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Only One Lost Time Accident Reported at Safety Meeting

Committeemen Call Attention To Bad Flooring

All members of the safety committee were present at the safety committee meeting held on Monday, April 11, in the Shop Office building. Various reports were read concerning safety, and complaints on unsafe conditions were heard.

Committeemen Johnson and Radford stated that no trouble whatever was being encountered with the enforcement of the rule regarding the wearing of goggles and leggings. Other committeemen called attention to various unsafe conditions which they found existed about the plant. The complaints were of minor nature such as spots of bad flooring and the like.

Only one lost time accident was reported. An inspector in the Annealing department was inspecting street ells. He picked up a pan of one-half inch street ells, weighing about 120 pounds, from a pile of pans stacked on the floor. He was walking backwards with this pan and as he stepped back his heel caught on a steam pipe about six inches from the floor. The heel caught and then slipped off the pipe, twisting the ankle and throwing him to the floor. It pays to watch your step.

New Catalogues Arrive for Distribution

Contain Engineering Charts and Data

First shipment of the new Walworth catalog, No. 89, has arrived and is now being distributed. It is much improved over the old No. 88 catalog, containing complete information about Walworth products and much engineering data which will prove of great value to customers.

One advantage of the new catalog is that it retains the old figure numbers. It also has included all new items of manufacture. The larger size of the book will allow greater ease in opening the catalog and searching for a particular item. It is printed in larger type which causes very little strain on the eyes.

The catalog is also better illustrated and shows pictures of installations of Walworth products.

A Close Call



This should be an object lesson to all men handling molten metal, for one doesn't have to stretch his imagination very far to see what would have happened to John Clauss had he neglected to put on his goggles the morning that splash was aimed at his eye. John says, "Others may take chances if they care to, but here is one Belgian that will swear by goggles as long as he lives."

Eyesight is our most priceless possession and we should take every precaution to save it. **WEAR YOUR GOGGLES.**

Superiority of Soil Pipe Recognized in Bogota

Walworth Soil Pipe is recognized in the Bogota market, Columbia, South America, as being just a bit better than any other brand because of its higher tensile strength and a consequent saving in breakage. In addition to the usual handling incidental to overseas shipment, soil pipe and fittings are perhaps transferred four or five times between the seaport and the City of Bogota, and the breakage loss is a factor of importance.

Good piling saves material and prevents fractured toes.

Walworth Workers Get On the Smith Band Wagon

Serenade Candidate after Victory in Primary

Friends of Cecil R. Smith, office employee who was elected Republican senatorial committeeman for 37th district, got the old band wagon out of hock on the night of April 14, 1938, and stormed the pregnable camp of the Cecil Smiths. Then amid the huzzas and "viva Smitty" cheers that filled the cool night air Cecil was dragged out into the spot light for the admiration of his faithful followers. It was an occasion never to be forgotten.

Bob Teece raised the banner above Smithy's house while the loyal legionnaires removed their hats and stood at attention and the band played the "Sidewalks of New York."

The rally lasted until Hayden Shamer, the drummer, worked up so much enthusiasm that he clubbed a hole in his drum and Paul Walker tooted himself red in the face and had to be taken to Toulon where he revived.

The band, banner, and delegation attracted a large throng to the neighborhood, and has lead political analysts to state that the Republican party hereabouts has had an injection of new blood.

Erickson, Boston Works Manager, Taken by Death

J. F. Dorney Appointed Successor

C. L. Erickson, beloved works manager of the Boston works, was taken from our ranks by death last month. Mr. Erickson was a man of great business acumen. His ability of leadership and his untiring efforts for achievement made him of great value to the Company. The Kewanee works deeply regrets the passing of Mr. Erickson, who won our respect and friendship as the capable and considerate manager of our sister plant in Boston, and we extend our sympathy to his bereaved family.

Mr. J. F. Dorney has been appointed works manager of the Boston works to succeed Mr. C. L. Erickson. Mr. Dorney was in charge of the Boston works during Mr. Erickson's illness. We wish him success in his new office and promise him our full cooperation.

Main Office

by Susan Taylor

A. F. Griggs qualified for the Easter parade by purchasing a new belt. Al is out of our territory, but we figure someone has to tell it.

Out of a dark political sky there flashes a new Republican hope. His pleasing personality, level head, and tact have marked him as The People's Choice. And he's not bad looking, is he girls? We refer to our fellow office worker, Cecil R. Smith, popular young republican, who was elected senatorial committeeman for the 37th district in this month's primary.

We aren't quite sure whom a certain young man of our Accounting department was trying to imitate one day with the assistance of a rather quaint monocle. Whether it was a typical Englishman or Charlie McCarthy, we couldn't really say.

Evelyne Kane is convalescing from a recent operation. We expect her back with us by the time the April Craftsman appears.

Some people are just plain contrary. When a man bites a dog that's news, but Lyman Lyle is not a newshound so he let a dog bite him. Some guys are just that way.

Is it safe to come in, or "Gone with the Wind." Either one of the foregoing could have covered the situation, for as Joe Roginski was about to enter the outer door of the office one cold blustery morning the week of April 3-9, a huge puff of wind sent his hat sailing right into the center of the office floor, and if only the cloak room door had been open, Joe would probably have been saved the bother of hanging it up.

Another serious pass in diplomatic circles has been averted. It seems that there was some controversy over Ed Kriewald's passport into Wethersfield. It took on serious dimensions until Ben Hull intervened in Ed's behalf and the matter was satisfactorily disposed of.

Nel Harding accused Julius Butalla of interfering with the government mail. How was Julius to know that mud-spattered envelope was on its way to the postoffice?

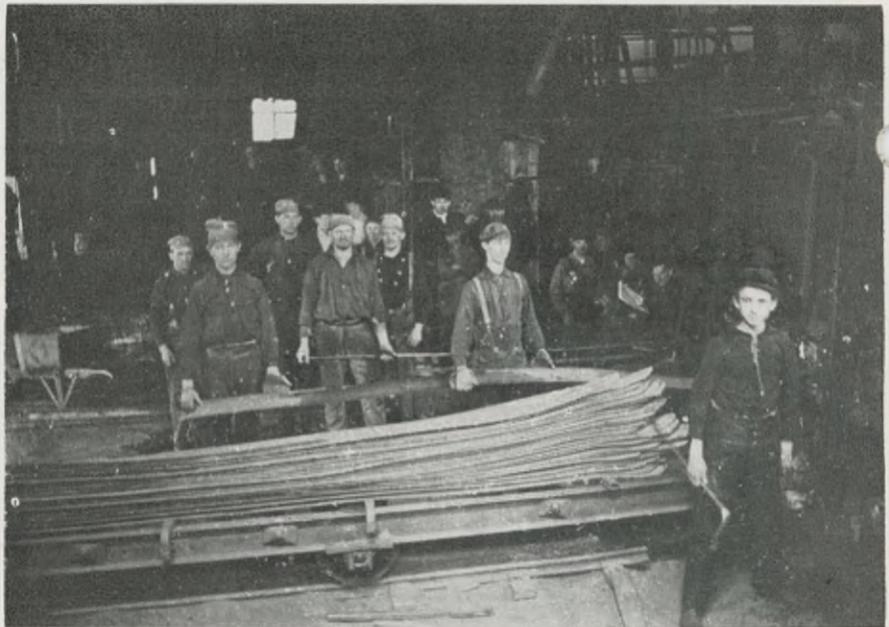
Eva Norman has the hobby of collecting small bottles. She also helps her sister, Florence, collect teddy bears and match-books. Now, of course, we mean Teddy Bears.

We have come to the conclusion that as a salesman Orv Bond couldn't be surpassed. As a matter of fact, owing to his ability to demonstrate the electric razor, we know that it would be no trouble or effort at all for him to sell them.

Mart Whetstone, Ralph Sally, Harold Culp, Joe Szabo, and Julius Butalla were conspicuous at the "Y" Hobby Fair.

I'll be back with more about the private lives of the gang next month. Be sure to ask the watchman for the May Cracksman.

Gone Are The Days



Ed Krahn of the Heat Treating submitted this picture of the Pipe Furnace Department taken in the days of the old rolling mills. Front right near the furnace is the late "Do" Williams. Old timers who worked in the mills will be able no doubt to identify many other men in the picture, who are putting skelp in back of furnace.

Oh, To Be In Washington,
Now That Blossom Time
Is ThereVirgie Lippens and Clara Dossche
Visit the Capitol

It's cherry blossom time in Washington, D. C., and among the thousands of visitors thronging the drive along the Potomac and the Basin south of the White House to see these symbols of oriental loveliness in bloom are Virgie Lippens of our Billing Department and Clara Dossche, plant nurse. These young ladies became the victims of spring fever and travelogue writers and before they knew it were standing before a grilled window purchasing tickets for a conducted tour to Washington and Mt. Vernon. The trip offered the added inducement of two days' travel on a river boat, and our girls went for that hook, line, and sinker. They'll be back the 1st of May with motion pictures, souvenirs, and travel talks to amuse the populace of our fair city.

Mrs. James F. Somers is engaged as plant nurse during Miss Dossche's absence.

Sympathy.

Owner of Building: "As soon as this house is completed I expect to get married."

Foreman: "All right, boss. I'll make the job last as long as I can."

General Repair

by Eddie Griert

Harold Shaw quit the plant and is now working behind the bar in his father's tavern.

Joe Nickolson has acquired the nickname of "The Boiler and Tin Gazette," because he is always the first to hear and tell about the happenings in this fair city.

While Tom Cantrell of the Boiler House was playing cards uptown, a stranger asked him if he had dropped any morey. Tom looked down and saw a \$10 bill lying on the floor. He scooped up the bill, stuck it in his pocket, and then bought the honest man some drinks. When Tom got outside he looked at the bill and discovered it was made of rubber, so he went back in but the fellow was gone. I wonder if Tom would pay \$1.50 for another rubber bill.

Bill Roper has just returned from Dwight where he has been receiving medical treatment. We all wish him health and happiness as he comes back to work.

Leslie Been quit the steamfitting gang and is now riding around the country selling Raleigh products. We wish him success in his new venture.

"Did you hear that poor Henry has joined the great silent majority?"

"No. When did he die?"

"Oh, he didn't die. He got married yesterday."

Company Supplies Soap

Soap dispensers have been installed on wash basins throughout the shop as a result of the management's adoption of the policy to furnish soap to its employees hereafter. Formerly the employees provided their own soap, so they will benefit by the management's new policy. The dispensers measure out an amount of soap sufficient to cleanse the hands. While employees are not requested to use it sparingly, they should not waste it any more than they would if they were providing their own soap.

Statement Walworth Aid Association for Month of April 1938

Cash on Hand		
March 1, 1938	\$1,663.36	
Dues Received		
during the month,	812 50	
	2,475.86	
Disbursements		
Benefit - a/c Sickness and Accidents	\$1,026.65	
Death Benefit	100 00	1 126 65
Cash on Hand		
April 1, 1938	\$ 1,349 21	

Spring Tantalizes Students From Home Work

Date of Certificate Night Is Announced

Throughout the world today young people are thinking of caps and gowns, graduation exercises, and other affairs that go with completion of another school year. No more books, or rulers, or dirty looks from teachers. Students and scholars everywhere are planning their own declaration of independence.

Even the more serious minded students who work for a living during the day and apply themselves to home study at night are finding it increasingly difficult to resist the coquetry of Spring and stick to the drawing board and the books.

In view of the added distractions the Walworth Training School calls attention of its students to the nearness of the accomplishment of their achievement. Last classes will be held from May 2 to 5 inclusive. Certificate Night will be observed on Tuesday, May 10.

Abie — "Nowadays every'ting is done by machinery."

Ikey—"Vell, I dunno, talking is still done by hand."



Miss Mary Homer and Earl Brasel were united in marriage in Kewanee on Saturday, March 12. They went to Chicago on their honeymoon. Earl is employed in the Engineering department of the Kewanee Works, working side by side with Mart Whetstone and Joe Roginski. We wish the new Mr. and Mrs. Brasel tons of happiness and good fortune in wedded life.

Gabbelaria — One Out of Every Three Has It

Attack Characterized by Three Stages

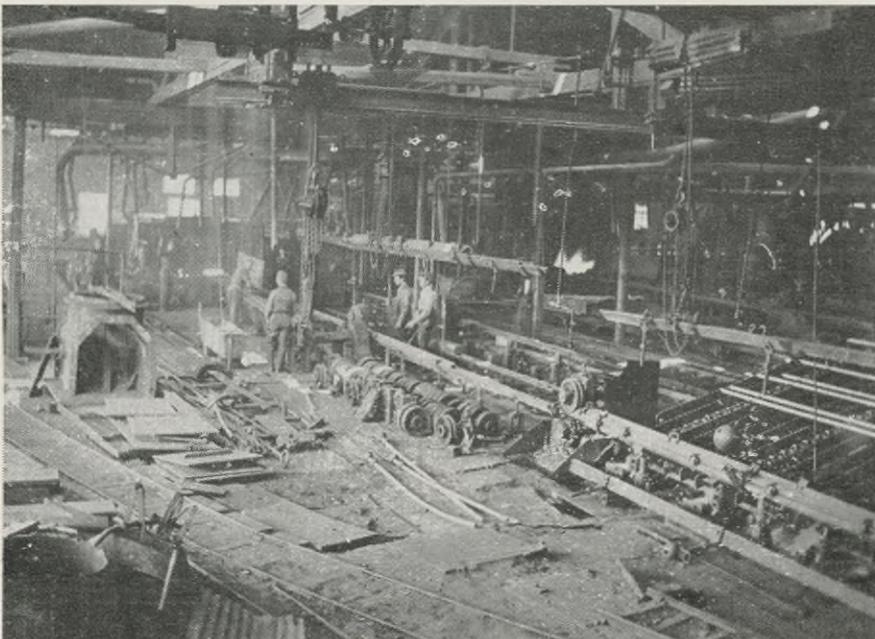
A recent survey conducted by the distinguished Dr. Soakemplynt disclosed that one out of every three persons has gabbelaria. Gabbelaria is a very contagious disease, and inasmuch as it is now more prevalent than tuberculosis or heart ailments social welfare workers are frightened at its rapid spread.

Sufferers are mostly women and politicians, but the malady is getting a hold among the rest of the population. It is not necessarily fatal to the victim, but it is known to cause much irritation to his associates and acquaintances.

A typical attack of gabbelaria is characterized by three well defined stages. In the first or cold stage the victim becomes mildly indifferent to getting things done and begins to make remarks to everyone who comes within hailing distance. In the second or lukewarm stage the victim takes to shirking all work and responsibility and likes to linger in prolonged sessions with others afflicted with the disease. In the third or final stage, better known as the fever stage, the lips and tongue of the victim twitch continually, and he mutters incorrigibly. Generally in the fever stage the diseased imagines himself to be a sort of personified newspaper. He continually prowls about for material for conversation and no sooner discovers it than he rushes about revealing his great discovery. Unfortunately, he does not follow the journalist's rule of getting all the facts, but is content with the few which arouse his imagination, his prejudice, or his flair for debunking. The more malicious the story he concocts the better satisfied he is with it. The fever stage is by far the most dangerous for victims in its thralls have wrecked lives, institutions and governments.

There is no positive cure for gabbelaria, but application to your work and the cultivation of hobbies will protect you from contracting the disease.

Before The Safety Era



Another view of the Pipe Furnace department, given to us by Ed Krahn with permission to print, imparts to the present day worker an idea how much better and safer working conditions are today. A. F. Griggs, who has been un-iring in his efforts to promote safety in Kewanee Works in later years worked in this department. It was there while changing rolls that his foot was caught in exposed gears and ground off. He resolved while convalescing to devote all his surplus energy in the rest of his life to bring about safer working conditions and habits. We'll never know exactly how much pain and suffering he has saved other men, but you can rest assured that his work is deeply appreciated by all plant employees.



The thrifty habit of saving every bit of string that came into the house gave birth to this large ball of cord shown in the photo with A. C. Roche who works in the Brass Finishing department. Remarkable about the ball is its perfect roundness. (Photo taken at "Y" Hobby Fair by Bill Heflin.)

To the Tonsorial Escorts

by Elmer Damaske.

(Apologies to Shakespeare and all sonnet writers.)

First there was Flossie with barber Number 1.
She was oh so happy, saying "Hair cuts are fun."
For shaving and massaging then came our dear Mable.
She said her barber made her skin feel like sable.
Of course, Flossie for cousin Ruby must look and find
Just another barber to make three of a kind.
But the blow that slew us and made a grand slam
Was when we heard that Helen, too, had a barber man.
So when you need a hair cut, shave, or shampoo,
We don't know which one you should go to.
Then here's to barbers one, two, three, and four.
If we miss you this time, please don't get sore.

Bachelor's Swan Song

Loves in a fading procession
Dim with the varying years;
This is my private Recession—
These are my tears . . .

Do not get hurt. Your place would be hard to fill.

Production and Orders

In closing the books of last year's business, the orders and the production for the last three months of the year did not compare favorably with the more desirable bookings and better operations of the preceding quarters of the year.

In closing the books on business for the first quarter of this year, reports on volume, on hours of operations, on tonnage, and on sales do not measure up to the standard of monthly averages, which the past four years have taught us to look for and to expect.

The month of March, in the plant as a whole, was more kind in both orders and production than February of this year and more kind than December of last year, but certainly nothing that we could write New York about. Our pounds per man hour was the smallest egg that the Easter rabbit had brought us in years. It was colored red and showed up quite apologetically among the orange, the greens, and many brightly colored eggs which Easter had brought us for any of the preceding five years.

The average number of men working in the plant is definitely growing less, the total man hours worked per month, though somewhat higher than that of February with its limited number of working days, is lower than the total plant man hours for the month of January, and frankly speaking, "Old Man Inventory" is the kind old banker who signed the March paycheck for our plant employees after "the customer had been tried but found wanting."

Business In General

We know that general business buying showed some features which shrewd business analysts will closely watch as leads to future betterment.

For instance, there were orders in the month of March which did show strength. There were individual orders running into carload lots, which heretofore had been in considerable part less than carload orders.

The seasonal influence, anticipating usual demands, carried more weight in standard stocks. There were far more miscellaneous buyers in the basic commodity market in March than this type order had offered in the past four months.

Despite the fact that the "big three" steel buyers—automobiles, railroads, and building construction—were conspicuous by their absence with their future raw material demands we do know that the "Used Car Week" planned and carried out by the automobile industry to make way for new car sales, was a notable success. As a result increases in new car production showed decided improvement in March, though still running far below last years production rate.

We know that March closed with an increase in steel production, reach-

ing the highest level in four months and that pig iron reached 1,483,368 tons compared with 1,306,333 in February, the best monthly total since December 1937, and a production-capacity-ratio of 34.5 in March to that of 33.5 in February.

Building and Construction

The railroads failed in gaining full freight rate increase which they so desired, and this offset a buying factor for their future needs; but building construction, and engineering awards, with \$100,000,000 oil refinery construction now under way and \$750,000,000 potentialities based on Excess Tax Revision legislation, together with activities in federal housing plans, held firm the February \$140,000,000 index of last month's awards.

Inventories for the most part seem to be lower in all divisions of commodities and today are one of the most closely watched phases of manufacturing procedure, by getting production supplies down to a minimum, and here progress has been made, supplies now showing levels far below the figures of five months ago.

Today no man lives with himself alone. Everybody suffers when the plants of our country close down.

We wonder at the haze and the multiplicity of American endeavor in life. In amazement we wonder at the capacity of American industry to produce and its ability to consume.

A government report prepared for the Committee on Social Security brings to us more of a realization just how our American civilization has taken us from the simple life of our true American Indian and his primitive domain of but a few years ago. This Indian with his loosely connected tribal civilization had primarily adapted himself to the rigorous livelihood of "nature in the rough." The forest, the soil, the furs and the hides in the mountains, the buffalo meat that roamed the plains, the fish which crowded the rivers and lakes, all fell victims to the brawn and the skill of the Indian, who bent the bow and shot the arrow of death, pointed by nature's obsidians and flint, and sharpened to knife edge with artisan skill. This Indian, with his primitive intuition, and knowledge of native mountain and stream could live to himself quite alone.

Today, this primitive life has changed to a social organization of industry and endeavor, adapted to the kind of employment and the status of each individual, and changed according to the intricate ramifications which civilization has built up from historic family home and tribal co-operation.

Labor Statistics

In this great country of ours we have approximately 129,000,000 souls, and according to late statistical abstracts nearly 49,000,000 workers are

carrying the responsibilities of about 30,000,000 families.

In these millions who receive compensation for the labor (either physical or mental) which they perform, we find 10,000,000 women workers who receive a direct wage. There are 30,000,000 other women who work just as hard with longer hours, but who share the earnings of the family. To be gainfully employed, one's labor must contribute directly to family income.

In the average family of five (allowance here being made for pensioners), there are two workers who are earning money for the home, and in every fifth family one worker is a woman.

Wage Earners Classified

We may broadly classify wage earners into three groups: those who produce, those who distribute production, and those who contribute to the comfort and the welfare of the people by their service.

Production is the primary occupation of these groups and accounts for the livelihood of 54% of all engaged in work. Of these, 14,111,000 workers devote themselves to manufacturing and mechanical industries, 10,500,000 to agriculture, approximately 1,000,000 to the extraction of oils and minerals and 250,000 to forestry and fishing.

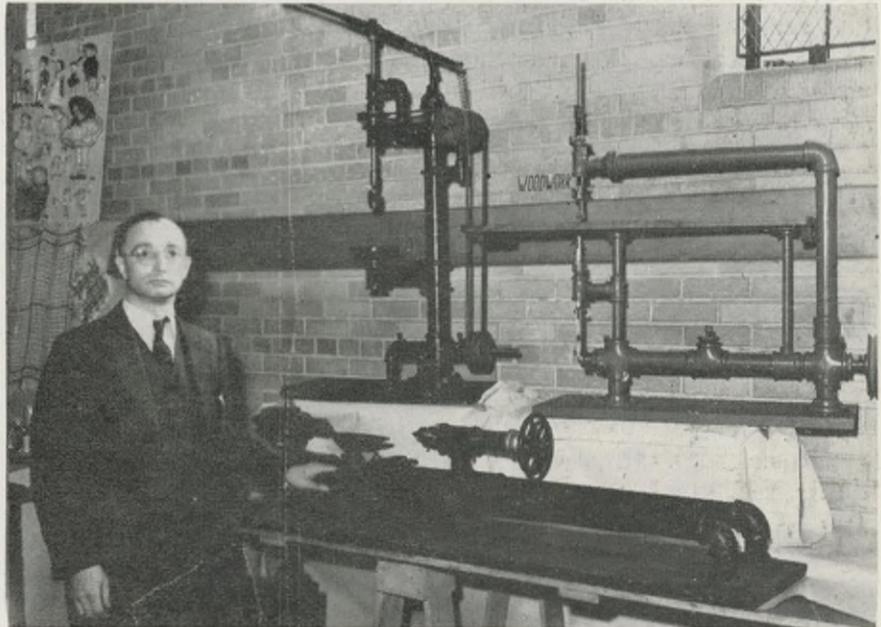
Two workers in every five families are agriculturists; one worker in every forty families a miner or driller for oil; one worker in every sixteen families is engaged in construction; two workers in every five families is in manufacturing direct, while the workers of every fourth family are required to distribute the products of agriculture, manufacture, and mining. Transportation and communication, trade, public service, professional service, clerical, domestic and personal service, roughly covers all other service which we enjoy, and accounts for the remaining 23,000,000 workers so employed.

Transportation and communication employ 3,900,000 people, while the trade takes 6,000,000 more. Domestic and personal service is cared for by 5,000,000 men and women, while clerical work accounts for 5,000,000 more. One worker in ten is engaged in the transportation of raw and finished product to the consumer and three workers in every twenty are marketing and financing same.

The three professions, church, law, and medicine which administer to the spiritual, civil and physical difficulties are included in this service group. Barbers, beauticians, servants, and employees in the field of amusement and entertainment, restaurant, and hotels, and public service corporations which provide heat, light, and water for the same, provide the workers in every eighth family, and account for 4,000,000 workers more.

If, as Senator James F. Brynes, Chairman of the Committee on Relief

Man About Plant



Joe Szabo

Woodwork and sketching exhibits of Joe Szabo received honorable mention in the ballot for the most popular exhibit at the "Y" Hobby Fair, which attracted an attendance of 2,590 the three days the show was open to the public.

Joe is an employee of our Engineering department. He is the man responsible for the filing of photographs, blueprints, and pattern records. When you call for one on a production order Joe has to know just where it is, and if you consider the great number of these which we possess, you must admit that it's some job.

Woodworking has been Joe's hobby for five years. He has made table lamps, fruit bowls, vanity boxes, picture frames, what-nots, magazine racks, book ends, etc.

Joe's workshop is now equipped with a lathe, a drill press, and a jigsaw, all constructed from Walworth fittings and pipe. If you are acquainted with the products we make or with the plumbing trade, you can discern elbows, tees, crosses, floor flanges, reducers, nipples, pipe bushings, caps, extension pieces, service clamp, pipe saddle, companion flange, and a hand-wheel. Machines are shown in accompanying pictures.

His art exhibit included charcoal sketches of Charles Lindberg and Woodrow Wilson, and a crayon picture of a snow scene in the timber. His sketches received much favorable comment. One party remarked on examining them that they were the best he had ever seen and resembles good photographs for exactness of detail.

Joe began to work in the Kewanee Works on August 6, 1909. In his time he has been a wrapper in the Brass Finishing, in charge of Brass stock in the Stockhouse, a clerk in the Manufacturing Order, Malleable Blank Stock departments, and the Main Office. Today he holds the responsible position of pattern clerk in our Engineering department.

Due to his diminutive stature Joe is the brunt of many caustic remarks, but it is a tribute to his well balanced way of living that he can see things as they are intended and appreciate a good joke on himself when it is pulled in good faith. Like all little men he is a human dynamo. We're for him one hundred percent.

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"THERE AIN'T NO SANTA CLAUS"

Belief in Santa Claus seems to spring eternal in the human heart. Many outsiders (and insiders too) seem to think that all a corporation has to do to obtain money with which to carry on its various functions is to reach up and pick it off of some imaginary Christmas tree.

Where does the money come from anyway? Well, usually the organizers of a corporation convince themselves and the investing public that they have a proposition which will make some profit for the investors, and raise the necessary money for land, buildings, water supply, sewers, fire protection, steam, air and electric requirements, and part of the machinery, patterns, tools, etc., by selling stock in the proposed venture. By mortgaging the physical property and issuing bonds it is possible to rent some more cash for raw materials, work-in-process and finished inventories. If the directors have a good reputation and proper banking contact they can establish a line of credit with one or more banks and borrow money for payrolls and other temporary commitments while getting the business going.

It is necessary to have a market established beforehand or a long time may elapse before sales are of sufficient volume to pay running expenses and interest on notes and bonds. Credit sometimes is strained to the bursting point before a new business makes the grade. About two percent of the enterprises that start in the race ever cross the finish line and are rated as successful business individuals, firms, or companies. Stockholders sometimes wait many years before they get any returns for the money they invested. The bondholders must be paid interest on the bonds regularly or they may foreclose the mortgage. The banks must have their rent for the money they loan and the loans paid up when business is good or they will shut off on credit.

The supplier of raw materials, stores and other purchased commodities expects his money within thirty days of delivery.

Wages and most salaries must be paid on the day due. Banks will often wait for theirs, sellers will extend time of payment and bond holders overlook defaulted interest, but the wage earner must have his when due without fail.

After the stock is paid in, the bonds sold and the bank credit used up, then the only place to get cash to pay the payrolls is from the customer who buys our product and he does not pay

until the 10th of the following month as a rule. Cash must come in from sales to keep the plant running whether sales are good or bad. Expenditures must be kept down to receipts or lower "or else".

Many of our expenses are fixed and cannot be reduced in proportion to sales and production, therefore when we get into a continued slowing up of sales we must liquidate inventories and release the surplus cash tied up in them. Liquidating inventories means making considerable less product per month than we sell and that in turn means smaller payrolls.

So the real Santa Claus is the man who buys our product and he demands value received for his dollar and we have to fill his stocking before he puts any in ours.

TO SEE THE FUTURE

Three decades ago a small group of public-spirited men and women who organized the movement for the prevention of blindness turned their eyes prophetically toward the future. The work they started is enabling thousands of men, women and children to see today and in the future.

The ten pioneers who established a New York State Committee on Prevention of Blindness in 1908 were interested mainly in fighting ophthalmia neonatorum, commonly known as "babies' sore eyes", which was then a major cause of blindness; from this beginning grew the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, with its 18,000 members and donors, whose services now extend from the protection of the eyes of the newborn to the preservation of sight in old age.

There is no doubt that any amount spent for saving sorrow and pain to humanity is well invested. Take, for example, the case of John Clauss cited in this issue. The Company went to the expense of providing John and countless others with safety goggles. John was smart enough to wear them at all times, and today he owes the sight of his right eye to goggles and the habit of wearing them. They have saved him indescribable sorrow and pain.

So in turning our eyes on the future let us give some thought to the prevention of blindness by the proper care and safeguarding of our eyes. The problems which confront humanity today are complex enough without our magnifying them by carelessness. We'll need the senses God gave us; therefore, we must do our utmost to preserve them.

In Memoriam

JAMES F. MATHENY, age 72, who resided at 715 Dewey avenue, died on Monday, April 11. He started to work for the Walworth Company at the Kewanee Works in March, 1920. For eighteen years he remained in service and was in charge of flange fittings stock in the Stockhouse. Matheny was quiet and retiring by nature and very conscientious in doing his work. His passing touches the hearts of all of us.

HERMAN HAUPT, age 63, died suddenly on Monday, April 18. Death was due to coronary embolism. He had not been ill and death came while he sat conversing with the Strom family and friends. Haupt was employed by the Walworth Company thirty-three years. He worked in various departments throughout the plant. At the time of his death he looked after the drier storage in the Malleable core room.

CHARLES SCHNEIDER, age 60, died at his home on Stanton Court Wednesday, April 13. He had been in failing health for the past several months. He was employed in our plant since 1896, excepting four years between 1911 and 1915. Since 1917 he had charge of steel stores. In that position he came in contact with many of our employees who came to know him and mourn his passing.



Tinkerer

Laurence De Valkenaere of the Union department has developed into a first class mechanic by tinkering with cars. He has become so proficient at this hobby that he now claims to be able to tear down any make of car and put it back together in good running condition. The photo was taken without his being warned just as he crawled from underneath a job.

Lubricated Plug Valve

by Em Lindbeck

Thanks, Baldy!

The beer party sponsored by Baldy Nichols in celebration of his plunge into the sea of matrimony was a very temperate affair. Thanks for the smokes, anyway, "Baldy."

Sore Toe

It appears that Tony Goodman is not going out for track after all. He has discarded his tennis shoe with the toe cut out in favor of the conventional street shoe again.

Department on Production Basis

Foreman Webeck and "Chet" Majeske are sort of strutting around rather proudly since they were both presented with new-born daughters.

Back to Work

Pete Gestrine reported back to work on April 6. The weatherman did the celebrating by knocking the high-line out and Pete had to go home with the rest of the boys. However, we're sure glad to have you back with us, Pete.

Raymond ("Red") Wasson

Our star kitten-ball pitcher appears to have given up the strenuous job of pitching in favor of playing bingo. There is also a game called "jacks" that isn't so bad, "Red."

Orange Juice Diet

George Pellan sure enough had the bartender guessing the past three weeks. George has been stepping up to the bar and calling for orange juice. That's fine. Keep it up, George.

Safety Shoes

"Put your feet and your faith in Safety Shoes" is our advice this month. Accidents by their very nature are thought to be unavoidable, but we know that sensible precautions can prevent injury from most known hazards. A physical injury may be thought of as a blow of fate by the indifferent or the superstitious, but the most of us believe that God protects those who protect themselves. Wear Safety Shoes.

Afterthought.

The master of the house was hungry at breakfast, and swallowed a good part of his bacon before he tasted it. Then he began to protest violently to wife about the flavor of the food.

His wife offered no apology, but rang for the maid.

"Maggie," she inquired, serenely, "what did you do with the bacon we poisoned for the rats?"

Production and Orders (continued)

operation are the problems that so concern the man of today—and above all, a sympathetic understanding toward the problems of your neighbor's child, for it is his preparation for commerce, industry, and life that will insure him his place in the future progress and achievement yet to come.



Look to your laurels, ladies. Sam Casebeer displays fancy-work which he does as a hobby. The piece he holds in the picture was exhibited at the Hobby Fair. We regret that the photo does not convey to you the excellence of the work. It took a lot of time, but the results have won much praise. Sam is employed in the Union department. He resides at 206 N. Burr street.

Bench Workers

1. Keep your bench neat and orderly and floor free from slipping and stumbling hazards.
 2. Use a brush and not your hand to clean off top of bench.
 3. Tools should be placed where they cannot fall on your feet.
 4. Avoid using tools with mushroomed heads, cracked or broken handles or no handles at all.
 5. Use only wrenches the right size and keep your vise in order.
 6. Do not stand long bars or shafting against bench or wall where they may fall easily.
 7. Use screen when chipping to protect your fellow workmen from flying chips and use goggles to protect your eyes and safety shoes to protect your feet.
3. Follow these instructions and its 10 to 1 you won't get hurt.

Taken at His Word

"What's your time?" asked the old farmer of the brisk salesman.

"Twenty minutes after five. What can I do for you?"

"I want them pants," said the farmer, leading the way to the window and pointing to a ticket marked, "Given away at 5:20."

Repaid in Kind

"Now I've had my revenge," said the shoe-shop proprietor to his friend, as a customer left.

"Revenge? How so?"

"Well, the young lady who just went out is a telephone operator. I gave her the wrong number."

The man who gets along in this world is the one who can look happy when he isn't.

Safety Committee for Month of April

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noon notes



Stockhouse

by Bill Boswell

Notice to all speed demons: The Stockhouse introduces a modern Barney Oldfield, none other than Tom McCarty. Recently Tom was down at Peoria where he changed his tire because it had a small cut that would hamper his speed. Mr. McCarty did a cool 90 to his destination but remarked that he was going to hit up to 100 after the change. Oh well, a fool and the accelerator are soon parted.

Anyone desiring a cool, fearless hunter to lead an expedition into the heart of jungleland please stop, look, and listen . . . Earl "Frank Buck the Second" Weeks killed a little ground mole at his plantation home after a furious five minute battle:

Bill Geer, the Judge Landis of the fourth floor, predicts that the Chicago Cubs and the Detroit Tigers will tangle in the fall classic.

Johnny Smith has been taking long hikes out in the country. We wonder if Smitty is training for the Olympics or is he doing all this for a four letter word that puts pep and zest in a fellow.

There's another boarder at the Bill Boswell's home. The intruder is a large water beetle found by Howard Duchesne outside of the Main Office. Bill has a very large collection of insects, reptiles, etc.; therefore we take this time to bestow upon his brow the title of B.B.B., which means B.B.-brain or Bill Boswell, Bugologist. (Scribe's note: This is by my man Friday, Julie Kazlowski.

If you have time to think, think Safety.



It is only right that since women have invaded the spheres formerly monopolized by men, the men should counter-attack and take over some of the provinces which the women fell sole heir to. Maybe it was such an idea that started Emil Anthony to weaving pillow covers, bedspreads, and the like out of yarn. These Afghans which Anthony turns out drew much praise at the Hobby Fair.

Malleable Core Room

by Florence Voight

We extend our sympathy to Clara Herman who lost her father recently. Cupid hit this department hard. We've had two weddings in a short time. Ila Lingwall became Mrs. Merle Rudd and will make her future home in Rock Island. Then Anna Wannemacher became the bride of Alvin Goodwin of Cambridge, Ill. Our best wishes follow both couples.

This department suffered a heavy shock when Herman ("Shorty") Haupt died on Monday, April 18, after working with us all day. "Shorty" was a grand fellow and we will all miss his pleasant and accommodating ways.

It keeps Virginia stepping to go out and see her sweetie at the hospital so often.

We shan't mention how Donna spent her time in church during the Lenten season.



Fred Kennish is the type of fellow who has many varied interests in life and, therefore, lives richly. Perhaps it's his ability to become absorbed in small things that makes him capable of taking hard knocks and come up smiling, and we believe it has much to do with his success in his work. One of Fred's hobbies is collecting postage stamps. His stamp collection was exhibited at the "Y" Hobby Fair.

Grey Iron Core Room

by Catherine Roser

Cupid is again pulling at George Mc's heart strings. George wouldn't mind being called grandpa.

Jack Lee was putting a new floor in his attic at home when he fell through. Luckily, Jack wasn't hurt, coming out of the mishap with only a few minor scratches.

Rose Haberman pulled one over on us. She was married on Saturday, April 16. We do not know the details yet. The wedding was a surprise to all her friends in the Grey Iron core room.

Ed Johnson has been absent from work due to illness.

Nipple Department Notes

by Jack Maynard

"When the wind is in the south,
It blows the bait in the fishes mouth".

At least it seems to be so with Jap Hogeboom. Jap reports a fine catch of about one hundred and twenty-five pounds over the week-end, April 16 and 17. He claims this is an exceptionally fine haul for this time of year.



think, "Fill 'er up, Frank. The gang is coming down."

"Drink it down, Frank." Rogers was recently swept into public office as a Republican precinct committeeman. Here he celebrates by tipping a one gallon stein, which the Rockies procured in Germany. This stein was exhibited at "Y" Hobby Fair. On the lid is a small replica of Heidelberg Castle. On the side the famous university appears in relief, also a German message which reads, we

Bon Voyage

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Horler sail from New York on the White Star-Cunard line for Liverpool, England, on Friday, April 29. They will visit for an indefinite length of time with relatives and friends. While in England the Horlers plan to visit London where the Walworth International Company has a warehouse. They intend to inspect this warehouse while there. Their plans also include the International Exposition at Glasgow and other points of scenic and historic importance.

Charles Horler has a service record of 35 years. He is employed in the Pattern Shop. Charley's departure was equivalent to a kick from Pegasus to his co-workers, for they sat themselves down and penned the following farewell note to Charley in meter, rhyme, and with poetic license:

Prophecy to a Departing Friend

So you're going back to England after nearly forty years.
You have been away so very long your eyes are full of tears,
And a vision of the old home you would dearly love to see
With the scenes of lovely Severn, the meadows and the trees,
And this is at it should be, after many, many years,
But just a word of warning as the start of journey nears
You'll find the o'd place different, the boyhood chums away.
You'll wish that you were back again in good old U.S.A.



Who is this fellow Butalla, the model boat maker, readers have been asking us. Those who asked us in time were sent to the Hobby Fair to see him and his exhibit; to others we gave a description of the man, but not having the Dickens touch we gave them the idea he was a cross between a genius and a nightmare. Therefore, to correct false impression we here with publish an original picture of the fellow.