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Purpose - Facts & Fun

IN MEMORIAM



Wherever they sleep--in Flanders Fields or at Anzio, on Pacific Islands or in Korea, or in the national cemeteries in this country, let us honor them all this Memorial Day with simple humility and with pledges to carry on, in their names, in the battle for freedom in which they gave their lives.

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The bee supply business is really buzzing at Lynchburg...John Erdmann is working at the Lynchburg, Virginia branch helping George Vest to get the materials to his customers. John writes that he is enjoying the mountain scenery and is developing a southern drawl.

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By now all of us have had our pictures taken by the Wis. State X-Ray mobile unit....it didn't hurt a bit.

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Sorry to hear that Mrs. Miller is still on the sick list.

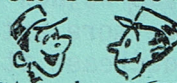
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Rose Ann Klecker hasn't gone to the dogs--she's gone to the cats....four to be exact...Seems as though there were some young stray kittens wandering around the plant. When Rosie heard they were going to be killed she said she'd take them home to her folks' farm...Because of their youth and in spite of some bottle feeding, only one survives now, but he's going strong.

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Congratulations and the best of the day to these birthday people: June 3 - Art Halverson & Art Killian; June 5 - Orville Pastorius; June 7 - Jere Frazer, Chillicothe, Ohio; June 12 - Don Wiese, and June 16 - Larry Adams.

MEET YOUR FELLOW EMPLOYEES



Meet Ben Stiemke, a veteran of 32 years of service. On May 17, 1920 Ben started in the Beeware Dept. and after several years was transferred to the box assembly dept. Ben is also an expert lift truck operator and a good story teller. His hobbies -- hunting, fishing and repairing bicycles.

Another veteran--with 30 years is Art (Doc) Abel, who started May 3, 1922. He worked in the Beeware Packing Dept. for several years and was later transferred to the Beeware manufacturing dept. Art can operate all the Beeware machinery and does a fine job of keeping up the good quality of Lewis Beeware. Art's hobby is gardening.

Gust Schlueter started May 5 1935. He worked on the night shift in the Venetian blind dept. operating a moulder. He was then promoted to foreman of the night shift and later was transferred to the day shift as foreman of the box and Venetian blind dept. Gust's hobbies are hunting and fishing--his favorite lakes being Fox Lake, Puckaway and Lake Mendota, especially for ice fishing.

On May 27, 1935 Don Bittner started at Lewis's. Don operates a sander in the Venetian blind dept. and keeps our slats so smoooooth! Baseball is Don's hobby and he is bench manager and scorekeeper for the Hiawathas.

Ray Ebert began work in the Venetian blind department on May 21, 1935. He operates a moulder and keeps our slats on edge. His favorite pastime is his home workshop and his pet rabbits (who have learned to multiply).

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Things are shaping up for the company picnic July 12 with all the proper committees formed and an orchestra hired. Start getting your pitching arm in shape for the baseball game.

ABOUT OUR BUSINESS by G. G. Frater

We are approaching the summer period which is normally the slowest of our business year. We feel that this year, however, will be different and if our program works out as we now believe that it will, we would be more apt to increase our payroll than decrease it.

The Plastic Department will be in full production soon. The people in Milwaukee who make the steel frames for the Quartermaster box have caused us delays beyond any understanding. The tote boxes off of our own dies are going out on sample orders we have had in the office for some time. If the acceptance of this size and shape of container proves satisfactory, then it is very probable that another press may have to be installed as soon as it can be obtained. In the meantime, there will be continuous production on the Quartermaster contract.

The Box Dept. continues to bring in orders to maintain production about equal to last year. An upturn in business over the country that is being predicted by some could be helpful in increasing the production of this department. We are not heartily in accord with this prediction and do not place too much confidence in it.

Bee supplies are selling way ahead of a year ago. We had estimated and prepared for some increase in sales over last year but had not produced enough finished merchandise for the business we are receiving. Fortunately, we do have lumber and materials in good supply and overtime in this department will probably cover our needs satisfactorily. Empty warehouses at the end of the season will give us work to fill them again through the fall and winter.

The Venetian blind dept. is definitely the weak department. Contrary to our expectations the Venetian blind slats have sold very poorly and as far as we can tell we see no evidence of a change in the immediate future.

The golf ball washer is selling at a normal rate and we believe that these sales will be as good as last year.

The ups and downs of our various de-

partments indicate to us the advantage of manufacturing more than one or two products. If we were, for example, manufacturers of Venetian blind slats and had no other products, our business at this time would be so bad that we would be able to keep very few of the normal number of employees at work. Our varied production is definitely an advantage in maintaining a fairly good level of employment.

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The fourth annual meeting of the 25 year club was held May 6 at the Green Bowl. About 30 people were there and had a very enjoyable time. John Gruel, Elmer Reinhard and Charles Ebert (retired employees) were present and all three seem to thrive on the "no work" formula. Musical selections were furnished by the Kirsch Foundry Four from Beaver Dam—a group of fine barbershop harmonizers.

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Vacation Shut Down July 28 to August 1

Time to start planning what you're going to do with yourself during vacation. That shouldn't be hard to do....

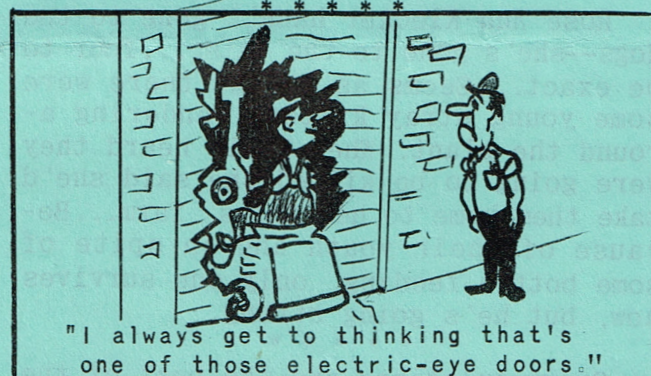
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Say, we've really got some famous people around here. Otto Erdmann had the honor of being the "Mystery Voice" on a local radio quiz program.... Bill Schimpf also was on a radio quiz program lately and won \$3.00 worth of cookies for coming closest to the answer to how many square miles there are in the United States.... A lot of cookies for a family of two.

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May 30th is a paid holiday for which all employees will get 8 hours of pay at straight time.

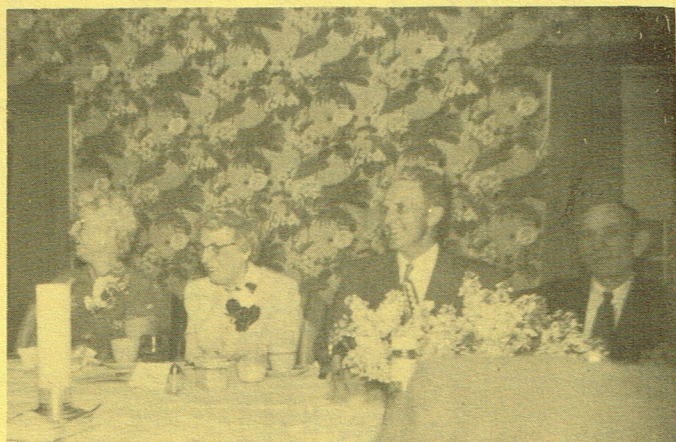
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We're dedicating this one to Ray Erdmann. He tried the same thing recently—at least the door has a dent in it. Note: the control cord got snagged in the upper part of the lift truck and closed the door before Ray could stop.

25 YEAR CLUB'S

Fourth Annual Meeting
At the Green Bowl
May 6, 1952



Paul, Happy,
and Girlfriends



Rosie and the Boys -
Glad to Have Elmer
Reinhard and John Gruel



Man on the Left:
"It should be good."
Man on the Right:
"I heard it before."



Look Pretty and
See the Birdie