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**I**N these days of National Emergency when men are arrayed against each other throughout the World and when our lives are being so profoundly affected, the Holiday Season may well take on new significance.

We must do more than express mutual good wishes! We must dedicate our efforts to work which will effectively and speedily bring to an end the destruction of lives and property so that once more Peace and Good-Will may reign on earth.

It may be difficult but well worthwhile.  
In this spirit may we of Atlas approach  
the days ahead.

*Leland Lyon*

President and Chairman, Board of Directors  
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**"Very Much Pleased" . . .**

Contributions from the Ravenna Ordnance Plant to the roll call of the Portage County Chapter of the American Red Cross have totaled \$4,524.17.

William J. Dodge, Jr., Chairman of the Portage County Chapter, in a statement to this publication, said that he was "very much pleased with the co-operation shown by the Ordnance Plant."

The contribution did much toward reaching the Chapter's goal of \$12,000.

Donations made by individual companies were:

War Department	\$ 219.00
Jennings Lawrence	93.00
Wilbur Watson	362.25
Atlas Powder	848.91
Hunkin Conkey	3,001.01

Total . . . . . \$4,524.17

Those who had a part in collecting the donations, and all workers at the Ravenna Ordnance Plant, are to be commended upon the fine spirit of co-operation that they evidenced in this very worthy cause.

**THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE BY TOPPS**

**ALL THE PAPER PRODUCED IN ENGLAND DURING THE 17<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH FOR ONE SUNDAY EDITION OF A MODERN DAILY**

**THROUGH RESEARCH ONE COMPANY HAS DEVELOPED A \$20,000,000 A YEAR BUSINESS IN BY-PRODUCTS THAT USED TO BE WASTED**

**MODERN AUTOMOBILES USE MORE THAN 1,500 DIFFERENT INVENTIONS**

**2000 YEARS B.C., THE EGYPTIANS USED CARPENTER TOOLS FAMILIAR IN THE TRADE TODAY. SAWS, DRILLS, PLANES, CHISELS, HAMMERS, SANDPAPER, GLUE AND WOOD FILLER.**

**GUYS TO BETTER DYE**

**IN ENGLAND, BEFORE THE ERA OF LAUNDRIES, PEOPLE SENT THEIR CLOTHES TO BE DYED A DARKER SHADE WHEN THEY BECAME SOILED**

**Recreation . . .**

Realizing the need of supervised recreation for women in the Ravenna defense area, the Government, through its agency, the United Service Organization, has sent representatives into the community to organize a plan of supervised recreation activities.

On December 4, representatives of the U. S. O., Miss Margaret Blenkner, Traveler's Aid-U. S. O.; Miss Berthe Daniel, Y. W. C. A.-U. S. O.; and Miss Martha Fitzpatrick, National Catholic Community Service-U. S. O.; met with 66 women employees of the Atlas Powder Company and the War Department.

Miss Fitzpatrick explained the purpose of the U. S. O. Club, located at

610 W. Main Street, Ravenna. Included in the activities available at the club house are reading and writing facilities, cards, radio and record player, piano, ping pong, dramatics and all types of sports and games.

Miss Daniel and Miss Blenkner explained the function of the Information Service and Traveler's Aid, whose prime duty it is to care for personal problems.

We urge all women employees of the Ravenna Ordnance Plant to visit the U. S. O. club house and take advantage of the opportunities it offers. We can think of no better way to spend leisure hours than by taking part in a well-planned recreational program.

## Industrial Relations

Twenty-eight guests, chiefly from the Interviewing and Investigation Sections, were entertained by **Mrs. Dorothea Bronson**, in her new home at Twin Lakes, on November 27. Highlight of the evening was **Bart Fleming's** impersonation of "the frost upon the pumpkin."

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The Records Section welcomes **Margaret Tomko**, **Chloe Yaw**, and **Mary Louise Wujick**, newcomers among the clerk-typists.

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Several transfers have been effected within the Industrial Relations Department. Included are the transfers of **Mrs. Betty Rowley** from Housing & Recreation Division to Plant Publication Division; **Miss Betty Kirk** from **Mr. Donnal's** office to Housing & Recreation Division; **Miss Emmaline Beard** from Plant Publication Division to Records Section; and **Miss Kathryn Fell** from Records Section to **Mr. Donnal's** office.

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A recent clipping from a local gazette informs the world that the town of Jeanesville, Pa., is gradually disappearing from the face of the earth, due to progressive cave-ins. Jeanesville, otherwise known as "Nanny Goat Hill", is also renowned as the birthplace of **Leslie Hepplewhite**, who hotly denies the whispered allegations that there is any casual relationship between the two above-mentioned events.

## Planning and Production

Congratulations! A new baby has come to the home of the **H. E. Balls**.

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**Robert McNamara**, after having been rejected by the Draft Board, has decided that he would rather be a defense soldier anyway.

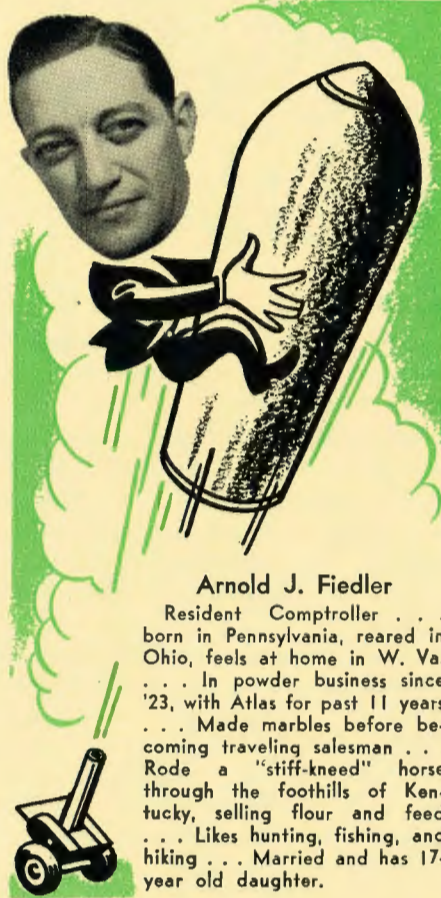
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**Russell Lewis**, of the Stores Division, has just recently joined the ranks of the "Ball and Chain" group. **Mrs. Lewis** is the former **Jane Wolcott**.

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New faces in Planning and Production Control are **Robert L. Baldwin**, **John Ceglia**, Time Study; **Bernard P. Lyons**, **S. F. Brainard**, **John E. Boag**, Stores Division; **Max Chandler**, Order Section; **Gerald Young**, Fuze and Booster Area; **Donald Schneider**, Load Lines; and **Martin James**, Tool Division.

## Personality Projectiles...



**Arnold J. Fiedler**

Resident Comptroller . . .  
born in Pennsylvania, reared in Ohio, feels at home in W. Va. . . . In powder business since '23, with Atlas for past 11 years . . . Made marbles before becoming traveling salesman . . . Rode a "stiff-kneed" horse through the foothills of Kentucky, selling flour and feed . . . Likes hunting, fishing, and hiking . . . Married and has 17-year old daughter.

## Engineering

Talk about luck—**Bob Merrill** should not complain about his! Imagine being the center of an accident and not even getting a scratch on one's ear!

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We are reminding **Chuck Hauck** (Sanitation Engineer) of the story, "Seventh Heaven," in which the hero's dream was to some day leave the sewers and work on top of the ground.

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Believe it or not, the sprouting undergrowth, nourished with such loving care, on **Leonard Wilson's** upper lip, is a mustache!

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A witty addition to the Engineering Department is **Mark Baughman**, the photostat operator.

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We understand **Ed Sanders** has introduced another product to Atlas' long list of explosives—an exploding flash-light battery. Explain it, Sandy, just how does it explode and WHY?

## Accounting

Employed by the Accounting Department during the past month were **Paul Arn**, **Edward Sommerfield**, **Louis MacNeil**, **Alta Mosher**, Material Control Division; **Morgan Gribben**, cost division; **Edna Mae Overholt**, **Velma Price Noel**, Stenographic & File Division; **Clifford Lamm**, **Theodore Sethman**, **Edward Holt**, **Norman Wood**, Stationery & Mail Division; **Gilbert Matysiak**, **Ethel Blanchfield**, **Mildred Brown**, Telephone Operators; and **George E. Moore**, Chief Communications Operator.

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**Paul Knapp** and **Arden Hull** were transferred from the Stationery & Mail Division to the Material Control Division.

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**Juanita Meikle** has been transferred from the Stenographic & File Division to the position of Assistant to **Miss Evelyn Horne**.

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**Kathryn Miller** has been transferred from the Stenographic & File Division to the Medical Department.

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**Gladys Breth** has been transferred to the Stenographic & File Division from the Material Control Division.

## Medical

We wish to welcome to our staff, **Dr. George D. Cameron**, **Dr. L. J. Dugan**, **Dr. Anthony C. Rini**, and **Dr. E. Z. Bower**; X-Ray Technician, **Angela Goggin**; Nurses, **June May Stahlman**, **Joan Mosteller**, and **Adelaide Siering**; and **Doris Lawrence**, **Bertilou Myers**, **Kathryn Miller**, and **Betty Simpson**, new members of the clerical staff.

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The Nurses' Home has been occupied by some of the members of our nursing staff. On the afternoon of Nov. 8, 1941, the residents were hostesses at a "house-warming" cocktail pour.

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**Dr. Richard Stahl** had a very pleasant Thanksgiving Day, hunting ducks, pheasants, and rabbits. It added considerably to his pleasure to report a good "take."

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**Miss Ava Peene**, Surgical Nurse, is planning a trip to her home in Mamaroneck, N. Y., for Christmas.



Our new office building is so very large that it is difficult to meet people and gather any news. Those we do happen to run into are so busy with their work, that the inevitable reply seems to be, "Don't know a thing."

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We did hear though, that **Haydon Tuke's** face was a nice rosy red when he bumped into "**Andy**" **Anderson** in **B. J. Fleming's** office the other day. Andy says that Haydon was not over there looking for power engineers.

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The coffee situation is acute since moving to the new building. **Betty Valentine**, for one, is getting plenty tired of cokes and chocolate bars for breakfast.

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**Alta Mosher**, a newcomer to **V. G. Linderman's** office, is learning not to leave the lights on a car burn all day and expect to drive it home. Fortunately for her, all the Fostoria-ites rallied to her aid one night last week, or Alta would have spent the night on the reservation.

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Welcome to **Jack Hyland**, the latest addition to **W. E. Fletcher's** office. So, a tip to department heads—answer your correspondence promptly, and Jack won't bother you.



## Guards

**Sgts. M. L. Davis** and **Raymond T. Shepard** have been promoted to the rank of lieutenant.

**Lieut. Davis** was one of the first guards employed when the R. O. P. was just getting started. Since then, he has come up through the ranks. Before coming here, he served in the U. S. Army Signal Corps and the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

**Lieut. Shepard**, who also came up through the ranks, served eight years in the U. S. Marines and saw service in France, China, and many other foreign countries. He was wounded twice in battle during World War I. For two years, he served as a Deputy Sheriff in Bronx County, New York City.

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**Patrolman W. P. Moffatt** was invited to dinner recently at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Wilkes**, R. D. No. 2, Ravenna. The invitation was in appreciation of the courtesy shown **Mrs. Wilkes** when she became ill one afternoon at Post 15.

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The Protection Department has responded to the Red Cross drive one-hundred per cent. The Department's Red Cross committee consisted of **Capt. S. R. Lloyd**, **Lieut. Raymond Shepard**, and **Patrolman K. W. Vincent**.

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**Patrolman M. J. Wisler** is organizing a Guard Band and Orchestra. **Wisler** hopes that in the future the guard musicians can be united with other Atlas musicians to form a Post Band or an R. O. P. Orchestra.

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## Guard of the Month

**E. B. Coleman**—Before **Patrolman Coleman** landed a job at the R. O. P., he was landing on house tops and in lakes—he was a professional parachute

jumper and has made over 220 "jumps"—Jumping was done with the Empire Air Circus, sponsored by the American Society for the Promotion of Aviation. Among the parachutes that **Coleman** tested was one designed by **Col. Charles A. Lindbergh**—in the days when **Lindbergh** was still unknown. During his jumping career, **Coleman's** worst injury was a dislocated hip, the result of landing on a rock pile.

## Firemen

**Chief Fred Kelley**, **O. Hannig**, **H. Jones**, and **B. Kelley**, celebrated their first anniversary on the R. O. P. Fire Department on December 1.

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The hunting season was only two days old when a fireman known as "**Dutch**" established a record which will stand for some time—25 shots and 25 misses. He wonders why they run so fast.

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Five fire alarms were answered during November. This was five less than were answered during October. The decrease shows the results of the fire prevention program of **Chief Kelley**.

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Anyone having goats to sell should get in touch with "**Dutch**" **Deifenbacher** at the Fire Station.

## Fuse and Booster

**Jack Taliaferro** and **Russell Shaw** are conducting classes in the Job Instructor Training Course of OPM. Judging from the enthusiasm of their students, the course is very successful.

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**Ernie Sentman** has a brand new "Rocket Ship"—in the shape of a maroon Buick.

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**Jack Branch** and **R. Shaw** are now members of the Progressive Youth Fellowship of Ravenna.



# SPORTS

*He who makes wise use of his life allots a goodly portion of it to recreation.*

## Seen ON THE SPORT SCENE

By JOHN BJORKMAN

Basketball players who have been patiently awaiting the start of the Atlas league can now start getting in condition. Within a week, the court situation will be cleared up and Cliff Holt instructed to proceed with plans for the season.

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Construction of an ice skating rink, to be located on the softball diamonds in back of the commissary building at the camp site, will be complete before the year is over. The rink will be 150 by 300 ft. and equipped with benches and a shelter for changing shoes. The Fire Department will properly flood and care for the rink. Skating enthusiasts are toying with the idea of staging a series of ice pageants just as soon as Jack Frost puts in an extended appearance.

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The Atlas Bowling Team in the Warren Commercial league has not fared so well lately, having lost 19 and won 17 games. Charlie Meyer threatens to sell his bowling ball and shoes. Bill Ruth did all right for himself several weeks ago, rolling 560 in three games, an average of 187.

We hear that Stan Brewster's bowling team, entered in the Kent league, is doing much better these days.

The Atlas Duck Pin team at Aurora, having won 18 out of their last 21 starts, is in a three-way tie for first place. The Bombers stand a good chance to cop the championship of the first round, ending December 19.

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Men interested in bowling in the Aurora league, during the second round starting after the New Year, may obtain details from this department on request.

## Named Baseball Managers



... Vic Collings



... Ralph W. Smith

Persons interested in seeing a good basketball game from time to time, may do so at either of the institutions of higher learning, located in this County.

Kent State University and Hiram College have begun their schedules but have lots of good games left on the slate. (Home games, which are capitalized, will start at 8 p. m.)

**KENT STATE UNIVERSITY:** Dec. 19, Baldwin-Wallace; Jan. 6, MOUNT UNION; Jan. 8, JOHN CARROLL; Jan. 15, WOOSTER; Jan. 17, Akron; Jan. 19, TOLEDO; Jan. 24, WITTENBERG; Feb. 2, WILMINGTON; Feb. 4, Youngstown; Feb. 7, HEIDELBERG; Feb. 9, BALDWIN-WALLACE; Feb. 10, Mount Union; Feb. 12, FENN; Feb. 14, Muskingum; Feb. 16, John Carroll; Feb. 19, AKRON; Feb. 23, ASHLAND; Feb. 26, YOUNGSTOWN; Feb. 28, Hiram.

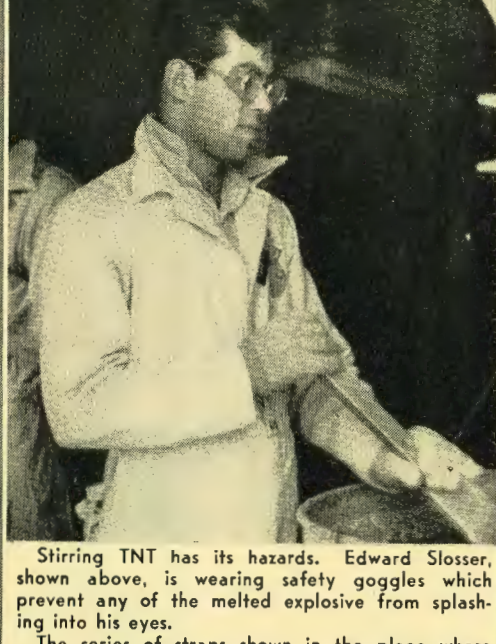
**HIRAM COLLEGE:** Jan. 10, FENN; Jan. 14, HEIDELBERG; Jan. 23, Bowling Green; Jan. 24, Findlay; Feb. 4, MOUNT UNION; Feb. 7, Fenn; Feb. 10, THIEL; Feb. 14, ASHLAND; Feb. 21, ALLEGHENY; Feb. 24, WOOSTER; Feb. 28, KENT.

**A**PPPOINTMENT of Vic Collings, former professional baseball player and manager, and Ralph W. Smith, to the positions of manager and business manager of the Ravenna Ordnance Plant baseball team, was announced today.

The appointments came at a time when the baseball world in general is occupied with the task of buying and trading players for the coming season. Present plans call for a complete coaching staff, to be picked by Collings early in the year.

Accompanying the personnel announcement was a plan in which an intra-plant league will be organized. The league will serve as a talent farm for the Plant team. Men interested in forming a team in the area in which they are working are asked to notify Collings so that plans for a league can be begun.

A baseball meeting of all men interested in the sport, will be held early in January. Moving pictures and an outstanding baseball personality will be featured at this meeting. Anyone wishing further details should contact the Housing & Recreation Division, Industrial Relations Building.



Safety chutes have been installed in all buildings where explosives are handled. These chutes are designed to enable employees to get out of the buildings or danger zones as quickly as possible. Installed near these chutes are "deluge rings," which flood with water rooms in which explosives are being used.

Stirring TNT has its hazards. Edward Slosser, shown above, is wearing safety goggles which prevent any of the melted explosive from splashing into his eyes. The series of straps shown in the place where a hip pocket usually is found; is another safety precaution. In this way, nothing but rags can be carried, thereby eliminating the danger of explosive dust collecting in the pocket, or the possibility of an explosive worker carrying any forbidden articles in his pocket. Uniforms are laundered after every 8-hour shift.

Mike Santorielle points out to John Pearhac that only 5,000 pounds of explosives are allowed in the room in which they are working. Signs such as these are painted on the walls of all rooms in which explosives are handled.

As an added precaution against anyone carrying matches into an explosive area, periodic "match searches" are made by Plant guards. Frank Lukas is shown above, with emptied pockets, as Guard George Yanek looks on approvingly.

RAVENNA ORDNANCE PLANT  
ATLAS POWDER COMPANY  
OPERATING CONTRACTOR

### SAFETY RULES

CLEANING AND PREPARATION BUILDING

1. Familiarize yourself with general SAFETY rules.
2. Care should be exercised in handling shells to prevent personal injury or damage to the rotating band and threads of the shell.
3. Do not operate equipment unless properly instructed.
4. Equipment and work rooms should be clean and orderly at all times.
5. The exterior of the preheaters may be hot. Do not touch or place inflammable material near them.
6. Any excess oil or grease on the equipment should be wiped off.
7. Adapters on spindles of paint machine conveyor must be kept clean. Shells must be placed over them carefully in order not to damage shell threads.
8. Paint machine should be cleaned regularly according to instructions.
9. Proper water level must be maintained in spray booths.
10. Equipment must be thoroughly cleaned and paint lines blown out after any shot down.
11. Spills should be cleaned up immediately.
12. All rags must be placed in proper containers and disposed of daily.
13. Check oil level and safety valves of compressors at least once per shift.
14. Be certain water is circulating through jacket of compressor before the motor is turned on.
15. Do not allow packaging material to accumulate. It must be baled promptly.

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### SAFETY RULES

PAINT STORAGE AND MIXING BUILDING

PAINT STORAGE

1. Familiarize yourself with general SAFETY rules.
2. All containers must be kept covered.
3. Keep supplies stored in an orderly manner.
4. All rags must be kept in proper containers and available at all times.
5. Fire extinguishers must be kept properly filled and available at all times.

PAINT MIXING

1. The above rules also apply to paint mixing.
2. All spills of materials should be cleaned up immediately.
3. The building must be kept clean at all times.
4. When equipment having been used in mixing is to stand for any period of time, it should be thoroughly cleaned.
5. Respirators must be worn when necessary.

No Matches, Lighters Permitted in This Building  
NO SMOKING

## SAFE PRACTICES PROVIDE SECURITY FOR DEFENSE

Continuous operation of the Ravenna Ordnance Plant is imperative. Every means is used to insure regular operation and to safeguard personnel and Plant property. Good working conditions are provided and a thorough safety program formulated for the elimination of accidents, hazards, and fire.

A layman will find it difficult to conceive the immensity of the safety program without visiting the locations where safe practices are carried on.

A recent trip through Load Line I brought to light the use of the safety equipment pictured on this page. It is well to remember that this safety equipment is for one operating unit only, and that many usual safety practices are carried on as a matter of course.



VULCANIZED RUBBER

STEEL BOX TOE



Located in various parts throughout the Plant are first aid stations, manned by registered nurses of the Plant Medical Department. Nurse Vera Bergman is shown taking a dust particle from the eye of John Fay, while Nurse Adelaide Siering is shown treating the injured finger of Andy Bogden. According to the nurses, majority of their cases are skin abrasions, an occasional smashed finger or toe, and eye treatments. These first aid stations are a MUST in maintaining an efficient shell-loading plant.

CONDENSED RULES FOR HANDLING THIS CAR

# EXPLOSIVES

HANDLE CAREFULLY  
KEEP FIRE AWAY

1. This car must not be placed in a passenger train if in a mixed train must not be next to car carrying passengers.
2. In through train, the car must be near the middle (between engine and locomotive) if length of train will permit.
3. In local train the car should be near the middle of train and must not be nearer than second car from the engine or locomotive.
4. This car must not be placed next to loaded tank cars, wooden frame flat or gondola cars, cars of pipe, lumber, poles, etc., when handling; must not be refrigerator cars equipped with gas burning automatic refrigerators; nor next to cars containing light heaters.
5. The car must not be placed next to cars plastered "red" with "Cottrell's Liquid" when possible to avoid so placing the car and engine.
6. In switching this car or yard or on barge have a car between.
7. The car must not be cut off while in motion.
8. Avoid all shocks to the car. Other cars must not be allowed to strike this car. Couple carefully.
9. When the explosives are unloaded the placard must be removed from car.

STATION \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_

Cards such as this are placed on every railroad car carrying explosives from the Ravenna Ordnance Plant.



Tom Barnes is shown holding safety tools, made of special non-sparking metal. All tools made of iron are absolutely forbidden in any of the explosives buildings.



Joe Merz is shown wearing a respirator which protects him from explosive dust. Workers in drilling rooms are required to wear respirators at all times.

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## Procurement

New recruits in the Purchasing Department—**Misses Grace Gehagen, Mary Anne Moscatelli, and Robert Freeman**, who joined up with us on December 1. Welcome!

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**Ray Nielsen** in his spare time thoroughly enjoying the baby's new Christmas toys. (What do you mean "spare time"?)

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**Roger Buettell** went plowing through the marshes near Port Clinton, Ohio, on the last day of pheasant hunting season, with daughter **Nancy**. From what we gather, Nancy can take it better than Dad.

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**Mildred Geer** had a Happy Birthday on November 27—and have you seen her gorgeous new ring? No, a birthday gift from Ma and Pa.

In a ceremony performed in the private dining room, Saturday, December 13, at 5 p.m., Miss **Alsie Gange**, of Rochester, N. Y., was married to **Fred Kellogg**, Assistant Commissary Manager. Rev. Joseph Barnett performed the ceremony. A reception was held at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. **Guy Mathews**, of Rochester, was bridesmaid, and **A. M. Lucha**, best man. (—Ed.)

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**Miss Clare Davis**, Auditing Department, attended the Ohio State-Michigan football game on November 22. Miss Davis' comment, "It was tie."

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Those unfortunate few who were forced to remain at the Plant over Thanksgiving were dinner guests at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. George Fauerbach**. Those present included **Misses Eunice Shirley, Ruth Green, and Alice Riley, Ted Garceau, Art Carney, George Green, and Fred Kellogg**.

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**Bill Quinn** celebrated his birthday on November 24. He was presented a birthday card signed by more than 100 of his friends.

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**Miss Martha Seymour** of Ravenna, **"Mac" McCloskey** and **Ted Garceau** recently motored to Cornell University where "Mac" lectured to a class in Hotel Accounting.

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**Mr. and Mrs. Bud Huber** enjoyed the Mississippi-Duquesne football game in Pittsburgh.

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**Mrs. Dorothy Graber** has been confined to her home with a severe cold.

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**Marsh Rader**, linen room attendant, announces his engagement to **Miss Ruth Criss** of Parkersburg, W. Va. The wedding date has not been set as yet.

## Miss Kathleen Downs Wins Shorthand Honors

Miss Kathleen Downs, stenographer for L. R. White, Engineering Department, received high honors in a national high school shorthand contest, the results of which were recently announced by the Teaching Aids Exchange at Modesto, California.

Miss Downs was a member of the commercial team entered last spring by Howland High School, Trumbull County, which captured the national championship.

Miss Downs received a silver medal and pin for third place in the 80-100 word special test, two complete theory and two proficiency certificates.

## Control Laboratory

We're happy to report that **Dr. Frank Wilcoxon**, who has been ill the month of November, is much better now.

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Hail and farewell to **Franklin Dailey!** After three short weeks with us, he has been transferred to the Ammonium Nitrate Plant as Supervisor.

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**Frank Nowak**, our former Senior Laboratory Assistant, is now an Inspector on Load Line I. Sorry to see you go, Frank, but best of luck.

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**Dr. J. D. Brandner** and **Joseph Fedor** drove to Easton, Pa., last month. The trip started out with a bang—a blow-out one mile east of Garrettsville!

## Transportation

**D. L. Rittersbaugh** has joined the ranks in the Transportation office. Welcome, Don!

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If anyone is interested in ballet lessons, see **V. F. Stanton**, Transportation office.

LOST—Yellow gold Waltham watch, with initials "B.J.D." on back. Return to "R.O.P." office. Reward.



Principals of the annual meeting of the Cleveland Hotel Association and the Cornell Society of Hotelmen, Cleveland branch, held at the Commissary December 2, were, left to right, Capt. Earl D. Payne, who gave the principal address; Frank K. Cannon, President of the Cleveland Hotel Association; A. M. Lucha, Manager of the Commissary; and J. G. McCloskey, Commissary Accountant, who served as chairman of the dinner program. More than 60 hotel managers and restaurateurs were present.

# TRAILER PARK DEDICATION

NEWTON FALLS

NOVEMBER 30, 1941



Members of the Warren chapter of the Disabled War Veterans, under the command of Lieut. Col. J. B. Hurston, Adjutant, presented a flag to the Park.



Mayor Elmo Bailey, of Newton Falls, accepted the Park on behalf of the city.



J. C. Donnal, Director of Industrial Relations, was the Atlas Powder representative.



P. G. Beck, Regional Director of the Farm Security Administration, presented the Park to the village.



Lending a note of humor to the parade which preceded the dedication was the sign on the front of the Newton Falls Volunteer Fire Department truck.





Promotion of **Clarence A. Low**, Property Officer, from the rank of 2nd Lieut. to 1st Lieut., was announced on November 27.

Lieut. Low reported for duty at the Ravenna Ordnance Plant on December 27, 1940, and was assigned as Assistant Property Officer on December 30, 1940.



He is now serving as Property Officer of the Ravenna Ordnance Plant and Depot. Lieut. Low came here from the Ordnance Depot in Ogden, Utah.

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Many friends and associates of **Miss Randa Tozer**, Chief of the Mail and Record Section, were on hand, December 6, at 8 p. m., when **Miss Tozer** was wed to **George Allen**. The wedding took place in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Cuyahoga Falls. A reception was held at the Twin Lakes Country Club, following the ceremony.

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The Property Office boasts one kindly soul in **Sue Lisko**. Prior to the Army-Navy game, she offered to take Army and spot Navy seven points. She had made two bets before she found out that the bookies were spotting Army, and not Navy, 14 points.

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**Miss Mary DeSimio**, Secretary to **Capt. E. A. Haine**, held a spaghetti supper at her home in Ravenna, on December 6. Guests included **Kathryn Moses**, **Vernell Geib**, **Irene Rigginbach**, **Marjorie Lewis**, **Miriam Kellogg**, **Nancy Brand**, **Vesta Bee**, **Helen Barholt**, **Lee Foote**, **Louise Boone**, **Henrietta Klebe**, and **June Bird**.

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**Miss June McElrath**, of the Tool and Equipment Department, and **Robert W. Bloom**, of Philadelphia, Pa., were married Saturday, December 6, at the Hiram Church, Hiram.

A breakfast in honor of the bride was held on November 30 at the home of **Olive Wright**, Cuyahoga Falls.

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**Roland DeUnger**, Fiscal Auditing, and **Miss Pauline Tidball**, of Ravenna, will be married on Christmas Eve at the parsonage of **Dr. Earl Henderson**, Pastor of the Ravenna Methodist Church.

More than 100 couples attended the semi-formal dance, sponsored by the War Department, on December 6, at the Breathnach Country Club, Cuyahoga Falls.

**H. C. Hyland** was General Chairman of the affair, and was assisted by **A. I. Davenport**, **Henrietta Klebe**, **Grace Bowen**, **J. J. White**, **Jack Gordon**, **Gene Ryan**, **Earl Gougler**, **Joan Kolleson**, **E. C. Hammersmith**, Tickets; **F. E. Chaney**, **E. T. Trivelli**, **J. Haynes**, Decorations; **Esther Voit**, Announcements; and **Jane Hoerbelt**, **Beverly Ross**, Program.

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**E. P. Sullivan**, Chief Tool & Equipment Inspector, received a miniature red turtle recently from **Jack Gordon** who was visiting in Atlantic City. **Virginia James**, secretary, now has the care of the turtle.

## In Memorium

**Ralph C. Culbertson**, War Department Material Checker, who died on Tuesday morning, November 18, after a very brief illness. He leaves his wife and step-daughter.

Born in Ashland, Ky., in 1902, he moved to Ravenna in 1926 where he made his home until his death. He served in the "U" boat fleet in the World War.

## Transferred



... Captain Meldrum

**Captain C. W. Meldrum**, Ordnance Department, Commanding Officer of the Ravenna Ordnance Plant, has been assigned to duty at the Keystone Ordnance Works, Geneva, Pa. Official orders state that the transfer will be "effective on or about January 5, 1942."

**Captain Meldrum** reported for duty at the Ravenna Ordnance Plant, January 7, 1941, as a Captain in the Quartermaster Corps. He was named Executive Officer of the Ravenna Ordnance Plant on January 27, and Assistant to the Constructing Quartermaster on February 14. He succeeded **Col. R. S. Chavin** as Commanding Officer late in October.

**Second Lieut. H. A. Berry**, Ordnance Department, has been relieved of duty at the Ravenna Ordnance Plant and has been assigned to duty at the Ravenna Ordnance Depot.

**Capt. N. E. Gillespie** has been transferred to the Ordnance Plant at Marion, Illinois. His transfer was effective December 9.

**First Lieut. Fred Johnson** has been appointed Protection and Safety Officer, and **Second Lieut. W. H. Kuhn** has been appointed Public Relations Officer, to fill vacancies caused by the departure of **Captain Gillespie**.

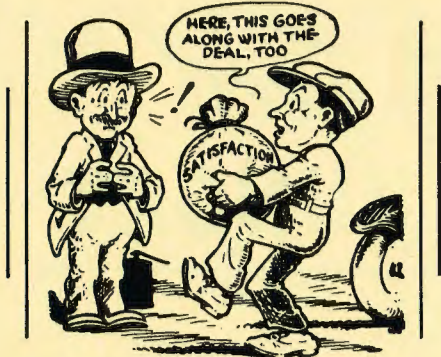
**Lieut. D. H. Dickman** has been appointed Assistant to the Constructing Quartermaster.

# FREEDOM IS PRICELESS!

WHEN one reads of the daring exploits of the Pilgrims, hears of the trials and tribulations of Washington and Jefferson, or senses himself as the "Great Emancipator," he experiences a definite feeling of adventure.

But when we analyze the background of these now-famous personages, we find that one thing stands out predominantly—the spirit of self-sacrifice.

We Americans are not accustomed to self-denial. Many of us follow the principle of "the survival of the fittest," but are reluctant to realize that if our neighbors do not survive, then it will be impossible for us to do so. Sober-minded and resolute, the leaders of our country last year began to build a versatile Army and Navy. Through our representatives in Congress, an "all out defense program" was decided upon. We have expressed our preference for paying as much as possible of the cost of defense, out of current earnings. In March, 1942, many of us will be called



upon to do our first patriotic duty—the paying of the first installment of an income tax.

Many of us have paid small amounts in the past, but now the future of our United States of America depends upon the contributions of our working men and women. A new tax bill has lowered exemptions and increased tax rates. Since the year 1941 is nearly gone, we can estimate fairly accurately how much tax we will have to pay. Application of the Revenue Act to our personal situation with respect to dependents, deductions, rates of taxes and surtaxes, deducted from our income for 1941, will give a fairly accurate idea of how much our taxes will be.

Net Income After Deductions and Before Personal Exemptions and Credits for Dependents	Single Person	Married Couple					
		No Children	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	4 Children	5 Children
\$ 750							
800	\$ 3						
900	11						
1,000	21						
1,100	31						
1,200	40						
1,300	50						
1,400	59						
1,500	69						
1,600	79	\$ 6					
1,700	88	13					
1,800	98	23					
1,900	107	32					
2,000	117	42	\$ 6				
2,100	127	52	12				
2,200	136	61	21				
2,300	146	71	31				
2,400	155	80	40	\$ 6			
2,500	165	90	50	12			
2,600	175	100	60	20			
2,700	184	109	69	29			
2,800	195	119	79	39	\$ 6		
2,900	208	128	88	48	12		
3,000	221	138	98	58	18		
3,100	233	148	108	68	28		
3,200	246	157	117	77	37	\$ 6	
3,300	258	167	127	87	47	12	
3,400	271	176	136	96	56	18	
3,500	284	186	146	106	66	26	
3,600	296	199	156	116	76	36	\$ 6
3,700	309	211	165	125	85	45	12
3,800	321	224	175	135	95	55	18
3,900	334	236	184	144	104	64	24
4,000	347	249	197	154	114	74	34
4,100	359	262	210	164	124	84	44
4,200	372	274	222	173	133	93	53
4,300	384	287	235	183	143	103	63
4,400	397	299	247	195	152	112	72
4,500	410	312	260	208	162	122	82
4,600	422	325	273	221	172	132	92
4,700	435	337	285	233	181	141	101
4,800	449	350	298	246	194	151	111
4,900	466	362	310	258	206	160	120
5,000	483	375	323	271	219	170	130

The accompanying table shows the tax due at various income levels on the basis of family status.

persons are using coin banks, while others lay away \$5 or \$10 each pay-day.



when it presents itself in March. Many

Many workers are now planning to save part of their income for the next three months in order to meet the situation squarely

In 1776, true Americans were called upon to protect the very things which we hold dear to us today. Minor threats were made against our freedom in 1812 and again in 1918, but the task of 1942 is the greatest of them all because, through the years, FREEDOM IS PRICELESS.



First purchase at the new food service conveyor, in the reception room of the Administration Building, was made by Miss Betty Beebe, Engineering Department, Fred Kellogg, assistant commissary manager, is shown at left. Fred Newcomb, center, unit supervisor, seems to be enjoying the transaction.

## To Feed THE HUNGRY

**W**ORKING on the ancient theory, "If the Mountain won't come to Mohammed, then Mohammed must go to the Mountain," the Commissary Department, under the direction of A. M. Lucha, manager, has recently purchased an industrial food service conveyor for use in the reception room of the Administration Building each noon.

Built to accommodate more than 500 employees without reloading, the unit provides a mobile service for a com-

plete range of refrigerated, heated, and unheated, foods and beverages.

General body construction is of stainless steel with hydrolened sheet cork and glass wool insulation, mounted on cushion-tired, roller bearing wheels. The unit can be quietly moved in and out of the reception room without noise or damage to floors. Similar units are to be purchased for other buildings throughout the reservation, it was said.

According to Lucha, this type of con-



veyor is rapidly finding its way into industrial plants throughout the nation and, in many instances, is combined with other units to provide complete cafeteria service.