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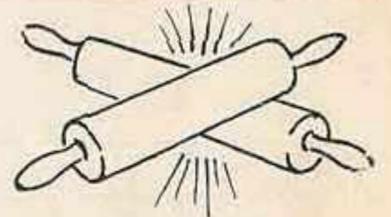
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HONEYMOON PARADE



Right: Jimmy Banhagel and his bride, the former Shirley Thomas, as they leave the church. They were married June 9th at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Ionia. Jim is assistant foreman in the Tent Dept.



Below: Andy Repik, and the new Mrs. Repik, the former Lucy White, cut the wedding cake at the breakfast. Andy has been in the Millroom for 12 years.



Above: S/Sgt. Edward Wiczorek, U.S.M.C., and Miss Genevieve Gauthier were married June 2nd at SS. Peter and Paul Church in Ionia. S/Sgt. Wiczorek is the son of Ed and Minto Wiczorek, both Ypsi Reed employees, and Genevieve is the daughter of Aldema Gauthier who works in the Welding Room.



Left: Miss Jane McKendry became the bride of Thomas Minard on June 8th. They were married in Hastings, Mich., by Rev. Burkey. Jane is employed in the time study office and Tom is foreman of our Curtain Department.

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FOURTH OF JULY

In these years of war, this holiday takes on a new and significant meaning—a meaning that was always there, but has sometimes been lost track of in the easy, peaceful eras through which this nation of ours has passed. Liberty was not a gift; it was won at tremendous sacrifice. It was held most dear by those stalwart men and women who gave our nation its birth of freedom. How nearly we came to losing that hard-won freedom in the recent fateful years history may never record. But of this we are certain: the fighting men who won the Battle of Germany, who took Iwo Jima and Okinawa, and whose path will lead to the innermost sanctums of the Imperial Palace in Tokyo before they're through—they know the meaning of freedom, and the cost! Let us be mindful of that here at home—constantly!

PICNIC COMMITTEE REPORTS



Again the employees of Ypsi Reed are going to enjoy one of those rip-roaring, old pre-war picnics! There will be games, contests, races, etc., for youngsters, and not-so-youngsters, men and women.

What's the date and place of this fun-raising day? July 14th's the date and the Fairgrounds is the place. The picnic committee, as we go to press does not have the final plans laid nor all the sub-committees selected, but somebody's got to see that everything goes off well. So if you're asked to serve on a committee, say "Why sure, glad to."

The above photograph shows the Picnic General Committee, as they begin to line up the festivities. Seated, left to right are: Jim Roberts, Larry Reister, and George Spratto. Standing, left to right are: Roy Crowner, Frank Morse, Lyle Ball and Leon Lockwood, Sr.

BOND DRIVE A SUCCESS

It wasn't a photo finish—it was "over the top" for Ypsi-Reeders in their purchases of Bonds in this "The Mighty Seventh Bond Drive." Our quota was met and we can be justly proud that we have not shirked our duty to our fighting men. With the thought in mind that the money we have invested in Bonds in this and other drives will help to bring the curtain down on the land of the "Rising Sun," everyone seemed determined to go the limit.

(Left to right) E. Ayers, who has two sons in service. One son who has been a prisoner of war in German camp Stalag No. 4 was expected home the day this picture was taken. Another son is a Marine. He is now in California after a year and a half of duty in the Pacific. Althea Haag also has a son in the Signal Service in Italy. Max Smith, Steward in the Tarp Department and Rose Rammacher who has had four sons in service.



JOB EVALUATION BEING MADE IN PLANT

For the past month, operations in the plant have been analyzed to determine the degree of skill, effort, responsibility, etc., in relation to other jobs in the plant. The purpose of classifying each job is to set occupational differences on the basis of a detailed analysis of the job requirements.

Job Evaluation provides a means for arriving at a relationship between jobs within a department or in other departments. It avoids differences in wage levels between departments for similar work, thus avoiding over or under-payment of jobs with relation to one another. A basis for the adjustment of occupational wages which are definitely out of line is provided.

Among the factors which are considered by Mr. W. H. Murphy, a representative of the Donald H. Sunderlin Organization, Merritt Ketner, representing the Union, and LeRoy Godden, representing the management, in evaluating a job, are: amount of responsibility the job entails, time required to learn the job, actual knowledge of the job, job skill, and mental requirements of the job.



Shown above, left to right, are Mr. Murphy, Herb Holloway, Ray Crowner, Merritt Ketner, and LeRoy Godden. Mr. Holloway operates a Mattison wood turning lathe. He has been a member of the Ypsi-Reed family since 1919 and drives in from Portland every day.

REVISIONS MADE IN UNION CONTRACT



The contract signing shown above includes the top committee and the company representatives. Seated, left to right, they are: Wilson Dalzell, Lyle Ball, Louisa Rich, and Leon Lockwood, Sr. Standing, left to right, are Harold Howe, Donald Ferguson, Merritt Ketner, Alma Kennedy, and Ray Crowner.

The photograph at left shows an annual happening at Ypsi-Reed—the signing of the contract between the management and Local 420, U.F.W.A.-C.I.O.

Some of the revisions included an improved vacation clause, wherein one week's vacation with pay is given for one to five years' service, and 2 week's vacation with pay is given for over 5 years of employment. The minimum wage clause now provides for the same minimum rate for piece workers as with day-work. Another important revision was the reinstatement of the 5-minute wash-up period before the lunch hour and quitting time.

Lyle Ball, president of the local chapter, remarked that all during the negotiations the relationship was of the very best, and "we agreed mutually on all of the new clauses that were put into the contract."

SUMMER SPORTS REVIEW

By MIKE WIZOREK



Shown above are the winners! Standing, left to right, are: Lawrence Getts, Kenneth Claycomb, Royce Merrill, Ivan Clark, Hans Christensen, Ambrose Greening, Alvin Northedge, Harding DePotty, Bates Lucas. Front Row: Leon Kuhtz, Elbert Harwood, Paul Warden, Ivan Chance, John Crisman, and Ralph Blesing.

On Wednesday, June 13th, Crisman's Outcasts played Burrow's Hellcats. I guess there was some misunderstanding as to just what game was supposed to be played because the Hellcats let the Outcasts get seven runs in the first inning which proved fatal for the Hellcats. As the game ended the Outcasts won with the comfortable margin of six runs, the final score being 8 to 2.

The first inning had all the thrills that could be expected in a baseball game. One of the highlights of the game was a home run by Ron Burrows—but due to the fact that Umpire Haskins got some dirt in his eyes, Ron was called out. Ron was running so fast that he was well on his way to the horse barns, when the ball reached home plate. (But as I say Umpire

Haskins claims he got dirt in his eyes.) This play was protected by "Skeeter" Lockwood who also made some fancy catches of line drives. Ivan Chance had home plate covered by a "brick wall" (John Crisman) and as Bill Smith tried to slide into home plate he crashed into this chunk of humanity. "Bill" still can't be convinced that he wasn't hit by a train.

All that noise emitting from around first base came from Paul Warden while across the diamond Leon Kuhtz guarded third base and did a fine job. The question was asked "Who is that man in short left field with the basket?" The answer to that query is—none other than Bates Lucas. Ralph Blesing played left center only Ralph carried a bushel with him. Hans Christensen and Al Harwood did a

lot of healthy swinging at the plate. Ivan Chance is looking for a plank but A. Greening and A. Northedge were looking for L. Getts and H. DePotty and R. Merrill found them in the hay.

From where I stood it looked as though the Outcasts had a whole squadron on the diamond and it is a mystery to me how the Hellcats could even drop a ball in the field.

Famous last words for this game came from G. Nagosky who loudly proclaimed "We were out numbered 15 to 10." Ray Reister was heard saying "What the devil were we playing?"

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Sunday, June 11th Ypsi-Reed Baseball team played Carson City at the Bertha Brock Park. For 8 1/2 innings Ypsi-Reed had their own way leading 2 to 0. Then things happened and due to a misplay Carson City put three runs across the plate. Johnson allowed but three hits, Ypsi-Reed gathered seven.

FINAL SCORE

Carson City 3 Ypsi-Reed 2

Sunday, June 17, Ypsi-Reed journeyed to Blanchard. From all reports Blanchard has one of the best semi-pro baseball teams in this vicinity, having both power and speed. However, Ypsi-Reed had what it takes getting one run in the fifth which seemed like a small margin. Johnson had a blazing fast ball mixed with curves and had the hard hitting Blanchard team under control. While Ypsi-Reed's team proved too much hitting power, D. Heufelder got a tremendous triple with one runner on base and before Blanchard fully recovered from this barrage of hits three runs crossed the plate.

FINAL SCORE

Ypsi-Reed 5 Blanchard 0

Batteries for Ypsi-Reed: Johnson, Potruff and Wizorek.

Batteries for Blanchard: Sandbrooks and Gates.



IT'S FISHING CONTEST TIME AGAIN

Prizes will again be awarded for the biggest bass, the biggest pike, the biggest perch, and the biggest bluegill. \$50.00 will be divided equally among all four classes with \$12.50 for each class. We would like to have pictures of your fish for the paper. However, if you cannot get a picture taken, bring the fish to the Police Desk, and one of the patrolmen will measure and weigh it, and vouch for your honesty. Entry blanks will be obtainable at the Police Desk. Entries will close September 4th, the day after Labor Day.

... SOCIAL NOTES ...

Margie Courser is spending her vacation from Ferris Institute working back at her old job in the Jeep Dept.

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Mrs. Chris Schrauben of the Tent Dept. is taking a leave of absence for the summer months.

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Our loud speaker system takes laughs across the ocean. As one mother has been writing the "dessert of the day" to her son, he replies "That must be quite a thing. We have all laughed over the little jokes you've repeated to us."

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Mary Peabody has received word that her husband, who has been in Germany 1½ years, is back in the good old U.S.A.

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Ambrose Greening received his high school diploma with the class of 1945. He went to work during the first World War and did not get back to complete his high school course. While living in Detroit, he went to night school and after he came to Ionia took extension courses from the University of Michigan under the supervision of the Ionia High School to complete his credits. We think that Mr. Greening is to be commended in the persistence of his efforts.

Hattie Stair, Bonnie Calkins, and Ray Reed, all of the Tent Dept., wish to thank all of their friends for kindnesses shown during recent illnesses.

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Friends of Marguerite Mason and Letha Candiff showered them with cards in honor of their birthdays. Others of the Tent Dept. celebrating birthdays during the month of roses were Vera Basom and Edna Meyers.

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As George Schmaltz turned in his time from the Jeep Dept., he explained, "Someone must raise this food for Victory."

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Bessie LaDue won the five dollar door prize given at the last regular Union meeting.

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On May 24, 1945, wedding bells rang for Miss Edna M. Priest, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alzie Priest of South Ionia. She became the bride of Louis E. Meyers, S 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Meyers of Lyons. Rev. Woolcock of Ionia read the marriage service, and the couple was attended by Miss Geraldine Gates and Sgt. Frederick Meyers. Mrs. Meyers works in the Tent Dept. and Seaman 1/c Meyers was last stationed at Norfolk, Va.

George Krywanski, whom you met in the May "Ypsi-Reeders You Should Know," has been in the hospital for an operation, and returned home a couple of weeks ago.

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Willard Bell, employed in the Machine Shop and a discharged veteran of World II, has been selected as one of four members from the Ionia Company of the Michigan State Troops to act as chauffeur at the Governors' Conference at Mackinac Island July 1-4. Governors of all the states will attend this conference, and President Truman is expected to attend. Willard, while in the regular Army, drove an ambulance in the medical corps at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

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We express our deepest sympathy to Ray Rathburn whose mother passed away recently.

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Mrs. Agnes Joslyn, who is under treatment at the Sunshine Sanitorium in Grand Rapids, writes to express her appreciation for the cards and letters she has been receiving. She says the bright spot of the day is when the mail is delivered, and she would like to hear from her friends here.



The recently organized Servicemen's Wives Club has a number of girls from the Reed on its roll-call. This club was very active during the recent bond auction, soliciting merchants for "bait" for the rally. The girls are shown with the contribution made by Ypsilanti Reed—a maple chair. Left to right, they are: Lorraine Herald, Tept Dept.; Pat Oyler, Curtain Dept.; Jackie Skinner, Tent Dept.; Joyce Hauserman, Tent Dept., and Lilliam Hyler, Tarp Dept.



The girls from the office had a picnic the other night. The girls ate hamburgs and potato salad and the mosquitoes ate the girls. Afterwards, Nell Brown's Wild Geese defeated Wilma Merithew's Hunters in a softball game by the score of 20 to 4. Included in the photograph above are: Genevieve Knickrehm, Dorothy Beach, Dorothy Glasson, Ethel Melvin, Beverly Earnest, Jean Lower, Ida Kunzi, Florence Wilder, Ethel Hecht, Ardith Harris, Nell Brown, Gladys Ketchum, Wilma Merithew, Hazel Hawkins, Helen Faulkner, Virginia Zick, Bernice Hammond, Doris Dancer, Pat Kilduff, Edith Fisher, Veneta MacDonald, and Lucille Leslie.



SERVICE PARADE



"What do I want?" "I just want to get home and stay home!" This was the expression of Ray Moorhead when he visited the plant recently. Ray who is a MoMM 2/c has been in the Navy since February, 1941. He has participated in nine major battles and was aboard the U.S.S. Hornet when it was sunk. Ray has had duty on a destroyer, aircraft carrier and transports. His work is on deisel engines.

This is Ray's first furlough home since the birth of his son and they are having a great time getting acquainted.

Shown in the accompanying photograph are Ray Moorhead MoMM 2/c, Ray's mother, Mrs. Florence Moorhead who works in the Cargo Body Department packing small parts for shipment with the cargo bodies. Ray's father is an employee at the County Garage.



Gilbert DeLine, son of Harvey DeLine of the Millroom, was home on a twenty-one day furlough. Gilbert is in the Navy and has been in the South Pacific for the past year an a half.

Sam Stowell, a former employee, was home on a three-day pass and has now gone to the Pacific area. Sam is an armed guard on a merchant ship and has made several trips to Germany.

WAVE Genevieve Foreman, Mess Cook of Naval WAVE Barracks at Washington, D. C., visited her aunt, Berdie Burlingame of the Curtain Department.

Another former employee visitor was Rowley Nelson who reports "What a thrill I got out of that little paper way across the world. They were pleasant memories."

We've been seeing lots of smiles from Zava Smejkal of the Curtain Dept. and the reason is her husband, Pvt. Edward Smejkal is home on a 70-day furlough from Percy Jones Hospital.

Gaylord Courter, employed in the Curtain Dept. has left for training with the Coast Guard.

We were all rejoicing with Mrs. Emma Bensinger when she received word from her son Bill, who has been a prisoner in Germany since October 9, 1944. The telegram read "Save your red points, I'll be seeing you soon."

Keith Stebbins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Stebbins, left for service in the Marines on June 12th. Will Stebbins is a sewing machine mechanic.

Fred Culp, Jr., former employee of the Tent Dept. has arrived at the Great Lakes Training Center, according to his mother, Evelyn, also of the Tent Dept.

Loyd Dye, son of Van and Frances Dye, and a former stockboy in the Curtain Dept. has joined the Navy to see the world.

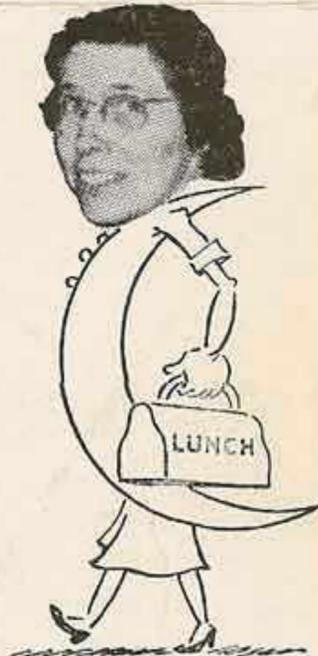
YPSI-REEDERS YOU SHOULD KNOW

"The Moon Sisters"

Lula and Nina Moon have been at Ypsilanti Reed for many "moons." Both now work in the Curtain Dept. Lula started in the Upholstering Dept. in 1925 and Nina started in the weaving room in 1923, moving later to the Upholstering Dept.



LULA (FULL) MOON

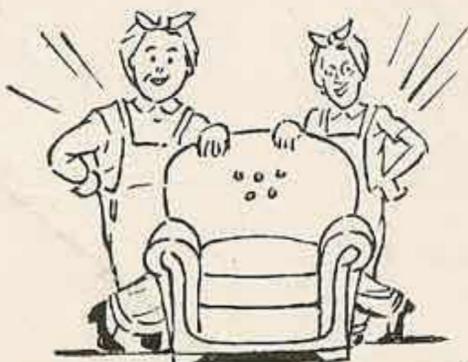


NINA (HALF) MOON



"A GOOD MAN IS HARD TO FIND"

"MOONIN LOW"



"KNOW THEIR STUFF" Especially Upholstery