremony was solemnized by the Reverend Lyle W. Halverson, whose wife is the former Mary Ann Plehn, who used to be in the Personnel Department.

Dorothy Perkins and Joan Lounsbury were bridesmaids and Bernice Mehserle sang "O Promise Me" during the wedding. Prenuptial events included a luncheon at the Sheraton given by a group of Helen's associates on Second Floor, followed by an office shower during which she received many useful gifts. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in New England.



Mrs. Ronald Potter in one of her final moments of so-called single blessedness. It was a shower given her at Gas Street office.



At Bill Brewton's Farewell party. Left to right, front row, are: Vice President Ernest Howe, William Brewton, C. R. Coddington and President Herman Russell. Back row: Ruth LeWalter, Laura Pink, Dorothy Letson and Vera Byam, all members of the Fourth Floor Social Committee, of which Clinton R. Coddington is now President.

Bill Brewton Honored at Party Held at Pittsford Inn

Seventy-five employes of the Auditing Department turned out one recent evening to honor Bill Brewton at a dinner held at the Pittsford Inn. Bill has been with the Company for twenty years and is now retiring.

A wonderful turkey dinner was served, following which President Russell, and Vice Presidents Ernest Howe and Alexander Beebe spoke briefly in appreciation of Bill's fine service. Clinton Coddington, president of the Fourth Floor Social Fund, was master of ceremonies.

Adelbert C. Fruen, one of our new Meter Readers at Canandaigua, was a Pharmacist's Mate 2nd class in the U. S. Navy and had three years service. He was attached to the First Marine Division in the Pacific area. Del hails from Palmyra but expects to locate in Canandaigua. Mrs. Bruen was the former Mary Dietz of Canandaigua.

FOR SALE: Two nurse's uniforms, size 12, in excellent condition, in fact they are practically new. (Price is only \$5.00 for the two.) If interested please call Ann Leela, Glen. 65-J.

Canandaigua Meter Reader Harold Gladding, left, and his little daughter, Ann Lee Gladding, present visible proof of their fishing prowess. They were caught in Canandaigua Lake. Harold sent one to Safety Manager 'Bill' Hughes who has been skeptical about this lake as a habitat for good trout.



Fillmore Social Events

Robert W. Stevens, Fillmore office, was married to Mae Papke on May 29th. Bob has purchased a home in Hume and after extensive alterations the newlyweds plan to reside there.

Patricia Gayton, daughter of Lewis Gayton, Fillmore office, was graduated in June from the Fillmore Central School, as Valedictorian. She plans to enter Cortland State Teachers College in September to take a course in Physical Education.

Dorothea Preston, Salutatorian of the Fillmore Central School Class of 1946, has entered the employ of this Company at the Fillmore office. Congratulations and welcome, Dorothea!

Raymond Bloomster, Line Construction Department, was married to Maxyne Burgess on June 15. Raymond is a World War II veteran and he and Mrs. Bloomster will reside in Fillmore.

Victor Fritz, Fillmore office, together with his wife, spent Memorial week-end visiting his son George and his wife at Norfolk, Va.

Both the daughter and the son of Curtis Webster, Fillmore Line Department, were married recently. Ida Webster became the bride of Francis Curran, and her brother Cecil was married to the former Celia Smith, of Belfast. Both families reside in Fillmore.

H. Arthur Donovan, of East Station, was recently married to Jane Casby, of Rochester and Canandaigua. Following the wedding ceremony, which was solemnized in St. Mary's Church of Canandaigua, a reception and dinner were held at the Springhouse. Our very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Donovan.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Leenhouts, who recently celebrated their thirtyfifth wedding anniversary with friends at their home. Mr. Leenhouts has been an employe of East Station for many years.

Sidney Drummond of West Station, who for a number of years has entertained his friends and fellow-workers with humorous cartoons, has attained professional status. One of his drawings having been accepted and published, recently, in "The American Freeman".

Dolores Mathis of West Station office recently attended a Knights of St. John convention at Cleveland. She is a member of one of the drill teams.

WANTED: Doll carriage for little girl about 2 yrs. old. Please call Sullivan, Monroe 7792-J.

FOR SALE: Pair of child's beginners roller skates. Cost about \$3.00, will sell for \$1.00 (pretty good for a Scotchman). Call Henry MacGregor, Ext-294.

FOR SALE: Men's type moccasin, brown, red rubber soled shoes, size 10-B. Also a man's saddle type shoes, brown and white, size 9½ and practically new. Please call Ralph Short, Extension-303, or contact him after 6 P.M. at 50 Penrose St.

Margaret Moran of West Station office recently flew to New York. It was early in the morning, and she says it is quite thrilling to have one's breakfast while floating over the clouds.

Marguerite Whitney of West Station has returned from New Rochelle, where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Dingee.

William Crandall is a new employe at Belmont. Bill recently finished 39 months with Uncle Sam but says he is now serving his fellow man in a way more to his liking. Bill has a nice wife and a charming young daughter. Our welcome mat is out for you, Bill.

Mary Elizabeth Wallace, a new employe in the Canandaigua office, was graduated from the Canandaigua Academy last month. She has a fine record as a student, especially in the commercial courses. We're glad to have you with us, Mary.

Vic Kennedy, Canandaigua Sales Manager, is such a friendly fellow that folks ask him to do all sorts of things for them. Recently, a woman cottager asked Vic to see the local bottled gas dealer and ask him to make arrangements to supply that competitive fuel for her new gas range.

John Reger Commended In Howard Hosmer's Column In The Rochester 'Times-Union'

Electric Station Maintenance driver also receives 'thank you' letter from woman with crutch and cane for whom he made difficult crossing possible.

Howard Hosmer wrote in his column "It's This Way" as follows:

"Today's palm for courtesy goes to a truck driver I am happy to be able to identify. He is John Reger, who operates a truck for the R. G. & E. and who was the first and only motorist in a long line who was gentleman enough to stop at Monroe Avenue and Boardman

Street long enough for Rosemary Croston, 80 Wilmer St., to complete crossing the street with her crutch and cane. She was crossing with the signal light but no car would give her the right of way until Reger came along. She was so impressed she wrote his big boss, Herman Russell, about it. . . . This would seem to be a commentary not on Reger's own special brand of very good manners, but on the fact that such courtesy should be so rare as to draw attention."



John Reger, Maintenance Man, who used excellent judgement and courtesy while returning from a job in truck number 545.

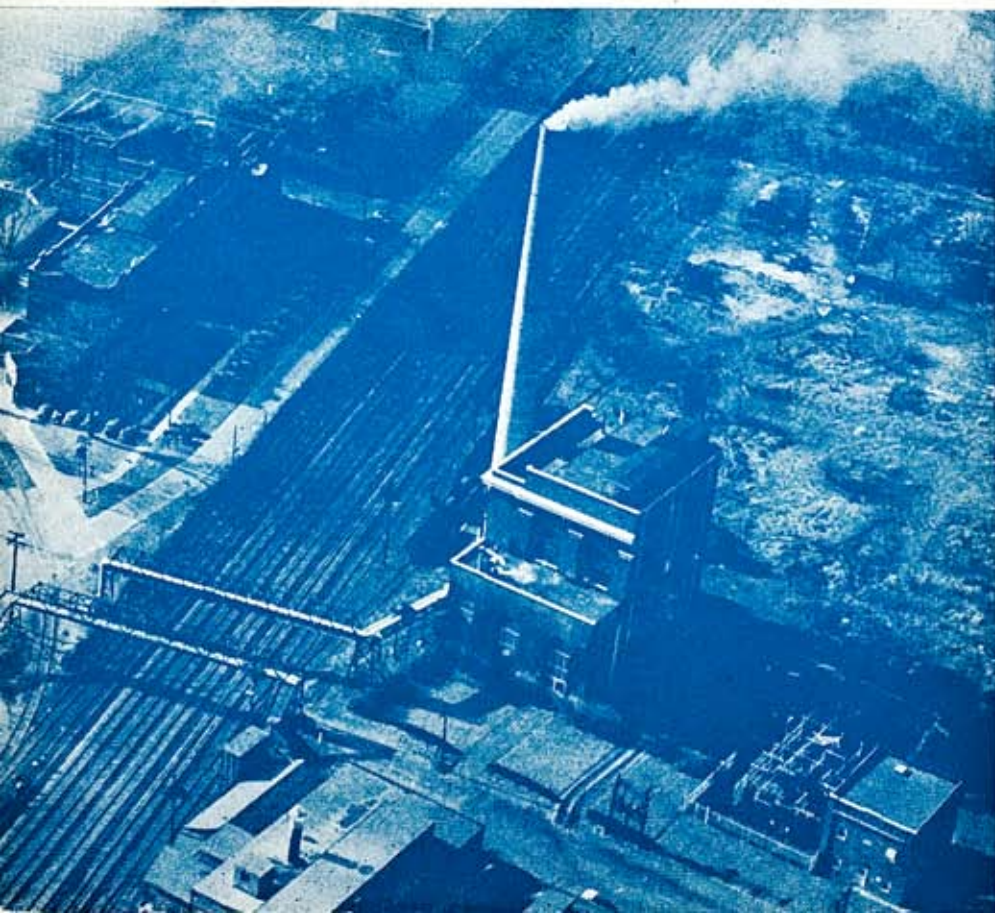
STATION 9 STEAM PLANT

STATION 9 STEAM PLANT is located in Rochester's west-side industrial section at Lincoln Park. It is a steam-generating and heating unit utilizing pulverized coal. It is on the main line of the New York Central Railroad, ideally located to attract to this growing district new plants and industries for our city.

Station 9 like other steam plants is not interconnected with other steam plants but serves its own specific district and maintains its own spare capacity. Besides delivering commercial and industrial heating steam into fast-growing Company mains, R. G. and E. steam plants produce and send into our interconnected electrical network current generated as a byproduct of steam operation.



It may surprise many persons to know that the pulverized coal used as steam plant fuel is ground in plant mills until it is finer than the finest of face powders. In this state it is blown through transmission tubes or pipes into the mammoth boilers. This fine texture of the fuel is an item in plant cleanliness and smoke abatement.



Station 9 Steam Heating plant located in Rochester's new industrial section at Lincoln Park. It is modern and practically automatic in operation, and uses powdered fuel.