



WAR FUND



THE  
SCINTILLATOR  
February



# YOUR RED CROSS



# IS AT HIS SIDE

## NEWS and VIEWS



## from the **Labor - Management Notebook . . .**

After careful study, it has been determined it is not feasible to admit employees to the plant more than 15 minutes before the change of shifts. Because of insufficient aisle space, the aisles would become crowded, and would mean an interruption of all traffic.

Rather than appoint standing committees who might be idle a greater part of the time, the Committee has decided to appoint sub-committees only as the need arises. These special sub-committees would serve until the need is over and then be disbanded. If you are asked to serve on a special Labor-Management sub-committee, please don't turn us down. There will be something concrete for you to do.

The Committee wishes to express its thanks to Mayor W. W. Bates who, at the Committee's request, provided protection for pedestrians on that hazardous section of sidewalk on Union Street.

The Committee has received a letter from Mr. Frank Knight, Manager of the Cafeteria, explaining why certain foods are not available on the food wagons. His explanations are logical, and the Committee is satisfied that the Cafeteria is doing all that circumstances permit to supply workers with foods.

Recent P. A. record donors are: Irma Hurlburt, Anita Foote, Max Heinrich, Beverly O'Brien, Magda Macke, Dorothy Huskins, Hother Hjortholm, William Jodiet, Lena Falzoi, Jesse R. Loomis, Elizabeth Spencer and Mildred Sprague. Record request numbers will be played if we have the records. Call Aysel Searles, Labor-Management Committee secretary, Ext. 454. These requests cannot be dedicated to any individual for birthdays, etc., because if this were once started, the committee feels there would be too many of these announcements to handle in the brief 20 minutes we have for music, news, etc.

The Committee is still attempting to secure a Red Cross mobile blood bank visit to Sidney. The local Red Cross chapter is also working on this. Joseph Bazata, Committee member, recently wrote a letter to National Red Cross Headquarters, and a reply was received from the regional office pointing out some of the difficulties involved. However, there is a good prospect that we will be honored by a visit of the mobile unit from Schenectady.

In the eyes of the world at large, the members of our fighting forces are mature men. This is true, to a certain degree. They have been trained to kill or be killed . . . to take the privations, sacrifices and horrors of war in their stride.

But to us they're still the kids they used to be. Johnny's in the Marshall's now, and wears a string of medals on his chest. It seems only yesterday that his cheery whistle, followed by a thump on the front porch, announced the arrival of the evening paper. Only a few months ago, Bill dazzled all the local belles with his finesse behind the soda fountain. Yesterday word came through that he was missing in action in Italy. And Jimmy, who used to track mud into the kitchen when he delivered the groceries . . . well, Jimmy won't be very active for a long time; at least, not until he gets fitted out with a couple of artificial legs to replace his own, which he lost in the crash when his plane came down in flames on an African desert.

Yes, it's difficult to realize that a few short months have made, and will continue to make, such a drastic change in the kids we knew yesterday. They're lonely and homesick. We'd like to be with them, to cheer them up when the going gets tough . . . which is most of the time.

We all feel that we want to do something for the boys . . . those kids who are doing men's work half a world away. Well, we can! The Red Cross is now doing the things we'd like to do personally . . . and they'll do more yet if we give them the means to do it. Wherever our armed forces go, the Red Cross goes with them. Their services are invaluable . . . too numerous, in fact, to be listed here. But what's most important is that they're **DOING** those things we'd like to do ourselves.

During the month of March, you will be given an opportunity to share in this work, through the medium of the Red Cross Drive for funds. As was the case last year, no solicitation will be made in the plant. Your contributions should be made to the Red Cross representative who will call at your home.

Any effort to **SELL** you on the merits of the Red Cross would be superfluous . . . the humanitarian services performed by the organization provide more than sufficient evidence. Just weigh the evidence, and when the Red Cross representative calls on you, think of your dollars in terms of comfort and sympathy for those kids who grew up overnight . . . and give as generously as your means will permit.

### Does This Refer to You?

"It certainly does keep up the morale to be able to read that the former people we worked with are still in there fighting with us all the time. We will always know that Scintilla is still right with us to win this war so that everyone can return to our normal civilized world. Everyone in the Army, Navy, or any other branch of the service wants to get this war over with just as soon as possible.

"Why is it that the people who are still home don't want to write to us soldiers more often? At the time of Christ-

mas, soldiers receive cards from practically everyone they formerly worked with or knew. Still when it comes to writing a letter telling about some of the happenings in the plant or home town, these same people never seem to write. Of course, I know everyone is working hard these days, making plenty of money and probably taking in plenty of entertainment in their off-time. I can assure you that some of this off-time could be used to good advantage by writing to some soldier."

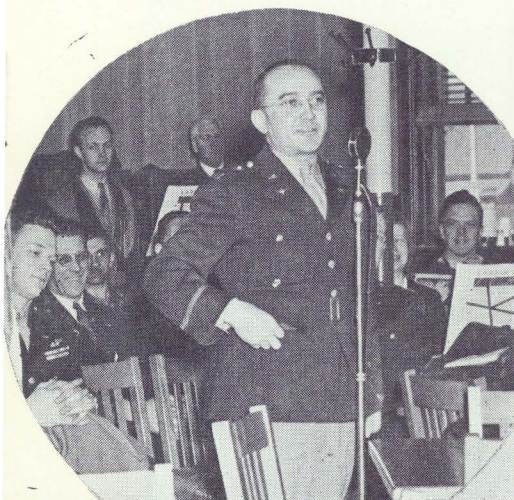
Pvt. Orlo R. Thayer.





Above—View of chorus and Labor-Management Committee at War Bond Rally in cafeteria. Rally was held Wednesday, February 9, during lunch hour. Scintilla Band and chorus participated in affair.

Below—Maj. Roy E. Whitaker, veteran flier of North African, Sicilian and Italian Campaigns, tells of experiences and urges support of Bond drive.



Circle, left—Capt. Albert E. Farone, who accompanied Major Whitaker, introduces him at Rally.

Above—Maj. Whitaker discusses manufacture of magneto part with John Goette, International News Service representative who spent several years in Japan. Others in photo, left to right: P. J. DuBois, E. M. Van Name, Robert Cass, Capt. Farone (only partially visible), and J. F. Bazata.

Left—The Major commends George Vandermark (Department 12) on his previous Bond purchases, and says "How about another, George?" P.S.—He closed the deal . . . to the tune of a \$1,000 Bond!

Bottom—The Major and party watch coil winding operation in Department 15.

Photos by Norman C. Meagley

## Major Whitaker Backs Bond Drive

Under sponsorship of the Labor-Management Committee, Major Roy E. Whitaker visited Scintilla on Wednesday, February 9. His visit was made as a feature of the 4th War Loan Drive at Scintilla. He was accompanied by Capt. Albert E. Farone. Both are now stationed at Stewart Field, West Point, where Major Whitaker is a flight instructor.

The Major is only 23 years old, but despite his youthfulness he knows what war is like, having flown 87 combat missions over enemy territory. He is a veteran of the North African, Sicilian and early Italian campaigns. As proof of his skill as an air fighter, he wears the Air Medal with 14 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Silver Star, the U. S. Distinguished Flying Cross and the British Distinguished Flying Cross, presented to him by the King of England. He is a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, and a graduate of the University of Tennessee. (And to all of you ladies who have been wondering . . . he's married!)

Plans had been made for Major Whitaker to address plant employees over the P. A. system during the morning lunch period, but automobile difficulties pre-

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The above Scintillites scored bull's-eyes with their suggestions. Checks for suggestion awards were presented to them early in February.

Beginning at the top (reading clockwise), winners are Grace Brewster, Edwin Sharpe, Kenneth Dibble, Carolyn M. Stanley, Frank Pesce, John L. Kenworthy, Gladys I. Wiltse, Charles K. Race, E. W. Andrus, S. Overton Mott, A. Engel, Glenn H. Rice.

Inside circle, clockwise beginning upper left—K. A. Hollister, Milton R. Beemer, Claude A. Teale, Lawrence Slater.

Center—Evelyn B. Standfast.

## More Scintillites Hit Bulls-eye With Suggestions

Suggestions paid off to the tune of \$370 for the award winners who received their checks early this month. It is interesting to note that several "repeaters" are making the grade. Apparently after one gets into the swing of the game, especially after the first award is received, the second pay-off comes more readily. Perhaps it's an indication that a little thought, applied to improving working methods, acts as an ice-breaker. At any rate, the practice of thinking objectively regarding your job is a most beneficial habit. Even if it doesn't always bring a direct financial return, the mental stimulation is most wholesome.

If you haven't yet turned in a suggestion, why not start now? There is every possibility that *your* suggestion might hit the jackpot.

Listed below are this month's winners and the amounts of their awards.

Grace Brewster	63-25	\$ 5.00
A. Engel	79-89	10.00
Kenneth Dibble	22-67	15.00
John L. Kenworthy	56-19	20.00
S. Overton Mott	23-268	15.00
Harvey Crawford	39-31	15.00
Gladys I. Wiltse	23-439	25.00
Milton R. Beemer	23-971	20.00
Gladys I. Wiltse	23-439	20.00
Claude A. Teale	41-72	10.00
Edwin Sharpe	16-132	15.00
Glenn H. Rice	23-301	10.00
Herman Tannert	13-9	40.00
Grover E. Stone	11-184	10.00
Glenn H. Rice	23-301	10.00
Frank Pesce	56-26	10.00
Robert F. Eppler	47-24	10.00
Charles K. Race	39-39	10.00
E. W. Andrus	39-420	55.00
Carolyn M. Stanley	7-7	5.00
E. B. Standfast	23-657	10.00
K. A. Hollister	83-15	15.00
Carolyn M. Stanley	7-7	5.00
Lawrence Slater	35-18	10.00

## ONE EMPLOYEE'S THOUGHTS ON WAR BONDS

Increased wages and decrease of consumer goods have caused a grave situation in our America. More potently dangerous than all of the recognized factors of modern warfare is the lowly consumer's dollar. All of us are familiar with the problem that faced Germany after the last conflict, when, at the cessation of hostilities, the Imperial German government, in a mistaken desire to devalue the mark and balance government credits, worked their printing presses overtime and issued bank notes without specie to back them. This was an example of intentional inflation in a desperate attempt to relieve an insufferable national debt.

Today we stand on the brink of an even greater financial and economic catastrophe. Without intentional government action we can precipitate a horrible national crisis that would far overshadow the normal after-effects of war and would plunge this nation, if not the whole world, into a period of privation, misery and actual suffering unparalleled in the history of mankind.

There are two definite procedures that are open to us.

We can, by our actions, force legislative taxation of enormous proportions to absorb the excess buying power of our labor or we can, sensibly, postpone the buying effort of our dollar until it would be beneficial to exert that effort. By investing every surplus cent in war bonds, you are assuring the consumption of future goods that will be offered in post-war reconstruction and manufacture of those luxuries that you have missed during these war years. A guaranteed future purchasing power carries with it a guarantee of economic security by creating a demand for workers that will carry over to a far distant date and thus avoid a repetition of the financial debacle of our recent depression. If you desire an insurance that will guarantee employment and prosperity, invest in the soundest and most beneficial policy of them all by paying your premiums in investments in the War Loan Drive.

Buy luxuries today and be unemployed tomorrow or buy bonds today and every day, and preserve the American way of life for the future.

We have been informed by Bill Ring (86-39) that his wife's brother, Eddie Vosh, a 19-year-old Marine, was recently killed in action in the Marshalls. Eddie was not employed at Scintilla.



The above cartoon by Stanley Morack, stationed at Norfolk, Virginia, portrays at a glance the longing uppermost in every service man's mind. One of Stan's cartoons appeared in the "Scintillator" several months ago. He formerly worked on Line 57.



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Inability to hear or speak like other people does not prevent the above enthusiastic Scintillites from turning in a top notch job in the war effort. UPPER LEFT—Anthony Rakowski (59-11) operates a Thread Miller in the Spark Plug Department. He has been with Scintilla since October 9, 1942. UPPER RIGHT—Mary Zacek (63-103) is a Spark Plug packer. She also has operated a drill press in Department 57, and has worked here since February of 1943. Mary is the wife of Leon Zacek (below). CENTER—Angelina Mastro (57-135) pauses momentarily to catch a quick bit of conversation from General Foreman Reg Dawson, who learned the sign language so he would be able to talk freely with this group. LOWER LEFT—Helen Curtis (63-59) shows how mica splitting is done. She has been at Scintilla about a year and a half. LOWER RIGHT—Leon Zacek (59-104) operates an Internal Thread Miller in Spark Plug Machining. Photos by Norman C. Meagley

We who are so frequently distracted by the conglomeration of squeaks, squeals, bangs, bumps, rattles, raspings, whistles and what-nots found in a plant such as ours, may sometimes wish for a period of freedom from noise. However, much as we are annoyed by sounds, it is not likely that we would seriously consider swapping our sense of hearing for the sake of a little peace and quiet.

All of which leads us to the point of this story, namely the five people in our organization who hear no sounds, and who are unable to make themselves understood by the usual means of audible communication. We refer to Leon Zacek

(59-104); his wife, Mary Zacek (63-103); Angelina Mastro (57-135); Helen Curtis (63-59) and Anthony Rakowski (59-11), all of whom are pictured on this page.

Mr. and Mrs. Zacek, who reside in Sidney, were married December 26, 1942. Mary is a Spark Plug packer at the present time. She also has operated a drill press in Insert Department 57. Leon runs an Internal Thread Miller in Spark Plug Machining. Both of the Zacek's attended the School for the Deaf at Malone, New York. Leon has one brother serving overseas with the Army. Mary has one brother overseas, one serving in the United States,

## B. P. W. C. Sponsor President's Ball

This year the Business and Professional Women's Club of Sidney sponsored the President's Ball which was held at the USO Building January 28, proceeds of which will go to the National Polio Fund. Music was furnished by Jack Burr's Augmented Band.

It is reported that the dance and the March of Dimes Campaign, also sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club brought in a total of \$917.43, which will go to war against infantile paralysis.

and two other brothers on the verge of donning the uniform.

Angelina Mastro came to Scintilla in September, 1942, and was first employed as a mica splitter in Department 63. Later she was transferred to Department 57 as a Drill Press operator. She also is trained to operate Hand Screw Machines, Millers, Tapping Machines, Belt Sanders, and is now running a 3½ ton Punch Press. She is a graduate of the Rome (New York) School for the Deaf. She graduated with high honors and also earned several letters in athletics. Angelina, who lives with her parents in Oneonta, has two brothers in the service.

Helen Curtis has been a Scintilla employee since August, 1942, as a mica splitter. She attended the Fenwood School for the Deaf in New York City, and now resides at Oxford, R. D. 2.

Anthony Rakowski, a Thread Miller operator in the Spark Plug Department, has been with Scintilla since October, 1942. Both he and his wife, Edith, attended the Buffalo School for the Deaf. Mrs. Rakowski was formerly employed in the Insert Department, but she left because of ill health. The Rakowski's live in Sherburne, New York.

According to Reginald C. Dawson, General Foreman of Lines 57-62, these loyal Scintillites are doing an excellent job. Long training and experience in the use of their hands for communication has given them a super sense of touch, and they automatically work at a high rate of speed. They learn new jobs rapidly, and several have learned to use Micrometers, Vernier Scales and other precision instruments. They are proud, and justly so, of their part in the war effort.

"Reg" Dawson also deserves credit for his own efforts in learning the sign language. He found that writing messages and instructions on paper was too slow and cumbersome. Consequently, he learned the finger alphabet in about a week. After mastering that phase of his education, he then advanced to the signs, with the result that he now can carry on a rapid conversation with any of the aforementioned employees.

We take off our hats to these hard-working Scintillites who have made a place for themselves in American life, in spite of the handicaps and obstacles in their paths.





Ernest R. Breech

## BENDIX PRESIDENT KNOWS FACTS AND FIGURES

*Editor's Note: A few weeks ago an issue of the Merrill-Lynch "Investor's Reader" carried a business-biographical sketch of Bendix President Ernest R. Breech. Although we have published various messages from Mr. Breech, we have had very little knowledge of his past history and experience. The article in question supplies quite a few of the hitherto unknown facts, therefore we are pleased to reprint it for the benefit of Scintilla Bendixites. It originally carried the heading, "Production Personalities—Manufacturing: Bendixman Breech."*

When the Bendix Aviation Corp. was put together on April 13, 1929, the wiseacres gave a loud harumpff—it was silly even to think of a single big company to make both automobile and aircraft parts. And indeed it looked like a hodgepodge: there were automobile starters and brake-testers; strange sounding things like tachometers and pressure accumulators; a parcel of aviation patents and real estate.

Yet last week Bendix was one of the great industrial enterprises in the U. S.—the products of its super-synchronized research division were helping to beat the enemy on land, on sea and in the air; it was among the select handful of U. S. companies in the billion-dollar-a-year class. Every four-engined U. S. bomber homeward-bound from devastating raids on Europe depended upon upwards of 150 Bendix products; the U. S. tanks which battled in Italy were chock-full of Bendix equipment; the thousands of Liberty ships at sea had Bendix apparatus literally from bow to stern.

*From Job to Job.* Sitting atop this vast organization is no production man, no inventor, no financier—but a stocky 46-year-old, blue-eyed accountant-trained jack of all trades named Ernest R. Breech who has a full head of hair and a head full of facts and statistics. Ernie Breech started his career as an accountant for Fairbanks Morse & Co., hung around long enough to work his way through the famed Walton School of Commerce and pass the Illinois State C.A.P. examinations with a top-flight score the examiners still talk about.

This was in 1921 when manufacturers were getting over their World War I hangover and learning that cost control was not just a fancy phrase. Ernie bounced from job to job, built up a reputation as a whiz at cost control problems. The Yellow Cab Co. (predecessor to GM-controlled Yellow Truck and Coach), picked him up in 1923, soon discovered Breech was enough of a facts and figures expert to solve tough management problems, enough of a salesman to sell the answers to the right people. In short order Ernie Breech was an ace GM troubleshooter, was an officer or director of assorted outfits like TWA, Western Air Express, GM-controlled North American Aviation and General Motors itself.

*Bean-stalk Troubles.* Meanwhile Bendix Aviation grew like a bean-stalk. The Company built up a nice sales curve in peace-time, watched it rocket skyward after Pearl Harbor. Total sales jumped from \$31,000,000 in 1938 to \$459,000,000 in the year ended September 20, 1942. Unfilled orders zoomed from \$8,000,000 in 1938 to \$353,000,000 before the censors put the figures under wraps. New plants went up so fast that the Defense Plant Corporation once mentioned

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## Tire Rationing Tightened

Due to the increasing shortage of passenger car tires and the smallness of present monthly quotas, the Rationing Board has been instructed to review carefully all applications for tires, and issue Grade III's whenever these will serve the purpose, rather than operate on a strictly mileage eligibility basis as formerly. Whenever a car has four usable tires, it is eligible only for a Grade III tire as spare regardless of the mileage of its ration.

The Rationing Board is usually posted on where to purchase Grade III tires, and supplies this information to anyone interested.

*Re Inspections:* You may check your tire inspection in accordance with the following table: "A" book holder, inspection every 6 months; "B" book holder, inspection every 4 months or not sooner than 90 days; "C" book holder, inspection every 3 months or not sooner than 60 days.

## Barratt Heads A. S. T. E.

At their February meeting in the Sherwood Hotel, Greene, New York, the Binghamton Chapter #35, American Society



of Tool Engineers, elected Roland L. Barratt Chairman of the Chapter for the current year. Mr. Barratt is Chief Tool Inspector for Scintilla. Other officers elected were: Floyd Tilton of Anasco Corporation, 1st Vice-Chairman; J. Pangburn of International Business Machines Corporation, 2nd Vice-Chairman; F. Riesen of Scintilla, Secretary; W. Mazar of Link Aviation Devices, Treasurer.

At the present time, the membership of the Chapter includes 148 Tool Engineers from the Southern Tier. Membership is open to master mechanics, plant superintendents, works managers, tool, die and machine designers, development engineers, methods engineers, gauge engineers, etc. Chief objective of the Society is promotion of greater productive ability. Through its technical meetings, providing for an exchange of information . . . through its committees working to help industry and government directly . . . through its publication providing for broader scale dissemination of vital Tool Engineering information, the A. S. T. E. has become a vital force in the pattern of production for war today, and for the peace that will follow.

Any Scintilla employee with the necessary qualifications for membership is cordially invited to become an active participant in the Binghamton Chapter. Full information may be obtained either from Mr. Barratt or Mr. Barnes, of Scintilla.

Next meeting will be March 1, at the Arlington Hotel, Binghamton.





Above photo shows members who, on February 12, completed a course in Life Saving and Water Safety at the Oneonta Y.M.C.A. With the exception of two or three, all members of the class are Scintilla employees. G. Diehl and R. Mayo are instructors. Seated, l to r—Helen Mossman, Ann Greeley, Jane Tompkins, Elizabeth Ward. Standing, l to r—G. Diehl, Harvey Phillips, Ray Hatt, William Latus, Wilson Olmstead, Lynn Simmons, Eugene Doster, Lewis Heburn, Donald Stewart, Raymond Mayo. Donald Fitzgerald (not in picture) also completed the course.

Another class will be formed soon. Anyone interested in this activity may obtain full details from G. R. Diehl, 11 Oak Avenue, Sidney, or in the Layout Department.

## Bond Rally (from page 3)

vented his reaching here in time. However, several hundred employees enjoyed his comments at the cafeteria during the noon lunch hour, when a short War Bond Rally was staged. The Scintilla Band and Chorus also participated in the Rally.

During the afternoon Major Whitaker and Capt. Farone, accompanied by several members of the Labor-Management Committee, made a tour of the plant and the Lewis Building.



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From foreman on Line 59 to the U. S. Navy is the story of Leon D. Coy. According to the note turned in with photo, he probably is now doing ship repair work at a South Atlantic base.  
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## Packing Bench

Marguerite Welch, Beatrice Peterson and Rowena Maley have left us during the past month.

Grace MacLean spent a few days recently in New York City.

Evelyn Robinson has been very busy selling bonds with excellent results.

Murel Jordon spends her Sundays helping out at the Sidney Hospital.

We wonder why Edna Denny goes to Oneonta so often.

We wonder if Helen Finch will always stay single as she claims.

The P. B. has raffled off several bonds each Friday.

## Department 31

This is Department 31 reporting the news of the month. Time speeds on and the war isn't over yet. This is no time to stand at ease, so let's push production. Meet the quota assigned to our department . . . that's our goal. Let's go . . . our boys are on the march, let's march with them.

### Observations of the Reporter:

Walter Merritt walking up the outside aisle and seeing everything going on in the department without turning his head . . . "Bi-focals or Side-focals."

Ken Dean standing in the back of the grinders' aisle waiting for the wife to pass by to work so he can "flash" that smile.

Sprague handing "that package" to one of the girls on inspection bench with an "I told you so" look in his eyes.

Bud and Baldy trying for a looping hit with a cleaning rag.

Little Roby Robinson keeping everyone busy. What a guy!

Bremser and Hoyt racing for the test shed. I'm betting on Bremser. He takes the corners faster.

### Things Overheard by the Reporter:

Ralph Archer trying for a date with three girls. Don't blush girls, we all know you.

Dolly, the brunette, extracting dimes from everyone a few minutes after we are paid.

Henley explaining why he rejected all that rework.

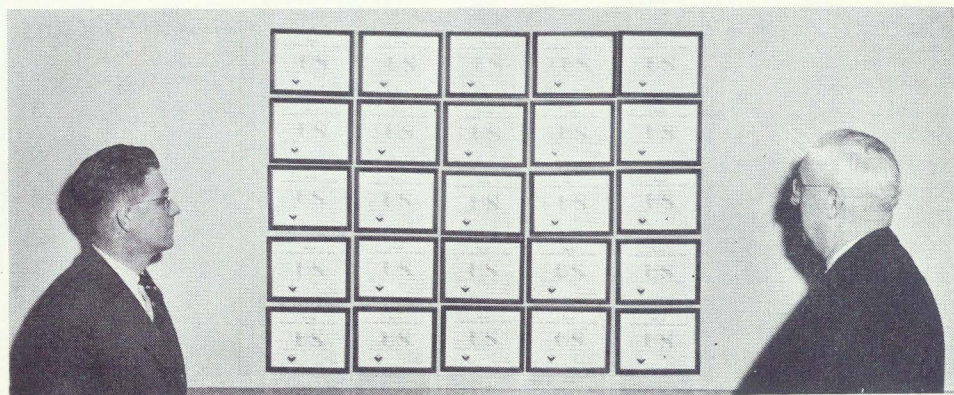
Helen, the clerk, yelping at some poor guy that didn't get his work punched off.

Since the department has lost Ralph, the sweeper, the department hasn't the neat appearance as before.

The drill presses are humming as hundreds of housings are awaiting their turn for the drills.

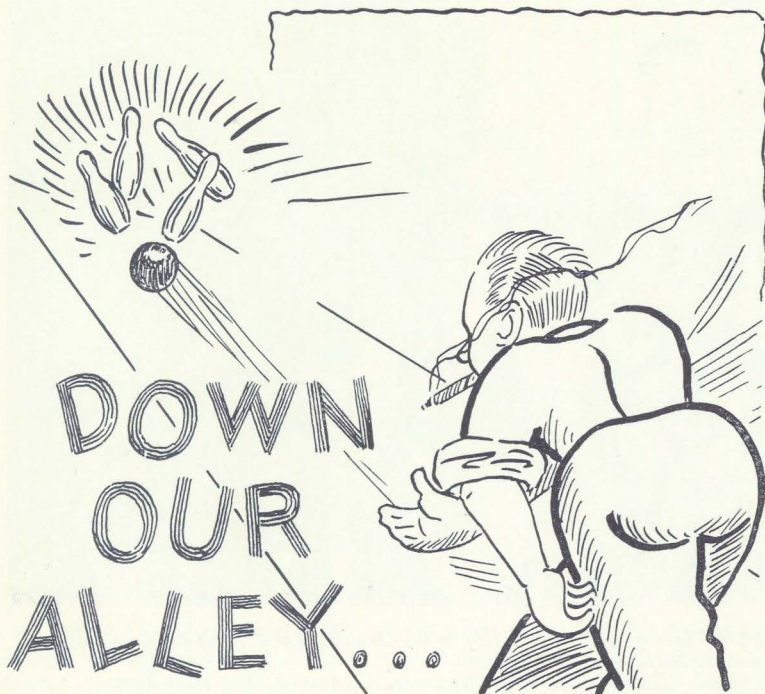
It has been rumored that John Davidson, the set-up man on the third shift, has his hands full keeping Fuzzy, Gibby and Burt going. What of Bennett, the forgotten man?

Department 31 had another one of those good old get-togethers again. Dinner at the Long River Inn, then to Rock Inn for dancing and fun. And boy, what fun!



E. M. VAN NAME, Director of Industrial Relations, and Roy Talada, Suggestion Supervisor, admire a group of framed "Awards of Individual Production Merit" prior to presentation. Awards went to Scintilla employees whose suggestions were of highest caliber.





On these pages you will find typical Scintillites enjoying a typical war worker's sport . . . the grand old game of bowling. Bowlers whose pictures appear here are, of course, only a small portion of the large number who regularly roll in the several local leagues. It was neither practical nor possible to photograph and print a complete roster of our bowlers. They're thicker than flies on an open jar of honey. So our next best bet was to pick a couple of nights at random, and then persuade our brother photographer to give with the flashlights. The job went to Harry Earl, who says he thoroughly enjoyed the first evening's work . . . which happened to be the night when the ladies did their stuff.

Listed below are the latest team standings which we were able to obtain for this issue. These standings will be switched around considerably by the time this is read . . . but they give an approximate idea of who's on top, and who's in the cellar.

#### Industrial League

Team	Won	Lost	Pctge.
Engineer's	43	26	.623
Beach's	41	28	.594
Egli's	36	33	.522
Bagnall's	31	38	.449
Allen's	30	39	.435
Hall's	26	43	.373

#### City Bowling League

Team	Won	Lost	Pctge.
Socony-Mobil	42	24	.636
W. T. A. W.	40	26	.606
Scintilla	33	33	.500
Forno's Lounge	30	36	.455
Aikin's Store	29	37	.400
Bendix	24	42	.364

#### 20th Century Bowling League

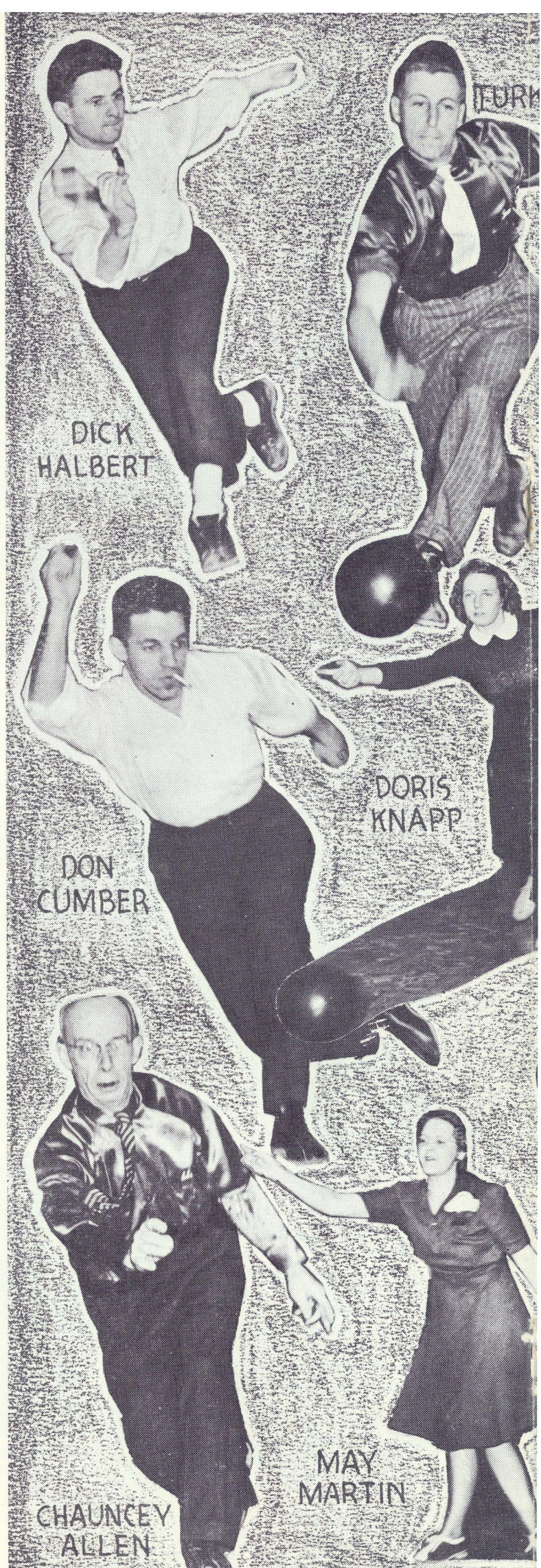
Team	Won	Lost	Pctge.
Aikin's Sport Shop	37	26	.587
Smalleys Theaters	37	26	.587
Scintilla	34	29	.540
Bob's Restaurants	30	33	.476
Rosalyn Shop	30	33	.476
20th Century Club	21	42	.339

#### 20th Century Ladies

Team	Won	Lost	Pctge.
Bendix Scintilla	41	25	.621
Kipp's	36	30	.545
Scintilla Spvrs.	33	33	.500
Vogue	32	34	.485
Forno's	22	44	.333
Victory	34	32	.515

#### Men's Club League

Team	Won	Lost	Pctge.
Victory Rest.	36	24	.600
Decker & Johnson	35	25	.583
Whitaker's	34	26	.567
Ramblers	29	31	.483
American Legion	26	34	.433
Bendix Scintilla	23	37	.383



DICK HALBERT

DORIS KNAPP

DON CUMBER

CHAUNCEY ALLEN

MAY MARTIN

Photos by Harry Earl



ARK OLMSTEAD

DOROTHY  
RUFF

GEORGE JONES

SGT. JIM  
SKELLEY

MRS. GEO. JONES

MRS. JOE  
BAZATA

MRS. M  
MISNER

BILL SLAWSON

SIDNEY  
FIRE CHIEF,  
ARCHIE SPENCER

JIM  
GREENE







First twins to be born in the Sidney Hospital! Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lakin, of R. D. 1, Sidney Center, on January 14, 1944. Photo shows Mrs. Lakin with Priscilla, left, (5 lbs. 10 oz.) and Thomas, right, (4 lbs. 9 oz.). Mr. Lakin is a plumber. The Lakins have four other children besides the new additions.

Photo by Norman C. Meagley

## Scintilla Little Theater

Tuesday night, February 1, found the Scintilla Little Theater members at Rock Inn for an evening of food and fun. A delicious steak dinner was followed first by a fast game of Tisket-a-Tasket, and then by three impromptu "acts" (or something resembling acts) by the various members.

First on the "programme" was a melodrama starring Grace Dietz as "our Nell," Fred Smith as "desperate Desmond" and Andy Catelli as the "muscular hero." (Critics will note that the characters in this *drahma* were particularly well cast.) The second act found Bob Pendlebury and Barbara (Bimbo) Dower spending a quiet evening at Joe's Joint over a glass of Pepsi-Cola, when in barged George Ferrell and Helen (Babe) Knorr. The plot thickened, but the audience failed to see the point. Nevertheless, the act ended with a bang when punch-drunk George kicked the chair from under Mr. Pendlebury. Bang!! The last act (whew!) took place in the hills . . . way back . . . with Paw Hellan, Maw Aber, "Nell" Ainslee, "Wally" Pendlebury—the unforgiving wife, and George Smith—the black sheep of the family. No point here either, but laughs aplenty as the "characters" tried desperately to keep from laughing at themselves.

After these three tiring dramatic events, the hard-working members relaxed to the music of their favorite juke-box. And so the curtain rang down on a happy evening; and thanks to Andy for making arrangements for the successful party.



After six months of guarding German prisoners of war, and some time spent taking a course in advanced Military Police Training, PFC Horace Palmer has recently gone overseas. He formerly worked in Department 17 before induction.

## The Human Tornado

Hovering ominously around the village of Sidney in the wee small hours of this brand New Year of 1944, a heavy and forceful "whirlwind" descended upon the unsuspecting and sleepy residents of this town and, in the midst of its fury, gathered into its folds the charming personality of one Beryl VanNamee. The "whirlwind" was of such intensity that the results of the storm were not ascertained until about the 17th of January when it was rumored, ever so slightly, that the "tornado" still had Beryl in its grasp and would culminate very swiftly in everyone's singing "Here Comes the Bride." To a certain degree, there were folks who discounted this theory and then there were folks who did *not* discount it at all. We "nosey-necks" here at the Gun Club office took a chance that this "whirlwind" would wind up at the altar of matrimony in an astonishingly short time and, somewhat relaxing our "looking-wise" countenances, we proceeded to arrange a surprise pre-nuptial party for this expected marital couple for Thursday, January 27, as we had heard through the "underground grapevine" that they were to be married on Friday evening, January 28. However, the Fates of Chance were against us, and they pulled a "fast one" on us, for they were married Thursday evening, the night we had planned our party for them, and believe us, we had to do some fancy rearranging. The party was subsequently arranged for the night of February 3 at Rock Inn and was reported as very successful. Latest reports and indications disclose that the "whirlwind" has somewhat played itself out and is resuming a degree of more tolerant sociability and quietude.

The above refers to the recent marriage of Gilbert Chapman Cottrell (Gib to you) and Beryl Bradshaw VanNamee, and we all here repeat to the newlyweds, "Good Luck," "Good Health," and "the best of everything to you 'til death do you part."

Earle S. Miller, formerly of Department 7, would like to hear from his friends in the department. He is now a 3rd Class Radioman in the U. S. Navy and is stationed at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Sampson, New York. His home is in Otego.

## Cost Control Chatter

Elmer Dann and Bill MacLaury became our fourth and fifth Service Stars by passing induction examinations at Utica, January 21. Elmer was selected by the Navy, and left Sidney for Sampson, January 28, while Bill left for the Army, February 11.

A joint party for the boys was held at Long River Inn, January 26. The party, one of the most successful in the history of the department, included several of the members of the Methods Department, Mr. and Mrs. Al Bagnall, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Buchert of Departments 27 and 28 respectively. A purse was presented to each by the members of the department, along with the sincere best wishes of all for a good voyage or happy landings, as the case may be, and for a safe, early return.

The department had no sooner settled down after the loss of Elmer and Bill when news was received, the effect of which will only be rivaled by the next Armistice, or words to the effect that the war is over. By the best efforts of one of the telegraph companies when the sender arrives before and in better condition than the wire, your scribe learned that Uncle Sam had himself a brand new Sailor, Stewart A. Currie.

Yes sir, Stewart made it, and while we are going to miss him, we are glad to see him achieve the goal he strived so hard for. He will be with us for awhile under the new plan . . . for that we are glad . . . but eventually the theme of the Navy shall be, "Follow Curry and never worry."

To Lillian, Dom, Joe, Elmer, Bill, Stewart and those that will go later, Godspeed. Our loss is the country's gain. We shall count our profits later when these boys start to discharge their various duties in the manner of which we know they are capable.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James O'Neil, January 5, 1944 a 7 lb. 9 oz. baby boy, Dennis Richard. Both Mrs. O'Neil and Dennis were doing fine according to the last report.

Robert Baird advances to the position held by Bill MacLaury, Audrey Tompkins takes Bob's place and Marion Wahl steps into Audrey's shoes. We wish them all success and extend our utmost cooperation to help them.

Mildred Zurn has been carrying a bright torch of late, but the gleam faded a little when "Red" failed to show up. Maybe the brightness will return when the boy friend gets on a regular diet again.

Virginia Hartwell's husband had a good idea for getting fire wood into the house without carrying it or chopping it up. Too bad he changed his mind at the last minute, for now he has to put a new roof on the front porch.

Bowling continues to hold the interest of a few of the old faithfuls. Those of you who miss this on Friday nights are passing up a very good evening's enjoyment. "Squeal" Moody, the bowling bombshell, is rapidly becoming one of Sidney's most popular, if not best, women bowlers. Goldie Foree is laying a foundation for the future by digesting Joe Falcato's book, word for word, while Jerry Alt continues to get a spare once in a while. Callie Utter, Frances and Joe Roberts round out the mainstays, and, I believe, look forward to each meeting.





PVT. RICHARD BALDWIN, who worked in Department 23 while at Scintilla, is stationed with the Infantry at Camp Croft, South Carolina.

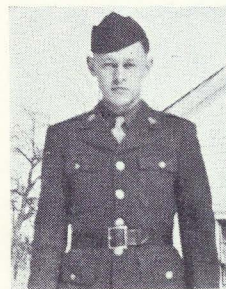


Now serving in an Infantry Division somewhere in England, Pvt. Donald Jansen was employed in Department 23 before leaving to work for Uncle Sam.



S/SGT. CHARLES L. JONES, formerly of Department 54, is stationed with a medical unit somewhere in England.

CPL. DONALD TRINKINO was employed in Department 18 before joining the Army in January, 1943. He is with a Coast Artillery Battalion on maneuvers in Louisiana.



CPL. ARTHUR P. JOHNSON went overseas in June where he took part in the Sicilian invasion. He was employed in Department 53 while at Scintilla.

### To My Son in Service

I have in my window a star of bright blue.  
It's there for the best pal that I ever knew.  
My house is now empty; my heart often  
sad;  
But he is serving our country for which I  
am glad.  
My prayer is that God in his mercy and  
love,  
Will send a bright angel from Heaven  
above,  
And watch o'er my son where e'er he may  
roam,  
And bring him back safely to Mother and  
home.

War Mother

### Hobby Show Week of Mar. 13

Plans are now under way for the Hobby Show which will be held in the USO club room the week of March 13, National Hobby Week. Hobbyists are requested to leave their material for the show at the USO Building at any time between the 1st and 12th of March.

## BENDIX PRESIDENT (continued from page 6)

six of them (East Orange, Bendix and Little Falls, N. J., Philadelphia, Rochester and Baltimore) in a single short press release.

But all this meant trouble: the speed of the expansion almost burst the company's seams. Inventories had an unhappy way of being too big or too small; raw materials were available one day, gone the next; everything seemed helter-skelter. So Bendix directors (perhaps prodded by GM which owns 400,000 of Bendix's 2,100,000 shares) boosted Breech into the president's chair, told him to get going. He did.

Six month's after he got the job, Breech reshuffled the top management of Bendix, for good measure added 80-odd men from the ranks or from completely outside.

To increase efficiency and boost morale, Breech expanded and improved the management-incentive bonus plan, made it clear he expected everyone to work for his share.

Most important of all, Breech established a down-to-earth system of control over inventories, payrolls, other strategic items which during the hectic expansion had wandered all over the company's books.

Results came in a hurry. Between 1941 and 1942, for example, total inventories rose only 100% although total sales increased three fold. Current results are even better: although sales have more than doubled, inventories are actually down more than 40%. This does not mean Bendix is skimping on materials or parts—the company has rarely missed its quota, its production flow is now smoother than ever. Result is that sales in the September 30, 1943 fiscal year topped the \$900,000,000 mark; profits exceeded \$12,500,000 or more than \$6 a common share (last year's profits were \$5.90 a share). And every good Bendixman is proud of his company's record on prices. In 1942 Bendix cut prices to the Government by \$188,000,000 (voluntarily and through renegotiation), or 15 times all net profits.

*Modest Man.* For this progress, Breech wants a minimum of credit. When one of the biggest national magazines wanted to do a feature story on Breech's achievement, he turned the idea down cold. Ernie's policy is always the same: when a fellow does a good job he should get all the credit. Thus when Bendix announced its big magnesium foundry and its revolutionary Gyro Flux Gate compass (the first new compass in 4,500 years), the press releases handed all bouquets to the foremen who supervised the foundry, to the engineers who developed the compass.

Bendix has a right to be proud of its 2,500 hard-working high-voltage engineers. They have invented or perfected so many new things that more than one-third of all products now rolling off the assembly lines were not even available in 1938. Maybe that is why Bendix spends generously for research—last year it was a neat \$11,700,000 v. \$8,450,000 for dividends.

*Post-war Prospects.* Where Bendix will go in the post-war era is anyone's guess. Not even the most rabid optimist would expect sales to hold their present pace. Even so, there are plenty of bright spots in the outlook. One of the brightest is the automobile division where Bendix is well fixed with many trademarked products like Stromberg carburetors, Zenith fuel filters, B-K power braking equipment, Bendix automatic clutch controls and self-starters. Meanwhile the company is entrenched in the aviation field, has a host of items to sell the expanded world merchant marine and private yachtsmen.

Bendix already is preparing for this kind of business. It has \$7,381,000 salted away in special reserves for reconversion, is operating under a \$150,000,000 V loan to keep its working capital clear.

But with methodical, accountant-trained Ernie Breech, the important thing is not merely what to make and sell in the post-war, but how to make sure the company will be financially solid when the great day comes. So in his plain, businesslike offices in Detroit's Fisher Building last week, Ernie Breech spent hours on the all-important problem of contract termination. And as a man who already has untangled many a tough financial problem, Ernie Breech was confident the square solution to this problem would soon be found.





PFC CALVIN FRANCISCO, formerly of Department 11, has been delving into the mysteries of radio, code, use of radio sets, and high speed radio operation. He expects to graduate from his present school at Camp Crowder as a high speed radio operator.

## Department 23

Al Dewey and Bruce Jenkins have ambitions to become lumbermen. Anyone possessing a sawmill that is portable and can be made available to these giants of industry will aid the eastern seaboard production of building material by communicating with these tycoons of commerce. Jenkins has retired from the dairy industry by the expedient of disposing of his cow.

Doyle VanDusen, formerly employed by the Inspection Department, was married to Miss Betty Smith of Morris recently, and it is reported that Doyle is working for American La France Company in Elmira, New York.

Bernadine Boardman has returned to Scintilla Inspection Department after a year's absence. She is employed in Small Parts Inspection.

Betty Nelson, formerly of Line Inspection, has gone to Apex Electrical Manufacturing Company at Sandusky, Ohio as Scintilla's Resident Inspector.

Wilbur Clark, Scintilla Resident Inspector at Apex Electric Company, has been loaned to Apex and has assumed the duties of chief inspector.

Bob Simmons of Dielectric Inspection is the father of a daughter, Maxine Ruth, born February 4, 1944—weight 7 lbs., 1 oz.

Tony Mott and wife are the proud possessors of a baby daughter yclept Jennifer, born on January 29, 1944. Tony is employed in Process Inspection.

Garner Barton of Gage Inspection was presented with a male progeny Monday, February 4, named Bruce Arthur; gross weight 7 lbs., 1 oz.

Since the last issue we have had some more entries in the armed forces. "Pop" Lisi of Gage Inspection is in the Army; Harold Turner of Department 17, also the Army; Melva Mundy, formerly of Department 51, Inspection, has enlisted in the WAVES; Bill Greene will be missed from Line 45 as he is a Marine now; Walter Cramer was a Raw Material Inspector and now is a sailor in our Navy; Bob Little, also of Raw Material, has entered the Army; Oliver Shaw of Department 17 has entered the Army; Bert Vandellon of Final Magneto Inspection is now a member of Uncle Sam's fighting forces.



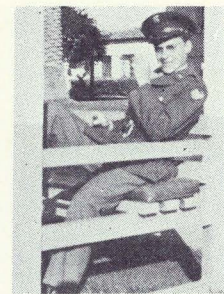
PVT. ELSON F. MACKEY, assigned to the Medical Detachment of the Air Corps, has been in Australia and New Guinea, and is now in "parts unknown." He worked in Department 17 before induction.

Of the ninety-seven Christmas packages sent to the boys and girls in the services, only three boxes have been returned as undelivered.

Several members of the Inspection Department held a surprise party at the Grange Hall in Masonville Saturday night, January 22, in honor of the first wedding anniversary of Mrs. George Ruling, who is employed in the Final Magneto Department. Round and square dancing featured the entertainment, after which a buffet supper was served. SC 3/C George Ruling, a former employee of Department 32, is stationed at Oceana, Virginia where he is a ship cook at the Naval Air Base. He was unable to be home Saturday night, but was here Thursday and Friday. The big surprise of the evening was the arrival of Mrs. Ruling's brother, Harry Bouton, a machinist in the U. S. Coast Guard, and a former employee of Line 45.



PFC KENNETH D. MOORE is a radio and switchboard operator at the Santa Maria Army Air Base, California. He left Scintilla to enter the Army on February 26, 1943.



## Engineering Research

It has been rumored that someone in the Engineering Department has been selling bananas for \$1.20 per dozen. The OPA has put a ceiling price on bananas so the public can be sure that this will put an end to the black market.

## Sparks from Engineering

We wonder why Murph bought so many bonds. Was it because of the cake and cookies Peg fed him?

Mr. and Mrs. F. Frewert, Production Design Engineering, announce the birth of a daughter, Linda Louise, on February 3. She weighs 5 lbs., 14 ozs. and was born at the Sidney Hospital. Congratulations, Fred, and them was good seegars.

The Floyd Roots of Materials Lab announce the birth of a boy, Gary Thomas, on February 8. He was born at the Sidney Hospital and weighed 9 lbs., 6 ozs. Quite a good sized fellow, Floyd. He'll be tossing those pigs of iron around in a short while at that rate.

At the first quarterly business meeting of the Engineers Club, the following men were accepted and welcomed as members in the various grades: C. R. Marlowe, H. Russell, J. Mathews, F. Anduze, W. A. Elliott, and E. Doster. A delicious steak dinner was enjoyed by all previous to the meeting.

## Department 67

Department 67 welcomes several new employees, Bessie Miller, Marion Ingraham, Beatrice Clark, Ruth Maxson, Marjorie Maxson and William Jones. We hope you like it over here across the tracks!

Everyone seemed to have so much fun at the last party we are thinking about having another soon. There was even talk of a formal, but we've decided against it . . . reason was that when cutting a rug you might rip a dress.

The girls in 67 have recently taken quite an interest in bowling. The Champ comes from Sidney Center. How do you do it, Aliene?

Marian Alford, former Forelady of 67, is missed very much by her many friends in this department. The place just doesn't seem the same without you, Marian!

We have new light, folks . . . just got 'em installed this week. Now, if we can just get a new Attendance Clock, we'll all be happy.

We like every cop on the Police Force, but why can't we always have Chummy?

Alford Miller wears a smile all the time now. Know why? He has a lot of girls now. You're doing a nice job, Jimmy!



Above photo—Candid shot showing portion of the crowd attending Polio Dance held at USO in honor of President's Birthday. Proceeds were contributed to the National Fund used for relief of infantile paralysis sufferers.

Photo by Harry Earl





# SAFETY SLANTS

By John C. Clemens, Supervisor of Safety

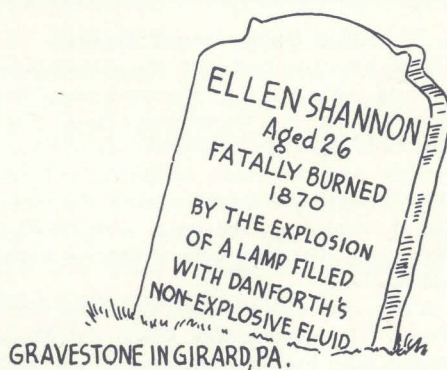
Having spent three very pleasant months in the Scintilla Division, we wish to take this means of expressing our personal gratitude to the employees and the personnel for your fine reception and the excellent cooperation given to this department. This degree of cooperation is a fine indication of what can be accomplished in our efforts to develop the promotion of safety and fine fellowship.

We in the field of accident prevention are looked upon many times as snoopers, busy-bodies or cranks. In reality we are just humanitarians who know by experience the agony and physical suffering that is caused as a result of accidents.

Recently a newspaper writer stated, "They say that after a while we become callous to death and suffering. They say that in wartime people cannot understand the little heartaches and tragedies that touch individual lives." We can see no evidence to substantiate this line of thought here at Scintilla. The fine "thank you" letters from members of the armed forces, little notes of gratitude for sick cards, etc., that appear in the Scintillator are all evidence of the fine fellowship that exists here. Because of this we have the desire to become, and to remain, a part of the organization.

To those of you who have already assisted us by pointing out unsafe conditions, we say "thanks," and it is hoped

that, as time goes by, we may have the pleasure of meeting more of you fellow workers and enjoy the opportunity of discussing with you these many problems in which we have a mutual interest.



There's a big lesson in the above cartoon copied from Bob Ripley's "Believe It or Not." Too many of us are like the unfortunate Ellen Shannon, who went to an early grave as the result of an explosion caused by "non-explosive fluid."

We still kill ourselves, or others, by careless handling of guns that "weren't loaded" . . . by using a match to illuminate the interior of an "empty" gas tank . . . by picking up "dead" electric wires . . . and so on, and on, and on. Let's use our heads. There still is plenty of room in our graveyards for careless people who act before they think. And there's no priority on DEATH!

## What's Your Alibi?

If you want a jolt and a plan to step up your power of achievement, get hold of a copy of Kenneth Goode's book, "How to Win What You Want." It's what the doctor ordered! Goode tells about Gene Neely, who never had any particular energy until a shotgun carried off one arm. Then Neely became one of the most remarkable athletes ever introduced in an American college. He was an all-American football player, a star center fielder at Dartmouth and later in a semi-professional league, a low-score golfer, a crack tennis player, a powerful wrestler, a strong swimmer, a fast sprinter, a billiard expert, a champion trapshooter, and a basketball forward.

Or consider Walter Schroeder, a Kansas boy who, after losing a leg trying to save a small sister from a burning building, played on the Buehler basketball team shooting 11 points in one game with his left hand because he had to hold his crutch in his right. Or Emory Moyes, an Ohio lad, with infantile paralysis, who pitched for his Germantown High School team, sitting down, winning 17 games in a row with an average of 8 strikeouts.

And then there was Louis Pasteur, who was so nearsighted he could not find his way around his own laboratory without spectacles. There was William Pitt, one of England's ablest statesmen, who bullied the British Parliament with his crutches. There was Florence Nightingale, flat on her back, reorganizing England's hospitals. There was Beethoven, stone deaf, writing his superb symphonies.

Now, what's your alibi?

of the Club so that he may send the membership card to the individual concerned.

The membership committee urges all sportsmen to join this Club so that the programs of pheasant rearing, field trials, fox hunts, and all other activities of the Club may prosper.

The writer has heard through the grapevine that Norman C. Meagley, one of Scintilla's photographers, is spending a lot of extra time writing to Irish Setter breeders, hoping to find a prospective field trial "champ." That's hard to do, Norm. This column is partial to Pointers and English Setters when it comes to "champs."

S. W. Donaldson, Order and Billing Department, better known to most of us as "Pete," sure has tough luck with his cockers. He has lost two this past year. One was killed by a car; another, a puppy of 2 months, died recently from internal disorders. But "Pete" says he's going to try again. In fact he has one all ordered for spring delivery. Nice going, "Pete," and don't let it get you down. You'll get one yet that will want to stay with you long enough to make up for the other two.



The Sidney Amateur Field Trial Club members participated in an election by mail which proved quite successful. All members were sent a ballot and by February 1 at 8 P.M. meeting time, all ballots were to have been in at the Club's USO headquarters.

Henry Pardee, local businessman, was elected president for the year, his very close contender being Ralph Mason, tool-maker. The three vice-presidents are Frank Woodruff, the Club's oldest member; Clayton Welch, Field Engineer; and "Frosty" Misner, local merchant. Arthur Kasson, Department 10, actually received



K. V. CAMPBELL (left), retiring president of the S.A.F.T.C., and his successor, Henry Pardee.



more votes than Mr. Misner, but by leaving this area he forfeited his office to the closest contender, Mr. Misner. Your writer was made secretary-treasurer.

The Club wishes to have it made known that all men who were members in 1943 and are now in the armed forces will receive honorary memberships for the duration. Anyone who knows of a man who is now in the service and who was a member of the Sidney Amateur Field Trial Club, is urged to contact the secretary





Scintilla executives met with Bendix President E. R. Breech, and Vice-President & Group Executive R. P. Lansing, when they visited Scintilla in January. Seated, l to r—G. E. Steiner, R. P. Lansing, E. R. Breech, T. Z. Fagan, H. Hanni, and W. J. Spengler. Standing, l to r—H. W. Hanley, W. Michel, C. Kuebler, H. Keller, and J. R. Frei.

### Shipping and Receiving Department 25

This is our first contribution and we hope our fellow employees will get a little kick out of it! The writer undoubtedly will!

"Slim" is our boss and we think he is a pretty good one. You can usually recognize him from a distance. His most famous saying is "Everybody on a Dolly."

Dick Doge, an old-timer with us, is still on the sick list from his auto accident. How about dropping him a card?

We sure miss our pal "Hossy," who has gone in the good old Army! His real moniker is Gordon Hosford, formerly of Raw Material Inspection.

We all miss Muriel, sometimes called "Sugar," "Honey," etc., better known to certain people on the night shift. I'll bet she can have her job back any time! She was a good worker.

Congratulations to Mrs. Glacken, formerly "Miss Louise Bookhout." We think "Chet" is a pretty lucky guy.

What certain "blonde" on the first shift will miss a certain guy if and when he goes in the Army?

Since Katie went on days, a certain young feller sure is lonesome!

The writer of this article doesn't want to get in trouble, but it is understood from a good source that "Vandy" stuck his fingers in the punch press on purpose! Need some money, Vandy?? Better check on this, Vern.

We have quite a few girls in shipping now, but we still think Marg is tops!

Say, Jack, where do you get all your gas and tires? We need a little!

Barney is an old crab, but after you hear him just so long, you don't mind him.

We don't know who does the most work, but let's all stop arguing and just be one big happy family.



PVT. ROLAND C. PRATT, formerly employed in Department 41, is now stationed with the U. S. Army somewhere in North Africa.

### Sales Department News

That little old bird with the spindly legs, the long beak, and the "you-know-what" has been visiting our department again. This time he brought two baby girls; one of whom, Patricia Ann, will make her home with the "Doc" Heimers of Unadilla, while the other, named Carol Jean, will reside with the Bob Disbrows of Oneonta. Congratulations, Papas and Mamas!

A diamond mine has been discovered hereabouts. The miners, Kay Clark and Millie Nespor, have been sporting samples and very pretty they are, too. Kay Clark's claim is Keith Vosburg of the U. S. Navy, and Bill Thomson of old Scintilla is Millie's. To each of these couples the Sales Department extends its best wishes with the hope that we'll be hearing the peal of wedding bells soon.

The Sales-Service Valentine party was a whooping success and enjoyed by all. Here's to bigger and better parties often.



CPL. ROBERT KNOWLES, pictured here just prior to a "three-point landing," is a member of the Para-Troopers, now stationed at Camp Pendleton in California. He formerly worked in Department 39.



Formerly employed in Department 26, Robert H. Chantler now is a Soundman 3/C and is somewhere at sea on active duty. He enlisted in the Navy in August, and received training at Sampson, New York, Key West, Florida, and Norfolk, Virginia.



### Tool Room Notes

Johnnie Platz is back. Good to see you, Johnnie.

"Brownie" is back to work and we're glad to see him after his illness. We really missed him.

Our pal, Johnnie Yevchak of the grinders, joined the Navy. We had a farewell party for him Friday night, February 4. Present were most of the members of the "Bombers" (the pennant-winning softball team), and some of Johnnie's friends. We enjoyed at supper Virginia baked ham and *Mason*, after-dinner speeches by most of the gang and *Mason*, quite a few good jokes plus *Mason* and after-dinner drinks carried well by most of the gang and —. The cutest couple furnished us with romance. I wonder how long they've been going together. Parent says he met a very good mechanic that night. He did an overall job on his Pontiac for him. Oh yes, I almost forgot (as he did), Charlie Glenn was M. C. Yevchak was full of "yiddle" stories.

Who said—

"I guess I'd better sell my house—I say, I guess I'd better sell my house—you know what I mean?"

—"We just like to sit and talk." (Contributed by Fink's gang.)

Music at Johnnie's party was furnished by Fay with his guitar and songs. ("Can I sle-e-e-e-p in yore barne tonight, Mis-tu-u-u-u-r?")

Suggestion for a good slogan to sell bonds: Buy a bond and you don't have to go see and hear Frank Sinatra in "Higher and Higher" at the Sidney Theatre.



# WE DOOD IT! SCINTILLA EMPLOYEES REACH \$200,000 QUOTA IN 4TH WAR LOAN . . .

As we go to press, the big news is that the Scintilla employee family has come through with flying colors on behalf of Uncle Sam.

The quota was a stiff one, especially in view of the fact that the period of the 4th War Loan Drive ran head on into federal income taxes, property taxes, and other incidentals of an annual nature. After the half-way mark had been reached, the campaign bogged down momentarily, causing some concern on the part of those who had been given the responsibility of putting the drive across. The day before the drive ended found us several thousand dollars short of our quota, and resulted in an unprecedented burst of activity on the part of our bond sellers throughout the shop and offices. At midnight on February 15, closing day of the drive, it was disclosed that we were still \$426 (cash value) short of the \$200,000 mark. By 9:30 A.M. on the morning of the 16th, sales that had been made in the closing hours of the 15th were turned in, bringing the total up to the required figure, and Scintilla employees had again fulfilled their obligations by "Backing the Attack." Final figures are incomplete at this writing.

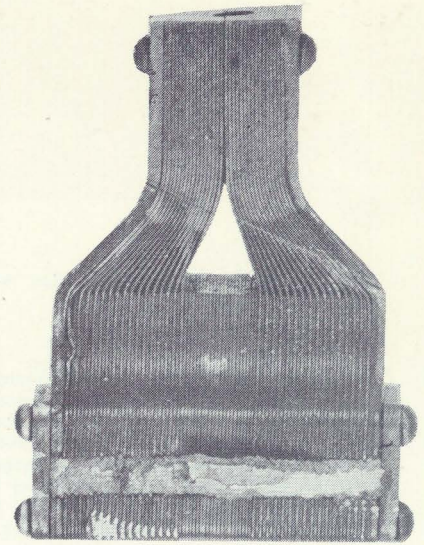
The credit for our success in this drive cannot be laid at the doors of any individual or individuals. It is shared alike both by our staff of conscientious bond sellers and the organization behind them, and our many loyal Scintillites who dug deeply into their cash on hand.



Progress charts mounted on three main gates gave continuous reports on progress of 4th War Loan Drive in plant.



Hanging signs in plant reminded Scintilla workers that their dollars are needed to help win the war. Boards were painted on both sides.



BENDIX-SCINTILLA		
PRODUCT OF SCINTILLA MAGNETO DIVISION		
BENDIX AVIATION CORP. SIDNEY, N. Y.		
ONE OR MORE OF U.S. PATENTS 1,554,705 1,776,013 1,836,518		
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The above items . . . magneto pole shoe and nameplate . . . were sent to a Scintilla employee by Pvt. Stanley Brown, formerly employed here. He picked them up in Sicily. Wherever the boys are fighting, there also go the products of Scintilla's craftsmen. Yes, there are casualties in equipment, too . . . which means we must stay "on the ball" to keep a steady stream of replacements flowing to the boys who need 'em!

## Gun Club—Department 93

We have several new additions to our gang, namely Enrico LaGuardia, Robert Houghston, Clarence Brown and Howard Kinch, who were transferred to our department. Also, a new girl, Virginia Craft, has joined our group. Welcome, folks.

We are sorry to hear that Elwood Fisher and Leigh Hoke are absent because of sickness. "Pop" Weems is absent also because of sickness. Sorry he is ill.

Donald White has left our department.

Harry Daniels is home on a furlough. It's too bad he has to spend part of it being sick.

A group of girls from the Gun Club, the Town Hall, and the Sales Department gave a stork shower for Mrs. Evelyn Finch Nelson at the home of Mildred Bryant on a Thursday evening. Evelyn received many lovely presents and everyone had a good time.

Beatrice Morenus and Mary Ann Cope have returned to work after a long siege of sickness. Welcome back, girls.

SGT. FRANK PROVENZON is stationed with an Anti-Tank outfit at Camp Rucker, Alabama. While at Scintilla he worked in Department 41.







## Barter Column

WANTED: Tricycle, good condition, 4-5 year size. H. Gibson, 23-538.

WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE: Electric mixer, good pre-war parlor suite, cameras. FOR SALE OR TRADE: 25 and 32 calibre automatic pistols and several small revolvers. FOR SALE: 4-burner gas range, (bottle gas), good condition, about 6 years old. Robert Stafford, 23-175, 34 Inspection, First Shift. Phone Morris 38.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 5 rooms (including 2 bedrooms), oil heat, garage. Located in Sidney Heights, 5 minutes walk from Scintilla. See Harold Pattengill (17-86), First Shift.

LOST: Black dog (no certain breed), but valued as a family pet. Answers to name of "Blackie." Lost in Sidney about February 10. Finder please notify Paul Ineich, Department 84, Ext. 296.

ABOUT 5 WEEKS AGO, one loop stylus and one lettering stylus for mimeograph were loaned to a lady in the plant. We don't remember the lady's name or clock number, but we hope she will see this and return the equipment. We need it in our business. Please return to W. Bachman, Service Department.

WANTED TO BUY: Electric refrigerator. L. Grasso, Ext. 257.

FOR SALE: 4 Shetland Ponies, red and white; 2 mares, 3 years old; 1 gelding, 5 years old; and 1 thoroughbred stallion. George W. Felker, 52-71, 2nd Shift, Bainbridge, N. Y.

FOR SALE: Kodak Monitor Six-20 Special, supermatic shutter 1 to 1/400 sec. with built-in self timer, anastigmat special 4.5 lens, automatic depth-of-field indicator, two view finders: reflector type and direct finder with focus corrector, automatic winding spool counts and prevents double exposure, makes 6 2 1/4 x 3 1/4 pictures on #620 black and white or color film attachments: two filters, sunshade and F-R synchronous flash gun, excellent condition. R. E. Hall, Ext. 388.

WANTED TO BUY: Set of Verniers. Vincent Elderkin, 23-1513, Lewis Building, 2nd Shift.

FOR SALE: Stove wood. General trucking. Oakie Warner, 31 Willow Street, Sidney, Phone 5186.

BEAUTY EQUIPMENT FOR SALE: 2 beauty parlor chairs, 1 permanent waving machine, 1 dryer, 1 steamer, 1 foot rest, signs and other useful articles. Any price within reason will be accepted. Contact 27-281.

FOR SALE: Electric neon display sign with clock and changeable letters, stands 2 1/2 ft. x 4 ft. Jack Kaufman, the Sign Painter, 22-57.

WANTED: Accordion. Mrs. Kenrick, Material Control, Ext. 382.



Above shot shows Elinor Stafford, HA 2/C, formerly an inspector on Line 42, shortly after she enlisted in the WAVES. Her two companions are identified only as "Helen" and "Betty." Elinor has three brothers also in uniform, all of whom formerly worked at Scintilla. She is stationed at the U. S. Naval Hospital in San Diego, California. Hats were the only parts of their uniforms which the gals had received when photo was taken.



LT. THEODORE D. BAILEY is acting as assistant survey officer in the Field Artillery at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. While at Scintilla, Ted worked in Department 7.



This former Department 41 employee, Cpl. Hugh H. Fletcher, is now stationed with a Tank Battalion at Fort Jackson, S. C.



Overseas since July, 1943, T/Cpl. Russell Cameron is now an Army Cook, stationed in India. He entered the service last February. While at Scintilla he worked in Department 24.

### St. John's Son Missing

Word has been received by Mr. Benjamin B. St. John, employed in Department 22 at Scintilla, that his son, S/Sgt. Benjamin H. St. John, has been listed missing in action over Germany since January 29.

S/Sgt. St. John was a radio operator and ball turret gunner on the Flying Fortress, "Sons of Satan." He was awarded the air medal for service over Germany last October, and since then had received two Oak Leaf Clusters.

He recently wrote his family that his crew had served in 22 missions and had only 3 more to go before being eligible to return to this country.

S/Sgt. St. John was employed by the New York State Gas and Electric Co. at Oneonta before joining the Air Corps.

### Ration Tokens Now Effective

The following release was received from the OPA as we were about to go to press.

"A new simplified food rationing plan will start February 27.

"Under the new plan, red stamps for meats, butter and fats will be worth 10 points. Just ignore the numbers on the stamps.

"The same goes for blue stamps for processed foods.

"You will get your change in tokens . . . red for meats . . . blue for processed foods.

"You will tear off stamps ACROSS THE TOP OF THE PAGE . . . not up and down.

"Papers will carry notices and stores will post notices, as usual, of which stamps are valid.

"Tokens will be worth 1 point."

### Department 18

PFC Donald Fish and Cpl. John Greeley paid us a visit while home on furlough.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Olive Silvernail for the death of her mother.

Helen Zaczek bid us goodbye to become Mrs. Stanley Newark. Good luck, Helen.

Martin Sexton, who has been having trouble with his eyes, is back at work.

If you hear strange noises coming from this department, don't be alarmed. It's only Winnie Jones and Rosie Angell singing "Mairzy Doats"!

Nellie thinks that having the spark plug booth removed was a grand idea. Now there is a clear view from one end of the shop to the other.

What's the matter with Rosie and chop suey?

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