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Alex Russell  
Chairman Victory Loan Committee  
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Ajax Ont.

On behalf of the payroll section of the Province of Ontario let me congratulate through you the men and women of your organization for rolling up such a fine total of bonds purchased in our Fourth Victory Loan campaign stop Canadians are showing a wonderful appreciation of Canada's financial needs and Defence Industries employees have reason to feel proud of their splendid cooperation

J. F. M. Stewart  
Chairman Office Payroll Savings Section  
617PM



# WORKS EMPLOYEES OVER-SUBSCRIBE VICTORY LOAN QUOTA

## Inspection, Coles Beat Quotas

**INSPECTORS FIRST TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVE; COLES TIE WITH D.I.L.**

**Both Organizations Over Subscribe To Win Honor Award Also**

First to achieve their Victory Loan objective locally were the employees of the Inspection Board of the United Kingdom and Canada. On the fourth day of the drive, Thursday, April 29, they had subscribed their quota of \$50,000 and at this writing have reached a total of \$65,800 worth of bonds purchased or 131.6% of their objective.

Employees of the Coles organization tied with D.I.L. employees in reaching their objective of \$15,000. It was totally subscribed by Saturday, May 8.

A. R. Macpherson, Administrative Officer of the Inspection Board here, praised the employees of his organization for their support of the Loan.

"When it is remembered that girls are very much in the majority in our organization and that the average subscription is in excess of \$90.00, I think they deserve a lot of credit," he remarked.

Leo Irwin, Office Manager of George Coles Limited, said, "Of course, we are pleased at how our people got behind this thing. They did a grand job."

Both organizations will obtain an official Honor Certificate from the Minister of Finance for their splendid efforts.

## Local Legion Unit Gets Ceremonial Standard

Ajax Branch No. 322 of the Canadian Legion Empire Service League received its ceremonial standard at an interesting rite held in the Ajax School Thursday, May 6. Representatives of Provincial and Zone Commands as well as Legionnaires from several branches in the district attended the ceremony. The presentation was made by Andrew Muir, president of the Whitby Branch. Mr. Muir stated that he hoped the comradeship growing up between Whitby and Ajax would be enduring.

J. W. Wager, Provincial Adjustment Officer, in a short speech stressed the part played by the Canadian Legion in trying to solve the many problems affecting the men of this and the last war.

The second speaker, Arthur Harden, Regional Secretary of the Canadian Legion Educational Services, stated that soldiers are "course conscious" and that 60,000 Canadian soldiers are enrolled in various courses. Through the educational training provided for the soldier today, he can continue to strengthen his mental equipment and carry on after the war.

An entertaining program was presented during the evening under the direction of Harry V. Brock, popular Program Director of the Recreation Centre. Tuneful songs were sung by Miss Winnie Heyd and Stan Mann favored with several accordion selections. A sing-song was also enjoyed by those present. The local Boy Scouts and Girl Guides assisted during the program and the latter were responsible for the delicious refreshments that were served following the ceremony.

### AS VICTORY BOND CAMPAIGN OPENED



In the parade which opened the local Victory Bond campaign on the evening of Monday, April 26, was this armored unit of the 11th Reserve Army Tank Regiment, one of the several which participated.



Ajax's finest, officially C Squadron of the 11th Reserve Army Tank Regiment, pictured as it swung along behind one of the two bands which provided the martial music appropriate to the occasion.



Backing the Attack on the job, these girl war workers turned out in their natty new uniforms to provide a high spot of interest to the parade. It was girls like these who did much to put the local campaign "over the top."

## \$500,000 Objective Reached By Twelfth Day of Campaign; Honor Certificate Won By Employees

**Workers Congratulated By Works Manager, Union President and War Finance Officials; Subscriptions Total 104% At Present Time**

By noon on Saturday, May 8, just twelve days after the commencement of the Fourth Victory Loan campaign, the employees of the Pickering Works had passed their objective of \$500,000.

That they would do so was never in doubt because from the moment the campaign started sales of bonds soared. Every day marked a new advance.

Leading the parade of departments to go over the top in achieving their quotas were the Pellet and Tracer Line, Completed Rounds Checkers—East Area, the Salvage Department and the Production Planning Department, all of which had oversubscribed by the second day of the drive. They were followed on the third day—April 28—by the Stores Supervisors, the Transportation Department and the Time Office, and on each day thereafter one or more of the other departments announced the attainment of their objective. By May 5, the Personnel Department had topped all others by subscribing over 200% of its quota, and at this writing is the leading subscriber.

Works Manager M. J. Watson was very pleased at the success of the drive. Asked for a statement by THE COMMANDO, he said, "I should like to congratulate everyone for the splendid spirit that has been demonstrated during this drive. I think everyone is proud of having not only reached but passed our objective."

### "Win the War" Enthusiasm Praised

His jubilation was shared by everyone actively connected with the campaign. Mr. William R. Cambers, the U.E. (CIO) Local 521's president, said, "Our success in going 'over the top' speaks volumes for the 'Win the War' enthusiasm of the workers here."

R. W. (Scotty) McAlpine, Line No. 3's superintendent and the chairman

of the publicity committee which was responsible for the publicizing of the campaign locally, expressed his pleasure also. Quick to congratulate the workers on their success were National War Finance Committee officials. Mr. J. F. M. Stewart, chairman of the payroll savings section for Ontario, conveyed his congratulations in a telegram which is reproduced elsewhere in this issue.

As a tribute to the men and women of the plant, for a job well done, a certificate of honor signed by the Minister of Finance, Hon. J. L. Ilsley, will be presented at the conclusion of the campaign.

A complete listing of all departmental totals will be published in the next issue of THE COMMANDO. The subscriptions, at press time, are tabulated below:

### Here's How Your Department "BACKED THE ATTACK"

DEPARTMENT	QUOTA	ACTUAL	%
		SUBSCRIPTION	
Cap and Det. Line (including Laboratory) .....	\$ 55,250.00	\$ 57,660.00	104.3
Pellet and Tracer Line .....	9,050.00	11,392.00	125.8
Line No. 1 .....	43,760.00	49,786.00	113.7
Line No. 2 .....	55,340.00	71,864.00	129.8
Line No. 3 .....	69,850.00	73,756.00	105.6
Line No. 4 .....	43,165.00	47,310.00	109.6
Maintenance .....	45,785.00	45,130.00	98.6
Stores Labor .....	25,300.00	17,350.00	68.5
Stores Checkers .....	5,950.00	6,118.00	102.8
Completed Rounds Labor .....	13,750.00	14,500.00	105.3
Completed Rounds Checkers .....	5,200.00	5,700.00	109.6
Factory Inspection .....	1,500.00	1,394.00	92.9
Laundry .....	4,150.00	4,400.00	106.0
Janitors .....	15,150.00	16,600.00	109.5
Salvage and Development .....	4,150.00	4,904.00	118.1
Power House .....	2,950.00	1,150.00	38.9
Automotive .....	9,250.00	8,100.00	87.5
Section Men .....	2,300.00	3,750.00	163.0
Railway Crews .....	7,300.00	6,000.00	82.2
General Office .....	6,700.00	10,400.00	155.2
Stores Supervisors and Records .....	4,400.00	5,524.00	125.5
Time Office .....	4,100.00	4,788.00	116.8
Traffic .....	650.00	750.00	115.3
Personnel (includ. Nurses and Housekeepers) .....	9,350.00	19,892.00	212.7
Design .....	2,650.00	3,300.00	124.5
Planning .....	1,150.00	2,026.00	176.1
Transportation .....	1,850.00	2,750.00	148.6
Construction Department .....	50,000.00	23,608.00	47.9
TOTAL QUOTA—WORKS PAYROLL .....	\$500,000.00	\$519,902.00	104.0

These figures are the latest available at press time. A complete accounting will be provided in an early issue.

*We're Backing The Attack*



## They Buy Bonds—Here's Why!

Minute Interviews with folk you know tell why they bought Victory Bonds . . . why many will "Back the Attack" by buying them again.

We don't know everyone's reasons for buying bonds, but we do know the reasons of some of the people here. We know because we asked them; and if they are typical of all the men and women working here—and we think they are—the campaign couldn't help but be a success.

Mrs. V. Poulter of Oshawa, an inspector on Line No. 4, has bought Victory Bonds of three different loams. Her husband is overseas with the Fifth Canadian Ambulance Corps and two of her nephews are in the scrap also. Like most of us, she is tired of war. Like a lot of people, her home has been disrupted as a consequence of it. She, too, "wants to get it over with." She is loaning her money to help to do that. Besides that, though, she thinks that by voluntarily lending our money we can avoid higher taxation. That is a sound reason in itself. Dividends don't come in from taxes.

Seventeen year old Benny LaHaye, a mail boy here, son of Joe LaHaye, engineer on the Railroad, has got the savings idea early. He bought his second Victory Bond during the current campaign. "I've got three brothers in the Army," he says, "two of whom are going overseas soon. I can't go myself—yet—but as soon as I can I'm heading for the Navy. Meanwhile, I buy bonds and war savings stamps. I know they help."

Dave Morrison, supervisor of the Railroad in the Transportation Department, is a veteran of the last war in which he distinguished himself. Arriving in France as a private he earned his commission at the Somme. Shortly afterwards he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps which later became the R.A.F. His son, following in his father's footsteps, is learning to be a pilot out in MacDonald, Manitoba.

Dave is right behind the war effort. "I've participated financially in this war at every opportunity," he told us. "I feel it's one way I can keep my end up in this battle for freedom and liberty. I think it's one way I can back my son. I can't expect anyone else to do that for me. Because of my age—I'm 51—I've been reject-

ed twice but by buying bonds I've got a part in the show too."

Helen Russell's boy friend is overseas too. "He's ready to fight, to do his part, and I am working here and loaning my money as my share. And I couldn't build better for the future than by investing in Victory." Helen, whose home is in Moncton, N.B., has been here a



year. She works on the Cap and Det. Line.

Then there's Alex McCullough, or Paddy as they call him on Line No. 3, where he works. Paddy has loaned his money five times to the government. He says, "We've got to loan our money to help our boys be victorious. If we don't, we won't continue living the life we know let alone anything better." Incidentally, Paddy has been here for seventeen months and never yet missed a shift.

Take Mrs. Rowe of Line No. 3. The war isn't something remote to her. She has a boy and two nephews in the Navy, and her brother, who is at sea, too, has been torpedoed three times. That brings the war pretty close to home. A sister, living in Plymouth, England, has been bombed out twice. As far as she is concerned, she feels she cannot do anything else but buy bonds.

"I want to help to get it over with," Mrs. Bella Roache of the Pellet and Tracer Line will tell you. Her husband has been overseas two years now and she wants him back soon. To hasten that happy day, she is doing her best on the home front.

The spectre of war has cast its shadow across the lives and homes of many an Ajax war worker and after four years of war anything that will help to end its carnage and suffering will have their unstinted support.

They're "backing the attack!"

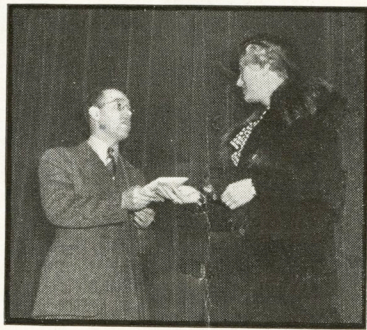
motor vehicles stored beside railways at certain points are being held ready for quick despatch to fighting fronts, as the need arises. Reserve supplies in these storage dumps are in addition to supplies en route abroad.

"Canada's central position in relation to all points of possible attack on the enemy gives this country a strategic advantage in supply storage," Mr. Howe said. "Security and shortness of haul to various combat zones are the major considerations."

## Canada Anticipates Offensive Action

Reserve stores of munitions and war supplies are being built up in Canada as part of a strategic plan to meet emergency demands from combat zones in various parts of the world, Munitions Minister Howe states.

"Canada's war production has now reached a stage where we can afford to store adequate reserves in various parts of Canada as part of a planned supply strategy," said Mr. Howe. As an example, the Minister points out that many crated



Mr. William R. Cambers, President of the U.E. (CIO) Local 521, representing the Works employees, presents Mrs. Arthur Ellis, President of the Ontario Division of The Canadian Red Cross Society, with the proceeds of the drive recently conducted at the Works in the interest of the Society.

## EX-PRISONER OF WAR TO RELATE EXPERIENCES AT RECREATION CENTRE

Flying Officer Alan Bell Freed By Invasion of Africa, Coming Here On May 24



On the morning of November 7, 1942 the grey early morning mist cleared suddenly off the shores of North Africa. Two men aboard a French ship bound for France and prison, then and there became the two happiest men in the world, for steaming off the port bow were two allied destroyers covering part of the North African invasion fleet.

One of them was Canadian-born Flying Officer Alan Bell. He had enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Toronto in November of 1940 and after a period of elementary training in Canada, had been sent overseas for his advanced training. Posted to the Coastal Command, he and his crew got two probable subs. In July 1942 he volunteered for the Eastern Front.

Some six months later he was shot down off the Tunisian coast by the Vichy French. He was in command of a Beaufort—destination Gibraltar, then to Bengazi. He had taken off from England some hours before, where he and his crew of four had volunteered for Eastern front action.

On the flight south, the ship's radio had failed, the low-flying clouds forced the pilot to drop below the ceiling so that land bearings could be taken to determine position. Here below them were the shores of Tunisia. Swinging north again, on correct course now, they streaked for Gibraltar. Flying low, the Beaufort ran into a mess of flack put up by the Vichy French. It was like shooting down a low-flying duck. Flying Officer Bell, with a badly wounded leg, fought to keep his ship in the air, but was forced to land when controls and engines were disabled. He and his crew were taken prisoners, four of them being sent to a camp in the interior, Lagouat.

Bell, after spending four months in a Casablanca hospital, was sent to another prison camp. Conditions in these camps were terrible, and they were particularly hard on Bell, because he arrived at this camp with a peg leg. If he had been attended to in a proper hospital, his leg could have been saved, but he figures he was lucky, he only lost a leg, while some of the boys, who had been prisoners for months stayed on, leaving only a memory of a smiling kid who started out with all the hope in the world.

The invasion meant deliverance from hell for some hundreds of lads, who had depended on the Red Cross for food and clothing. In one camp, Continued on Page 5, Column 5

## Regional War Labor Board Sanctions Vacation-With-Pay Plan Proposed By Management

Plan Becomes Immediately Effective Once Details Of Operation Decided; To Be Administered by Personnel Department

The Regional War Labor Board has approved the Vacation-With-Pay Plan recently submitted by the management of the Works, it was announced this week.

While the Plan is immediately applicable, the method of administration has yet to be worked out. Once that is done, the supervisory staff of the Works will be advised of the routine and provided with interpretative rulings applying to each section.

As reported in a previous issue of THE COMMANDO, the Plan comprises seven sections and parallels similar holiday schemes in existence in other war plants. It is expected to prove popular with employees here inasmuch as it provides for a six day vacation with pay and cost of living bonus following every 300 days worked by an employee.

It is anticipated that an Absentee Office will be opened which will be responsible for all the records of eligibility. This Office will be under the direction of the Personnel Department.

The complete text of the proposed plan is again published below.

## DEFENCE INDUSTRIES LIMITED VACATION-WITH-PAY PLAN

### I. Eligibility

Any payroll employee upon completing each successive 300 days of work shall be eligible for a vacation with vacation allowance to the extent specified in subsequent articles of this Plan. Absence with prior permission or absence covered by a doctor's certificate shall be classed as actual work.

### II. Length of Vacation

The vacation for which a vacation allowance will be paid shall not exceed six days.

### III. Vacation Allowance

(a) The amount of the vacation allowance payable in each case shall be determined by converting the vacation credit to hours and multiplying by the employee's current hourly rate of wage.

(b) The appropriate cost-of-living bonus shall be added to the vacation allowance.

(c) The vacation allowance may be drawn on the working day preceding the vacation.

(d) Vacation allowance will not be paid for any vacation not taken during the twelve-month period immediately following the date upon which the employee qualifies for a vacation.

### IV. Vacation Season

Vacations will, as far as practicable, be granted to conform with the wish of the employee concerned, having regard to the necessity of maintaining production schedules.

### V. General Regulations

Any vacation granted under this Plan must be taken in one continuous period unless an employee is recalled to work during his vacation, in which case any unused portion of the vacation period shall be granted at a suitable time.

### VI. Termination of Service

(a) When an employee has qualified for a vacation and resigns for reasons deemed to be within his control as defined by the Company or is discharged for cause from the service of the Company before he has taken the vacation, he shall be paid the vacation allowance in lieu of such vacation.

(b) When an employee has qualified for a vacation and is dismissed due to lack of work, or resigns for reasons deemed to be beyond his control as defined by the Company, he shall be paid, in addition to the vacation allowance in lieu of any vacation for which he has qualified within the immediately preceding twelve months and had not taken, a supplementary vacation allowance computed to the nearest half-day's pay on the basis of half-a-day for each 25 days worked since he last qualified for a vacation.

### VII. Continuance of Plan

Modification or termination of this Plan may be made at any time without prior notice.

## Victim of Conquest



Innocent victim of the invader's blood-lust is this little Chinese baby, machine-gunned by Jap troops and left to die in a gutter. Fortunately, a British soldier discovered the little tot and carried it to safety.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 19:

"LIFE WITH HENRY"

Jackie Cooper - Eddie Bracken

SATURDAY, MAY 22:

"SOUTH OF TAHITI"

Brian Donlevy - Maria Montez

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26:

"LAS VEGAS NIGHTS"

Phil Regan - Bert Wheeler

SATURDAY, MAY 29:

"MEXICAN SPITFIRE AT SEA"

Lupe Velez

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## For Your Son and Mine

One of these nights soon, when darkness cloaks the enemy shores, your son and mine will be peering into the gloom, waiting nervously for the whispered signal to attack.

Our sailors will be there, manning the invasion fleet, ready for the screeching, diving enemy bombers. Our fighter pilots will be dressed for battle, ready for the grimmest test of air strength the war has yet developed.

Our boys who, not so long ago, sang in Sunday school, poked nickels into juke boxes, sat on the store steps on Saturday nights, fixed the broken board in the cottage dock, and walked arm in arm with the girl from a movie, are face to face now with death.

While their hearts and minds and bodies are steeled to the job of wiping out the cruel foe, does anyone believe for a moment that in that hour of waiting they will not be thinking about the scenes of yesterday?

Fully aware of the danger they face, that this great adventure may bring them to the end of the road and a soldier's grave, their thoughts will inevitably turn back for a moment or two to you and to me. They will have brief misgivings, little fears tugging at their heart-strings, a sudden mental question-mark as they wonder what we are doing in Canada at that moment and whether we are thinking about them.

And they will know that we are. They will know, too, what we are doing. Not exactly, mind you, but they will know that whatever it is it's the best we can, this far back of the firing line. See, knowing what our jobs are, our jobs here, your boy and mine know that we are working for Victory every day, and when they know how we put the Fourth Victory Loan across at Ajax, they won't have any misgivings about us.

We've showed them that they are not alone out there; that we're in this thing as much as we can be.

And they'll know that we're "backing the attack"—their attack.

## ON OUR TOES!

by Frank Holroyd

Numerologists say that all numbers have a particular meaning of their own.

The number 8 seems to be significant in this Plant.

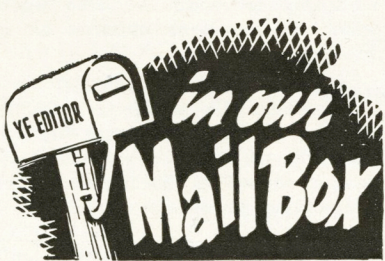
Everybody remembers how, last year, we tracked down Enemy EIGHT, the last hour of the shift, and practically liquidated him, as this year's plant accident record now shows. This record is a good one, SO FAR, and what do you suppose it is? It's just ONE EIGHTH of last year's for the same period. See how old EIGHT crops up?

And here's one more figure—if you can stand it.

If we take this year's MINOR injuries (minor, because there was no lost time) we find that ONE EIGHTH of them are foot injuries from dropping things.

Now MINOR injuries are like straws in the wind. They show a trend—and the trend of minor injuries is towards MAJOR ones. So, before someone gets SERIOUSLY hurt, and spoils our excellent record, let's stamp out these ONE EIGHTH foot injuries by not dropping things . . .

**ON OUR TOES!**



Sir: On behalf of my brother and sister-in-law, Mr. Emady Hottot, and myself, I wish to thank the employees of Ajax for their kindness and sympathy at the time of our recent grief and sorrow. The donation was very much appreciated and I can assure you that it was a great source of comfort to know we had so many kind friends. I especially would remember those people who graciously offered their assistance.

I wish also to thank Mr. Allan for his hospitality in taking in my brother's wife and family when they were rendered homeless. Last, but certainly not least, I would convey my sincere thanks and gratitude to Father Kyte, Mrs. McNevin and Mr. Sullivan for their help and sympathy.

Sincerely,

J. NEAGLE.

Toronto, April 24, 1943.



## FITTING OF RESPIRATOR

The purpose of fitting of respirators is to (a) provide efficient protection against gas, (b) provide comfort when the respirator has to be worn for long periods and (c) to reduce the efficiency of the wearer as little as possible.

The Civilian respirator is made in three sizes — large, medium and small. The size is marked on one of the head straps.

The facepiece of the Civilian respirator readily adapts itself to the shape of the wearer's face and is held in position by the three straps described. The lengths of the straps are easily adjustable and are kept in the adjusted positions by means of safety pins. Fitting is, therefore, simply a matter of selecting the correct size and adjusting the head straps to suit the wearer's head.

Spectacles, if worn, must be removed before the respirator is fitted. (If they must be worn with the respirator, they must be worn on the outside with some arrangement such as an elastic band to hold them in position.)

The fitting can be carried out by the wearer himself, if necessary.

To put the respirator on yourself, hold it by each of the side straps with the thumbs underneath the straps, so that the inside of the window is facing you. Lift the respirator on to the face so that the chin is in the hollow provided for it and draw the straps over the top of the head as far as they will go. Release the straps and make any small adjustments that may be necessary. Make certain that the respirator is straight on the face; that none of the straps is twisted and that the edges of the facepiece are nowhere turned inwards.

Now, make certain that the buckle is at the back of the head just below the crown so that the two side straps are roughly level. Adjust the straps, keeping the buckle in the same correct position, so that the facepiece is in contact with the skin all around the face and under the chin.

The straps should not be made any tighter than is required to keep the respirator in place when the head is nodded or shaken. When the respirator is worn, the air breathed out must pass out of the respirator between the edges of the facepiece and the face. The tighter the facepiece, the greater the pressure the expired air will have to exert to lift the edge of the facepiece from the face and, therefore, the more difficult it will be to breathe. Mark the position of the straps with a pencil.

When certain that the respirator is gastight and fits properly, remove it by inserting a thumb under the buckle at the back of the head and pull the buckle forward over the top of the head so that the respirator is lowered downwards from the face. The respirator must not be removed by grasping the container or the edge of the rubber under the chin and lifting it upwards.

After removing the respirator, the strap adjustment should be made secure by pinning the ends of the straps to the portions between the buckle and the facepiece with the safety pins provided.

## BOND BUYERS

Those who bought Bonds of the Third Victory Loan on the instalment plan will receive them on or about May 25. Bonds will be at the local bank shortly for those who paid cash during the Fourth Victory Loan campaign.

## A Letter of Apology

Dear Vic:

This is a letter of apology. Let me explain:

Frank Smith is canvassing for the Victory Loan and gave me the "works" the other night—why I should buy, the need for it, saving money at double bank interest rates and negotiable at any time. He knows I am working steady and was disgusted when I said no. He suggested I write to a soldier friend overseas explaining why I couldn't or wouldn't buy.

That night in bed I tried to think of what I **COULD** say to you.

Not one honest, sincere reason came to mind when held in the light of your giving the limit—your life. We have fished and curled together, Vic. My son is named after you. If I fail to back you could I shake your hand, or look you in the eye when you come back, or sympathize with Gert if, God forbid, you are one of those who fail to come back? Just why wasn't I investing? Jane wants a new outfit, young Mary a vanity dresser because Louise next door has one, and Vic wants a radio for the bedroom. I had a selfish reason, too.

You know, Vic, lying there in the dark with my family safe and secure around me, I felt cheap. It's a rotten feeling.

So the next morning we got together. I retold some of your stories; how that Canadian corvette was blown to bits by rushing between your troop ship and that sub, how proud you were at Dieppe of the Royal Navy and those young daredevils of the sky who protected you and are now giving it back to the Huns on their own soil and of how good your equipment is, of how you have an even chance with them when you meet again. I didn't tell how cheap I felt, and that I had let the other fellow provide the money so far. Would they postpone, without giving up their purchases? I was mighty proud when young Vic said, "Gosh, Dad, I didn't think what it might mean to Uncle Vic. Forget the radio until after he comes home." And so it was with them all. We just hadn't thought of it in terms of you and your buddies.

I called Frank today, bought two hundred for cash and two hundred by instalment. Jane's hundred is earmarked a coat, Vic's a television set, and Mary's a dresser—mine a down-payment on a new car. We can buy them later if it means a little more help for you.

It is our war—you, giving your life—us, O, let us over here stop talking of giving—we are saving. May God keep you, Vic.

Sincerely,  
JACK.

## Your Victory Loan Dollar . . . HOW MUCH IT'S WORTH

When you buy a Victory Loan bond your money is in the safest investment that Canada has to offer. That is a case-proven fact. Despite the gyrations of many investments that have reeled and soared in rhythm with the swift-changing events of war, the Dominion's war loans have remained solid. There is not a single war loan issue which is not currently selling at or above the price at which it was first offered.

Here is the record:

Issue	Original Offering		Current Market
	Price	Bid	Asked
1st War Loan 3 1/4/52	100	103 1/4	104
2nd War Loan 3/52	98 3/4	100 1/2	101 1/4
1st Victory Loan 2/46	99	100	100 1/2
1st Victory Loan 3/51	100	102	102 1/2
2nd Victory Loan 1 1/2/44	100	100	100%
2nd Victory Loan 2 1/4/48	100	100	100 1/2
2nd Victory Loan 3/54	100	100 1/2	101
3rd Victory Loan 1 3/4/46	100	99 3/4	100 1/4
3rd Victory Loan 3/56	100	100	100 1/2

Thus the \$100 you put into the first War Loan back in January, 1940, has come through the fall of France, the Battle of Britain and all the subsequent world-shaking moves on the war fronts to be now worth \$103.25.

In straight cash value the \$100.00 investment of January, 1940, has mounted to a total of \$112.00 in principal and interest in addition to that capital appreciation you have received the full 3 1/4% interest on your investment.

Here is an example of how that interest return can be pyramided. The interest you have received on your \$100.00 First War Loan has been sufficient to buy two War Savings Certificates at \$4.00 each. These, in turn, carry interest at 3% which will make this \$8.00 re-investment worth \$10.00 at the end of 7 1/2 years.

An important feature of Victory Loans is their liquidity; these bonds ranking next to cash in this respect. Along with the fact that they draw interest at double the bank rate for savings accounts. Victory bonds can be taken to the bank and their full cash value received immediately. Similarly, they are recognized as the best collateral for loans available.

—The Financial Post.



## POWDER PUFFS by Midge

The Showboat came to town May 3 bringing with it a cargo of super entertainment. Very ably produced and directed by that clever veteran showman, Harry V. Brock, the Showboat brought to light a galaxy of star-studded acts made up of exceptionally good local talent. Although limited wing and stage space presented a handicap, through Mr. Brock's ingenuity this was overcome sufficiently so that the performance progressed smoothly. So successful was the presentation that by popular demand a repeat performance is to be given.

—V—

Along Queen's Row . . . Congratulations to the housemothers and housekeepers for subscribing almost three times as much as their Victory Bond Quota . . . The Ajax Year Club members say "thanks" to Messrs. Holroyd and Lynch for the smart looking crests they made for the girls . . . We welcome Miss Edith "Deed" Caster as the new girls' sports director . . . The sun came out on Saturday, May 1, in time to shine on a very lovely bride, Josephine Durick of the Government Lab. . . . Over sixty girls wrote the examinations in connection with the course in Home Nursing. The course is a splendid one and the time spent on it was well worth the effort.

—V—

Three months ago it was with real regret that we bade Anne Borschneck goodbye as she left for her home in the West. In Cap and Det.'s Room A, where we worked beside Anne, the Western friendliness she displayed, had endeared her to us all. Once Anne was back in Regina she found that her thoughts were almost magnetically drawn back to Ajax. It was a very pleasant surprise then to find that among the latest group of girls to come to Ajax were not only Anne but her sister Julia. We welcome them along with the other new girls for we know they will be staunch supporters of Ajax.

—V—

The many friends of Blanche White will be pleased to learn that she has recovered sufficiently to leave the Sanatorium. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. White of Gull Lake, Saskatchewan, have written a letter expressing their thanks and appreciation for the kindness shown Blanche during her illness. You're not forgotten, Blanche, and the very best of luck to you.

—V—

The paint wasn't dry, the curtains weren't up at the windows, nor the furniture all in the rooms when Mrs. R. D. Preston was appointed housemother of Residence 727. The first housemother of the first residence was soon busy getting the original occupants of the residence settled and comfortable. Thirty-six of these original occupants are still living in Residence 727. One of them, Audrey Burly of Newcastle, Ontario, is returning to her home after being in Ajax since November, 1941. In her honor a very jolly party was held in the residence and we feel sure that Audrey leaves Ajax with some very pleasant and happy memories.

—V—

A proud father is Danny Batherson whose fifth son was born in March. Danny, a native of Inverness, Nova Scotia, has been at Ajax since its opening. A good worker, Danny has been employed as a carpenter and a line operator and is at present a saw filer. Continued success is our wish for Mr. and Mrs. Batherson and their five sons.

OF INTEREST TO

## Women

CONDUCTED BY MILDRED F. HEYWOOD

### Coles Employee Saves From Soldier Son's Pay to Buy Bonds

#### Mrs. E. Swaddling Saving For Son's Return After Victory is Won; Buys Bonds for Herself, Too

Mrs. Ethel Swaddling besides being an extremely gracious and charming lady is a bond buyer deluxe. She has invested in Victory to the extent of more than \$800. Through loaning her money in this manner she hopes that her husband and son will continue to be supplied with sufficient tools to help finish the job. A portion of her son's army wages are turned over to Mrs. Swaddling. This she banks and as each Bond drive is announced she purchases a \$100 Bond for her son. She has already bought three for him and intends to use them to help him attain his goal in life—to manage a store.

It was in Lenham, Kent, in April, 1919, on a Friday the thirteenth that Ethel Dash of the British Women's Land Army met Charlie Swaddling. Exactly a month later they were married. Now twenty-four years after, Charlie Swaddling is back in uniform and stationed at Halifax. His son, Fred, with the Third Canadian Infantry, arrived in England on his nineteenth birthday and Mrs. Swaddling will celebrate her twenty-fourth wedding anniversary at Ajax. She has been here since February, 1942, and is in the Change House where she is in charge of the linen for all of the George Coles help. A staunch friend of Miss Drummond, she is a familiar figure, too, in the Mess Hall where she often assists.

King George bestowed the Order



MRS. E. SWADDLING

of the British Empire on her brother, Charles Dash, of Liverpool recently. Although unable to join the army because of infantile paralysis, he displayed remarkable fortitude and bravery as an Air Raid Warden. Her sister, Mrs. Halpenny, is attached to the London Auxiliary Fire Brigade and she has a nephew in the Air Force and two others in the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Swaddling were buying a house in Leamington when war was declared. It is there that Mrs. Swaddling has lovely visions of her family being reunited after the war. She is making that vision come true by paying off the mortgage with her wages and by knowing that the Bonds she bought today will clear it off altogether in a few years time.

On her twenty-fourth wedding anniversary, Mrs. Swaddling is still an English war bride helping her soldier husband and making her dollars fight too.

### Feet First

Down in the bottom of the cupboard, tucked out of sight in a corner, perhaps on your feet right this minute are comfortable shoes that fit. It's up to you to see that they wear, by giving them every possible care every day. Conscript them for extended war service by practicing the following rules:

A good polishing before they are worn never did a pair of shoes a bit of harm—in fact it does them good. And frequent polishing carries on the good work. Oils and waxes in a good polish protect the leather. A neutral color polish will serve for all shoes—even colored ones carefully saved since the days when shoe manufacturers were allowed to use colored leathers.

Suede or other napped leather shoes need a thorough brushing after each wearing to remove dust. If dust is allowed to accumulate, not only do the shoes look dingy, but the leather will break down sooner.

Elk may be washed successfully with soap and water unless the leather has been "loaded." Chrome leathers can be washed lightly, but there should be plenty of suds, and very little water used. Patent leather should be washed with a neutral soap, or cleaned with a special patent leather cream.

Heavy shoes for outdoor or factory wear need plenty of greasing to make them waterproof against mud and moisture. Neat's foot oil improves such shoes. So does castor oil, tallow, or dubbin, or mixtures of these. Spread the warm grease on with a soft cloth, and then rub it in with the palm of the hand.

Shoe trees which conform to the shape of the shoe will keep them trim, but other types may be undesirable.

Shoes that have become wet should be stuffed with paper, rubbed lightly with castor oil on soles and uppers, and allowed to stand in room temperature for 12 to 24 hours to absorb the oil and dry. Castor oil does not interfere with shoe polish, and the shoes may be shined when dry.

Heels should be repaired as soon as they become worn or crooked. An uneven heel soon twists the shoe out of shape, and a worn heel throws the wearer off balance. Soles should be repaired before they are worn through to insoles, lest the shoe construction be weakened.

These are days when we need to practice on our footwork. Walking to save tires and standing on the job all add up to a lot of wear and tear. Here are some special foot gymnastics, worked out by a prominent foot-care expert.

Hot water dunking. It's important first to get feet thoroughly relaxed. Fill two pans—one with water as hot as you can stand, the other with cold. Place a foot in each and keep it there three minutes, then switch.

The twister-medicine for weak ankles. Stretch leg out straight and hold it by clasping hands beneath the knee. Rotate foot ten times.

Finish off by massaging with hand cream—and adding a touch of bright polish to your toenails, just for fun!

War-time brides and grooms will have to accept the fact that there will be no more old shoes at weddings, for old shoes these days are on the march to Victory.

### First Aid For Tired Sandwiches

#### Savory Meat Sandwich Filling

Getting tired of the same old sandwiches in your lunchbox? Here is a new and delicious filling from the Dominion Department of Agriculture, guaranteed chuck-full of health ammunition:

- 1/2 cup minced cooked roast meat or corned beef.
- 1 cup grated mild flavored cheese.
- 1/2 cup chopped sweet pickle.
- 1 teaspoonful grated onion.
- 1/2 cup salad dressing.
- 1/2 teaspoon salt.

Combine ingredients and blend together lightly.

Makes 3 cups of filling which may be kept for several days in a cool place.

#### To Stretch Butter for Sandwiches

1. Cream 1/2 lb. butter until light and fluffy.
2. Gradually beat in 1/2 cup of whole or canned milk, using a Dover egg beater or a fork. Milk should be at room temperature for easy blending.
3. Store in a cool place in a covered jar.



Popular cook at the Staff House is Mrs. Annie Woolrich who had a birthday, May 6. It was celebrated in proper style too with a party for Annie at which she received a lovely bouquet of flowers and a beautiful clock from the hotel guests. Annie is one of the Originals at the Hotel, having been employed there for almost two years. She regards the Hotel occupants as part of her family. A motherly, friendly sort of person, Annie was in her element when snapped by us cooking turkey dinner for Mother's Day—and it looked like a delectable meal she was preparing, too.

### VILLAGE NEWS

We cover the home front—and the things we hear! For instance, the Ian Fox's are moving to Victoria, B.C. as he's going into the Army. And, they tell us 2nd Lieut. Arch Miller and Mrs. Miller visited friends in Ajax over the Easter week-end. He's now stationed in Kingston. We welcome Mrs. Don Robertson to George Street. She comes to us from the D.I.L. apartments (who said 'the wrong side of the tracks?'). Murmurs along Mary Street that the William McNevins are soon to become the fond in-law's of a charming bride. Mrs. Hood of Guelph, the lovely mother of Mrs. Harold French, is visiting her daughter in Ajax.

Let's make it gardenias, Winchell—for Winnie and Mollie who invariably dispense cheer and gaiety along with their waves and manicures. Incidentally, due to over-indulgence in Victory Bonds these two gals are acquiring a lean, hungry look. Any dinner bids in the near offing?

The busiest spot in Ajax almost any hour of the day or night—the public phone vestibule in Mr. Finley's office. And a snow-white gardenia to the one whose brainchild it was.

Idiosyncratic of our electric clocks, perhaps, that they refuse to run without power. Much tardiness at school and at the plant, of late, may be attributed to the fact. At the moment the linesmen clamber about like so many Gremlins and usually get everything fixed in a hurry. Ever play bridge by candlelight? Try it, it's really different.

Spied Ross Williams of Windsor Street scurrying across the bridge with a harried look the other night. Seems he walked home in the rain and the wind only to remember he'd driven his car to work.

And the things that happen to the Jack Chambers'. All four young fry just came through the measles with flying colors only to be laid low with chicken-pox. Now let's talk about our tonsilectomies of which George Schell just had one.

Speaking of gardenias—how about a ragweed or two for those boys armed with sling-shots who regularly break our street lights 'round about the Village—and an extra large bouquet for him who drives at 40 per through mud and water, besplashing all and sundry who come within range.

Though there was a steady down-pour of rain on Saturday, May 9, some forty girl taggers under the direction of Elizabeth Schell held a tag day for the blind and \$190.55 was realized.

He sez, sez he—that our new store is to be ready to serve us 'round about May 20. Resplendent with paint, glass frontage and a smart entrance—the store bids fair to adorn our Village as well as fill a long-felt want. ● Mrs. H. C. Berndt.

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where some nine hundred and fifty men were penned in, the only water supply came from three taps turned on for one hour each day. There a man was shot if he attempted to get to one of the three washrooms after dark. Hundreds were barefoot, clothed in rags, starved and ill, when the order came for their deliverance.

Flying Officer Bell and his crew met again in Casablanca and had the satisfaction of seeing, as he puts it, one of the greatest shows on earth, and to him, a show that gave him a hell of a lot of satisfaction.

He is being brought to Ajax on Monday, May 24, to speak at the Recreation Centre. He has been in plenty of action, and tells a very graphic story, not only of his experiences, but of the trials and tribulations of his crew.

## We're Backing The Attack



## WORKS NEWS IN BRIEF



**War Workers** on the job and off the job are these four young ladies pictured singing in the Cap and Det. Line cafeteria in support of the Victory Bond Campaign. Westerners all—their home is in Prince Albert, Sask.—they are the Clarke sisters, Connie, Mary and Prudie, and Faye Kenney, all operators in Line No. 4's Luting Room.

During the campaign, they entertained at rallies on both Line No. 4 and at the Cap and Det. Line, where they first worked when they came here in December, 1942. Coming on their off shifts they refused any payment for their time. They wanted to do it as a contribution to the campaign, they said.

Evidently, that attitude is typical of both their families. The Clarke girls' father is a veteran of the last war and was overseas early in the present war. He's back in Canada now, but still in the Army. He is an instructor at an army camp. A brother of the Clarkes is still overseas. He is with the Regina Rifles.

Faye Kenney's father, a veteran of the last war also, should be proud of his family too. Faye's doing a war job here and five of her brothers are in the army.

Incidentally, the girls between them subscribed for \$600.00 worth of bonds.

Inset, is Mr. W. J. Stevens, Line No. 4's Assistant Superintendent, who spoke on a number of occasions in support of the Loan. He was photographed as he talked to Cap and Det. employees.

### LINE NO. 1

Miss Mary Gardiner, who has been an employee of the Company here, left for her home in Nova Scotia. On the eve of her departure she was presented with a beautiful compact by the employees of Room 110.

Miss Betty Scandrett of Shell Inspection is spending her holidays at her home in London. Better be careful, Betty; we hear there are some wonderful airmen out that way. No wonder you go home for your holidays.

We take this opportunity of expressing our sympathy to Allan Prout, formerly of the A shift, who lost his dad. Allan is no longer with the Company, having accepted a position as a fireman in Oshawa.

We have heard many whispered rumors to the effect that Jean Brennan is going to be married soon. Are they true, Jean?

The A shift is sure glad to see Eva Garrow back on the line again. Eva has been ill for a long time. Although she looks a little wan yet, she'll soon be her old self.

We all wish to extend our sympathies to both Cliff Reynolds and Victor Atkins on the recent bereavement of their mothers.

Friends of Dorothea Haines will regret to learn that she is at present undergoing treatment at the Hospital. We hope to see her back at the job real soon.

It is good to hear Mrs. Jenny Perry's merry laugh once again in Room 108A after her recent illness. We all missed you, Jenny.

We noticed that many of our Western friends took advantage of the Easter holidays. They set out to see this part of the country and took in many of the spots of interest. We hope you like it here, girls.

Miss Kay Woodfine has left for her home in the East. Kay has been with us a long time and we are very sorry to see her go.

Congratulations, Harry! Former District Foreman of Line No. 1, Harry Pretty recently took two very important steps by entering the state of matrimony with Miss Rita Emond, a former Line No. 1 employee, and by joining Harry Kerr's Production Tools Department. The best of luck in both ventures, Harry. ● Evelyn Handley, Frances Irish, Edna Linton, Lorna Puckrin, Reporters.

### LINE NO. 2

Several letters have been received from the boys overseas saying how glad they were to receive the cigarettes sent to them by employees of Department 216, A shift. Mr. Dods-worth, secretary of the cigarette fund, is proud to announce that up to date the sum of \$120.00 has been raised.

A number of I.P.C. Inspection girls gathered at the home of Edith Clapp to celebrate the approaching nuptials of Miss Margaret Stoughton. She was presented with a number of lovely gifts and they all wish her the best of luck in her new home at Sault Ste. Marie.

D.I.L. and Government Inspection personnel of Line No. 2 wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. Middleton, Supervisor of the A shift, in the great loss of his father.

Len Aldread and Harold Thertell, Room 210, B shift, are both wearing big smiles these days. Mr. Stork called at their homes and presented each with a baby girl.

All employees in Room 210, B shift, join together in wishing Albert Bell a speedy recovery.

Another one of our popular foremen, Fred Rawn, has left us to join the Air Force. Best of luck, Fred.

Now that the Victory Bond Drive is on, let us, one and all, see if we can't put our quota away over the

top. We are off to a good start so let us keep up the good work, folks.

Who said Spring is not around the corner? Bill Carmichael and his secretary, Doris Hopkins, think it is because their office has just received a new coat of green paint.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Vic Pennanen on the birth of an 8 lb. baby boy. Mother and baby are doing well and Daddy is expected to recover.

On the evening of April 6, the I.P.C. Inspectors of Line No. 2, B shift, met at the Central Hotel in Oshawa and enjoyed a well-prepared Chop Suey supper. Some of the girls later returned to enjoy the dance at the Recreation Centre, while others attended a movie. An enjoyable evening was had by all, and some time in the near future, the girls plan to spend a similar evening together.

Now that Spring is here again, the Inspectors are planning their holidays. Audrey King of Oshawa, and of Room 214, is enjoying hers at the present time while Isabel Hynes has just returned from hers, which she spent at her home in Cobourg, Ontario.

We are sorry to lose our good friend, Jean McGrath, I.P.C., of Room 210, B shift, who last week returned to her home in Marmora for the summer season. See you in the Fall, Jean, and don't forget the trout. So long.

Mrs. Stella Smith, a former employee of I.P.C., Line No. 2, B shift, has welcomed a daughter to their home. What is to be her name, Stella?

Mr. C. Brunt of Room 202, A shift, has a son serving as a stoker in His Majesty's Navy, and is very happy to have him home on furlough.

C. Hart of Sussex, New Brunswick, is home on two weeks leave, hence the big smile on Elda Moore's face.

Miss K. Hodgins, a former nurse on the B shift, wishes to thank all her friends for the lovely chest of silver she received when she left our line. ● Margaret Baker, Mary Baron, Bea Day, Reporters.

### LINE NO. 3

Ernie Stroud of Room 314, is all smiles these days as his wife just presented him with a son.

Lorna Wood, Groupleader in Room 316, Red shift, was presented with a lovely necklace by her fellow employees on her departure for Line No. 2 where she will be on the same shift as her husband who is foreman in Room 204. Lorna has been on this line since December 11, 1941.

Louis Griffin of Room 310 became a proud father for the third time on April 2 when his wife presented him with a son. The chocolates were swell, Louis.

Stan Pringle has been appointed foreman in Room 304B on the Blue shift. Congratulations. The gang on the Red shift are going to miss you, Stan.

Casa Manana was the scene of another of T.N.T.'s delightful parties. About fifty people enjoyed a chicken dinner and dancing on April 10. Under Chris Steele's able supervision a grand time was had by all. When's the next one, Chris?

For the first time the White shift celebrated a wedding anniversary with Mr. and Mrs. Springett being the happy couple. Room 316 gave Bill of Room 310 and Ruth of Room 316 a lovely luncheon on their twentieth wedding anniversary. Best wishes from us all and may you celebrate many more.

Ella Gray, formerly of Room 204, is now with the C.W.A.C.'s and looks real snappy in her uniform. Your old Line No. 3 friends wish you all of the best, Ella.

For Ethel Redman's departure a gang from Room 304 met in the cafe-

teria at a delightful luncheon in her honor. Ethel was in T.N.T. for over a year and made many friends there. She was given a magazine stand as a farewell gift.

Room 318 gave Roy Luder Kirk a lovely dinner in the cafeteria on his departure. Roy has been attached to the Luting Room ever since we can remember and was among the Ajax pioneers. He was also given a pen and pencil set from his co-workers and a pair of red—well . . . "undies." Roy will be missed by all who knew and worked with him. All our good wishes go with him.

For no reason at all except that it was a "good idea," Dot, Jean, Ola, Sylvia and Joan had a super chicken dinner on a recent Saturday night. As their guests, there were Mr. Sparks, Inspection foreman, and Benny Bengry, foreman in Room 310. Thanks a lot, Dot, for a swell treat.

We welcomed back "Puppy" Arsenault the other day after being away ill. That twenty foot long letter didn't have anything to do with hurrying you back, did it "Puppy"?

The gang of Room 302 had a luncheon in the cafeteria last week. As far as we can learn there was no special reason, just a sociable get-together and a decided change from the lunch box.

Her friends in Room 302 have received word from Blanche Baptist who returned to her home in Rhein, Saskatchewan recently. Blanche has exchanged her white coveralls for those of the farm and is now busily engaged in driving a tractor.

Anne Maisson of the Inspection is sporting a diamond these days. It is to be an autumn wedding she tells us.

We are glad to hear that Homer Culliton, groupleader in Room 302, has returned from the hospital after a three months battle with pneumonia.

A white chenille spread was presented to Mary Puchrim, who recently married Lucien Beaulieu. Both work in Room 308 and we wish them the best of luck.

Joe Drapak of Room 304 has left for the army after a year with the Company. He was presented with a gift of money by his friends.

Stan Pringle, former groupleader on the Red Shift, is the new magazine foreman in Room 304. He replaces Eldon Simpson who has moved over to the Red Shift.

Our heartiest congratulations are extended to Pearl Ramier and Jack Purdom who surprised everyone by announcing their recent marriage. They were presented with a lovely silver tea service by the workers in the Case Area and Room 310. Everyone joins in wishing them the best of luck.

The group in Room 314 presented Orville Stringer with a wallet before he left recently.

We are all glad to see Alex Hickey of Room 304 back at work after an illness of over two weeks.

Another one of our Western girls has left to go home. Room 308's Margaret Gilchrist has returned to her home in Rosetown, Saskatchewan. Before she left she was presented with a lovely umbrella at a luncheon in the cafeteria. Good luck, Margaret, and happy memories of D.I.L. ● Elsie May, Peggy Proudfoot, Joan Wallace, Reporters.

### LINE NO. 4

White shift's popular matron was presented with a lovely handbag on her leaving the shift for a few weeks' rest. We sincerely hope to see you back again with us very soon, Mrs. Pugh.

A former White shifter who is being missed is Lillian Shoubrige. Lillian is now a "hello girl" on the switchboard.

We hear that Ken Mosley is now in the Army. Good luck to you Ken.

The White shift had a very good showing at the Victory Loan Parade and the presentation of hockey crests. Our girls in blue looked very smart, and we were proud of Kevin Speck and Bill Smith who were among those receiving hockey crests.

Congratulations to Jack Armstrong who has been made foreman in Room 1408 on the Red shift. Jack was formerly a Groupleader on the Blue shift. Jack's wife, Lee, has also left the Blue shift to go on the Red shift. We miss you both and wish you the best of luck.

We want to welcome Betty Walker, the new shift clerk on the Red shift. Betty was formerly shipping clerk on the White shift.

The Blue shift lost two popular employees both from the Spray Booth in Room 1410. They are Jim Taylor, who is now Groupleader in Room 1408 on the Red shift, and Harold Walker who had been a Groupleader in the Spray Booth but who had to leave owing to illness in his family. Before leaving, Harold was presented with a pen and pencil set from his friends in Room 1410. The very best of luck to both of you.

The Blue shift wants to welcome the Red shift employees who were recently transferred. It is nice to have you with us and we hope you will like it as well as your former shift.

Four of the Western girls on the Blue shift have gone home to help with the spring farm work. They are Mary Bodnar, Eleanor Yaskowitch, Agnes Neilson and Mildred Knudsen. We were sorry to see these girls leave and hope they will soon return.

Bill Atkinson of the Red Shift is in hospital in Toronto recovering from a recent leg operation. We hope you will soon be with us again, Bill. Bill Hayball, Room 1416, is also on the sick list. We understand that he has pneumonia and that he will be off for some time. We wish him the speediest of recoveries.

Rusty Mendick, Room 1416 on the Blue shift, has left us to go back to his farm. We hope you will be able to come back in the Fall, Rusty.

The Red shift Line No. 4 Break-downs presented Sophia Ray, one of the Western girls, with a lovely wedding gift. She is marrying Fred Farrow of Oshawa and we wish them both every happiness.

We are glad to see Jerry Coady back on the job looking better than ever after his operation.

Line No. 4 wishes to extend their deepest sympathy to Bill Stevens in the recent death of his sister.

We have gone over the top in the Victory Bond drive. Line No. 4 reached its quota on the fourth day, so we hope to go away over the top. Those of you who loaned money to the fullest extent should feel proud in the knowledge that you have done your share to "Back the Attack". A vote of thanks is due the canvassers on all the shifts and in all departments for the splendid job they have done. They made the campaign a success with the co-operation of all those employees who subscribed. Nice going, Line No. 4! We always knew there were a swell bunch of Canadians working here and now we are more sure than ever. ● Eileen Eldridge, Kay Jiggins, Jimmy Webb, Reporters.

### CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE

It's a little hard to see the Office Staff these days. The walls and posts are so thoroughly decorated with Victory Loan posters that no one can be bothered looking at anything else. There's one of those posters in which we're particularly interested. That's the one with the ten divisions—you know, ten percent., twenty percent., and so on, with our quota on top. It's a high mark, but we think we're pretty good marksmen.

*We're Backing The Attack*



We are pleased to hear that Cam McDougall's wife is rapidly recovering from her recent operation, and we congratulate him on the second birthday of his small daughter.

Kirk Prittie is back in the office after a long sojourn in the Electrical Office. Sure you haven't got a movie magazine concealed among all those pamphlets, Kirk?

Alf Brady has promised us each a nice young chicken for next Thanksgiving (at prevailing prices). We understand he recently held a housewarming at his new chicken house, heat being supplied by a brand-new incubator. Don't take any china eggs, Alf!

We heard recently from one of our old cronies, "Ack" Aykroyd, who has just come out heavy winner in a bout with dat ol' debbil, Exams. Ack was with us last summer as a construction engineer. After graduation he enters the Navy, whether as stoker or admiral we don't know yet. He's also going to become a sort of one-man two-ocean navy, as he is going to embark on the sea of matrimony some time soon. ● Bev. Booth and Fred Sykes, Reporters.

## ADMINISTRATION

The most important news item this time, of course, is the opening of the Fourth Victory Loan Campaign, and at the time of writing we hear from Mr. Campbell that things are going well in the Administration Building. "Back the Attack" everyone, and let's put the General Offices quota over the top.

Mr. Campbell's office has gained another recruit in the person of Miss Irene Huel, who recently transferred to Pickering Works from Bouchard. Irene is French, with flashing black eyes, and came originally from Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan.

2nd Lieut. Archie and Mary Miller, and Lieut. Bob and Marie Galway (née Marie Roche) renewed acquaintances around the plant the other day, and received a very warm welcome in the Administration Building judging from the squeals and laughter which floated down the hall from the end office.

On April 8, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Brown became the proud parents of a daughter, Fern Rosalind Penelope by name. Cigars and chocolates floated all over the building the next day and Tommy still has that proud gleam in his eye.

Herb Hunter says he got the nicest birthday present this year ever. Rosemary Joan Hunter was born April 19—Herb's own natal day!—and if anyone has an hour or so to spare, Herb will be glad to give you a few details about her. Both Mother and Baby are doing well, and Father, as well as can be expected. ● Mary McKenzie, Reporter.

## COMPLETED ROUNDS AREA

We are sorry to report that Dick Tweedie, who was in a car accident on April 6, is still confined to Oshawa General Hospital, where he expects to remain for another two weeks. Dick wishes to express his gratitude to the friends of both areas for a very generous and much welcomed gift.

Hollie Jarive has just returned to work after nursing a painful foot injury sustained while leading his frisky horse.

Newt Ashton, Ernie Baker and George Perkins were among the fans who went up to see Oshawa Generals do their stuff in the playoffs against the Winnipeg team.

When one takes a "gander" at the Victory Loan quota set up for the Stonehouse it is to be hoped that the boys will dig deeply when canvassers Ernie Baker, Larry McKinnon, Jim McQuoid and Jim Saunders come around to take up the collection. ● Verna Littlefield, Cecil McGuire, Reporters.



Management men are here seen greeting Mr. M. J. Watson, newly appointed Works Manager, shortly after his arrival in Oshawa from the West. In the first picture, Production Superintendent A. LeB. Ross shakes hands with Mr. Watson as Works Engineer A. S. Holder, Personnel Supervisor A. Russell, Chief Clerk S. T. Hopkins and Dr. Douglas Brown, Factory Inspection Chief, stand by. The gentleman standing between Mr. Watson and Mr. Ross is Mr. W. T. D. Ross, assistant to Mr. W. G. Cuttle, General Manager in charge of the Shell Filling Division. In the other picture the party is seen at breakfast at the Hotel Genosha, Oshawa.

## DESIGN

Design has lost an old friend; one that many of you knew and nicknamed "Smitty". Eric Smith started at the plant in September of 1941 and contributed much from his store of valuable experience, both to the Lines and to this Department. We miss him, and our sincerest wishes for a successful future accompany him in his new position at Malton.

There has been a great deal of flurry around Design these last few days and we don't doubt you can guess what the excitement is. Yes, it's the Fourth Victory Loan Drive, and we are proud to announce that this Department not only reached its objective but has Gone Over the Top. Thanks, fellows, and also to our Chief for his inspiring words.

We are all wondering why it is that these radio comedians state that California gets all the rain. How about Ajax and its mud? ● G. Redfern, Reporter.

## PELLET and TRACER

Members of the Government Inspection of the Blue Shift played hostess to Mrs. Grace Blair, a former Inspector, now completing her nursing training at a Toronto Hospital. The reception was given at the

home of Mrs. "Bonny" Bonathon, Toronto.



To Mr. and Mrs. James Hall on the arrival of a brand-new Baby Boy, the Blue shift offers congratulations.

Back to shift came Foreman Bill MacCarl after two weeks away attending the Foreman Training Course.

There are a few more new faces on the Red shift. Several girls have been transferred from Cap and Det. and Line No. 4. Welcome, girls! Hope you like being with us as much as we like having you.

Joan Deleski left the end of April for a month's holiday. Have a good time, Joany, and come back ready to dig in again. Joany hails from Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Softball is the "ball" on the Red shift this week. We have entered a team, and are looking forward to a good season and lots of fun.

Mary Edwards, Groupleader, is attending J.I.T. School this week. Don't work too hard, Mary! Do you have homework to do?

The Red shift went over the 100% mark in the War Bond Campaign! In fact, we reached our quota first.

Pretty good! Keep it up, girls and fellows!

Mr. Dan Cupid is visiting on the Red Shift. A certain dark-haired girl and a certain fair-haired boy are nitting it off pretty well. Good old Dan Cupid! ● Betty Sexty, Louie King, Reporters.

## STORES

All the gang in Stores Records bought Victory Bonds and it was worth it just to see the happy expression on Mel Henry's face. We're all in this together and it's a satisfaction to know that our dollars are fighting too.

We wonder if Cyril Edwards is suffering from spring fever these days. It does play tricks with some folks.

Bill McNivan hasn't been enjoying our weather lately. In fact, he threatens to give it back to the Indians but we're wondering if they would accept it.

The stork is a very busy bird these war days. He brought a small bundle of heaven to the Bill Gunns recently. Such kidding as Bill had to undergo from the office gang, but hearty congratulations. It's their third.

Even Jim Hawsego is full of vim and vigor. He lives to go down on



Striking proof of the brutality of the Germans in occupied Europe is this picture, one of a series of five found on a Nazi flier whose plane was shot down over England. It shows two members of the German uniformed police, the dreaded Gestapo, supervising Poles who have been forced to dig graves for their compatriots who, their hands tied behind them, have been shot before their very eyes. Many news stories and reports from England have told of such incidents. According to most of them, men forced to dig the graves have been later shot themselves.

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his farm and watch the seeds come up. He even offered the two girls in his office a job to go down and help him with his spreading. Needless to say the offer was delightfully accepted.

Andy Maurer, Tommy Riggs and Dave Beatty are certainly giving Doris Spenlove an awful time these days over her native land, Ireland. She still maintains against all arguments that no place can compare with her birthplace—even the rain over there is different!

We've found out why Bill Phinney sits so contented and happy in his corner. He has several pictures of beautiful blondes tacked on the wall around him. We don't have to wonder any more.

Another admirer of femininity is Gar Littlejohn. He has two glamorous girls beside him all the time. They never speak, however, being the beautiful but dumb type. We're referring to the posters of the Red Cross for blood donors.

Talking about blood donors, a certain young lady went out bravely to do or die in the clinic. The men gave suggestions as to whether she should accept roses or lilies; another offered to give her a transfusion. Even the guards at the gate questioned whether the young lady should be going to the clinic or the hospital. When the critical hour arrived, this donor was not accepted, but better luck next time. When she arrived back at the office she told the gang her fighting blood was too good for them to accept. That's just one version.

Freddie Bowers must be taking an extra size in hats these days. No small wonder though when he has such a lovely daughter as baby Catherine. Mother and daughter are progressing in fine style.

Mr. George Hatt's office is looking very nice and gay this week or so. We all appreciate the lovely flowers that have been adorning his desk recently.

If anybody should meet six yards of legs and a beaming, happy face floating somewhere above them, that is Tommy Milton. It couldn't be the new income tax, but we wonder if somebody left him a fortune.

We never hear anything more about meat pies from Alex Kidd. But we would still like the recipe.

The Essential Office did a fine job of "Backing the Attack" with Victory Bonds. Ed Armstrong is very happy about the whole thing. ● Nellie L. Maidens, Reporter.

## SHOWBOAT SNAPSHOTS

by MIDGE

Showboat Snap Shots . . . the organ sounding like a calliope under Mrs. Jim Samson's able touch . . . the amazingly realistic looking Showboat props painted by Jim Lynch . . . the five cute little piccaninies played by Margaret and Bobbie Russell, Jimmy and Joanna Samson and John Daggett . . . Winnie Heyd appealing as she sang "My Man" . . . Bill Martin and Bill Menendez bringing down the house as Mr. Bones and Sambo . . . Kathleen Shore, Liliane Papineau, Bob Irvine and Art Young singing lustily in the Glee Club chorus . . . Joe Flavell reciting "Allied for Freedom," the stirring lines written by Line No. 1's James R. Knox . . . the very finished performance given by the ten little dancers after only six weeks of tap dancing lessons . . . the mirth-provoking mule . . . Ethel Kruz winning all hearts singing "I Only Want a Buddy, Not a Sweetheart" . . . Harold M. Colling looking exceptionally handsome as the captain . . . Line No. 2's Emmie Waller delighting all as a typical southern mammy . . . the banjo trio . . . Reg Martin nonchalantly beating time . . . the Four M's playing the world's largest mouth organ . . . Guard George Burgin singing in his best baritone . . . the grand finale and a real old-fashioned hoe-down . . . it was a swell show, Harry, thanks a lot.



# Ajax Bowlers Are C.B.A. Industrial Champions

## FROM THE ALLEYS

The twelve teams playing off for the honor of holding the Bowling Trophy Shield are on the final leg of the semi-finals. For two weeks now four teams each have bowled on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They have one week to go and a winner from each group will enter the finals. Standings to May 7 are as follows:

### MONDAY

Coles .....	4
Line No. 1 .....	4
Line No. 3 .....	3
Recreation .....	1

### WEDNESDAY

2011 Stores .....	0
Engineers .....	3
Laundry .....	3
Village .....	6

### FRIDAY

Building 2012 .....	3
Millwrights .....	0
Steamfitters .....	1
Technicians .....	2

The Village team has been up to now smashing the pins with regularity and are leading their section with six points. On Wednesday, May 5, they won with a score of 2206 which is the best two-game score yet made on the Ajax Alleys. Ray Henshaw helped them immensely with games of 212 and 293.

There are a number of good girl bowlers working here as proved by the many names which appear on the blackboard. A few of the girls are consistent "200" bowlers. Some of the better scores read:

Helen Cedar, 337; Angela Whalen, 306; Anne Boehme, 267; Kay Broughton, 243; Jackie Wilkie, 235; Irene Sarich, 230.

Standings in the girls' leagues are as follows:

### LEAGUE NO. 1

Ida Schmidt .....	14
Marie Collier .....	19
Pat Gallant .....	13
Alice Holland .....	11
Mary Carrigan .....	14
Inez Jones .....	4

The teams of Ida Schmidt and Pat Gallant are behind schedule one night so therefore have two games to play to catch up.

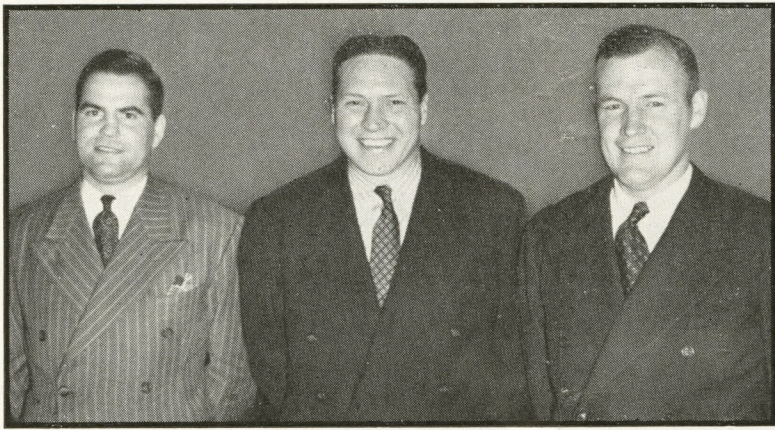
### LEAGUE NO. 2

Mary Hanson .....	6
Ruby Oakenfold .....	10
Agnes Wilson .....	15
M. Sauer .....	17
Lena Sapergia .....	18
Ethel Whitman .....	3

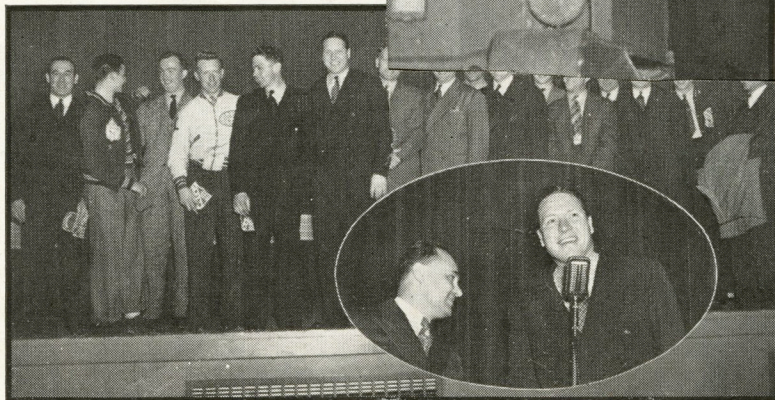
## Many Turned Away As Nearly 800 Jam Hall To See "Showboat"

Almost 800 people literally piled into Recreation Centre Auditorium on Monday, May 3 to witness the Minstrel Show presentation. The tremendous crowd was not disappointed for Program Director Harry Brock had arranged one of the finest shows yet presented at the Hall. Anyone's taste was satisfied for the show contained acts of every nature including songs by the chorus, a torch singer, three banjoists, four harmonica artists, a tap-dancing routine, jokes by four end men, and many others.

So many attended that the doors had to be closed before the show opened at 8.30 and a lot of people had to be turned away. The show, however, will be presented again, in answer to many requests, on Monday, May 17. It's a lively, fast-moving show and those who missed the first presentation should make a point of seeing it next Monday.



Members of Toronto Maple Leafs, left to right, are Reg. Hamilton, Red Horner and Bob Davidson, who through the efforts of our own Mike Cook, came to Ajax to present crests to members of the local O.H.A. team and to members of Clare Rice's plant league championship team at Recreation Centre, Monday, April 27.



After the presentation, those present to receive crests were happy to pose with such well-known hockey greats, and our staff cameraman caught them in their best mood. Inset is Mike Cook looking on as Red Horner cracked a few jokes and told the gathered throng of a few unusual hockey incidents.



Part of the crowd which packed the Recreation Centre Auditorium on the evening of April 26 to see Messrs. Horner, Davidson and Hamilton present hockey crests. The appearance of so many lovely girls in the front row belies the belief that only boys are interested in hockey.

## SPORTS FORUM

by Reg. Martin

Str-i-k-e one, ba-a-l-l two! You-ou-ou're out! These soon will be familiar words to many softballers who are now busy forming teams. A committee has been formed composed of Bill Paul, Bob McJannett, Harold Rumble, Bob Irvine and Reg Martin. It has been decided to hold double-headers on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, game times to be 5.20 and 6.30 p.m. Bulletins have been left in all departments and they include entry forms with a space for the time your team would rather play. All entries must be in by May 12. After that date a meeting will be held with all captains to discuss all problems. To overcome shift work each team is allowed to nominate twenty players. There will be two leagues. It is hoped each will comprise four teams. Exhibition games will be held on Fridays.

Although final details have not yet been completed for girls' softball it has been decided that play will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Looking after girls' softball is to be

part of the duties of the new Girls' Sports Director and at this time we welcome Miss Edith Caster to the Recreation Staff in this capacity and trust her associations here will be pleasant.

The tennis courts are almost ready for use. The Recreation Department has eight racquets which will be loaned to anyone who does not have one but desires to learn the game. Our supply of tennis balls, we believe, is adequate for a full summer's play.

Thanks is extended to Mike Cook for getting Red Horner, Bob Davidson and Reg Hamilton to present crests to the local hockey teams. The appearance of such hockey greats helped wind up a successful season.

No doubt there are many golf enthusiasts working at Ajax. With this in mind the writer is attempting to arrange for Golf Tournaments at some nearby club. We'll keep you posted in this column.

The return Volleyball games between the Reservists and the Administration gang were held May 6 with Administration winning the first match 21-18 to prove that they really can lick the Reservists but the

## Local Squad Scoring 3474 Wins Karry Memorial Trophy At Big Toronto Tournament

Team Composed of Jack Burgess, Reg Walden, Johnny Stephens, Ted Kirkland and Harry Webster Share \$35.00

The Ajax No. 1 team of trundlers rolled into Toronto and the Canadian Bowling Association play-offs on Saturday, May 1, and rolled out again the winners of the Karry Memorial Trophy, emblematic of the Industrial Team Championship, and the possessors of \$35.00 prize money which they will share. The team, captained by Jack Burgess, who rolled 708, was made up of some of the better bowlers of the plant. Scores of the other sharpshooters were:—Reg. Walden, 741; John Stephens, 723; Ted Kirkland, 701, and Harry Webster, 501. The score of 3474 was excellent considering the class of opposition at the tournament.

Defence Industries' team No. 2, captained by Bill Paul, bowled for a total of 2933. A third team entered and captained by George Clark finished with a score of nearly 2900 pins.

The Trophy, presented by Karry's Alleys, opening a new section in the C.B.A. Tournament this year, will be for annual competition. Teams made up of bona-fide employees of any industrial company are eligible.

While the winning team's score was somewhat higher than those scored by the regular plant leagues' teams the players were all of the opinion that they could have done even better with a little more practice on Karry's Alleys which would also have tended to remove some of their nervousness.

less hours of rehearsal on organ and piano . . . REPEATED BOWLS for every member of the hard-working cast . . . Had we had one, the S.R.O. sign would have been up at 8 o'clock. The hundreds of customers who were turned away are not going to be disappointed, though. They will have a chance to see a REPEAT PERFORMANCE on MONDAY, MAY 17 . . . SAME SHOW . . . SAME CAST.

NEGOTIATIONS are under way to bring The T. Eaton Company's production of *H.M.S. PINAFORE*. If successful, playing dates will be announced shortly. Music lovers are advised to note the date and be here early . . . Special program, Monday, May 24, presents Flying Officer Alan Bell, R.C.A.F. Officer Bell, recently returned from overseas, comes highly recommended as an unusually interesting speaker. His experiences in Tunisia, where he was very severely wounded, and his pictures covering the actual theatre of war, will be well worth hearing and seeing . . . Moving picture bookings for the next two weeks are mentioned elsewhere in this issue . . . By the time this edition goes to press, the Dramatic Society will have "The Whole Town Talking" which, incidentally will be the name of their final play for the spring season, and will be presented the latter part of June . . . Those who like organ music should reserve Sunday evening, May 16. A return engagement of Colin Corbett, well-known organist, has been booked. He will play our own Hammond Electric . . . Incidentally, with the coming of warm weather, the Sunday evening Firesides, which have been so popular all winter, will soon be discontinued for the summer.

WELL, that's that. Now don't forget the comment of the old Shakespearean actor, "Praise it if you will, condemn it if you must, but . . . !"



by Harry V. Brock

Program Director  
Recreation Centre

THIS column is being started, truthfully speaking, in self-defence. Jim Samson, the

boss, normally the personification of affability, of late has taken to muttering about the ruined condition of the hardwood floors in our office . . . and we're to blame, says he. Despite our extensive advertising — anyway we claim it's extensive — there are deep grooves in the floor leading from our desk to the telephone as a result of being called to answer enquiries regarding attractions at the Recreation Centre. So-o-o-oh! A column is born . . . and in the words of a long-forgotten Shakespearean actor, "Praise it if you will, condemn it if you must, but for God's sake, don't ignore it!"

THEY tell us the Minstrel Revue, produced recently, was quite a success. We don't know; we were so busy galloping around backstage during the first act that we had little time to notice audience reaction. However, we do think that some of the spontaneous applause overheard should be earmarked for, and *Curtain Calls* taken, by the unseen artists whose efforts helped in no small way to make the show a success . . . JIMMY LYNCH for his colorful stage settings and scenery . . . MRS. ED. ROSE, who with the script in her hand, never left her post in the wings all evening and who was greatly responsible for the smooth continuity of the show . . . MRS. RUSSELL AND MRS. ALLEN who were in charge of the piccaninnies . . . MRS. JIM SAMSON for her end-

Reservists came back in the second to win 21-19. We should mention here that all the Reserve Army players did not turn out. The Administration team loaned them some men so that play could go on.

Girls keep-fit classes are to be continued every Monday and Thursday at 2 p.m. and every Tuesday and Friday at 7 p.m.

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