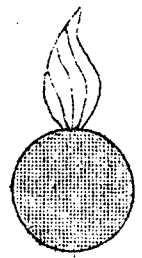


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## PICNIC TO-MORROW

CRAIG BEACH PARK

Tomorrow is the day! All employees, their families and their friends are invited to attend the Arsenal Picnic at Craig Beach Park.

Beginning at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon and until 6:00 o'clock in the evening, all amusements (except boat rides) will be available to everyone at half price.

At 4:00 P.M. in a reserved area behind the roller coaster will be a sports program. At that time races will be held for children of all ages and adults as well. Prizes will be awarded winners. Races planned at this time include Sack Races; Potatoe Races; Fat Mens Race; Tug of War, etc.

Throughout the day, 1pm to 6pm, free swimming and free dancing will be available. Free picnic space can be had at all times. Bring your family and your picnic dinner.

For those who care to dance in the evening, arrangements have been made whereby all employees and their guests will be granted a 20% reduction on the admission price. Arsenal Badges Will Be Required As Identification to Obtain This Reduction.

Due to present transportation difficulties, if possible, offer to share your car with a friend and his family.

## POST RESTAURANT

NEW PROCEDURE EFFECTIVE  
NEXT MONDAY JULY 22nd.

In an effort to maintain efficient cafeteria service in view of the labor shortage, a new procedure has been announced by the Commanding Officer to become effective next Monday morning.

For several weeks it has been impossible for the restaurant to maintain sufficient help to provide clean eating facilities for anyone having lunch after 12:00 o'clock. This has been due to the rapid accumulation of dirty dishes on the tables immediately after serving started at 11:30.

To overcome this condition, an opening has been cut in the East wall of the building near the kitchen door, where each person will deposit his tray and dishes before leaving the restaurant. In this manner the service personnel will be free to clean the tables and provide better eating facilities for all concerned.

The success of this program will result in a more pleasant place to eat and with less confusion. The cooperation of all employees will accomplish this purpose in a minimum of time.

## CLEAN UP - WHY??

During recent weeks, employees from every division have participated in an All-Arsenal clean-up campaign. Near the close of certain work days employees have spent a few minutes of time to clean their work area. The question heard too often is WHY? What started such a detailed program?

Every person knows that an unclean, unordered work area is primarily unsafe as well as unsightly. Carelessness in the removal of debris accounts for many accidents from flat tires to broken bones.

In view of this condition, the Commanding Officer on 27 March 1943, ordered that a well policed area be maintained. Thursday of each week was designated as 'Clean-up Day' and inspection was made each Friday. In the beginning, the head of the division receiving the lowest score on inspection points was permitted (and requested) to retain a 'dog house' trophy for the current week.

After a few weeks the clean-up status for the entire reservation has reached a point where the inspection point average was above a level which required a 'dog house' presentation. At that time it was decided that the 'trophy' would

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## CONTRACT SIGNED FOR OPERATION OF NITRATE AREA

The United States Government is entering into a contract with the Silas Mason Company for the reconditioning, altering, and operation of the Ammonium Nitrate area for the purpose of producing ammonium nitrate fertilizer. This was disclosed today in an announcement by Col S. R. Stribling.

The Contracting Company has established an office at Headquarters and expects to be at work in the area on or about the 22nd of this month.

It is expected that a crew of approximately 300 men will be required to place the area in an operating condition, and the estimated personnel for actual operations is slightly higher. Operation of the area is scheduled to begin in late September.

The Silas Mason Company, Engineering and Construction contractors with home offices in New York City, designed, constructed and operated the Louisiana Ordnance Plant, near Shreveport, La., during World War II. The firm is presently operating two other government-owned Ammonium Nitrate Lines, one at the Louisiana Ordnance Plant and one at the Lone Star Ordnance Plant, Texarkana, Texas. Similar facilities to be reconditioned and later operated by the organization are at Carbondale, Ill., Savanna, Ill., and Milan, Tenn.

## VACATIONS

A. Sekel and L. Johnson are vacationing from Property this week and will end their vacation by becoming 'MRS'--all of us here in 808 and 809 wish these two girls all the best this old world has to offer;--our sincerest congratulations Ann and Lillian.

John Cornett spent his vacation touring six states. He claimed he found good fishing in Norris and Cherokee Lakes and also the Ocean.

It is said that Capt. Barholt, of Fire Sta #1, spent several days in Canada trying his luck at fishing. Did we say fishing?

'Herb' Goebelbecker spent his vacation hoeing his garden and painting his house and garage.

Ass't Chief Casbourne reports 'bigger and better fish this season at Pymatuning Lake. 'X', in line with two or three trees, at a certain distance, marks the spot for excellent fishing, so anyone contemplating going to the same spot, had better have a priority rating several degrees higher, or else...

## GAGE LABORATORY MOVED

Due to the rehabilitation of the Ammonium Nitrate Lines for the processing of fertilizer, it became necessary to move the Gage Laboratory Section of the Inspection Division from their quarters in Building EE-52

After due consideration, this section headed by Mr. M. J. Whitley, was located in the basement of the Control Laboratory.

We of the Signal Branch extend our sympathy and condolences to Mrs. Mary Mascio; in sorrow over the recent death of her father.

A welcome newcomer to the Arsenal is the daughter of Mrs. Maida Ricker of the Signal Branch. Miss Mildred Ricker begins work soon as a Stenographer for the Silas Mason Company, and we are sure, from a previous meeting, that she will prove a visibly cheerful asset to that company. We would wish you good luck in your new job, but from where we stand, you already have the best of luck. So, WE'll just wish you 'more so'.

Madelyn Goldthwaite, Reporter and Tool Crib Attendant, Renovation Line, is resigning today to resume the duties of a housewife. Madelyn is being replaced by Helen Williard.

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— AN IDEA —

Every employee, in every location, on every job, from time to time has an idea that would make his work easier. In some instances it may be against regulations or be declared unsafe. It is very seldom that the employee can determine this!

When you get an idea, WRITE IT DOWN.

Here at the Ravenna Arsenal a suggestion program is in operation whereby an employee may receive a cash award from \$5.00 to \$250.00 for an adopted suggestion.

Whenever a group of workmen get together and start "talking shop", one or more of them may feel that he has a complaint about the way a job is being done. In many cases a winning suggestion is the result of a would-be complaint. If you don't think the correct method is being used on a job, don't complain about it! Write down the way YOU think it could be done easier and you have a suggestion.

Remember, your idea is worth while because you are closer to your job than anyone else.

When you think something should be changed don't tell someone else. Write in a suggestion before the other fellow finds it out.

\$5.00 to \$250.00 - IT IS WORTH A GOOD TRY.

Ptl. 'Ben' Baldwin who, only a short time ago, left the Merchant Marine for civilian life and his old job on the Guard Force, is attending classes at Akron U. semi-weekly, and in the not too distant future expects to attain his goal of being a C.P.A. Good luck, Ben!

LITTLE WILLIES' MAMA.....

..Gave him a stern lecture about getting into mischief when he wandered away from home. She told him not to forget that God's eyes were on him always, following his footsteps.

One day he started off and his dog ran along behind him. He turned to the dog and said: 'Gwan home, ain't it enough to have God's eyes on me without you following me, too'. For the past few months you have been reading safety articles in each issue of the Arsenal News. No, we're not really following along behind you trying to watch your every move but are doing our best to remind you of the advantages of keeping constantly alert to following all safety practices which will prevent accidents and thus keep you from injuries which may result in permanent impairment to your health and which may even take your life.

Bert Lewis says: 'SAFETY CAN'T GROW UNLESS WE WEED OUT THE HAZARDS'

HAVE FUN - SAFELY -

Tomorrow is the Arsenal Picnic at Craig Beach Park. It is only natural that a large number of children as well as adults will take advantage of a cooling dip. Play safe! Be careful when you go swimming, and make certain that your children are where you or the life guard see them.

— CLEAN-UP —

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 not be presented until conditions again warrant such action.

When it is not necessary to award this 'trophy' to a division, it remains in the custody of the Commanding Officer.

Cleanliness, and the elimination of unsafe conditions, are the responsibility of each and every employee regardless of the special type or nature of work to which he is assigned, and this responsibility must be equally shared by all to insure the success of this program. THE 'DOG HOUSE' IS EMPTY. KEEP IT THAT WAY.

## PAY LOSS EXPLAINED

EMPLOYEES FAIL TO MAKE OUT  
LEAVE SLIPS

The failure of certain employees to receive pay for time off on sick or annual leave has been explained by the Time and Payroll Office.

In each case the employee has failed to either make out a slip for annual leave before going away, or report his sickness by telephone to Extension 444 as required by Arsenal Bulletin 7-45 which was published for all employees.

To overcome this condition, each employee and supervisor is reminded that an approved annual leave slip must be in the Payroll Office before a vacation or other annual leave is taken.

Furthermore, sick leave reports must be in the Payroll Office within two days after return to work. To receive pay for sick leave in excess of three (3) days a medical certificate must be in the Payroll Office.

Employees who take time off without proper authorization or reporting must be reported by their supervisors as Absent Without Pay. This is not the fault of the supervisor, but of the employee himself for failure to act in accordance with regulations.

In the future, employees who have been placed in a non-pay status by their supervisors during leave periods, will not be paid for such absence unless it has been reported on extension 444.

To overcome the probability of not being paid, employees and supervisors should review Arsenal Bulletin 7-45 when considering leave regulations and be certain that leave

## SICK LIST VACATIONS

On Monday 8 July Lt. Vuchnich drove six fellows from the Depot to the Warren City Hospital to donate blood to Mr. Casey Allen who is still seriously ill. Elineberry, Connors, Allen, J. Elliott, D. Turner and O. Sipe accompanied Lt. Vuchnich. Of these men only J. Elliott, D. Turner and Lt. Vuchnich had the right type of blood. Many thanks to all of you for the wonderful deed.

Word has been received that L. P. Steele is recovering after having been ill for the past few weeks. We'll be glad to see him well and back on the job again.

We were very happy to welcome Mr. Schebechs back to work this week, who has been in Florida several months, for reasons of Mrs. Schebechs illness. The Southern exposure was beneficial to both.

Pete Leamer, Load Line 1, has been called to Cherry Tree, Pa. due to the serious illness of his father.

According to the report from Arlie Sitler, Ordnance Inspector, he spent an enjoyable vacation at Milwaukee, Wisconsin visiting his sister-in-law. He returned to work Monday morning with a rested look on his face.

has been requested far enough in advance that an approved leave slip is in the Payroll Office before such leave is taken.

The vacation of Carl Thomas, X-ray Inspector, was short-lived. Carl and his family were all packed bright and early Sunday morning raring to go on a week's vacation - destination unknown. They got as far as Deerfield when an automobile accident altered their plans. As a result, the Thomas's are back at home nursing their cuts and scratches and the car is in the garage. Better luck next time, Carl.

Paul King of the Storage Division is spending a weeks vacation at Ohio State University preparing for his schooling and getting his job established for this fall. He has received part time work as a Radio Engineer. GOOD LUCK TO YOU PAUL.

James Bean returned to work after spending a two weeks vacation putting a new cellar under his home. He says he enjoyed his vacation even tho he spent most of it working.

Robert Evens is enjoying a two weeks vacation in the 'Wild West'. We expect him to come back with some good cowboy stories and a full account of his experiences.

Bert Spencer, of Sta #4, has returned from a weeks vacation spent in West Virginia. From this same station we have another vacationer, B. L. Kelley, who reports the Blatz & Miller beer is really good, & Milwaukee was the place.

PICNIC - TOMORROW

NEW ARRIVALS

weddings

CLASSIFIED

We've seen many strange things in this Arsenal, but one of the strangest you will admit, is a full-grown man playing with plastic baby toys and an ivory baby scale. To prove that he is no refugee from a Sanatarium (no, not even the Signal Sanatarium), we further state that the man was Bill Petty, Telephone Repairman, and that he is the father of that newborn 'Young'un'----;logical, at least, for he was given the scales and toy sans wrapping, and had to take them home some way - well, didn't he?!!?

Frank Pinter of building CB-13 (Bay Leader on 4-12 shift), is the proud papa of a baby girl, born 3 a.m., July 16, 1946 at the Robinson Memorial Hospital. The Mother and baby are doing fine.

'THERE SHOULD BE CIGARS'

At least one person on the reservation is making sure of a supply of beef or milk?? In wandering around his farm last Wednesday night, Mr. C. A. (Charlie) Reed, George Road Machinist, suddenly realized he had an increase in his farm family. That's right! A newcomer that was in really fine shape when 'mama' said 'stand up'.

Spotted last week in a crowd of 35,000 people attending a concert in Grant Park, Chicago, were Mr. & Mrs. L. C. (Tom) Utter, representing the Control and Personnel Divisions. From all reports the concert and the entire vacation was successful.

Proudly Lead Line 1 sends forth this 'Flash'.. Our sweethearts; of the line, Joe Wollenberg, Bay Leader, and Doris Mathews, Explosive Operator, will be married July 22. The wedding will take place in the Parish of the Immaculate Conception Church, Ravenna Ohio at 7:30 P.M.

The happy couple will honeymoon in Washington. Upon their return they will be at home to their friends at Maple Grove Park, Windham, Ohio.

Wedding bells will be ringing soon for Wanda Boles, popular little Secretary at Fire Sta #1, and Charles Salen of Fire Sta #4. No date set. Charles returned from the European Theatre on March 1st, having served in the Army for a three year period, and has been with the Fire Dept. since March 7th.

Congratulations to Walter Weatherby, Renovation Line, who was married at Courtland Ohio, to Dorothy Smith.

Again the Wedding Bells ring. J. Kinel of Storage Div took the fatal step on 29 June 1946. Congratulations and Best Wishes to you and your new 'Bride', Johnnie.

Friday evening, July 12th, 1946 brought to a conclusion, temporarily, the series of wedding showers given and attended by the girls of the Property Branch, Building 808, 809 and the Main Service Garage with a very lovely shower for Mary Gubanyar, Main Service Continued on P6 - C3

WILL TRADE: Two (2) Tenor Banjos for rifle, fishing equipment. What have you? Call Plant ext. 8287.

FOR SALE: Savage 22 Automatic Rifle--Fired only approximately 100 rounds--Brand New--Price \$32.00. If interested call E. Moody, Building 870, Phone 733.

SEE THESE BARGAINS

FOR SALE: R. Foster of building 807, Phone 733 is having the following sale:

USED FURNITURE

- 2-Double Beds)
- 1-Spring)
- 2-Mattresses) \$15.00
- 1-Oil Stove \$2.00

NEW FURNITURE

- 1-Solid Oak
- Dinette Set \$22.00

RABBITS

- 5-Dutch Rabbits
- each-2½ mo. old \$8.00
- 1-New Zeland Doe
- 8 months old \$3.00
- 1-Gray Doe
- 7 months old
- w/3 little ones \$5.00

THIS COLUMN IS A SERVICE TO ALL ARSENAL EMPLOYEES. READ BY 1700 WEEKLY.

## SPORTS ACTIVITIES

BY BJORKMAN

## DON'T MISS IT - INDIANS vs YANKS

TICKET DEADLINE ADVANCED  
TO JULY 23.

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council today announced changes in the plans for employees to attend the Cleveland - New York baseball game in Cleveland the night of August 2nd.

Reduction in the price of reserved seat tickets from \$1.80 to \$1.50 has been made and all employees who purchased tickets for the higher price will receive a refund.

At the same time arrangements have been made to purchase a block of reserved seats as late as July 24th. On this basis the deadline for tickets has been advanced from today to next Tuesday July 23rd.

Plans for chartering a bus for the trip have been discontinued since all ticket buyers to date wish to drive their own cars. However, a share-the-ride program is being worked on to provide transportation for those who request it.

Call 423 for tickets or information about time, transportation etc, or see J. B. Bjorkman at room 157 in Headquarters.

Another vacationer of the Inspection Division was Ernest A. Goodman. He spent a week up in Canada fishing. Haven't heard any fish stories since you're back Ernie - what's the scoop?

TOMORROW - THE PICNIC

## SOFTBALL

The Arsenal softball league has been discontinued. All teams but three have dropped from the league because of a lack of interest on the part of the players. Lack of transportation facilities and the consequent failure of most teams to show up for games has caused a loss of interest on the part of the teams that did show up.

We are sorry that we couldn't keep the league going but after three false starts, it seems that this action is to the best interest of all concerned.

## FLASH - KEBL STEALS HOME

Charles 'George Case' Kehl, that erstwhile exponent of speed, crossed up the pitcher, catcher and himself by pilfering home in a game played on Tuesday, July 16 between the varsity and Joe Brannick's Depot Terrors.

Several of the Depot boys showed good and Pete Horvath is busy signing them up. The varsity just managed to win out 7 to 6 due to the kindness of the erring depotites.

Harland Hawk did a commendable job of pitching for the losers.

This being the season for sports, softball especially, isn't it a shame the 'Warehouse Hotshots' had to quit the league? What's wrong---manpower decreasing?

## ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

A new service has been provided for employees who desire to use the Arsenal Athletic Equipment. Effective immediately any employees who want to play tennis or horseshoes may obtain the necessary equipment at the Post Restaurant.

During the week this equipment will be checked out by the attendant of the cigar and candy counter. On Saturday, Sunday or a Holiday see the Restaurant Cashier.

A 'Rodeo' will be sponsored at the Charlestown School on Sunday 21 July 1946 at 1:00 P.M. The main feature will be Texas Brady.

Komard Wolf has just returned from a two weeks vacation on Lake Erie, and from the return smile on his face, I would say the FISH were biting good.

## WEDDING BELLS

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Garage. This gala affair was held at the Vale Edge in Ravenna and was given by Mary Jo Hardesty of 808 - the color scheme was blue, yellow and white and the gifts were attractively arranged at the end of streamers of ribbon coming from a sprinkling can attached above the table. Mary received many beautiful gifts and she was also honored by a piano recital given by Theresa Sipka and Virginia Rayburn both of 808. The shower was drawn to a perfect ending with a delicious lunch.