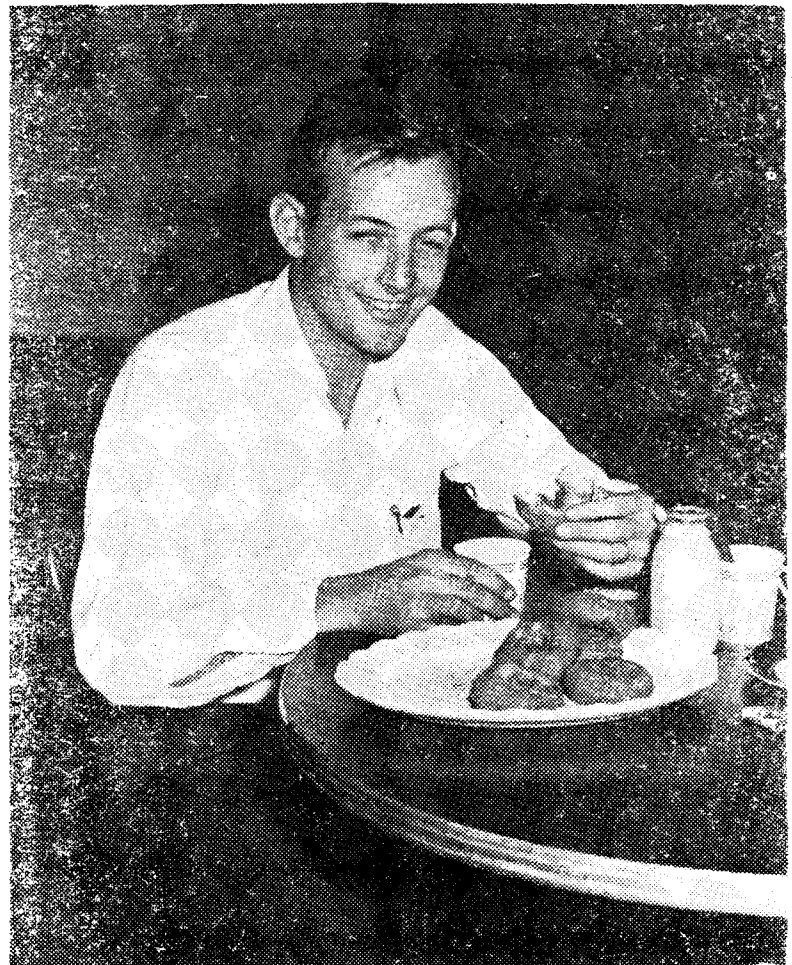


Veteran Contributes To Blood Bank



Pictured above is Jay Lemon, Jr., Munitions Handler Tallyman, as he enjoys refreshments following participation in the Red Cross Blood Bank Program recently begun at the Arsenal. With two tours of duty in the Navy behind him, Jay realizes fully the value of his contribution and like many other Ar-

senalites will be looking forward to the next visit of the Bloodmobile. In World War II, Jay served over two years in the Asiatic Pacific Theater and following the outbreak of fighting in Korea was recalled to duty serving in Pacific waters from September 1950 until July 1951. Jay resumed his duties in the Operations Division on 20 August 1951.

BLOODMOBILE RESCHEDULED

The next visit of the Blood Bank will be 18 February 1952, and it is hoped that the turnout will be even better than during the initial visit last month. Those who were rejected the first time because of cold shots, can in all probability give this time if the necessary time has elapsed. Those planning on taking cold shots and who want to donate blood should have their last cold shots at least three weeks prior to donating. In most instances those who contributed blood last month will be permitted to give again on the February date.

Ha's off and thanks to all individuals and divisions who already have participated in the Blood Donor Program and special recognition is extended to members of the Employee Utilization Section of the Personnel Branch who participated 100 percent last time. There are without a doubt other sections who will be participating 100 percent and we will have their reports for future editions. Let's see a good turnout on the 18th of February. Start your savings plan on that day. Your deposit will guarantee a continuation of dividend payments that only a democracy can give.

LEAVE INFORMATION

Continued from page 1)
ees. Any employee who has not received a notice of creditable service or who has questioned notice already received may be sure that such notice will be issued or corrected promptly upon verification of service.

A New Year
A New Challenge

The year 1951 has become history. It was a year of hard work for all of us. A year that brought both joy and sorrow to all people. 1951 also surpassed all previous records for the number of people killed and injured in accidents. The manpower and material loss due to accidents might possibly represent the difference between success and failure of our Country's defense effort.

During the year 1951, the Safety Message has been taken directly to the workers at their jobs. Safety is an integral part of all work. We cannot sit back, and say, "Well, we tried. Too bad 1951 wasn't better." Each new day is a challenge to all of us. We must be more alert to the menace of accidents.

Many workers think they know all about the safety problems concerning their jobs. Too often it's what we think we know about Safety and the safe ways of working that can hurt us.

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Guard Branch --
Words Of Advice

It is a known fact that all of the bulletins and memos handed down by the Commanding Officer, regarding security in the arsenal, are not readily digested by all the employees, so we take this opportunity to remind residents and employees of a few, in plain language, that they can digest:

Whenever you have a breakdown with your car, on any of the Arsenal roads, it is the wisest thing you can do, to notify the Guard Dept. at telephone extension 555, stating briefly where you are forced to leave your car, the nature or cause of the breakdown, your license number, make and color of car. Do this, and save yourself the inconvenience of having to answer a TRAFFIC SUMMONS.

Even though special privilege of hunting is granted to certain employees of the Arsenal, they must in all cases conform to State of Ohio and Federal specifications, as to type of wildlife hunted, bag limits, hours of shooting and days of open season. It is unlawful to hunt on Sunday. If you are not completely familiar with the game laws, and you have permission to hunt within the confines of the Arsenal, please call Guard Office or someone who knows, such as an Officer of this command who has the responsibility of Deputy Game Warden.

Citing a case that happened last week, it is unwise to kill a raccoon or groundhog that accidentally happens your way, dress it with the intention of taking it home with you, without the permission of the Commanding Officer, or his representative. DON'T JEOPARDIZE YOUR JOB BY BREAKING THE RULES OR BY BEING A PARTY TO AN ILLEGAL ACT!

Don't forget to drop off those MATCHES and LIGHTERS when you enter a restricted area. Play safe with your life, other lives, your job. Be sure that you go home to your family at the end of each day, and all in one piece.

NEWS
RAVENNA ARSENAL



WANTED -- A SAFETY SLOGAN!



Safety is everybody's business, and the Ravenna Arsenal needs a good safety slogan similar to the one above. Then we can display our best slogan on a bill board as the above slogan was displayed at the Anniston Ordnance Depot in Alabama.

So why not get on the Safety Slogan bandwagon and send in your safety slogans. It doesn't matter whether you work for Ordnance or Ravenna Arsenal, Inc., but what does matter is that we get a new, power-packed safety slogan.

Start the slogans rolling and send them to the Safety Slogan Editor, Arsenal News, Rm. 121, Headquarters Building.

Leave Info.
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Information has been received clarifying certain provisions of the new leave system. Among the important changes, the new leave system, which goes into effect 6 January 1952, provides that new employees must be continuously employed for 90 days before they will be credited with any annual leave.

The question has arisen as to whether the provision for new employees concerned only those employees hired on or after 6 January. In answer to this question the provision applies to any employee who has not worked 90 calendar days. In other words, even though an employee may already have received annual leave he will not be eligible for annual leave or annual leave credit after 6 January 1952 until he has been continuously employed 90 calendar days.

Numerous questions have also arisen concerning creditable service for individual employees. (Continued on page 12)

March
of
Dimes

Under the chairmanship of Capt. Robert E. Zadra, Ravenna Arsenal will participate in The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis drive for funds with a March of Dimes Program, 2 January through 31 January, 1952, inclusive.

The number of cases of infantile paralysis has tripled during the last four years. The average number of cases handled annually is now 30,000. Needless to say, the expenses incurred have risen proportionately.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis appeals to each and every one of you to contribute generously to this worthy cause.

For your convenience, containers are being distributed throughout the Arsenal. Look for the March of Dimes poster, you will find the container near it! THIS FIGHT IS YOURS!!

ARSENAL OLD
TIMERS LEAVE

With this issue of the News we recognize the completion of a combined total of 21 years of Arsenal service, as we record the resignation of Henry C. Kulka on 29 December 1951, and the transfer of L. C. "Tom" Utter, who leaves today for a new assignment.

Mute testimony to the manner in which their duties were performed is the fact that both men rose over the period of years to serve as chief of their respective divisions.

Mr. Kulka transferred here from Cleveland Ordnance District on 22 April 1941, with continuous service since that date. He had served as Safety Director since 1 April 1943. Mr. Kulka's plans include only retirement with immediate interest in "a little travel."

Mr. Utter is leaving his present assignment as Chief of the Operations Division to accept a position in the Safety Office at Indiana Arsenal effective 7 January 1952. His service at the Arsenal has been continuous since 21 July 1941. Among his many achievements at the Arsenal is the fact that he holds the Meritorious Civilian Service Award which was conferred upon him by the Chief of Ordnance for meritorious services, in connection with renovation and demilitarization operations.

Their many associates here wish both men the best of luck in their new interests and look forward to renewed acquaintances in the future.

NEW YEAR GETS
EARLY WELCOME

The Old Year got somewhat of an early eviction, Saturday December, as a capacity crowd turned out for the Civilian Welfare New Years Eve Dance.

Noisemakers, hats, and corsages were distributed to the dancers to augment the splendid music of the Marion Miller Orchestra as 1952 was greeted.

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Safety is of the first importance in the discharge of duty, and obedience to the rules is essential to your own safety. To enter and remain in the service of Ravenna Arsenal, Inc., is an assurance of willingness to obey safety rules and production quantities.

Employees are not required or expected to take any risk from which they can not protect themselves by care and judgement. But shall take their time to procure the means necessary under all circumstances to do their work safely.

Employees can not rely upon the watchfulness of others, but must protect themselves when and where their own safety is concerned.

Team Work

Team work is essential to safety. When in bays or groups, all concerned should understand the operation and act in

harmony.

Safety and security of our operations, of which the health of our employees and good productive operation is the most important part, will be only as good as our employees make them. This can be accomplished only by the eternal vigilance of every employee.

We believe that accidents are "caused" and that they do not "just happen." Therefore, we insist that all operations be carried out according to safety and operating regulations. No one is expected to perform an operation that cannot be done safely.

You are invited to discuss matters of safety and operation with your supervisors at any time. Also be constantly on the alert and make it a point to know that your fellow-worker is also on the alert.

Safety Problems

Let us look at the following safety problems and see if any of them apply to us as individuals.

Wearing the wrong kind of clothing — The company furnishes the proper and safe kind of clothes to work in.

Poor housekeeping — It is our duty to help keep our work

area clean at all times.

Inexperienced workers without knowledge of hazards — If not sure, ask, and be safe.

Horseplay — It can result in destruction of property and personal injury, think and work safely to protect yourself and fellow workers.

Workers are careful at first but later get careless — We are very careful at first because we are afraid. But as we learn our job and become familiar, we very often become careless and that is the time we become a hazard.

Safety of others disregarded — The safety of other people is disregarded in all walks of life such as improper use of tools and machinery, careless handling of materials, such as explosives, and even the careless driving of your car.

Women without industrial training — Due to an existing manpower shortage and facing, perhaps another world conflict, thousands of women have again left their kitchens to take jobs in war plants throughout the country.

Job Well Done

The majority of these women have little, if any industrial training, while their dexterity

in baking a cake, or cleaning the house and taking care of their families has never been questioned. But when put up against the hazards of an industrial field, a major problem is presented.

Housewives, mothers and even grandmothers are taking their place along side of men on the production lines and are doing a good job. Through the skill and patience of our safety organizations and women recognizing potential hazards, they will carry safety instructions from the job to their homes. Thus providing a safer mode of living for themselves and their families.

Times like these test the mettle of men and women, open new horizons, new opportunities, bring new leaders to the front. Every soldier is a potential general, every sailor a possible admiral and every worker a budding executive.

Any extra thought and effort that you put into your job today, will make you outstanding tomorrow.

Next issue we will have a more personal safety problems that may effect or help us.



WOONG MUSIC MUSE IN MUSEUM—Five youngsters of the Children's Museum in Boston, Mass., rehearse Christmas carols on ancient hand bells. Bell-ringing classes, which started in 1944, are open to any child over ten who can read music. About a dozen good bell-ringers are turned out here each year. Original set of the old bells was made in the British foundry which cast famous Big Ben.

No one has success until he has the abounding life. This is made up of the many-fold activity of energy, enthusiasm and gladness. It is to spring to meet the day with a thrill at being alive. It is to go forth to meet the morning in an ecstasy of joy. It is to realize the oneness of humanity in true spiritual sympathy.

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Protection News

We take this opportunity to welcome to the Guard Branch, L. R. Spurlock, brother of Elmer of the Fire Department, and D. E. Slider, both newcomers.

Appointments within the Fire Department: Congratulations to our new Fire Chief R. B. "Bucky" Walters; Ass't Chief Oscar D. Riesterer; Crew Chief Ed J. Price.

The Fire Department wishes to thank all those cooperative residents and employees, for making the Christmas season a SAFE SEASON. The Fire Department strives to continue their SAFETY PROGRAM with this memo: "If in doubt how to use an extinguisher, call the department and they will gladly give individual instruction. KNOW HOW, to use an extinguisher, IT MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE and JOB."

The Guard Branch congratulates its new Chief, none other than Sidney C. Casbourne. Also the new sergeants, Floyd Watson and Vivien Wilkinson, and Corporals Wilbur Heckman, James McVan and Frank Supek.

With the advent of a step-up from Fire Chief to Division Chief for Clarence Craver, Fire Station No. 1, was reintroduced to a member of the feminine sex, within its walls. We welcome said member in the person of Mrs. Edythe M. Cooley, personal stenographer to the Division Chief. Already very noticeable, since she began her duties last week, is a big improvement in the type of language generally used around the station.

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Boy, did you hear what Howard got for Christmas??? Santa Claus made a ghastly mistake and left John Gander's present or Howard — a pair of size 7 pajamas!

Pat got a delayed present but a nice one nevertheless. Her hubby, Harry (one of our well-known ex-employees), arrived home on leave from the Navy the 27th of this month.

Some of our gang went traveling over the holiday vacation: Esther and her mother visited relatives in Cleveland, Lucille spent Christmas in Newton Falls with her family, and Bob and Helen Butler had fun at a family dinner at Bob's brother-in-law's.

Marge went to a party but doesn't want to mention it!!

SANTA VISITS ARSENAL



Representative of the bright and happy eyes of approximately 750 youngsters, is the expression on Mary Kay Branfield's face in the above picture as Santa greeted her at the Kids' Christmas Party on Sunday, 23 December 1951.

Good weather and the smiling faces of all concerned added up as evidence of a very successful combination of both the early and late afternoon parties attended by the youngsters and their parents. Included in the program were group singing of carols, showing of cartoons, and presenting of gifts and goodies.

In recording of the 1951 party as one of the best, the Civilian Welfare Fun Council and all interested persons wish to thank the many individuals

the Teen-Agers; Pat Rickenbacher, projectionist; James Russ, Bob Rousmanoff, Mrs. G. R. Sanders and Mrs. R. M. Wilson, gift wrapping.

who assisted in preparing for and handling Santa's visit.

Co-chairmen for the party were John Foos and Ralph Lewis. Making special arrangements for the visit of Santa and Mrs. Claus were Major Hathaway and Mrs. Harry Williams.

A big vote of thanks goes to the members of the Security force and to the Teen-Agers whose volunteered services kept the program running smoothly. Among the many employees and residents who helped in the program were Charles Kebl and Chloe Yaw, in charge of decorations; John Kaperak and Muriel Wilkinson who directed

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Salt: Yeah, quite a strain."

Almost everyone is a liberal, by his or her definition.

Despite all the talk of new and fantastic weapons, American soldiers are still squatting in the mud with rifles, killing and getting killed in the same old fashion.

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We all received wonderful presents, but some of us had extra special ones — Mary Szabo (who has been married 20 years) became engaged all over again when her hubby, Andy (of RAI engineers), gave her a beautiful diamond for Christmas. Suzi had two nice presents; her soldier boyfriend, Mike, is home on ten days leave and he gave her a watch. Both Simpson and Leo have excuses for that "Lazy look" now — they received lounging robes for holiday presents, and Bill got a jar of cold cream instead of Dagmar!!!

We ought to have Christmas parties more often! Leo was having the time of his life and John, what was in that "peace pipe?"

Everyone sends Fran their deepest and most sincere sympathy wishes at the passing away of her grandmother, Wednesday December 26th.

And in closing, may we say—

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HAPPY NEW YEAR, FOLKS!!

Office of The Adjutant

Congratulations are in order for Miss Antoinette L. Coz, employed in the Planning and Management Branch, Office of the Adjutant, who has joined that distinguished crew of ladies with a ring on the "third finger, left hand" during the Christmas Holidays. Miss Coz announces her engagement to Mr. Lawrence Evers of Ravenna, Ohio. It is rumored that the wedding bells will be ringing sometime in the month of June.

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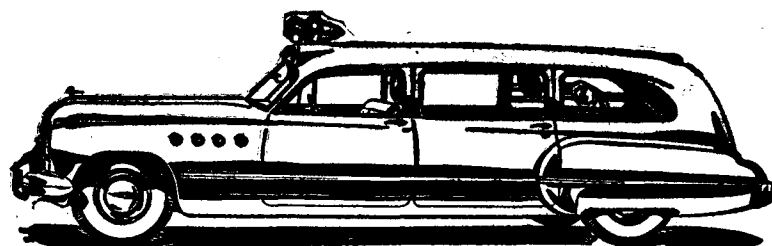
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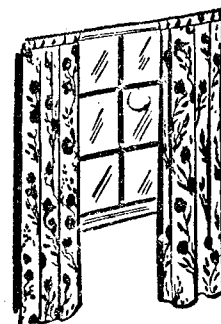
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AROUND THE ARSENAL

Operations Division

A. B. Patton of the Magazine Office received a wonderful Christmas surprise when his daughter from St. Petersburg, Florida flew home for over the Christmas Holiday.

Bettie Hudson, formerly of Stock Control, visited us on December 26th. Bettie is now employed at Fort Belvoir, Va., where her husband is stationed.

We are happy to welcome Helma McNamara back to work today. She had been ill for the last week — Could it have been too much Christmas cheer???? Also, to welcome Mary Jane Russ of the Magazine Office back — she was caring for her son who has been ill.

Roy Holt of the Inventory Section is vacationing. Mary Melillo of Operations Office spent last week at her sister's. We hear that she had a busy time! Carole Latimer, Marty Crosby and Ann Prelac spent the weekend with Nancy College in Atwater. Ruth Law and family visited friends in Sharon over the week-end.

Stock Control wishes to thank the unknown friend who sent them such lovely Christmas cards.

Stock Control Branch and the Magazine Office each enjoyed a luncheon and gift exchange on the Friday before Christmas.

We are sorry to hear of the death of the grandfather of Muriel Wilkinson, Shipping Document Section and the Uncle of Margaret Whittenberger also of Shipping Document Section.

Helen McKenzie of Ravenna is the new girl in Shipping Document's. We want to extend to her a very hearty welcome and we wish her loads of luck!!!

Engineers

George Yocum is slowly recovering from illness and hopes to be able to be back at work shortly.

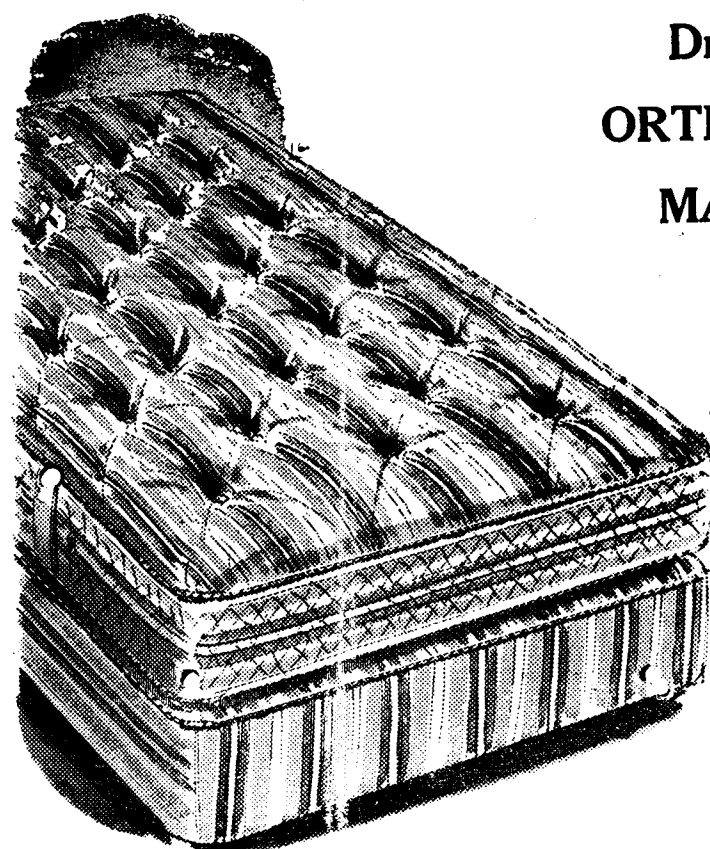
We offer condolence to Mary Kot on the death of her father on Dec. 26, 1951 at Barnesville, Ohio.

Mrs. June Burkey, Facilities, says the weather here is much better than in Detroit where she spent the Christmas Holidays.

Mr. Earl Barnett, George Road Tool Crib, returned to work from a haphazard vacation spent puttering around home or helping his sister move into her new home in Cleveland.

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Engineers

The electric shop states they have two men who have been here ten years, G. D. Graham, and E. C. Lietzow. J. E. Sharpnack will have been here ten years on January 6, 1952.

After a honeymoon in the sunny south, Mrs. Dean Miller, (formerly Dorothy Jean Tannert), has returned to work which seems rather tiring after the hectic past three weeks.

Protection News

Current vacationists away from the Fire Dept. are Chuck Salen and Tom Brown. The weather being what it is, we presume they are both toasting their toes by the fire, and keeping the home fires burning.

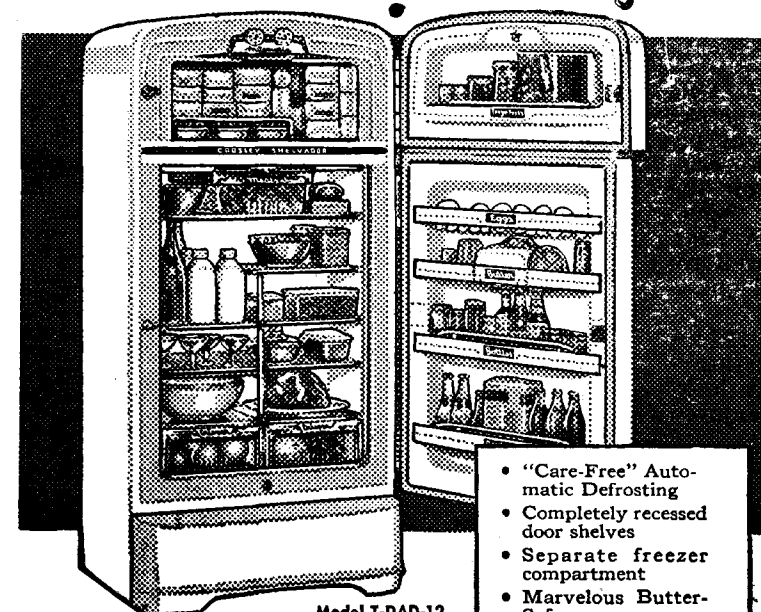
One of the big surprises to guards recently, was the marriage of Frank Walley and Louise Taylor, daughter of Henry and Mrs. Wade, of EE-196. The Walleys reside in Maple Grove Park, Windham, and we all wish them the best of luck, and hearty congratulations.

A holiday visitor at the plant, Ralph Snow, from down Texas way. Ralph, a former Fire-Guard, left us when the weather got real rough last winter.

Donald M. Sheen, of the the Guard Branch, is one of the most intrepid hunters ever seen

in these parts. On a recent hunt with a number of buddies, a real blizzard blowing, he calmly preceded to inch his way across what he thought to be a frozen creek. Getting about midway he broke through the ice, and found himself waist deep in water. After calmly thinking the situation over, and in order to extricate himself, he broke the ice with his hands the rest of the way across, and climbed out with the aid of a sapling close by. Then, being very wet, he took off boots, and several layers of the clothes he was wearing, and as calmly as before, he wrung them out, and put them back on. The amazing thing about it all, Donald continued hunting for hours afterward, and didn't as much as get a case of sniffles.

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LOADED LINES FROM THE LINE

EMPLOYMENT EPISODES

by Bob Warren

Vignettes of a New Year's Dance —

Seen together at the December 28 affair: Irene Few, employment office clerk, and her escort for the evening, Jack McGrady.

Leonard Fischer and his wife Joan were doubling in brass. Joan's birthday anniversary was also on December 28 so they attended the dance and celebrated her birthday together.

Norma Fiess, records section, was stunning in a red and white ballerina evening dress. The R. M. Wilson's were seen sedately waltzing to the tune "Mary Ann." Mr. and Mrs. Wilson held a pre-dance cocktail party for members of his staff and friends. The scene was their home here on the reservation, and the "seen" were Mr. and Mrs. John Foos, Capt. and Mrs. E. N. Bradford, and various and assorted guests of all sizes.

Mary Padovane and Mike Chorey looked well together—Cobey Jenkins was just looking! A good time was enjoyed by all.

CONTROL LAB

Warner Cunningham has joined the RAI staff as a lab helper. A native of Ravenna, he attended Kent State university and Boecker's business college. He also worked here for the Atlas Powder Co. during the last war.

P. E. LINE

Don Wallar and Johnny Davis did the honors in carving the turkey and ham when the P. E. gang held their Christmas party last Friday. Guests for the holiday affair were Robert C. Merrill and Roger Burns. A gift exchange climaxed the day's activities at 4 p.m.

New inspectors on the Percussion Element Line are Pauline Riley of Warren; Saima Ranta also of Warren and Susan Baker of Newton Falls.

Pauline formerly worked for the Ordnance Department here, 1950-51 and for the Atlas from 1942-46. She is a native of Punxsutawney, Pa.

LAUNDRY

Betty Maurer has joined the ranks of the RAI news staff as laundry reporter. Everything will come out in the wash now. The laundry gang would also like to know what happened to the box of candy they were

supposed to receive from some character "on the hill." The sweets were promised for Christmas and they are long over due.

TIME STUDY

New clerk-typist in the department is Marian Capela of Ravenna. A native of Akron, she attended Rootstown township school and Boecker's business college. For recreation she enjoys reading, dancing and skating.

STORES DEPT.

Ernst Brittain has joined the department as materials inspector. A native of Barbourville, Ky., Brittain resides at T. Dorm and was previously a hotel manager in California. He also worked for the Atlas in 1943.

SAFETY

Two new safety inspectors have joined the staff. They are Robert Denison of Wayland and Nicholas Manko of Kent.

Denison, a native of Elkins, W. Va., graduated from Kent State university in 1951 with a bachelor of science degree in business.

Manko attended Carnegie Tech and Kent State and at present he resides in Kent. He is a native of Akron and for recreation enjoys reading, sports and music.

PAYROLL

Raymond Talisferro and Byron Waltz are the newest members in the department. Both are time clerks. Waltz is a native of Ravenna and was previously a theater manager out west. Talisferro lives in Ravenna and is attending Boecker's business college at the present time. A native of Mogadore, he spent three years in the Air Force.

PURCHASING

Laura Burgess is the new clerk-typist in the department. A native of Kent, she now resides in Windham. She enjoys reading and making hook rugs.

PRODUCTION

Chief clerk's job has been filled by Frank Fedorka of Windham. A native of Portage, Pa., he graduated from Kent State university with a bachelor of arts and masters degrees in psychology. His main hobbies are horse back riding and tennis.

Betty Lazeration is the new clerk-typist in the manufacturing superintendent's office. A native of Emeigh, Pa., she now resides in Warren, O. For recreation she enjoys dancing, movies and television.

New administrative assistant in the division is Robert G. Smith of Kent. He enjoys music and singing and attended Kent State in 1934.

PRESCRIPTION GROUND SAFETY GLASSES FOR ALL EMPLOYEES

HOMO SAPIENS

Some lad once cracked that "Homo sapiens" meant "Any guy can make a fool of himself." Granted, but in this safety business we have to go from there. We have to worry about men and women who make an art of making fools of themselves.

I'm right now reading a book on psychosomatic medicine, and the darn thing has me so confused I have to rush into print about it.

The general idea seems to be that people often bottle up their personal troubles so that a time comes when something has to give. When it does, the result may be heart disease, diabetes — or accidents.

Now don't back away from that idea. Profit by it. You may find in it the explanation of some of our cronic bunglers, of the people who break all the rules of common sense and cause and effect in order to foul things up. Watch for them. They're the ones who need extra guidance and our wisest counsel.

Do you suppose the day is coming when we will send our folks to the psychiatrist before they get hurt, rather than to the surgeon after they do?

— Industrial Supervisor

Gerald Carley has joined the production force as a general foreman on the Artillery Primer Line. A native of Roulette, Pa., Carley graduated from the McAlister College of Embalming in New York City. He also attended the Pittsburgh (Pa.) Academy studying business. Carley was just recently with the American Graves Registration in Paris, France. For recreation he enjoys reading, and promoting and managing small league baseball teams.

PRODUCT ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION

New stenographer in the division is Lois Fulweber of Ravenna. She is a sister to Rita Fulweber in Financial Accounting. She enjoys sports and attended Boecker's business college.

Four new inspectors in the department are Lytton Passmore, James Maske, Robert Kelly and Billy Whiting.

Passmore, a native of Chicago, attended Kent State from 1949-51 majoring in art. Maske lives in Kent and is a native of Akron. He attended the University of West Virginia and

Prescription ground safety glasses will soon be available to all Ravenna Arsenal employees. Purpose of the program, started by Ravenna Arsenal, Inc., is to obtain good eye protection at a low cost.

Employees will be able to select their own frame style, and the lens for the glasses will be ground according to the prescription furnished by the employee. He should get a prescription either from his own eye doctor or from one of his choosing. A representative of the optical company will fit and adjust all glasses.

The RAI safety department will supervise the details of coordinating the program and assist the optical company representative.

Ordnance Safety department will work with the RAI Safety department so that the program can be extended to all Arsenal employees who wear glasses.

This will give everyone a chance to take advantage of the savings and protection afforded by prescription ground safety glasses.

Employees should give their prescription to either optical company representative, his foreman or supervisor. He will then choose his frame style and an order form will be filled out and signed by the employee. When the glasses are ready, he will be notified.

Arrangements will be made in regards to the time and place for the first demonstration and for the employees to meet the optical company representative.

Regardless of the benefits to both employee and company, the program is being arranged so as not to interfere with production and other operations.

RAI employees may have the cost of the glasses deducted from their pay. Ordnance employees, because of government regulations, may not have the cost deducted. They must make arrangements to pay for the glasses upon delivery.

Kent State university, graduating from the latter in 1951 with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology.

Kelly resides in Windham and was previously employed here at the Arsenal. For recreation he enjoys fishing and bowling. Whiting lives in Warren and is a native of Morgantown, W. Va. He was previously employed at the Lordstown Ordnance Depot. He enjoys swimming, fishing and all sports.

March Of Dimes Campaign Needs Our United Help

The 1952 March of Dimes campaign is now in progress and containers have been placed throughout the Arsenal for your convenience. They can be found near the March of Dimes poster.

The National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis is asking everyone to give as much as possible to fight this dreaded disease.

Polio cripples and often times kills many children each year. Recently, more and more adults have also been stricken with the disease, so don't think that "It can't happen to you."

The National Foundation carries on its fight against Polio with the aid of voluntary contributions donated throughout the nation.

This organization cares for new and long-time cases, organizes emergency hospitalization during epidemics and raises funds during the annual drive. The Foundation also conducts extensive research and training which is vital in combating this crippling disease.

During the past four years, the number of cases of infantile paralysis has tripled. The average number of cases handled annually is now over 30,000, therefore, the expenses have also risen proportionately.

So let's all start the Dimes Marching, this fight is yours!

Your Careless Accident May Injure An Innocent Co-worker

by W. J. Fike
RAI Staff Writer

One of the sad things about accidents is that the innocent suffer as much as those who commit the actual unsafe act.

Let me quote several incidents that have occurred on our Arsenal load lines that will emphasize this fact.

Several weeks ago on one of the lines, a hi-lift operator was carrying a load of shells that were not banded together and secured for transportation. One of the shells fell off the carrying rack and struck a worker on the leg.

Fortunately the man only received minor injuries. But this man was injured through no fault of his own.

The hi-lift operator should have made sure the load was secure before he transported it, and the person or persons that stacked the shells on the rack should have banded them.

Let's look at another accident, where the innocent was the vic-

tim of the careless.

Two men were operating a hoist to lift shells from a stenciling table to a palate on the floor. One of the men was unhooking the shell from the hoist and his co-worker lifted the hoist before the man got out of the way.

The worker received a cut over his right eye that could have put his eye out. The man operating the hoist was not paying attention and became careless, thus injuring his co-worker.

Probably the saddest part of my tale is that these accidents were not caused on purpose, but just through plain carelessness.

Here's a good New Year's resolution for all of us: Look out for your fellow worker as well as your self. Let's not learn Safety by Accident.

Not every young thing who thinks she wants to be a movie star wants to be one.

St. Nick Visits P. E. Line



are Velma Thomas, Nancy Meredith, Gene Hawkins, Bertha Burk and Thelma Higgins.

Second row, Howard McLaughlin, Mary Baughman, Agnes Stillion, Mildred Grein, Mae Murray, Robert C. Merrill and Jean Morris. Seated behind Merrill is Irene Lovett and Edna Mae Lilly.

Third row, Pete Lynds, Dolores Gentile, Violet Barker, Lily Greenlee, Maggie Forney, Laura Head and Olive Liller.

In the back row, Ralph Pemberton, Mickey George, Ray Rayburn and four unidentified maintenance men who just dropped in for lunch.

Paul Bowen's Have Two Children In '51

Paul Bowen, personnel attendant on Load Line Two, is the proud Papa of two children born in 1951. His wife gave birth to a girl on January 4, and on December 11 their second '51 child was born — a boy this time. The Bowens, who live on the reservation, have two other boys.

RAI Supervisors See 'By Jupiter' At Monthly Meet

Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. Supervisory training program is now in full swing with weekly conference-type meetings being held in change house DB 8-A on Load Line Two. The monthly meetings are held in the training headquarters in T Dorm.

Conferences and classes are being supplemented by films which have proven quite interesting to those attending.

At last month's meeting, held December 19, the film "By Jupiter" was shown to about 100 personnel of the RAI supervisory staff. The film depicted difficulties encountered by a "Mr. Poindexter" who had forgotten some of the courtesies which are necessary for all of us to practice in maintaining friendly relations with our fellow men.

Mr. Poindexter's day was quite disappointing until rescued by the god Jupiter. Upon insistence from his wife, the goddess Juno, Jupiter prevailed upon our unfortunate friend to review the day's happenings. Poindexter was told to relieve them and practice courtesy in dealing with his neighbors, the corner news dealer, fellow commuters and others with whom he had difficulties during the day.

By practicing common courtesies, Mr. Poindexter's day was relieved with results almost unbelievable. All of which was due to practicing common courtesy.

The remainder of last month's session was spent in general discussion of the various problems confronting the operations of Ravenna Arsenal, Inc.

Next month's supervisory meeting, which will be held January 16, will be devoted to the problems of stores, supplies and tool procurement.

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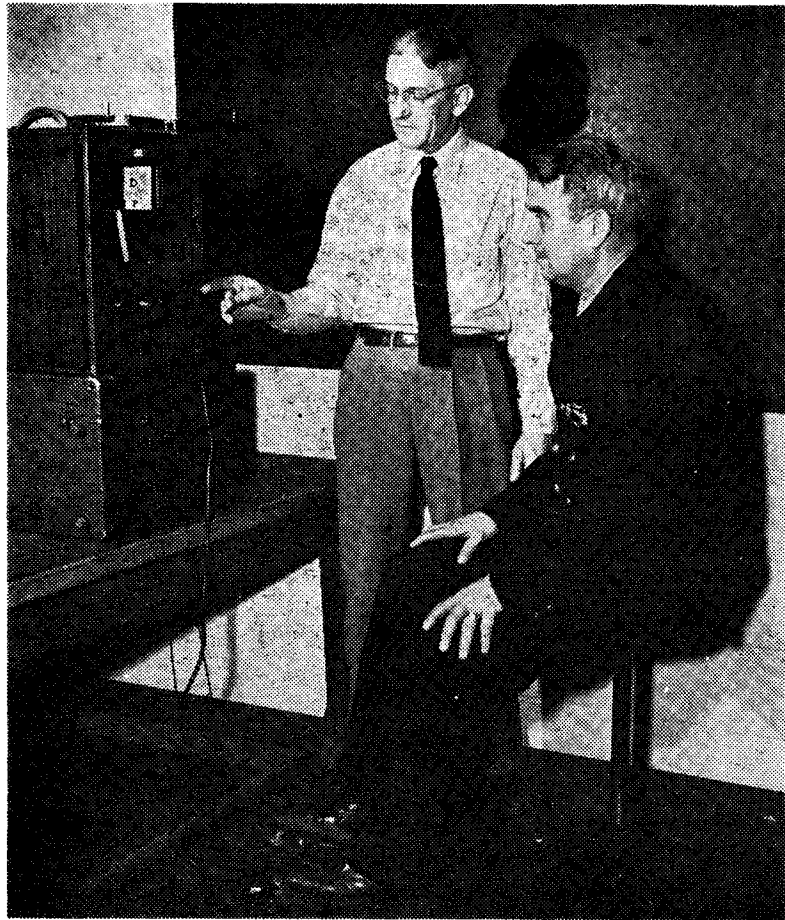
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DRIVERS RETESTED



Pictured above is Firefighter Robert J. Lee as he receives a reaction test as part of the present testing program for all government employees required to operate motor vehicles. Observing is J. P. Bloom of the Ordnance School staff which is assisting the Automotive Branch in conducting the tests.

The retesting of all Arsenal Government vehicle operators is being conducted at the Ordnance School at Dorm T. Each driver will receive a letter announcing the date, time, and place of the series of tests given. Each employee should arrange with his supervisor to be on hand if at all possible. If it cannot be arranged, please call 309 and request another schedule.

The program consists of the tests covering Local Arsenal Traffic Regulations, Motor Vehicle Operator's Driving Information, Physical Aptitude, Driver's Road Test, and Physical Examination.

The Permits issued following test are valid for one year from date of issue for only those types indicated on permit. Requests for additional types that holder of valid permit may be required to drive, will be forwarded in writing to Motor Officer, Building 1034. Only those persons whose testing is requested by written memo from Supervisor, Section, Branch or Division Chief will be tested. Permits must be car-

ried at all times and, when requested by proper authority will be shown for examination. Field checks will be made at periodic intervals to ascertain compliance with this requirement. Permits may be revoked for cause, and before reissuance the individual may be required to undergo remedial training or reexamination. Reexamination of a driver may be required by the Commanding Officer when deemed advisable.

On occasion of an accident, responsible driver's permit will be revoked immediately. Subsequent retest may be made upon recommendation of proper authority, and permit reinstated.

ANSWERS TO SAFETY QUIZ

1. 2410 feet (paragraph 506, Ordnance Safety Manual, ORD M 7-224).
2. 590 feet (paragraphs 506 and 1711c Ordnance Safety Manual, ORD M 7-224).
3. Not less than 15 feet (paragraph 803b, Ordnance Safety Manual ORD M 7-224).
4. Intraline distance (paragraph 1225e, Ordnance Safety Manual, ORD M 7-224).
5. To limit the exposure of a minimum number of personnel for a minimum time, to a minimum amount of hazardous material, consistent with safe and efficient operations (paragraph 1601, Ordnance Safety Manual, ORD M 7-224).

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GRIM REMINDER

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truck collision of five Arsenal employees serves to illustrate the need for driver education. The observance of all traffic regulations, road markings and signs, by all who drive, will result in a dramatic reduction in the number of traffic accidents. Let's stop the murder and mayhem on our highways, and the pain and sorrow in our homes. Take a minute — save a life. The life you save may be your own.

CLEVELAND ARENA SERVICE AVAILABLE

Employees who have been requesting information on events scheduled at the Cleveland Arena will be happy to hear that Mr. Grohe, extension 413, has made arrangements to secure tickets to the various events scheduled. The Ice Follies will be there January 17th through Sunday, January 27th.

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March of Dimes Dance Set For Feb. 2

Employees Named In Service Award

Distribution of service awards was made this week to 55 employees for 10 years of service and to one employee for 5 years of service.

The awards which are presented to government employees for continuous and satisfactory service at Ravenna Arsenal, were made to the following for 10 years of service:

Stores Branch: Michael B. Minnick, Lawrence L. Weisend, Wayne A. Pfeil, Michael F. Garro, Edward M. Leonard, Domenic A. Mancini, and Henry Hobart. Stockpile Branch: William K. Rhinehart, and Joseph N. DiMauro. Traffic Branch: William A. Bowers, Everett E. Cross, Fred A. Fair, Robert W. Casbourne, Frank S. Raymer, William C. Fowler, Charles J. Burns, Basil H. Ocheltree, John T. Mellesky, John C. Shanks, Homer Zimmerman, and Alex Ricci. Facilities Division: Charles O. Sollberger, Henry V. Stanonik, Chloe E. Yaw, Edwin C. Liebow, Ray Phillips, Joseph H. Drake, David J. James, Louis H. Gheen, Frank Deleone, Paul Hughes, Maurice H. Cone, Mike Penich, Marvin H. Gordon, Edwin P. Kelly, Roger L. Hart, Joseph Deleone, and Gerald C. Graham. Security Division: Elmer Spurlock, Vernon Lewis, Hollie L. Vandale, and Vivian E. Wilkenson. Office of the Safety Director: Edith G. Cook. Inspection Division: James W. Stevens, and Angelo H. Prezioso. Surveillance Division: Paul R. Bellard. Personnel Branch: Mary W. Kakish. Office Services Branch: Mary J. Jacobs. Property Branch: Leo T. McLaughlin, Florence H. Sutton, and Earl F. Barnett. Automotive Branch: John F. Stacy, James W. Murray, Harold H. Harris, and Merrill J. Parker.

Thomas W. Reitz of the Property Branch was the recipient of a 5 year award.

Could This Have Happened To You?



The car shown above carried 10, 1952 in a head-on collision on Rt. 5. (See story — A Grim Reminder)

GRIM REMINDER

When the 1,000,000th traffic death occurred on the morning of Dec. 22, 1951, many a motorist breathed a sigh of relief. The thought that they might be No. 1,000,000 had made some motorists a little more careful, but with the passing of that historic (?) moment, these drivers reverted to their usual careless ways on the highways. The murder and mayhem on our nation's highways continues unabated. It took approximately 51 years to kill the first million people in traffic accidents. The estimate is that the second million will not take as long. The National Safety Council estimates the 2,000,000th traffic death will occur in 1980, just 29 years.

People who are good Americans, safe workers, and fine parents seem to forget all their manners when they get behind the wheel of a car. Visitors to our country are amazed at the lack of courtesy American drivers show each other. The car manufacturer has given them speed and comfort in their cars, but also has placed a potential weapon of great destructive power in their hands.

The recent deaths in a car-

(Continued on page 12)

SAFETY QUIZ

In an effort to obtain uniformity in the interpretation of explosives safety rules and regulations, a series of questions will be published in this and succeeding issues of the Safety Digest. Answers may be found on page 12.

1. What is the appropriate inhabited building distance for an operating building having 5 operating bays which are separated by reinforced concrete substantial dividing walls when each operating bay contains 7000 pounds of Class 9 explosives?

2. What is the appropriate distance between 2 operating buildings in an operating line, when each of the 2 buildings contain 5 operating bays separated by reinforced concrete substantial dividing walls and each bay in one building contains 4000 pounds of Class 9 explosives while each bay in the other contains 7000 pounds of Class 9 explosives?

3. When explosive dusts, gases or vapors are emitted under forced draft from open stacks, how high should a lightning protection system air terminal, thereon, extend above the vent opening?

4. If water storage facilities for use in connection with a

Bolton Barn Is New Dance Site

A march of dimes dance, Saturday, February 2, will introduce many Arsenalites to the spacious Bolton Barn recreation facilities.

Co-sponsored by the March of Dimes Committee and by the Civilian Welfare Council, the dance will be the first on the reactivated Bolton Barn dance floor and will be presented on a Valentine theme. Reactivation of the Bolton Barn site in the Depot is being accomplished to provide safe facilities for larger dance crowds and those not acquainted with that area are in for a very pleasant surprise.

Property and Salvage Branches will be hosts for the affair. A popular orchestra is being contacted by the Chairman, Mr. George Halstead, of the dance committee, and advance sale of tickets will be made within the next two weeks.

The March of Dimes Committee, under the leadership of Capt. R. Zadra, will add a Carnival Spirit to the affair and those who do not dance will find an added enjoyment to the evening.

One half of the dollar, which you pay for your ticket, will go to the March of Dimes direct and the other half will go to the Welfare Council for promotion of the dance.

Those who have not visited Bolton Barn and seen the possibilities of a recreation hall and the possibilities of other recreation facilities will do well to attend this affair and offer suggestions to the Welfare Council for future activities.

Watch for the posters and advance ticket sale, and get in line for one of the gala affairs for this Arsenal. Come one and all, young and old.

TNT washout unit are to be constructed, at what minimum distance should they be placed from the washout unit?

5. What is the cardinal principle to be observed in any location or operation involving explosives, ammunition, severe fire hazards or toxic materials? (See answers on page 12)

AROUND THE ARSENAL

DEPOT NEWS

The accident on Route 5, Thursday, January 10, was a particular shock to the Depot because one of our longtime and popular employees, Les Dillard of U-8, lost his wife in this wreck. Our sincere sympathies are extended to Les.

Dave Strawman of U-14 is home recuperating from an appendix operation, and also of the same building Fred Laughlin is on the sick list.

We are pleased to hear that Harold Burkett of Stockpile is coming along nicely following a heart ailment that laid him low around Christmas. This, coupled with a vacation by Charlie Schimmel, who enjoyed a couple weeks in Marietta, Ohio, left Joe DiMauro holding the fort all alone.

Ambrose Teets, who for a year made history at the Bolton Barn tool crib, is now in partnership with Andy (Adrocles) Martin of IW-1. Ambrose took a quick trip over the weekend of the 4th to Norfolk, Virginia, to return his son, Don, to his Naval base there.

Larry Weisend, Depot's Indian-

giver in the financial realm — he loaneth and insists on a return on schedule — is back feeling keen from a three-week vacation over the holidays.

New fathers are Neal Kortez and Wally Whittaker of the Tallymen; the first a boy, and the latter another on the distaff side.

Lillian French, the slender grandma of U-14 spent a week at home entertaining her son, David, who was home from his base in California where he is studying language. Maybe she can pick up a few extra phrases to try out on her new grandchild.

There is a gal in Surveillance who is smiling gaily whilst flourishing a nifty sparkler, Happy hearts!

From U-7 comes the word that Charles Pierce, Janitorial Engineer, is flirting with Seventh Heaven due to the new effortless type floor sweeper in his custody.

If anybody wants to check on the news for the past five years just contact Art Kohl of U-7. Not only has he kept all copies, but whenever his name is mentioned it's six.

Efficiency has stepped up in that department due to the employment of Francis (Buck) Williams as a mechanic. What has happened to the Bowlers in that building??? Ivan, Mike Horner, Vic Grudosky and Art Lewis??

By the scores they're getting kinda weak. Suggest they patronize the cafeteria more often and averages should pick up considerably.

Surveillance reports that Ernie Degraw is on an annual inspection tour at Columbus, Ohio. Tommy Schleicher has brought his famed twins home, and they seem to be getting along fine.

Bill Kane is at the Ammunition Inspector school in Savanah, Illinois.

What's this we hear about a Depot Timekeeper engaged to a girl from Akron???

MOTOR POOL TUNE-UP

Al Rice — What's this we hear Al- Is rice in order for Rice? Now we can understand about those trips to Kentucky.

Bucky Harris — People around Motor Pool are going to miss the friendly smile and genial manner of Bucky Harris, gas station attendant, who died of a heart attack, Monday January 7, 1952.

Eugene Cook (Car Washer) has been off for three weeks. He has a broken ankle sustained in an accident. Sam J. Lilly who was in the same accident is back at work.

Big Stoop made his appearance at work Monday — almost a stranger around Motor Pool.

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AROUND THE ARSENAL

INSPECTION NEWS

2B-21 employees are missing a certain white haired gentleman. Mr. Charlie Herst has gone to Melbourne, Florida on extended leave. We will be glad when spring comes and Charlie returns.

Hazel Keeler has a new pet in the barn now. A shetland pony colt that was a Christmas gift to her granddaughter Linda who named him Silver.

Pfc. Aubrey Soules, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Soules, has returned to his base at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, after a five-day leave. His wife, Mary Lee, remained with her mother, Mrs. Richard Thomas of Wayland, Ohio.

Mrs. Ann Custer is exulting over her new grandson, Bruce, a new addition in the Jim Custer home.

PROCUREMENT, PROPERTY NEWS

Helen Weitzel has been ill since Christmas Day. She returned Monday, January 14. We're glad to see her back at her desk.

Jessie Eldridge is back on the job after a month's leave. Mary Jo Hardesty and Kay

Ball of Control spent last weekend attending a bowling tournament in Pontiac, Michigan.

Louise Zajac and Dorothy Dixon spent the day in Cleveland, January 10 and while there they saw the picture "Quo Vadis."

We were sorry to learn of the death of Freida Matola's mother. Freida was a former employee of Procurement and resigned last October.

Clarence Harris died January 7 and our sympathy is extended to his family.

Nathaniel Harris died December 29, 1951 and our sympathy is extended to his family and to his fiancée, LaVerne Jackson, of the Personnel Office.

PERSONNEL NEWS

We haven't much to offer in the way of news this time — guess we've all been too busy and worn out to do anything exciting. You wouldn't recognize the Administrative Section—the girls haven't lifted their noses from the grindstone for two weeks!!

Pat Williams' hubby, Harry, rejoined his unit in the U. S. Navy at San Francisco the 6th of January after having a wonderful fifteen-day leave at home. Also, Pat celebrated her 26th birthday the 3rd of this month.

Wylde Schlegal celebrated a birthday, too. Her daughter, Virginia Elizabeth, was ten last Wednesday. Doesn't seem pos-

sible, does it?

Bill Baldwin broke a record last week. He was absent two days on sick leave, the first he has used since he came here December 1, 1950. We missed Bill very much because he always keeps us smiling. We also missed Lillian Petro who was ill last Monday.

Marv Zinner and Wayne Thomas went to Youngstown and Akron respectively to take a five hour Placement Officer examination the 8th. Of course, both are expecting to receive the highest grade on record!!

That about ends it for this week. You know, I'm feeling kinda serious today. Could I tell you something? Yesterday is gone forever, tomorrow may never come, so let's each of us try very hard to live today for itself and make the most of ev-

ery minute. There will never be a greater need for the therapy of love than today.

SIGNAL BRANCH

The Love Bug has really been working overtime here at the Signal Office. We have had two weddings in the past month. On December 27th — Ruth Jones, our Chief Operator, became Mrs. Sunday Tontimonia and on January 2nd one of our operators, Mabel Clark, became Mrs. Gilbert McCready. Congratulations to both Ruth and Mabel and our DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Sunday and Gilbert!

George Apthorp is still convalescing from his recent illness. Hurry back, George!!

Donna Campbell, one of our operators, is now on a short vacation down south. She will be back this week.

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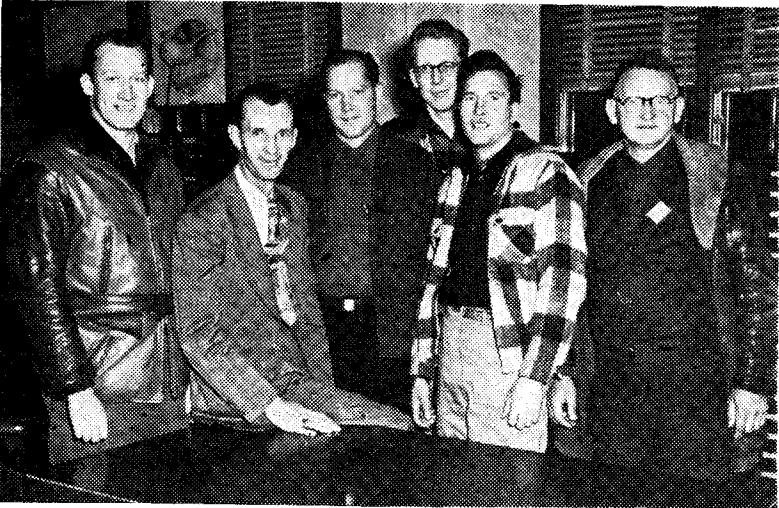
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Pictured above are R. L. Buirley, C. A. Schellinger, A. W. Schiemann, W. H. Carroll, W. C. Buterbaugh and R. J. Foulk, members of The Surveillance Division who provided assistance at the recent train wreck at Hilliards, Ohio. (See Story on this page)

Surveillance Aids In Cleaning Wreck

An incident occurring at Hilliards, Ohio near Columbus, at 3:30 p.m. 3 January 1952 resulted in the utilization of the skills of several Department of Army employees in a manner worthy of the attention of other Arsenalites.

The incident was a train wreck involving the derailment of some 50 cars, one of which contained approximately 100,000 rounds of ammunition for 20 millimeter guns. Fire broke out in a punctured tank car of propane gas and subsequently spread to the car of ammunition.

Investigation indicated that the accident may have been caused by a spool of cable falling through the floor of a box car and becoming entangled among the wheels. The resulting derailment led to an outbreak of fire and the fire in turn created an unsafe condition in that the ammunition-laden car burned. A number of rounds exploded, causing minor injuries to three fire-fighters who sought to bring the conflagration under control.

Arsenal employees entered the picture because Carl Schellinger, in addition to serving as Chief of Surveillance, has the responsibility of extending technical advice and assistance necessary in connection with the moving, salvaging, demolishing, etc. of government owned explosives in transport.

So — shortly after the accident happened Ravenna Arsenal received a phone call and Mr. Schellinger and Mr. A. Schiemann, Ammunition Destroyer Foreman, were dispatched to the scene to render what assistance they could. After surveying the wreckage they summoned Ammunition Destroyers, Buirley, Carroll, Buterbaugh,

of ammunition were unaccounted for and could very well make their presence known at some later date via detonation resulting in death or injury to the person who carried the souvenir home.

Let Mr. Schellinger's words influence your actions should you be the spectator at such an accident. Don't hamper the effectiveness of clean-up work or endanger your own life by carrying away souvenirs which may prove dangerous.

Safety Slogans Pouring In - - -

Good Safety Slogans are coming across the Safety Slogan Editor's desk in ever increasing numbers since the contest started on January 4. Have you sent in your slogan?

Don't hesitate, the contest ends Monday, February 4 at 4:30 p.m., so put on your thinking cap and get that Safety Slogan on paper today!

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AROUND THE ARSENAL

MOTOR POOL TUNE-UP

Tommy Mostoller is back at work. His little girl, 5 years old, who fractured her skull when she fell from a car, is still on the critical list.

Thomas Grant, Body Shop, is on annual leave.

Anyone wanting a dog should contact Glenn Thompson. We hear there has been quite an increase in his family — 7 puppies.


Motor Pool's newest chauffeur is familiarly known as Agnes, you'd never guess who it is.

New employees at Motor Pool: John R. Slider, Henry Poage, Charles Bechler, George Langties, Walter Webb, William Waltz, Elmer Markle, Gladys Caughran.



Wife: "I was a fool when I married you."

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"Did you give your penny to the Sunday school?" asked the mother.

"No, Ma, I lost it."

"That makes three Sundays in a row you've lost your penny."

"I know, Ma, but that kid's luck can't last forever."

Gold-digger: "A girl who mines her own business."

Cop, to lady driver parked illegally: "Lady, can't you read?"

Lady: "Why certainly. The sign says fine for parking."

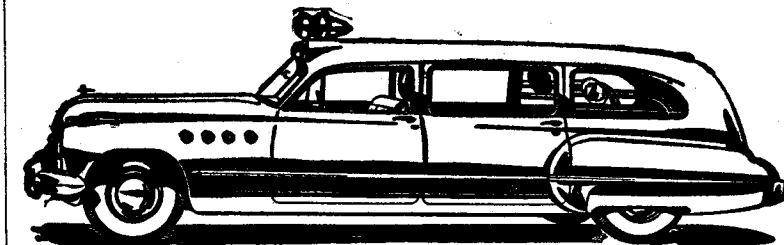
A passenger was up 15,000 feet in a plane when the pilot began laughing hysterically.

"What's the joke, pilot?"

Pilot: "I'm thinking of what they'll say at the asylum when they find out I've escaped."

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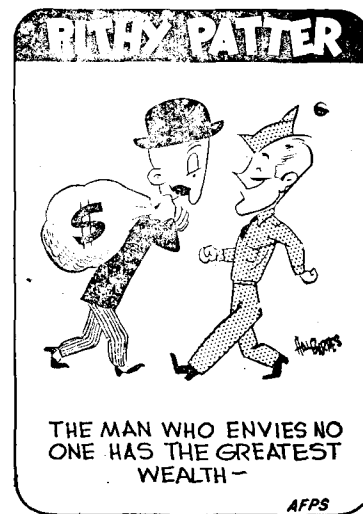
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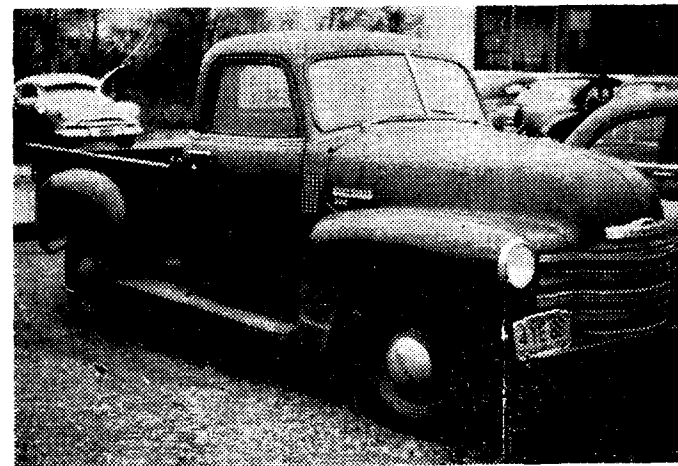
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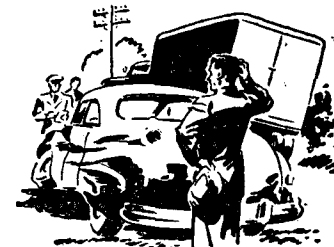
Patient: "I should! I've been practicing all night."

As the lady of the house was showing the new maid the dining room, she said, "This dining room table goes back to Louis the Fourteenth."

"That's nothing," interrupted the maid. "My whole living room set goes back to Sears the fifteenth."

First Cannibal: "Was that your wife I saw you with Sunday?"

Second Cannibal: "No, that was my supper."



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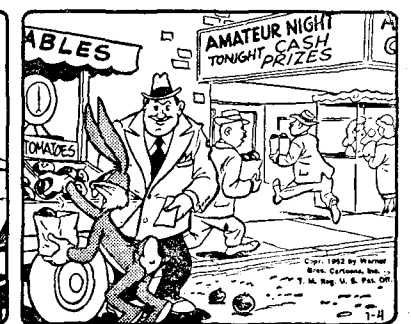
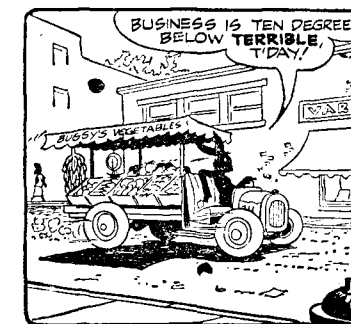
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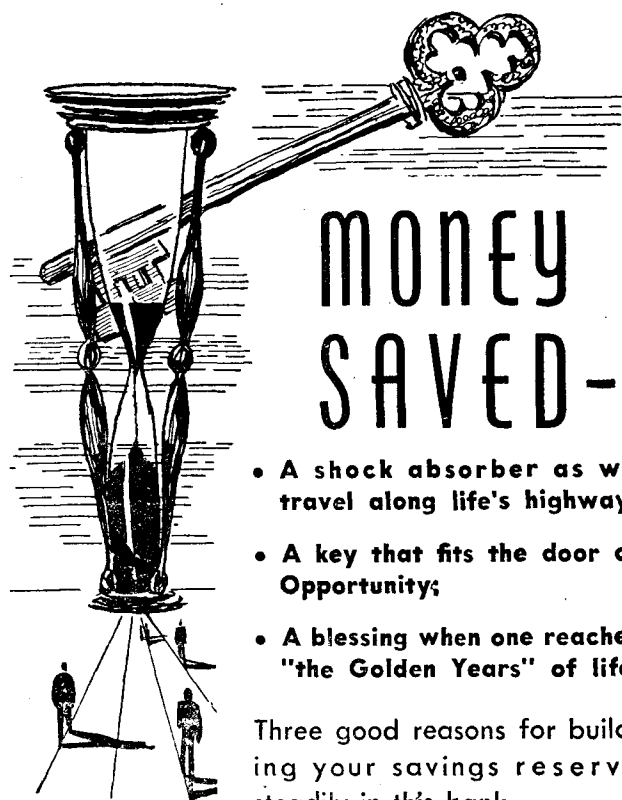
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Five RAI Accident Victims Buried

Funeral services were held this week for the five Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. employees killed in a tractor-trailer-car crash on Rt. 5, January 10.

They all worked on Load Line Three and were on their way to the Arsenal to work the afternoon shift.

Victims of the accident, the worst in Portage county history, were: Ely L. Davis, 33, driver and owner of the car; The Rev. Charles Stewart, 51; John Monson, 21; Ester Lee Caples, 27; and Mrs. Madeline V. Dillard, 34.

They all resided at Proctor Allotment, RD 4, Ravenna. This was the first fatal crash in Portage county in 1952.

Driver of the truck, Richard E. Hissen, 22, Cuyahoga Falls, received a slight cut on the head.

Davis was buried Wednesday from the Clark and Gilmore funeral home in Thomasville, Ga. A native of Doran, Ga., he lived in the Ravenna area about a year and a half. He was a member of the American Legion Post in Thomasville.

Survivors are his wife, Jeanette; a son, Lenoras at home; his mother, Mrs. Carrie Davis of Thomasville; two brothers, Joseph and Mack of Thomasville; and three sisters, Mrs. Florice Cooper of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Mrs. Caldonia Waters of Moultrie, Ga. and Mrs. Ruthleen Everette of Fort Lauderdale.

Caples was buried Monday afternoon from the Woolf funeral home in Ravenna. He was a resident of Ravenna about five months and a veteran of World War II. A member of the Baptist church, Caples was born in Forest Hills, Tenn.

Survivors are his wife, Dorothy; two sons Ester Lee Jr. and Charles Edward at home; his mother, Mrs. Sweetie B. Carter; his father, Beth Caples, and a sister, Mrs. Beatrice Stenpter, all of Memphis, Tenn.

Services for Monson were held Tuesday afternoon at the Calvary Baptist church prior to interment in Maple Grove cemetery. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Tinker funeral home.

Monson was a life-long resident of Portage county. Born in Ravenna township, he attended schools there and was a member of the Calvary Baptist church.

Survivors are his wife, Irene; two daughters, Gloria Jane, 2, and Irene, 1½; a son, James, two months; his father Dennis Monson of Ravenna; two brothers, Dennis Jr. and Oliver Lee of Ravenna, and his grandfather, John Yarbo of Cleveland.

Mrs. Dillard was buried Mon-

Employment Episodes

By Bob Warren

The employment office has several new faces among the staff. Tessie Sabatini, a five foot three clerk-typist in the records division. She likes to swim, dance and look pretty for her husband, Tony Sabatini. Tony also works for RAI and their vine covered cottage is located in Warren.

The charming girl in charge of attendance is Jeanette Brode. Jeanette is a life-long resident of Ravenna, having gone to school and meeting her husband there. She is the mother of three children and most of her leisure time activities center around her family.

Mae Dennis has just joined the staff. Also a Ravennaite. She is among friends and we wish her long an happy tenure with RAI.

Harry Cox, the man who dispenses shoes for RAI is not a neophyte in his business. He has been in or around the shoe business all his life. Besides operating his own store at one time, he has been with Hower's, Kerchener Green, Atlas and the government here. Harry is a life long resident of Ravenna.

As a parting shot, the Load Line Lauriate says, "If a man marries his girl because of her shapely legs, he may wind up out on a limb."

day afternoon from the Woolf funeral home. She was the only woman in the death car and would have been 35 years old on the day after the accident.

A resident of Ravenna for 11 years, she was born in Pittsburgh. She was a member of the Proctor Allotment Community church.

Rev. Mr. Stewart was buried Wednesday afternoon following services at the Calvary Baptist church, Ravenna. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Ross funeral home in Warren.

Pastor of the Freewill church in Ravenna, Rev. Stewart was born in DeKalb, Texas and came to Ravenna in 1935. A veteran of World War I, he was member of F. & A. M. Lodge 86 in DeKalb.

Survivors are his wife Mary, and a son, Boyce of DeKalb.

'Discipline' Tops Training School Program For '52

A discussion on "Employee Relationships" opened the 1952 training school program for Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. supervisors. Victor W. Perry, director, opened his program with a film entitled "Building Morale."

This week and last, Mr. Perry has been conducting classes on "Discipline." Last week the film "Dealing With Dissatisfied Employees" was shown to RAI supervisors in Building DB-8A. "A New Supervisor Takes A Look At His Job" was the training film shown this week.

Discipline works both ways—it signifies training which corrects, molds, strengthens and perfects good relationships between employees and supervisor. Discipline also involves training in self control and obedience to accepted standards of conduct.

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Good discipline creates and maintains orderly conduct amongst employees and eliminates conditions leading to non-productive effort.

Remember, we are producing the Sunday punch for our troops in Korea and elsewhere. Don't let our boys down by being un-disciplined production workers.

Discussion subject for the next three weeks, January, 21 through February 8 will be "Training." Films to be used during the discussion classes will be "Working With Other Supervisors," "Training Need," and "Principles of Training."

Supervisory training school schedule for the remainder of the month will be:

February 11-15 — "Work Schedule" with a film titled "Planning and Laying Out Work."

February 18-22 — "Work Load."

February 25-29 — "Quality Production" preceded by a film titled "Maintaining Quality Standards."

Safety Glasses Will Cost \$8.20

Average cost of a pair of prescription ground safety glasses, soon available to all Arsenal employees, will be \$8.20. Bifocals will cost \$11.70 and gold frames or tinted lens will cost from \$2 to \$5 more.

Employees who are interested should contact their supervisor for the necessary form to fill out. For additional information phone 307.

P. E. and I. Division

by Maxine Kirtley

On Friday evening, January 11, Benjamin F. Hadley, Jr., chemist analyst for Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. was united in marriage to Nancy Jean Jones of Niles. The new Mrs. Hadley is employed at the Bostwick Steel Lath company in Niles. Congratulations!

We are all sad to hear that Claribel Hendershot of Specifications department is leaving us, and hope that she will be happy.

January is the BIRTHDAY month, as far as this division is concerned, as witnessed by the following employees who have January anniversaries:

J. Floyd Beck
Ernyst Brittain
John A. Davis
Gail R. Dean
John Drotar
Junior Jenkins
Charles Kirkpatrick
Maxine Kirtley
Robert Nickol
E. Seeton Thorn
Seward Trinkle

On Monday, January 14, at the birthday luncheon given for Maxine Kirtley, a delicious and beautiful cake, presented by Robert Smith, was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We have heard from Donald Kennedy again, and regret to report that he will not be able to resume his duties as a department inspector for approximately six weeks.

CATTLE CURIOUS

Fairlop, England — Families living in a trailer camp near this village recently complained of faces at the windows and hearing strange noises during the night. Investigation disclosed that the countenances and sounds were curious cattle left to graze in a nearby field.

These glasses are shatterproof but not unbreakable and will be fitted and delivered here at the Arsenal.

If an employee does not have a prescription, he should have his eyes examined and get a prescription. The optical company will make the lens according to the employee's prescription.

This program is being set up so that all Arsenal employees can purchase a fine pair of inexpensive glasses that will also give good eye protection. These glasses can also be repaired or replaced at a small cost to the employee.

All types of frames will be available and will soon be put on display.

RAI To Make Artillery Primers

Rebels Blast RA Five, 61-28

Ravenna Arsenal's "Fighting Five" dropped their third game of the hardwood season Sunday as they bowed to the Kent Rebels, 61-28. This leaves the RA five with a 2-3 record.

High scorer for the winners was Huth with 20 points on six field goals and eight foul shots. Hirth was close behind with 17 tallies on six hoopers and five free shots.

Phil Monteneri and Leroy Peoples led the Arsenal quintet with nine and eight points respectively. Monty had four ringers and one foul shot while Peoples tallied four field goals.

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Peoples f	4	0	8
Phile f	1	0	2
Monteneri c	4	1	9
Anderson g	1	1	3
Chorey g	0	2	2
Wheaton f	0	1	1
Buchanan c	0	0	0
Szuch g	0	0	0
LeMasters g	1	1	3
Totals	11	6	28

REBELS			
Hodges f	5	0	10
Huth f	6	8	20
Hirth g	6	5	17
G. Weingart g	0	1	1
R. Weingart g	1	0	2
Allen c	5	1	11
Totals	23	15	61

RAI March of Dimes Campaign Nets \$20 During First Week

March of Dimes donations for the first week from all Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. installations amounted to only \$20. The first week of any campaign is slow, but let's hope the Dimes start marching in during the remainder of the month.

The National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis needs our united help in combating the dreaded disease — Polio! This worthy organization carries on its fight through voluntary contributions donated throughout the nation.

Give a Dime a Day. You'll never miss it, and who knows when the foundation may help you or your family.

Polio cripples and often times kills many children each year. Recently, more and more adults have also been stricken with the disease. So don't think that "it can't happen to you."

Variety Added To Load Line Menus

A full line of freshly made salads and desserts is now being supplied to all load line cafeterias since the large refrigeration unit in the main commissary was put into use.

This way, personnel of Nationwide Food Service can now prepare many dishes and keep them fresh and appetizing in the large cooler.

Primary steps are also being taken to set up a bakery in the main commissary so that a variety of pastries, pies, cakes, muffins and shortbreads can be offered to Arsenal employees.

Representatives of the Food Service stated they are attempting to continually improve the service and variety of foods in all cafeterias throughout the Arsenal.

Nationwide also hopes to serve hot-dish plates such as fried chicken, steaks, hashes, combination dinners, and a variety of turnovers (pork, beef, etc.) in pastry shells with gravy in the load line cafeterias.

Stores Department

by Susan Jones

There are three new employees in the Stores department, who were hired within the last few weeks.

Hired on the last day of 1951 as a storekeeper for Stores department, was James L. Maske, who resides at 634 Lake St., Kent.

William D. Goff was also hired as a storekeeper for the department a few days later. He resides at 528 Brown Street in Akron.

With two new storekeepers the department also needed another typist. Lois Edmunds of R. D. No. 2 Kent, was hired as a clerk typist in warehouse building 808.

L. A. Foos Buried

Funeral services were held Monday morning in St. Michaels church, Gibsonburg, Ohio, for Leo A. Foos, 66, father of John Foos of the RAI Industrial Relations department.

John and his family, who live on the Post, attended the funeral. Mr. Foos Sr. had been a policeman in Gibsonburg.

NEW TYPE PRIMER GOES INTO PRODUCTION IN MARCH

Production of artillery primers for use in 155mm and 8 inch high explosive shells will be started in March, Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. officials announced this week.

The A. P. Line, located in the Fuse and Booster area, was shut down in August, 1945, shortly after VJ Day.

At the present time new machinery is being installed. Conductive rubber flooring is being laid and other A. P. Line machinery is being re-tooled to handle the new type of primer.

This type of primer has never been loaded here, but was loaded at other arsenals during World War II.

Production schedules for February call for the re-packaging of primers loaded during World War II.

This project will involve removing the primers from their present containers, tin cans, and wrapping them in waterproof envelopes. Two primers will go into each envelope and then they'll be packed in wooden ammunition boxes for shipment.

The new primers will be loaded with black powder and a percussion element crimped into the end. This artillery primer is of the breech firing type and ignites the powder bag propellant charge.

Most of the employees on the A. P. Line will be women. About 60 new workers will be hired to start production up on the line.

In charge of the A. P. Line is Gerald R. Carley, a native of

Cpl. L. W. Christopher Buried In Arlington National Cemetery

Cpl. Lawrence W. Christopher, 18, who was buried in Arlington National cemetery on December 24, 1951, formerly worked on the railroad here at the Arsenal.

His mother, Mrs. Theresa Christopher, Newton Falls, who works in Dept. 65 on Load Line One, attended the funeral services held at the chapel at Fort Myers, Va.

Cpl. Christopher was killed in action on Feb. 19, 1951 while fighting the Communists in Korea. He was a medical aid-man in the 17th Infantry, 7th Division.

The body of the Newton Falls soldier was escorted from San Francisco to Arlington by Sgt. William Christopher, cousin of the deceased.

Roulette, Pa., and a former A. P. Line employee here. Carley was a general foreman in the Fuse and Booster area in 1942.

He was transferred from the Ravenna Arsenal to the Cannon Ordnance plant in Terre Haute, Ind. From there he entered the U. S. Navy.

Assistant to Carley on the line is Richard Force of Newton Falls. Except for his stint in the service during World War II, Force has been working at the Arsenal since 1941.

For Atlas he was a radio technician and cruiserman in the guard force, and for the government, Force worked a millwright.

Laundry Washout

by Betty Maurer
Peg Dick getting weighed. First gets on scale. It reads 10 lbs. Second inserts penny. 100 lbs. — Puts her purse down on a table nearby and finds reading was 95 lbs.

The gang wants to wish L. by Jura a belated Happy Birthday (January 7, 1952)

Oliver James — At work every day since he bought a jockey. Had a little hard luck first. Cracked block, we heard and next he cracked into somebody else's jalopy and now working to fix his fender. The last we heard he called M. Waller and said he'd be late. He had just ran out of gas.

Ssh — Let! Bertha Grafton settled down in her little three-room cottage at Muzzy Lake. Gee, is she happy now.

We are all wondering how Kitty Cottrell made out at her birthday party?

We've missed a good work Beulah McNamara. Hope she shows up in the wash on Monday.

It's not very nice — Bert Grafton and Kitty Cottrell putting the hankies from Peg Dick when she always has such a bad cold.

Information

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service toward Retirement, without making any contribution, at the rate of 6 months for each calendar year on leave without pay. For example an employee goes on leave to accept contractor employment effective March 3, 1952, and receives annual leave for 4 weeks after that. Retirement deductions will be made from annual leave but for the period April through September he gets credit for service without making any payment for a total of 9 months creditable service in 1952. In 1953, if he is on leave the entire year, he gets 6 months free credit.

Voluntary Deposits

Q. Can I pay into Civil Service Retirement to cover the six months not credited each year?

A. Voluntary deposits may be made to your Retirement account to increase the size of your Retirement account to increase the size of your annuity. Such deposits do not earn for you the same annuity rate, however, as do regular retirement deductions. Your Retirement Certificate will give you a more complete answer to this and other questions on Retirement.

Q. If I'm on leave, will I be getting credit toward Civil Service Retirement and Social Security at the same time?

A. Yes. You'll be getting credit for at least 6 months per year under Civil Service Retirement and at the same time gaining coverage under Social Security. Amendments passed in 1950 greatly increased most benefits under Social Security and many employees will find it to their advantage to work toward eligibility for both types of annuities.

Additional Benefits

Q. Since I'm an indefinite employee, and am already under Social Security is there any additional government benefit to be derived by contractor employment?

A. Yes. While you are already earning credit for Old Age and Survivors Insurance benefits, you are not now covered under Unemployment Insurance regulations. Acceptance of contractor employment permits you to earn coverage for unemployment insurance. This point should be especially significant to most government workers who consider their annual leave as protection against possible unemployment.

Q. If I go on leave to accept employment with RAI, can I transfer to another government installation?

A. The answer to this is that you are still on government rolls. While the contractor would want the same advance notice as does the government, you do not lose any eligibility for transfer as a result of accepting contractor employment.

Charlestown, RA Troop 557 Now Has 25 Scouts



A knot board is the center of attention for the above group of Boy Scouts from re-organized Troop 557, composed of boys from Charlestown township and the Ravenna Arsenal. Major Clifford M. Hathaway, scoutmaster, is shown above pointing out the different types of knots to a small group of his boys.

Left to right they are: Doug Haiflich, Homer Stonestreet, Buck Allen, Major Hathaway, Howard Hutton, John Gorski, Dale Bradley and Robert Richards.

George Hoagland is assistant scoutmaster for the troop which now numbers 25 strong and meets every Monday evening in Building A-9 in the Depot area.

The troop has been organized into four patrols and Bill Wilkinson was recently awarded his Second Class badge.

Organized in 1927

Troop 557 was first organized in 1927 and despite its ups and downs, it has prospered considerably.

First scoutmaster of the troop was John Bellard, who at one time was property officer at the Arsenal. Other former scoutmasters were Earl Babington, Line Three superintendent, and Carl Thomas of Ordnance Operations division.

Scout committee for Troop 557 includes Charles R. Branfield, Harry Williams, Ron Haiflich, Rex Martin, Dwight Ringler and Al Jenkins.

Scout Circus

The local scout troop will be one of 15 troops in the Ravenna District to participate in the annual Scout Circus at the Ravenna Armory, March 28.

At the Fifth Annual Achievement meeting of the Akron area council, held February 11, two troops and two packs in the Ravenna District received Unit Standard Awards. They were Troops 555 and 560, and Packs 3554 and 3560.

and attended school in Alliance and Warren, Ohio. Before coming to RAI, he was employed at Republic Steel in Warren.

Don D. Carbone has been promoted to the position of Chief Specifications Engineer.

LAUNDRY WORKERS \$30 TO FIRE VICTIM

The spirit of brotherly love is not dead, at least not at the Ravenna Arsenal, and Carl Wells of the transportation division will tell you so.

Wells, who drives a laundry truck, received a donation of \$30 this week from the employees of the laundry to help bolster his home re-building fund.

Last Saturday, Wells' home was completely destroyed by fire.

P. E. and I. Division

by Maxine Kirtley

We have two new employees in this Division since the last writing. They are Arthur Gibbs, who is employed as a Junior Process Engineer working out of the Control Laboratory.

Gibbs was born in Salem, Ohio, and attended schools in Toledo and Los Angeles and Pasadena, California.

He is married and has three children. He worked for over five years for the Ordnance Department, before transferring to the P. E. & I. Division.

Our other newcomer is Karl H. Kirk, a Specification Engineer. He was born in Alliance,

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Plans Completed For RA Take-over

Information For Employees Going Over To RAI

In order to provide all government employees with more complete information regarding contractor takeover the following are listed as the questions most frequently asked by employees transferring to contractor rolls:

Q. If I transfer to Ravenna Arsenal, Incorporated will the government assure me that I'll be hired back in the event Arsenal operation is turned back to Ordnance at some future date?

Transferred Back

A. Just as the Contractor now desires experienced personnel, Ordnance would desire that these personnel be transferred back at any future date that operations should again become a government responsibility. Whether a government employee resigns or goes on leave, the possibility of his return to government employ would depend on the types and number of jobs needed at such future date.

Q. Why aren't indefinite employees placed on leave in the same way as permanent employees?

A. Under present regulations permanent appointment are not now permitted to the types of jobs existing at Ravenna Arsenal. Therefore, if a permanent employee resigns his job he could return to government employ only as an indefinite or temporary employee. On the other hand, an indefinite employee who would return to government work could return under the same type of appointment which he now holds. In this connection, the experience gained under contractor employment will help a person in qualifying for future Civil Service examinations in the same way as though that experience had been gained in Federal employ.

Retirement

Q. As a permanent employee, I understand that I may be placed on leave. How will this affect my Civil Service Retirement?

A. You will receive creditable (Continued on back page)

DANCERS QUENCH 'POLIO FIRE' Depot Area Goes To RAI In March



Employees and guests at the Arsenal March of Dimes dance on February 2 helped quench the fire of Polio with the aid of a wheel barrow "fire engine."

James A. Knight Jr. of Akron, who works in the melt load on Line Two, is pictured above pushing the "fire barrow" through the over-flowing crowd of over 800 dancers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Neass of Cuyahoga Falls, left, are shown throwing in their coins to bolster the worthy fund. Neass is an Ordnance inspector on Load Line One.

Nick Rock of Ravenna is shown in the background getting ready to "quench the fire."

This was just one of several stunts promoted by the March of Dimes campaign committee at the successful Bolton Barn dance. A roving photographer and concession booths added a carnival spirit to the affair.

Over The Top

An unprecedented total of (Continued on back page)

Barbershop Quartet Needs Threesome

We have a barbershop here at the Arsenal and one member of a Barbershop Quartet. All we need now is the other three singers of those grand old songs.

Final plans were made last week for turning the complete operation of the Ravenna Arsenal over to Ravenna Arsenal, Inc., a subsidiary of The Firestone Tire and Rubber company.

Although government employees were informed of the pending change two weeks ago, no public announcement could be made until final plans had been approved.

This announcement was made by Col. Charles K. Allen, commanding officer of the huge munitions plant, and Paul Borda, general manager of Ravenna Arsenal, Inc., which has been loading and renovating shells at the Arsenal since April 1, 1951.

Exactly one year ago today (Feb. 15, 1951) the founders of Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. arrived at the Arsenal.

They were Paul Borda, general manager; E. V. Crutcher, comptroller; and William J. Fogarty, industrial relations manager. First employee hired was Miss Tress O'Leary, a former government employee and now Mr. Borda's secretary.

The change is in line with the Army's plan to have its ammunition plants operated by private contractors whenever possible.

During World War II, the Atlas Powder company first took over the job of shell loading and later absorbed all other operations at the Arsenal.

Present plans call for specific dates for each government function to be absorbed by the contractor. Most administrative functions went over this week. Services such as utilities and maintenance will be changed the weeks of February 18 and 25.

Depot Take-Over

Operations of the Depot Area, which handles all storage and shipping of ammunition and constitutes about one-half of the total area of the Arsenal, will go to RAI the first week in March.

At the same time, all automotive and rail transportation operations will make the shift. (Continued on back page)

Government To Observe February 22 Holiday

Colonel Charles K. Allen, Commanding Officer, has announced that government employees will observe Washington's Birthday, Friday, 22 February as a holiday.

Ravenna Arsenal, Inc., will work on Washington's Birthday as will those government employees required to service contractor operations.

Government employees eligible for holiday pay who are required to work on the holiday will be paid at twice the straight time rate provided the work is within the basic 40 hour weekly, and 8 hour daily tours of duty.

Temporary hourly employees are not eligible for holiday pay. Employees who are absent without leave before or on leave without pay before and after the holiday will not receive compensation for that holiday.

Anyone interested in forming an Arsenal Barbershop Quartet should contact William Rinehart in Headquarters Rm. 108 or call Ext. 614.

AROUND THE ARSENAL

MOTOR POOL

George Mills, who is foreman at Motor Pool, not only has completed ten years at the Arsenal, but has spent all ten of them at the same building—1034.

Irene Earlywine ("Bangs") reports that she will be sporting a new poodle cut soon. Looks like we will have to change that nick-name!

Bob French, battery man at the body shop, is leaving for

California. Can't blame you, Bob, for it is much nicer working where it's warm.

Another employee about to leave is Jerry Lee, the tire repairman. We haven't learned of his future plans as yet.

Strange faces have appeared around Motor Pool — one of which we learned belongs to Steve Suhay, often known as "Big Stoop."

We are going to miss Charlie Day, who will be leaving Friday to go into the garage business for himself at Austintown. He would be happy to see all his friends from RAI so stop when you go by that way. Remember, it is at Austintown on route 18!

Stanley Bujalski of tool crib is going to Florida for a three weeks vacation. He is also leaving Motor Pool to transfer to Cost Accounting office.

Mary Henderson of tool crib reports her son left for Japan last week.

Harvey really has taking ways, right? Right! Hilda Ballard, who was with the main garage office, is now home from the hospital following an operation and reports say she is doing nicely. We hope to see her back with us soon.

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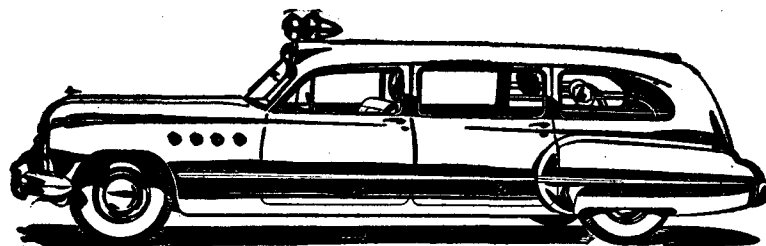
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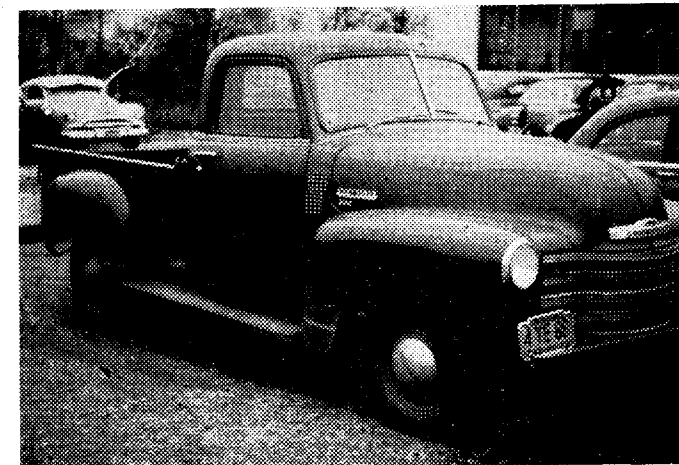


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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn F. Stanley, Lake Milton, on February 6, baby girl weighing 6 lbs. 12 oz. The new addition is Patricia Jean, and her proud father is a Firefighter at the Arsenal.

It is the Stanley's first, and Glenn stated, for the benefit of other fathers, that he was an onlooker to the entire procedure, and profited immensely by so doing, when his daughter was born at Green Cross Hospital in Warren. We all wish them the heartiest congratulations.

Firefighter Russell Anthony, left the Arsenal for parts unknown as of February 10, 1952. Bon voyage, et cetera, Russell, old boy, and lets hear from you when you locate somewhere else!

Bernard C. Foy, the oldest guard of the Guard branch, transferred to Lordstown Depot, effective February 10, 1952. Good luck, B. C.!

Crew Chief Tom Brown of the Fire department, left February 6 for Camp Gordon, Ga. to partake of a Provost Marshal & Security Supervision course being conducted at that point. He intends to "de-bunk" that old proverb about teaching an old dog new tricks, and he is just the lad that can do so!

Eugene Verbosky, firefighter, has been advanced to Cook 1st Class, around the fire stations, after proving his prowess amongst the pots and pans, etc. He can oven cook beans now without scorching them, having just recently learned how to boil water without burning it . . .

And then there was the little boy who was disappointed at Christmas time because he didn't receive an atomic-powered submarine.

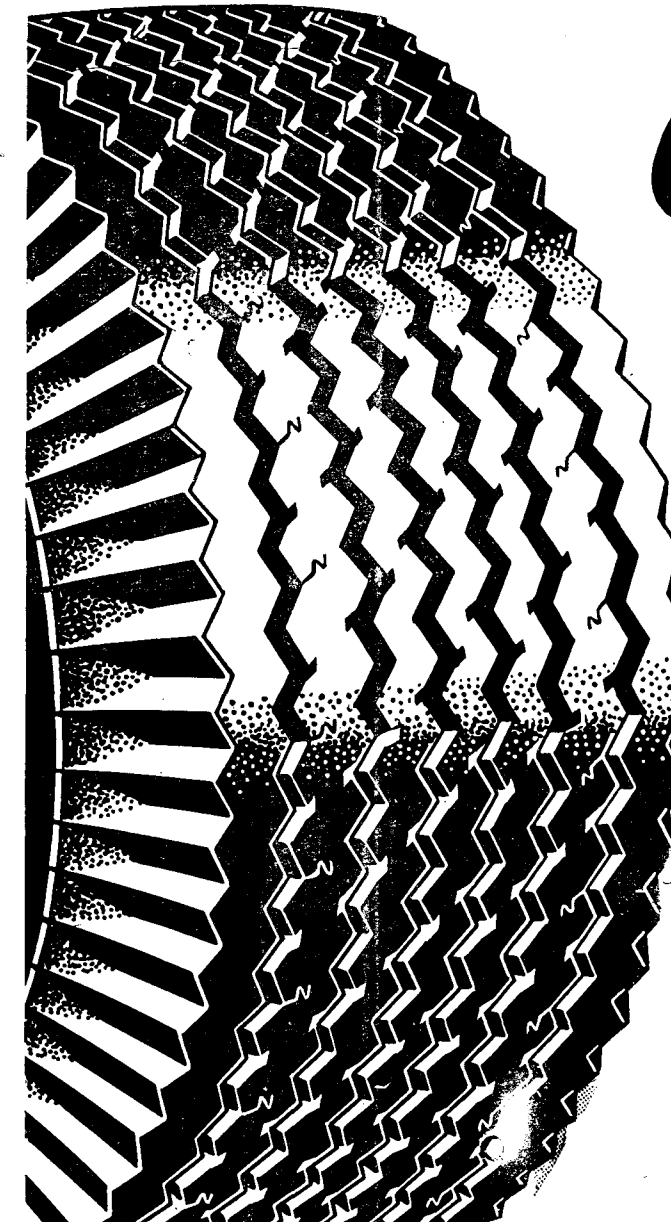


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AROUND THE ARSENAL MOTOR POOL

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Dee Dee reports she is just plain tarred!

ENGINEERS

Ask Mr. W. D. Bungard how it feels to be "grandpa." His granddaughter, Beverly Ann, was born Monday, February 4 at Northside Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio. Her father is Robert Bungard.

INSPECTION

Charlie Herst, who is vacationing in Florida, reports that he won high honor in a Hobo Dance — He's also been catching a few fish. In other words we'd say he is having a wonderful time.

Hazel Keeler is putting rock salt on the ramp to prevent any more accidents.

We are very happy to report that we have a "Pin-up" boy. He arrived all the way from Florida. What a tan!! We keep

him in the office.

When the little wrens return in May they are going to miss their little green house they have lived in for four years under the little trees behind the hospital. It has disappeared from was stored for the winter.

PERSONNEL NEWS

Personnel has lost part of its sparkle and our loss is RAI's gain as we say so-long to Wyl-da, Esther, Lucille, Neil, Euz-anne and Leo. News Bulletin—Bill Baldwin has been appointed Chief-in-Charge-of-Female-Morale Boosting to replace Leo! Marge acquired something new over the weekend — a lovely Hamilton watch. And the girls from Administrative section celebrated St. Valentine's Day with a fried chicken feast.

We're happy to know that Wayne's wife, Gay, is feeling much better now after her recent hospitalized illness.

Lil and hubby, Pete, accompanied his family to dinner at the Golden Gate last Sunday in honor of his mother and dad's 44th wedding anniversary.

If you were listening to station WEWS at 11:00 the 7th, you saw and heard Frannie sing Johnnie Ray's tune "Cry" on the program "Opportunity Hour." We're all quite proud

of our pretty vocalist from Salary and Wage.

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by Jimmy Adcock
 Staff Writer

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Over 40 per cent of all accidents that happen around shops, factories, etc., can be laid to horseplay among workers. This insidious pastime, such as push-

ing, wrestling, and boxing, has caused many a lost workday.

Another dangerous habit to form is mostly of a false thinking nature, that is, "Disrespect of Explosives." For example: Joe Doakes' gang, although cautious at first, has finally decided that the stuff is at least safe enough to slam-bang upon the floor of the car they're loading. And they will continue to load like that until suddenly — Bang! No gang!

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Since the Arsenal NEWS does not have a reporter in the Comptroller's division, some of your news may have been unfortunately overlooked.

But we would appreciate it if some member of the division would step forth and take the job.

Since the last time I strolled down through the "Comptroller's Corridor," many new, smiling faces have been added.

Eleanor Culp, nee Branick, of Warren, is the friendly blonde clerk-typist in the Procedures office. She is a native of Newton Falls and graduated from high school there in 1949. By working at the Arsenal she is indirectly helping her husband who is in the Army.

New comptometer operator in the Cost Accounting department is Martha Newhard of Kent. A native of Niles, O., Mrs. Newhard graduated from Mineral Ridge high school and attended Peters Comptometer school in Youngstown.

Junior Auditor in the Financial Accounting department is William Rinehart of Warren. He is a native of Akron but graduated from Warren Harding high school and Warren Business college. He is married and has one son. His chief hobby is Barbershop Quartet singing.

Cost and Inventory Control has two new faces, Wilbur L. Cole and Phillip Gumino, both are former Ordnance Property branch employees.

Cole is an Arsenal alumnus, having worked for the Atlas Powder Co. from 1941-45 in production planning. He started with the government in December, 1950.

A native of Warren, O., Cole attended Kent State university for three years when it was a normal school. He majored in physical education and manual arts. He is married and has two children. His main hobbies are Boy Scout work, hunting and fishing.

Gumino is a native of Niles but now resides in Newton Falls. He graduated from high school there in 1947 and after that he attended Bowling Green State university for two years. His major was education. He started working for the government in January, 1951.

New senior auditor in the Financial Accounting department is Robert C. Ream of Canton. He is a native of Alliance where he graduated from high school. He is married and has four

children and prior to coming to the Arsenal, Ream worked for the Babcock Printing Press company.

Procedures office has two new auditors, Gordon Seaholts and Sundae A. Ciancio.

Seaholts started working for RAI in November, 1951 in Cost and Inventory Control and transferred to his present job February 1.

A resident of Kent, Seaholts graduated from Kent State. He also attended Ashland college and is a native of Jacksonville, Fla.

Ciancio is a native of Ravenna and graduated from City high school. He attended Kent State for three and one-half years majoring in accounting.

He is married and has three sons and now makes his home in Akron. Bowling is his main hobby.

Laundry Washouts

by Betty Foo Ling

Lost — one Ethel Pursell — we sure do miss her on the second shift. She is a good worker, but we're sure the third shift gang will like her as much as we did. Third shift also got our handsome 5'9" or so, Nelson Ash. He is doing a swell job as working supervisor on this turn and we also miss him.

Kitty Cottrell and Bertha Grafton had their troubles again. Kitty visiting her sister Bertha at Muzzy Lake got out of her car and stepped into some tar and tracked it all in Bertha's nice new little cottage. Now she must go out again next week end and clean it off. Poor Kitty!

Beulah McNamara is back after an infection of the tonsils. Sure did miss her. She took her locker key home with her and left us all holding the bag for our coffee. Glad you're back and feeling better, Beulah.

Carl Wells, truck driver for the laundry, was going around with horse liniment on his leg. Some kind of an accident in his chicken house in which Carl and his hammer had a misunderstanding.

Latest News — Just heard the bad news of Carl Well's home burning down Saturday night, February 8, while he and Mrs. Wells were attending a bingo party in Newton Falls. He has everyone's sympathy from the laundry.

Tommy McCombs and Chris Winibish, the two lads on 12 to 8, sure do things the hard way. Both are working their way through college and still keeping the laundry agog at night. More power to both of you, lads.

A TRIBUTE TO WASHINGTON

(Editor's Note — Next Friday, February 22, we will celebrate the 220th anniversary of the birth of George Washington, the father of our country. We hereby take pride in printing the following tribute written by George William Curtis.)

To lead a people in revolution wisely and successfully, without ambition and without crime, demands indeed lofty genius and unbending virtue. But to build their State amid the angry conflict of passion and prejudice, to peacefully inaugurate a complete and satisfactory government — this is the very greatest service that a man can render to mankind. But this also is the glory of George Washington.

With the sure sagacity of a leader of men, he selected at once for the three highest stations the three chief Americans. Hamilton was the head, Jefferson was the heart, and John Jay the conscience of his administration.

Washington's just and serene ascendancy was the lambent flame in which these beneficent powers were fused; and nothing else than that ascend-

ency could have ridden the whirlwind and directed the storm that burst around him.

Party spirit blazed into fury. John Jay was hung in effigy; Hamilton was stoned; insurrection raised its head in the West; Washington himself was denounced. But the great soul was undismayed.

Without a beacon, without a chart, but with unwavering eye and steady hand, he guided his country safe through darkness and through storm. He held his steadfast way, like the sun across the firmament, giving life and health and strength to the new nation.

And upon a searching survey of his administration, there is no great act which his country would annul; no word spoken, no line written, no deed done by him, which justice would reverse or wisdom deplore.

Character of Washington

America has furnished to the world the character of George Washington, and if our American institutions had done nothing else, that alone would have entitled them to the respect of mankind.

— Daniel Webster

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Carl Vinciguerra Is New Stock Control Manager

Carl Vinciguerra has been named Stores Stock Control manager. He was formerly supervisor of the RAI Voucher section.

Vinciguerra started working at the Arsenal in March, 1951, transferring from the Firestone plant in Noblesville, Ind.

A native of Akron, he will have 20 years service with the company on June 1. He has held various foreman's and supervisor's jobs during his years of service with the company.

At the present time he makes his home in Cuyahoga Falls with his wife and two children.

Checks And Tabulations

New tabulating machines and new employees have been added to the Payroll and Tabulating department in the past few weeks.

Carol Kenny is the very pleasant time clerk on Load Line Three. Carol is a native of Mantua where she graduated from high school. At the present time she is attending Boecker's Business college in the evening with plans set on becoming a stenographer.

She formerly worked for the Underwood Typewriter company in Cleveland. Carol is a reporter for the Arsenal NEWS. And she also worked on her high school newspaper.

Two other new time clerks, who work in Mr. Kaperak's office, are Trudy Boulton of Newton Falls and Janet S. Spies of Windham.

Trudy is a native of New London, Conn. where she graduated from high school. Her major was art and before coming to Ohio she did textile printing.

Her main hobbies are water color painting and making cookies to send to her husband in Japan.

Mrs. Spies graduated from Windham high school and is a native of McConnellsville, O. She has one daughter and enjoys roller skating and dancing.

Another new time clerk is Merlin B. Simon who works on Load Line Two. Merlin lives in Diamond but graduated from Belington (W. Va.) high school. He also attended Morgantown Business college. His main hobbies are golf, fishing and reading.

William H. Drescher is the new cost control clerk in Kaperak's office and he hails from Leavittsburg. Bill graduated from Leavittsburg high school and attended Kent State university for three years majoring in accounting. He is married and has two children. He

enjoys basketball and baseball.

The new clerk-typist in Mr. Bentz' office is Mildred M. Matchett of Ravenna. She graduated from Ravenna township high school and Boecker's Business college.

Her husband works on Load Line One and she finds raising chickens and crocheting her main hobbies.

Load Line Three

by Fred Benbow

February 2, 1952, marked 11 years of service at Ravenna Arsenal for Earl Babington, line superintendent. Congratulations! May future years be full of prosperity.

Load Line three office now has the service of Miss Betty Pringle of Edinburg. She started February 4, as a clerk-typist in Mr. Grafton's Office. She is a graduate of Boecker's Business college, and a member of Alpha Iota International Honorary Business sorority.

Miss Elizabeth Roberto, formerly of the Load Line three office, is now a clerk-typist on the Ammonium Nitrate Line. Line three extends her good wishes on her new job.

Lanier McElrath, employed in Building four, played the role of a good Samaritan while driving to work on February 7. A car load of female employees was having trouble, both with their stalled car and the extremely slippery highway. By virtue of Lanier's thoughtfulness, all personnel arrived at work safely, although Wendell Raimey, one of McElrath's riders, kissed (fell) the good earth unexpectedly.

Stores Department

by Susan Jones

We are sorry to hear that Elroy Grossman, stores attendant on Load Line Two, is ill and has been taken to the hospital. We hope that he will soon be back with us.

Raymond A. Walters, recently hired into the department, is working as a stores attendant on Line One. A resident of Montville, O., Walters is married and has four sons.

He attended Kent Roosevelt high school and his main hobby is raising horses. Previously he owned six horses and has now taken up writing, so naturally his main subject is "horses." His favorite sports are baseball and football.

Harold H. Klett Named Voucher Supervisor

Harold H. Klett has been promoted to Voucher section supervisor in the Financial Accounting department. He was formerly senior voucher auditor.

Hospital Antidotes

by Marain Capela

In spite of the silence at the hospital, the group is very active, especially with the great work of the take-over. Soon we'll be hearing of one nurse after another going on a diet to gain their weight back!

Ann Maimone is so busy with her terminations that she is constantly at the filing cabinets — and Jessie Byrne is busy making room for new cabinets to file the new additions to RAI. Dr. Rees is so busy with examining patients that he hardly has time out for lunch.

Fish Dinner

Dr. George Cameron celebrated his 48th birthday anniversary on Feb. 1. In celebrating this event, Dr. and Mrs. Cameron treated the hospital staff to a fish dinner which was enjoyed by all.

The hospital staff wishes to thank Dr. and Mrs. Cameron again!

Staff Sgt. Patin Bell received company from Houston, Texas — his home town. His sister Alice came to visit him, arriving here at the Arsenal on Feb. 4. She stayed at the Nurses home until February 13 when she left for home by train.

Alice really enjoyed herself — experiencing something new, "snow." She said she likes the weather. This is the third time in her life that she has ever seen snow.

Over the weekend, Sgt. and Alice Bell and Miss Eliza Edwards took a trip to Niagara Falls. They had a wonderful time.

Lost and Found

The following lost articles have been turned into Headquarters Rm. 102 where they can be viewed and claimed.

Two head scarves, two pairs of women's white gloves; one pair of women's blue gloves; two women's leather gloves, not a pair; one compact; odds and ends of rings, earrings and keys; and one suede leather jacket.

If these articles are not claimed within two weeks, they will be disposed of.

Employment Episodes

by Bob Warren

Among the new faces in the employment office this week are those of John Homan and Lucile Decker. Both are additions to the Investigation department.

John attended Kent State before accepting his present position. A former investigator for a finance company, John is familiar with this type of work. He is planning to marry Lois Edwards, a building 808 employee, but the date has not been set at this writing. His hobbies are sports and the appreciation of cupid's aim.

Clerk-Typist

Lucile is a native Newton Falls but at present is residing in Wayland. She will be a clerk-typist for the Investigation department. Her hobbies are dancing and her two year old son David.

Leo DiNuoscio is learning the Employment office routine but will eventually be in the Time Study department, Industrial Relations division. He was a Wage Analyst for the government.

An eligible bachelor, Leo is a native of Akron. He graduated from North High there and attended Kent State and Western Reserve University. His hobby is sports, in which he has actively participated here at the Arsenal.

A marriage is in the offering — the participants of which are Iva Mae Dennis and Don Richards. The wedding will be held February 16, at the Ravenna Church of God on Spruce St. The Rev. W. I. Plough will officiate and the employment office is invited. Best wishes to you — Iva and Don.

The Arsenal Dance on February 2 was a combination March of Dimes and Valentine affair with half the receipts going to the Polio fund, as well as the proceeds from the concession stands.

George Hoagland, Arsenal photographer, recorded individual parties at one buck per. Hoagy took about 50 pictures and the entire proceeds went to March of Dimes fund. Everyone enjoyed themselves and for a good cause to boot.

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My Pappy had four cows on his farm and he made them sleep on their backs so the cream would all be on top in the morning.

I had to drink four quarts of milk a day to keep it from turning sour.

Those four cows gave 20 quarts of milk a day, but Pappy sold 30, he was a milkman of the first water, and he filled the bottles so full there wasn't any room for cream.

Inside Out

But we had to move off the farm when Pappy had an accident. He bought an electric milking machine and put it on the cows, turned it on and went in the house and went to bed. The next morning when he went to the barn the cows were all turned inside out.

We had two windmills on the farm, but we had to take one down, there wasn't enough wind to operate both of them.

We had to just about give the farm away, it was pretty dirty and badly run down. The windows were all out of the house and the barn was ready to fall down.

The floors in the house had all heaved up because of the dirt, and we didn't have a fire in the furnace for three years. There was so many ashes in the cellar we couldn't get to the furnace.

No Bath

Pappy didn't have a bath for five years and when he died, we couldn't get his clothes off. Pretty dirty, wasn't it?

And that's just what I'm trying to tell you, about good housekeeping and it's relation to safety.

We think good housekeeping and safety are so closely related that it would be an impossibility to separate one from the other.

It would be unreasonable to believe that a good Safety Program would be complete, or even possible, without first having given considerable thought and action to the matter of good housekeeping.

What We Mean

What do we mean by good housekeeping? And why does it play such an important part in a good Safety Program? Let us think first what we mean by safety.

We all know safety means accident-prevention. But what is an accident? Remember, Pappy had one! An accident is an

keeping are the same.

Let us look at our work area, is the floor dirty? Are there things in your bay such as papers, boxes, trucks or junk that shouldn't be there?

Do you have access to an exit in case of an accident? Are the corners of the bay full of tobacco juice, are the tables and radiators covered with dust, are the lights so dirty that you have poor lights to see by?

How about the ramps, and grounds?

Do we throw away paper just anywhere, or do we take it to proper containers? Do we gripe because we have to change clothes and take a shower for safety's sake?

Ah! Dear friends and fellow-workers, a safe plant and a healthy person is just as safe and healthy as you make it! Poor Pappy and his farm!

District attorney to pugnacious old man: "Are you acquainted with any of the jurymen?"

"More than half," grunted the witness.

"Are you willing to swear that you know more than half

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Diary

Glenn Stanley, our esteemed young foreman, has given up such supervisory chores to return to his first love, the Fire Department.

Jim Workman, who holds the reins at U-14, left the driver's seat until the 18th, we hear, to acquire a coat of tan in the sunny glades of Florida.

Larry Weisend has recently demonstrated that a man in the banking business must be solvent. He is cruising about in his spare time in a late model Buick super-doober. Ah, the filthy lucre — wish we had some.

Lloyd (Bulldog) Kyser, is keeping an eye out for likely specimens to transplant to his aquarium. Why, we can't say, because already he's jumpy from gobbling so many frog legs.

Joe Siverling of Surveillance is one of the folks who took in the Ice Follies in Cleveland. Candidate for the Depot's best well-dressed man — Duke Turner, especially when he sports one of his numerous gaily colored bow ties.

Ambrose Teets of the Tool-Crib is wearing a judicial look these days — been called for jury duty. Also Eddie Qualls.

Dan Marginen of U-14, is another who belongs on the long time list,—having completed 10 years here on January 14.

Roy Holt, who has been here every since the memory of the longest employee, as head Cycle Inventory, is leaving to work at Lordstown.

Venita, Mary and Izetta, the gals who ladle da grub out in the cafeteria think they'd have less aches in the lower extremities if some of the linoleum, or whatever the padded flooring on the other side of the counter is called, was under their feet. Is this a good idea?

We are pleased to learn that Mary Herst of IW-1 is back again following a few days illness.

We also learn belatedly from Cole Keene, who is sitting on the lid at U-5 during the illness of Merrill Parker, that Merrill took sick around January 17, was hospitalized and recently underwent an operation. He still is in the Ravenna hospital, but is getting along O. K.

Joe Braden's son is home recovering nicely we hear. But Joe himself is swamped with requests to manufacture augurs for IW-1. Joe has made so many of the convoluted dinkuses that he is getting 'bored' so to speak.

John Nicklas, Surveillance, has been transferred to Fort Campbell, Ky.

Barbara, wife of William Nerone, foreman at IW-1, was hospitalized the forepart of February, but Bill says she is holding her own. For the past year or so she has not been in the best of health. Well, here's hoping that this time she regains it, and for keeps.

From U-7 comes the word via Dick Garman, partsman and spokesman for the joint, that Clayton McGee, completed 10 years on January 8; and Art Kohl and Art Lewis both 10 years on January 1. This is exclusive of Hunkin-Conkey employment here.

The puzzle is, what became of the famous bowling team, Ms-seurs Ivan and Mike Horner, Vic Grudosky and Art Lewis.

No mention is made of their exploits lately. Gents, have you chapped lips that you cannot speak, or is it what we think? eh, what?

It's nice to think back to the good old horse and buggy days when grandma drove the horse and grandpa drove her buggy.

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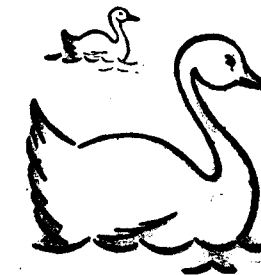
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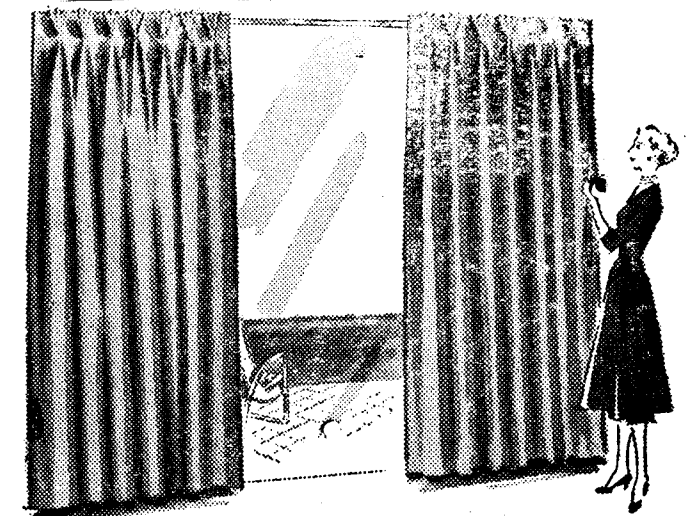
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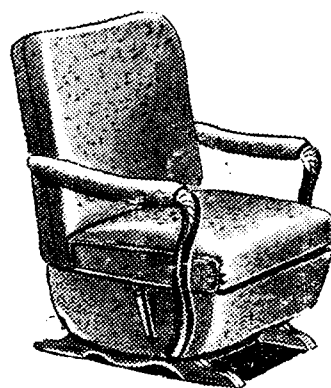
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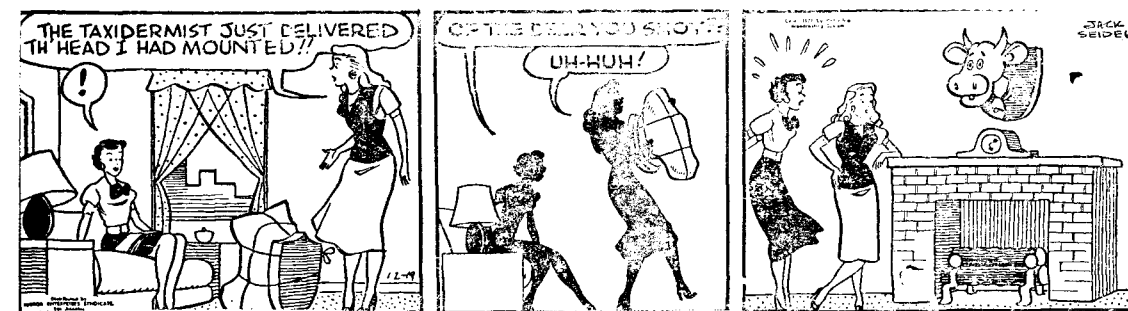
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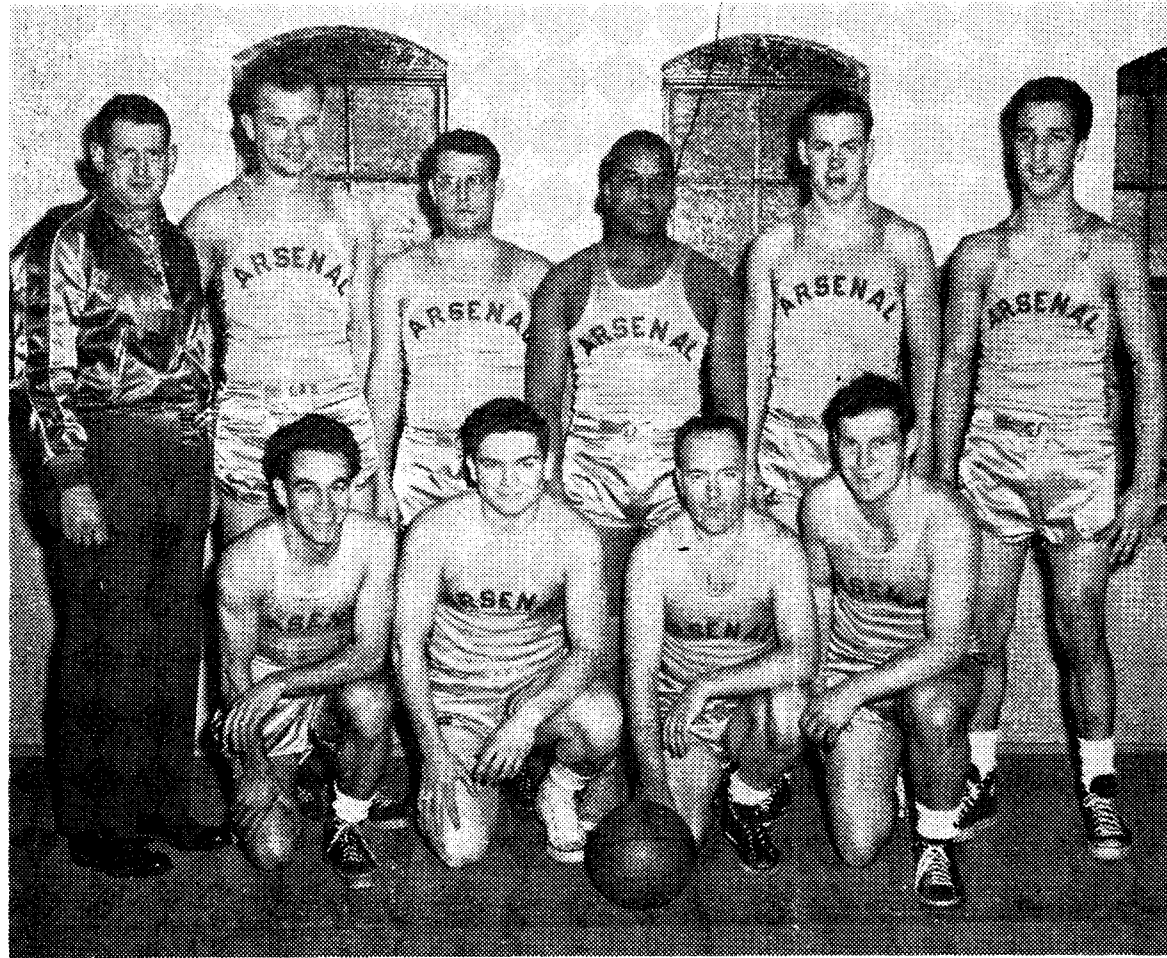
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Arsenal Quintet Holds Record At 5-5 Mark



Ravenna Arsenal's first basketball team since 1942 is pictured above in their new uniforms. Front row, left to right, Martin Danilo, Everett Phile, Don Anderson and Wayne Wheaton.

Second row, Coach Bill Shwaub, Mike Chorey, Al Szuch, George Davis, William Buchanan and Phil Monteneri. Not present when the picture was taken were Leroy Peoples, Gene LeMasters and Gayl Michels.

Monteneri Is Still High Scoring Ace

Ravenna Arsenal's fighting basketballers are still holding the record at an even mark with a 5-5 tally.

On January 30 the RA five nipped Jones' Sohio at the Ravenna Armory by a score of 35-34 after trailing throughout the game.

Jones' led 11-7 in the first period, 20-13 at the half-way mark and 26-22 in the third quarter. Phil Monteneri led the Arsenal cagers with five goals and one free throw for 11 points.

Rootstown stopped the fighting RA five on February 6 by the same score, 35-34. Rootstown's Dick Sheffield was the hero as he sank the winning point on a free throw with only seven seconds left in the game.

The Arsenal quintet led 11-5 in the first quarter and 21-19 at half-time, but in the third period, Rootstown topped the Arsenal 30-25.

Leroy Peoples, Phil Monteneri and Wayne Wheaton led the Arsenal cagers with nine, eight and seven points each.

CHICKEN SUPPER, BAZAAR AT CHARLESTOWN SCHOOL

A chicken supper and bazaar will be held at the Charlestown school tomorrow evening, February 16, under the sponsorship of the Parent Teachers Association.

Supper will be served from 5-7 p.m. with the bazaar following the dinner.

'Look, Ma!' No Hands!

by W. J. Fike

Remember when junior wheeled his bike down the street and around the corner at top speed, wildly waving his arms in the air and yelling, "Look, Ma! No hands!"

Remember the crash that follows . . . and the little guy who came hobbling back home dragging the bike's remains? He's the little fellow who looked at his mother and lisped, "Look, Ma! No teeth!"

We charged off our original recklessness to our over abundance of youthful enthusiasm coupled with excess energy and a desire to make an impression. (The truth of the matter is that we were "Showing Off")

That episode should have taught us a lesson, but sometimes, as the years go by, we have a tendency to forget our bitter childhood experiences and

have to be reminded. The "reminder" from the Auto body shop that we owe them \$72.00 for backing the car out of the driveway without looking!

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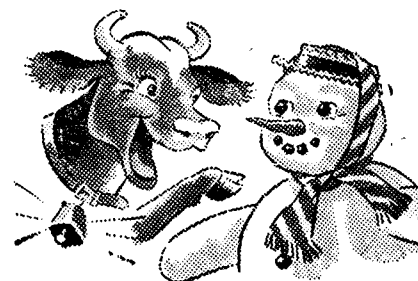
It really makes no difference whether its a bicycle, a car, a bus, a highway truck or a fork-lift truck . . . the fundamentals of good driving are the same . . . care, caution, thoughtfulness, alertness.

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Miss Sara Warren Marries Falls Man

Miss Sara Warren, stenographer in the office manager's office, was married to Ray Lawrence of Newton Falls, on February 8, at the Falls' Church of God.

Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis of Warren, the bridegrooms cousins.

Mrs. Warren graduated from Leavittsburg high school and attended Warren Business college. She has been with RAI for one month.

The newly weds are making their home in Lordstown. Mr. Lawrence is employed by the Niles (O.) Rolling Mill.

Tank Takes A Dive

With the 45th Inf. Div. in Korea (AFPS)—At the bottom

of a frozen river in this no-man's land lies a Red tank, a victim of Army artillery fire.

The tank was sunk when Maj. Herbert Fourt of Oklahoma City, Okla., caught the vehicle crossing a frozen river and blasted the ice with an artillery round. Not even a "snorkel" could have helped the sinking behemoth.

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Champion "Rozavel Lucky Again", a Welsh Corgi (Penibroke) owned by Major and Mrs. C. E. Branson is shown above with his owners after winning Best of Breed at the Cleveland Dog Show on February 3.

Known as "Taffy," Lucky Again is one of the best Corgis in the country.

On February 12 Taffy lost a close decision to his brother at the Madison Square Garden dog show.

65 Employees Fitted For Safety Glasses

Prescription ground safety glasses were fitted for 65 Ravenna Arsenal employees on February 15, when a representative of the optical company visited the installation.

Mr. F. E. Wolf spent the entire day visiting the different departments and lines taking employee prescriptions and fitting them with frames of their choosing.

The glasses will be refitted on March 5, when Mr. Wolf again visits the Arsenal with the finished products. He made a point to inform all interested employees that they must be satisfied with the fitting of their frames or they will not be charged.

Another group of applications is being compiled and will be fitted when enough employees have turned in their prescriptions to their department foremen.

It was unfortunate but about 12 persons were missed on the first fitting. This was due to a tight schedule for fittings and the fact that several persons could not be reached.

Employees are permitted to choose nearly any type of frame they wish. However, it was interesting to note that most of the workers picked a frame

that could be worn for dress and away from the job rather than the plain industrial type. The cost was about \$5.00 more.

E. Grossman, Tool Crib Attendant, Buried Feb. 27

Load Line Two lost its helpful and friendly tool crib attendant on February 24 when Elroy H. Grossman, 50, died at Akron City hospital.

Mr. Grossman had been in the hospital for pneumonia and later suffered a stroke. He is survived by his wife, Helen, and one daughter.

A native of Cleveland, he resided on Graham road, Cuyahoga Falls and was a former Atlas and Ordnance employee here. He started for RAI in April, 1951.

His remains were interred in the Woodlawn cemetery, Cleveland, on February 27.

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Chloe Yaw of the Engineering office is holder of the Women's Bowling league high individual average with a 143.

In the single game series, the Fireballs are on top with a team score of 692. The Ten Pins hold the three-game series with a total of 1992 pins.

Ann Maimone rolled a 225 for high score in individual single game series. For high in the individual three-game series, Ann tied with Elizabeth Lee for a 498.

In the Women's league, the Ten Pins are leading with a 49-20 mark. The other standings are Fireballs, 43-26; Sexettes, 41-25; Rockettes, 33-30; S-O-A-Co, 33-36; Recordettes, 25-38; Inc. Spots, 20-46; Props, 19-44.

In the Men's Bowling league, he leaders, Load Line Two, won three points from Industrial Relations while the Electricians gained a game on the leaders by taking four point from RAI Guards.

Salvage dropped farther back by losing four points to Load Line Three and Bolton Barn took three points from the Old Timers.

League standings for the men are: Line Two, 23-9; Electricians, 21-11; Bolton Barn, 21-11; Control Lab, 19-13; Storage, 17-15; Carpenters, 16-16; Personnel, 16-16; RAI Guards, 16-16; Salvage, 16-16; Old Timers, 14-14; Surveillance, 10-18; Checkers, 9-19; Load Line Three, 10-22; and Industrial Relations, 8-20.

Arsenal Quintet Ends Season With A 5-6 Record

Ravenna Arsenal's hardwood quintet ended their regular season on February 13 with a 5-6 record.

Tournament play for the Arsenal basketball team will be held March 21, 22, 23 at the Akron Community Center. This is for Class "B" Independent League teams.

In the finale on February 13, the Arsenal five bowed to the Kent Rebels, 49-32. Bill Buchanan led the Shell-Loaders with eight points.

George Davis racked up six points and Everett Phile, Mike Chorey and Don Anderson each scored four tallies.

Phill Montereri, the Arsenal's high scoring ace racked up 117 points for the season.

Total points scored for the other members of the squad are: Everret Phile, 47; Don Anderson, 43; Leroy Peoples, 42; Bill Buchanan, 32; George Davis, 30; Martin Danilo, 17; Gene LeMasters, 15; Mike Chorey, 14; Gayl Michels, 13; and Wayne Wheaton and Al Szuch were tied with six points each.

RA Canteen Workers Serve Donors



A few members of the Ravenna Arsenal Ladies' club, who were volunteer canteen workers during the recent visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile, are pictured above.

Left to right, they are Mrs. R. M. Wilson, Mrs. C. R. Bran-

field, Mrs. R. L. Barton, Mrs. Roger Brown, Mrs. E. N. Bradford, Mrs. V. G. Evans and Mrs. Carroll Ruben.

This group served coffee and donuts to the record-breaking group of Arsenal blood donors on February 19.

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Red Cross Gets 177 Pints Of Blood Here

Arsenal Singer Takes Top Honor On Amateur Show

Frances Gigliotti (above), a stenographer in Ordnance personnel who won top honors on a Cleveland TV amateur show, is now sporting her prize — a \$75 Gruen wrist watch.

Miss Gigliotti auditioned for Leroy's Opportunity Hour and was picked to appear on the program February 7 over WEWS.

Her winning song was "Cry" and she was asked to return the following week to sing again and receive her prize.

However, Miss Gigliotti's TV career has not ended for she is



to appear in the Opportunity Hour finals during the latter part of March. This show will be composed of all first place winners and the prize will be a TV set.

A native of Waynesburg, Pa., Miss Gigliotti graduated from high school there and has been on two amateur shows over a nearby radio station.

The unusual part about Miss Gigliotti's singing is that she has never taken a lesson. But while in high school, she took dancing lessons and appeared in several operettas and minstrel shows.

At the present time she is residing in Warren, and as far as a "singing career" is concerned, she will let fate take its own course. "Singing and dancing are just hobbies," Miss Gigliotti said.

Blood For Korea Begins Here



Ernest Skilton, who works in storage, takes the first step in donating blood for the Armed Forces Blood Donor program. He is shown above being interviewed by Mrs. G. R. Sanders.

In the background, Barbara Cooper of Surveillance is being "signed up" by Mrs. Mary Weyrich. The photo was taken in Building A-9 during the recent visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

False Alarm

Three Arsenal fire trucks that answered a call late Thursday morning, Feb. 28, found it to be a false alarm.

The trucks raced to the recreation building in the Hdqs. area in a matter of minutes. Also on hand were the Arsenal's two photographers.

An employee working in the building accidentally bumped the fire alarm box, breaking the glass and setting off the alarm.

Slips on the radio: A commentator was to have read, "Wages can be increased to keep up with the rising cost of living," but he left out the "with." Now read it that way, and see which is right.

10 Used Vehicles Offered For Sale

Ten used vehicles are being offered for sale by the Scrap and Salvage department on a sealed bid basis to the highest bidder.

For sale are two 1942 Chevrolet passenger cars, one 1951 Chevrolet Carry-All (Station Wagon), three 1942 Ford V-8 sedans, three 1942 Ford six-cylinder sedans, and one 1942 Plymouth sedan.

Closing date of the sale will be March 7. Full details can be obtained by contacting the Scrap and Salvage Department Manager, Room 146, Headquarters Building.

Military and civilian employees, here at the Arsenal, are not permitted to enter bids.

Set New Mark For Single Trip To Ravenna Arsenal

Ravenna Arsenal employees set a new blood donation record when the Red Cross Bloodmobile obtained 177 pints of blood here on February 18.

More than 200 personnel from Ordnance operations and Storm Windows of Aluminum, Inc., and officers and enlisted men from the 662nd AC&W squadron, who were processed for donation, aided in overshooting the previous mark for a single trip. Average quota for a single trip is between 120 and 125 pints.

All eligible military officers stationed at the Arsenal also participated in the record-breaking donation.

Particularly good representation was noted amongst safety, surveillance and administrative office personnel.

In complete charge of the Armed Forces Blood Donor program was Capt. E. N. Bradford, public information officer.

Members of the Ravenna Arsenal Ladies' club were volunteer workers for the canteen, where donors received refreshments after processing.

Also included among the volunteer workers were members of the Portage County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Over 400 free tickets to a wrestling match to be held March 1 in the Akron Arena were given to those processed for blood donation. Each person received two tickets.

These tickets were given by Walter Moore, promoter at the arena, to help the Red Cross in obtaining blood for our Armed Forces.

Third visit of the bloodmobile to the Arsenal has been scheduled for March 31. This trip will be for Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. employees.

HOSPITAL ANTIDOTES

Miss Eliza Edwards, who was head nurse for the Ordnance at the hospital, is spending a two-week vacation in Florida. Upon her return she will work for RAI.



Absenteeism Drops, P. E. Line Leads All RAI Installations

Absenteeism is on the decrease in regards to the four major RAI operations.

The lowest average for the month of January 4.1 per cent, was recorded by the P. E. Line. During January, the P. E. Line also had two days of perfect attendance.

Amongst the load lines, Line Three had the best record with a 7.2 average. Line One was next with 10.6 per cent followed by Line Two with a close 10.9 per cent.

Bad Weather

During the month of December the absenteeism rating was considerably higher because of bad weather conditions.

The P. E. Line led with a 5.7 per cent average, followed by Load Line Three with 11.4 per cent, Line Two with 14.5 per cent and Line One with 18.8 per cent.

Most employees are realizing that it pays to be on the job every day for their own security and the security of the United States.

Cold and Hot War

We are fighting both a cold and hot war — economic inflation here and abroad, and the bloody, Communistic battles in Korea and elsewhere — and both must be destroyed if our great democratic way of life is to survive.

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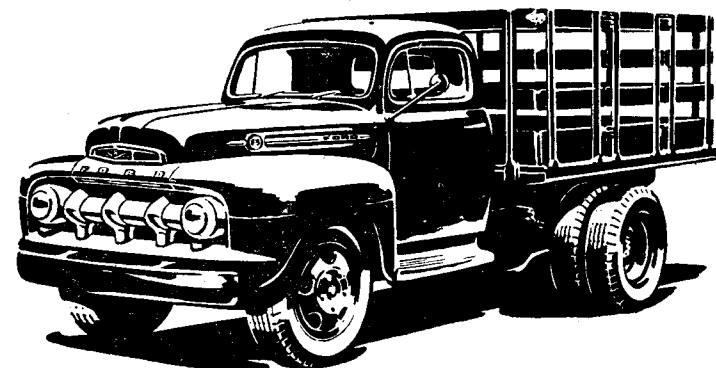
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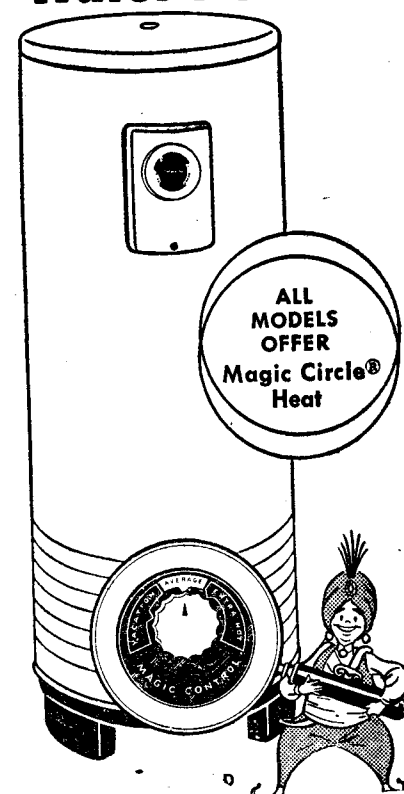
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Personnel News

by Dianne Neiss

Despite the fact that there are undiminishing mounds of paper work confronting each of us, we are going to pause long enough to let you know that there is a lighter side to our branch!

First on the agenda, will you pardon us if we boast a bit? We're just popping our buttons with pride because when the bloodmobile came last week Mary Szabo donated her "pint" making it a 100% contribution from our "front office." Congratulations!

But that isn't all — Estella, Pat, Geneva and Lillian also contributed this time to the fine cause. Please notice that the above mentioned employees are all female and that our so-called "weaker sex" came through with flying colors!

There has been quite a change here (as well as everywhere else). Helen Butler and her crew (Mary Viebranz, Geneva Owen, and Laverne Jackson) are now located in the lobby

of the Personnel Building. This is only temporary, of course (WE HOPE), but the room is practically all windows and Helen says she knows now what a goldfish goes through every day!

Oh yes, we've suffered our share of illness — Estella had a miserable cold accompanied by laryngitis; Lillian had a tooth filled; John was on the sick leave list last Monday; yours truly was ill over the weekend with the flu and Marge hobbled about on one leg all last week due to an accident involving her toe and a pair of scissors!

But neither rain nor snow nor sickness can keep the Administrative girls from going out!! On Feb. 26 Estella, Mary, Marge, Lil, Di, Pat, plus Esther Weber and Lucille Decker (now of RAI Personnel) went to dinner and the movie in Warren.

Sorry we can't give you more details on this item, but at the time this was written, the girls hadn't made up their minds as to exactly where they were going — just like a group of females!!!

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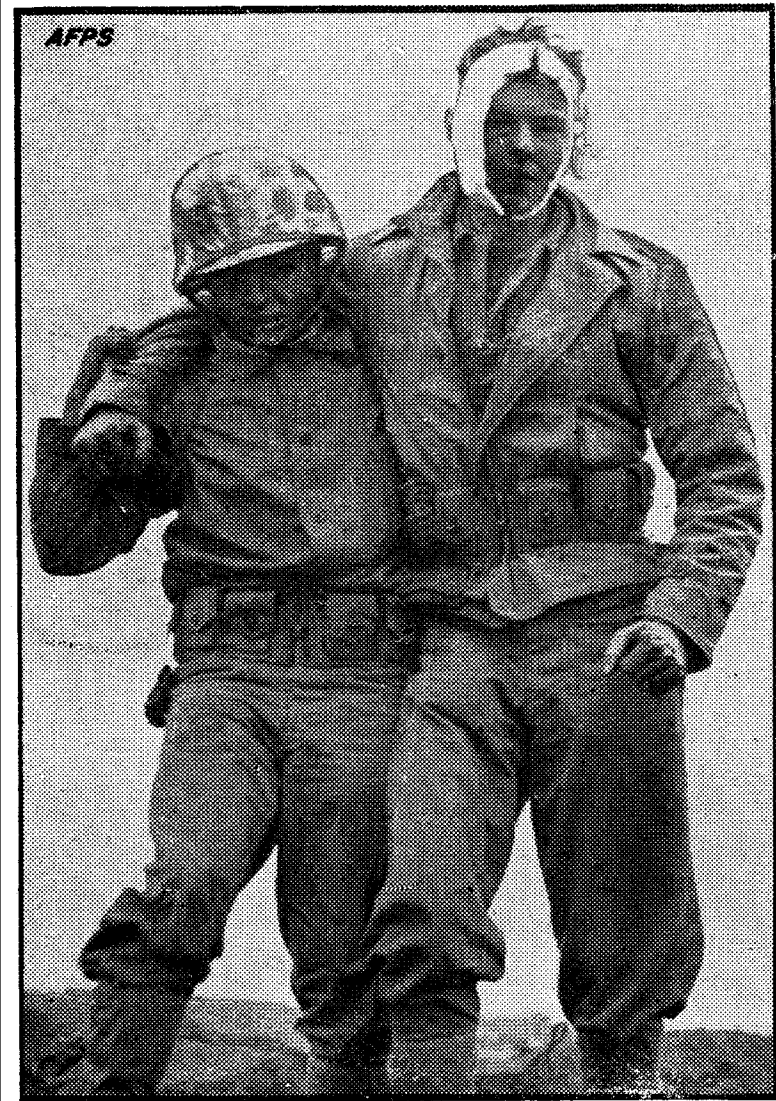
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(By Armed Forces Press Service)
This picture was taken under fire on the blood-soaked sands of Iwo Jima Feb. 21, 1945.
After a seven-year search, the wounded WWII Marine above, his head heavily bandaged, dazed and weak from loss of blood, has been identified.
Previously, all attempts to identify the main character in this historic photograph failed. Then the Department of Defense decided to use the picture in newspapers, magazines, and billboard posters in its current appeal for blood donors.
George J. Smyth, 26, of Levittown, N. Y., acknowledged that he was the man staggering along the Iwo Jima beachhead on D-Day plus two, supported by a Navy medical corpsman. Identification was verified by Eugene S. Jones, who took the picture while a Marine combat correspondent.
While trying to knock out a Japanese tank with a bazooka, he was shot in the head by a sniper. He still carries the scar on the right side of his face.
Believed to be dead, Mr. Smyth was carried on a stretcher to the beach. A medical corpsman discovered he was still alive, bandaged his head wounds and was helping him to the nearest evacuation point when the picture was taken.
Mr. Smyth is hazy about what occurred afterwards. He recalls a great many blood transfusions. "They told me later I had 13 pints of blood before I recovered," he said. "I owe a lot of people a lot of thanks."
"Anything I say about the importance of blood won't carry half the meaning of that picture. I hope it helps in the present blood campaign. Nobody can truly appreciate the importance of a pint of blood until your life depends upon receiving it."
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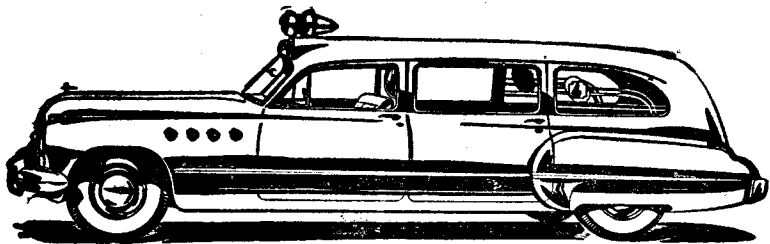


Pictured above is Miss Lettie Sferra, Secretary to Colonel Allen, reading a letter recently received from a veteran in Crile Hospital. Miss Sferra donated a pint of blood when the Bloodmobile was at the Arsenal on December 4, 1951.
"I am taking this chance to thank you for a pint of blood which I received in this hospital and which helped me a lot as I lost quite a bit of blood while having my leg amputated 4 inches above the knee."

Very Sincerely Yours,
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The letter tells the whole story except that the Bloodmobile will be here March 31 at which time Government employees are asked to donate blood. RAI employees will have an opportunity to give when the Bloodmobile visits the Arsenal on April 21st and May 26th.

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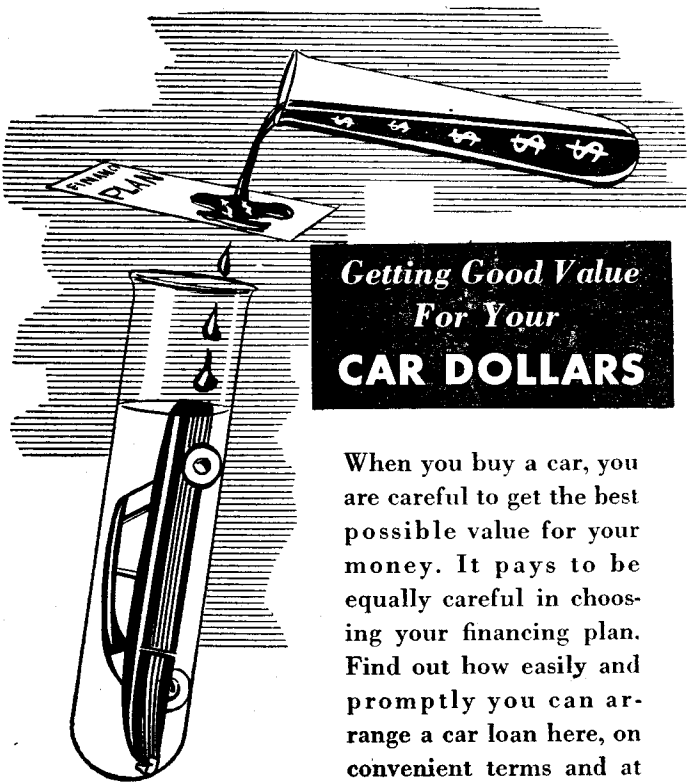


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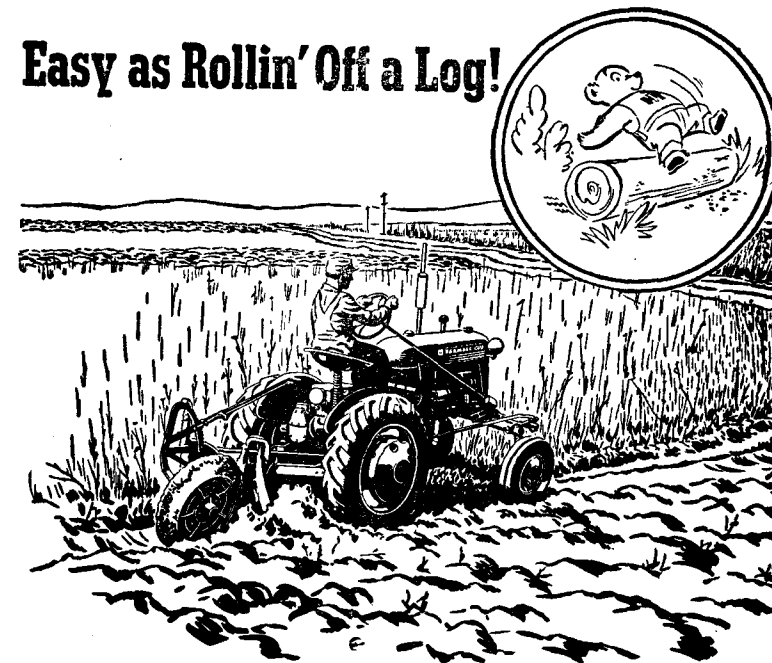
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office is Patty Bartek of Newton Falls. Mrs. Bartek is a native of Warren where she attended Harding high school.

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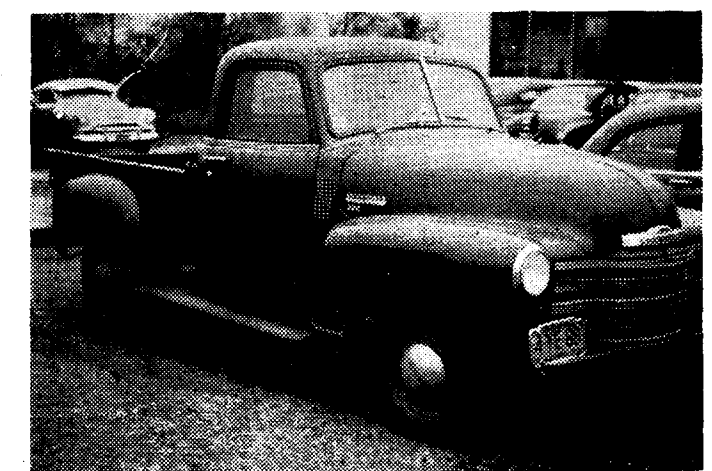
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Percussion Postscripts

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R. P. Hicks, a recent addition to the Guard Force on the P. E. Line, was associated with the Ordnance here in 1942, served with the Army, and has been with the Guard Force since last April. He has also worked on Load Lines one, two and three.

Everett A. Everhart, also a Guard on the P. E. Line has been with the Guard Force since last April, having reported for duty on Load Lines one, two and three. Prior to this time he was associated with Ordnance for two years in a supervisory capacity.

On the sick list of the P. E. Line we have, Mrs. Gene Hawkins in Robinson Memorial; Mrs. Joe Smith now confined to her home; Thelma Higgins husband, Benson, in Robinson Memorial; and Mrs. Rita Rydzak, who reported to Trumbull Memorial last Wednesday for Surgery. All are doing nicely, we wish each a very speedy recovery.

Pete Lynds, line superintendent, has moved from Windham to the Arsenal area. His new address is EE36, Dorm Road.

This week we welcomed to the P. E. Line some new fellow workers — Mrs. Dick Pinkerton of Warren and Willa Mae Taylor from Alliance. She formerly worked here in 1944 and 1945 on Load Lines one and three, also on the POD side, in U-10, in 1951.

Also, Wylda Crawford, Ravenna; Beatrice Russell, Youngstown; Geraldine Perrine, Niles; and Mary Bushony, Girard. Mary was employed by the Ordnance on the POD side for one year.

Also Luez Ether Stiggers from Warren. She formerly worked for Hunkin Conkey from 1941 to 1943, and for Atlas Powder from 1945 to 1947. And R. Bayley, Ravenna; Olive Wilmitch, Warren; and Estelle Judy and Mary Papiska from Ravenna.

Those on the P. E. Line celebrating February birthday an-



niversaries are: Rita Rydzak, Joseph Marshall, Howard McLaughlin, Mary Baughman, Velma Thomas, Blanch Dixon, William McDaniel, Mae Murray, Thelma McClain, Pecola Daily and John Tullis.

Laundry Washouts

by Betty Foo Ling

A Thank You Note — To all my fellow workers on all three shifts for their sympathy and kindness during the time my son was in the hospital with an injured leg. He is home now and doing fine.

Also to Mrs. Clara McKinley, matron in CB-8, Line One, who was so kind to me during my boy's sickness. Also to her son who was willing to donate blood for my boy. Thank you Clara.

Betty Mauer

Grandma Dick — Too bad your grandson has the measles. But you just stay on the job they'll go away in a few days.

Can anyone tell us what's wrong with Libby Jura? For two weeks now, she's been coming to work on Monday morning with burnt elbows. First the left one and now the right one. What's wrong Libby?

Production, Safety Will Defeat The Communists

In the Defense Program, production with safety may be the deciding factor in the achievement of our goal. Production without safety may be as direct an aid to the foes of our country as direct sabotage.

Whenever a man is absent from the production line, the output necessarily lessens. In peacetime, perhaps his buddies could "take up the slack," but now there is no slack to take up.

It is all out production for every worker, not only every day, but every minute and every hour.

Statistics mean little unless we grasp the thought behind them. It would be easy to tell you of the man-hours lost through accidents, but to fully understand the cost to our country, units of production tell a better story.

Accidents cost American industries, during one year, enough time to build forty battleships.

Our President, has stated publicly that safety is an integral part of the defense program. The individual is the focal point in accident prevention, but real safety lies only in numbers — in people working wholeheartedly together to preserve themselves and their fellow citizens.

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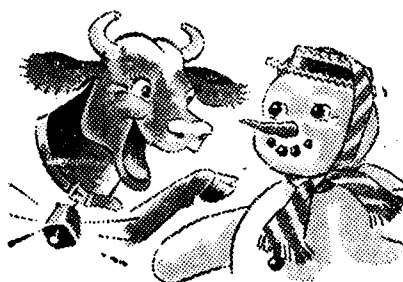


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Wire Tappings

by Rosemary Franks

Signal Branch has regretfully said good-bye to one employee and welcomed another during the past two weeks. Donna Campbell's health forced her to take leave of her job as telephone operator.

A former employee of Property, she had been here over a year altogether and will be missed by many.

That new voice you've been hearing on the switchboard is that of Agnes Marshall, our new telephone operator who joined us on February 18.

Our Wire Chief, George Apthorp, is back to work after a long illness. Glad to have you back, George!!!! Also George's son is on his way home from Germany. He has been gone almost two years.

Mary Mascio, One of our operators, is now a very proud grandmother. Her son in Monroe, Mich., has a new baby girl. Mary is leaving this week for a short visit with her new granddaughter.

Gilbert McCready, inspector on the load lines and husband of Mabel McCready one of our telephone operators, entered Crile Veterans hospital on Washington's birthday. Not much of a holiday for him and we all hope his stay there will be short.

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Horses Neck

It's characteristics are a long mane and a tail. It has a single unparted hoof, and a sleek body covered with short hair. And it has a slightly arched neck — that's known as a

Horse's Neck.

Horses are classified under three groups — ponies, draft horses, and thoroughbreds.

You know folks, it's wonderful to have people around you that are just full of pep, vim, vigor and vitality, but we all have a better use for it than horse-play. Few of us would willingly or knowingly injure a fellow-worker.

The truth remains, however, that a cut, lost eye-sight, a broken arm or leg is just as painful if done unintentionally as it is with malice-aforethought.

Safety rules regarding horse-

play aren't worth a thing after the accident, so what's the use of locking the barn after the horse gone?

There is another enemy to fight in addition to the Communist powers.

The other enemy is the increasing number of accidents that we are having. War production has been held up the past year due to the great number of industrial accidents that could have been prevented if we had followed every safety precaution.

Inseparable Part

Accident prevention is an inseparable part of our production effort, and it cannot be put in second place! It must have your constant, alert attention.

This means just one thing —

It is up to us to follow safety instructions, our loved ones expect us home after our day's work. Let's make it a practice to consider the other person's safety as thoroughly as we do our own.

In this way, we can work in perfect harmony, and well protected against ourselves as hazards and the hazards of our jobs and get out the production we should.

So, if we are going to be horses, let's be thoroughbreds, and not colts that kick their mother in the face.

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Statistics mean little unless we grasp the thought behind them. It would be easy to tell you of the man-hours lost through accidents, but to fully understand the cost to our country, units of production tell a better story. Accidents cost American industries, during one year, enough time to build forty battleships.

Our President, Mr. Truman,

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Engineering Etchings

The recent combining of forces with Post Engineers has kept all of us quite busy and we haven't had much time for reporting the news.

However, two recent newcomers to the department were Jean Maynard and Hetrick A. "Ted" Foss.

Mrs. Maynard resides in Leavittsburg and has one son. A graduate of Warren Township high school, she formerly was employed by the Thomas Steel company in Warren.

Ted Foss, a native of New London, Conn., is now a resident of Kent. He attended West Virginia college for two years and graduated Cum Laude from Kent State university with a B. S. degree in bus-

ness administration.

Ted is a member of Alpha Sigma Phi, national social fraternity, and enjoys tennis, fishing, baseball and swimming. He is married and has two boys.

10 Husky Workers

Ten husky workers

All looked so fine

One forgot the smoking rules

Then there were nine

Nine husky workers

All handling freight

One didn't lift with his legs

Then there were eight

Eight husky workers

Looking up to heaven

One tripped on an air hose

Then there were seven

Seven husky workers

Their moving full of tricks

One left fingers in between

Then there were six

Six husky workers

Happy and alive

One forgot his safety shoes

Then there were five

Five husky workers

Thought they knew the score

One forgot to lock the switch

Then there were four

Four husky workers

Thinking about a spree

One forgot to watch his step

Then there were three

Three husky workers

All hardy men it's true

One didn't use his gloves

Then there were two

Two husky workers

Their tasks just begun

One forgot to use the guard

Then there was one

One husky worker

Poor son-of-a-gun

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Guard Force News Employment Episodes

by Suzette Ledgerwood

Our congratulations today go to our Guard Bukovsky on Load Line three. Stevie and his lovely wife are the proud parents of a baby boy, born in Children's hospital, Akron. Now that you have your off-spring, Stevie, you can stop pacing the clock alley.

Welcome to our new Guards and Guard matrons. We are glad to have Mrs. Barbara Horden of MacDonald, and Mrs. Virginia Curtin of Akron as our two new Guard matrons on Load Line one. J. Peter VanNest III, is our new Guard on Load Line three.

We all envy our Guard matron Supervisor, Scotty Burkhardt, who for the past week has been basking in the Florida sun. Hurry back Scotty — we miss you!

We, here at Lt. Murphy's office, will miss Sgt. Donnelly next month when he swings over on the afternoon shift. He brings us goodies every morning. Sgt. White, will you take over all of Sgt. Donnelly's duties?

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NEWTON FALLS — Room for two riders, 8-4:30, to Headquarters area. Call Bob Fuehrer, Ext. 307 or 251.

KENT — Wants ride, 8-4:30 shift, to headquarters area. Call Ernie Port, Ext. 645, or Kent 4421.

McDONALD — Wants ride for 7:45 to 4:15 shift. Call Barbara Horden on Ext. 242. Load Line One.

RAVENNA — Room for three riders, 4-12 shift, Load Line area. Call Ravenna 6864, Glenn Talmon or Ext. 405 or 410.

By Bob Warren

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's daughter, Marsha, was brought home from Robinson Memorial hospital February 23. Marsha had suffered an attack of acute nephritis and had been in the hospital for a month. She will recuperate at home and it will be about six months before she regains normal health.

We all join in wishing Marsha the best of health and thank God for allowing her to continue to live. We pray for a speedy and complete recovery.

New faces among the Employment office personnel include Esther Weber, Suzy Clark and Joyce Thompkins. The three are former government employees and are being initiated under fire. They have been kept very busy assisting the regular staff in the take-over program.

Load Line Three

by Fred Benbow

Line three is constantly increasing its personnel. John DiMauro, foreman in Department 87 — second shift, appears to be somewhat pleasingly bewildered by the continuous flow of female personnel into his department. At full strength, John will have over fifty women under his capable supervision.

Al Felice and Frank Dougherty have been frequently seen eating very light meals during the past few weeks. Some observers think that they are trying to get in shape, for the not-too-distant Spring weather.

All jokes aside, Al and Frank are very industrious workers in their respective departments. Mr. Grafton, personnel attendant, would gladly verify this, especially regarding Al. (Smiles)

Line three was recently blessed with the fine services of Howard Breiner. He conducted a refresher course in the fundamentals of custodial work. (Clean-up activity) The general consensus is that all clean-up men were considerably enlightened in acquiring some of the know-how of the custodial field.

Last week, an employee of Department 82, second shift, Mrs. Emma Bright, was reported as being an exceedingly good example of an ideal worker.

H. Leamer, foreman, characterized her general appearance, work habits, and attitude with words of praise. Congratulations, Mrs. Bright!

We hope to hear more accounts of fine performance about all Line Three personnel.

The Depot Diary

by Gerald Stamm

The Depot force is grieved to hear that Roger Gunn's wife has been confined in the Cleveland city hospital since February 1. She is improving slowly.

John Taylor, our brisk janitor, is back following a week's bout with sickness.

Hopalong Kyser, the frog king, is one guy who derives pleasure from the croaking of his denizens of the deep. The only thing that worries him is the threat of a tidal wave washing him out of his home when one of the bigger fellows takes a plunge.

Ted Crawford, one of our quieter foremen, completed 10 years at this installation on January 20. Ben Bradley, another whose longsuit does not run to chin music, has also completed 10 years here.

A nephew of Ben Wanchek, Eddie, is acquiring considerable popularity due to his singing over TV.

Harris Edwards, Freedom township's contribution to the field supervisory staff, is contemplating moving to his father's residence at the Center, so that he can look after his father who is not in too good of health.

Ambrose Teets, who is playing a sort of on again, off again Finnegan game with jury service, not only discusses matters in that jargon but carries the judicial look in his eyes.

Foreman Barney Holsopple, has informed us that he sold his home and is resigning to make the trek to Florida with his family. He completed 10 years at the arsenal on February 12. Maybe if he leaves a forwarding address he can receive a ten year pin.

Uncle Sam beckoned, and Ivory White, munitions handler, complied on February 22 by bidding the Depot Adios. He will be in the Air Force, so he stated.

We also see that Henry Cut-

lip of U-14 is back on the job following a week's absence due to illness.

Oscar Sipe, one of our oldest hands, is in Crile Hospital, where we hope he recovers quickly from his ailment.

Must be something in the monicker, "Elmer" that runs people down; for the grapevine whispers that Messrs. Barton and Welling are addicts of the vitamin pills. There should be a resurgence of their carpenter abilities shortly, if we can believe all that the ads say about these restorers of vitality. The ailment couldn't be dropsy of the musical chin, could it?

Arturo Kohl is casting speculative glances at the grass these days. He's eager to try out the machinery that he's been repairing and improving all winter.

After garnering bedsores and getting rather thoroughly permeated with the odors peculiar to a hospital for about six weeks, Merrill Parker returned to U-4, and reclaimed his throne which during the interim had been gingerly occupied by Cole Keene. Merrill sure was glad to get back, and Cole, we hear, was just as glad.

Adam Wladyka who has been off sick for some time has returned to work although still not feeling quite up to par.

Jim Roberts and Grant Higgins, Surveillance were in Columbus February 25, but not because of what some people are sent there for. These boys are of a different stripe.

Jim Hensley is in Erie for this week — beezress. One of Surveillance's most personable members of the fair sex spent the week end in Espyville, Pa., Miss Lee — Gertrude to those in the charmed circle.

Fred McCutchen of same department has moved his family from Windham to 349 N. Walnut St., Ravenna. Bill Kane has become imbued with the urge to move up in the world. He's attending the Ammunition Inspection school at Savannah, Ill.

Separate Paydays For RAI Employees

Pay schedule for Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. hourly employees has been broken down into three separate paydays. This became effective February 25.

The schedule will become effective for Ordnance operations one week after take-over by RAI.

Most operations now being paid on Fridays will continue to be paid on that day. Affected by the change are the following installations.

The A. P. Line, Building and Grounds in the Old Atlas area and the P. E. Line will be paid on Mondays.

The Depot Area, which includes U-7, U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, Bolton Barn and the Depot gas station, will be paid on Tuesdays.

A DRIVER'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

I. THOU SHALT keep safety, first, ever before thee.

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III. THOU SHALT not take the laws of the state in vain, for the cops and the judge will not hold guiltless him that taketh the laws in vain.

IV. REMEMBER thy brakes and tires and take curves slowly.

V. HONOR the red lights, and the green lights, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God has given thee.

VI. THOU SHALT not kill.

VII. THOU SHALT not stop abruptly.

VIII. THOU SHALT not steal — past a bus loading or unloading, nor through a peopled crosswalk.

IX. THOU SHALT not flash bright lights against thy neighbor.

X. THOU SHALT not shove it, thy neighbor's car, nor his fenders, nor his bumpers, nor his locks, nor his glass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

Reporting The Accident

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Use the fire extinguisher except where explosives are involved, in which case you will comply with the local evacuation plan. A poster on the wall beside the extinguisher will give information as to directions for use and the type of said extinguisher is used on. You can do more in the first several minutes than the Fire Department often can in the following several hours.

Report the call in the same manner as for a fire call. State that you are requesting an ambulance, state briefly the circumstances, such as: An auto accident; job injury; man pinned under object, etc. Often on ambulance runs, crash trucks are dispatched for rescue operations should the situation merit it.

Precise decisions are made once a fire or ambulance call is received by the Fire Station. If in doubt as to your procedure should an emergency arise, contact your supervisor and/or ask the Firefighters when you see them on extinguisher inspection tours. Cooperation between the Fire Department and employees in the past merits only the highest praise. Let's keep it that way.

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RAI Guard Matrons Receive New Uniforms



New uniforms were issued to Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. guard matrons for the first time last week. Pictured above is part of the force.

First row, left to right, Lt. Harry Murphy, Youngstown; Evelyn Stone, Warren; Vivian Cole, Warren; Suzette Ledgerwood, Warren; Gwendolyn Burkhardt, Hudson; Bertha Wilkinson, Apco; and Fire-Guard Chief Robert B. Walters, Ravenna.

Second row, left to right, Juanita Smith, R. D. 3 Ravenna; Lillian Peters, Newton Falls; Grace Cooper, Warren; Ardis Ellenberger, Windham; Filma Chambers, Newton Falls; and Ella Tedrow, Ravenna.

Not present when the picture was taken were Barbara Hoden, McDonald; Virginia Curtin, Akron; and Elsie Ogden, Ravenna.

RAI Takes Over Last Operation

Final transfer of Ravenna Arsenal Ordnance activities and personnel to Ravenna Arsenal, Inc., which started February 4, was climaxed on March 10.

Last operation to be transferred to RAI was the Surveillance division. Under the direct supervision of Chief Inspector Grant Higgins, the operation will now be known as Ammunition Storage Inspection. E. R. Sanders Jr. is division manager.

The take-over was completed in six general groups. Sales and Salvage branch was the first to go to RAI on February 4.

On February 11, Purchasing and Procurement, Property, Custodial and Training were transferred.

February 18, the Guard Force and Fire department, Maintenance shops and roads, grounds and Engineering sections. February 25, the Medical department.

Office Services, Stores, Stock Control, Automotive, Traffic and Stockpile went over on March 3. And on March 10, the last take-over included Reserve Equipment and Surveillance.

Management of Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. wish to thank all who participated in assisting and accomplishing the transfer with a minimum of confusion.

Engineering Etchings

Mrs. Mary Kot was suddenly taken ill on March 4, and is now hospitalized in Robinson Memorial hospital, Ravenna.

Mr. George Yocum is back with us after a siege in Ravenna and Cleveland hospitals. He wishes to thank all those who so kindly made his stay in the hospitals more pleasant, with their visits, cards, flowers, and books. He also expresses appreciation for the sacrifices of the blood donors and those who offered their services in any way. In other words he is grateful for everything!

Arsenal Cagers Lose 2 Straight

Ravenna Arsenal's basketball team dropped two non-league games in the past few weeks.

On February 27, the Shell-loaders lost a 55-47 decision to Larry's Squires of Warren. In the first period, the Arsenal led 11-9 but by half-time they trailed 26-23. At the end of the third quarter, the Warren squad held a 34-31 notch.

Phil Monteneri led the Arsenal cagers with 18 points on eight goals and two fouls. Bill Buchanan trailed with 14 tallies on seven buckets.

On March 5, the Arsenal five bowed to the Akron Crusaders, 46-41, in an overtime battle there. The RA quintet trailed the Crusaders throughout the game, 16-5; 21-19; and 29-25, but in the final period the teams battled to a 38-38 tie.

Bill Buchanan was high scorer with 12 points. Mike Chorey racked up nine tallies, and George Davis and Everett Philie each scored seven points.

Red Cross Fund Campaign Starts March 17, Here

Answer the Call and give to the 1952 Red Cross fund campaign which is now in progress.

Here at the Arsenal, the campaign will get under way during the week of March 17-22. V. C. Bloomer, office manager, is chairman of the local drive.

No one knows what tomorrow's headlines will bring; what new and greater emergencies we may all have to face.

We live in a time of peril. Thousands of times daily, in every city and hamlet across the land, the same question arises: What can we do to help?

The American Red Cross supplies the answer. Supported by the people and schooled by years of experience in war, in peace and in times of disaster, the Red Cross now has been assigned unprecedented tasks in the interest of national security and world peace.

You can help mobilize the forces of mercy for the protection and defense of your family, your community and the nation through generous support of the 1952 Red Cross fund campaign.

Answer the call — answer with your heart!

SAFETY PAYS

(Continued from page 1)

received a check for \$15.

The new Arsenal slogan will be painted on large sign boards and put-up at the main gates to the Arsenal and at the entrances to the Load Lines.

The slogan — Safety Pays 'All Ways', will also be seen in other places throughout the reservation.

For second best, there was a tie between Corrine W. Anderson and Dorothy Telischak.

Mrs. Anderson submitted six slogans and won with "Safety Is Everybody's Business — Is It Yours?". Miss Telischak sent in eight slogans and won with "Practice Safety Today, And Be Sure Of Tomorrow."

Mrs. Pavlick, who has worked for the government for nine and one-half years here, said this was the first time she has ever won a safety or suggestion contest. Her home is in Charlestown township.

A nurse on Load Line Two, Mrs. Anderson resides in Warren. A native of Cleveland, she graduated from Huron Road hospital there.

She started working for RAI in May, 1951 and said that she was also a first time slogan contest winner.

Miss Telischak works in the Voucher section of the Financial Accounting department. She was formerly with the Ordnance voucher section and also worked here during 1942-43.

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Safety Pays "All Ways" Is New Slogan



Receiving their Safety Slogan contest awards from Mr. Paul Borda, plant manager, are left right: Dorothy Telischak, Estelle B. Pavlick and Corinne W. Anderson.

Six Suggestion Awards Given

Six suggestion awards were recently presented to eight employees. They are Margaret Grondeski of Newton Falls, Ellis F. Galloway of Warren, Quesnell Connelly of Akron, Thomas E. Stewart of Warren, Renick S. Shank of Windham, Leonard Fischer of Cuyahoga Falls, and Irene B. Few and Robert Warren of Ravenna.

Highest award was \$20, won by Mr. Stewart, a millwright, for his suggestion of a device to tighten the head on a fuse. The other awards were for \$10 each.

Mrs. Grondeski suggested that a wrench be designed for removing the hex bolt from igniter boxes. She works in Department 65, Load Line One.

Mr. Galloway, a line planner on Load Line Two suggested that the base of the 90mm bugies be lowered for easier handling.

Mr. Connelly, a former explosive operator on Line Two suggested protection against sharp corners at the shaker.

Mr. Shank, of Department 81 on Line Three, suggested the re-designing of the guard for the grinders.

RAI Supervisors To Hear Firestone Official March 19

J. E. Trainer, vice-president in charge of production for the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, will speak at the monthly supervisory conference on March 19.

Mr. Trainer will speak to RAI supervisory personnel attending the evening session in the large dining room in the main commissary.

This meeting will be both an anniversary program for Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. and a welcoming of former Ordnance supervisors who transferred to RAI.

Both the afternoon and evening session will be preceded by a dinner in the main commissary.

Supervisors attending the afternoon session will be shown two General Motors Corporation training films.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be shown.

Mr. Fischer, Miss Few and Mr. Warren of the Investigation department submitted a design for a "Notice to Report Card."

Estelle Pavlick Wins Contest

Estelle Pavlick entered one slogan in the recent All-Arsenal Safety slogan contest and that was the winning one, Safety Pays 'All Ways'.

Mrs. Pavlick, who works in Ordnance personnel, was quite surprised when told that her's was the winning slogan. She (Continued on page 14)

Arsenal Easter Dance To Have Big Name Band

Tentative plans have been made for an All-Arsenal dance at Bolton Barn the first Saturday after Easter.

Arrangements are being made to hire a big name band for the occasion. Other plans will be announced later, along with the name of the band.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE WILL BE HERE MARCH 31

Portage County's Red Cross Bloodmobile will make its first stop at the Ravenna Arsenal on Monday, March 31.

Red Cross workers will be on hand throughout the day to handle any employee between 18 and 59 years of age who is in good health and wishes to donate a pint of blood.

Interested personnel should fill out the provided form and return it to their supervisor. They will be notified as to the place and time for giving their pint of blood.

Employees wishing to give blood should eat their regular meals, especially a good breakfast. Do not attempt to give blood on an empty stomach. This is for your own welfare.

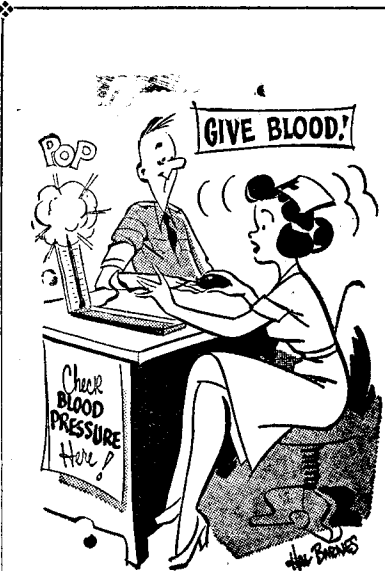
The blood is primarily for use by our Armed Forces, especially those fighting in Korea. Americans and other non-combatant men are also wounded and need blood while battling Hitler's Red herdes.

So won't you give a pint of your blood to save the life of someone wounded in battle? Just think — a tired, tired dogface is fighting our Communist enemies over there so you and I don't have to fight them in the streets of Newton Falls, Warren or Cleveland.

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Ralph Ross, toolkeeper, was called to Indiana by the death of his grandfather.

A. Deemer, DB-3, is the happy and proud father of a fine daughter born at Robinson Memorial. The youngster has been named Candice Joyce.

The Windham Bombers had a lot of interested followers on Line Two. Not only because they played great basketball, but their coach, Clayton West, worked on the back line during last summer's vacation.

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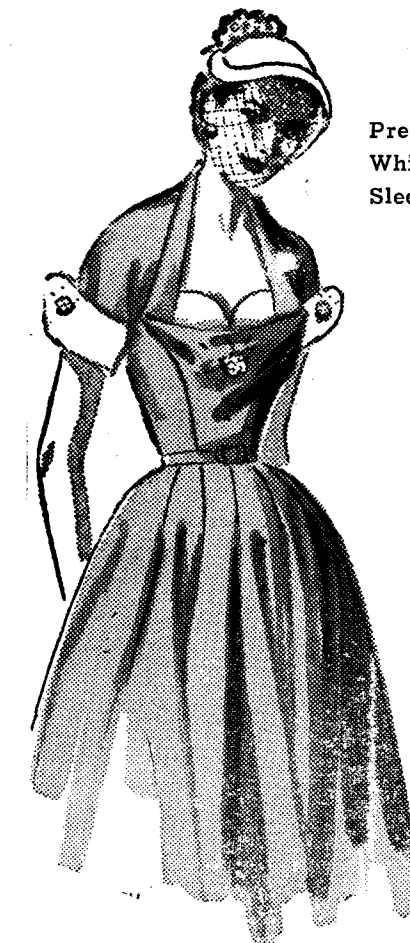


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Guard Force News

by Suzette Ledgerwood

"It's news from the Guards," says Bob to me, Each week so much happens, that's easy to see. How pert the Guard Matrons, in marshall quorum, Deliver dispatches, in their new uniform. Our pictures were taken on Thursday with glee, When mine was shown, I hollered, "That's me?" From vacation and play and inactive boredom, Scotty came back with zest that near flooded 'em.

Bukovsky transferred from Load Line Three Patrol To inspection he went to quality Control. Next week we shall write of each Guard, everyone, We'll tell you their troubles and deeds they have done. We'll tell of new faces on the Guard Force you see, Additions were made, we're glad as could be. In print, I confess, a prose full of news Of Guards who protect, that life we don't lose. Keep watch for a rhyme of a newsy view, We'll try to bring interest to all of you.

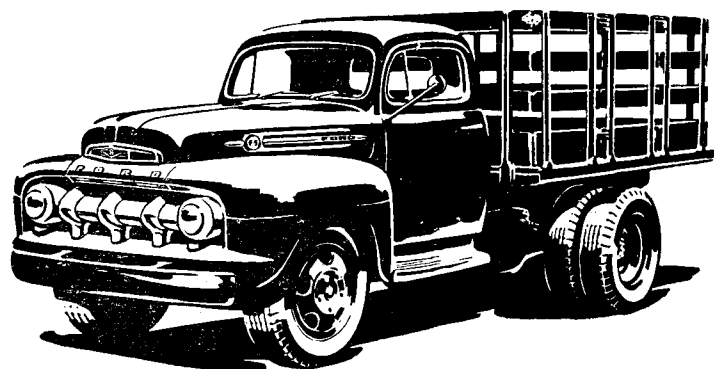
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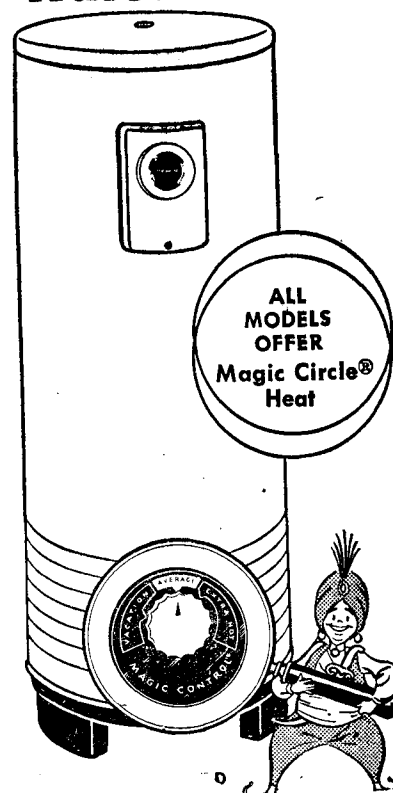
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Ordinance Orations

by Diane Nease

Hello There!

Well, I've swept aside the 50's (that's a government form — not money) and here we are face to face with the March 15 stirring episode of "Life Gets Tedious".

Seriously, now, we've missed some old faces and added some new ones. John Gander journeyed down into the hills of southern Ohio to McConnellsville on March 7.

Reason? John acted as clerk at his brother's cattle sale. Wayne said, and I quote, that John may have gone to sell a bull but he would be willing to bet that there would be more shot than sold!

Marv Zinner (and family) spent last week in Washington, D. C., conferring with the president — president of what, we're not sure! Actually, we are unhappy to report, Marv will be leaving in the near future to accept employment in Washington. Each of us wishes you lots of luck, Marvin, though we hate to see you go.

Speaking of leaving, Pat Williams officially transferred to RAI Payroll section on March 2. There were several damp eyes when we said so-long to Pat; she's one very sweet person.

It's nice to see LaVerne Jackson back after her recent illness. Hope she's feeling much better.

The new faces we spoke of are new to us but old to the plant: Bessie Parker, Ruth O'Neil and Audrey Polyglaze have been here lending a helping hand with the last minute rush. Muriel Wilkenson has also been with us several days.

Another of our gals, Marge Chionchio, has transferred to RAI this week. From now on, you'll see Marge in Mr. Alder-

son's office, and, of course, we'll miss her lots.

Now, yours truly has something to get off her chest! By the time you read this column, RAI will have added a new headache — me! That astonishing gleam in my eye last Monday was excitement over my new job across the hall with RAI Personnel.

But, with everything nice comes something not-so-nice and in this case the not-so-nice part is saying good-bye.

Seems I'm the damp-eyed, lump-in-the-throat kind! It has been loads of fun making the bi-weekly futile search for news and writing for you our sparse lines — I'm going to miss doing it.

And, I want to tell my bosses, Howard and 'Stell, and all the wonderful people in our branch how nice it's been working for and with you these past 20 months. Thanks for everything.

Oh, yes, I'll be a wishin' ye a Happy Saint Pat's day from all of us and remember — you use 65 muscles to frown but only 13 are needed to smile.

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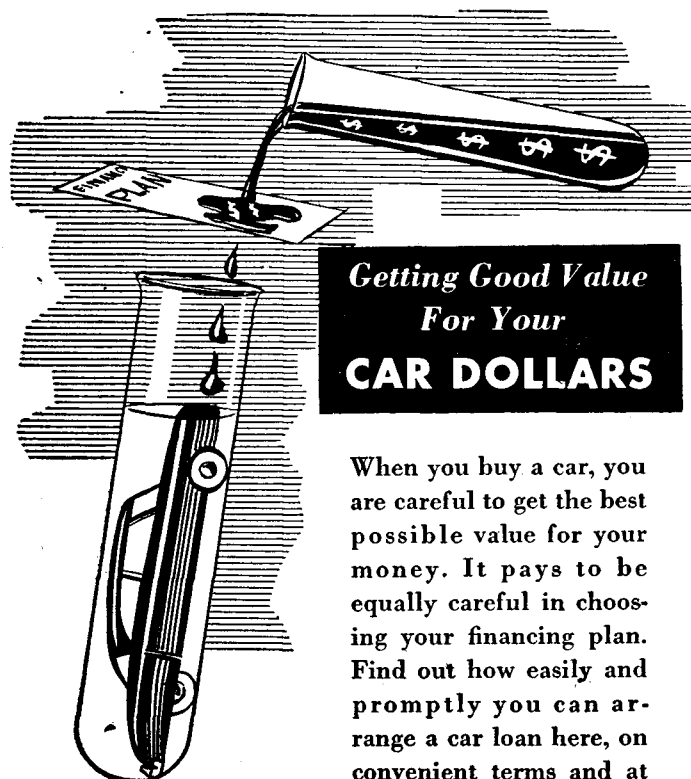
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In Memorium

WILLIAM BROWN, 29, of Windham died March 4 in Robinson Memorial hospital after a 10-day illness.

A lift truck operator in the Depot, Brown was an Arsenal employee for eight years and a native of Grenada, Miss.

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The R. A. Eye

An Uneven Three-legged Stool Can Throw You Off Balance

Recipe for a perfect day.

But, first, let me tell you about my dear old Aunt Emma. I just had a letter from her the other day. She's a dear old soul, and a great lover of animals.

The other nite she saw a little black and white kitten out in the road, so she went out and picked it up and took it into the house and fed it.

She thought it smelled bad, so after it had eaten a good supper, she gave it a bath.

And, you know what — it exploded right in her face! Of course, Aunt Emma's little black and white kitten turned out to be a hazard — the little skunk!

You know folks, it's just like a three legged stool, lets call one leg Safety, the second leg Quality and the third leg Quantity.

Now, if you set a three-legged stool on an uneven rug and it rocked a little, it would only be natural for you to take the stool to the basement and cut a little piece off of one leg in order to balance it up, instead of smoothing out the rug.

And when you cut little piece off Safety, Quality or Quantity, you throw the whole organization out of balance.

Sometimes we have a bad night, and very often we get up in the morning and have an argument with the wife or hubby. I use both members of the family because nowadays, mother wears coveralls too. Incidentally, mother wears the pants in a lot of families, but pop won't tell.

Never-the-less, we get to work feeling bad and the boss has a new tie on that looks like an "out-of-this-world" tattoo on a sailor's chest.

Right away we get a sour taste for work and get everyone working around us just like lightning bugs.

Therefore, right at the beginning of the day, we cut a little piece off the three-legged stool and throw the whole department out of balance.

Once upon a time, a young

farmer was seeing a movie for the first time and didn't enjoy it very much until the comedy came on the screen.

It showed a lot of pretty gals who had just crossed the railroad tracks to the old swimming hole and they had just begun to unrobe to go swimming when a freight train passed and cut off the view. After it passed the girls were swimming.

The young farmer sat through four or five shows when finally the usher came to him and tapped him on the shoulder and asked him if he was going to stay all night.

The farmer said, "Well, bud, I reckon so. Because one of these times that darn freight train is gonna be late."

Let's not be late to learn all we can about our Safety program, and let's not pick up little black and white kittens to fondle and above all, let's not cut a little piece off the three-legged stool that represents Safety, Quality and Quantity.

Life is a habit, sure enough, but I wonder if we realize what the most important thing in our life is?

Friends, it's your job!

Your job is your security, your health. Keep your job for it is your bread and butter. Your job keeps your family going.

That's the little group of people you leave at home every day when you go to work and that's the little group that waits for you to come home from your job. They depend on you, just as we depend on you to come to your job every day.

Every job has a certain way to be done in order for you to be productive.

Every job has a rule or a regulation in order to help and pro-

tect you.

A teacher once asked a little boy to give a sentence using the word "Diadem," (meaning crown) and he said, "Motorists who do not stop at railroad crossings diadem sight quicker than those who do."

We asked for our job, it wasn't delivered to us thru the back door in a box of groceries, and you know we have to pay for those groceries.

The man that owns the house wants his rent and on payday we have to pay the gas and the light bills. The telephone is awful handy to call Kate up, and we have to pay for that, too.

Junior is away in an Army camp because he is probably remembering his family and his country and is certainly doing his part to conserve democracy for his mom and dad and bro-

thers and sisters. And Junior is going to keep a stiff upper lip when the going is rough.

He knows that freight train isn't going to be late, he trained for his job and his job is his conservation. He also knows diadem means crown and it wouldn't look good with a G. I. haircut.

And if the boss has a tie on you don't like, tell him how pretty it is so he won't go home and give his wife heck for buying it.

And incidentally, the recipe for a Perfect Day is a smile and I'll do-my-best attitude.

Why is it that Lincoln's Gettysburg address contained only 266 words, and the Declaration of Independence only 300 words, but a recent price order from OPS on the lowly cabbage required 26,911 words?



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Employment Episodes

by Bob Warren

Charlestown Boy Scout Troop 557 took a five-mile hike Sunday, March 9. The boys were required to prepare their own noon meal, and some of the concoctions were a little unorthodox but edible all the same. Major Hathaway, scout master for the troop, and George Hoagland, assistant scout master, led the boys. A nature study and scout games completed the activities and everyone had an enjoyable afternoon, myself included.

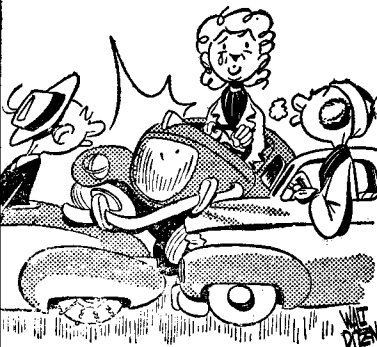
The next activity scheduled will be a Scout Circus at the Ravenna Armory. All Portage County troops will participate. The date is March 28 and everyone is invited to attend. Your support is welcomed.

ATTENTION MEN: Two employment office employees have bought their own autos. They are Suzi Clark and Estelle Kenney. Any applications for riders will be accepted after extensive investigation.

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LAUNDRY, TRUCK DRIVERS AID FIRE VICTIM



A helping hand is extended by laundry employees and truck drivers to a fellow Arsenal employee whose home was partially destroyed by fire last month.

Carl Wells of Newton Falls, the fire victim, is pictured above receiving a check from L. A. Waller, laundry supervisor.

Looking on with Waller is Betty Mauer who represented the laundry employees.

On the left, holding the truck drivers contribution, is Leonard Moore, motor pool dispatcher. Looking on with Moore is C. Christopher who represented the truck drivers.

Wells was presented the two checks, which amounted to over \$58, between one of his trips to the load lines with clean laundry.

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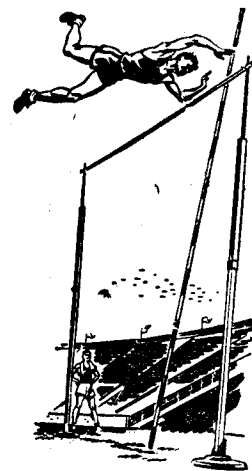
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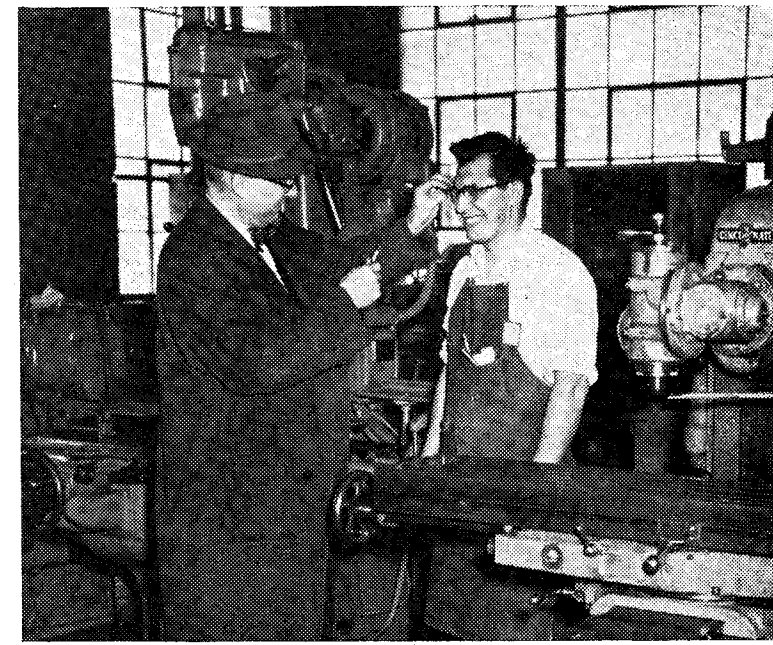
First Arsenal Employees Receive New Safety Glasses



Two of the first Arsenal employees to receive their new safety glasses on Wednesday, March 5, are pictured above.

Kitty Cottrell, a laundry employee, has her glasses adjusted by F. E. Wolf of the Wolf Optical Company. Looking on is William J. Fike of the RAI Safety department.

In the other photo, Mr. Wolf adjusts Adolph D. Chavez's new safety glasses. Mr. Chavez, who is a machinist, realizes



the value of safety glasses both on and off the job.

Mr. Wolf and Mr. Fike spent the entire day traveling throughout the Arsenal fitting employees for glasses and delivering and adjusting safety glasses already purchased.

The optical company representative will be here again on March 19. Employees who are interested in buying safety glasses should contact the RAI safety office.

Percussion Postscripts

by Thelma Higgins and Bea Schrecengost

Francis Simone, production inspector, was recently married to Martin Danilo, materials inspector, in Fort Wayne, Ind. on March 4. We wish you both success and happiness.

Tommy Fitzsimmons and John Kropac have left for service with the U. S. Navy. We haven't heard from them so we don't

know if they like it. The boys wish to thank everyone on the P. E. Line for the leather shaving kits. They really appreciated it.

We now have Mary Feinglas with us. Mary was working at the hospital and has taken Jean Whyte's place at the dispensary. We are glad to see that she is getting us some supplies. Keep up the good work, Mary.

New employees on the line are William Gill of Warren and Cathryn Force of Newton Falls. Cathryn was transferred from Load Line Three.

Also Dorothy Williams of Niles, Robert DePrill of Alliance and Glen Clark of Akron. Glen was transferred from Salvage. Also Rosemary Bayley of Ravenna, and Bertha Mitchell and Loretta Weston of Youngstown.

We are all very shocked to hear of the death of Harry I. Harris, Building 10 supervisor. Mr. Harris died suddenly of a heart attack on Friday, March 7. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Harris. He was liked by all of us and we will miss him very much.

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The Depot Diary

by Gerald Stamm

Halford (Pappy) Shields of U-14 dropped into see us the forepart of the month. He is looking good despite the fact he has been sick since Christmas.

The smiling gent, William B. Kline who maneuvers the Arsenal bus in and out of the Charlestown gate mornings and evenings is the proud father of a new daughter, Pamela Jean, who was born at home on Crown St., in Ravenna, February 25. His wife's name is Doreen, and she is a native of England. Bill met her there while stationed on the tight little isle during the war. As an ambassador of goodwill Bill seems to have done O. K. for himself. As for his better half — well we haven't talked to her yet so can't say just what she thinks of the bargain. Excellent, we think.

Mary Stewart and Izetta Rogers, along with the lively night waitress Ruth Davis, have transformed themselves into a veritable trio of galloping centipedes to keep the dishes from burying them.

With the aid of new ideas, and some other help, they have finally emerged into a trio that serves their customers quickly, efficiently and will put up with no nonsense. It all makes for a lovely meal.

Area Foreman Jim Newell has suffered a stroke of ill-luck. His two and one-half year old son Harold became ill with pneumonia, and had to be taken to the Ravenna Hospital March 1. He is recovering quite well now, which accounts for the redness fading out of Jim's eyes. Jim has even recovered to the extent that he put up an argument with Ambrose Teets, the bearcat of the tool-crib, but losing as all do who tangle with that lad.

Glenn Taylor, who presides over the desk which caters to the whims, complaints and assignments in the Depot, either himself hoarse during the transition period, or else came down with a whopper of a cold. He was laid up for two days.

Lt. Carroll Ruben Jr. is home visiting his parents, Carroll and

Elsie Ruben. He had been stationed at Camp Breckenbridge 100% mark. If we know that with the 101st Airborne Division, but on completion of his leave he will report to the West Coast for an infantry assignment in Japan.

While at home he has been sort of under the wing of his former co-worker here at the Depot, one Duke Turner, the bright light of U-8.

What Duke will instill into his friend is certain to be interesting, but it is feared it will have nothing to do with the information desirable for an army officer.

Duke's own military exploits, to hear him tell them, were fused out of humorous incidents. Duke — you know that military life couldn't be all fun!

Chet Wade, a painter of repute and of buildings — not the town — and a good fisherman, is driving about in a brand new Pontiac Catalina.

Over at U-7, Art Kohl is figuratively wearing out his shoes prancing about in his eagerness to haul out the equipment he has overhauled during the winter, and put it through its paces on the various lawns in the area. His co-worker, Clayton McGee, chief mechanic, said, now that those chores are caught up with, he'd like to go fishing. Little relaxation, eh?

We hear that Art Lewis and E. Myers are getting more than their share of advice on how to manage affairs. These two, not being exactly simple, are thinking of transferring their deposits to a bank nearer to the uptown district, which will better enable them to maneuver out of range of these well-wishers.

Dominic Mancini is dashing about with a gleam in his eyes. He hopes to visit his homeland this summer, Sunny Italy. Details later.

David French, who has been studying the Korean language in the Army, was home recently visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. French, the past two weeks. Lillian, his mother, works in the office at U-14. He expects an assignment in the Orient.

Congratulations to the Elmer team — to wit, Barton and Welling, whose affinity for vitamins has been transmitted to

co-workers to such an extent that attendance has reached the pair, they'll not be satisfied until at least 150% is attained.

The colorful and varied neckwear on display at U-14 is mostly draped about the sturdy neck of Tom Frissel, who, it's rumored, is trying to decide on the appropriate color combination so he won't offend any of the candidates this election year. Tear 'em off, and wear black, Tommy, for whoever wins it'll still mean a 'grave' pocketbook.

Over at U-8, thanks to the co-operation of Elsie Davis, office girl, and Wilma Bowers, chaufferette, we learn that Cal Ginter is back to work after some absence due to an operation on his foot in Crile hospital.

Clayton (Junior) Ridinbaugh is also back again after a sojourn in the same hospital where he was the beneficiary of an ear operation.

Douglas (Punjab) Lee is still absent and recovering from an accident that shelved him a few weeks back. On the pleasanter side we learn that Eddie Leonard, one of the specialists who sashay the buses around, has a new Plymouth for his personal convenience when off duty. Johnny Kinel from the same baliwick, is keeping pace

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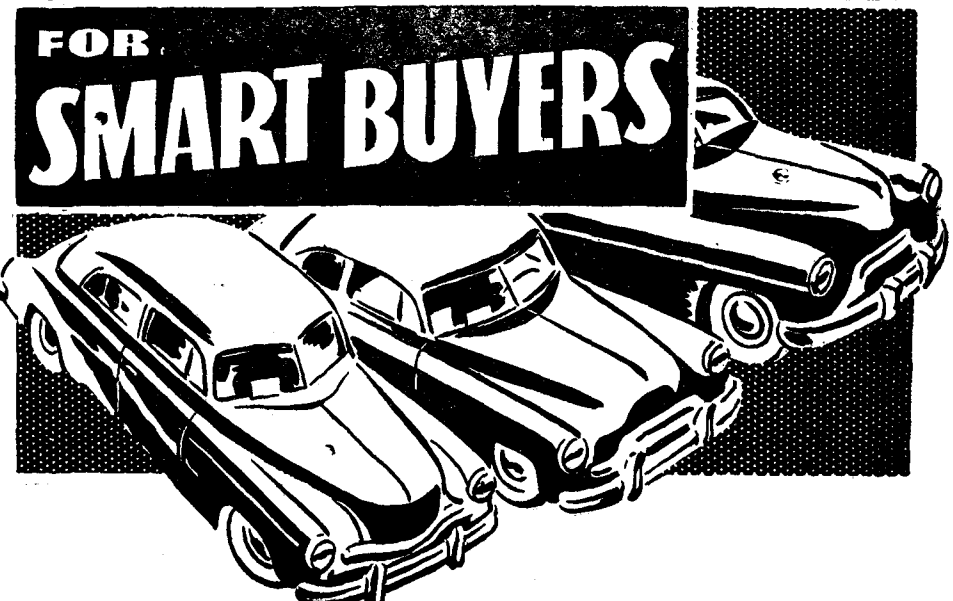
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He was a first lieutenant in the 23rd Infantry, 2nd Division. Serving as platoon leader and company executive officer did not prevent Varlan from participating in baseball and basketball both in the capacities of coach and player.

He is an "old soldier" since he spent more than six years in the Army.

Miss Amy Williams, Depart-

ment 87, second Shift, has accepted the request to help secure news for this column. In view of her ability to make friends easily, gathering good news will be a pleasant experience. Thanks, Amy, it is swell to know that we can look forward to a more complete coverage of the line.

Steve Bukovsky, a former guard on Line Three, has been transferred to inspection. Steve, who lives in Akron, is also a new Poppa. Steve Jr. was born February 5 in Akron.

We wish to express our sympathy to Mrs. Mattie Brown of Windham on the death of her husband.

Sickness may strike so frequently and unexpectedly that one cannot devote too much time to proper health measures.

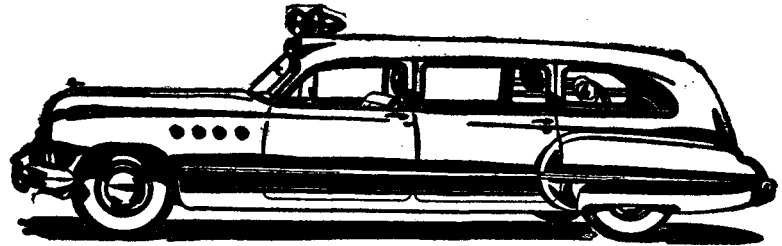
Speaking, of sickness, it is nice to see Betty Hartwell, Department 87 — second shift, back on the job after a recent period of illness.

Considering the growth of this line, more help can be used in

order to cover as many activities as possible.

Therefore, if you have news-gathering interest and/or ability, you are sincerely requested to contact Line three office, Building EB-20.

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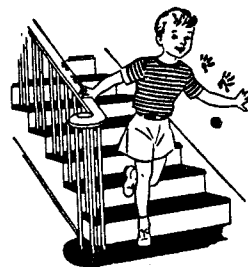
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The Non-contributory portion of the plan insures an employee for natural and accidental death and dismemberment.

Under the contributory plan, which is available to all RAI employees, the worker pays a partial premium to cover accident and sickness benefits, hospitalization and surgical expenses.

Employees earning \$1.44 per hour or more receive the maximum \$4,000 life insurance policy. For salary employees, the amount of insurance is scaled according to their earnings.

New employees have a three-month waiting period until they are eligible to be insured. After that they have a 31 day period to enroll in the contributory plan.

Ordinance employees transferring to RAI receive their life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment coverage immediately and have 31 days in which to decide on enrolling in the contributory plan.

Employees should report any changes in their dependents immediately to the Employment department or group insurance office in the headquarters building.

Group life insurance will be paid in the event of death from any cause at any time after the insurance becomes effective. Your beneficiary may be any person or persons you name.

You may also change your beneficiary at any time by making a written request.

If you should become totally and permanently disabled before you reach the age of 65, your group life insurance will be continued without cost to you.

Payments under dismemberment insurance will be made for any of the following losses through accidental means, off the job.

Full amount of insurance will be paid to you for loss of both hands, both feet, sight of both eyes, one hand and one foot, one hand and sight of one eye, or one foot and sight of one eye.

One-half the amount of the insurance will be paid for loss of one hand, one foot or sight of one eye.

However, the loss must occur within 90 days after the accident. Payment will be made regardless of any other benefits you may receive.

If you are unable to work because of an accident occurring off the job, or sickness not covered by the Ohio Workmen's Compensation Act, you will receive the weekly benefit which is scaled according to your earnings.

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Benefits for disability due to pregnancy will be available only if the pregnancy commences while you are insured. Benefits are limited to six weeks for all disabilities due to any one pregnancy.

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The claim forms should be given to the admissions clerk at the hospital and your benefits will then be paid directly to the hospital.

You will be required to pay only the difference, if any, between the amount paid by your hospital expense insurance plan and the amount of the hospital bill.

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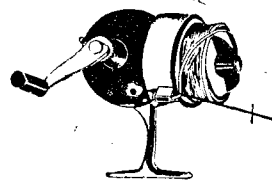
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Messages On Takeover By Contractor

MR. BORDA'S

MESSAGE

By the time this issue of the RAVENNA ARSENAL NEWS is read, the transfer of employees from the Government rolls to those of Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. will have been completed. The transfer was accomplished without interfering in any way with the operation of the plant.

We realize that the transfer created some anxiety and uncertainty, but we hope this has all disappeared.

The transfer was a very difficult job to accomplish, and everyone deserves credit for the effort put forth. The success of the transfer is the result of hard work and our knowledge of the fact that the incentive is and will be to provide enough ammunition of high quality, with safety, and at low cost, to our Armed Forces.

We of Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. are very conscious of our increased responsibilities. We know this is not a 1-man job. That is why we look forward to the continued help and cooperation of the Ordnance Corps, which has been so excellent in the past. We have a fine organization; and, as long as everyone in the organization works together as one team, we will realize our objective. We look to the future with confidence.

PAUL BORDA
General Manager
Ravenna Arsenal, Inc.

LEAVE PAYMENTS INCREASE TAXES

Many Arsenal employees are now receiving annual leave payments due to contractor takeover. It will be well to remember that in receiving these payments in addition to regular wages many employees will be in a higher wage income bracket, thereby requiring payment of additional taxes next March 15th.

It is suggested that part of leave payments be set aside by employees affected in order to make it easier to pay this additional tax next year.

RUSS CARLYLE TO PLAY APRIL DANCE

Announcement has been made that the popular Russ Carlyle Orchestra will play for the next Arsenal dance to be held Saturday, April 19th at Bolton Barn. Arrangements are being made for a gala event and further details will be furnished as soon as available.

NOTICES EXPLAINED

Numerous inquiries have been received by the Ordnance Personnel Office from contractor employees, who are on extended leave from the government, concerning notifications which they have received from the Personnel Office. These notifications have been issued either to notify the Civil Service Commission regarding leave status of employee or to accomplish job title conversions in connection with the Army program for establishing uniform job titles and codes for Wage Board (hourly) employees.

Employees who are on extended leave from the government are given credit for a portion of this time toward retirement, retention rights, and periodic pay increases. It is necessary to advise the Civil Service Commission of all employees who have been on leave without pay for more than 1040 hours (six months) in any calendar year. A form 50 is issued for this purpose to show appropriate information as to creditable service.

As of 31 January 1952, the Department of the Army established a program of job titles, definitions, and numbers for Wage Board positions to establish uniformity throughout the Department. This has resulted in the fact that a job at this installation will carry the same title as the same job at all other Army installations.

In line with the above policy it has been necessary to change job titles and numbers on many positions at this installation, including those of employees on extended leave. Form 50's were issued to accomplish these changes.

LAST ISSUE

With this issue of the Ravenna Arsenal News, we complete the current series which began in July, 1950. A successor Arsenal newspaper is to be published under the supervision and direction of the staff of Ravenna Arsenal, Inc.

Since the above date the News has been published by the W. J. Dickey Publishing Company, Garrettsville, Ohio. During this period the Civilian Personnel Officer has directed the newspaper, which has been sponsored by the Civilian Welfare Fund.

In transferring this function to RAI, we wish to offer our wishes for a successful newspaper and are pleased to note that many of the present News staff will continue on the staff of the new publication.

To Mr. Dickey and his staff, to the news staff, and, most important, to the many Arsenalites whose reading of the News has justified its existence, we wish to extend a most sincere thanks.

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IT'S NOT "THE SAME OLD STUFF"

People often are inclined to feel that safety rules are "the same old stuff." They think there is too much "talk-talk" about safety. They got tired of being advised, informed, instructed, ordered, coaxed, and reminded about safe working. "After all," they say, "we can't be expected to go through life singing, 'I love Safety, I must be safe.'"

The news you gobble up from your paper and radio from day to day is much the same. Different names and places, or a new method of committing a crime but it's pretty much the same, stories of death, slander, divorce, home runs, high powered politics and human interest. History itself is the same old stuff. Yes, we can't afford

COL. ALLEN'S MESSAGE

The change-over to total contractor operation has recently been accomplished.

I desire at this time to express my appreciation to you who have just been transferred to Ravenna Arsenal, Inc., for your loyalty and endeavor while employed by the Government.

It is equally important in the period of contractor operation that we are now entering, that you continue to apply yourselves to the most efficient execution of your jobs.

The mission of the Arsenal remains the same — the loading — storage, and shipping of ammunition. All of our jobs — be they clerk, ammunition handler, repairman, truck driver, inspector, or supervisor — are of importance in the accomplishment of the Arsenal's mission. The color of our pay check is unimportant.

With the same spirit that you have shown in the past, I am sure that Ravenna Arsenal will be able to perform with honor its part as a member of the Industry-Ordnance defense team.

CHARLES K. ALLEN
Colonel, Ordnance Corps
Commanding

to burn the history books and forget histories valuable lessons.

After all, life is pretty much that way. Look at it year in and year out — a few high spots and low spots, but mostly a rather level road. Some of us get to thinking we're a little tired of living sometimes, don't we? Yet under the surface of our thinking we know that life and soundness of body are worth hanging onto.

Safety is important always. To the person who is hurt, who has an accident, it's not the same old stuff, but a very personal painful reality. Make safe working your very personal asset.



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You are now reading the final issue of the **current series** of the Ravenna Arsenal News which we, as printers and publishers have had the privilege of producing since July 1950 as a combination advertising and news medium under editorial direction of the Civilian Welfare Fund Council.

A successor Arsenal newspaper is to be published under the supervision and direction of the staff of Ravenna Arsenal Inc.

However, this paper has now become so well-established and popular as an advertising medium that the publisher plans to continue this service. Future issues, to be printed every other week as in the past, will contain not only the usual advertising messages of leading merchants throughout the surrounding territory but also new editorial and news features of interest to all Arsenal Personnel.

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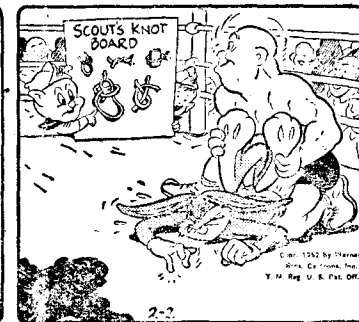
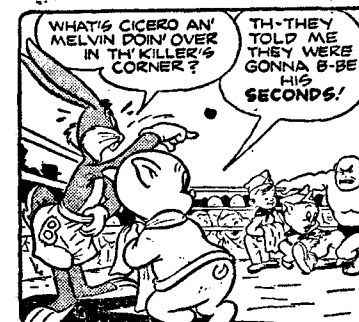
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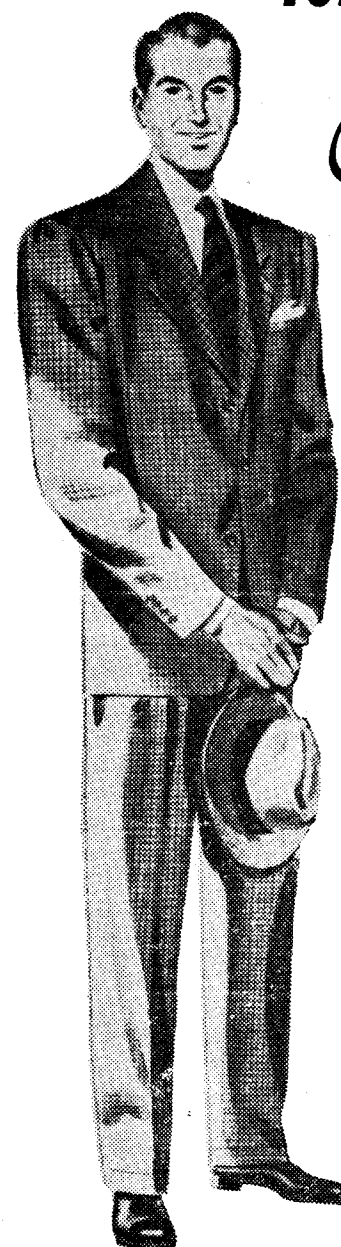
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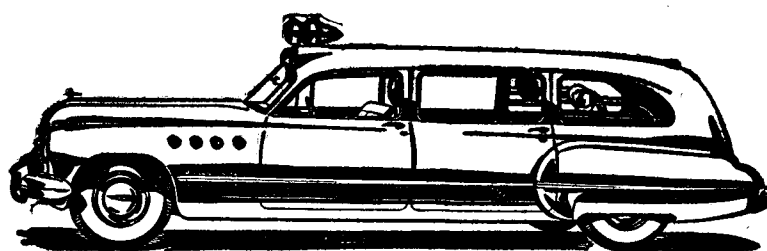
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AROUND THE ARSENAL

Television star of Salary & Wage, Frances Gigliotti attended a formal St. Patrick's day dinner and fraternity dance of the W & J College, March 14th at Waynesburg, Pa. She reports a wonderful time was had by all!!!

Pat Proctor, showing the same supervisory ability of her father Simpson Proctor, was Principal of the Ravenna High School, when the pupils took over the running of the school for a day recently. In case you haven't heard Pat has been selected Valedictorian of her class . . . Congratulations to Pat and Mr. and Mrs. Proctor!!

At the time this paper goes to press, Dottie McCabe of Salary & Wage was off sick. Hope it isn't of long duration Dottie, and that you are right back to work.

Personnel Bldg. just doesn't seem the same since Mr. Proctor, Frannie Gigliotti and Dottie McCabe (Salary & Wage Office) have moved up in Headquarters Bldg. and that's just half of it, they took Wayne Thomas with them. But as Wayne said when he saw Mr. Grohe's desk in his place . . .

"Look who it took to replace me!!!"

Donald Sylvia, age 5, son of Constance Sylvia of the Administrative Office was injured March 11th, while helping mother do the washing . . . his hand and arm were caught in the wringer, almost up to his shoulder. Luckily no broken bones, and Connie reports that he is quite lively again and into everything!! We understand that Connie's two other children (Son 16yrs and daughter 13 years) had the same type of accident when they were little. Runs in the family like brown

eyes!!!

The Ordnance Personnel Office is faced with another change in the near future. Marvin Zinner who has been in Personnel since Sept. 28, 1950 is leaving soon for employment in Washington. He is moving his wife and daughter with him. Washington isn't new to Marvin and family. His wife's parents

make their home there and when Marvin was visiting them a few weeks ago, he was fortunate enough to find an apartment. They will be moving just in time to see the cherry trees in blossom. Good luck Marvin, we'll miss you, be sure and drop us a few lines occasionally and let us know how things are going.

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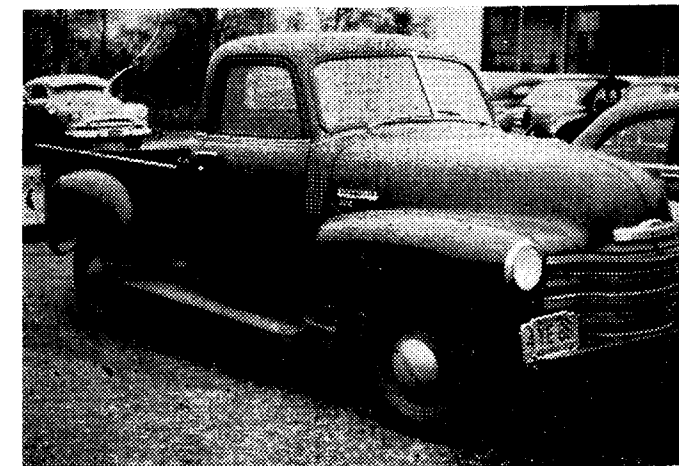
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Suggestion Award Winners

Listed below are suggestion winners in the Government Suggestion Program for January and February of this year:

Victor Grudosky, Facilities Division, received an award of \$10. for his suggestion concerning the use of interchangeable truck hitches; James H. Roberts, Surveillance Division, received an award of \$25. for his suggestion concerning a rotating telephone holder. Robert D. French, Operations Division, received an award of \$15 for suggesting a hoist to lift radiators in and out of tanks, and Mrs. Eleanor H. O'Hara, Inspection Division, received an award of \$10. for suggesting the extended pipeline from Building 2B-21 to keep steam and condensation off sidewalks.

These people are to be complimented and congratulated for submitting suggestions designed to accomplish a Department of the Army job better, faster and/or more economically.

Those of you still with the Government will be interested to know that the suggestion program is still active. If there are no Government Suggestion Blanks available, please call 426 and proper forms will be sent to you immediately. Following is a check list which may serve as a guide to aid you in thinking up suggestions.

- (1) Analyze everything you do.
 - (a) Is it necessary?
 - (b) Could the quality be improved?
 - (c) Is there a quicker and easier way?
 - (d) Could it be done more safely?
- (2) Check with the Supervisor.
 - (a) Ask your foreman to help you.
 - (b) Contact the suggestion office.
 - (3) Write up your suggestion. Use suggestion blank with as complete an explanation as you can.

The Committee is hoping to hear from each of you at an early date.

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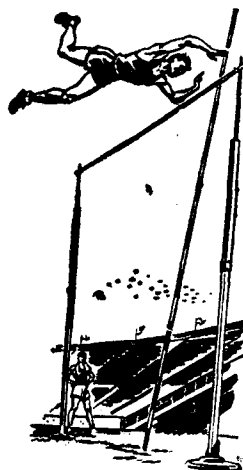
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This news item will serve as notice that all Blue Cross subscribers will be expected to make payment of quarterly premiums at Room 15, Personnel Bldg. on or before Monday, 31 March 1952.

The recent contractor takeover has necessitated several revisions in administration of the Blue Cross Program at this installation. Payments, for example, which have in the past been submitted in the manner described above, will with payment due 30 June 1952, be submitted directly to the respective group office. Each subscriber will receive billing directly and individually from Akron or Youngstown depending on the group to which he belongs, and he in turn, will remit payment by mail or in person to the proper office.

Former government employees may continue to be carried on Blue Cross rolls subject to the above directions for payment of premiums. Should any subscriber contemplate discontinuance of his Blue Cross policy because of participation in the RAI Group Insurance Plan, it would be well for him to consider first the benefits involved in any situation requiring a waiting period, as does the payment of maternity benefits.

The enrollment of new members in either group will be restricted somewhat in the future. Applications from government employees will be accepted only twice each year, immediately

prior to 1 July and 1 January of each succeeding year. A representative of the Blue Cross will be present to accept those applications and the first visit is tentatively scheduled for the latter part of May or early June.

If you wish to continue Blue

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Any questions pertaining to this article should be referred to Mrs. Pavlick or Mrs. Petro, extension 332.

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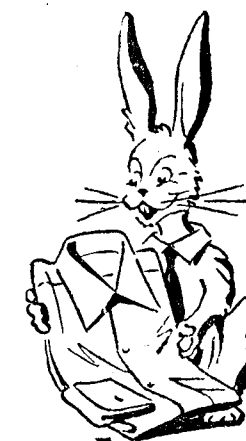
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Government employees who wish to participate, may join those of Ravenna Arsenal Inc., who are now being scheduled, by calling Capt. Bradford on extension 310 for information.

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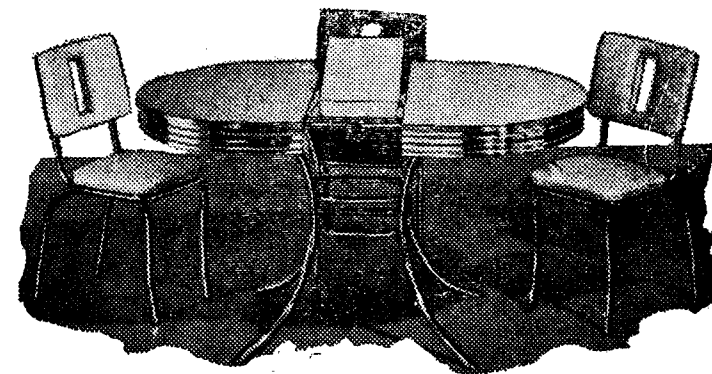
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AROUND THE ARSENAL

Nancy R. Lucik (Ross) Clerk-Steno in Fiscal, recently acquired a new husband and job almost simultaneously. Married on March 8th, she transferred to the Steno Pool under Mr. Bloomer, RAI, on March 19th. The couple are making their home at 1216 Highland Avenue, S. W. in Warren.

Recent transfers to other installations have included Wendell Arbogast who went to Joliet Arsenal, William Bungard to Cleveland Ordnance, Alfred W. Schiemann to Red River Arsenal, Texarkana, Texas, Ruth A. Beardsley to Army Audit Agency, (Akron), and Howard E. Scriven and Joseph N. Earle to Lordstown Ordnance Sub-Depot.

We wish to offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grohe on the recent death of Mrs. Grohe's mother, Mrs. Dickinson, of West Mansfield, Ohio.

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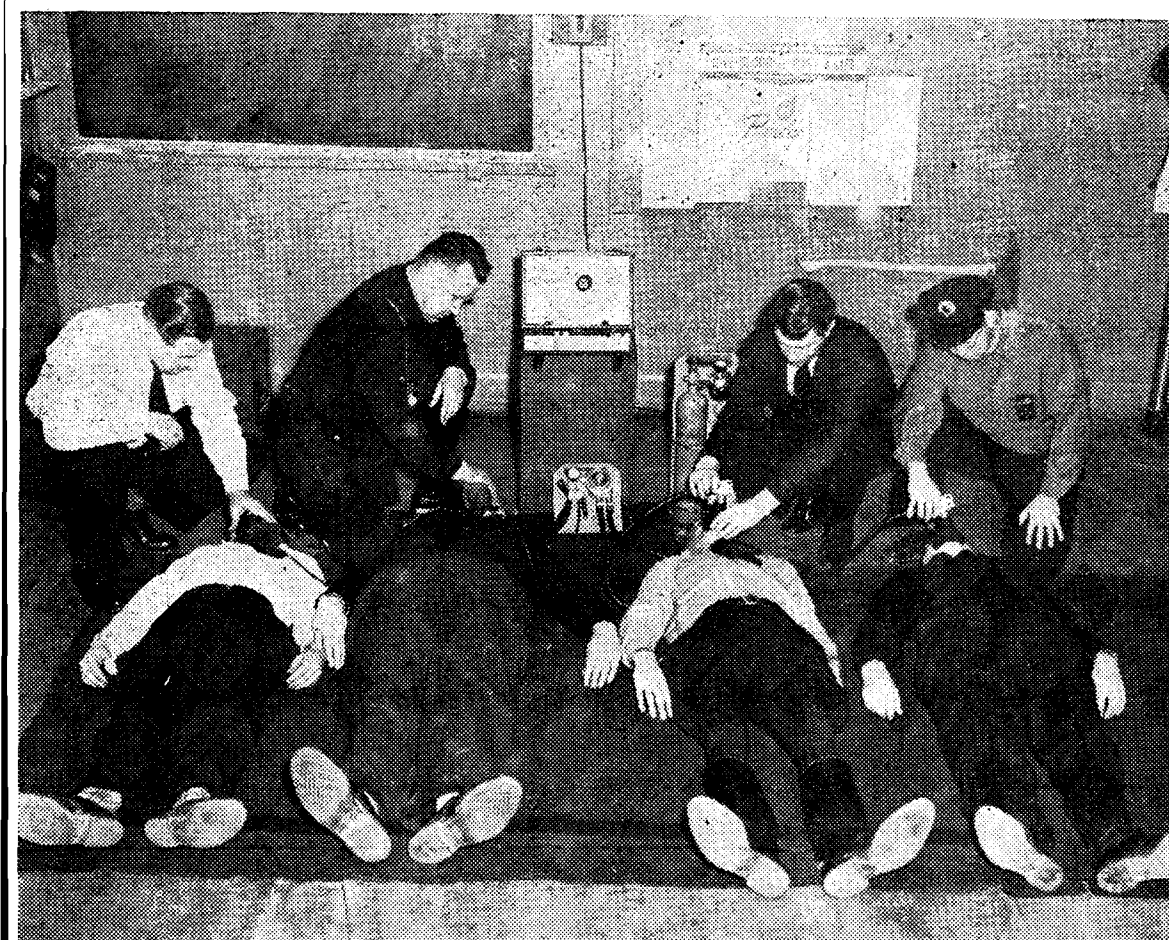
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RESUSCITATOR PLACED IN USE



Pictured above are members of the RAI Fire-Guard Protection force as they train in use of the newly received portable resuscitator. From left to right are Guard Lt. Sidney Casbourne, Guard Sgt. Wilbur Heckman, Fire Lt. Vernon Lewis, and Fireman Thomas O'Malia as they practice using the device on other members of the force.

New Life-Saving Device Received

The RAI Fire Department has received from St. Louis Medical Depot another device to aid in the saving of lives. The latest addition is a portable resuscitator, an important addition to the inhalators now used.

During the past ten years many lives have been saved by arsenal firemen using inhalators and artificial respiration. Use of the new resuscitator will eliminate artificial respiration and administer to two persons instead of one. This equipment also has inhalator attachments for two persons which can be used simultaneously, enabling four persons to be attended.

This equipment is used whenever breathing is labored or has stopped and is used in the treatment of asphyxiation, drowning, heart attack and electric shock. Arsenal firemen train from two to four hours daily to become proficient in all phases of emergency work and this new equipment will be placed in service when all men become highly skilled in its operation.

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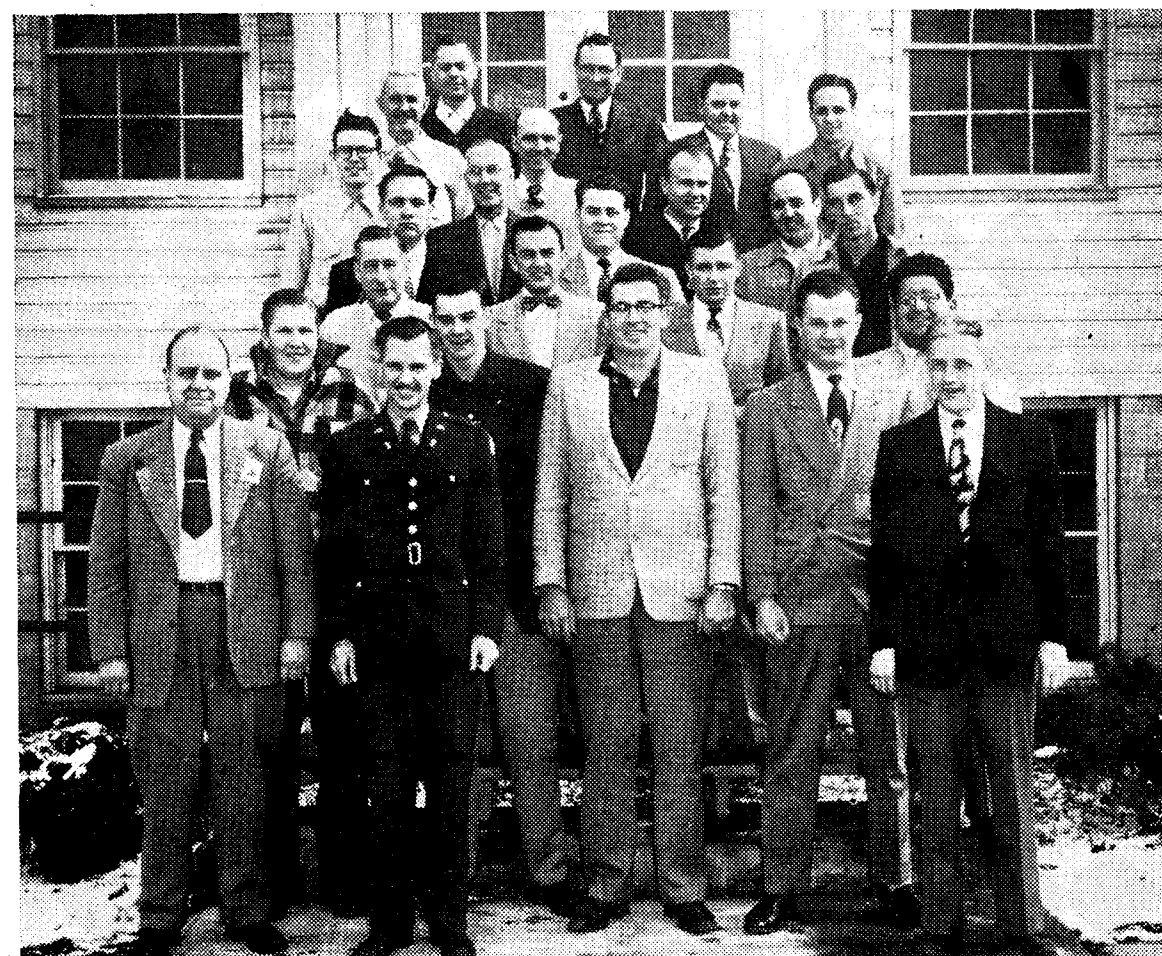


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INSPECTORS RECEIVE TRAINING



On March 14th, the above pictured group participated in the award of certificates of training following a week-long inspection course. The 15 RAI and Ordnance inspectors, together with members of the course staff, are from left to right, and from front to back rows as follows: C. R. Branfield, Col. Allen, J. Bloom, M. Lemasters, R. Sands, R. Fellers, M. Chorey, E. Myers, A. Wancik, H. Friend, A. Felice, R. Jones, M. L. Hoyt, G. Haney, F. Sicuro, W. Weston, A. Schreiber, D. Parks, C. Ulrey, M. L. Barhart, G. Edwards, H. Fox, A. Prezioso, and A. Sitler.

Col. Allen awarded certificates for those completing the 40-hour training course, which provides for intensive training covering a wide range of subjects related to the field of Acceptance Inspection. Mr. Branfield, Chief, Ordnance Inspection Division made arrangements for the course and introduced the course with a session introducing the purposes and scope of the Acceptance Inspector's work. Mr. Bloom served as training coordinator.

Not present when the above picture was taken were Mr. H. Grohe, who conducted a session on Government Personnel Practices and Policies; Mr. H. Thune, who discussed Explosives Safety; Mr. R. Shirock, whose subject was Industrial Safety; and Mr. E. Goodman whose subjects were Explosives and Melt Load-ing.

Others who served as instructors and their subjects were Mr. Barnhart, X-Ray; Mr. Haney, Quality Control; Mr. Parks and Mr. Bloom, Ordnance Drawings and Specifications; Mr. Wancik, Lot Descriptions and Data Cards; Mr. Prezioso, Gages and Measuring Instruments; and Mr. Sitler, Visual and Standard Sampling Inspection.

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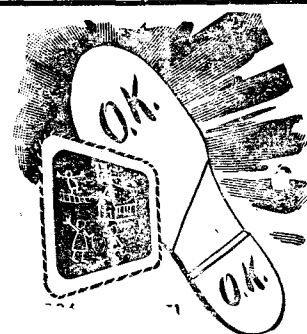
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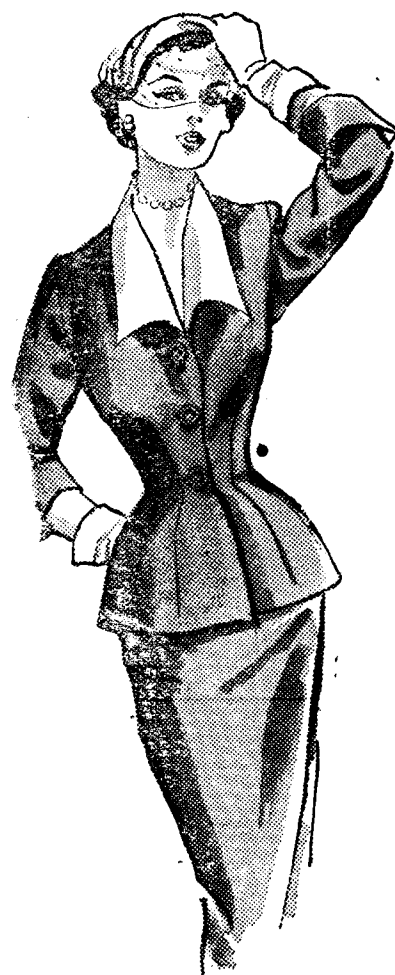


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A new device the size and shape of a corn kernel has been perfected by radio and telephone technicians. The device, known as a "transistor," is supposed to be able to do everything a radio vacuum tube can do.

Wire, plastic and a tiny bit of germanium metal at the core make up the instrument that will make possible many electrical surprises. Radio transmitters as small as telephones, pocket-sized radios and smaller

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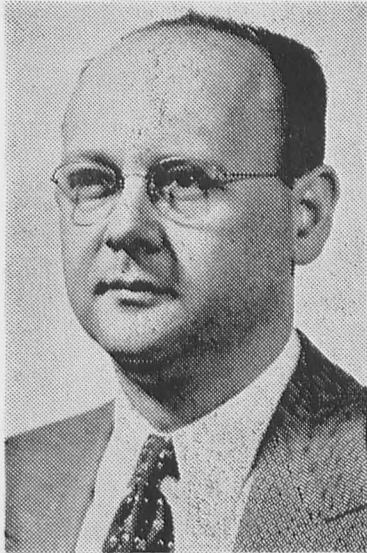
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New RAI Doctor



Dr. Rex K. Whiteman (above), a native of Logansport, Indiana, is the newest addition to the RAI medical staff.

He graduated from Logansport high school in 1935 and attended Indiana university where he received his bachelors degree in 1939. He graduated from Indiana University school of medicine in 1942.

He served his internship and residency at Akron City hospital until 1945 when he entered the army. After being discharged from the Armed Forces, he went in to general practice in the Bristolville Clinic in Bristolville, Ohio.

In 1949 Dr. Whiteman attended the University of Pennsylvania post graduate school in general surgery. The following year he was established at the Akron City hospital as Chief House Surgeon.

The last six months of his training were spent as surgical resident at the Children's hospital in Akron.

On Jan. 1, 1952 he opened his own office in Warren, Ohio with practice limited to surgery.

Dr. Whiteman is married and the father of three girls. He and his family live on Mahoning Ave. Ext. in Warren.

RAI Servicemen's Bureau Set-up For All Ex-Employees

A Ravenna Arsenal servicemen's bureau is being established for all employees, both Ordnance and Ravenna Arsenal, Inc., who have left for duty with our Armed Forces.

Copies of the Arsenal NEWS, and other items of interest will be sent to all former employees now in the service.

Anyone having news about Ravenna Arsenal servicemen, their present addresses or any items of interest for our servicemen should send it to the RAI Industrial Services office, Personnel building.

Employees who are in the Armed Forces will want to hear from their many friends and everyone will be interested in how the other fellow is getting along.

A special column about and for our servicemen will be printed in each issue of the Arsenal NEWS.

What Is Your Address?

Starting April 15, the "new" Arsenal NEWS will be mailed to every employee of the Ravenna Arsenal, both RAI and Ordnance.

If you have changed your address since December 1, 1951, and HAVE NOT notified the personnel department, fill out the form (below) and return it to the Editor, Ravenna Arsenal NEWS.

Don't forget, send in your new address today, or your copy of the NEWS will end up in the "dead letter box."

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Address

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Two Army Officers Leave Arsenal For New Assignments

Two Army officers were transferred from the Arsenal during March. They were Capt. Patrick Gerrity and Capt. Robert E. Zadra.

Capt. Gerrity, who was the Provost Marshall, left March 20 for Camp Stoneman, Calif. for overseas duty.

A reservist re-called to duty during the present emergency, Capt. Gerrity arrived here in June, 1951. He is a native of Cleveland.

Capt. Zadra left March 29 for Fort Monroe, Va. for duty with the Headquarters detachment, 2124th ASU.

He was assistant Post Engineer here and will be in the same capacity at his new post.

A native of Bessemer, Mich., Capt. Zadra came to the Arsenal in May, 1951 after serving in Korea.

Capt. Zadra has been in the service nine years and has spent five and one-half years overseas, both in Europe and Asia. He attended the University of Wisconsin where he majored in civil engineering.

P. E. & I Division

By MAXINE KIRTLEY

The appearance of the Control Lab was greatly improved recently by the addition of Mrs. Rose Duganne, clerk-typist for Mr. Hopwood and Mr. Thorn.

The otherwise exclusively male personnel of the laboratory find the change quite pleasant.

Mrs. Duganne formerly worked in Mr. Branfield's office and previous to that, was Mr. Gibbs' secretary at the Booster Line for Ordnance Inspection.

Norman Korbitz, chemist, left Saturday, March 29, to attend the 121st annual meeting of the American Chemical Society.

He will present his thesis entitled "The Metabolic Interaction of Vitamin B12 and Choline in the Nutrition of the Albino Rat".

Harold Stump, our new custodian, was welcomed back to our department after a long seige of the mumps.

PFC Darrell Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fettes, is enjoying a 30-day furlough from Camp Roberts, California, where he is an ambulance driver.

Mr. Detters is a material inspector, and Mrs. Fettes is a department inspector on the Percussion Element Line.

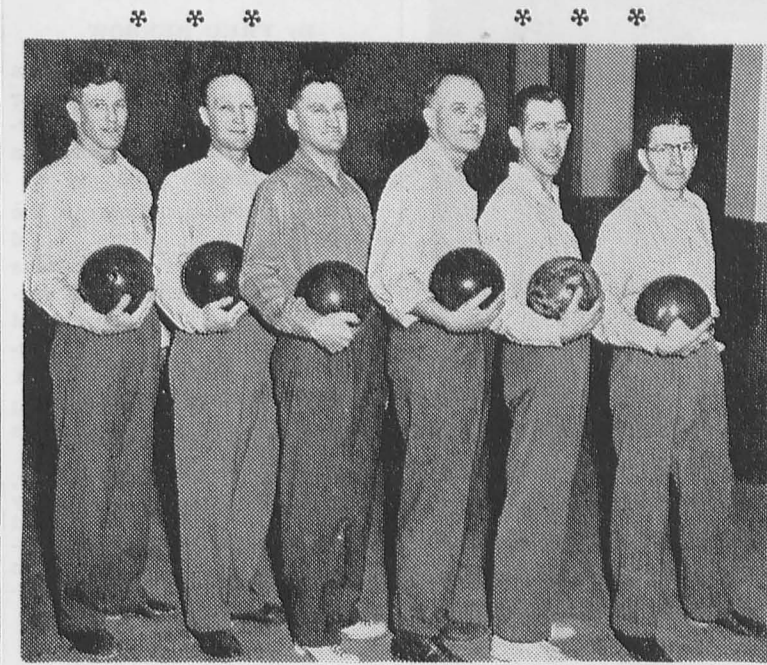
Our new Specifications Engineer is John Stevens of Kent. He is originally from Chester, West Virginia and attended elementary and high school there. He has also attended Kent State university.

On March 25, Lytton Passmore, department inspector, took his Reserve reclassification examination.

The following employees of the P.E. & I. division have completed one year's service with Ravenna Arsenal, Inc.:

M. K. Skipper — March 15
Maxine Kirtley — March 19
D. D. Carbone — March 22
E. S. Thorn — March 28

Line Two Keglers Cop Men's League Crown



Ravenna Arsenal's champion bowling team, the Line Two Keglers, pictured above are, left to right, Bob Russell, Ray Plough Jr., Joe Sase, Willis Sands, Howard McLaughlin and Ted Gedeon.

200 Employees Have Ordered Prescription Ground Safety Glasses

About 200 employees of the Ravenna Arsenal have now received or ordered prescription ground safety glasses.

The representative of the optical company visited the Arsenal on March 20 to deliver finished glasses and pick up more prescriptions from interested employees.

Of the 135 employees already wearing their new glasses only four persons had to have any adjustments made to their frames. Adjustments to the frames will be made if they do not fit.

The optical company representative will again visit the Arsenal on April 3 and measure any interested employees at that time.

Employees who now have their prescriptions and would like to talk with the optician should contact W. J. Fike of the RAI Safety department and arrangements will be made to visit their department.

Bloodmobile Gets 157 Pints On 3rd Trip To Arsenal

Arsenal employees gave the Red Cross bloodmobile a warm reception on its third visit to our shell-loading plant on March 31.

One hundred and eighty-one employees from both the load lines and offices turned out to donate 157 pints of blood.

This fell short of the 177-pint high which was established in a February visit of the bloodmobile unit to the Arsenal.

But the 157 pints were 32 over the goal of 125 pints which has been set up for each visit of the unit.

The successful program brought to 1,299 pints the total amount of blood given to the Red Cross in nine visits of the bloodmobile unit to Portage County.

This average of 144.5 pints a trip is one of the best averages in the state, it was reported.

John Foos, RAI Industrial Relations headed the blood program. Mrs. G. R. Sanders was chairman of the staff aides. She was assisted by Mrs. Howard Grohe, Mrs. E. C. Weyrich, and Mrs. R. H. Folkert.

Canteen workers were headed by Mrs. C. R. Branfield. Her assistants were Mrs. John Gorski, Mrs. Raymond Barton, Mrs. T. T. Brown, Mrs. Carroll Ruben, and Mrs. Robert M. Wilson.

Volunteer nurses included Mrs. Jay Beckwith, chairman, Mrs. Royce Pierce, Mrs. Donald McMahon, Mrs. Betty Plegal, and Mrs. Eliza Edwards.

Mrs. Helen Ensinger, Mrs. Betty Stewart, Mrs. Catherine Blondo, and Mrs. Juanita Wascko served as nurses aides.

The program was held at the Ravenna Arsenal hospital.

New Provost Marshall



New Provost Marshall for the Arsenal is Capt. Edward A. Healy (above). He replaced Capt. Patrick Gerrity who left March 20 for overseas duty.

A native of Brooklyn, N. Y., Capt. Healy was stationed in Munich, Germany for 44 months prior to coming here.

While in Europe, the new Provost Marshall was military liaison officer with the International Refugee Organization.

Capt. Healy entered the service with the New York national guard as a private and received his commission on Nov. 6, 1942.

He has 12 years service and intends to make the Army his career. He is also a member of the New York police force on military leave of absence.

During World War II he served with the 192nd M. P. company attached to the Seventh Army.

After the war he was sent back to the United States and put in charge of the prisoner of war camp at West Point. The PW's did the housekeeping at the military academy.

Before going overseas the second time, Capt. Healy was stationed at Fort Dix, N. J. with the 716th M. P. battalion.

The captain is married and has four children.

Ten Pins Leading Women's League

The Ten Pins are leading the Women's Bowling League with the Fireballs holding down the number two spot.

The Rocketts racked up a single game team high of 756, while the Ten Pins took the three-game series with a score of 1992.

Chloe Yaw racked up a 142 pin average in the highest individual bracket. Ann Maimone rolled a 225 to take the single game series.

In the individual three-game series, Ann Maimone and Elizabeth Lee tied with a 498 tally.

Ravenna Arsenal Men's Bowling League ended its regular 1951-52 season on March 25 with the Line Two Keglers taking top honors. The Shell-loaders ended with 75 wins and 29 losses.

Line Two won both the first and second halves to become the Arsenal Champs. A playoff was not necessary since the winners consistently topped the league in both halves.

High single game honors went to Robert Pavlick with a mighty 267 game. The high three game series also went to Pavlick with games of 179-190-267 for a total of 636.

Team high game was rolled by Salvage on the last night of the season with games of 184-186-190-202 and 210 for 972 total. Team series of 2783 by the Electricians with games of 904-916 and 963 topped the series total.

Except for a tournament, which started March 31, the Men's League is set to hang up the bowling bags and shoes for the year. We can only say "Wait until next year".

The League will hold a banquet at a later date but the time and place have not been determined.

Final standings for the entire year are:

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Load Line No. Two	75	29	.720
Electricians	62	42	.595
Salvage	61	43	.586
Control Laboratory	60	44	.576
Storage	57	47	.547
Surveillance	53	47	.530
Checkers	52	52	.500
Bolton Barn	50	54	.480
Personnel	47	57	.444
RAI Guards	42	58	.420
Industrial Relations	42	58	.420
Carpenters	41	65	.393
Old Timers	40	64	.383
Line No. Three Foremen	38	62	.380

Employment Episodes

By BOB WARREN

Lucile Decker, clerk-typist for the investigation staff, returned to work after a two week illness. She expressed her appreciation for the flowers and get well cards received at home. Glad to see you back, Lucile.

Mary Lou Bognar, former secretary to Captain E. N. Bradford, is now working in the same capacity for Mr. R. M. Wilson. Mary Lou, is happily married and the mother of two children, Barbara and Charles. The quartet reside in Windham.

Mary Padovane is working for C. R. Alderson, service manager of RAI. Mary has been an Arsenal employee for eight months and a lifelong Ravenna resident.

It seems a husband and wife took a trip to new New York City after being on a farm 40 years. They went up into the Empire State building for a look at the city, and as the wife gazed across acres and acres of buildings she burred; "I'm speechless, absolutely speechless."

"Good," declared her husband, "I'll buy the darn thing."

The Depot Diary

by G. V. Stamm

Wedding bells pealed out joyfully on March 15 when one of Surveillance's eligible women skipped over to Indiana and replaced the name of Cooper with Dudek.

Barbara Cooper henceforth will be known as Mrs. Lewis Dudek. At present the newlyweds are residing in Kent.

Ronald Stefanski, one of Dick Spencer's checkers felt the urge to feel saltwater in his face, and so enlisted in the Navy.

Paul Banquer, onetime checker, has returned from the Navy and will soon be with us again.

Other new checkers are: Roy Northridge, Kent State student and Burt Kassell, Hiram college, both are going on the evening shift.

Ernest DeGraw has been at the Erie Proving Grounds the past week on a mission for Surveillance.

Lloyd Kyser is beaming nowadays — the reason? His heavy-weight bullfrogs have been serenading him in lively fashion nightly.

Mike Horner of U-7 has been working under wraps, so to speak, due to his being ensnared in miles of tape for a back ailment.

Co-operation is not a sentiment -- it is an economic necessity.

---Charles Steinmetz

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RAI Celebrates Its First Anniversary This Month

Supervisors Hear Firestone Official At Dinner Meeting

J. E. Trainor, Vice-President of The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, told members of the RAI Supervisory Staff at their March meeting that what Americans did not know about explosives in their early efforts at large-scale munitions making would fill a large book.

Referring to his experience in an explosives plant before World War I, Mr. Trainor said that at that time many things were done that resulted in costly explosions "mainly because we didn't know any better."

"But today we do know better," he declared. "We know how the job should be done and we know how to use all the care and caution a job of this kind deserves. Safety is our first consideration."

Mr. Trainor was the main speaker at the evening session held in the main commissary's large dining room on March 19. The regular monthly conference was both a one-year anniversary party for Ravenna Arsenal, Inc., and a welcoming of supervisory personnel who recently transferred to RAI.

General Manager Paul Borda served as toastmaster and introduced Mr. Trainor and Col. C. K. Allen, Commanding Officer.

In opening the meeting, Mr. Borda welcomed the new supervisors and thanked everyone for their help and cooperation during the past year. He also asked for continued cooperation in order to meet the objective of the Arsenal — the production of ammunition for the Armed Forces.

The RAI general manager complimented all who aided the transfer of the Arsenal from Government to contractor operation and also thanked Colonel Allen for his help and cooperation.

Colonel Allen stated that, "We are entering a new era at the Ravenna Arsenal, and it is now the mission of RAI, as it was for the Government, to handle the entire operation — loading, shipping and storing of shells, as safely, quickly and economically as possible."

The commanding officer also answered the question of why the Government turns its arsenals over to private contractors:

"Free enterprise is the American way of doing things and the contractor method has proven successful."

A 1914 graduate of Pratt Institute, Mr. Trainor was employed by an explosives company before going into the Army in 1916.

In outling the growth of knowledge that has taken place in munitions making since then in order to do the job safely, Mr. Trainor urged the supervisors to keep in mind the primary importance of safety in the Arsenal operation.

"Don't be afraid of the explosive nature of the job, but respect it for what it's worth," he said.

He further stressed the importance of doing a quality job, of seeing that everything is carried out in strict accordance with the specifications.

The proper functioning of an ammunition plant is of the utmost

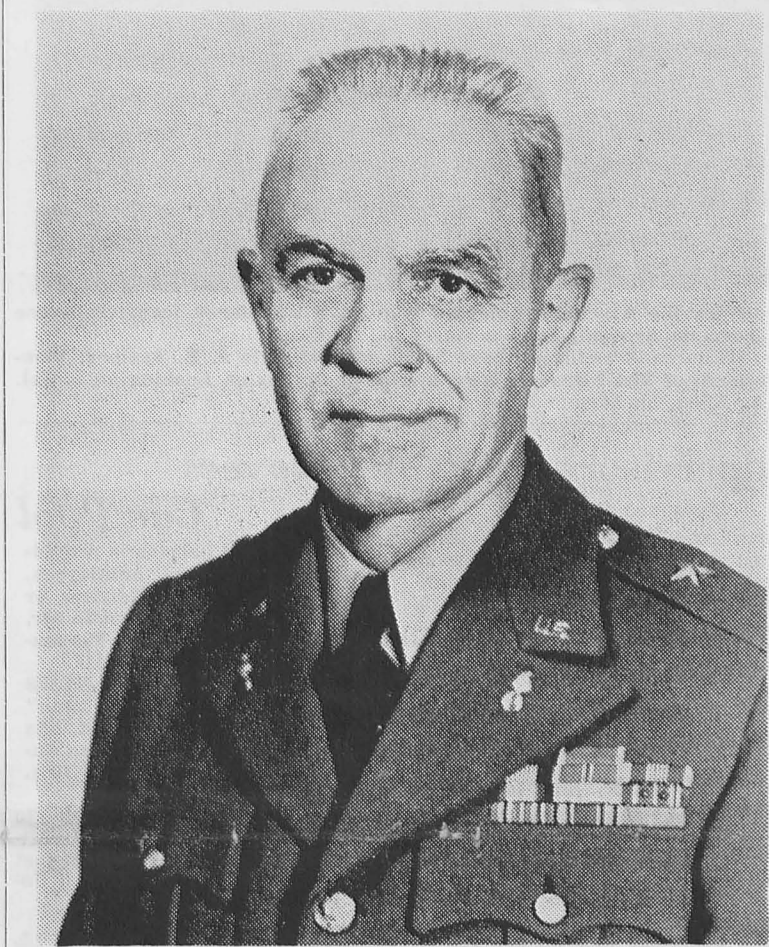
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RAVENNA ARSENAL, APCO, OHIO

April 1, 1952

General Holmes Extends Best Wishes



ORDNANCE AMMUNITION CENTER
U. S. ARMY
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
JOLIET, ILLINOIS

To all Personnel
Ravenna Arsenal

17 March 1952

Ravenna Arsenal is now completing a transition period. Like most of our installations, it will now become completely contractor-operated. This is the arrangement that was found during World War II to be most efficient and economical.

Mainly, it means only a change in management from Government to contractor. The effect on all personnel will be slight. All should still enjoy the satisfaction of serving "the man behind the gun". The effectiveness of that service depends to a great extent on team work. I am confident that the personnel of Ravenna Arsenal will continue to function as a powerful and efficient team.

It is gratifying to note that the operating company has inaugurated a new plant newspaper. I believe that a publication of this kind can be highly useful in keeping all personnel informed of the activities of the installation, and aware of its part in the national defense effort.

I am glad to extend my best wishes to the enterprise, and to all personnel of the Arsenal.

Sincerely,

Joel G. Holmes
JOEL G. HOLMES
Brigadier General, USA

Arsenal Employees Donate \$2,159.38 To Red Cross Fund Raising Campaign

Ravenna Arsenal employees gave \$2,159.38 to the recent Red Cross fund raising drive, V. C. Bloomer, chairman of the drive announced.

This amount will be distributed to the five neighboring counties designated by the employees.

Portage County will receive \$1,044.48, the largest portion of the money, plus a \$300 donation from Ravenna Arsenal, Inc.

Other counties which will share in the Arsenal donations are: Trumbull, \$498.15; Summit, \$314.50; Mahoning, \$121.25; and Stark, \$55.25.

Started With Two Load Lines; Now Operates Entire Arsenal

One year ago (April 1, 1951) Ravenna Arsenal, Inc., a subsidiary of The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, took over the operation of Load Lines One and Two and about 625 employees. Total personnel was about 860.

Today, the entire operation of the Arsenal, loading, storing and shipping of high explosive shells, is under the direction of RAI.

In those early days, Line One was renovating 90 mm shells and in May, Line Two started loading 8 inch howitzer shells with TNT.

However, the RAI advance party composed of Paul Borda, W. J. Fogarty and E. V. Crutcher arrived on February 15 to begin the ground work. H. M. Kregel, Production Manager arrived March 1.

From that day until April 1 additional employees were hired and transferred from Ordnance in order to establish the RAI personnel and administrative branches.

About the same time that RAI was born, Col. C. K. Allen became Commanding Officer. On April 1, Col. James W. Freeman, the former CO, left for duty elsewhere.

Major J. Richard Browder became executive officer at the same time, replacing Lt. Col. James H. Kelley who was sent to the Nebraska Ordnance Plant in Wahoo.

During the year, Lt. Col. Himeon, Post Engineer retired from the service.

Did You Produce 'Absentee Shells' During February?

Absenteeism on four RAI operated load lines dropped 1.3 per cent during the month of February. During January the absenteeism average was 9.6 per cent while in February it was 8.3 per cent.

The Percussion Element Line was low with an 6.7 average. The other lines were: Load Line One, 7.8 per cent; Load Line Two, 9.0 per cent; and Load Line three, 9.6 per cent.

On February 21, the P. E. Line had a low of 2.7 per cent.

Total number of days lost during February due to absenteeism was 2,762. This lost time amounted to about \$40,000.

It also means that quite a few shells were "lost" which our troops in Korea might need one of these days.

A 155mm Long Tom loaded with an "absentee shell" won't protect our country from our Communist enemies or aid our Allies.

Russ Carlyle To Play For All-Arsenal Spring Dance

The romantic style of Russ Carlyle and his orchestra will provide the musical setting for employees attending the All-Arsenal Spring dance on April 19 at the Bolton Barn.

Featured with the Carlyle Crew are Gloria Patry, his lovely blonde songstress, and Mike Caranda, his outstanding pianist.

Russ Carlyle is one bandleader who really knows what the dance and music-lovers of America want. Even as a lad, Russ was always on the alert, attempting to determine exactly what were the preferences of the average music fan. Always lurking in the back of his mind was the thought that someday he would have his own band and he wanted to insure success by beaming his efforts in precisely the right directions.

That is no doubt the reason that Russ' musical repertoire consists of tastefully-chosen arrangements, appealing to every musical preference. Jitterbug enthusiasts, semi-classical fans and instrumental advocates are treated to a fair share of their respective favorites.

Comedy interludes are also interspersed into the evening's entertainment in the form of short musical comedy playlets, mirth provoking segments which capitalize on Russ' ability to closely imitate many of show business' dignitaries of yesterday and today. His remarkable duplications provide the nucleus around which most of the productions are built. The flexibility of the orchestra enables them to be just as effective at any type of showplace. Their impressive list of outstanding engagements reflects their popularity on a national scale. Russ' many records and original compositions have also contributed to his far-spread fame.



Russ Carlyle

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FIRST EDITION

There is much work in the preparation of a first edition, but many thrills come to the editorial staff when they see the accomplishment of their efforts. Most important of all, however, is the thrill we hope everyone of our workers will experience in reading this first edition.

Without you, our employees, there would be very little incentive to have a plant newspaper; in fact, there would be very little to write about. You will, in many instances, help to report the news; there will be many items of interest written about you; and you may offer for editing whatever suggestions or articles you would like to see in print.

We encourage you to make your plant newspaper a successful paper, not only with the first edition, but with every succeeding issue thereafter.

PAUL BORDA,
General Manager

Congratulations to the staff of the New Ravenna Arsenal News on the appearance of the first issue.

Our paper will have accomplished its purpose if it enables each employee to know a little more about his fellow worker and his job, and if it promotes a better understanding of the organization and of our work at the Arsenal.

If the editorial staff, with the support of the readers, can accomplish this, the Arsenal will be a better place at which to work.

CHARLES K. ALLEN
Colonel, Ord Corps
Commanding

The R. A. Eye . . .

Don't Saw Your Buddies' Cane In Half--He May Break An Arm

I once knew a woman that never wasted a thing. She would save all paper bags, string, buttons, little pieces of thread and little pieces of rags.

In fact, her housekeeping was terrible because she was so conservative.

She once found a box of cough drops and of course she didn't want to waste them. So she made her poor husband sleep out on the back porch one night so he would catch a cold and then could use up the cough drops.

She always had something put away for a rainy day(it was her umbrella.) Her husband never took her out, the only thing he ever took out was his false teeth.

Like the fellow operating a cutting machine — all the poor guy does is take out his glass eye because he wouldn't wear his safety glasses.

* * *

And poor Joe Glow, he kept walking off his job all the time when the supervisor wasn't around, and he didn't have anything put away for a rainy day, not even an umbrella.

A friend of mine had a sprained ankle and was using a cane to get around. He was invited to his neighbor's house to a party, and while he was leaning on the piano to get his voice in tune, five of his buddies took his cane into the kitchen and sawed it in half.

When my friend got ready to go home, he put on his hat and coat and leaned on his cane. He fell on his face and broke his arm.

His friends gave him the business and right in the middle of the word

Wire Tappings

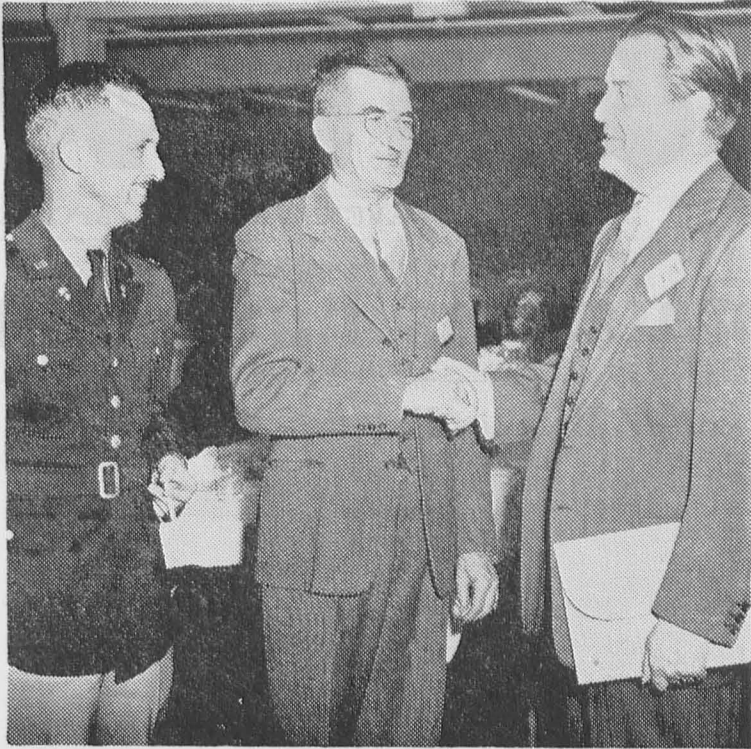
Maida Ricker, one of our telephone operators, is now on a two week vacation. She is cleaning house, Some vacation!

Glenn Henning and Ollie Gotard are both out sick. Everyone here at the office hopes they will be back with us real soon.

Oldtime Employee Meets Firestone Official

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Typifying the Arsenal employees who have transferred from Ordnance to Ravenna Arsenal, Inc., is Harry W. Williams. Mr. Williams is pictured above being introduced to J. E. Trainer, Vice-President of The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company. Looking on is Col. C. K. Allen, his former boss.

Supervisors Hear

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importance, considering the time, effort and cost involved in manufacturing and delivering the ammunition to the point where it is needed," he said. "None of us want to make 'duds' that our friends and relatives might have to use on the battlefield.

"You supervisors and foremen are of the utmost importance in any organization. There is a right way to do every job which is decided after a complete analysis of the job, and it is up to the supervisors to see that all operations are carried out in the right way.

* * *

It doesn't do us any good to develop practices and instructions if they are not carried out by the men who actually do the job.

"Always treat the other fellow the way you would expect to be treated and be a willing listener to his problems," he urged.

"Good cooperation in all manufacturing operations is of the utmost importance and the best way to get cooperation is to always give more than you expect to receive in return.

"One of the great problems of the world today is that people don't know one another sufficiently, but when we really get to know one another we see how easy it is to get along.

"We are all going to have to pull together as a team. Then we will have excellent results. We have had good results already, but we are going to do even better."

Warehouse and Stores Notes

By NELLIE KENTRIS and SUSAN JONES

Our tall, good looking man, Jim Maske, in the Stock Control department, (and he's single, girls) was off sick all of last week. Welcome back Jim!

Ruth Huey celebrated a birthday anniversary on March 15. The girls had a small get-together during their lunch period on Friday, March 14. Many happy returns Ruth.

We are sorry to learn that John Kalwarczyk, Building 809 is in the hospital. We wish him a quick recovery and hope to see him back soon.

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Depot Has Changed Hands Four Times; Purpose Still The Same

In December 1941, the Portage Ordnance Depot came into being, operated by the Ordnance Corps of the U. S. Army.

It was known as the POD side and separated by a fence from the shell-loading part of the Ravenna Arsenal.

The Depot, as we know it today, functioned as a separate Ordnance storage area until August 1943 when its operation was transferred to the Atlas Powder Company.

ATLAS WAS then the operating contractor here, producing shells and bombs for our World War II Armed Forces.

At that time, the fence between the Depot and the Ravenna Ordnance Plant ceased to be a barrier and since then the gates have never been locked.

In November, 1945 the Government took over what was then known as the Ravenna Ordnance Center.

It was then that the Army established the Ravenna Arsenal and put the sprawling munitions plant on a stand-by basis.

DURING all these periods of transferring from one employer to another, the purpose of the Depot never changed.

The job was still that of receiving, storing and shipping of ammunition and component parts. It was also the job of the Depot to

The Depot Magazine

It is in the springtime that the hearts acquire the tenderness and yearning for the opposite sex.

Hence it is no great surprise to learn that Bertha Osburn, niece of Ruth Davis, night waitress in the cafeteria, and Jimmy Gehring of U-8 became engaged March 22. The handholding stage will end in wedlock sometime late in July.

DAVIS LOCKE, nine-year-old son of Henry Locke of U-8, was quite ill the latter part of March with a sinus infection.

Ernie Sanderson and Oscar Sipe visited Bolton Barn the last week in March prior to returning to work following treatments at Crile and Huron Road Hospitals in Cleveland.

Jack Quesenberry, a former high-lift operator is back at U-8 as a semi driver after an absence of nearly a year.

We learn that Barney Rothermel's mother will be leaving the Ravenna hospital following a month recuperation from an operation.

MARY FEINGLASS, is the new nurse in the Bolton Barn dispensary. Mrs. Feinglass had been assigned to the Headquarters Area Hospital.

David Shafer, foreman, is wistfully eyeing the mail for his war department ten year pin, which was due the latter part of January.

Joe Braden, the manufacturer of all kinds of devices at U-7, is still busy turning out angurs for U-14. His boss, Merrill Parker, has become imbued with the feeling that comes in the springtime. But at present, Merrill's exercise around home is rooting out a stump in his front yard.

CHARLIE DARRAH, the maestro of the brooms there, is still engaged in demonstrating the correct way to use a broom.

From U-7 we learn that John Huzvar is contemplating a back to the soil movement. He's on the verge of buying some land in Edinburg.

There's a new face in that department; Vernon Freudiger of Garrettsville.

THANKS to Lillian French, we got the following from U-14 —

PFC David L. French, son of David French, millwright supervisor, and Lillian of U-14 office, is now in Japan serving with the Air Force Intelligence.

Cpl. Robert Herron, son of Wil-

handle normal maintenance of ammunition in storage.

About the same time the Portage Ordnance Depot was started, Al Dessum started as an assistant foreman.

Mr. Dessum is today the superintendent of stores for the Depot, having worked his way up through the ranks with the government, Atlas, then the government again and now with Ravenna Arsenal, Inc.

HAVING LIVED in Kent since 1928, Mr. Dessum could be classified as a native. Before coming to the Depot, he was with the Davey Tree Expert Company.

Originally the Depot operations were confined to one area, within the POD side fence. Now the operation of receiving, storing and shipping of ammunition is scattered over the entire Arsenal.

The nerve center of the Depot is in the Headquarters Building, and Bolton Barn serves as a secondary headquarters.

From the Barn, personnel and equipment are dispatched to workers in the field and in the ammunition storage warehouses known as magazines.

THERE ARE basically two types of magazines; the igloo type and above ground type. The igloos are reinforced concrete buildings covered with earth. The above ground magazine resembles an ordinary building without windows.

Ammunition that is stored and shipped from larger above-ground magazines is handled by both truck and railroad service. The igloos are serviced only by trucks in the Depot area.

Incoming explosives and inert component parts are also handled by the Depot along with the finished loaded shells.

liam, Carpenter, foreman at U-14, is home on a thirty day leave after serving a few years on Okinawa. He will finish his enlistment with stateside service after his furlough.

Jean Cole of the U-12 Pool had some extremely bad luck recently. About the first of the month, her house caught on fire. As a result all the family's clothing was destroyed, the house ruined, and the family scattered in three locations for the time being.

However, knowing Jean and her hubby, we are positive it won't be long before a newer and better home will emerge from the ruins.

SARAH ROSSOW, same department, spent a week in the hospital recovering from a leg injury. Elizabeth Cade was called to Indiana recently by the death of her father-in-law.

Frances Kolasky and Eleanor Valenti are back at U-12. Francis just recovered from a siege in the hospital, and Eleanor on a transfer from Load Line No. 1.

As Hatlo puts it, a tip of the hat to Elsie Davis and Wilma Bowers of U-7 for the following info.

The hope of a speedy recovery is voiced by all to Bill Kline who is in Crile. Two weeks now.

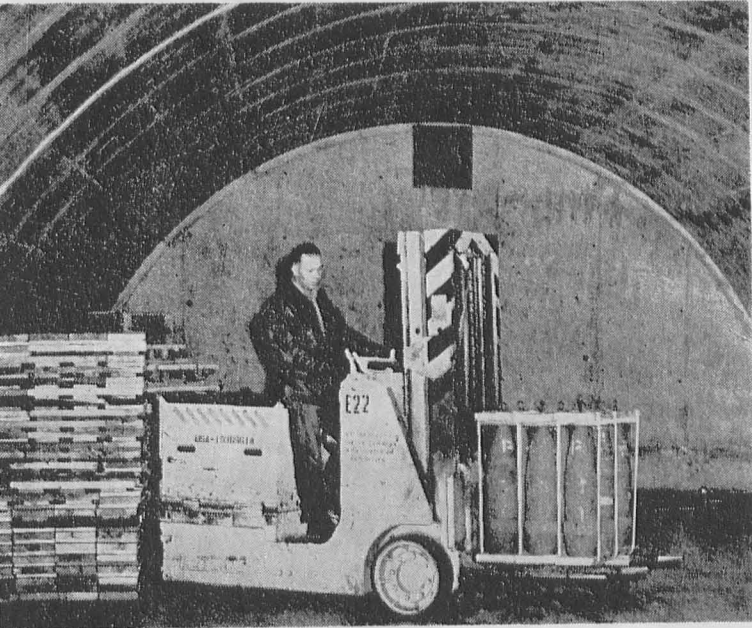
New employees in U-8 are Herbert Warner and Richard Osterland.

HELPING Russ Madonio nowadays with the repairing and, placing tires of all sizes on the vehicles is an industrious young man by the name of A. French.

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Leone Mulland and her mother, Wilma Bowers, who lost their husband and son-in-law in an accident last month. Leone's husband was a member of the armed forces stationed in Kentucky.

Lloyd Kyser says his big frogs can go croak for all he cares—his mind is on gardening right now.

This Igloo Is Not For Eskimos



INSIDE AN IGLOO—William E. Villers is pictured above preparing to move a pallet loaded with 8 inch howitzer shells to the loading platform of one of the numerous igloos in the Depot area. A lift-truck operator from Leavittsburg, Mr. Villers has been working in the Depot since January, 1946. He is in the ammunition stores department.

Employees Car Pool

The Car Pool column is provided for all Arsenal employees, free of charge. Any additions or corrections should be sent to Mr. Alderson, Service Office, Personnel building, or call Ext. 411.

However, the Arsenal NEWS will run the notice "one time" unless otherwise notified. As soon as your notice has been answered, notify the Service Office.

RAVENNA — Needs ride to George Road Shop, 4:30 p. m. to 1 a. m. shift. Thomas Wright, Ravenna 7313.

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WARREN — Room for riders to A.P. Line, 7:45 to 4:15 shift, from Warren or Leavittsburg. Yvonne Montgomery, Ext. 782.

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HAP HAZARD



Warehouse and Stores Notes

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Neikirk, Ravenna, on the arrival of a nine pound, one ounce boy named John Michael born March 27, at Robinson Memorial hospital. Mr. Neikirk is one of our warehousemen.

Mrs. Lillian Bowman proudly announces the birth of her fourth grandchild, Diane Mari Bowman, born March 30, at St. Joseph's hospital in Warren, to her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Bowman of Newton Falls.

WE HAVE three new employees in our department. Welcome! They are as follows:

Mrs. Audry Polglaze started with us on April 1, as a clerk-typist. She lives in Ravenna.

Joseph Maffei, also of Ravenna, started with us on April 7 as a freight warehouseman. He is single and his hobbies are dancing and baseball.

Francis D. Seiple also started with us on April 7, as a freight warehouseman and lives in Windham. He is married and has three children. His hobbies are fishing and baseball.

A group from Stores Stock Control had a get-together on April 2, at the Astoria Cafe in Warren. A good time was had by all.

Melvin H. Kahn, Inert Operator from Building 809 is "Navy bound" He will report to San Diego, Calif. April 23 for his training. We all wish you the best of luck, Melvin.

John Kalwarczyk, clerk typist, Building 809, is back at his job, after spending two weeks in the hospital. John reports he feels better than ever, and we are glad that he is back.

A NEW EMPLOYEE has been added to the department. He is John V. Vencel who lives in Newton Falls. He is a graduate of Newton Falls high school, is married and has one child.

John attends Kent State University during the day, and works at the Load Line No. 3 Tool Crib on the third shift. He is majoring in political science, and his favorite sports are baseball and football.

Employees who have birthday anniversaries this month are:

J. G. Apple April 6
John Peterson Jr. April 6
Carl Schell April 13
George Yanasco April 18
Gayl R. Michels April 22
Henry Mailach April 25

We all wish each of you a "Very Happy Birthday".

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A. P. Line

Primings

Enlow Murray, or Murph to us, our line expediter, has received his greetings from Uncle Sam. He will leave here, on April 18, for the Army.

The gang will sure miss seeing his smiling face. Lots of luck to you Murph, we'll be thinking of you.

We have two new faces on our line, who we wish to welcome. Mrs. Ann Custer from Newton Falls, our new Process Inspector, and Donald McAfee, from Warren. We hope you both will like being with us.

Arla Hoover is a proud grandma to a nice baby girl, whose name is Cynthia Arlene Hoover. Cynthia was born April 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hoover of Black Horse. She weighed six pounds, 14 ounces. Don't spoil her grandma!

Everyone on the line wishes to express their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Bower on the recent death of her brother, and also to Rev. N. S. Lightner on the recent death of his mother.

Co-operation is not a sentiment -- it is an economic necessity.
--Charles Steinmetz

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Share-the-Ride Blanks Distributed To All Employees

Share-The-Ride blanks have been distributed to all Arsenal employees. They should be filled out, as soon as possible, and returned to Industrial Services, Room 4, Personnel Building.

By filling out the blank, you will be helping yourself and your fellow employees. There are many workers who need rides and there are just as many who have additional room in their cars.

The Share-The-Ride program is being set-up to coordinate the facilities that are available, and secure additional riding space.

This information will be available to all employees who are either seeking a ride or riders.

Recreation Program Set Up; Golf League Elects Officers

A Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. recreation program has been set up and all employees interested in participating in spring and summer sports are asked to call 411.

One golf league has already been formed, but team representatives and players who are interested in forming more leagues are asked to attend an organizational meeting. Wednesday, April 23 at 4:30 p. m. in Room 2, Personnel Building.

THE WESTERN Golf League, composed of Arsenal employees from the Ravenna-Akron area, was formed last week.

Jack Streeter was elected president of the Western League along with Larry Wisend, treasurer and Charlie Kebl, secretary.

Twelve teams were formed and they will battle over the links on Thursday nights at Meadowview on Route 5.

Qualifying rounds started April 17 and league play will open officially on May 1.

SOFTBALL players and team representatives will hold their first meeting, Thursday, April 24 at 4:30 p. m. in Room 2, Personnel Building.

All employees interested in forming or joining a softball team are asked to attend the meeting.

The RAI recreation department wishes to welcome both Ordnance and contractor personnel to participate in the Arsenal's spring and summer sports program.

At the present time, athletic activities are being scheduled for day shift employees.

However, the recreation department has plans for promoting morning and afternoon leagues for

Daylight Time In Effect April 27

Ravenna Arsenal will adopt Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, April 27. All clocks will be set ahead one hour at 2 a. m. EST.

Office and plant hours will remain the same. Production and maintenance workers who lose one hour of work will regain this lost time on September 28 when the clocks are turned back.

This is being done to conform with the time change in surrounding communities.

RAVENNA ARSENAL NEWS

RAVENNA ARSENAL, APCO, OHIO

April 18, 1952

Safety Pays

"All Ways"

Everyone Gives Blood Here



EVERYONE at the Arsenal donates to the Armed Forces Blood Donor Program and the above picture proves the statement. Enjoying coffee and donuts after giving their pint of blood during the third visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile are, left to right, Capt. Edward A. Healy, Provost Marshal; Ralph Pemberton, P. E. Line personnel attendant; Mary Ann DeLay, X-ray technician; Estelle Kenney, stenographer; and Mickey George, explosives operator on the P. E. Line.

Red Cross Bloodmobile Makes Fourth Visit Here On May 26

Arsenalites Give 414 Pints Of Blood

What happened to that pint of blood you were going to give? The Armed Forces needs 300,000 pints of whole blood and we, here at the Arsenal, can give our share on May 26.

That's the day the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be here at the Arsenal Hospital, Monday, May 26 from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

SO FAR, Arsenal employees have donated 414 pints of blood to the Armed Forces Blood Donor Program since December, 1951. Let's add another 200 pints for good measure!

When the headlines broadcast our early setbacks in Korea, you were quick to respond to the call for blood.

When the war's tide swung, when we punched out in gain after gain at a grim cost in casualties, you gave generously, without thought of sacrifice or obligation—but out of simple, democratic free choice.

THAT SAME choice is yours to make again. For the need is decidedly as great today. Regardless of the headlines or peace talks, men

Our Armed Forces require 300,000 pints of blood every month to save the lives of wounded men in hospitals in Korea, Japan and the U. S., and to rebuild reserves that could be wiped out in a single national disaster.

The need has never been greater. Make your appointment for a blood donation today. And keep it for the sake of thousands of men whose lives still depend upon you.

TRANSPORTATION will be furnished from the Depot and Load Lines for all donors and the regular taxi service will be available from all other points in the Arsenal.

Anyone working at the Arsenal or living in the Area may sign up for this, the fourth visit of the Bloodmobile. Just contact your supervisor for details.

Those who give blood will receive two free tickets to the May 3 wrestling match at the Akron Armory.

The tickets were donated by Walter Moore, wrestling promoter, in order to boost the Red Cross Blood Program. Mr. Moore also gave free tickets during the last visit of the Bloodmobile.

Arsenal Service Station Gives Workers Discount

An employees' discount on gasoline and Firestone tires and tubes is now available to all Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. personnel at the Arsenal Service Station.

The Service Station is located in the Headquarters Area, just inside the George Road gate on Route 5.

RAI employees will receive a two cents per gallon discount on gasoline and 20 per cent off on Firestone tires and tubes.

The station is conveniently located and is available for general automotive service, including lubrication, car washing and general auto maintenance.

LIVE AND LEARN is okay, except by the time you learn it's too late to live.

TWO GROUPS

Since the advent of the auto, mankind is being divided into two groups, THE QUICK AND THE DEAD.

Percussion Postscripts

Althea Almashy of the Inspection department is in the Green Cross Hospital in Warren, and Bonnie Bowers and Shirley Rowe are on leave of absence from the Percussion Element Line.

We are glad to see that Alda Ballas has recuperated from her recent illness and has returned to work.

April birthday anniversary wishes go to Ruby Oshier and Maggie Forney.

Boy Scout News

An overnight camping trip to Camp Manatoc near Akron has been planned for Boy Scout Troop No. 557 of Charlestown and the Arsenal.

Twenty-six boys will make the trip on April 19 and 20. In charge of the troop will be Scoutmaster Major C. M. Hathaway and assistants Bob Warren and George Hoagland.



employees working the other shifts.

Anyone who is interested in helping to organize leagues and participate in the recreation program is urged to contact the department on Ext. 411.

Ammunition Inspection

There are quite a few new faces in our department. The latest addition to the office force is Mrs. Frankie M. Drugan from Ravenna. I asked her if she had any hobbies, to which she said, "With a husband and three children to take care of, who needs a hobby?"

In the field we have A. Testa, R. Bratton and C. Bratton who are new hires; and W. Harvek, John Belknap, D. Eason, C. Hyer, C. Hinkle and J. Workman who transferred from other departments.

FIVE STUDENTS are at the Ammunition Inspector's School at Savanna Ordnance Depot, Savanna, Illinois. Namely, William Carroll, William Buterbaugh, John Rodgers, John Lemon and Naseeb Neiman.

They will attend school for three months, and from what the Ammunition Inspectors tell, these men are really in for some studying.

The Death Highway

It happened again!

The grim reaper claimed two more lives on wide open Route 5, the main thoroughfare to the Ravenna Arsenal.

THE BOY and girl who died in the disastrous collision near the Arsenal on the morning of April 9 were Kent State University students on their way to class.

But they could have been Arsenal workers since the number of our personnel using this "Death Highway" is increasing every day.

This was the second fatal crash in less than four months. On December 22, 1951, five Arsenal employes met their death while coming to work.

Just think of that! Seven people have met violent death within a few miles of where we are working.

PICTURES of these mangled human beings and automobiles should be a grim reminder to all of us. Safety on the highway is not just words, it means your life.

Speed and carelessness are the two main causes for our high automobile accident rate in the United States, so be careful wherever you drive.

What Is The Effect Of Food On Production?

by Jimmy Adcock
NEWS Staff Writer

Funny subject, isn't it? Many will read it and say, "Now what in the world does food have to do with production?"

And, by the same token, many will not go hand and hand with the idea that food and production are actually dependent upon one another.

But it's true. The amount of work you do depends largely upon the type of food you eat and your eating habits.

Still not convinced? OK, take the case of worker "C". He prides himself because of the fact that he doesn't eat anything for breakfast but a doughnut and a cup of java.

He doesn't realize it, but that's not even enough for an office worker, and "C" is an ammunition handler who lugs heavy objects around. Yet he can't understand why, at about ten thirty, his whole body seems to sag in the middle.

He hasn't learned the importance of food to health and top production. Food makes the worker.

FOOD PROVIDES fuel, material for growth and repair, and the special things like vitamins which are necessary for good nutrition.

To obtain everything needed for vigorous health and top production, a variety of foods must be eaten, because each food has a special duty.

The old saying, "An Army travels on its stomach" is good common sense and the same can be applied to a worker.

Foods can usually be classified

into three types. Type one will be classed as Energy Foods such as fats and carbohydrates which are the chief energy producing foods.

Carbohydrates are the starches and sugars, bread, macaroni, candy, pastry, and similar foods.

Next type is the Building Foods that build up and repair body tissues. They are meat, eggs, cheeses, fish, poultry, and milk.

THE LAST type are the Protective Foods that supply the special substances necessary to keep the body healthy. They are cereals, fruits, dairy products, and vegetables.

And lest we forget, nourishing the body properly means providing it with its required amount of energy that's necessary for top production.

The requirements differ with the ages of people, the type of job they're doing, their sex and their physical make-up.

So when you get that saggy ten-thirty, or two-thirty let-down feeling, remember: You're not giving your body the square deal it deserves. Do not expect it to function properly until you do.

EXECUTIVE ABILITY — The art of convincing your wife that you hired your pretty secretary on account of her experience.

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New Suggestion Department Member



NEW SUGGESTION investigator is Robert L. Baumgardner (above) from Akron. A native of the Rubber City, Mr. Baumgardner graduated from Central High School and also attended Akron University.

Before coming to the Arsenal he was branch manager for the Gray Manufacturing Company. Prior to entering the Armed Forces in 1941, Mr. Baumgardner was with the Factory Accounting Department of The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company in Akron for three years.

The R. A. Eye . . .

Gardener Crossed Milkweed, Eggplant To Grow Omelets

Now that spring is here something else enters our thoughts—that of making a garden.

So after work each day, we make plans, buy seeds and think of the nice vegetables we are going to raise. Better than any previous year.

But, don't be like my neighbor who planted a big patch of beans and turned a pig loose in them hoping he'd have lots of pork and beans.

LAST YEAR he tried to cross milkweed and eggplant in order to raise omelets. He said he was going to have a Boston garden-well cultivated!

Of course it almost turned out to be cultural calamity, even the beans went to pot.

The first thing he planted in his garden was his foot, but it didn't sprout because the corn was on the other foot.

It seemed that nothing was going to come up, and he kept his seeds nice and clean too. He dug them up every morning and washed the dirt off; and then, ever so carefully, put them back in the ground.

He got disgusted and planted dill pickles, and low and behold, he got relish. Sort of reminded me of a fellow that was always telling how good a football player he was in his younger days.

Must have been a contortionist be

cause he was always telling how he'd carry the ball around his own end.

The job we are doing here is strictly for self-preservation, to furnish material to our Armed Forces. For those kids of yours and mine on the firing line.

Last month, I had the pleasure of hearing J. E. Trainer, Vice-President of The Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. He spoke about safety on our job and what he said wasn't new; but the way he said it renewed it, (with relish.)

He also meant that each day when we go to our job, we should think of our garden.

Take the seeds of safety and carefully wash the dirt off them. And if no trouble comes up, we won't have to run around our own end.

However, we can cross safety with good common sense and raise the safest place in the world to work.

A Boston Garden — well cultivated with safety-minded workers.

Employment Episodes

Yours Truly can't think of any bright, witty or intelligent remarks to open the column, so we will plunge blindly into our news and hope that you are interested.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Whim) Hysler flew that well-known coop last week for a short vacation in Arkansas. She left April 5 and returned on the 14th.

Some other members of our crew have also taken advantage of this lovely "take-a-trip weather" (22 degrees above zero and promised snow at the time of this writing!).

GEORGE AND DONNA Hoagland along with my co-writer and his little woman, Bob and Delores Warren, went to Washington, D. C., over the Easter week-end to attend the Cherry Festival.

Here's something interesting — Remember that old saying, "Like father, like son?" Wonder if it applies to mothers and daughters, too.

Mrs. Norma Fliess, our process chief clerk (and bottle washer) went home one evening last week and found her young daughter with two black eyes and a few million scratches.

Reason? Five-year-old Diana had a slight argument with the neighbor boy!!

MR. ALDERSON'S second addition is pretty brown-eyed, brunette Margaret Jean Chionchio. Marge, a former clerk-typist in government personnel, transferred to Industrial Services on March 13.

More statistics — Marge lives in Ravenna, has a birthday anniversary coming up September 1, likes dancing, horseback riding and golf. And may we add, boys, that she is not married.

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Comptroller's Division

We really got around this time so here's lots of news for you. We even got as far back as the Steno Pool, and that's where we started our handshake line.

Dolores Kalman recently joined the stenos, and hails from Warren. Dolores previously worked at Allied Metals in Warren, and at the same time attended Youngstown College. She is single and enjoys roller skating, bowling, and all sports in general.

A friendly handshake to Ida Mae Ellis, who lives in Ravenna. We understand her husband recently left for Korea, and without even knowing him, we all wish him the best of luck.

NANCY LUCIK is another addition to the Steno group, although Nancy is a transfer, rather than a new hire. She previously worked as secretary to C. R. Kennington, Government Fiscal Officer. You read about Nancy's recent marriage in the last issue, and also that she resides in Warren.

A warm and friendly greeting to a recent new addition, W. G. Goodridge. Mr. Goodridge comes to us from Canfield, Ohio, is married, and has one youngster.

He was formerly associated with the Aetna Standard Company of Elwood City, Pa., and joins the Purchasing Department as a buyer. We hope he likes us!

We also discovered a new face in Stationary Stores — Mrs. Eleanor O'Hara, who transferred from Government Inspection. She is a resident of Kent, and an avid golfer. We can understand why, knowing that her husband is the proud possessor of twelve golf trophies.

In the Duplicating room, we found Mrs. Sarah Butler, another transfer, this time from Office Services Branch. Sarah lives in Akron, and has two children. Her favorite sport is horseback riding.

JOSEPH RIDDLE is a new paymaster clerk, and resides in Windham. He hails from near Parkersburg, W. Va., and is contemplating a week-end trip home soon. To those of you who are interested, he is single!

John McClelland is the new tabulating machine operator in the Payroll Department. He is married and has three children. He lives here in the Area, and is looking for a house to rent, so if you know of one, call him collect.

In Property, we say hello and welcome to Eli Romick; a bachelor, girls. Eli lives in Newton Falls and was an Atlas Powder employee, 1941-1945. He was formerly employed at Universal Sewer Pipe Company at Palmyra.

Ray Hartung is quite proud to have been elected Commander of VFW Post 1055 in Ravenna. He will be installed on April 20. Jack Grimm has been reported off ill for the past week, and we sincerely hope that he's back with us at the time of this publication.

HELEN JANACEK

has been in the hospital ill with pneumonia, and again we hope that by time of this publication she'll be back with us, smiling and feeling fine.

Financial Accounting will take a back seat this time, since we were covered so exclusively last time. The only news we have to report is that spring is here, and Harold Klett and Bob Ream can hardly wait to do some fishing — but that isn't news. We've been hearing about it all winter.

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Test Load Line Air For Toxic Content



SAMPLING THE AIR that workers on the Load Lines breathe is the job of James C. Hargleroad, shown above grinding the handle of his air impinger unit.

He is sampling the toxic content of the air in the melt load on Load Line One. The glass tube on his lapel contains a heavy alcohol which turns red on contact with TNT, Composition "B" or other toxic elements.

The air is drawn into the unit and passed through the alcohol. The chemical is analyzed for its toxic content.

The amount of toxic elements in the air is determined by the darkness the alcohol turns.

Mr. Hargleroad is an industrial hygienist from Ordnance Ammunition Center and his primary job is to inspect industrial hygiene and waste. He also checks the toxic content in all waste water leaving the Arsenal.

In visiting the various Arsenals, he checks the operations to see that they conform to the health standards set up by the Government.

All this is done to protect the health and well-being of Ravenna Arsenal employees.

Engineering Etchings

Employees who have been in RAI Engineering for a year are:

**Dick Franks
Tommy Wilson
Frank Polichene
Pat Ceglia
Joe Zaffuto
Dick Wiseman
Bill Wiseman**

Mrs. Ruth Orwig is the new clerk typist working for C. J. Burns in Transportation.

Henry Gantt and Bernice Koran's smiling faces are now being shared along with R. Z. Plough in the Headquarters Building.

CHARLES SOLLBERGER

and William Holeman recently transferred from Department 202 to 36.

A big "welcome back" is being extended to Mary Kot who returned to work April 7 after her recent illness.

Thomas Seybert and Robert Stoyanoff are new members of the engineering staff.

Mr. Seybert is a mechanical engineer and lives at Freedom Station. He is married and the father of a four-month-old daughter.

He also attended Hiram College and was formerly employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. His hometown is Rimersburg, Pa., and his hobbies are hunting and racing.

MR. STOYANOFF is a resident of Youngstown and is an industrial engineer. Bob is single and a former employee of Packard Electric in Warren.

Born in New Castle, Pa. Mr. Stoyanoff was three years old when he went to Bulgaria.

Bob attended high school in Europe and after returning to the United States in 1946, he attended Youngstown College.

635 Drivers Tested Under New Training System Since January

Since January 7, 1952, 635 Arsenal drivers have been tested at the new Driver's Testing School. During March, 128 tests were given. Of this number, eight failed their driving test, four their written test and two failed the medical examination.

MORE THAN half of this number were re-tests for drivers who have had their Government Drivers Permits for a year or more. The new system was set up to provide better testing and training facilities. The examiners, Wallace Smalley, Clyde Paisley and Dale Gray are well qualified to give the tests.

Drivers are given from two weeks to 30 days notice to report for re-testing before their permit expires. It is given one year after the permit was issued.

Maximum score on the driving test is 200 and a driver must make a score of 185 or better to pass.

PASSING SCORE was 166, but the testing has shown that most employees have been passing with a score of 185 or better.

The written and medical test standards have not been changed. The safety record in the next 60 or 90 days should show the results of raising the standard. It is the aim of the Driver's Testing School to have expert drivers, not just good drivers.

There has been a reduction in

Engagements

LUBBRICK-FUEHRER

Engagement and forthcoming marriage of Miss Florence J. Lubrick to Robert W. Fuehrer, editor of the Ravenna Arsenal NEWS, has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Lubrick of Youngstown.

The wedding has been set for June 21 at 9:30 a. m. in St. Stanislaus church.

Miss Lubrick attended Youngstown College where she was a member of the Newman Club. She is now credit manager of the Ohio Finance Company.

FISCAL

— We will all miss Florence Confer who left last week to stay home with her family. We hope she enjoys her new job as well as she did working with us.

PROPERTY — Florence Somers and Mary Sterpka, who left to stay home and take care of their families, were presented with gifts from their former co-workers in Property and present co-workers with RAI. A dinner was given in their honor at the Astoria Cafe in Warren on April 2.

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Good Luck and Happy Landings fellows — we'll all be looking forward to your safe return.

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The Captain says everyone should move at least once a year. "In this manner you can eliminate the need of three trucks to haul away the odds and ends (junk) that is accumulated."

You know the sort of thing he means — "keep it, it may come in handy some day!" Well, it might eliminate the need of two of the three trucks, we hope.

POINT OF VIEW

When you say you have troubles as great as my own, I'm forced to admit that it's true; But consider the fact that mine happen to me!

While yours merely happen to you.

warning tickets issued and the re-testing program has also caused employees to stop, think and be more cautious.

C.O.R. Staff News

How would you Ordnance guys and gals like to get out your thinking caps and come up with a snappy title for our Ordnance news column in the new Arsenal NEWS? Something catchy that you will look for each time you receive your copy.

After much bumping of heads it was decided to hold a little contest for the next week to see what all heads can do.

Your only award will be to see your name in print as the originator of the title of the column.

But get busy and submit your suggestions to Connie Sylvia, Room 246, Headquarters Building, by April 23, so that we may have the new column title for the next issue.

GENERAL

— Some of the employees and their spouses who attended the Elks' Bowling Tournament in Toledo, on April 5 and 6 were: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grobe, Mr. and Mrs. Roy (and Kay) Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck (Wrong-Road) Kebl and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Weyrich.

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT

— Major and Mrs. C. E. Branson attended the dog show in Dayton on April 12 and 13. They entered some of their Welsh Pembroke Corgis.

Roland DeUnger took a week's leave on April 14 to join his wife and daughter in Lakeland, Fla., where they have been vacationing for the past two weeks. He plans to bring them back home with him.

If you need any hints on house cleaning, linoleum or carpet laying, contact Harold Gepper. It seems he has many ideas on this subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE

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The contest for the naming of the column for Ordnance News has been extended to May 30. Hope to see a lot of entries.

Miss Letty Sierra expressed a great deal of pleasure upon being presented with a "Toastmaster" at a wedding shower dinner given in her honor on April 17, at Ma Perkins' Chicken House near Youngstown, by several of her friends and co-workers at the Arsenal.

THOSE PRESENT at the dinner were two former co-workers, Thelma Wooke and Thelma Fitzsimmons Lee, and Dorothy Barnhart, Irene Prokop, Lillian Youell, Mary Jane Jacobs, Constance Sylvia and Letty. Unable to attend were Kay Ball, Edith Cook, Tress O'Lear, Mary Jo Hardesty and Chloe Yaw.

Among those missing from their desks at the Arsenal since April 14 are Virgil L. Carpenter and R. J. Shirock, Safety Officer, who are attending a class on Ordnance Technical Safety at the University of Louisville. They will be away a month.

SAFETY DIRECTOR H. P. Thune left on May 2 to attend a Safety Engineers' course at New York University from May 5-23.

We're all happy to hear that Mrs. Ralph Campbell is back at home after spending the Easter Holidays in the hospital having an operation, and recuperating at the home of her parents in Marion, Ohio.

Roland DeUnger, Adjutant's office, spend the week end of April 20 in Niles, Michigan, visiting his mother who is ill in the hospital.

Eunice Slimack was surprised by a shower of gifts from her co-workers in Office Services on April 23. The occasion, her eighteenth birthday anniversary.

Florence Dingley, Office Services, went to Cleveland April 19, to attend the opera "Marriage of Figaro." She reports it was wonderful.

Miss Mary Jane Jacobs, Records Administrator in Office Services will be away from her desk for a month beginning May 5. She will attend a Records Management Course in Kansas City, Missouri.

LT. R. H. FOLKERT, Ammunition Supply Officer, was relieved of his duties at Ravenna Arsenal on April 21 and reported to the Separation Center for discharge.

Lt. Folkert was stationed here 15 months and is returning to his old job at the Ohio Power Company in New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Mrs. Estella Dustman of Ravenna, teletype operator in the Telephone Building, has been off for a week nursing a bad case of the flu. Hopes for a quick recovery are extended by fellow employees.

Comptroller's Division

We are glad to welcome to the Payroll Department Thomas M. Raymond, who became a time-keeper on Load Line Three on April 14. Mr. Raymond was formerly employed by the Polson Rubber Company in Garrettsville.

He lives with his mother in Garrettsville and enjoys gardening very much and like all men I guess, his hobby is fishing, also he is an active member of the American Legion.

THERE WAS a surprise party several weeks ago in the honor of Bill Drescher. It seems Bill had a birthday and his fellow employees helped him celebrate it with a birthday cake and all the trimmings. Many happy returns, Bill, (not the birthday — the cake).

Say, have you noticed any long faces in the tab room for the past week? Could it be due to the confinement of Bernard Paul? Yes it could, because Bernard has the mumps! Everyone is anxiously awaiting a speedy recovery, Bernard.

It looks like congratulations are in store for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris. They recently celebrated another wedding anniversary.

"Oh my acken" back"! These were the words Bill Drescher and John McClelland said this week when they moved John and his

G. B. Hoagland Promoted To Chief Photographer



GEORGE B. HOAGLAND, (above), Ravenna Arsenal, Inc., photographer, has been promoted to Chief Photographer in the United States Naval Reserve.

Chief Hoagland has been in the reserves since he was discharged from active duty in 1946. At the present time he is an instructor at the Akron Naval Air Station teaching a class of 25 student photographers.

A native of Warren, Hoagland has been at the Arsenal for two years.

He and his wife Donna, who works in RAI Payroll, are residents here in the Arsenal.

Thomas M. Brown Named Assistant Safety, Training Manager For RAI



THOMAS M. BROWN, RAI's new assistant Safety and Training Manager is Thomas M. Brown, a former lieutenant on the Erie Railroad Police Force.

A native of Newton Falls, Mr. family from Columbus, with Bill's help, to the Windham Project last week end. Gee, some guys have all the luck!!

ON APRIL 16 the Purchasing Department celebrated a birthday anniversary. The employees presented W. O. Davis with a cake and ice cream during the lunch period. Many happy returns, Mr. Davis, from all of us.

We would like to welcome four new people to the Cost Accounting Department. They are: Mildred Bailey, Patricia Cox, Louise Bello, and Gladys Walters transferred from the Government Payroll Department.

FRED D. HANN, from Stores Department is now with the inventory team of Property. "Good work Fred and welcome."

"Cheaper by the dozen," believe it? Well, it seems that Helen Janacek does, two grandchildren in two days makes an even dozen for her. Daughter Elaine in Thompson, Ohio had a baby boy April 14 and Helen in Windham a baby girl April 15. Congratulations Helen!

Ordnance Corps 140 Years Old This Month

The U. S. Army Ordnance Corps will celebrate its 140th Anniversary this month. On May 14, 1812, it was established as the Ordnance Department by an Act of Congress.

A later act on February 8, 1815 reorganized the department and assigned functions similar to those now performed.

In an effort to simplify Army organization, the Ordnance Department was merged with the Artillery in 1821.

ELEVEN YEARS later the department was restored to its separate status. By the Army Organization Act of 1950, the department was designated the Ordnance Corps.

Ordnance responsibilities cover a large and diversified field in order to provide and service Ordnance material required for the Army and as assigned for the Navy and Air Force.

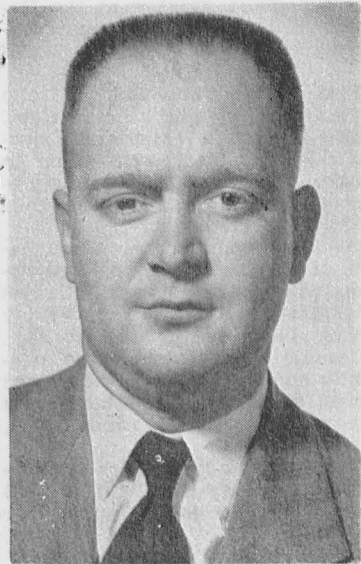
To present some idea of the scope of the Ordnance responsibility, we need only realize that the term Ordnance material consists of small arms and automatic weapons; artillery, including mortars; fire control equipment; ammunition and explosives; and bombs and mines.

Also transport and combat vehicles; rockets and guided missiles; Army aircraft, mobile repair shops; and parts, accessories, materials and equipment pertaining to the above.

Softball Season Opens June 3; Second Golf League Formed

Sixteen or more Ravenna Arsenal softball teams will open the 1952 season on June 3, Don Anderson, RAI recreation supervisor announced this week.

Don Anderson Named Recreation Supervisor



DON ANDERSON (above), has been named to the position of Recreation Supervisor for the recently organized Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. Recreation Department.

He has both the educational and working background to handle a full scale recreation program. Mr. Anderson is a 1950 graduate of Kent State University where he majored in health and physical education.

At the present time he is doing graduate work at Ohio State University for his masters' degree.

While attending KSU and OSU he participated in the various intra-mural sports activities. He was also a member of last seasons' Arsenal basketball team and Load Line One softball squad. The Line One team was co-champion with the Depot softballers.

A former safety supervisor here, Don played basketball with the old Akron National A. C.'s. During World War II, he participated in the athletic program at Pasadena Junior College while stationed there with the Army. He even helped supervise some of the program at Pasadena.

Mr. Anderson is a resident of Ravenna and has been with RAI since April, 1951.

Motor Pool Tune Up

Dee Dees (the Mrs. Winchell of the Motor Pool) had a five - day vacation — not a very enjoyable one since, she was ill.

Irene Hilker has taken to wearing those colorful silk ties around her neck these days — Very becoming too!

Dean Miller, a truck driver, had a close call when acid played havoc with a pair of overalls he was wearing.

A letter received from Bob French, former body shop employee, is posted on the bulletin board. He sends his address and would like to hear from some of you boys.

MOTOR POOL welcomes back a former chauffette — Ann Tambures. Ann and her husband Nick who is in payroll, recently returned from California. Just couldn't stay away from Ohio.

We thought for a while that we would have to send a searching party into the West Virginia hills to bring back Leonard Moore. But things turned out O. K., he reported for work Wednesday morning.

Another former MP employee returned to work after a three months absence, Gene Cook. He had the misfortune of receiving a broken foot in an auto accident. Glad to see you back at your old job again Gene.

TO WRITE well is to think well, to feel well and to render well; it is to possess at once intellect, soul and taste.

—Buffon.

Also topping the spring sports program is a second golf league that will play at Chestnut Hills Golf Course on Thursdays at 5:30 p. m.

GOLFERS MET May 1 to set up the second league but Mr. Anderson announced that there are openings for more employees interested in playing in the Chestnut Hills League.

Also any Arsenal golfers living in the Warren-Youngstown area who are interested in forming a golf league to play in that district should contact the recreation department on Ext. 506. If enough interest is shown, an Eastern League will be formed.

A softball meeting was held Tuesday, May 6 in Room 11, Personnel Building for all team representatives and employees interested in playing softball.

SOFTBALL teams interested in holding practices should contact Mr. Anderson at the recreation office for permission to use the fields and equipment.

Eight teams of the Western Golf League opened the 1952 season on May 6 at Meadowview Golf Course. The teams finished their qualifying rounds on April 24.

The recreation program is open to all Ravenna Arsenal personnel and if you are interested in any phase of the program, don't hesitate to contact the recreation supervisor in Room 2, Personnel Building or on Ext. 506.

Men's Bowling League Holds Annual Banquet

Ravenna Arsenal's Men's Bowling League held their annual end-of-the-season banquet on April 24 at Carlos Place in Newton Falls. About 90 persons attended the steak dinner.

Jackets will be presented to the league champs, the Line Two Keglers, at a later date. The jackets have been ordered by the Welfare Council.

THE DARKEST hour in any man's life is when he sits down to plan how to get money without earning it.

—Horace Greeley.

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What Happened to That Pint of Blood You Were Going to Give? SIGN UP NOW!

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May 13, 1952

RAI Operates Laundry For Shells

Bloodmobile Makes Fourth Visit May 26

Fourth visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile has been set for Monday, May 26. Have you registered to give that pint of blood?

Receiving point for the bloodmobile will be the Arsenal Hospital in the Headquarters' area and it will be open for all Arsenalites from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

SO FAR, Arsenal employees and residents have donated 414 pints of blood to the Armed Forces Blood Donor Program since December, 1951. Let's add another 200 pints for good measure!

Employees who wish to donate their blood should contact their supervisor and fill out the necessary forms. Additional blood donor forms can be obtained by calling John Foos, Ext. 307, RAI Industrial Relations Department.

Our Armed Forces still needs 300,000 pints of blood every month. Maybe you, too, wonder why the blood quota stays the same each month. Well, there are two urgent reasons.

REGARDLESS of events in Korea or any other part of the world, our wounded veterans in military hospitals need a continuous supply to save their lives over the months, or years, that lie between convalescence and recovery.

Our Armed Forces' reserve supply of blood is dangerously low and must be built up quickly to be ready for any possible future emergency.

The need for your blood has never been greater than it is today. If you haven't given blood within the past three months, get your registration blank now for your appointment, and keep that appointment to save a life.

Welfare Council Elects Members

Government Welfare Council members who were elected last month to serve during the 1952-53 year, are Wayne F. Thomas, Richard Elliott, Chloe Yaw and Mary Pavlich.

President and secretary for the Council will be elected at the group's first meeting in May.

Purpose of the Council will be to direct welfare activities that concern only government personnel, such as the flower fund, service awards and similar activities.

The Welfare Council will also assist Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. in various programs.

Cancer Crusade Receives \$114.42 From Arsenalites

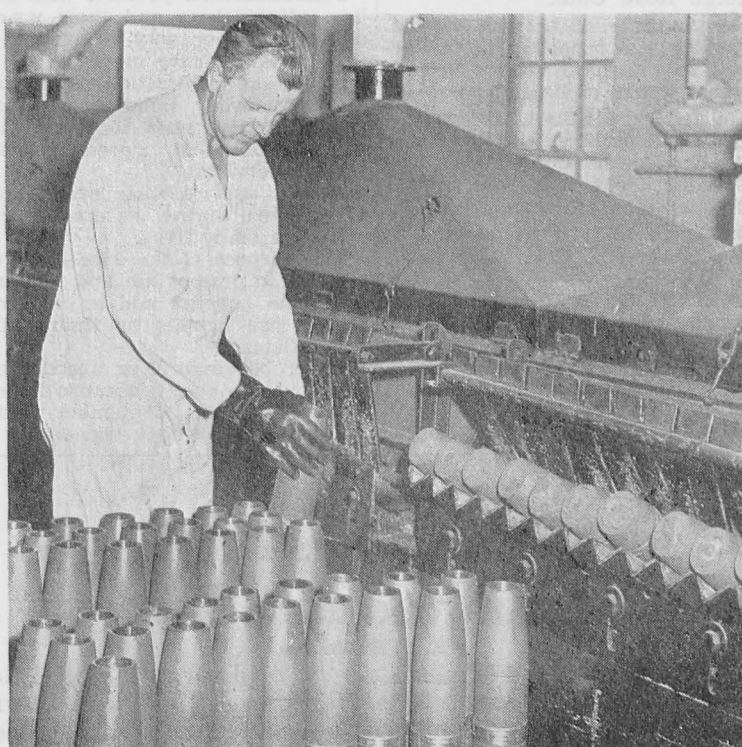
Ravenna Arsenal employees gave \$114.42 to the recent Portage County Cancer Crusade, V. C. Bloomer, local chairman announced.

The sealed canisters were sent to the Cancer Society's Kent office where the money was counted.

RAVENNA ARSENAL NEWS

Safety Pays "All Ways"

Laundry For 90mm Projectiles



REMOVING 90mm shells from the Washout Line "header" is Russell Swank of Newton Falls. Shells are placed over the header nozzles which spray hot water into the shells and wash out the grease. The clean shells then go to the paint spray booth.

Community Officials Will Be Armed Forces Day Guests

Armed Forces Day will be observed at the Ravenna Arsenal on Friday, May 16, instead of the official May 17 date.

Guests of honor invited for the day will include the mayors of Newton Falls, Ravenna, Kent, Warren, Youngstown, Akron and Alliance.

OFFICIALS from Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. and Col. C. K. Allen and his staff officers will be included in the official party that will tour the Arsenal.

Other visitors from nearby communities will be newspaper editors; police officials, and representatives from the chambers of commerce and service clubs, labor representatives and state officials.

For security reasons, it is impractical to invite the general public this year.

PAUL BORDA, RAI General Manager, and Col. C. K. Allen, Commanding Officer, will welcome the visitors in the assembly room of the Main Commissary.

Civic and municipal officials from the nearby communities will then tour the Arsenal, visiting one of the load lines and a storage area.

This is the third annual nation-wide demonstration in honor of the men and women in the Armed Forces of the United States. Official slogan for the observance is: "Unity — Strength — Freedom."

IN A STATEMENT issued about the spirit and purpose of the day, Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett said:

"To our men overseas, and particularly to those who have been

Project Known As Washout Line

Besides washing employees' work clothes, Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. also operates a laundry for shells.

Known as the Washout Line, this little known operation is located in the old Ammonium Nitrate area.

The line was activated in December but the actual washing of shells didn't start until March 7.

First work done on the line was "shot blasting" 155mm shells. This project involved cleaning rust and corrosion from both the outside and inside of the shells and repainting them.

IN MARCH, the "shell laundry" started washing the grease out of 90mm projectiles. They are placed on header racks over nozzles that spray hot water into the shells.

Insides of the shells are then painted, inspected and the shells are shipped to the Depot for storage. As needed, the projectiles are sent to the load lines for loading with high explosives.

During May, the Washout Line will start a new operation, that of washing TNT loaded projectiles.

In this operation, the shells will also be placed on the header racks but live steam instead of hot water will be forced into the shells, thus melting the TNT.

THESE PROJECTILES have been rejected for various reasons. Some can be re-loaded but others are permanent rejects and must be scrapped.

The TNT water then goes through a process which separates the explosive from the contaminated water. The TNT is then flaked, boxed

Protection Against Corrosion



FOR PROTECTION against corrosion, the insides of the clean shells are painted by Henry Williams (above) of Youngstown. After being inspected, the shells are loaded on pallets and shipped to a components magazine. From there they go to the load lines to be loaded with explosives.

Armed Forces Day May 17 . . . 'Unity -- Strength -- Freedom'

Weddings

SICURO-SFERRA
The Immaculate Conception Church in Ravenna was the scene for the marriage of Letty Sferra and Frank Sicuro on May 3.
Msgr. Leo Schindwein performed the double ring ceremony for the Arsenal couple and Rev. Gottlieb Pawlowicz said the nuptial mass.
Mrs. Sicuro, who is secretary to Col. C. K. Allen, had her sister for matron of honor. She has been at the Arsenal since 1943.
Mr. Sicuro has been a government inspector since he returned to the Arsenal in January, 1951. Before entering the service in World War II, he worked for the government here from 1940 to 1941 and from 1946 to 1948.

Second Army Command Receives Safety Award

FORT MEADE, Md. — The National Safety Council, for the second consecutive year, presented to the Second Army Command its top award of honor for distinguished service to safety on May 2.
Ned Dearborn, president of the council, presented the 1951 citation to Lt. General Edward H. Brooks, Commanding General.
This award was presented in recognition of necessary progress in accident reduction in the Second Army area, which includes Ravenna Arsenal.
In addition to meeting all safety requirements, Second Army made a 19.6 per cent reduction in accidents during 1951.
WHOEVER serves his country well has no need of ancestors.
—Voltaire.
PEOPLE do not lack strength; they lack will.
—Victor Hugo.

Government Employees Political Activity Restricted By Hatch Act

Officers and employees of the Federal Government are servants of the people.
Because of this their participation in political activities is restrained by the Hatch Act of 1939.
The Act prohibits officers and employees of the Federal Government from using official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with an election or affecting its result.
SUCH OFFICERS and employees are also prohibited from taking any active part in political management or in political campaigns.
These same limitations apply to temporary employees, employees on extended leave to the operating contractor and employees on any other type of leave with or without pay.
Officers and employees may not become candidates for state or local offices which is filled in an election involving candidates who, either directly or indirectly, represent a political party.
However, there are certain state and local positions exempted for

Suggestion Board Approves Eight Ideas At May 5 Meeting

Seven suggestions submitted by Arsenal employees were accepted by the RAI Suggestion Board at their regular meeting on May 5.
One suggestion sent in by a former employee, L. V. Neitz, was also accepted. The award was for \$50.
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FRANK F. VALENTI, a batteryman on the Depot side, received a \$15 award. Two \$10 awards were presented to Renick S. Shank, a machinist in the George Road Shops, and Donald Patton, a materials inspector.
Commended for sending in their suggestions were D. E. Lynds, P. E. Line; C. R. Jenkins, and Danny DiMauro, Load Line One; Dillon D. Huffman, Building 802; and John O. Mathes, Load Line Two.
Mr. Neitz, former electrician here, received his award for designing a safety light for loading box cars.
Mr. Lynds' suggestion was to install a whistle as a signal for "breaks". Mr. Jenkins and Mr. DiMauro also turned in a suggestion for a "whistle signal for breaks."
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INSTALLATION of two clocks in each change house was suggested by Mr. Huffman. Mr. Mathes suggested that foremen be instructed in "conveyor mechanics."
Provide aprons with optimum strength neck straps for machine operators was suggested by Mr. Shank. Mr. Patton received his award for suggesting that foot scrapers and mats be installed at entrances to buildings and lines.
Mr. Valenti submitted a design for solid tire trimmer.
Four of the 17 suggestions on the docket were held over for further investigation and will be reviewed at the next board meeting.
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In Memoriam

GEORGE ALBECKER

Extension 333 For Emergency Calls Only!

Fire-Guard headquarters located in Fire Station No. One, has been receiving numerous false alarm calls on Emergency Ext. 333.
Employees are asked to use this extension for emergency Fire, Guard or Ambulance calls only.
Since Ext. 333 alerts the entire Fire-Guard station, it is urgent that you use this extension for emergency calls only.
Fire safety begins with you. It has been proven that employees can do more towards fire and personal safety than the Fire Department is able to do in the several hours after an alarm has been reported.
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FAMILIARIZE yourself with exits, extinguishers and their use, and the proper way to report a fire or ambulance emergency.
Should an evacuation alarm be given for your building or line, know exactly what to do. If in doubt about this procedure, ask your supervisor.
Proper and precise evacuation of an area during an emergency will save many lives.
The purpose of the Fire Department is to protect life and property in the Arsenal and as an employee you benefit by their skill and efficiency.
Never be doubtful or unconcerned about fire safety because it begins with you. Remember, Ext. 333 is for emergency use only.
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The R. A. Eye . . .

Daddy's Head Was Bandaged Because He Had Bad Brakes

by E. P. Babbington
Now that spring is here, and the birds are making little lovenests in the trees, where they can sit and look down on the beautiful green earth, let's look at the person behind the steering wheel of an automobile.
Of course, there is no danger in the car, the person looks just as snug as a bird in the nest.
However, the danger begins when the person behind the wheel begins to move the car.
Let's discuss the method you use to get to work, you either drive or ride. And, if you are driving, think that one equals forty.
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IF YOU SAW forty cars parked bumper to bumper on the road ahead of you, you'd take a pretty good look up ahead to be sure the way was safely clear before trying to pass that line-up, wouldn't you?
Well, that's what it amounts to if you, traveling 60 mph., tried to pass another vehicle doing 45 mph.
So pretend, that the moving vehicle ahead is about 40 of them standing still — so take a good look and be sure.
Don't be like the guy that asked his sweetheart if she could live on his income, and she replied, "Of course I can, honey, but what will you live on?"
The next time you're driving and you feel yourself getting a little groggy or your eyes start slipping out of focus, you might wake yourself up by repeating and heeding this excerpt from a State Supreme Court decision.
"In a normal human being, sleep does not come without warning. Before sleep there is drowsiness, and before drowsiness there is usually great fatigue or at least a desire to sleep."
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Watch That Cigarette!

Employees, Residents Warned Of Springtime Fire Hazards

Besides spring fever and light hearts, this time of the year also brings forth a fresh crop of costly and dangerous grass and brush fires.
Arsenal employees and residents are asked to help prevent Spring fires, both indoors and outdoors.
The Arsenal Fire Department has already had several grass and brush fires this Spring.
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RESIDENTS in the area are warned not to burn trash and leaves outside after doing their spring cleaning unless authorized by the fire department.
Arsenal residents may burn trash and leaves outdoors only if the burning spot is inspected and approved by the fire department. A wire incinerator must also be used and at least 100 feet from the residence or other buildings.
This precaution is very important since the Arsenal is a heavily forested area.
Fire losses in terms of dollars, lives lost and injuries suffered, have shown a definite costly increase at other government installations. But let's keep our fire losses at a minimum here.
Unsafe smoking practices are a major contributing factor. Don't smoke in bed and don't throw

Warehouse And Stores Notes

We have a new girl in Stores Stock Control, Dorothy Holupko, and she lives in Leavittsburg, Ohio.
She is single and graduated from Warren G. Harding High School. She likes all types of sports and says she likes music and collects records. We welcome her into our department!
Mrs. Alma Ritchey of Stores Stock Control was in an automobile accident on April 22 on her way home from work.
The accident happened in Ravenna but she was not seriously injured, just shaken up.
Mrs. Ritchey has been at home for the past three days recuperating, but we hope to see her back very soon.
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GENERAL STORES is organizing a softball team. We have several newcomers at home plate this year. Among them are Pat DiMauro, Don Sedgwick, Joe Bonzanto, Earl Wood, Ed Marken and Herman Hoff.
Some of the former players from last year are, John Benich, Manager; Gail Weekley, Joe Siron, Robert McClelland, Robert Lattea, Tom Spahn, Bill Duhart, George Yanasco, Ed Taylor, Clarence Mitchell.
Several departments have been booked as our opponents, our first being Load Line One, No. 4 team, which was played April 30 at 5 p. m. Inspection and Salvage departments are also on our future booking list.

New faces in the General Stores department are: Joseph E. Garretson, who resides in Newton Falls. He is married, and has one child. His favorite sport is Baseball. He is an Inert Operator in Warehouse Building 809.
Alvin Tingle resides in Windham, is married and has one child, a son. His hobby is carpentry. He is also an Inert Operator in Building 809.
New Stores attendant on Line Three, third shift, is Leroy Oeach of Ravenna. A native of New Springfield, Ohio, Mr. Oeach is a pre-ministerial student at Kent State University.
He also attended Anderson College in Indiana and has participated in swimming and track.

MAN IS the merriest species of the creation; all above or below him are serious.
—Addison.

Roads, Grounds Department Cuts 3,000 Acres Of Grass

Employees Car Pool

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A Share-the-Ride card file is being kept for those having or needing transportation to the Arsenal. Share-the-Ride blanks are also available at the above office.
This service is for all employees, so why not use it.

The Depot Magazine

Martha Yonker of U-12, who has been troubled with ill health for some time, has requested a month's leave to recuperate. We hope that on her return she'll be in the pink of health.
Jean Cole of same department still feels somewhat like a gypsy since her burned out home is not yet usable.
Bill Byrnes, our senior time-keeper, was off his feet a few days around the middle of April, but, though wan and peaked, is able to wield his pen with customary effect.
DWIGHT RINGLER is back in the saddle following a few days' bout with a sinus infection.
Betty Slater who keeps the paper work in motion in the old Planning section, attended the funeral of an aunt in Cleveland on April 21. Elmer Barto, the old reliable among Car Bracers, also had the misfortune to lose his step-mother, whose funeral he attended on the same Monday.
Jim Newell, our ebullient Field Foreman, enjoyed the weekend in his old haunts, West Virginia.
CHET WADE, our painter and fisherman extraordinary, brought tears of envy to the head water dispenserman, Lloyd Kyser, on his return from a trip to Pennsylvania with a catch of fish that included a 23-inch trout. It was, Lloyd stated, almost as long as a hind leg of one of his frogs.
There's the easy, and then there's the hard way to do things. Duke Turner of U-8 preferred the latter when he attended the double-header at Cleveland on April 20 between the Indians and Tigers.
A foul from Gromek's bat came at him, and our hero reared, rolled his eyes, clawed at the pellet, and eventually knocked it into an empty seat below him.
Then, the king of the motor vehicles got upset in the excitement, stood on his head in the lower seat, and — well, he's got the ball as a souvenir. But his hat — it just ain't the same any more.
NEW FACES, but old and familiar names; Wayne Babbington, son of Load Line Three Chief, Earl, is now a member of Dick Spencer's checker detail.
Jerry Nutter, is a son of Charlie, whom the older hands will recall, was for a long time a Magan Area Foreman. Welcome to t
Jerry is under the wing of Johnny Lawrence, so to speak, and should get along fine for John is a man of experience.
William Kline, the familiar guy we used to see in the school bus driver's seat, is back for a visit preparatory to returning to work. He spent several weeks in a Vet's hospital due to a back injury he received during a paratroop jump into a grape arbor in Sicily during the war. No, it wasn't the grapes that hurt him, he landed on a post!
ADDITIONAL new faces with the checker force are: J. R. Zelina, C. R. Wilson, J. C. Campbell, A. H. Gofford, L. F. Romano, A. E. Lazzari, H. Mansfield, Dick Reider.
We are sorry to have to report that a sister of Larry Chapin died in Painesville on April 23. To him and his family we extend our deepest sympathies.

Capt. E. A. Healy Speaks At Ravenna K. of C. Breakfast

Capt. Edward A. Healy, Ravenna Arsenal Provost Marshal, was the guest speaker at the Ravenna Knights of Columbus communion breakfast, Sunday, April 27.
Two hundred and fifty Catholic boys and their fathers heard Capt. Healy tell of his experiences during the Holy Year celebration in Rome. The Captain recently returned to this country after four years in Germany.
He also described the phenomenon of the Bavarian peasant woman who bears the five stigmas of Christ and bleeds every Friday during Lent.
Captain Healy visited the peasant's home and stood by her bed for 90 minutes as she bled from the wounds in her hands, side, head and eyes.
"This is no fake miracle," he said, "It's very real, the most stirring spectacle I have ever seen."

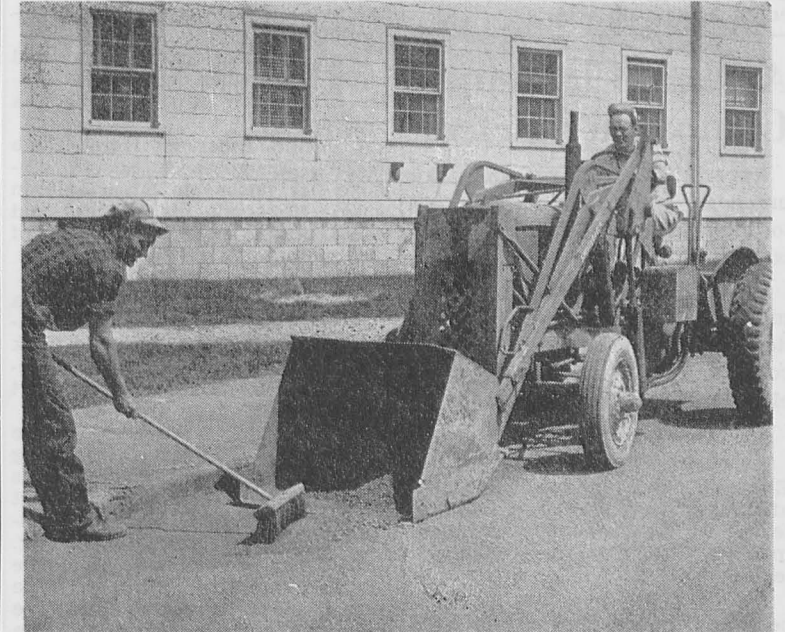
Boy Scout News

Eleven scouts from Troop 557 of Charlestown and the Arsenal passed their Second Class cooking test while on a week-end camping trip to Camp Manatoc, April 19-20.
The Second Class cooks are: Paul Jagnow, Homer Stone-street, Jack Williams, Harold Duffen, Ralph Wilson, Bob Richards, Bill and George Pahls, George Stratton, Ronnie Davis and Stanley Davis.
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THE MENU included steak, hot biscuits, ham and eggs, french fries and home fried potatoes. All meals were cooked with fresh foods, canned foods were prohibited. Each boy built his own fire without paper and with only two matches.
Twenty-four Troop 557 scouts made the week-end trip. In charge were Assistant Scoutmasters George Hoagland and Bob Warren.
Troop members also learned compass reading, tracking through the woods, and nature studies while at Camp Manatoc.
About 25 members of Troop 557 will make another weekend camping trip to Camp Manatoc on May 24-25. Major C. M. Hathaway, scoutmaster, will be in charge of the group.
The troop meets every Monday evening in Building A-9 on the Depot side.

Wade Hampton Beans is the new guard on Line Three. He was recently discharged from the Army after serving ten months in Korea.
At the present time, he and his wife are living with his parents in Atwater. They are waiting for the building of their own home to be completed.
Personnel in Building 4 had a shower on April 22 for Mrs. Susie Boykin who is taking a leave of absence.
We wish to express our sympathy to Guard John Beckley who recently attended the funeral of his uncle, Oscar Schalle of Fort Madison, Iowa.

Headquarters Roads Get Clean Sweep



SPRING IS HERE and last winter's snow and ice cinders must go. Ben Ingraham of Newton Falls lowers the scoop of his front-end loader as Erwin S. Cooper of Windham sweeps up cinders deposited during the past winter. This crew from the Roads and Grounds Department has been cleaning up the cinders from the roads around the Headquarters Area. Mr. Cooper has been with the department for over two years and Mr. Ingraham has been working at the Arsenal for nine years, both for the Atlas and Government.

First Sign Of Spring, A Lawn Mower



GRASS CUTTING is one of the first signs of spring and power driven lawn mowers like the one above being operated by Waide Montgomery, will be a familiar sight throughout the area for the next few months. Mr. Montgomery, a resident of Atwater, started with RAI last month but is a former Arsenallite. He worked here in 1940 for the Hunkin-Conkey Construction Company and for the Atlas in 1942-43.

Loaded Lines From Line Three

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Employment Episodes

The Employment Manager, Investigation and Insurance offices have undergone some redecoration and, despite, our temporary inconvenience, we are very pleased with our "new look."
Speaking of the Employment Manager reminds us that Bob Rousanoff's avid interest in the game called baseball is definitely dwindling.
Our Yankee alien is mourning the absence of the great DiMagg. Pep up please, Boss, perhaps one of these diaper-clad rookies will come through yet!
That distressed look on Tess Sabatini's face last week was due to the fact that hubby, Tony of RAI Inspection, had a grand rush trip to the hospital. We're happy to report that he is home now, minus his appendix, but feeling much better.
One of our Investigators tells us that Mrs. Sarah Rossow, of Ravenna, has been ill for quite some time. Everyone hopes to see you back soon, Sarah.

New Arrivals

A DAUGHTER, Karol Sue, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Capron of Newton Falls on April 14 at Warren. Mr. Capron is an explosives operator in the Ammunition Inspection Department, Depot side.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order to Mr. and Mrs. William Bowser of Ravenna who are the proud parents of a baby girl. The baby was born April 15 in the Robinson Memorial Hospital, weighed 6 lb. 4 oz., and has been given the name of Nancy Lee. Bill works in the Engineering Department.

A SON to Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Anderson of Warren on April 17. Mrs. Anderson was a nurse at Load Line Two dispensary. She went on leave of absence March 31.

A DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Garretson of Newton Falls on April 24 at Warren. Mr. Garretson is an inert operator in Building 809.

Crews Maintain Area The Size Of Youngstown

Ravenna Arsenal's Roads and Grounds Department is the same as any Municipal Streets and Parks Department.
In charge of the department, which maintains an area the size of the city of Youngstown, is R. Z. Plough. Department crews maintain 225 miles of roads both inside and outside the fence, 40 miles of walks 30,000 feet of guard rails and 45 acres of parking lots.
Three to four thousand tons of slag are used every year to patch and resurface 15 to 20 miles of roads.
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SIX TO SEVEN thousand tons of slag are used on the Arsenal's secondary roads. There are about 55 miles of secondary roads in the area.
About two thousand tons of slag are used each year for resurfacing the Arsenal's parking lots.
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LAST WINTER the Roads and Grounds Department used three thousand tons of cinders for snow and ice control on the roads in the area.
The department also hauls coal to 21 low-pressure boiler houses and to two high-pressure boiler houses. About 15,000 tons of coal were hauled last year.
During the Spring and Summer months the department has three thousand acres of grass to cut and this is a continuous process.

TWENTY-TWO power driven mowers are used along with about 12 manually operated grass cutters which are used for trimming.
All forestry work, including trees and shrubbery, are handled by the Roads and Grounds crews.
Besides all the aforementioned duties, the department cleans about 100 miles of ditches, both open area and roadside, which is an all year around job, also maintains 90 miles of fence both exterior and interior, 100 miles of fire lanes, 165 vehicle and pedestrian gates, plus some heavy work for other departments.

R. Z. PLOUGH, department head is also in charge of railroad track maintenance, locomotive and car, repair shops, and heavy equipment mechanics.
A resident of Warren, Mr. Plough has been at the Arsenal for 11 years. He was formerly with the Ohio State Highway Department and came here in 1940 in an advisory capacity for the Hunkin Conkey Construction Company. His job was roads, grounds and bridges.
Later he started with the Atlas Powder Company as an inspector of construction of roads, buildings and bridges. As Atlas expanded, Mr. Plough became highway superintendent.
In 1945 when the Government took over the Arsenal, R. Z. Plough was put in charge of most of the George Road Shops plus railroad track maintenance, and roads and grounds.

In February of this year he started with his fourth employer, Ravenna Arsenal, Inc.
Former Ravenna Arsenal CO Receives Bronze Star
Col. Claron W. Meldrum, former commanding officer of the Ravenna Arsenal, received the Bronze Star medal on April 27.
His tour of duty here was from October, 1941 to January, 1942 and from October, 1943 to January, 1946.
COLONEL MELDRUM'S citation read: "For meritorious service as an Ordnance staff officer on Okinawa in 1950-51."
The award was presented by Brig. Gen. Joel G. Holmes, commander of the Ordnance Ammunition Center, at his office in Joliet, Ill.
The former Ravenna Arsenal CO is now commanding officer of Mill Arsenal in Tennessee.

RAI, Ordnance Host To Integration Sub-committee

Workers Represent Various Ordnance Depots, Arsenals

On May 13 and 14, Ravenna Arsenal was host to a group of Integration Sub-committee members. Representatives were present from the Ordnance Ammunition Center, Office Chief of Ordnance, Picatinny Arsenal, and Nebraska, Iowa, Lone Star, Louisiana, and Cornhusker Ordnance Plants.

Picatinny had five delegates in attendance, and Ravenna Arsenal was represented by three Ordnance and 13 Contractor employees.

PURPOSE of the meeting was to coordinate the activities of the various contractors scheduled to load, assemble and pack complete rounds of artillery ammunition at Government-owned installations.

In this way, production experience and loading techniques of the individual arsenals can be presented at the meetings to aid others in obtaining maximum production in the shortest possible time and in the most efficient manner.

These meetings further permit an interchange of ideas and discussions concerning materials, tools, machinery, and methods. They are also a means of introducing new equipment and machine parts designs and changes in the use of materials.

Topics to be discussed are prepared in agenda form in advance of the scheduled meetings and are approved by the Integration Chairman.

CHAIRMAN of last month's meeting was Howard L. Guenzler, Chief of the Loading and Renovation Branch of the Manufacturing Division, OAC.

After the topics are thoroughly discussed and reviewed, the Sub-committee agrees on the action to be taken and expedites its recommendations to the main Integration Committee at OAC, which is the final authority for the adoption and use of these proposed ideas and methods.

Such handling by the Subcommittee speeds up the action in a way to enable the plants represented to take advantage of the improvements and or modifications as soon as possible after the meetings in order to effect greater efficiencies in their operations.

Similar meetings formed during World War II proved so successful in saving man-hours through improvements in techniques that this committee plan was carried over to the present emergency.

MEMBERSHIP at the meetings is limited to Ordnance and Contractor personnel.

Present charter for the Integration Committee on shell loading was drawn up November 1, 1951. The initial meeting called by Brig. Gen. Joel G. Holmes was held at OAC on March 10. Col. C. K. Allen and P. Borda attended from the Ravenna Arsenal.

A Safety Integration Subcommittee meeting was held May 26-27 at the Cornhusker Ordnance Plant, Grand Island, Neb. C. F. Craver, RAI Safety Security and Training manager, attended.

Engineering Etchings

Members of the Engineering Department have already taken advantage of their vacation time. Shirley Belden is still boasting about the wonderful two weeks she spent in California and Mexico.

Dick Franks, one of our engineers, has just returned from a vacation in Arizona.



THOSE WHO ATTENDED the integration meeting are left to right, Front row: P. Borda, Ravenna; H. L. Guenzler, OAC; Col. C. K. Allen, Ravenna; J. A. Ward, Louisiana. Second row: E. V. Crutcher, Ravenna; H. M. Krengel, Ravenna; T. Gifford, Picatinny. V. R. Reed, Picatinny; J. C. Duer, Ravenna. Third row: Maj. J. Gorski, Ravenna; A. T. Wilson, Ravenna; J. W. Hopwood, Ravenna; G. N. Constan, Joliet; E. A. Skettini, Picatinny; A. Volger, Picatinny; C. E. Merry, Nebraska. Fourth row: D. D. Carbone, Ravenna; E. S. Thorn, Ravenna; T. J. Gedeon, Ravenna; E. R. Sanders, Jr., Ravenna; C. R. Branfield, Ravenna; Elwin Williams, Lone Star. Top row: W. J. Fogarty, Harry Steinberg, OCO; R. C. Merrill, Ravenna; H. C. Appleman, Picatinny; M. K. Skipper, Ravenna. Those not present when the picture was taken were L. L. Snedden, Iowa Ordnance Plant; and A. Dunkin, Cornhusker Ordnance Plant.

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Two Softball Leagues Ready For Action

Two Arsenal softball leagues have been organized and will go into action the first week in June.

The "A" league is composed of the stronger teams and is ready to field six squads. There is still room for two more teams.

"A" league teams that have signed up so far are: Product Engineering and Inspection, squads one and two; Load Line Two, Load Line Three, Bolton Barn and Depot U-8.

Seven teams have signed up for the "B" league. They are: Property, Engineering, George Road Machine Shop, Pleasant Valley A. C., Post Residents, Load Line One and the Motor Pool.

There is still room for one more team in the "B" League.

Umpires are needed for the Arsenal softball season and all interested employees are urged to contact the Recreation Department on Ext. 506.

Final organizational meeting for softball team representatives was held in the Recreation Office on May 28.

'Ten Pins' Cop RA Women's Bowling League Crown

The Women's Bowling League of the Ravenna Arsenal ended their 1951-52 season on May 8 with the Ten Pins out in first place.

The Sixettes held down the number two spot while the Fireballs were third; Rockettes, fourth; Sto-A-Co., fifth; Props, sixth; Recordettes, seventh; and Inc. Spots, eighth.

ANNE MAIMONE copped the individual high single game spot with a "225", while Elaine Simmons and Elizabeth Lee tied for second with a 199 and Chloe Yaw took third with a 190 game.

In the individual high three-game series, Ann Maimone and Elizabeth Lee tied for first place with a 498. Chloe Yaw took second place with a 494 series and Helen Schellinger took third with a 467.

Chloe Yaw took the number one spot in the individual high average class with a 143. Elizabeth Lee was second with 135 and Helen Schellinger and Ann Maimone tied for the number three spot with a 134.

Trophies will be given to the winning team and the first place high score bowlers at a later date.

AT THEIR annual end-of-the-season banquet on May 23 at the Chesterfield Inn, members of the Women's Bowling League elected officers for next season.

Ann Maimone was elected president, Marie Wilson, vice-president; Dorothy Horning, secretary; Nancy Biondo, treasurer; and Dorothy Greenawalt, sergeant-at-arms.

Freedom From The Press

A drill press operator reached across the table to pick up another piece of work and his clothing was caught in the machine.

The bruises and severe lacerations he suffered would have been avoided had the materials been placed where he could reach them without leaning over the press table.

MORAL — Be careful of pickups.

(The Monitor)

Golf League Has More Openings

Chestnut Hills Golf League has been finishing its qualifying rounds and beginning league activity during the past two weeks.

There is still room for several more golfers in the league which plays on the Chestnut Hills Course in Ravenna every Thursday at 5:30 p. m.

Employees interested in joining the Chestnut Hills League should contact the Recreation Department on Ext. 506.

The Western Golf League, which battles over the links at Meadowview, is up to full strength. The teams have been in action for three weeks.

The First Nine Holes Are The Easiest



RAVENNA ARSENAL GOLFERS got into the swing of things on May 6 in spite of the unseasonable weather. The foursome pictured above reviewing their score cards on the opening night of the Western Golf League at the Meadowview Golf Course are, left to right, Harold Pepperaud, Wallace Smalley, Nick Tambures and Howard McLaughlin.

If A Man Never Makes Mistakes,
He Isn't Doing Anything.

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Safety Pays
"All Ways"

June 2, 1952

Two Employees Receive \$250 Suggestion Award

Stewart, Baryak Get Highest Award Since System Started

Two hundred and fifty dollars, the highest suggestion award made by Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. since the system was established, was presented to two employees, Harry Stewart and John Baryak, on May 23.

The award was made for suggesting and designing an aligner and bracer for the Savannah Drill on the deep-drill operation on Load Line Three.

THE DRILL removes excess TNT from the nose of projectiles. The new aligner and bracer eliminates considerable wear and tear on the drill. This new device is also being used on Load Line One.

The unusual part about this suggestion award is that both Mr. Stewart and Mr. Baryak solved the problem at the same time.

Both were general maintenance men on Line Three and one morning they came to work with an idea of how to improve the deep-drill operation. They compared their notes and found them to be identical.

Both men are also from Newton Falls and have been working at the Arsenal for some time.

MR. STEWART has been here for five years and before entering the service, he was with the Warren City Tank and Boiler. He received about six months' engineering experience in the machinery department while with City Tank.

In 1939, Mr. Baryak started working for Hunkin-Conkey and then the Atlas Powder Company before entering the Marines.

In 1946 he returned to the Arsenal to work for Silas Mason, the Ordnance Corps and then RAI. After his return from the service, Mr. Baryak took up maintenance work.

Camera Club

Members of the Ravenna Arsenal Camera Club and all Arsenal employees wishing to join, are urged to attend the next meeting on June 10 at 7:30 p. m.

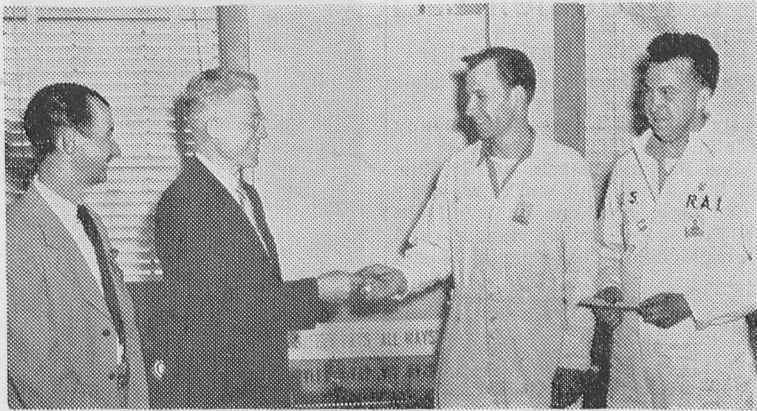
The group will meet in Room 11, Personnel Building. Election of officers will also be held at this meeting.

Anyone desiring more information about the Camera Club should call the Recreation Department on Ext. 506.

Twin Fawns Found Near Foes Home



JOHN FOOS, of RAI Industrial Relations, isn't handing out cigars, but he does have new-born twins at his house—twin fawns, that is! Mrs. Foos is shown above holding one of the twins while her 18-month-old daughter, Kathy, studies the movement of the other fawn. Mr. Foos found the fawns on May 12 near his home on Smalley Road, inside the Arsenal. When the picture was taken, the new-born deer were less than 24 hours old. The Fooses plan to feed the abandoned deer until they are big enough to feed themselves and then turn them loose to roam the Arsenal's wooded areas. It is estimated that 400 deer live within the "fence".



PAUL BORDA, RAI General Manager, presents Harry Stewart with a check for his half of the suggestion award. Looking on is John Baryak, co-winner. Earl Babington, Load Line Three Superintendent, is on the left. The suggestion benefited the deep-drill operation on Mr. Babington's Line.

Captains Steele, Bradford Feted At Farewell Party

A farewell party was held for Captains Edward N. Bradford and John H. Steele at the Officers Club on May 23.

Invited guests included both Ordnance and Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. officials. About 75 Arsenalites attended the dinner which was held in the main cafeteria.

Captain Bradford, who was Post Intelligence and Public Information Officer, left the Arsenal May 26 for the separation center at Indiantown Gap, Pa.

A reserve officer, Captain Bradford was recalled to active duty in January, 1951, and assigned to the Ravenna Arsenal. His home is in Dayton.

Captain Steele is scheduled to sail from the West Coast for Japan around the end of July. He came to the Arsenal as Automotive, Maintenance and Repair Officer in October, 1950.

Captain Steele plans to move his family to Virginia and spend his leave there before going overseas.

He served as an enlisted man from 1929 to 1943 and graduated from the Ordnance Corps' OCS in February 1943.

He left the Army in October 1947 but returned to active duty in June 1949.

Did You Fill Out Your Recreation Survey Questionnaire?

Did you fill out your recreation survey questionnaire and return it to the RAI Recreation Department? The spring and summer recreation program here at the Arsenal is now under way and is open to all employees.

Anyone who did not receive a "survey questionnaire" can obtain one from the Recreation Office, Room 2, Personnel Building.

If you are planning on participating in the Arsenal recreation program, your survey questionnaire should be turned in so that results can be tabulated and the program further developed.

Just a reminder — send in your recreation survey questionnaire today!

Safety Cartoon Contest Started

A safety cartoon contest, open to all Ravenna Arsenal employees, has been started. First cartoon appears on page three of this issue of the NEWS.

Prizes will be \$10 for first place and \$5 for second. The next five winners will each receive \$1 awards.

Don't wait, enter the contest now. Read the instructions and get your entry in before June 20.

POSTMASTER: If undelivered at the address given, notify sender. Return to Room 347, Postage for which is guaranteed. Ravenna Arsenal, Inc., P. O. Box 40, Akron, Ohio.

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If You Were Blind!

Try to imagine it

The doctor comes out of the examining room with your child. He is gently joking with her and her eyes gleam with merriment. But when she is ushered out of earshot, he turns to you with painful hesitancy—"I'm—I'm sorry. Her eyes—it's malignant cancer."

"We've got to take her eyes out or she will die." Your blood turns to ice water. In the outer room you hear her excited voice: "Mommy, way up here you can see nearly the whole world from this window." Each word slashes through your heart.

Through a child's eyes, the world is a vision of magic—sparkling fresh with beauty, adventure and promise, "The world is full of a number of things. . . I'm sure we all would be happy as kings."

To see all these exciting things, to revel in the sight of them for just a little while, then have it vanish forever! Cruel fade out, like the bubble-burst of a wonderful dream.

And a bewildered child, who has gazed wide-eyed in tireless wonder about her, now lives in a world of hollow sounds, with an eternal darkness for a playmate.

The tragedy of it!

Yet how many of us will go off to the job tomorrow and knowingly or unknowingly gamble our own priceless vision?

Foolishness? No it's far worse than that! Think about those frightened sobs, "I can't wake up, Mommy. 'I can't wake up.'" Think! Think until those words tear into the very core of your being.

Why do so many of us lack the sense to guard our sight? Why do so many face disaster unprotected . . . until one day we find ourselves with the same cry of terror in our hearts: "I can't wake up—I can never wake up."

Since February 1952 employees of Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. have had the opportunity to purchase prescription ground safety glasses at moderate cost. Some 400 employees have availed themselves of this service so far.

No one is required to purchase these glasses but in cases where eye protection is needed, many employees find it more convenient to have their own personal equipment.

However, Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. furnishes good eye protection, such as safety shields, goggles and safety glasses for all its employees doing hazardous work.

These glasses give protection at all times not just at work. This cost is deductible from income tax.

The Optical Company features a complete line; goggles, steel rim, a combination safety and dress, and prescription ground sun glasses. Prices range from \$8.00 to \$25.00. Bifocal and tinted lens are available. The average cost of dress-safety glasses has been \$17.50 and this has been the most popular style. The cost may be paid by a single payroll deduction or in cash.

Employees must have their eyes examined and bring their prescription in at the time of fitting. A representative of the Optical Company will be at the Arsenal every other Thursday, starting May 29. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Safety Office, Room 137, Headquarters Building, or by calling Ext. 619.

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Weddings

Force-Young

On Saturday, May 10, Marjorie Young, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Young of Ravenna became the bride of Mr. Frank Force, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Force of Newton Falls.

The couple were united in marriage by the bride's father in the Ravenna Methodist Church, and have taken up residence in Kent following a two-week honeymoon.

Mrs. Force is now back at her job as clerk-typist in the P. E. and I. Specifications Department. Mr. Force is employed by the Ohio Department of Highways.

Engagements

PERRINE - ARDELLA

Congratulations and best wishes go to Geraldine Perrine who recently became engaged to Danny Ardella.

Miss Perrine resides at 124 Russell St., Niles, and works on our P. E. Line. Mr. Ardella is from 364 Fernwood Drive, Akron, and is employed at the Arsenal Hospital.

No date has been set for the wedding.

STREETER-SMITH

The engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Jacquelyn Streeter to Bryce Smith is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Streeter of Hiram.

Mr. Streeter is foreman of Roads and Grounds here at the Arsenal. Mr. Smith is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Everton B. Smith, also of Hiram.

Open church will be observed for the wedding planned for 7 p. m., Friday, June 13, at the Hiram Church of Christ. A reception will be held at the home of the brides' parents.

A graduate of Hiram High School, the bride-elect is now a sophomore at Ohio University. Mr. Smith is a senior at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

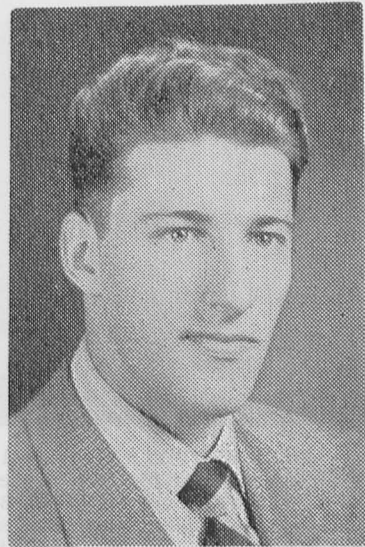
Behind The Iron Curtain . . .

RAI Engineer Spent 17 Years In Bulgaria, In Peace, War

An operation which was needed to save the life of his mother, also affected the life of Robert Stoyanoff, RAI Engineering Department.

In 1929, Mr. Stoyanoff's mother returned to her native land, Bulgaria, for this much needed operation. Bob, who was three years old at the time, and his seven-year-old brother accompanied their mother to Europe.

The operation, performed by



ROBERT STOYANOFF

Dr. Berzin, one of the outstanding surgeons of that time, was quite successful.

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SINCE THE dry, Bulgarian climate was much better for Mrs. Stoyanoff, the family took up residence in Sofia. Bob's mother still lives in Bulgaria.

Mr. Stoyanoff received his grade and high school education in Sofia. In Europe, the senior high school is known as a gymnasium.

a Greek word meaning secondary school.

He stated that his high school schedule was arranged by his teachers and could not be changed. Bob had to take 15 subjects a semester. In both Bulgaria and this country, a semester covers a period of four and one-half months.

Being an American citizen birth, his schooling was not affected by the war.

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BESIDES the modern Bulgarian language, Bob studied Old Bulgarian which was spoken about 1200 years ago. Old Bulgarian was mixed with Russian to form the Church Slavonic language that is used in the Bulgarian and Russian Orthodox churches.

He also studied French, Latin, Greek and Russian, but it wasn't until he returned to the United States in 1946 that he learned English.

Mr. Stoyanoff learned the English language without any formal courses, especially while in the Army. He entered the service four months after arriving in this country.

While stationed in Japan with the Army, he started to learn the Japanese language.

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IN 1948, Bob entered Youngstown College. He recently completed his thesis and will receive his bachelor's degree in engineering this month.

At the present time Mr. Stoyanoff lives in Youngstown, which isn't too far from New Castle, Pa., where he was born.

"The effect of World War II on Bulgaria was more economic than physical," Mr. Stoyanoff related. But he added that they did have some bombings in Sofia and the Stoyanoff residence was one of the buildings hit. Bob was in the house at the time.

"During the war, the morals of the country stayed at the pre-war level, but finally broke down in 1944," Mr. Stoyanoff stated.

"Following the war, Bulgaria started to recover from the effects of the war. But now, the country is in the grip of economic tyranny enforced by the Communist Iron Curtain," Bob related.

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"THERE is a grave food shortage and the quality of what they have is bad. However, the people of Bulgaria are patiently waiting for the United States to liberate them from their Red yoke," he asserted.

In regard to the Russians, Mr. Stoyanoff believes that war with the Communists is inevitable.

His impression of the Russian people is that they never had a chance to be free. First it was the Asiatic conquerors, then the feudalism of the Czars, next the Orthodox church and finally Communists.

During each of these periods, all of the above groups controlled most of the land.

Bob pointed out that the Russians are a very melancholy people and their music and plays reflect their moods. But, he added, "they are very religious people."

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ONE OF the outstanding things he noticed about the American way of life, is that we live too fast. We don't take time to enjoy our many opportunities.

"Cultural opportunities, such as the theater, opera and classical music are too expensive in this country.

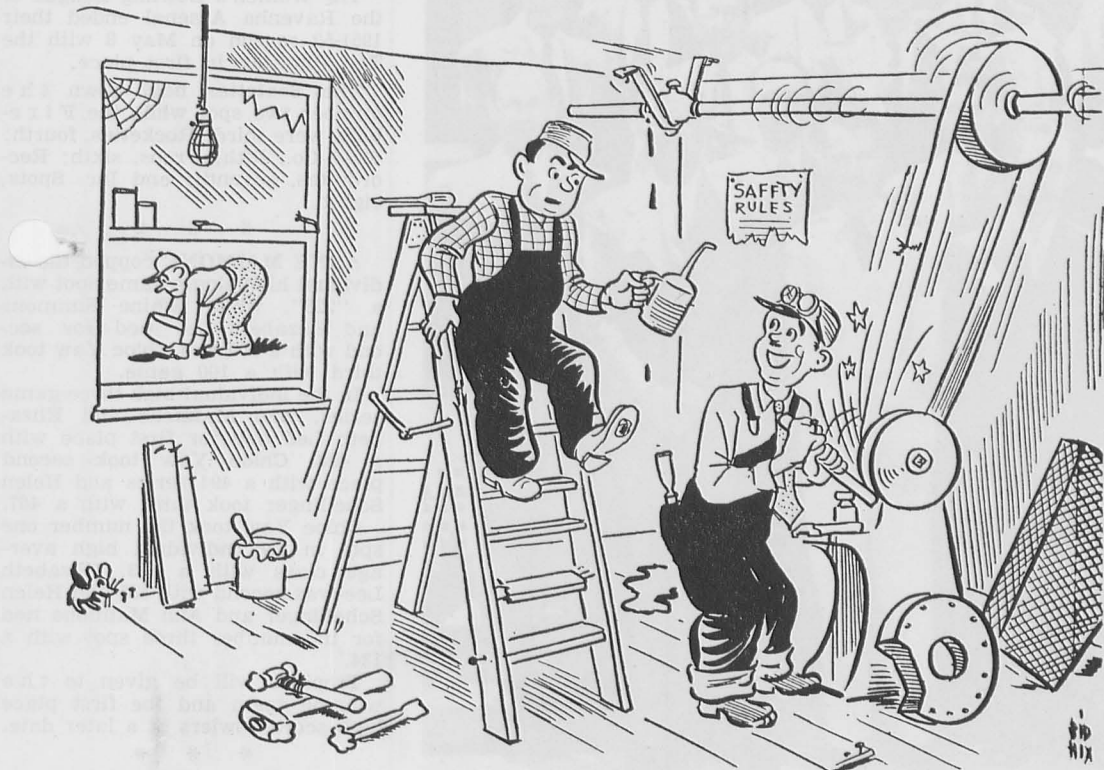
In Europe the opera costs only a little more than the movies," he pointed out.

Mr. Stoyanoff's hobbies are classical music and opera, skiing, mountain climbing and fencing.

R A I 'Stockholders' Visit Load Line Two

Safety Contest . . .

Find The Safety Violations--Win A Prize!



WHAT'S WRONG with this picture?

If you can find the safety errors being committed in the picture, enter the contest and win a prize. Awards will be \$10 for first place, \$5 for second, and \$1 each for the next five winners based on the number of errors found.

All you have to do is write on a sheet of paper the list of violations of good safety practice you find in the cartoon. Write your name, home address, department name or number and clock number on the same sheet and mail to the RAI Safety Department Box 98, Apco, Ohio.

Entries must be in by June 20. So get busy now. Find the safety violations and win a prize.

There will be another contest next month.

Personnel

Delores Szilagyi has assumed the role of clerk-typist in our Employment processing section. Delores claims Wadsworth (O.) as her home town but is now living in Garrettsville. She is married to Richard Szilagyi of the Control Lab.

Miss Louise Nichols and Mrs. Nelva King, are new members of RAI Industrial Services. Pennsylvania-born Louise now makes her home in Windham. Prior to accepting a position with the NEWS Editor and Recreation Supervisor, she worked for Standard Steel Spring in Newton Falls.

MRS. KING isn't exactly a newcomer here. Before taking time out to raise her family, Nelva was a secretary to F. F. Fludine, Nelva, who is the mother of four children, lives in Windham.

Several citizens of "Pleasant Valley" were on "Ye old" sick list the past few weeks.

The empty chair in the Insurance Office belongs to Mrs. Jean Brode who underwent an operation at Robinson Memorial Hospital on May 21. Diane Neass (same office) also spent a day at the hospital on May 27.

Norma Fless was ill for a week, but she is back at her desk now and, to our joy, looking much better.

Harry Cox operated the Shoe Department and Identification Office for several days since Nell Rine was off due to a knee injury and Peggy Lynds was suffering from the flu.

New Arrivals

A BOY, John Leonard, to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ceglia on May 1 at Robinson Memorial Hospital, Ravenna. The new member of the family weighed in at seven pounds and 14 ounces. Mr. Ceglia is a member of the Engineering Department.

Major John Gorski Gives Talk On Korea To Rotary

Major John Gorski, Munitions Production Officer here, recently gave a talk on Korea before the Ravenna Rotary Club.

The Arsenal officer told the Rotarians that "Korea is strategic in the Far East because it is a vital highway between Asia and Japan."

MAJOR GORSKI, who was on occupation duty in Korea from 1946 to 1948, described the peninsula where war has raged since the summer of 1950.

"With an ancient history dating back more than 4,000 years, Korea was seized by Japan in a war with Russia in 1904," Major Gorski said.

It was made an independent state following Japan's defeat in World War II, with American troops occupying the southern half and Russian soldiers the northern section to maintain law and order until the Koreans could establish their own government.

This was the situation that existed when the Communists invaded South Korea in 1950, and attempted to seize control of the entire country. There was little evidence of the Communist intentions while he was on duty in Korea, the Major said.

Major Gorski said the Koreans are Mongoloid, neither Japanese or Chinese. They subsist mostly on rice, which is about the only crop possible to raise in a mountainous country.

ALTHOUGH they have adopted many of the customs of the western world, the Koreans retain many ancient habits. Sanitation facilities are sadly lacking, the speaker said.

Following his talk, the Arsenal officer showed color slides on points of interest in Korea.

Boy Scout News

Twenty-six members of Boy Scout Troop 557 of Charlestown and the Arsenal will participate in the Big Scout-or-rama at the Akron Rubber Bowl, June 14.

More than 8,000 Boy Scouts from three counties, Portage, Summit and Medina, will stage the biggest show of Scouting in the history of Akron.

Troop 557 will build a Pine Tree Camp and also construct other pioneer projects. Major C. M. Hathaway, Scoutmaster, and Assistant Scoutmasters George Hoagland and Robert Warren will be in charge.

It will be the first time all Boy Scouts in the Akron Area Council will be gathered at one time and the first time for a full exposition of the Scout program in the council.

Taking part will be Cubs, regular Scouts and Explorers. Scout leaders expect some 35,000 spectators at the big event.

P. E. & I Division

Ernyest Britain, Specifications, Engineer, and Robert G. Smith, Chief Materials Inspector, attended a Packaging Inspection School at Picatinny Arsenal Dover, N. J. from May 19 to 24.

Ronald Madigan, new member of the Statistical Quality Control Department, lives in Alliance. He graduated from Alliance High School, and attended Mount Union College.

M. K. Skipper, Chief Inspector, attended a course in Mass Production Loading at Joliet Arsenal, from May 26 to 29.

Materials Inspection Department has added Miss Violet Given as a clerk-typist. She is working for Robert G. Smith in Building 808. Violet is a native of Edinburg and is a graduate of Ravenna High School. She also attended Bohecker's Business College.

Taxpayers Get First-hand View Of Loading Operations

Twenty-three "stockholders" of Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. were guests of RAI and the Ordnance Corps on May 16, in observance of Armed Forces Day.

RAI Personnel Offices Get More Elbow Room

Several changes have been made in the Personnel Building since the take-over of the Arsenal by Ravenna Arsenal, Inc.

The employment office is still located in the south end of the building but has been enlarged.

Down the hall from the employment office, in Room 14, is the attendance records, insurance and hospitalization office, and Room 12 is in the investigation office.

ROBERT B. ROUSOMANOFF, RAI Employment Manager, is located in Room 10, and next door in Room 8 is Robert M. Wilson, Employment-Services Manager.

Room 6 is the headquarters for RAI Industrial Services Manager, Charles R. Alderson. Suggestion Department is located in Room 4. Room 2, at the end of the hall, is the editorial office of the Ravenna Arsenal NEWS and headquarters for the recreation supervisor.

On the other side of the hall, in Room 3, is the shoe department and badge room. Room 11 is being used for indoctrination of new employees after they have been hired.

However in this case "stockholders" were both taxpayers and representatives of neighboring communities, including public officials, heads of civic organizations and newspapermen.

Because of security regulations, the number of visitors had to be limited. The group toured Load Line Two and the P. E. Line and A. P. Line area to see where part of their tax dollars were going.

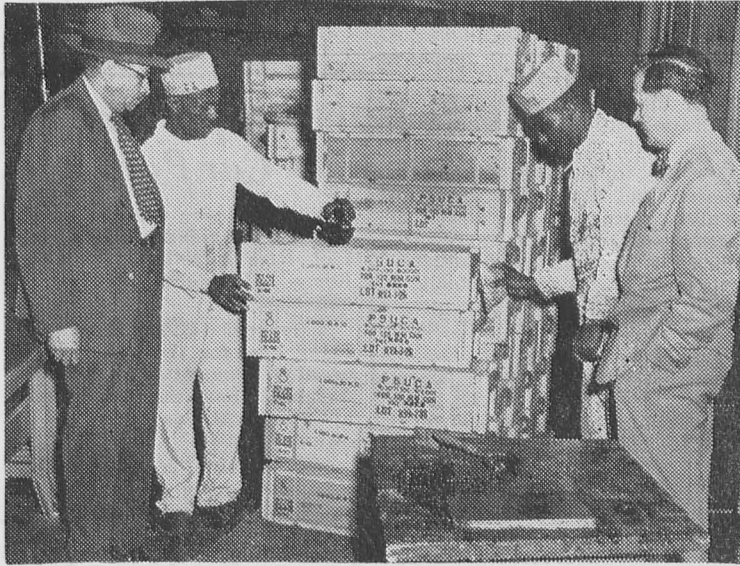
Paul Borda, RAI General Manager, assured the visitors that RAI and the Ordnance Corps were "very conscious of the tax burden."

"No possible saving is overlooked," Mr. Borda added. As an example, he cited the fact that about 100 tons of material are salvaged every month from the various operations. This nets a savings to taxpayers of \$50,000 to \$80,000.

After being welcomed by Mr. Borda and Col. C. K. Allen, the visitors were searched for matches and other flame producing devices before going into the restricted areas. This gave them an idea as to what Arsenal workers go through before going on the job.

After the tour, the visitors were served a luncheon in the assembly room of the main cafeteria.

Boxed And Ready For Our Armies



TWO ARMED FORCES Day guests watch the stenciling operation of crated 120mm shells on Load Line Two. Left to right, J. Maynard Dickerson, Vice-Chairman of the Ohio Industrial Commission; employees J. H. Randles and John Bryant, and J. F. Obendorfer, Ohio Industrial Commission, all of Youngstown.

Visitors Watch TNT Probing Operation



PAUL BORDA, RAI General Manager, explains the TNT probing process to J. E. Trainer, Vice-President of The Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. and Joseph Kuebler, Beacon Journal Business and Financial Editor, during the Armed Forces Day tour of Load Line Two. Workers probing the molten TNT as it solidifies, are Earl Lewis (left), Ravenna, and Alfred Partin of Newton Falls.

Firestone Stores Give Discounts To RAI Employees

Special discounts on purchases from Firestone Stores and Dealers are available to all employees of Ravenna Arsenal, Inc.

The new Firestone spring and summer catalogue was recently mailed to RAI personnel. All items listed in the catalogue are available at a considerable saving to employees.

ITEMS generally offered for sale at Firestone Stores include electrical appliances, paint, tools and hardware, toys, household supplies, sporting goods, auto supplies, tires and tubes, batteries and gasoline.

These items may be purchased with discounts up to 20 per cent of the regular retail prices. The discount on gasoline is about two cents per gallon.

Firestone Stores are located in the following nearby communities: 303 W. Exchange St. and at S. Main and Cole Ave. in Akron; 29 S. Union St., Alliance; 544 W. Tuscarawas, Barberton; 26 S. Main St., Columbiana; 202 E. Main St., Kent; 39 N. Main St., Niles; 405 E. State St., Salem; 370 High NE, Warren; and 600 Market St., Youngstown.

ALSO the Arsenal Service Station and Henniger's Home and Auto Supply, 252 W. Main St., Ravenna.

The above stores and dealers will serve you as an employee of Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. upon presentation of your identification card or badge.

Arsenal Guard Receives Bronze Star Medal



PATROLMAN GEORGE is pictured above receiving his Bronze Star citation from Col. C. K. Allen, Commanding Officer of the Arsenal. Colonel Allen had just finished entering the citation on the Arsenalites' service record.

A. P. Line Primings

Spread out the welcome mat for our four new girls, who hail from Load Line Three. They are: Catherine Buie, Lillie Mae Harvey, Bonnie Miller and Gracie Sly.

A reunion was held at the Recreation Hall in Newton Falls, Sunday, June 8, for the old A. P. Line. There were forty present. Lunch was served and games were played.

Our friend, Mercy Eidson, has returned from the hospital, and is recuperating very nicely at home. Hurry back to work real soon, Mercy, we all miss you!

CONGRATULATIONS to our recently promoted supervisor, Donald McAfee. Don is married and is at present living in Warren.

Birthday anniversary greetings to Bill Cockerham and Jane Galloway. Bill's birthday was June 2, and Jane's was June 9. Congratulations are in order for

The Depot Magazine

Wilbur Rogers took the opportunity over the Memorial Day week end to visit his home town of St. Mary's, W. Va.

Jim Workman, who supervises the carpenters at U-14, is whizzing about in a new station wagon.

Everything will soon be legal, especially in Department 190. A. Castile is leaving for Columbus to bone up prior to taking his bar examination.

Dick Garman, of U-7, is getting ideas of being a commodore or something. He's building an 18-foot outboard cabin cruiser.

Pete Richards' mother and father celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on May 25. Congratulations!

Carl Hickox, tool-crib attendant on the night shift, has been off since the first of the month due to illness.

A. CAMPBELL, munitions handler, is on leave of absence to visit his mother who is seriously ill in Hattiesburg, Miss.

F. Hawkins, from Canton, received an invitation from Uncle Sam to travel for a couple of years. He turned in his equipment June 10.

Gladys Korn, formerly at Building 1034, is now in Mr. Richards' office in Bolton Barn.

Nancy Kayser spent the Memorial Day weekend on a trip to the Mecca of newlyweds — Niagara Falls. Probably just getting a preview of the place.

Jimmie Williams, time-keeper, visited his neighbor and friend, Skip Ruben during the Memorial Day weekend. Skip is in the Air Force at Sampson, N. Y. Jimmie said Skip is in good health and getting the "professional look."

Carl Vinciguerra Receives 20-Year Award



PAUL BORDA, RAI General Manager, presents Carl Vinciguerra with his Firestone 20-year pin. Looking on is Harry M. Krengel, RAI Production Manager.

Ralph Jones Catches 86-Pound Tarpon

An 86-pound Tarpon was the prize catch of Ralph W. Jones, RAI Time Study Department, during his recent two-week vacation on the Yacht "Cardinal", off the coast of Tampa, Fla.

The big fish was over six feet long, and while the Tarpon was being photographed, Ralph planted a big kiss on his "prize catch."

Softball Fields

Arsenal softball fields are open for practice games every Monday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

Teams or groups wanting to use the fields must contact the Recreation Department to avoid conflict with the recreation schedule.

The Recreation Office is located in Room 2, Personnel Building and the extension number is 506.

Any employees interested in playing with a team in league participation may obtain information at this office.

Personnel

Estelle Kenney took her vacation last week. Though a bit early, Estelle says she appreciates the June weather more than the later summer doldrums.

The Fischers, Len and Joan, are planning a second honeymoon the first week of July. They are utilizing the family cottage at Portage Lakes. Joan's mother will handle supervision of the younger generation. The street location of the cottage is appropriately named, "Lover's Lane."

Norma Fless has tentatively planned a California vacation for the next three weeks. Her itinerary is indefinite but the land of sunshine offers a haven to the most discerning traveler. We are sure Norma will return sun-tanned and relaxed.

Jeanette Brode returned to work after a three-week absence necessitated by an operation. Welcome back Jeanette.

The limps, groans and bruises being sported by many of our male employees are not from a mass auto accident. The Pleasant Valley A. C. has entered the softball league. Pleasant "Charlie Horses", fellows.

Safety Inspector Does 1,025 Sit-Ups In 44 Minutes Flat

One thousand and twenty-five sit-ups in 44 minutes is the record of F. Howard Hildebrand, Ravenna Arsenal safety inspector.

Mr. Hildebrand completed this feat on June 7 in the back yard of a friend's home in Ravenna. He did the sit-ups to prove that the human body can stand the strain. His only training tool is an eight-inch piece of railroad track.

The 23-year-old youth plans to enter Kent State University next Fall and participate in track events. While in the Army in 1948, he was a member of the Fort Belvoir, Va., track team.

THE FIRST and best victory is to conquer self; to be conquered by self is, of all things, the most shameful and vile. —Plato

MORE PEOPLE commit suicide with a fork than with a knife.

For 20 years service with The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Carl Vinciguerra, Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. Stores Stock Control Manager, recently received his recognition pin and a Lord Elgin wrist watch.

Mr. Vinciguerra came to the Ravenna Arsenal as RAI Voucher Supervisor in March 1951 from the Firestone Plant in Noblesville, Ind.

ON MAY 29, the day he received his 20-year award, Mr. Vinciguerra was feted at a luncheon by a group of his co-workers in the Main Cafeteria's Assembly Room. His co-workers presented him with a Parker desk pen set.

Mr. Vinciguerra started with the company on June 1, 1932 in the Firestone Mechanical Goods Department in Akron. In 1942 he went into the Cost Accounting section of the same department.

In 1945, Mr. Vinciguerra was transferred to the Akron Air Wings Plant as an accountant. From there he went to the Noblesville Plant in 1948.

A native of Akron, he is married and has two daughters. He is now living at 133 Birchwood Ave., Cuyahoga Falls.

Foss Shoots A 38 At Chestnut Hills

First round matches of the Chestnut Hills Golf League opened June 5 with Ted Foss shooting a 38 for low score.

Bill Kane and Jerry Feinglas on Team One dropped Ted Foss and Ray Williams of Team Five with a score of 3-2.

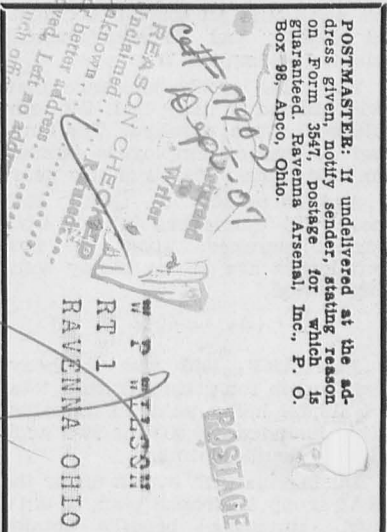
Team Seven, with Grant Higgins and Jim Roberts handling the clubs, clipped Carl Thomas and George Litun of Team Three with a 4-1 score.

Ray Plough and Pete Dickey of Team Six pounded the greens and Team Two, Paul Bogner and Benny Steigerwalt, by a score of 4½-½.

There is still room for several more golfers in the league which plays the Chestnut Hills course in Ravenna every Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Employees interested in joining the Chestnut Hills League should contact the Recreation Department on Extension 506 in Room 2, Personnel Building.

THE MAN who has not anything to boast of but his illustrious ancestors is like a potato — the only good belonging to him is underground. —Sir Thomas Overbury



What Happened to That Pint of Blood You Were Going to Give? SIGN UP NOW!

RAVENNA ARSENAL NEWS

Safety Pays

"All Ways"

250 Arsenal Blood Donors Wanted!



"REMEMBER ME, MAC? I was on the front pages about six months ago. No, you didn't see my name, because it wasn't there. The story was about my outfit and some trouble we ran into on a mountain in Korea. Well, I'm not on the front page anymore. My front-line fighting is over, too. I'm strictly a hospital case. But they tell me my biggest battle is still ahead... the battle for my life."

"What happened to that pint of blood you were going to give?" Remember, June 30 is Ravenna Arsenal Blood Donor Day!

Camera Club

Twelve Arsenalites were present for the June 10 meeting of the Ravenna Arsenal Camera Club. Meetings are held every Tuesday, in Room 2, Personnel Building at 7:30 p.m.

The Camera Club is open to all Arsenal employees and anyone desiring further information is asked to call Bob Stickney on Extension 612, or the Recreation Office on Extension 506.

"What Type of Camera Should I Buy?" was the topic discussed at the June 17 meeting. On June 24, the Camera Club will discuss the general operation of the small camera. All interested employees are urged to attend the meetings.

Army Marks 177th Year

The United States Army, oldest of this country's Armed Forces, observed its 177th Anniversary on June 14, 1952.

Youngstown, Alliance Employees Need Rides

Numerous load line workers from Youngstown and Alliance, who work the afternoon and midnight turns, need rides to and from their work at the Arsenal.

Employees who have space in their cars are asked to fill out a share-the-ride blank immediately and send it to RAI Industrial Services, Room 4, Personnel Building, or call Extension 411.

Receives BA Degree

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bussan of Apco, recently attended the graduation of their daughter, Mary Jean, from Clarke College, Dubuque, Ia.

Miss Bussan received her bachelor's of arts degree at the college's 109th annual commencement on May 31.

Mr. Bussan is employed as a chief shift inspector for Ravenna Arsenal, Inc.

Training School Classes Started

Supervisory Training School for Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. personnel opened its current session on June 16, with J. P. Bloom and Victor W. Perry doing the teaching.

During the first few weeks, the course will deal with safety. Films pertaining to safety will be used as teaching aids.

Classes will be one and one-half hours long, and will be taught five days and four evenings a week.

The Training School's courses will include more than 20 departments and involve more than 250 employees.

Following the detailed course in safety, which is a most important part of our lives, the Training School will begin the study of Human Relations.

The program is under the supervision of Thomas M. Brown, Safety and Training Manager.

Fifth RA Visit Of Red Cross Bloodmobile Set For June 30

Two hundred and fifty Ravenna Arsenal Blood donors are needed to push the Armed Forces Blood Donor Program over the top.

Sign up now! The fifth visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile has been scheduled for Monday, June 30.

Bloodmobile officials will set up their unit in the Arsenal Hospital, Headquarters Area, and accept blood from 1 to 7 p.m.

THIS SCHEDULE will give employees working the afternoon shift an opportunity to donate their pint of blood.

Employees who wish to contribute to the Armed Forces Blood Drive should contact their supervisors for necessary information and applications to fill out.

In charge of the Arsenal Blood Drive is John Foos, RAI Industrial Relations.

Our Armed Forces still need 300,000 pints of whole blood every month, even though blood collections have reached an all-time high. The Department of Defense has set the quota at 2,800,000 pints of blood by July.

No matter what happens in Korea, or elsewhere in the world, our fighting men who were wounded in Korea, and other veterans in our military hospitals, must have a continuous supply of whole blood to insure recovery.

THERE'S NOTHING to break the silence in Ward 34, Bliss General Hospital, other than the clink of dishes, or an occasional muffled groan.

From time to time a rolling stretcher comes in on rubber wheels and goes out bearing a silent American GI.

Yet the battles in Ward 34 and hundreds of other wards of military hospitals, both here and abroad are life-and-death battles. The enemies now are shock, hemorrhage and infection.

In these quiet, yet all-important battles, you can play a vital part.

Absenteeism Cost RAI Employees \$168,281 In May

Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. employees lost 13,147 man days during May through absenteeism. This was a jump of 7.3 per cent over the previous month's absenteeism average.

This "lost time" cost RAI employees \$168,281.60 in absentee wages. With the cost of living going higher and higher, these "lost wages" could have bought Arsenal workers and their families many necessities and some luxuries.

Quite a few summer vacations could have been financed with this "lost time money", too.

And on the battle front in Korea, there will be "vacations." "Forced vacations" caused by the lack of high explosive shells.

Absenteeism can kill a lot of our GI's. It can cost the life of your son, husband or brother.

"How many absentee shells did you produce during May?"

Because our fallen fighting men need blood.

IN AMERICA there is no other way to get it than for you to give it. The work of doctors and surgeons cannot succeed if blood for transfusions is not available right now!

In our free country you are the only one who decides whether to give blood or not. Your country is now and will be for some time, desperately short of blood to help save fighting men and restore them to health and happiness.

The decision is yours. You're the doctor. So make that appointment today to give your pint of blood!

Housing Service Now Available For Arsenal Employees

A new service is now available to all Arsenal employees. The RAI Industrial Services Department has set up a file on property, houses and rooms for sale and - or rent.

Employees in need of living quarters are asked to call the Services Office on Extension 411.

However, this employee service will require your help to make it a success. Everyone is urged to use it.

THE SERVICES Department needs at once, houses or rooms for quite a number of employees.

There is no charge for this listing service if you have property for rent or sale. When an employee calls seeking housing, he will be referred to those who are listed.

Good housing is necessary for a large operation such as Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. has here, and your help is needed. Don't wait, call 411 today and list your house or room for rent or sale.

Employees Car Pool

Any employee needing a ride or wanting riders should contact RAI Industrial Services, Room 4, Personnel Building or call Ext. 411.

A Share-the-Ride card file is being kept for those having or needing transportation to the Arsenal. Share-the-Ride blanks are also available at the above office.

This service is for all employees, so why not use it.

It's Your Tax Money!

Be cost-conscious. It's your tax-dollars that are being spent. Conserve by conserving Arsenal supplies and equipment. And stay on the job, it's your tax-financed production that suffers when you are absent.

The R. A. Eye . . .

Hunter Shoots 40-pound Duck, But It Was Filled With Lead

Let's talk about hunting big game! We have some big game hunters working here and last Fall, one of our local hunters shot a 40 pound duck. Yep, someone else filled it full of lead.

One of our other hunters, who was in Florida this past winter, went alligator-hunting with a club. He found an alligator and hit him on the tail. Of course, he claims it was the end of the alligator.

- 4. Struck on side of foot by shell. Reason — Inattention.
- 5. Slipped while pushing trays. Reason — Inattention.
- 6. Stepped backward off ramp. Reason — Horseplay.
- 7. Injured ankle while running to change-house. Reason — Haste.
- 8. Piece of steel flew and injured hand. Reason — Unsafe practice.
- 9. Toxic poisoning and rash. Reason — Refused to follow change-house procedure.

WE COULD go on like this all day, but you wouldn't believe it was the end of the alligator, because when we work carelessly, we put lead in the 40 pound duck.

And those of us who do not have a consideration for Safety, do not have a consideration for humanity. We are just harboring plain, darn foolishness!

Safety Pays, "All Ways"

LET'S TAKE a look at the Safety Pin. It goes straight to the point and follows through for a complete job. It works well with others and holds up it's own end, even if it has to handle a tough or messy job.

It has a Safety Head which keeps the pin from going too far, shuts it up at the right time and keeps people from caressing an accident.

Suppose we come face to face with some of the accidents that have happened here:

- 1. Injured self by lifting pallet. Reason — Improper handling.
- 2. Caught finger between two boxes. Reason — Inattention.
- 3. Foreign body entered eye. Reason — Forgot to wear safety goggles.

Warehouse And Stores Notes

Earl Amos returned to work June 9 after a week's vacation. Earl went to Marietta, Ohio to join his father in a sightseeing trip through Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Ruth Huey returned recently from a vacation in Canada.

Jim Maske received his bachelor of arts degree from Kent State University on Saturday, June 7. Congratulations, Jim!

A hearty welcome is extended to our new employees. Patricia Rupp is from Newton Falls and her hobbies include swimming, reading, and collecting souvenirs.

Roy A. James is from Ravenna and formerly worked on Load Line Three.

Mrs. Alma Ritchey has returned to work after an extended absence due to an accident. Glad to see you back at your desk, Alma.

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Vehicle Fire Extinguishers



INSPECTING the fire extinguisher in an Arsenal sedan is Fireman C. O. Blume of Alliance. He is checking this vehicle at the George Road gas station. It is the duty of the fireman on duty at the check-point to examine the extinguisher for leaks to determine whether it has been tampered with, and when it was last checked. He then makes a note of this information on his daily inspection record.

An Adventure In Foods . . .

West Indian 'Guisado' Is Just Kentucky Derby Burgoo Stew

by Jimmy Adcock
Depot Staff Writer

Many modern day Americans (especially the Northern type) have been classifying too many of our little known high protein foods as unsavory.

These "unsavory foods", as many call them, sometimes contain as much as twice the protein power of some of the well-known dishes that are to be had at first class eating places.

Take for instance a dish called Hopping John. When prepared correctly it contains the following ingredients: black-eyed peas, cooked rice, onions, celery, green peppers, and tomatoes. What could be better?

THEN THERE'S our favorite West Indian delicacy called Guisado. It's American composite is none other than that favorite of Kentucky Derby goers called Burgoo or Brunswick Stew.

The old legend behind this dish explains why it's still popular.

Many years ago the West Indian slaves weren't accustomed to the foods that abounded in the western hemisphere. The result was that when the time came for a feast or celebration, natives for miles around brought in every kind of vegetable or meat that could be found in the territory and tossed the whole shebang into a huge pot.

This they let simmer for twenty-four hours. The result was nothing short of a gustatorial masterpiece.

OTHER scoffed - at foods are Neck Bones and Lima Beans, Ham Hocks and Turnip Greens, Fat Back and Collard Greens, Fried Virginia Ham and Grits, etc.

But name me one hearty person who would scoff at this heavenly menu: tender Kentucky Wonder beans cooked with Virginia Ham and new potatoes, egg bread, green onion salad with beets, and topped off with a dessert of juicy strawberries under thick whipped cream.

Pate de foie gras just doesn't have half the protein appeal.

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Charlie Mason, Department 72, is again chanting lullabies. This time for Thomas Richard Mason, 6 pound, 8 ounce new arrival in Braceville. This is the Mason's third child.

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Get Inspected

A fire extinguisher is installed in every vehicle in use here at the Ravenna Arsenal. This is done for both the protection of the vehicle and its occupants.

These extinguishers are inspected every month by the Fire Department at check-points set up at the George Road and Depot gas stations. A fireman is on duty every Monday and Friday at both stations.

AS THE Arsenal sedans and trucks pull into the gas station for fuel, their fire extinguishers are inspected. About 80 per cent of the vehicles are checked this way. The Fire Department inspects the remaining vehicles on Sundays.

A notation of this inspection marked on the record card attached to the extinguisher. When drivers are assigned to a sedan or truck, they should make it a special point to check the extinguisher record card.

If the extinguisher has not been inspected for the current month, the driver should stop at one of the Fire Stations and have it checked. If you can't stop at one of the stations, call Extension 666 and a fireman will come to your location to inspect the extinguisher.

ANYTHING used at the scene of a fire until the Fire Department arrives, is called a first-aid fire appliance. Therefore, the extinguishers installed in Arsenal vehicles are first-aid fire appliances.

There are two important things to know about your extinguisher: its location and how to operate it.

Always notify the Fire Department of any fire even if you have successfully extinguished the blaze.

Never abuse your fire extinguisher: use it only for a fire, and be sure to have it refilled after using it. The extinguisher can save your life and your vehicle. Respect it as your first-aid fire appliance in case your vehicle catches on fire.

Load Line Two Projectiles

Paul Bowen, Line Two personnel attendant, is "at home" recovering from a major operation at Robinson Memorial Hospital. Hurry up and get well Paul, everyone on the Line misses you. Brother Jim Bowen is pinch hitting for Paul in DB-20.

Everett Mitchell, foreman, in Department 76, spent a week's vacation "at home" in Ravenna. Vacation time being upon us, some are traveling, others just "resting" at home. Recently on leave include Paul Fellows, Bolzer Kelley and John Schultz, Department 75, and Jim Griffin of X-ray.

BIRTHDAY anniversaries come and go, but they came in a flock recently. Jim Bowen, May Bailey, Esther Smeltzer, Danny Shavers, and Howard Beetler celebrated in a period of five days. Congratulations, and many more.

Joe Cardarelli, Department 70, is back in Change House DB-8 after a week's vacation.

Jim Bowen has moved from Ravenna to a country home north of the city. Hope the garden is not too late.

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RAI Ambulances Travel 180 Miles Each Month



L. A. GEER, General Foreman of the Transportation Department, is shown above handing a trip ticket for the new ambulance to Robert B. Walters, Fire-Guard Chief. Ambulance driver is Fireman O. E. Hardway of Akron.

RAI Insurance Claim Benefits Total \$91,869 For First Year

Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. employees have received \$91,869.30 in claim benefits from the company's group insurance plan since it was started on May 21, 1951.

During this first year, the RAI insurance office handled a total of 475 claims.

These benefits were paid for non-occupational illness, injuries and deaths.

Contributory portion of the insurance.

The Contributory portion of the insurance program, paid by both the employees and company, includes Disability, Hospital and Surgical benefits for both employees and dependents.

Eighty-seven per cent of all RAI personnel are enrolled under the Contributory plan.

Under the Non-Contributory program, each employee receives Life, Accidental, Death and Dismemberment insurance after 90 days of continuous employment, providing the employee is actively at work at the end of this period.

The Life Insurance coverage ranges from \$3000 to \$4000 and pays double for accidental death from non-occupational causes.

THREE employees have received the maximum 26 weeks of Accident and Sickness benefits plus all the other benefits under the RAI Insurance Plan.

One of the three employees had only been enrolled a month when he lost an arm in an auto accident. His benefit payments totaled \$3,249.

This worker was fortunate that he had enrolled for both the Contributory and Non - Contributory parts of the insurance plan. He has been completely rehabilitated and is back working for Ravenna Arsenal, Inc.

Questions pertaining to coverage under the RAI Group Insurance Plan can be answered by contacting Room 14, Personnel Building.

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Ordinance Staff Notes

Roland DeUnger, Adjutant's Office, recently returned from Rock Island Arsenal where he attended a Top Management Seminar for two weeks.

Also on the recent travel list was Major C. E. Branson, who attended a Fiscal Conference at OAC.

RALPH LEWIS, Fiscal, has returned from his vacation. He kept himself busy working around his garden and getting a nice sun-tan.

Also away from his desk, but not away from work, was C. R. Kennington, who attended a Fiscal Conference at Ordnance Ammunition Center.

C. R. Branfield, Inspection Chief, attended an Inspection Sub-Committee meeting at Iowa Ordnance Plant, May 22 and 23. He also attended a specialized training course on Mass Production Loading at Ordnance Ammunition Center on May 26, 27 and 28.

Mary Jane Jacobs, Office Services, is glad to be back at her desk after a four-week Records Management Course at Kansas City Records Center.

Among those on vacation is Major John Groski, Operations Division Chief, who is visiting his native state, Oklahoma.

MURIEL WILKINSON, Personnel, has arrived on the West Coast and is thoroughly enjoying her vacation.

H. A. Grohe has been assigned the additional job of Ordnance Public Information Officer.

Also back from vacation, and ready to go again, is F. F. Fludine, Property. He spent a week at Erie, Pa., enjoying the lake breezes and sun.

Back at their desks are H. P. Thune, Safety, who attended a three-week Safety Engineers' Course at New York University, and R. J. Shirock and Virgil Carpenter, who attended a four-week course on Ordnance Technical Safety at the University of Louisville.

Captain Edward A. Healy has returned from a four-week tour of duty at Camp Gordon, Ga., where he attended the Provost Marshal and Security Supervisor Training Course. Upon his return, he was assigned the additional duty of Post Intelligence Officer.

Also back at his job after a week's vacation, devoted to work around the house, is Francis Wolfe.

CARL SCHELLINGER is currently attending a four-week Ordnance Technical Safety Course conducted at the University of

Answer Calls Of Mercy Both Inside, Outside Of Arsenal

Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. ambulances travel approximately 180 miles every month, both inside and outside of the plant.

Operated by the Fire Department, the ambulances even answer emergency accident calls on Route 5.

A Ravenna Arsenal ambulance was the first vehicle of mercy at the two serious automobile accidents on Route 5, near here, in the past six months.

During the past, Arsenal ambulances have been at the scene of all train wrecks in the vicinity of the munitions plant.

Arsenal ambulances roll without hesitation, day or night, to care for the sick and injured. This first-aid service has been praised by both state and county police officers in the Arsenal area.

THREE ambulances, one at each Fire Station, are always in readiness. The new GMC ambulance is at Station One and the other two Army field-type vehicles are in the Depot and Load Line Areas. They are all capable of doing an efficient job.

The new ambulance, which was put into service on April 10, had traveled 220 miles up to June 10. It has made 5 runs to nearby city hospitals and 9 runs inside the Arsenal.

When Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. replaced the Army field-type ambulance with the new GMC model, the old vehicle had traveled 13,724 miles.

Besides the regular first-aid equipment, each ambulance is equipped with an oxygen inhalator. These inhalators have saved the lives of employees who suffered heart attacks, shock and electrocution.

THE NEW ambulance, which is smoother riding and easier to drive, is used for all runs outside the Arsenal.

The GMC vehicle can carry two stretcher cases comfortably along with four or five walking cases. In an emergency it can carry three stretcher cases.

Since the ambulance service is part of the Fire Department, each fireman is trained in life-saving, first-aid and handling of the injured. An ambulance also accompanies Fire Engine Pumps on all emergency calls.

In calling for an ambulance, employees should be specific. Tell what has happened and where the injured or sick personnel can be picked up. Remain at the scene unless it is a hazardous position.

Call Extension 333 in an emergency only!

What is a Spot Check Inspection, how is it made, who does it, and why is it done? Primarily it is no more than a check you should give your own car — oil level, tires, radiator.

IT IS a check of all visible parts of a vehicle that could break or wear out, if not kept in proper adjustment or replaced when found defective.

First of all, the driver should make an inspection before starting his vehicle each morning. This is known as first echelon maintenance.

In this manner, drivers find things wrong that are evident, such as frayed or improperly adjusted fan belts, worn or improperly inflated tires, loose battery carriers and terminals, oil leaks, etc.

As a rule, Arsenal drivers are reporting these conditions and are bringing the vehicles into the garage right away for repairs or adjustments.

THIS PRECAUTION means less "down time" on vehicles when they come in for scheduled maintenance, and less chance that the driver may sometime be stranded in an area where there are no

Louisville and Safety Office, Indiana Arsenal.

Ordnance Surveillance Division welcomed a new assistant chief, John A. Bishop, on May 28. He was transferred from Raritan Arsenal, N.J. Bishop, together with his wife and son have established Arsenal residence in quarters recently occupied by the Harold R. Duffens.

"Duff", who joined the Arsenal staff in January 1947, transferred to Seneca Ordnance Depot on May 5. Best wishes for continued success are extended to the Duffens by all their friends.

Survelliance also welcomed back Ernest DeGraw and William Kane, who have been spending most of their time at Erie Ordnance Depot and Plum Brook Ordnance Plant.

T. E. Jasin, Chief of Transportation Branch, attended a Transportation Officer's Conference at Ordnance Ammunition Center.

As often as possible, so be prepared. Make your own check on oil level, tire pressure and radiator. And while you have the hood up, just give a glance at your fan belt, sparkplug wires, battery cable, etc.

In general, a driver should think of his vehicle as a tool. A tool that must be ready at all times to do the work it is intended to do.

Amputations

An employee, wearing gloves, attempted to grind 105mm projectiles in a grinding machine. One glove became caught in the machine and his hand was pulled into the moving parts. This accident resulted in the amputation of one finger. Gloves should not be worn when performing this operation.

—OAC Excerpts.

Defense Bond Drive Planned; Higher Return For Series 'E'

V. C. Bloomer, RAI Officer Manager, has been named chairman of the 1952 Ravenna Arsenal U. S. Defense Bond Drive. Co-Chairmen of the bond drive will be R. B. Rousmanoff, Employment Manager, and Karl Slusser, Paymaster.

Representatives will be appointed in each department of Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. to encourage employees to buy U. S. Defense Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan.

DEPARTMENT representatives will work closely with the chairman and co-chairmen to help sell bonds for our nation's defense.

Employees who are interested in joining the Payroll Savings Plan should contact their department representative or supervisor.

Series "E" Bonds issued on and after May 1, 1952, have been revised to improve the intermediate redemption schedule to give a higher return in the earlier years.

Interest will start at the end of 6 months instead of at the end of one year as was done formerly.

The overall interest rate on "E" Bonds has also been raised to 3 per cent, compounded semi-annually if held to maturity, which is the maximum permitted by the law.

THE \$18.75 issue price on a \$25.00 bond has been retained and the term of the bond has been reduced from 10 years to nine years, eight months.

The interest rate on the "E" Bond during the extension period

maturity has also been raised for all bonds which have not yet matured, so that the return will be 3 per cent and an "E" Bond's life.

The new rates on the extension will apply to bonds which mature on or after May 1, 1952.

Stocks of bonds with the new intermediate redemption values and the new maturity are not yet available. The existing stock of "E" Bonds will be sold throughout the period prior to the availability of the new bond stock.

EVERY "E" BOND sold after May 1, 1952 will obtain the revised terms and conditions. As soon as the new stock is available, any purchaser will be entitled to exchange his old bond (if purchased on or after May 1, 1952) for a new one.

But if he does not make the exchange, he will still obtain the benefits of the revised scale.

Other details on the "E" Bond, as well as the new current income "E" and "K" Bonds and the appreciation "J" Bond, will be available shortly in printed form.

The advantages of the revisions above are obvious and should greatly increase the popularity of Defense Bonds through Payroll Savings.

Blood Donors Honor Roll

The following list of Arsenalites made the Honor Roll of Blood Donors by giving a pint of blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile made its fifth visit to the Ravenna Arsenal on Monday, June 30. The Armed Forces Blood Drive received 130 pints of blood on that date.

Gerald T. Edick, Jr.
Samuel E. Currie
C. Tommie Hatcher
Robert E. McGruder
Mrs. Marie C. Wilson
Rossa D. Gordon
Mrs. Bonnie M. Miller
Mrs. Lillie Mae Harvey
Helen A. McCoy
Mrs. Ellen E. Mort
Mrs. Ruby O. Oshier
William R. Gill
Ralph E. Penberton
Edward J. Tekely
Mrs. Althea Almashy
John P. Talkowski
Donald Carbone
Martha P. Fettes
Delbert L. Given
Walter Jackson
Mrs. Mildred A. Monroe
Darlene S. Tennant
Donald P. McAfee
Marion L. Johnson
John Campbell
Arthur F. Killey
William R. Merrell
Ralph W. Bauer
William J. Gore
Mrs. Ida R. Williams
Leonard B. Coleman
Thomas R. McManus
C. Sidney Casbourne
George Sewald
Ernest W. Ceroky
Benjamin F. Hadley
Willard Seiple
Miss Eleanor E. Horvath
Mrs. Lillian W. French
John W. Conroy
Thomas A. Fedor
Mrs. Maxine K. Kirtley
John A. Davis
Jack L. Burgess
Robert W. Hart
Raymond Bradley
Robert L. Donley
Jack Streeter
Elva Laughlin
Yaro Bohac
Ralph W. Jones
James V. Eckert
Mrs. Dorothy E. Thomas
Jack R. Russ
Miss Ann J. Maimone
Charles Nelson
Dale E. Gillispie
Albert H. Frank
Mrs. Mae Morgan
Robert Rousmanoff
H. Eugene Davis

Ralph E. Wells
Robert M. Wilson
Mrs. Genevieve Reardon
Thomas F. Cummings
Miss Ora Callion
Sam Willis
George R. Klamert
Edward N. Parise
Earl R. Wood
W. F. Helmkamp
Richard D. Viebranz
Eugene W. Cruz
Cobey J. Jenkins
Royal W. Brockett
Mrs. Mary C. Melillo
Richard R. Garman
George E. Huhn
Eugene N. Showers
Harford Thune
Elton C. Hoffman
Raymond M. Houghton
Mrs. Kathryn Bell
Mrs. Kathryn Tekely
Thomas E. Broderick
Miss Barbara A. George
Mrs. Dorothy J. Stanley
Deane E. Meik
Esther J. Pavlick
Ronald J. Herman
Ermand F. Miller
Richard N. Pardee
George H. Sollinger
Willard J. Jefferson
Harry W. Witherup
Edward H. Katzenmeyer
Kenneth B. Davis
S. Ross Brown
Robert R. Russell
James Stills
Arrebus C. Dean
Paul D. Taylor
Glenn R. Talman
Clarmont Powell
Mrs. Hilda M. Foos
Mrs. Carole J. Shaffer
George A. Mohn
Mrs. Valerie D. Jones
Norman E. Mick
Ralph H. Ehrenberg
Mrs. Polly A. Lucas
Arthur A. Horvath
Elmer Jones
Ray H. Byers
James J. Newell
Joseph V. Saman
Charles A. Reed
Mrs. Stella Budrevich
Christine R. Crabski
Mrs. Hazel N. Betts
Mrs. Catherine W. Beault
Oscar B. Everman
Clifford Taylor
Joe White
Ralph Sadler
Mrs. Ratta L. Loudin
Robert L. Cunningham
Chester G. Schrenceogost
Charles W. Morris
John Hank

Chestnut Hills Golf League Has 12 Two-man Teams

The Chestnut Hills Golf League officially opened their season at the Ravenna Course on June 28. The league is now composed of 12 two-man teams.

Three teams are tied for first place as of July 11. All have won two consecutive matches. Team standings are as follows:

TEAM	W	L	Pct
Seven	2	0	1.000
Grant Higgins			
Jim Roberts			
Eleven	2	0	1.000
Cal Holstein			
Gayle Michels			
Six	2	0	1.000
Ray Plough			
Pete Dickey			
Eight	1	0	1.000
Bob Smith			
Mike Chorey			
Twelve	1	1	.500
Al Garrard			
Bill Drescher			
One	0	1	.000
Paul Bognar			
Benny Steigerwalt			
Three	0	1	.000
George Litun			
Carl Thomas			
Four	0	1	.000
Jim Hensley			
Jack Schumann			
Five	0	1	.000
Ray Williams			
Ted Foss			
Nine	0	1	.000
Tommy Rowbottom			
Joe Grecco			
Ten	0	1	.000
Nardy Romano			
Frank Spinelli			

A Friendly Hand-shake Before Game

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OPPOSING softball pitchers from the Pleasant Valley A. C.'s and Postites shake hands before their opening game of the season on June 18. John Homan, (left), is the hurler for the Valley boys, and M. K. Skipper is the mound captain for the Postites. Looking on is Umpire Henry Lock. The Pleasant Valley A. C. team is composed of employees from the Personnel Building and the Postites are all Arsenal Residents. Pleasant Valley clipped the Postites 22-19 in the opener.

Softball Scores

TUESDAY, June 17	
PE&I One	17
Load Line One	10
Bldg. U-8	10
PE&I Two	9
(8 Innings)	
Load Line Two	forfeited game to Line Three

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18	
Motor Pool	26
Roads & Grounds	14
Pleasant Valley	22
Postites	19
Engineers	11
Receiving	9
TUESDAY, JUNE 24	
PE&I Two	12
Load Line Three	6
Checkers	8
Bldg. U-8	4
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25	
Engineers	14
Pleasant Valley	9
Bldg. 808	2
George Road	0
Bolton Barn	13
Roads and Grounds	9
Postites	25
Motor Pool	3
TUESDAY, JULY 1	
Load Line One	32
Bldg. U-8	22
Checkers	6
Load Line Three	4
WEDNESDAY, JULY 2	
Bldg. 808	10
Pleasant Valley	5
Bolton Barn	15
Postites	6
Roads and Grounds	9
George Road	4
Engineers	24
Motor Pool	14

TUESDAY, JULY 1	
Load Line One	32
Bldg. U-8	22
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Load Line Three	4
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Engineers	24
Motor Pool	14

De HAVEN-ROSSOW
Reverend Craig Smith, of the Methodist Church in Ravenna, officiated at the wedding of Emma B. Rossow, Cuyahoga Falls, and Charles V. DeHaven, Ravenna, on Saturday, June 28.

Mr. DeHaven works in Department 64, Load Line One. The new couple will make their home in Ravenna.

Percussion Postscripts
The P. E. Line has increased with its eight new employees. They are: John Mathy, Breda Oden, Alverina Brandon, Helen Cassetto, Katherine Tekely, Esther Pavlick, Barbara George and Dorothy Stanley.

July birthday anniversaries wishes go to Edna Mae Lilly, Kathryn Myers, Myrtle Clark, Margaret Harmon, Eva Smith, Willie Mae Taylor and Barbara George.

Pete Lynds has returned after a one week vacation, which he spent golfing.

Load Line Three
Ted Toles, Braceville's aspirant to major league baseball, is currently playing with the Twin City Cowboys, who are the Cleveland Indians farm team in Twin City, Idaho.

He is among the club's leading hitters with a batting average of over 300. Formerly employed in Department 82, Ted's friends have expressed sincere wishes for a successful season.

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253 RAI Employees Blinded For 30 Minutes

Program Was 'Let's Pretend', But Results Were Realistic

Two hundred and fifty-three Arsenalites were temporarily blinded for 30 minutes during the monthly RAI Supervisory Meeting on June 24 and 25.

This was part of the program, entitled "Let's Pretend," conducted by Thomas M. Brown, Safety and Training Manager.

Mr. Brown talked on the value of eyesight, both on and off the job. He said, "The things we have come to know and enjoy through our eyes, such as the sky, lakes, rivers, trees, flowers, birds, animals, all the colors, children playing, and many others, become more companionable as we grow old."

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"WE REALIZE that the most wonderful and valuable of all our God-given gifts is our eyesight," he emphasized.

The safety and training manager pointed out that 87 per cent of all education is obtained through our eyes and 80 per cent of all motion is controlled by our eyesight.

"Our eyes would be the last sense we would want to give up, but in case of an accident, we don't have a choice. Our eyes can be destroyed in seconds through carelessness and lack of proper eye protection," Mr. Brown added.

HE TOLD a true story about a blind man who awoke one night to find that he could see shadows and lights very dimly.

But the man became frightened, because he was afraid that once he regained his eyesight, he might lose it again.

However, he was assured by the doctors that this would not happen.

One of the first things this man did upon recovering his eyesight, was to go into the park to see the flowers, trees, birds, children playing and all the other things which he had been deprived of for so long.

The speaker continued, "If we lose an arm, leg or hand, we can have it replaced with an artificial limb. There is no substitute for an eye. A glass eye looks good from the outside only."

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"FIVE PER CENT of all injuries in the United States are eye injuries. Here at the Ravenna Arsenal, seven per cent of all injuries are eye injuries," Mr. Brown stated.

"In a great many cases, the accidents are caused by employees failing to use the provided eye protection," he added.

Mr. Brown then conducted an experiment called "Let's Pretend." Each person at the monthly supervisory meeting was given a kit containing tooth brush, shoe laces, cigarettes and other common, personal items.

Each supervisor then put on a tightly fitting eye shield and the

Umpires Needed!

Several umpires are still needed to officiate in the Arsenal softball league games which are played Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

Assigned officials are paid two dollars per game. If you have the experience and would like to umpire at the league games, contact the Recreation Department on Extension 506.

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Safety Pays

"All Ways"

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THREE "temporarily blind men", Robert B. Walters, Fire-Guard Chief; Clarence Craver, Safety, Security and Training Manager; and H. P. Thune, Ordnance Safety Division, prepare to brush their teeth during the "Let's Pretend" program.

Suggestion Board Approves 14 Awards; Employees Get \$180

Fourteen awards, totaling \$180, were approved at the June meeting of the Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. Suggestion Board for payment to RAI employees.

Top award of \$25 went to Donald R. Anderson for a suggestion to improve the cap feeder on Load Line One.

ROYACE K. WIDGER, powerhouse maintenance, received \$20 for suggesting an improved method of grinding valves on feedwater pumps.

Three \$15 awards were presented to Charles S. Nelson, Rollin W. Carter, and to Edward A. Read and James S. Murray for a joint suggestion.

Mr. Nelson, Automotive Maintenance, suggested designing a tool for installing lift cylinder leathers. Mr. Carter, formerly of Roads and Grounds, turned in an idea for split fence gate fittings.

The joint suggestion, turned in by Mr. Read and Mr. Murray, was a design of a safety hitch for towing vehicles. Both men work for Automotive Maintenance.

RENICK S. SHANK received two \$10 awards for suggesting to install a guard at tiresetter pumps and motors, and to install a guard on the lathe chuck. He works in the machine shop and this gives him a total of four awards received from the RAI Suggestion Committee.

Other \$10 awards went to Oscar A. Riesterer, Fire Department; Frank M. Sears, Guard Force; James W. Bowen, Line Two supervisor; Dean L. Miller, Transportation; John R. Baryak, Line Three Maintenance; Robert E. Wright, Carpenter Shop; and Floyd A. Brandon, Plumbers Shop.

LT. RIESTERER suggested that portable, split-type stretchers be used by the company. Guard Force sent in an idea for a hydraulic lift gate on laundry trucks.

Mr. Bowen submitted a design of a mandrel to size cartridge case liners. Mr. Miller suggested a

Vacations Can Be Safe, Sound

Most people look forward to a vacation as mental and physical relaxation from normal routine.

This does not mean that there should be any relaxation as to safety practice, as unforeseen hazards are always existent, and we must be constantly alert to detect, correct, or avoid them.

Off the job safety is important to the employee on vacation, especially in new and strange environment.

If you are planning a trip during your summer vacation, be cautious. Take all precautions to avoid danger.

Our country and our Armed Forces in Korea need you on the job. Drive safely! Act safely! On and off the job.

Supervisory Personnel Attend Weekly Safety Training Classes

Over 280 supervisors, foremen and department managers have been attending the weekly "Safety For Supervision" course being conducted by the RAI Training Department.

So far, the course has covered Secrets of Supervision, Teaching Safety on The Job and Safety Administration, Part One — People are All Alike and Part Two — Everybody is Different.

During the week of July 13 the Training Department will cover the subject Supervision and Safety Training. Self-Appraisal for Accident Prevention will be presented during the week of July 20.

These instruction periods include lecture sessions followed by sound films pertaining to the topic of discussion.

Fear not that thy life shall come to an end, but rather fear that it shall never have a beginning.

—Cardinal Newman.

Cigarettes In The Dark!



PART OF the 253 supervisory personnel who participated in pretending to be blind for 30 minutes are pictured above trying to light their cigarettes. This experiment was conducted during last month's supervisory training meeting.

Smith Did It The Hard Way

Hardway Smith, up New England way, sure had his difficulties. He took a job at a plant but said he'd do his savings by buying Defense Bonds when he got the money together.

Trouble is, he never gets the money. His wife broke her leg carrying water up the hill to the house. So he had hospital bills. A neighbor fell off the porch in the dark because there are no steps. More hospital bills.

If poor Hardway had joined the Payroll Savings Plan at his plant, he would have the money to pay those bills because it is set aside each week and turned into U. S. Defense Bonds.

But Hardway does things the hard way—and now he has bills, instead of porch steps and water in his kitchen.

Joe Couldn't Afford It

I was talking to Joe a few weeks ago—you know, the guy who works on the conveyor next to me—and I asked him if he was on Payroll Savings,

"Nope!" says Joe, "Can't afford it. Look at everything that's taken out of my pay-check now! Have all I can do to get along."

"Shucks, Joe," I replied, "I can afford it, and we have the same jobs. You'd never miss a buck or two each week. Try it and see!"

And this money isn't taken away from you anyway it's put into bonds and before you know it, you've saved quite a handful! How do you think I got my house? Through Payroll Savings. Try it a month and see."

Well, Joe tried it, and now he's on Payroll Savings for keeps. Says he wishes he'd started long ago.

Your Safety IQ . . .

Dangerous Motorists Should Be Banned From Highways

by Jimmy Adcock
Depot Staff Writer

Making the round trip from Akron to the Ravenna Arsenal every day for over two years, has made me familiar with just about every type of motorist a fellow can meet.

Some have improved while others have become content with just a smattering of the "Courtesy of The Road."

The following are a few examples of motorists who should be banned forever from public highways.

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NUMBER ONE is the "I gotta get out of the gate first" type. This fellow ignores all traffic rules on the Reservation and once outside the gate, he becomes a potential killer.

He passes cars on blind hills, forces other cars into ditches in order to keep him from ramming into them and generally makes a nuisance of himself.

Number Two is the "Bumper Hugger". This motorist just dotes on seeing how close he can come to the rear of the car ahead without crashing. And all this at a sixty-mile-an-hour rate of speed.

Try as hard as he may, the motorist ahead can't shake the Bumper Hugger. He usually ends up with black eyes, smashed front ends, and high damage expenses.

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NUMBER THREE is the demon who likes to boast about how long it took him to travel from his house to his job. He leaves home at exactly seven thirty and clocks in promptly at eight.

His claim to fame is that he makes a twenty-nine-mile drive in fifteen minutes. Many of us see the results of (evidently) such type of driving quite often on Route 5.

There are many more insidious types of motorists on the highway every day that are too numerous to mention here. And since the vacation season is upon us, it's a good point to remember that "The Life You Save May Be Your Own."

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Meet Your Reporters

EDITOR'S NOTE—With this issue of the NEWS we begin a new feature, "Meet Your Reporters." In each succeeding issue of our plant publication we will run pictures and short biographical sketches of the employees who report the news about their fellow workers. This will enable employees to know reporters representing their divisions and to assist in submitting information of common interest.



DOROTHY TELISCHAK

Dorothy Telischak, who is the reporter for the Comptroller's Division, works in the Financial Accounting Department.

She has worked at the Arsenal since July 1951 and for RAI since February 1952.

A native of Canton, Mrs. Telischak now makes her home in West Farmington, O. Her hobbies include bowling and all other women's sports.

Dorothy's previous writing experience includes being women's page editor of the Johnston Rubber Co. employee publication at Middlefield, O., and writing verse for the American Greeting Card Publishing Co., Cleveland.



MAXINE KIRTLEY

NEWS Reporter for the Production Engineering and Inspection Department is Maxine Kirtley.

Maxine is a stenographer for E. R. Sanders. She has worked at the Arsenal since October 1950 and for Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. since March 1951.

Born in Bremen, O., Mrs. Kirtley now resides with her husband and two small boys in Newton Falls. Maxine's hobbies include crocheting and housework.

She has had no previous journalistic experience, but is doing a fine job of reporting PE and I Department news.

New Arrivals

A DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ardis of Alliance on May 18. Art is an inspector in Department 87, Load Line Three.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jackson who are the proud parents of a baby boy. The baby was born June 18 in St. Joseph's Hospital in Warren, and has been given the name of Felix Orlando. Tom works in Department 71, Load Line Two.

A SON to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Carothers of New Rumley, O. on May 19. Dale works in Department 194, Depot Labor Pool.

A DAUGHTER, Leslie Ann, Mr. and Mrs. William Rhinehart of Warren. She was born June 17 at Trumbull Memorial Hospital, Warren. Bill works in the Voucher office, Headquarters Building.

A DAUGHTER, Barbara Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Welker of Deerfield on June 22. The new baby weighed nine pounds, two ounces. Mr. Welker is a member of the Fire Department.

A DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Diezman. The baby has been named Deborah Jean and weighed six pounds, ten and one-half ounces when she was born at Robinson Memorial Hospital, Ravenna, on June 24. Les works in the Depot.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar D. Riestter of Akron, who are the proud parents of a baby girl. The baby was born June 24 in the St. Thomas Hospital in Akron, weighed seven pounds, three ounces, and has been named Carol Anne. Mr. Riestter is a Fire Lieutenant here at the Arsenal.

The R. A. Eye . . .

Even A Bank Account Should Be On A Fifty-Fifty Basis

by E. P. Babington
Load Line Three

Pardon me, folks. My wife said she would meet me here. I can never depend on her. You know how it is, tell you one thing and then turn around and do the opposite.

Maybe she's sorry she married me. She is always saying that women are fools to marry.

BUT WHAT else can a man marry? However, we men should love the women, half of our parents are women.

Well, marriage should be like that you know, on a fifty-fifty basis. Ours is. She gets a fifty dollar dress and I get a fifty cent tie. The same with money. We have a joint bank account — I put the money in and she takes it out.

When we first got married we didn't have a home, and we couldn't live with her folks because they were still living with their folks.

In a way, she's a good wife—too much in the way. When I come home late at night I get my pipe, my slippers, my pajamas, and if anything else is handy she's apt to throw it too.

I MIGHT go so far as to say, I don't think anything is too good for her. She agrees with me on that. I try not to find fault. I tried it once and it didn't work. It was right after we were married.

I said to her, "Now that we are married dear, I am taking the liberty of pointing out a few of your defects."

She said very sweetly, "Never mind, my dear. I know what they are, and you're it."

But these things happen every day, so let's take a look at our job. That's the thing that's defined four ways.

1. A piece of work done, or to be done.
2. Any scheme for making money.
3. An event, circumstance, or chance.

RAI Fire Inspectors Correct Infractions 'On The Spot'

Webster says, to co-operate is: "To work or act together, as for a common purpose." No other word could as well describe the efforts of your Fire Department in working together with all other departments in the common purpose of keeping the Arsenal a clean, fire-safe installation.

Firemen on the inspection find many fire infractions each month. The major portion of these are corrected at once by the fireman or at the request of the fireman.

IF A CONDITION cannot be corrected immediately, or will require a work-order by the supervisor, a Fire Department "follow-up order" is issued.

As will provide the follow-up by other fire inspectors in the days to follow to assure that the condition has been corrected.

All infractions, regardless of how minor, are recorded in the individual building record maintained by the Fire Department.

Should the follow-up order fail to gain results, the infraction is then forwarded to the Fire Lieutenant's Office for more direct action.

This system of permitting each supervisor and employee to correct his own infraction has gained outstanding results. It has also gained for the Fire Department a large degree of respect.

LAST MONTH, of the many infractions corrected by the Fire Department, only about ninety "Follow-up" infractions were issued.

Many of these were to assure that an unsafe practice wasn't being repeated. Less than ten infractions finally reached the lieutenant's office for more drastic action.

This splendid example of cooperation has rated Chief R. B. Walters and his men many compliments from both supervisors and employees.

This type of maximum results often goes unnoticed except by those involved, therefore the NEWS brings your attention to a department gaining results with "Operation Cooperation."

FIRE PREVENTION is the most important and least spectacular phase of Fire Department work and often goes unnoticed by the average worker whose personal safety and job are being protected 365 days a year.

It is with sincere thanks that the Fire Department expresses its appreciation to RAI supervision and employees for their excellent cooperation and unceasing efforts in making the Ravenna Arsenal a safe fire-free plant.

Safety Glasses Save Employee's Eyes

Safety glasses saved the eyesight of Ford Goodnight of Department 75, Load Line Two, on May 22.

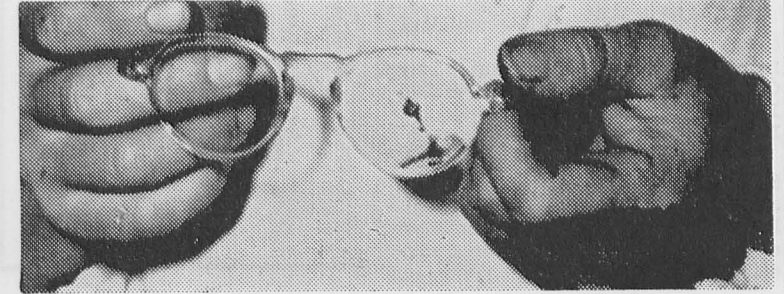
While he was probing and venting a 105mm shell, the hot, molten TNT splashed him in the face.

Mr. Goodnight received first and second degree burns of the face, but his safety glasses saved his eyes. His glasses are pictured here with the TNT solidified on one of the lens.

Here is an Arsenal employee who wears his safety glasses to protect himself and his job. He is thankful that his safety glasses protected his eyes.

Every possible precaution has been taken by the company to provide you with protective devices to safeguard you at work. Safety devices can only protect you if you use them.

Are you wearing your safety glasses, shield or goggles? Don't risk your eyes or your job by being careless.



Ford Goodnight

Baby Named After Arsenal Officials



PAUL ALLEN KOHLBERG, a third generation Arsenalite is pictured above with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kohlberg of Newton Falls. Born September 28, 1951, Paul Allen was named after Paul Borda, RAI General Manager, and Col. C. K. Allen, Commanding Officer. Mr. Kohlberg is a draftsman in the Engineering Department and his wife, the former Pat French, worked here for the Atlas Powder Company during the war. The baby's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David French, are both Arsenal employees and residents. Mr. French is millwright supervisor, Dept. 32, and his wife, Lillian, works in the office in Building U-14, Depot.

Depot Magazine

Gladys Caughran, formerly of the motor pool, took over the office work formerly handled by Maxine Sweda.

Dick Spencer took his family on a tour of Ontario Province over the June 22nd weekend. His boys had a great time, he states, and enjoyed being dunked in three lakes — Huron, Erie and Ontario. They returned by way of Niagara Falls.

Lloyd Kyser, the cool - water king, has forsaken turtles as a recreation in favor of frogs. He has brought in a number of eggs as souvenirs.

Harris Edwards' three-year-old son, Richard, had the misfortune to fall down the stairs at home and fracture his skull. He is recovering satisfactorily at this writing, we understand.

Paul Gillispie returned June 30 from a week spent in Burnsville, W. Va. due to the death of his father-in-law, Raoul J. Stout. Paul's son, Dale, returned June 26th.

The newcomer in the cafeteria is Frances Carpenter of New Milford. That portion of the counter presided over by her should do a land-office business for the simple reason that Frances is young, unmarried and efficient.

We now unfold the saga of Dominic Mancini, munition handler foreman, erstwhile contender for the welterweight boxing crown, and presently proprietor of the busy restaurant on Forest Ave. in Warren known as Spaghetti Village.

Dominic, who came to this country from near Rome when a mere boy, will leave July 27 on a journey to the old country.

In company with two friends, Carmine Cesta and Nick Venetti, Dominic will fly to New York, and then by ship to his native land. After spending two or three weeks at his old home, Dom will go north and visit the historic old cities of Florence, Milan and Turin.

If he can arrange it, Dominic will also visit the Vatican. During his tour he hopes to meet his friend, Cleto Locatelli, who saw action at Madison Square Garden about 1935 during the days of their pugilistic campaigns. Locatelli was a former European welterweight champion.

Opinion Or Fact? It May Be Worth Money To You

Ideas are only opinions while you think about them. Write them down and send them to your Suggestion Department; they may become a "fact."

The Ravenna Arsenal Suggestion Department is your department. We take our orders from you. Your suggestion is an order for us to go to work.

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WE GATHER the facts about what your suggestion will do, and then we present them to the Suggestion Board. From these facts, the Suggestion Board will determine the value of the suggestion and approve an award if the idea can be used.

Send us those ideas you have been thinking about, and let us make a FACT out of your OPINION.

The Arsenal Suggestion System is open to all employees and the reward is worth the time it takes to fill out a suggestion blank.

Additional suggestion boxes and bulletin boards have been installed by the Suggestion Department. Each box is well stocked with suggestion blanks and envelopes for the convenience of all Arsenal personnel. Don't wait, send in that suggestion today!

Hold-up Failure

A painter, using a stepladder, failed to notice a crack in one of the supporting legs. As he leaned over the top of the ladder, the leg shattered, causing him to fall.

The jagged end of the left upright ripped through his shirt, emerged through the open collar and inflicted a serious laceration behind his ear.

This accident would have been avoided had he inspected the ladder.

MORAL — What goes up, comes down — sometimes faster. (the Monitor)

IF YOU want to see 90, don't look for it on the speedometer.

Warehouse and Stores Notes

We welcome two new employees to the Stores Stock Control Department.

Jane Eroskey of Ravenna started with us as a clerk-typist on July 2. She is a graduate of Ravenna High School and received her degree in Bachelor of Science and Education in June 1952. She likes swimming, dancing and all types of sports.

Joseph E. Sabatini is our new freight warehouseman. He lives in Warren, is single and graduated from Warren G. Harding High School in June 1952. He is interested in all sports.

A big "welcome" to our new employees in the Stores Department. First we have, Roger Stamm, a new foreman in the Shipping and Receiving Department, Building 808.

He is married, has one daughter, and resides on the Post. Roger graduated from Freedom High School, and attended Kent State University.

Raymond E. Ketzell is our new stores attendant in Building 809. He was born in Sardis, Ohio, and was a member of the U. S. Army for four years. For two years he was stationed in Alaska. Ray is especially fond of fishing, and lives in Ravenna.

Another new employee is Harold Papeska. A native of Pittsburgh, Penna., he now resides in Garrettsville. He is a graduate of Garrettsville High School, and attended Kent State University, majoring in pre-law. Harold especially likes baseball and his hobby is reading classical novels.



Fracture

An employee was standing with his back turned to an unloading operation, filling out receipt forms, when a fork lift operator lost control of the truck and caught the employee's leg between the flange of the fork lift and a barrel. Employees should be alert at all times and especially while working on or near moving machines.

—OAC Excerpts.

P. E. & I. Division

Our new Control Lab technician, Thomas Fedor, is a graduate of Ravenna High School and attended Notre Dame where he was a pre-medical student.

Albert Szuch, who was working in the Gauge Lab transferred to the Materials Inspection Department.

Frank Wachovec is the new member of the Statistical Quality Control Department, having transferred from the Production Division.

Rose Duganne, clerk-typist in the Control Lab, enjoyed a two-week vacation in California.

Millie Anderson, new clerk-typist in the Materials Inspection Office, is a native of Windham, and attended high school there.

Chestnut Hills' Golfers Hold Fun Day Tournament



FOUR MEMBERS of the Arsenal Chestnut Hills League, who participated in the league's Fun Day Golf Tournament at the Ravenna Course, look somewhat perplexed after tallying their scores. Left to right they are: Jim Roberts of Windham, Ted Foss of Kent, Pete Dickey of Newton Falls, and Joe Grecco of Ravenna.

Softball Scores

TUESDAY, JULY 8

PE&I Two12
Load Line One11

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

George Road12
Postites3

Pleasant Valley20
Motor Pool11

Engineers6
Bolton Barn5

Grounds16
Receiving14

TUESDAY, JULY 15

Load Line Three14
PE&I One12

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

Receiving17
Motor Pool10

Engineers16
George Road3

TUESDAY, JULY 22

Load Line Three8
Load Line One5

PE&I Two9
Checkers0

Building U-822
PE&I One9

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

Engineers13
Grounds12

George Road6
Pleasant Valley0

Bolton Barn17
Motor Pool5

TUESDAY, JULY 29

PE&I Two20
PE&I One11

Load Line One12
Building U-811

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

Receiving8
Bolton Barn16

Engineers23
Postites18

George Road13
Motor Pool19

Pleasant Valley8
Grounds6

League Standings

(Ravenna Arsenal Softball League Standings as of August 1.)

Team	W	L	Pct.
Checkers	3	1	.750
PE&I Two	3	2	.600
Line Three	3	2	.600
PE&I One	2	3	.400
Building U-8	2	3	.400
Line One	2	4	.333

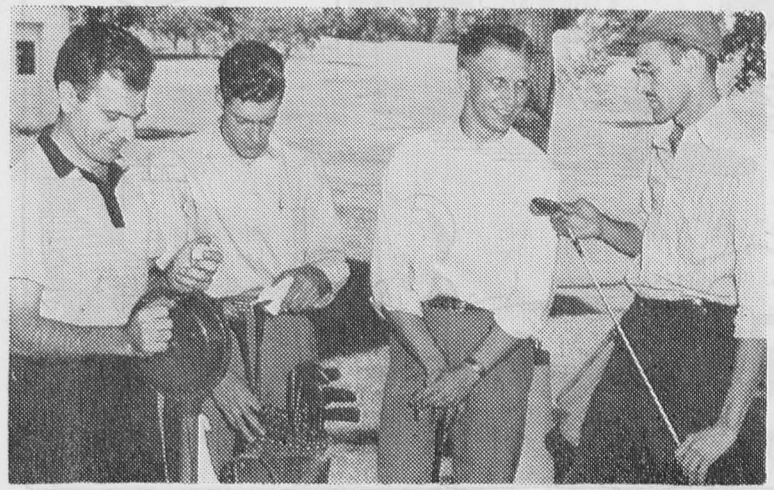
AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Engineers	7	0	1.000
Bolton Barn	4	2	.667
George Road	4	3	.570
Pleasant Valley	3	3	.500
Grounds	3	3	.500
Building 808	2	4	.333
Motor Pool	2	5	.285
Postites	1	4	.200

Recreation Building

Due to the increased use of recreational facilities in the Arsenal Recreation Building, it will be necessary to contact the Recreation Department on Extension 506 to obtain clearance for use of these facilities.

Arsenal Golfers Prepare For Action



MEMBERS of teams Three and Twelve of the Chestnut Hills Golf League, clean their equipment before teeing off on the Ravenna course for a scheduled match. Arsenalites above, left to right, are: George Litum, Load Line One; Al Garrard, Ammunition Inspection; Bill Drescher, RAI Payroll; and Carl Thomas, Ordnance Operation.

Golf Outing Set For September 20

Hear Ye! All Arsenal golfers! RAI's First Annual Golf Outing, open to all Arsenal golfers, will be held Saturday, September 20.

More details will follow in the next issue of the NEWS, but don't forget, September 20 is the day! Keep it reserved for the First Annual RAI Golf Outing.

Husband, Wife Cannot Claim Same Insurance Dependents

If both a husband and wife are working for Ravenna Arsenal Inc., only one of them can claim their children as dependents under the contributory portion of the company group insurance plan.

The contributory portion covers accident and sickness weekly benefits, and hospitalization.

In case both husband and wife are paying for the dependent's coverage, one or the other should cancel this portion of the insurance. They will then be reimbursed for the unnecessary payments.

An employed wife should enroll for her own coverage under the contributory portion of the RAI group insurance plan.

Those who qualify for the dependents insurance are the wife of an insured employee and any unmarried children who are 14 years old but less than 19 years of age.

HOWEVER, an unmarried child 19 years of age or more, who is

Weddings

Surick-Nichols

The Reverend Warren G. Troph of the Windham Methodist Church officiated at the ceremony uniting Louise Nichols and Joseph S. Surick in marriage on Thursday, July 24.

Both the bride and groom are employed here at the Arsenal. The new Mrs. Surick is a clerk-typist in the Arsenal NEWS office, while her husband is a munitions handler in Department 66, Load Line One.

Awaiting completion of their home in Newton Falls, the newlyweds have made their home in Windham.

Teets-Rice

St. Bernard's Church, Akron, was the scene of the marriage of Miss Paula Rice of Akron, to Fireman 1st Class Donald Teets, U. S. Navy, on July 4.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose J. Teets of Palmyra. Mr. Teets is a storekeeper in Bolton Barn.

Donald worked for the Ordnance Corps here before enlisting in the Navy in April 1951. For the next few months the newlyweds will live in Philadelphia while Don's ship is in drydock.

Two Inspectors Win Cross-Country Event With 42's

Carl Schillinger, Ordnance Surveillance, and Grant Higgins, RAI Ammunition Inspection, captured the Cross-Country event staged at Chestnut Hills as part of the League's Fun Day Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 26.

Playing criss-cross the Ravenna Course, Schillinger and Higgins tallied 42's for nine holes.

The Blind Bogey event of Arsenal Golfers' Fun Day went to Al Garrard, Ammunition Inspection, and Jim Roberts, same Department, won the accuracy contest on number six, and Joe Grecco, Warehouseman Supervisor, had the longest drive.

THE FOUR Arsenal golfers who shared the best poker hands were: Grecco, Schillinger, Jerry Feinglas, Surveillance; and Jack Schumann, Traffic Department.

Each of the above mentioned winners received two golf balls.

For the novelty events, each of the following received a practice ball: Tom Rowbottom, Depot Administration; Jim Roberts; Jerry Feinglas; Pete Dickey, Load Line Two expeditor; Frank Spinnelli, warehouseman; and Ted Foss, Engineering.

The tournament was staged by Don Anderson, RAI Recreation Director, and Tom Rowbottom.

New Arrivals

A SON, Daniel Everitt to Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Carter of Windham, on July 13 at Robinson Memorial Hospital, Ravenna. The new baby weighed seven pounds, fourteen ounces. Mr. Carter is an explosives handler in Department 196.

A BOY, Andre Manfred, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Banks of 659 South Willow Street, Alliance. Andre was born on July 5 at Alliance City Hospital and weighed six pounds, nine ounces. Bob is an inspector on Load Line One.

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Golf Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Team Six	4	0		1.000
Team Eight	2	0	1	1.000
Team Eleven	2	0		1.000
Team Four	2	1		.750
Team Twelve	2	2		.500
Team Five	2	2	1	.500
Team Two	2	2		.500
Team Seven	2	3		.400
Team Nine	2	3		.400
Team One	1	3		.250
Team Three	1	3		.250
Team Ten	0	3		.000

Laceration

An employee entering a change house was seized by a fellow worker and shoved into a shower where he fell and struck his head. Horseplay can injure both the worker and his family.

—OAC Excerpts.

I live on the sunny side of the street; shady folks live on the other. I have always preferred the sunshine and have tried to put other people there, if only for an hour or two at a time.

—Marshall P. Wilder.

"Participation in a recreational activity leads to friendships which last a lifetime."

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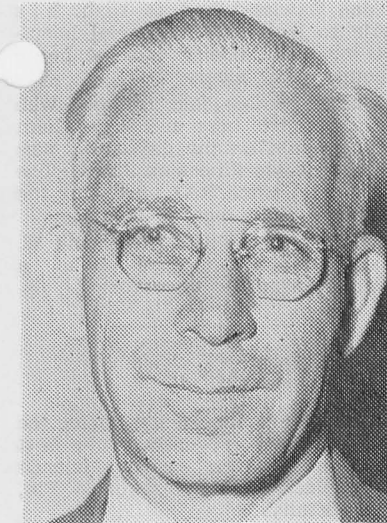
RAVENNA ARSENAL NEWS

RAVENNA ARSENAL, APCO, OHIO

Safety Pays "All Ways"

August 4, 1952

RAI Defense Bond Drive Starts This Month



A. H. DESSUM



DWIGHT W. RINGLER



GRANT L. HIGGINS

A. H. Dessum Named RAI Stores Manager; New Superintendent Is Dwight W. Ringler

G. L. Higgins Is Chief Inspector

Promotions of A. H. Dessum and Dwight W. Ringler of the Stores Division have been announced by Paul Borda, RAI General Manager.

Mr. Dessum was named manager of the division and Mr. Ringler is now stores superintendent, the position formerly held by Mr. Dessum.

Grant L. Higgins, formerly of Ordnance Surveillance, is now in charge of RAI Ammunition Inspection Branch. Mr. Higgins is chief inspector of the branch.

MR. DESSUM started in January 1942 as an assistant foreman for the Ordnance Corps in the old Portage Ordnance Depot, the section of the Arsenal now known as the Depot.

He worked his way up through the ranks with the Ordnance Corps, Atlas Powder Company, then with the Government again and now with Ravenna Arsenal, Inc.

In August 1943, when Atlas took over the entire Arsenal, Mr. Dessum was a shipping supervisor which is the same as an area foreman.

By the end of World War II he was an area superintendent. And when the Ordnance Corps took over the entire Arsenal in November 1945, the new RAI stores manager was made Depot magazine superintendent.

At the time of transfer from Government to RAI in March of this year, Mr. Dessum was superintendent of supplies. Under RAI he became superintendent of stores.

MR. RINGLER, another old-time Arsenalite, has been Mr. Dessum's assistant since January 1948.

He also started working here in January 1942, but with the Atlas Powder Company as a chief clerk in the Cost Accounting Department for the Depot.

When the Arsenal was transferred to Atlas, Mr. Ringler became chief clerk for the Depot. He was an administrative assistant in the Stores Division when the Ordnance Corps took over the Arsenal at the end of the war.

Mr. Ringler left the Arsenal for over a year to enter private indus-

try in his home town of Somerset, Pa., but returned in 1942 to become Mr. Dessum's assistant in the Depot. When the Depot was transferred to the contractor in March, Mr. Ringler was a general foreman.

MR. HIGGINS entered his present line of work in 1942 when he applied for a job as a chemist with the Government at the Amniston Ordnance Depot.

At that time, one of the requirements for ammunition inspector was either a degree or experience in chemistry. Mr. Higgins had six years in an industrial chemistry laboratory.

He then attended the three-month ammunition inspectors school at the Delaware Ordnance Depot. After graduating, Mr. Higgins was assigned to Amniston Ordnance Depot.

After his five-year tour of duty at Amniston, Mr. Higgins was stationed at Honolulu (Hawaii) Ordnance Depot, Milan (Tenn.) Arsenal, Louisiana Ordnance Plant, Seneca (N. Y.) Ordnance Depot and then Ravenna Arsenal.

A native of Anniston, Alabama, Mr. Higgins came to the Arsenal in May 1951 as assistant chief inspector of the Surveillance Division.

Mary Collins Wins RAI Safety Error Cartoon Contest

Mary Collins, a guardmatron from Ravenna, is the winner of the first Safety Error Cartoon Contest. She took the top prize of \$10 for finding the most errors.

Second place award of \$5 went to J. Delson Wilhelm, also from Ravenna. Mr. Wilhelm is a millwright.

The next five winners of \$1 each are: Lawrence A. Crockett, a draftsman from Warren; William A. Kaltenback, a fireman from Deerfield; William R. White, a guard sergeant from Ravenna; Steve Hawkins, a Depot munitions handler from Alliance; and Carl Bungard, I. D. photographer from Newton Falls.

Another Safety Error Cartoon appears on page three of this issue of the NEWS. Don't wait, enter the contest now. Read the instructions and get your entry in before August 28.

Safety Shoes Now On Sale At RAI Shoe Department

Safety shoes, that can be worn either for work or dress, are now on sale at the Shoe Department in the Employment Building.

These good looking shoes are a "U" Wing Blucher Oxford type with a steel box toe.

The sole is a line quarter weather wear with a half rubber heel and the heels are plugged. These Oxford safety shoes also have a steel arch, present last and are of welt construction.

A LIMITED number of sizes are in stock now. It is the intention of Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. to sell these safety shoes at cost. The present supply is being offered to Arsenal employees at \$7.50 a pair including tax.

Department foremen and managers have been supplied with the forms that are necessary to purchase these safety shoes. Employees must obtain a shoe sales slip and bring it to the Shoe Department, which is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

RAI employees can purchase the shoes on a cash basis or by a single payroll deduction. These safety shoes are available to Government personnel on a cash basis only.



Join Payroll Savings Plan; Get Three Per Cent Interest

The Arsenal-wide U. S. Defense Bond Drive is now under way and will continue throughout the month of August and every month of the year.

Each employee who subscribes to the Payroll Savings Plan is saving for the future with three per cent interest, and is helping to strengthen our country's economy.

During August, every employee will be contacted by his foreman or supervisor, who will explain the finer details and benefits of Payroll Savings, and to sign up all interested personnel.

IF YOU are already interested in saving your money at three per cent interest, don't wait, see your supervisor right away.

Get a deduction authorization card, fill it out, and start saving "Today for Tomorrow." Personnel in the Headquarters Building can obtain Payroll Savings subscription cards from the Payroll Department. Other employees should contact their supervisors.

At one time, Ravenna Arsenal had a high percentage of its employees buying U. S. Defense Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan.

But now, only 16.9 per cent of RAI's employees are "saving" through payroll deductions. We're producing shells for our Armed Forces, but we're not backing them up with U. S. Defense Bonds.

SINCE MAY 1, 1952, the Series "E" bond has been yielding a higher return than ever before. You get a full three per cent interest at maturity, which is nine years and eight months.

Your bond earnings have also increased in the early years, starting at the end of six months.

The best feature about the new Series "E" Bond is the optional extension beyond maturity. This provides a full three per cent investment yield up to 10 years more.

Just think, an investment of \$75 grows to a total of \$134.68 during the full term of 19 and 2-3 years. This is an 80 per cent increase over the original investment.

THIS NEW three per cent extension applies to all "E" Bonds which matured May 1 or thereafter, not just new issues alone.

RAI's Payroll Savings Plan is set up so that employees can buy bonds through partial deductions.

A \$25 bond (\$18.75) can be purchased on five payments of \$3.75

Recent promotions in the RAI Fire Department included Richard W. Bowman to Lieutenant, and E. A. Verbosky and E. B. O'Neal to fire supervisors.

Lt. Bowman was formerly a fire supervisor and Mr. Verbosky and Mr. O'Neal were both fireman-drivers.

Born in Woodsfield, O., Lt. Bowman moved to Zanesville, O. in 1902 where he was employed by the Zanesville Fire Department for 17 years before coming to the Arsenal in 1942. Lt. Bowman now resides inside the Arsenal.

Duties of a Fire Lieutenant are to assume complete charge of the three fire stations consisting of three crews, and to have complete command of the Fire Department in the absence of the Fire-Guard Chief.

Mr. Verbosky and Mr. O'Neal assumed their new duties of supervising and training RAI firemen on July 7 and July 9, respectively. Mr. Verbosky has been an employee of the Arsenal Fire Department since July 1949. Mr. O'Neal has been with the Fire Department since November 1945. Both firemen are residents of Newton Falls.

Saving just a small percent Of your paycheck brings content, Just remember, if you please Lots of "E's" means lots of ease! —Berton Brale

Employees Car Pool Any employee needing a ride or wanting riders should contact RAI Industrial Services, Room 4, Personnel Building or call Ext. 411. A Share-the-Ride card file is being kept for those having or needing transportation to the Arsenal. Share-the-Ride blanks are also available at the above office. This service is for all employees, so why not use it.

How Did You Buy That House?

"Hey, Johnny, hear you've bought a house?" "Sure did. last week." "That's swell. But tell me, Johnny, how do you do it? Mae has been after me for years, but we can never save enough for a down payment."

You don't make any more than I do, and you have three kids. Somebody leave you some dough? Come clean. I want to know."

"WELL, I tell you, Joe, I started buying Savings Bonds on the Payroll Savings Plan when they started it here years ago. Remember, I tried to get you to do it too? But you never got around to it."

Those Bonds bought our house, Joe. And I'm still on Payroll Savings. There's lots of stuff we can get for the house later, and the kids will be ready for college before we know it."

"You've sold me, Johnny. I'm getting on Payroll Savings today. Mae and I will get that house yet."

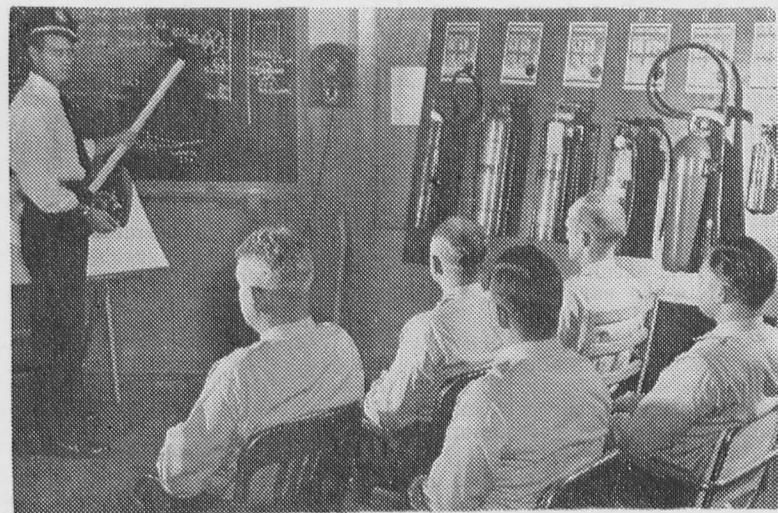
Easy, Automatic Way To Save!

Saving is something we'd all like to do, but many of us find it hard. The pay check is all accounted for as soon as we get it. Prices are high, and it's not easy always to get down to the bank and tuck away those extra few dollars.

BUT there is an easy, automatic way to save with no trouble to you. Join the Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. Payroll Savings Plan and save for U. S. Defense Bonds regularly. Your money, whatever amount you want to save each week, is kept for you, and when enough has accumulated, the Defense Bond is purchased.

Start saving now with Defense Bonds! Join Payroll Savings today!

No 'School Vacation' For Firemen



DURING THE SUMMER, most schools close for vacation, but not the RAI Fire Department School. Two-hour classes are held every day of the week at all three fire stations. Pictured above are members of Company "B" receiving blackboard instructions from Fire Supervisor E. A. Verbosky. Outside drill is conducted whenever the weather permits. This includes ambulance procedure, ladders, ropes, regulations, inspection and many other phases of the department. Accent of the year-round training program is to form all members of each fire company into well coordinated teams.

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Meet Your Reporters



SUSAN JONES



NELLIE KENTRIS

THE TWO REPORTERS who contribute the news items for the Warehouse and Stores Notes column are Susan Jones, Stores Department and Nellie Kentris, Stock Control Department.

Mrs. Jones worked eight months for the government here prior to joining the Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. staff in April 1951.

Susan was born in Newton Falls and now resides in Diamond, O. Her favorite and most time-consuming hobby is her housework.

Mrs. Kentris was a government employee from May 1951 until February 1952, when she too transferred to RAI.

Nellie, who was born in Ravenna and still makes her home there, spends much of her spare time bowling, reading and going to the movies.

Neither Mrs. Jones nor Mrs. Kentris had any previous journalistic experience prior to their reporting for the Ravenna Arsenal NEWS.

Arsenalites In Military Service

Pvt. John W. Lance, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lance, Warren Road, Newton Falls, recently completed his basic training with the 5th Infantry Division at Indiantown Gap, Pa.

Pvt. Lance was an employee of Department 75, Load Line Two, before being inducted into the Army on February 26.

The following letter was received from Richard Keen, an employee from Department 70 who is now in the Navy. It is one of the many letters we have received from our employees who are in the Armed Forces. It's good to hear from them.

The letter reads as follows: "I received your letter today and I was very happy to think that you thought of me. I went into the Navy the 20th of June. They sent me to San Diego, California for training. I will be here 11 weeks before I will get to come home for 14 days."

WE ARE preparing a list of our servicemen and women for a future issue of the NEWS. Any information about Ravenna Arsenal employees who have entered the Armed Forces is of interest to all Arsenalites.

Each issue of the Ravenna Arsenal NEWS is being mailed to those in the Armed Forces, so send their military addresses and any other items which might be of interest, to Industrial Services, Room 4, Personnel Building.

Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. employees who recently entered the Service are Frank D. Beck, Diamond, of Department 61; Josiah H. Blackmore, Windham, of Department 194; Thomas Lee Brown, Akron, of Department 81; Ernest W. Donham, Jr., Diamond, of Department 192; Edward C. Ruff, Kent, of Department 192; James A. Russell, Kent, of Department 09.

Also included in this group are Frank T. Chance, Kent, from Department 56; John F. Dowdy, Alliance, from Department 65; Walter J. Gwyer, Jr., Newton Falls, from Department 09.

Also John S. Bruno from Ravenna, Department 194; Michael L. Kost from Newton Falls, Department 65; Load Line One; Okey Lee Stout from Benton, Department 97; and John J. Vargo from Diamond, Department 57.

Laundry

Aurelia Brant, former Mongahe-la River boatman who joined the laundry force back in December, was recently made working supervisor on the third shift.

We welcome back Ellwood Zink to our laundry crew. Ellwood was away on other assignments in the Services Department.

Betty Maurer, our regular reporter, has returned from two weeks at Trent River, Ontario, with a nice suntan and a 36 pound Muskie.

Iva Hunk, third shift, has a happy look these days since her son is back home after many months with the Army in Iceland.

Joe Sawitski had to rush his wife to Robinson Memorial hospital recently. She is now at her recuperating nicely.

Jessie McGee, old faithful, who gets our girls here and takes them home again on the day shift, was absent due to illness on July 2. The first time since RAI took over the laundry. Nice record, Mac!

Charlie Shields, a Fremont, W. Va. native, has joined us as a laundry machine operator.

A. P. Line

Mrs. Anna Kleindenst, from the line cafeteria, recently drove east to spend a week visiting friends and relatives in Tamaqua, Pa., and vicinity.

The R. A. Eye . . .

If Prices Go Higher, Socks May Be Worn As Neckties!

by E. P. Babington

A few years ago, when my mother-in-law was kidnapped, I got a letter from the kidnappers saying that if I did not send them \$10,000, they would send her back. I tried very hard, but I just couldn't raise that much.

She visited us only once since we were married. She came the day after we were married and is still with us.

LAST WEEK a solicitor asked me to donate something for the old ladies home and I told him to take her. She is a big eater too. A bushel of potatoes goes very quickly.

But there is one thing that gets me down—she always belittles me. She says my family had a family tree, but the crop was a failure.

She also reminds me that she has two cousins in the House of Lords. But she forgets, I have two maiden aunts in the Kingdom of Heaven.

However, that shouldn't bother you, because your problems may be different.

The jobs here at the Ravena Arsenal are good. Best job we've got today.

We have to pay 98 cents for a pound of coffee and 85 cents for a pound of butter. Boy, things are getting sky-high. We'll soon have to wear socks for neckties.

YESTERDAY, I went into a store to buy some shorts. Shorts used to cost .79 cents, but now they cost three dollars. Talk about prices being high, that's it!

What I am trying to say, is that absenteeism is sky-high at this Arsenal. We average as high as 15 per cent absenteeism per month.

If our soldiers on the front-line in Korea decided not to go into battle, and a platoon had 15 per cent of their men absent, the fight would be all one-sided.

But that wouldn't matter a particle. Those G. I.'s wouldn't have any ammunition to shoot because some RAI employees didn't come to work to produce it.

I think our own enthusiasm for our jobs would be a mighty force to whip absenteeism.

You know, enthusiasm gives us a decided "edge" over the person who lacks it.

THE GREATEST results in the office, plant, load line and in the field of battle are usually traced to being on the job and to those whose enthusiasm inspires all others along the line.

The day you don't report for work hurts you and your best friends, because you kidnap production from our Armed Forces. We also become "big eaters," and

production falls off rapidly. Let's be like my mother-in-law. Come to work the day you are hired and stay with us. And there won't be any solicitor paying you a visit to see if the crop on your family tree was a failure.

Every day that you work gives protection to the lives of our men in the Armed Forces, and helps you beat high prices.

Warehouse and Stores Notes

Carl Vinciguerra vacationed for a week with his family in Washington, D. C.

Fay Holden spent her vacation at Geneva-on-the-Lake, enjoying the sun and water.

Marty Collier has returned from a two-week vacation. She toured the Natural Bridge and Skyline Drive in Virginia, did some sight-seeing in Washington, D. C. and stopped in Philadelphia on her way home.

Our reporter, Nellie Kentris, just returned from a week's vacation visiting relatives in upstate New York. She drove through the Mohawk Valley and stopped to see Niagara Falls on her way home.

Three employees who recently joined the Stores Department are Raymond Myers, Robert Vargo and Miss Ann Del Duchetto.

Raymond J. Myers was born in Cleveland and graduated from Windham High School. Ray attended Kent State University where he majored in business administration.

He is a volunteer fireman, and is married and has two daughters. Photography is his hobby and he is an inert operator with the Stores Department.

Robert G. Vargo, a native of Warren, graduated from Newton Falls High School. Bob is interested in baseball, is single, and is also an inert operator.

Miss Ann Del Duchetto is the new clerk-typist in the Receiving and Shipping Department. She attended Ohio University where she was a member of the Phi Beta Phi Sorority. Ann majored in commerce and psychology at OU. She plays tennis and golf, and resides in Warren.

Comptroller's Division

A picnic-weiner roast was held at Mr. Kaperak's home on old Route 5 and was attended by all payroll personnel.

Florence Sutton celebrated her birthday anniversary on July 22 and her departmental friends presented her a plastic luncheon set to celebrate the occasion.

Bea Schaffer has returned from a two-week vacation which she and her family spent at Sturgeon Falls, Canada. Naturally, they went fishing!

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lytle who recently celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary. Mr. Lytle is RAI's purchasing agent.

Judy Grimm, of the mail room, has returned from her vacation also — "Just loafed around home", says Judy.

Lila Williams has returned from her vacation too, but she didn't "just loaf" — she painted the kitchen, canned beans and took care of children. Exciting vacation, I would say.

Jean Cover was confined to Robinson Memorial Hospital, Ravenna, for two weeks. But the latest word is that she has returned home and we all wish to extend a big "get well."

Bob Ream of the voucher section has been promoted from senior voucher auditor to tabulating manager, effective July 29.

HAROLD KLETT is back at his desk after spending a one-week vacation at the end of a fishing pole. We've heard some mighty good stories but haven't seen any fish!

The welcome mat is out again!

Betty Horner is one of two new clerk-typists in the Property Department. Betty lives in Shalersville and is a graduate of Mantua-Shalersville High School. She was editor of her school paper and her favorite hobbies are painting and picture tinting.

The other new comer is Carolyn Lazari who hails from Newton Falls. Carolyn is a graduate of Newton Falls High School and her favorite pastime is dancing.

We also have two new girls in the steno-pool. They are Juanita Cole and Carol St. Clair. Juanita is at home at Charlestown and a graduate of South-East High at Edinburg. Above all, she enjoys dancing and roller skating.

Industrial Relations

Two employees have been added to the Hospital staff. They are Mrs. Jeanne Yamsek and Morris J. Mandel.

Mrs. Yamsek, from Niles, is a medical technician. She graduated from the Carnegie Institute for Medical Technicians in Cleveland.

Jeannine previously worked at Trumbull Memorial Hospital in Warren. She and her husband recently enjoyed a trip to Florida, and Cuba. Among the interesting places they visited in Cuba were the Moro Castle, the Barcardi Distillery and the oldest church in the world.

Morris J. Mandel from Cleveland, is now residing in Kent. He also works for RAI in the medical laboratory.

He enjoys a fast game of tennis or ping pong, and is also a football fan. Among his activities at KSU were belonging to Phi Sigma Xi Science Honorary Fraternity, and the American Chemical Society, and Sigma Alpha Club.

Our nurse from Load Line Three, Margie Quirin, now Margie Andriko, visited the Hospital on Friday, July 11, to attend a "supposed meeting."

But it turned out to be a surprise party in her honor sponsored by the Medical and Compensation Departments. Margie received a beautiful white chenille bed spread as a wedding gift.

Summer months are busy ones, but also vacation time. Mrs. Vivian Hindall, lab technician, decided to make it an interesting event. She and her husband traveled to Sioux Falls, S. Dakota, and Waverly, Iowa, where they visited her sisters.

JIM STANTON motored along the St. Lawrence Waterway and through the French Canadian section of Canada. He returned through New York to visit relatives in Little Falls and spent several days with his daughter and her family at White River.

An employment building outing was held Friday evening, July 25, at Munroe Falls Park. It was a picnic supper affair with the accent on swimming before the food and refreshments.



HARVEY S. FIRESTONE, JR. (right), receives Liberia's highest honor, the Grand Band of the Order of the Star of Africa, from C. L. Simpson, Liberian Ambassador.

High Liberian Honor Conferred Upon Harvey S. Firestone, Jr.

Highest honor of the Republic of Liberia, West Africa, was recently conferred upon Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., in recognition of the "salutary and beneficial effect" which the Firestone development in Liberia had upon the life of the country.

Mr. Firestone, Jr. received the Grand Band of the Order of the Star of Africa from Ambassador C. L. Simpson in the Liberian Embassy in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Simpson said: "In view of the practical demonstration of your deep and abiding interest in the welfare of Liberia and by reason of the meritorious and distinguished services you have rendered the Republic of Liberia, the Honorable William V. S. Tubman, President of the Republic of Liberia, in behalf of himself and the Government of Liberia has deemed it appropriate to bestow upon you one of the highest honors in the gift of our country — the GRAND BAND OF THE ORDER OF THE STAR OF AFRICA."

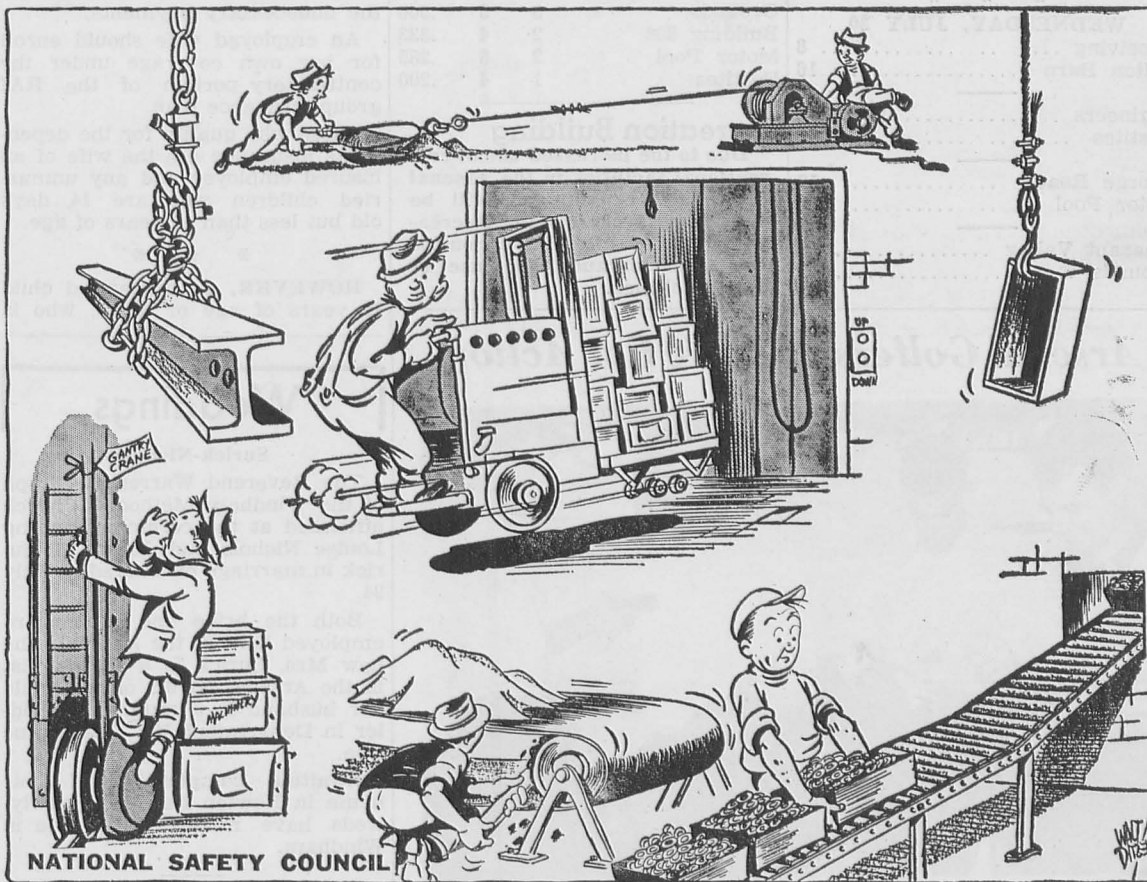
Upon receiving the honor, Mr. Firestone, Jr., said: "It is with a

deep sense of gratitude that I accept this highest honor of the Republic of Liberia. I receive it not merely for myself, but also for all of my associates in the Firestone organization.

"To me, it symbolizes the mutual respect and the high esteem which have characterized our joint endeavor for more than a quarter of a century."

Safety Contest . . .

Find The Safety Violations -- Win A Prize!



WHAT'S WRONG with this picture?

If you can find the safety errors being committed in the picture, enter the contest and win a prize. Awards will be \$10 for first place, \$5 for second, and \$1 each for the next five winners based on the number of errors found.

All you have to do is write on a sheet of paper the list of violations of good safety practice you find in the cartoon. Write your name, home address, department name or number and clock number on the same sheet and mail to the RAI Safety Department Box 98, Apco, Ohio. The contest is open only to Ravenna Arsenal employees. Safety Department personnel are not eligible.

Entries must be postmarked on or before midnight August 28. So get busy now. Find the safety violations and win a prize.

There will be another contest next month.

First To Sign Up . . .

A. P. Line Goes 100 Per Cent For Payroll Savings Plan



FIRST RAVENNA ARSENAL, INC. operation to subscribe 100 per cent to the company's Payroll Savings Plan for the purchase of U. S. Defense Bonds, was the Artillery Primer Line. Pictured above are the 53 employees of the A. P. Line who are buying and saving "E" Bonds for the future at three per cent interest.

Front row, left to right: June Bogus, Rosa Lee Oliver, Gracie Sly, Gladys Simpson, Frankie Lee Byrd, Mercy E. Eldson, Mildred Monroe, Bonnie Miller, Georgia Reagan, Jane Galloway, Tillie Bower, Emma Wilhelm, Thelma Lawrence, Gladys Daugherty, Dana Booth. Second row: Charlie Sinera, Alice Halstead, Gladys Spurlock, Jane Thomas, Christine Dix, Myrtle St. Clair, Grace Bainter, Ann Black, Gloria Schaffer, Margaret Pemberton, Mildred Summerville, Francis Sibera, Darlene Tennant, Irene Wright, Clyde Drake, William Cockerham, Walter Rydzak. Third row: Donald McAfee, E. P. Babington, Grace Means, Juanita Smith, Ann Custer, Elijah Gray, Catherine Buie, Margaret Bettiker, Cola Smith, Hazel Crowe, Arla Hoover, Grace Boone, Siama Ranta, Gertrude Drake, Del Wilhelm, Opal Dodson, Richard Force. Fourth row: Edman Lynam, Curtis Smith, Noah Lightner, John Bowen, John P. Bandi.

Team Six Loses Undeclared Title By Higgins' 32

Ray Plough and Pete Dickey, Team Six, were dropped from the undefeated ranks of the Chestnut Hill Golf League by Grant Higgins' red-hot 32, two over par, during league play on August 7.

Chestnut Hill League golfers and their guests will hold their second Field Day Tourney on Saturday, August 23, at the Ravenna course.

League standings, as of August 15, are as follows:

TEAM			
Eleven	3	0	1,000
Cal Holstein			
Gayle Michels			
Eight	2	0	1,000
Bob Smith			
Mike Chorey			
Six	4	1	.800
Ray Plough			
Pete Dickey			
Five	3	2	.600
Ray Williams			
Ted Foss			
Seven	3	3	.500
Grant Higgins			
Jim Roberts			
Twelve	2	2	.500
Al Garrard			
Bill Drescher			
Two	2	2	.500
Paul Bogner			
Benny Steigerwalt			
Three	2	3	.400
George Litum			
Carl Thomas			
Four	2	3	.400
Jack Schumann			
Bill Jones			
Nine	2	3	.400
Tommy Rowbottom			
Joe Grecco			
One	1	3	.250
Carl Schellinger			
Jerry Feinglas			
Ten	0	3	.000
Nardy Romano			
Frank Spinelli			

RAI Golf Outing Committee Named

Planning committee members for the first annual Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. Golf Outing are Dick Spencer, Depot Operations; Tommy Rowbottom, Stores Records; Jack Ruble, Safety and Anderson, Recreation Director.

Date of the golf outing has been set for September 20, but the committee has not yet selected the course.

All Arsenal golfers should keep this date open for what appears to be one of the best golf outings ever staged at the Arsenal.

More complete details about the outing will follow in the next two issues of the Arsenal NEWS.

Load Line One

Introducing a column of news and events 'Bout all of the workers inside of our fence

New third shift clerk in Building CB-20 is Park Lipp, who hails from New Middletown, O. Park, a former student of Western Kentucky State College, spends his free time swimming and playing basketball.

The vacation bug has bitten quite a few Line One personnel, including Benny Steigerwalt, who just returned from a trip through West Virginia, Kentucky, Michigan and Virginia visiting his relatives.

Journeying to their home towns to spend vacations were Chester Schroeder, who went to New Jersey and New Haven, Pa., and William Fairfield, whose vacation was spent in Morgantown, W. Va.

Washington, D. C., was the vacation site of Robert Denison, while Harry Hokanson, decided to spend his week just relaxing at home.

Al Watson recently returned from a sojourn through the state of Tennessee.

Marylou Brown is back at her desk after spending a week with her husband, Bob, who is in the Army. Bob is now headed for Australia for 15 months overseas duty.

Kathy Sarocco journeyed to California, 2600 miles from RAI and Firestone, to enjoy a vacation and ended up staying on Firestone Avenue and just up the street from the Firestone plant. This proves "You can take it with you."

Kathy visited the Brown Derby, Grauman's Chinese Theatre, the Paladium, the Colosseum, and many other noted places. She enjoyed flying home so much, that we still can't get her down to earth.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and Good Wishes to Guard Matron Evelyn Stone who celebrated her birthday anniversary on August 11.

An infected eye put Pete Bogner on the sick list for several days, but Paul is back to work now and feeling fine.

Everyone is anxiously awaiting the return of smiling Bill Collins. Maintenance, after his unfortunate eye injury. Hurry back, Bill, we miss you!

We extend our sympathy to Tom Reagan, who was called to Pennsylvania because of the death of a close relative.

Hats off to the Roads and Grounds crew who did a terrific job in putting Load Line One in tip-top shape on the outside, as it is on the inside.

FRANCIS BRACKLE, is back after an enjoyable trip to Little Creek, Va., where he visited his son, Robert who is stationed there

Engineers Still On Top With Nine Straight Wins

The RAI Engineers are still leading the Arsenal American League with nine straight victories.

On August 13 the Engineers whipped the Pleasant Valley A. C. softballers by a score of 13-8. On August 6 the Engineers downed Receiving 13-9. The number "13" seems to be their lucky number.

Other softball scores and league standings are as follows:

Softball Scores	
AUGUST 6	
Pleasant Valley	16
Positives	14
Grounds	21
Motor Pool	12
Bolton Barn	18
George Road	6

AUGUST 13	
Bolton Barn	16
Grounds	5
Positives	8
Motor Pool	5

League Standings			
TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Engineers	9	0	1,000
Bolton Barn	6	2	.750
Pleasant Valley	4	4	.500
Grounds	4	4	.500
George Road	4	4	.500
Receiving	2	5	.285
Positives	2	6	.250
Motor Pool	2	7	.225

Women Golfers Open Round Robin Tourney

Ravenna Arsenal Women's Golf League got under way on August 7 with a Round Robin Tournament. As of August 21, three matches have been played. Scores will be compiled in the next two weeks.

Women golfers participating in the tourney are: Florence Foss, Muriel Wilkinson, Peggy Lynds, Margaret Chionchio, Estelle Pavlick, Carolyn Bussan, Norma Bussan and Eva Sanders.

The Arsenalites battle over the Chestnut Hill course each Thursday at 6 p. m.

with the U. S. Navy.

Although a little late, congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Schumacher whose lovely daughter Janice Lou is now four months old. Junior is a department foreman on third shift.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Buchanan are next in line for congratulations. Their little daughter, Linda Marie, is now four and one-half months old. Dick is a supervisor in Building CB-13 on third shift.

Felicitations also to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Castle who are the proud parents of a son, Richard Alan, just two months old. Del is a maintenance man on third shift.



A SON, David Paul, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald McAfee of 1068 Westview Drive, Warren. David Paul was born July 17 in Trumbull Memorial Hospital in Warren. Don is a fireman in Building 8, on the A. P. Line.

A SON to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Diesz of Ravenna. Art, Jr., was born August 9 at Robinson Memorial Hospital, Ravenna. Art works in Department 74, Load Line Two.

A DAUGHTER, Inez, to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Henderson of Ravenna. The new little Miss was born August 4 at Robinson Memorial Hospital, Ravenna. Chris is a hi-lift operator in Department 71, Load Line Two.

A DAUGHTER, Ruth Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Green of Kent. Ruth Ann was born July 28 at City Hospital in Akron. Dave works in Department 75, Load Line Two.

A DAUGHTER, Denise Alexa arrived August 5 at Alliance City Hospital. She is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Toney of Alliance. Bob is the supervisor of Department 75, Load Line Two.

Ground Broken For New Load Line Offices

Ground has been broken for the construction of new office buildings on Load Lines One, Two and Three. The Engineering Department expects the three buildings to be completed in three months.

The new 60x33 foot structures will be located at the entrance to each line, and will be constructed of cement block as an addition to the clock alley building.

This centrally located building will be inside the load line fence and will be more accessible to line visitors. However, the entrance to the load line dispensary will be on the outside of the fence.

Office space inside the building will be for the line superintendent, personnel attendant, RAI inspection, Ordnance inspection, general office personnel, foremen's locker room, RAI safety, Ordnance safety, janitors closet and rest rooms.

Lemon Runner-Up In Tourney Finals At Meadowview

After battling his way to the finals in the Meadowview Invitational Golf Tournament on August 9, John "Bud" Lemon, an Ammunition Stores Inspector from Ravenna, was beaten seven and five by Eugene Labajetta of Kent, after 31 holes of play.

Kelly Melillo of Windham copped the second flight championship. Kelly is a former Ordnance ammunition loading inspector who has been recalled to active duty with the Air Force.

As runner-up, Bud Lemon won a trophy and golfing merchandise. Kelly carted off a club membership, a trophy and merchandise.

Other Arsenalites who participated in the Meadowview Tourney were Col. C. K. Allen, Charles Kebl, Dick Spencer, Howard Grohe, Joe Widger, Ray Trocchio, Pete Lynds and Edward Tekely.

These golfers, plus Jack Street, Jack Ruble and P. J. Ryal, will participate in the Portage County Amateur Tournament which starts Aug. 24.

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RAVENNA ARSENAL NEWS

RAVENNA ARSENAL, APCO, OHIO

August 21, 1952

Bloodmobile To Make Sixth Visit September 3

677 Pints Of Blood Collected; One-third Of County Total

Employees and residents of the Ravenna Arsenal can look with great pride upon the Red Cross Bloodmobile when it makes its sixth visit here, Wednesday, September 3.

During the preceding year ending July 1, 1952, Arsenalites gave 677 pints of blood to the Armed Forces Blood Donor Program through the Red Cross collecting agency.

RAI Employees Lost \$2,792 Per Day During July

Thousands of rounds of shells were NOT loaded at the Ravenna Arsenal during July because of absentee workers. Maybe your son, brother or husband will need a few of those "absentee shells" someday to fight off the Communist hordes in Korea or elsewhere in the free world.

On an average, 205 Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. hourly employees were absent each day during July. This amounted to 1,642 manhours lost each day for a total of \$2,792 in absentee wages.

On a weekly basis, 8,254 manhours were lost and this totaled \$14,032 in absentee wages.

Monday was really "Blue Monday" at the Ravenna Arsenal during July, because each Monday RAI absentee employees lost an average of \$3,457 in wages.

Total manhours lost for the month was 41,272. This means seven per cent of RAI's hourly workers were absent and they lost \$70,179.40 in wages.

This is a lot of lost time! Were you one of the 205 RAI employees who loaded "absentee shells" during July?

Just think of all the groceries, furniture, TV sets and automobiles these "205 absentee workers" could have bought if they had been on the job.

Employee's Son Gets Bronze Star

Sergeant Harry F. Frank, son of Albert Frank, Load Line One, has been awarded the Bronze Star and another citation for bravery in action against an armed enemy. He was recently discharged after having served one year in Korea.

A member of Company "A", Second Engineer Combat Battalion, Second Infantry Division, Sergeant Frank distinguished himself by heroic achievement on August 20, 1951 in the vicinity of Wurun-i, Korea.

On that date, Sergeant Frank's squad was assigned to maintain a supply route which was vital to the evacuation of wounded GI's and the transporting of critical supplies to the front lines.

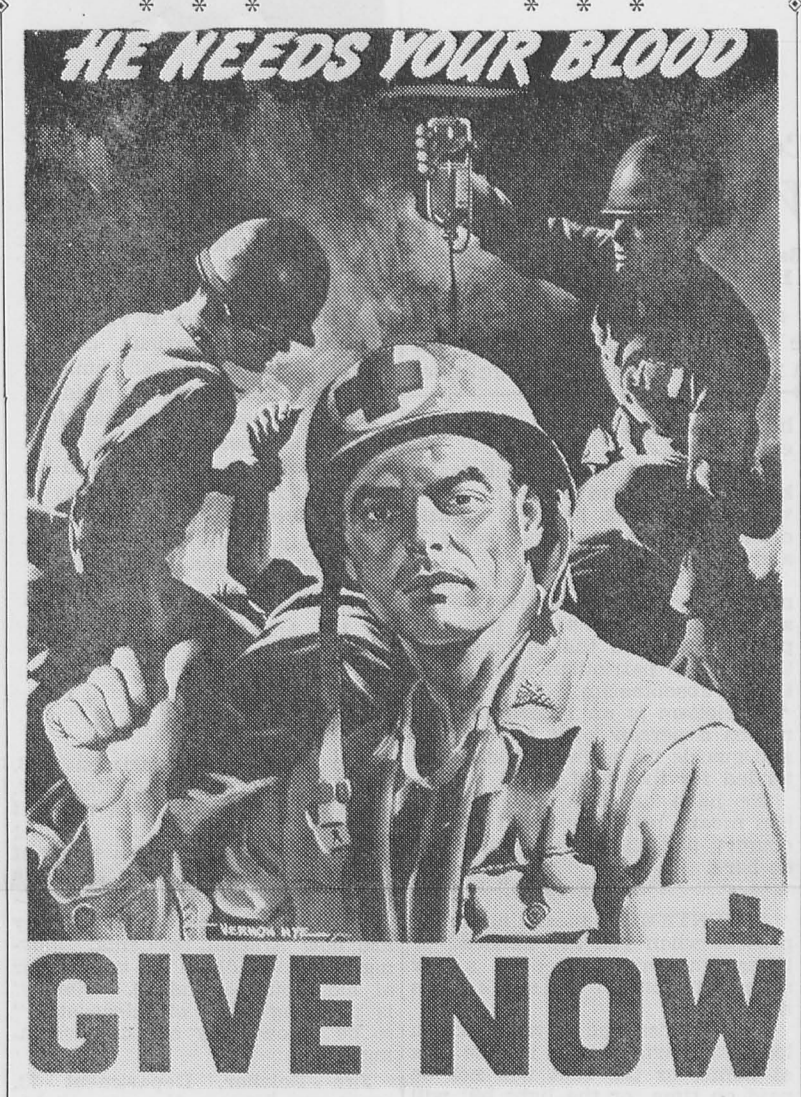
DESPITE the fact that the squad was under continuous fire from the enemy, Sergeant Frank, with complete disregard for his personal safety, remained in an exposed position and supervised his men in their mission.

His courage and determination inspired his men to a rapid and efficient completion of the task, thus enabling U. N. vehicles to transport critically needed supplies and evacuate the wounded.

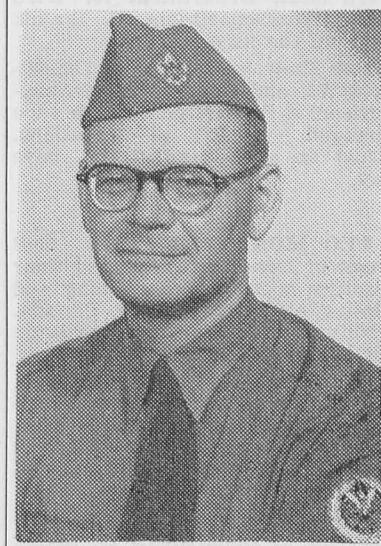
"The outstanding leadership and devotion to duty displayed on this occasion by Sergeant Frank, reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States," the Bronze Star citation stated.

Don't wait, fill out your blood donor Volunteer Slip today, and be an Armed Forces Blood Booster on September 3.

And if you can't make an appointment, file a "walk-in" for the sixth Arsenal visit of the Armed Forces Bloodmobile.



Name H. P. Thune Scout Commissioner



Hartford P. Thune

New Commissioner for the Ravenna District, Boy Scouts of America, is Hartford P. Thune (above), Ordnance Safety Director. This volunteer position was announced August 5 by the Akron Area Council.

Mr. Thune has been a neighborhood commissioner since coming to Ravenna in October 1950, and has been connected with scouting, unofficially, for eight years.

He was also a scoutmaster in Arlington, Wash., having entered the field in 1939 as an assistant scoutmaster in Kittitas, Wash.

MR. THUNE became an ammunition inspector in 1942 and before coming here, he was stationed at various Ordnance installations in

the United States and on Okinawa. He was chief ammunition inspector for 26 months for the Air Force on the Pacific Island.

The new Commissioner takes over leadership of 20 Scout and Cub groups with 545 members in the Ravenna District. Under Mr. Thune, are also 200 adult leaders of troops in Ravenna and Eastern Portage townships.

Included in the 200 adult Scout leaders are several Arsenalites. They are: Carl Thomas, Ordnance Engineering; C. R. Branfield, Ordnance Inspection; Ermand Miller, RAI Inspection; Major C. M. Hathaway; Administrative Officer; G. B. Hoagland, RAI Photographer.

Also Harry Williams, Carpenter Shop Foreman; Dwight Ringler, Stores Superintendent; A. B. Patton, Stores Locator Records; D. R. Martin, Ordnance Inspection; L. E. Peppard, Roads and Grounds; and Robert B. McClelland, RAI Property.

Headquarters Taxi Stand Moved To Rear Of Bldg

The inter-Arsenal taxi for personnel desiring transportation to various installations throughout the area, is now picking up passengers from the Headquarters Building at the rear entrance of the building, next to the Post Office. Inter-Arsenal passengers will not be picked-up or dropped off at the main entrance to Headquarters.

Employees in need of living quarters are asked to call the Services Office on Extension 411. However, this employee service will require your help to make it a success. Everyone is urged to use it.

THE SERVICES Department needs at once, houses or rooms for quite a number of employees. There is no charge for this listing service if you have property for rent or sale. When an employee calls seeking housing, he will be referred to those who are listed. Good housing is necessary for a large operation such as Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. has here, and your help is needed. Don't wait, call 411 today and list your house or room for rent or sale.

Nov. 4 Is The Day; Are You Registered?

To vote in the general election on November 4, which according to all indications will be one of the most exciting and important elections in years, YOU MUST BE REGISTERED!

If you have not voted in the last two years, you must register before September 24. If you have moved from one precinct to another within your county, you must transfer your address with the Election Board. Failure to transfer will prevent you from voting.

TO VOTE in Ohio, a person must be a resident of the state for one year, and of his respective county and precinct from 30 to 40 days, depending upon the county and precinct.

That goes for your relatives, friends and the fellow working next to you on the load line or in the depot. So help them as you help yourself.

Find out WHEN, WHERE and HOW to register. Then pass this information along to your friends. It's easy to get and the main place is your Board of Elections office in your county courthouse.

However, as the election date draws near, the Board of Elections will set up registration offices in every community in its county.

It doesn't matter how you vote on November 4, the important thing is that you will be able to vote as a free American.

IN COMMUNIST Russia and her satellite Communist controlled nations, there is no such thing as a free vote, much less the right to register.

You don't want to be left out on November 4, but you won't be able to do a thing about it unless you are registered.

If you don't register you'll regret passing up the chance to have your say on Election Day.

Housing Service Now Available For Arsenal Employees

A new service is now available to all Arsenal employees. The RAI Industrial Services Department has set up a file on property, houses and rooms for sale and - or rent.

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Enjoy Your Retirement Without Worry

Not all of us look forward to retiring. Why? Because we don't know how we are going to get along! It's so hard to save these days, we say.

But wait a minute! There is one very easy way—your money is saved for you. The Payroll Savings Plan for buying U. S. Defense Bonds.

If you start buying Bonds regularly on Payroll Savings, when you retire later on, you'll have an added income each month which will come in mighty handy!

Then you'll be able to do the things you want and enjoy retirement without worry. Start getting rid of worry today! Join Payroll Savings!

The R. A. Eye . . .

Aunt Laura Once Had A Girdle Made From A Wool Blanket

by E. P. Babington
A. P. Line

Every time you smile it seems to add something to your life; whether you smile because you are happy or because you have just heard a funny story, or just because.

My Aunt Laura had the right idea during the last depression. She made a girdle out of a piece of wool blanket. Auntie would put it on, pour boiling water on it and let it shrink.

But there was one thing wrong with it, the wool girdle dried out in a couple of hours and my aunt was right back where she started.

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AUNT LAURA is also sort of two-faced — the one she gets up with in the morning, and the one she goes out with. My Aunt nearly caught a man once. He sat on her lap, but she was so bow-legged that

Depot Magazine

Ruth Davis, who dispenses the food in the evenings at the Bolton Barn cafeteria, recently enjoyed a weekend trip to her home town, Weirton, W. Va.

Price Brooks is recuperating at his home in Akron after a considerable stay in People's Hospital.

Ray Trocchio and Adam Siegfurth, Depot administration clerks, were recently confined to their homes for a few days with summer flu.

We are about to lose Jerry Feinglas, surveillance inspector, to LaBelle France. He is being transferred to Paris after a three-year tour of duty here. His wife Mary, who cares for the aches and pains of folks in the Depot Dispensary, will remain here with their two children until Jerry gets settled.

Mrs. Mary Stewart, cafeteria, celebrated her 17th wedding anniversary on August 10.

Sam Spade of U-4 has returned from a week's vacation. Gifford Fulton, same building, is just back from Tennessee after visiting his father who has been quite ill.

From the Depot Motor Pool, comes the information that Eddie Leonard took his vacation to work on his new house at Campbellsport.

Plain Language

"I could not sleep when I got on a hunt for an idea, until I had caught it; and when I thought I had got it, I was not satisfied until I had repeated it over and over again, until I had put it in language plain enough, as I thought, for any boy I knew to comprehend. This was a kind of passion with me, and it has stuck with me."

Abraham Lincoln

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Meet Your Reporters



WILLIS SANDS (above), chief reporter for Load Line Two, was a reporter for 11 years with the New York Times-Mail, Springfield (Mass.) Republican, and Akron Beacon Journal. A native of Athens, O., Mr. Sands has been at the Arsenal over 10 years and has worked in various departments. He is now a building foreman. An Arsenal resident, Willis is married and has four sons. His oldest boy, Dick, is an Ordnance inspector here, and his son Willis II is with the Army in Korea. Before coming to the Arsenal, Mr. Sands was in the construction business. He is a veteran of World War I and a former 14th District Commander of the American Legion.



BETTY MAURER (above) works as an inert operator in the Arsenal Laundry and reports the happenings in that department. Betty was employed on Load Line One by the Atlas Powder Co. from 1942 to 1945. In February 1951, she returned to the Arsenal to work in the laundry for the Government and then transferred to RAI payroll. Mrs. Maurer resides with her husband and their four children at 344 Sherwood Drive, Youngstown.

Ordnance Staff Notes

New members in Ordnance these days are Patricia Kyle, Office Services Section, and Donald Dayton and Gwendolyn "Scottie" Burkhardt, Inspection Division. A hearty welcome folks.

The administrative Division welcomes Muriel Wilkinson, formerly of the Personnel Office.

Ronald DeUnger, Adjutant's Office and Andy Wancik, Inspection Division were recently on active duty for 19 days at Fort Meade, Md. They were on the administrative staff of the Commanding General Staff School.

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EUGENE STAMM, Surveillance Inspector, left August 8 for an assignment in Japan. His many friends wish him only the best in his new position.

Harold Kline, Office Services Section, is on leave with the Naval Air Force Reserves in North Carolina.

James Hensley, Surveillance Inspector is on temporary duty at Erie Ordnance Depot.

Ralph Campbell, Office Services Section, has been confined at Crile Hospital Cleveland, for the past three weeks. His co-workers and many friends sincerely wish him a speedy recovery.

Ethel Branick, Fiscal, and Ann Prelac, recently left the Arsenal to take up duties in Washington, D. C. Being very impartial young ladies, one chose Ordnance, the other the Navy. Their many friends wish them many golden opportunities in their new venture.

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HOWARD GROHE, Personnel Office, recently completed a two-week course at Rock Island Arsenal in "Personnel Strength Control" and "Statistical Analysis". Upon his return he and his family spent a week's vacation touring the "Five Finger Lakes" in upper New York State.

Thelma McNamara and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ball (Ray of the Adjutant's Office) were recent weekend visitors of mutual friends in Monroe, Mich.

The little "Brownie" in the Personnel Office these days is Frankie Gigliotti who attained her tan vacationing with friends at Geneva.

Ann Greitzer, Payroll, resumed her duties after a week's vacation spent with her son enjoying the sights of Cleveland and Youngstown. Her only comment was, "It was so pleasant that I really don't feel that it was long enough."

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MR. AND MRS. CARROLL RUBEN, Operations, left August 8 for a tour of the West, and a stop-over in Colorado to visit their son "Skip".

Mr. and Mrs. Kennington recently visited his sister in Chicago, and

Industrial Relations

1st Lt. D. D. Cooley, husband of Edythe M. Cooley, Safety, Security and Training Department, left August 7 for Camp Polk, Louisiana, after spending a fifteen-day furlough at home. Lt. Cooley is commanding officer of a Heavy Mortar Company, 145th Infantry, 37th Division.

C. F. Craver, Safety, Security and Training Manager, vacationed with his family the week of August 11.

New members of the RAI Guard Force are Patrolmen Colin Pemberton, John A. Martz, and William R. Jones.

Chief R. B. Walters vacationed in Canada, for a week, and also on the vacation list was Sergeant William R. White, Guard Matron Wilma Chambers, Patrolmen T. M. Lee, and Nick Andriko. Gwendolyn "Scottie" Burkhardt left the guard force to accept a position with Ordnance Inspection. Good Luck, Scottie!

Guard Matron Suzette Ledgerwood and Patrolman C. L. Martin are on leaves of absence at the present time.

The Guard Force wishes to extend "Get Well" wishes to Patrolman Marion B. Simpkins, who is confined to Robinson Memorial Hospital, Ravenna. Patrolman Simpkins was injured in an auto accident on August 5.

during their stay in Chicago they observed the Democratic Convention first hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Petro (Lillian of the Adjutant's Office) recently journeyed to Kalida, Ohio where Pete, along with other members of his ball team participated in the tournament there. The local team took second place in the play off game.

Janet Withersay, Traffic, had her first flying experience when she returned by plane from North Bay, Ontario, to Cleveland after a very successful fishing trip. Her advise to potential Canadian fishermen is "Be sure your fish are of acceptable size, they check them."

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CONSTANCE SYLVIA is the new member of the Signal Division. She previously served in the Administrative Office. However, shortly after her new assignment she was confined to Robinson Memorial Hospital with a severe throat infection. Her many friends welcome her back and wish her the very best in her new position.

Ollie Gothard, telephone repairman, was off due to illness. Rosemary Franks — telephone operator and news reporter is back from her vacation after touring New York, Canada, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana.

Estella Dustman, teletype and telegraph operator, just got back from spending a week in Providence, R. I. with her son and his family.

Agnes Marshall, telephone operator, spent a few days at the American Legion Convention in Columbus and won several awards while there.

Ruth Tontimonia, our chief telephone operator, was off a few days while she and her husband moved into their new apartment.

Production Division

Margaret M. Parker, of Ammunition Stock Control, entertained the girls of her department and their families at her home at Milton Lake on July 19.

The girls had a wonderful time, with Katie Riccardi riding the surfboard. The speedboat rides were enjoyed by all. A delicious luncheon was also served by the hostess.

Edith Heintz, a WAC reservist, recently participated in two weeks training at Camp Lee, Va.

The Inventory Crew of the Stock Control Department has moved to the old Atlas area.

Dorothy Hyden and her family enjoyed a vacation the week of July 21 at Conneaut Lake Park, Pa.

Warehouse And Stores Notes

New storekeeper in the Stock Control Department is Pat DeGiralamo from Alliance. He is married and a former school teacher, having taught two years in Canton.

Pat graduated from Mount Union College where he received his bachelors degree. He received his masters degree from Kent State.

A 2nd Lieutenant in the National Guard, Pat is a member of the 90-mm anti-aircraft gun battery in Canton. His hobby is taking home movies.

We wish to extend our wishes for a speedy recovery to Ruth Huey who underwent major surgery a few weeks ago in Adrian Hospital and is now recuperating at her parent's home in Puncx-tawney, Pa.

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MONA MOSER recently vacationed in Washington, D. C., and said she had a wonderful time sightseeing.

Several new employees recently joined the Stores Department. We will begin with Bernard J. Chmielewski, an inert operator. He was born in Syracuse, N. Y. and spent two years in the Merchant Marine. He is married and now resides in Akron. His main interest is baseball.

Richard V. Secord, also a New Yorker, graduated from Hastings on the Hudson School and attended Syracuse University where he majored in music. Dick also has a masters degree and is an assistant professor of music at Kent State University. He is married, lives in Ravenna, and enjoys golf and tennis. Mr. Secord is also an inert operator.

Raymond M. Rogers, a native of Ravenna, graduated from high school there and is married, and has a son in the Air Force. He enjoys bowling and baseball for a pastime. Ray is our new stores attendant.

Several stores employees have recently returned from their vacations.

Earl R. Wood, motored through Toledo, Cleveland, and Avon, O., visiting relatives.

Earl B. Petty, Jr. motored to Dayton to visit friends.

Wm. L. Saddler attended a church convention in Cincinnati, and motored to Covington and Newport, Ky.

Ralph Ross spent his vacation working around his home, which he has been remodeling.

Genevieve Boardman spent a week at Conneaut Lake, Pa.

John Romanov spent his two weeks building a new home in Newton Falls.

How Much Can I Save Through Payroll Savings In One Year?

Do you want to know what your Arsenal Payroll Savings will be a year from now, or in five years? Well, the following graduated scale gives all that information plus a total of your savings with the three per cent interest added after nine years and eight months, and after 19 years and eight months.

Just imagine, if you save only \$3.75 a week, you will have saved \$2,500, including interest, in nine years and eight months by purchasing U. S. Defense Bonds through the easy RAI Payroll Savings Plan.

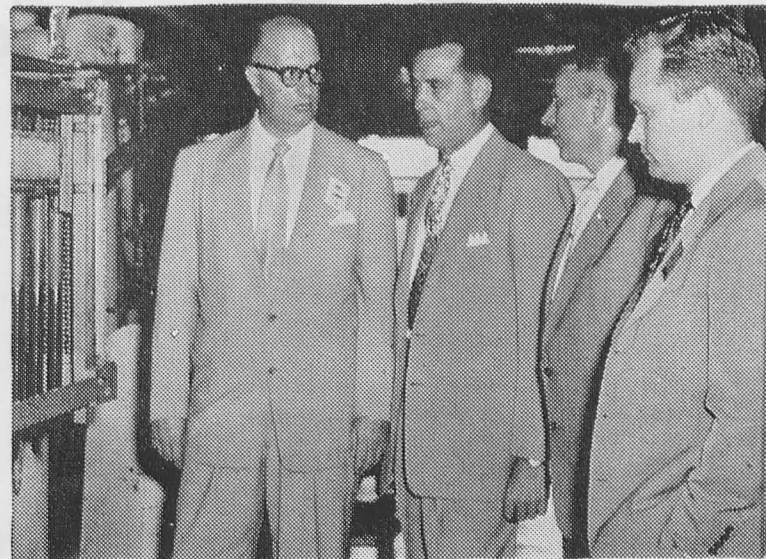
This nestegg, \$2,600, could be the down-payment on that new home; that new automobile would become a reality; or it could be the beginning of a college education fund for your children.

Think it over! U. S. Defense Bonds are the best investment you can make. And it's very simple, just sign up for Payroll Savings Today!

Save Each Week	In 1 year you save	In 5 years you save	In 9 years 8 months you save	Maturity value from issue date
\$ 2.50	\$130.40	\$ 683.35	\$ 1,424.05	\$ 1,675.00
3.75	195.60	1,025.95	2,137.30	2,500.00
5.00	261.00	1,367.90	2,850.70	3,350.00
6.25	326.20	1,710.95	3,564.55	4,200.00
7.50	391.40	2,053.05	4,277.70	5,025.00
12.50	652.40	3,422.50	7,131.15	8,400.00
15.00	783.00	4,107.05	8,557.50	10,075.00
18.75	978.80	5,134.90	10,699.80	12,600.00

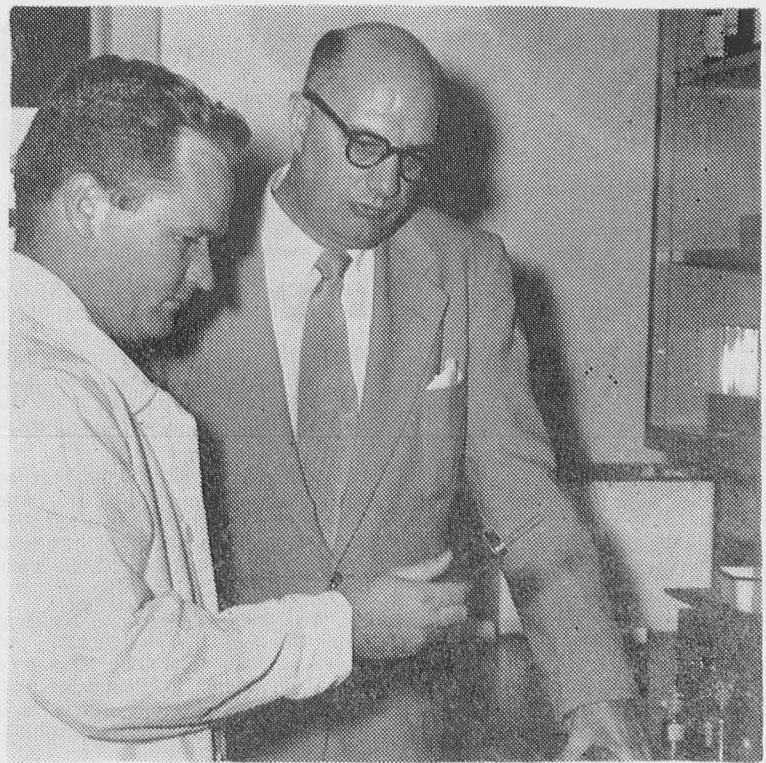
Save each week	In 19 years, eight months you have saved	MATURITY VALUE EXTENDED TO 19 years, eight months from issue date
\$ 2.50	\$ 3,432.72	\$ 4,579.12
3.75	5,153.72	6,902.35
5.00	6,872.45	9,191.61
6.25	8,594.58	11,515.14
7.50	10,313.34	13,804.70
12.50	17,193.41	23,030.28
15.00	20,362.07	27,609.40
18.75	25,797.59	34,545.42

Industrial Toxicologist Visits Arsenal



DR. FRED S. MALLETE, Medical Consultant for the Ohio State Industrial Commission, is shown above with RAI officials during his recent visit to Load Line Two and the Arsenal Hospital. Dr. Mallette, an Industrial Toxicologist, was invited by Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. to inspect the control of toxic dust or vapors throughout the Arsenal.

In the above picture, Dr. Mallette (left) discusses toxic poisoning problems with T. M. Brown, Safety and Training Department; C. F. Craver, Safety, Training and Security Manager; and Dr. W. D. Rees, during their tour of Load Line Two. In the picture below, Dr. Rees, (left), RAI Medical Director, explains the Arsenal method of testing blood to Dr. Mallette.



Trade Your Ideas For Extra Cash!

That's An Idea! How many times have you said that to someone? How many times have you done anything about it?

Ideas are valuable. You don't have to be a Thomas Edison to get an award winning suggestion.

Any job can be improved and you are the one who can do it, because no one knows your job better than you.

Of course, it may be something in another department that needs improvement, and you can still suggest it.

Just ask yourself these questions: Will it make the job safer? Will it make the job easier? Will it make the job cost less? Will it make the product better?

Don't hesitate! Send that idea for improving your job to the Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. Suggestion Department. There is a suggestion box in your area. Fill out a blank and put it in the box.

Jack Spratt could eat no fat,
His wife could eat no lean;
So they put their dough in "E"
Bonds
And kept their dishes clean!

Bonds you buy with Payroll Savings
Help to satisfy your cravings;
For a happy future heyday,
Keep on buying 'em each pay-day!

—Berton Braley.

Korean Vet Tells How A Shell Shortage Affects Men In Battle

If you were a member of the United States Armed Forces fighting in Korea or holding our line of defense at all the other fortified positions throughout the world, what would be your reaction when you ran short of ammunition?

Would you criticize the government, or would you say the workers back home are falling down on their job?

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THE IMPORTANCE of ammunition production towards the war effort is clearly stated by John Mathy, an employee on the P. E. Line, who was discharged from the Navy in June.

John, who is a resident of Garrettsville, spent 19 months in the Korean War zone and fired thousands of rounds of ammunition. He was a gunner's mate aboard a U. S. Destroyer, stationed as a bombardment ship at the major Communist-held port of Wonson, North Korea.

"Believe me," John said, "I personally know how serious it is to have an ammunition shortage. It was our job to keep as many enemy Red troops and supplies away from the front as possible, as well as to destroy prime military targets within the city itself.

"By targets of prime military importance, I mean tanks, trucks, railroads, rail cars and marshalling yards, oil refineries, warehouses, bridges, tunnels, troop bunkers and enemy gun positions," he pointed out.

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"THE LOGIC for this is simple. Every target destroyed behind the lines means the UN Forces at the front will have to face fewer Reds.

"To destroy these targets it takes tons and tons of ammunition, and by destroying them, we save the lives of hundreds of our troops.

"I know many of you have husbands, friends, and loved ones overseas doing what they can to defend our country and its principles. They have a tremendous and important job to do," Mr. Mathy added.

"Their tasks cannot be accomplished without ammunition. Many of our hard-won positions, taken with great loss of men and equipment, have been endangered simply because it took time to obtain ammunition and equipment to hold the Reds after we took the position.

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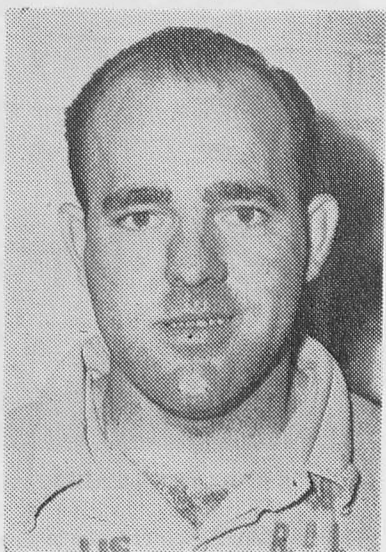
"BESIDES supplying our Armed Forces, we must also supply other United Nations countries helping us in Korea. It is a known fact that these countries are not capable of our production standards.

"When ammunition runs low, so does the morale of the fighting men. Morale is just as important to our fighting men as the ammunition they fire. When ammunition is not available, they get the idea that the folks back home are letting them down.

"I know this is true, because I felt that way numerous times. This tends to trouble their minds and reduce their thinking capacities, which in turn increases casualties," he emphasized.

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JOHN STATED, "I myself have fired at many targets and had to



JOHN MATHY

leave them only partially destroyed because not enough ammunition was available to complete the destruction.

"A great number of these targets can thus be repaired to produce weapons to be used against the UN Forces.

"With the proper amount of ammunition, these Communist targets can be reduced to ruins and their war potential knocked out forever.

"Millions of rounds of ammunition, ranging from rifle and machine gun ammunition to the one-ton projectiles for artillery pieces, are needed daily to fight the Korean War.

"By keeping and increasing shell production at a high level here, we can aid in ending the war.

"As Sherman said, 'War is Hell.' Without ammunition enough to defend yourself, it's really worse than hell!" Mr. Mathy concluded.

Arsenalites In Military Service

Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. employees who recently entered the Armed Forces of the United States are: Arthur B. Powell, Akron, from Department 61, Load Line One; Charles W. Race, Liverpool, Department 194, Depot, and James T. Townsend, Akron, also from Department 194, Depot.

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Also Rodney M. Cade, Ravenna, from Department 76, Load Line Two; Clyde E. Deyarmin, Garrettsville, from Department 194, Depot; William Fairbee, Garrettsville, from Department 65, Load Line One; Earl J. Robinson, Ravenna, from Department 72, Load Line Two; David Tinkey, Kent, from Department 65, Load Line One; and Norman Truss, Akron, from Department 86, Load Line Three.

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Also Leslie E. Cobb, Jr., from Lima, O., Department 195; Donald J. Nutter from Garrettsville, Department 05; and Nelson R. Spencer from Hubbard, Department 61, Load Line One.

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DONALD AND John Wolfe, who joined the Navy July 1, are now undergoing "boot" training at Bainbridge, Md. They are the sons of Arsenal residents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Wolfe.

Before enlisting, John was a time clerk on Load Line Two, while Donald worked in Building OB-3, Load Line One.

Both are doing fine, John as a 'boot' petty officer, and Donald as a 'boot' educational petty officer. John has gained 10 pounds since entering the service.

Their present addresses are John Wolfe, AR - 499 - 53 - 93, and Donald Wolfe, SR - 499 - 53 - 89, U. S. N. T. C., RTC Co. No. 11, 25th Bn., 2nd Regt., Bainbridge, Md.

Remember our boys in Korea! Your Defense Bond is a bond between you and the GI's. Join RAI Payroll Savings now!

RAI Golf Outing To Be Held At Chestnut Hill

First Annual Golf Outing, sponsored by Ravenna Arsenal, Inc., will be played over the Chestnut Hill Course in Ravenna on Saturday, September 20.

This outing is open to all male employees, both RAI and Ordnance. First golfers will tee off at 9 a.m. Arsenalites can either form foursomes or sign up individually.

Entry blanks can be obtained from Load Line personnel attendants, or Tommy Rowbottom, HQ Room 154; Jack Ruble, HQ Room 137; Dick Spencer, Bolton Barn, or Joe, at each of the Recreation office, Room 2, Employment Building.

Entries will not be accepted after September 15. The entry fee will include nine holes of golf, some refreshments, taken nine more holes of golf and miscellaneous games.

Prizes will be awarded for accuracy, longest drive, blind bogeys, etc. In case of rain, the outing will be held September 27.

Get your entry blank today, and sign up for the biggest golf outing of the year!

Softball Scores

AUGUST 19	
Load Line Three	13
PE & I One	16
PE & I Two	6
Checkers	1

AUGUST 20	
Pleasant Valley	9
Receiving (forfeit)	0
Engineers	8
Motor Pool	13
Grounds	9
George Road (forfeit)	0

AUGUST 26	
Checkers	7
Load Line Three	0
PE & I Two	28
PE & I One	10

AUGUST 27	
Postites	9
George Road (forfeit)	0
Grounds	9
Receiving (forfeit)	0
Grounds	24
Postites	4
Pleasant Valley	21
Motor Pool	17
Bolton Barn	26
Engineers	2

SEPTEMBER 3	
Bolton Barn	20
Pleasant Valley	7
Bolton Barn	11
Pleasant Valley	9
Engineers	5
George Road	3

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Engineers	10	1	.910
Bolton Barn	9	2	.820
Grounds	7	4	.693
Pleasant Valley	6	6	.500
George Road	4	7	.365
Postites	3	7	.300
Receiving	2	7	.222
Motor Pool	2	9	.198

TUESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
PE & I Two	2	0	1.000
Checkers	1	1	.500
Load Line Three	1	1	.500
PE & I One	0	2	.000

Bud Lemon Shoots '31' In Fun Day Tournament

Chestnut Hill League held their second Fun Day Tournament August 23 at the Ravenna course with Bud Lemon taking low gross honors with a one-over-par 31.

Other Arsenal golfers who captured prizes during the day-long tourney were Cal Holstein, blind bogey; and Carl Schellinger, George Litun, Jim Roberts and Merle Wilkinson, best poker hands.

Now's the time for all good men And for all good women, too, To start in buying more bonds again, And we certainly do mean you! —Berton Braley.

Women's Bowling Champs Honored



THE TEN PINS, last season's women bowling champs, are pictured above with the individual trophies they received just recently. Left to right, Dorothy Barnhart, Apco Post Office; Chloe Yaw, Ordnance Inspection; Bernice Koran, formerly of RAI Engineering; Martha Evans, wife of Vern Evans; and Elsie Ruben, wife of Carroll Ruben. Four individual trophies were also awarded to Ann Maimone for single high game, Elizabeth Lee and Ann Maimone for high series score, and to Chloe Yaw for high average.

Team Eleven Loses Undefeated Title, Take First Place

In the Chestnut Hill Golf League action on August 21, Jack Schumann fired a "32", two over par, to lead Team Four to a 3-2 victory over Team Twelve.

The losers retaliated by dropping Team Eleven from the ranks of the undefeated by a score of 3-2.

League standings as of September 4 are as follows:

Team	W	L	Pct.
ELEVEN	5	1	.825
Cal Holstein			
Gayle Michels			
SIX	5	3	.625
Ray Plough			
Dete Dickey			
TWO	3	2	.600
Paul Bognar			
Benny Steigerwalt			
TWELVE	4	4	.500
Al Garrard			
Bill Drescher			
FIVE	4	4	.500
Ray Williams			
Ted Foss			
SEVEN	4	5	.444
Grant Higgins			
Jim Roberts			
THREE	4	5	.444
George Litun			
Carl Thomas			
FOUR	3	4	.430
Jack Schumann			
Bill Jones			
NINE	3	4	.430
Tommy Rowbottom			
Joe Grecco			
ONE	2	5	.286
Carl Schellinger			
Jerry Feinglas			
TEN	1	6	.250
Nardy Romano			
Frank Spinelli			

New Arrivals

A DAUGHTER, Sherry Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. George Russell, Ravenna. She was born August 16 at Robinson Memorial Hospital, Ravenna. George is an Ordnance Inspector on Load Line Three.

A DAUGHTER, Cheryl Louise, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Smith, Garretttsville. Cheryl Louise arrived August 12. "Smitty" is a draftsman in the Engineering Department.

A DAUGHTER, Carol Susan, to Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Brown, Kent. Carol was born August 22 at Robinson Memorial Hospital, Ravenna. Josh works in Department 195, Depot.

A GIRL — Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hutzell, Frostburg, Me., welcomed the arrival of their first child on July 24 at Miners' Hospital, Frostburg. The baby girl has been named Vickie Lee. Harold works in Department 61, Load Line One.

A GIRL — Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Drass, Newton Falls, are announcing the arrival of a baby girl, Della Rose, born August 16 at the Green Cross Hospital, Warren. James works in Department 66, Load Line One.

Estella Pavlick Shoots A "42"

Estella Pavlick added another victory to her win column when she fired a "42" to down Carolyn Bussan, 2-0, in Women's League action on August 28.

League standings, as of September 4, are as follows:

	W	L	T	Pct.
Estella Pavlick	3	1	1	.750
Florence Foss	3	1	0	.750
Muriel Wilkinson	2	1	0	.667
Eva Sanders	1	1	2	.500
Margaret Chionchio	1	1	1	.500
Peggy Lynds	1	1	0	.500
Norma Bussan	1	2	0	.333
Carolyn Bussan	0	3	0	.000

Remember When

Many Arsenal employees have been working here since construction was started in 1941. Others have been here since the Atlas Powder Company operated this vast, shell-loading plant.

Other Arsenalites worked here during World War II and have returned since the Korean War emergency. To these people we dedicate this new column — "Remember When."

The news items reprinted here are from old copies of the "ROP" (Ravenna Ordnance Plant) magazine and the "Atlas Bombshell."

Muriel Wilkinson, Ordnance Administration, is compiling this new feature and all old-time and war-time Arsenal employees, who are now working here, are asked to contact Mrs. Wilkinson on Extension 304 so that she can keep a complete "name file."

Load Line Two Tallies 334 Days Without Lost Time

10 YEARS AGO

August 1942:

Wedding Bells — E. R. Sanders to Margaret Amy Collier on August 1. Fuze Line Two presented Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Sanders with an electric toaster and tray for a wedding gift.

William A. Bowers, Atlas Traffic Department, received word that his son, William M., graduated from the Air Corps School at Chanute Field, Ill. and has been transferred to Lewis Field, Hays, Kansas for a special course in flying.

GUARD OF THE MONTH

Patrolman V. E. Wilkinson, of Company "B" was one of two survivors of his company which saw action at Hill 204 on the Marne during the First World War. Patrolman Wilkinson was wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans and sent to a prison camp at Heilsberg in East Prussia.

Conditions at the German prison camp were unbelievable. "Men were huddled together like so many swine," Wilkinson stated. "Our wounds were never given the attention of surgeons and the only doctor we had was an infantry private who told us he formerly worked in a Berlin hardware store, and had never taken a course in first aid."

Patrolman Wilkinson escaped from the prison camp on Christmas Eve and made his way to safety in Denmark. "I'll never forget that experience," he said. "About 12 English prisoners died of starvation and neglect, and I lost 75 pounds during the five months and 13 days they kept me in that pigsty."

Anxious to even the score, Patrolman Wilkinson has applied for an Army commission and may again see action in this war.

7 YEARS AGO

August 1945:

Employees hear news of War's end about 8 p.m. on August 14. Tensely waiting employees receive

Arsenal Bowling Alleys Will Open Monday, Sept. 15

The Ravenna Arsenal Bowling Alleys will open on or about Monday, September 15, under the supervision of the Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. Recreation Department.

The four alleys, located in the Recreation Building, are open to all Arsenal employees. League play will get under way September 22.

Male employees who have organized bowling teams, or individual Arsenal bowlers who are interested in joining the Men's Bowling League, should contact E. C. Weyrich in the Scrap and Salvage office, Headquarters Building or on Extension 414.

ARSENAL WOMEN bowlers, who are interested in joining the Women's League, are asked to contact Ann Maimone on Extension 518.

Employees having any additional questions or wanting more information about the RAI bowling program, should contact Don Anderson, Recreation Department, on Extension 506.

Members of the Men's Bowling League have met twice so far. In the first meeting, E. C. Weyrich was elected president; M. K. Skipper, vice-president; and Don Weber, secretary-treasurer.

Bowling rules were discussed at the second meeting. Next meeting will be held September 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation Building. All interested Arsenal bowlers are asked to attend.

Ice Capades Order Blanks Available

Order Blanks for the 1953 Ice Capades, playing at the Cleveland Arena from September 26 to October 12, are available in the Recreation Office, Room 2, Employment Building.

Reduced rates for the following performances are available to Arsenal employees. Saturday matinee, September 27; Sunday evening, September 28; and Monday evening, September 29. Regular \$2.90 tickets can be had for \$1.80, and \$2.50 tickets for \$1.55.

Regular price order blanks are also available for other performances. Further information can be had by calling the Recreation Office on Extension 506.

POSTMASTER: If undelivered at the address, send notice of change of address to Postmaster, Ravenna Arsenal, Inc., P. O. Box 88, Apco, Ohio.

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"Without Justice
There Is No Law;
Where Law Ends,
Tyranny Begins."

Mahoning County
Courthouse

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RAVENNA ARSENAL, APCO, OHIO

September 10, 1952

General W. E. Laidlaw Named OAC Commander

'E' Bond Sales Jump From 16% To 43% In August

Employee participation in the venna Arsenal, Inc. Payroll savings plan jumped from 16 per cent to 43 per cent during August, the first month of the Arsenal-wide U. S. Defense Bond Drive.

This is an increase of 27 per cent! Congratulations to all Arsenalites who helped make the first month of the bond drive a success.

These Americans are investing their money in the future security of their country which means security and happiness for themselves in the future.

We also salute the following Arsenal loading lines, divisions and departments for subscribing 100 per cent for the purchase of U. S. Defense Bonds through the RAI Payroll Savings Plan.

Is your department listed here?

Artillery Primer Line

Ammonium Nitrate Line

Stores Stock Control

Chauffeurettes

Laundry

Industrial Services

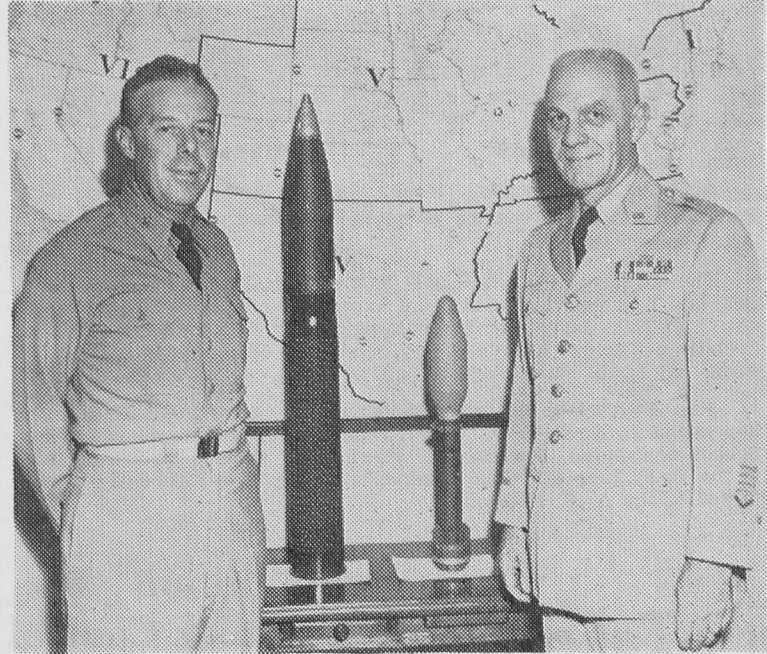
Departments 60, 64, 67,

Load Line One

Guard Force

Time Study Department

Office Managers Department



BRIG. GEN. W. E. LAIDLAW (left), new commanding general of the Ordnance Ammunition Center, is pictured above with Brig. Gen. Joel G. Holmes, former OAC commander who retired August 31.

The 105 mm. recoilless rifle shell and the 3.5 inch anti-tank rocket on the table, are examples of the modern ammunition which has helped stop the Communists in Korea. Both are favorite items of U. S. and U. N. Troops.

(Army Signal Corps Photo)

Youngstown-Akron Bus Service Will End September 28

Greyhound bus service from Youngstown and Akron to the Ravenna Arsenal will be discontinued on September 28, Greyhound officials announce.

This schedule change has been caused by lack of patronage between Youngstown and Akron and intermediate points.

At present, a bus is scheduled to leave Youngstown at 5:10 a.m. and arrive at the Arsenal at 6:35 a.m. Another Greyhound bus leaves Akron at 2:30 p.m. and arrives here at 3:40 p.m.

Any employee needing a ride or wanting riders should contact RAI Industrial Services, Room 4, Personnel Building or call Ext. 411.

A Share-the-Ride card file is being kept for those having or needing transportation to the Arsenal. Share-the-Ride blanks are also available at the above office.

This service is for all employees, so why not use it.

Moore Elected Chaplain Of Portage County DAV

Leonard R. Moore, Motor Pool Dispatcher and Past Commander of Portage County Chapter 26, Disabled American Veterans, was elected Chaplain of the county D. A. V. at their regular meeting, August 19.

Leonard, who lives in Ravenna, has been at the Ravenna Arsenal since April 1951. He was injured in a truck accident while serving with the U. S. Infantry during World War II.

Succeeds General Holmes As Chief Of 22 U. S. Arsenals

New commanding officer of Ordnance Ammunition Center at Joliet, Ill., is Brig. Gen. W. E. Laidlaw, who was deputy commander of the Center and a former commandant of the Ordnance School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Brig. Gen. Joel G. Holmes, OAC commander since 1946, retired from the Army on August 31 after 39 years of distinguished service.

As commander of the Ordnance Ammunition Center, General Holmes directed the Army's production of ordnance ammunition for the past six years. This program amounted to \$2.3 billion in the fiscal year just ended.

RAVENNA ARSENAL and OAC's 21 other ammunition plants and works throughout the country are responsible for nearly all U. S. production of artillery shells, rockets, bombs, mines, grenades and pyrotechnics. More than 90,000 workers are employed at the 22 government-owned installations, all but one of which are operated by private companies under cost-plus-fixed fee contracts.

A veteran of World Wars I and II, General Holmes attended Lafayette College and graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1917. He spent the following four years in the Coast Artillery Corps, serving in France in 1918-19. After further study at the University of Minnesota, he transferred for the six trips the Bloodmobile has made to the plant.

Since then, General Holmes' career has been highlighted by the many responsible positions he has held at Aberdeen Proving Ground, at Picatinny Arsenal, and in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Washington.

During World War II he served from 1943 to 1945 as Deputy Chief Ordnance Officer of the European Theater of Operations. After the war, he was chief of the Chicago

Ordnance District for one year before assuming command of the Ordnance Ammunition Center.

DECORATIONS received by General Holmes during his service include the Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star, Legion of Merit and Army Commendation Medal. He is also an honorary officer in the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

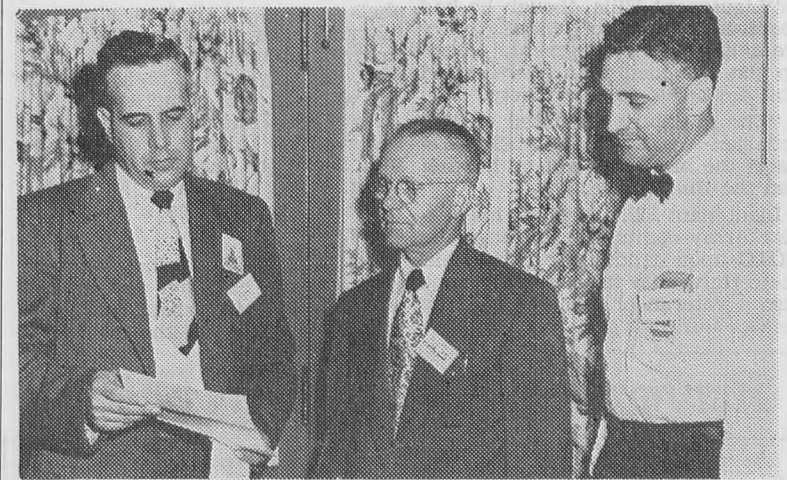
General Laidlaw, a native of Cincinnati and a former member of the Ohio National Guard, graduated from the U. S. Military Academy in 1926. He served as an infantry officer for five years before transferring to the Ordnance Corps in 1931, later attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

During World War II, he was ordnance officer of the Overseas Supply Division at the New York Port of Embarkation, and directed the flow of all ordnance material to the European and Mediterranean theaters. After a year as Commandant of The Ordnance School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., he was named Deputy Commanding General of the Center on July 2, 1952.

Double Anniversary

Congratulations twice to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Eastep, who celebrated their third wedding anniversary by becoming the proud parents of a baby girl. The baby was born August 27 at Robinson Memorial Hospital, Ravenna. Bob is a working supervisor in Department 194, Depot.

Firestone Suggestion Manager Speaks At Monthly RAI Supervisor Meeting



L. J. ALGER, Director of plant suggestion systems for The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, is shown above looking over a Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. suggestion. Holding the suggestion is W. J. Fogarty, Industrial Relations Manager. Looking on is R. L. Baumgardner, RAI Suggestion Department.

Mr. Alger gave a short, interesting talk on suggestion systems at the August RAI Supervisory Meeting. Eighty-nine supervisory personnel attended the Wednesday afternoon session. The Firestone Suggestion Director emphasized that co-operation of supervision is the most important thing in making a suggestion system successful. The supervisor or foreman should help the employee with his suggestion and the employee will in turn gain a lasting interest in the suggestion system and the company.

Your Vote Is Important! Be Sure To Register

Wanted--A Partner!

If you and I were to form a business,—a partnership—we'd expect to shoulder certain responsibilities together. Each would assume a fair share of the work and the worry and receive a share in the benefits from our efforts.

It would only be natural to expect the ups and downs every businessman encounters, there would be good years and bad, and we might have to borrow or even tighten our belts at times. As a team, though, with sound consistent effort on our part, we should enjoy a profitable and rewarding income from our investment.

Our fathers felt this way and established America and the Free Enterprise System as their business, and now you and I are partners. Not one of us can say that our opportunities have been limited; that the return for our effort is freedom and the right to live our life as we see fit has not been highly successful.

We have only to compare our lot with that of many unfortunate others to really appreciate what a sound business we inherited.

Now we are asked to reinvest some of our gain in America, to become a partner in the Free Enterprise System. This is your opportunity to set yourself up in business today, to buy U. S. Defense Bonds and watch your capital grow.

Thankfully, we know that the dollars we invest will not only strengthen our partnership, but insure our continued prosperity and position amid strong competition.

Meet Your Reporters



JUNE BOGUS

THELMA HIGGINS

Arsenal NEWS reporters for the two component lines, are Thelma Higgins, Percussion Element Line, and June Bogus, Artillery Primer Line.

Thelma Higgins has been a P. E. Line employee since November 1951 and is a percussion element sample tester. Mrs. Higgins is a native of East Liverpool, but now resides in Windham. This is the first time Thelma has done any reporting. Her husband, Benson, works on Load Line One.

June Bogus is a native of Rootstown but now lives in Kent with her husband. Mrs. Bogus was a reporter for the Rootstown High School newspaper and started working for RAI in January, 1952 in the P. E. Line office as a stenographer. She was recently transferred to the A. P. Line office.

Eight Employees Receive Awards For Suggestions

Eight suggestion awards, totaling \$90, were recently approved by the Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. Suggestion Board.

Two awards for \$15 each were presented to Akronites Lynn Zanders, an explosive operator in Department 81, and John Gilley of Department 74.

Other suggestion awards of \$10 each went to John E. Kohlberg, Engineering Department, from Newton Falls; Andrew C. Tracy, RAI Inspection Department, from Garrettsville; Clara W. McKinley, Department 60, from Warren; Eugene C. Spade, Department 75, from Windham; John B. Holly, Department 75, from Alliance; and Thomas Thornton, Department 71, from Ravenna.

Arsenalites In Military Service

Arsenal employees who have entered the Armed Forces are being contacted by letter by the RAI Industrial Services Department on behalf of the company.

Many Arsenalites on military leave of absence have written back saying they appreciate hearing from RAI and that they enjoy receiving the Arsenal NEWS.

The Industrial Services office would appreciate receiving all military addresses and letters from Arsenalites in our Armed Forces.

The following is a list of employee's whose military addresses have been received recently.

RICHARD KEEN 3311525, Co. 52-0504, U. S. N. T. C., San Diego, Calif.

THOMAS J. FITZSIMMONS 572-13-61, Naval Receiving Station, General Detail, Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif.

HARRY R. FYOCK, S. A., U.S.N.T.C., San Diego 33, Calif.

PVT. ENLOW W. MURRAY, A. B., 844th E.A.B., Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

PVT. ROBERT MICHAEL, U. S. 52200654, Co. A, 844th E.A.B., Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.

ASC STEPHEN D. WILSON, A.F. 15471699, 43rd Comm. Sqdn., Hamilton A.F.B., Hamilton, Calif.

LT. SOL P. BALTIMORE, O-1873833, Co. C 2nd Bn. 53rd AIR Abr. Div., Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

ANTHONY J. CALABRIA, A. F. 15457635, 808th Supply Sqdn., Bergstrom Air Force Base, Austin, Tex.

A-3C EDWARD J. RUBEN, 15-476-176, 3421 Student Sqrd., Box 6158 Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colo.

PVT. TAYLOR SOLOMON, U. S. 52152642, 6003rd A.S.U. Med. Det., U. S. Army Hospital, Fort Ord, Calif.

PVT. OKEY L. STOUT, U. S. 52134114, Co. C, 2nd B.N.M.R.T.C. Camp Pickett, Virginia.

Those just recently entering the Armed Forces included: Thomas O. Belknap, Mantua, of Department 75, Load Line Two; Robert D. Betz, East Rochester, O., of Department 70, Load Line Two; Henry L. Demy, Poland, O., of Department 64, Load Line One; Cecil Jones, Akron, of Department 194, and Clark P. Drieter, Kent, of Department 72, Load Line Two.

Also Robert G. Vargo, Newton Falls, of Department 01; Paul A. Wire, Poland, O., of Department 64, Load Line One; James R. Zelena, Akron, of Department 190; Charles L. Pierce, Newton Falls, of Department 76, Load Line Two; and Arthur L. Wiseman, Phalanx Station, of Department 75, Load Line Two.

Ammunition Stock Control

Records Section of Ammunition Stock Control welcomes two new employees to its fold.

Mrs. Muriel Miller, from Ravenna, was formerly a school teacher at a Junior High School in Lorain, O. Mrs. Miller is very active in Girl Scout activities in Ravenna.

Jack Flitcraft from Windham, who was formerly employed as a timekeeper and foreman at International Chimney, Buffalo, N. Y.

MRS. RUTH LAW, enjoyed a two-week fishing trip with her husband and daughter at Lake Temiskaming, New Lisheard, Ontario.

During her week's vacation, Marie Crosby expects to attend the annual Toronto Exposition. While in Canada she will also visit friends and relatives.

E. C. Weyrich, Scraps and Salvage, and his wife attended the American Legion National Convention in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hicks attended the Ohio State Fair in Columbus, on August 23. Mrs. Hicks is employed in the Scraps and Salvage office, Headquarters, and Mr. Hicks works for the Railroad.

EMPLOYEES of Ammunition Stock Control Department met at the home of Mrs. Helen Gourley, Freedom, on August 24 for a picnic dinner. Mrs. Gourley is a former employee of RAI.

Mrs. Margaret Parker visited Milan Arsenal, Tenn. on official business during the week of August 25. Vivian Hickman spent her week's vacation at her home in Campbellsport.

Motor Pool

The Motor Pool is glad to welcome back Chauffeurette Jean Vandervort, who underwent major surgery May 3 at Trumbull Memorial Hospital, Warren. She spent the remainder of the time recuperating at her father's home in Dunbarton, New Hampshire.

Charles Kebl and his wife spent their week's vacation at Kipawa and Hunter Lake, Quebec. The 18-mile trip to Hunter Lake was made by boat and they stayed there with an Indian family called Jawbone.

The couple repeated their vows at the North Jackson, (O.) Federated Church.

Miss Locke is an employee of the Ammunition Stock Control Department. Mr. Romick works in the RAI Cost Accounting Department.

The couple plan to live in their recently built home on Route 534 near Newton Falls.

Weddings

ROMICK-LOCKE

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Locke, 88 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Milton, announced September 6 as the date of the marriage of their daughter, Mary Locke to Eli Romick, son of Mrs. Labosky, Milton Blvd., Newton Falls.

The couple repeated their vows at the North Jackson, (O.) Federated Church.

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Depot

Mrs. Gladys Caughran, former stenographer to Dwight Ringler and Pete Richards, has been transferred to the Suggestion Department, Industrial Relations Division. We hope she finds it enjoyable there, and that she remembers Bolton Barn as one of the more interesting phases of life.

Taking her place is Miss Louise Spencer of Windham and a graduate of Boecker's Business College. Louise's father, Bert Spencer, is a member of the RAI Fire Department at the Depot Fire Station.

The "tall-tales season" is now upon us since William "Duke" Turner of U-8 and Dean Parks of Inspection returned from the reunion of the 1st Armored Division Veterans. It was held from August 29 to 31. Duke served with the 13th Armored regiment and Dean with the 1st of that division. Angelo Falcone of Ravenna also served in the same company as Dean.

Ruth Davis, our food dispenser on the afternoon shift, returned to work August 21 following a week in a Warren hospital for a minor surgery.

William Duckworth has returned to work following a brief absence due to illness.

Izetta Rogers, one of the three-some on day turn in the cafeteria, visited her native haunts in the hills of West Virginia over the August 23rd weekend. There is something about revisiting one's home scenes that perks up a person.

BOB DERR, Planning, took advantage of the fine weather to take his wife and son on a weekend trip to Buffalo to visit Pat's folks.

Henry Lock, who helps Duke Turner and Dave Wilson with the job of running U-8, was off a few days recently due to illness. Albert Kirksey, also of the Depot Motor Pool is vacationing for two weeks.

Alban Hunter, munitions handler, left August 25 for Erie Hospital to undergo treatment for a back injury. He expects to be away for at least a month. During his absence, his wife and two small children will stay with Mr. and Mrs. Harris Edwards.

George Suydan, who keeps late hours in the Bolton Barn tool-crib, spent his week's vacation driving to New York City and back. His wife accompanied him on the trip.

Dick Spencer and Ray Trocchio, recently traveled to Cleveland to see the first pro-football game of the season, the Browns vs. Bears. Dick's 13-year-old son, who gained some of the finer points of the sport during his free time this summer at the Brown's Hiram training camp, obtained a ticket to the game through friendships acquired with these sports greets.

Engineering

Several employees of the Engineering department recently completed their vacations and report they had a wonderful time. Pat Coglia and Frank Polichene spent their vacations at home, while John Kohlberg sojourned to his home state of New York.

Roger Burns spent his vacation touring Pennsylvania, and A. T. Wilson and his 10-year-old son, Tommy, spent a few days in Detroit.

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RALPH BAYNES and C. E. "Smity" Smith tried their art of fishing in Canada and report their efforts were successful. Martha Piccion, one of our clerk-typists, spent a few days in Chicago.

R. Z. Plough spent a few days at his cottage at Lake Milton, while H. C. Gant spent his vacation just resting at home.

One of our draftsmen, L. A. Crockett, is on active duty with the Army for two-weeks summer training. Al is stationed at Ft. Meade, Maryland.

Have you noticed the flashy ball and chain T-shirts the Engineering softball players are sporting? Incidentally, you may not know it, but they won 10 games in a row before losing a tough battle to the Bolton Barn team.

Safety Contest . . .

Find The Safety Violations -- Win A Prize!



WHAT'S WRONG with this picture?

If you can find the safety errors being committed in the picture, enter the contest and win a prize. Awards will be \$10 for first place, \$5 for second, and \$1 each for the next five winners based on the number of errors found.

All you have to do is write on a sheet of paper the list of violations of good safety practice you find in the cartoon. Write your name, home address, department name or number, and clock number on the same sheet and mail to the RAI Safety Department Box 98, Apco, Ohio. The contest is open only to Ravenna Arsenal employees. Safety personnel are not eligible.

Entries must be postmarked on or before midnight, September 30. So get busy now. Find the safety violations and win a prize.

There will be another contest next month.

Ordnance

New members of the Inspection team to whom we extend the welcome mat, are Nancy George and Ralph C. Vowls.

A big "Hello" is in order for Ruth Beardsley who recently returned to the Traffic Branch after a short stay with Army Audit Agency.

Moving day was recently "The Order" in the Adjutant's office as Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gepper took up housekeeping in their new home in Garrettsville. Next in line were Mr. and Mrs. Roland DeUnger who acquired a new home in New Milford. Also Mr. and Mrs. Pete Petro (Lillian) who moved into their first home in the East River Gardens allotment in Newton Falls.

THAT FARAWAY look which is apparent in the eyes of Jerome Feiglas and Carl Schellinger, Surveillance, must be attributed to the fact that they will soon be embarking for overseas duty. Their many friends wish them only the very best.

Murrell (Barnie) Barnhart, Inspection, is adding to his "Know How" by attending an Inspection Course at Picatinny Arsenal, N. J.

A huge "Get Well" is out to Surveillances' Mary DeCavitch, who was recently confined to St. Joseph's Hospital, Warren. She returned to her home on August 22 and is progressing quite well.

William "Kelly" Mellillo, Inspection, was recently recalled to duty with the Air Force and is now stationed at James Connally Air Force Base, Waco, Texas. We sure miss his golf and baseball patter, but wish him loads of luck.

Bernice Tubman, Fiscal, and Edna Hall, Inspection, spent their vacation fishing and sun bathing at Lake Milton. Believe it or not, Edna is quite a fisherwoman.

Lucky girls! No traffic jams, no wrong routes or strange towns. Just peaceful surroundings, except for a little rain and a few fever blisters, they had a wonderful time.

CAPTAIN E. A. Healy, Provost Marshal, daughter Eileen and son Edward, Jr., recently journeyed to his "home country", Brooklyn, N. Y. A reunion was held in his honor, and among the relatives present were his great-grandmother, who is 87 years old, her seven great-grandchildren and five grand-

children.

During the visit, he and his son and daughter took in the sights, especially Coney Island. According to the Captain, he spent all his money there. Captain Healy's brother, William, returned with him for a short visit here.

"We're sure losing a swell guy" was the opinion of a group of employees and former employees of Major John F. Gorski, Operations Officer, who recently gathered in the Officer's Club to wish the Major and his family farewell. Major Gorski will leave shortly for an assignment in Germany.

Mary Mellillo and June Burkey, Operations, celebrated their birthday anniversaries by turning cake and refreshments for the office force. Too bad the boys never learned to bake!!!!

Warehouse And Stores

Two new people have been added to the General Stores Department. Alfred J. Kinney, an inert operator, was born in Meadville, Penna., and graduated from Windham High School. His hobby is musical instruments but he specializes in the trumpet. He is also active in basketball and football.

E. Gordon Bertram, a native of Montecello, Ky., also graduated from Windham High School. He served two years in the U. S. Marines and is active in football. He now lives in Warren, and is an inert operator.

W. F. Helmkamp returned from his week's vacation which was spent at home "working around the house."

We have three new clerk-typists in the Stores Stock Control Department.

Mrs. Marjorie A. Walton, who resides in Windham, is a graduate of Harding High School, Warren. She has two children and her main past time is reading.

Mrs. Barbara Weaver also lives in Windham. She has one child and is a graduate of DuBois (Penn.) High School.

Miss Doretta A. Newhard of Warren. She graduated from Harding High School and her favorite sport is bowling.

A. P. Line

The A. P. Line has been very vacation minded lately. Mr. and Mrs. Delson Wilhelm and family spent their week's vacation visiting Niagara Falls. Mrs. Emma Wilhelm is an explosives operator and her husband, better known as "Fuzzy", is a maintenance supervisor.

Tillie Bower and Gladys Daugherty both planned Labor Day holidays. Tillie, accompanied by her husband and son, also visited Niagara Falls. Gladys and her husband and five children motored to Philippi, W. Va. to spend a few days with relatives. Both girls are explosives operators.

JACQUE SEABROOK recently spent a week in New York City visiting her aunt, attending the theater, sightseeing and shopping.

Gladys Spurlock is playing host to her sister Maebell Jackson of Columbia, S. C.

Georgia Reagan attended a family reunion in Ravenna on Labor Day. The reunion was attended by members of the family from Ravenna and Youngstown.

Saima Ranta, RAI inspector, returned from a week's vacation visiting friends and relatives in Ash-tabula and vicinity.

Birthday anniversaries were celebrated in August by Grace Bainter, Georgia Reagan, Irene Wright, Rosa Lee Oliver, Gladys Daugherty, Geraldine Frisoy and Ann Black.

Fire-Guard

Patrolman Fredrick Rauscher's wife, Audrey, who recently underwent a serious operation at the St. Joseph's Hospital, Warren, is greatly improved and is now convalescing at home. Audrey is a stenographer on the A. P. Line and a reporter for the NEWS.

Patrolman and Mrs. Ivan Thayer celebrated their birthday anniversaries on September 4, and will also celebrate their 21st wedding anniversary on September 14.

We regret that Patrolman W. A. Wilson's father, passed away recently. The Guard Force extends their sympathy to Patrolman Wilson.

Lt. Harry Murphy spent his two-week vacation at home.

Load Line One

The vacation merry-go-round has been swirling for quite a few Line One personnel including Kathy Brown Cowart who recently returned from Aberdeen, Md., where she spent a week visiting her husband, William, who is stationed there with the U. S. Army.

Marietta was the vacation site of Bill Amos who spent most of his time there on the other end of a fishing pole. During Harvey Pendleton's trip through the West, he stopped at Denver, Col.; Dallas, Texas; and his home town, Oklahoma City.

Don Booth decided to spend his precious week working on his new home in North Jackson. Just relaxing and visiting friends was George Huhn's idea of enjoying a short vacation in Lauralton, Pa.

CANADA-BOUND was Albert Frank who spent many hours trying to catch that prize winning fish. It was the bright lights of New York that attracted Mike Morella who spent a few days hitting some night spots and doing plenty of sight-seeing. Ruby Cole also selected New York to spend a few days visiting friends.

It was back to his hometown in Barnesville, Ohio, that James Kearns journeyed to spend his week's vacation.

Congratulations to Mary Blake who celebrated her 24th wedding anniversary on August 29.

Here's hoping that Ben Higgins who has been on the sick list for the past few days has a speedy recovery. Glad to see Gladys Snowden back at her job in the commissary after a short illness.

Happy Birthday and Good Wishes to Bob Hilker who celebrated his anniversary on August 13.

Good Luck to Milton Hartley who transferred to the Payroll and Tabulating Department and Ralph Vowls who is now with the Process Inspection Division.

Industrial Relations

Ralph Jones, Time Study, is quite the nervous father these days! Congratulations to Cynthia, who produced two Boxer puppies. Ralph is groaning because the dog didn't have six. That would have rendered him financially solvent.

Time Study's steno, Sally Dallas, is back from a week's vacation. She accompanied her sister, Jeannette Brode of RAI Employment, and had a fine trip touring Washington, D. C. and the southern part of Ohio, visiting relatives.

C. F. CRAVER, Safety, Security and Training Manager, vacationed with his family in Dearborn, Mich., where they visited Greenfield Village and the Edison Institute.

Both are famous places and Mr. Craver said they reflect the industrial progress of our country from early years until the present time. He said they have everything from silkworks to steam locomotives in the Institute!

The chief also had a regular Fireman's Holiday. For a few days he went around Newton Falls filling fire extinguishers. Wouldn't you know the best vacation he could have would be around a fire station!

Don Waller, Safety, reports that his mother is on the road to health again. Glad to hear it, Don.

Bill Pike, also of Safety, is so mixed-up and incoherent that we can't believe he is the same person we knew a few months ago. Seems he is about to become a father!

P. E. Line

The Percussion Element Line held a family get-together on August 15, at Lake Jay. A Weiner-marshmallow roast was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Ruth Tracy of Warren, has taken a leave of absence. Before leaving she was presented with a pre-stork gift from her fellow workers.

Bonnie Bowers has returned to work in PE-1. Glad to see you back, Bonnie.

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Sixty Arsenalites Attend First RAI Golf Outing

Bowling Season Opens With Four 8-Team Leagues

Ravenna Arsenal Bowling season opened officially on September 22 with four 8-team leagues signed up for action.

This includes one Women's League, which bowls on Thursday nights. The Men's League battle at the Arsenal Alleys on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Open bowling for all Arsenalites has been scheduled for Friday, 6 to 11 p.m., and on Saturday afternoon, 1 to 6 p.m.

Individuals or teams interested in forming additional leagues should contact Don Anderson, Recreation Office, on Extension 506, or Don Mullen at the Arsenal Bowling Alley.

Employee Saves 8-Year-Old Son From Drowning

Industrial Safety Training and Red Cross Life Saving training recently paid off for William G. Wagoner of the Engineering Department.

Mr. Wagoner and his family had quite a scare while on a picnic at Lake Milton.

His eight-year-old son, Terry, wandered off to the breast of the dam to peer down at the fish swimming below. The boy was near one of the intake towers and the sluice gates were open, creating a strong undertow.

Upon missing the boy for a few minutes, the parents went in search for him and found him floundering in about 30 feet of water.

Without hesitation, Mr. Wagoner kicked off his shoes and dived in fully dressed. He successfully rescued his son, utilizing the things he had learned in life saving classes.

Up to now, Mr. Wagoner has saved three lives. This is quite a record. His Safety "know how" has been invaluable off the job!

Two Employees Hurt In Truck-Car Crash

Two RAI Custodial employees in the Headquarters area, William L. Dennis and Charles C. Mathews of Newton Falls, were seriously injured in a truck-car collision on September 11.

Mr. Dennis is now recuperating at home. Mr. Mathews has been transferred to South Side Hospital, Youngstown.

The men were on their way home after completing their work on third shift when the accident occurred on Route 5 at the underpass leading into Newton Falls.

Employment

Several of our fellow employees are bidding fond adieu after a varied and interesting tenure at the Arsenal.

John Homan, Investigation Office, is returning to Kent State to complete his senior year for a bachelor of science degree in advertising. Best of luck John!

Neil Rine, Identification Office, is entering Kent State as a freshman and has decided to major in business administration. Loads of success to you, too, Neil!

Jeanette Brode is back to work in the Insurance Office after a two and one-half week illness.

Pleasant Valley personnel held a "Saturday Nite" party at the Recreation Building on September 20. From all reports, a good time was had by all.

Extra dollars mount up
Till the heap is high,
Golly, how they count up
When it's Bonds you buy!
—Berton Braley.



BOB REAM, Financial Accounting, receives his golf ball and meal ticket from Starter Dick Spencer prior to teeing off in the First Annual RAI Golf Outing. Looking on, left to right are G. T. Fox, Procedures Office; Pete Lynds, P. E. Line; and George Gleason, Cost Accounting.

New Arrivals

A DAUGHTER, Linda Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hayes, Ravenna. Linda Marie was born September 8 in Robinson Memorial Hospital, Ravenna. Mr. Hayes is a line battery man in Department 31.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Wilson, Warren, who are the proud parents of a baby boy, named Robert Paul. He was born August 25, in Trumbull Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Wilson, nee Peggy Hallas, is a former Arsenal employee, having worked here from 1942 to 1947. Mr. Wilson is in the RAI Engineering Department.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Pike, Kent, who are now the parents of a baby girl. Their first child was born September 22 at Akron City Hospital and was given the name of Laura. Bill is an RAI Safety Supervisor.

A BOY — Mr. and Mrs. Robert DeLong, Kent, announced the arrival of a baby boy, Robert J., born August 11 at Robinson Memorial Hospital, Ravenna. Bob works in Department 66, Load Line One.

A GIRL — Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bonham, Ravenna, welcomed the arrival of their new daughter, Sue Alice, on September 2 at Robinson Memorial Hospital. Howard is a supervisor in Department 65, Load Line One.

A GIRL — Mr. and Mrs. Gil Hostetler, Windham, became the parents of a baby girl on September 18 at Robinson Memorial Hospital, Ravenna. They have named their new daughter Kathleen. Gil is a supervisor in Department 67, Load Line One.

Ravenna Arsenal Game Wardens Appointed

Three Ravenna Arsenal game wardens have been named. They are Ted Gedeon, Line Two Super, intendent; Charles Burns, Sr., Railroad Maintenance; and Jack Streeter, Roads and Grounds. Bill Huffman, Department 72, Line Two, is a deputy.

The men were appointed by Col. C. K. Allen to form a Wildlife Club and to raise funds to protect and feed Arsenal wildlife.

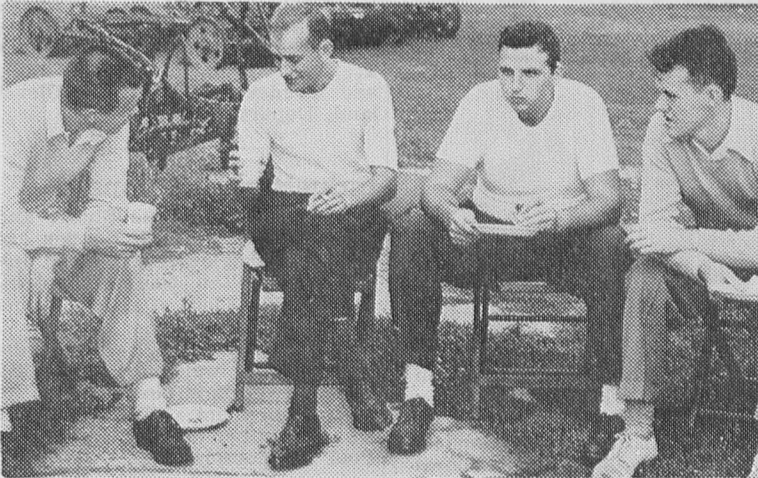
These men are true followers of outdoor life and should prove very valuable in conservation work.

Golfers Draw For Additional Prizes



PAUL BORDA (left), RAI General Manager, assists Tommy Rowbottom in handling the drawing for the 25 additional prizes following the golfing activities and luncheon. Rowbottom was a member of the committee that handled the First Annual Golf Outing.

Refreshments After 18 Holes Of Golf



ARSENAL GOLFERS enjoying refreshments following completion of the First Annual Outing are, left to right: Owen Graham, Department 194, Depot; Ross Mackey, Department 60; Dorchman Stratton, Jr. and Bill Dana, both of Department 66, Load Line One.

Ruble Cops Low Medalist With 62

More than 60 Arsenalites attended the First Annual Golf Outing sponsored by Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. on Saturday, September 20 at the Chestnut Hill Golf Course in Ravenna.

With ideal golfing weather prevailing, Jack Ruble, RAI Safety, shot a 62, two over par, for low medalist honors.

Second low medalist honors went to Charlie Kobl, Transportation Department, who tallied a 64 for the 18-hole outing.

Bud Lemon, Depot, copped the prize for the longest drive on the No. 9 hole, and George Litun, Load Line One, carried off the proximity prize on the No. 4 hole.

In addition to the above prizes, 25 other merchandise prizes were awarded after the luncheon at the completion of the day's golfing activities.

Each Arsenalite entered in the outing was given a golf ball at the starting tee.

Girl Scout Mariner Troop Being Formed

A senior Girl Scout Mariner Troop is being organized here at the Arsenal by Mrs. L. B. Humphrey with the assistance of Mrs. Robert J. Klotzle and Mrs. Edwin Critter. The three women have Senior Red Cross life saving certificates and have also passed their instructors tests.

A large program is being planned in Senior Scouting besides Mariner Scout work. All girls in this area, between 14 and 18 years of age, are invited to join.

Parents who are interested in this program are invited to become troop committee members or program consultants.

Girls who are interested should contact Mrs. Humphrey on Arsenal Extension 8183, or Mrs. Klotzle, Wayland 2132.

Mary had a Savings Bond, But Mary wanted more; So she joined Payroll Savings, 'Cause Mary knows the score!

Mary now has many Bonds, But Mary wants still more; She's found Defense Bonds have become Even better than before!

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Mitchell Wracher Wins \$295 Suggestion Award

Fire Prevention Week To Be Observed October 5 To 11

Fire Prevention Week will be observed at the Ravenna Arsenal from October 5 to 11, with the RAI Fire Department handling the program.

During the week, the Fire Department will contact Arsenal employees to explain the three important factors about fires: how to prevent a fire, how to report a fire, and how to control a fire.

IN AREAS where it is possible, RAI firemen will conduct fire drills and building evacuation.

Demonstrations will then be given on how to extinguish different types of fires and instruction on handling home fires.

Fire-Guard Chief R. B. Walters urges all employees to practice Fire Safety at home as well as here in the Arsenal. "What you learn on the job, you should practice at home," Chief Walters stated.

Easily combustible clothing is a threat to your life. All cotton clothing worn externally by Arsenal line workers is treated with a flame retarding chemical when laundered. This reduces the danger of flash fires.

The National Fire Protection Association says clothing that catches fire easily is one of the principal hazards of human life. The death rate is exceptionally high because cloth often flames up in an instant, and the blaze is difficult for a panic-struck victim to extinguish.

WOMEN and their clothing are most vulnerable to fire, the NFPA explains. The association has reports of many cases in which little girls have been killed or injured when frilly, "dress-up" dresses have caught fire.

The individual's part is reducing the seriousness of the clothing fire hazard lies in selecting garments that are not highly flammable and also in being careful of sources of fire.

Many clothing fires result from careless smoking or use of matches. It is also wise, the NFPA advises, to be cautious near cooking ranges and heating stoves and never to use explosive cleaning fluids. Clothing itself doesn't start a fire but serves as tinder.

More than a thousand home fires a day, nearly 400,000 a year are killing people and destroying property at an unprecedented rate, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

DEATHS LAST year numbered 12,518. This was a record high as

was the property loss of \$823,500. NFPA records indicate that most fire deaths occur in homes.

As a "minimum observance" of Fire Prevention Week, the NFPA asks every householder to go over his home fire check list and to correct the hazards he finds:

Are there plenty of ash trays, and are there any matches except safety matches in the house?

Are all electrical appliances clean and in good working condition? Do any appliances or lamps have frayed wires?

HAS THE FURNACE been cleaned and inspected since the last heating season? Do kitchen ranges and oil stoves work well?

Are furnace ashes put into metal containers?

Is there a screen for the fireplace?

Are the chimneys clean? Is the house protected by asphalt shingles or other fire-resistant roofing?

Is there any combustible rubbish hidden away in the basement, the attic, or closets?

Are explosive cleaning fluids used?

Payroll Savings Up 200 Per Cent

Forty-six per cent of all Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. employees are now buying U. S. Defense Bonds through the easy Payroll Savings Plan.

This is an increase of 200 per cent since the Bond Drive started last month.

Industrial Relations is also leading the other four RAI divisions with 91 per cent participation.

The other divisions are: Comptroller — 63 per cent; Production Engineering and Inspection — 57 per cent; Production, Stores and Transportation — 43 per cent; and Engineering — 35 per cent.

Camera Club To Resume Meetings On October 2

Ravenna Arsenal Camera Club will hold its first fall meeting on Thursday, October 2 at 7:30 p. m. in Room 11, Employment Building.

A lecture and slides on "Introduction to Picture Making" will be the main topic of discussion. This will be the first of a series of lectures and slides on various phases of photography prepared by the Eastman Kodak Company.

These short courses in photography will be presented each month by George B. Hoagland, Arsenal Photographer.

The Camera Club is open to all Arsenal employees. Additional information can be obtained by calling the RAI Recreation Office on Extension 506.



PAUL BORDA, Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. General Manager, presents the suggestion award, to Mitchell Wracher. Looking on with pride are John C. Duer, Engineering Manager (left), and George Yocum, General Foreman of the Maintenance Department.

Improved Hospital Expense Benefits Announced By RAI

Improved hospital expense benefits for Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. employees and their dependents will become effective October 1. Insurance premiums will remain the same.

This change will have no effect on life insurance, disability, accidental death and dismemberment, and surgical benefits.

IF AN EMPLOYEE is not at work on a full time basis on that date, the changes will not apply until the employee returns to active work on a full time basis.

Benefits will be paid to employees confined to a hospital due to an accident occurring off the job or due to sickness not covered by the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Employees will be paid the amount charged by the hospital for room and board up to a maximum of \$10 per day or a total of \$310 for any one confinement.

BENEFITS up to a maximum of \$100 will be paid for "other services", including hospital medical services, administration of anesthesia by a doctor, and ambulance provided by the hospital, or any professional ambulance service, when there is a hospital charge for room and board for the employee or a dependent.

The same benefits apply when there is no charge for room and board providing the employee or dependent is confined in a hospital either for an operation or for emergency care following an accident.

In the case of employees, but not dependents of employees, charges made for X-rays for diagnostic purposes when authorized by a doctor licensed to practice medicine will be recognized as a claim under the provision "other services" without hospital confinement.

AMOUNTS paid for such X-rays arising out of the same condition will be subject to a maximum of \$50 and will be deducted from the \$100 maximum for "other services" in the event the employee is later confined in a hospital due to the same condition.

Maternity benefits will be limited to a maximum of \$10 per day or \$140 for any one confinement and the allowance for other services will be limited to a maximum of \$50.

Hospital expense benefits will be available for dependents of employees in accordance with the amounts shown on the schedule and with the same general provisions as are set out above for employee hospital benefits.

Any changes in your dependents or beneficiaries should be reported immediately to the Employment Department so that necessary forms can be completed.

Firestone Gift To Akron U Is For Music Department

A gift by the Firestone family will enable the University of Akron to acquire the East Market Street property of St. Paul's Episcopal Church for use by the University's Department of Music, Dr. Norman P. Auburn, University President recently announced.

The gift totals \$165,000. Of this amount \$125,000 is for purchase of the land and church buildings. The remaining \$40,000 is for conversion of the church to a conservatory of music and for its maintenance and operation. The Board of Directors of the University voted to accept the gift at its first meeting of this academic year.

The new addition of the University will be known as The Firestone Conservatory of Music, Dr. Auburn said. It will be available for occupancy early next December, at which time the new St. Paul's Church at West Market Street and Kenilworth Drive will be consecrated.

Board Pays \$435 To Five Employees For Best 'Ideas'

Highest Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. suggestion award, \$295, has been presented to Mitchell Wracher of Atwater.

The RAI Suggestion Board also approved a \$120 award and two \$10 awards, for a total of \$435, at their recent meeting.

Raymond C. McDaniels of Windham received the \$120 award. The two \$10 awards were presented to Ruth Michaelson, and to James A. Davis and George Rothlesberger for a joint suggestion.

Mr. Wracher is a working supervisor in the George Road Maintenance Department and has been an Arsenal employee since December 1951.

He won RAI's top award for suggesting and designing a fixture for milling deep drill blades.

Mr. McDaniels' suggestion was a design for a shell holding fixture used in the thread gauging and brushing operations.

Mr. McDaniels is a millwright in Department 31 and has been working here since April 1951.

THE OTHER suggestion winners, Ruth Michaelson is a chauffere in the Transportation Department and Mr. Davis and Mr. Rothlesberger are millwrights in Department 31.

Don't Smear The Paint!

Forty-four miles of white and yellow Arsenal road stripes are now being re-painted by the George Road Paint Shop crew.

Employees and residents are asked to be cautious when passing the road striping crew and to avoid smearing the freshly painted stripes. Don't cross the center stripes unless it is absolutely necessary.

Be Sure You, Your Family And Friends Go To The Polls In November

Your Easy Chair

They say there's nothing like an easy chair and a pipe filled with good tobacco to start a man remembering. Sometimes these journeys into the past are very pleasant. Sometimes, especially when you recall the time you've wasted, the opportunities you've missed—they're painfully sad.

That's particularly true in the matter of saving money. Millions of thrifty, far-sighted Americans have been saving regularly these past years, right where they work. They signed up for systematic, automatic Payroll Savings—which means that every day they're actually adding dollars to their pay checks.

What's more, these "take-home savings" are invested in U. S. Defense Bonds, and everyone knows that's the safest, surest place for your money today.

Instead of regretting the past, RAI Payroll Savings helps you anticipate the future! Sign up today!

Harvest Time

The harvest season is here and everywhere the farmers are gathering in the fruits and vegetables which have grown from the seeds they planted last spring.

All of us, farmer or otherwise, can have a future harvest, too, if we want. A harvest of security against future needs and unexpected expenses.

Join the RAI Payroll Savings Plan and save a sum each week for U. S. Defense Bonds. In nine years and eight months you can gather quite a harvest of security.

Keep your Bonds 10 additional years and your harvest will be a fine one indeed!



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THE ABOVE Award of Merit has been presented to Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. by the Red Cross for its cooperation during the 1952 Red Cross Fund Drive. All Arsenal employees can be proud of their contributions which made this award possible.

In Memoriam

WALTER S. MITCHELL
Funeral services were held, September 20, in Alliance City Cemetery for Walter S. Mitchell, 60. Mr. Mitchell was a munitions handler in Department 194.

He died September 17 of injuries sustained in an auto-truck crash on September 12. Mr. Mitchell was on his way to work at the Arsenal when the accident occurred on Route 225 near Atwater.

CHARLES C. BANDI
Funeral services were held September 20 for Charles C. Bandi, 51, working supervisor in Department 71. Interment was in the Deerfield Cemetery.

Mr. Bandi was on his way home to Deerfield after working the 4 to 12 shift when he was killed in a truck-auto accident September 17 on Route 224.

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EDYTHE COOLEY

Covering the RAI Industrial Relations Departments on the Hill for the Arsenal NEWS is Edythe Cooley of the Safety, Security and Training Office.

Mrs. Cooley has been a life-long resident of Warren. She attended Youngstown College for one year and took advanced courses at Warren Business College.

Edythe, who was in the WAC's for two and one-half years during World War II, spent one year in England, France and Germany as a stenographer with the Air Division of the U. S. Group Control Council.

Incidentally, Edythe met her husband, who was also a sergeant, in England and married him in France. She is the mother of triplets, two girls and a boy, six and one-half years old.

Mrs. Cooley's husband is now a first lieutenant and commanding officer of the Heavy Mortar Company from Warren, 145th Infantry, 37th Ohio National Guard Division, stationed at Camp Polk, La.

Edythe started working here in November 1951 for C. F. Craver, at Fire Station No. 1. She also worked here in 1942 in the Control Lab for the Atlas Powder Company.

Remember When

10 YEARS AGO

September, 1942:
Ted Jasin returned from six weeks training at Rock Island Arsenal.

Enlistments — Roland DeUnger, Ordnance Fiscal, Army; Richard Elliott, Ordnance Engineers, Army; Tom Hardesty, Atlas Fuze and Booster, Army Air Corps.

Wedding Bells — Plant Engineering, Helen I. Scannell to Lieut. Harry M. Ford.

SIX YEARS AGO

September 1946
Jimmie McKeage, after shooting his quota of squirrels and eating Pot Pie, left for a nine-day fishing trip in Canada.

Women's Class "A" bowling team, which will represent the Arsenal in the Ravenna "A" league, will be comprised of Eleanor Alexander, Estella Babb (Pavlick), Kay Zavortink, Louise Pennell and Chloe Yaw.

Howard Grohe, Personnel, tallied a nine-hole score of 38 with five pars at Meadowview.

FIVE YEARS AGO

September 1947
John Humenik returned to work after several weeks in West Roxbury Veterans Hospital, Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Geer took a "second honeymoon" trip through Pennsylvania which followed the celebration of their Silver wedding anniversary on August 30.

Hubert Burketh, checker in Stores, returned after several days on the sick list.

Rilliss Money Penny, Stores, went to West Virginia on a hunting trip. From what we hear, he found more scenery than game.

Six Firemen Take First Aid Course For Instructors

Six Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. firemen are now undergoing a Red Cross First Aid Instructors course.

The three-hour classes, which started September 18, are being taught by Victor Moore, first aid instructor at Kent State University.

Those taking the course include Crew Chief Harold J. Cleveland, Alliance Fireman-driver Thomas O'Malia, Niles and Firemen William A. Kaltenbach, Deerfield Orville E. Hardway, Akron; Carlos R. Harris, Ravenna and Edward J. Brindle, Tallmadge.

RED CROSS First Aid training is divided into four types: Junior, for school children; Standard; which all Arsenal firemen have taken; Advanced and the Instructors Course.

These six firemen will review the Standard First Aid Course and then go into the Advanced and Instructors training.

Upon completion of the course, these Arsenal fire-fighters will be qualified to teach the Standard First Aid Course to other Arsenalites.

Employees who are interested in taking a Red Cross First Aid Course in the near future, should contact the Safety, Security and Training office on Extension 590.

The R. A. Eye . . .

United States Is The Greatest Gambling Place In The World

by E. P. Babington
A. P. Line

Boy, oh boy, what a mess! We practice and teach Safety every day of our lives on the job, and then a holiday comes along and what do we do? Throw it out the window and pull down the shade!

If we commit an unsafe act at work, we're in trouble, but what I can't understand, is why some of us leave Safety on the job.

Safety is next to Godliness. We must have it with us at all times, not just when someone is looking.

We are the greatest gambling nation in the world. We all like to win, but win or lose, some just like the thrill of taking a chance. Some of us think our shrewdness or luck will make us winners.

Others, even when they realize the odds are bad or the game is crooked, can't resist the temptation to give it a whirl.

THERE ARE some 50 million Americans who crave some form of gambling. But whether we are, or are not one of them, the steering wheel of a car is "the wheel" in the biggest game of chance. Every time you get behind it, you bet your life.

You bet your income, your job, your families lives and your life against what? A few minutes time saved!

What a curse! The National Safety Council estimates that there will

Load Line Two

Paul Bowen, Line Two Personnel Attendant, celebrated his 10th anniversary at the Ravenna Arsenal on September 18. His first job was on Fuze Line Two. Congratulations!

September is also a happy month for Line Foreman Ray Plough. It was 12 years ago when Ray started with Hunkin-Conkey and he has worked with all previous Arsenal contractors and the Government.

Willis Sands, Department 71, is recovering at home following a major operation performed at Robinson Memorial Hospital on September 22.

Don McLaughlin, Department 72, bagged his limit of squirrels the first two days of the season. Mac is growing famous as a hunter. Guess the association with Bill Huffman, also of Department 72, is doing the trick.

Everett Mitchell, Department 76, has transferred to the Safety Division.

Comptroller's Division

Donald Steans is a new employee in the Voucher Section but by no means a newcomer to the Arsenal. He's been an Arsenalite since October 1951, with the Government Cost Department and in Property Receiving, Building 808. Don resides in Akron, is married and has several hobbies, among them, hunting and golfing.

Nick Tambures is another transfer to the Voucher Section and has also been around the Arsenal since March 1951. Previous to his transfer, Nick was senior time clerk and alternated his duties on Load Line One and Three.

NICK resides in Warren, and is married to chaperette Ann Tambures. Nick likes hunting, golfing, bowling and sports in general.

Frances Hildack, who was mimeograph operator, is now clerk typist in the Stationery Stores Room. Mary Hulbert was transferred from Stationery Stores to receptionist in place of Emmy Horvath who is entering Kent State University as a freshman. Altee Pitt, the new mimeograph operator lives in Ravenna.

Betty Horner of the Cost and Inventory Department was recently taken to Robinson Memorial Hospital with an appendicitis attack. To all reports, she is doing fine and will be back to work shortly. Phil Gumino of Cost and Inventory celebrated his birthday anniversary on September 20.

Second RAI Operation To Go 100 Per Cent For "E" Bonds



AMMONIUM NITRATE Line Personnel, second Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. operation to sign up 100 per cent for the purchase of U. S. Defense Bonds through Payroll Savings, are pictured above. Left to right, front row: Abram Stone, Walter Ernest, Robert Warner, Robert Griffith, Robert Shearer, Harry Meek, Henry Williams, Keno Marine, William Currie and Howard Breiner. Back row: Elizabeth Roberto, Lester Iman, Russel Moff, William Burkhardt, Raymond Sickle, Virgil Oesch, Harold Bartlett, Willie McCollum, Elden Andrie, Leonard Lewis, Robert Talley and Emil Schneeberger. William Wragg was not present when the picture was taken.

THESE A. N. Line workers, along with other Arsenalites, in addition to producing the ammunition needed by our Armed Forces, are buying the new, improved "E" Bonds for their own future and security, and the security of our country. These Arsenalites are also strengthening our American economy by subscribing to RAI Payroll Savings. Each department or division that subscribes 100 per cent for the purchase of U. S. Defense Bonds through Payroll Savings will also have its picture taken for publication in the Arsenal NEWS.

Engagements

BOYCE-MORGAN

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Boyce of Zanesville announce the engagement of their daughter, Gwendolyn May of Warren, to Forrest V. Morgan, son of Mrs. Clyde Morgan of Garretttsville. An early February wedding is planned.

Miss Boyce was graduated from Champion High School, Champion, O., and is employed in the Warren Newberry store office.

Mr. Morgan was recently discharged from the U. S. Army after four and one-half years service in Germany. He is employed as an inert operator in Department 72, Load Line Two.

Traffic

Miss Carmella DeSantis, Traffic Department, spent a week's vacation in LaGrange, Illinois visiting her sister. Carmella enjoyed many of the interesting sights in a around Chicago, and especially enjoyed shopping in the large Chicago stores.

WE LIVE in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, not in figures on a dial.

We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.

—Philip James Bailey

OAC Safety Inspector Tours Arsenal



H. L. Padgett, Safety Inspector for the Ordnance Ammunition Center, Joliet, Ill., is shown above with Col. C. K. Allen during a routine inspection tour of the Arsenal, August 18 to 26. Looking on are Jack Ruble, RAI Safety Engineer; and H. P. Thune, Ordnance Safety Director. J. R. Stocks, (left) an explosive operator, is shown cleaning the nose threads of loaded 155mm projectiles. Other Arsenal officials who participated in the week-long safety inspection tour were C. F. Craver, RAI Safety, Security and Training Manager; W. J. Fike, RAI Safety Supervisor; and R. J. Shirock and V. I. Carpenter, Ordnance Safety Division.

Arsenalites In The Armed Forces

In a letter received from Clark Kreitler, former Load Line two employee, he stated he wished to extend his apologies to his Arsenal friends and to those he worked with, for leaving without saying goodbye.

Lieutenant Kreitler received his orders on Friday night after work to report for Army duty the following Wednesday, August 13.

He is now at the U. S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga. His address is 2nd Lieut. Clark Kreitler, 122 Co., 2nd Student Regt.

Upon completion of the refresher course at Fort Benning, Lieutenant Kreitler will be assigned to the 31st Infantry Division, Camp Atterbury, Ind.

Lieutenant Kreitler attended Ohio State University for one year and Kent State University for three years. He received his commission through the ROTC program. His home is in Cortland, O.

A CHANGE of address has been received from A-3c Stephen D. Wilson, AF 15471699, formerly employed on Load Line Two. His new address is 3382nd Student Sqdn., Box 356, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Other military addresses of former employees received by the Services Department are:
Pvt. Robert Raimsey, RA 15483308, Co. B, 8th Bn. M.R.T.C., Camp Pickett, Va. and Pvt. Arthur L. Wiseman, U.S. 52229014, Co. E, 53rd Abn. Inf. Regt., Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. would like to have the present addresses and news about the activities of all former employees serving in the Armed Forces. Employees having such information are asked to send it to Industrial Services, Room 4, Employment Building.

Those recently entering the United States Armed Forces include Raymond E. Ketzell, Ravenna, Department 01; Harold W. Luedy, Ravenna, Department 76; Booker T. Tall, Akron, Department 192; and Frederick J. Taylor, Cleveland, Department 74.

Industrial Relations

A. L. Bowles, Time Study, and Jack Taylor and Bill Bowser of Industrial Engineering, visited Joliet Arsenal the week of September 1st. The visit, of course, being quite educational.

The Training School office in the "T" Dorm welcomes Carol St. Clair as the new clerk-typist in that department. Miss St. Clair was a member of the Stenographic Pool at Headquarters.

Why not save the painless way? Buy U. S. Defense Bonds on RAI Payroll Savings and start today!

Weddings

MONCEY-HILLIARD

The Immaculate Conception Church, Ravenna, was the scene of the ceremony which united Ravenna Hilliard, Ordnance Fiscal, and Sgt. 1c Charles Moncey in marriage. Msgr. Leo Schindwein presided over the double ring ceremony which took place August 26.

Attendants for the couple were Joanna Hentz and John Sedlock. Miss Hentz is secretary to E. V. Crutcher, RAI Comptroller.

Following a wedding breakfast in Akron, the couple left for a short honeymoon in Chicago.

WYLAM-DEL CUCHETTO

Miss Ann Del Duchetto and Jack F. Wyllam pronounced their wedding vows before Rev. Dr. A. Wishart at the First Presbyterian Church of Warren on September 27.

Miss Del Duchetto, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Del Duchetto, 356 Iddings Ave., Warren, is a clerk-typist in the RAI Shipping and Receiving Department. Jack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wyllam, 3076 Crescent Drive, also of Warren.

MESKO—WEIDEMAN

The Immaculate Conception Church, Ravenna, was the scene of the ceremony which united Jane Weideman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Weideman of Ravenna, and Henry Mesko, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zig Mesko of Mantua, in marriage. Msgr. Leo Schindwein officiated at the ceremony which took place September 6.

The new Mrs. Mesko, who is stenographer for E. R. Sanders, P.E. and I. Division, had Miss Irene Few, Employment, as one of her bridesmaids.

The new couple are making their home in an apartment on Lincoln Avenue, Ravenna.

BABINGTON-ASH

Rev. Wilbur Knight performed the impressive ceremony uniting Wayne Babington and Mary Jane Ash in marriage at the United Church, Wayland, on Wednesday, September 10.

Mary Jane is the daughter of Mrs. John Ash of 161 East Riddle Avenue, Ravenna.

Wayne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Babington, R. D. 1, Ravenna. Wayne works in Department 194, Depot. His father, E. P. Babington, is superintendent of the A. P. Line.

The new couple will reside in their own home, a gift of the bridegrooms parents, at R. D. 1, Ravenna.

BENTZ-FINERAN

Recently repeating their marriage vows were Cash Bentz and Carolyn Fineran, Depot employees from Ravenna. They were married on September 8.

After a brief honeymoon visiting relatives and friends in Ohio and Pennsylvania, the couple are making their home at 156 Scranton Ave., Ravenna.

CRAWFORD-CAPLINGER

Juanita Caplinger, daughter of Mr. Charles Salivary of Levittsburg, became the bride of Bernard Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Crawford of Duffy, O., on August 29 at the Windham Congregational Church. Rev. Alex Dandar officiated at the marriage.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Duffy and are now making their home in Windham. Both Mr. and Mrs. Crawford are employed on Load Line One.

MOUNTAIN-DALEY

Mary Lou Daley and Reed Mountain repeated their marriage vows at St. Joseph's Church, Newton Falls, on Saturday, September 13. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Daley, Newton Falls, and her husband is the son of Mrs. Helen Mountain, Lake Milton.

Following their honeymoon in Pennsylvania the couple made their home in Newton Falls. The new Mrs. Mountain is employed by the A and P Company and her husband is with the Maintenance Department, Load Line One.



WINNERS of the Wednesday Night Softball League, the Fighting Engineers, are pictured above sporting the team emblem on their T-shirts. Front row, left to right: Pat Ceglia, Roger Burns, Ted Poss, Bill Wagoner and Ralph Dragan. Second row, left to right: Sebastian Valenti, Jim Maske, Bill Seiple and Joe Zaffuto. Not present when the picture was taken was Frank Polichene.



MEMBERS of the P. E. & I. No. Two softball squad, champs of the Tuesday Night League, are pictured above. Front row, left to right: Frank Wachovec, Al Szuch, Bill Cox, Charles Watts and Joe Maffei. Second row, Bob Nickol, Art Arnold, Wayne Thomas, Joe Smith, Leo Spahn and Roy James.

Men's Bowling

At the end of the first two weeks of men's bowling at the Arsenal Alleys, Load Line One, Depot U-7 and the Rejects are leading their respective leagues.

First high individual scores for the week of September 22 and September 29 are: Single Games — R. Plough, 210; Meek, 201; McLaughlin, 215; McDonald, 201; Moore, 190; Stauffer, 198; Single Series — J. McLaughlin, 540; R. Magnusson, 505; C. Heckert, 512; A. Dessum, 508; G. Michels, 545; R. Pavlick, 515.

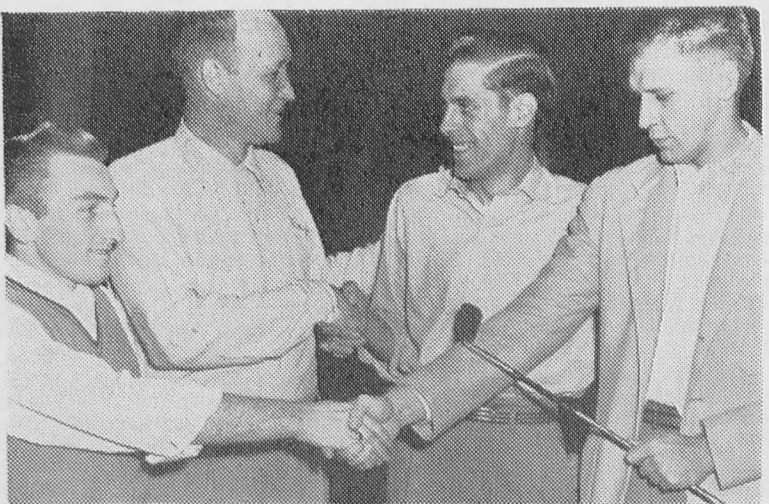
League standings as of October 3 are listed below:

MONDAY NIGHT LEAGUE				
TEAM	W	L	Pct	
Load Line Two	7	1	.875	
Salvage	6	2	.750	
P. E. and I.	5	3	.625	
RAI Guards	5	3	.625	
Jolly Rogers	3	5	.375	
P. E. Foremen	4	4	.500	
Checkers	2	6	.250	
P. E. Maint.	1	7	.125	

TUESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE				
TEAM	W	L	Pct	
Depot U-7	7	1	.875	
Load Line One	7	1	.875	
Industrialists	7	1	.875	
Stores	6	2	.750	
Arsenalites	2	6	.250	
Motor Pool	2	6	.250	
Manufacturing	1	7	.125	
Ammo. Inspectors	0	8	.000	

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE				
TEAM	W	L	Pct	
Rejects	7	1	.875	
Ord. Personnel	7	1	.875	
Electricians	6	2	.750	
Engineers	5	3	.625	
Truck Drivers	4	4	.500	
A. N. Line	2	6	.250	
Old Timers	1	7	.125	
Line Three Maint.	0	8	.000	

Dickey, Plough Are Golfing Champs



PETE DICKEY and Ray Plough, left, winners of the RAI Chestnut Hill Golf League, receive congratulations from Al Garrard and Bill Drescher, right, runners-up in the league. Dickey and Plough, who were known as Team Six, won eight matches and dropped three.

Recordettes Lead Women's League

At the end of the second week of action in the RAI Women's Bowling League, the Recordettes were leading the loop with a 6-0 tally.

In the First high single-game series, Chlow Yaw rolled a 177. Mary Ann DeLay tallied a 470 for the first high individual three-game series.

The Circlettes copped the team high single and three-game series with scores of 672 and 2000. Team standings as of October 3 are:

THURSDAY NIGHT LEAGUE				
Team	W	L	Pct	
Recordettes	6	0	1.000	
Bandalids	5	1	.833	
Old Timers	3	3	.500	
Circlettes	3	3	.500	
Motor Pool	2	4	.333	
Elements	2	4	.333	
Pleasant Valley	2	4	.333	
Post-Ettes	1	5	.167	

Employees Car Pool

Any employee needing a ride or wanting riders should contact RAI Industrial Services, Room 4, Personnel Building or call Ext. 411.

A Share-the-Ride card file is being kept for those having or needing transportation to the Arsenal. Share-the-Ride blanks are also available at the above office.

This service is for all employees, so why not use it.

Final RAI Golf League Standings

Team	W	L	Pct
SIX	8	3	.727
TWELVE	7	4	.636
NINE	6	5	.545
THREE	6	5	.545
FIVE	5	5	.500
ELEVEN	5	5	.500
FOUR	5	5	.500
ONE	5	5	.500
TWO	5	6	.454
SEVEN	4	7	.363
EIGHT	3	7	.300
TEN	2	8	.200

Engineers, P. E. & I. Win RAI Softball Loop Crowns

RAI Engineers finished the 1952 Arsenal softball season with a 13-1 record and copped the Wednesday Night League crown.

Champs in the Tuesday Night League were the P. E. and I. No. Two squad with a 4-0 tally.

The Engineers only loss was to the Bolton Barn nine. The Bolton Barn softballers wound up in second place in the Wednesday Night League with 12 wins and two defeats.

Pleasant Valley A. C. and Roads and Grounds ended the season tied for third place.

Final standings for both leagues are as follows:

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE				
Team	W	L	Pct	
Engineers	13	1	.930	
Bolton Barn	12	2	.857	
Pleasant Valley	7	6	.540	
Grounds	7	6	.540	
Postites	5	9	.357	
Motor Pool	4	10	.285	
George Road	4	10	.285	
Receiving	3	11	.215	

Weddings

VAN NEST — KALMAN
Miss Helen Kalman and J. Peter Van Nest were married September 6. Mrs. Van Nest is employed by the Bell Telephone Co. in Kent. Patrolman Van Nest is a member of the RAI Guard Force.

MERRILL — SMITH
Peggy Smith became the bride of W. R. Merrill on September 20, in the Methodist Church in Fullerton, Ky.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Merrill are from Ravenna. Mr. Merrill works in Department 61, Load Line One.

OZARK - NESSENTHALER
Millie Nessenenthaler and Sgt. H. Joseph Ozark repeated their marriage vows at the Wayland Federated Church on September 13. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nessenenthaler of Diamond, and her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ozark, Chicago.

Following their honeymoon in Kentucky, the couple will make their home in Newton Falls. The new Mrs. Ozark is a clerk-typist in the Inspection Office, P.E. and I. Division, and her husband is with the U. S. Air Force, stationed at Brookfield, O.

Armed Forces
(Continued from Page 1)
Co. C., 33rd Medium T.K.B.M., CCB, 3rd Armored Division, Fort Knox, Ky. is a faithful reader of the Ravenna Arsenal NEWS and would appreciate hearing from his friends.
Other military addresses received from former Arsenal employees are: Pvt. Howard Michael, U. S. 52170202, Btry. C, 736 A.A.A. Gun Bn., Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.
Donald L. Baird, 5722766, Co. 220, 13th Bn., 1st Regt. U.S.N.T.C. Bainbridge, Md.
Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. employees who recently entered the Armed Forces are: James L. Devaymin, Department 194; Donald H. Dunaway, Department 31; Walter L. Light, Department 190; Thomas E. McCormick, Department 76; and Thomas F. Smith, Jr. Department 72.



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Eslinger, Windham, on the birth of their first child, born September 23, at People's Hospital, Akron. The name chosen for their new daughter was Debra Ann. Norm is a batteryman in Department 31.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cabaness on the birth of a girl on September 18. Lavette Marcia was born at Akron City Hospital. Mr. Cabaness is a munitions handler foreman in the Depot.

A GIRL to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore of Deerfield on Oct. 2. They named her Barbara Lee. Mr. Moore is with the Motor Transportation Department, and the baby's grandfather, Ambrose Teets, works in Bolton Barn. Mrs. Moore (Blanche) was formerly a chauffeurette here.

POSTMASTER: If undelivered at the address shown on this card, please return to Postmaster, Ravenna Arsenal, Inc., P. O. Box 86, Apco, Ohio.

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Roll Up Your Sleeve . . .

7th Bloodmobile Visit Set For November 4

The seventh Arsenal visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile has been scheduled for November 4. Arsenalites are giving more and more blood to the Armed Forces Blood Donor Program at each succeeding visit of the collecting unit.

During the last visit of the Bloodmobile Ravenna Arsenal employees and residents donated 160 pints of whole blood. This brought the total to 837 pints collected here since December 4.

Arsenal load line workers and administrative employees, career girls and carpenters, truck drivers and teachers, and even homemakers — everybody with a conscience is rolling up his or her sleeves to help meet the crisis of a depleted blood reserve.

Your Armed forces are short 300,000 pints of desperately needed blood. Many of our men — husbands, brothers and sons, on "Heartbreak Ridge" have been wounded.

TOMORROW it may be some other place with a strange name. Maybe the blood won't be there, and the U. S. fighting man who might die... will die!

Your Defense Department and your Red Cross have reminded you that blood is needed.

Why not join the thousands of Americans who are giving blood,

Ladies Club Sending Gifts To Korean Troops

Ravenna Arsenal Ladies Club entertained their husbands and one guest at the home of Col. and Mrs. C. K. Allen, on October 1.

A picnic supper preceded the evening's social activities. The next meeting of Ravenna Arsenal Ladies Club will be held Wednesday, October 15. Mary Jane Watkins, from the Portage County Chapter, American Red Cross, will be guest speaker.

Members of the Ladies Club have collected non-perishable foods and are sending them to American troops in Korea as Christmas gifts. Overseas mailing deadline is Oct. 15.

Arsenalites In The Armed Forces

Former Ravenna Arsenal employees are serving with our Armed Forces all over the world. RAI Industrial Services recently received letters from Pvt. James Bragg in Giessen, Germany, and from Pvt. Carl W. Gibson, Jr., in Seoul, Korea.

Pvt. Bragg, who worked in Department 81, Line Three, is with Co. B, 6th Eng. Combat Bn. His address is APO 46, c-o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Pvt. Gibson is also with the Engineers, as a draftsman in the 79th Const. Eng. Bn., APO 301, c-o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. A former employee in Department 75, Line Two, Pvt. Gibson attended Kent State for two years majoring in architecture.

JOHN J. KROPAC is currently at home on a 22-day leave from the U. S. Navy. He formerly worked in Department 98, P. E. Line. His military address is John J. Kropac YNSA 572-13-60, Air Transport Sqdn. Five, Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, Calif.

Former Line One employee Pvt. Clark Hoskinson, U. S. 52201101, (Continued on Page 4)

RAVENNA ARSENAL NEWS

RAVENNA ARSENAL, APCO, OHIO

October 15, 1952



Eleven Ordnance Employees Receive Service Pins



ELEVEN ORDNANCE employees recently received Service Award pins from Col. C. K. Allen, Commanding Officer, during a ceremony in his office. Colonel Allen is shown above presenting his secretary, Mrs. Letty Scuro, with her 10-year Award. The other employees are, left to right: Charles Simera, Inspection; Rhea Oswald, Fiscal; Arlie Stiller, Inspection; Bernice Tubman, Fiscal; William Wedman, Operations; Grace Means, Inspection; Jessie H. Eldridge, Property and Procurement; Dorothy McCabe, Personnel; Helen Weitzel, Property and Procurement; and Ravenna Moncey, Fiscal. Five-year pins were presented to Mrs. Moncey, Mrs. Weitzel and Mrs. Eldridge. The others received 10-year pins.

These employees became eligible for service awards during the third quarter of 1952. The award program is sponsored by the Civilian Welfare Fund to provide recognition to personnel on active government employment who have completed continuous, satisfactory periods of five and ten years service at the Ravenna Arsenal.

Arsenal-wide Community Chest Drive Will Start October 20

The Arsenal-wide Community Chest Drive will begin on October 20 and continue through that week, V. C. Bloomer, Drive Chairman announced.

Cards will be distributed to all employees prior to the starting date of the drive. Employees are asked to fill out the cards and return them to their foreman or supervisor.

Contributions for the Community Chest Drive will be made through payroll deductions. The money will be sent to the community in Portage, Summit, Stark, Trumbull or Mahoning Counties designated by the employee.

When you give to the Arsenal Community Chest Drive, you help your own community!

Should an employee wish to give to the Community Chest Drive in a town which is not in the above mentioned counties, it will be necessary to send the donation directly to the drive headquarters in that community.

The Ravenna Arsenal is proud of its employees who come from many cities, towns and villages in the surrounding counties to a d

Arsenal Officials On County Committee For Ohio Sesquicentennial

Paul Borda, RAI General Manager, and Col. C. K. Allen, Commanding Officer, have been appointed members of the Portage County Ohio Sesquicentennial Committee by Gov. Frank J. Lausche.

These Arsenal officials are part of an ever growing army of men and women who have been marshalled to prepare the celebration program for Ohio's 150th anniversary in 1953.

An imposing list of privately sponsored projects has been arranged. They have originated in industry, commerce, civic bodies, public spirited groups, historical societies, and in various other organizations.

By the opening date of the celebration, March 1, 1953, more than 10,000 Ohioans will be serving on committees, and all 88 counties will be represented by organized groups, working under direction of 88 chairmen.

Is Your Private Auto Registration Card Up To Date?

Employees who have purchased another automobile, changed license registration, or moved to another address since they filled out their original Arsenal Auto Registration Card, should notify the RAI Guard Headquarters of these changes.

This information is important both for Arsenal security and the employee's benefit in case of accident or theft.

Load line and component line employees can obtain Auto Registration Cards from their personnel attendants. Depot employees may secure these cards from Glen Taylor, personnel attendant in Bolton Barn.

Fill out the card completely and return it to your personnel attendant so that he can forward the card to Guard Headquarters.

Additional registration cards can be obtained at Guard Headquarters in Fire Station No. 1, or by calling Extension 720.

A. Tracy Wins Safety Contest

Andrew Tracy, RAI Inspection, won first prize in the third Safety Error Cartoon Contest. Mr. Tracy, who lives in Ravenna, was awarded \$10 for finding the most errors in the September contest.

Second place winner of the contest is Charles Geraghty from Windham, who works on the P.E. Line. Mr. Geraghty was awarded \$5.

The next five winners of \$1 each were: Carl Mesaros from Mantua, Department 51; Steve Hawkins from Alliance, Department 194; Orville A. Moodie from Windham, Department 47; James Nelson from Ravenna, Department 09; and J. D. Wilhelm, also from Ravenna, Department 31.

All out for Freedom now, or all in for Bondage later. Buy "E" Bonds on the RAI Payroll Savings Plan.

Be Sure You, Your Family And Friends Go To The Polls In November

Single Votes Have Made History

Your One Vote Is Important!

More times than you think, a single vote decides an election.

One vote elected a President of the United States.

One vote made Texas part of this country; one vote admitted California, Idaho, Washington and Oregon to the Union.

One vote has decided hundreds and perhaps thousands of issues—some even more important to the people of a given community than who's President of the U. S.

Repeatedly, one vote has shaped history.

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Some 50 million Americans know their votes are important. But almost as many others who could vote haven't yet realized that each vote counts—and sometimes tips the scales—in an election. Bad officials, it's said, are elected by the good men and women who could, but don't, vote.

If you're good at remembering election results, you can probably recall an instance in your own experience where one vote or perhaps a few votes decided the outcome. Maybe it involved a new school, election of more efficient local officials, or selection of the man to represent you in Congress. Did you vote in that election? Might your vote have been decisive?

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THERE ARE dramatic examples of elections which went one way or the other because of a single individual's vote. Rutherford B. Hayes became President by a one-vote margin over Samuel Tilden. And the man on the electoral commission who cast the deciding vote had himself been elected by a single vote—cast by a desperately ill citizen who insisted on being taken to the polls to vote!

In DeKalb County, Indiana, back in the 1840's, a miller was persuaded to take time out of a busy day to vote. He voted for a candidate for the state legislature—who won by just one vote. Later this legislator cast the deciding vote that sent Edward Hannegan to the United States Senate. Not long after, Senator Hannegan cast the decisive ballot that admitted Texas to the Union. Indirectly, the humble miller's vote determined a major event in history.

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There are literally dozens of similar instances. John Adams was elected President over Thomas Jefferson by three electoral votes. Aaron Burr, later charged with treason, missed being President by one electoral vote, and in his stead Thomas Jefferson—with whom he tied in the electoral vote—was named by the House of Representatives.

More recently, one vote in the House of Representatives made the Draft Act of World War II the law of the land and caused millions of men to be called for service in the Armed Forces.

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These are things to remember when you are tempted to think that, with so many people voting, your one vote can't mean very much. In a very large percentage of elections, a relatively small number of voters can tip the balance in favor of good government.

One vote is important.

Guard Force

Best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to Guard Matron Virginia Curtain, who is at home convalescing after recently undergoing major surgery at People's Hospital in Akron; also to Sgt. W. A. Jones' wife who was confined to Peoples Hospital, and is now at home convalescing.

Office Manager's Dept.

Arno Bohme, who works for V. C. Bloomer, is back at his job in Headquarters after a short stay in St. Luke's Hospital, Cleveland, for minor surgery.

While in the hospital, Arno's nurse was the sister of Carol St. Clair, formerly of the Steno Pool and now working in the Training School Office.

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"A Full House," E Bonds, That Is!



EARL C. AMOS (right), carefully scans the "Full House" of "E" Bonds held by V. C. Bloomer, RAI Defense Bond Chairman. Mr. Amos, Stores Stock Control Department, recently purchased a \$1,000 worth of Series "E" Bonds through the company's Payroll Savings Plan. Part of the forty \$25 bonds are spread out before Mr. Amos. Prior to this purchase, Mr. Amos bought his Defense Bonds through the bank, but now he finds it easier to save through the RAI Payroll Savings Plan. Mr. Amos also bought a \$1,000 worth of "E" Bonds last October during the Arsenal Bond Drive.

The R. A. Eye . . .

Don't Stand Up In The Boat When Using The Old '10-gauge'

by E. P. Babington
A. P. Line

A ten-gauge shotgun is a very powerful weapon, but it is not used very much for hunting now. It used to be a good gun for hunting ducks, but it was never safe to use while standing up in the boat.

I used to hunt with a ten-gauge. One time I laid it down on the ground to crawl under a fence, and when I picked it up, a rabbit ran out of the barrel.

I had a special re-coil pad on the stock and always stood up against a tree to shoot. I always got a firm grip on it because it usually vibrated for about a minute after I fired.

And you didn't dare release your grip because it would floor you. However, by that time the smoke was cleared so that you could see if you had hit anything.

WE SHOULDN'T lose our grip on Safety, either, because when we do, we might get floored. I give my old Aunt Emma credit for that, she never got married, she played it safe by keeping her grip!

You say Safety is a "dry" sub-

ject, but it will keep us all high and dry if we abide by its rules and regulations. If you don't like the Safety Inspector's talk, why don't you be one! A safe worker is a Safety Inspector, and I'm sure you won't stand up in the boat.

What is common sense? It has been very aptly called, "The knack of seeing things as they are, and doing things as they ought to be done." In short, it is plain, practical down right horse-sense!

NO ONE has a monopoly on it. Anyone can have common sense. You know that your job needs more common sense today, than ever before. Today's lightning changes — military, industrial, economic, call for coolness and common "horse-sense". I think every thing is useless without common sense.

Now that winter is just around the corner, are you going to lay in bed until the last minute before getting ready for work, like you did when the weather was nice and the roads were good? Or are you going to give yourself a little more time?

Old Colonel Cobb never stayed in his back yard waiting for something to happen, he hung on the back fence.

Swell guy, the Colonel, he always called his car "the crate", because it was always full of peaches. It also took him years to find out what caused his freckles; it was his mirror!

One time the Colonel heard a mouse squeek in his bedroom, so he got up and oiled it. See what I mean? Common sense and a little oil on your job will make it safe.

Remember When

11 YEARS AGO

October, 1941:

R. C. Merrill has been transferred from the Cost Division to a position of Chief Clerk, Plant Engineering Department.

Is it true that Harold Brandt is going to undertake the duties of a husband on or about October 30? Can you guess who will be the lucky girl?

SIX YEARS AGO

October, 1946

Congratulations from the Property Branch to Mr. and Mrs. John Bechdel on the birth of a son, October 13, at Robinson Memorial Hospital, Ravenna. John works in the Key Shop.

George Yocum, Maintenance, just back from a week's vacation in Canada reports meat is plentiful. He gained 10 lbs. eating steaks, chops and Canadian bacon.

Although last Saturday was a wonderful day for golf, only five Arsenal golfers took advantage of it. Richard Elliott had low score. Other golfers were Frank Sicuro, James Collins, Howard Grohe and Charles Kebl. For information on high score, call Howard Grohe.

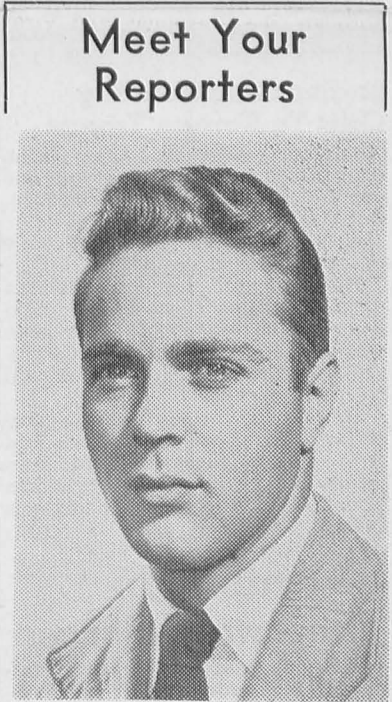
Wanda Boles, Fire Department, resigned on October 18. Wanda will be married in the near future to Fireman Charles Salen, and will reside in Warren.

FIVE YEARS AGO

October, 1947

Welcome back! Larry Weisend, who has been confined to the hospital for about three months, has returned and is as chipper as ever.

Muriel Wilkinson, Stock Control, returned from Cincinnati where she was a delegate at the State PTA Convention. She confessed to being a bit nervous but came through with flying colors.



Meet Your Reporters

COVERING Production Planning Department for the Arsenal NEWS is Jack Taylor, above.

Mr. Taylor, a native of Wells-ville, O., resides in Windham with his wife. He attended Kent State University for one year.

Jack started working for Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. in April 1952. Before coming here he worked in a steel mill.

Industrial Relations

Twenty-five members of the RAI Safety Department and their families recently enjoyed a clam-bake at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ruble on Stewart Lake near Kent. Fishing and boating high-lighted the activities and a pleasant and satisfying time was had by all.

John Foos, Industrial Relations Office, is on a two-week Southern vacation. John and his family made a whistle-stop in Ellaville, Ga. to pick up his wife's sister and brother-in-law and then continued on to Florida. John expects to do a lot of fishing in the Gulf stream.

A. P. Line

A. P. Line employees would like to express their deepest sympathy to John "Pete" Bandi, at the loss of his father, C. C. Bandi.

Irene Wright became a grandma again on Sept. 14. The mother, Mrs. Jean Fatula, is a former Load Line One, employee.

"WELCOME BACK" to Jacob Furbee, RAI Inspection, who recently returned after 16 months service with the Navy. "Jake" is married and lives in Edinburg. Before going into the Navy, he was with Surveillance here.

Blanche Dixon, RAI Inspection, is assigned to the P. E. Line, but does a grand job of filling in on this line in an emergency.

The A. P. Line recently held a weiner roast at the Roadside park near McClintocksburg Gate. Everyone had an enjoyable evening, with games and singing high-lighting the activities.

Arlo Hoover's nephew, Charles Balih, visited her recently. He is stationed in Wichita, Kansas, in the Air Force.

Catherine Bule returned to work after spending several weeks in Boston on vacation.

We are very glad to see Georgia Reagan back on the job. She had been at home caring for her little boy who was seriously ill. Mr. Reagan is a foreman on Load Line One. The Reagans recently celebrated their 11th Wedding Anniversary.

MILDRED MONROE'S mother, Mrs. Olive Gardner from Pitts-burgh, is currently visiting the Monroe residence, much to Mildred's delight.

Katherine Tekely and Esther Pavlick are planning a trip to Addison, N. Y. They will be the guests of Esther's brother who is the owner of a hotel there.

Mildred Summerfield is quite a lucky person. In less than an hour, she won three lamps and a set of silverware, at the recent "Fall Festival" in Newton Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Babington, have returned after motoring through the Carolinas and Virginia; during which time they visited their son, who is stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C. They spent the latter part of their vacation touring Washington, D. C. and several Eastern states.

In Memoriam

MARILYN JEAN SLATER

Funeral services were held September 27 at Newton Falls, for Marilyn Jean Slater, age 2. Marilyn Jean was accidentally drowned in the Mahoning river Sept. 24.

Mrs. Betty Slater, mother of the deceased child, is a clerk-typist in Bolton Barn.

First Aid Training For RAI Firemen



FIREMAN CARLOS R. HARRIS (left), practices tying a hand bandage on Fireman William Kaltenbach as Victor Moore, First Aid Instructor from Kent State University, looks on. The above RAI firemen are members of a six-man crew that is currently undergoing a Red Cross Instructors Course.

Upon completion of the course, these Arsenal fire-fighters will be qualified to teach the Standard Red Cross First Aid Course to other Arsenalites. Employees who are interested in taking a First Aid Course in the near future, should contact the Safety, Security and Training office on Extension 590.

Stores Stock Control Joins "E" Bond 100 Per Cent Club



PERSONNEL of the Stores Stock Control Department who signed up 100 per cent for the purchase of U. S. Defense Bonds through the RAI Payroll Savings Plan are pictured above. First row, left to right: William White, Virgil Stouder, Joseph Maffel, E. D. Flemister, Roy A. James, Francis D. Seiple, Walter T. Jenkins, Joseph E. Sabatini. Second row: Earl C. Amos, Grace M. Blasko, Nellie M. Kentris, Mary L. Henderson, Margaret Dickey, Dorothy Holupko, Alma Ritchey, Alice Gerber, William D. Goff, Carl Vinciguerra, Department Manager. Third Row: Pat R. DeGirolamo, Audrey Polglaze, Ethel G. Wedman, Myrtle Collier, Marjorie A. Walton, Lillian L. Bowman, Fay Holden, Mona L. Moser, and James L. Maske. Not present when picture was taken was Ruth Huey.

In the next issue of the Arsenal NEWS, a picture of another RAI department, that went 100 per cent for "E" Bonds through Payroll Savings, will be printed. Are you buying the "better than ever" Series "E" Defense Bonds for your future security? If not, get on the RAI Payroll Savings Band Wagon today, and push your department over the 100 per cent mark!

Ammunition Inspection

E. J. Yarolin and W. C. Cunningham have resigned to resume their college education. Both men were explosive operators in the Ammunition Inspection workshop. Mr. Yarolin will be a student at Notre Dame, and Mr. Cunningham has entered Ohio State University.

Newest additions to the office force are Miss Grace Blasko and Miss Ann Bednarick, both of Newton Falls. Hobbies enjoyed by these girls are dancing for Miss Blasko, and playing baseball for Miss Bednarick.

On our sick list for the month are Stanley Pannell, due to an eye operation, and Mrs. Gertrude Lee who is on a three-month leave of absence due to illness. Hope you are all well soon.

Women Are Safe!

Women are safer workers than men! That's what the statisticians say.

Female employees have a better safety record than the males — three times better. And harken to this — widows and divorcees have less industrial accidents than married women!

And the Miss employee accounts for 24 per cent of the accidents as against 59 per cent for the on-the-job Mrs. The widow and divorcee percentage is 17 per cent.

Ordnance Staff

Chief, Operations Division, a position which he still retains.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben reside on the Post and have two sons, Carroll Jr., the eldest, and Edward. Both are in the Armed Forces.

First Lt. Carroll Ruben, Jr., recently spent a five day rest and recuperation leave in Japan. A member of the 25th. Infantry Division fighting in Korea, he stayed in one of the finest hotels in Japan and enjoyed many luxuries unobtainable on the front lines.

THE LEAVE was part of the Army's policy to give the fighting soldier a rest from the rigors of combat. Lt. Ruben is a platoon leader in Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry.

Their youngest son, A-3c Edward J. Ruben, was graduated from Weapon's School at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Col. on September 29.

Ed was employed by Ravenna Arsenal, Inc., before enlisting in the Air Force. A graduate of Ravenna High School and a former Kent State University student, he is presently at home on leave.

Mary DeCavitch, Surveillance, has returned to her job at Bolton Barn after having spent quite some time on the sick list, both at home and in the hospital. Her many friends extend a hearty welcome.

Depot Area

Round-Up Lake Park was the scene of a get-together on Sunday afternoon, October 5 for the third shift checkers of Department 190.

Through the efforts of L. A. McCormick, department supervisor, the group enjoyed thick T-bone steaks and potato salad. Although a little too chilly for swimming, a good time was had by all.

Department 190 employees are planning other periodic social events throughout the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Teets celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 4 by attending the Ice Capades in Cleveland.

Mr. Teets, who works in the Bolton Barn tool crib, has been an Arsenal employee since 1943. A native of Donora, Pa., Ambrose married the former Alice Mansfield of Youngstown in St. Patrick's Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Teets now reside in Palmyra and have two daughters, two sons and five grandchildren.

"Welcome back" to Robert Dean of the Checkers. Bob recently returned to the Arsenal after serving a hitch in the Army; of which 14 months were spent in Korea.

U. S. Defense Bonds — still the world's best investment.

Load Line One

The welcome mat is extended to a newcomer, Pauline Thomas, who has taken over the duties of clerk-typist in Building CB-20. Pauline resides in Paris Township and is a recent graduate of Newton Falls High School.

We extend our sympathy to Robert Banks on the recent death of his father-in-law.

Here's hoping that Lorene Mason is feeling much better after her recent operation.

A BROKEN LEG has put Donald Thompson on the sick list. Get well wishes are also extended to Junior Schumacher's wife and Robert Donley who have been hospitalized.

Loads of Good Luck to Mike Morcella who recently transferred to the Safety Department.

Robert J. Brackle, son of Francis Brackle, recently spent a short visit with his parents before returning to his Navy base at Little Creek, Va.

Get well wishes are extended to Mary Blake's son, Danny, who is confined in St. Joseph's Hospital, Warren.

Detroit, Mich. was the destination of Harold Lewis where he visited relatives, on his vacation.

Ray Ogden spent his vacation in New York and Niagara Falls visiting relatives.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to Ray Neass' daughter, Diane, who is a patient at the Cleveland Clinic.

GOOD LUCK to Tom McMannus who is resuming his studies at Kent State University.

Three employees who spent their vacations just relaxing at home were Howard Miller, Clara McKinley and Bill Collins.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out for Jalmer Hill who was involved in an automobile accident on September 29 and suffered a fractured spine and arm. Mr. Hill has just been released from St. Joseph's Hospital and is recuperating at home.

P. E. & I. Division

Rose Bertilacci, stenographer in Mr. Skipper's office, is single and a resident of Youngstown. She is a former employee of the Atlas Powder Company here, and has attended Akron University.

Albert Schumacher, technician in the Control Lab, has a B.S. degree in education from Kent State University, and is residing in Cuyahoga Falls. Al is single and his hobbies are singing and stage work.

Anthony Cacioppo, new junior process engineer, attended Kent State University where he received his B. S. and M. A. Degrees. Tony is a candidate for a Ph. D. degree at the State University of Iowa.

He also studied at Universita di Roma, Italy, as a Fulbright scholar during the past year. Tony lives in Ravenna, is married and has two children. His hobbies are electronics, football and tennis.

HELEN ALBERT, clerk-typist in Building 808, lives in Deerfield, and attended Southeast High School. Her hobby is roller skating.

Al Szuch, former materials inspector in Building 808 has transferred to Ordnance Inspection.

Tony Sabatini, former department inspector on Load Line Two, has transferred to the Gage Lab.

Robert Aldridge has transferred to the Headquarters Building as a quality control inspector. He was formerly a materials inspector.

Materials Inspection has the following new inspectors: Ronald Madigan, who transferred from Quality Control; Charles Rice of Warren, Edward Bradish of North Jackson, Harry Hoskins of Ravenna and William Browne of Newton Falls.

Grant Haney, Frank Wachovec and Robert Aldridge, Quality Control, conducted the meetings at the RAI Supervisors Training School during the week of September 29.

First Departments To Go 100 Per Cent In Chest Drive



FIRST RAI PRODUCTION department to sign up 100 per cent for the Community Chest Drive was the Percussion Element Line. P. E. Line personnel shown above are: First row, left to right: R. E. Pemberton, Charles French, Glenn Clark, Joe Marshall, John Tullis, Eugene Hawkins, Howard McLaughlin, Edward Tekely, Charles Geraghty, John Mathy, Howard Osburn, Chester White, William Schwab, Mickey George, Jack Mountain, Delvin E. Lynds. Second row: Maggie Forney, Marcene King, Thelma McClain, Luez E. Stiggers, Grace Akerson, Loretta Weston, Ellen Mort, Mae Murray, Marian Allman, G. Wylda Santoro, Mary Papiska, Margaret Harmon, Ettie Shewell, Sarah Mason, Eva Smith, Doris Gentile, Bessie Hines,

Lucy Calhoun. Third row: Pecola Dailey, Willie Mae Taylor, Lenora J. Marshall, Bonnie Bowers, Geraldine Perrine, Mamie Geho, Estelle Judy, Cathryn Force, Kathryn Bell, Mary Bushong, Mildred Grein, Madie Fortson, Laven Latimore, Frances F. Carroll, Ruby Oshier, Margaret Hayes, Rita Rydzak, Wilma Chambers. Fourth row: Lillie Greenlee, Camelia Dills, Velma Thomas, Myrtle Myers, Laura Head, Marie Liller, Ada Ballas, Agnes Stillion, Beatrice Russell, Edna Mae Lilly, Caroline Graham, Olive Wilmitch, Alice Pinkerton, Kathryn Myers, Helen McCoy, Bertha Burk, Rosemary Bayley, Thelma Higgins, Louise Bedenik. Not present when picture was taken were W. W. Slates, Josephine H. Turk and Leota Bruton.



TIME STUDY, above, was the first Headquarters department to subscribe 100 per cent for the Arsenal Community Chest Drive. Front row, left to right: A. L. Bowles, Sally Dallas, Yolanda Sabatini, J. P. Talkowski. Second row: R. H. Stickney, L. A. DiNuoscio, C. W. McDonald, J. V. Eckert, R. W. Jones.

New Arrivals

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Ward, Youngstown, on the birth of a girl, Linda Eleanor, on October 13. Mrs. Lillian Ward formerly worked in the Ordnance Property Branch.

A **BOY** to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rowe of Windham on October 18. They named him Dennis Eugene. Mr. Rowe is a truck driver working out of the Main Garage and Mrs. Rowe formerly worked on the P. E. Line.

A **BOY** to Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Fankhauser of Ravenna on September 27. He has been given the name of Eric William. Cliff is supervisor of the drafting room, Engineering Department.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Forrest McCloud of Ravenna on the birth of a boy, Larry Dean, on October 8. Forrest is a member of the Maintenance Department on Load Line One.

A **BOY**, born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Barker of Alliance on October 5. The new baby has been named Raymond Donley. Russell works in Department 61, Load Line One.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. John Pressell of Lake Milton on the birth of their first child, Faith Ann was born October 16. Mr. Pressell works in Stationery Stores.

A **DAUGHTER**, Colleen Anne, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Stewart of Windham on October 10. Mr. Stewart is a truck driver and works

Load Line Three

Mrs. Anna Kleindenst, Line Three Cafeteria, has returned from a trip to the Northwest and Alaska sponsored by the Pennsylvania Grange News.

The trip was made by train through Yellowstone Park to Seattle, then by ship to Victoria and Alaska by the Inside Passage.

Mrs. Kleindenst returned by Prince Rupert and by train to Jasper National Park and to Chicago.

Larry Grafton, personnel attendant, has returned from his October vacation. He spent his time visiting relatives in Ohio and working around the house.

Payroll Line Three timekeeper, Thomas Raymond, has been transferred to Bolton Barn.

October 16 marked the completion of two years service at Ravenna Arsenal for Winifred Henderson of the office staff. She is secretary to the line superintendent. Congratulations, Win!

Mr. and Mrs. A. Flegal have completed transactions for buying a home in Windham. Andy is equipment expeditor, while Betty is a nurse on Line Three. We hope they experience many pleasant years in their new home.

Weddings

HILL-SARI

Miss Betty Sari and Harold Hill were married September 30. Mr. Hill, a Fire Department crew chief, is from Diamond. Mrs. Hill is from Cleveland.

The couple honeymooned in Niagara Falls for one week and are now residing in Ravenna.

out of the Main Service Garage.

A **BOY**, Wallace B., to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sellers of Warren on October 13. Mr. Sellers works on Load Line Two in Department 71.



THE ARSENAL LAUNDRY, first RAI Industrial Services department to contribute 100 per cent for the Community Chest Drive, also subscribed 100 per cent for the company's Payroll Savings Plan during the recent U. S. Defense Bond Drive. Laundry personnel pictured above are, left to right, front row: Bertha M. Grafton, Kitty L. Cottrell, Beulah H. McNamara, Elizabeth Jura, Betty Maurer, Germaine Gilbert, Ethel Purcell, Iva Hunk. Second row: L. Brock Coleman, Laundry Supervisor; Elwood Zink, Fred W. McClure, Lloyd A. Waller, building supervisor; Jesse W. McGee, Charles Shields, Aurella Brant, Joseph Sawitski.

Men's Bowling

MONDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L	Pct
Salvage	12	4	.750
Load Line Two	13	7	.650
P. E. Foremen	10	6	.625
P. E. and I.	9	7	.562
Checkers	9	11	.450
RAI Guards	8	12	.400
Jolly Rogers	6	10	.375
P. E. Maint.	6	14	.300

TUESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L	Pct
Depot U-7	16	4	.800
Load Line One	14	6	.700
Industrialists	13½	6½	.650
Stores	13½	6½	.650
Manufacturing	5	11	.437
Arsenalsites	7	13	.350
Motor Pool	4	12	.200
Ammo. Inspectors	3	17	.150

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L	Pct
Ord. Personnel	15	5	.750
Electricians	13	7	.650
Engineers	13	7	.650
Rejects	13	7	.650
Truck Drivers	12	8	.600
A. N. Line	9	11	.450
Old Timers	5	15	.250

High individual bowling scores for the three-week period ending October 23 are: Single games — R. Russell, 198; R. Pavlick, 206; Gray, 214, 214; Supek, 225; R. Dennison, 233; R. Plough, 214; R. Jones, 212; G. Mohr, 225.

Three-game series — D. Lynds, 510; R. Pavlick, 534; H. Chapin, 538, 538; H. McLaughlin, 573; M. Jagnow, 553; D. Lynds, 585; R. McDonald, 545; Meek, 548.

Women's Bowling

TEAM

TEAM	W	L	Pct
Bandaid	13	2	.866
Recordettes	12	3	.800
Old Timers	8	7	.533
Circlettes	6	9	.400
Elements	5	10	.333
Post-Ettes	5	10	.333
Pleasant Valley	4	11	.266
Motor Pool	4	11	.266

Individual high scores for the three-week period ending October 23 are: Single games — Dorothy Horning, 171; Penny Kebl, 223; Ann Malmone, 174. Three-game series — Ann Malmone, 442; Mary Ann DeLay, 502; Chloe Yaw, 469.

Laundry

No, the new building recently built behind the laundry is not our "Dog House." It is just a modern lint trap. The lint is carried from the dryers out into the trap instead of blowing on the roofs and over the area.

Kitty Cottrell is back on the job after being off sick with virus. Kitty has lost only two and one-half days in one year service with RAI. Margaret Martin, is back at the laundry on the 4 to 12 shift.

Something new has been added to our family. Joe Sawitski reports that a very large wood chuck has established his home behind the laundry.

Libby Jura, who has lost only two days in one year's service with RAI, recently took four of her five sons on a flying trip to Wheeling and Moundsville, W. Va. to spend a weekend with her father and sister.

Join The Arsenal Blood
Donor's Club--Give A
Pint On November 4!

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November 1, 1952

Give A Pint Of Blood November 4!

World Safety Record Set By Firestone

Akron plants of The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company have received a special award of honor from the National Safety Council for setting a new world industrial safety record for the tire manufacturing industry.

The award is a plaque for operation of the plants for 5,335,043 man-hours without a lost-time accident.

It was accompanied by a letter from Ned H. Dearborn, Council President, with the "heartiest and very special congratulations of the directors and staff of the National Safety Council on your fine safety performance, truly a job well done!"

BECAUSE OF the constant reduction in the number of accidents in Firestone plants throughout the world, the company is the only one in the rubber industry to have received as many as six Awards of Honor for Distinguished Service to Safety, the highest award of the National Safety Council. Last year it was the only company to qualify for the award on a company-wide basis.

The Akron plants set the new world record between June 27 and August 27, 1952, and beat their previous record, set in 1948, by 1,500,000 hours. The world record just broken was made last year by the Memphis tire plant of Firestone when it completed 4,397,503 hours without a lost-time accident. Before Memphis, the Firestone Des Moines plant held the world record of 3,528,000 hours.

Oliver C. Horner Retires; Worked Here Since 1940

Oliver C. "Ollie" Horner, an Arsenal employee since the Fall of 1940 has retired. Mr. Horner, who is 67 years old, was the saw conditioner in the George Road Carpenter Shop.

A surprise party, attended by many old-time Arsenalites, was held at Mr. Horner's home in Shalersville on October 24.

Mr. Horner started working for the Hunkin-Conkey Construction Company and then for the War Department in the Depot.

When the Atlas Powder Company took over the entire Arsenal, he was transferred to the George Road Shop. Mr. Horner started working for his fourth Arsenal employer, Ravenna Arsenal, Inc., in February 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Horner have three children working here. Mike is a foreman in Road and Grounds Department, Ivan is a heavy equipment operator in the same department, and their daughter, Mrs. Nita Winters, works in the Stock Control office.

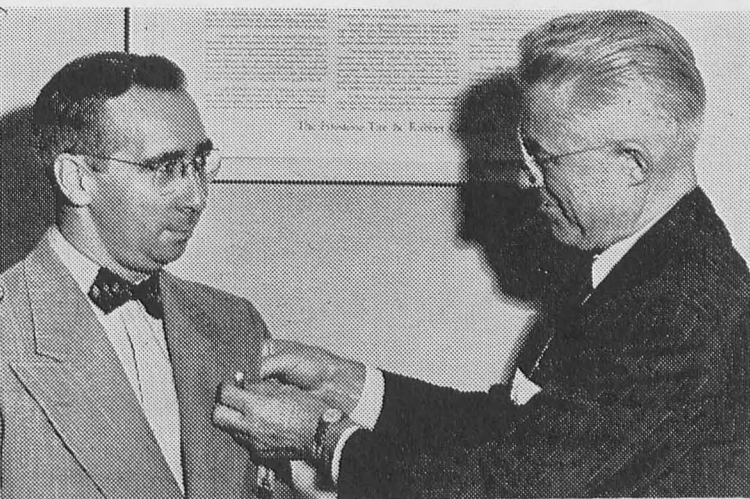
Nothing is easier than fault-finding; no talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character are required to set up in the grumbling business.

—Robert West.

RAVENNA ARSENAL NEWS



R.M. Wilson Receives 10-Year Award



R. M. WILSON, left, Employment and Services Manager, is shown above receiving his 10-year service pin from Paul Borda, RAI General Manager. Mr. Wilson started with The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company on October 22, 1942 as assistant supervisor of personnel, Firestone Aircraft. In 1944 he was transferred to the Factory Employment Offices as assistant employment manager. In March 1951 he came to the Arsenal as RAI Employment Manager. Born in Lakewood, O., Mr. Wilson moved to Kent in 1930 with his parents. He graduated from Kent State High School and attended Kent State University studying pre-law. He also attended Akron Law School. Mr. Wilson now resides at the Arsenal with his wife and three children.

Watch Out For The Deer When Driving In Arsenal

During the past month, several deer have been killed by motorists in the Arsenal and causing some damage to the employee's automobiles.

Deer are very active this time of the year and employees are asked to be especially alert when driving through the area.

Arsenal deer are very friendly

and playful, but frequently dash out of the woods across the path of both government and civilian vehicles.

The Arsenal is a haven for all forms of wildlife and everyone should help protect them.

The deer can be a safety hazard, but Arsenal employees should be more cautious, thus protecting themselves and the deer.

1,000th Donor Mark May Be Reached During 7th Visit

Ravenna Arsenal needs 200 blood donors on November 4 to push the Armed Forces Blood Drive over the 1,000th pint mark here.

The 163rd donor to give blood during the seventh visit of the Bloodmobile will also be the 1,000th donor.

The Bloodmobile unit will be set up in the Arsenal Hospital, Headquarters area, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on November 4. The unit is open to all Arsenal employees, both RAI and Ordnance, and Arsenal residents. For the convenience of employees, transportation will be provided from their work area to the hospital.

EMPLOYEES who have not filled out a Volunteer Slip, and want to give blood, should contact their supervisor so that he can make arrangements.

If you decide to give a pint of blood at the last minute, just come to the hospital between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on November 4. Walk-ins are always welcome!

Employees are also urged to eat a normal meal before their scheduled time to give blood. But the foods eaten should be of non-fat content.

Ravenna Arsenal employees can exercise two of their God-given rights as American citizens on November 4. They can vote as free people in the general election, and they can voluntarily give blood for our Armed Forces fighting in Korea.

You might wonder what a wounded GI's chances are of recovering when he's been injured on the battlefield.

It all depends on blood. Without

blood, fatalities would go up sharply. With blood, our medics save 97 out of every 100 wounded GI's who reach even the most forward hospitals.

So blood does make the difference. Your blood, that is!

OF COURSE you intend to give that pint of blood. The load line worker, the office employee, the maintenance man, the truck driver, the Depot employee...all Americans are "rolling up their sleeves" for the seventh Arsenal visit of the Bloodmobile. They're going to give cheerfully and proudly.

But wounds won't wait. Right now your Armed Forces are short 300,000 pints of blood a month. They're dipping into precious reserves; scraping the bottom of a barrel that should be overflowing if our men are to live to fight for democracy!

Circle that date today, November 4, and keep it! Don't wait until it's too late. There's no percentage in one American giving his blood the hard way, when you can save it the easy way.

A **MAN** without mirth is like a wagon without springs, in which one is caused disagreeably to jolt by every pebble over which it runs.

—Henry Ward Beecher

Community Chest Drive Goes Over \$5,000 Mark

Ravenna Arsenal's Community Chest Drive has reached a subtotal of \$5,729, as of October 29, and contributions are still coming into chest headquarters.

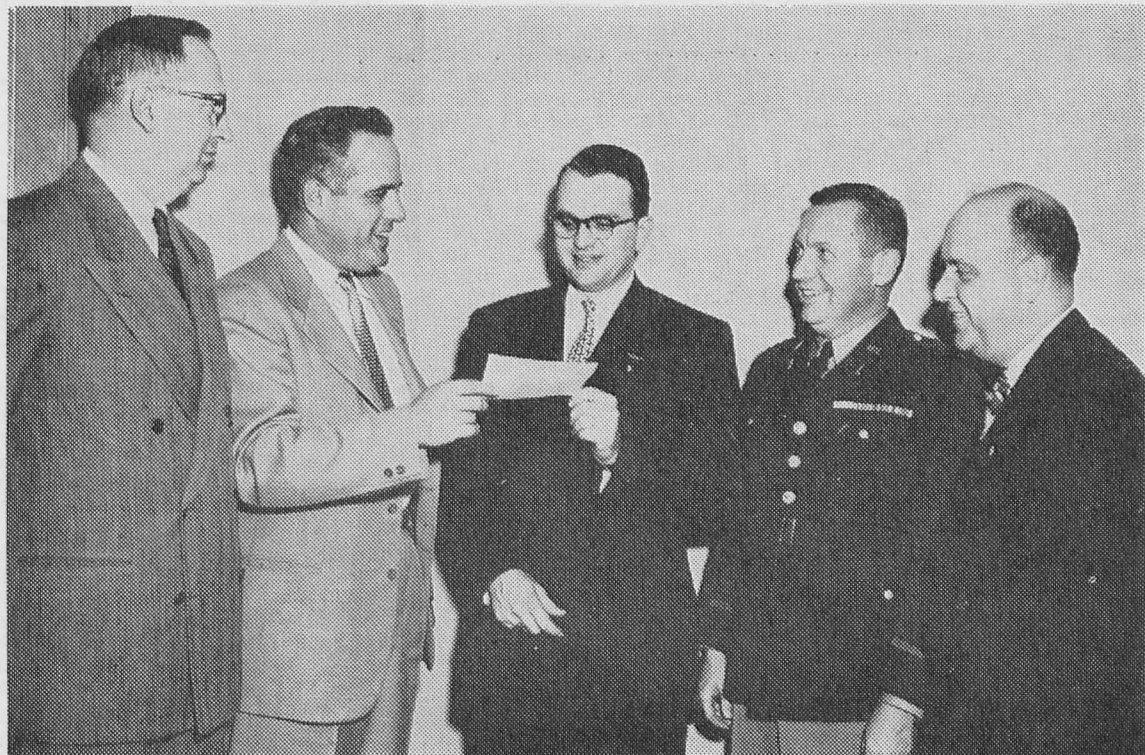
The first \$1,000 of this amount was a gift from the Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. to the Ravenna Chest Fund. In presenting the check, W. J. Fogarty, Industrial Relations Manager said, "This is a token of the Arsenal's appreciation of the cooperation it has had from the people of Ravenna."

Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. also gave \$250 to the Newton Falls Community Chest Fund.

The Arsenal Community Chest Drive, for both RAI and Ordnance employees, ended officially on October 27. The final tabulation won't be known for several weeks due to late returns of some contribution cards.

A grand total and a break-down of donations by communities will be printed in the next issue of the NEWS. Also a list of all loading lines and departments that signed up 100 per cent for the Community Chest Drive.

Money collected through the Chest Drive is given to such worthy organizations as: Boy and Girl Scouts, Y.M.C.A., Salvation Army, United Defense Fund, Catholic Charities, Recreation Centers, Child Welfare Organizations and Visiting Nurse Association.



W. J. FOGARTY, RAI Industrial Relations Manager, presents the company's \$1,000 check to **W. I. Parmelee**, Ravenna Campaign Director, at the annual Community Chest "Kick-off" dinner. Looking on are V. C. Bloomer, RAI Chest Drive Chairman; Major C. M. Hathaway, Ordnance Operations Officer; and C. R. Branfield, Ordnance Inspection Chief.

Be Sure You, Your Family And Friends Go To The Polls In November

Protect Your Vote!

TO THOSE who are entitled to vote but are too lazy or indifferent to do so, there is little that can be said. Voting seldom takes more than an hour or so of anybody's time. People who just don't care enough about their country's affairs to give this much effort are not likely to be moved by a mere editorial reminder about the importance of voting. These non-voters can be stimulated only by a severe shock. The tragedy is that the nature of the shock may be such as to make a belated appreciation of the ballot of no real use.

There are other non-voters, however, who are not simply lazy or indifferent—and who sincerely believe their motives are good and sufficient. Forty-eight million or so, nearly half of the voting population, did not cast their ballots in the 1948 Presidential election. How many of them simply couldn't be bothered, nobody knows. But certainly many millions had a different reason. This takes the form, "I don't like either candidate . . . I'm strictly a Democrat (or Republican) but I have no use for the Democratic (or Republican) candidate."

A SURGEON with a critical case on his hands must decide which of several possible operations will offer the best chance of recovery, and act accordingly. He doesn't turn his back on the patient because he doesn't like the uncertainties which any one of the possibilities would entail.

No candidate—at least none ever designated for earthly service—is perfect. Each of the several human beings running for office will have his shortcomings. But a sober consideration of the qualifications of the office-seekers will enable the voter to say, "So-and-so, in my judgment, is the best man available," and to vote accordingly.

To refuse to use one's best judgment in the election of political candidates is to fail, as a citizen, as badly as a surgeon would fail the oath of Hippocrates if, not liking any of the alternatives, he washed his hands of a difficult case.

Eligible voters who cannot make up their minds should consider that their failure to vote may be, in effect, a vote for dictatorial government which boldly grabs for power and spoils, contemptuous of the public—on the theory that an electorate too sluggish, too confused or too aloof from political reality to vote in strength will not have the guts to challenge its abuses of office.

Arsenalites In The Armed Forces

Seaman Ronald L. Stefansic, USN, former RAI employee, recently arrived in Long Beach, Calif., aboard the heavy cruiser USS Bremerton after a tour of duty in the Far East.

Ronald worked in Department 190, Depot, before entering the Service.

While the Bremerton was in the combat zone, it fired more than 12,000 rounds of ammunition into enemy targets destroying 268 bunkers, 44 mortar positions, four supply dumps and five large fuel and ammunition depots. Targets ranged from front line positions to within a few miles of the northern border of Korea.

PVT. WILLIAM FAIRBEE, formerly of Department 66, Load Line One, is presently stationed at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., with the 101st Airborne Division.

His address is Pvt. William Fairbee, RA-15495097, Co. A, 502nd ABN Inf., 101st Airborne Div., Camp Breckenridge, Ky.

Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. employees who recently entered the Armed Forces are: John W. Christie, Cambridge, O., Department 58;

Robert L. Crowe, Mantua, Department 73; Leroy Gray, Warren, Department 75; Ned Johnson, Akron, Department 74; Robert C. Sargent, Kent, Department 192.

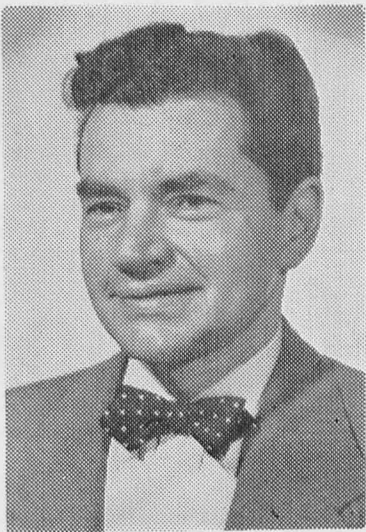
Also John D. Bowen, Sardis, O. Department 88; Walter Kirksey, Alliance, Department 70; Forrest V. Morgan, Garrettsville, Department 72; Kenneth R. Williams, Beloit, O., Department 60.

RICHARD KEEN, formerly of Department 70, Load Line Two, is now stationed at the U.S.N.T.C., Great Lakes, Ill. as a fireman's apprentice. Dick took his boot training at San Diego, Calif.

His present address is Richard Keen, SA 331-15-25, Service School Command, M. M. School Bks. 408-4, U.S.N.T.C., Great Lakes, Ill.

Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. employees who recently entered the Armed Forces are: Norman R. Anderson, Warren, Department 75; Bernard P. Benson, Garrettsville, Department 58; Ronald J. Herman, Youngstown, Department 76; John M. Kenna, Akron, Department 194; Edward D. Myers, Newton Falls, Department 72; Chester Walker, Akron, Department 194.

New Transportation Manager For RAI



NEW RAI Transportation Manager is Louis E. Lynch, (above). A veteran railroader, Mr. Lynch has charge of the Arsenal's Automotive, Railroad, Traffic and Material Handling Equipment Departments.

Mr. Lynch started working for the Pennsylvania Railroad and has had 16 years of experience in transportation in the Pittsburgh area. Prior to coming here he was terminal trainmaster in Youngstown. He is on leave of absence from the railroad.

A native of Elizabethtown, Pa., he now has his home in South Hills, Pittsburgh, where he raises flowers, fruits and berries on his one acre of land. At present, Mr. Lynch is living on the Post.

Warehouse And Stores

Doretta A. Newhard has been absent since October 6 due to an automobile accident in Shaker Heights, Cleveland. She was badly bruised and admitted to Trumbull Memorial Hospital for eight days, but is now at home recuperating. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Robert B. Wood of Atwater is the new warehouseman in the Stores Stock Control Department. Bob graduated from Atwater High School and served 21 months in the Army. He likes all types of sports. Welcome, Bob!

Two new clerk-typists have been added to the Stores Department. Working at Building 809 is Miss Elaine Tutoki. She is a native of Warren, Ohio and graduated from high school there. She enjoys basketball and football, and her hobbies are dancing and reading.

Working at Building 808 is Mrs. Dorothy Nelson. She is a native of Alliance, and graduated from high school there. Dorothy now lives in Atwater.

In Memoriam

Flora Helmkamp

Mrs. Flora Helmkamp, 65, who died October 13 after an extended illness, was buried from St. Sebastian Church, Akron on October 15.

Mrs. Helmkamp was the mother of W. F. Helmkamp, General Stores Department.

Helen Meldrum

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Helen Meldrum, wife of Col. Claron W. Meldrum, Ravenna Arsenal Commanding Officer from October 1943 to October 1945.

Mrs. Meldrum died October 11 at the Fort Campbell, Ky. Army Hospital following a brief illness. In addition to her husband, she leaves a son, Lt. Claron W. Jr. At present, Colonel Meldrum is Commanding Officer of the Milan, (Tenn.) Arsenal.

Margaret Rebecca Bonham

Funeral services were held October 22 at the C. E. Woolf and Son funeral home, Ravenna, for Margaret Rebecca Bonham, age 8. Burial took place at the Marlboro Cemetery, Delaware, Ohio.

Howard Bonham, father of the deceased child, is a department foreman on Load Line One.

Remember When

TEN YEARS AGO

November, 1942
Jimmy McKeage hit the jockey post November 6. The Coast Guard, Navy, Conservation Department and Army all wanted him at once, but the Army won in a photo finish. Also entering the Army this month were Robert F. Morton and Patrick J. Ryal, both of Planning Engineering.

SIX YEARS AGO

November, 1946
R. W. Binckley, after five unsuccessful tries, came back with a scratched face and ONE coon.

The deer and moose in Canada must have guessed that Assistant Chief S. C. Casbourne was a good shot since they certainly stayed out of sight.

FIVE YEARS AGO

November, 1947
Joe DiMauro, Stockpile, was feted by his family and friends at a surprise birthday anniversary party.

A Safety-Minded Worker Protects His Job And Life

Am I a person who attends safety meetings regularly and listens attentively and with sincerity to what the boss has to say?

Do I come to these meetings prepared to make suggestions that will assist in the prevention of accidents?

Am I a person who approaches every job with extreme care, being particularly careful to see that the tools I will be required to use are in good shape and that all equipment, such as ladders, scaffolds, etc., are in good order and well secured?

Am I a person who is interested in the welfare of my fellow employee, especially where the individual has recently started to work and is not familiar with his new surroundings?

Am I a person who believes in good housekeeping and is willing to cooperate with management in keeping the plant in clean and orderly condition?

Am I a person who looks in all directions — who observes pitfalls and obstructions? Do I know that every move I make will be a safe one?

Am I a person who has finally reached the conclusion that accidents are unnecessary and can be by care and good practices be eliminated — a person whose every action is guided by eternal vigilance?

If I am all of these, then I am in fact, A SAFETY-MINDED PERSON!

So long as we love, we serve. So long as we are loved by others I would almost say we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.

—R. L. Stevenson.

RAI Safety Men Attended 4-Week Training Course

Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. Safety Supervisors D. L. Waller and L. D. Calby are attending a four - week training course at the Ordnance Technical School, University of Louisville, Ky., and at Ordnance Field Safety Office, Indiana Arsenal. W. J. Fike will begin the four-week course on November 10.

First two weeks of the course is spent at the University with classes covering explosives chemistry, industrial safety, English, Ordnance report writing, speech and psychology.

The supervisors spend the last two weeks at Indiana Arsenal studying the Ordnance safety manual. Instructors are Ordnance field safety engineers.

Other members of the RAI Safety Department will be sent to the four-week school in the near future.

Bookmobile Will Visit Arsenal On November 6

The Portage County District Bookmobile will be at the Ravenna Arsenal Monday, November 6 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in front of the Main Cafeteria, Headquarters area.

The Bookmobile will also be at the Arsenal every four weeks up to and including May 21 at the above time.

All Arsenal residents may borrow books from the Bookmobile. Adults must fill out an application blank and children must have a slip signed by a parent in order to borrow books.

The books may be borrowed for four weeks, but can not be renewed. A fine of five cents per book will be charged for each four-week period that a book is late.

Notices for reserve books must be sent out prior to each Bookmobile stop. If a requested book is not picked up on time, the request will be cancelled.

Books damaged or lost must be paid for at the discretion of the librarian.

Weddings

ANDERSON-BAILEY

Miss May Bailey and Donald R. Anderson repeated their marriage vows at the Congregational Church in Kent on October 17. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dana M. Bailey Jr. of Newton Falls. Don is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Anderson of Akron.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are both Arsenal employees. May is employed as a stenographer on Load Line Two and Don is RAI Recreation Supervisor.

Arsenal Mobile Display At Akron



CARL ROWE (left), of the RAI Transportation Department, is shown above explaining the shells on the Ravenna Arsenal mobile display at the 15th anniversary forum of the Akron Crime Clinic on October 11. Pictured with Mr. Rowe are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lucks and son Larry of Kent. The Arsenal's mobile display is loaned to nearby communities for civic demonstrations.

Depot Area

Our deepest sympathy to Floyd Webb, one of the veteran employees at U-14, due to the loss of his mother who died October 6. She was a lifelong resident of Freedom, O.

Ralph Martin, car bracer at U-14, was taken ill suddenly on October 6 but has recovered sufficiently to return to work.

Earl Stonestreet, munitions handler foreman, took care of the household duties the week of October 6, while his wife was in Robinson Memorial Hospital. She is well on the road to recovery now, he states.

Some ten years ago, Tommy Raymond of Garrettsville worked as a field checker. Years passed, and then on October 9, Tommy returned to Bolton Barn as a timekeeper. He is succeeding Bob Simon, who is transferring to Space Heating.

EUGENE RINGLEY and Cash Bentz, semi-truck drivers at U-8, recently went squirrel hunting in Meigs County, O. They returned boasting they had just about eradicated the squirrel population in Meigs County. However, the evidence was not very conspicuous.

A. R. "Pappy" Ridenbaugh spent a few days in his home county of Coshocton, where he did some repairing on his home and attended the harness races at the county fair.

Izetta Rogers, of the Bolton Barn cafeteria, who returned to her home in West Virginia to look after some business, found herself nursing her son, Garry, back to health. He was quite ill for several days with pneumonia.

Oliver Mattison of U-14, is back after a week's vacation spent in Hartsville, Ky., visiting relatives.

Production

Congratulations to E. C. Weyrich, Salvage Agent, who celebrated his 12th year at the Ravenna Arsenal on October 28. He started with the Constructing Quartermaster in 1940 and then worked for the Ordnance until the transfer to RAI.

Anne Prelac, formerly of Locator Records, paid a recent visit to the Arsenal. She's now working at the Pentagon and thinks Washington, D. C. is great.

A. H. Dessum spent a recent weekend in Detroit, where he attended a regional meeting of the Men's Garden Clubs.

"Coming along fine" is the report on Hazel Richards, who was admitted to Green Cross Hospital, Warren, on October 18. We are looking forward to her return, soon.

Jack Flitcraft, who resigned to enter the University of Arizona, was feted at a party at the VFW Hall in Warren by a group of co-workers.

Michael Minnick says, now that he is finally settled in his new home in Garrettsville, he will be able to get back to his favorite hobby — square dancing!

Newest member of the Stock Control Department is Ruth Hawkins, a native of Newton Falls. Most of her spare time is devoted to getting a home ready for her coming marriage.

Mary Harris visited her family in Coshocton, O. the weekend of October 18.

Transportation

Louise Zajac recently spent a short vacation in Pittsburgh. She is a clerk-typist at the Main Garage.

Get well wishes are extended to Mrs. Frances Huhn, chauffeuette at the Main Garage. Mrs. Huhn underwent major surgery at Robinson Memorial Hospital, Ravenna, on October 23 and is recovering satisfactorily. Her husband, George, is on the RAI Guard Force.

Milan Payovich, Traffic Department, recently attended the Ohio State-Wisconsin football game in Columbus.

For your country's security and your own — buy U. S. Defense Bonds on RAI Payroll Savings.

Firemen Demonstrate "Davy Escape"



DEMONSTRATING the "Davy Escape" during the Fire Prevention program in the Headquarters Building is Fireman William Kaltenbach. Standing on the ground, left to right, are Driver-operator Thomas O'Mallia and Fireman Edward Brindle. Standing in the doorway are Crew Chief Harold Cleveland and Fireman Kenneth Harper.

Ordnance Staff

Hartford P. Thune, Safety, and Carl Thomas, Operations, are attending a four-week course at Ordnance Safety School at Indiana Arsenal and the University of Louisville, Ky.

Also away from his regular job recently was Roland DeUnger, Adjutant's Office, who attended a manpower conference in Cincinnati.

New to the Inspection Division, though not to the Arsenal, are Albert Szuch and Claire Wisor. Good Luck in your new assignments, fellows!

Jessie E. Eldridge, Property, is confined to her home with illness, but we're looking forward to her early return to duty.

LEAVING the Arsenal recently for advancement in their government careers were Muriel Wilkinson, Administrative, and Wayne F. Thomas, Personnel. Mr. Thomas will continue in personnel work at the Naval Air Station, Akron, while Mrs. Wilkinson has accepted an assignment in the Legal Section at Vienna Air Force Base.

Mrs. Wilkinson has served continuously here since March 1942, and has been active with school and teen-age groups. Muriel also served as Ordnance reporter for the NEWS, which she passed on to Frances Gigliotti.

Mr. Thomas started here in December 1941 as a powder weigher with Atlas. He started working in Personnel in April 1951. Active in the Arsenal athletic program, Wayne also leaves the capacity of President of the Civilian Welfare Council to Richard Elliott of Fiscal.

A baby shower, honoring Mrs. Mary Kakish, Personnel, was held October 7. Many friends and co-workers were present. Prizes were won by Muriel Wilkinson, Lillian Petro, Frannie Gigliotti, Dottie McCabe, Mary Kakish and Pat Williams. After the presentation of many beautiful gifts, a lunch was

served by Estella Pavlick, hostess, and Pat Williams, co-hostess.

THE SIGNAL OFFICE is still plagued with illness. George Athorp is on the sick list now, but we're pleased to see Ollie Gothard back on the job after a recent hospitalization.

Estella Dustman, Signal, is planning a trip to Kentucky to visit her son and new daughter-in-law.

Lt. H. D. Ripple, Signal Officer, returned to civilian life on October 8 and received the best wishes of his many Arsenal friends. A resident of West Lafayette, O., Lieutenant Ripple is now employed by the Ohio Power Company.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Foster Fludine who recently celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary.

November 3 marks an anniversary for Edith Cook, Safety, as she begins her 12th year of Arsenal employment.

Load Line One

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Nichol who celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary on October 19.

We are glad to hear that Paul Bognar's wife, Mary Lou, is up and around after her recent illness.

Get well wishes are sent to Robert Muse, who has been confined to St. Joseph's Hospital, Warren. Also to Virginia Sears, Department 66, who is on sick leave.

Mary Blake, Department 66, recently celebrated two important events, the homecoming of her son, Harry, from Korea and his engagement to Miss Grace Bruce of Willoughby, O.

Dayton was the vacation site of Dick Pothier who spent most of his time visiting relatives.

John Buchanan spent his week's vacation moving into his new home in Deerfield.

Firestone Cited For Outstanding Public Relations Accomplishments

National recognition for its outstanding public relations accomplishments in the field of labor relations was given The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company in an award announced last week by the American Public Relations Association.

The award pays tribute to the "development of a company-wide Employee Communication program to increase interest and understanding among employee families of Firestone operations and policies."

The award was given for the Firestone program of putting employee publications in the hands of the Company's factory and office workers in the United States, with readership of approximately 120,000 persons, including members of the families of employees.

The program for which the award has been given to Firestone will be used as a case history by the Public Relations classes of

Employment

New clerk-typist in the Identification Department is Kay Miller of Kent. Kay graduated from Kent State High School in 1952. Her main hobby is music and collecting phonograph records. She also likes photography. Kay's father, Karl Miller, works in the Engineering Department.

Peggy Lynds, Identification, is on a 30-day leave of absence due to illness.

We extend our sympathy to Edgar Caughran, husband of Gladys Caughran, who is seriously ill in Robinson Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Caughran is a stenographer in the Suggestion Department.

R. B. ROUSOMANOFF, Employment Manager, spent his two-week vacation in Miami, Fla.

A group of Pleasant Valley girls recently held a get-together at the 422 Inn, near Warren.

R. L. Baumgardner, Suggestion Manager, attended the 1952 National Annual Conference of the National Association of Suggestion Systems on October 20 and 21 in Chicago. The topics of discussion were "The Mechanics of the Suggestion System" and "The Problem Clinic."

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Jeanette Brode who has just been released from Robinson Memorial hospital. She is recuperating at home.

Engineering

New additions to the Engineering Department are:

Mrs. Barbara Habercorn, who is in Mr. Duer's office with Anna Voll; Barbara hails from Cleveland but is presently living in Ravenna. Her husband is a teacher at Ravenna Township School.

A big welcome back is extended to Mary Kot, who is now working in the George Road Machine Shop as work order clerk. Mary formerly worked in Mr. Duer's office before leaving RAI due to illness.

Several Engineering employees celebrated their birthday anniversaries during October. They are: Ted Foss, Joe Zaffuto, Cliff Fankhauser, Jean Maynard and Jack Hopwood. Their co-workers helped them celebrate by throwing a surprise party. Congratulations to all!

CO 2 Extinguisher For Gasoline Fires



CARL W. THOMAS, Ordnance Operations, is shown above putting out a gasoline fire with a carbon dioxide extinguisher at the Headquarters demonstration during Fire Prevention Week. This type of extinguisher is also used for oil, grease and electrical fires. The foam, which is 110 degrees below zero, cuts off the oxygen, and cools and smothers the fire.

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Surveillance Men Aid In Crash Of Explosive Truck

Ordnance Surveillance Inspectors John Bishop and Delbert Hillers received an emergency assignment when a commercial explosive truck was involved in an accident near Bucyrus, O. on November 21.

The truck, loaded with 75mm ammunition, enroute from Ravenna Arsenal, collided with another vehicle, spilling the ammunition over the roadway.

Surveillance personnel were summoned to provide aid and assistance in reloading the vehicle. They assisted necessary re-packing of ammunition, cleaning up of powder, and inspecting all ammunition for possible damage.

Arsenal employees entered the picture because, in addition to more normal Surveillance assignments, the Surveillance Division is responsible for extending technical advice and assistance in connection with the moving, salvaging, demolishing and necessary inspection of government-owned explosives in transport.

PROMPT ACTION by these personnel not only serves to permit necessary inspections to determine extent of damage to ammunition and the manner in which it may be handled, but helps to avoid loss of ammunition and creation of additional hazards caused by "souvenir hunters."

While both Mr. Bishop and Mr. Eilers are comparatively new to the Arsenal, their extensive experience in this field permits assignment to a variety of tasks and emergencies such as in this situation.

Mr. Bishop joined the Arsenal staff in May, 1952 and has been serving as Chief of Ordnance Surveillance Division pending assignment of a replacement for Carl Schellinger, who was recently transferred overseas.

Mr. Eilers joined the Arsenal staff even more recently, November 17, transferring to this station from the Seattle Port of Embarkation.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Duane Wright of Ravenna, on the birth of a son, Duane Leslie, on November 7. Mr. Wright is a Depot munitions handler.

A GIRL, Diana Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. James Purdy of Newton Falls, on October 29. Mr. Purdy is a millwright in the Maintenance Department and Mrs. Purdy was formerly employed in Stores Stock Control.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Don B. Osburn of Barberton, on the birth of a son, Don Jr., on October 27. Mr. Osburn is an RAI Fireman stationed at Fire Station No. 4.

A BOY, Stewart Dale, to Mr. and Mrs. Dale E. Slider of Ravenna, on October 24. Mr. Slider is a member of the RAI Guard Force.

Main Garage Employee Cited For His Honesty

John Myerick, a lubricator trainee at the Main Garage, has been cited by L. E. Lynch, RAI Transportation Manager, for his honesty in turning over \$66.31 found in the glove compartment of a panel truck. The money was turned over to the owner, Nation Wide Food Service.

Mr. Myerick, a resident of Newton Falls, has been working for Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. since July 1952.

Load Line One Employees Join "E



SECOND SHIFT employees from Departments 60, 64 and 67, Load Line One, who subscribed 100 per cent for the purchase of U. S. Defense Bonds through the RAI Payroll Savings Plan are pictured above. Front row, left to right, H. Hilton, M. Cotton, W. Gore, S. Willis, C. Gilson, A. Riddle, C. Drass, E. Bragg, D. Gilson, R. Strawser, G. Decker, D. Dorazio, C. Vandale, D. Fife, D. Rudd, W. McCrystal, L. Bates, S. Sancoff. Third row, C. McKinley, R. Fortner, L. Corman, A. Brown, A. Harris, M. Parker, K. Conley, A. Richards, S. Simpkins, S. Johnson, J. Solomon, C. Buchanan, D. Koscher, J. Purcell. Fourth row, B. Higgins, L. Peterson, M. Hill, H. Dawson, R. White, Jr., S.

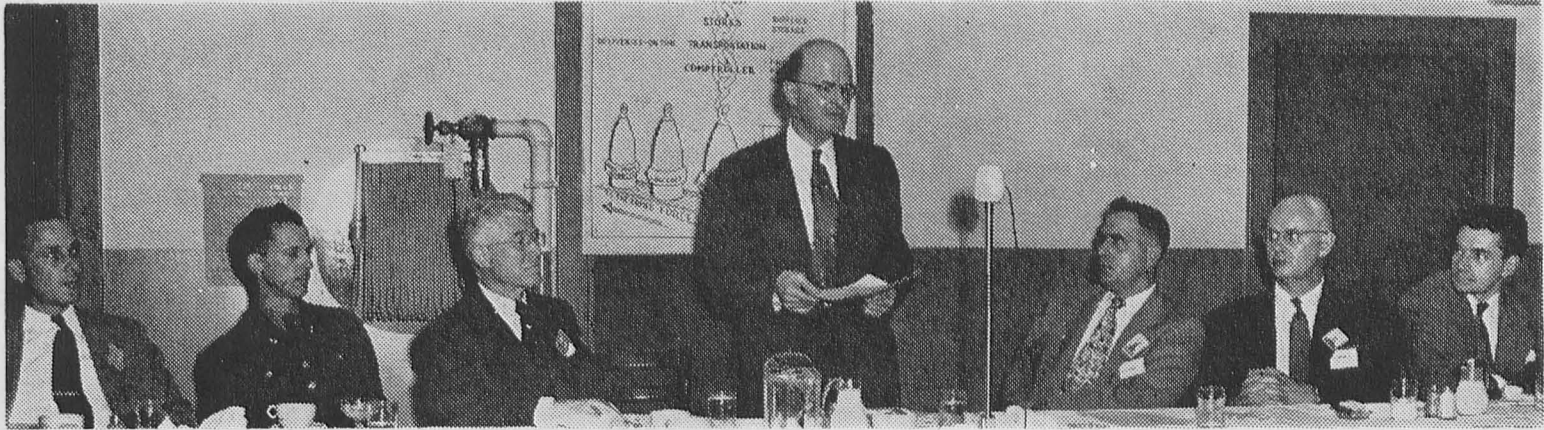
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Erie Railroad Vice President Speaks At Supervisor's Meeting



ELMER J. STUBBS, Assistant Vice President of the Operating Department, Erie Railroad, is shown above speaking at last month's RAI supervisory meeting. He said, "The best solution is co-operation plus use of the best method of material handling for any given operation." Shown seated at the speakers table are, left to right; E. V.

Crutcher, Comptroller; Col. C. K. Allen, Commanding Officer; Paul Borda, General Manager; Mr. Stubbs; W. J. Fogarty, Industrial Relations Manager; H. M. Krengel, Production Manager; and L. E. Lynch, Transportation Manager.

Men's Bowling League

High individual bowling scores of the three-week period ending November 26 are: Single games, Warthen 233, 203; Talliferro 212; Raeburn 216; Jagnow 190; Thomas 228, 194; Michels 232; Force 223.

Three-game-series — Warthen 600, 543; Kebel 519, 601; Raeburn 541; Jagnow 518; Thomas 581; Force 630; Meek 525.

Arsenal Men's League bowling scores for the week of November 10 are: Monday Night — Salvage 4, Checkers 0; RAI Guards 2, Jolly Rogers 2; Load Line Two 4, P. E. and I 0; P. E. Foremen 4, P. E. Maint. 0. Tuesday Night — Industrialists 1, Motor Pool 3; Ammo Inspectors 1, U-7 Depot 3; Arsenalites 1, Load Line One 3; Stores 3, Manufacturing 1. Wednesday Night — Truck Drivers 4, Engineers 0; Rejects 4, A. N. Line 0; Old Timers 0, Electricians 4.

For November 17, Monday Night — P. E. Maint. 4, P. E. and I 0; P. E. Foremen 3, Load Line Two 1; Salvage 4, RAI Guards 0; Checkers 0, Jolly Rogers 4; Tuesday Night — Manufacturing 1, Load Line One 3; Stores 4, Arsenalites 0; Industrialists 3, Ammo Inspectors 1; Motor Pool 1, U-7 Depot 3. Wednesday Night — Elec-

MONDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
Salvage	31	9	.825
Load Line Two	23	17	.575
P. E. Foremen	21	19	.525
P. E. and I.	19	21	.475
RAI Guards	17	23	.425
Jolly Rogers	17	23	.425
P. E. Maint.	16	24	.400
Checkers	13	27	.325

TUESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
Load Line One	30	10	.750
Stores	27.5	12.5	.688
Depot U-7	26	14	.650
Industrialists	21.5	18.5	.537
Manufacturing	19	21	.475
Arsenalites	16	24	.400
Motor Pool	11	29	.275
Ammo. Insp.	9	31	.225

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
Electricians	25	11	.694
Ordnance Personnel	25	11	.694
Rejects	26	14	.650
Truck Drivers	24	16	.600
Engineers	18	18	.500
A. N. Line	14	26	.350
Old Timers	14	26	.350

Women's Bowling

THURSDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
Band aids	21	6	.778
Recordettes	17	10	.630
Circlettes	15	12	.556
Old Timers	14	13	.519
Elements	14	13	.519
Post. Elites	10	17	.370
Motor Pool	10	17	.370
P. Valley	7	20	.259

Individual high scores for the two-week period ending November 20 are as follows: High singles — Penny Kebel 166, Chole Yaw 182. High series — Mary Ann DeLay 453, Rosemary Bayley 450. Arsenal Women's League bowling scores for November 13 are: Recordettes 1, P. Valley 2; Band-aids 3, Circlettes 0; Elements 2, Motor Pool 1; Old Timers 1, Post. Elites 2.

For November 20 — Recordettes 2, Motor Pool 1; P. Valley 0, Elements 3; Post-Elites 0, Circlettes 3; Old Timers 1, Band-aids 2.

Avoid The Rush—Do Your Christmas Mailing Now!

Do your Christmas mailing today, the U. S. Post Office Department urges, to insure prompt delivery before the holiday.

The facilities of the Arsenal Post Office, Apco, are available to all employees and residents from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

The post office is located on the first floor of the east wing of the Headquarters Building.

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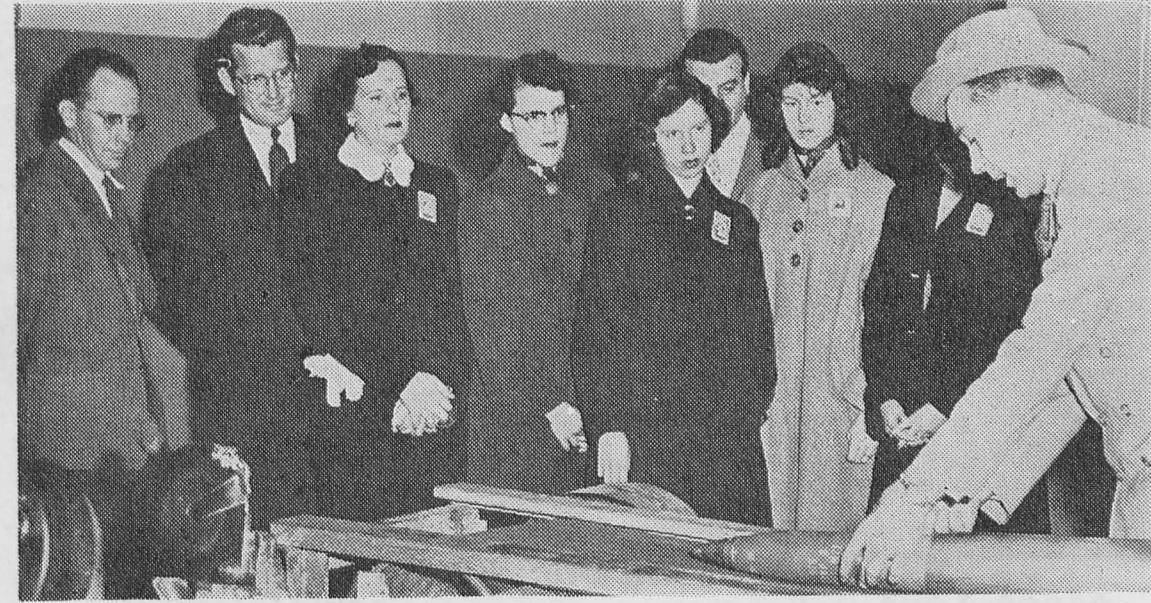
Bring Your Children To The RAI Christmas Party On December 21

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RAVENNA ARSENAL, INC., APCO, OHIO

December 4, 1952

Office Workers See 90mm Crimping Operation



LEARNING the operation of a load line first hand are the above group of Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. office personnel from Headquarters. Left to right: Edward Brown, R. C. Ream, Rose Bertilacci, Elizabeth Heritage, Dolores Kalman, P. M. Ravezzo, Sarah Lawrence and Sally Dallas. T. M. Brown, Safety and Training Manager, is explaining the operation of crimping a 90mm cartridge case onto the projectile before the complete round is passed by conveyor to shipping department.

Unarmed Bandit Steals Over \$120,000 At Ravenna Arsenal

During the months of September and October, an unarmed bandit robbed Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. employees of over \$120,000.

He has deprived numerous children — yours and mine — of food, clothing and even those "extras" so welcome to kiddies during the coming Christmas holidays.

In addition to the losses on the home front, this bandit has taken shells out of the hands of our men fighting in Korea, caused injuries and even death to some GI's where supplies of shells ran low.

THE BANDIT is Absenteeism. He has many aliases including "sickness", "personal business", "no transportation", and more often is known only as "no report".

Under his various names, he stole 8,884 man days in wages and lost production during September and October. In effect, these lost man days were equal to the production time of a complete load line for one month.

In September, 6.74 per cent of RAI's hourly workers were absent from the job and in October, 6.48 per cent were absent.

Among the various departments, the ratio of absenteeism varies greatly from a low of 0.2 per cent to a high of 11 per cent.

A definite amount was caused by legitimate or justifiable reasons including personal sickness, death or serious illness in the family, or emergency transportation difficulties.

But all too often, the reason was not justifiable and the absence could have been prevented.

REVIEW your own attendance record for a minute. How many days have you been absent in the last month? How many in the last year?

Now review the reasons for your absences! Was that head cold bad enough to justify staying home? Did that party last too long the night before? Could you have arranged a different ride, knowing

Christmas Party For Children To Be Held Dec. 21

Ravenna Arsenal's annual Children's Christmas Party will be held Sunday, December 21. W. J. Fogarty, RAI Industrial Relations Manager announced this week. The Recreation Department is handling the program and decorations.

Results of the Children's Christmas Party questionnaires are now being tabulated. A two-hour program has been planned to include Santa Claus, movies, a magic show and distribution of gifts.

Tickets for the Christmas Party will be distributed by the supervisors during the week preceding the party.

In the next issue of the NEWS, more information will be printed in regard to the hours and who will attend each performance.

Employees who wish to volunteer to help decorate the auditorium on Sunday, December 14, should contact the Recreation Department on Extension 506.

Area Housing List Available To All Arsenal Employees

RAI Industrial Services Housing Bureau maintains a listing of houses, apartments, and rooms in the surrounding area that are for rent or sale.

This list is available to all Arsenal employees and can be obtained at Room 4, Employment Building. Employees can have this area housing list mailed to their department by dialing Extension 411.

The Services Department needs all the available housing it can get for the company's many employees.

Anyone having a house, apartment or room for rent or sale, should send the full details to the RAI Housing Bureau, Room 4, Employment Building, or dial Extension 411. There is no charge for this listing service.

Good housing is necessary for a large operation such as Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. has here, and your help is needed. Don't wait, list your property today!

Office Workers Tour Arsenal Work Areas

Technical paper work, pertaining to the operations of loading, storing and shipping of high explosive shells, became a reality for groups of Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. and Ordnance office personnel.

Groups of administrative personnel were taken on a tour of the Arsenal and for the first time, witnessed operations and mechanisms which were only words before the tour was begun.

THE OUTSTANDING points of interest throughout the excursion were narrated by T. M. Brown, Safety and Training Manager.

These tours were planned for the purpose of educating Ordnance and RAI administrative personnel with the objectives of the Arsenal.

The number of employee tourists permitted to enter an operating line was limited from a standpoint of safety and productivity, and only those persons whose work is closely allied with the operations were given this opportunity.

In the Training School, the employees were indoctrinated as to the different types of shells, shell parts, bombs and other items of ammunition on display in the museum.

In order to comply with safety rules and regulations, instructions were given concerning the carrying of lighters, matches and other forbidden articles into restricted areas. Such awareness and caution as to what is right, resulted in a safe and pleasant journey.

The only disappointment was that the visitors could not observe actual pouring operations in the line, since operations were in process of change over.

HOWEVER, their interest was held by seeing monorail carriers, crimping machines and chamber gauges. They were shown how drilling of cavities is done by hand and by remote control; how the pouring machines operate; how cavities

are formed by the use of funnels; and how Composition B and TNT are melted down by the use of steam.

The T-barricades will long be remembered, as well as operations on the 120mm propellant charge line.

The apparent universal conclusion of the visit was climaxed by the statement, "I never realized how large this place really is."

Aside from walking distance, the bus in which they traveled covered 33 miles of paved roads. Along the way, Mr. Brown pointed out the various storage and warehouse buildings, the railroad classification yards, the sewage plants and power plants, the other load lines and the Ammonium Nitrate Line.

A top the hill on George Road, the bus was stopped to enable the travelers to get a birdseye view of the Arsenal — the heavy production (load line) area on one side, and the Fuze and Booster (small component lines) area on the other.

IN ADDITION, they saw from a distance the Winklepeck Burning Grounds, the Depot area, OCIR stores building, the Artillery Primer and Percussion Element Lines and N.A.C.A.

After hearing so much about the igloos, their wishes were satisfied when they were taken inside an igloo to see the huge storage space for live ammunition.

Upon completion of the three-hour jaunt, the employees returned to their desks feeling inspired and more enthusiastic about their work because they had obtained a more accurate working knowledge of what they are dealing with and a better understanding of the mission of Ravenna Arsenal, Inc.

POINT OF VIEW

Friend of ours back home writes that the bad luck in meeting a black cat really depends on whether you're a man or mouse.

Ordnance Personnel Visit Museum



ORDNANCE office personnel, who toured the Arsenal, are shown above looking over the various types of shells which are on display at the Training School Museum. Conducting the discussion is Carroll Ruben, civilian chief of Operations Division. Left to right: Janet Witherstay, June Burkey, Lillian Youell, Mr. Ruben and Major C. M. Hathaway, Operations Officer.

A Message To All Arsenalites

In cooperation with the United States Treasury Department, we are renewing our efforts to increase the number of employees participating in the RAI Payroll Savings Plan for the purchase of United States Defense Bonds.

This is an opportunity for all of us to do our part in the present crisis. This is a personal invitation to all Arsenalites to join in building our defenses and in keeping our nation, our families, and ourselves economically strong and secure.

The urgency of our struggle against Communism and the necessity for maintaining a strong economy at home demand nothing less than the wholehearted support of all of us. An effective way to do so, and one which is worthy of our best efforts, is through maximum participation in the Payroll Savings Plan for the purchase of United States Defense Bonds.

DOLLARS INVESTED in bonds have a triple mission. First, they buy the necessary equipment for military power that our enemies respect and understand; second, they fight inflation... our enemy at home... and make us economically strong; and third, they are YOUR savings for TOMORROW. Savings for you and your family to enjoy with the freedom these dollars helped to buy.

The RAI Payroll Savings Plan has been in operation for 18 months at the Ravenna Arsenal. This plan was installed to provide a convenient method for Arsenal employees to save voluntarily and systematically. It is hoped that you will make use of it.

Application cards can be obtained from your department supervisor or foreman. All you need to do, is fill out the authorization card and return it to your supervisor or foreman. The Company will do the rest.

Lack Of Concentration

Now that the election is over, it is sincerely hoped that we can again get our thoughts back to our work. The recent series of accidents resulting in one lost time and several near lost time accidents could point to a lack of concentration on the job.

One employee suffered an amputation of a finger tip; another severe contusions and lacerations of the right leg. Three more accidents resulted in a severely lacerated finger; a mashed right, large toe; and a bruise and strain to the heel and ankle of the right foot. Three of these accidents occurred during a half-hour period.

IN EACH CASE, the moving of material was the contributing cause of the accident, but the lack of concentration on the job could be blamed on the employee himself.

No amount of safety engineering, or safety contacts by supervision and the Safety Department, can help those who do not apply the lessons of safety taught to them.

The attitude that accidents can't happen to us is tragic, and can defeat the precautions taken for the safety of employees. Actually, if the individual doesn't exercise care in his work, all the safety devices in the world can't assure safe working conditions.

Safety must begin in the mind. It's the minute-to-minute awareness of the need to follow safe practices which will help prevent accidents.

Safety rules, as well as safety devices, are necessary in any plant, but it's "Personal Prescription for Safety" that pays off in the end. The man who is conscious that the threat of accidents is always at his elbow, whether he be on the job, at the wheel of his car, or in the home, and does something about it, is the man to whom accidents will seldom happen.

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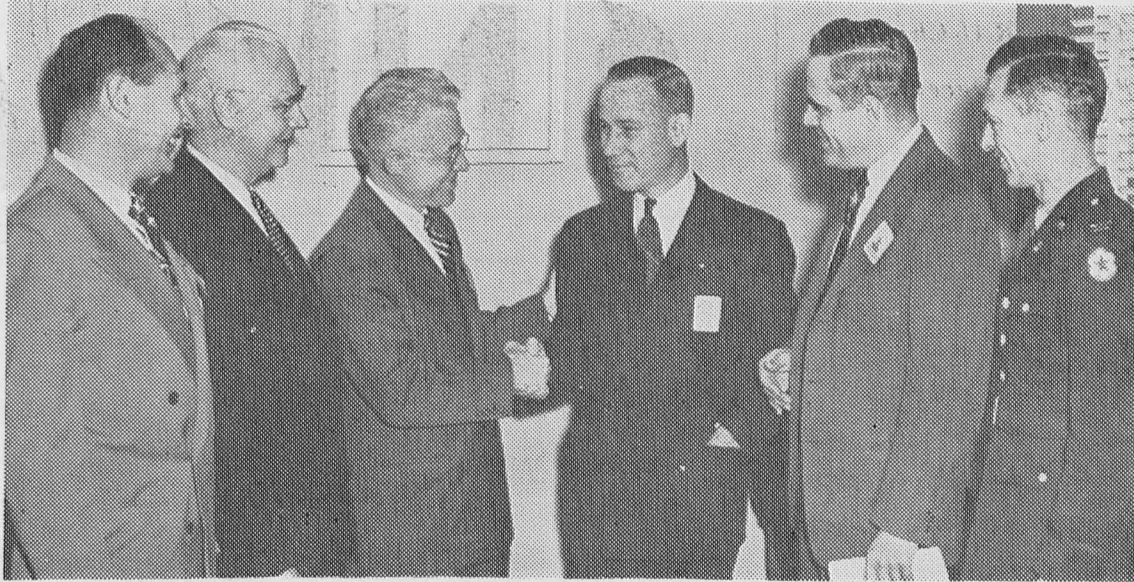
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RAI Comptroller Receives 15-Year Pin



E. V. CRUTCHER, RAI Comptroller, is shown above being congratulated by Paul Borda, General Manager, after receiving his 15-year service pin. Looking on, left to right, are: J. C. Duer, Engineering Manager; H. M. Kregel, Production Manager; Mr. Borda, Mr. Crutcher, W. J. Fogarty, Industrial Relations Manager; and Col. C. K. Allen, Commanding Officer.

Mr. Crutcher started with The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company on November 15, 1937 as manager of the District Accounting Office in Grand Rapids, Mich. He then went to the Detroit District Accounting Office in the same capacity. In 1941 Mr. Crutcher was transferred to the home office in Akron as assistant manager of Division Accounting and later became manager. In 1944 he became auditor of subsidiary companies and in 1948 he was transferred to the Firestone Pottstown Plant as plant auditor. Mr. Crutcher arrived here in February, 1951 to take over the duties of Comptroller for Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. A native of Indiana, Mr. Crutcher now resides in Akron. He has three children and one grandchild.

Meet Your Reporters



JOANNE CHIONCHIO

Covering the Traffic Department is Joanne Chionchio, a life-long resident of Ravenna. Joanne graduated from Ravenna High School and attended Kent State University for three years. She started working for Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. in June, 1952, and prior to that, she worked at the university.

Joanne was a reporter for the high school newspaper and also worked on the year book. Her hobby is dancing, but she enjoys tennis and golf, too.

In Memoriam

Patrick J. O'Hara

Funeral services were held November 11 in St. Rose's Church, Girard, for Patrick J. O'Hara, 65, a former Load Line Three employee who had been ill since March 1952. Mr. O'Hara died November 7 in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Youngstown.

Born in Ireland on September 5, 1887, he is survived by his wife, Ellen, a daughter, two sons, two grandchildren and three brothers.

Mr. O'Hara started working here in 1941 for Hunkin-Conkey. In 1942 he transferred to the Atlas Powder Company, to Ordnance in 1945 and then to Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. in April 1951, in department 66, Line One.

A World War I Army veteran, Mr. O'Hara was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and St. Rose's Church.

To John Dough!

Did you get part of the \$1,450 Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. paid to employees for adopted suggestions in the last eight months?

We're in the market for new ideas — lots of them. Ideas for better ways to do our job. The shells we load were only ideas to start with. They have been improved with ideas — lots of them. Methods of manufacture have been improved with ideas — lots of them. We're in the market for new ideas because we know there are still — lots of them.

You must have at least one of those good ideas in the back of your head — get it out where we can see it. Be a **JOHN DOUGH**—Send us your idea today.

"E" Bonds are better and saving is always better. Join RAI Payroll Savings right away and save the new "E" Bonds.

Prescription Ground Safety Glasses Are Available To Employees

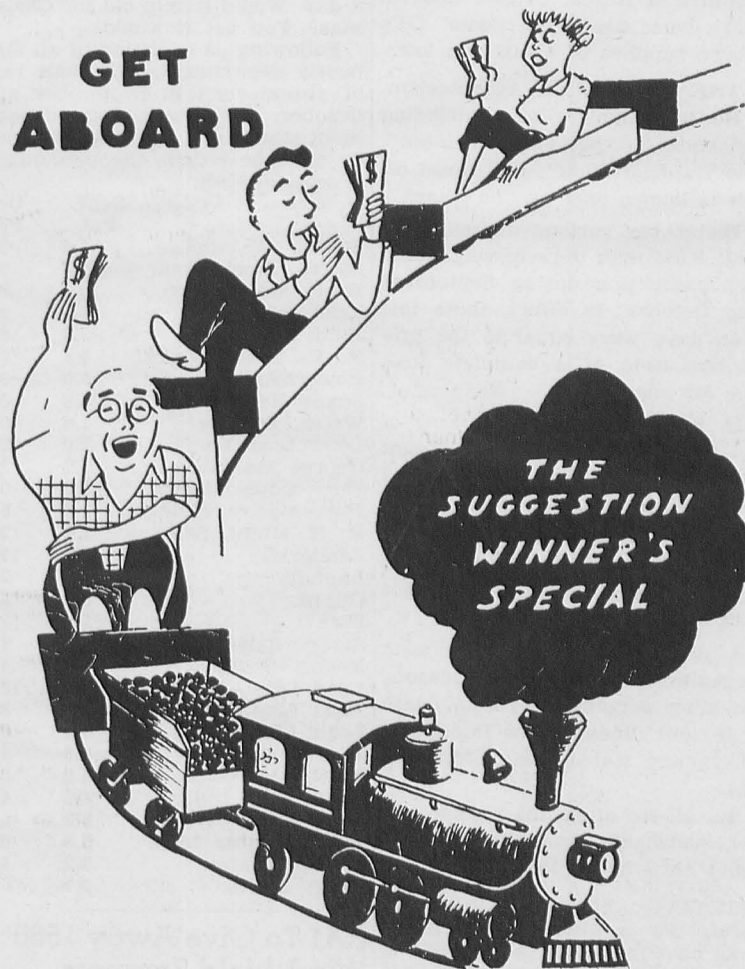
Prescription ground safety glasses are available to all Arsenal employees through the RAI Safety Department and may be purchased on a payroll deduction basis.

These glasses come in various frame styles, from the regular work frame to the dress frame, and can be purchased at a worthwhile saving to the employee.

A representative of the optical company will be at the Arsenal every other Wednesday, starting December 3.

Employees must have their own prescription, which they can get from their own eye doctor. Employees interested in being fitted for safety glasses, that are "safe" both on and off the job, should contact their supervisor, the safety inspector in their area, or the RAI Safety Office at Headquarters.

GET ABOARD



HOW ABOUT climbing aboard as a passenger on the Ravenna Arsenal Suggestion Winner's Special? Your ticket of admission will cost you no money. All that you need to spend is a little time and effort. A winning idea that will increase safety, conserve precious materials, or add to efficiency will gain you folding money to tuck into your wallet. Get on the track of a winning idea today. It will pay!

News In Brief

Production

A group of girls from Ammunition Stock Control recently attended a performance of "Kiss Me Kate" in Warren, O. They were: **Katie Riccardi, Edith Heintz, Ruth Law, Ruth Jonason, Hazel Richards, Mary Stewart, Thelma McNamara, Grace Sells, Dorothy Hyden and Anita Winters**, and **Helen Gourley**, a former co-worker. The girls dined at the El Rio before the show....Ammunition Stock Control had a treat on **Edith Heintz's** birthday anniversary since Edith supplied the cake for their lunch.

Charles E. Young, Scrap and Salvage Department, has retired. Mr. Young is 70 years-of-age and is also a retired Army Master Sergeant with 35 years service. In 1941 he started working here for the Ordnance Department, then Atlas Powder, back with Ordnance again in 1946, and then with Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. in February, 1952 when the entire Arsenal was transferred to RAI. Best of luck to you, Charlie, during your days of leisure at your home in Garrettsville.

W. H. Wedman is the new foreman of OCIR Stores Department, replacing **F. J. Vogel**, who died November 9. Mr. Wedman transferred from Ordnance Operations....**Byron Dixon**, Depot Space and Reports Section, has an enviable attendance record. He has not missed a day since January, 1951.

Fire-Guard Force

Congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Bowman**, who celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary on December 5. Mrs. Bowman works in the Stock Control Department at Headquarters, and Mr. Bowman is a Lieutenant in the Fire Department....**Fireman Robert J. Lee**, Wayland, was recently appointed fire chief of Paris Township. Mr. Lee is an operator-driver and has been a fireman at the Ravenna Arsenal for 10 years.

Guard John C. Martin is recuperating at home from injuries received in an auto accident on October 25. We extend our "Get Well Wishes" and hope that he will be back soon....We welcome back **Guards Marion B. Simpkins** and **Berton L. Dotson**, who have been off due to illness.

Congratulations to **Lieut. S. C. Casbourne**, who celebrated 12 years service at the Ravenna Arsenal on November 18. That may be the reason he is such an ardent lover of all the wildlife we have in the area....On a recent hunting trip, Lieutenant Casbourne fired his shotgun and one member of the party asked, "What is it?" The Lieutenant replied, "A rabbit." Another hunter asked, "Did you get it?" Lieutenant Casbourne turned and very confidently remarked, "You heard that shot, didn't you!"

Laundry

Mrs. Germain Gilbert recently took a leave of absence to be with her sister who was very ill. While at her sister's home, Mrs. Gilbert was notified that her mother-in-law was fatally injured when struck by a car. To add to her troubles, Mrs. Gilbert's husband, **Frank**, a former Arsenal employee, became very ill on November 24 and was taken to the hospital.

We are sorry to hear that **Bertha Grafton** fell at home and injured her leg. We extend our "Get Well Wishes" and hope she'll be back soon....**Betty Maurer** is back at the laundry after a two-week illness. Glad to see you back, Betty.

Kitty Cottrell recently drove **Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McGee** to Battle Creek, Mich. to bring the McGee's son, an Army veteran at Fort Custer, home for the Thanksgiving holiday....**Libby Jura** and **Beulah McNamara** attended a reunion of former Arsenal Fuze and Booster employees at the Newton Falls Community Center on November 23. The turkey dinner and evening get-together was enjoyed by all.

Industrial Relations

John Talkowski, Time Study, is now \$50 richer as a result of entering a contest sponsored by Haband Co., Patterson, N. J. He was required to buy six ties and choose what he considered the six best sellers for a certain period of time. John chose the six best sellers and received his check from the company, with a request that he choose six more best sellers before the company manufacturers anymore. As we see it, Johnny is officially their Management-Consultant-by-mail for Haband Company! Who knows what the future holds?

Employment

Cobey Jenkins is back at his desk again after recently undergoing an emergency operation. He wishes to thank all well-wishers....**Rosemary Hamed** is returning to Load Line Two as a junior clerk on third shift. She plans on renewing her college training on a part time basis.

Ordnance Staff

On the recent special events calendar were talks by **Col. C. K. Allen** at a meeting of the Shalersville PTA, and by **Capt. E. A. Healy** to the Akron Knights of Columbus. Colonel Allen discussed Arsenal activities and Captain Healy spoke on his experiences in Europe....**Howard A. Grohe**, Personnel, attended a Civilian Personnel Officer's Conference at Rossford Ordnance Depot on November 12 and 13.

Safety Office—**Charles P. McKinley**, who completed his 12th year at this installation on October 21, was married 33 years on November 26. A family celebration on Thanksgiving Day marked the McKinley's anniversary....**Donald Royston** is still confined to People's Hospital in Akron, but is allowed to receive visitors....**John T. Dishong**, is on a deer hunting trip this week....After a session with the "cold bug", **H. P. Thune** has resumed his duties as Safety Director....**George Huhn**, and his family enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday and weekend visiting relatives at Jeanette, Pa.

F. F. Fludine of Property, and wife, recently took an emergency trip to Miami, Fla. to visit her mother who was seriously ill. Returning, Mr. Fludine became ill but latest reports indicate he'll be back soon....Also absent from Property due to illness, are **Helen Weitzel** and **Sally Blazek**....Glad to see **Jessie Eldridge** back on the job.

Mary Mellilo, Operations, is spending her vacation with husband **Bill** at San Antonio, Texas, his present station. **Bill**, or "Kelly" as he is known to most Arsenalites, was re-called to active duty as an Air Force pilot in July....**Ted Jasin**, Traffic, celebrated his 12th Arsenal anniversary on November 18.

Surveillance Division—Two transferencees from Seattle Port of Embarkation are **Roy H. Fugitte** and **Delbert Eilers**. "Welcome" to the men and their families....**Borden H. Horne** is on a temporary assignment at Plum Brook Ordnance Works....**James D. Hensley** is completing arrangements to accept a transfer to Ogden, (Utah) Arsenal, early in December. His wife and youngsters will join him at a later date....**Ernest DeGraw** is on "hunting" leave with his new Pontiac.

Murrell Barnhart, Inspection, has completed moving his cattle from inside the Arsenal to his private range. One was reported lost in the process and another just barely made it after being stuck in the mud. **Barney** left his spurs and troubles behind to enjoy a Thanksgiving visit in Marion, O....Other Inspection activities included a most unsuccessful



ROPES, fastened around the antlers of the deer, were used to separate them in their "death fight." Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. employees shown above pulling the bucks apart are: **Charles Nelson, Mantua; Sam D. Guy, Ravenna; Guard Louis J. Blake, Ravenna, and Guard Lieut. S. C. Casbourne, Apco.**

Weddings

JONASON-HAWKINS

The Newton Falls Methodist Church was the scene of the marriage of Miss Ruth Hawkins, Ammunition Stock Control, and Staff Sgt. Kyle Jonason, U. S. Air Force, on November 22.

Mrs. Jonason is a native of Newton Falls and her husband formerly lived in Windham. Sgt. Jonason expects to be discharged from the service soon, and the new couple will make their home at 59-B Mahoning Ct., Newton Falls.

Stop talking about money, and save it instead! Join RAI Payroll Savings and save U. S. Defense Bonds.

ful bear hunting trip in Pennsylvania by **Harrison Chapin**....**Chloe Yaw** is on a week's vacation at Athens, O.

Fiscal—Ann Greitzer spent a week's vacation catching up on household chores....Also back from vacation is **Rhea Oswalt**....**Hermine Bennett** recently entertained her family, comparing notes of Charleston, S. C. against those of "Yankee" Ohio.

Harold Kline, Office Services, bagged "one cold" on a recent hunting expedition....Congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Szabo** who celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary on November 25. Mary works in Office Services and Andy for RAI Engineering.

Load Line One

Get well wishes are extended to **Ruth Green**, Department 66, who has been hospitalized....A welcome back is extended to **Ben Higgins**, who has been on the sick list....Loads of Good Luck to **Harry Hokanson** and his family who recently moved into their new home on R. D. 2, Newton Falls....**Francis Brackie** recently spent an enjoyable two weeks with his son **Robert**, who was home on furlough from Little Creek, Va. where he is stationed with the U. S. Navy.

Stores Stock Control

A speedy recovery is extended to **Pat R. DeGirolamo**, Storekeeper in Stores Stock Control Department, who was admitted to Alliance City Hospital for surgery on November 18. He is recuperating at his home in Alliance and expects to be back at his desk soon....A Christmas party is being planned by Stores Stock Control at Vale Edge Dairy, Ravenna, on December 13....**Edith Kouba** spent a recent weekend in Washington, D. C. She reports that she had a good time and did a lot of sight seeing.

Depot Area

Alexander F. Marcona, a Technical Sergeant in the Ohio National Guard, and a Depot munitions handler, was called to active duty last month during the prison riot at the Ohio Penitentiary. Sergeant Marcona, a resident of Ravenna, will serve as a guard over the prisoners who have been transferred to Camp Perry. He expects this tour of duty to last several months.

A trickle of scenic postcards reveals that **Ambrose Teets** has finally reached Arizona by way of Mammoth Cave. Ambrose, who worked in the Bolton Barn tool crib, is on leave due to illness in the family.

James Craft, Planning Section, was recently confined to his home in Mantua with a severe cold....**Dwight Ringle**, Stores Division, says he enjoyed seeing the Ohio State-Michigan football game, especially since OSU came out on top....

P. E. Line

Loretta "Boots" Weston is on sick leave. Hurry back, Boots, we all miss you....**William Schwab** is back after a one-week hunting trip....**Vita Rydzak**, former clerk-typist on the P. E. Line, is now working in the Financial Accounting Department....**Joanne Hammond**, from Newton Falls, is the new clerk-typist in the Line Office.

Employees Save Two Deer Locked In 'Death Battle'

A fight to the finish, that ended in a draw, was recently staged by two deer at the Ravenna Arsenal.

The frisky bucks had locked their 12-point antlers in a "death battle" for the privilege of being leader of the herd. However, their lives were saved through the conservation efforts of Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. employees.

WITH THEIR bodies covered with mud and leaves, and their pride only slightly hurt, the bucks scampered through the underbrush in opposite directions when released by the workers. Ropes, fastened around their antlers, were used to pull the deer apart.

Other forms of wildlife which have taken refuge inside the fence are: rabbit, quail, pheasant, opossum, coon, skunk, mink, fox, squirrel, partridge, woodcock, muskrat and beaver.

Various types of ducks and geese have also taken haven on the several small lakes and streams inside the Arsenal. This past summer, a pair of mallard ducks established their home on one of the lakes and raised a family of 12 ducks.

The streams inside the Ravenna Arsenal are also quite well stocked with fish.

SINCE FOXES kill a considerable amount of small game, a professional trapper visits the Arsenal each spring and fall to trap the marauding predators. About 300 foxes were trapped last year.

A group of conservation-minded employees at the Ravenna Arsenal take care of all injured deer and also feed the other small game that flourish in this unofficial game preserve.

When the deer and small game inside the Arsenal become overpopulated, they migrate to outside areas. Thus the work of the local conservation group benefits hunters and sportsmen within a 50-mile radius of the Arsenal.

Employees Should Claim Personal Belongings At RAI Guard Headquarters

During the past few months, innumerable prohibited articles have been brought to the Guard Headquarters in Fire Station No. 1. Many of these items have not been claimed by the rightful owners.

The Guard Department is requesting that employees pick up their belongings or else they will have to dispose of them.

The prohibited articles consist of knives, flares, shotgun shells, cameras, playing cards, cigarette lighters, field glasses and pocket books.

Start the New Year Right, Give a Pint Of Blood Jan. 7

Arsenal employees can start the New Year right by making a resolution to give a pint of blood to the Red Cross Bloodmobile when the unit makes its eighth visit to the Ravenna Arsenal on Wednesday, January 7.

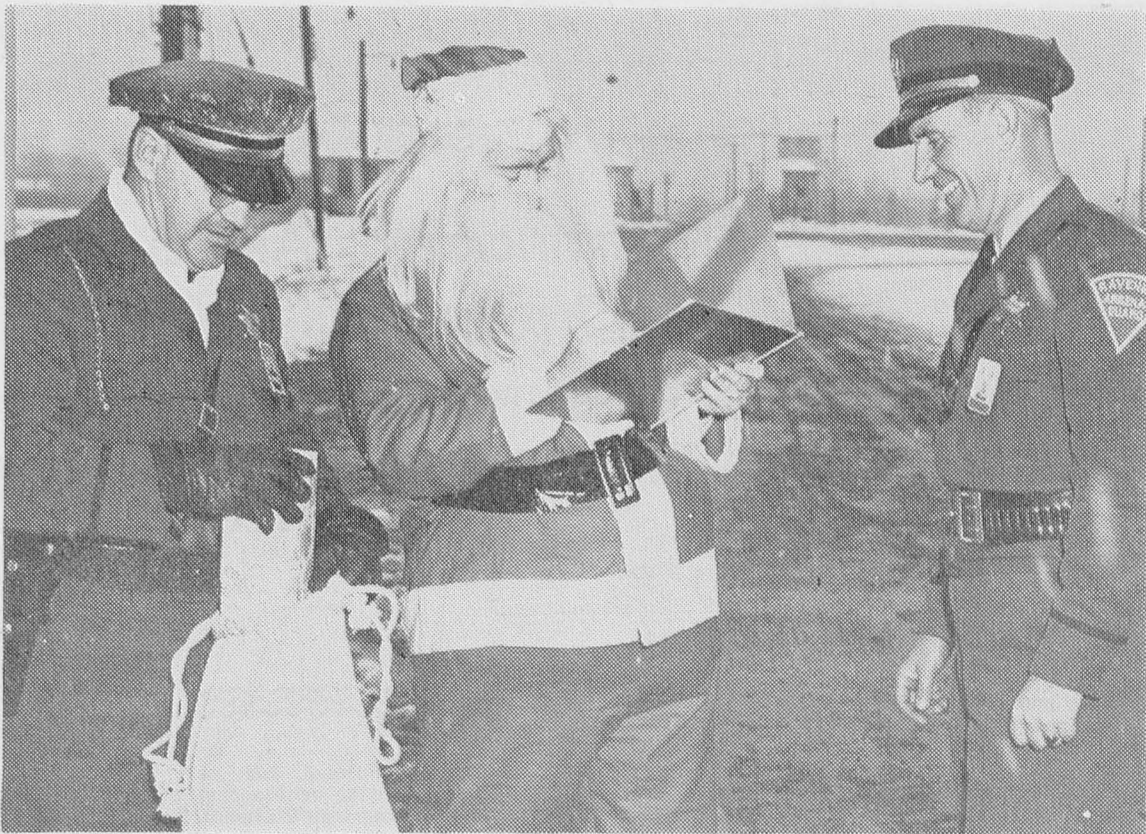
Allocation of blood collected under the National Blood Program is on a priority basis similar to those established for other critical materials and resources.

First priority is given to the allocation of whole blood to the Armed Forces for transfusion purposes; Second priority is given to the allocation of whole blood and blood derivatives for civilian needs;

THIRD PRIORITY is given to the allocation of blood to the production of plasma and blood derivatives to meet immediate needs and to establish a national plasma reserve.

The total reserves of plasma, and blood derivatives are subject to immediate re-allocation by Executive Order of the President in event of enemy action or other wide-scale catastrophes.

Make your "Give A Pint Of Blood Resolution" today, and put a circle around the date — January 7. But in the meantime, contact your supervisor for a Volunteer Slip. All you need do, is fill out the slip and return it to your supervisor. The Company will do the rest.



SANTA CLAUS, the most welcome person at this time of the year, is shown above signing in at the Ravenna Arsenal Main Gate. Jolly old St. Nick arrived on December 2, along with the five inches of snow that covered the area. Checking Santa's bag of Christmas gifts for the RAI Children's Christmas Party, is Guard Norvell West. Looking on is Guard Harold Elgin. Santa delivered more than 2,500 gifts and said he would be back again for the Christmas Party on December 21 to oversee the distribution.



LOOKING OVER a gold-plated ash tray, the recognition award for the second place Arsenal softball and golf teams, are Don Anderson, RAI Recreation Supervisor, (left), and Roger Burns, captain of the Engineers, champs of the Wednesday Night Softball League. Roger is wearing one of the jackets presented to the first place winners in the Arsenal softball and golf leagues.

Arsenalites Get Awards At Sports Recognition Banquet

Over 65 awards were recently presented to Arsenal athletes in recognition of their participation in the RAI Recreation Program during the past summer season.

The awards were presented to the first, second and third place softball and golf teams at the first RAI Sports Recognition Banquet on December 4. About 90 Arsenalites enjoyed the chicken dinner.

In a short speech following the dinner, W. J. Fogarty, Industrial Relations Manager, stated that the RAI Recreation program is one of

Open Bowling For Two Weeks

RAI Men's and Women's Bowling Leagues will get a two-week breathing spell starting December 22. League action has been discontinued for the holiday season, the Recreation Department announced.

However, the Arsenal alleys will observe open bowling each night for the two-week period. Arsenal novices can take advantage of this opportunity to increase their bowling averages at the Arsenal Alleys.

Men's Bowling League

High individual bowling scores of the three-week period ending December 12 are: Single games, White 210; Warthen 250; Jagnow 224; Talkowski 218; Heckert 211; Supek 210.

Three-game-series — McLaughlin 562; White 570; Pavlick 571; James 531; Wagoner 533; Supek 545.

Arsenal Men's League bowling scores for the week of December 1 are: **MONDAY NIGHT** — P. E. Foremen 3, Salvage 1; Jolly Rogers 3, P. E. and I. 1; P. E. Maint. 4, RAI Guards 0; Load Line Two 4, Checkers 0. **TUESDAY NIGHT** — Stores 4, Industrialists 0; Depot U-7 3, Load Line one 1; Ammo. Inspectors 2, Manufacturing 2; Motor Pool 3, Arsenalites 1. **WEDNESDAY NIGHT** — Old Timers 3, Ord. Personnel 1; A. N. Line 3, Engineers 1; Truck Drivers 4, Electricians 0.

For December 8 are: **MONDAY NIGHT** — Jolly Rogers 3, Load Line Two 1; Salvage 2, P. E. Maint. 2; Checkers 4, P. E. and I. 0; RAI Guards 4, P. E. Foremen 0. **TUESDAY NIGHT** — Arsenalites 2, Depot U-7 2; Industrialists 2, Manufacturing 2; Motor Pool 4, Load

Girl Scout Pageant Set For Dec. 23

The Arsenal's three Girl Scout Troops, Brownies, Intermediates and Mariners, will present a Christmas Pageant on December 23, 8 p.m., at the Recreation Hall.

The Mariners will board their ship and receive their pins during the investiture ceremony. Parents and friends are invited.

Scouts taking the Junior Life Saving Course at the Warren (O.) YWCA, are: Lou Ann Thorpe, Marianne Monteville, Carol Lewis, Janie Richards, Donna Richards and Donna Gardner. Mrs. Robert J. Klotzel is renewing her Senior Life Saving Course.

Recently attending the three-day convention of "Kenowva" were: Marianne Monteville, Barbara Allen and Norma Bussion. Girl Scout representatives were present from Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Weddings

PITZER-VERHOSCTEK

Miss Catherine Verhosctek, daughter of Mrs. Geneva Verhosctek of Niles, became the bride of Mr. Donald Pitzer, son of Mrs. Pearl Beck of Kent, on October 25, in Alburn, Ind.

Donald is employed on Load Line One as an expeditor and Mrs. Pitzer works at Packard Electric in Warren. The couple have made their home at 970 Todd Ave., Warren.

BOBISH-JEROME

On November 22, Miss Dolores Jerome, formerly of Detroit, became the bride of Mr. Lawrence Bobish, son of Mrs. Stella Bobish of Alliance. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Cunningham at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Alliance.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Cleveland and Detroit and are now making their home at 803 East Cambridge, Alliance. Mrs. Bobish is employed on Load Line One and her husband works for the Transue and Williams Steel Corp.

Cord Wood For Sale

The Scrap and Salvage Department has a quantity of cord wood (furnace size) that may be purchased by Arsenal employees at \$5.50 per cord. Employees desiring more information should contact E. C. Weyrich, Scrap and Salvage Office, Headquarters, or dial Extension 414.

POSTMASTER: If undelivered at the address given, notify sender. Reason for change of address must be furnished. Ravenna Arsenal, Inc., P. O. Box 86, Apco, Ohio.

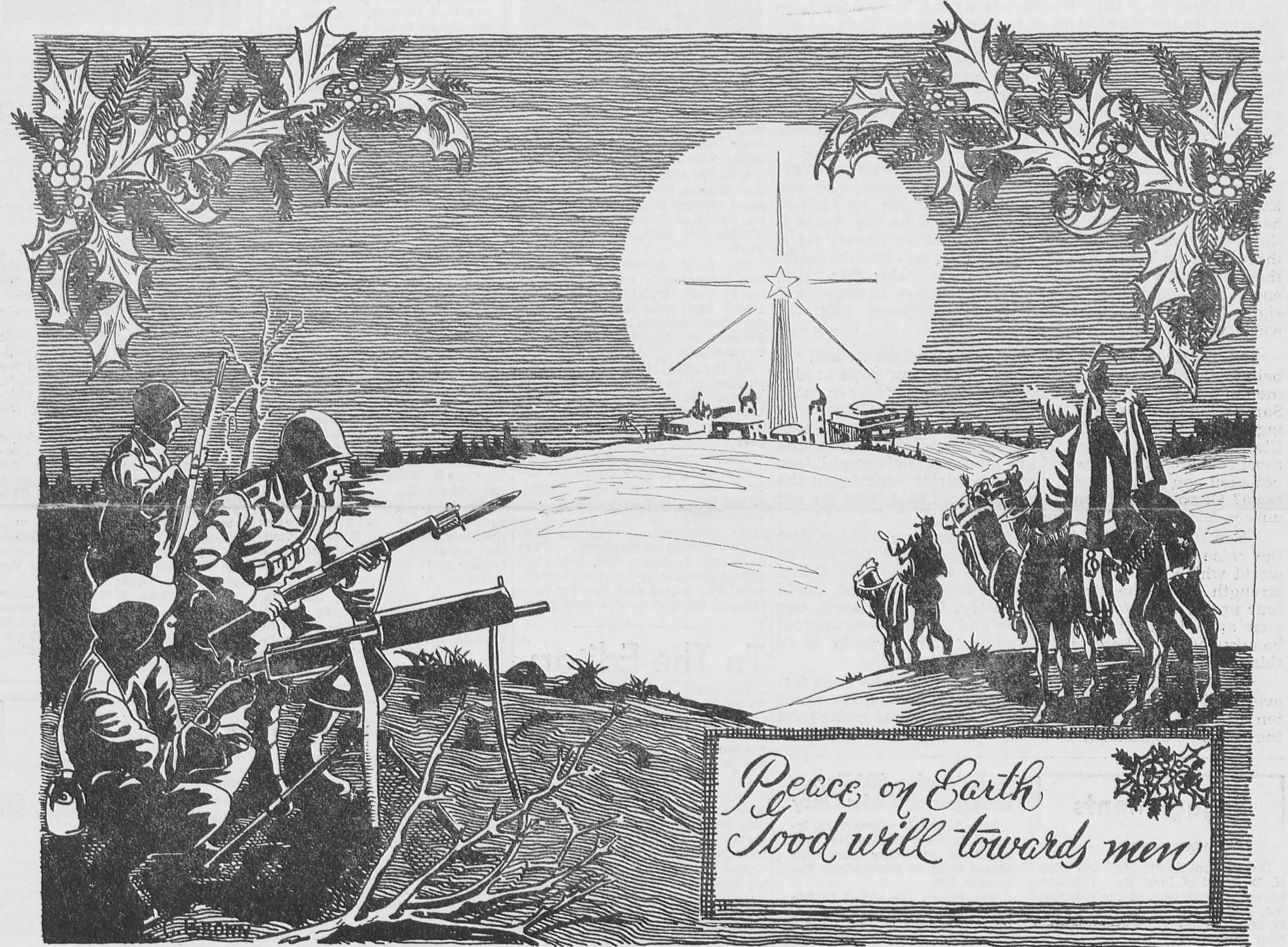
MONDAY NIGHT LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Salvage	34	14	.707
Load Line Two	28	20	.582
Jolly Rogers	27	21	.561
P. E. Foremen	24	24	.500
P. E. Maintenance	22	26	.458
RAI Guards	21	27	.437
P. E. and I.	20	28	.416
Checkers	17	31	.353
TUESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE			
Stores	35.5	12.5	.738
Depot U-7	31	17	.645
Load Line One	31	17	.645
Industrialists	23.5	24.5	.489
Manufacturing	23	25	.479
Arsenalites	19	29	.395
Motor Pool	18	30	.374
Ammo. Inspectors	11	37	.229
WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE			
Rejects	29	15	.658
Truck Drivers	31	17	.645
Electricians	28	16	.636
Ord. Personnel	27	17	.614
Engineers	20	27	.424
A. N. Line	17	27	.386
Old Timers	18	30	.374

Bring Your Children To The RAI Christmas Party On December 21

RAVENNA ARSENAL NEWS



Merry Christmas - Happy New Year



When Jesus therefore was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold there came Three Wise Men from the East to Jerusalem, saying: Where is He that is born the Prince of Peace, for we have seen His Star in the East and have come to adore Him.

Matthew 2:1-2

Since the the birth of Christ, man has been searching for the Star of Bethlehem, the Prince of Peace, the Savior of the World. In these troubled times, with our loved ones on the fighting fronts and so much preparation for war all about us, we must continue to have faith in the Prince of Peace. We must continue to hope for the peace to come and to be thankful for the blessings and privileges we enjoy in this country.

On this Christmas Day, we join with you in praying that the Prince of Peace will once more reign throughout the world, and may the approaching New Year be filled with peace on earth, good will toward men.

Col. C. K. Allen

Paul Borda

Is There A Santa Claus?

(EDITOR'S NOTE—The following is an editorial by Frances P. Church and as it appeared in the New York SUN on September 21, 1897.)

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of THE SUN:

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says "If you see it in 'The Sun' it's so."

Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon,
115 West 95th Street,
New York City.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith, then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

NOT BELIEVE in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might as well get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make good the heart of childhood.

Engagements

WARD-LIPP

On November 27, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ward of Inez, Ky., announced the engagement of their daughter, Irma Jean, to Park Lipp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Park R. Lipp of New Middletown, O.

Park is employed as third shift junior clerk on Load Line One and his fiancée teaches at the Inez High School. The wedding will be in June.

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W. P. Daly Is Ordnance Surveillance Chief



WILLIAM P. DALY

New Chief of the Ordnance Surveillance Division is William P. Daly. Mr. Daly arrived at the Arsenal on December 3 from Letterkenny Ordnance Depot, Chambersburg, Pa. He succeeded Carl Schellinger who transferred overseas.

A native of Savanna, Ill., the new Surveillance Chief entered government service in 1931 at the Savanna Ordnance Plant. His entire service has been in surveillance work.

Mr. Daly became an Ammunition Inspector in 1941 and transferred to Umatilla Ordnance Depot. That year he also attended the first Ammunition Inspectors School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

At Umatilla, Daly rose to the position of Inspector-in-Charge. In August 1945 he was sent to Landen, Belgium, where he served in inspection work until September 1946.

After returning to the states, he served at Delaware Ordnance Depot, Seneca Ordnance Depot, Kingsbury Ordnance Depot and Letterkenny.

Mr. Daly and his wife are presently residing in Ravenna. They have one daughter. The new chief enjoys reading as a hobby, but admits that travel and moving have become somewhat of a hobby too.

To The Editor:

The most vicious thing in the world is "Fire".

It is true that fire is the means of keeping our homes warm, it is needed to cook our food, to heat our water, to run our plants and cities, our trains and ships.

Fire gives the warmth and a feeling of the comforts of home. And home is where we relax comfortably with our families and friends.

Fire also destroys all the things we love, cherish and need to make a comfortable life. Fire has destroyed our home.

It is a terrible thing to come from work and find your home destroyed by fire! You stand frozen on the spot and think that perhaps you have been let down by a power greater than man.

Those of us who live in the country look around our homes and abide by the fire underwriters rules to keep our homes safe.

Here at the Arsenal, we are constantly being taught, by the best firemen in the world, how to prevent fire and what to do in case of fire. Let's all use this knowledge at home.

We wish to thank the Ravenna Arsenal Inc. Fire Department for their quick response and for saving my parents home.

Also, we wish to thank all my co-workers who generously contributed to help me get another start.

Sincerely,

Jane and Wayne Babington

PROGRESS

In these fast moving times, yesterday's new invention serves today and is obsolete by nine o'clock tomorrow morning. You have to step lively to keep up, but the system is called Progress.

Employee Draws Christmas Cover

Curtis Brown, the RAI employee who did the front page Christmas drawing for this issue of the NEWS, says this drawing depicts the conflict of war and peace that now prevails throughout the world.

Curt has been working in the Safety and Training Office since September 1952, but he is not a newcomer to the Ravenna Arsenal. A native of Newton Falls, he started working here in 1942 on the Atlas Guard Force.

In 1944 he entered the Army, but returned in 1946 to a job with the Ordnance Guard Force. He left the Arsenal in 1947 when the Guard Force was reduced in size. Curt did quite a bit of cartoon drawing for the Guard Force and other Administrative departments during his first tour of employment at the Arsenal.

Arsenalites In The Armed Forces

Changes of address have been received from the following former employees. Pvt. Norman R. Anderson, Ordnance Replacement Training Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; Pvt. Ernest S. Benson, 101st Abn. Div., Camp Breckinridge, Ky.; and Pvt. Ralph W. Bayer US 52230676, Co. G, 502nd Abn. Inf. Regt., 101st Abn. Div., Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. employees who recently entered the Armed Forces are: Stanley Jacobs, Jr., Ravenna, Department 194; Robert A. Stoehr, Hiram, Department 194; James L. Winning, Ravenna, Department 194; Paul R. Bunting, Kent, Department 194; Harold Thomas, Youngstown, Department 71; Carl B. Weisent, Louisville, O., Department 32.

Pvt. and Mrs. Enlow Murray have returned to Arizona after spending 10 days in Ravenna visiting relatives. Pvt. Murray, a former A. P. Line employee, is now stationed at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Daryl D. Williamson, Ravenna, former Line One employee, has recently been promoted to Marine Private First Class upon completion of "Boot" training at Paris Island, S. C.

S. C. Casbourne Named Guard Force Captain



Capt. S. C. Casbourne

Sidney C. Casbourne, who has been promoted from lieutenant to Captain of the RAI Guard Force, has spent most of his 12 years at the Ravenna Arsenal on the Guard Force. This is a newly created position.

A native of Ashtabula and graduate of Harbor High School, Captain Casbourne was a deputy sheriff in Ashtabula County for six years before coming to the Arsenal in November 1940.

The new captain started as a patrolman for the Atlas Powder Company and rose through the ranks to lieutenant in August 1941. In 1943 he was promoted to captain.

When the War Department took over the Arsenal in November 1945, he was made assistant chief of the Force. In July 1947 the Guard Force was reduced in size and Captain Casbourne transferred to the Depot as a material checker.

In May 1948 the Guard Force was expanded and Captain Casbourne transferred back to the Force. Once again he rose from patrolman to Chief of the Ordnance Guard Force in 1951.

When the entire Arsenal was transferred to Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. in March 1952, the new captain was made a lieutenant in the new Guard Force.

Captain and Mrs. Casbourne have lived at the Arsenal since 1942. They have two children and seven grandchildren. The Captain's hobbies are hunting, fishing, and gardening.

Remember When

ELEVEN YEARS AGO

December 1941.

The Records Section welcomes Chloe Yaw and Mary Louise Wujick (Kakish) — newcomers among the clerk-typists.

Talk about luck — Bob Merrill should not complain about his! Imagine, being the center of an accident and not even getting a scratch!

Roland DeUnger, Fiscal Auditing, and Miss Pauline Tidball of Ravenna will be married Christmas Eve at the parsonage of the Ravenna Methodist Church, by Dr. Earl Henderson.

Thelma McNamara started working for the Atlas Powder Company on December 29 in the Industrial Relations Department.

In Memoriam

Rebecca Belle Sole

Services were held November 29 for Mrs. Rebecca Belle Sole, 54, wife of Otis of Garrettsville. She died November 27 in Robinson Memorial Hospital after a two-week illness.

Mr. Sole works in the George Road Carpenter Shop. In addition to her husband, she is survived by four daughters, four sons and eight grandchildren.

Three of her sons work for Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. Garold Sole works for Roads and Grounds; Chester Sole is employed at the Main Garage; and Austin Fogle, also with Roads and Grounds.

TEN YEARS AGO

December 1942.

Donning Army uniforms this month were Earl F. Barnett and Howard A. Grohe.

SIX YEARS AGO

December 1946

Harold Kline, Message Center, is the proud father of a new baby boy, named Ronald.

FOUR YEARS AGO

December 1948

Ray Barton, Production Control, purchased a new home on the corner of Cedar and Linden Streets in Ravenna.

Mike Garro, from the Depot, completed eight years of service at the Arsenal on December 26.

Anna Voll, Repairs and Utilities, and her sister, Kay Zavortink, of the Executive Office, started their trip to Champagne, Ill., but after a tree moved too close to the road, they decided it would be safer to return home.

THREE YEARS AGO

Willis Sands, Operations Division will celebrate his eighth anniversary at the Ravenna Arsenal on December 18.

Ted Jasin, Traffic Manager, has been named president of Delta Nu Alpha, Transportation Fraternity, for 1950.

Dottie McCabe was elected Snow Queen at the Snow Queen Dance.

News In Brief

Guard Force

Welcome back to Guard J. C. Martin who has been off ill for two months....Several of our guards took their vacations recently. They are Ross Dushman, Tom Osburn and Grace Cooper....One of our guard-matrons on Load Line One, Virginia Curtin, had to re-enter Peoples Hospital in Akron. We wish her a speedy recovery....Congratulations to S. C. Casbourne on his recent promotion to Guard Captain.

Load Line Two

E. M. Harris, Department 71, recently accompanied his wife to West Virginia where she underwent surgery at a local hospital....W. F. Sands, Foreman in Department 71, has completed 11 years service at the Arsenal. Starting with Atlas in 1941, he transferred to Ordnance and then to RAI....N. S. Brown, Department 74, enjoyed a week's vacation at home....Ollie Hightower is the new supervisor on the back line of Department 75, and Bill Rains has also been made supervisor in Department 75. Congratulations to Ollie and Bill!....Anna Kincaid, Department 71, was called to Chicago by the death of her father. Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kincaid.

Load Line Three

Among local personalities attending the Notre Dame-Southern California football game at South Bend, Ind. on November 29, was Bill Syron, Line Three expeditor. This classic was one of several memorable occasions experienced by Bill while vacationing during the week of November 23rd....Many friends and fellow workers have inquired about the well-being of Emma Bright, formerly of Department 87, who was in an auto collision on December 2 while enroute to work. She did not require hospitalization. Emma is now working on Load Line Two.

Production Offices

H. M. Krengel, Production Manager, recently attended a week-long conference at the Louisiana Ordnance Plant.... Margaret Parker, Ammunition Stock Control, and her husband, Merrill, vacationed the last two weeks of November in Miami, Fla....They visited relatives and friends and also did some deep sea fishing....The Men's Garden Club of Kent honored A. H. Dessum by electing him president.

Get well wishes are extended to Robert Nelson, who is recuperating from a recent operation, and Verna Spencer who also has been on sick leave....Spending their week's vacation simply relaxing at home were Edna Dare and Margaret Grondeski.

Depot Area

Airman Ze David L. French, son of David J., millwright supervisor, and Lillian, U-14 Office, who is with the 6004th A.I.S.S. in Korea, wishes to extend his thanks to all Arsenalites who donated used clothing for Korean refugees and civilians. He reports that the Koreans who received the clothing, are most grateful and happy....The new clerk-typist in U-14 is Mrs. Bonnie Harris. Bonnie is a bride of two months, but since her husband is in Germany with the 101st Airborne Division, she is making her home with her parents in Windham. William "Duke" Turner, young son of Tommy, is under treatment for an ailment that has not yet been determined. We hope the illness is not serious....Our sympathies to Donald Lisk on the recent accidental death of his uncle....Two longtime employees of U-14, Floyd Webb and Byron Skifton, are fortunate enough to be basking in sunny Florida for a few weeks.

Robert Derr and family recently motored to Buffalo, N. Y. to visit relatives, but the pleasure was modified considerably by the deep snow and ice they encountered on the return trip....John Taylor, Bolton Barn janitor, has been quite ill at his home in Warren.

Ammunition Inspection

Mrs. Barbara Dudak has been on a leave of absence to spend some time with her husband, Louis, who received his draft notice to report December 10....Mrs. Betty Andriko and Mrs. Gertrude Lee are still on the sick list. Betty is recovering from an operation, and Gertrude has just been operated on again and is in Robinson Memorial Hospital, Ravenna....Mrs. Elma Davison, a former school teacher, is the latest addition to our office force. She hails from Garrettsville and has three children. Her husband, Hugh, works on Load Line Three.

Motor Pool

Mrs. Frances Huhn of Ravenna, chauffette at the Main Garage, returned to work December 8. She was on sick leave for six weeks and had undergone surgery....Carolyn McKean, clerk-typist at the Main Garage has returned to work spending a few days in Green Cross hospital, Warren, with a throat infection.

George Road Shop

Chester Bowser recently underwent an operation at St. Thomas Hospital, Akron. His son, William Bowser in RAI Engineering, reports that his father is recuperating at home and expects to return to work soon. Mr. Bowser is a millwright in the Installation Department at the George Road Shop.

P. E. & I. Division

E. R. Sanders, Jr., P. E. & I. Manager, recently returned from Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia, Pa., where he attended a four-day conference on Spent Cartridge Cases....He more recently returned from Milan, Tenn. Arsenal, after spending four days at an Integration Sub-Committee Meeting....Dave Green is the new junior process engineer. He formerly worked as a department inspector on Load Line Two.

Frank Wachovec, formerly a quality control inspector, has been transferred to Materials Inspection as assistant chief....Welcome wishes are sent to Earle Sickels, chemist analyst, from Middlefield Heights, and Robert Reebel, lab technician, from Warren, our two new additions in the Control Lab. Also to Bernard Brumter, and Robert Gilmour from Kent, and Wendel Ridenbaugh, Ravenna, as Department inspectors on Load Line Two.

Employment-Services

New clerk-typist in the Employment Processing Section is Mrs. Lois Hull. A native of Ottawa, Canada, Mrs. Hull is now living in Salem, O. Her husband, Charles, is employed in the Shipping and Receiving Department, Building 808. For recreation, Lois enjoys sports and dancing. She belongs to the Business Women's Club and is a member of the U. S. O.....Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Bob Baumgardner, Suggestion Department, who is in Civil Veterans Hospital, Cleveland....Don Anderson, Recreation Supervisor, has really been busy the past few weeks with all the planning and work connected with the Children's Christmas Party....Suzi Miller, Badge Department, is so busy constructing badges for the new hires, that the Laminating Press which she uses broke and had to be fixed.

Employees Cited For Blood Donations



THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION IS

AWARDED TO *Ravenna Arsenal Inc*

FOR OUTSTANDING COOPERATION WITH

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

BLOOD PROGRAM

S. L. Harrison
CHAPTER CHAIRMAN

S. Helms Harris
PRESIDENT



EMPLOYEES of Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. have been awarded the above certificate for outstanding cooperation and achievement in giving their blood to the American National Red Cross Blood Program. The whole blood collected by the Red Cross Bloodmobile is for both our Armed Forces fighting in Korea and for any civilian emergency.

RAI and Ordnance employees should feel deeply honored for they voluntarily gave 1,014 pints of blood during the seven visits to the Arsenal since December 1951. This gives the Arsenal an average of 144.8 pints of blood per visit, the highest in Portage County. Our quota is 125 pints per visit.

Comptroller's Division

New payroll clerk in the Payroll Department is Helen Peterchak, who hails from Lake Milton....New accounting clerk in the Voucher Section of Financial Accounting is Irene Quattro. Formerly of Meyersdale, Pa., she is now residing in Ravenna....Belated congratulations to JoAnn Sedlock who was recently married to John Sedlock, Ravenna.

Ordnance Staff

Major C. M. Hathaway, and Captain E. A. Healy recently spoke to the Civilian Defense organization of Leavittsburg, pointing out the importance of civilian defense in all communities.

Charles Branfield, Chief Ordnance Inspector, continues his travels. Back from Milan Arsenal, where he attended an Industry Components Committee meeting, he enjoyed a week-end of Ohio weather and proceeded south again, this time to attend a meeting of the Complete Round Subcommittee at Louisiana Ordnance Plant....Others from Inspection on temporary duty included Dean Parks, who recently completed a course in Ammunition Containers and Packing held at Picatinny Arsenal and Andrew Wancik, who is currently at Picatinny attending the Standard Sampling Inspection course....George Clinton is still on the sick list although we're glad to hear that he's home from the hospital....Russell Mazzola is proving that December is a good vacation month as he enjoys the warm weather.

Personnel was the recent host to C. W. Gallagher, from OAC. Simpson Proctor journeyed to that headquarters where he attended an Industrial Relations meeting....Safety welcomes back Francis Hildebrand from Ordnance Technical Safety School and is proud of the good record he made there....Surveillance also continues its "traveling ways" with Delbert Eilers at Erie Ordnance Depot and Roy H. Fugittie at Savanna Ordnance Depot on temporary duty.

Volunteers Wrap Christmas Gifts



WRAPPING PART of the 2500 gifts which will be distributed to the children of Arsenal employees at the RAI Children's Christmas Party on December 21, are volunteer workers Ruth Seiger of Youngstown and Geraldine Stroup of Girard. Both women work on Load Line Two, third shift. Other Arsenalites who donated their services to the huge gift wrapping job, included Elizabeth Heritage, Bell Shaffer, Mae Anderson, Suzi Clark, Joanne Myers, Helen Janacek, Ruth Williams, Lou Lynch, Ruth Skipper, Marie Wilson, Bill Wagoner and Lee Magnuson.

RAI Contract Is Extended To 1954

The Defense Department has announced the award of a contract extension to Ravenna Arsenal, Inc. a subsidiary of The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company and operating contractor of the Ravenna Arsenal.

This will extend the RAI operating contract from its former expiration date in November 1953 to August 31, 1954. A sum of \$39,000,000 has been appropriated for operating expenses during the new period.

Firestone, which went extensively into the munitions making business in World War II, formed the subsidiary and took over the operation of the Arsenal load lines on April 1, 1951. The transfer of the entire Arsenal to RAI was completed in March 1952.

Don't Worry If Your Defense Bond Delivery Is Delayed Two Weeks

Employees who are buying U.S. Defense Bonds through the RAI Payroll Savings Plan should not worry if their bonds are a little late in being delivered.

Your savings are safe and no interest is lost through delays. But it takes time to convert your weekly payroll deductions into Series "E" Defense Bonds.

Your money is kept until enough has accumulated to purchase a bond. An order is then sent to the Federal Reserve Bank in Cleveland. The bond is mailed from the bank to the employee's home address, usually within two weeks.

These bonds are dated the month that they are ordered and interest begins on the first day of that month.



A GIRL, Sandra Sue, to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ridenbaugh, Jr., of R. D. 1 Windham, on December 7. Clayton works in Department 194, Depot.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hicks of Warren on the arrival of a baby girl, December 6. They have named her Arlene Marlene. Mr. Hicks is a member of the Guard Force.

A GIRL to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Coffman of New Milford on December 6. Russell is an instrument repairman at the George Road Electric Shop.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. David Hallock, Diamond, on the birth of a girl, Bebra, November 25. Mr. Hallock is an Ordnance Inspector.

A BOY to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Noland of Warren on December 7. Mrs. Noland formerly worked in Ordnance Traffic and Personnel Offices.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kakish on the birth of a daughter, December 8. The Kakishes make their home in Newton Falls and Mary is employed in the Ordnance Personnel Office.

A BOY, Thomas Wesley, born November 26 to Mr. and Mrs. Pershing O. Edwards. Mr. Edwards is a Heavy Truck Driver in Department Nine.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hanes, Windham, on the birth of a girl, Mary Kathleen, November 10. Mr. Hanes works in the Payroll Department.