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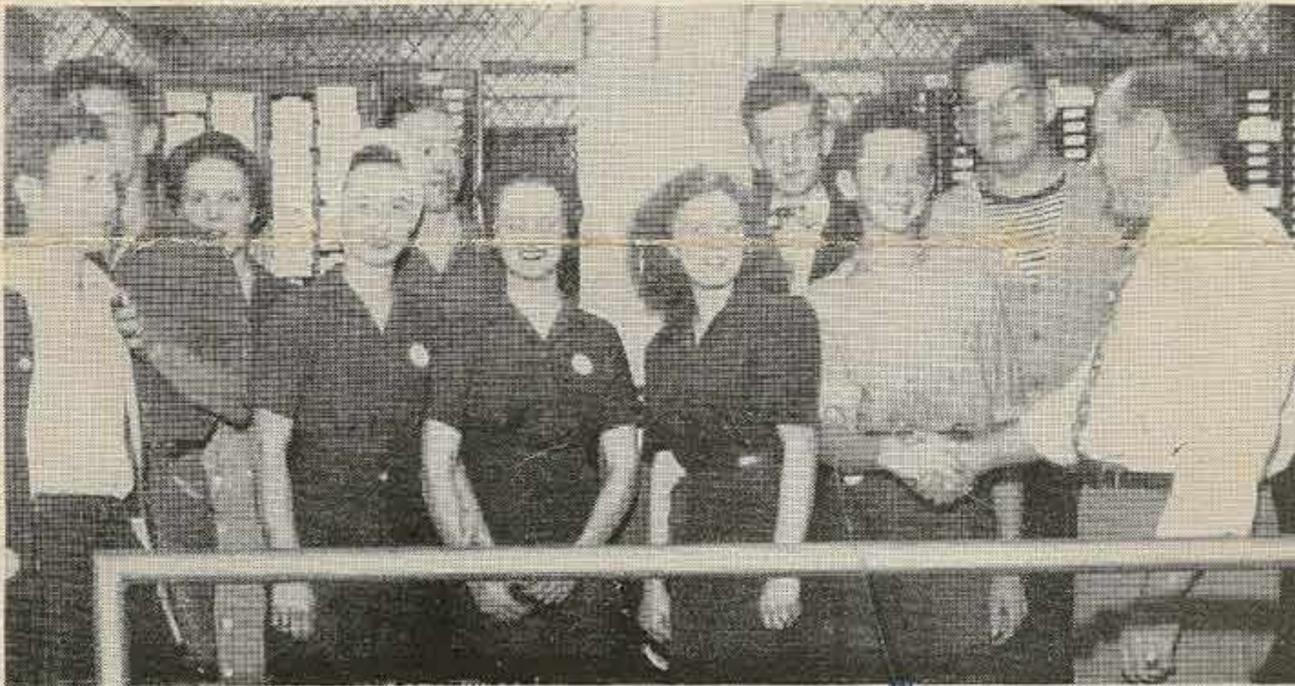
Many Ypsi-Reed Summer Employees Heed Nation's Call To Resume Classroom Work

With the advent of fall, the tolling of the old school bell calls many of our school students out of war industries back into the school room. These young people have been a very great help to the nation's war productive enterprises—more than they probably realize.

Ypsilanti Reed is one of the many companies of this country which were able to increase their production and "put out the goods" with the help afforded by high school and college students who worked during their summer vacations. Ypsilanti Reed is grateful for their help, but we're

glad to know they are leaving us only for the purpose of continuing their education, as our government is asking them to do. We'll be happy to see them back next summer.

About 35 school students left to go back to the classrooms; the accompanying photo shows 10 of them. Fred Culp will go back to Ionia High School to the 10th grade. Harry Hazzard and Dorothy Nielsen will enter the 12th grade at Ionia. Doris McConnell and Janet Lillie, both of whom worked in the Tent Department, are from McBride and will be seniors in the Vestaburg High School. Tom Simon and Alvin Droste will be seniors at Pewamo High School. Three of the students shown will enter college, two as freshmen and one as a sophomore. Dale Hauter, of Saranac, is entering Michigan State and Natalie Jack will enter Central Michigan College of Education, while Richard Linton embarks on his second year at Illinois College at Jacksonville, Ill. Dorothy Nielson, Fred Culp and Dale Hauter worked in the Tent Dept., Tom Simon in the Gun Cover and Alvin Droste in the Experimental Engineering Dept., Natalie Jack and Richard Lintner in the Stockroom, and Harry Hazzard in the Engineering Office. Harry is continuing to work part time.



Barney Hackett, employment manager, says good-bye to some of the school students who worked here this summer. Barney has seen a lot of summers go by, for he's been here since 1923. The students shown are, left to right, Fred Culp, Jr., Thomas Simon, Dorothy Nielson, Doris McConnell, Dale Hauter, Janet Lillie, Natalie Jack, Harry Hazzard, Alvin Droste and Richard Lintner.

## YPSI-REEDERS GET SET FOR WINTER

"Blue points are such a headache," says Genevieve Knickrehm, "that Art and I decided that we'd plant a Victory Garden and can our own vegetables and fruit." Of course, there were a few sleepless nights due to sore muscles from planting and later weeding, but it was worth it, they both agreed, because not only have they a well stocked fruit cellar now but they have helped to do their part in lessening the strain on available supplies of canned goods for civilian consumption.

The morning this picture was taken Genevieve canned 20 quarts of tomatoes and 10 quarts of tomato juice. A visit to her fruit cellar disclosed 24 pints of strawberries, 30 pints of raspberries, 15 quarts of pickles and 14 quarts of peaches.

Like so many Ypsi-Reeders the Knickrehms have found gardening a pleasant and profitable pastime.



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**BRIDAL SHOWER IN JEEP DEPT.**

Above is the scene of a miscellaneous bridal shower given by girls of the Jeep Dept. during Rest Period for Miss Irene Trumble. She received many nice gifts and loads of good wishes. In the picture on the left of Miss Trumble is her father, Ervin Trumble, who works in the Welding Department. On the right, is her mother, who was a guest.

As we go to press, Irene has become the bride of Robert Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Carpenter, of Bronson.

Poor Bob, about the first thing you should do is hide that rolling pin—we don't t-r-u-s-t her.

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

FOR SALE—A-1 Bird Dog, pointer, 4 years old; reasonable. HARRY FELL, Mill Dept.

WANTED TO BUY—Mouth organ in good condition, for service man.

DOROTHY SEATON, Time Office.

CARD OF THANKS—I wish to thank the blood donors, the Jeep Trim Dept., the machine shop, and all the rest of my friends for the things they did for me during my illness.

RICHARD L. WARDEN.

**KYSER-LESLIE WEDDING IS MAJOR SOCIAL EVENT**

Before an altar decorated with baskets of salmon-colored gladioli, Miss Lucille Kyser became the bride of Gayle E. Leslie, Y 2/C of the Navy Seabees. The candle-light ceremony took place at the Methodist Church in Ionia on August 13th, and the double ring service was read by Rev. Dwight Kitch.

The bride wore an ivory satin gown with sweetheart neckline, trimmed with a yoke of seed pearls. The long sleeves tapered to points over the hands and the full skirt ended in an aisle-wide train. She wore a tiara of seed pearls with a fingertip length veil, and carried a bouquet of white gladioli and red rosebuds. The groom wore navy blue.

Their attendants were Miss Helen Sharp, cousin of the bride, who wore an orchid taffeta dress with net overskirt, and Ralph Furman, S 1/C of the U. S. Navy.

After a reception in the church parlors, with ice cream and cake served to about 100 guests, the couple left for a honeymoon at Crystal Lake.

Mrs. Leslie has worked in the office here for over two years. Gayle worked in the stockroom about a year before entering the Seabees. He is now on active duty, somewhere in the South Pacific area.



# YPSI-REED SPORTS

By Mike Wizorek, Sports Editor

On August 22nd, Mitchell's All Stars played Hartley's Wildcats for the Reed Championship. The All Stars defeated the Wildcats in a close, hard-fought ball game, 15-13. Ivan Chance pitching for the All Stars and Laurence Friend pitching for the Wildcats, both turned in a good job. Some spectacular fielding gave the All Stars the edge. Van Dye made a circus catch with the bases loaded in the sixth. Joe Leach in the seventh inning made a running catch of a line drive by Lucas. This bewildered Lucas as well as the Wildcats.

Should we say that Bates Lucas is no longer a second baseman, by the downfall of this decisive ball game, and will be a head-waiter and dish-washer. Well, Bates, don't feel too bad, you will have fourteen others to help you wait on table and wash the dishes when the All Stars are served by the losers. We'll entertain the boys with music and singing.

On Monday, September 4th, playing the Michigan Reformatory, both teams were on even terms for 6 innings. In the 7th, Ypsi-Reed put across 2 runs to clinch the game, but due to an error in the ninth after 2 were out, the Reformatory put



across 2 markers making the game go into extra innings. At the end of the tenth the game had to be called. Dale Johnson pitched and Gerald Wizorek caught for the Reed team while for Michigan Reformatory Douglas was on the mound with Garrett catching. Some spectacular plays were made at home plate and timely hitting by both teams were the highlights of the game.

Ypsilanti Reed defeated Hubbardston Sunday, September 17th, in 11 innings,

by the score of 4 to 3. Dale Johnson pitched a nice game and received good support from his team mates in the field and

at bat. In the eleventh inning Bud Wizorek got on with a single, and Kline walked. Bill Heufeulder saved the day by a nice single out first base line.

After getting off to a slow start the baseball team had a good season, winning 9, losing 4, and tying the Reformatory. Our girls' team also won 2 out of their 5 games.

So, until next summer, our baseball teams are giving way to our alibi bowling teams.



Shown in the photograph above are the members of the baseball team in their new uniforms. Standing in the second row, left to right, are Bill Heufeulder, Ken Johnson, Jack Font, Gordon VanHetloo, Dick Heufeulder, Eugene Van Vleck and Carl Haskins. In the first row, left to right, are Dale Johnson, Gerald Wizorek, Ivan Chance, manager; Clinton Kline, and Dick Kelly.



## WHAT THE WELL DRESSED FOXHOLE OCCUPANT WEARS

Mrs. Edna Ingvarsten is shown modeling a protective bag as worn by soldiers in foxholes for Mrs. Nettie Richardson, left, and Mrs. Fern Nash, right. Protective bags are made from used fats turned in by housewives, and are an important item in the apparel of every jungle fighter.

The bag was brought to Mrs. Nash by her son, Pfc. Warner Nash, when he came home on furlough after two years overseas. Warner is now at Camp Robinson, Ark., teaching jungle warfare.

Mrs. Nash has two other sons, O. Lee, and Sidney, both in the Navy. Mrs. Richardson's son, Vernor, Ph. M. 2/c, is in England, and Mrs. Ingvarsten's son, Pvt. Edwin, is in the South Pacific.



# SERVICE NOTES



Cpl. Marvin Kueck, son of Henry Kueck, has returned to Barksdale, La., after a fifteen day furlough.

Ken Johnson of the Jeep Department received a letter from Avery Hough, who is somewhere in France, who says he is getting the YPSI-DOODLER regularly, and says it seems good to hear of what is happening back in the factory. He remarks that he sees by the paper we still have parties, and that he'll always remember the party they had in the Jeep Department two years ago at Christmas time.

Recently when Pvt. Wilbur Moon, Jr., pictured at bottom of the page, was home on furlough, he and Mrs. Moon visited the plant where both his mother and father are employed in the Jeep Department. Private Moon worked in the spring room for three years and in the upholstering room for two years before entering the U. S. Army. Pvt. Moon received his basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas and is now stationed at Childress Army Air Field, Childress, Texas. He will be an Aviation Cadet on completion of his training at Childress Field.



The accompanying photograph shows Russell Gilmore, S 2/C as he visited some of his old friends in the Machine Shop on a recent furlough. Russell had just completed Boot Training at Camp Bennion, Farragut, Idaho, and is now bound for active duty. He is shown above with Bill Young, who was his great pal in the old days. Russell worked here for 3 years before entering the Navy.



Shown in the photograph above are Homer Mann and his two sons, Melvin, S 2/C on the left and Arthur, Lt. Junior Grade, on the right. Melvin has just finished Boot Training at Camp Bennion, Farragut, Idaho, and expects to see active service. Arthur is stationed in New York, attached to the Navy Yard, and is engaged in magnetic compass adjustment work. He has been in the Navy nearly two years. Homer Mann has worked for Ypsilanti Reed for about 25 years.

Cpl. Harold Nave, formerly of Finish Mill Department paid a visit while on furlough from Alaska.

Mrs. Albert Bennett received a letter from her son, Otis, which says, in part: Received my YPSI-DOODLER yesterday. I was glad to get it, too. It gives some news every month of some of the boys in my class, and a lot of them ahead of it whom I knew quite well. It does me a lot of good to hear some news of the boys. The only trouble is that I don't get the paper often enough. They should print it every week. Guess I am just being selfish though, or else I am just "home news hungry."

Word has been received that Lt. Clifton Miller, missing in action since June 27th, is safe and will be home soon. Lt. Miller was an employee of Ypsilanti Reed and his brother Glenn, is still employed here. His aunt, Mrs. Rose Harding, works in the Finish Department.

## Address Changes Please

When your serviceman's address is changed, please give the new address to any member of the Ypsi-Doodler staff, so that he will get his copy without delay, and we can keep our records accurate.

Shown in the picture below are Wilbur Moon, Sr., Pvt. Wilbur Moon and Mrs. Moon and Mrs. Viola Moon.



## SOCIAL NOTES

Pfc. Jack Joslyn has written his father, Hazen Joslyn, of the Jeep Welding Department that he was recently thrilled to look up at a tarp on the truck he was driving to see that it was made at Ypsi-Reed. With the many truck and tarpaulins in use all over the world he was very thrilled to find the one in use on his truck had been made and shipped from his home town. Jack is serving with the engineers in India.

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On Tuesday, August 22, 1944, Melvin David Bisel celebrated his 43rd birthday anniversary. He was treated in the evening to a homemade birthday cake and ice cream at his home. Melvin works in the Tarp Room, No. 5, on the fifth floor. He has been employed for two years in this department. He runs the large rivet machine. Many more happy birthdays, Melvin, and keep up the good work.

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Nellie Palmer of Orleans, formerly of the Jeep Department was a guest of Golden Hackett now employed in the Jeep Department.

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Ora Thorton, timekeeper for Department 21, is back from his vacation.

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Margie Courser spent her three weeks' vacation from Ferris working in the Jeep Department.



September 15th was the closing date of the Ypsi-Doodler Fishing Contest, with George Spratto taking first prize in the bass group with a 21", 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lb. bass, caught at Long Lake. Arthur Green, of the Engineering Dept., was runner-up with an 16", 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lb. bass, taken out of Morrison Lake. Alice Walker, of the Personnel Dept., was the winner of the bluegill prize, with a fish caught at Clear Lake on the opening day of the season. The accompanying photographs show George and Art with their prize winning fish, and a fine string of fish caught by the Knapps.



Shown in the accompanying photograph examining samples of duck which will be used on tarpaulins that Ypsi-Reed will manufacture for the Russian Government, are Brig. General G. D. Bogoliubov, Russian Liaison Officer to the O.C.O.O. in Detroit, D. R. Mitchell and Charles O. Singer, Chief International Aid. The tarpaulins will serve a vital purpose in the Russian Government as they are not only used as cover but as winterization helps for their people. Due to the extremely cold weather in U.S.S.R., it is imperative to get them before the cold weather sets in. Quoting Mr. Singer: "Anything Ypsi-Reeders can do to get these out in double quick time will be greatly appreciated by the people of the U.S.S.R."

## Reed Elects Officers

Don R. Mitchell, Owosso, was elected President and General Manager of the Ypsilanti Reed Furniture Company at the annual meeting of stockholders and directors held in August. He was president before but was given the additional title of general manager which had not previously been officially assigned.

Ypsilanti Reed in peacetime is one of western Michigan's largest furniture manufacturers. It is now busy on a large war order for which it let sub-contracts some months ago.

Mrs. Helen A. Green, Ionia, widow of former Governor Fred W. Green, was elected chairman of the board of directors.

Other officers, all also re-elected, were: Vice-President and Sales Manager, Edwin J. Houghton, Ionia; Vice-President and Plant Manager, Wilson Dalzell; Treasurer, Arthur E. Brown; Secretary, Miss Lucile Wilson.

# NEW FURNITURE DESIGNS IN PRODUCTION

**Hackberry In Modern Designs, Pioneered Here, Will Be Developed Further**



Ever since the government imposed restrictions on the introduction of new designs, furniture manufacturers have been preparing for the day when these restrictions would be lifted. With victory and peace looming near, these preparations are now being pressed more vigorously. That Ypsilanti has not lagged behind in this important matter is evidenced by the new designs now coming through the pattern shop, one of which is illustrated here. By means of beautiful sketches prepared by our talented designer, Jess Vennell, our sales department has already contacted key accounts throughout the country and won their enthusiastic approval of our projected postwar program. The use of hackberry in modern design, so successfully pioneered by this firm, will be further developed, along with new and eye-appealing patterns in maple. Both rattan and fibre will reappear, newly designed in the modern manner for the summer line.

We are poised at the tape, ready for a flying start when Uncle Sam gives the signal.

Shown in the accompanying photograph are Norton Greenhoe and Ernest Wheeler, both of whom have worked in the pattern shop for many years, and have seen many new and different designs go through the shop.

## SOCIAL NOTES

Lee Roberts, pipe shop employee, spent his vacation in Muskegon.

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Griff Adams of tent sewing machine mechanics had a week's vacation at Morrison Lake.

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William Whitlock, of the Welding Department, was out of work for a time because of a minor operation.

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The girls of Department 41 and 42 miss Henry Knapp very much, since he was transferred. He was always ready to fix or tear apart their sewing machines.

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On September 14th, the girls of the bus department gave a party for Dick Crittenden, who celebrated his 57th birthday. He was presented with a gift, and Jessie Martin baked a cake for the occasion. We know the cake was good, because we had a sample. Dick wants the girls to know that he really appreciated it.

Beverly Ernest, Margaret Jones, and Pat Kilduff are the newest additions to the office employee roster. Margaret and Pat are both Ionia girls and Beverly comes from Fenwick.

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Vance Kauffman reports that Adelbert Swain, of the Tent Department, caught a catfish in Grand River with a full bar of Lux soap in its stomach. Del says his wife will stand by him, because she saw the soap, too, but John Stair claims he lost the soap and wants it back.

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We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Pfc. Leslie Kunzi, who was killed in action in France on August 7th. Mr. and Mrs. Kunzi have been faithful employees at Ypsilanti Reed for some time.

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Morton Underhill has resigned his work in the Tarp Department to manage a farm near Morley.

A daughter, Sandra Kay, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harp on August 11. Mr. Harp recently received his boot training at the Great Lakes Naval Station and spent a nine day furlough with his wife and infant daughter. Before entering service, Bob was employed in the Tarp Department.

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Henry Shalfoe of Mill Department spent a week's vacation at Blue Lake. He was accompanied by his wife, Lena, of the Sewing Department.

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You know the old saying, "Seeing is Believing?" Today, we wonder—for on a Saturday night we chanced to see Clinton Kline eating crackers and milk—also, Bill Cooper, all dressed up and with a hat on.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hull on August 22nd, a daughter, Phyllis Jean. Russell is employed in the Cargo Department.