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Bendix Aviation's Role in War Told in Annual Report

War Demands for Precision Equipment Raise Production to Record Volume, President Breech Reports

The perfection of entirely new instruments and equipment for aircraft and aircraft engines, and for the war production of the marine and automotive industries, to "hasten the hour of victory and to save human lives" was the most challenging job undertaken by Bendix Aviation Corporation during 1942, Ernest R. Breech, president, declared in the corporation's annual report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1942.

The volume of Bendix's war production increased to 20 times that of pre-war levels, Mr. Breech said, adding that about one-third of this increase was in new types of devices not even on the market in 1938 and which were developed in the corporation's own laboratories.

Pointing to the pressing need for Bendix designed and developed products, Mr. Breech revealed that "to fully equip a modern bomber, alone, more than 150 devices manufactured by Bendix are needed."

The complete story of the corporation's accomplishments can not now be revealed, Mr. Breech said, "for Bendix has been working in the closest cooperation with the armed services on many developments which must remain secret."

The report stated that the number of employees of the corporation had approximately doubled that of the previous year, and that the total payrolls aggregated \$127,459,765 for the fiscal year, an increase of 124.2% from the amount of \$56,842,770 for the previous year.

Mr. Breech paid tribute in the report to the "army" of Bendix men and women for their efforts in getting the job done on time and to the personnel of the War Department, Navy Department, Maritime Commission and many other Governmental agencies for the "splendid cooperation" received by the company.

The employees of Bendix who are paid on an hourly rate averaged more than two hours per week more work than in the preceding year, the report revealed, while average weekly earnings from such increased hours and also from increased rates of pay resulted in an increase of approximately 21 per cent in the average weekly earned wage of the men and women working in the corporation's plants.

A total of \$4,234,690.44 was contributed in provisions for unemployment and old age pension funds, the report shows.

Discussing further the role Bendix is playing in the war, Mr. Breech said:

"Throughout the range of the corporation's diversified activities, our engineers tackled problems by the score—in improving equipment for planes and engines and for navigation, fire-control, detection, radio communication and other purposes."

Pointing out that a number of familiar names—carburetor, starter, radio and generator—are attached to some of the products that have been subject to such intense research and development activity, Mr. Breech said, "it should be emphasized that the servicing of these intricate devices far outranged the experience of the skilled mechanic. Consequently, to repair or replace those devices damaged in combat service, Bendix-trained men are located in every theatre of war."

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JAMES W. HARRINGTON, formerly of Line 43, is a Seaman, 2nd Class, in the Coast Guard. He is stationed with a Coast Guard Unit in Florida.

Kennel Korner Note

At the time of going to press, our Kennel Korner columnist, Bob Keyser, is having a siege of illness. We know that he had this month's column partially completed, but we are unable to obtain it. So no KENNEL KORNER in this issue.

1942 AT A GLANCE







We received from the sale of our products, and

other operating income \$459,169,026.55

We received from investments and other sources... 558,654.94

Which gave us a total income for the year, of... \$459,727,681.49 100%

Out of this amount we paid out, or are obligated to pay out:

	Amount	Percentage of Total
 For raw materials and supplies (including purchases from sub-contractors)	\$185,199,243.00	40.3%
 For payrolls to our employees....	127,459,765.00	27.7%
 For plant and office maintenance, rental, telephone, electric lights, repair of plants and equipment, income set aside to replace worn out facilities, administrative costs, etc.	23,537,410.19	5.1%
 For taxes and refunds to U. S. Government	111,067,067.12	24.2%
 For dividends to our stockholders.	8,450,801.64	1.8%
 This left a balance, reinvested in the business to assure the corporation's future position of...	\$ 4,013,394.54	.9%

In the Hobby Corner

R. L. Barratt, Jr.

In these days of great activity in our defense plants and homes, we all need a means of relaxation. We do not mean sitting down in a chair and promptly going to sleep. Scientists tell us that we should do something in our spare time that is just the opposite of our daily routine. This allows a change in mental activity that keeps us alert and out of a "mental rut!"

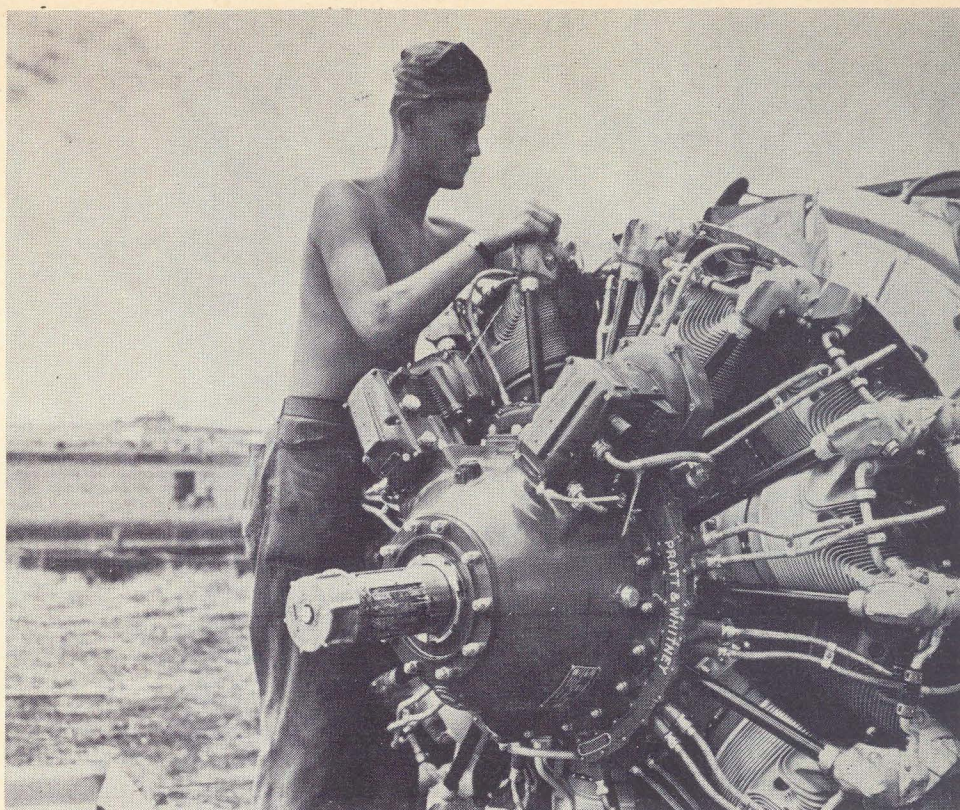
Although our spare time has been greatly decreased through added working hours, we should try to make the best possible use of it by doing something constructive as well as entertaining.

Home workshops have sprung up all over the country, and from them have come thousands of projects, representative of all forms of hobbies . . . From furniture, to the Lord's Prayer written on the head of a pin or a grain of rice. Thousands of model airplanes, model racers, locomotives and boats have been constructed.

In this article, we will not go into detail on any special hobby. However, in forthcoming issues we will discuss one hobby or more. If you have a hobby, we would appreciate your getting in touch with this column. We hope to provide lists of hobbyists in all fields so that you may contact one another for exchange of ideas, or what have you. If you have photographs of your hobby, please include this information and contact R. L. Barratt, Jr., Tool Design, Dept. #5, Tel. 230.



AIR CADET BURTON COOK is now at a Texas Air Base Bomber Pilot Training School. He is a former member of the Service Department. Since leaving us he has acquired some extra weight and a wife. He would like to hear from his former associates.



U. S. Marine Corps Official Photo from "The Leatherneck" Magazine

The above photograph was brought to the "Scintillator's" attention by Pfc. Joseph Eshenbaugh, a former Scintilla employee, now stationed with a U. S. Marine Corps Unit. Photo was published in the February issue of "The Leatherneck," official magazine of the Marines. While we have already written Joe thanking him for his interest in the "Scintillator," we take this opportunity to state publicly our appreciation of his remembering the gang he left behind him, and to wish him the best of luck in his present duties.

According to the Marine Corps' caption for this photo, "typical of the ground crew's unsung heroes is this U. S. Marine mechanic, shown checking over the power plant of a plane which has seen valiant service in the daily air battles over Guadalcanal. He plays a vital role in the air superiority held by our forces in the Southeastern Solomons."

Anyone who has been ABSENT from work recently, or who is considering the pleasure of "Knocking off" work for a few days, should study this photo carefully . . . and thoughtfully.

See those two magnetos on the engine? They're Scintilla "mags." They've been helping American fliers sweep the Solomon skies clear of the Jap rats. They've had their baptism of fire . . . and have come out with flying colors.

Our job is to turn out those magnetos, come hell or high water! Sure it's tiresome, working day in and day out, seldom seeing the sun . . . with only a few gallons of gas to keep the old buggy going from month to month . . . no joy-riding . . . shoes rationed, canned goods rationed. But really, they're only minor irritations. By comparative standards, we're still living in the lap of luxury.

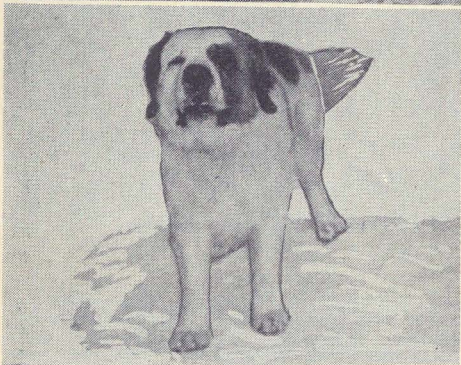
So let's be honest with ourselves . . . a lot of those "Days Off" weren't entirely necessary, were they? Not by a long shot! It's surprisingly easy to convince ourselves that our jobs can get along without us for a day or two. (And besides, we still had some money left over from last pay day.)

If we lose this war . . . yes, it CAN HAPPEN to us . . . our loss will hang like a millstone around the necks of every man and woman who has wilfully absented himself or herself from the war production lines. Yes, a large share of the blame will be theirs . . . for our fighting men can't do both the producing AND the fighting. It takes teamwork . . . and GUTS!

We can't laugh this off . . . for if we do, Hitler & Co. are due to have the last laugh.

BUCKLE DOWN, SOLDIERS OF PRODUCTION! GIVE 'EM HELL!

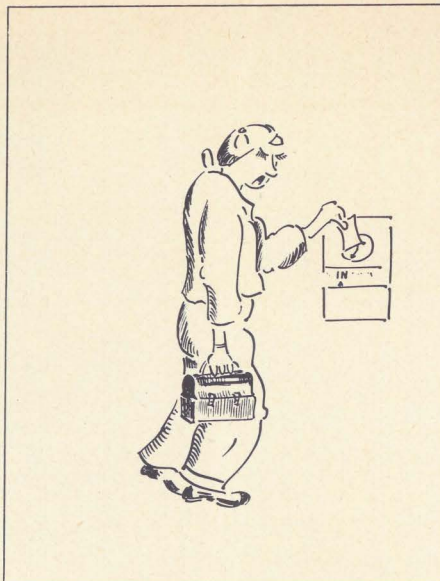
Labor-Management Committee—Scintilla Magneto Division



Two of our employees have contributed their dogs to Scintilla for transfer to service with the U. S. Army. Both dogs are St. Bernards. "Fritz," at top, was owned by Anthony "Shine" Gramento (66-40). He weighs about 160 lbs. and is two years old. "King Zargo," lower photo, was owned by Arnold J. Zurbruegg (33-11). He also is a two-year old, and weighs about 140 lbs.

I would like to express my heart-felt thanks to my fellow workers for their very kind donations that have so ably assisted myself and family in rehabilitating ourselves after our complete loss of home, furnishings and all personal possessions. Words cannot express my gratitude to all of you.

WALLACE CROSBY, 27-7



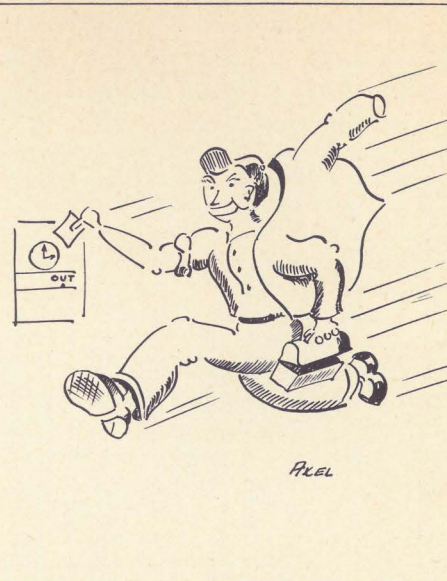
Ration Flashes

TIRE RECAPS—Rationing restrictions on recapping of passenger car and light truck tires have been removed in an attempt to save rubber by extending the life of tires already in use. The idea is to remove any obstacles to getting treads for your present tires.

RUBBER SITUATION—A crisis in rubber (crude) is expected late in the summer or early in the fall. Rubber Director William M. Jeffers predicts the working inventory will decline to 104,000 tons by the end of the year. The Baruch committee regarded a 120,000 ton inventory as a danger point.

Jeffers says that a 100,000 ton total is too small for comfort and represents the lowest minimum that stocks may go without bringing on critical dislocations.

"The Washington Review"
Feb. 27, 1943



Wanted!

Fighters with Ideas!

Your Labor Management Committee and the Management of your Company give you this opportunity!

This is our war, the war of each and every person in the country. Everything—anything—we can do to help America win is our business—and our business here is production for Victory—more, better, sooner!

YOU are closest to your job. YOU have ideas how it can be done better—YOU can help America win by telling us, through a suggestion, where improvements can be made. Send your ideas into action by putting them into the suggestion box TODAY!

These suggestions may be just what we need to help in our all-out effort for increased production. Bring these ideas out, put them in writing, and give us a chance to put them to work.

Take a Suggestion blank from any box, BUT write your Suggestion on it, seal and drop in any Suggestion Box. (A number of unsigned suggestions have been received. If such a suggestion were to receive an award, it would be impossible to contact the Suggester. So please sign your name.) Do not use the back side of the suggestion blank, either for sketches or writing. Use an extra sheet of paper.

You may feel sure that your Suggestions will be handled in the strictest confidence.

The Suggestion Supervisor is Mr. Roy Talada. He is located in the Training Office which is at present on the mezzanine above the Assembly Department.



Our roving photographer caught the Labor-Management Committee in the act of administering the final touches to the newly formed Suggestion Plan. Seated, L. to R.—Josiah Jones, C. E. Lindenmeyr, Mrs. Paul Carney, E. M. Van Name, Chairman, Joe Bazata, C. W. Losky. Standing, L. to R.—Paul Carney, President, Ignition Employees' Assn., and John B. Kelly.

EDITORIAL



The Scintilla workers lunch box pictured above was chosen at random. It demonstrates an adequate lunch from the standpoint of satisfying the appetite of a hungry worker. At the same time it meets all nutritional requirements. The lunch box contains:

1. Chicken sandwich with lettuce and butter
2. Thermos bottle of milk
3. Apple
4. Cookie
5. Canned peaches (in a glass jar with cover)
6. A napkin and teaspoon

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ENSIGN H. BERNICE CARROLL, a recent visitor at Scintilla, is the first fully accredited **WAVE** to make our columns. Formerly a resident of Afton, she enlisted the latter part of December, 1942. Her sister, **Mrs. Thelma Jamison** (right) is employed in our Engineering Department office.



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 Apparently well satisfied with Army life is **Pfc. Robert Carlson**, former Department 63 employee. **Bob** is now located at a New Jersey training camp.

Attention: Disaster First Aiders

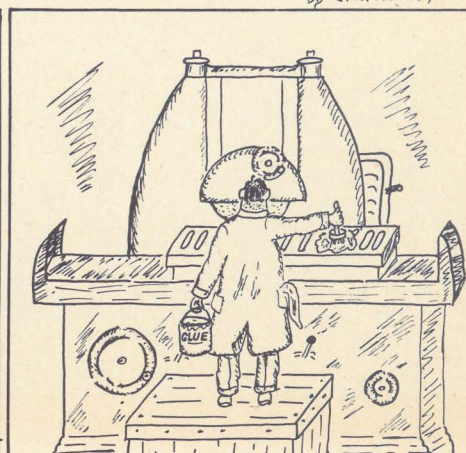
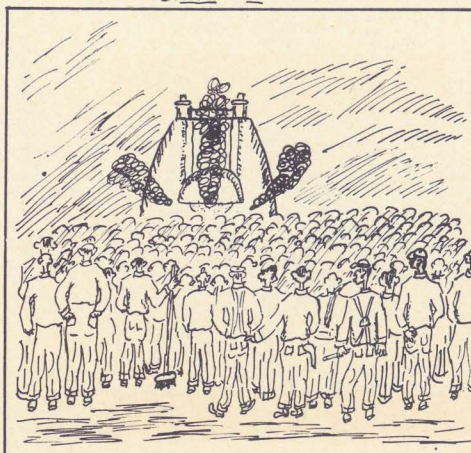
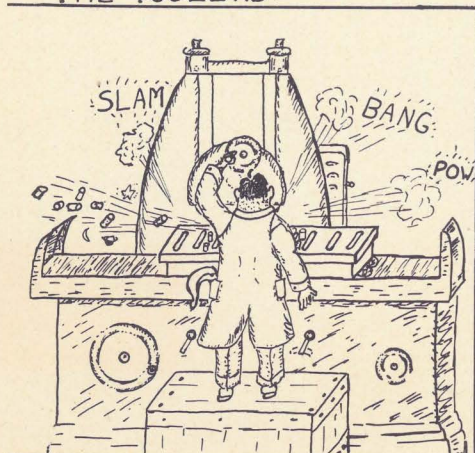
Blanks were recently sent out to the members of the Disaster First Aid Crews. If you received a blank and have not returned it, please send it in to the Medical Bureau Office now so we can complete arrangements for a program to be presented in the near future.

If there are other people with training or experience to qualify them as Disaster First Aiders, they should send their names, clock numbers, and a summary of their qualifications to the Medical Bureau Office, if they wish to be assigned to one of these volunteer crews.

THE TOOLERS —

"SMASH-UP"

by C.W. KELLEY

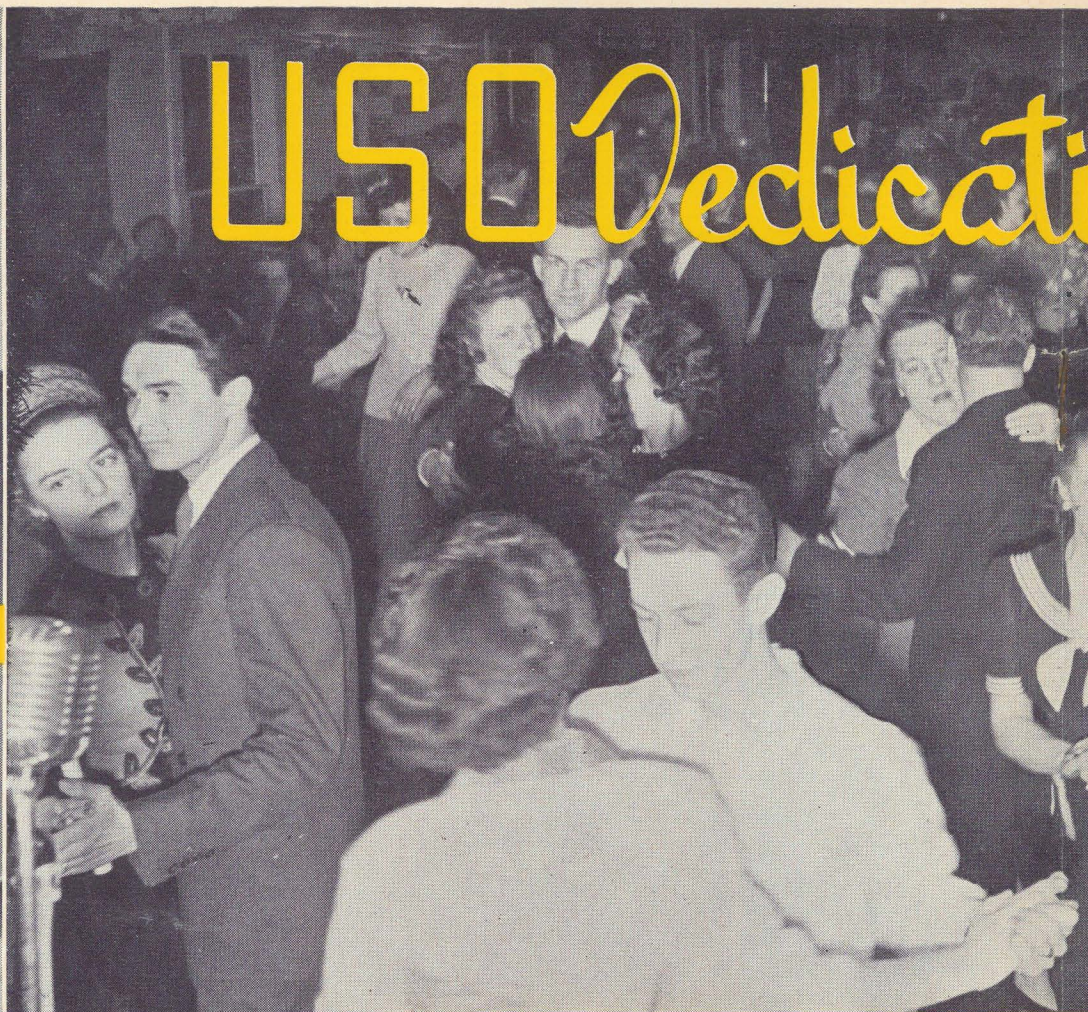




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E. M. Van Name



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Warren D. Pierce



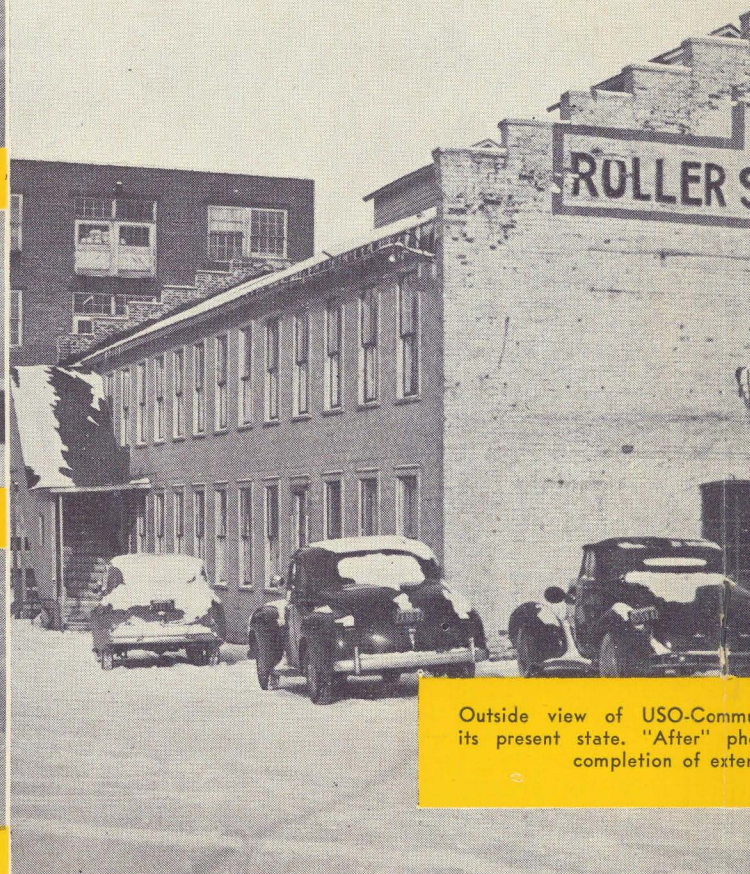
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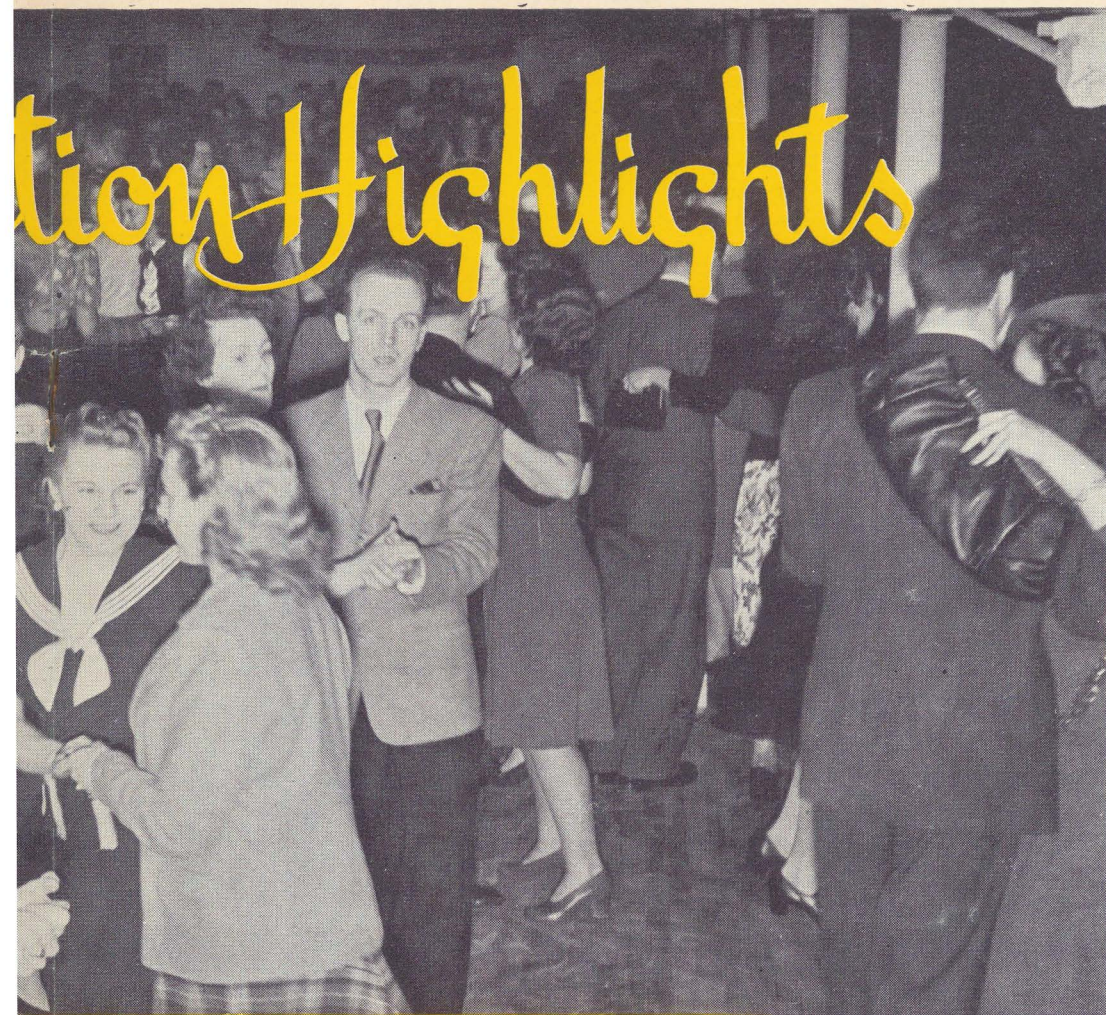
Harry M. Walton, Jr.



W. L. Nash



Outside view of USO-Comm
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Paul Carney



Franklyn S. Barry



W. W. Bates



Eric Planitzer



Suzanne Brookins

ook opportunity to try out new dance floor.



Community Recreation Building in
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Sidney U. S. O.—Community Recreation Building Opened

The evening of February 22nd, 1943, brought to a most satisfactory conclusion nearly a year and a half of persistent effort on the part of USO officials, Scintilla employees and executives, and Sidney community representatives. The occasion was the dedication of the Sidney USO-Community Recreation Building, which had been "in the works" for the above mentioned period.

According to conservative estimates, about 1,000 persons attended the dedication ceremony and dance . . . a spontaneous tribute to the efforts of those who have labored long and patiently to achieve their objective.

In the Dedication ceremony, E. M. Van Name, Personnel Manager of Scintilla, and Chairman of the USO Program-Management Committee, acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Following Mr. Van Name's introductory remarks, the Rev. Roy T. Henwood pronounced the invocation. Leading the list of guest speakers, Louis W. Bruemmer, Associate Director, Industrial USO-YMCA Units, stressed the far-reaching benefits of the preliminary survey conducted by local authorities in planning their recreational center. He stated that the Sidney plan has been used as a pattern in a number of other communities throughout the country.

Dr. L. W. Nash, representing the National USO Office, said that Sidney is now a unit in a chain of about 1200 USO centers stretching across the nation. He pointed out the fact that the morale of our industrial forces, as well as that of our armed forces, is vital to the winning of this war.

Warren D. Pierce, Acting Regional Recreational Representative, conveyed best wishes and congratulations from the Federal Security Agency.

W. W. Bates, Mayor of Sidney, spoke on behalf of the community. Harry M. Walton, Jr., Chairman of the Defense Recreational Committee, expressed the appreciation of the Committee. Mr. H. Hanni, General Manager of Scintilla Magneto Division, Bendix Aviation Corporation, conveyed the appreciation of the company, and Paul Carney, President of the Ignition Employees Association, spoke as the representative of Scintilla employees.

Franklyn S. Barry, Principal of Sidney Central School, presented the official dedication.

Suzanne Brookins, juvenile songster of Norwich, sang "Buddy Boy," dedicated to her uncle who is serving with the armed forces. As encores she also sang "Yankee Doodle Boy" and "Why Don't You Fall in Love with Me!"

Mr. Van Name then introduced Mr. Eric Planitzer, YMCA representative in charge of the USO Center. Ceremony was concluded with benediction by Rev. Henwood and singing of the national anthem.

Dancing, interspersed with entertainment features, followed the dedication. Specialty features included piano numbers by Clinton Taylor; Specialty Dance by Margaret Schoeller; tap dance by Francis Smith; specialty tap dance by Margaret Schoeller and Francis Smith, and musical novelties by the Scintilla Wildcats.

Committees participating in the event were:

USO PROGRAM-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. E. M. Van Name, Chairman; Rev. W. B. Soper, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. J. R. Frei, Mr. John Davidson, Mr. Franklyn Barry, Mr. Floyd Simerson, Mr. Eric Planitzer, Secretary.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

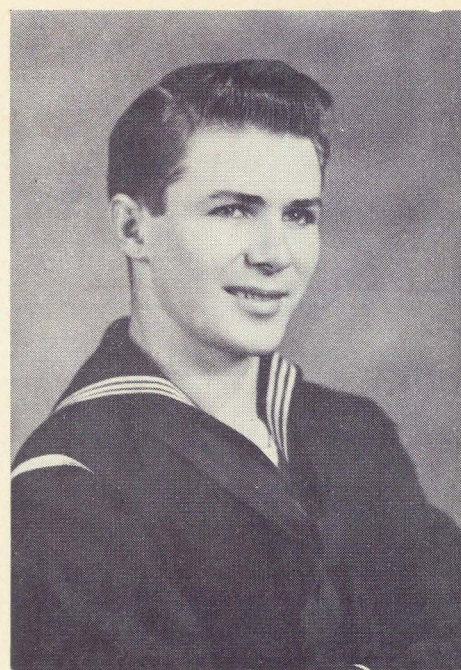
Mr. W. G. Clements, Chairman; Mr. Franklyn Barry, Rev. W. B. Soper, Mr. J. Henry Brady, Mr. Duncan Adair, Mr. Floyd Simerson.

INVITATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Adelaide Miller, Chairman; Mrs. J. R. Frei, Mrs. L. W. Cook, Mrs. Paul Carney.

DEDICATION DAY COMMITTEE

Chester Jewell and Paul Carney, Co-Chairmen; Dorothy Butch, Joyce Winegard, Lucille Parker, Betty Conklin, Barbara Dower, Mrs. J. Catlin, Grace Dietz, Mrs. I. McIntyre, Marion Kane, Kirk Cross, Stephen Egnaczak, Howard Niblette, Thomas Plankenhorn, Andy Cattelli, Larry O'Brien, Robert Laraway, Everett Lee, Robert Carr, W. D. Heimer.



ROBERT BOYD BAKER, A.O.M. 3/C, is in a Naval Aerial Gunnery School near New York City. Bob is the son of Clarence Baker, general foreman of Lines 45, 46, 47 and 48, and was formerly employed in Dept. 30. He joined the Navy in August, 1942. At present he is undergoing advanced training in Aerial Gunnery.

Answering Honor Roll Queries

Occasionally someone asks us why the name of some former Scintilla employee serving in the armed forces has not appeared on the Honor Roll board.

The question is a logical one, and we hope we can answer it to the satisfaction of all concerned.

When an employee checks out to enter the service he is requested to write to the Personnel Department as soon as he is located, advising us of his service address. This is quite necessary in order that we may have definite proof that he actually has entered the armed forces.

When this information is received, steps are taken to determine if he is entitled to receive a military separation allowance, and to have his name added to the Honor Roll. In several instances, employees who left to enter the armed forces were not accepted, and did not return to Scintilla. Had the above rule not been in effect, their names might have been added erroneously to the Honor Roll.

In many cases, a number of weeks, or even months, may elapse before we receive official notification of a man's service address. Therefore, the inevitable result is that his name may not appear on the Honor Roll for some time after he leaves.

However, we are making every effort to keep the board as complete as possible. Men entering the service can help us by writing the Personnel Department as soon as they are located.



Shavings

Payroll Tidbits

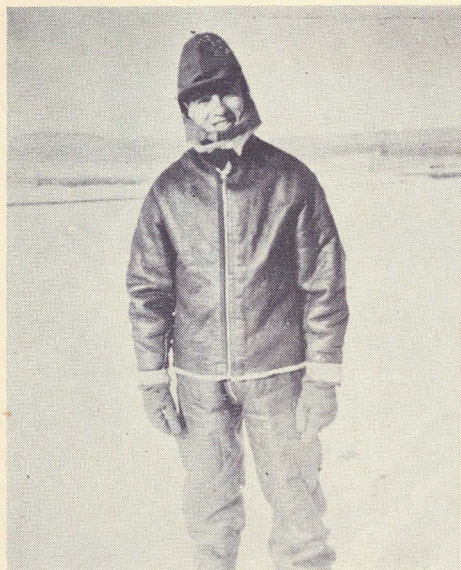
Gen Bouvier had a nice vacation in Canada. She said it was 40 below zero in Montreal. B-r-r! But Gen didn't mind. She also visited New Brunswick. Guess why.

Ruth Dixon is leaving us for a better job. Sorry to see her go, but congratulations, anyhow.

Julia Gurney, who joined the WAAC's, was the recipient of a \$50 War Bond plus \$22 in cash, presented to her as a parting gift by the Payroll Dept. A dinner was given in her honor at the Oneonta Hotel, March 3rd, after which the guests attended the movie "Random Harvest."

Louise Medbury has joined the WAVE's. She is stationed in New York City where she will receive her training. Good luck, Louise . . . all our best wishes go with you.

Seems like all the girls are doing OK by the service men as far as letter writing is concerned. Every A.M. someone has at least one letter to mail. Ask Charlie.



PVT. MARTIN J. DERMODY (23-416) is stationed with an Army Air Force Ground Crew School at a New Jersey Air Base. Above photo was taken early this winter while he was located at a Montana base. B-r-r-r! Looks almost as bad as Sidney weather!

We wonder why Mary F. goes home so often week-ends. Yes, the moon has been beautiful lately.

Notice how happy Millie M. is these days? Thanks to Don Bedell's air-mail letters.

What is there about Oneonta that makes people late to work the following day after having spent an evening there? Think up a

good one, Madalene, Flo, Kay, Pat. Ditto Helene.

What seems to be the big attraction (besides skating) at the Roller Skating Rink? You can find Nina L. there anytime you want her. It is also Mary P.'s hangout.

Payroll is going to miss Al T. when he goes in the Army. Wonder if they'll have jelly doughnuts there?

Things I Never Noodle Now (with apologies to Walter Winchell): That Irma Swarthout is a crack shot with a rifle. She often brings home a deer (during hunting season, of course) and they're not the two-legged kind, either! Although we don't doubt that she's quite capable of bagging them.

That we have quite a few former school mistresses in our midst. Among whom are Ethel McGuinness, Helen Crosby, Helene LaGuardia and Winifred Bundy. No wise-cracks, please.

That Dot Rees was formerly a nurse in Oneonta.

That Bill McIntyre once lived on a farm. Would you believe it? Get him to tell you about butchering season. Some fun.

That Florence D. can blush at the slightest provocation. Quite an accomplishment today.

Dept. 14 and 57 (Second Shift)

by Kenneth Palmer

Harry Knapp, Dept. 14, is the proud father of a nine pound baby girl named Dorothy June, born on the 6th of March. Dept. 14 says congratulations and thanks for those seegars.

Cecile Geisselman has left Dept. 14 to be married to Thomas Donalds.

Theodore Martin, popular young man in Dept. 57, was recently inducted into the

armed services of his country. Before leaving he was given a dinner by his fellow workers and friends.

Dept. 57 welcomes into their ranks two former Spark Plug girls, A. Mastro and Mary Zacek; also Earl Northrup from Dept. 32, Harold Peck from Dept 59 and A. Figary from Dept. 18.

We are also glad to see Rotha Dodge back among the gang in Dept. 57 after a long absence caused by a broken arm.

Wonder if Charlie Shofkom got that walk of his during the years that he worked on the railroad. For a small guy he can cover a lot of territory in short order.

Reginald Dawson says he would like to see some more interesting news in the paper each month from his department, so turn in all items of interest to the clerk on your shift.

The guys and gals in Dept. 14 wish Howard Cornell luck in his new job on line 45. Come down and see us once in a while so that we will know that you are around. We sure miss you and your jokes.

Tool Design Notes

by Bo Barratt

The alarm clocks have been jangling several minutes earlier these mornings because of the new "no overtime" rule. It is rumored that some of the boys have been staying up all night in order to beat the whistle.

Carol Jean Tickner made her debut at the Bainbridge Hospital Monday, March 2nd, in the wee small hours. Carol and Mrs. Ticknor are doing fine. Ray, however, had to take Monday off to recuperate. He announces that

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Reg Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Jud Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. "Red" Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde O'Connell, Mr. and Mrs. "Doc" Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Cantwell, Mr. and Mrs. R. Banner and Charles Arliss.

Farewell dinner for Ted Martin, Set-Up man of Dept. 57, brought out this high-spirited group the evening of Feb. 21st. Party was held at the Dairy Kitchen, Bainbridge. Mr. Martin celebrated by leading the gang in group singing. Movies were shown by Reg Dawson. Mr. Martin received several gifts from his associates.

Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Sol Gerig, Mr. and Mrs. Reg Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Jud Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. "Red" Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde O'Connell, Mr. and Mrs. "Doc" Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Cantwell, Mr. and Mrs. R. Banner and Charles Arliss.

SHAVINGS (CONTINUED)

he will trade one photographic dark room for the necessary baby-raising equipment.

Our recent addition, Ward Herrmann and Tony Mongillo, have engaged in an artistic battle. Each is trying to "out-sketch" the other. So far the contest has been conducted in a quiet gentlemanly fashion. We sincerely hope that neither one will resort to physical violence.

Alice Smith of Oneonta recently became engaged to A. Charles Liquori of Walton, N. Y., now serving in the armed forces. They plan to "Middle Aisle" it soon.

Alice Mangan will soon leave to resume her duties at home. We all sincerely wish her the best of luck.

We all hope that Louie Grasso comes back soon for two reasons. The first is that we were sorry to hear he was ill, the second to stop Martha from whistling "Can't Get Out of This Mood."



Sparks from Engineering

by Jack DeTemple

The Geo. Samuel Shermans announce the birth of a son, Garey Leo, on the 22nd of February. S'pose he'll live up to the date, Geo.?

The J. DeTemples announce the birth of a son, Jon Jay, on March 3rd. Even though March came in like a Lion, we think he is a Lamb.

The Engineering Dept. lost another well-liked fellow in the person of Frank Trinder. It seems Uncle Sam thought he needed him worse than we did. Good luck, Frankie . . . bag one for us.

Don Albrecht lost a few days because of a bad throat. Glad to see you OK again, Don.

One of our Project Engineers, Glenn Dingman, has sent one of his sons to help Uncle Sam. Edward is stationed at Hamilton College to study Meteorology in the Air Corps.

Edw. K. Young, who is stationed in Missouri, recently renewed acquaintances in the Engineering Dept. while on furlough. He was in charge of our Blueprinting Section previous to leaving for service with the armed forces.

Art Wadsworth really believes that bad luck comes in bunches. He recently had the misfortune to hit a bad hole in the road and blew TWO tires. Tough, Art!



Formerly employed on Line 48, James Dyer, S 2/C is now stationed at a Naval Training School in Tennessee.

Mrs. Lucy Barnhart left us Sat., March 13, to join her husband, Harry, in Alabama. Good luck, Lucy.

Pierre Belardi left us Tues., March 9, to enter the Air Corps. We wish you lots of luck, Pierre. Don't forget to take your own tooth brush. People hate to lend theirs.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lord announce the birth of a daughter, Carol Joan, Tues., March 9th.

It seems that Ken Henderson thought he was young as he used to be. At any rate, he found out he isn't. He took a bad spill while ice skating with his daughters Sun., Feb. 28th, and fractured some of the bones in his ankle. When you are through with those crutches, Ken, send 'em to Mussolini. He needs 'em.

Editor's Note: Someone ought to do a bit of whispering aside to the Stork. He must have Engineering mixed up with the Production Department. Tsk, tsk! Seven babies in Engineering since the first of the year.

Receiving & Packing Benches

Good luck to Obie Makley, who has never been absent a day in the three years he has been at Scintilla.

The marriage of Evelyn Lasher and Frederick Webster took place Jan. 30 at Garrettsville.

Grace Howard has been very sick. Hope she is a lot better at this writing.

Reginald Beebe, formerly of the packing bench, is stationed at Washington, D. C.

Pvt. Walter E. Taylor, who has been stationed in Kansas, is now with a cavalry troop in Texas.

George Sands has left Scintilla to help his father on the farm. Wonder how Jeannie feels about this?

The girls on the packing bench wonder what the guy from the Lewis building looks like. We mean the one who is always calling up and talking to La Vonne.

Si Kelly knows that when he gets in the

Army he won't get many furloughs, so he's taking all of his now.

We bet Jennie Shipe's husband was glad to see her when she went to Scranton to visit him. This is the first time she has been home since she came to Scintilla in December.

Depts. 21-23-39-47

by Avery Goodman

The 11-7 shift had a party at the Windsor Hotel, Oneonta, on Feb. 15th. A good time was had by all.

Any girls wishing to take up horseback riding, see Mr. Delmer White.

Dutch has given up all old flames. Has a new one over in #19.

Who is the fair haired lady in #39 who makes such a play for the sheik in the Receiving room?

For sale: 1 tool chest, complete. See Oscar in Dept. 21.

Stock D

by Evelyn Schilling

Stock D regrets the loss of George Bell, who has answered the call to Uncle Sam's Army. Vivian Gustafson is now doing his work on the time cards. Stock D and the Mail Room gave George a proper send-off at the Sidney Inn. He was presented with a fountain pen. George had been with Scintilla for three years and will be missed by all his friends. Good luck to you, George.

We wonder why a certain blonde in Stock D isn't late for work any more. Perhaps she is riding with someone else!

By the way . . . who gave our mimeograph operator a black eye the other day? She says she walked into a door, but we wonder.



AIR CADET RUSSELL RHEUBOTTOM writes that it has been "hotter'n hell with the lid on" (in February!) out in Arizona where he is learning to handle Army aircraft at an Army Air Force Basic Training School. "Russ" was formerly employed in Dept. 16.

Walker Honored at Luncheon

Mr. Gerald C. Walker, better known to his many friends as "Jerry," was guest of honor at a luncheon Thursday noon, March 11th, by the members of the Repair Department of which he has been foreman for the past 16 years.

"Jerry" was presented with gifts from the members, and with him go the best wishes of the department for success in his new position.

Editor's Note—Because of a space shortage this month, it has been necessary to omit news from several departments. We hope the correspondents of these departments will bear with us until next month.



Serving in the Signal Corps Branch of the Army Air Corps is *Corp. Donald R. Simmons*, former Line 41 employee. *Don* is stationed at a base in Missouri. He went into the Army January 1st. His wife, *Mrs. Eva Simmons*, works in Dept. 15.

Pvt. Paul Allen Dies at Camp Edwards

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Frank Allen, Dept. 51, in the loss of his son, Pvt. Paul C. Allen, who died suddenly the latter part of February, at Camp Edwards, Mass.

Paul was a Scintilla employee before leaving to enter the armed forces in January of this year. He worked in Dept. 50.

Funeral was held February 25th at the Howard Funeral Chapel in Franklin. Body was placed in the Ouleout Valley Cemetery, with the American Legion in charge.

Work Shoe Certificates Available

Scintilla factory employees who need work shoes in addition to their regular rations may obtain application forms for them from Miss Ann Meade, Scintilla Medical Department. The Rationing Board will issue a shoe certificate on presentation of an application properly filled out and approved by Miss Meade. Workers should purchase their general wear and dress shoes with their regular ration coupons.

J. T. Lansing, Chairman
Sidney Panel Rationing Board

Bendix Report (Continued from Page 2)

Looking beyond the pressing needs for improved products, "the resources of the entire organization," Mr. Breech declared, "were mobilized in the most challenging undertaking of all, the perfection of entirely new devices to hasten the hour of victory and to save human lives.

"One reason that the corporation was able to meet the tremendous requirements of the various services for its products," Mr. Breech said, "was because it had familiarized itself with those requirements and had, in many instances, anticipated them long before the actual receipt of orders. We have been operating on the basis that there must not be a shortage of Bendix products, and we have made it our responsibility to see that the job was undertaken in every instance in ample time to meet scheduled needs."

While net sales increased to a record \$459,169,026.55, nearly three times sales of the previous year, the report stated, net income for the period, after all charges and provisions for taxes, reserves and contingencies, was \$12,464,196.18. This compares with earnings of \$13,267,988.50 for the previous fiscal year, on sales of \$156,596,198.17.

Commenting on this reduction in earnings, Mr. Breech said that the corporation recognized its obligation to do its war production job on a limited profit basis.

"We reduced our prices as soon as we were able to determine our profits with a reasonable degree of accuracy," he said. "At the outset costs obviously could not be forecast due to the complications of manufacturing under radically changing conditions involving the opening of new

plants, the establishment of many subcontractors and the finding of thousands of new sources of supply.

"The tremendous increase in volume, however, affording us the opportunity to reduce costs through increased efficiency by a wider application of mass production methods, made possible substantial price reductions, despite greatly increased wages, material and other costs.

"At September 30, 1942," Mr. Breech said, "price reduction on products covered by contracts in effect at the beginning of the fiscal year and entered into during the year aggregated \$123,000,000.

"Despite these price reductions which began to take effect as early as last February," the report stated, "The results of the full year enabled Bendix to agree to refund to the Government an additional \$65,400,000 in renegotiating the year's profits as required by law, by far the greater portion of which would otherwise have been payable as additional income and excess profits taxes.

"While it has been demonstrated that we do not wish to profit unreasonably from the war effort," Mr. Breech said, "it should be stated that there is a limit to the corporation's ability to reduce profit margins in view of the great financial risks inherent in such unprecedented expansion.

"The corporation can provide real protection against the risks involved in this tremendous expansion, particularly the risks of termination and conversion to peace-time conditions," the report continued, "only by retaining earnings and by creating reserves." This was recognized by a reduction of the dividend rate from

Barter Column

YOUR CHOICE—1938 4-door Pontiac or 1941 Plymouth coupe. Both are in good running condition with five excellent tires. See Mrs. Charles White, Sales Department. Residence, Gilbertsville, New York.

FOR SALE—Man's all-wool blue and grey plaid mackinaw, size 44. Practically brand new. See A. Davis (23-106) phone 280. Or 87 West Main St., Sidney, N. Y. Phone Sidney 5456.

FOR SALE—12 gauge Parker double-barrel shot gun. G. H. grade with leather case . . . like new. For further details, contact Earle Woolheater (6-21), Engineering Dept.

WANTED—To buy or rent . . . Small Farm within twenty miles of Sidney. Raymond Ogborn (32-56), 37 Burnside Ave., Oneonta, N. Y.

WANTED—12 to 14 foot rowboat. Must be in first class condition. See K. A. Aitken, Chief Clerk.

\$1 to \$.75 a share in the dividend paid on December 30, 1942.

"Without being able to give any assurance as to the future dividend policy," Mr. Breech declared, "it is our conviction that the stockholders of Bendix Aviation Corporation are entitled to a substantial return on their investment in view of the fact that through many years of development and pioneering of our highly scientific aircraft instruments and other devices, they had faith in the future of this corporation and had for many years prior to the war furnished the necessary capital for research and development of its products and acquisition of its properties." He explained that these products were the result of many millions of dollars invested in research and many years of pioneering effort.

The total of the Reserve for Post-War Contingencies accumulated by Bendix, the report revealed, amounted, as of September 30, 1942, to \$7,380,833.67 of which \$4,195,160.36 was brought forward from the previous year. The aggregate reserves, including sundry operating reserves, reserves for possible losses on accounts receivable and reserves for post-war and other contingencies amounted to \$14,171,187.52 at the close of the fiscal year.

In a section dedicated to looking forward, Mr. Breech said:

"Today, the army of men and women in the Bendix organization, together with the thousands of men and women in the plants of our subcontractors, are joined together in one united drive to provide instruments and equipment worthy of the courage and the leadership of the fighting men of the United Nations."

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New Slack Suits for Feminine War Workers



Miss Olive Fry and Mrs. Katherine Hollister

Girls! At last your desire for a neat, safe, good-looking slack suit can be fulfilled.

We have realized the need for this suit for girls operating machines or doing any shop work. After much investigation a navy blue cotton twill, pre-shrunk and vat-dyed two piece suit with matching apron was selected. These suits are so designed that the blouse can be worn out-

HELP REDUCE ABSENTEEISM!

Fill Out and Return Survey Blank Below

Insofar as absenteeism is concerned, Scintilla's record probably is no worse than that of other war plants of comparable size.

But there is one thing certain about the situation . . . our record can, and must be, bettered!

To begin at the beginning, we heartily agree that reduction of absenteeism is by no means a simple task. There are too many factors behind the scenes . . . so many, in fact, that no standard method of treatment has yet been evolved.

Perhaps a standardized procedure is beyond the realm of accomplishment. But we believe that thorough study of the underlying causes of absenteeism . . . similar to the program now operating in Dept. 15, whereby daily absenteeism has been reduced 53.06% . . . is a step in the right direction. From such a study, perhaps a basis may be developed for reducing the number of vital war production man-hours being lost every day. What that basis might be, no one knows . . . at least, not at the present time.

But, if it were possible to assemble, from our employees, a list of reasons why they have found it necessary to be absent from work, then we might be able to formulate a working plan to assist employees in solving their own absentee problems.

Please read the survey blank accompanying this article. Write in your answers to the questions, clip out the completed blank and mail to the Labor-Management Committee, c/o Personnel Department.

This is not an investigation . . . it is merely a survey. Neither your name nor clock number will appear on the completed blank. While you are under no direct obligation to fill in the blank, we hope your own personal interest in winning this war will be sufficient incentive for you to give us your earnest cooperation.

**Fill in Your Survey Blank Now and Return to the Labor-Management Committee,
C/O Personnel Dept.**

SCINTILLA ABSENTEE SURVEY

1. How many times have you been absent from work since Jan. 1, 1943?
2. Indicate with an X the reasons why you were absent, or write them in the space "Other Reasons":

<input type="checkbox"/> Home Obligations	<input type="checkbox"/> Contacting Draft Board or Ration Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Weather Conditions	<input type="checkbox"/> To rest from overtime work
<input type="checkbox"/> Essential Shopping	<input type="checkbox"/> Illness
<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary to visit sick relatives or friends
<input type="checkbox"/> Had enough money on hand, did not desire to work	<input type="checkbox"/> Felt need to break monotony of work schedule

Other Reasons:

3. Have you asked your Supervisor, Foreman or Personnel Department representative for assistance in eliminating causes of your absence?

☐ Yes ☐ No Did you receive assistance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Write any suggestion you may have for correcting the situation responsible for your absence

No signature or clock number required

Return to Labor-Management Committee, care of Personnel Dept.

THE COVER

Production-boosting ideas are already forming in the minds of Scintilla's "Soldiers of Production." Left to right—Dorothy Kasmer (39-372), Helen Yarter (15-6), Ira Kirschner (17-69), Carleton Everest (12-25).