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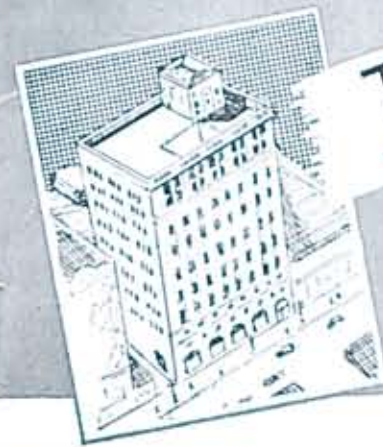
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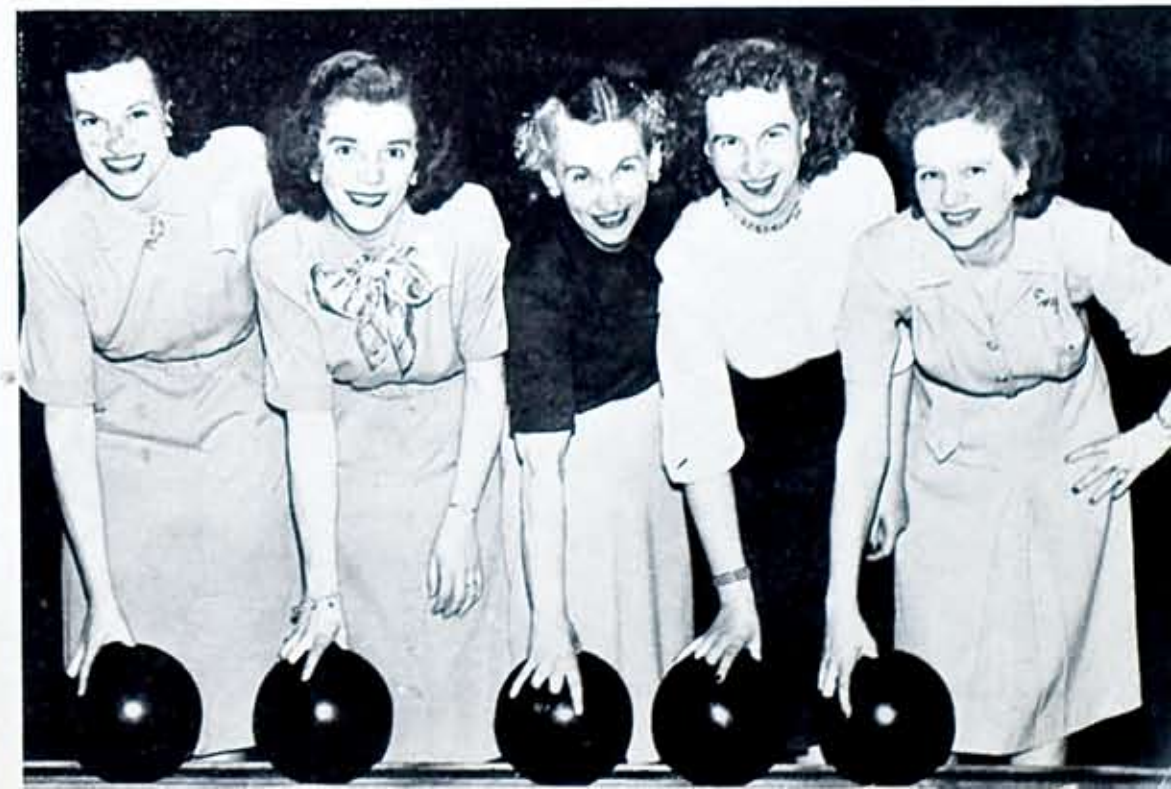
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Our Girls Bowl in State Tournament

Five R. G. and E. women bowlers participated in the state bowling tournament, in Utica, recently. They are Arline Fuller and her sister, Marjorie Pett; Evelyn Beideck, Marie Fredericks and Myrtle Bender. Arlene drove down in her new car and the trip was enjoyable all around. Being modest, the girls weren't bragging about their scores, but we guess they did all right. These young women have all been bowling for some years, of late in the Buonomo League. Myrtle Bender, with Esther McLaughlin also took part in the Women's National Bowling Congress, held in Dallas, Texas.

Bowling plays a big role in keeping these young women fit in winter time. They all look pretty chipper following their participation in the state bowling tournament, at Utica, N. Y. Left to right are: Marjorie Pett, Jean Wood (of Commercial Controls), Arline Fuller, Marie Fredericks and Evelyn Beideck.





Transportation Department party for new bridegrooms Don Eblacker and Vic Rogers (seated in lower picture) at Forstbauers, on St. Paul Street. Card games and bowling were enjoyed during the evening. Seated at table are, left to right: George Putnam, Joe Albright, John Reber, Cliff Dason, Ray Knapp, Walt Derling, Walt Kodweis, Irv Breitung, Jim Titus, Alfred Wittig, Don Eblacker, Vic Rogers, Jim Coyne, Mal Loos, Walt Hildebrandt, Mike McMahon. Standing are: Jay Churchill, Ed Behan, Ed Palmgreen, Fay Schalge, Don Meyer, John Jenkins, Frank Vogler, Price Palmer, Paul Kopp, Mike Ryan, George Reiner, Louie Butler, Ed Peters, Ken Tallinger, Dick Remarque, Joe Forsythe, Weert Janssen, Charles Van Tassel, George Knight, Jerry O'Connor.

In lower picture are, seated, left to right, bridegrooms Don Eblacker and Vic Rogers; standing: Alfred Wittig, Jim Coyne, Mal Loos, Cliff Dason and Jim Titus. Cliff handled the arrangements.



THE

President's PAGE



Every Job is an Important Job

If someone were to ask me: "What is the most important job in our company?" I'm frank in saying that the answer would have to be: "I don't know because all jobs are important."

The successful operation of our business is not due to any one person or any small group of people. It requires the combined efforts of all of us, working together. Meter readers, linemen, office and plant workers — all are important because without these individuals or groups some essential part of our operations would cease. Therefore, everybody's job has a part in the smooth, efficient functioning of the R. G. & E.

Surveys among employes in all industries show that workers want security above everything else. They want to be able to look ahead and make plans for the future of themselves and their children. We are fortunate in that our industry provides this security in greater measure than any we know of. Employes want more than security, however — they want the feeling of "belonging," of knowing they are members of a "team." We get that feeling when we believe that our particular job is important and the feeling is emphasized by the knowledge that our work is so essential to the life of the community. It is gratifying to realize that whatever we do in our respective jobs contributes to the welfare of all the people.

Good team work increases the importance of our jobs. Team work between management and employe, between workers in the same departments and between departments themselves, is a mighty aid in successful operations. The fact that the R. G. & E. has it in such marked degree has been a potent factor in enabling us to meet the problems that confront us. That same team work will enable us to solve these problems and to create a better future for ourselves, our families, our company and our community.

Alexander M. Beebe

Over One Hundred Ex-GIs Turned Out for The Banquet
and a Fine Program of Stunts and Music was Enjoyed



GI Party Pictures. Left to right are: (1) Pat Cronin, Ray Jenis, Glenn Allen (pianist) Ralph Bishop, Charles Smith (accordionist), Ansel Young, Romington Foster. (2) Prize winners, Ralph Bishop, George Larson, Paul Heller and Louis Ogi. (3) In the card corner, Dave Brazill, Ray Stothard, Ed Shields, Roland Fox, Elmer Burnup and Keith Amish. (4) Irish tenor, Danny Ambrose, far right, with Charles Smith, accordionist, entertain with songs.

R. G. & E. Veterans Hold Banquet
at Firemen's Exempt Club

The second annual banquet of the R. G. & E. Returned Servicemen's Club was held recently at the Firemen's Exempt Club on Thomas Avenue. It was an inspiring sight to see these veterans, 114 strong, assembled at dinner. Following the repast, Landis Smith, who acted as master of ceremonies, initiated a program of stunts, songs and prize awards, after which the evening was spent in the enjoyment of card games, miscellaneous "barber shop" harmonizing and general fraternizing.

Guests of honor were Vice President Ed Crofts, and Employee Relations Director Bill Hughes. Both of the honored guests gave brief talks at the invitation of President of the club, James Fassanella.

The accompanying pictures will indicate better than we can tell in words how the evening was spent. It gave opportunity for the renewing of friendships among employes, some of whom, because they work in widely separated sections of the company, do not often have opportunity to see each other.

Special features of the entertainment were the singing and accordion playing of Charles Smith, and the vocal numbers provided by Danny Ambrose, who is soloist with the R. G. & E. Male Chorus. They received enthusiastic applause.

Among the veterans who won prizes were the following:

1. R. Bishop—Station 3 Lab.
2. P. Heller—Dom. Sales.
3. G. Larson—Station 3.

Mrs. Florence Bowman, President of the Rochester Gold Star Mothers, being welcomed by James Fassanella, Past President of the R. G. and E. Ex-Servicemens Club, center, and newly elected President of that organization, Walter Popen. When the Gold Star Mothers were unable to obtain a place for their meetings elsewhere, the Club, with the cooperation of President Alexander Beebee, came to their rescue. They now meet in the Basement Auditorium.



More Scenes at Banquet of R. G. and E. Ex-Servicemen



In the pictures are, left to right: (1) Tom McAvoy, Milt Pettis, Wilbur Major and Phil Sudore. (2) Henry Symonds, Charles Shippy, Ed Shippy, and Tom Carlisle. (3) The committee, Jim Brady, James Fassanella, Norm Brink, Landis Smith, Milt Klick and Bob Manuel. (4) Jack Stevens, Ray Madigan, Phil Groat and Wes Strehle.

EMPLOYEES' SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

We all join in wishing them many more years of helpful service with good health and prosperity for the years to come.



THOMAS MCGRAW, 30 Years
Gas Shop



HAROLD W. NICHOLS, 25 Years
Management



EUGENE SCHUELER, 25 Years
Engineering



FRANCESCO UBRINI, 30 Years
West Station



IRENE STICKNEY, 30 Years
General Accounting



NATHAN SCHNEIDER, 30 Years
Station 3



CHARLES TULLY, 30 Years
Station 6



HOMER EDWARDS, 30 Years
Station 33



CARL COOMAN, 25 Years
Engineering

Annual Bowling Banquet Ends League Season

The R. G. and E. Men's Bowling League climaxed a successful season with a banquet held at The Dutch Mill, where after a steak dinner, the prize money was distributed. President Alexander Beebee and Vice President Ed Crofts were present to enjoy the occasion. Mr. Beebee paid a tribute to the bowlers and to bowling itself which, he said, gets so many employees together so often during the year for social contacts and competitive sport. Mr. Crofts said that he was always glad to be present at this yearly occasion which made it possible for him to meet and visit with so many men he sees less often than he would like. Credit was given to league President George Galen for his handling of the activity, and to his fellow officers, who include Jerry Mahoney, Vice President; Howard Stebbins, Secretary; and Howe Kiefer, Treasurer. The standings of the teams are given below:

HIGH TEAM GAME	
1. Electric Distribution Engineering.....	1022
2. Meter Reading	1012
HIGH TEAM 3 GAMES	
1. Electric Meter	2802
2. Office Maintenance	2787
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME	
1. Ray Madigan	266
2. Carl Ehrmantraut	265
HIGH INDIVIDUAL 3 GAMES	
1. Ralph Mongelli	656
2. Earl Stanton	647

Leading Individual Averages

Name	Games	Aver.
1. Bloom	21	186.76
2. Ehrmantraut	66	185.71
3. E. Skinner	66	184.86
4. Stanton	63	184.56
5. Fichtner	63	184.32
6. Versprille	21	184.24
7. Puleo	3	183.67
8. Neffuer	63	182.35
9. Sale	63	181.59
10. Eckrich	62	180.95
11. Rosin	60	177.60
12. Kennedy	63	177.52
13. Klafehn	60	177.32
14. Hall	63	176.32
15. Madigan	66	175.09
16. Cotanch	63	174.94
17. Contestable	51	174.12
18. Bodine	6	173.67
19. Galen	66	172.55
20. Malara	18	172.33
21. R. Miller	30	171.90
22. Winterroth	66	171.83
23. Rich	66	171.50
24. Earl Nelson	66	171.48
25. Sorreneti	63	171.24
26. Faill	42	171.19
27. Myers	36	171.13
28. Adams	60	169.88

Season's Standings R. G. & E. Bowling League

October 7, 1947—March 9, 1948

TEAM	Won	Lost	Percent	Team Ave.
1. Electric Distribution	42	24	.636	836
2. General Maintenance	40	26	.606	864
3. Meter Reading	38	28	.576	862
4. Office Maintenance	35	31	.530	831
5. Electric Distribution Engineering	34	32	.515	813
6. Electric Meter	34	32	.515	856
7. Gas Manufacturing	34	32	.515	800
8. Electric Laboratory	33	33	.500	785
9. Office	33	33	.500	806
10. Turn-on Dept.	32	34	.485	788
11. Gas Distribution	31	35	.470	744
12. Line Maintenance	31	35	.470	776
13. Steam Division	31	35	.470	766
14. Coke Sales	30	36	.455	739
15. East Gas Station	27	39	.409	748
16. Gas Street	23	43	.348	725



Electric Distribution Bowling team, winners in R. G. and E. Bowling League for the past two seasons. Left to right are: Joe Trapolino, Carl Winterroth, Harold Hall, Howe Kiefer and Doug Bruce.

The Five 'Old Men' Again Cop Bowling Honors

Lowell Thomas had his 'Nine Old Men' of baseball, but Electric Distribution has its 'Five Old Men' of bowling. They are: Doug Bruce, Howe, Kiefer, Joe Trapolino, Harold Hall and Carl Winterroth. A year ago these men won first place in the R. G. & E. bowling tournament finals. This year they did it again. To be sure, it was only by a very few pins in either case, but—win they did. Two years in succession, that's something.

Canandaigua Grange No. 1062 put on a minstrel show March 17th and 18th and found itself deeply indebted to three of Carl Jeering's staff of rural representatives for talent. Leonard B. Geyer, of the Canandaigua Office, and John W. Carlile and Robert Stevely of the Rochester Office, played prominent parts in the show. Rochester visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jeerings and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Burritt.

Loretta Bahler spent a delightful week-end in Alfred, N. Y., where her fiance, John Celentano, is attending Alfred University. The big event of her trip was the college ball, which climaxed a perfect week-end.

Norma Byers recently went to New York, where she was attendant at the wedding of her cousin, in the Little Church Around the Corner. She also visited some night spots and saw the show "Brigadoon."

We welcome to the Cashiers' Department a new employe named Frances Smith. We're glad to meet you, Frances.

Euchre Players

The following pairs of R. G. and E. employes have signed up to play in the euchre tournament at the Chamber of Commerce:

Ernest Skinner, George Yahn; Edward Morris, James Skinner; Leo Mousseau, Thurber Cosman; William Rate, John Drexel; Milton Robinson, George Galen; Anthony Holdrich, Arthur Beuckman; N. Leslie Doud and Clyde Vedder, of Fillmore.

Sid Drummond is to be congratulated on his safety posters in a cartoon style all the men at the East and West Gas Stations know so well.

Two young women from the Purchasing and Stores Records Department enjoyed a wonderful motoring vacation trip to Florida. Dorothy Lovick and Evelyn Cross spent three delightful weeks in the orange and grape fruit belt and returned well tanned and happy, but slightly below par financially. However, both say it was a grand investment.

Louise Godfrey recently displayed a pre-season tan which was the envy of many, on the Third Floor. It wasn't one of those synthetic sun-lamp tans, either but was imported direct from Sunny Florida, where she and her hubby spent a fine vacation.

Lake Shore Employees Make Inspection Trip Of Rochester Plants and Properties

Thirty-two employees of the Lake Shore District came to Rochester to make a tour of Company plants, including Station Three and the new Lakeside Station, and Stations 33, 37 and 43. They also visited the system operators' headquarters, at Andrews Street.

At each stop the men were given detailed information concerning that particular plant and the part it plays in Company operation. Vice President Ed Crofts, assisted by Ralph McCumber and Lynn Cooley acted as hosts and the visitors were very appreciative of their welcome and the way in which the men at the various plants helped to make their trip interesting.

Card From Mr. Chapin

A colorful postcard from Tampa Bay, St. Petersburg, from F. M. Chapin, formerly of Fourth Floor, had this to say: "Just saw the Cards trim the Yanks in beautiful Al Lang Field (pictured on postcard) on Tampa Bay. Wish I could ship you folks some of the grand weather we are enjoying." Mr. Chapin is a retired R. G. and E. employe whom many of us will remember, and we are glad he is having so good a time on his "permanent" vacation.

Bud McLaughlin Tries Out With Brooklyn Dodgers

Bud McLaughlin, formerly of West Station, some time ago received a letter from the talent scout of the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team, Spencer Harris. Bud was asked to report for training in the south and did so well that he was offered a summer job with the Dodger's farm team, at Olean. Bud's mother is Esther McLaughlin, of the elevator force, and his fiancée is Shirley Hoffman, fifth floor tabulating department.

Harriet Pflaum, popular Home Service representative, recently stationed at Fillmore, often heard over the radio that familiar expression—try Spry. Well, Harriet is doing that rather literally. She has accepted a position with Spry, Inc. and is now located in Boston doing promotion work among schools and colleges. A farewell party was given Harriet at the Colonial Inn. We wish her lots of luck in her new venture and as she is a proficient aviatrix, we wouldn't be at all surprised to see her drop in some summer day after a quick air journey from Boston.

Betty Fritz of Main Office caught the eye of many of the men bowlers in the recent mixed doubles playoff. Betty is about as big as a pint of cider but throws a ball that flies out as if it were jet propelled.



Left to right are Katheryn Yackel, Norma Fee Kammer (the new bride), and Mary Anne Cardillo. Picture was taken at the office shower given Norma by her associates in the Storehouse. Katherine and Mary Ann were responsible for the beautiful decorations.



Lake Shore men who visited Rochester plants. Left to right are: standing, Paul Palmer, Leonard Taylor, Ralph Coryell, Charles Conway, William Van Heiten, Woodrow Wandersee, Thomas Heald, Lawrence DeBack and Superintendent of the Electric Department, Ralph McCumber of Rochester. Front row: Jacob DeBadts, Abram Van Houte, Claude Harnaart, Howard Ellsworth, Donald Knapp, Peter DeVos and Granger Green.

Other Lake Shore Visitors were: Left to right, back row, are: James Kauwell, C. B. Williams, Stanley Craver, William Jollie, Ransel Mills, Alva Dutcher, Claude Mason, Henry Wetherby, Chester Warren, Melvin Orbaker and Lawrence Sears. Front row: Frank Shove, Claude Harnaart, Ivan Pittroff, William Kubber, Charles Pollay and Percy Tanner.



R. G. and E. Pioneers Hold Eleventh Annual Meeting and Dinner

The R. G. and E. Pioneers held their eleventh annual meeting and dinner in The Sheraton Hotel on Wednesday evening, April 14. One hundred and twenty-nine persons were present to enjoy the evening. After the dinner, the following officers were elected for the coming year at the annual business session:

Officers

Honorary Presidents.....HERMAN RUSSELL,
ALEXANDER BEEBEE
President.....THOMAS H. YAWGER
Vice-President.....EDWARD P. CARROLL
Vice-President.....FREDERICK W. FISHER
Vice-President.....EDWIN H. SCHLUETER
Treasurer.....CHESTER R. SCHLENKER
Secretary.....JOSEPH P. MacSWEENEY

The initiation of new pioneers was conducted by Ed Schlueter, who put the new members through a quizz show in which they related interesting experiences connected with their 35 years with the R. G. and E. The prize winner for the most humorous of these experiences went to Aubrey S. Partridge in a close contest. Among the initiates were the following 35-year men:

New Members

Charles C. Harter, William Spall, Bernard L. Cahill, Dean Caple, William

Just a sample table at The Pioneers' dinner. Seated, left to right, are: Leo East, Winfield Van Horn, Anthony Yodkiewicz, Frank Schansky and Emory Powell. Standing, Phil Thomas, Johnny Baker and Sydney Alling.



J. Haggerty, Edwin H. Fisher, Leon C. Kimpal, Andrew J. Bostrom, Fred J. Elter, James Carl Platt, Floyd H. Owen, Ralph M. Mason, W. Howe Kiefer, Frederick A. Worthington, George H. Kieffer, Charles H. Sprague, Walter M. Chambers, Aubrey S. Partridge, Harry J. Taillie, Valentine L. Weining and George Wirth.

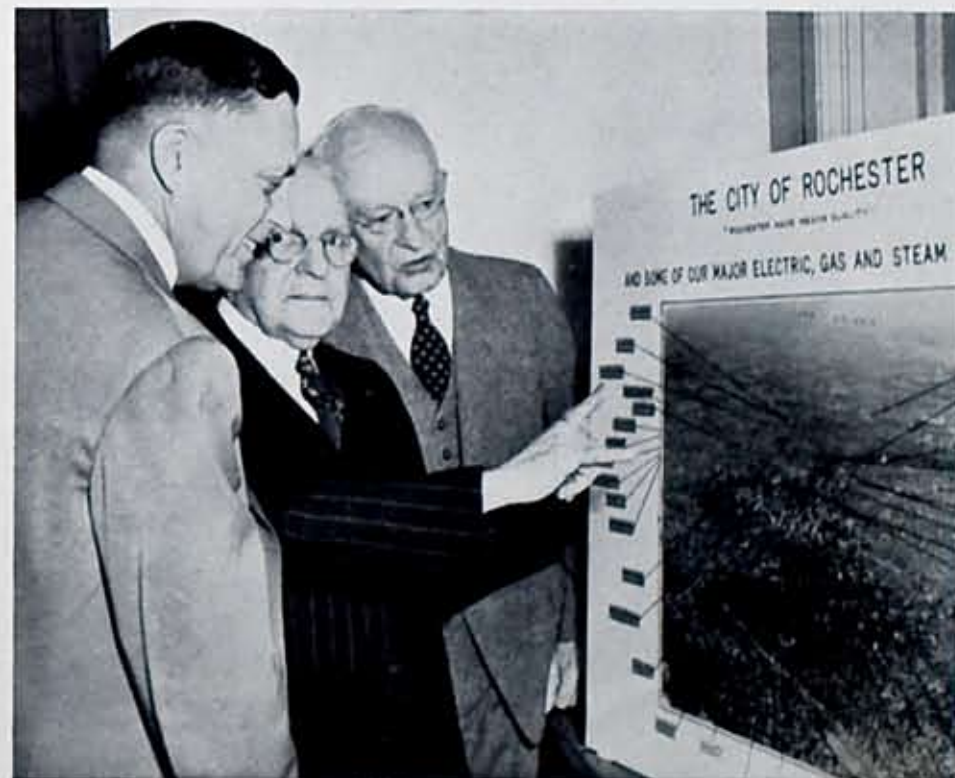
The Entertainment

The entertainment which climaxed the evening was excellent. Howard Harding again did a good job in selecting for master of ceremonies Rollin Tuttle, who presented five miscellaneous acts that made hits with everybody. Robert Meagher, Democrat and Chronicle cartoonist livened things up with his humorous cartoons featuring some of the Pioneers; The Four Silver Dollars quartet were roundly applauded for their excellent singing; Johnny Matill and his wife, as always, had the audience with them in their breath-taking roller skating act, Rollin Tuttle did some precision manipulating of his dancing marionettes to everybody's satisfaction and the dancing girls were unusually good. Two of these are the daughter and a niece of Earl Stanton, of General Construction.



The new and the old in lighting is emphasized at the Pioneers party by Floyd Owen, left, an initiate of 35 years service, and George Newman, right, a retiree with over fifty years of service. In center is Howard Harding, Chairman of the Entertainment committee.

Pioneer Club President, Thomas H. Yawger, center, and Club Secretary, Joseph P. MacSweeney, right, with new member, W. Howe Kiefer, contrast today's industrial development with earlier years.



Mixed Doubles Bowling Teams Have Gala Windup



Mixed Doubles Personalities: Left to right, (1) Frank Dries, Jim Mallon, Gilda Marinetti, (2) An Andrews Street Aggregation: Virginia Mykytyn, Betty Newton, Stella Newton and Dorothea Dake. (3) 'Jerry' Williams, Peg McCurn, Betty Simpson, Andy Anderson, Pete Versprille and Herman Fichner. (4) Tom Kennedy, Audrey Warney and Mike Friga.

R. G. and . Mixed Doubles Tournament Brings Out Fine Bowling Talent

The R. G. and E. Mixed Doubles bowling tournament was held at the The Columbus alleys recently and brought out much fine talent. Some of the girls were a surprise to many who haven't followed the feminine portion of our bowling activity. Top honors went to Geraldine Mensing, of Gas Distribution, and Danny Ambrose, Electric Meter. Danny is tenor soloist in the R. G. and E. Men's Chorus and demonstrated that he can 'strike' as well as he can sing. Dan is also a good softball umpire to keep him busy in his "spare" time. The winners rolled 987 to take top money in the cash prizes. Other combinations were also effective in maintaining good scores, all fifteen couples keeping above the 900 bracket. The committee which handled the tourna-

ment so nicely this year consisted of the following persons: Mary Gibson, Tom Faill, Doc Walrath and Wes Streitle. Congratulations on a job well done.

The Scores

Danny Ambrose-Geraldine Mensing.....	987
Harry Vasey-Pauline Potter.....	978
Earl Stanton-Mary Williams.....	977
Pete Versprille-Margaret McCurn.....	973
John Contestable-Anne McDermott.....	971
Jim Fassanella-Joanne Bodine.....	953
Ted Camelio-Jeanne Hallatt.....	948
Ray Stothard-Evelyn Carstairs.....	942
Geo. Klafehn-Lois Rood.....	942
Howe Kiefer-June Elkins.....	932
Jim Ryan-Evelyn Hoesteroy.....	924
George Galen-Anne McDermott.....	923
Bill Fuhrmann-Helen Hunt.....	920
Norm Eckrich-Geraldine Mensing.....	915
Ralph Crittenden-Evelyn Ryan.....	914

The committee which made the mixed doubles click. Left to right are: 'Doc' Walrath, Mary Gibson, Betty Simpson and Wesley Streitle.





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NORMA OCKENDEN.....	Second Floor	CHARLES GLEASON.....	Fillmore
RALPH CRITTENDEN.....	Line Operating	VIRGINIA HUNGERFORD.....	Belmont
DOROTHY DAKE.....	Electric Distribution	RICHARD HENRY.....	East Station
LOUIS OGI.....	Station Three	JOE PIPERNI, JR.....	West Station
LOIS ROOD.....	Main Floor	HENRY MACGREGOR.....	Steam Division
GRANGER GREEN.....	Sodus	LAWRENCE DEBACK.....	Wolcott
MOLLY TAYLOR.....	Fourth Floor	TED AVERY.....	Canandaigua
ARDEN HOWLAND.....	Employee Relations		

Employees Praised for Work in Factory Installation

A group of R. G. & E. employees received a double measure of compliments for their fine work in connection with the installation of electric power at the new plant of the Kryptar Corporation in Driving Park Avenue. Clarence A. Damuth, architect and F. A. Jaeckle of Vanderlinde Electric Corporation handed out the bouquets. "A marvelous job performed under difficult conditions" and "continued respect for your company and its performances in the past as well as on this particular occasion" were two of the comments in the commendatory letters.

Those who worked on the job included

A. B. Jaquith, L. W. Gleason and J. Fichtner, ENGINEERING; R. Van Ness and A. Brostrom, SERVICE AND METERS; Howard A. Brown, "Pat" Partridge and Elmer Smith, METERS; Gilbert Gruendike, Paul Thorne and Bob Evert, SUBWAY; G. B. Swarthout, Bernald Cahill, Charles Harter, Roy Makey, Malvin Bruman, Frank Commellan, Walter Yackel, Fred Yackel and Emil Schmeiter, OVERHEAD LINES AND CABLE; Kenneth Lyons and Dick Rich, TRANSFORMERS; R. T. Crittenden, SWITCHING AND SHUTDOWNS; Carl Whitman, INDUSTRIAL.

Plans Nearing Completion for Big Centennial Show in October

Plans are rapidly developing for the big Centennial Show which will be staged by R. G. & E. employees next October at the Auditorium to celebrate the one hundredth birthday of the company. Some of our employees, both men and women, are already rehearsing specialty and novelty acts which will be woven into the show as the script develops.

The Centennial Show will deal with the company's first century of service, beginning back in 1848 when a few flickering gas street lamps were lit before the admiring gaze of crowds that thronged the sidewalks to witness the event.

In dramatic action, song and dance some of the most spectacular events of the past 100 years will be unfolded on the stage with appropriate settings and costuming. Art Kelly and Bill Hughes, co-chairmen of the event, promise that it will be a lively show, and with the wealth of talent that is available in employe ranks, it should have plenty of class.

Lois Tompkins Mason to Live in Tonawanda

Lois Tompkins Mason, of the Employee Relations Department has closed her books, relegated her clerical activities to the realm we sometimes speak of as 'once upon a time' and has moved, bag and baggage, to Tonawanda where she will make her home with her husband, who is employed there. Strictly a housewife is what Lois will be from now on. The only clerical work she intends to do will be to write letters and copy an occasional recipe. Lois probably knew more employes by their first names than anyone else in R. G. & E. Her job was to get employes off to a good start and her many personal contacts paid her big dividends in the host of friends she has made during her years of service.

physician's office, where she has been employed for some time. It was a sort of birthday party on the air and Landis collaborated with Jack Turner on the Lorenzo broadcast to honor Mrs. Settle for her ability, despite her years, to maintain an active interest in life and to still perform useful service. This reminds us of that new play title "I Remember Mama." Many radio listeners will remember Margaret's Ma very pleasantly after that broadcast.

Mrs. Settle Honored in Broadcast

It was Landis Smith's pleasant role recently to introduce to the WSAY radio audience Mrs. Helen Settle and her daughter, Margaret, of the Employee Relations Dept., Safety & Claim Division. Mrs. Settle, who is 77 years old, comes downtown every working day to be hostess-helper in an East Avenue

John White Officer of Rodic Rubber Company

John White, who recently resigned as Promotion Manager of the American Gas Association, has been made Vice President and General Manager of the Rodic Rubber Company, of New Brunswick, N. J. which produces products made by fuzing rubber on to metal parts, such as typewriter rolls, etc. Mr White was at one time Manager of the R. G. & E. Brockport Office. A graduate of West Point he won the rank of Colonel during World War II.

Employees Who Received Service Pins During March and April, 1948

NAME	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Alothe Brown	Engineering	25
Carl C. Cooman	Engineering	25
Homer Edwards	Station 33	30
Ethel F. Fuller	Coke Sales	30
Gerald B. Guerin	Elec. Meter	25
O. E. Heissenstein	Steam Dist.	30
George Histed	Engineering	30
Ralph McCumber	Electric	25
Thomas McGraw	Gas Shop	30
Emelius Mitchell	General Maintenance	30
Harold Nichols	Management	25
Frank Schmitt	Rate, Econ. Research	30
Nathan Schneider	Station 3	30
Avery Andrews	Purchasing	30
Mildred Buckman	Payroll	30
Thomas Chinappi	Purchasing	30
James Coyne	Transportation	25
William Davis	Station 3	30
Michele Ferraiudo	Station 3	25
Henry Genthner	Electric Station Maintenance	25
Iva Manning	Cons. Bkpg.	25
Salvatore Mitrano	General Maintenance	30
Frank Paris	Subway	25
Bert Perry	Line Operating	25
Norman Schuth	Inventory	25
J. E. Spencer	West Station	30
George Thrall	Station 35	30
Valentine Weining	Stores Record	35
George Wirth	Sodus	35

Our Cover for This Month Emblematic Of R. G. and E. Home Gardening

The garden picture for this month's front cover was taken to symbolize the spirit of the R. G. & E. garden activity in which more than 200 employees will again be engaged this year. Left to right on the cover picture are: Audrey Warney, Marie Morton and Dorothea Dake, all from the Andrews Street offices. The garden equipment which they were photographed with was kindly loaned for the occasion by John Weider and Son Company, 257 Broad Street. Walter Paine is General Chairman of the gardening project and Molly Taylor is its efficient Secretary. Part of the program includes giving out timely and useful pamphlets and information on how to combat the many bug and insect pests, plant diseases and other annoyances which combine to make gardening a constant war on predatory bug and blight marauders.

The dividends possible when reasonable precautions are maintained, however, are well worth the efforts expended, all of our best gardeners maintain. With food prices high and with the benefits to be obtained from pleasant work in the outdoors, the time devoted to gardening brings real returns. The products of the garden will serve the family throughout

many months of the year, now that deep freezers add their dividends to those so generally obtained through canning, jelly making and other channels. Our Home Service Department is always glad to provide useful literature and special information which will help you to get the utmost value from your garden crop.

At a recent Thursday Morning meeting, Walter Paine initiated the season by a humorous, yet very helpful demonstration of what gardening can mean to the average employe. A colored motion picture sponsored by the Garden Club provided a graphic demonstration of important "do's and don'ts" for gardeners. It was one of the finest such pictures we have ever seen and was received enthusiastically by a large audience. The results of the ground work being laid by the Club is bound to be expressed in the annual R. G. & E. Garden Show next fall when employe gardens present their best in competition for the prize awards which the Company offers as an incentive each year. For more information regarding this activity consult your zone garden representative or contact Walter Paine, Molly Taylor or any of the other officers of the Club, all of whose names appear below:

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The old and the new in cable trucks. At the left is seen old "Burping Bertha" while at the right is the new truck which replaced her. In the picture, from the left, are: Roy Gillette, Harry Miller, Jack Hellis, Walt Boughton and Bill Fuhrman, Lowell Titus, another member of the new truck's crew, not in the picture.

Shiny New Cable Truck Replaces Old Faithful 'Burping Bertha'

The twenty-seven year old, hard rubber-tired cable truck, called 'Burping Bertha' by the men who worked on her for these many years, has been retired. She will receive no service pin and as she goes into old car oblivion, she will be just another addition to the junk pile. Yet, to the men who drove her and worked with her so long, she is quite an institution. To be sure, she was ornery. She was difficult to manipulate. She had 'guts'. Harry Miller, who was foreman of the gang which operated her for nearly a quarter century, speaks of her almost with tears in his eyes. "She was slow, but sure" said Harry. "The way she got her nickname" Harry continued, "was because she backfired so loudly that it was almost impossible to use her at night without having folks call up on the telephone and wonder where the explosion was. You see, 'Burpin Bertha's' exhaust pipe was built so that the muffling effect was practically nil. We often tried to remedy it but never quite succeeded.

Mike Hall was the old truck's first foreman. Drivers were Warren Dettman and then Roy Gillette, who went back to her during the war after he had been transferred to an inside

job. During the war days it was hard to get drivers who could manage the old truck. Be that as it may, 'Burping Bertha' for years did her stint of drawing in as high as three reels a day of underground cable, consisting of a total of about 2000 feet. She did all of this work for many years, alone. As she gives up the ghost, she has the consolation of having carried on nobly.

'Burping Bertha's' place is being taken by a modern cable truck whose cab can seat seven men and keep them warm in winter. It carries drinking water, is beautiful to look at and operates smoothly, efficiently, and yes—quietly. Walt Boughton, foreman and L. Titus will drive the new truck, which has not worked long enough for the men to figure out a nickname for her. The christening will not come until the shining new truck has demonstrated her capabilities, for nicknames are bestowed only after long familiarity. However, the new cable truck, with all its gadgets for better operation and creature comforts, will have no easy job to completely usurp the place of the gone, but not forgotten old truck in the affections of the cable gang.



Industrial Department Dinner-Dance

Seventy-five people attended the April 1st Dinner-Dance of the Industrial Department, held at the Rochester Yacht Club. Entertainment was furnished in the form of an "annual report" to Vice President Bob Ginna. Each supervisor read a report of his activities for the past year as they were seen by the authors—Bob Baschnagel and George Butler. Sydney Alling, Manager of the Department, ably summed up the reports and presented to Mr. Ginna a telephone book giving the names of present and future prospects for new business.

Norm Davidson presented very beautiful and interesting slides of his trip through Yellowstone National Park last year and later on in the evening, a four piece orchestra gave out with music for dancing and singing.

A good time was had by all.

Life-of-the-party smile of Don Smith below is typical of fun had by everyone at Industrial Department dinner dance. "Pic" by "Rick."



Genesee Valley District

Carl Wilcox, former Bolivar salesman, has left the R. G. & E. to work in the laboratory of the Clark Brothers Company, Olean, N. Y. David Attridge has taken over Carl's work and he and his wife and small daughter have moved to Bolivar. Dave is an army veteran and a lifelong resident of the Genesee Valley. Dave's Dad has been pastor of the Belmont Episcopal Church for some years.

Fillmore boasts a Hamster raiser. Hamsters are a species of grain-storing rat with two-cheek pouches and a short tail. They are used in laboratory work in place of guinea pigs or white mice. It is an interesting and profitable hobby, which serves a good purpose.

Four children of Fillmore employes enjoyed an Easter trip to Washington, D. C., with their classmates. They are Jean Hall, Jean Midea, Bill Brigham and Merrill Nevinger. The first three are the children of George Hall, Antonio Midea and Marlie Brigham, respectively, whose Dads are on the Fillmore Line Construction force, while the fourth is the son of Leslie Nevinger, Fillmore Utility man. All are students at Fillmore Central School.

Robert Reynolds is a new employe at Mt. Morris. He works under the able leadership of Edward DeGroff, Utility Man for that sector.

Balfour Mills, Wiscoy Hydro Station Operator, had the good fortune to catch a beaver which weighed 50 pounds. The season on trapping beaver is very limited and the rules and regulations governing their hunting is rigid, while the value of the pelts is unusually high.

A flash says that Bob Weir, Mt. Morris Office Manager, is a grandpa. Charlie Gleason says the item is a bit belated inasmuch as Bob hasn't sent him a cigar as yet. The new baby is Cynthia Ann, daughter of Bob's son Jordan.

IN MEMORIAM

With sorrow we announce the following deaths and to the bereaved families we extend the deep sympathy of the officers and employes of this Company.

Charles F. Harris

The death of Charles Harris occurred on March 6. He had been with the Company since May 1, 1919. Mr. Harris was sixty years old and had been employed in the General Maintenance Department.

Michele Borrino

Michele Borrino, who had been retired as of July 1, 1940, passed away on February 6. He had been employed in the Gas Street Department, before his retirement and was seventy-three years of age.

Percy Boyce

The death of Percy Boyce, formerly a boiler operator at Station 11, occurred on April 2. Mr. Boyce had been with the Company since October, 1930 and was forty-nine years of age at the time of his death.

Val Weining's thirty-five year party. In picture, left to right are, seated, Mrs. Fred Saddock, Fred Saddock, Mrs. Val Weining, Mr. Weining, Evelyn Cross. Standing, Joan Leamy, Charles McIntosh, Margaret McCurn, Joe Schnorr, Florence DeWitt, Hedgwig Garis, Ray Bauer, Norma Agricoltoso and Ray Myers.

Valentine Weining Feted at Thirty-Five Year Party

Office associates of Val Weining, with guests from the Purchasing, Traffic and Stores Records and Office Maintenance Departments, recently feted him at a party held at Mike Conroy's to celebrate Val's thirty-five years of service with the R. G. and E. Val received as a gift a fine Parker 51 pen and pencil set and Mrs. Weining was given a beautiful corsage. The celebration really started earlier in the day when Val's desk was decorated with spring flowers. Mr. Weining recalled many interesting events which have taken place during his thirty-five years with R. G. and E. and the evening was one to remember.

It seems nice things always happen to Val Weining, whose full name is Valentine. He was born on Valentines' Day, so on last Valentines Day Rupert Gray's was the scene of a birthday party, during which he appeared on the radio quiz program and won several gifts. The large birthday cake on the table read: "Happy Birthday, Valentine," and that is what he had.



Here Comes the Bride!

KAMMER-FEE

Norma Fee, of the Storehouse, was married to Vincent Kammer, on April 10th, in a wedding ceremony which took place at St. Boniface Church. Among prenuptial events in Norma's honor was a kitchen shower given her by the office force and 33 men of the department in which she received scores of useful gifts.

KILLIP-MULLENS

A pretty spring wedding took place at the First Congregational Church of Riga recently when Winifred Mullens became the bride of Warren Killip. Both are employes of the Addressograph Department. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Clyde Wolf and a reception and dinner at Dumpling Hill followed the ceremony.

ROGERS-ABLE

Victor Rogers, Transportation Department, was married to June Able on April 17th in St. Augustine's Church. Vic is the young man who assists Earl McDonough in the Lawn Street parking lot. Their honeymoon was spent on a motoring trip throughout the east.

The wedding of Margaret M. Miceli, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Miceli, to Russell Barone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barone, took place at Assumption Church, Mt. Morris on April 10th. Louise is employed in the Mt. Morris office. After the honeymoon the happy pair took up their residence in Mt. Morris.



Jean Quetschenbach is seen amid the beautiful gifts that were given to her at a recent "stork shower." She will now go into home making full time. We'll miss you, Jean.

Gas Distribution

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sisca and daughter, Patricia Ann, motored to New York on what was a delayed fifteenth wedding anniversary for the parents. They stayed at the Pennsylvania Hotel and saw the stage plays Allegro, Oklahoma and Brigadoon. They took in Chinatown, Greenwich Village, Wall Street and Little Italy and visited Radio City, the Planetarium and Empire State Building. Frank said the best bargain they had was the five cent ferry trip to Staten Island.

Leonard Benson spent a two week's vacation in Florida.

Angelo Lancia had a wonderful Easter this year. His son, who is in the U. S. Marine Corps, came home for what was to be a two week's vacation. He was called back after a week here, but what a wonderful week, says Angelo.

Espedito 'Speedy' Chinappi's mother recently came to America after spending her entire life thus far in Italy. She will reside in Rochester permanently. Welcome to Rochester, Mrs. Chinappi.

Pauline Potter recently left the Company to become a full time housewife. She was escorted to Lorenzo's on her last day here and was interviewed over WSAY by Jack Turner, who presented her with a lovely corsage of deep red carnations tied with a pretty silver ribbon, and some 54-gauge Nylons. Nice sendoff, Pauline.

What they won't do on St. Patrick's Day, at Front and Andrews. At least there's one Irishman in the group, guess who. Left to right are: Benny Cahill, Charles Harter and Chet Schlenker.



The Gas Distribution Training School has made fine progress under the capable supervision of Jack MacLarty, who has some interesting future plans.

John Armosino, of the U.S.N.R., was ordered in for a two week's training course, which he completed. Jack holds a rating of Fireman First Class.

Schuyler Baldwin recently visited New York and took his family along to see the sights. Mrs. Baldwin and the three children had fun while Schuyler was attending some business sessions. They saw the Ice Show and spent a day at the Museum of Natural History. Schuyler says the children got lost occasionally but always turned up at the hotel for meals. Over the week-end the Baldwins visited Schuyler's parents, in Philadelphia.

Electric Distribution Engineering

Bert Hammond recently enjoyed several weeks of Florida sunshine.

We are glad to have with us again, fresh from his graduation at Alfred University, Merlyn "Pat" Stowe. Pat will eventually continue his refrigeration studies at Oklahoma A. and M. College.

If you want news about the new hair styles for 1948 just ask Jean Stenzel, Employee Relations Dept. Jean was one of the beautiful girls used as models for new coifs when the New York State Hairdressers Association convention was held at Powers Hotel. Her hair was styled by a New York expert and her picture appeared in the Democrat and Chronicle.

Line Operation and Maintenance

Joseph Bringley and Arthur Benkwit have recently been transferred into the Line Operating Department, from Line Maintenance. Howdy, Joe and Art.

Recent visitors to the department were Gus Haap, Bert Noyes, George Hilbert, Jack Logan and Bill McElwain, all old-timers we see too little of. The boys are waiting for calls from Jack McLeod, Bill Buckmaster, Bert Covert and Mike Kelly, who are missed a lot since they retired.

George Sanders recently joined the ranks of the grandfathers, along with such granddaddies as Howe Kiefer, George Swarhout, and Jim Cooper.

Melvin "Spike" Bruman has a right to be proud of his 24 years of safe driving, and struts just a bit since he got that pin (not safety pin) from the safety department.

Frank Connellan and his crew recently installed a new pole and large transformer, with several wires, cross arms, etc. upon it. They did their usual neat job and were quite proud of it. Next day, much to their sorrow, they answered a trouble call to the same location and found (you guessed it) their nice new pole completely broken off at the ground, with an elderly automobile resting placidly upon it.

NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! If you have any news for this magazine, give it to your correspondent, or send it in direct to "Gas and Electric News," Gas and Electric Building. See editorial pages in this issue for name of reporter in your sector.

Down Lullaby Lane

What a wonderful Easter present. Yes sir, the Easter Bunny brought a baby girl to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Morris. Her name is Catherine Ann and she tipped the scales at a bouncing 9 pounds and 7 ounces. Michael, of Station Three, is the father who traveled all the way to Ireland to get his bride.

Number thirteen is lucky for George Mulligan, of Station Three. On March 13th last the stork brought a 6 pound, 8 ounce baby girl to the Mulligan home. Mrs. Mulligan is the former Shirley Reeg, once employed in the Electric Distribution Department.

Philip Sudore, Gas Street, is the proud Daddy of a 6-pound, 1-ounce baby girl. Miss Sudore's name is Carol Lucille and she was born on February 4th.

On March 31st, Eddie Mayer's wife presented him with a baby girl, who weighed over 6 pounds and is as healthy as can be, and very proud of her name, which is Judy Ann.

That old stork bird gets around in all kinds of weather. Recently he dropped a bundle at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller. Joe is a salesman in Domestic Sales. Oh, yes, the bundle contained a 10-pound baby boy, Thomas Michael.

A son was born on March 8th to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shove, of Wolcott, N. Y. Frank

is a Lineman in the Lake Shore District. The 10-pound, 4-ounce baby boy named William Allen and he made his debut at the Strong Memorial Hospital.

Two proud Dads, both in the Commercial Service Department, are Edwin Bohrer and Edward DeRycke. Mr. and Mrs. Bohrer are happy in the arrival of a 6½ pound girl, born on March 20th. The new tenant in the DeRycke bassinett is a boy, the fifth child in the home, making the score, to date, four boys and one girl.

Fine baby boys were recently born in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. John Malara and Mr. and Mrs. Hank Bilo, both employes of West Station.

A son was born to Jack Clawson (Canandaigua Commercial Representative) and his wife, Mary, on April 2. The 8-pound, 6-ounce James Martin Clawson checked in at the Thompson Memorial Hospital to the great happiness of the family, including grandpa Howard Clawson, Canandaigua Line Superintendent.

Jack Welch, Canandaigua Service Department, and his wife, Lorraine, are proud as peacocks these days, for on March 22 twin boys were born to them at Thompson Memorial Hospital. Well, Jack, it's said that two can live as reasonable as one, but whether that applies to babies we don't know.

Mail Girls Heard on Lorenzo Program

It was quite a thrill for seven R. G. and E. messenger girls when, at luncheon at Lorenzos one noon, they were all interviewed on the "Luncheon at Lorenzos" program, a radio broadcast. One of the girls, Beverly Powers, who is to be married in June, received a corsage. The others interviewed were: Betty Ehmann, Clarice Carter, Marilyn Morse, Norma Badhorn and Mary Ann Hanss.

The Station Three operators selected to inaugurate the new boiler (steam generator) at Station 9 were: William Wilkinson, Bill Mitchell, Albert Bellenger and Robert Jones. They began their mission there on March 20, and remained for about two weeks. Their job was to start up the generator and to train a crew to take over its operation.

Fred Close, retired former Superintendent at Station 3 visited that plant recently to see the boys. Fred is looking fine and apparently enjoying his retirement.

This beautiful little girl is Margaret Ann, year and one-half old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Macauley, whose Daddy is a Commercial Representative. Isn't she a dandy!

New Officers of R. G. and E. Ex-Servicemen's Club

New officers were recently elected for a year's term by the R. G. & E. Ex-Servicemen's Club. Walter Popen, of the Gas Househeating Department, was chosen President and Earl Clark, of Electric Distribution Engineering, Vice President. Others elected were: Secretary, Norman Brink, Electric Distribution Engineering; Publicity Secretary, James Brady, of the Advertising Department; and Treasurer, Joseph Kopler, of the Engineering Department. Employees named on the Executive Committee are as follows: James Fassanella, Electric Meter; Fred Raines, Jr., Industrial Department, and Walter Driscoll, of the Gas Shop.

Hollis and Mrs. Young Take Extended Sea Voyage

Hollis Young, R. G. & E. Manager of the Genesee Valley District at Fillmore, N. Y., with Mrs. Young and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gelser, also of Fillmore, have returned from a sea voyage and vacation trip which took them to the West Indies and points in South America. They were passengers on H.M.S. Mauretania of the Cunard White Star Line. The voyagers stopped at Nassau, LaGuaira, Curacao, Colon and Havana.

An item we neglected to report before is the birth in January 26 of a fine baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Fay Schalge. Fay is employed in The Garage. The new son and heir weighed eight pounds at birth and was named Eugene Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Saddock and their son recently drove to New York to spend a few days, including the Easter holiday. They especially enjoyed the show at Radio City Music Hall.

Genesee Valley Folks got a big 'kick' out of this sign, and Charlie Gleason, of Fillmore, had to take a lot of "ribbing". Charlie says it couldn't have been him, for he only plays the mouth-organ.

At a recent party and fish fry held by The Garage force, Mal Loos was voted the one most likely to eat the most of that wonderful fish; James Coyne and Alfred Wittig took the honors in pinochle; Jack Hellis and Wes Streitle were the poker champs and Cliff Dasson and Jim Titus showed their superior prowess at shuffleboard.

Death of Helene C. Thompson R. G. and E. Company Nurse

Helene C. Thompson, Company Nurse since May 27, 1935, died on Saturday, May 1, after an illness of several months. Miss Thompson was known personally and gratefully to hundreds of employes for her work with the R. G. and E. Sunshine Fund as well as for her interest and help in time of illness. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Robert Howe, of Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania, and Miss Daisy M. Thompson, of Kane, Pennsylvania.



Charles Gleason's Genesee Valley Bowlers Win First Bowling Bout From Les Twichell's Engineers



In a close contest, Charles Gleason's Genesee District bowlers defeated Les Twichell's Industrial Engineers in a recent test of bowling ability. The Valleyites started slowly but finished with a bang. Left to right in picture are: Charles Gleason, Bill Schroeder, Hollis Young, "Dutch" Wolfer, Harlen Strahan, Louie Gayton, "Benk" Swanson, Marlie Brigham, Hank Miller and Bob Holland.

Ansel Young arranged the match and he and Lest want to stage another encounter. In the Industrial Engineers' team, below, are, left to right, front row: Ansel Young, Bob Hilliard, Dick Morgan, Bob Manuel and Jack Dailey. Back row: Charlie Bancroft, Dean Johnson, Larry Fridley, Harry Miller and Les Twichell.



About That Genesee Valley Industrial Engineer Game

Charles Gleason's rangy bowling talent, the pride of the Genesee Valley and the apple of Hollis Young's eye, swooped into town recently and defeated the best bowlers Les Twichell, Industrial Department Bowling League President, could muster among his top ten men. It was so close a match that it really qualified as a thriller. But for the shifting offense pursued by Charlie Gleason, a very smart operator, the tide could easily have turned the other way. The result brought chagrin to Ansel Young, son of Genesee Valley District Manager, Hollis Young, who arranged the game. It was also a case of father against son, as Hollis was one of the king pins on the visiting aggregation and Ansel rolled with Twichell's team.

Les Twichell, now that it is all over, says that perhaps the hosts overdid the hospitality act a wee bit when they spotted the Valleyites 28 pins. Negotiations are under way for a return engagement to be held in Fillmore. According to Les Twichell's slide rule (you know how those engineers are) the tables will be turned and a third game will be required to find the real champs.

Industrial Bowling Finals

The Industrial Department Bowling League recently closed its books for the year. Luke Caple's "Ohms" came out with top honors, with Dee Mitchell's "RKs" in second place and Don Smith's "Therms". Dick Lee's "KW's" and Elmer Lerch's "BTUs" tied for third in a photo finish. Dean Johnson's "AMPs" were sixth and tied for the cellar honors were Harry Miller's "VOLTs" and Les Twichell's "LUMENS".

It was a pretty season's race between the "THERMs" and the "OHMs" until Luke Caple's aggregation sprinted into home stretch, victorious, after Don's team had led all year. Dean Johnson and Bob Manuel battled it out, neck and neck, all year until Dean finally used jet propulsion to go out front in the final games. Fred Raines, who was just back from a

sick bed and a bit shaky, showed the folks really something when he rolled a single game of 266 and a sizzling three-game total of 630. Just watch that man when he is fully recovered. Dailey and Stevely took down top honors in the final Hi-Lo doubles, with Luke Caple and Dick Lee second, and Bob Manuel and Harry Taillie, third.

The annual banquet was held at the German Club, when the gilt bowling pin, suitably engraved was passed-on to Luke Caple. The famed jinx trophy, the adorned Thundermug, was given over to Captains Les Twichell and Harry Miller, to remind them of glorious heights yet unattained.

Officers of R. G. and E. Softball League

The following employes were elected officers of the R. G. and E. Interdepartmental Softball League:

Officers

BILL HOWARD.....President
 DAVE MOONEY.....Vice President
 GEORGE YOUNG.....Secretary
 GEORGE GALEN.....Treasurer

League Teams

The league comprises eleven teams which will participate according to a regular schedule. A new team this year is Meter Reading, which will be managed by Rene DeSmith, an old timer at the game. Umpires are Bill Howard, Jim Offslager and George Wilkins.

Games will be held each Wednesday and Thursday evenings after work at the Blossom Road Holder and at Ellison Park. The twelve teams in the league are:

Teams

Main Office, East Station, Househeating Service, General Maintenance, Line Department, Steam Department, Electric Meter Test, Gas Department, Electric Station Maintenance, Meter Reading, Station Three and West Station.

Howard Harding Speaks to Local Luncheon Club

On the invitation of John Palermo, of the Customers Service Department, Howard Harding, of the Engineering Department, was guest speaker at a noon meeting of the Business and Professional Mens' Luncheon Club, at Lorenzo's. Howard was asked to present the pros and cons of the St. Lawrence Seaway project, and his talk was well received by an interested group. He was introduced by Mr. Palermo, who is a member of the club.

Popping the Question

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bittner have announced the engagement of their daughter, Verna Jean, of the Addressograph Department, to George Stymus, of this city. The wedding is planned for June.

Two sparkling diamonds appeared simultaneously in the Purchasing Department when the Misses Callie Klein and Leah Manchester came to work one morning. Callie has announced her engagement to Harvey Stone, and Leah Manchester will walk down the aisle with Donald Zimmerman. Best wishes, girls.

Lois Mason's associates honored her at a party held at the Forty and Eight Club and presented her with a gift for her lovely new home. We all join in wishing Lois the best of luck and we know it won't be long before she will have a lot of new friends in Tonawanda.

Story Book Career

Mary Rauhe, daughter of Clint Rauhe, Fillmore Meter Department, has the distinction of being a mechanical engineering student at Northeastern University, at Boston. Her course requires five years of hard work and she is one of three girls in a class of 700. Mary's career thus far reads like a story book and we're sure it will have a happy ending.

Miss Rauhe has always been interested in art and displayed some of her work at a County Fair, near Fillmore. It was so outstanding that it attracted much attention. Among those who knew it was really good was an official of the Worthington Pump Company, Wellsville, N. Y., who employed Mary as soon as she was graduated from high school. When she left this job to enter college, she was engaged in doing drafting and checking art work for her employer and doing it exceedingly well.

It takes a lot of ambition for a girl to decide to be an engineer but Mary Rauhe seems to have what it takes.

Multiple Births in Canandaigua

Ted Avery, our new Canandaigua District reporter sent us the following news under the heading of births and we were tempted to put it in our "Lullaby Lane" column. Lynn Booth, Canandaigua Storekeeper, at Clark Street, reported that he had a family—of squirrels. The furry parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bushytail, liking Lynn's looks and the cleanliness of his storehouse, selected him as their landlord. They found a cozy nook in the storehouse and there Mrs. Bushytail gave birth of a large and rather noisy family. Lynn can't tell yet just how many there are or of what sex but judging from the racket he thinks they must be all 'boys'.

TRADING POST

FOR RENT: Completely furnished, two large front rooms at 4203 Lake Avenue, near Charlotte High School. Convenient for anyone working at new lakeside plant, as Beach Avenue bus stops directly across the street. For information, call Bill Kennerson at Extension 294.

FOR SALE: A 4½ h.p. farm tractor Junior. Call Bill Hegeman, Ext. 371 or 372.

FOR SALE: Winter coat, spring coat, spring hat, white dress, blue dress—all size 8 to 10. Also, one pair white ice skates, size 3. Please call Royal Totter, Hillside 2536-W.

FOR SALE: One single bed complete. Lovely maple in excellent condition. Call Louis Ogi, 91 Baker Street, Webster, N. Y. or Ext.-622, Chemical Lab, Station 3.

FOR SALE: Girl's jacket, dresses, suit and winter coat, size 12, all new. Call Ext.-272 and ask for Adelaide Suter.

FOR RENT: Three-room apartment in 19th ward. Private entrance on ground floor, near bus stop. Will exchange for larger dwelling, single house or half of double, or, am willing to buy. Call Matthew McBride at Genesee 6312-W.

FOR SALE: Convertible Oldsmobile coupe, good condition. Has radio, heater, good tires. Call Genesee 6312-W and ask for Matthew McBride.

FOR SALE: Two 6:50 by 16 used tires and tubes. Call A. G. Young, Culver 6832-R.

Citizen Group Asks Taxpayers To Protest Unneeded River Projects

The Citizens Public Expenditures Survey of Albany, an organization maintained by voluntary contributions for the purpose of trying to reduce unnecessary expenditures by government, is asking the public to write to their United States Senators and Representatives in Congress protesting against the huge expenditures proposed for rivers and harbors. The appeal has particular local interest because the proposal to spend millions more on the Mt. Morris dam project than is needed for adequate flood control is being opposed by the newspapers of this area and by other groups, as well as by the R. G. & E. Present plans call for a costly power dam for which there is no need. The R. G. & E. abandoned a similar power plan at Mt. Morris some years ago because it was found to be economically unsound and the newspapers are pointing out that such a scheme at the present time is a sheer waste of taxpayers' money.

Here are some excerpts from the statement by the Survey:

"Appropriations for 'civil functions' of the Army are largely for river and harbor and flood control work. The House of Representatives has approved a bill to provide a total of \$538,875,300 for the Army's civil functions. The bill was referred to a sub-committee of the Senate Appropriations Committee. This sub-committee is recommending an increase of \$102,000,000 in this bill. Of this increase, \$101,400,000 is for river and harbor and flood control work.

"Here is a place where Congress can save money without endangering national security. The amount provided in the House-approved bill is adequate for all river and harbor and flood control projects related to national defense. The excess is the 'pork barrel' type of spending for civil projects. The total provided by the House is \$104,000,000 greater than was appropriated last year and is double the amount appropriated for such work in the peak pre-war year. To this the Senate sub-committee wants to add \$101,400,000 more for rivers and harbors and flood control.

"The spending of this additional \$101,400,000 now for public works will compete with necessary public and private projects for labor, machinery and materials. If it ever needs to be done, the spending should be deferred until materials are plentiful and this type of employment is needed. If done now, it will add further fuel to the dangerous fires of inflation."



New Lakeside Station in progress of construction

WORK BEING RUSHED ON NEW LAKESIDE STATION

This is an airplane view of the first unit of the new Lakeside electric generating station being constructed about a mile west of Lake Avenue. With the structural steel in place the work of installing the boilers, turbines and other equipment will be pushed with all speed.

The first unit will add 40,000 kilowatts to the present electric generating capacity of the R. G. & E. and will cost upwards of \$8,000,000. Other units will be added as needed and work on the second one will begin early in 1949. When all four have been completed it will add about 200,000 kilowatts, or 268,000 horsepower, to R. G. & E. electric generating capacity, practically doubling our present output. It is planned to put the new station into operation before the end of the year in order to meet the steadily growing demand for electric service in this area.

