



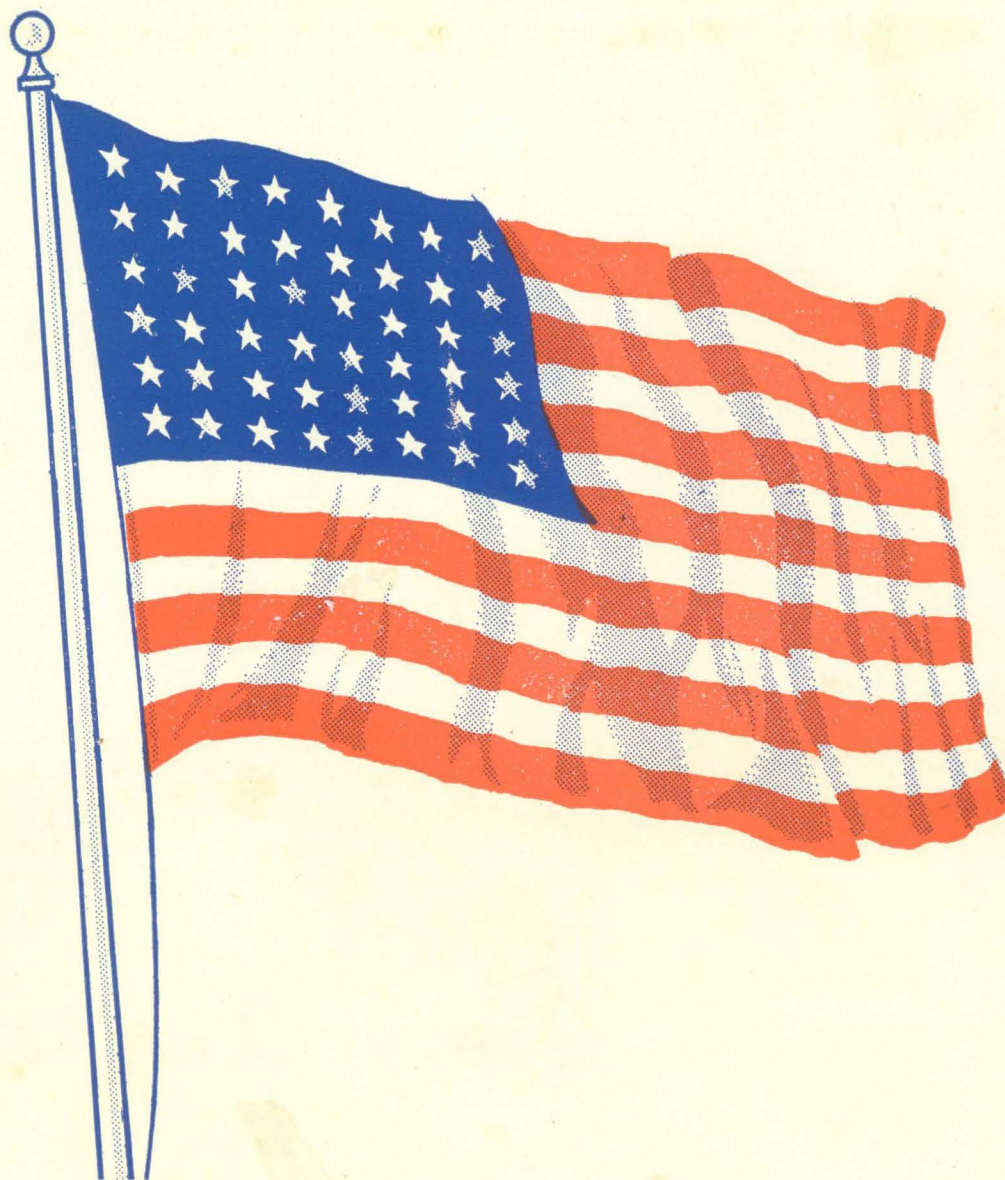
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Our Bonus - **FREEDOM**



SHOULDER TO SHOULDER are these representatives of the Armed Forces of the United States, China, Norway, and the United Kingdom, who visited the soldiers headed by Col. Roy M. Jones, inspected work in progress, talked with production workers on the job and participated in the

Army Day at Scintilla

THE heart of every Scintilla worker beat just a little faster at Army Day, as war heroes of the United Nations looked over our shoulders as we worked, shook our hands, and joined with us in a solemn pledge to work and fight until Victory.

Forty representatives of the United States Army Air Force, the Navy and Marine Corps and

Army; the Royal Air Force, and the Norwegian and Chinese Air Forces spent the entire day at Sidney, touring the plant, visiting workers, and participating in the giant War Production rally in the evening.

The officers and men arrived in Binghamton Saturday morning, July 25th, and were escorted to Sidney by Capt. Daniel E. Fox, and members

eral manager, Mr. G. E. Steiner, comptroller, Mr. J. R. Frei, engineering department, Mr. E. M. Van Name, personnel manager, Mr. W. W. Thomas, Army Day committee chairman, and other top flight executives as their guides.

The group proceeded through raw stock, various machine departments, molding room, testing and assembly, production lines, paint shop, inspection, and all other production and tool room departments, with executives and workers explaining various stages of work in progress. The officers and men asked questions and talked with various workers, signed autographs, helped workers perform minor operations, and became generally familiar with the employees and their tools and products.

The tour was repeated for the second shift, and the group inspected other highlights which were omitted from the first trip, talked to and encouraged second shift workers, again signing multitudes of autographs.

Dinner At Cafeteria

The Armed Forces representatives then returned to the homes of their hosts, and returned to the cafeteria for the dinner, which was attended by more than 120 persons. United Nations flags banked the room. Following dinner,

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SCINTILLA IS WITH YOU says W. W. Thomas, greeting Lieut. Griffin. Major George Parker and Captain C. J. Bishop are at left, and Thomas Fagan, Scintilla sales manager, at right.



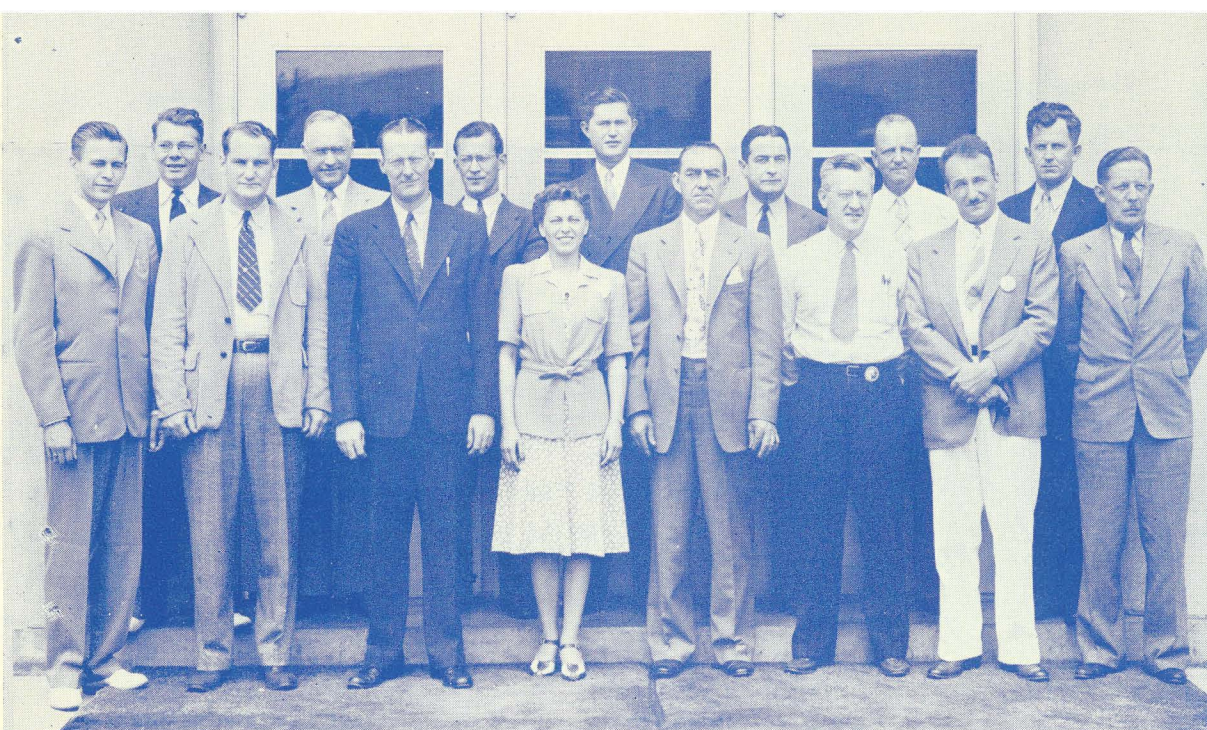
ers of the production lines at Scintilla. Nearly 40 officers and men
a evening's spectacle and rally.

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of Troop C, State Police. After breakfast at Scintilla cafeteria, they were met by their hosts (Scintilla executives) and entertained until luncheon.

Plant Inspection

Shortly after one o'clock, the entire group entered the Scintilla plant shipping room, and began a complete tour, with Mr. H. Hanni, gen-



COMMITTEE IN CHARGE of Army Day was comprised of, front row, left to right, Bruce McGregor, Reginald Dawson, Paul Carney, Miss Anne Olmstead, W. W. Thomas, W. P. Thomas, G. E. Steiner, and Kenneth Aitkens. Back row, Aysel Searles, Jr., L. W. Trees, Evan Bollinger, Charles Flagg, H. Hanni, Kenneth Payne, and Carl Keubler.

the guests gathered in front of the cafeteria and talked for half an hour before going to the speakers stand atop the Scintilla plant roof, facing the landscaped front court where the evening rally was held.

Evening Rally

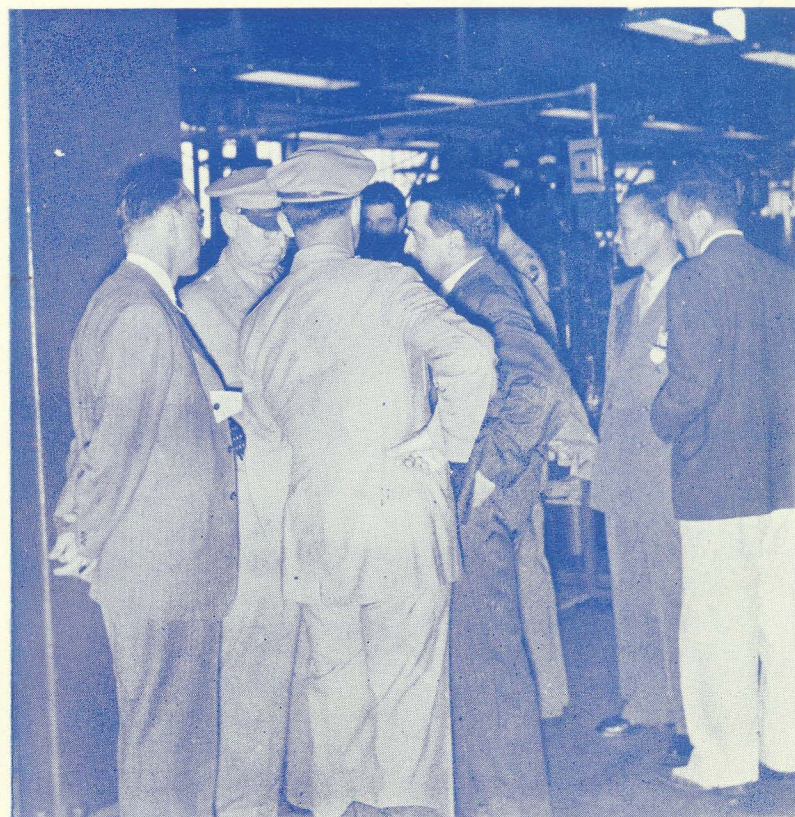
Scene for the evening's rally presented a beautiful picture as the Armed Forces mounted specially built stairs to the roof of the plant. Directly in front of the speakers' stand, on the ground, was a special band stand, and the Scintilla band, uniformed in scarlet and white. The expansive landscaped front court, deep green in the evening shadows, stretched far to the front of the band, and hundreds of workers who later made up the formations stood in the center of the court at the base of the flagpole. Far to the rear was the road, twinkling with automobile lights of incoming spectators, and framing the picture were the hills rising from the valley and outlined against a deep blue sky tinged with the silver of a bright moon.

After thousands of people raised their voices in singing "America," the flags of the United Nations swung into position by the band, and flanked by two Red Cross nurses. W. W. Thomas stepped to the microphones as master of cere-

monies, and welcomed the Armed Forces' representatives, Scintilla workers, and spectators.

Represents Management

"Here, under peaceful skies, we are assembled to re-dedicate ourselves to the accomplishment of a God given task," Mr. Thomas said. "There is not and there shall never be, discord, or lack



HEADING THE TOUR of the plant are W. W. Thomas, Col. Jones, Mr. Hanni, Col. Ben Wee and Mr. Steiner.

Army Day Souvenir

Chief autograph hunter of the day was Roland Barrett, of tool inspection, who collected signatures on a metal plate, inscribed with an electric writing tool. This plate will hang in tool inspection as a permanent memoir of our Army Day.



A FEW POINTERS about a phase of inspection are given Sgt. Walter Zenker by Audrey Baldwin.



MACHINE OPERATION on the rubber line is explained to Capt. Walker by Roland Cundy, operator, and J. R. Frei of the Engineering Dept.

of unity which will stand in the path of a constant and ever increasing flow of these products that are protecting the lives of our armed forces, and the liberty of a God fearing people. The horny hands of hate and greed clutch at our very throats. We must and we will place these weapons of our production into the hands of our armed forces so that these brave men of ours can smash our enemies on land, on sea, and in the air.

"Production, and more production, we accept the call of our Government!" Mr. Thomas continued. "We pledge to you brave men in uniform here with us, and to every man of the United Nations armed forces to do our job to the best of our ability at all times. We pledge to you and to our country, never to let you down, but to back you up with all we possess and cherish. We pledge these things that this nation, born of free men, shall not perish from the earth."

Represents Labor

Paul Carney, president of the Ignition Employees Association, spoke for labor and said, "As the representative of the factory workers of this plant, I can truthfully say that every one of us here realizes the gravity of the present situa-

Lieut. Griffin Is Credit to U. S. Army Air Force

Lieut. T. C. Griffin, member of the Tokio bombing squadron, was a center of attention Army Day, and his modest, quiet manner made him popular with all, and a credit to the Armed Forces of our Nation.



SCINTILLA WORKERS formed animated new slogan, "OUR BONUS — FREEDOM," a bombardiers wing, and a g as well as thousands of area residents. Lighting of the neon flag in the back

tion, and the urgent necessity for more and more production. They call us soldiers of industry, and I want to emphasize the fact that we are willing soldiers.

"While we cannot march shoulder to shoulder with our fighting men, we can and will furnish them with as much as possible of the finest materials made.

"We, the men and women of this plant, are mighty proud that the products we make helped those pilots to bomb Tokio. We are proud that our products played a part in the clean-up at Midway. We are proud that we can in this manner contribute our bit to final victory over the international gangsters.

"May I repeat that we will not let our armed forces down! We want the world to know that the people here at Scintilla are working, and will continue to work, harder and harder, until those black spots across the Atlantic and the Pacific are blotted out forever."

Introducing Colonel Jones

"Over There," with words written especially for this occasion by Capt. C. J. Bishop, was then sung by the audience with the band accompanying. Capt. Bishop then introduced Col. Roy M.



SMILING while he works, Gordon Branson shows Capt. Breen an assembly operation.



INSPECTION OPERATION catches the attention of Miss Goodman of Capt. Bishop's staff, Lieut. Griffin, and Capt. Walter Koelliker, former Scintilla employee, as they converse with Pauline Rode of Inspection Department

Bombers and Baseball

Lieut. Griffin mentioned the crowd at a Japanese baseball field waving at the American bombers as they first flew over. We can't imagine what would happen to a Japanese bomber over Ebbet's Field, with 30,000 Brooklyn fans armed with pop bottles.



it V for Victory as part of the 40-minute evening rally, witnessed by thousands of workers, members of their families, and as the Scintilla Band played our National Anthem, climaxed the program.



TOKIO BOMBER inspects the work of a line of women employees during tour of the plant.

Jones, supervisor of the Eastern Procurement District, Army Air Force, Material Center. Col. Jones pointed out that it is difficult to envision the devastation wrought by the enemy in surroundings similar to ours in the conquered countries of Europe.

"It is more difficult to realize that this same devastation could ever take place in our peace-



AUTOGRAPH for a machine operator is given by Lieut. T. C. Griffin.

THINK IT OVER

For every man or woman who gave his or her life at Pearl Harbor, at Bataan, at Corregidor, at Midway and all other fronts, the enemy will pay a thousandfold!

Fulfillment of those inspiring words spoken by Colonel Roy M. Jones is in our hearts and minds as we work to make the material needed for our friends and brothers, sons and sweethearts who are, and will be, in action all over the world in our defense.

It's up to us, Scintilla workers, to make the vital apparatus that may mean life or death to a bomber crew—the difference between success or failure of an Allied mission, even the difference between a battle won or lost which might decide the fate of a nation.

You are holding down the most responsible job in the world. No matter what you are doing, you are a part of the team that is defending your home, your family, your country, and the way of life that makes these things possible.

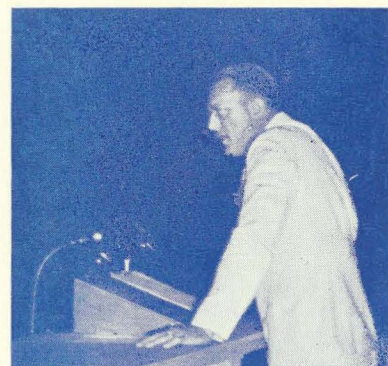
You may be a clerk, a bench hand, a machine operator or an executive, but the job you're doing is a part of our war production army.

You read in your newspaper about vital material and men arriving "too little and too late." You lean back in your easy chair and denounce Allied apparent mistakes. Did you help to get it there sooner? Are you working harder and faster today than you did before Pearl Harbor? Could it be that you didn't help get it there soon enough and enough of it? Did you let down just a few minutes yesterday, just to take a "breather"? Will your let down show up a month from now through a shortage in England or Russia or Australia?

Did you do something yesterday and say "It's not quite right, but it will get by." When American pilots fight death in the skies, they hope it will get by, too. And if it doesn't . . .

loving nation—but we must never forget that while the war is being fought abroad, how fortunate we are—that so far—our beautiful land has escaped the havoc of total war.

"As I traveled through this historic country today, I could not help but think of the bravery of the pioneers, your ancestors, who settled here—they worked and they fought for their lives—they were not Rip VanWinkles, they were wide awake to their ever present danger, just as you are today. They, too, worked and fought for survival just as we are doing today.



"WE WILL NOT let our Armed Forces down" pledges Paul Carney, speaking for Scintilla workers as president of the Ignition Employees Association.

Special Credit

To Bruce McGregor, of Sales, and Mr. Knight, of Crotty Brothers, for the excellent luncheon and dinner . . . to Harry Earl and Norman Meagley for their photographic work . . . to the workers who made up the formations . . . to Ken Payne and his maintenance workers for their worthy advance work . . . all other members of the committee who helped make Army Day successful, including representatives of the Ignition Employees Association, and to Mrs. Earl Case, who led singing at the evening program.



MAGNETO ASSEMBLY as done by Owan Richason and Howard Gibbs, holds the interest of Capt. C. J. Bishop and Lieut. Griffin.

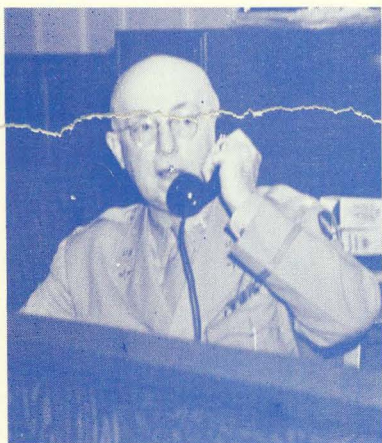
Work Is Honor

"Many of you who work in this great plant are the mothers, the fathers, the wives, the brothers and the sisters or the sweethearts of our soldiers in uniform. To them, your work clothes are a badge of honor, because they know without

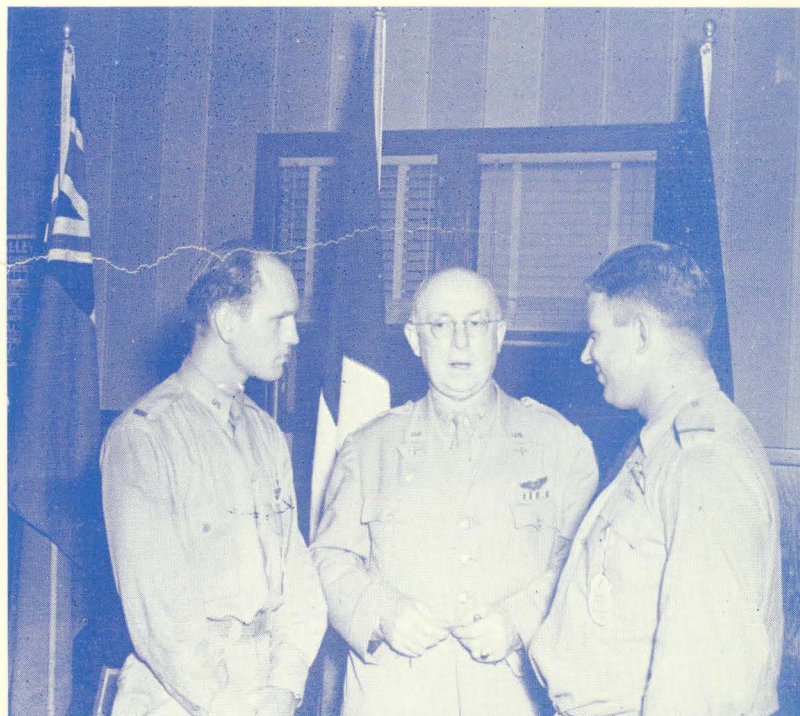
the products of your hands and skill, they can do nothing.

"The products which your company makes are on the engines of our airplanes in every part of the world. On the airplanes in Russia; on the bombers in England; on the flying fortresses

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COL. ROY M. JONES keeps in touch with his office during Army Day program.



TALKING IT OVER preceding dinner are Lieut. T. C. Griffin, of General Doolittle's Tokio bombing squadron, Col. Roy M. Jones, and Flight Sergeant Huntly, R. A. F., D. F. M.



"THEY WILL PAY A THOUSAND-FOLD" for Japanese sneak attacks says Col. Jones in addressing workers at the night rally.

in China; on the airplanes which have stopped Rommel in Africa; we want more and more of them. We also want quality with quantity.

Part of Team

"The navigator carrying your picture nearest his heart, stakes his life on the ignition system you had a part in making," Col. Jones continued. "He, the soldier of the sky, and his brothers in the ground forces and on the sea, make up one part of our great fighting team. You men and women throughout this factory make up the other!"

"Tonight," Col. Jones continued, "we repeat the revered and immortal words of Abraham Lincoln: 'It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain. That the nation, shall, under God, have a new birth of freedom, and that Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.' "

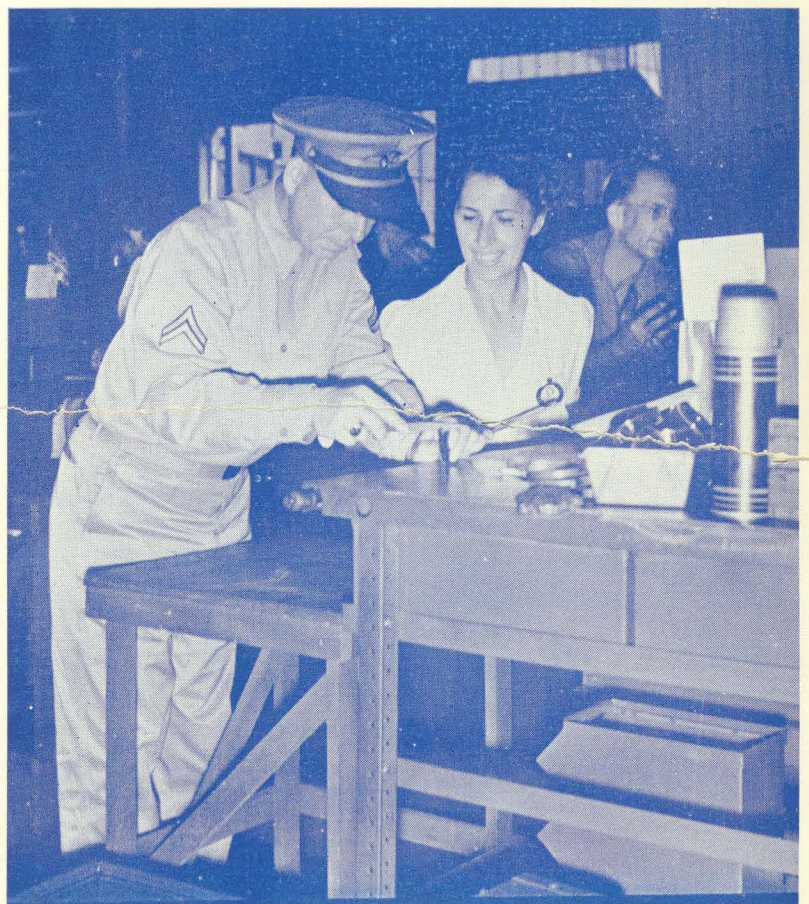
Colonel Ben Wee

Mr. Thomas then introduced Col. Ben Wee of the Chinese Air Force, and sky fighter against Japan at Shanghai, who spoke briefly. Representatives of the Army Air Force introduced included: Lieut. Col. W. L. Purcell, Major Lee Harr, Major

George Parker, Capt. Sandy Hand, Capt. Ned Walker, Capt. Walter Koelliker, a former Scintilla employee, Capt. Jim McGuire, Lieut. Dave Cullen, Lieut. Burch, Sgt. Roland Faulkner, Sgt. William Chipeaux, Sgt. Billy Hertzler, Sgt. James Holm, Sgt. Ray Harwood, Sgt. David Reich, and Sgt. Walter Zenker.

Mr. Thomas then introduced Mrs. Carolyn Sardi, sergeant of the American Women's Volunteer Services, and Miss Ruth Goodman, member of Capt. Bishop's secretarial staff.

Wing Commander M. J. Loudon, of the R.A.F., was then introduced, followed by Capt. Leonardson, U. S. Marine Corps, and three Norwegian representatives, Lieut. Arne Knudsen, Lieut. Eyzing Myhrer and Lieut. Kaare Grythfeldt. Ensign Richard Kelly, of the U. S. Navy, spoke briefly, and then introduced were Pilot Officer A. F. Taylor, R.A.F. and D.F.M., and Sgt. T. M. Huntley, R.A.F., D.F.M. U. S. Army representatives introduced were Sgt. Knight, Sgt. Henschel, Sgt. Hollman, Corporals Delaney and Blessing,



LENDING A HAND at a filing job is Corp. Delaney who assists to the satisfaction of Josephine Grow.

Band Feature of Army Day

Scintilla Employees' Band was a striking feature of Army Day, and praise of the organization for its two concerts, the evening program, and for their splendid appearance, was general from all sources. Evan Bollinger, of Deposit, band leader, and Reginald Dawson, president of the unit, were instrumental in its success.



RED CROSS NURSES *Charlotte Van Name* and *Anne L. Meade* drew the cheers of the Armed Forces.

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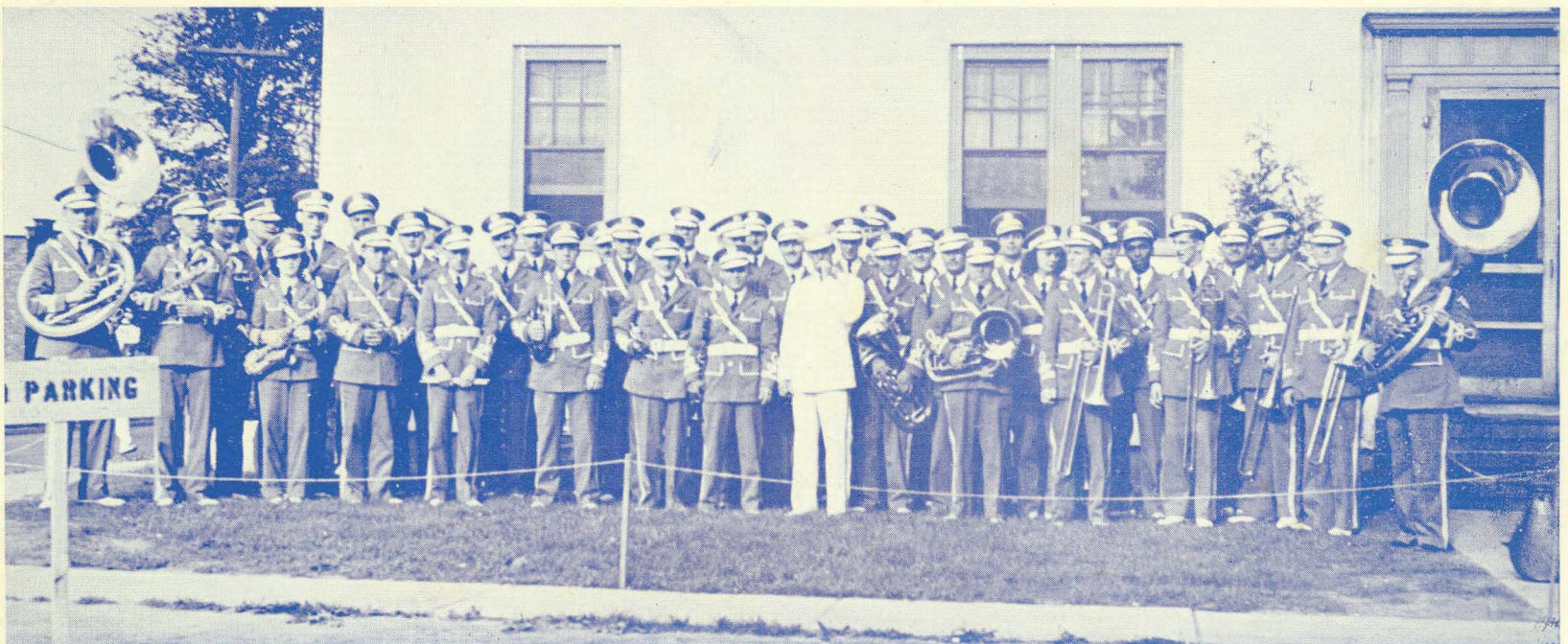
and Privates O'Connell, Comfort, Corday and Ash.

Lieutenant Tom Griffin, D.F.C.

Midway in the program, spectators and workers roared approval and acclaim for Lieut Tom Griffin, member of General Doolittle's Tokio bombing command, who told his audience of some of the experiences he had while dropping bombs on the Japs on Tokio.

As the program drew to a close, hundreds of workers formed giant card formations of Scintilla's new slogan, "Our Bonus—Freedom," a bombardiers' wing, and a huge V for Victory.

As a fitting climax, "Old Glory" burst into view, a mammoth neon lighted flag, its stars twinkling, its stripes waving, all framed against a background of glorious sky, while the band played our national anthem.



SCINTILLA BAND, resplendent in scarlet and white uniforms provided a colorful portion of Army Day, with special band concerts, and through their appearance at the evening rally, gained wide acclaim of Scintilla workers.