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YPSILANTI EXHIBIT ATTRACTS THOUSANDS

OUR FREE FAIR DISPLAY RECEIVES WIDE ACCLAIM

Ypsilanti's exhibit at the fair was the most elaborate and comprehensive that the firm has yet shown and was viewed by admiring throngs throughout the entire week. The fine murals forming the background added much to the effectiveness of the display. Interest seemed to be equally divided between the three sections, the men perhaps being inclined to linger longer over the station wagon bodies and bus seats, while the colorful recreation room furniture group brought forth the "Ohs" and "Ahs" of the feminine contingent. For some reason the men seemed more interested when their eyes lighted on the bars and bar supplies.

The display was of great value in acquainting fair visitors with the nature and extent of Ypsilanti's operations, and contributed its share to a very successful fair.



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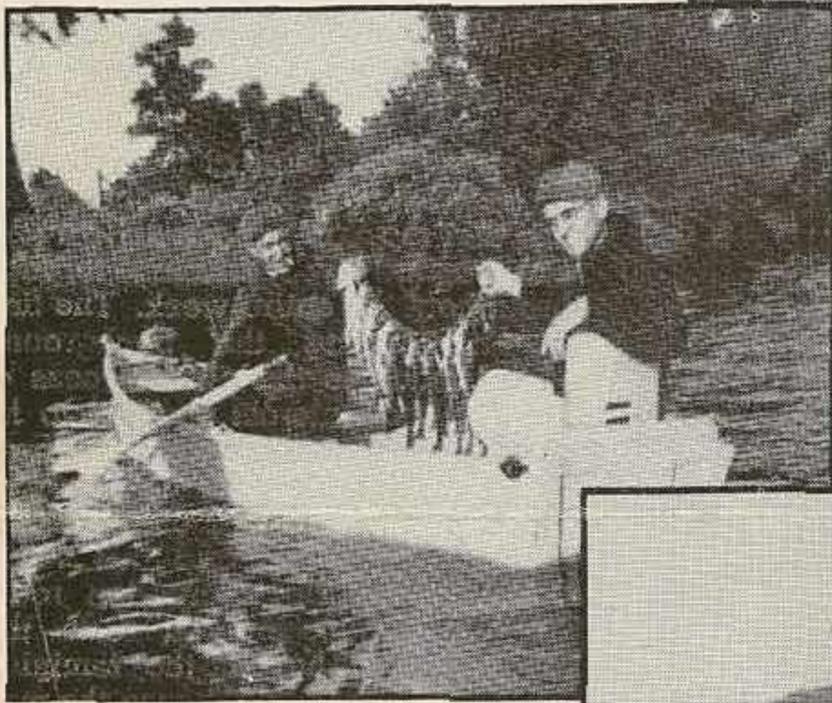
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VACATION HIGHLIGHTS



Having as much fun as the kids is Hattie Kosbar, of the Bus Sewing Department, pictured above on the merry-go-round with Betty Lou Teichmann and Arlene Kosbar.

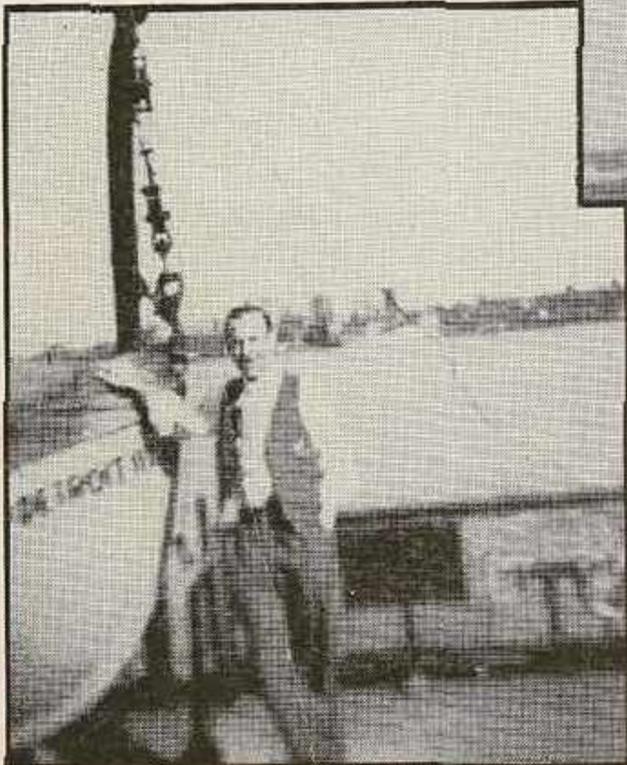


Pictured above, left to right: George Spratto, Bus Department, and his brother, Ernest, making the most of their vacation.



Above, Frank Hall, of the Engineering Bus Trim, proudly displays his catch of the day.

Pictured below: "We're tired of looking at the machinery," say Frank Decker, Station Wagon Metal Finish Department; James Townsend, 4th Floor Station Wagon Stockroom; Harold Ruehs, Final Assembly Station Wagon; and John Crisman, of the Machine Shop.



Pictured at left is Dick Lincoln aboard a passenger boat heading for Buffalo.



YPSILANTI WORKERS ENJOY FREE FAIR



Pictured at left, "Waiting for the train to pull out," are Frank Hoppough, garage mechanic, and his family. Too bad, Frank, it had to go around in circles.



Pictured above, "The pause that refreshes." Francis Michelson, of the Station Wagon Department, and family.

Pictured at right, "Birds of a feather..." L. W. Lockwood and Barney Hackett paid a visit to the poultry exhibit.



Pictured below, "Looking it over" are George Bartlett, of the Machine Shop, Leona Bartlett, of Department 30, Helen Cottrell, of Department 30, and Vic Cottrell of the Bus Seat Department.



Pictured above, Clay White, of the Metal Paint Department, Mrs. White, seated, and two admirers of his exhibition in the floral building. Mr. White says, "Let my honey-bee."





BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

A surprise birthday party, and we do mean surprise, was held in Laurence Friend's office when a group of men got together during the rest period of August 6th for a little chat and lunch consisting of cake, sandwiches and tea. Tom Dub presented Mr. Friend with a bowling ball which was a gift from the group, and now it will be impossible for Laurence to quit bowling as was once rumored. This indicates good bowling for you in the coming season! This bowling ball was presented to Laurence as a small indication of the high regard in which he is held by his co-workers. Pictured above are Harold Rowland, Ollie Hoover, Ted Succop, Van Dye, Mike Wizorek, Art Randall, Leon Pierce, Art Knickrehm, Paul Warden, George Spratto, Gus Gott, Frank Worth, Blaine Laden, Gus Martin, Norton Greenhoe, Frank Hall, Elmer McClow, Laurence Friend and Tom Dub. Walt Luedecke and Gus Hoffman were unable to attend.

FISHING CONTEST NEWS

During the past month many entries for our fishing contest have been turned in. It seems that the month of August is when the big Pike meet their doom, especially when Bird Woodard dangles his line in the water. Bird has entered a 12-pound pike, 37½" long, which is going to be hard to beat. This "whale" was caught on Snows Lake August 8th. The contest ended Sept. 3rd. Prize winners will be announced in the next issue of "The Ypsi-Doodler."

SPORTS

By DICK WARDEN

The baseball team journeyed to Grand Rapids to play in the state tournaments and was eliminated in the first two games. In the first game we were defeated by Zeeland in a close contest by a score of 9-8. Ypsi outhit Zeeland but were jittery and made a lot of errors. The second game was played with a strong Grand Haven team and we were defeated by the score of 11-3. Our fielding came around better but our hitting was poor. The team made only 5 hits off Grand Haven's pitcher.

In the game the Sunday before the tournament, Ypsi was defeated in a closely fought game by Grand Rapids Seaters, 5-4. The Seaters came from behind in the last inning to win the ballgame. In Ypsi's half of the ninth, with the bases loaded and two out, Ypsi failed to score and lost the game by one run.

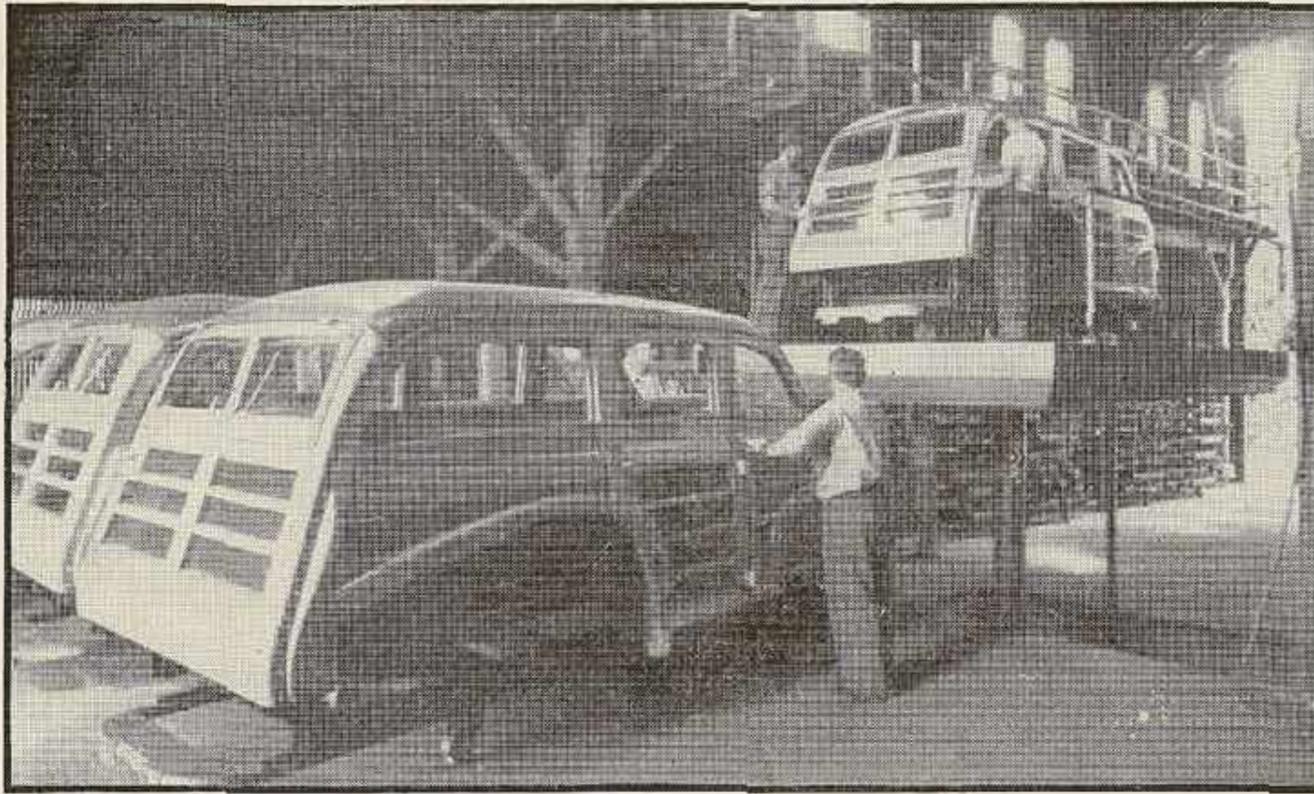
The game with Portland which was played at the County Park turned out better, with Ypsi defeating them, 10-5. Ypsi collected 15 hits off Portland pitchers.

The game with St. Johns was a runaway for Ypsi, the score being 21-9. Warden pitched the first 5 innings and was relieved by Dick Heufelder who finished the game. He complained the next morning when he got out of bed and went to stretch that he thought his arm was broken.

We will leave off now with baseball and Heufelder's broken arm and go to the Old Men's Softball. John Crisman's Bulldozers are leading the field with six wins and two defeats. "Curly" Haskins' Tornadoes are second with six wins and three defeats.

Less Shellenbarger's Electronics are third with four wins and five defeats. Mike Wizorek's Dynamiters have blown out a fuse and are in last place with one win and seven setbacks.

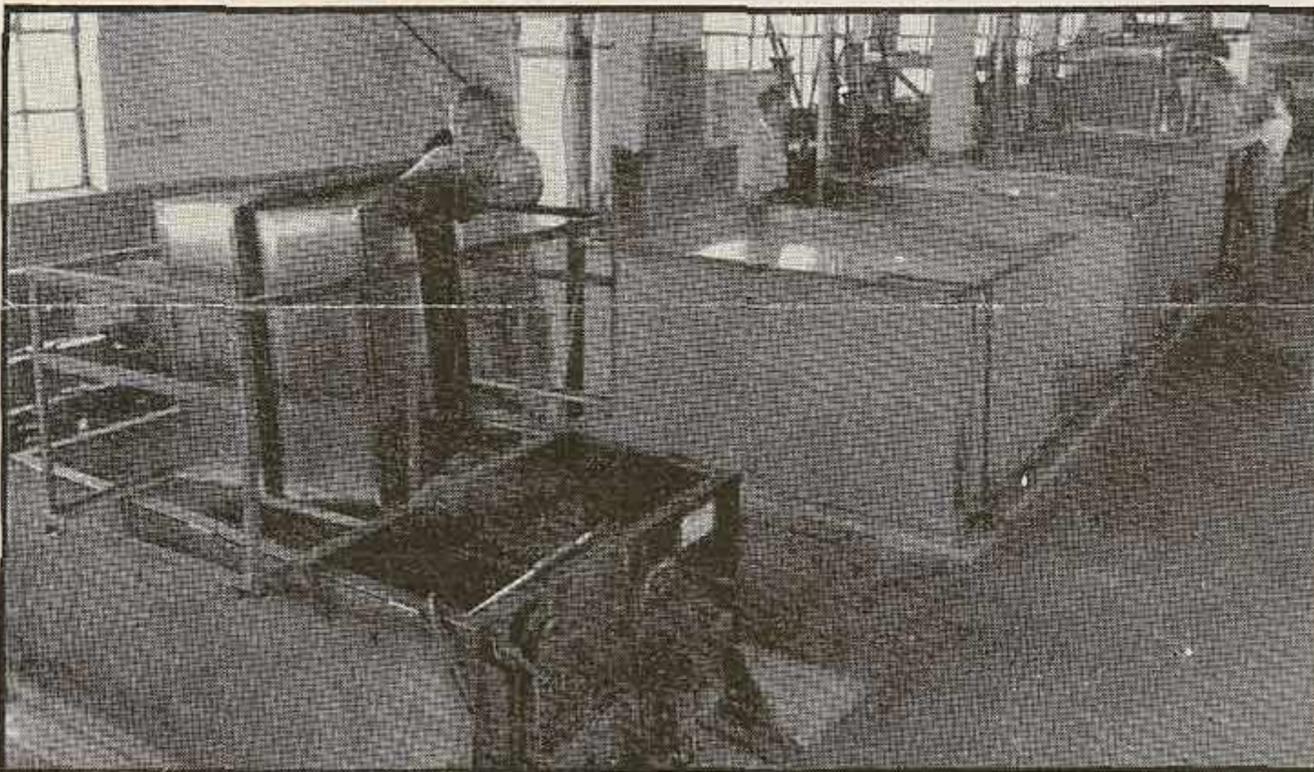
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NEW BODY LIFT

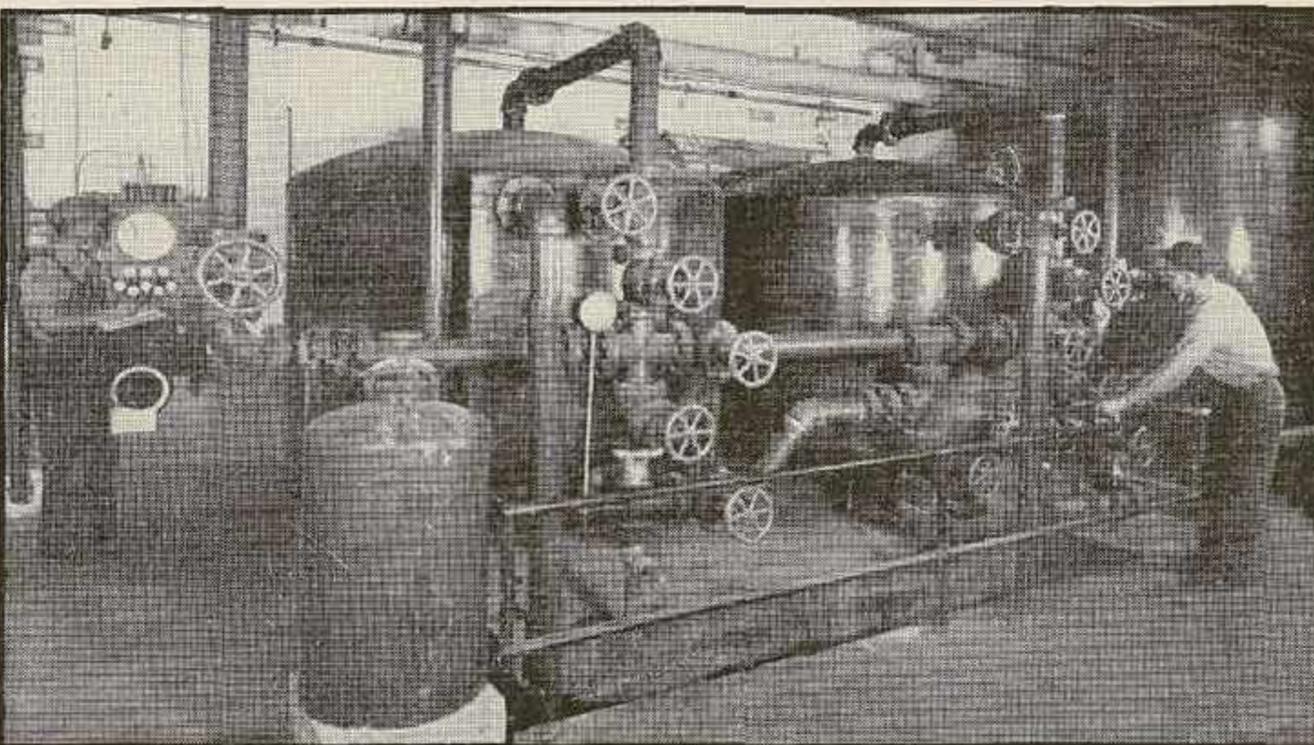
The loading lift is used for loading Pontiac station wagon bodies into the haulaway trucks. It is capable of loading four bodies in approximately 30 minutes. It raises from floor level to 15 feet and has a capacity of 2000 pounds. This replaces the old "block and tackle" method that had to be used while waiting for the new lift to arrive and be installed.



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NEW BONDERIZING TANKS

The Bonderite treatment consists in immersing the properly cleaned articles in the hot bonderite solution (180-200°F) from 2-5 minutes. This process converts the metal surface to a uniform rust-proof protection and increases the adhesion of any paint finish applied thereon. Pictured, left to right: James Rountree, Ollie Hoover and Kenneth Ransom. At the time the picture was taken they were engaged in a Bonderite treatment of a Pontiac Station Wagon tire well.



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NEW WATER FILTERS

The new filters pictured at left were recently installed and are used to filter the water before it goes into the softening tank. They supply water for the boilers, turbines, air compressors and welding machines. Pictured at left are Fred Slowinski and Ervin Baylis checking valves and instruments necessary for this to function properly.

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SOCIAL PARADE

Employees who helped out in the afternoons during the Ionia Free Fair have discovered how to make a fine vacation pay dividends.

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Alta Castle and Alfred Weisnberg were married July 27th in Ionia. After spending a week's honeymoon trip to the Straits, Alta returned to her work as a cutter in the Sewing Department.

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Gus Martin toured the Upper Peninsula while on his vacation and drove 1,062 miles in all. Gus Gott spent a week of his vacation at Long Lake.

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A new diamond now sparkles on that certain finger for Mary Albright who is employed in Mr. Aiken's office.

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CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all those who so thoughtfully remembered me during my recent illness.

Florence Wilder

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Crowner spent their two weeks vacation traveling in the East. They visited a few days at London, Connecticut, and their daughter who was staying there returned to Ionia with them.

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Lone and Mary Pierce spent their vacation in Alpena while Erwin Reed vacationed at the Straits of Mackinac.

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Among our travelers and vacationers we have Edna Cope and Lena Shalifoe, who spent their vacation in parts of Wisconsin. Lydia Green visited relatives at Mitchell, Canada, and Hattie Kosbar entertained relatives at her home. George Spratto spent his vacation resting and fishing, so he didn't have to return to work to rest up. Tom Dub spent one week at home and the other traveling through Wisconsin and Illinois. Norene Brogan and Donna Ward spent their vacation at a lake and got themselves sunburned.



DURBIN-MELVIN WEDDING

Miss Eva Ethel Melvin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Melvin of Pewamo, became the bride of William Durbin, July 28, 1946. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents with Rev. Premore of Lansing officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Durbin spent their honeymoon traveling in Northern Michigan. Mrs. Durbin is employed in the Cost Department.

YPSI CHARACTER OF THE MONTH

Maren Brock

Maren Brock, R. N., started the Industrial Nursing Program in our plant January 11, 1943. It is through her efforts that our First Aid Department has developed so successfully. Along with her domestic duties Mrs. Brock also participates in many outside activities.



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"THANK GOODNESS - NO PATIENTS - WILL GET TO CIVIC CHORUS TONIGHT"



ALVIN BEACH

Alvin Beach, employed as a tool and die maker of the Ypsilanti Furniture Company for the past two years, died at the Ionia County Memorial Hospital, August 12th. Mr. Beach is survived by his wife, Esther, and one daughter. Funeral services were held August 14th from the Myers Funeral Home.

JOHN F. DICK

John F. Dick, member of the Rough Mill Department, died August 12th at the Sheridan Community Hospital. Mr. Dick had been employed by the Ypsilanti Furniture Company since December 27th, 1944. He is survived by his wife, Maude, two sons and two daughters.