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# DECEMBER 7th . . . ON THE WAY BACK!

On December 7th, it will be three years since that day of treacherous infamy . . . three years since our country, our people, our entire way of life were challenged by the Japs when they struck at Pearl Harbor.

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We've come a long way in that time. From a nation of "complacent, self-satisfied individualists" we have become as one people, united in the common purpose of destroying the evil forces rampant in the world today.

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It has not been an easy road . . . we have made mistakes and we'll doubtless make more before the end is reached. But, on the whole, we have attained a record of which we can justly be proud.

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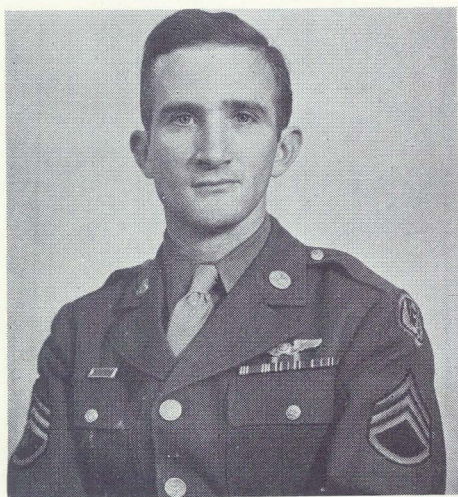
Yes, we're on the way back. MacArthur is slugging into the Philippines. Eisenhower is battering his way through Hitler's defenses. The boys are really dishing it out . . . and they are also taking it.

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In one sense, Pearl Harbor was a shameful day that all of us would like to forget. But in another sense, we want to remember it . . . because it marked the beginning of a new unity in America.

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On December 7th this year another War Loan Drive . . . No. 6 . . . will be in progress. If you haven't already done your bit to help Scintilla hit its target of \$100,000 . . . then celebrate Pearl Harbor Day by laying enough dough on the line to buy yourself a War Bond . . . as big a Bond as possible.



S/SGT. WILLIAM MARTIN

## S/Sgt. Martin Visits Scintilla Friends

S/Sgt. William Martin, former Coil Department employee, thinks he has had a lot of luck in this war . . . and we're inclined to agree with him.

Home on furlough after ten months of bombing Hitler's strongholds, he wears a Presidential Citation, the Air Medal with nine oak leaf clusters . . . but not a single scratch on him anywhere. For a tail gunner, this last fact is most unusual!

During his 51 bombing missions in a Flying Fortress, Sgt. Martin has had many close calls. On his first mission, as they approached the target the bomber directly behind theirs was blown up by a bursting ack-ack shell. On another mission a nearby bomber was split in two

by shellfire, its tail falling away in one direction, its nose in another.

His closest call came on a mission over Italy. As they approached the target, flak tore two of the engines completely off their plane. Although seriously crippled they unloaded their bombs on the target and limped back to a base in Africa. Two of their crew were killed on this particular mission.

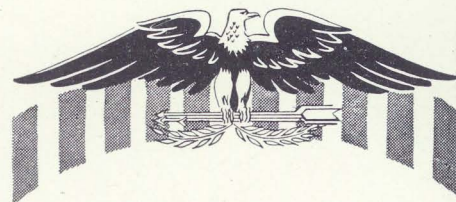
Sgt. Martin gives full credit to the coolness of the pilots who flew his ship. He says their courage and quick thinking in tight spots was marvelous, and earned the respect of all who knew them.

## B-29 Parts Urgently Needed

Swift production of more B-29s is the quickest and best way to smash Japan, because the Superfortresses will play the same role in wrecking Japan that the B-17s and B-24s played in pulverizing Germany from the air, Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen, Director of the AAF Air Technical Service Command, said today in a direct appeal to workers for more of the giant airplanes.

This means that approximately 125,000 workers in the eleven northeastern states, comprising the Command's Eastern Procurement District, can personally speed up victory and save American lives. These men and women make many thousands of different types of parts for B-29s in more than 300 plants, Col. Kenneth R. Collins, District Supervisor of ATSC in New York, said.

"We need more B-29s than ever before," General Knudsen declared at ATSC Headquarters, Wright Field, Ohio. "Every manufacturer of B-29 planes and parts must intensify production. Every



## CASUALTY LIST

### Killed in Action

Sgt. Scott Cleveland  
S/Sgt. Truair Halbert  
Pvt. Warren Haskins  
Pvt. Burdette Davie  
Lt. Herman Hoegger  
Lt. Carl Pierson  
2nd Lt. William Dana  
Sgt. Bud Rudnitsky  
Pvt. Stanley Brown  
Pvt. Edson Smith  
Cpl. James Panaro  
S/Sgt. Richard McCarthy  
Pfc. Wilford Mesic  
Cpl. Harold Forshee  
Pvt. Russell Weeden

### Died in Service

Pvt. Paul Allen  
Sgt. Nelson Sheppard

### Missing in Action

Pvt. Willis Gibson  
Lt. Kenneth Keeler  
Sgt. Carl Daniels  
Charles Root, MoMM 2/C  
Cpl. Ralph Lent  
S/Sgt. Henry Hoos  
Pfc. Homer Dutcher

### Prisoners of War

Lt. Donald Patchen  
2nd Lt. James George  
Lt. John Skahan

B-29 worker must work a little harder. The need for B-29s is vital, because they provide the quickest and best means to smash Japan.

"Just as the B-17 and the B-24 wrecked German production from the air, so must the B-29 wreck Japanese production. Any person who works in a B-29 plant or in a plant that manufactures parts for it—and that goes all the way from maintenance people who sweep the floors to the most skilled machinist—must realize that on the work he does depends the length of the Japanese war and the cost to America in the lives of our young men.

"I cannot make too strong a statement in this regard. We need B-29s and we need them badly. Nothing must stop us now."

"When you know you are doing your job perfectly, look for ways to improve it . . . or someone else will."—Martin Vanbee

"It is better to wear out than to rust out."—Bishop Cumberland





War Bond Drives mean that Jack Kaufman suddenly finds himself swamped with orders for display boards. Here he is finishing one of the 16 signs required for plant coverage in the 6th War Loan.

## Marine Learns Jap Tricks on Peleliu

The newspaper correspondents have done an outstanding job in keeping the American public up to date on progress of the war. However, we occasionally have an opportunity to see letters from the battle fronts, and it is from these sources that the most vivid battle descriptions come. They are not written for publication, therefore the writers are not hampered by rules of grammar, composition or any of the other things which must be observed in writing deliberately with the public in mind. That's why they are so interesting.

A Scintilla employee, whose husband is with the Marines in the Southwest Pacific, received a letter from him the other day . . . a letter packed with the fighting man's slant on the Pacific war. At her request we are omitting identities, but the following excerpts from his letter are as he wrote them.

"After Peleliu and the transport that took us back, we have discovered that our island here is a little paradise. We have big tents, and we eat in screened chow halls, sleep on cots with mattresses on them and mosquito bars around them, and one sleeps with everything one has. In a battle area, one does not expect these things, so one does not miss them. I remember one night, after a rain had soaked us through and through, we found a truck, lay down under it, and slept happily. The ground was rough, and we had no blanket or other cover. Nevertheless, we were content.

"One suddenly loses all the squeamishness of the supercivilized, and however mangled a wounded man is one does what one can, swiftly and methodically, when corpsmen are not available. And one learns what human courage can be. The corpsmen and stretcher bearers walked calmly to their deaths to remove wounded from areas of fire, and as the first fell, others took their place. It is a noble courage somehow beyond the courage of brave men in battle. Some of these stretcher bearers were Negroes, so scared they were grey. Unlike the white man, the Negro looks frightened when he is

frightened. We joked with them, and they gave us the feeblest imitations of smiles that I have ever seen. But when they were called, they got up and went ahead and a lot of them didn't get back. I wish my southern friends in the States could have been there.

"As for the Marines themselves, I understand for the first time why they have beat the Japs back in every encounter beginning with Guadalcanal. Japs are not human. Their fanatical treachery is somehow bestial. In the early stages of battle, a Jap will walk toward you with his arms in the air, ostensibly to surrender. If you fall for it you get killed. If you are battle-wise, you cut him in half with a tommygun when he is still far enough away so that the load of dynamite he has strapped to his back doesn't take you along with him. Toward the end, when their fate is sealed, some of them do indeed surrender, and they surrender with so much of their clothes off that you can see that no treachery is possible. Another reason we hate them is that they wound a man, then wait to kill the corpsmen who come out to take care of him . . . in violation of all the rules of warfare. So it is that we hate them with a hatred that gives one purpose to our lives . . . to kill them as rapidly as possible.

"W—— and I were on the ridges where the fight was stalemated day after day. The trees shoot at you, the stones shoot at you, and bullets come out of holes in the hills and holes in the ground, and you never see a Jap. But one day the Japs charged in large numbers. The boys cut loose with every weapon at hand and screamed curses at the Japs. The Japs got fifteen yards away, and we could hear their birdy chatter and the clicking of their rifle bolts, and the boys laughed and howled with glee, flinging grenades into the middle of the monkey men, grenades that had to be thrown from hand to hand all the way up the hill so the top man could get them off. Nobody even thought of retreat. It was a chance to kill Japs. And before very long the few that were left were scrambling back to

## SCINTILLA LITTLE THEATER

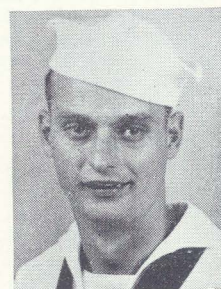
The Scintilla Little Theater submits below a record of funds received and disbursed from the 2nd Annual Navy Day Dance. The Little Theater and Hospital Board gratefully acknowledge the assistance of Scintilla executives, and Maintenance Department, USO and all the good folks near and far who contributed in making the affair a pleasant success. We acknowledge also the personal presence of many of our men in uniform. We trust they'll be coming home soon to be with us again.

### Navy Day Dance

Total Proceeds . . . . .	\$706.50
Expenses:	
Orchestra . . . . .	\$225.00
Tickets, Decorations	
Navy Day Bond . . . . .	50.00
Federal Tax Return . . .	98.50
USO (hall, lights, music)	66.60
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	\$440.10

Net Proceeds . . . . . \$266.40

Included in the net proceeds is \$39 contributed by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Sidney, who managed the checkroom.



The fifth son to join up with the armed forces, John Egnaczak, S 2/C is stationed at New Orleans, La., waiting further orders. A former Department 39 employee, John thinks Navy life is okay and feels the experience he is getting will help him in years to come.

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PFC GRACE ARM-STRONG used to work in Purchasing Department and is at present stationed in London, England.



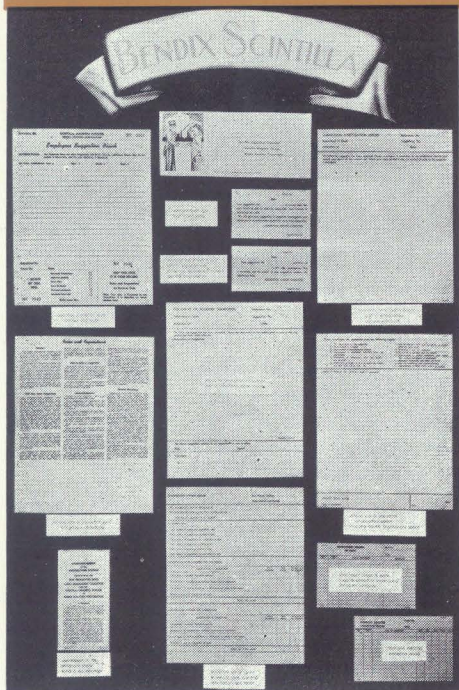
their holes. We had so few men on that ridge that the officers had about decided that a retreat was inevitable, but the enlisted men said, "hell, no" . . . they had fought too hard to get this far and they were staying. And they did stay.

"When the Army finally came in to relieve some of our weariest units, W—— and I learned that they planned a big advance, so we caught up with them and went along. Those men had plenty of courage . . . it takes plenty of courage to walk along in front of your tanks, with cliffs loaded with caves and machine guns almost directly overhead, and a jungle on the other side, in which you can see nothing. But they didn't joke and they didn't laugh. They were tense and irritable. And the tank men were very careful to keep their heads in the tanks. We were with a Marine tank one day,

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# IDEAS ARE LIKE DIAMONDS . . .



Shown above are the two Suggestion System Panels to be displayed at the Suggestion Systems Annual Convention, December 6, 7 and 8, at the Drake Hotel, Chicago. L. G. Talada, Scintilla's Suggestion Supervisor, expects to attend. Left panel carries various forms used by our Suggestion System. Right-hand panel shows original and reproductions of spread in September "Scintillator."

Ideas are like diamonds. A diamond is of no earthly use to anyone while it lies hidden deep in the earth. But dig it up and put it through the works . . . brother, then you really have something.

The same holds true with an idea. You can carry it around in your head for a long time, but it has no usefulness until you finally pry it loose and put it to work.

All ideas, like diamonds, do not turn out to be good ones. The only way you can find out whether your idea is valuable is to put it to the test. That's what Scintilla's Suggestion System is for . . . to test out your ideas about improving the methods used on your job. And if the idea proves useful, the Company is glad to pay you for it.

Most jobs are set up in such fashion that a worker can do the work and still think at the same time. Study your job. Think. Chances are you'll find yourself dopping out a better way of doing your work. When you reach that point you're ripe for a Suggestion Blank. Think it over . . . it's good business.

Here are the winners who received checks in November.

Name	Clock No.	Amount
Russell Voltz	54-3	\$15.00
Jonas Smith	92-18	25.00
Catherine Macaluso	63-265	7.50
Frank Bard	11-35	15.00
Charles Shafer	18-30	40.00
William Jones	67-47	22.00
Harland Alberta	42-70	15.00
Willis McGinnis	12-43	10.00
Les LaValley	22-28	7.50
Elizabeth Boggs	39-276	15.00
Raymond Shaffer	12-40	10.00
H. A. Gibson	23-538	18.00
Edward Bugbee	16-151	40.00
M. Cook	11-92	10.00
Joseph Gill	22-26	6.50
Howard Cating	59-75	10.00
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Evelyn Archer	26-243	7.50
D. P. MacArthur	86-65	6.50
Raymond Friend	23-984	15.00
Raymond Bedford	47-90	15.00
Jay Badeau	18-97	10.00
Ira Niles	59-14	10.00
A. H. Engel	80-51	20.00
Kenneth Cooke	59-60	6.50
Robert Campbell	51-106	20.00
Donald Comfort	17-27	6.50
A. H. Engel	80-51	6.50

## Alternate Fuels Substituted to Relieve Anthracite Shortage

This may not be news, but it seems appropriate to remind users of anthracite coal that, due to the shortage of anthracite, they may have to accept an alternate fuel to balance their quota of coal for the heating season.

The dealer's allotment of anthracite coal for this season is only 87½ % of the anthracite which the dealer delivered during the base tonnage period of April, 1942-April, 1943. On this basis the consumer is eligible to receive 87½ % of at the new address.

the anthracite which he used during the above-mentioned period. If anthracite is not available for all of the consumer's heating season, the balance will be made up of alternate fuel or fuels. Alternates are re-claimed coke, soft coal, and run-of-oven coke.

According to regulations, a coal dealer is obligated to furnish solid fuel to the same addresses that he served last year. If a previous customer has moved to a new location within the same dealer's area the dealer must first supply, or insure supplying the quota of the original address before he can supply the regular customer

## Three More Gold Stars for Scintilla

Since the last issue of the Scintillator, word has been received that three more of our fellow workers have died in action . . . all of them in the European Theater of operations.

Pfc. Wilford Mesic (Department 63), Infantryman, was killed October 1st in France.

Cpl. Harold Forshee (Department 15), a paratrooper, was killed in Holland, on October 7th.

Pvt. Russell Weeden (Department 24), a member of the Glider Infantry, was killed over Holland on November 1st.

This brings to a total of seventeen the men who have given their lives in the service of their country during World War II. Fifteen of this number have died in action. The others died in this country.

Six men are listed as missing in action and three are confirmed as prisoners of war.

Complete list of Scintilla's casualties appears elsewhere in this issue. If our readers know of any others which should be and are not included, please advise the Editor.

## THE COVER

This month's double cover scene is presented especially for Scintilla's men and women in service. It occurred to us that the boys and girls would appreciate getting a peek at a bit of familiar Fall countryside, so we asked Norm Meagley to go out and point his camera at something that would fill the bill. The scene that he brought back is typical of this part of the country during the Fall season. It's location is between Otego and Oneonta.

To get the best view of the full scene, open the magazine so that the front and back cover form a complete panorama.



A former Mail Room employee, T/5 George Bell has been in India for 16 months and is at present with the Quartermaster Corps. In his last letter he said he would be glad to get back to Scintilla.



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GEORGE SLOANE, S I/C (RM) is stationed in Australia with the U. S. Navy. Dick worked in Department 17 before enlisting in the Navy.  
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Under the circumstances, necessitated as they are by the war emergency, a consumer . . . particularly a new one . . . should be willing to accept any kind of solid fuel which is adaptable to his heating equipment, if there is no anthracite allotment for his address.



# Strictly

FOR THE GIRLS!



Looks as though your post-war shopping problem may be somewhat simplified. The Shell Oil Company has just unveiled its conception of the post-war service station . . . actually built and ready for operation. Most revolutionary thing about it is the section devoted to household items, washboards, garden tools and whatnot. While you're getting your gasoline and having your car lubricated you can catch up on your shopping. Everything will be well displayed so that you hardly need to bring a list.



There's a swell card game afoot . . . contract rummy . . . that's every bit as interesting as bridge and as exciting as poker. From two to five, and even more, can join in a game, so you can play no matter how large or small the gathering. The Association of American Playing Card Manufacturers is offering the rules FREE to those who write to them at 420 Lexington Avenue, N. Y. C. 17, N. Y. Sounds good.



**A QUICK QUIZ**—Suzie commits three make-up mistakes. Can you find them? Time: At the end of the day. Place: In front of Suzie's locker. Act: Time is short so Suzie doesn't bother to remove her old make-up. In order to look fair, she uses powder a shade lighter than her complexion. Her lips she accents with a pretty Rascal Red. Then she blends on a contrasting shade of rouge.

Finale: Suzie thinks she's well-turned out. What do you say?



## Mistakes

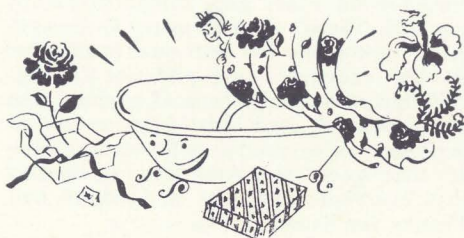
- 1) Doesn't remove old make-up (Suzie should! With a double cold-cream cleansing.)
- 2) Uses powder lighter than her complexion. (Oh no, Susan! It makes your face look "flour-dipped".)
- 3) Uses contrasting rouge and lipstick. (Suzie shouldn't. And neither should you! Lipstick and rouge must always match!)

**PURSE OF MILK?** How'd you like to carry two quarts of milk home in your purse or pocket? Kraft dairy research now presents in a compact package, eight ounces of Powdered Whole Milk, enough for two full quarts of the fluid product. It's milk minus the water, plus some extra Vitamin D. To make it whole you simply add back the water, shake it thoroughly and presto . . . there you have it! Our servicemen know this new milk form well, and Texans have just been introduced to it. The rest of us will probably have to wait the war's end for this new magic.



## Double Duty

It's not enough to buy bonds,  
However high we heap 'em;  
We've wasted your and my bonds  
Unless, when bought, we keep 'em.



Shower curtains for Christmas presents? Yes, indeed. The once prosaic curtains that looked so limp in otherwise gleaming bathrooms have been dressed in a new glamour by one of the country's leading manufacturers of parachutes. Durable as the 'chutes, and handsome as a gift are these new shower curtains with striking rose, fern and orchid patterns to lend life and color to any bathroom.

## This Year's Christmas Tree Decorations Are Up To You!

You're going to need all the ingenuity you can muster up to pretty up your Christmas tree this year. Old standbys . . . tinsel, balls and other ornaments will be scarce in Christmas '44. But that doesn't have to spoil your tree's beauty treatment . . . not if you make good on that "real old-fashioned Christmas" you're always telling your children about. The solution is hidden in such simple grocery store provender as molasses, peanuts in the shell, popcorn and cranberries. Magic, charm and humor can emerge from these seemingly ordinary foods when your family starts transforming them into gay and jolly decorations. Round up family and friends for an evening's fun and let them demonstrate their originality. It's an economical way to dress your tree because this way you can have your ornaments and eat them, too.

Peanuts in the shell that have been dipped in bright water color paints make pretty chains for the tree. Odd dots and stripes add variety to them while paper stars pasted on give them glamour.

Peanut people have captivating personalities and are easy to make. You'll want some of these. The basic requirements are peanuts in the shell, nimble fingers, a bit of whimsy and imagination.



To make the Tyrolean skier and his mate, select a single peanut in the shell for the head, a double or triple peanut for the body and shorter ones for the arms and legs. Attach arms, legs and head to body with buttonhole thread using a darning needle. Tie a criss-cross of red and green crepe paper over the shoulders. To make the pants, gather up and tie a strip of green paper about 6x8 inches around the body just below the arms, with pieces of red and green yarn. Split the center and tie the ends. The skirt is a 6x3 inch piece of gathered paper tied around the body.

Before sewing the peanuts together for the Santa Claus, dip them in bright red water color paint or lacquer them with nail polish. After they've dried, sew them together, as for the skier. Paste on a cotton batting beard and a crepe cornucopia with a dot of cotton for his hat. A fold of green crepe paper makes his bag which may be stuffed with peanuts or candies.

This is a good way to use up scraps of last year's Christmas wrappings, stray bits of bright colored cloth, ribbon and yarn you've been saving in hope that they would "come in handy some day." Just pile them on the table around your bowl of peanuts and let your home craftsmen do their stuff.



Dear Fellow Workers:

In the October issue of the Scintillator you undoubtedly saw the letter from Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, advising us that the men and women of Scintilla Magneto Division had "... won for the second time, the Army-Navy Production Award for meritorious services on the production front."

As a symbol of this award, a white star has been added to our Army-Navy "E" Flag. We are proud of this achievement, and are fully aware of the fact that it was made possible only by the continued co-operation and loyal efforts of all Scintilla employees.

The Management wishes to express its most sincere appreciation to all of you who have had a part in the winning of the "Star," and we are sure that the Armed Forces of our country are even more appreciative of the job we are doing in the interests of victory for the United Nations. Let's keep up the good work.

Sincerely,  
H. Hanni  
General Manager

## Marine Learns Jap Tricks

(from P. 3)

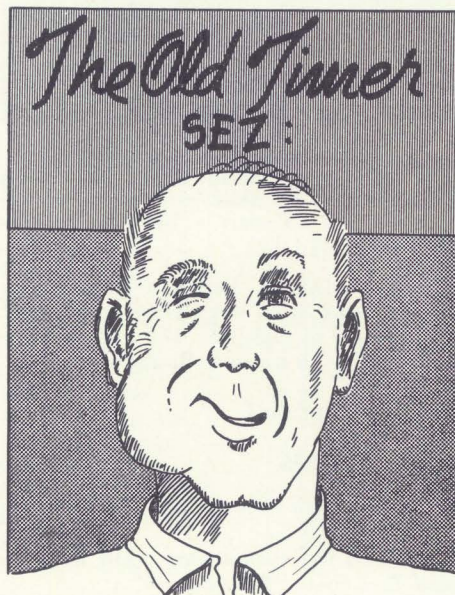
and the driver, as casual and reckless a man as I ever saw, stood up behind his outside machine gun and calmly returned the fire of a Jap machine gun in a cave not more than sixty yards away. When he had the range, he let go with his 75 cannon and blasted a shell right into the middle of that cave. Then he turned around with a grin to get his picture taken. W—— has the same temperament. When we were so tired our voices squeaked we still found something to laugh about.

"You don't feel frightened in combat areas. You are simply wary, alert, and ready to do what you have to. Because we had to travel alone so often we had plenty of reason to be nervous. Sleeping in a hole at night, with a pistol strapped to your chest, the spatter of a drop of water on a leaf wakes you to instant alertness, and you are not surprised to find that your gun is already in your hand and ready to go. You even learn to hope that a Jap will crawl up and stick his head over the hole so you can knock it off. This is precisely the feeling that so many men had.

"Well, this one is over. I learned a good many things. I am not one of the tough guys who craves battle. After a couple of operations there aren't many of that kind of tough guys left. At the same time I would not trade this experience for anything on earth. I am grateful for having gone through all of it ... if only to find out why men who push each other around in the chow lines here in camp give you their last water in combat."



Now stationed at a Naval Air Technical Training Center (where ... that's a tongue-twister!) at Memphis, Tennessee, Owen E. Richason, S 2/C, was employed in Department 16 before leaving Scintilla in March, 1944.



Up in the men's room the other day, a couple of the boys got arguin'. Nothin' new to hear arguments flyin' around up there, but this one got a little closer to bed rock than usual.

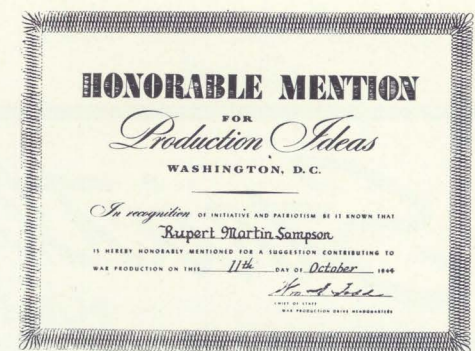
If I heard him right, Bill started off by crackin' about what was goin' to happen to the workin' man after the war. Nobody said anything for a minute. Finally Joe pipes up with a come back that set me to thinkin'.

"The way I see it," he says, "unless people ... the white-collar boys in the front office and the guys in greasy overalls ... pull together, a lot of us are goin' to be in a financial dog house."

"Whaddaya mean by 'pull together'?" says Bill, kinda bristlin' up an' gettin' red around the gills. "It took a war to get 'em together. After the war's over, how ya goin' to keep 'em together? There won't be no incentive ..."

That's all I heard before I left, but I heard enough to set the wheels buzzin' in what I use for a brain ... lackin' a better substitute.

Now I may be all cock-eyed, but if the boys can pull together well enough to win a war ... and don't think we intend to lose this one ... what in blazes is there to keep 'em from doin' it to win peace



Above photos show, in greatly reduced form, samples of the War Production Board's certificates of "Honorable Mention" and "Commendation for Production Idea." Similar certificates were presented to 36 Scintilla suggestion award winners on November 20th. Photos of winners were received too late for inclusion in this issue. Watch for them in December.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all my friends and fellow workers for the many gifts and the kindness shown me while at Scintilla.  
Ida Briggs, 27-17

and prosperity?

I ain't a preacher, but it seems to me we have more of an "incentive" to pull together after the war than we have durin' the war. Right now we're cooperatin' to destroy. That's right ... I said "destroy" ... meaning to "bust up." None of us were crazy about the idea, but you gotta fight fire with fire. We've worked ourselves to a frazzle turnin' out stuff that our boys are usin' to pulverize those dirty little soandosos who got all het up with ideas of power. And we're doin' all right for ourselves. When they're licked, we can get busy and do some "constructive" work ... meanin' to "build up."

After all this, it seems kinda silly to hang onto any ideas that we're goin' back to the old way of dog-eat-dog. Sure, we don't agree on everything. But the point is w' we've got a lot of things to do when the boys come home. With all the new things to look forward to, life can be swell. And if we each carry a little regard for the other guy, things will work out O.K. There's enough gravy for everybody, providin' we use our heads for thinkin' common sense and not for figurin' out ways and means of grabbin' the whole bowlful. And if we keep on pullin' together, we're pretty well set for some of that good old American prosperity that everybody's waitin' and hopin' fer. Thanks fer listenin'.





LIEUT.-COMMANDER WALTER E. LEES

## Lees Describes Pacific War

One of our former associates in the Service Department, Walter E. Lees, is getting a first-hand idea of what the South Pacific is like. Mr. Lees holds the rank of Lieutenant Commander, U.S.N.R.

In a recent letter to Joe Bazata, of the Service Department, Lees gave a vivid description of Navy life in the islands. While we would like to publish the letter in full, space limitations make it impossible. Four full sheets of type-written, single-spaced lines would use a lot of type. But we have selected a few paragraphs which we think will be of special interest to Scintillator readers.

"Letters with lots of news of what is going on are what I appreciate, for we get so little of that out here; I mean of what is going on in places I am interested in. We get lots of world news, as we have our own little broadcasting station here, which keeps us informed of everything, and we can tune in on the Jap stations to hear the lies they tell.

"I also get Oakland, California, newspapers only three days old, as I have friends who fly planes from there, and they are good enough to throw a paper my way once in a while. We see some of the results of what is going on up there; though we are some 3500 miles from there; when we see some of the poor devils who are coming back, both by plane and surface ships to the hospitals here on this island. They are all battered up . . . out of their minds, legs and arms off, and this is only the beginning. If any of the people back home think the war is over, they should see these boys, and also the hundreds of white wooden crosses in the cemetery here, and they would all buckle down and work a lot harder.

"This is the closest I have come to seeing any action, but it sure makes one stop and think, especially when one reads of all the strikes in the States by people who are getting ten times as much money as these poor devils are who are pushing themselves into the Jap bullets, just to make the U. S. safer for the same people who are striking.

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# V-E DAY PLAN ANNOUNCED

V-E Day, the glorious day when the German government surrenders, may still be far away but the splendid achievements of our Armed Forces during recent months have certainly brought the end of the war with Germany much closer. It is still, of course, of the utmost importance that all of us continue to exert every effort toward bringing final victory closer.

Much thought has been given to the manner in which the day will be observed, for everyone would like to follow the dictates of his own heart on such an occasion.

Some employees might prefer to remain at work as their way of observance, but, since it is felt that a large majority would prefer a holiday and since the plant can not be operated efficiently by a few employees, the following plan will be observed.

## The V-E Day Plan

As soon as the news is received, it will be verified to guard against false rumors. When the truth has been established a series of blasts on the factory whistles (three short and one long) will announce that the hour is here. An announcement will also be made over the public address system.

Those employees whose work permits may leave the plant immediately. However, there are some continuous operations, for example, in the heat-treat department and power-house, which cannot be abandoned without loss and damage to material and facilities. Employees engaged in such operations should remain until the work has been completed to a point where it may safely be left for a day.

In leaving the plant we ask that the regular procedure for ending a day's work be followed; particularly that every precaution be used for the protection of the materials and equipment, as well as for the safety of your fellow employees. Everyone should punch the time clock as usual in an orderly manner, and all celebrations should be postponed until employees are outside the plant.

Bus operators will be immediately notified and will arrive to take you home from the Scintilla parking lot as soon as possible.

The plant will close as soon as all employees have left and will re-open in accordance with the following schedule:

If the announcement is made at any time between midnight and noon, the plant will be closed until 7:00 A.M. of the following day.

If the announcement is made at any time between noon and 9:30 P.M., the plant will be closed until 4:30 P.M. of the following day.

If the announcement is made at any time between 9:30 P.M. and midnight, the plant will be closed until 7:00 A.M. of the second day thereafter.

Office employees and any others not working one of the regular shop shifts will return to work as of the beginning of their regular shift following the resumption of operations in the shop.

For the purpose of computing overtime, the hours lost because of the observance of V-E Day (as stated above) will be credited as hours worked.

The company fully realizes that the end of the war in Europe does not mean the end of World War II. Our men in the Pacific will need our products to an even greater degree in order that the war with Japan will be brought to a speedy end. It is felt, however, that the employees who have contributed so much to the defeat of Germany will wish to devote some time to the observance of V-E Day in any way they choose.

## How Plan Will Work:

### If Announcement Is Made

	Plant Will Re-Open
Monday—midnight to noon	Tuesday—7:00 A.M.
Monday—noon to 9:30 P.M.	Tuesday—4:30 P.M.
Monday—9:30 P.M. to midnight	Wednesday—7:00 A.M.
Tuesday—midnight to noon	Wednesday—7:00 A.M.
Tuesday—noon to 9:30 P.M.	Wednesday—4:30 P.M.
Tuesday—9:30 P.M. to midnight	Thursday—7:00 A.M.
Wednesday—midnight to noon	Thursday—7:00 A.M.
Wednesday—noon to 9:30 P.M.	Thursday—4:30 P.M.
Wednesday—9:30 P.M. to midnight	Friday—7:00 A.M.
Thursday—midnight to noon	Friday—7:00 A.M.
Thursday—noon to 9:30 P.M.	Friday—4:30 P.M.
Thursday—9:30 P.M. to midnight	Monday—7:00 A.M.
Friday—midnight to noon	Monday—7:00 A.M.
Friday—noon to 9:30 P.M.	Monday—7:00 A.M.
Friday—9:30 P.M. to midnight	Monday—7:00 A.M.

At any time between midnight Friday and midnight Saturday . . . . . Monday—7:00 A.M.

At any time between midnight Saturday and midnight Sunday . . . . . Tuesday—7:00 A.M.



# LINKS IN OUR PRODUCTION CHAIN

ENGINEER  
DESIGN

## NO. 1 LIAISON PROJECT ENGINEER



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Center—Project Engineer phases of new Ignition System. L. to r.—G. Young, E. N. Donato, K. Donaldson

Bottom—Assembling technical Liaison Engineer's office. L. to r.—B. A. Henderson, J. Mildred Sign

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Top—Engineering Liaison facts relative to engine. L. to r.—B. A. Henderson, J. Mildred Sign

Center—Discussing drafting Section. L. to r.—Project Engineer; A. W.

Bottom—Also assembling Liaison Engineer's office. L. to r.—B. A. Henderson, J. Mildred Sign

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# Links in our Production Chain

## Engineering Dept. (Liaison and Project Engineers)

To the uninitiated observer, the Engineering Department is a kaleidoscope of tracings, blueprints, model parts, patterns, fantastic laboratory gadgets and other items too numerous to mention here. It carries a perpetual air of mystery . . . something new happening or about to happen; a state of affairs which no doubt seems perfectly normal to our engineering-wise associates, but leaving the rest of us slightly bewildered by such orderly confusion.

Before we proceed further with this story, we think it advisable to explain here and now that we shall not attempt to give complete coverage of the Engineering Department in one article. Their many and varied activities would require a book to tell the full story. Our course will be to touch the initial phase of Engineering procedure in this article, and continue with a series of stories in future issues. Our preliminary survey of the situation indicates that we can dig up some facts which should prove both interesting and helpful to all Scintillites.

It is only logical to seek an answer to the "why" of an Engineering Department. Its function is primarily that of a nerve center. In the human body the brain acts as the control center, originating the impulses that activate other portions of the body. An industrial organization such as ours maintains an Engineering Department to provide the "impulse" which keeps the wheels in motion throughout the organization.

Let's take a typical example for illustrative purposes. An engine builder develops an engine with some new wrinkles in it. Because it is different from his previous models, he requires an ignition system that will work on the improved version. Having decided upon Scintilla ignition equipment, he requests us to turn out the necessary equipment for his purpose.

The request naturally will be addressed to the Sales Department where it is recorded and forwarded to Engineering Liaison Section. Under direction of B. A. Purdy, Chief Liaison Engineer, the request is processed and other Engineering executives are contacted for their recommendations. Liaison Section acts as an intermediary between Scintilla Engineering and the customer, ascertaining from him all of the technical data needed, and keeping him informed as to progress on the work.

After all technical data has been assembled, it is submitted to the various section heads for discussion and assignment to a project engineer. The cost section also goes to work on preparing a quotation for the customer.

Upon receiving the assignment the project engineer consults the Drafting Department, giving them the technical details to be incorporated in the system. Using this data the Drafting Department proceeds with the job of making the necessary drawings.

And this is where we leave Engineering this month. We'll pick up the story and take you a bit farther in December.

## LEES DESCRIBES WAR

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"I had a Navy doctor stay with me for two days recently, who was with the Marines when they made their first landing here, and what we heard in the States wasn't the half of it. He and I rode all around one day while he pointed out all the interesting places, including one place where he saw bull dozers dig deep holes and bury hundreds of Japs after one of the heaviest battles. He also showed me where he stood on the shore and saw hundreds of Japs landing from boats about five miles down the beach, and couldn't do a thing about it, for they were all cut off and no help was in sight. They fully expected to be wiped out, but the Navy managed to get in with some battle wagons just in time to save the day.

I usually go to our out-door movie from 7 to 9, but had already seen the one

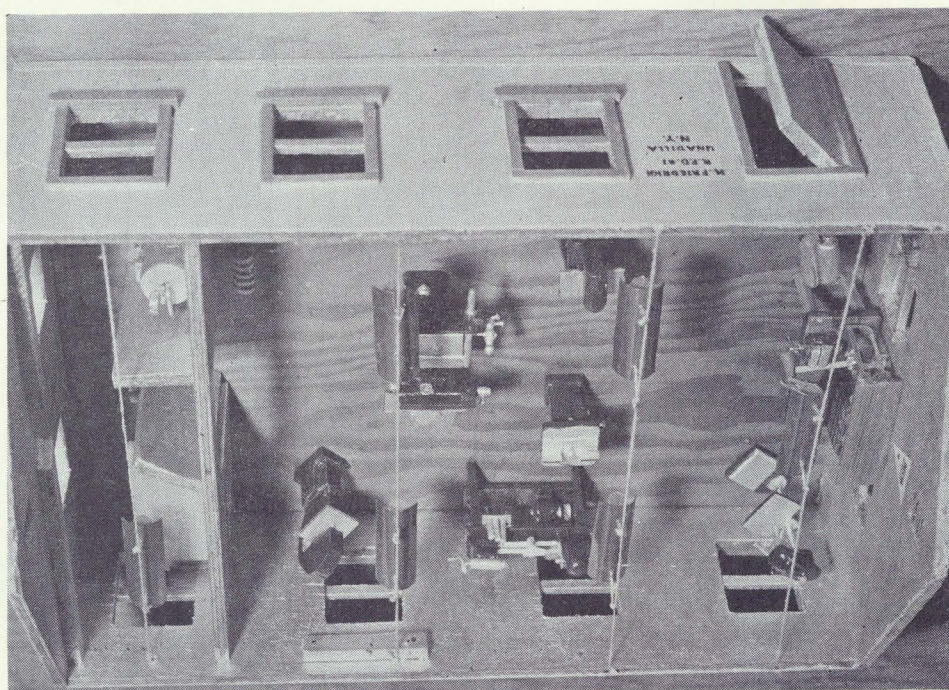


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PVT. LORAN STONE recently left for overseas with the infantry. Loran worked in Stock D while employed at Scintilla.  
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tonight, so I'm writing to you instead. The darn bugs are the worst in the tent at this time, too, so we go to the movies to get away from them. You never saw more pesky bugs than we have here. They don't bite, just get very familiar and crawl all over you. I have three kinds of spray, too, but it only lasts about fifteen minutes, and you have to start spraying all over again. These 'Freon-Aerosol Insecticide' bombs are life savers here. All you do is unscrew a little cap, and it sprays like an atomizer."

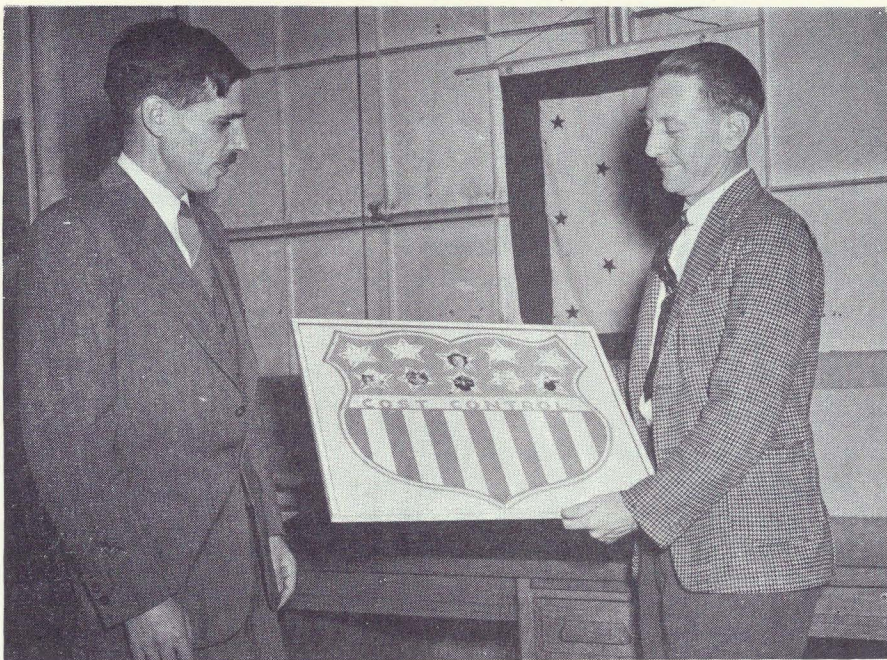
## Mileage Certificates Required

Many applications are coming into the Ration Board without the Mileage Rationing Certificate attached. While it is not necessary to have your tires inspected each time you apply for gasoline, it is necessary that your Mileage Rationing Certificate be submitted so that proper notations may be made. However, if you do apply for tires, a complete tire inspection is required.



KARL FRIEDRICH, Layout Department, built this model workshop to be entered in the Delta Company's model contest. Built to a scale of one-half inch to the foot, the job required about a hundred hours to complete. The contest offers three large prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$200, as well as a number of smaller prizes. Large photo shows complete ground floor layout. Small photo is same view with storage loft in place. Roof was removed in both views to show detail.





ED KLEINER, Cost Control Supervisor, and Vans Dove look over the colorful plaque on which are mounted photos of the department's employees in the armed forces. Mr. Dove developed the idea and Jack Kaufman, company sign painter, did the finished job.

## Badge Regulations Still Effective

With the advent of chilly weather, the Scintilla Guards report a tendency on the part of many employees to become careless about their identification badges.

The regulations pertaining to employee badges have neither been abandoned nor relaxed. Every employee must wear his or her badge in plain sight, at all times, while on Scintilla premises.

You are expected to show your badge to the guards when entering the gates. Much confusion can be avoided if you will see to it that your badge is in plain view when you approach the gate.

Badge should be worn between the waist and shoulder, preferably on the left side.

### Department 16 Flashes

Allen Harmon and Doc Gibbs, both of the U. S. Navy, recently paid us visits.

Sid Utter, currently with the Army, was in town on a furlough the first of the month.

Florence Sutton and Elva McCarty are back with us after spending some time at their respective homes due to illness. Glad to see you back.

Mae Armstrong and Evah Snover are having a few weeks off; they're both out on sick leave. Hurry back!

Curly MacDonald was called home recently by the illness and death of his father. We extend our sympathies.

Miss Frances Pratt and Henry Merritt were married on November 1st, and spent their honeymoon in New York. She checked out the last of October. Congratulations to you both. The group of girls from the department that attended the linen shower and spaghetti dinner held in Mrs. Merritt's honor at the home of Mrs. Grace Dunne, East Guilford, report that they had a wonderful time, both at the party and at the various "spots" visited later in the evening.

Henry Tarbell is out recuperating from injuries received when his car collided with two horses on the highway between Norwich and Sidney, October 24th. We all miss him and hope that his broken shoulder knits sufficiently for him to return soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hiscox are the parents of a daughter. She was formerly Miss Marion Hill. Congratulations!

Alice Cody was in town the latter part of October, but we were disappointed that she had not yet received her uniform. She's with the Nurses Corps, and we gathered from her conversation that she likes it immensely.

Robert Meehan is in the sunny south at Camp Blanding, Florida, according to a recent letter from him.

PFC. JOSEPH HOVER, ex-employee of Department 15, is pictured here with his wife, the former Miss Vera Smith, who is taking training in the Cadet Nurse Corps in Rome, New York, and who was formerly employed at Scintilla. Pfc. Hover served in a chemical warfare unit in the Asiatic Pacific for 2½ years, returned home in June, 1944 and was reassigned to Camp Butler, North Carolina.



## KENNEL KORNER by KEYSER



At the last moment a poem was brought to your writer's attention, and after much urging, the author consented to the publication of the poem. We find it most interesting, and very likely the housewife will say, "So that's the way it is when John goes out with his hunting pals." Seriously, Charlie Davis, Personnel Supervisor of the Inspection Department, is the man who deserves the credit for this bit of literature.

### The Hunter

The hunter sniffs the keen fall air,  
The old North Woods is in his hair,  
He packs his shells and cleans his gun  
And now he's ready for some fun.

He meets his friends at a local bar.  
In two more hours they're in the car.  
The stars are blinking in the skies.  
It now is time to vocalize.

First "Old Man River" and "St. Louis Blues,"  
And then they take a shot of booze.  
By now they're doing very fine,  
At last they've found "Sweet Adeline."

Then they pull up; unload their beef,  
It's just a stop for quick relief.  
One guy falls backward in the mud,  
He feels a trickle; prays it's blood.

He wins, the bottle didn't break,  
But now he fears it was a snake.  
Quick! Pull the cork, all take a slug,  
And now once more they're sitting snug.

We wish to thank all the departments, friends, and the Ignition Employees Association, who were so kind at the time of our bereavement.

Mrs. Dorothy Tuckey  
and daughter, Louise  
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tuckey  
and family

At last they're north of the railroad track,  
A cloud of smoke streams out in back.  
The darned old motor's acting mean.  
Y u see, they had to use kerosene.

And now they've reached the shooting place.  
There is a smile on each one's face.  
They park the car and hit the trails,  
A bunch of t'red but happy males.

They walk until their strength is gone,  
And then sit down to wait till dawn.  
They plan each one to hunt alone,  
And set the time they'll start for home.

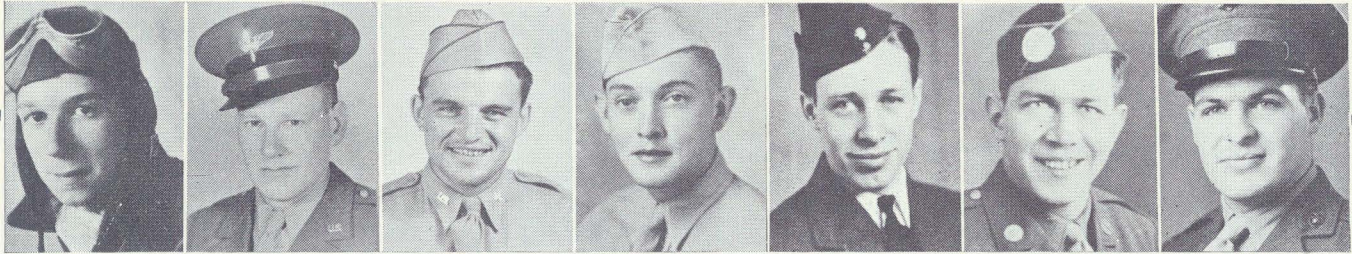
At last the sun dispels the night,  
And now the woods are getting light.  
The gang fans out and picks a spot  
Where each one hopes to get a shot.

The daylight hours, they seem to fly.  
The sun has crossed the bright blue sky.  
No game has come before their sight,  
But they must leave before it's night.

The trip back home is very long,  
At no time interspersed with song.  
The driver fights the urge to doze,  
The others sleep in sweet repose.

They're home, they eat, then hit the hay,  
And come to work at break of day.  
Discouraged? No! They can't be beat.  
In six more days they will repeat.





2nd. Lt. Wm. Dana   Sgt. Bud Rudnitsky   Lt. Carl Pierson   Pfc. Wilford Mesic   Sgt. Scott Cleveland   Cpl. Harold Forshee   Cpl. James Panaro



Sgt. Truair Halbert

## ★ ★ ★ THEY PAID IN FULL ★ ★ ★

*As you read this, we will be at about the middle point in the four-weeks period of the 6th War Loan. At this writing we cannot tell where Scintilla stands in relation to the \$100,000 quota set for us. But we feel confident that our quota-busting record set in the five previous War Loans will not be interrupted.*



*You've already seen these photos of Scintilla's Gold Star Men on Mr. Hanni's recent letter to all employees. We're printing them here because we want to remind every Scintilla worker that these boys didn't stop with dollars and cents when it came time for them to do their share. They went the limit . . . they paid in full . . . they gave their lives.*



*In the light of what they have done, it seems only reasonable that we should willingly spend our DOLLARS to help finish the job. They did more than their share. Have you done yours?*



Pvt. Edson Smith



Pvt. Warren Haskins



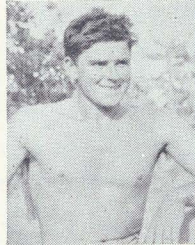
Lt. Herman Hoegger



Pvt. Russell Weeden



Pvt. Stanley Brown



Pvt. Burdette Davie



S/Sgt. Richard McCarthy



Pvt. Paul Allen



Sgt. Nelson Sheppard

### Servisnews

The highlight for us this month was the pretty wedding of Anna Kilpatrick to Cpl. Leland Miller of the Marine Corps. The double ring ceremony, which was performed by the Reverend James M. Guthrie of Oneonta, took place at the Presbyterian Church in Otego. The accompanying photo shows Cpl. and Mrs. Miller shortly after the ceremony. Cpl. Miller is stationed at Quantico, Virginia, and Mrs. Miller is still employed in the Service Department. A wish for happiness and success comes from each member of our department.

As long as we are on the subject of weddings, it is well to mention that by the time you read this, Arlene Bodley will have become Mrs. Edwin Germond. The wedding took place November 12th. Eddie is employed in Department 11. Our best to both of you.

Several new faces are now to be seen in the Service Department line-up, namely: Phil Euker, former expeditor, now working on parts lists; Rose Faulkner, formerly with Material Control, and now working with Joe Moore; Cliff Humberston, from Assembly, now associated with the section handling customers' complaints and adjustments, with



MR. AND MRS. LELAND MILLER

William Connor; and Henri Valente Carrere, transferred from Inspection Office, now helping Joe Moore. The pronunciation of Henri's name to most of us has become very simple, but there is one female member who gave up, and simply refers to him as "Mike." To you new members, we extend a hearty welcome, and trust your stay with us will be a long and happy one.

Everett Earl, who used to sweat over parts lists, has now left us and has taken the job of Parts Manager for an automobile concern in Binghamton. We trust his experience here will prove valuable to him and that his new venture will bring him much happiness and success.

Now for our members in the Service of our Country. Howard Osborn is now in Norman, Oklahoma. His photo appears in another section of this issue.

Bob Wickham is now in France, and has been there since early September.

Walter Lees, a Service Representative, is the "boss man" at Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, according to a letter received by Joe Bazata, which likewise appears in another part of this issue.



# Barter Column



FOR SALE: 4-room newly painted modern bungalow, 2½ years old, steam heat, bath with shower, large concrete basement with wash tubs installed, large attic, 18 Pineview Terrace, Sidney Heights. L. O'Brien, 96-3.

FOR SALE: 7-room bungalow, bath, 2-car garage, chicken house, steam heat, about 2 acres of land, fruit trees, spring and village water, located in village of Franklin. Ferris Edwards, Ext. 444, 1st Shift or Franklin 120R5 (after 5 P.M.).

FOR SALE: G-E Range, excellent condition, 4-burner oven, electric clock, all accessories. A. J. Tessoni, Ext. 403.

FOR SALE: House in village of Guilford, 5 rooms and bath, frame, furnace, hot air heat, ¼ acre, garage. W. Thielke, 6-52, or call Guilford 3.

FOR SALE: 8-room house, hardwood floors, bath, steam heat, 2-car garage, large lawn space, located in village of Morris. Call Oneonta 234J2, 22 Maple St., Oneonta.

WANTED: 35 MM camera, color corrected lens. Howard Wood, Service Repair, Ext. 284.

WANTED: Small, inexpensive transit. W. Bachman, Ext. 360.

WANTED TO RENT: 3 or 4 unfurnished rooms in Sidney or Unadilla. Bess Hayner, Ext. 435.

WANTED: Any and all kinds of stamps or postage on parcels, envelopes with postage on same, discarded Armed Forces envelopes, old Almanacs, old wedding announcements, books of kinds and political advertising badges; also two-plate electric stove. E. Buel, 12-75.

WANTED: Flash camera, good condition. F. Zurbruegg, 90-26, Ext. 326.

WANTED: Good late model washing machine. Paul C. Loker, 34-141, 2nd Shift.

WANTED: Used milking machine for one cow. Bea Bristol. 16-298.

WANTED: Radio tube, 25Z6 GT. Leon Wormuth, AMM 1/C, address available at Scintillator office.

WANTED: Girl's bicycle in good condition. Pauline Murphy, 23-713, Ext. 280.

WANTED: Tricycle and sled in good condition. C. Unverferth, Ext. 241, or Sidney 6204.

WANTED: Furnished house, three to five rooms, for Army officer and wife. Phone Lt. Quigley, Ext. 254 or Sidney 2511.



FOUND: Lady's identification bracelet. Grace Bell, Material Control, Ext. 435.

FOR SALE: 300 Savage rifle with 3½ boxes shells; also pre-war Deluxe model boy's bike. E. VanTassell, 84-47.

FOR SALE: Solid maple buffet and corner cupboard, Haywood-Wakefield make, very reasonable. Joe Bolonda, 16-149, 1st Shift, of 208 Johnston Circle, Sidney.

FOR SALE: Man's pre-war bicycle, balloon tires, basket, carrier and guard, good condition, price \$25. W. Henzler, 10-11.

FOR SALE: Hand-crocheted tablecloth, 63" x 78", beautiful design. Helen LaGuardia, Ext. 379.

FOR SALE: 8 Airedale puppies. Wm. Scott, 27-172, 1st Shift, Ext. 290.

FOR SALE: Westinghouse electric roaster, practically new, with grilling and broiling attachment. G. Swanson, 6-118.

FOR SALE: New Keuffel and Esser drawing set, complete. L. Charles Hotchkiss, 6-214, Ext. 237.

FOR SALE: Duro electric motor, ½ hp. R. Leonard, 32-66.

FOR SALE: Fully equipped farm, 60 acres, milk route, large poultry building, reason for selling—advanced age and ill health. R. L. Swackhammer, 97-3, Ext. 464.

FOR SALE: Tuxedo, midnight blue, size 40, trouser 36-34, also navy figured pullman robe, excellent condition. M. Fairchild, 90-47, Ext. 486.

FOR SALE: Ives electric train complete with cars, track, and transformer; spring winder train with track and cars; Weeden toy model steam engine. New condition. Bob Herman, Ext. 374, Army office.

FOR SALE: Wireless record player, like new, broadcasts up to 3 miles, plays through any radio. Rex Chase, 23-585, Dept. 39 1st Shift, Ext. 384.

FOR SALE: Brooder house, 12 ft. by 20 ft., built in 1941, new material, matched siding, insulated. Rex Chase, 23-585, Dept. 39 1st Shift, Ext. 384.

FOR SALE: 6-room house, bath, ¼ acre ground, single-car garage. Frank Lane, 8 Clinton Street, Sidney.

WANTED: Small size bicycle for boy 5 years, also tricycle for boy 4 years. N. C. Meagley, Ext. 277, 1st Shift.

## SAFETY SLANTS

October was an active month in the field of planning for Accident and Fire Prevention.

The National Safety Congress convened in Chicago, October 3, 4 and 5 inclusive. Even though the reports of progress were commendable, the following facts were submitted:

"THE PERILS OF THE HOME LAST YEAR ACCOUNTED FOR 32,500 FATAL, AND 4,850,000 NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS."

"TWENTY-FIVE TO FIFTY CENTS ADDED TO THE PURCHASE OF EACH TON OF COAL REPRESENTS THE COST OF ACCIDENTS IN THE MINING INDUSTRY."

"OF THE 42,500 WORKERS KILLED IN THIS COUNTRY LAST YEAR BY ACCIDENTS, 24,500 WERE KILLED IN OFF-THE-JOB ACCIDENTS."

"A 300% INCREASE IN THE USE OF FIRE-PROOFED LUMBER IS EVIDENCE OF BUILDERS' INTEREST IN FIRE PREVENTION."



October 8th to 14th inclusive was "National Fire Prevention Week"; yet, before the last speaker had finished, so to speak, Cleveland suffered a fire killing nearly 200, injuring hundreds more and destroying 20 blocks of buildings.

Let's quickly glance at these headlines from our local papers.

Kearney, New Jersey, October 30th—"Blaze Hits Ship Plant."

Endwell, New York, October 30th—"Three Children Perish in Fire."

Cleveland, Ohio, October 29th—"Fire Wrecks Thistle Down Track."

Farragut, Idaho, October 27th—"Wave Perishes in Barracks Fire."

Walton, New York, October 28th—"Two Children Die in Blaze."

Norwich, New York, November 1st—"Ten Cows, Horse Perish in Blaze—Barn Levelled."

Binghamton, New York, November 2nd—"Cigarette Started Fire—\$300 Damage in Welsh Apartments."

Daily screaming headlines call attention to death and destruction by fire and accident.

As an individual, are you interested in community classes to prevent fire and accidents? If you are, contact the Sidney Chapter of the American Red Cross, The Sidney Fire Department or the Safety Department of this company.



# Stems and Christies

It's almost time for dusting off skis, greasing boots, getting out state highway maps and checking distances to Manchester, Old Forge and other snow bowl spots. Funny how the best skiing is always located a good many "A" tickets away. That's why the big improvements at Rock Cut are so important this war-year. They're progressing on schedule, too, according to the latest dope from Don Sweet.

We've noticed that a great many lads who didn't get out to the run last year are showing unmistakable signs of having been bitten by the bug this year, Walt Thielke and Howard Rowell, for example. There's even some talk that Smith (Robin V.) will risk his ladder-like frame on the ski slopes this winter. There's plenty of talk also of new skis, and stuff. Gray Roloson allows as how he's going to have a pair of laminated boards this season. Martha Gledhill (sister-in-law of the torso-twisting typhoon of Snow Valley) also is considering something shorter in sitz-mark tools.

Have you seen the lads toiling out at the club? Bill Anderson has been making the construction of the Pyramids look like a sit-down strike. The pictures by Ray Ticknor are going to be something epic in the "before and after" field, too.

Van Buskirk, who had a great deal to do with the success of the dance, took off a few pounds just before that frolic.

He dusted around wrangling publicity and quite a few other incidentals for the affair. He was almost as busy as a campaign manager in the recent election.

You're always welcome out at the Slope. Drop down any Sunday afternoon. It's located just out of Bainbridge on Route 206 . . . coming from Sidney, turn right at the traffic light and follow your nose up the hill. It's on top, to the left. Of course, if you wear old clothes and come prepared to lend a hand, it won't annoy anyone. Incidentally, if you are not now a Ski Club member, and you're interested in having more fun this winter than you've had before, get in touch with Don Sweet or Gray Roloson in the Engineering Department, Ray Ticknor in Tool Design or Bill Anderson in the Shop. You'll meet a lot of people and turn a dull winter into something that will make you look forward to next year's snow!

The first annual pre-season dance sponsored by our Rock Cut Ski Club was held at the USO on Friday, November 17th.

The committee is happy to report that the dance was a success, both socially and financially. Our thanks to all members and non-members for their fine support.

A special ski movie will be shown to all ski enthusiasts and their friends sometime during December. The date and place will be announced later.

The membership committee reports many new prospects for membership. Are you one of them?

## Cost Control Chatter

October was a month of farewells, and when we look around now, the ranks of old timers seem to have thinned out noticeably. Norma Utter, Phil McWilliams and Lefty Mauro departed during the last week in October. Norma Mahoney left the week of November 18th to join her sister "way down east." Norma Utter returns to Binghamton, Phil goes to the Metropolitan district and the bright lights, while Lefty sort of starts a political career taking over the duties of Street Commissioner in Susquehanna, Pa. They were swell people, and in more ways than one, will not be replaced.

We are all glad to hear that Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Kiff are well on the road to good health after their recent serious illnesses.

Dan Cupid shot a well aimed dart into Cost Control, and while a couple of the eligible misses were able to get out of its way, it did strike rather solidly in the form of a diamond ring which now adorns that favorite digit on Jean Bennett's left hand.

Bowling continues to hold interest, although the new hours make it impossible for some to stay over. Moody had a squealing 153 total on October 24, while Dot Howard has discarded her hook and now threatens to be in there soon. Cliff Fredericks improves, and with practice will make an exceptionally good bowler.

We were honored during October by a visit from our two Waves, Goldie Forcee and Lillian Jones. Both have made advances in the service. Goldie is now Yeoman Forcee, Second Class, and Lillian is Storekeeper of the same rate. They looked fine, are enthused with their duties, and made us real proud. Your scribe is under the impression that Goldie has a new assignment, while Lillian remains in Brooklyn. More on this when we hear from them again.

The office presented Mr. Kleiner with a unique service flag that may be the only one of its type in the plant. This was planned and made up by the writer and shall be an everlasting memento of those from Cost Control who did their bit in the Second World War. At this time, said writer wishes to thank those who cooperated by sending in their pictures. Goldie and Lillian are the only ones in the service who have seen this, and I believe they think it worth while.

Mail from the service men has been very light lately. We did hear from Currie, who is still cutting up at the base hospital at Sampson. Joe Roberts sent a card and promised a letter. Don Chilletti sent an invitation to visit San Francisco. No one has accepted to date, but who knows what the future holds. Just before going to press, we were pleasantly surprised to hear from our long lost Bill MacLaury. Bill is still at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds and seems to be in fine shape.

## Payroll Department News

Payroll says there is something else in this life besides the punching of machines and the juggling of cards. Individually and collectively this has been demonstrated in the last few weeks.

Our most recent event was a gala Halloween Party held at Major's Inn on Friday, November 3rd. Many members and their guests attended and experienced a most pleasant time. Eating, singing, games and dancing were the activities of the evening.

Cay Conmy left us in October to become Mrs. Joseph Menighan. She will reside in Philadelphia for the remainder of Joe's furlough.

Mary Miller recently became the bride of Donald Place. Several members attended the wedding in Otego and report that Mary made a beautiful bride. Our most sincere wishes for many years of happiness are extended to both of these couples.

It seems we can't get off the subject . . . Louise Carlson is wearing a very pretty diamond. And then there is Marian Birdsall . . . we understand Juddy won't have to plead his case much longer. We will try to act in the "know" if either of these girls attempt to surprise us.

Mrs. Eleanor Landon gave a variety shower for Marian Birdsall Thursday evening, November 9th. Marian was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts.

Florence Dimicco spent her vacation in Boston. She reports a wonderful time and advocates more vacations.

## Sales Department

Wedding bells recently rang in the Sales Department . . . the wedding of Velma Brandt and Fred Coppess took place on September 30th; and on October 16th, Cleora May was married to Daniel Foster of Department 17. We extend our congratulations and best wishes.

A farewell party was held at Rock Inn on October 20th, for Velma Coppess, Henry Schneiderman, Fred Schroeder, and Bob Disbrow. The Sales Department will miss each one of you, but wishes you the best of luck.

A shower was given for Barbara Hammond by Ruth Egli at Ruth's home, and we hear wedding bells are soon to ring.

From recent reports, we gather that Lois Barratt, our former correspondent, who left in September for nurses training at Wilson Memorial Hospital, is making fine progress. We knew you would, Lois.

We have a new member added to our staff. Mr. Warren Doty has filled the chair of our former Chief Billing Clerk, Bud Lechevet, who has now become affiliated with the American Hospital Supply Company. Best of luck to you both.

**I would like to express my sincere thanks for the money and many useful gifts which were so generously given me when my home burned recently. Margaret Steinbacher**

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HOWARD OSBORN, S 2/C, is stationed at the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Norman, Oklahoma. Howard worked in the Service Department before joining the Navy in May of this year.  
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### Engineering Department

Sigma Delta Epsilon is happy to welcome twelve new members. They are Ruth Adams, Antoinette Beals, Norma Conrow, Martha Gledhill, Marion Greco, Pat Mulligan, Mac

### Packing Bench

Leslie Schermerhorn is leaving us to take his wife and son to the Pacific Coast, where he will be employed in the ship yards.

Helen Finch has been confined to her home by sickness for several weeks.

Grace MacLean was out sick for several days recently.

We heard it was nearly time to go to work when Evelyn Archer got home from Binghamton one night recently. We wonder if they couldn't find any more places to eat.

Keith Wrigley, who was foreman of the P. B. for a number of months, is now stationed with the U. S. Army in Alabama.

### YOUR COUNTRY IS STILL AT WAR. ARE YOU? BUY A BOND!

McIntyre, Ruth Pinnock, Laurie Snowdon, Tina Spatol, Eileen Wilson and Mae Winn. The club enjoyed a very eventful masquerade party on October 26th at the Haunted House at the Ball Park. Are people superstitious on Hallowe'en? Ask Mary Dean . . . or Lorena Smith . . . or maybe Eileen Wilson!

### Department 91

We welcome Steve Stingone on the Second Shift. Watch out, George C., there'll be some competition now.

Who said anything about a man shortage? One of our clerks, Hattie Barker, was recently married. She's now Mrs. Andy Izurisuin.

Florence McEwan and Claudine Davis have gone on First Shift. Sally Wickham is now clerk in Department 17.

Poor Mary Miller . . . from Department 17 to Department 15 (mostly women).

We hear Edith H. went dancing recently with an Ensign. What about it, Edith?

Agnes Cook has finally seen the opposite end of the plant. She's now our clerk in Department 51. Department 11 claimed her for some time on the Third Shift.

It's been very obvious that Jay Charles has paid out a lot since election. Cheer up, Jay, another 4 years and you can bet again.

No one sees Virginia McCumber any more. Department 31 keeps her very busy these days.

Second Shift had a party for Margaret Smith, who left us recently. It was quite a party. Bonnie and Marion were all tired out the next day.

Department 91 regrets the loss of Doris Hohler and Fae Corser, who checked out this month. Fae and Doris are going to Florida, and do we envy them!

Mary Snover is taking a trip to Baltimore. Take it easy in the big city, Mary.

Isabelle Cangro and Pauline Kenline have joined the U. S. Women's Marine Reserve Corps. Uncle Sam is really getting the best, too.

Elizabeth Burr has joined us in the Group Bonus Office. No, we really aren't crazy, Betty, we just act that way.

Changing the Time Racks was voted the "Favorite Indoor Sport" of Department 91.

### Department 23

We just heard from Keith Wrigley. He is a private in the U. S. Army and hopes, after seventeen weeks, to become a paratrooper. He thought he was going in the Navy, but it just didn't turn out that way. However, he likes it, gets good food and has enough work to take off some of those extra pounds.

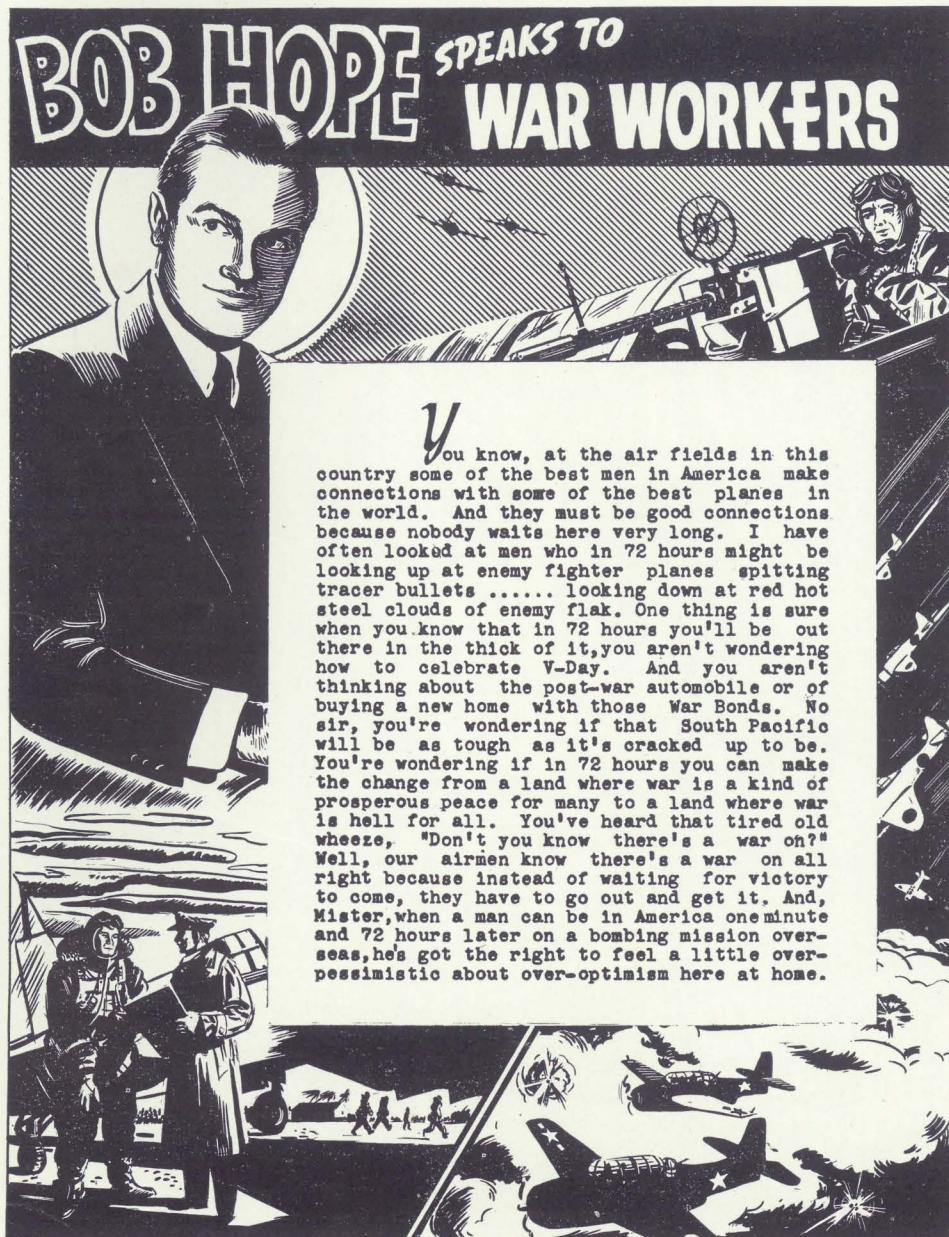
Pvt. Owen O'Brien, former floor inspector in Department 19, visited Scintilla in October. He's looking well and has lost some weight.

Lt. Ted Meeker, U. S. Navy, formerly in Service Tool Inspection, called on former associates recently. He has had many interesting experiences as an officer of a Landing Craft.

Pvt. Charles Mowers, who has been stationed in North Carolina, called on friends in the plant a few weeks ago. He is expecting foreign service soon.

Vivian Bowker, inspector in the new building, has been sent to New York City to assist in resident inspection work at Eugene Munsell Company.

The hunting season is well under way. The boys are getting a lot of good exercise and learning some of the finer points of . . . poker! As yet we haven't heard of any casualties among the deer herd. However, in view of the extra time available because of the five day week, there is still danger that some unsuspecting fawn, doe or buck may come to grief.



## BOB HOPE SPEAKS TO WAR WORKERS

You know, at the air fields in this country some of the best men in America make connections with some of the best planes in the world. And they must be good connections because nobody waits here very long. I have often looked at men who in 72 hours might be looking up at enemy fighter planes spitting tracer bullets . . . looking down at red hot steel clouds of enemy flak. One thing is sure when you know that in 72 hours you'll be out there in the thick of it, you aren't wondering how to celebrate V-Day. And you aren't thinking about the post-war automobile or of buying a new home with those War Bonds. No sir, you're wondering if that South Pacific will be as tough as it's cracked up to be. You're wondering if in 72 hours you can make the change from a land where war is a kind of prosperous peace for many to a land where war is hell for all. You've heard that tired old wheeze, "Don't you know there's a war on?" Well, our airmen know there's a war on all right because instead of waiting for victory to come, they have to go out and get it. And, Mister, when a man can be in America one minute and 72 hours later on a bombing mission overseas, he's got the right to feel a little over-optimistic about over-optimism here at home.



