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By now we're all waiting anxiously for some May flowers, for while April is entitled to some rain, at times we wonder if it's not over-doing it. But--- the grass is getting greener every day. . . and longer. Get out the lawnmowers, boys. It's **THAT TIME** again.

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Those aren't skyscrapers you see out in the yard near the Lafayette Street side of the plant. It's just the basswood for next year's supply of comb honey sections.

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From Reuben Engel to George Stoeckman: It is better to have loved and lost than to have to help out with the spring house cleaning. (Note: 'Tis said that George will be getting hitched soon.)

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Within the next few weeks 10,000 new workers will be in the plant led not by a foreman, but by a forelady, who, by the way, is some queen. (In other words, an observation hive for bees is going to be set up soon.)

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Sign on the modern honeymoon car:
"Til draft do us part!"

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Get out your calendar and put a big red circle around July 14, for that's the date set for the company picnic. It is rumored that a very unusual slow pitch baseball game is being lined up.

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Spring and spring housecleaning go hand in hand. The smell of fresh paint in the office and the clutter of material that has been piled in corners for years shows that the Lewis Company gets its work done according to the calendar, they don't wait for warm weather. At any rate, things are beginning to get back to normal and there seems to be a new hue around the office. This is greatly evidenced by the Purchasing Department's "rose room."

Another 25 Year Club Party has gone down in history. And did the participants sit back in their rocking chairs and twiddle their thumbs? - - You bet not! See the inside pages of pictures for an idea of how the evening was spent. The following are members and have every right to be proud of their long years of service with the Lewis Company: 46 years of service - Lewis Parks; 42 - Ernst Kelm; 41 - Otto Wendt; 35 - Otto Erdmann and Ben Gilles; 33 - George Reinhard and Art Soldner; 32 - Loretta Irving, Rose Miller and Ed Wiese; 31 - Elmer Reinhard, Ben Stiemke, Dick Gerth, and Gordon Frater; 30 - Walter Kaercher and Jere Frazer of Chillicothe; 29 - John Erdmann, Hugo Strohbusch, Paul Haack, Art Abel, Herb Riedemann, Les Kaercher, Karl Lange, Ben Erdmann, Alma Weigel and Frances Baurichter; 28 - Elsie Behling, 27 - Art Killian; 26 - Neil Follensbee, A. D. Hiatt of Martinsburg, W. Va. and Carl Wollin; and retired employees who are members - Charles Ebert, John Gruel, L. Mollart, Robert Sell, Walter Severson, and Carl Zahn.

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Steve Parks and Lester Kaercher are spending a few days down at Dadants. Hope they took their swimming suits, for who knows what might happen if they run into the flood waters?

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Who's the guy in the Packing Dept. who kept asking for a hand-out cigar and got sick when he finally smoked it?

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The office will be going on a summer schedule starting Mon., April 30. That means, girls, we'll be starting at 7:00 instead of 8:00. You had better get your sleeping done over the weekend (joke) so you'll be fresh as a daisy at that early hour on Monday morning.

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According to the present rate of sales the propeller stock will be cleaned out this season.

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It's always the fresh egg that gets slapped in the pan.



Above:
Glamour
Girls



Left:
Tippling
for Blatz



Left:
How Hi
Can A
Tenor
Get?

Below:
Lester
Told A
Joke . .



25 Year Club Meeting

Held April 2 1951



Above:
Glamour
Boys

Right:
Karl!
Your Joke
Wasn't
That Funny!



Right:
Achtel
Noten
Quartette

Below:
Milliner's
Delight





ABOUT OUR BUSINESS

By G. G. Frater

The government has issued a new price control order covering most manufactured items. This order is to replace the "freeze" order of January. The only information we have so far is the reports in the newspapers but are expecting an actual copy of the order in the office within a day or two. We do not know if this order will cause us to lower any of our prices or not. A huge job of price figuring is ahead of us to determine whether our price schedules are within the law.

The rumors of this order have been in the papers for the past two or three weeks. We believe that these rumors are a contributing cause to the slowing up of purchasing by businesses all over the country. Purchasing agents are not sure whether prices are to be lowered or not and are waiting to buy to the best advantage of their companies wherever they can. We may well feel the effect of this slow-down in buying in our business.

Should there be a temporary slowing up, we still have lots to do. This is house cleaning time the country over. We have always been proud of the cleanliness and good housekeeping that has been the practice here in our plant and premises. With the winter gone and the snow melted away, there is picking up to do all over the plant. There are windows to wash, painting to be done and the disposal of small accumulations of junk. There are stock rooms to get in good order. All of these jobs need attention.

Beginning April 30 and lasting a week, there is a big Material Handling Show in Chicago. All of the foremen and engineers will spend one day at the show sometime during the week. They will be able to see there what containers compete with the G. B. Lewis Company and thereby gain a better understanding of our sales and manufacturing problem. They can also see the most modern equipment for material handling and be able to judge what pieces of this equipment might be applied to material handling problems in our own plant.

Thompson Products of Cleveland, Ohio, one of the biggest automobile parts suppliers has given us a special box order for auto water pumps.

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Bill Freitag hasn't been reporting his weather forecasts lately, for his new TV screen is more interesting than the sky. Bill wasn't too far off when he forecasted March 25 that we'd have 40 days of bad weather.

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Ever hear of a safe safe? Well, we've got one. During the process of painting the office, the door for the fireproof vault containing the mailing list files accidentally got locked. Normally the door is just shut to insure a fireproof room. Well, it seems as though it's been a long time since any one has worked the lock's combination, but after a long work-out, Lester got the door opened. He'll probably receive his formal invitation to join the Safe Crackers Union soon.

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Gus Schlueter bowled on a team that took first place in the Merchants and Manufacturers League. Gus has always been a good bowler, and the office girls' team is patiently waiting for the day when he'll tell them a few of the finer points of the game.

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Take a good look at this list of names and when the proper date comes up, remember to say a Happy Birthday to. May 4 - Caroline Rechlin and Ray Ebert; May 11 - Art Arndt and Arnold Kunert; May 13 - Lewis Parks; May 15 - Marion Rueth; May 19 - Rose Nass; May 25 - Pearl Heller; May 26 - Fred Bittner, Jr. and Neil Follensbee; May 27 - Hazel Schroeder; and May 31 - Leodis Harshbarger.

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Everything has its good points. Wax moth larvae, which the beekeepers buy Paradichlorbenzene to use in destroying it, is used by fishermen for bait. (If female fish react to those the same way the females around here do, they'll take one look, scream "Eeeek!" and turn and run the other way.)

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Did anyone go to Milwaukee Friday to see General McArthur? Wonder if Wisconsin Ave. was torn up like that way back in 1912 when he last visited there?