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Comments . . . from the President's Desk

(NOTE: Statements or remarks in this column are rather the personal views of one employee to another and are not necessarily the policy of the company and must not be so considered.)

In the July issue of The Foundry Roundup I gave you the first installment of a description of the new foundry and promised to show you a drawing of the new plan and tell you more about it in the next issue.

The end of the war coming suddenly, we are having considerable difficulty in gettng permission to build a new foundry. Even with the war over, the red tape in Washington takes time. As a matter of fact, I very much fear that this will be the cause of more unemployment than any other influence in America. Business is ready and "itching" to go. Most manufacturers today will take orders without any priority and are willing to take a chance on a $10,000.00 fine and five years in jail, for that is the penalty for disobeying a bureaucrat.

We will have to wait until next month for the drawing of the new foundry and a further description of its many advantages.

W. C. TROUT.

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Letter From Former Employee

Dear Sir:

I will now take the pleasure of sending my regards to the company with which I used to be employed for sending me a paper concerning the news of the plant. It was, indeed, a pleasure reading the news and especially the personal chats that were mentioned. As for the different suggestions that are being turned in each week, it shows that the employees are asking an interest in the shop, particularly those on engineering subjects. There is no doubt in my mind but what you are doing a great job to hasten victory.

Since I have been separated from my friends and a long way from my home town, which we all love to well, I would appreciate reading a paper from the company at any time.

Yours truly,
Woodrow Lewis S 1-C
Com. Serv.—Division 102
Flag Allowance
% Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

Looking Ahead

GEORGE S. BENSON
President Harding College
Searcy, Arkansas.

FEAR THIS

England's post-war problems are upon her and they are almost exactly like ours will be when our war is over in the Pacific. The one big difference lies in what the working people think. The British workers don't think they fared very well under private capital and private management. They figure they would be better off if the government owned everything.

Workers in America prefer free enterprise. Our labor is in favor of open competition. The reason is that working people in America see how they have fared all right with private enterprise. Labor leaders speak freely in favor of capitalism. Our workers probably will not turn against the American system since it has not turned against them.

Americans Fare Well

Nobody has the working people of either country fooled. They have the truth in both cases. In England, labor has had a pretty shabby deal; in America the worker has lived well. The important question is this: British workers oppose capitalism and American workers favor it—can it be possible that they are talking about the same thing?

Before World War II, the economic system in Britain was called private enterprise—same as in America. Moreover the two were quite a little alike, at first glance, except that wages on this side of the ocean were high and American workers eraned more than twice as much as the British workers, trade for trade. The difference was that private enterprise in Britain was not free.

Britishers Need More

Competition in England was not actually open. Wasteful monopolies operated within the law. Private business concerns were fenced in with legal restraints on this and government restrictions on that. What they had was government-bossed private enterprise. Business men couldn't make money and therefore couldn't pay their workers.

British workers couldn't work hard enough to live well. They needed new tools and modern methods so they could produce more; so their employers could pay them better. But the employers couldn't buy better tools. They were so restricted that they couldn't make a profit. Result: Labor unions formed a socialist party and now are bidding strongly for control of the government.

American can keep private enterprise free. With prosperity and progress,. American firms can pay their workers well. But silly restrictions and heavy taxes can choke out profits. Without profits there can be no better wages. Unhappy workers bring socialism. Socialism, nowhere in the world, has brought wages half as high as America enjoys now.

Safety By D. K. WOMACK

SKILL VS. SAFETY

Bill Jones, age 30, intelligent, ambitious, not a lazy bone in his body, Skilled? Yep. Guess there's no one in the same department that can turn out as much work as Bill does, when he works, and good work too. Doesn't he work regular? Well, yes and no. He doesn't willfully lay off his job. You see, Bill does good work and he is fast, but he is also reckless. Safety rules and regulations mean very little to Bill. Oh, sure he is sorry it happened after the accident, but soon afterwards, when his eye or his finger has healed up, he goes right back to being careless again; won't wear his goggles, wears loose sleeves around his machine, uses hand tools and practices all sorts of carelessness. Bill is proud of his skill as a workman, or at least he says he is, but the way he takes chances with his hands and eyes, you wouldn't think so. After all these are his best tools and without the use of them, he prety quickly falls into the unskilled labor class. Why, just the other day, someone was making a comparison between Bill and John Smith. John's about 30, a man of average intelligence, good worker, a little slow, yes, but always on the job. This someone commented on the difference between the way these two fellows worked, and just wondered hof their records compared. A check up of the to records indicated that for a period of one year, John actually showed a five per cent lead in production over Bill—Bill, the most skilled man in his work in the entire department.

Was this right? And if so, was there some good reason? The answer is yes to both. You see, John is safety minded. He observes safety rules. He thinks and talks safety. While Bill lost a total of thirty-one days out of the year as a result of his carelessness, John kept right on plugging and incidentally, he didn't cost his company several dollars in medical expense. Not an hour during the year was his machine shut down, while he went to the doctor for medical attention. What's more, his efficiency has increased because his most valuable tools, his hands and his eyes have not been abused.

Of the two workmen, John would be considered the better of the two by his employers. For a recent survey made among employers in industry, it was definitely agreed by all that safety was of primary importance and that an employee who practiced safety was a valuable employee.

Safety pays dividends in many ways. Are you practicing it?

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FOUNDRY HONOR ROLL FOR AUGUST

Gration Merriman produced 46,523 pounds of good castings while making no scrap. Keep up the good work Merriman. That is four perfect months for you in 1945?

Elmer Ashley produced, 9,393 pounds of good castings while making no scrap during August.

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK—

"Frankly, I think they would be better American citizens."—Fleet Admiral King, advocating military training for U. S. Youth.

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" 'Nothing that embarrasses anybody is ever funny."—Mark Ethridge, Louisville publisher, quoteing his father's injunction.

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"Jobs can't be made in a hurry if manufacturers have to go through a handful of bureaus for approval to buy goods and machines"—Pres. Ira Mosher, Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers.

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"No beer, no cigaretts, no cigars, no money, no friends. OPA please note." —Sign on Poplar Bluff, Mo., tavern.

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"The war would have been lost had American industry failed in the tremendous demands put upon it"—Hanson W. Baldwin, military expert.

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"Ten million salesmen will be needed for postwar business." — Dr. Ray Untereiner, Prof. of Economics, Calif. Institute of Technology.

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"Which will come back first—the chicken or the egg?—Sen Soaper.

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"My departure from the Treasury was not of my own choosing."—Ex-Sec'y Morgenthau.

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"Even Methuselah had a successor!" —Sec'y of Interior Ickes, re-rumors of his resignation.

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"Gainful employment only follows the placing of orders on the books of industry."—G. S. Jones, Jr. vice-pres., Servel, Inc. * * *

"Money saved and held does nothing; money in circulation makes jobs." —E. R. Smith research director, Macfadden Pubs.

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"Got any women's pants that a man can wear?" Desperate male customer in New York Dept. store, where shorts are short. * * *

"There's plenty of meat—it's hard to explain why the people can't get it."—Sen Kenneth Wheery, Neb.

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"All they want is a square break, and they're going to get it."—Pres. Truman, after talking to GI's in Europe.

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"Unless the manfacturers take the bull by the horns, or Congress revolts and scalps down the OPA, we are going to have a serious deflation and unnecessary unemployment." —Oregon City (Ore.) Banner-Courier.

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"Why not a ten-year postwar plan for America, planned by business leaders, to reach a new high in earned prosperity?"—Pres Ira Mother, Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers.

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Sarg—"All right. Rookie, now what is maneuver?"

Rookie—"Something you put on grass, sir, to make it green."

YOUR GUESS

The above likeness is that of Leon Campbell, inspector in the Gear Shop. The fish head remains a mystery. Leon is not sure that he caught it, does not know where it was caught and nobody has even found out how long or what its weight might have been. Chas. Ragland says it might have come from V. F. W. Lake but that it is a little too small. Gene Chastain says he wishes his lake had one in there that big, at least he would have something else besides hogs to talk about.

Bobo Hayes, Leon's boss, says that an error occurring in a fish story of this magnitude, it is certain that someone is going to have to keep a check on inspected parts or Leon will not know whether they have been inspected by him or not. However, Detective guy Croom says that somebody's private lake is minus a nice fish and the only thing he regrets is that he was not present when the fish and fried corn bread was passed around the table. Anyone finding out where this fish came from, please notify Louis Fincher so that he can go catch a bigger fish.

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TO YOU

If Frank had been your son
  Who for victory won,
Gave his service and life,
  Or in this awful strife
If you had been all but lost
  How would you figure the cost?

Only the heart that paid the price
  Can know fully the sacrifice.
—G. W. B.

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Flo: "Are you keeping a hope chest?"

Kathryn: "With a chest like mine, there is no hope."

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ELVES BENTON PARRISH

E. B. Parrish, better known as "Jake," died Sunday night, August 19 ,as a result of his motorcycle hitting a cow near Huntington.

He was born near Shelbyville in Shelby County October 4, 1901 and moved to Lufkin about 1906. He was employed as an apprentice machinist by the company on June 22, 1920 and has been on the job here ever since.

About 1928, Jake was promoted to night foreman over a small crew which increased in size through the year. Last November he was promoted to general machine shop foreman on the day shift, where he had complete charge of all machine work. Approximately he had complete charge of all machine work. Approximately 125 men and women were under his direct supervision.

"Jake was one of the most popular men ever connected with the company and in addition, possessed a fine mechanical ability that we will all miss," Walter W. Trout, Vice President and General Manager, stated Monday. He was a leader and had the rare faculty of being able to reprimand a man for a mistake and at the same time keep him happy about it.

It will be news to many to know how he got the name "Jake." According to Bobo Hays, Jake had a part in a school play at Boles School when he was a boy. He played the part of a character named Jake so well that the name stuck with him.

Jake's main interest was his family and his work with an occasional hunting and fishing trip.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gladys Parrish, and three children. A daughter, Miss Mary Francis Parrish, is living in the home. The eldest son, Lloyd, has just recently been released by the Navy and is now operating a gear machine in the machine shop. The youngest son, Ensign Eulen Parish, is a pilot in the Naval Air Corps and was working in the shop at the time of his enlistment

U. S. MFRS. PLAN $9 BILLION IN EXPANSIONS

GOVT. SURVEY SURPRISES ITS ECONOMISTS—CURB TO JOBLESS SEEN.

By JAMES PRESTON

WASHINGTON — Emphasizing the preparedness and ability of private enterprise to meet reconversion problems and ready itself for maximum production and employment in the future, U. S. manufacturers today have plans already laid for a 59-billion expansion program in the next 12 months, according to the Dept. of Commerce.

Half of this outlay is scheduled for plant and equipment, and half is for building up civilian inventories and trade accounts.

Govt. Must Act

This estimate is based on a Commerce Dept. survey of 7,000 manufacturers. The results of the survey point up the need, as expressed by the Senate War Investigating Committee, for the government to make available to manufacturers as rapidly as possible the materials and manpower necessary to carry out their plans.

While American industrialists, with their blueprints ready, have repeatedly expressed their confidence that they could and would solve such reconversion and transition problems as are under their control, the facts revealed by the Commerce Dept. survey caused pleased surprise among government economists.

Fill the Gap

These economists are now estimating that the manufacturers' expenditures might indicate a "gorss national product" of about $160 billion, largely for civilian production alone, and that they would be an important factor in filling the production and employment gap which may be created by V-J Day.

The manufacturers who reported their plans and estimated expenditures for expansion and employment ordinarily account for about 40 per cent of the nation's annual capital formation, and in 1939 accounted for 60 per cent of the manufacturers' outlays.

In addition to the manufacutrers' program, the survey showed, railroads and utilities plan to spend $1.5 billion in the coming year for such capital goods as structures and equipment.

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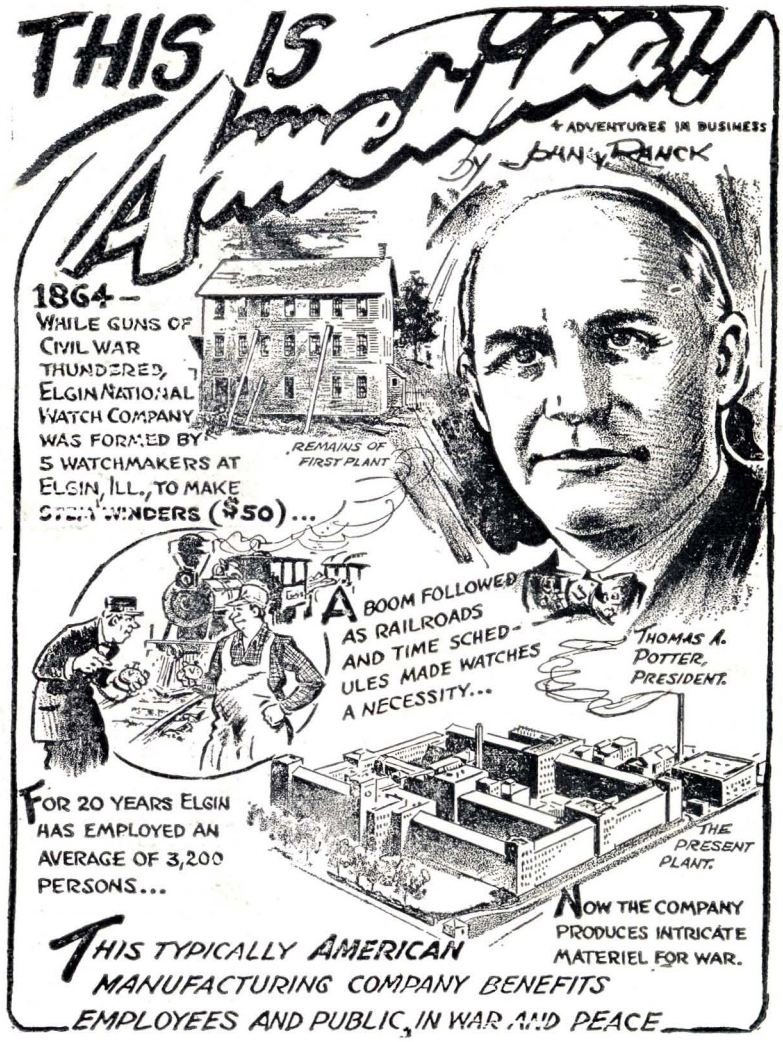
First Girl Hiker: "I inserted an advertisement in our local newspaper recently under a box number for a male partner to accompany me on a fortnight's hiking trip."

Second Girl: "How interesting. Did you have any replies?"

First Girl: "Yes, hundreds—but there was a terrible row in the house over it."

Second Girl: "Good gracious, why?"

First Girl: "Father was one of the applicants!"



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Chatter

Landlady: "You've been here two years and never complained. What are you leaving for now?"

Slim Phillips: "I just found out you ain't got no bathtub."

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Kenneth Mott: "Give me a kiss like a good girl."

Katherine Mullins: "Okay, but if I give you one like a naughty girl, you'll like it better."

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Martha Ann: "Well, at last I've got a raise in salary."

Hazel: "Honestly?"

Martha Ann: "Oh, don't be so inquisitive."

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Robert Lang: "Why don't you wear earmuffs? It's cold."

Claude Green: "I haven't worn one since the accident."

Lang: "What accident?"

Green: "Someone asked me if I wanted a drink, and I didn't hear him."

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Gene Please Note:

A man living on the outskirts of town raised a hog, but concluded there wasn't much money in the venture. He was telling a neighbor that the hog cost him $3, the feed cost him $7, and all that he could get for the hog when fattened was $10.

The neighbor replied, "Well, that wasn't so bad, considering that you had the use of the hog all summer."

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John Eddington: "Mr. Palmore, er—that is—I would like to er—that is, I mean I have been going with your daughter for five years."

Mr. Palmore: "Well, whaddya want—a pension?"

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I think I shall never see
A girls refuse a meal that's free
A girl whose hungry eyes are fixed
Upon a cake that's being mixed
A gal who doesn't always wear
A screwy hat upon her hair.

—Carrol Watts, Jr

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Richard: "Come quick, there's a man been fighting my father more'n half an hour."

Cop: "Why didn't you call me sooner?"

Richard: "Because pa (Seymour Curtis) was getting the best of it 'till a few minutes ago."

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Jiggs Smith: I'm surprised that he did not pay you what he owed, I thought the fellow had at leasts some good points.

Grady Wasson: "Yeah, so have pins, yet they will stick you too.

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Harbuck: "What kind of a saddle do you want—one with a horn or without?"

Buschmann: "Without, I guess. There doesn't seem to be much traffic on the prairies."

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Charley Davison, who has been off for several months on account of sickness is much improved now and is getting along o. k.

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Joe Clark Spitler, son of M. S. Spitler, salesman in he Mill supply, has been home on furlough while waiting for his new ship to be commissioned at at Orange, Texas. While here, he received a promotion to Lt. Commander. Congratulations Joe Clark and best of luck with your new command.

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We enjoyed the visit from Bill Newburn home on 30 day leave. Bill, former Machine Shop employee, has been overseas for some months.

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Welcome back L. D. (Pat) Parrish. Pat, I believe, is the first ex-employee to return to work after serving overseas.

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Mutt Barr: "You've already laid off to see your wife off on a journey, for your mother-in-law's funeral, for your little girl's measles, your boy's chisteening, what it is now?"

Rogers Hambrick: "I'm to get married, sir."

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Mr. Martin: "Who was that I saw you kissing last night?"

Blanch: "What time was it?"

Mrs. Douglass: "I'm wearing my old undies and saving my new expensive ones."

Winnie Berry: "What for? A rainy day?"

Mrs. Douglass: "No, dearie, a windy day."

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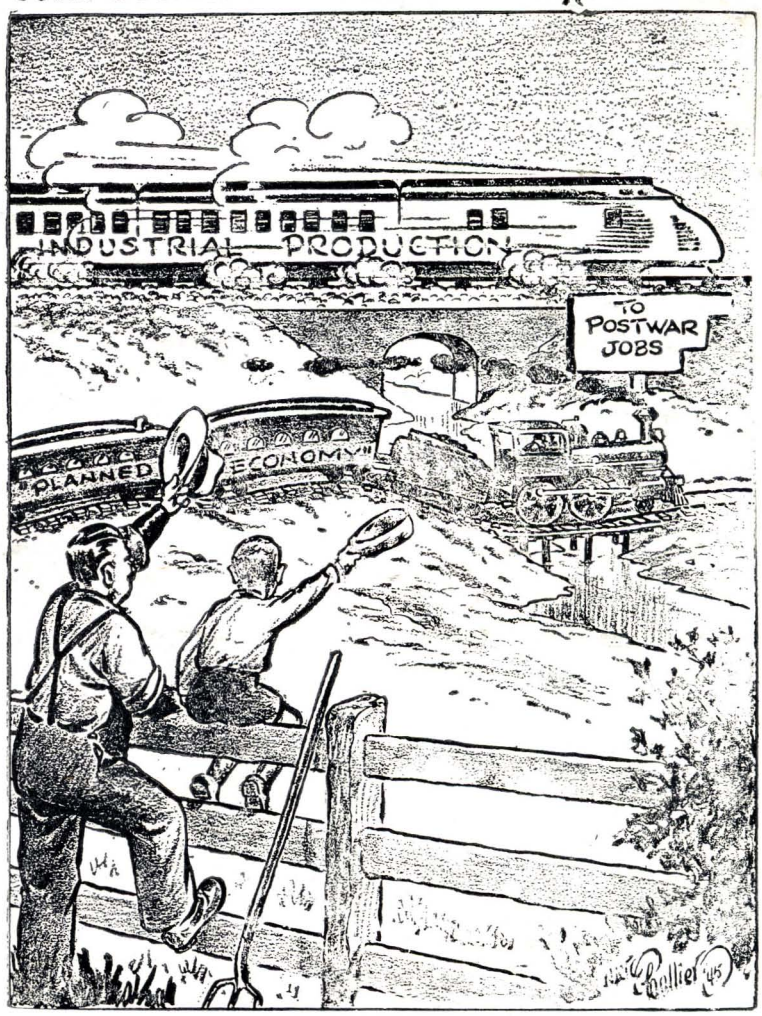
MEETING OF FIRESIDE CLUB

Oneta Haygood and Lerlene Terry entertained the Firesiders Thursday night, July 12th, at the home of Miss Haygood.

The club was reorganized and new officers were elected. Cletis Wells—president, Maudell Weaver — Vice President, Wandell Garnett—Secretary and Treasurer, Cheta Haygood—reporter. Refreshments were served including watermelon.

Visitors were Mrs. Juanita Anderson, Hazel West, Juanita Parker, Mrs. Sybil Haygood, Rena Faye Haygood and Robbie Ray HaHygood. Club members present were Mae Gaston, Alma Sturrock, Estel Sturrock, Noma Carter, Katherine Mullins, Irene Parker, Maudell Weaver, Cletis Wells, Wandell Garnett, Mildred Walton, Hazel Rhodes was received with welcome after a siege of illness, and the hostesses.

THE STREAMLINER - - - By Collier



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Letter From Former Employee

DEAR BUD:

I surtenly planed to rite you much sooner, but have been so busie I haveen't tooken off time to rite Prisciller.

I wuz goner take off time to make a a visit to the chippin room to see that shot-blast and hammering grupe with their lovely boss—Mr. Trevathan the jellybean. He took me up-stairs to meet Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell's job is to fixe the sand just rite for the molders, and dozes the job just fine. Befour I could larn much about sand he let a rat out of the box. He asted me to go visik his rural estate. We started from Lufkin to Huntington, and found a new citie named Bauld Hill—Mr. Mitchell is the new mayer. He's an intelligint man, and has quit-chu-waited in city polyticks. (He thout of running for Justice of the Peace on his blok last year).

He shaved the other day—the furst time since he has been mayer. The people of Huntington, Mr. A. F. Tucker for instance, tells that the popalatin was two rabbit dogs and a possum houn ho Mr. Mitchell seen an oppurtinity for extra impruvements purchased 77 akers to build the new citie with busses, street cars, and so many new things that I do no Ball Hillis goin to be proude of their new mayer.

Your luvin bud,
Lochinvar.

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CAN YOU IMAGINE

A new foundry to work in by January 1, 1946.

R. C. Proctor having a perfect day at bat while playing with a local team against Crockett.

Grady Wasson and Lyle Peden getting lost within two hoots and a bark of camp. (For detils see Less Bullock) Why no real publicity on this?

Gratton being a Happy Woman instead of a Merri-man.

Claud Green and Sam Kerr in a foot race with their respective lame toes and ankles.

Henry Mantooth shagging iron, and enjoying it, on Saturday afternoon.

Oscar McKinney being late to work just one morning.

Elmer Ashley without a cigar to smoke before starting work.

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RADIO WARNS PLANE NEARING BUILDINGS

Demonstrating industry's ability to prevent such accidents as the recent bomber crash into Empire State building, world's tallest structure, New York City, it is now learned that less than 24 hours before the crash federal officials conferred with industrial engineers about the installation of an anti-collision system on the tower.

Producers of the apparatus—Panoramic Radio Corp., New York City, and Kollsman Aviation Instrument Division of Square D Co., Elmhurst, N. Y. —say it would have warned the bomber pilot away from the building by sending out radio signals.

DEATHS

We regret the passing of H. V. Martin, father of Tillman Martin, who passed away Monday afternoon, July 23, of a heart attack. Tillman is an employee of the accounting department.

A. B. Popham passed away at his home Monday, July 30, after a prolonged illness. Mr. Popham's son, A. B. Popham, Jr., is a planer operator in the Machine Shop.

We regret the sad news from Temple, Texas, of the death of J. T. Turner, salesman in mill supply.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS!

By CARL L. BIEMILLER

In a world where political changes go hand in hand with economic pressures it is inevitable that the results of the recent British elections will exerat another left-moving force on our economy.

The Labor Party sweep leaves Canada and the United States as the major custodians of the traditional free enterprise system; the last guardians of private property, and the belief in individual rewards for individual efforts.

The Socialist swing behind the white cliffs of Dover differs from the basic tenets of Russia's Commnuist economy in that the careful British belief is still in "socialism by evolution" instead of "revolution." But the fact that remains that postwar America is confronted with doing business with two powerful leftist economies.

Depends On Us

Paradoxically enough, the success of the "ism" nations depends upon the strength of our own free enterprise system. They don't like the way we do things, but how they love 'em once done!

Socialism grows on what it eats. Since nationalized mines, utilities and transportation cannot be allowed to "fail," governments must have strong, healthy private interests to tax in their behalf. They need nationalized credit facilities like nationalized banks to protect nationalized industry, and to keep whatever private effort is left under control.

It must be a happy circumstance, from a Continental point of view which finds a strong, rich free enterprise economy like the United States so willng to finance the new leftist nations along the road they have chosen out of wartime ruin.

That sort of happiness must bode well for international peace as long as Uncle Samuel's bank roll lasts. It might even endure beyond that point if the new world trends manage to conjure up some sort of self-sustained success.

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The class yell of the School of Experience is "OUCH!"

ENGINEERING DEPT. FROM PRODUCTION

The designer bent across his board,
Wonderful things in his mind were stored.
And he said as he rubbed his throbbing bean,
"How can I make this tough to machine?

If this part here were only straight,
I'm sure the thing would work first rate.
But 'Twould be so easy to machine and bore
It would never make the Machinist sore.

I'd better put in a right angle there,
Then watch those fellows tear their hair.
Now I'll put the holes that hold the cap
Way down here where they are hard to tap.

This piece won't work I'll bet a buck,
For it can't be held in a shoe or chuck.
It Can't be drilled and it can't be ground.
In fact, the design is exceedingly sound."

He looked again and cried, "At last,
SUCCESS IS MINE! It can't even be cast."

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BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Burks announce the birth of a son, Leroy, on the 25th of July Mr. Burks is employed in the Foundry.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mangrum a girl, Shirley Ann, on July 24, 1945. Mr. Mangrum is an employee of the Gear Sop.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Jones was born a girl, Linda Gay, on August 6, 1945. Mr. Jones is employed in the Gear Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Brown are the proud parents of a girl, Judith Ann, born August 7, 1945. L. L. is employed in the Gear Shop.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Perry Saturday August 11, a fine 6 pound and 12 oz. son, Lewis Morrow Perry. The proud father is night foreman of the welding shop.

H. L. Duncan has a new girl, Betty Jane, born JJuly 26th. Mr. Duncan is employed in the Trailer Division.

W. E. Dunn has a new boy, Joh Edward, born August 8th. 9 lbs. and 13 ounces.

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Professor: "When water becomes ice, what great change occurs?"

Student: "A change in price, sir."

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The GI was in a nervous, excitable state. He appealed to the chaplain in a loud whisper after the ceremony: "Is it kisstomary to cuss the bride?"

"Not yet, my boy, not yet," the chaplain replied.

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FOUNDRY FOREMAN

The air rammers pop
The crain creeps by.
As the cupola shoots
It smokes to the sky.

The Foremen shout
They cuss and swear.
At the man who stops
For a breath of air.

There's A. B. Trevathan
The fat jelly bean.
And Henry Mantooth
Who likes to be seen.

There's Seymour Curtis
The coreman's dread,
And Olan Jordan
Losing his head.

The foremen gather
At the bosses call.
Not just two
But one and all.

They sit around
The bosses table.
And then they leave
That is, all that's able.

Cle Trevathan has lost
His jelly bean grin
And Mantooth's pride
Is a little "broken in."

And Olan Jordan
With his swarthy step
Seems to have lost
All excess pep.

And Seymor Curtis
With his dip of snuff
Looks as though
He has had enough.

Put the boss is happy
He's as gay as can be
Looks like he has only
Had them in for tea.

So the foremen limp
Back to work with the blues
And with that
I'll be leaving youse.

(Author wants to stay on good side of Mr . Green).

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"You're a real danger to pedestrians," decided the judge. "I must revoke your license."

"But, your honor," protested the defendant, "my living depends on it."

"So does theirs," said the judge.

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"Man overboard!" yelled the boot on his first voyage.

The ship's engines were reversed and the captain came running from his cabin. The boot saluted him smartly and said: "I regret to report, sir, that I made a mistake when I cried 'Man overboard.'"

"Confound those dumb recruits," mumbled the captain, and signalled for full speed ahead.

"Yes, sir," continued the sailor. "It was one of them nurses instead, sir."

Slim Askins presenting L. O. Campbell a check for twenty dollars for second place winner. Who will win first or second place this month?

SUGGESTION BANK

Where, oh where have the ideas and suggestions that we all have from time to time gone? According to the suggestion committee they have not had very many ideas from the employees. It might be due to the heat or that Japan has been threatening to quit the war or we may think that our ideas are silly and not worth the time and energy to write them down and place them in the banks which are placed conventiently around the plant.

Who knows but what you have possibly been passing up a check, which is always useful at any time, for the simple reason that you thought your idea was not good enough to turn in. The committee will be glad to consider any idea, problem, suggestion or invention, so long as it is constructive and your name is signed to the article. For example, we have had suggestions for handling traffic problems to intricate machine problems, and all of them have shown that lots of time and study have been put into these problems.

Giving you an idea as to some of this month's winners and what their suggestions were—

Second place—L. O. Campbell.

An attachment to a wood bit for counter-boring wood timber while boring the original hole. Two operations in one less handling of heavy timbers. Prize $20.00.

Third Place—F. W. Gneisig.

Jig for drilling two holes at a 45 degree angle in the cross head for the gas engines. Prize $155.00.

Fourth Place—R. E. Wilson.

A whistle system so that the electrician may be called at once to any department. Prize—$10.00.

Fifth Place—C. L. Johnson.

Simplifying an intricate jig for drilling pump suction head for gas engines by removing all set screws and use of steel ring to hold jig. Prize $5.00.

Following fifth place, there are fifteen one dollar prizes, which A. B. Trevathan and R. Dean have won twice this month and the rest have sent in one suggestion. These are Hazel Rhodes, Bob Butler and JJ. A. Kesinger.

Seymore Curtis won number one place this month, but since he is a foreman, he cannot receive this prize. At the end of the year, we will offer three sixty dollar prizes for the best suggestions of the year. Some three persons will receive this money Why not you! You can be putting forth a little effort and time. Let's see these idea boxes filled each month for the rest of the year.

Your committee.

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Bridegroom: "How much do we owe for the room?"

Hotel Clerk: "Three dollars a piece."

The bridegroom gave the clerk twenty-one dollars.

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She: "My, my, what slim, expressive hands you have. They belongt on a girl."

He: "Okay, baby, I never pass up an opportunity."

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C. O. "Who brought you here in this disgraceful condition?"

Pvt..: "Two MP's, sir."

C. O. "Drunk, I suppose?"

Pvt.: "Yes, sir, both of them."

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Smile Awhile

G. I. Joe's favorite theme song: "I'll Be Seizing You! (In all the old familiar places.)"

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A male shopper, prowling around a department store, squeezed one doll and it hollered "Mama." He squeezed another—and she yelled, "Floorwalker!"

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Him: "Honey, do you know what a virgin dreams about?"
Her: "No, what?"
Him: "I didn't think you did."

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A nurse went to the doctor and reported the soldier under her care didn't think he was getting enough attention. "Well," said the doctor, "give him whatever he wants."
"Sir," replied the nurse, "I'll resign first."

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Papa Bear: "Who's been drinking my whiskey?"
Mama Bear: "Who's been drinking my wine?"
Baby Bear: "Burrp!"

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Jack had money
Jill had nil.
Jill married Jack
So Jack had Jill.

Jill went to Reno—
Now she's back.
Jack has nothing
But Jill has jack.

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A wife, married to a hypnotist, brought her husband to court charging him with cruelty.
"Your Honor," she complained, "my husband is the meanest man in the world; he hypnotized me into thinking I was a canary and gave me birdseed for breakfast, dinner and supper."
The magistrate gasped, "Is this true?"
The husband appeared very distraught; "I beg your pardon," he said, "But I don't think that was mean."
The magistrate's eyes popped. "You don't think that was mean?" The husband shook his head. "No," he asserted. "I could have hypnotized her into thinking she was a sparrow and let her find her own food."

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He: Your husband has a new suit.
She: No ,he hasn't.
He: Well, something is different.
She: It's a new husband.

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CLOTHING PW GREATLY IMPROVED; WOOLS THAT WON'T SHRINK; SUITS WONT WRINKLE

There will be PW revolution in clothing. Textiles are now being woven from rayon nylon, rubber, spun glass, wools from wood and soybeans, fibers from milk case-in and metals. Hose will be made from durable synthetic fibers. Extremely strong light yarns are being manufactured from synthetic plastics and fibers highly resistant to fire and chemicals.

GRINDER DUST

An artists model is a gal who works only when the boss is looking!

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"I'm sorry I slapped you, I thought you were trying to get my sorority pin."

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A bathing suit is a garment without hooks but with plenty of eyes on it.

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Toastmaster (introducing the speaker): "I'm sure that Mr. Jones, of the Soils and Fertilizer Department, will give you a pleasant half-hour. He is full of his subject."

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A little flattery
Now and then,
Makes husbands of
The single men.

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You can always tell when a movie is about to end, the women begin to put on their shoes.

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People have a right to be shocked; the mention of unmentionable things is a kind of participation in them.

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Some people can drink beer just as well sittin' down as they can standin' up. But most cannot stand up so well after they have been drinkin' sittin' down as they can sit after drinkin' standin' up.

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"It seems incredible—35 million laws and no improvements on the Ten Commandments."—Banking.

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Man cannot degrade woman without himself falling into degradation; he can not elevate her without at the same time elevating himself.—Alexander Walker.

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A counter irritant is a woman who shops all day and doesn't buy anything.

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"Oh, you sailors are all alike, thank goodness."

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The one great advantage to growing older is that you can stand for more and fall for less.

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Selling is not so much a question of hard work as it is the application of effort in the right place.

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U. S. O. Entrance Sign: Clean and decent dancing every night except Sunday.