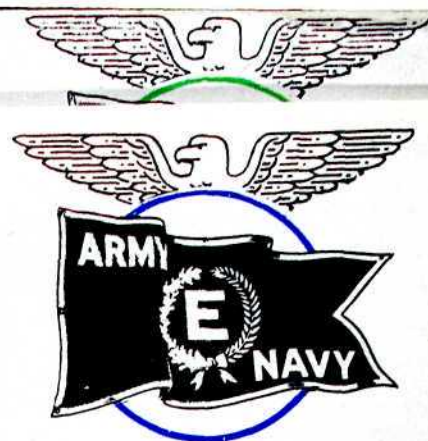




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## RED CROSS VOLUNTEER NURSE'S AIDES (Greenfield Tap and Die Corporation)

From left to right: Eleanor Colucci, Finished Stores; Elaine Siano, Finished Stores; Mary Spear, Cost Dept.; Isabelle Unaitis, Gage Inspection Pl. #2; Arlene Findley, Finished Stores; Noreen Kelley, Gage Inspection Pl. #2; Helen Pulaski, Finished Stores; Helen St. Denis, Gage Inspection; Florence Golonka, Thread Lapping Dept.; the following are also Nurse's Aides but do not appear in picture: Betty McLaughlin, Engineering Dept.; Ann Laskey, Gage Inspection; Mrs. Mabel M. Ellis; Mrs. Ella B. Clapp. (Story on Page 2)

## APART—BUT STILL WORKING TOGETHER



Kenneth I. Sutherland, now with the Alaskan Wing of airmen in Canada, may be miles away from his dad, William J. Sutherland who works in Plant #2, Dept. 2-35 most of the time, but distance brings them closer together in their effort to reach our goal—Victory!

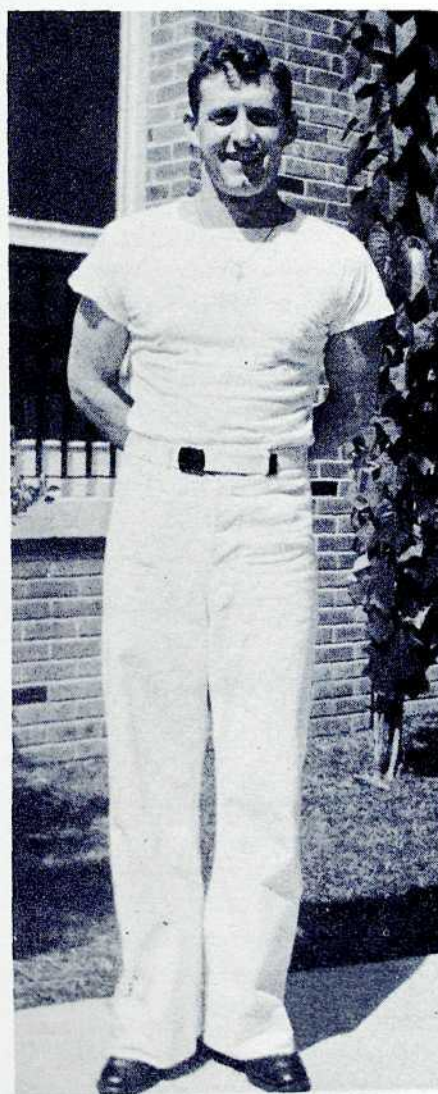
William J. Sutherland who has been with the GTD for five years

was born in Liverpool, England. He worked as an apprentice to a pattern-maker for many years. Bill came to this country in 1923, took out his papers in 1930 and became an American citizen.

Shelburne Falls, Mass., and the Greenfield Tap & Die Corp. have "something to sing about" when it comes to this father and son combination!

## BIG HUNT IS ON AT GTD! Continues Through February

### First GTD Veteran of World War II Back at Work



Everyone at GTD, Department 1-9 and Foreman Bill Andrus welcome Michael "Red" Denofrio, our first veteran of the Second World War. Red's ship, carrying gasoline, was torpedoed at sea. After that experience he tells us:

"I was bedridden at Pensacola Naval Hospital for four months, after which time I received honorable medical discharge on December 1, 1942, which has ended my short Naval Career."

Word has been received that Lt. Max Solomon, formerly of the Blue Print Room, who was reported killed in a plane crash in Dutch Guiana is alive. No further data is known at this time.

For their own good and for the sake of their fellow workers, all GTD employees are asked to join in a plant-wide hunt—a hunt for hidden hazards that threaten life and limb—accident hazards.

Accidents don't just happen—they're caused. If we all learn to spot danger when we see it—to recognize the possible causes of accidents and correct them. If we do things the safe way—use the safety equipment provided for our protection—we can prevent needless suffering and waste of time, money and effort.

The hunt is sponsored by the Committee on Safety of GTD's War Production Committee—for the good of all. Only with the help of all can it succeed in making GTD a safer place in which to work.

Every hand, every minute, every ounce of strength and energy is needed by our country right now for War Production. An accident, even one we might call a MINOR accident, to any worker, man or woman, in any job, weakens the war effort.

Compared with other plants of a similar nature and size, there have been few serious accidents at GTD. But even one is too many. We want to make sure that that ONE does not happen to anyone here in the future.

The danger of accidental injury is increasing day by day. Working at peak pitch—in a hurry—against time—it's easy to become careless. There is a temptation to take short cuts to save time—to try to beat the safety rules. In one split-second of carelessness—a person can be injured, maimed, crippled for life.

The Safety Committee works to prevent that happening to you or to anyone at GTD. But you'll have to do your part.

"It's nothing—only a scratch"

We want to prevent MINOR accidents too. In fact there is no such thing as a MINOR accident. Any accident however slight that

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### PLANT #1

#### 1st Shift:

Bill Hayes  
Standards Dept.

#### 2nd Shift:

Bill Hayes  
Standards Dept.

#### 3rd Shift:

Francis Farrell  
Guard: Phone 269

### PLANT #2

#### 1st Shift:

Lilliane Maniatty  
Standards Dept.

#### 2nd Shift:

Ruby Cromack  
Dept. 2-35

#### 3rd Shift:

Harold Kilgore  
Dept. 2-53

### PLANT #4

Mary Mahoney

### PLANT #8

Ed Call

This is a fight to the finish—free men against Fascism.

President Roosevelt met with other representatives of free nations at the North African Conference and restated our purpose and our determination.

Men who believe that the state exists for the people against men who think people exist for the state. Men who reserve the right to think their own thoughts and make their own decisions against men who accept blindly or under force the will of their dictators. Men who believe human beings can and should live and work together in peace against men who stir up hatred and war. Men who believe in the rule of reason and the right against men who believe in the rule of power based on armed force.

This is a fight to the finish. Only the unconditional surrender of the Axis forces can end it.

This is our fight, too. We have our jobs to do in that fight and we're doing them day by day.

But we've got to keep on doing them. We can't stop to think how much we have done—how many GTD tools we have made. We can only think of how much is yet to be done.

GTD will go on making all the tools it can to arm free men everywhere against the Axis—until the fight is won.

"And we'll all stay free."

## VOLUNTEER RED CROSS NURSE'S AIDES (Continued from Page 1)

Of the eighty Red Cross Volunteer Nurse's Aides in Franklin County, thirteen are GTD employees. These girls who are doing war work every day, still find time to do Nurse Aide duty at the Farren Memorial and Franklin County Hospitals on their day off and on the few evenings they have free. Their work is purely voluntary. They receive no compensation of any kind for it.

Any girl who is eighteen years old, who has a high school education and is in good physical condition, is eligible to apply as Nurse's Aide. She is given an eighty hour training course, including 35 hours of theory and 45 hours of practical duty under the supervision of a registered nurse. She learns the general duties of a nurse and how to meet emergencies. After completing eighty hours training, she receives her cap and Red Cross insignia. At

graduation exercises she is given her pin and diploma.

The Nurse's Aide is one of the greatest Red Cross organizations in the country. They are already taking the place of nurses in hospitals and are doing a wonderful service. In case of national emergency or local catastrophe, they will be placed wherever they are most needed - to take the place of nurses who may be drafted for service elsewhere.

Although they are required to put in only 150 hours of duty a year, many of these Aides have already put in as many as 200 hours since September.

These GTD girls, in their blue and white uniforms of the Nurse's Aides, are doing a noteworthy service for their country and for their community. They are a comfort and an inspiration to all who come in contact with them.

## GTD's GROUP INSURANCE PLAN

### Protects Your Family in Case of Death or Disability

For the past twenty-five years GTD has made available to all employees the benefits of a Group Insurance Plan, through the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Through this Group Life Insurance Plan, GTD employees are able to buy insurance protection for themselves and for their families at a much lower cost than they could buy it themselves.

We want those who are already signed up under this plan to understand fully the benefits and provisions to which it entitles them so that they may have the sense of security and peace of mind this protection gives.

We strongly urge all GTD employees who have not yet signed up under the Group Insurance Plan or who may soon become eligible, to take advantage of their opportunity to do so—for their own good and for the protection of their families.

Each employee who has completed three months of service with GTD is eligible for the benefits of the Group Life Insurance Plan, in the amount of \$500 straight life, and \$500 Non-Occupational Accident coverage. The amount increases with length of service to a maximum of \$2000 for those with five or more years of service with GTD.

Both the company and the employees contribute to the cost. The employee signs up for Group Life Insurance on an acceptance card, which may be obtained from the Personnel Department and at the same time agrees to have his share of the insurance costs de-

ducted from his pay check each month. In return he is given an individual certificate of insurance.

When he signs up for the insurance, each employee may designate the person to whom he wishes the benefits paid and whether payment should be made in a lump sum or in installments.

In addition to straight life, each employee insured under the plan is also insured against injury sustained away from work by non-occupational accident. The full value of the policy is paid in case of accidental death, or the loss of both hands or feet, or the loss of one hand and one foot, or the loss of sight of both eyes. One half the full value of the policy is paid for the loss of one eye, hand or foot. These benefits under the non-occupational accident policy are paid in addition to the straight life insurance policy.

Because the company contributes to the cost for its employees, insurance under the plan, both life and non-occupational accident benefits, terminates 31 days after termination of employment at GTD.

The table gives the amount of insurance for which you are eligible—and the amount you contribute each month. If you are eligible but have not signed up for Group insurance—or if you have other insurance but wish to take this opportunity to get additional protection at lower cost—ask the Personnel Department for your GTD Group Insurance Acceptance Card.

Length of Service	Group Life Insurance		Non-Occupational Death and Dismemberment Insurance		Employee's Monthly Contribution	
	(Male)	(Female)	(Male)	(Female)	(Male)	(Female)
Three months and less than 1 year	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ .32	\$ .32
1 year and less than 2 years	750	750	750	750	.48	.48
2 years and less than 3 years	1000	1000	1000	1000	.64	.64
3 years and less than 4 years	1250	1000	1250	1000	.80	.64
4 years and less than 5 years	1500	1000	1500	1000	.96	.64
5 years and over	2000	1000	2000	1000	1.28	.64





Shirley Schouler and Bunny Ruskowski from Cost Department were quite surprised and happy when their boy friends, Doc and Andy, had a three-day leave. They are both stationed at Yale, New Haven, Conn., studying Aeronautics.

Sophie Machiek let Uncle Sam have her boy friend Eddie Sicard, for the duration, but at the rate we're going, he'll be back before very long.

There is another young Miss in the Cost Department that gets a letter every day from Frederick Sullivan who is in the Navy Air Corps stationed at R.I. I guess she is one of the luckier girls. By now you should have guessed that it is Prudy Adams.

Ann Campbell is another one of our "future brides". She got a diamond from Al Weslowski in January. That's the way to start the New Year!

Eddie Maree, formerly a N. U. Student, who worked in the Engineering room is now in the Army Air Corps at a Meteorology School, in Michigan.

Wally Vossberg, formerly from Engineering Plant 2 who entered the Navy in August has been transferred from Newport, R.I. and is now stationed at Boston, Mass.

Clayton LaCount who was first on our night shift in Cost Department then went to Billing Department was married to Gloria Davey January 25. He is in the Army and is stationed at Camp Barkeley, Texas. We wish them both lots of luck.

Welcome back Eileen Holmes. Eileen formerly of Cost Department went to Comptometer School and is now working in the Payroll Department. Watch her fingers fly now!

## ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Alice	Prudy Adams
Tweedledum	Harry Stenholm
Tweedledee	Jim Harrington
White Rabitt	Louis Edes
Duchess	Marion Weissbrod
Queen of Hearts	Bessie Meehan
King of Hearts	Donald Millar
Mad Hatter	Enderle
Mad March Hare	Grotto
Dormouse	Scherer



PERSONNEL PEPSODENT QUARTET: Marion Mooney, Mary Stasinopolous, Ann LaFleur and Mrs. Follet, interviewer for women workers.

We are very glad to see Blanchard Bliss back at his desk again after his recent illness. B.O.B. had been out 3 weeks but now after seeing him rush madly back and forth with those gage orders, he seems to be in top physical condition again. His son Duane formerly of the Mail Room was called home to give his dad a blood transfusion. Incidentally, Duane is now a proud papa of a baby girl, Janet Marie. Congratulations to you.

We regret to say that Chester Tupper formerly of Cost Department has said farewell to GTD after 23 years of loyal service. Chester is now working for the Bendix Corporation in Norwood, Mass. where he is continuing his years of experience in their Cost Department. We wish him all the best of luck possible.

If Barbara Zachau would leave her house 5 minutes earlier these icy mornings, she'd no doubt take fewer spills and be able to get here on time. I guess we'll have to speak to Lucy Zschau, head of the house, to get her up earlier these dark cold mornings. Incidentally, Lucy is our electrician.

We were sorry to hear that our russet top lass, Mary Duffy, who works for Jerome Walsh, our paymaster, is quite sick with Pneumonia. Mary, you'd better hurry up and get well so that our pay sheets won't be held up.

## SHIPPING ROOM NEWS

We wonder who the dark handsome fellow is that's been courting Pauline Besslet. Pauly, you're a lucky girl.

You should have seen Olga Samal's face when Melvin came to kiss her goodbye before he left for the Armed Forces. Cheer-up, Olga.

Congratulations to Gus Christian and Millie Colucci who were married on January 30. Best wishes from us all.

## PLANT 1 First Shift

1-8 LAMENT. One of our nicest girls has been transferred to department 1-7. We seem to have the darndest time trying to hang on to good looking girls down here.

We wonder what kind of a contract Joe and Herk have. One brings in the sawdust while the other spreads it. What we're worried about is who's going to clean it up.

We wonder why our "chicken" has to take so many days off.

## WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF----

Councilman came to work on time.

Hair Devino went to work.

Joe made more than \$3.00 each day.

Best of luck to Johnny Vagel of Dept. 1-3 who was recently married to Leona Demarsis.

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Davis were the proud parents of an 8 lb. 5 oz. baby boy born December 17 which they have named Edward Anthony. Sorry we're late, Walter.

Three cheers to you girls for your attempt to draw Georgie out of his shell. My, my, is that boy bashful!

What's this we hear about Walter Pelis working for the WPA. Say, Walt, don't you know there "ain't no such thing anymore"?

Wanted - new members to join The Elbow Benders Club. For information, see Ish Kabibble.

God's gift to Eleanor Pregony words and more words.

Mm, guess who's got a diamond? None other than Josie Perry and the lucky fellow is Ted Barnes of Department 1-2. Our heartiest congratulations.

What's this we hear about some of our girls in the inspection room joining the Eagles.

Welcome two newcomers of Department 1-6: Mrs. Edna Neault and Henry Kowalski.

What's the big attraction in Department 1-6? Marion Aldrich of 1-37, can this be you?

## THE 1-8 UNION STEWARD DERBY

Amid the whirl, and hum of machines:

The greatest race, you've ever seen,

Was run on this wintery, January day

The winner was no one, but "Henry the Gray."

Excitement ran high, as the boy's took their places

They were biting their lips, and straining their faces

And the gang in the alley's, were biting their nails

Trying to guess which guy'd get the rail.

"They're off" shouted Jessie, as the ballots came in

Now we must wait, and see which fellow will win

Please stand back, and don't crowd the aisle

For this is a race, down that long long mile.

Into the turn, and away from the pack

Leaped "Hair Devino", with a kink in his back

With a four ballot lead, he ran like a deer,

But soon the poor cuss, was back in the rear.

"Lake Pleasant Councilman" applied the lash,

And with his nose to the floor, took the lead with a dash

"Henry the Gray", took over second place

With long easy strides, and plenty of grace.

Into the backstretch, and towards the far turn,

Raced the two leaders, with speed to burn

Councilman's wind was beginning to tell

And a couple of times he almost fell.

Then into the stretch: Councilman came to find,

That "Henry the Gray", was right behind

He called for speed, but there came no reply,

And "Henry the Gray" went sailing right by.

The rest is history, as you all know

For "Lake Pleasant Councilman," was all out of blow

We don't know who; This might have affected

But "Henry the Gray" was the guy re-elected.

Steve "Baldy" Long

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## PLANT 2 First Shift

### WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF:

Josie didn't turn every time Elmer Fuller walked through Dept. 2-34? That willo-ey blonde took over the secretarial job that "Toots" Atkins has? Eh, George?

Ellen Burrows, 3202, really had "Twacy!"

Plant #2 basketball team didn't have Louis Misium (Good work, Louis!)

Bruno Salisiewski lost his cute little white socks before basketball.

Everything Bunny Crozier read in Eleanor Weatherby's palm came true? (ooooh!)

Plant #1 had as good a basketball team as Plant #2 (off the record!)

Benny Francis lost that silver-horse sorority pin he always wears! (ahem)

The fellows didn't razz Marianne White 2-35 about combing her hair!

Peggy Shulda left her picture including the blonde hair on the mirror some day.

Regards to everyone, especially the "femmes" from Frank Soltys formerly of Dept. 2-35 who is now at radio school in Boston. Heading your class, eh, Frankie—keep it up, fellow!

Gee! it must be the real thing — Ethel Andres traveled way (?) up to Hinsdale, N.H. to see Stevie Kendrick when he was ill. Nearly get lost, Ethel, in that "big" city?

The best of luck to another lucky girl Georgette Champerlain, 3202, who is wearing a beautiful diamond ring. Lucky guy Clayton "Ducky" Cromack.

Doris Gelinas has been transferred from Dept. 2-00 to the Lapping Dept. We hope you like it better, Doris!

Believe it or not Walter Kilgour's ever-faithful rest is no more! A good samaritan did us all a great favor by ripping it right off him.

The fellows in Dept. 2-35 want to take this opportunity to thank Bill Burns for getting results concerning the new guards on the machines in their department. Good work "Capt."

Wanda Wisneski of Dept. 2-35 has joined the W.A.A.C.S. and is awaiting her call. Best of luck in the future, Wanda!

If you happen to hear anyone being called a "stoodle-poodle" or "fibble-dibble" or a "snoodle-poodle"—it's only part of the 2-XX Language. If it's got you in doubt, we refer you to the ori-

ginators—Adelaide Gashnig and Lillian Maniatty. (Maybe they can enlighten you.)

Red of 2-35 wants to know where Al Overgaard gets his hair cuts. Do they have piece work prices on those kinds?

Wanted to sell: (Cheap!) A Noah's Ark! A typewriter of rare species. Contact Dept. 3202 (sorry—I was only kidding!)

Why is it when Ralph Adams comes in mornings his hair is combed straight back, but generally in the afternoon you find a wave in his hair? Ah! That's when his wife enters the picture!

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## Plant 4



Miss Rose Yukl (miking tap) and Mrs. Anne Suprenant are now located in Plant #4 chamfering taps. Both come from 1/7 where they worked for Al Roscoe, although Anne Pyott took time out a couple of years ago to get married, during which time she worked as the charming clerk in the Order Department of Sears Roebuck. Rose has been selected to serve as supervisor for a battery of chamfering machines now located in the northwest corner of Plant #4.

We wonder what a certain gent will do if life savers are rationed. He should worry, the girls will say he is just as sweet without.

From personal observation the women employees can hold their own with the men in regards to speed and efficiency in producing work.



## New York News

We are pleased to announce that Jimmie Ballou, who for the past four years has served as Office Manager of the New York branch, has been promoted to the position of the Tool Engineer in the New Jersey-Eastern Pennsylvania territory. He succeeds George Bruun who resigned a few weeks ago.

Jimmie did an outstanding job as Office Manager and his many friends wish him the very best of success in his new position.

Jimmie has been succeeded by Ralph Beck, who has been employed at the New York Office for a number of years. Ralph has had a wide experience in handling office detail and his many friends wish him success.

A welcome addition to the New York force is Ed Stone who served his apprenticeship in the Gage Department at Greenfield. While working under Glen Stimson's supervision, he gained some valuable experience in handling Gage matters which will be useful to him in his work here.

We also welcome to our Shipping Room Staff Daniel Wehn. This is Dan's first job, but he is taking hold well. If he continues his good work, he will soon know a lot about the Tap and Die business.

## Detroit News

Mr. & Mrs. Derby announced the birth of a boy and Mr. & Mrs. Hines the birth of a girl. Congratulations to all of you. Incidentally, Wayne returned to work on crutches. He will function as an inspector until he gets his legs back. Then he will return to his old position as a thread grinder.

Uncle Sam's armed forces were further swollen by the induction of three more Greenfield employees—Loren cosens, Robert Murdock and Ernest Kent.

We announce the appointment of a new district sales-manager at Detroit, Sam Conant. Sam was recently with the War Production Board, allocating financial aid and materials to the small tools cutting industry. He returns to fill an important position in our organization. We are sure that he will do as fine a job here as with the Government.

Would Glen Stimson be kind enough to print a complete explanation of a "WINK."

The topic of the month is the thorough discussion of the possibilities offered by the Alaskan Road and by the looks of things most of the Thread Grinders may soon be trying it out.

"Blondie Steps Out" starring Virginia T. "Pooch" Miller and Hiley Andrews.

A request has been made by the night shifts that the coke hoarders on days please give up their habits. (Don't forget boys, everyone likes coke's).

## BIG HUNT ON--FOR ACCIDENT HAZARDS

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"could have been worse" is a clue to a possible serious accident in the future. Any injury, even a scratch, can have serious consequences through infection.

That is why the Safety Committee, while asking everyone to join in the hunt for HIDDEN HAZARDS,—reminds us at the same time of the "KNOWN HAZARDS"—the safety rules we all KNOW but sometimes neglect to practice. Those rules are made for our own protection. To break them, wilfully or thoughtlessly, is not smart—it's fool-hardy.

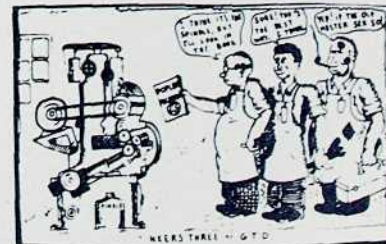
"I JUST DIDN'T THINK"—is often the only explanation the injured victim can give after an accident. If we all start THINKING about safety now—thinking about it every day—thinking about the SAFE way to work—looking for trouble before it happens—instead of afterwards—no one need get hurt.

We've all read about Japsnipers hidden in the jungle who endanger our troops in the Pacific. Well, accidents are snipers on the home front, knocking workers out of action. No one knows who might be the next victim.

There are hidden hazards lurking around here. And we're out to clean them out. If you don't believe it—see the clues—actual photographic evidence taken here on the spot at GTD shown on page 5 of this issue. Then go after them—hunt them down—point them out.

Bowling Sunday by the thread grinders gave light to something different. The inspection department had to be called into measure the Helix angle on Homer's hook ball.

The afternoon shift O.D. Grinders morale is now at a high peak due to the addition of a member of the fair sex.



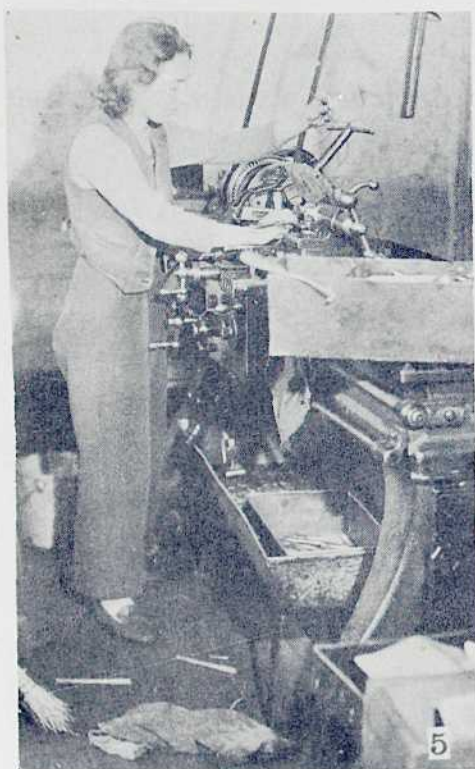
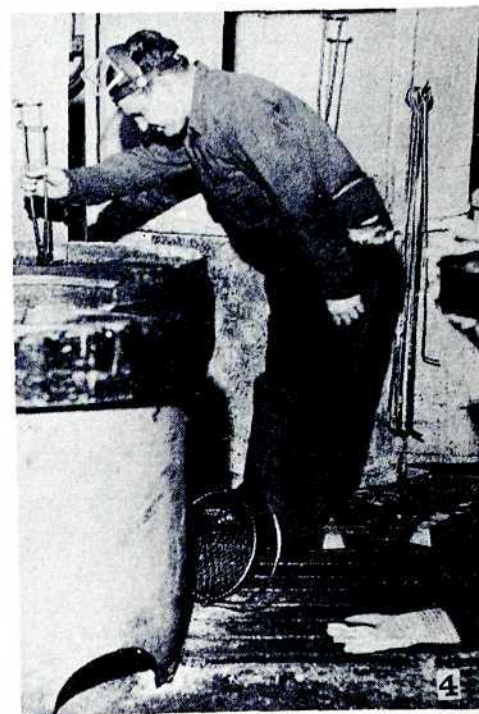
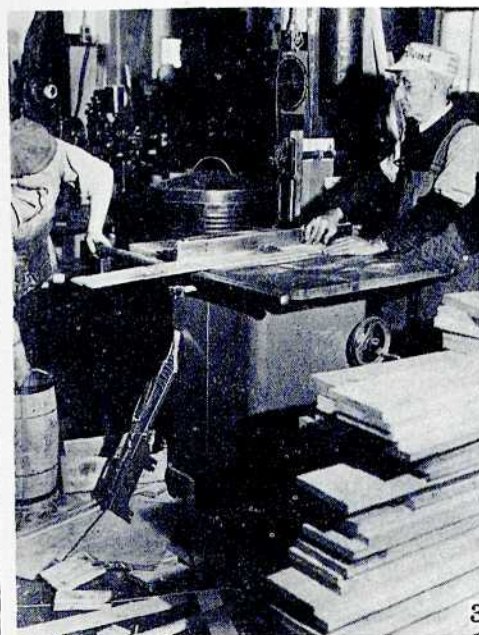
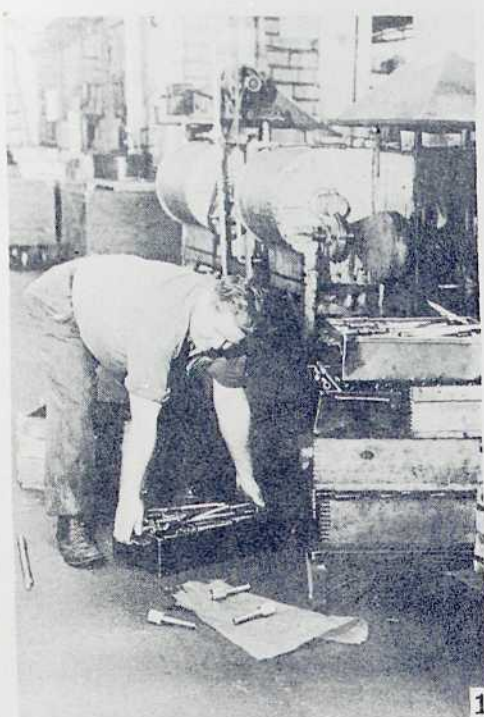
Here at Detroit in #5  
And may it ever be  
That our machines are kept alive  
By our good Tinkers three

P.S. I would like to take this medium to express my thanks for the fine and useful gifts which I received as going away presents from the personnel of the Company and I hope that I'll be back with you very soon.

"ERNIE"



# GTD SAFETY PHOTO-QUIZ



Would you be poor, average, superior, or very superior in a class in "safety?" Mark your own examination according to the rules given below.

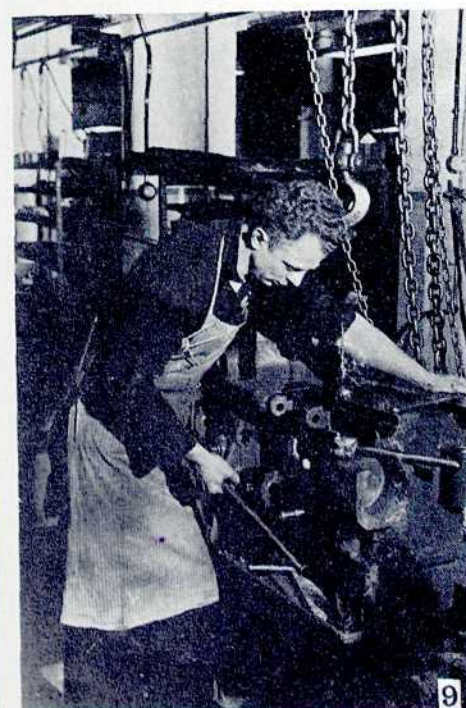
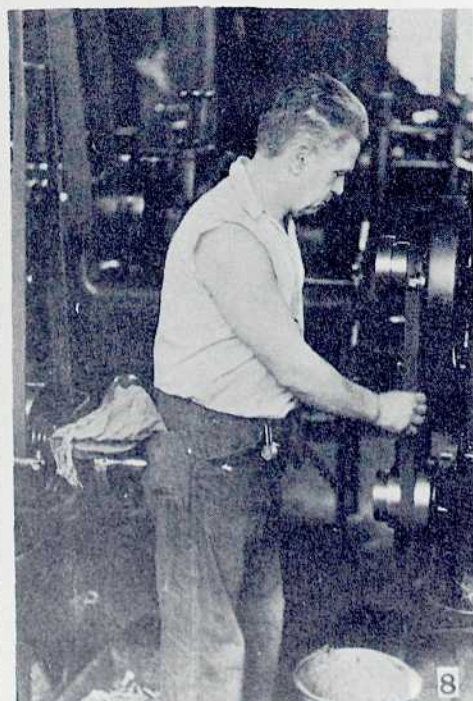
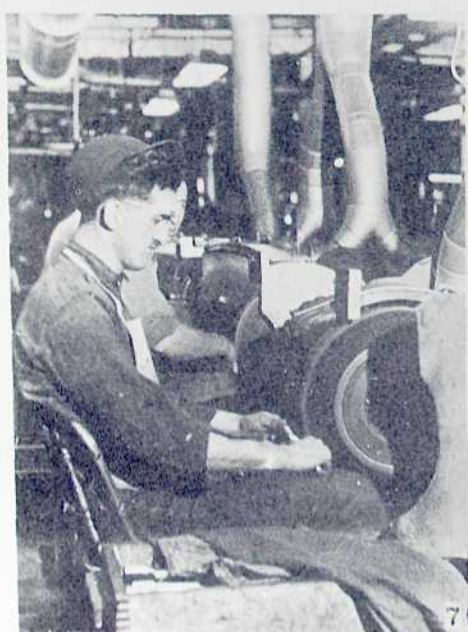
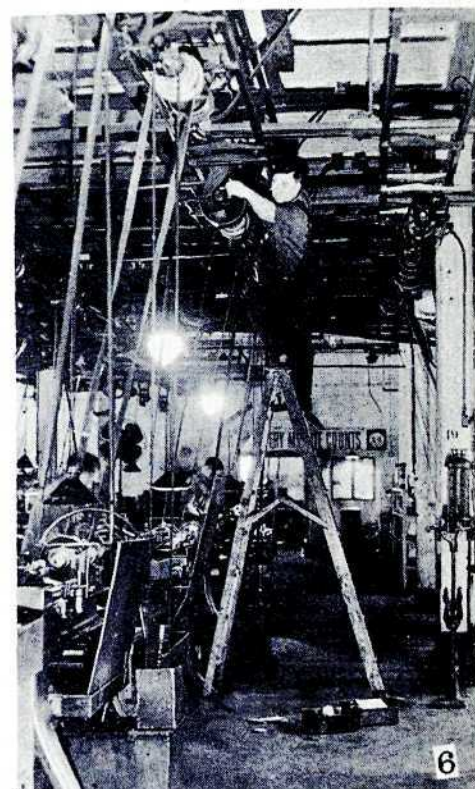
In the 10 pictures shown here GTD workers are doing things the unsafe way. There are unsafe conditions shown also that endanger their eyes, fingers, backs or even their lives.

The workers who cooperated with us and posed for these pictures know that certain conditions shown here are not safe and they know better than to risk life and limb by doing these things the dangerous way.

However, this is not true of many workers. Fingers gone, eyes blinded and even lives lost through doing things the dangerous way cause great suffering, and either temporary or permanent loss of income to employees and their families every day in the year.

## SCORE YOURSELF AS FOLLOWS:

There are at least 29 unsafe conditions and unsafe ways of doing things shown in these pictures. Study them and give yourself 1 point for each unsafe condition or unsafe practice you find.





## The Pose that Refreshes—



5:18 P.M. at Plant 2

### BASKETBALL NEWS

By Joe Gordon, Sports Editor

The 1943 Basketball season got off to a flying start when Joe Gordon of 2-61-1 organized a GTD team in Plants 1 and 2 and the boys looked mighty spic and span in their new GTD uniforms.

Louis Misiun of 2-81 was placed in charge of Plant #2 team while Charles "Chuckie" Goodale of 1-5 was elected to manage Plant #1 team.

Because of the lively interest shown in basketball between our two plants, Mr. Ellsworth of the YMCA called a meeting last January 11 to see if an Industrial League could be formed. Out of this meeting, 17 were entered and Mr. Francis Smith was elected as Head Commissioner while Joe Gordon was made Head Official at all games. Mat Care of Threadwell was made Head Referee, assisted by Del Petrin (Millers Falls Tool Company) Tusinski (Plant #1) and Louis Misiun (Plant #2). Lawrence Cocco (Plant #1) was elected timekeeper and Ann Zakaitis (Plant #2) scorekeeper.

The league played its first games Tuesday, January 19, at the Town Hall and from now on the schedule calls for games to be played every Tuesday and Thursday evenings commencing at 7:00 P.M. There will be three different games played each evening. The admission is free and the general public is cordially invited to attend. Due to the uncertainty of halls to be used, please refer to the Recorder Gazette for correct location.

The following is a list of the teams entered:

GTD Plant #1  
GTD PLANT #2  
Threadwell Tool Owls  
YMCA Braves  
Al's Store  
Army & Navy Comets (South Deerfield)  
Sunderland A.C.

Incidentally, the Grapevine informs us that the female contingent is interested in organizing teams and we are making arrangements to have them play between halves. With the ever-growing number of women workers, there should be plenty of material to make the men look out for their laurels.

## THEN AND NOW



Back in the good old days when going to the photographer "to be took" was quite the yearly event. Those days when mother would fuss around and make you look your best in fancy frills with that touch of simplicity.

Our Eleanor Elmer, the second to grace this particular column, seems to have caught the feeling of that era as she sits in the photographer's best chair, some 40 years ago.

Eleanor has been a GTD worker for 25 years and in token of appreciation for her loyal service the following poem by Ernestine Nadeau of 1-27 sums up the feel-



ing that her fellow-workers have for her.

As a token of appreciation  
To the greatest pal we know  
We give to Eleanor Elmer  
Our wishes and all this dough.

For 25 years she's served us  
Day in and day out  
And with her grand ability  
Mr. Howe couldn't do without!

For Fluffy's a good bowler  
She has a sense of wit  
But we know nothing of her friend  
Who WALKS and is 76.

But never mind there, Fluffy,  
You're honest and you're true  
And for those two great virtues  
We all say "May God bless you."

## HOW MANY HIDDEN HAZARDS DID YOU FIND?

### Answers to Safety Photo-Quiz

Here they are. Compare your score. 0-10, watch out; 10-15, be careful; 15-20, you're good; 21-29, help others.

#### No. 1

- a. Lifting with back instead of bending knees
- b. Tools on floor

#### No. 2

- a. Not using a holder for a part being drilled
- b. No hair net
- c. Cloth near moving parts
- d. Chips on bench

#### No. 3

- a. Not using guard
- b. Reaching into keg with protruding nails—is about to injure arm

#### No. 4

- a. Visor up
- b. Handling tongs with bare hands
- c. Objects on floor

#### No. 5

- a. No hair net
- b. Handling hot chips by hand instead of using tool provided
- c. Tote box on precarious angle on lathe
- d. Obstacles on floor
- e. Chuck wrench left in chuck

#### No. 6

- a. Reaching too far out while oiling shafts
- b. Ladder not securely opened
- c. Parts on floor at base of ladder

#### No. 7

- a. Goggles over forehead
- b. Guard not in use

#### No. 8

- a. Changing belts with machinery in motion
- b. Rag protruding from rear pocket

#### No. 9

- a. Hammering part of machinery with an object rather than using lead hammer
- b. Using rigid instead of flexible oil can
- c. Sharp tools protruding from pocket

#### No. 10

- a. No hair net
- b. Ring on finger
- c. Hand near moving part while not paying attention



## The Mail Call

### SERVICEMEN'S MAIL BOX

Mert Strange of the Shipping Room received a letter from Private Joseph Villeneuve in which he says: "How's everything at the shop? As far as the Army is concerned it suits me quite well. Fort McDowell is located on an island in San Francisco Bay and not far from Alcatraz. San Francisco is a wonderful city (population 635,000) where there are many places to visit. We have 5 USO Headquarters there, where service men can enjoy all sorts of entertainment. The dancing is swell and the girls out here are very nice. However they'll have to go some to compete with those at Greenfield."

"Give the boys and girls my best regards and say: Howdy to 'Modern Design.' Tell her I'll write soon."

"I was working in the blacksmith shop the other day and saw one of our No. 50 GTD Screw Plate sets."

Private Joseph Villeneuve, North Garrison BKS 209, Fort McDowell, California.

Private Henry Shea, Jr. 302 TSS, Keesler Field, Miss. writes us the following: "I'm enjoying your 'Mail Call' column very much and look forward to reading it every month. I'm here at school studying to be an Aircraft Mechanic. I would appreciate it if you send my regards to the boys of 2-32 Gage Room."

Gilbert Alexander formerly employed in Departments 2-35 and 2-73 dropped in the other day and told us that he's now a Sergeant instructing new men in the art of cooking at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Gilbert was qualified for this kind of work having had 7 years experience of cooking in hotels, prior to being employed at GTD. "The best thing about the Army," he says, "is that there is little or no rationing, so the eats are plentiful and good." Gilbert wants to be remembered to all his pals in Plant #2.

The Hardening Room of Plant #1 received the following masterpiece from Private Peter Rogalski, Md. Det. Dept. Lawson General Hospital Atlanta, Georgia. "How in — are you guys getting along up there? Tell Pelis to let go of the dog's tail and get to work if he wants us to win the war! It's nice and warm down here and I suppose you guys are freezing up there, but you should worry with all the money you are making, while I'm working for \$50 a day once a month. Well, so long and good luck to you all." — Pete.



Paul LaFleur formerly of Otto Nau's Department was home on furlough the early part of January. Here we have him pictured with his charming wife now working as Mr. Burrer's secretary. Paul says that mail is pretty welcome these days. He is an instructor stationed at: 783 T.S.S. Barrack 291, Lincoln Air Base, Lincoln, Nebraska



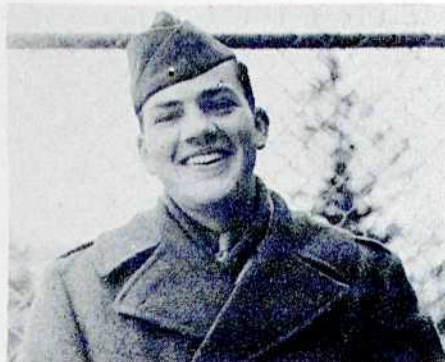
Pictured above is Private Joseph Peskor, 426 Base Headquarters AB Squad, Stuttgart, Arkansas who is now in the Air Corps. Louie used to work in 1-7 on the 3-11 shift grinding Flutes. He entered the service on September 23, 1942.



Sgt. George E. Shepardson, 457th B.F.T.S. Shaw Field, S.C. wrote to Dutch Tullio who is our foreman in 1-3 and wants to be remembered to all his friends. According to his picture above, George looks fitter than a fiddle.



Above is a picture of Chester Kolakoski formerly of Dept. 1-3 where he worked for Dutch Tullio. Chester is seaman 2nd Class and is stationed at U.S.N.T.S. in Memphis, Tenn., where he is studying to be an aviation machinist.



Ferrell P. Wellman, better known to his friends in Greenfield as "Kaintuck" was born in Pikeville, Kentucky some 20 years ago. He came to Greenfield Thanksgiving Day of 1941. He was employed in the Sales Service Department from then until April 17, 1942.

Ferrell received his initial training in the U.S. Army Air Corps at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo. Upon completion of this training he attended an Air Corps School. He is now stationed at Westover Field, Mass., Hdq. 326 Fighter Group. Here's wishing him the best of luck and many successful flights.



Beaming with regards for everyone was Jack Flavin when he visited us recently. Jack is with the Army Air Corps and certainly is looking a bit "all right" which from what we have seen is typical of all our GTD men in the service. Jack's address is: Pvt. John C. Flavin, Jr., Wing A Group H, Section A-Atlantic City, N.J., B.T.D. (Prov.)

Pvt. Whitley Shailer who left us from 1-27 to join the Army is now a member of the 41st Armored Regiment at Camp Polk, La. As the name implies, it is a tank outfit, and he finds the work very interesting. His address: Co. E 41st A.R., 11th Armd. Div. A.P.O. #261, Camp Polk, La. U.S.A.

Richmond E. Churchill MM2/C USS Milwaukee, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y. writes: "I wish to tell you how much I enjoy reading Leads and Angles every month. I am formerly from Dept. 1-3 and would like to be remembered by my old friends there. I have been in the Navy since last May and have been made 2nd Class Machinist. We are keeping the old "ball rolling" down here, and I know you folks are doing your best up there."

## HONOR ROLL

★★★★★★

John Vagel  
John Maniatty  
Walter Laskey  
Stanley Lopatka  
Stephen Sanicki  
Chester Ostroski  
Albert Aubrey  
John Tobias  
Melvin Gidez

Letters are still coming in from the boys overseas saying "Thanks" to Pres. Millar for the Christmas packages.

Many of them send greetings and messages to old friends and to all at GTD. We can't reprint all the letters, so we'll let this one from Tom Tullio, formerly of Plant 1, now "Somewhere in England," speak for the others.



Dear Mr. Millar:

This is to let you know that I received the Christmas gift, and I appreciate it very much, but the gift is of minor importance, regardless of what it might have been, compared to the knowledge that my friends and fellow workers thought enough of me to remember me on Christmas.

I cannot explain the feeling I have, but would appreciate you conveying my sincere thanks and Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone there.

And before closing may I add that we in the Service realize what a wonderful job you people at home are doing, and with this combination we will win this War a lot sooner.

Sincerely,

Thomas Tullio

Thomas Tullio, Co "D" 342 Engineers, APO 1083, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

Those of you working on the 3rd shift of 2-35 will want to know that Pvt. Donald R. Calkins can be reached at Company C 2nd Signal Training Regiment, Fort Monmouth, N.J.



**PLANT 1 Continued**

Miss Mildred Colucci, Department 1-6, was given a surprise shower by Miss Mary Bompastore of 1-12. A large number of girls from various parts of the building attended. Wedding bells rang out on January 30th and the lucky man was Eddie Christian of the Shipping Room.

Jo Perry of 1-37 is now flashing a sparkler, the lucky man is Ted Barnes of 1-2. Congratulations.

**Second Shift**

With apologies and credit to the first shift Rhymster from 1-12 we present the following alphabetical poem. How about it, third shift, your turn next....

- A stands for Arthur an instructor I'm sure!  
 B for his Bernice so shy and demure!!!  
 C for our Carl, Chief Casanova to date,  
 D for the Darlings he leaves at the gate.  
 E for Ernie's efforts and the one we should thank  
 F for his Federal, his Ford, and his Frank.  
 G for the "Greenfields" with gymnastics galore  
 H for our Henry with his hunger for more.  
 I for our Irish, "Pop" Looney and Jack  
 J for John Ambo chief wolf of the pack.  
 K for a Kelleher and the other boys that have gone  
 L for the luck that we wish them each dawn.  
 M for McLaughlin with his yen for desk setting  
 N for my notion that he might better be knitting.  
 O for an Ophelia, only our dream girl, but "chic,"  
 P for please Bill, can't you spare one for this trick?  
 Q and the Q charge gets many a vote  
 R for our Renfrew a banker of note.  
 S for our Smith with his pencil of red,  
 T for Tall man Barber, who jack-knives into bed.  
 U for United and the way that we stand  
 V for the Victory that I know we demand.  
 W goes to Whitey, tops at fixing our trouble  
 X to the X-Cello personnel WHEN their rejections aren't double  
 Y ours for the asking and yours up to date  
 Z ip open your bill-folds, while I pass the plate.



REPORTERS AND EDITORIAL STAFF OF LEADS AND ANGLES OF SECOND SHIFT PLANT #2 GET INTO A HUDDLE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE. READING LEFT TO RIGHT: Editor, T.M., Josephine Kurtyka, Mrs. Mabel Ellis, Associate Editor, - Ruby Cromack, Shirley Fairchild, Charlie Hellier, Maurice Leighton.

**PLANT 2 Continued**

Christine Hunt, another lapper from 2-54, has gone to Plant #1 to work in the office.

Katherine Johnson, ex-checker in Dept. 2-53, meets that he-man, Dick Rist, every noon. Scandalous, isn't it?

Rumor has it that Betty Telega from snap gage assembly is married. Could it be that soldier named Henry?

In honor of Betty King now of Washington D.C., the Standard Department of Plant 1 and 2 gave a dinner party. Needless to say fun was had by all. Imagine Harold Meyers, Joe Dahowski and their wives walking!

Bill Foley, foreman of 2-34, is an ardent ski fan we hear. Come, confess where you spend your Sundays.

Anyone who wishes to acquire the finer points of love-making and learn to write those romantic love letters please contact "Helen K." of 2-34 who was teaching John M. formerly of 2-31.

"Muscles" Matthews recently had the army blood-test! Gee! Must be the army is hard up for a "250 pounder" like Muscles!

So Frank Marinick 2-32 is 1-A in the Army. Gee! that cemetery wall is going to be mighty lonely, June!

What's this we hear? Gerry Ward dating Doris Gelinas. My! Ever hear of gas-rationing?

Wanted to know:—What is Love? Ask Lynn and Lens and Lena, Cupids Inc. (Maybe the "M.I.T. Man" can give you actual definition!)

Another for the "star list" — our Robert Preston — Louis Misiun to you!

Ida Bugby 2-62 is another lucky gal—she now wears a diamond given to her by Ray Porter 2-62. Congratulations!

Good Luck to "Eddie" Stange 2-52 who has left us and is waiting for his call into the U.S. Naval Air Corps!

Ah! Another new poppa! Congratulations to Jimmy Tarbell, 3202, and hello to little Karen Lee.

Loads of laurels to Joe Gordon 2-61-1 for his grand work in organizing the GTD basketball team.

Say, didn't we get a pleasant surprise to see Anne Zakaitis at the show recently with none other than — Who? — the bachelor of 2-61-1.

If looks could kill, Pat Grogan would be a "dead duck" meaning the day she got a postcard from Johnny Haygood, Leonora Dzenis' boy friend (All in fun we hope!)

Another addition to Uncle Sam's armed forces is William "Red" Fitzgerald. He was the instructor in thread lapping second shift. You girls'll sure miss him, won't you?

Cecelia Soltys, our petite blonde timekeeper in Dept. 2-35, has been casting a roving eye around her department. We think it's settled on Ed Pleasant??

Ayoob Ashkar, Bob Kell's right hand man, has been out with pneumonia. Here's to a quick recovery!

The majority of the Standards Department elected to take the course given at the High School. It's a picnic. Now they'll know the real meaning of tolerances!

Remember that bet "Honey" Meyers made with Irene Sullivan, Plant #1 Standards? It's all paid off — in pennies, too!

Bob German, Dept. 2-53, will certainly rue the day he met Ann Rock, that blonde from the office. Imagine him tongue-tied and a violent-red!

**PLANT 2 Second Shift**

Dept. 2-54 wishes Christine Reid the best of luck in her new career of nursing. She began her training on February 1st at the Mt. Vernon Hospital, Mt. Vernon, New York.

Congratulations and best wishes to three couples who have "set the date" for February. Paul Fournier, 2-61-3, and Stella Marcheski, 2-53, have picked February 6. Paul expects to be inducted into the army on February 18.

Jackie Gould 2-61-3, and Roy Ormsby, 2-51, have chosen February 14; and Joe Sanicki of 2-53 and Emily Tucek will be married on February 26.

And another cheerful gal that won't be seen around any more is Carol Glass 2-53. She's going to New York to be with her husband who is working there.

Walter Taylor, foreman in 2-52 passed around the cigars recently. The occasion was the birth of a daughter, Jean Elizabeth, born at the Franklin County Hospital, January 12th. Mother and baby Jean were both doing nicely at last reports. Walt will pull through, too, as the attending physician declares he never lost a father yet. Congratulations.

George Stebbins, an O.D. Grinder on the second shift and Ethel Beebe, checker (both 2-52) were married Christmas Eve. Everybody congratulates George and wishes his bride the best of luck. Let's hope they did not think that "two could live as cheaply as one" for the Victory Tax deductions must have been a sudden awakening if they did.

The new cage or crib in 2-52 appeared immediately after the steel topped tables vanished from the lunch room. Perhaps it was necessary to turn in the tables like tooth paste tubes to procure the metal for the crib. Let's hope the wooden parts of the tables were turned in toward some more chairs.

**WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN 2-72 IF:**

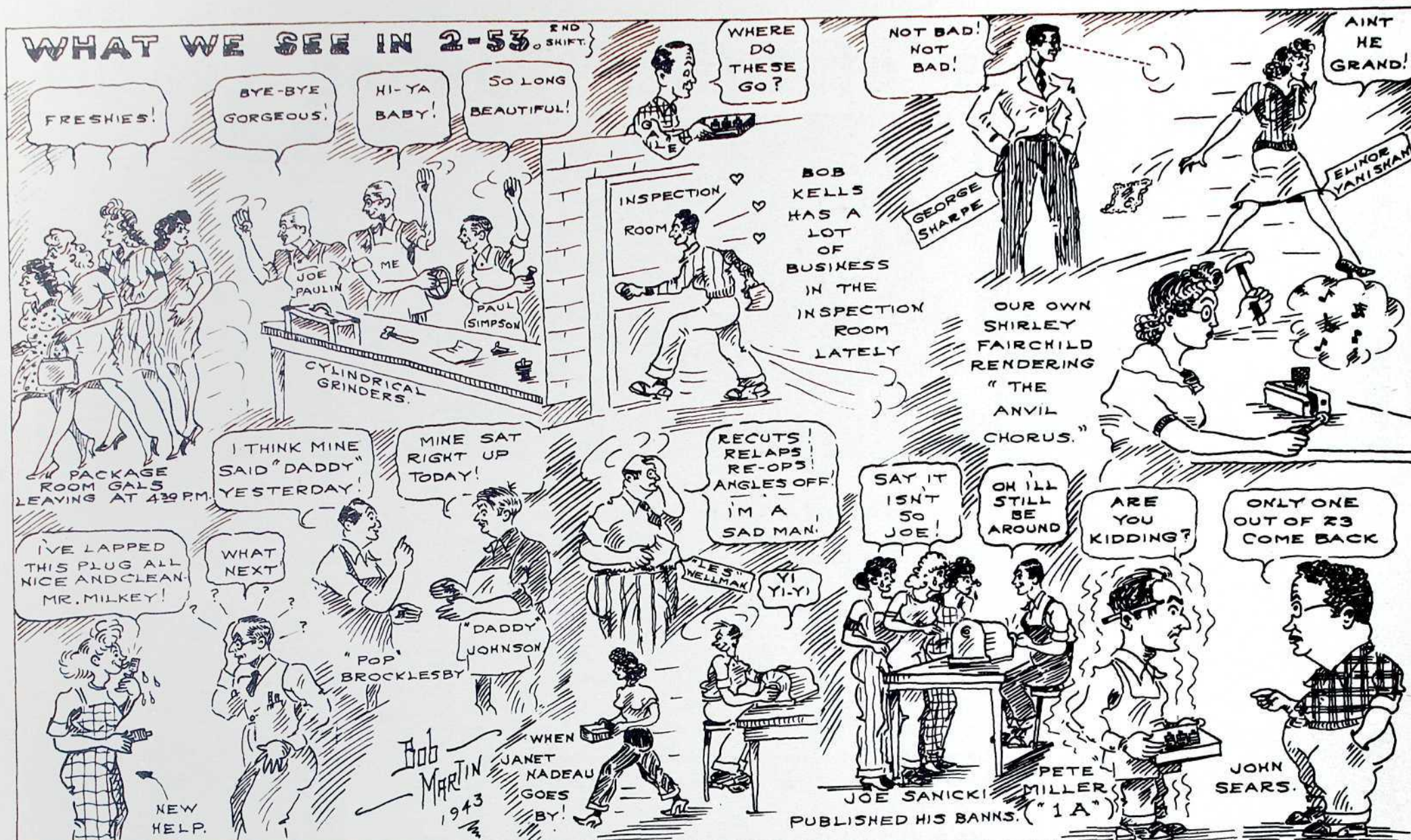
Bud Kennedy from 2-32 didn't come at least once a day to see how things are going with the "Mrs." (2-72)

Al Gordon was left speechless at lunchtime?

Anyone got into 2-72 without young Well's war-whoop of announcement?

Without the "broachers" in 2-72 — Cheer up, they're only one floor below.





### Third Shift

The 3rd shifters welcome Mrs. M. Dake, Avis Dodge, Evelyn Huber of the Standards Department to their group.

Mr. Fred Dodge, late of the Standards Department has joined the production cribbers. Good luck Fred, the girls miss you.

We can't see much of Tommy B since he took over his new duties.

Who said John Ashley was napping?

Niles Meekel nearly lost his cigarette holder. Tough luck, Niles.

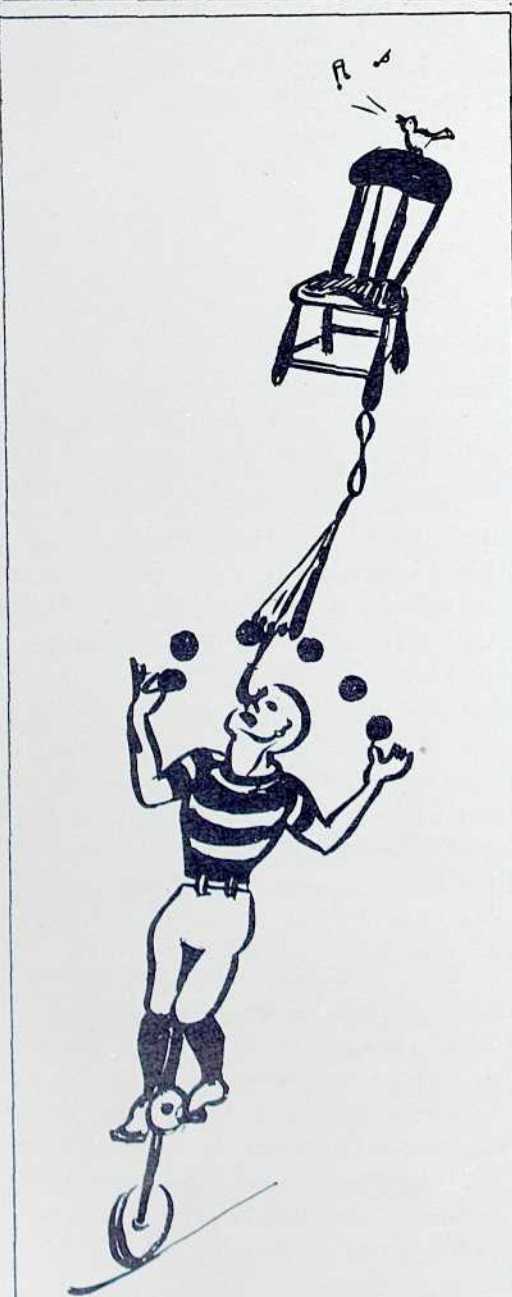
Maurice Taylor is quite a philanthropist when it comes to using someone else's money. Ask Carl Dihlman, he knows.

Dept. 2-35 wishes to welcome Mrs. Eveline Huber as their new checker. Her cheerful smile and pleasant personality are greatly appreciated.

John Maniatty, 2-54 and Chester Osowski 2-53 have left us to become army aviation cadets. Good luck!

Milly Harris is a subdued girl. We're sure she'll never forget the day Mr. Harriman caught "Honey" Meyers holding her hand during working hours.

Mildred Kurtyka, Lapper from Dept. 2-54, has left us to study nursing at St. Luke's Hospital in Pittsfield, Mass. We're sorry to lose you, Milly.



Third shift Foreman Alfred Verville says, "This is a cinch compared with keeping the boys in Dept. 2-34 happy."

### The Inquiring Reporter



#### FROM ARMY "GRIND" TO GRINDING GTD TAPS

Your Reporter called on Mary Mahoney, Queen Bee of Plant #4, who blindly and deftly selected the card of Morgan C. Kaepfel from the Time Clock racks. Morgan is our third victim to be singled out for this column, and it goes without saying that we found him hard at work on a J & L thread grinding machine.

Morgan was born in Easthampton some twenty years ago. From there he was destined to lead an interesting and varied career, with stopping off places such as Brattleboro, Vt., and Honolulu, just to mention two. Some years ago he worked for the Spaulding Mfg. Co. in the town of Brattleboro, where he was employed in the making of tennis rackets—the reason for his being a mean wielder of racket gut.

A few years later, Morgan decided to plough the wild waves of the blue Pacific to the territor-



ial isle of Sunny Hawaii, where he served a "hitch" (25 months) for Uncle Sam in the Coast Artillery. Morgan seems to have taken his "Made in Brattleboro" tennis racket along with him to while a few hours away under the Honolulu sun with some of his buddies.

As we listened to Morgan's reminiscences, Hawaii seemed to be a far cry from our present environment of oil-blue smoke and war-weary threading machines. "Ah, yes," he'd say, "that was one wonderful spot. Sometimes I wish I could be back there doing my bit for Uncle Sam again."

Morgan is married and has a four year old youngster called Bobby. Mrs. Kaepfel (formerly Arlene Allen) is showing her patriotism by joining the ever-growing ranks of women factory workers. At present, she is working for Ralph Howe, in the Inspection Department, Plant #1.



# Candid Shots of Office Bowling League



Doris Severance, Treasurer, and President Jack Kilkelly, benchwarm their turn.

Steno's Capt. Tom Moore ends his string with a score of 144 - high man for the evening.

## OFFICE LEAGUE

Reading from left to right top row: June Ostrowski, Rita Dion, Leona Beaulac, Muriel Schatz, Marion Holmes, Tina Cominoli, Betty Jacobs, Doris (Treasurer) Severance, Olga Samal, Betty Greene, Glen Mooney. Second row: Charles Fowers, H. Groves, Albert Hutchinson, Betty Broadt, Lanny (Vice-President) DeAragon, Mary Malloy, Doris Robichaud, Anne Tollaksen, Dick Perry, Tom Moore, Joe Duffy, Jack (President) Kilkelly, Raymond Doucette, Don Pike, Albert Temple.

Jim Harrington our Purchasing Department, although not a member dropped into show how it should be done. Cloyd Ross looks on with approval.

Capt. Glen Mooney of the "Pens" makes sure it's round.

If the Candlepin Ball doesn't knock them down, the pretty smile will. June Ostrowski of the "Inkies" in action.



The Star Bowling Leagues ended their season on Thursday, January 21, with a banquet at the Mansion House. There were 24 present and a great time was had by all.

John Wallitis, as usual, wanted everybody there to make a speech, but meeting with no success, he made one himself.

The three high scores were made by Sobieski #5, his score being 94.2, #3 Renfrew at 93.11 and #2 Sears at 92. Low prize went to Bortugno with the following also receiving prizes:

Scott	Kakoshi
Hicks	Parda
Widdison	Lynch
Pankivich	Hayde



Guess who????????

## ECHOES FROM THE KENNEL CLUB OF 2-35

The "Kennel Club," you know, is made up of a very small minority of the Sunday (We-think-we're-in-the-doghouse) workers. It's very easy to hear echoes from this club as the place is so empty—in fact, it's very lonesome. We miss the hum of week-day machines, Johnny Dunleavy's whistle, and Benny Eastman's musical voice shouting "Turn off that heat!" We miss all the "turners," especially when we wing one. We wonder if Rita Kane really gets away from "male laps" even on her day off. Stan (foreman 2-35) says "It's so quiet you could hear a hair drop,"—but of course none drops—we are all wearing our nets. By the way, we understand the checkers on the first shift are too willing to lend their hairnets to our checkers at 3:00 (We have no way of handing them back!) Sh— out of the stillness comes a voice singing "I Dream of Jeannie with the light Brown HairNET" and again "I don't Want to Walk PERIOD" but it's my driver's day off, and I'm out of gas

so I guess I'll have to. Yes, it's a lonely day in 2-35, but if we are helping Uncle Sam by working, we're happy to do it.

We of 2-62-3 are happy to have the opportunity of entering our contribution to the GTD magazine "Leads and Angles."

We were asked to acquaint our co-helpers and readers with the men and women working on the third shift in 2-62 and to what goes on between the hours of eleven and seven.

Of course our Foreman, Charles Pearson, is always on hand to greet us as we enter the "Icebox" at five of eleven if we can manage to break through the second shift line waiting at the door for that last "gong." He is always busy stacking up work for each one so they can start right in with no delay.

Everyone seems to be on hand except "Scotty" and "Bill" Weisenborn who come trailing in about one half to an hour later with a big grin and the excuse "they just couldn't break away." We have yet

to find out if it's the neon lights or the fairer sex that's holding up production.

Work starts to progress with Eddy Nolan and Phil Streit keeping us amused with their harmonizing and stories of the Robins they have seen before coming to work. Mrs. Dodge and Carl Jillson enter in with their tall tales of the wilds of Vermont where they come from. After the stories get too cold, Mrs. Weld warms them up with her Southern accent expressing her opinions of her home state "Georgia."

Everyone has to keep Dottie Merz posted on keeping her face clean because believe me if there is any grease around it is sure to be on her face. About one o'clock Betty Stotz is invited by Mr. Pearson to move up back to do "Visual Inspection" and she's bound to say "Oh gee, why?"

If you hear boxes slamming around you always know Charlie Burton and Walter Burrill are "pretending" to sleep again and someone is trying to awaken them.

Trying to keep up his production sheet in back of the room is Joe Lichenstein who at this moment is worrying about the draft. He was called to New York recently by the Draft Board. We do think he would make a good looking Marine.

About four-thirty Joe Jurewicz keeps us awake with his imitations of Gene Krupa accompanied by Dennis O'Brien and his musical files.

At the present time Charlie Scott is on sick list and we regret to report the loss of Clarence Wilderman who has left us. He will be missed by everyone.

Seven o'clock rolls around and we are all glad when that last bell rings letting us go home with the satisfaction that we have done our best to help win Victory for our Country.

Dynamic, diminutive and cute Ruby Cromack, second shifter of Dept. 2-35, has just passed another "sixteenth" birthday. A party was held in her honor during the lunch hour by the "Cozy Corner Seven" which included a birthday cake and all the fancy trimmings.