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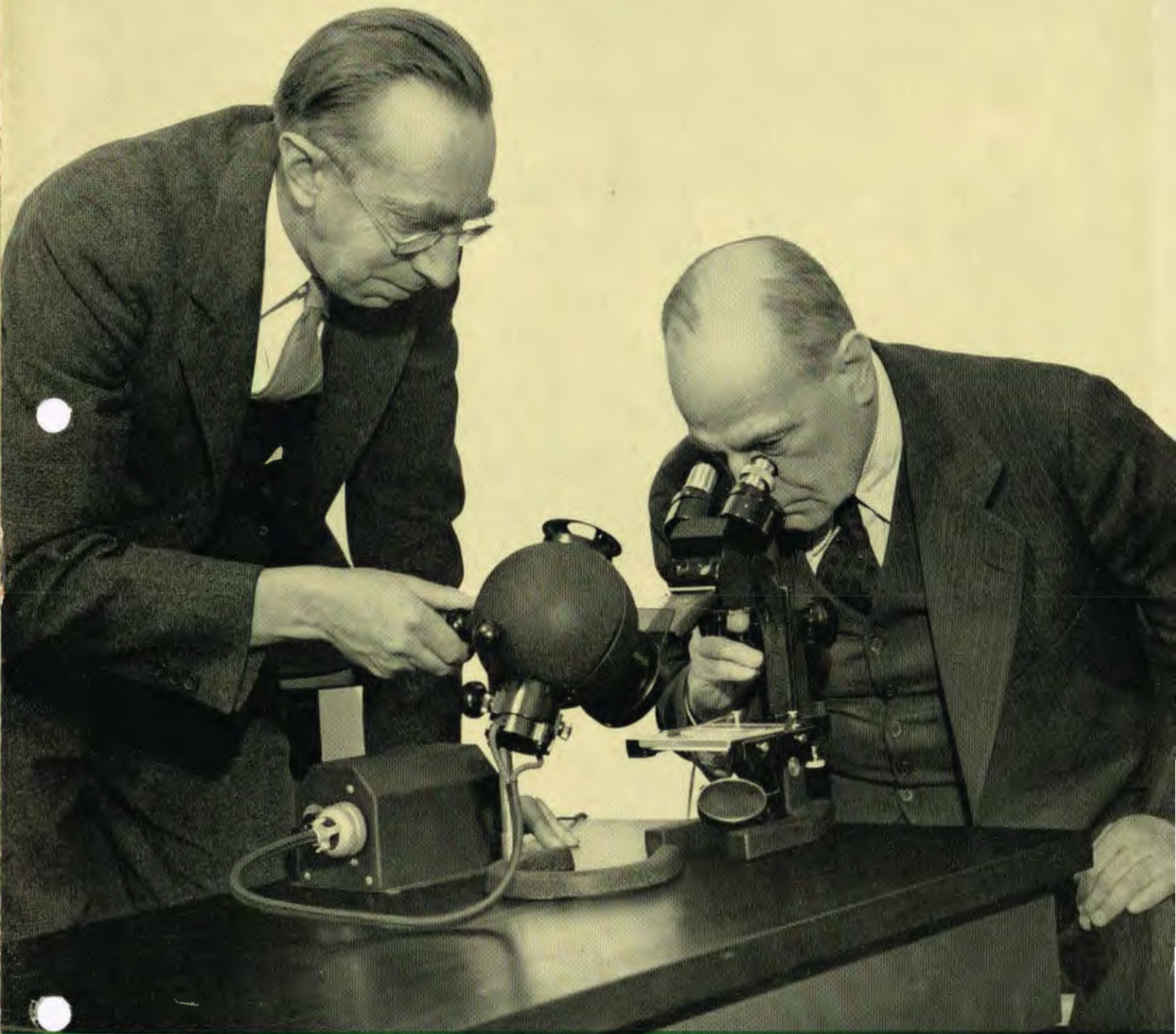


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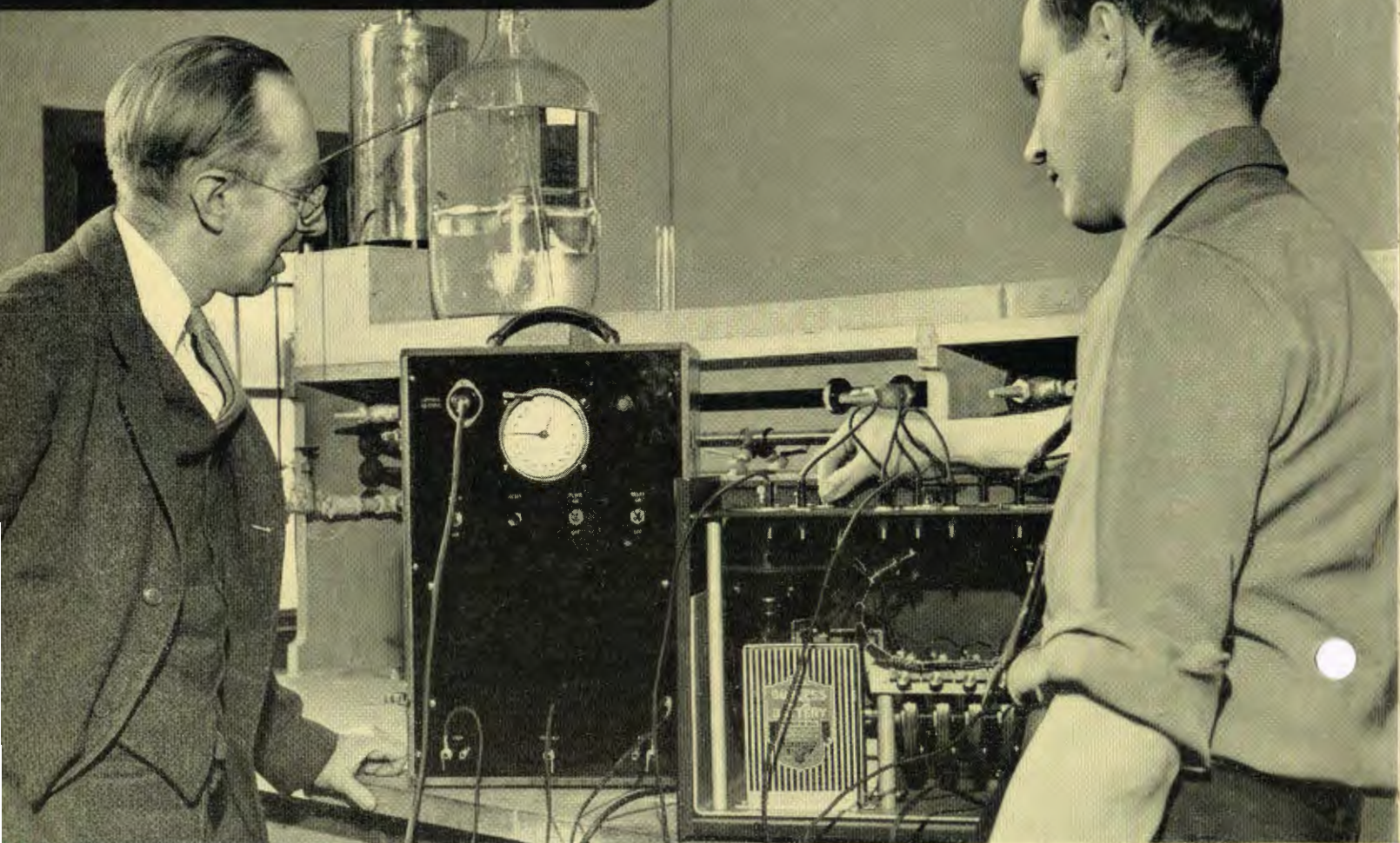
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CONTROL LABORATORY... *Nerve Center of the Plant*

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CONTROL LABORATORY



TO send rounds of ammunition or bombs that are mechanically or chemically imperfect would be an unpardonable offense. It would be sabotage!

But you needn't worry about such a disaster, for the matter of making our products mechanically perfect, of using materials of unquestionable quality, and of providing healthful facilities for employees, is well under control.

So vital is this word control that a special department, the Control Laboratory, is devoted to it.

Situated in a 120 feet by 50 feet building in the Administration area, the Control Laboratory is headed by Dr. Frank Wilcoxon, assisted by Dr. J. D. Brandner, and a staff of 29 persons.

It is with this staff, composed of six senior chemists, six junior chemists, two assistant chemists, 14 chemists helpers, and a secretary-librarian, that we would like to dwell briefly.

These chemists won't take your word for anything. You must prove it—conclusively—or else.

At first, you are reluctant to agree with the "doutin' Thomas" policy of the chem lads but when you really learn the function of the Control Laboratory, you will agree that it's a pretty nice thing to have around.

Take the matter of water, for instance. We take it for granted that our water is pure and let it go at that. But not so with the Control Lab—the water must prove itself pure.

Control analyses are run on the two sewage disposal plants to make certain that waste water from sewage is properly purified so that the health of employees will not be endangered. Other tests, dealing with the efficient operation of the plants, are run.

For the Production Control Department, the Laboratory makes tests of raw materials coming to the Plant to

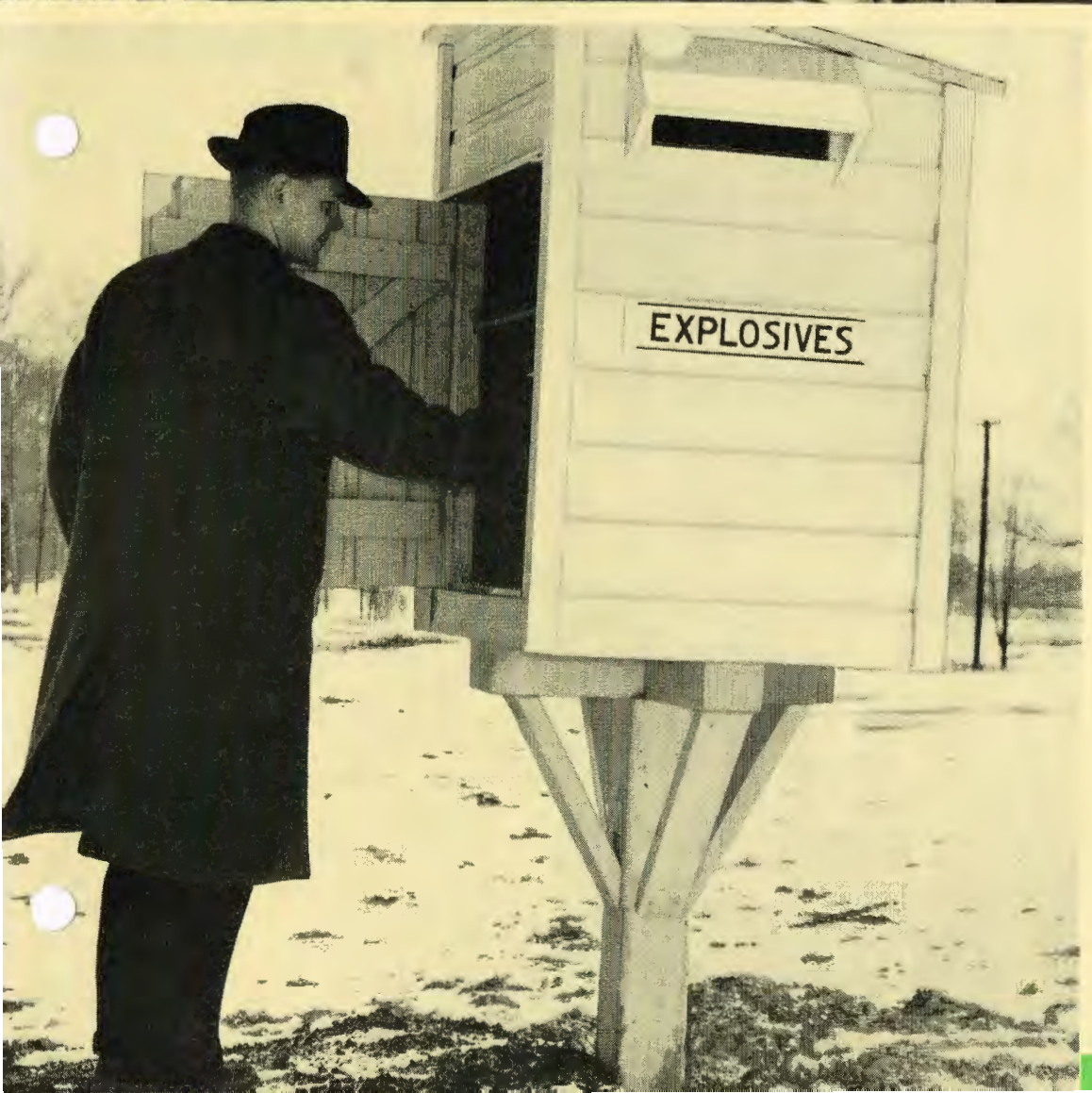
make certain they conform with U. S. Army specifications.

Analyses of primer mixtures for composition and moisture, tests on density and composition of booster tetryl pellets, preparation of shellac solutions, and many similar tests necessary for the operation of an efficient Fuze and Booster manufacturing set-up, are all included in a day's work.

Periodic analyses of ammonium nitrate and amatol, as required by the specifications, are a great aid to the proper operation of the Loading Lines.

Contained in the Control Laboratory building is a general, analytical laboratory for non-explosive materials, three smaller powder laboratories, an ammonium nitrate laboratory, nitrometer room, office, library, sample room, balance room, and a laboratory for investigations of a non-routine nature.

Indeed, the Control Laboratory is "the nerve center of the Plant!"



Extensive data on chemical analysis, recent developments, and other background material is found in the Laboratory's library. Miss Elizabeth Sherrer, secretary-librarian, is shown selecting one of the technical books to "check" a formula.

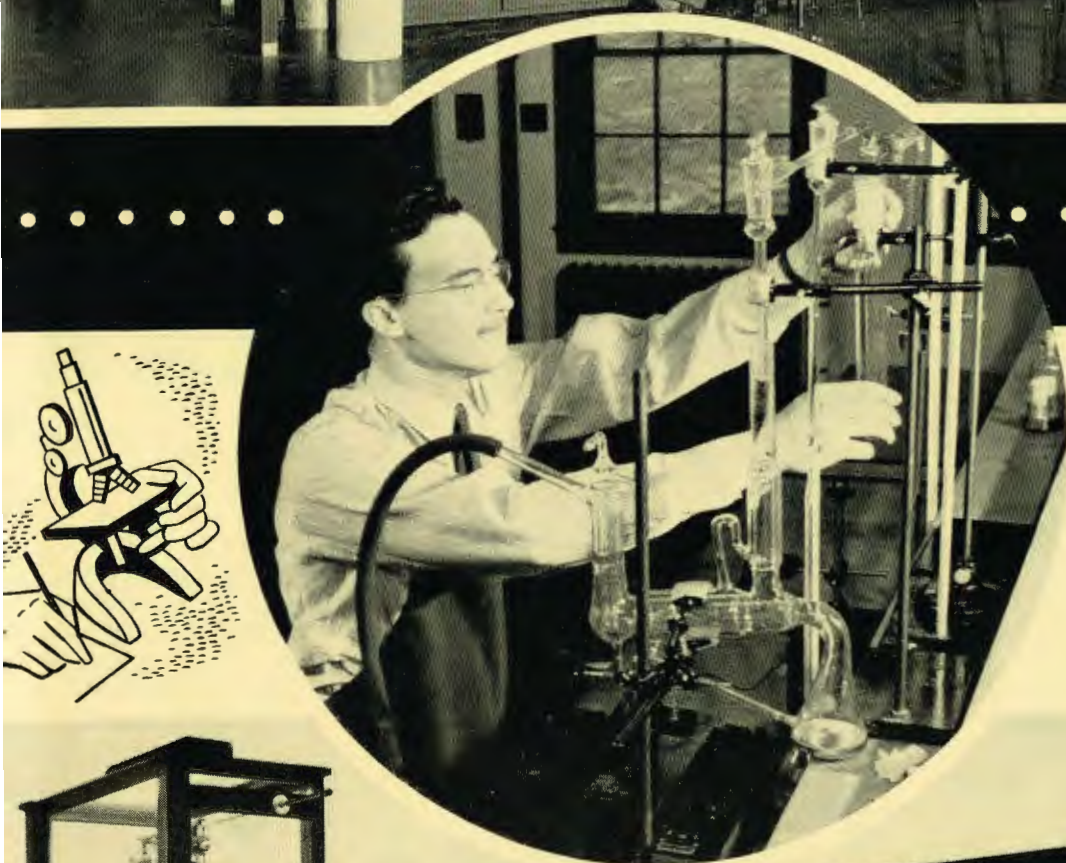


"Bird Cage" is the name given the small wooden storage spaces for high explosives. In this way, excess amounts of high explosives are kept outside the main building. Raymond Johnson is the man depositing the precious cargo.





General view of the analytical laboratory for non-explosive materials. The room has fluorescent, indirect lighting, alberene stone sinks and table tops. Floor is covered with conducting rubber linoleum, while the motor driving the outlet hood in the upper left-hand corner is of explosive-proof construction. The room is 50 feet in length.

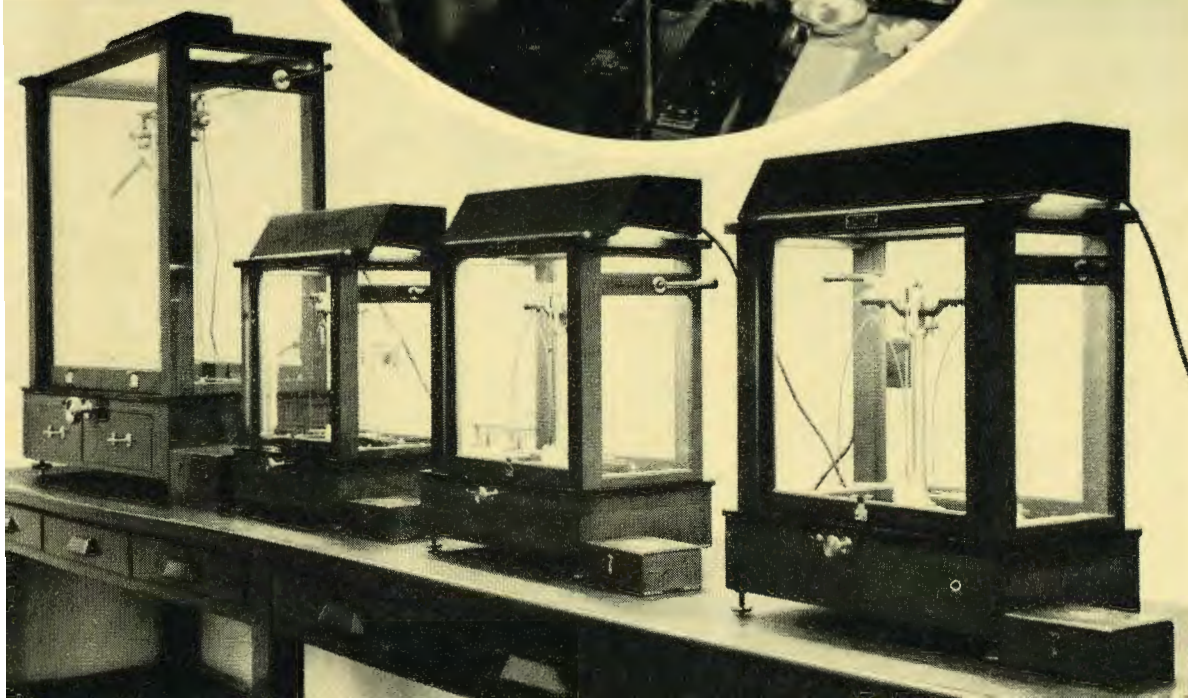


CONTROL LABORATORY

Dr. P. D. Brandner, assistant director of the Laboratory, is shown checking a gas decomposition apparatus used in the Laboratory.

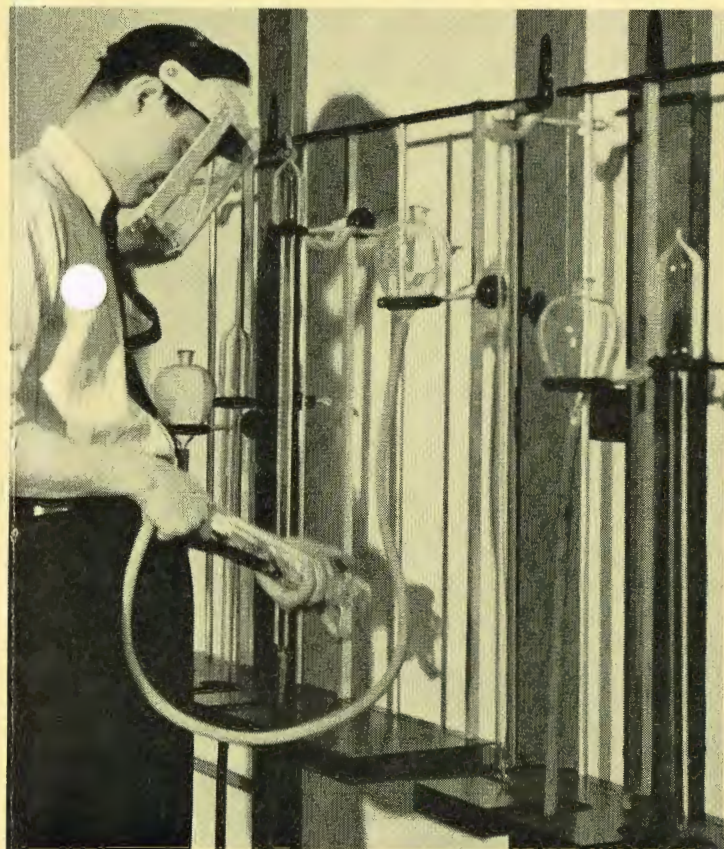
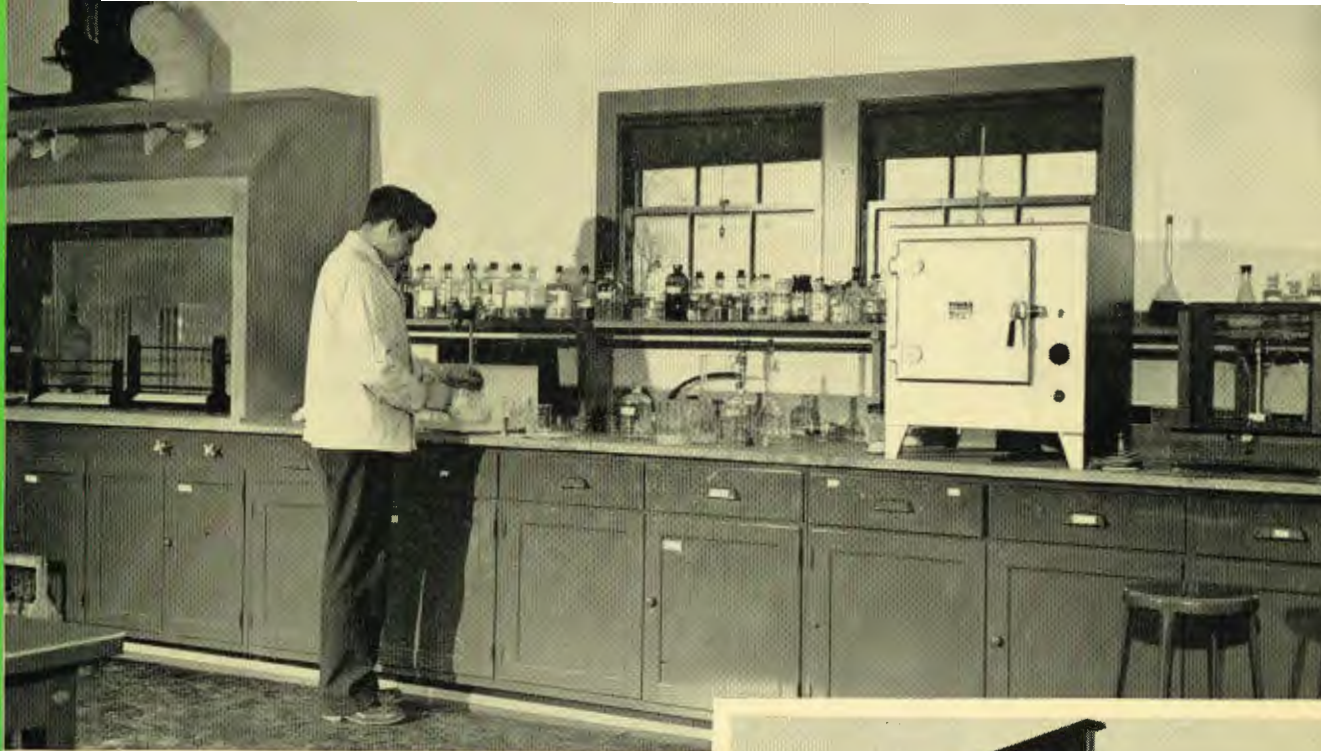


Balance Room at the Laboratory is one of the finest in the country. Each balance is equipped with a fluorescent light the top.

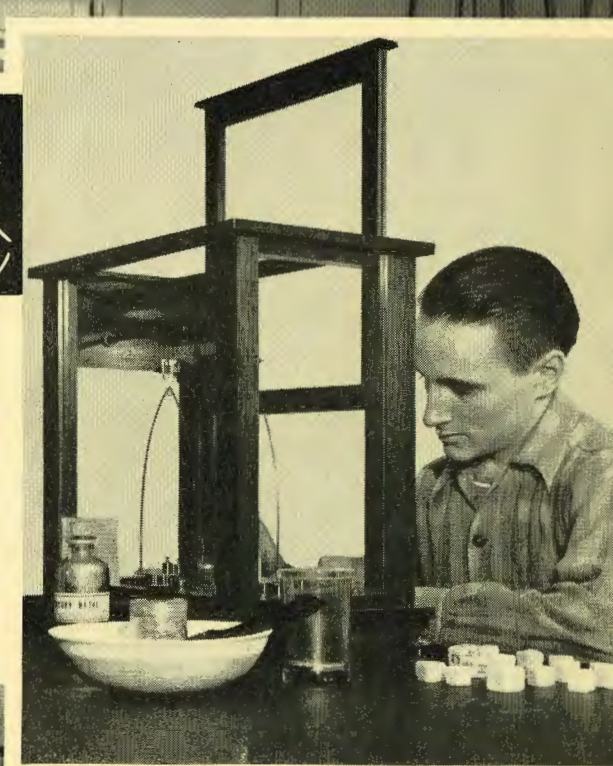


Water and sewage tests occupy the time of Thomas Butler, junior chemist. The water tests assure the laundry and power plants of the best quality of water at all times. That's a big job in itself.

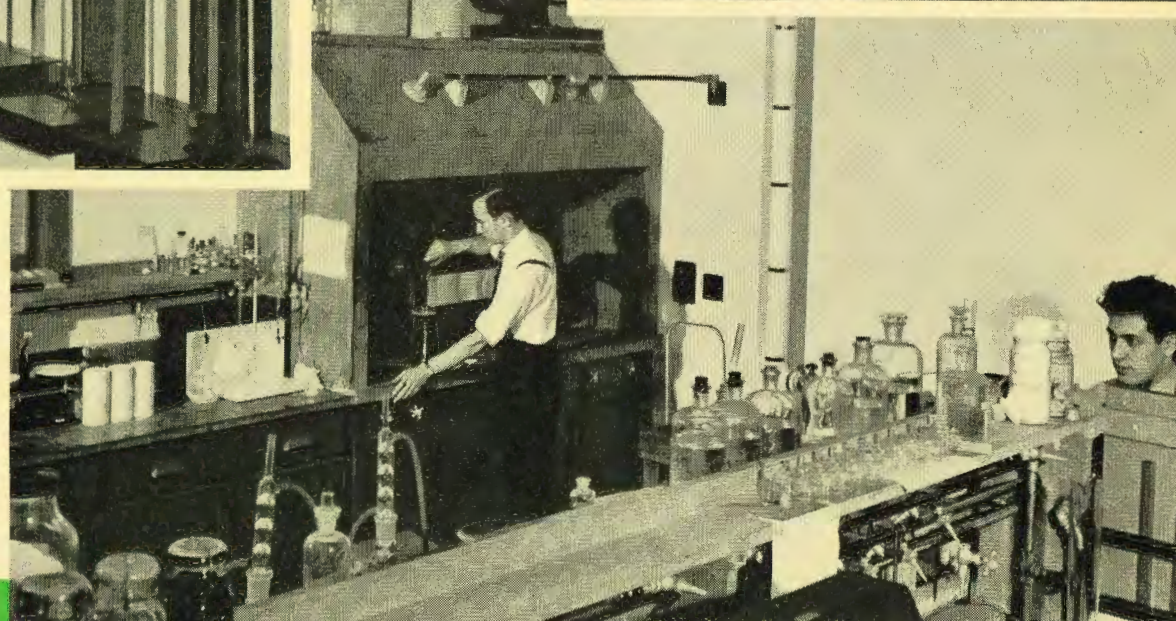
Operation of the duPont nitrometer is considered hazardous enough to warrant the use of a mask. Boyd Sevold is shown shaking the liquid to be tested with mercury to determine the nitrogen content.



Determination of T.N.T. density by the mercury displacement method is a regular routine for members of the Laboratory staff. Robert Boyd, chemist helper, is shown at work.



A special Laboratory is devoted to ammonium nitrate tests. John Brenzovich is shown at a hood while Edmond Barbati operates at a work bench at the end of the room. Complete analysis of the high explosive ingredient is the function of this Lab.





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Blood Banking

SAVING the lives of thousands of sailors, soldiers, and civilians, who will fall wounded in our present World conflict, depends on our newest system of banking—blood banking.

The American Red Cross, in cooperation with the National Research Bureau, is now completing a plan which will enroll more than 200,000 blood-donors by July.

Actual taking and handling of blood is painless today, since a drop of novocain is placed on the arm before the vein is punctured. It is far different from the first transfusion which took place in the early 1800's.

Until recently, whole blood could not be preserved satisfactorily for more than a few days. It was necessary to have donors "typed" and "on call" for emergencies.

In times of exigency, it was impossible to stem the tide of death quickly enough with direct transfusions.

Today, we have the solution in blood plasma, a powdered form of the basic ingredient of human blood which can be preserved for five years.

The highly-technical process of treating the blood begins when it is placed in a centrifuge and whirled at 2,500 revolutions per minute. After the plasma

separates from the heavier red and white corpuscles, straw-colored plasma is siphoned off the top, quickly frozen, and then dehydrated.

To avoid removing anything except moisture from the plasma, the substance must be dehydrated by a vacuum while still frozen. After 22 hours of continuous pumping, the frozen plasma has been completely dried and is in the form of light brown, flaky powder. It is in this form that it is shipped to strategic locations for future use.

The procedure is the result of 20 years of experimentation. With it, transfusions are possible at the scene of the disaster.

Thousands of persons who would have been doomed in like circumstances five years ago, will be alive after this conflict is over—thanks to blood-banking.

OUR COVER . . .

W. E. Fletcher, general manager, who for years has been active in high explosive research laboratories, had his homecoming when he visited the Control Laboratory a few days ago. Dr. Frank Wilcoxon, director of the Laboratory, adjusts the daylight illuminator while Mr. Fletcher intently views an ammonium nitrate crystal with the binocular microscope. With this type of microscope, it is possible to get a three-dimensional view.

Remember Pearl Harbor

HOW TO PLAY YOUR PART

MORALE is the secret weapon that will win the war.

Congress can't vote it.

Dollars won't buy it.

It's YOUR job to build it.

PUT UNITY IN YOUR COMMUNITY. Unity Starts with U. To win the war, stop private wars, at home, on the job, with the neighbors. Honest apology ends friction—starts teamwork. If we all pull together, we'll all pull through.

BE A RUMOR-STOPPER. Every patriot shoots a rumor dead on sight. Ask, "Who started that one?" And "Why?" Help defense-leaders and morale-builders, stop smear-campaigns and lies. Face the facts. Don't exaggerate them. Build a panic-proof, gossip-proof community.

MEET SHORTAGE BY SHARING. Use all of everything. Don't hoard. If everybody cares enough, and everybody shares enough, everybody will have enough. No waste in your ice-box, cash-box, brain-box.

KEEP THE MORAL STANDARDS OF THE NATION HIGH. Don't weaken the home-front by wangling something for yourself on the quiet. Dishonesty and indulgence in you saps the nation's fighting strength. A decent world tomorrow depends on how you live today.

THE SECRET OF STEADINESS AND INNER STRENGTH is on every penny. "In God We Trust." Telephone wires may be cut, radio stations off the air, but no bombardment can stop us listening to God. To listen to God and obey wherever you are is your highest national service.

Governor Bricker To Visit Plant

Proclaim March 24 As 'Bricker Day'

THAT March 24 will be "Governor Bricker Day," at the Ravenna Ordnance Plant, was proclaimed today by W. E. Fletcher, general manager.

The day has been set apart to honor Ohio's Governor, who will visit the Plant the afternoon of the 24th to lunch at the new commissary and make a tour of the Reservation.

Included in the itinerary of the Governor will be luncheon at 1 p. m., a tour of one of the loading lines, a trip by auto railer to view the Plant's maze of railroad facilities, a trip through the fuze and booster area and a final general tour on which Governor Bricker will view engineering facilities affiliated solely with the shell-loading industry.

In honor of the Governor, his flag, and the flag of the State of Ohio, will be flown beneath the Stars and Stripes, on March 24.

Pledge for Americans

From President Roosevelt's Speech . . .
Feb. 23, 1942

1.—We shall not stop work for a single day. If any dispute arises we shall keep on working while the dispute is solved by mediation, conciliation, or arbitration—until the war is won.

2.—We shall not demand special gains or special privileges or advantages for any one group or occupation.

3.—We shall give up conveniences and modify the routine of our lives if our country asks us to do so. We will do it cheerfully, remembering that the common enemy seeks to destroy every home and every freedom in every part of our land.

Reports for Parsons, call for Graves,
Keep him busy as seven slaves,
Check with Logan, Lowe, and Barber,
Bet he'll not "forget Pearl Harbor."

He's always Johnny-on-the-spot,
What it takes, he's really got,
Fighting for our Department's honor,
Buffalo's Boy—J. B. O'CONNOR.

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Cupid has been active in the Motor Pool. Results: **Fred Petti** and **Julia Seker-ah**, Cleveland Heights, January 26; **W. E. Davis** and **Madeline Benich**, Newton Falls, February 21. Congratulations!

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The Motor Pool boys wish speedy recovery for **Bob Dennis**, now confined to his home with pneumonia.

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The following have been promoted to leaders in the Stations and Materials Division: **Cyril Rhodes**, **Charles Burger**, **Martin S. Hammond**, **Harry Korpita**, **Edwin Wilson**, **William L. Smith**, **Ben Heyman**, **C. Soules**, **E. R. McLean**, **J. DiMauro**, **J. Wisenburger**, **E. Rutsky**, **J. D. Randolph**, and **Ernest M. Knisely**.

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"TRANSPORTATION TRIPLETS"

On all this wide reservation
The best stenogs are in Transportation.
That super-secretarial stunter.
Our R.O.P. Editor—Bernice Hunter.

And then—the one who can
Make a "Royal" purr
And keep our files—
Miss "Ginny" Kerr.

Last but not least,
And clever as Mephisto—
The blond from Warren,
Clara Kivisto.

And so we think
You'll all agree
They deserve a line
In the "R.O.P."

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Following are leaders who have been promoted to foremen in the Stations and Materials Division: **E. J. Johnston**, **F. T. Washburn**, **Joe E. Lucek**, and **John Uhrin**.

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John L. Reiss, **Daniel J. Pantalia**, **Max L. Robinson**, **Eugene Showers**, and **Lynn R. Miller** have been promoted to material checkers in the Stations and Materials Division.

TRANSPORTATION



Charlie Shultz is all smiles these days. His division is busy taking over the almost completed Engine Service Building.

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William Ebie was busy passing out cigars and accepting congratulations upon the birth of a baby boy, born February 7.

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Peter Miller, clerk, left to assume new duties with Uncle Sam's Army. Look out, Japs!

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F. Ward, trainman, joined the Benedicts, on February 28. The lucky girl is from Alliance. We wish to express congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy married life.

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She never resents the ravin' and rantin'
Of her Boss—our Mr. Stanton.
She's never insolent, mean, or rude,
In fact, a real lady—his Gertrude.

As he dictates of shipments and when trains arrive,
She takes letters daily, 'till quarter to five.
As Vince sits at the window and gazes out West,
Gertrude never talks back, except at Vince's request.

This may sound funny, but you must have known
"Gertrude" is only his new Dictaphone.

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The "little brown jug" has taken over new significance at the Motor Pool. It is being filled with small contributions to buy cigarettes for the fellows who have left their jobs in the Pool to serve Uncle Sam.

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The following boys have left the Transportation Department to enter active service: **J. Suttle**, **C. Marino**, **A. Capri**, **James F. Smith**, and **John T. Kirkland**.

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Who's that guy with curly hair,
Makes the gals all stop and stare,
Just as busy as a bee
All around 233.

Personality Projectiles...



By Marjorie Day

THE QUIET WAY TO GET READY FOR WORK: First, jump out of bed in the dark and bitter cold and if you are able to withstand this shock, attempt to find your clothes—there will always be a stocking mislaid.

After donning you-know-what, find the dress you intend to wear, sew on the button that is missing, and scour the room frantically for the elusive belt.

In applying your lipstick, make sure the room is dimly lit so that you will look like all the rest of the girls—well over-painted when daylight finally comes (long after you arrive at work.)

Don't comb your hair too thoroughly—wait till you get to work where you can do it with much more confusion.

If you are to get ready with real success, eliminate breakfast . . . this insures a slight famine about 10 a. m. . . which in turn forces you to buy a coke (if you can get a priority.)

All this is merely preliminary, for there is now the delightfully dark ride to work. Your best bet is to sleep all the way—but there is always fine entertainment to be had by watching the other cars and guessing what they will do next.

You are now at the main gate . . . this is your cue to lean to the right or to the left, bend down approximately six inches and pull your coat out of shape to show your badge. The guard mutters "owtysxpy."

Three mornings out of the six, the guard inevitably grins a cheshire cat grin as though he knew a secret. You have a hunch it is that ravishing picture on your badge, but there is a slight suspicion that it may be your makeup—where your lipstick slipped and made a red eyebrow in the vicinity of your nose.

Your problem at this point is to make the last lap to the building from the car. Running, with coat flying, (this is a standing rule) . . . you try to beat the



C. H. Williston

Superintendent, Booster and Fuze Lines . . . Born in New Hampshire . . . Graduate of Lafayette College, Pennsylvania, chemical engineering, 1908 . . . With Atlas for past 25 years, engaged in all phases of manufacture of explosives, came here from Atlas Blasting Supplies Works, Tamaqua, Pa. . . Married, has two sons serving as officers in regular Army.



General Engineering

The following people joined the General Engineering force during the past month: N. M. Sullivan, project engineer; J. A. Olson, junior draftsman; H. W. Matteson, senior draftsman; and W. Stover, tool inspection clerk.

We were sorry to see Paul Redline, Rus Shaw, and Frank Strahl, leave this Department to take up duties in the Fuze and Booster Lines. Good luck, fellows!

time clock . . . 8 to the bell . . . you almost never do . . . amen.

Don't forget the fashion and style show to be held Monday, March 23 . . . it'll be a corker . . . and the perfect opportunity to spend all your extra money . . .

And remember, gals . . . if you want to forget your troubles . . . wear tight shoes . . .

Plant Accounting

New employees in the Cost Division are H. K. France, R. L. Brothers, A. E. Mattevi, T. A. Brennan, A. F. Schuler, and S. Latou.

Fremont Voges was transferred from Materials Control Division to Planning and Production Control Department. From the Mail Room, Ted Sethman and Cliff Lamm were transferred to Payroll Department; and Howard Herbert was transferred to Financial Accounting.

Materials Control Division wishes to welcome the following new employees: Genevieve Lyle, Beatrice McCartney, Kenneth Jones, Louise Protomaster, T. G. Steinbower, V. O. Fishel, Frank Santic, Sam Purcell, S. Rupp, W. W. Burton, James Gonot, T. Devaney, D. Lower, Frank Bendyck, Robert Mahoney, Lawrence Fuller, Frank Klapthor, John F. Hobbs, Anthony Yane, and Verla L. Habig.

A "Silent Sister Club" is being formed in the Materials Control Division, which is for the purpose of promoting good fellowship, and is to be headed by Miss Alta Mosher.

Miss Mary Terlecki and Miss Eloise Prudner have joined the Stenographic Division.

The Mail Room has added the following to its staff: Ellwood Woodruff, Phillip DePaul, Frank Esposito, Robert V. Wolfe, Dominic Parrish, and Leo Casey.

Miss Betty Peterson is the new stenographer for C. R. Meyer, Cost & Property Division; and Miss Betty Valentine has been transferred from Mr. Meyer's Division as Secretary to H. B. Palmer.

W. M. Powell has returned to the Wilmington office and H. B. Palmer is now head of the Plant Accounting Department.

Miss Virginia Beard, Materials Control Division, was married February 26, in Warren, to William Junior Swindler, and A. E. Mattevi, Cost Division, was married February 14 to Miss June Bowers.

Seen ON THE SPORT SCENE

By JOHN BJORKMAN

Now that we read every day of the Major League baseball teams in training in the balmy South and on the West Coast, it fills this stale and rusty person's heart with joy to realize that soon we'll be able to loosen up our frozen joints. The inauguration of the baseball season also means that tennis, golf, softball, etc., will soon be upon us.

I hope there are many people here who feel as I do. A good sound mind can always use a good sound body. It will be good sound minds and bodies that will eventually blast to the high heavens the Axis theory of a superior race.

Bowling

Bob France, captain of the Atlas team bowling at Warren, informs us that in a desperate effort to bolster the backward slide of his team, he has enlisted the services of three new members in an attempt to pull the team out of the doldrums. J. W. Graves, L. Peck, and B. Brothers, are the new keglers. We also hear that Bill Ruth has bettered his average by about 25 pins since starting to assault the maples last Fall.

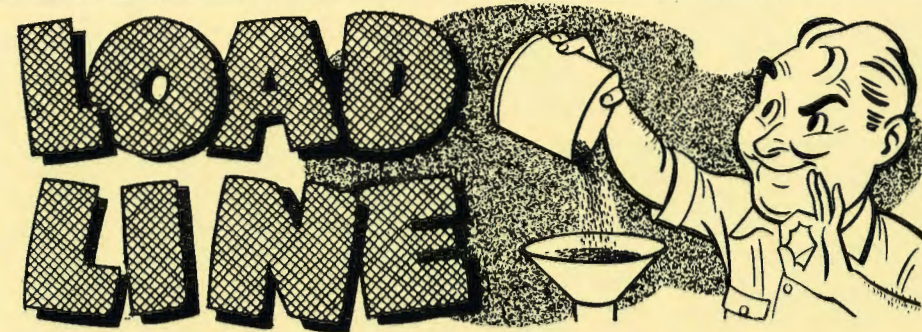
The Atlas duck pin team of Aurora is now tied for first place in the second round of the schedule after copping first place in the first round. Inspired by something or other, Charles Durning, on February 10, rolled 179, 212, 192, which for duck pins isn't bad at all! W. E. Winans, A. J. Bergvall, and Jack Byrnes, have been rolling their usual good games.

Skating

The ice skating rink has proven its worth this past month, what with the hundreds of skaters taking advantage of the opportunity afforded them here at the Plant. We hope other sports become as popular.

Kent Armory

Kent Armory Recreation Center at 210 Lake St., Kent, is now available for use by Ravenna Ordnance Plant employees, Clifford Thompson, W.



We take this opportunity to welcome to the Load Lines the many new operators from Tamaqua and White Haven, Pa.

Good luck to Stan and Bill Harris who recently left the Load Lines to take up duties as chief clerks on the Fuze and Booster Lines.

Edmund Kalbach, line supervisor, is about to remove the bandage from the index finger of his left hand which he has nursed since last December. Now, Ed, do be more careful of that automobile fan.

C. E. Garwich has been transferred as timekeeper from Load Line I to overseer for the Planning and Production Department.

R. D. Hicks, timekeeper on Load Line I, entered the ranks of Uncle Sam during February. R. H. Pippenger, timekeeper, and Jack Courtin, typist, are on the waiting list.

Al Millett, with all his troubles as chief timekeeper and trying to keep the Tabulating Division happy, doesn't seem, however, to lose any weight.

P. A. recreation director, announced recently.

Take advantage of the opportunity to participate in ping-pong, dart games, shuffle-board, golf, volley ball, badminton, deck tennis, handball, archery, dancing, and motion pictures. Use of equipment at the Armory is free of charge.

Newton Falls U. S. O. Clubhouse is the scene of an informal dance every Wednesday night from 8:30 until 11:30 p. m. There is no admission charge to these dances. Ravenna Ordnance Plant employees are extended a special invitation to attend.

No trouble at all to have timekeepers help the girls with their time at Building CA-14. Well, who wouldn't?

Congratulations to Dare Heydrich, who was just recently promoted to asst. general supervisor. By the way, Dare, no more cake or pie from Mrs. S. S. Griffith unless your ration of sugar is forthcoming.

George Rice, chief inspector, has greatly enlarged his personnel of inspectors, one of whom is Buell (Bud) Graven, a former wrestling champion. We understand Rice has an object in view in employing Bud, with an eye on his ever-growing waist line.

Supervisor Yankow is now the proud father of a baby boy. Congratulations to Mrs. Yankow and "Pop."

House Foreman Mushrush and Line Leader Rufo on Load Line III, have resigned to join the armed forces. Good luck, boys.

Carl Taylor, asst. production superintendent, must go home nights now instead of staying on the Reservation at all hours, due to the return of Mrs. Taylor, who was visiting relatives and friends in Tamaqua, Pa.

John J. Murphy, line leader in DB-13, Load Line II, was married on February 16 to Miss Anna Shamus at St. Joseph Church, Newton Falls.

Ross Berger received a promotion from house foreman to supervisor of the Melt Load on Line I.

Jim Thomas, general supervisor of the Load Lines, has recently moved to the dormitories on the Reservation, and can now be contacted 24 hours a day instead of 23 hours, as previously.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS READ 'EM



BOOKMOBILE is the name given Hiram's library on wheels.

Designed by Miss Mary R. Phelps, county librarian, the Bookmobile is operated by Mrs. Hazel M. Ohl, and has a selection of 2,500 books. Children's books are on the inside, while the adult selection is on the outer panels of the truck.

The Bookmobile stops at all township schools in Portage County, makes regular stops at the Ordnance Plant staff houses, and the girls' dormitories at Cotton Corners. There is no fee for borrowing books.

Enlisted Personnel Needed by Ordnance

Ordnance Department of the United States Army is encountering considerable difficulty in obtaining enlisted personnel, of proper experience and background, to qualify for field duty.

It has been suggested by Lieut. Col. G. Wingate Reed, assistant to the Chief of Ordnance, that young men who volunteer for service may, upon request, be assigned to the Ordnance Department and sent to the Ordnance Replacement Training Center, provided they are otherwise qualified.

However, all candidates who desire to enlist, or who are to be inducted, and desire an Ordnance assignment, are asked to contact the Commanding Officer of the Plant or Depot for an interview. The candidate will be given a letter stating that he has been interviewed. This letter will recommend assignment to the Ordnance Department.

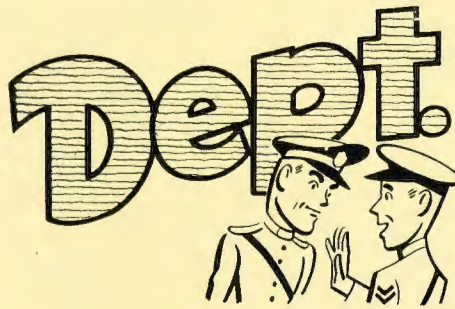
Left to right, Mrs. Hazel M. Ohl, and Miss Mary R. Phelps.



Manifestly Monopolized

In these days of monogrammed duffel, is it any wonder that Mrs. Atlas Brown, badge 3935, points with pride to her surroundings?

"Is there anyone whose moniker is more manifestly monopolized?" Atlas asks.



Dick Ayers, former Inspection Division typist, now in the United States Navy, visited Ravenna Ordnance Plant, February 17.

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Charles "Red" Saddington, of the Tool and Equipment Division, is the proud father of a baby girl, born in St. Thomas Hospital, Akron.

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Miss Vesta Bee, of the Adjutant's Office, spent February 21 and 22 in Washington, D. C., visiting friends.

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War Department employees wish to offer sympathy to **Mrs. Marguerite Hill**, Fiscal Division, in the loss of her mother.

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Lieut C. A. Low and the Property Division have moved into the New Administration Building.

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Capt. Claron W. Meldrum, former Commanding Officer has received his Majority Commission. Major Meldrum is now Commanding Officer of Chickasaw Ordnance Works, Millington, Tenn.

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Miss Emily Trivelli, Accounting Department, and **Francis Chaney**, formerly of the Fiscal Division, will be married April 11. Chaney left February 28 for the Buckeye Ordnance Plant at South Point, O.

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Miss Margie Brown has been transferred from the Auditing Dept. to Plant Headquarters.

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Miss Roma Mascari has returned from leave spent at her home in Ironton.

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F. R. Taylor, Inspector, and **Miss Kay Maloney**, of Kent, are to be married April 11.

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Miss Connie Graben, Fiscal Division, is recuperating from an operation in

Huron Road Hospital, Cleveland.

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Miss Helen Spray and **Miss Ellen Caldwell**, War Dept. employees, are vacationing in Florida.

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Mrs. Jeannette Weber, Material Division, spent a week in Massachusetts with her husband who left for the Army Air Corps.

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The following persons attended the Hockey game in Cleveland, Saturday, March 7: **Mr. and Mrs. Louis Warner**, **Loren Spedding**, **Jack Gordon**, **Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hyland**, **Mrs. Esther Voit**, **J. T. Taylor**, **Lieut. W. H. Kuhn**, **Miss Betty Christ**, **Ted Lewton**, **E. C. Weyrich**, **Morris Kenter**, **James Blow** and **Vincent Gless**.

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Miss Mimi Horning, who has been in the Hospital for an appendectomy, has fully recovered and is now back with us.

Control Laboratory

John Maxwell, junior chemist, was married to **Miss June Honeywell**, in Cleveland Heights, on March 9. They are making their home in Warren. Congratulations and good wishes!

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Newcomers to the Control Laboratory during February include **Miss Lois Montgomery**, typist; **James Rogers**, **Morris Gallant**, **Jean Harris**, and **William Hoskin**, junior chemists; **E. W. Ceroky** and **Fred Crawford**, assistant chemists; **E. H. Anthon**, **Harry Bard**, **Edmond Barbati**, and **Donald Wright**, chemist's helpers.

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Tom Butler just managed to get to work one cold February morning in a reluctant automobile which he assumed was frozen . . . and then he found that it had no water and no oil!

Industrial Relations

YOU BRING THE DUCK . . . Mrs. Julia Begala, interviewer, was hostess at a Dutch Treat dinner at her home in Ravenna, on February 22. Interviewers and their husbands or wives, **Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Fleming**, **Mr. and Mrs. Gordon W. Malm**, **Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Bloomer**, and **Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Loyer** attended. Stories have been circulating about the excess amount of baked beans served. Army influence you know.

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LET ME CALL YOU BUDDY—Despite the fact that they work together six days a week, **F. Charles Gilmour** and **Jim L. Henderson**, interviewers, have decided to hang their hats on one hook and share and share alike. **Lucy Kressling**, **Winifred Bampton** and **Kathryn Mueller**, typist clerks, are sharing a new apartment in Ravenna.

IT'S AN ILL WIND—**Harold Buchanan** of the Employment Division, participated in the first of the Kent Civic Orchestra's concerts at Kent State University. Buchanan, who plays trumpet, is vice president of the association.

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NEW BUT GOOD—**Ruth Griffith**, **Lillian Rogal**, typist clerks, are new employees in the Record Room. **Al Bast Jr.** is the newest of the Interviewers.

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ABOUT MY OPERATION—When **Virginia Joseph**, who is now recuperating in the Youngstown City hospital, following an appendectomy, returns to the Industrial Relations Building, both she and **Sara Bochart**, a recent graduate of the operating room of the City Hospital in Akron, can get together and really talk shop.

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ACTIVITIES OF THE BLUE BLOODS—**L. R. Brice**, personnel supervisor, entertained members of his staff in "Wolf Alley" at his home on February 28. Wives and guests of the interviewers also attended.

Fuze and Booster

Mrs. Mary Smith has been transferred from the Stenographic Division to the Fuze Line.

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The Detonator Line welcomes its new stenographer, **Miss Stella Delos**.

Ordnance Wives Do Their Part Medical

DOING their part to insure an Allied victory are the wives of Ravenna Ordnance Plant workers, who meet three times a week to sew and knit for the Red Cross.

The group meets every Tuesday at the homes of members and spends the day sewing and knitting. Wednesday is devoted to bridge, each person being charged 50 cents. Refreshments are not served and the entire sum, which amounts to approximately \$17, goes into the Red Cross fund for buying materials.

The private dining room in the new cafeteria is the meeting place on Friday afternoon.

At present, the Ravenna Ordnance Plant Women's Red Cross Branch is sewing only for war refugees. However, as soon as the group is able to acquire money to buy materials, they are going to sew for our boys.

Those who knit have already turned in eight adult sweaters over their quota.

The sewing quota is not complete because the Portage County Chapter was not able to supply materials. Money-raising committees provided part of the materials, however, and the quota soon will be reached.

Mrs. J. A. Seligman is in charge of raising money, and Mrs. H. A. Shorter, of the War Department, is handling the Petty Cash Fund being raised by girls working at the Ravenna Ordnance Plant. Each girl contributes 5 cents a week. More than \$20 is realized each week.

Mrs. W. E. Fletcher is honorary chairman of the Ordnance Plant Branch and Mrs. L. B. Moody is active chairman. Mrs. J. W. Graves is chairman of the sewing division and Mrs. H. N. Putnam is co-chairman. Mrs. H. S. Wendorf and Mrs. C. A. Low are co-chairmen of the knitting division. Mrs. D. J. C. Copps is treasurer, and Mrs. E. D. Payne, secretary. Mrs. Frank Wilcoxon is chairman of the bandage rolling division.

Welcomed to the Medical Department within the past month are **Dr. Mendel W. Smith**; **Nurses Irene T. Bene, Edna E. Hinkel, Alice R. Roush, and Ruth Lentz**; and **Mrs. Mary E. Rundt**, accountant. **Vivian Mathison** is a new addition, having recently been transferred to Medical from Industrial Relations.

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Miss Alene A. Makinen warrants a congratulations on her promotion to position of Directress of Nurses.

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Congratulations also are in order for **Dr. E. Z. Bower**, who is the father of a new baby boy!

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From the Compensation Division: Reporting of industrial cases has been very good in the past. However, occasionally an infected injury is reported to the hospital, which obviously was not reported at the time of the injury. Every employee is instructed to report any and all accidents immediately and must carry out these instructions faithfully.

Plant Engineering

The old saying is, "in the spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love"—however, contrary to such precedent, we announce the wedding of **Robert Haas** to **Madeline Zampelli** of the Plant Engineering Dept. on February 27.

To honor the occasion, the Plant Engineering Dept. held a party February 20 in the private dining room of the old commissary. The general opinion seems to be bigger and better parties and more of 'em. The bride-to-be and future groom expressed their thanks for the table lamp and floor lamp they received.

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We understand **Chuck Hauck** is staying in these nights to get all the sleep he can, in anticipation of walking the floor later on—you knew he's the father of a 7 pound daughter, born Sunday at noon?

Left to right: Mrs. H. S. Wendorf, Mrs. John Graves, Mrs. C. A. Low, and Mrs. E. D. Payne.





For those of you who do not read the "Tamaqua Courier," **George Teel** was given a grand send-off by his friends in Tamaqua before leaving for Ravenna. As you all know, Mr. Teel has joined the Executive Department as co-ordinator.

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Plane reservations are at a premium for passage to Missouri the early part of May. Of course, as far as **Haydon Tuke** is concerned, he's hoping for poor visibility and all planes grounded just before the "duration."

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Have you heard that **Bob Johnston** is conducting a training course for **Bob Freeman** preparatory to Freeman's entry into something—he hopes the Navy. They do say, however, that Johnston insists on Freeman's taking a bath every single night just to get him accustomed to water.

Purchasing

We are glad to welcome the following new members to our Department: **John H. Pugh** and **K. D. MacConaugha**, buyers, who came over from Hunkin-Conkey; **K. O. Gund**, of Columbiana, also a buyer; **Patsy Stanley**, of Warren, **Sally DeCapite** and **Dorothy Costley**, of Youngstown, **Jean Meloy**, of Cuyahoga Falls, and **Opal Anderson**, of Fostoria, all in our Stenographic and Records Division; and **LaVeau Taylor**, of Grafton, Pa., who has been transferred to the Expediting Division from the Stenographic Section. A hearty welcome to you all and loads of luck.

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Janice Green, **Mildred Geer**, and **Grace Gahagan**, gave a combination birthday and farewell party for **Betty Miller**, in the cafeteria on Wednesday, February 25 — birthday cake, with candles, 'n everything.

To obtain a pass to the area, **Raymond T. Blaisdell**, an insurance company representative, brought from his home in Westlake, Ohio, his twenty-pound copy of the Holy Bible which contains a record of his birth.

Miss Rosella Povirk, secretary to the assistant director of Industrial Relations, is shown making a record of the birth.

The War Department has received a request to enlist another fighter. His name is Pat. He's 8 years old. The plea for the War Department to take Pat into the Army and "send him over to fight the Japs," came from his sister **Barbara Anne**, who addressed the following letter to the Secretary of War:

Menominie, Wisconsin.

Dear Secretary of War,

Secretary of War, will you please take my brother Pat, send him over to fight the Japs. He is always fighting with my brother Jim and I. He is Irish, and can fight. All you have to do is give him a club. An gun is not necessary. Pat, age 8. My Grandfather was a soldier in the Spanish-American war. He has our flag over his grave. We are proud of it.

Sincerely in love,

Barbara Anne _____

Ray Nielsen had his birthday too, on February 27, and his singing telegram from the "Gripers Club;" he also had his chicken, but we didn't get any. Congratulations anyway, Ray!

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What happened to **Pauline Walker**, on the night of March 2—better take it easy around the curves, Pauline.

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The Expediting Division has adopted a new slogan—"Spreaders of Sunshine." It will be appreciated if everyone will adopt this slogan while in our midst, and when you enter our office walk briskly and with a smile.



Corps of Engineers

DANCE • BUFFET SUPPER



Among the scores of other couples dancing to the music of the Coeds, were left to right, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. C. Copps, Miss Martha Seymour and J. G. McCloskey, and Betty Christ and Tom O'Beirne.

MORE than 200 persons attended the Corps of Engineers dance and buffet supper, held in the commissary, February 21.

Committee planning the affair was headed by Capt. Robert W. Lockridge, engineer, assisted by Capt. Henry D. L. Van Bockern, and First Lieuts. F. E.



Smith, Roland P. Campbell, and Dorian H. Dickman.

After all obligations had been cleared, there remained a total of \$41.26, according to the committee. This amount will be donated to some charitable organization in the near future, was said.



Plenty of good things to eat were had at the buffet supper. Shown in the foreground are Lieut. R. R. Laurell, Miss Carolyn Bush, Dr. Frank Wilcoxon, Arnold Fiedler, Mrs. Arnold Fiedler, and Mrs. J. A. Laughlin.



Capt. Robert Lockridge, Area Engineer, is shown conversing with Dr. H. S. Wendorf. To the right of Captain Lockridge are Mrs. H. N. Putnam, Mrs. C. A. Low, and Mrs. H. D. L. Van Bockern.



Expressions as strong as words are recorded on the faces of the group shown in the checkroom. Left to right are Mrs. A. J. Fiedler, J. A. Laughlin, A. J. Fiedler, H. B. Palmer, J. C. Donnal, Mrs. J. C. Donnal, Mrs. J. A. Laughlin, and Mrs. H. B. Palmer.



Four Atlas guards, **James R. Bailey, Eugene D. Henning, Joseph F. Hughes, and John R. Ray**, were instantly killed when the car in which they were riding was struck by a fast passenger train at Warren.

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IN MEMORIUM

In silence, grim tragedy is born,
 Four production soldiers we mourn;
 The Good Master hath bid them go
 His call went not unheeded, Death's Toll.
 It was not for them to choose the way
 It was to answer, hastily, yet so tragically
 That sadly we mourn their passing this day,
 So carry on we must, resignedly . . .
 Men! Attention; Present Arms;
 Sound Taps for our departed friends
 Who, In Memorium, these few lines their mem-
 ory enshrines
 And may their souls rest in peace.

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The ROP Guards' Benefit Fund has been formally organized to give assistance and relief to members of the force in times of adversity. The executive committee elected to administer the fund is composed of **Lieut. Merle L. Davis**, chairman, **K. W. Vincent**, secretary-treasurer, **Roy Copeland, Thomas W. Meyer, and Harold H. Whitfield**. The committee voted benefits of \$500 to the widows and dependents of each of the deceased guards.

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Lieut. William H. Salladay and **Miss Maxine Strahl**, of Ravenna, were married February 28, at the Congregational Church in Ravenna. After a short honeymoon trip they will live at 1011 W. Riddle Ave., Ravenna.

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Several promotions in the Department were announced recently. **Sergt. T. T.**

Brown was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and **J. O. Pope, F. A. Capron, M. J. Wisler, A. B. Boston, J. L. Bremser, and R. P. Marshall**, received their chevrons as Sergeants.

Guard of the Month

Many persons have traveled all over the globe, but **Patrolman R. E. Murray** enjoys the distinction of having traveled under all the nautical world.

Unlike the elevator operator who rose in his profession by starting at the bottom, Murray reached the height of his trade by starting at the top and going in the opposite direction. But you can't keep a good man down, and that's how Murray happened to pop up here.

A first-class radio operator in the U. S. Navy for eight years, Murray served most of the time traveling more than 60,000 miles (knots to him) in a submarine. The slogan "Remember Pearl Harbor" has a special significance to

him because on one of his under-water sojourns, he made the trip to Pearl Harbor from New London, Conn.

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"We wish to thank the entire personnel of the Protection Department for their sympathy and assistance at the time of the death of our loved one, Patrolman Harry R. Edmonson; especially Chief G. W. Conelly and the officers and men who comprised the honorary escort. Also for the material assistance from the Benefit Fund."

(signed) Mrs. H. R. Edmonson.

Commissary

On February 12, **John McCloskey**, commissary auditor, was guest of honor at a surprise birthday party at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lucha**. Among those present were **Mr. and Mrs. Ted Garceau, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Huber, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kellogg, Miss Clare Davis, and Bill Quinn**.

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Mrs. Lillian Thomas, cashier, left the employment of the commissary on Saturday, March 7. Mrs. Thomas, who recently married, plans to join her husband, stationed at New Orleans, La.

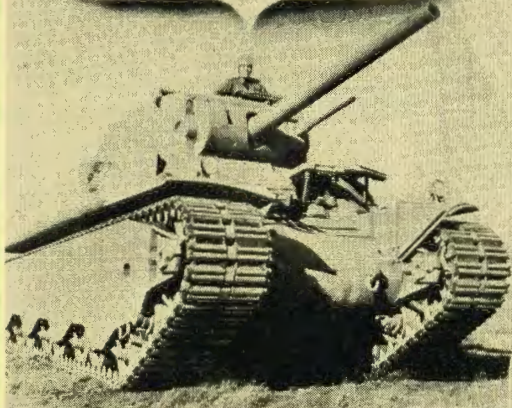
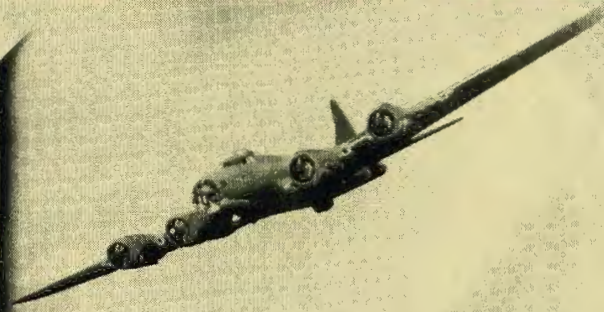
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Miss Althea Francis, counter girl, announces her engagement to **Otis Stubblesfield**, second cook. The wedding has been set for April 4, at the home of Miss Francis, at Somerset, Pa.



Presentation of a water-color portrait of Col. G. W. Conelly, chief of the Protection Department, was made recently by Walter Zimmerman, signal system operator. Zimmerman is a graduate of the Cleveland School of Art and a former commercial artist.

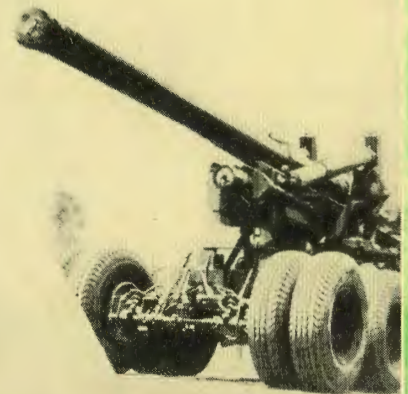
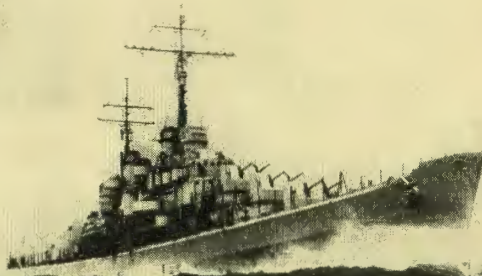
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