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HOSPITAL UNIT READY FOR USE



First Aid Department Is Enlarged and Modern Facilities Added

Recognizing the need for an adequate first aid station, Ypsilanti Reed has outfitted a new hospital unit. In charge is Mrs. Maren Brock, R.N., and we have two company consulting doctors, F. M. Marsh, M.D. and J. J. McCann, M.D., who are on call for serious injuries or treatment for which we do not have the proper facilities.

The first aid room is equipped with the usual hospital bed, lavatory, dressing room, medicine cabinets, and has a consultation room for the doctors.

Mrs. Brock treats all cases which require general first aid, such as colds, sore throats, cuts, bruises, lacerations, burns, etc. A case of serious injury is sent to the hospital or doctor's office. So far this year, however, there have been no injuries that necessitated a trip to the hospital.

This fall, it is planned that physical examinations will be given to all employees who did not have them last year. We hope to have a chest clinic complete with X-rays of the chest in the not too far distant future.

Shown in the photograph with Mrs. Brock and Dr. Marsh are Harry Cuttle, having a finger injury treated, and Orrie Maynard in the background.

ATTENDANCE CHART CURBS ABSENTEEISM

The Chart shown at the right is a graphic reminder of Ypsi-Reed's record of attendance. To every employee it is an added incentive to keep on the job to maintain our splendid record. The Chart shows the standing for the week of July 24th—a typical week—and indicates the prevailing low trend in absences. Ypsi's First Aid Department, featured in this issue, has been a material factor in this achievement.

YOUR ATTENDANCE RECORD!

WEEK OF JULY 24	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
100% ATTENDANCE	638	638	638	638	638		
ABSENTEES	7	19	29	20	23		
PERCENTAGE OF ABSENTEEISM	010	029	045	031	036		

DEPARTMENT NAME: CONFIDENTIAL
TOTAL ALL DEPARTMENTS

JOIN THE "100 PERCENTERS" / IT'S UP TO YOU!

BE ON THE JOB TOMORROW

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WHERE IS OUR GAS?

Read the Answer in These
 Startling Figures

Do you know there is actually no Black Market in gasoline? Both honest and dishonest people get gasoline from the same limited civilian supply. However, there is a Black Market in coupons—counterfeit and deliveries of gasoline without coupons. All the gasoline acquired illegally means just that much less for the rest of us. The best solution to killing the Black Market is to endorse all your coupons as soon as you get them, and refuse to buy gasoline without giving up the proper number of coupons. Here are facts that may answer your question, where is all the gas going?

In the first 3 days of the invasion of Europe, Allied planes used an estimated 50 million gallons of gasoline—enough for 750 million miles of pleasure driving.

It takes 12,500 gallons of gasoline to train one pilot.

On one six-hour flight, 1,000 bombers use 1,850,000 gallons of high octane fuel.

Tanks of one armored division burn 25,000 gallons of gasoline every 100 miles.

If there is any cutting to be done, it can't be done on military supplies!

Order Control Dept. "Burns Midnight Oil"

Many of our co-workers do not realize the enormous amount of work required to translate customer requirements, as written by our sales representatives, into factory production orders and tags.

In our present day furniture operation we sell practically all of our production at the January and July Markets. At the end of the markets all of the orders are carefully scrutinized and analyzed by the Sales Department.

The orders are then given to Miss Virginia Zick and Ralph Blesing to begin their activities. All orders must be checked for credit acceptance with the assistance of Miss Nell Brown, proper pricing of each item, classified and totaled. When this has been completed and the orders numbered and entered on account cards and the order book they must be checked by the Production Department.

The Production Department must assign tentative delivery dates and check sales against frame cutting orders and fabric stock and fabrics contracted for, prior to the market.

Now the orders go back to the Order

Control Department to be duplicated. This involves typing sixteen copies, giving all the necessary information. Nine copies are used in the factory, one goes to the dealer as a formal acknowledgment and acceptance. Two go to our sales representative and four are retained in our office.

It is now necessary to write frame tickets for each individual piece of furniture to be manufactured. These tags indicate the complete information of the order and include the piece-work rates in some departments. An additional set of tags must be written for all pieces to be upholstered. This set of tags accompanies the material from the time it is cut until the piece of furniture is completed.

In spite of all of the duplication of pattern numbers and detailed specifications, due to the expert diligence of everyone involved, errors are very rare. The manufactured article that is shipped to our customer is always exactly as selected by the customer at the market.

Shown in the photograph above, from left to right, are Virginia Zick, Lucille Leslie, and Hazel Hawkins of our Order Control Department.

Our Betty sews that great long seam,
 May works with smile and song
 And Evelyn's work is like a dream
 While I just peg along.

I've spent a year on number three
 And enjoyed my every job.
 The end of war I'll be glad to see,
 And quit without a sob.

"Just Pegging Along"

By R. I. GATES
 Staff Poet

With war now nearly over,
 And those Nazis on the run
 It seems we're right in clover,
 Making tents like so much fun.

"Heil Hitler" so the Germans say
 We'd hear the world around
 But "Kamarad" is all they bray
 To our boys a familiar sound

When peace to us again does come
 And back to farms we stray
 Across old friends we'll sometimes
 run,
 That helped to win this fray.



New Ypsi-Doodler Reporters Appointed

Will Provide Departmental Representation in New Revolving Plan

As explained in last month's Ypsi-Doodler, our new revolving reporter plan is now in operation. The reporters who have been appointed by a Union committee are shown in the photograph above and include the following employees: Seated, left to right, are Gertrude Cottrell, Jim Roberts, Vance Kauffman, and Rose Harding. Standing, left to right, are Andy Repik, Ed Wieczorek, and Harding DePotty.

Many departments are represented by these people, who will serve as members of the staff for at least 3 months. At the end of that time, other Reed employees will be substituted for some of the members of the group. Gertrude Cottrell comes from the Automotive Up-

holstery Department, Jim Roberts from the Spring Room, Vance Kauffman from the Furniture Upholstery Department, and Mrs. Harding is in the Paint Department.

Andy Repik holds forth in the Mill Room, Ed Wieczorek in the Welding Department, and Harding DePotty in the Electrical Maintenance Department. Not shown in the photograph is Orrie Maynard, of the Reed Room, who is also one of the reporters, but who was away when the picture was taken.

If you're not asked for news items, and you have something that should be printed, don't be afraid to tell these people about it. They'll take care of having it appear in the YPSI DOODLER.



HOW ABOUT SOME BEANS?

Over in South Ionia we have a Victory Garden owned by Bill White. All day he pushes the broom in the Jeep Department and then goes home and tries to do the same with the garden, and by the looks of the photograph at the left, he does just as well. No grass grows under his feet, but apparently plenty of beans and sweet corn do.

ROMANCE AT WORK

Tent Department Is Cupid's Archery Range

Miss Frances Wilcox became the bride of Clarence Adams on July 8th.

They both began work on the fifth floor, then to the Jeep Department and finally both were transferred to the Tent Department. Must have been luck that kept them in the same Department. Since they seemed to get along so well at their work they decided to make it a life time job.

Mrs. Adams has discontinued working. We're indeed sorry to lose you, Frances, but from the picture below we know you are happy. Congratulations and a life time of happiness.



SOCIAL NOTES

Ethel Jenks of the Furniture Upholstering Department has been home ill for a week.

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Wava Pulsipher, Tent Dept., has gone to Texas to bring her sister back to Ionia.

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We extend our deepest sympathy to Alta Chapin, Edna Cope of the Tarp Dept., and Ethel Smith of the Jeep Department who recently lost their mother.

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Art Green, Alvin Northedge, Ray Reister, Tom Ross, Erwin Reed, Ray Reed, Larry Reister, Bates Lucas, Paul Leslie and Rollie Letts took part in the Fishing and Hunting Club Annual party at Long Lake. Ray Reed won a door prize.

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Elsie Monks of Dept. 39 spent her vacation visiting friends at Gladstone.

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Clarence Kunzi was home recently on a ten day leave visiting his parents, Ida and Frank Kunzi.

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SERVICE NOTES



Pictured with his father, Merritt Ketner, of the Receiving Department is Norman Ketner, United States Army. Norm is stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala. with the 66th Panther Division and is a first gunner in the Motor Squadron. He has been in the Army for the past sixteen months. Before entering the service Norm worked at Ypsi for fourteen months, working with Hans Christensen in the Tarpaulin Department.

Merritt Ketner has worked at Ypsi for three years in the Receiving Department. Another son, Lyle, is with the light tank division and is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky.

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The accompanying photograph shows Lester Kosbar, Ph. M 1/c, his wife, Eileen, and his father, Charles Kosbar in the Cargo Body Department where Charlie works. Lester has spent 2½ years in active duty in the Navy and has recently been serving on a Destroyer Escort in the Atlantic area. His mother, Mrs. Minnie Kosbar, works in the Furniture Sewing Department, and his sister, Mrs. Rose Marsh, works in the Upholstering Room.

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Pfc. Jack Joslyn, with the Army Engineers in India, is another of the boys reporting that he has seen Ypsi Reed tarpaulins on trucks there.



Shown in the accompanying picture with her father, Carl Hahn, is Pvt. Helen M. Hahn of the Marines. Pvt. Hahn is stationed at Cherry Point, N. C. She entered service in January, 1944 and took her basic training at Camp Lejeune, N. C. She is now in the Engine Overhaul Department at Cherry Point.

Carl Hahn has worked at the Reed for the past year and a half, working in the main stockroom. Another daughter Bertha is also in the Marines and a son Dick is with the United States Army, stationed in Alaska. The Hahn girls are the only girls from Ionia who have joined the Marines.

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Leonard Kenny, s 2/c from Gulfport, Mississippi, who formerly worked in the Gun Cover Department, recently was home on leave and visited friends in the Tent Department.

Pvt. Eldon Knapp writes to tell the gang that those little yellow rats are catching H. over there in New Guinea, and that he has had a lot of personal experience with Jeep seats and jungle hammocks, and thinks that we here at Ypsi-Reed are really doing a swell job.

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Apprentice Seaman Genevieve Foreman will be one of 130 Waves leaving Detroit in October to take boot training at Hunter College. A/S Foreman has worked in the factory in various departments for about three years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Foreman.

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Up in the Jeep Department there is the faint aroma of orange blossoms in the air. Irene Trumble, is looking for that little white house with the picket fence. We are getting anxious to meet the lucky man. We only know him as "Bob."

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Harry Cuttle of the Reed Room and George Spratto of the Bus Department had birthdays on the 14th of August. Look out, boys, old age is creeping on.

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We see that Edith Smith purchased some of the "hit and miss" cloth and had a sofa pillow covered. We wonder if it was so Charles would have something soft to sit on.

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YPSI-REED SPORTS

By Mike Wizorek, Sports Editor

On August 3rd. Mitchell's All Stars and Hartley's Wild Cats met for the first time and fought a very close game. First one team and then the other took the lead. There were some fine fielding plays on both teams. The final score was Mitchell's All Stars 10, Hartley's Wild Cats 7.

Lawrence Friend did some nice pitching, but was unable to finish because Mrs. Friend was taken to the hospital. Ivan Chance seemed to have the jinx on the boys. The turning point of the game was when Vic Cottrell took the mound for the Wild Cats. Hans Christensen had the only circuit blow. Gene Hackett came close with his triple. There was some clever base stealing done by Bates Lucas, but I think he should have done a tumbling act of his own.

Tom Ross did a fine job of umpiring on the bases which called for many close decisions. Mr. Brindley was back of the plate and had to have good judgment in calling the balls and strikes.



The photo above shows Maurie Nelson of the Cargo Body Department with a 6¾ lb. pike caught at Snow's Lake, July 29th. The fish was 31 inches long.

allowed 7 runs and 10 hits. Timely hitting mixed with walks and errors gave the local team a slight edge. Hitting stars for the locals—Kenneth Johnson hit 3 singles in 5 trips to the plate; Peanut Wizorek got 1 double and 2 singles out of 5 trips, Dick Heufeulder, 2 for 5, as well as Dale Johnson, 1 for 5.

YPSI REED		HUBBARDSTON	
K. Johnson, 2b	R. Heufeulder, ss	Gage, rf	Greeno, 1b
G. Wizorek, 3b	R. Wizorek, c	Martin, 2b	McGinn, 3b
J. Font, 1b	D. Kelly, lf	Smith, ss	Burns, cf
E. Vanhetloo, rf	D. Johnson, cf	McKenna, c	Stoddard, lf
K. Kline, cf	P. Warden, p	Moore, p	

And now the girls' softball team has its inning. They played Portland on August 9, chalking up their second win of the season, 9 to 1. Helen Eddy seemed to have the opponents at her command, allowing only two hits. Ionia collected 11

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Harold Zeigler, foreman of Jeep Dept., says that after his vacation he had to come back to work to get rested. He reports he spent most of his time painting the house. Now and then though we imagine he could be found under some shade tree partaking of some cool bottled beverage.

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Kenneth Maynard, son of Orrie Maynard, employee of the Reed Room, is home with his wife and child on a ten day furlough. They enjoyed a pleasant day Wednesday at Woodard Lake.

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Thomas Dub, foreman of the Reed Room, came back three weeks ago from

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hits. Miss Eddy had allowed but five hits in the last fourteen innings pitched, which is a very good record.

LINE UP

YPSILANTI REED	PORTLAND
H. Cottrell, 2b	R. Huhn, c
L. Chapin, ss	Price, p
O. Beebe, 3b	Moyer, 1b
H. Eddy, p	Wieber, 2b
G. Cottrell, sf	L. Huhn, 3b
Peterson, lf	M. Green, sf
Rice, c	Fedewa, cf
Tyler, 1b	M. Simon, rf
Coates, cf	Warren, ss
Durkee, rf	Smith, cf

ALL STARS	LINE UP	WILD CATS
E. Kelly, rf	H. Ross, lf	H. Ross, lf
M. Wizorek, c	P. Warden, c	P. Warden, c
I. Chance, p	L. Friend, p	L. Friend, p
H. Christensen, 1b	T. Succop, 1b	T. Succop, 1b
L. Godden, ss	B. Lucas, 2b	B. Lucas, 2b
H. Spank, 2b	G. Spratto, ss	G. Spratto, ss
L. Kultz, 3b	G. Hackett, 3b	G. Hackett, 3b
D. Mitchell, sf	H. Hartley, sf	H. Hartley, sf
W. Dalzell, rf	W. Smith, cf	W. Smith, cf
L. Lockwood, cf	H. Foster, rf	H. Foster, rf
R. Blesing, lf	L. Reister, lf	L. Reister, lf
G. Nagosky, cf	V. Cottrell, p	V. Cottrell, p
C. Goss, lf	A. Greening, lf	A. Greening, lf

Glenn Hickok was score-keeper—he had a new system. We were all looking for Mike Olmstead who was a bit late for the game.

Fans at the Bertha Brock Park witnessed a very good game of baseball, on Sunday, August 6. Ypsi Reed met the fast playing Hubbardston team which turned out to be a pitcher's duel. Warden, the stronger of the two, turned in a masterpiece allowing but 2 runs and 5 hits, while Moore, unsteady and a bit wild,



The electricians went out en masse Thursday night to bring back the fishing prize for their department. Les Shellenbarger, Fred Strong, Ronald Burrows, Harding DePotty were the ones who went to the quite hilarious party, they say, at Snow's Lake. They cast with every kind of bait known to the electrician's trade. DePotty was using a plug which he had designed himself. With this bait he caught the only fish the crowd has to enter, a 2½ lb. small mouth bass.

ENTRY BLANK FOR FISHING CONTEST

Name _____ Dept. _____

Type of Fish _____ Weight _____

Where Caught _____ Date _____

All entries, to be considered, must be accompanied by snapshot or other proof of catch. No entries accepted after September 15. Winners will be announced in October issue of The Ypsi-Doodler, out October 5th.



TARP ROOM MAKES MERRY
Employees and Families Hold Picnic
at Bertha Brock Park

The Tarp Department held a picnic July 22 at the Bertha Brock Park for employees and their families. About 75 people were there. Games and contests were held for grown ups and children with prizes awarded the winners.

Then followed a potluck supper of scalloped potatoes, salads, cheese, pickles, olives, sandwiches, coffee, cake, and a five gallon freezer of ice cream, which was donated by Leon Lockwood, Sr.

Mrs. Hoag acted as Master of Ceremonies and was assisted by Leon Pierce, foreman of the Tarp Department. A good time was had by all and it is going to be an annual event in the future.

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his vacation. He tells of getting some fish but the big ones didn't bite. He reports a pleasant week.

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Because of the change over in new patterns we have a very light force but hope to be back on production soon.

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Marge Livingston has been home all week nursing a sore tooth. We miss her very much.

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Katherine Train of the Jeep Department gave a surprise anniversary shower for Mrs. Carl Fancett, former employee of Dept. 36. Eighteen guests were present.

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Cris Belen, a sweeper in the Mill Room, reports he has used the same broom for two years. He was seen using oil on the bristles so maybe that is the way to make them last or could it be that they just push easier.

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Has anyone seen Eliza Ward bidding his wife good-bye in the morning?

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Bob Howe of the Welding Department has been sick for the past week.

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Lloyd Basom went away on his second honeymoon. He liked the first one so well he tried another. He went fishing this time and did not play the horses.

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Harold Howe says he has raised a pepper which weighed two and one-half pounds. How's that for a record? Can you top that?

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James Poole is going into the rabbit business. Anyone interested in rabbits go out to see Jim.

CRITTENDON IS HONOR ROLL JANITOR

Selected for Outstanding Job in Bus Department

Ypsilanti Reed's new Safety & Health Committee has chosen Dick Crittendon, of the Bus Department as the Honor Roll Janitor of the month. The new Safety Honor Roll, mounted on the first floor by Stairway No. 1 is a chart of our progress in housekeeping, safety, and lost time accidents. Each foreman's name is listed, and each month is given a gold, green, or red star, which shows whether his department is good, fair, or poor in those qualities.

The Safety & Health Committee makes a tour of the plant twice each month, on the 7th. and 21st. The Fire Inspection Committee also makes two trips, on the 1st. and 15th. of the month. They each make their report on the condition of the various departments and a conclusion is drawn as to which is the best department, in this matter. In this way, the janitor whose department is neatest is chosen. The committee also takes into consider-

ation the fact that some departments are much harder to keep neat than others.

Our Honor Roll Janitor of the month is Dick Crittendon, shown above on the right with his foreman, George Spratto. Mr. Crittendon is the janitor of the Bus Department, and he is to be commended for the honor which has been conferred upon him. The Bus Department is an especially difficult department to take care of because of the large amount of cotton, scraps, and leather cut, used, and sewed there.

RECENT WEDDING

Mrs. Mildred E. VanVleck, 267 E. Washington Street, and Donald A. Crawford, North Dexter Street, were quietly married Friday, August 11, at 4:00 o'clock at the First Baptist Church parsonage. Reverend George Woolcock read the single ring service. Mr. Crawford is timekeeper in the Tent Department.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

CARD OF THANKS. We wish to thank the C.I.O. for the lovely flowers and plants, the kind deeds of the Plant Protection Boys, the money sent us from Departments 41 and 42 and all the gang that Ray works with during our illness.

LILA & RAY JACKSON

CARD OF THANKS. The family of John Bohn will always remember your kindness and sympathy.

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD ZEIGLER

FOUND: On East Main Street, blue stone drop type earring. Owner may have same by inquiring at the Police Desk and producing mate.