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## "ALL WORK AND NO PLAY" ... LOOK!

*Ypsi-Reeders and Their Families Enjoy Rip-Roaring Picnic at Fairgrounds*



The photograph at the top shows 1600 people who partook of the noon dinner in the Automobile Building. It was at this time that the 10 prizes were given for lucky numbers. In the circle above is Norman Myers photographed with his prize in the Greased Pig Contest. Jim Roberts, judge of the event, is shown helping him hold down those pork chops. The women proved that they were good back-seat drivers in the Mixed Wheelbarrow Race, pictured above at right, and the men had a lot of patience to endure the clay facials.

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**GETTING OUT THE "YPSI-DOODLER"**

Getting out a paper is no picnic.  
If we print jokes, folks say we are silly.  
If we don't, we are too serious.  
If we publish original matter, they say we lack variety.  
If we publish things from other papers, we are too lazy to write.  
If we don't print contributions, we don't show proper appreciation.  
If we do print them, the paper is filled with junk.  
Like as not some fellow will say we purloined this from another paper.  
We did—and we thank him.  
—The "Reporter."



Among those who took part in the WOMEN'S 25-YARD DASH were: the winner Helen Pike, shown out in front, Janice Hackett, Alice Walker, Beverly Earnest, Margaret Dean, Nell Brown and Mrs. Les Shellenberger.



The BOYS' EGG THROWING CONTEST proved that the sons of Ypsi-Reeders show the same skill as their parents when it comes to tossing and catching eggs. This group of potential Reed workers shows great promise, don't you think?



The CHILDREN'S PENNY SCRAMBLE was really a free-for-all. Looking for bright shiny pennies in the tall grass was as bad as looking for the proverbial needle in the haystack. However, the kids were a little richer after the contest than when they entered.



Shown above are the PRIZE COMMITTEE with the products they solicited from Ionia County merchants. Left to right, they are: Peg Goodemoot, Lawrence Friend, Bernard Smith, Mike Wizorek, Gus Gott, Florence Wilder, and Katherine Lincoln.

# ★ A PAGE OF PICNIC PICTURES ★

*Just A Few Of The Many Highlights Of The Day*



The men of "Gabby" Warden's and "Tiny" Dickinson's TUG OF WAR teams are really in there pulling for the prize—a case of wine. Tiny's teams pulled the hardest, and won the coveted award.



The egg-throwing contests seemed to be the biggest event of the day. Even the women insisted upon entering that. They showed just as much skill as the men, too, attaining as great distances before scrambling the eggs down the fronts of them.



Here are some of the spectators watching the sand-bag throwing contest. Among those shown at right are Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Don R. Mitchell and Mr. H. L. Hartley, who seem to be enjoying the contest as much as contestants.



The Girls' Sack Race just went to show it surely was a great day for the younger generation, and they showed a nice spirit of sportsmanship.



When the food was ready, everybody appeared as if by magic. It was an orderly crowd, and the food, soft drinks and coffee were plentiful.

# SPORTS

By MIKE WIZOREK

With the defeat of the Basch Jewelers of Grand Rapids as the highlight of the annual picnic, the Ypsilanti Reed baseball team has concluded 14 games thus far this season against stellar opposition that included aggregations representing Blanchard, Hubbardson, Grand Valley Packing, the Reformatory "Indians," Carson City, Vermontville, Motor Wheel and Van's Hardware of Lansing. Each game was a hard-fought contest with the Ypsilanti Reed usually emerging the victor by a run or two.

The game with Basch Jewelers was a nip-and-tuck battle that kept the spectators in a fever of excitement right to the thrilling finish with Ypsilanti Reed on the right end of the 3 to 2 score.

Dale Johnson pitched a superb brand of ball for the local "nine" and well-deserved the win. The crowning play of the battle was Gerald "Peanuts" Wizorek's homer that put the game on ice. Other topnotch performances were contributed by Dick Heufelder, shortstop, and Jim Miller on first base.

The game was a memorable one for "Peanuts" Wizorek because he's been called up for Uncle Sam's Army and the home runs he makes from now on will score against the Japs.



Shown above is the baseball team just before defeating Basch Jewelers of Grand Rapids in the crowning event of the picnic. First row, left to right, are Dale Johnson, Ken Johnson, and Peanuts Wizorek. Second row, left to right: Don Dingman, Clinton Kline, Dick Heufelder, Red VanVleck, Jim Miller, Carl Haskins. Back row, left to right: Bill Heufelder, Richard Dingman, Dick Pottruff, Ivan Chance, manager, and Mike Wizorek, who umpired the game.

The skies threatened to erupt at any minute throughout the contest, but the deluge fortunately held off until a min-

ute or two after the last man was out in the ninth.

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Just as a matter of record, Ypsi-Reed put two feminine softball teams into the field as part of the annual picnic and the office girls' team whipped the factory girls' team by a score of 11 to 7.

But to let the records stop right there would not be fair to all concerned. Maybe better softball games have been played (no snickering, please, you fellows!), but certainly few more interesting ones.

True, the rules of the game were adhered to pretty much but any resemblance to the sport from that point on was purely co-incidental.

It was all in good fun, and fun it was. It was a three ring circus from start to finish and the players themselves enjoyed the frolic as much as the spectators.

Everything happened, and sometimes all at once. But the lassies did themselves proud. They played hard and loose (loose in this case meaning "free and easy").

Injuries were minor and about as well-scattered as the hits. It must also be reported, in all fairness, that the girls are still speaking to each other.



The office girls' softball team, shown above, defeated the factory girls by a score of 11 to 7 in the morning game July 14th. The players were, bottom row, left to right, Margaret Dean, Jane Minard, Kay Killion, Beverly Earnest, Ethel Melvin, Mary Ciganick. Back row: Ivan Chance, coach; Wilma Merithew, captain; Nell Brown, manager; Ardith Harris, Hazel Hawkins, Marguerite Clark, Arleen Sharp, Joyce Stanton, Janice Donalson, Elaine Misner, and Bernice Hammond.

# • • • SOCIAL NOTES • • •



In the photograph above at left are shown a few who attended the "Farewell to Jeep" party given by Mr. and Mrs. Eric Wendland at their home. Left to right, standing, are Ada North, Joan Elliott, Jane Monks, Jennie Wendland, Leta Wheeler, and Viola Moon. Seated are Ethel Allen and Elsie Monks. Those attending the party, besides the group shown above, were Elsie Waidelick, and son, Emma Bensinger, Myrtle Krueger, Dedie Hoople, Opal Wight, Ethel Christopher, Reva Fancett, Golden Hackett, and Katherine Lincoln. The cake sent by Bessie LaDue had a miniature Jeep set in the center. The evening was spent playing Bunco and prizes were won by Emma Bensinger and Ethel Christopher.

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Among those accepting the invitation to attend "Ionia Night" to see the Grand Rapids Chicks play ball, were Fred Barnes, Ralph Blesing, Bill Allison, Eloise Phelps, Reva Fancett, Lyle Ball, Bernard Griffin, Katherine Lincoln, Leo Sweet, Clinton Kline, Ivan Clark, and Earle Berli.

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We all know that it's hard to get soap, but we never thought it would be necessary to use chicken feathers, as one girl did. How about this, Mary?

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Larry Reister did all right for himself with his first speech over the microphone at our picnic. May be he should help Lock.

Ypsi-Reeders will probably enjoy more than the general public, the exhibit of Ypsilanti Reed's war production to be shown in the Automobile Building at the Free Fair.



Virginia Zick spent a week of her vacation in Detroit and Lucille Leslie sunned herself at Grand Haven. Both girls are employed in the office.

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Did you hear knees knocking July 10th? Well, that was Dale Johnson, Frank Miller, and Peanuts Wizorek, who were still shaking with fright after taking part in the spook show.

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We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Maude Murphy, whose father passed away recently.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED TO BUY: New or Used Lawnmower in good condition.  
Gilbert Nagosky, Cost Dept.

CARD OF THANKS: I am deeply grateful to everyone who so generously contributed toward the gift of money sent me. Also the C.I.O. for the beautiful plant sent me while I was in the hospital.  
George Krywanski.

CARD OF THANKS: I wish to thank the C.I.O. for the beautiful plant and Departments 41 and 42 for the fruit they sent me during my recent illness.  
Art Hansbarger.

CARD OF THANKS: I wish to express my thanks to the Reed Department for the housecoat and jacket and to all the other friends who contributed towards the gift of money.

Agnes Joslyn.

Miss Jean Todd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Colon Todd, became the bride of Gaylord Lower, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lower in a pretty ceremony in the S. S. Peter and Paul Church in Ionia, on Saturday morning, June 23, 1945, at 9 o'clock. The photograph is above at the right.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a floor length ivory faille dress with nylon yoke. She wore an aisle wide train with finger tip veil. She carried orchids on a white prayer book tied with white satin ribbon streamers. She wore a single strand of pearls, gift of the groom.

Mrs. Shirley Murphy, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a yellow floor length brocaded chiffon over taffeta dress, with a matching yellow hat. Miss Marjorie Todd, sister of the bride, and Miss Patricia Kilduff, close friend, wore blue floor length dresses with matching blue hats. They carried colonial bouquets, tied with white satin ribbons.

Phillip Lower attended his brother as best man.

Alvin Schrauben and Joe Schindorf were ushers.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents for 100 friends and relatives.

The couple left on a week's trip to Northern Michigan and are residing at 628 W. Main for the present.

Mrs. Lower is employed in the planning dept. for Ypsi-Reed and will continue her work.

Mr. Lower is employed in a garage on his father's farm.

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Minto Wiczorek is on a 30-day sick leave. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Minto.

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Shown in the photograph at right are Nellie Comer, who sews on Navy gun covers, and Carl Halloway, Chief Pharmacist's Mate, who was home recently on leave. Halloway is the son of Herb Halloway, of the mill room. Carl has been in the Navy for 10 years and took part in six invasions in the Pacific area. He wears the Good Conduct Medal, the American Defense Ribbon with one battle star, the SW. Pacific Ribbon with three battle stars, and the American Theatre Ribbon. He has served on an aircraft carrier, a heavy cruiser, of the Portland class, and an LSD3, on which he went abroad the day it was commissioned in 1943. Upon the completion of his leave, he joined a new ship and embarked again upon active duty.



Lyle W. North, of Orleans, Mich., pictured above, was graduated from recruit training as honor man of his company at the U.S. Naval Training Center at Great Lakes. North was elected a candidate by fellow Bluejackets and selected as honor man by his company commander on the basis of military aptitude and progress. Prior to joining the Navy he was employed as a welder here at Ypsilanti Reed. His mother, Ada North, is an inspector on the third floor.

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Touring the plant and visiting with Clarke Holliday was Pvt. Robert White, of Sheridan, now stationed at Camp Maxie, Texas.

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Loyd V. Dye has arrived at Sampson, N. Y., for his Boot Training.

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Pfc. Jack Pomerville, writes us he is sleeping in our tents somewhere in France.

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Pvt. Leslie Johnson, stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala., was called home on an emergency furlough because of the death of his step-mother, Vernice Johnson, who worked in the Tent Dept.

YPSI-REEDERS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Erwin (Shorty) Reed*

"Shorty" Reed's main ambition in life is to make people happy—whether it's by telling a little story, or fixing up a sewing machine, or making up a little gadget to make the work easier. He has an infectious grin, and when he starts flashing those ivories around, maybe telling a big fish story, everybody cheers up. Erwin has been with us since 1933.

