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CHRISTMAS IN OTHER LANDS

Many of our boys will be celebrating Christmas this year in countries far from home and will be observing some of the customs and traditions of this holiday that would seem strange to us.

In Italy, for example, Christmas Eve is more important than is Christmas Day. December 24 is a fast day, so the evening meal is a meatless one. Our traditional Christmas tree has not been adopted in Italy, nor is gift-giving important, except to children and elderly people. On Christmas Eve a Yule log is placed in the fireplace and the children gathered there and blindfolded. Each of them recites a verse to the Christ Child and the blindfolds are removed. In front of each child is a small heap of gifts which, they are told, the Christ Child has brought them.

In many parts of France, also, the Christ Child (or "le bon Jesus" as he is called) is the benefactor of the small children at Christmas time. Many French children still adhere to the custom of leaving out their shoes to be filled with presents. In Paris, the Christmas celebration is a merry one, and on Christmas Eve the streets and cafes are crowded with holiday throngs. To the Parisians the Christmas supper at midnight is more important than the Christmas dinner, and they travel from cafe to cafe for various courses.

St. Nicholas travels through the towns and villages of Flanders and Holland on December 6, visiting the children and inquiring into their good behavior. Since St. Nicholas is derived from an ancient legend concerning a priest, he quizzes them on their catechism and religious learning. If the children have been good and know their catechism, blessings are promised them by the next morning; or, if they have not been good, solemn warnings are given them.

In most of the small villages and farms in Europe it is a common belief that animals are endowed with the power of speech and prophecy on Christmas Eve, and on that night the animals feast well.

In Catholic Europe, it is traditional for families to watch for the first star on Christmas Eve, which is the signal for them to share their blessed wafers with one another, after which they sit down to the Christmas supper, a meatless meal.

WHAT PRICE ABSENTEEISM?

Absenteeism is badly handicapping our war production. The bad thing about this high rate of absenteeism is that most of it is due not to sickness or injury, but to deliberate staying away from the job by many of our employees. This, obviously, doesn't apply to all Hamilton employees. By far, the large majority of them are aware of their responsibilities and remain "on the job" day after day. Unless an employee is actually ill, or some really

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In Memoriam

A gold star memorial service was held in the cafeteria on December 7 for Cpl. Joseph Greiner, Jr., formerly of the Spec. Assembly Dept., who was killed in action in Germany on November 24.

President Kendig spoke briefly and extended the Company's sympathy to Cpl. Greiner's parents. Joseph Greiner, Sr., Hamilton Train Dept. employee for over 30 years and veteran of World War 1, and Mrs. Greiner.

Mr. Kendig said, in part, "... There is little we can do for those who have made the supreme sacrifice. We can continue to think and pray for the other boys and girls from this plant who continue in the armed services, that they be given courage and faith to continue in their assignment—and that goes for you and me for our part on the home front."

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM JOYOUSLY RECEIVED

In order to give all Hamilton employees a greater opportunity to participate in the annual Christmas musical program it was decided to spread the group carol singing in the cafeteria over four days instead of confining it to the usual half hour on the day of the choir's concert. The program has been further augmented by the addition of a solo on each of the four days by a member of the Hamilton Chorus.

The program, when this paper went to press, was being enthusiastically received and participated in; and the choir concert, under the able direction of Abram Longenderfer and scheduled for the 22nd, will be broadcast over Station WGAL and seems certain to be one of the finest ever presented.

The complete program follows:

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 1944

December 19—12:30 to 12:55—Carol Singing—Soloist, Francis Meyer, tenor, Watch Design Section.

December 20—12:30 to 12:55—Carol Singing—Soloist, Miss Margaret Dommel, Soprano, Damaskeening Dept.

December 21—11 a. m.—Soloist, Abram Longenderfer, baritone, Balance & Flat Steel Dept.

11:30—Soloist, Miss Myrtle Peters, soprano, Material Sales Section.

12:30—Soloist, Paul Harnish, bass, Balance & Flat Steel Dept.

December 22—Radio Program, 12:30 to 1:00—Carol Singing, Choir of 75 voices—There Were Shepherds (Vincent); Star of the East (Cooper Kennedy); Hallelujah Chorus from the "Messiah" (Handel).

Annual Christmas Message—President Kendig.

Finale—Abram Longenderfer and choir—"White Christmas."

LINDA DARNELL, ALEXANDER KNOX ATTEND WAR BOND RALLY IN CAFETERIA

MISS DARNELL APPEALS



Courtesy of Lancaster Newspapers

Linda Darnell, glamorous Hollywood star, is shown addressing Hamilton employees assembled in the cafeteria at the war bond rally held November 22. Miss Darnell and Alexander Knox, star of the recent movie "Wilson," visited the Hamilton plant through the efforts of the Hamilton War Bond Committee.

EN ROUTE THROUGH THE PLANT



Courtesy of Lancaster Newspapers

After lunching in the cafeteria, the stars were escorted through many departments of the plant. Here they are watching operations on the fuze assembly line, several of which Fred Hauer (left) has just been explaining.

Sometimes the biggest headlines never reach our newspapers. Last year in this nation almost 60,000 Americans were killed by a vicious murderer called tuberculosis. The money which comes from your purchase of Christmas Seals is the weapon with which we fight this dread disease. This year let's save a

Do you realize that an American dies every nine minutes from an insidious unseen enemy within our own land? Tuberculosis is that enemy—sapping the nation's strength when it is needed most to win the war. Help fight this vicious killer with your purchase of Christmas Seals; Christmas Seals which are instrumental in saving American lives.

Lt. Averett Spurs Sales In December

The Hamilton War Bond Committee sponsored two bond rallies during the 6th War Loan campaign. Through their efforts and in particular that of Chairman Ray Foults, two famous Hollywood stars, the lovely Linda Darnell and Alexander Knox, who played "Wilson" in the moving picture of the same name, were Hamilton's guests at the rally held on November 22. They were accompanied by Captain Robert Donahue, a veteran Army Air Force pilot; Mr. Milton Ranek, chairman of the Lancaster County War Finance Committee; and several other members of that committee.

At the second rally, held on December 7, third anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the principal speaker was Lt. Narvin Averett, a fighter pilot with 45 missions to his credit in the European theatre of war. Lt. Averett, who was accompanied by his wife, told some of his experiences, and in particular the account of his last mission in which he was lost, ran out of gas, and crashed in the English Channel suffering a broken back and eight hours exposure on a life raft. Other speakers included Messrs. Milton Ranek, County War Finance Committee Chairman; Ruhland Rebmann, State War Finance Committee Chairman; C. W. Carey, Deputy Mgr. of the State War Finance Committee; and Pres. C. M. Kendig. R. A. Preston was Master of Ceremonies.

Hamilton's quota for the Sixth War Loan Drive was \$200,625.00—one of the largest ever set. The campaign at Hamilton got off to a slow start with only about 30% of the total subscribed when this paper went to press. Indications are, however, that the goal will, in all probability be reached; due mainly to the fact that bond purchases all through the month of December will be counted toward the quota, even though the campaign officially ended on December 16.

AIR FORCE REAPPROVES INSPECTION STANDARDS

The United States Army Air Forces Approved Quality Control Rating has been awarded to Hamilton for the fourth successive six-month period. This means that Hamilton's reputation for maintaining very close tolerances and exceptionally accurate inspection standards has been officially recognized by the U. S. Army Air Forces inspection personnel, as being accurate enough to pass their rigid specifications without their close supervision.

As stated in the requirements for an approved quality control rating, the company must demonstrate that its inspection personnel can be entrusted with full responsibility, that its products meet all requirements

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What Price Absenteeism?

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serious emergency at home arises to keep him there, he should consider it his patriotic duty to stay on the job for the duration.

Government figures show that for every hour lost on the production line, a sailor, a soldier, a marine, or a member of the air forces, will die in battle. For every extra hour of production achieved a life is saved.

Victories are still won by the army or navy that "gets there fustest with the mostest." "Too little, too late" sealed the fate of the men on Bataan and Corregidor. Conversely, Rommel had to run clear across North Africa and was eventually defeated when Montgomery and the Allies had assembled more guns, more men, more tanks and more planes than he had.

You can't produce equipment to beat the Axis by staying away from your job. You've got to be in there

pitching every working day. When you're absent from your job deliberately, you're letting down a soldier, a sailor, a marine or a pilot who's counting on you for the equipment he so urgently needs—NOW.

If you are going to be absent and know about it in advance, notify your foreman so that he can replace you while you're away and maintain an even flow of production. If you're suddenly ill, have a member of your family or a neighbor call the plant.

There's only one time that counts in this business of war production—the starting time! Stick to your job! We'll quit when the job is finished!

To comply with recent government requests that employees of war plants stay on the job a maximum number of hours during the holiday season to keep up vitally needed production, Hamilton's departments, where a physical inventory is not required, will work their regular weekly schedule including New Year's Day—your co-operation is needed!

NOTED SCIENTIST ADDRESSES HAMILTON MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION



Dr. Gerald S. Wendt, Science Editor of Time magazine, contributor to many scientific publications, and former Director of Science at the New York World's Fair, delivered a most interesting address to members of the Hamilton Management Assn. at their dinner meeting at the Hotel Brunswick on Nov. 20.

He predicted that scientific developments which are already evident in many wartime products will eventually revolutionize our lives and even increase our life span. Medicines which are now saving five times as many lives as in World War I—sulfanilamide, penicillin and blood plasma—will probably increase the average span of life from the present life expectancy of 64 years to 75 years, and he added that it will not be uncommon for a great many people to live past the age of 80. Penicillin, he termed a "miracle drug, as it is perfectly safe" and can be used by anyone without the serious after effects or fatality which sometimes accompany the administration of the sulfa drugs.

The field of electronics, Dr. Wendt pointed out, has already provided many secret weapons of war and will likewise provide many modern wonders and conveniences when peace comes. He predicted that three-dimensional television sets and radar-controlled ships and planes will become common. Aluminum, he said, will become increasingly important wherever transportation, weight, or re-use of an item is a prime factor to be considered; and

that because it is now being produced cheaply and in quantity will replace steel and plastics in many cases. Food production can and probably will be increased by some two billion dollars through the extensive use of new insecticides and methods of preservation.

Says "Second Industrial Revolution" Coming

He pointed out that "there will be a great volume of production and over-production after the war, because all our postwar thinking is geared to present production rates." And that ten thousand men with modern equipment can produce as much rubber synthetically as formerly was produced by nine million natives collecting natural rubber. The first industrial revolution replaced human muscles with machines. The "second industrial revolution is really an evolution," he stated, and will replace men, subject to the errors of the human senses, with instruments and devices like the electric eye and electric ear, which will automatically control machines and processes.

"We're not yet ready for the new industrial revolution because we live in a world where we consider that work is a blessing and a need," he said. "We must revise our educational system to learn that more mechanization means more wealth, and that idleness is not an invention of the devil."

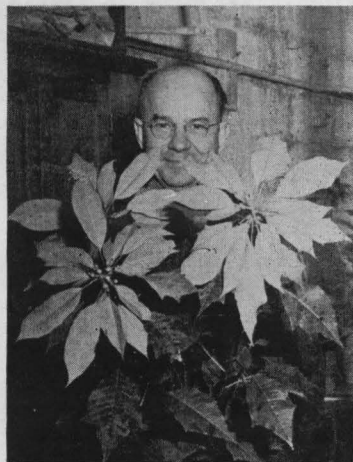
During his address, Dr. Wendt re-

marked that he had been very much impressed with the many highly-developed and sensitive technical instruments used in the Hamilton plant and the close tolerances required by Hamilton standards of precision.

At the conclusion of the address, President C. M. Kendig presented Dr. Wendt with a Hamilton strap watch as a memento of his visit to Lancaster and the Hamilton Watch Company.

The Management Association was the dinner guest of President Kendig on this occasion. A. B. Sinkler presided at the meeting.

POINSETTIAS BY BOSTICK



"Chet" Bostick, our gardener, is all smiles for this year's crop of poinsettias turned out to be a bounteous one. The single plant which he is holding is a fine example of his handiwork, the groundwork for which originally began late last spring. This is but one beautiful specimen picked at random from our main greenhouse shelf which, when the picture was taken, was literally a mass of poinsettia flowers. A number of these plants are now gracing many of the offices and lobbies throughout our plant.

"MY WISH"

Joy and prosperity — happiness — peace
 Of these I wish thee a blessed increase.
 I bear you in memory this Yuletide and say
 "God bless you and grant you a bright Christmas day."
 Margaret Keller, Service Office



Amid this night of grief, this total war,
 This tragedy of hate, of greed and power,
 This wanton sacrificing o'er and o'er
 Of valiant youth before they've lived their hour;
 Amid the aching hearts, the bitter tears
 The countless mothers shed o'er all the earth;
 Amid all this, their dreams, their wants and fears
 Men kneel in faith and hail the Christ Child's birth.
 For to this Prince of Peace mankind must turn
 If they would find true brotherhood of love,
 To Him must give their hearts, from Him must learn
 To live His way of life, that from above,
 When angel hosts their carols sing again,
 There will in truth, be, "peace, goodwill to men."

Charles A. Miller, Jr.

« Tidings »»»

Engagements

The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Hecker, of the Works Laboratory, to Kenneth Swartz, of the Maintenance Department, was announced early this month. They plan to be married on January 20 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Mr. Paul G. Thompson, 335 N. Charlotte St., announced the betrothal of his daughter, Miss Betty Yvonne Thompson, of Bird-in-Hand, and Sgt. Truman Gregg, of Vintage. A party given recently by Sgt. Gregg's sister, Mrs. William Yohn, of Vintage, was the scene of the announcement. Betty is a member of our Fuze Assembly Department. Sgt. Gregg has just returned to the "good old U.S.A." after serving for 44 months in the South Pacific area.

Weddings



Miss Agnes Moore, of the Dial Department, became the bride of John Walter Eberly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Eberly, Quarryville R. 3, on October 28 at 11:00 a. m. in the rectory of St. Peter's Catholic Church, Columbia. Officiating at the ceremony was the Rev. Thomas Eovacious. The former Miss Moore is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Moore, 122 N. Seventh St., Columbia. She was attired in a white satin gown which featured a high lace neckline, long lace sleeves, and a fingertip veil. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride after which the couple left on a short wedding trip.

During one of the noon hours just previous to the wedding day, members of the Dial Department showered the then bride-to-be with all sorts of housekeeping necessities, such as teatowels, ovenware, glasses, flowerpots, etc. A Timely Topics photographer was on hand to photograph Agnes, the resplendent cake, and the various gifts that all but overwhelmed her.

The wedding of Miss Rosina Mancuso, of the Friction Jeweling Department, and Mr. Paul Shelley was solemnized October 13 in Belair, Md. The Rev. R. H. Wright officiated.

The wedding of Miss Ruth Pauline Plank, of the Production Control Section, and Joe B. Hughson, GM 1/c, USN, of Ahsokie, N. C., took place on November 25 at 4 p. m. in Memorial Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Charles A. Underwood officiated at the double ring ceremony. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white gown with heart-shaped neckline and full-length sleeves. The gown's full net skirt was trimmed with an applied satin floral design, while her fingertip-length veil was attached to a

coronet of seed pearls and orange blossoms. The bridegroom is serving as an instructor at Bainbridge, Md.



The wedding of Miss Martha Rote, of the Chronometer Assembly Department, and Mr. George H. Ernst, Jr., was solemnized November 1 in the parsonage of the Presbyterian church in Elkton, Maryland. The bride and bridegroom are residing in West Lancaster.

The 3:15 p. m. rest period on November 6 was a moment of many surprises for Martha. At that time her co-workers in the Chronometer Assembly Department held a post-wedding ice cream and cake party in her honor. During the course of the party she was presented with a beautiful, serviceable blanket. In addition, a post-wedding shower held during the noon lunch hour on November 6 supplied Martha with a wide variety of household "drudge easers." This function was also made possible by the generosity of the members of the Chronometer Assembly Department.

Miss Evelyn Boyer, of South Pottstown, Penna., became the bride of Donald Buffenmyer, of the Small Tool Department, on September 2, 1944. The ceremony was solemnized in the Bethany Reformed Church at Ephrata, Pa.

Miss Anna Margaret Sheaffer, of the Train Department, became the bride of Edward Francis Severino, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Cuzuculi, 536 E. Orange St., on September 23 at 2 p. m. The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Rudolph Fuhr in St. Anthony's rectory. The couple are residing at 536 E. Orange St.



The wedding of Miss Bertha M. Paige, formerly of the Balance Staff Department, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Paige, 1185 Elm Ave., and Sgt. Thomas J. Nitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nitz, Amonte, Va., was solemnized on October 1 at 3 p. m. in the Emmanuel Lutheran Church. The Rev. Ernest

J. Hoh officiated at the ceremony. Bertha, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by her sister, Katherine Paige. Willis Haley served as best man. Ira Fickes and Robert Fickes were ushers and Margaret Dommel was the soloist. Sgt. Nitz, who recently returned from 21 months duty in the Southwest Pacific, is stationed near Tampa, Florida. Bertha is now making Tampa her home also.

Miss Yvonne A. Strohm, of the Production Clerical Department, became the bride of MM 2/c Luther Sensenig, USN, son of Mrs. Gladys Fry, Ephrata, on November 26 at 4 p. m. in the Ephrata Church of the Brethren. The Rev. Harvey E. Kettering, pastor of Grace E. C. Church, officiated at the double ring ceremony. Yvonne was given in marriage by her father and her sister; Miss Ethel A. Strohm was maid-of-honor. A fifteen-minute organ recital by Oscar Petters, Jr., of this city, preceded the ceremony. After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served at the home of the bridegroom for the bridal party and immediate families. The bridegroom is serving on a unit of the United States Fleet.

Miss Joan Shreiner, of the Automatic Department, became the bride of S 1/c Donald J. Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Murray, 264 S. Fourth St., Columbia, on Saturday, November 25, at 2 p. m. The ceremony was held in the rectory of St. Peter's Catholic Church and the Rev. Thomas Eovacious, assistant rector, officiated. Joan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Shreiner, 420 Locust St., Columbia. Seaman Murray is stationed at Bayonne, N. J., with a unit of the U. S. Coast Guard.

The marriage of Miss Marion E. Hess, of the Fuze Mfg. Department, and Robert B. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ellis Thompson, of Altoona, was solemnized on November 19 at 4 p. m. in Zion's Reformed Church, Millersville. The Rev. Charles E. Robb officiated at the double ring ceremony. Marion is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Hess, of Millersville. She was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Miss Ruth Bowers as maid-of-honor. Her gown was fashioned of white faille with a fitted bodice having a sweetheart neckline. The sleeves of the gown tapered to a point over the wrists while the full skirt terminated in a short train. Marion's fingertip-length veil of English net was attached to a Dutch cap of faille and net, and a bouquet of white pompoms and chrysanthemums completed her ensemble. A reception was held after the ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Hess, Jr., after which the couple left on a short wedding trip. Both bride and bridegroom attended Millersville State Teachers College. Mr. Thompson is a member of the faculty of Glen-Nor High School, Glenolden, Pa.

Births

On Sunday morning, October 29, "Skip" Wise, of the Specialties Assembly Dept., paced a certain floor at the Lancaster General Hospital until 3:03 a. m. At precisely that moment all seven pounds of John F. "Spike" Wise, Jr., saw the light of day for the first time. In the picture you will note that "Skip's" diaper duties will be eased somewhat by the modern innovation, rubber impregnated cloth. This valuable



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snuggle-bug outfit, etc., were presented to him by his co-workers in the Specialties Assembly Department at a gala "Skip" and "Spike" shower. "Spike's" mother is the former Martha Wagner, of the Friction Jeweling Department.

A. B. Sinkler, foreman of our Spec. Assembly Dept., and Mrs. Sinkler are the parents of an 8-lb., 10-oz. baby boy, George Conway Sinkler, born on December 2, 1944.

H-A-M-I-L-T-O-N

Eight different letters of the alphabet spell HAMILTON. And to millions of civilized people throughout the world these same eight letters arranged in exactly the same fashion spell ACCURACY, VALUE and BEAUTY. Hamilton and these three words together with the phrase, Fine Craftsmanship, are synonymous—they have one and the same meaning. It is up to all of us to see that this unique and priceless position Hamilton has attained is never eclipsed. For once such a position is relinquished it can never again be attained in less than a generation if it all, even despite astronomical expenditures of money and effort.

Let's remember, Hamilton is a custom-craft firm, manufacturing a custom-craft timepiece, and has won the approval of all who purchase custom-craft merchandise. Just stop and think of the meaning of this statement. It is a group of pulse-tingling facts, isn't it? What made these facts possible? The answer is simple—an honest product and honest value. And never think for an instant that the answer given above is difficult to define.

Honesty in business and in life in general will always shine through as reliably as the light from the sun. The inflexion of a voice, the movement of a body, a policy, etc., are all very reliable indicators and can be perceived by those who seek the truth. Those who seek true worth purchase our products, those who appreciate working with true, loyal associates help manufacture our product, and those who sense the value of doing business in a sincerely honest fashion are guiding the destinies of the Hamilton Watch Co.

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CHRISTMAS PROM AN H.R.A. FEATURE

On Friday, the 15th of December, the Moose Ballroom was the scene of the Hamilton Recreation Association's gala holiday promenade.

Dancing began at 9 p. m., continued until 12 midnight. Jinx Ganse, the master of ceremonies for the evening, kept things moving along at a lively clip and aided in distributing numerous spot prizes to lucky couples.

Ken Keeley and his versatile group of musicians from Philadelphia supplied the lively melodies that kept hundreds of pairs of feet continually gliding over the floor.

Ken's vocalist, the lovely and talented Terry O'Day, again won a fond place in the hearts of all Hamiltonians and guests present.

CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR



The arrival of Christmas once a year is always keenly anticipated by Paul Harnish of the Balance & Flat Steel Department. Paul always takes great pains in planning his holiday decorations and handiwork and as a result always comes up with something unusual and spectacular. The above is an example of his ability.

REIDENBACH RECEIVES PLAQUE



Roy E. Reidenbach, a member of our efficient Guard Force, receives a plaque honoring his son, Pfc. Roy E. Reidenbach, Jr., from his granddaughter, Sandra Louise Ziegler. Incidentally, the plaque was lettered and painted by Charles Shindell, Jr., of the Train Department.

Pathfinder: One of the most intriguing modern mysteries is how the neighbors manage to get so much sugar and gas.

Lower air travel rates are predicted. The cost of going up is coming down.

WATCHES PRESENTED TO STALIN



Mr. Henry Gerber (center), on behalf of the Jewelers of America, presents a Hamilton and an Elgin watch to Marshal Josef Stalin through the Ambassador of Russia, His Excellency A. A. Gromyko (second from left). The presentation was made during a dinner at New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel given by the Ambijan Committee, an organization for raising funds for Russian War Relief, in honor of Mr. Gromyko.

The Hamilton pocket watch, presented to Mr. Stalin, bore the following inscription: "In Tribute to the Unexcelled Leadership of Marshal Josef Stalin and Profound Faith in the Lasting Friendship between the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R.—from the Jewelers of America via Ambijan Committee."

In the above picture, John Hall, Hamilton's New York Sales Manager, is standing to the right of Mr. Gerber.

A POSED PAUSE



Courtesy of Lancaster Newspapers

Before leaving the plant Miss Darnell and Mr. Knox posed for our photographer with a U. S. Army Air Forces veteran who accompanied them. He is Captain Robert E. Donohue, an Air Forces pilot with over 300 hours of combat flying to his credit in China, India, Burma, and the Mediterranean and European theatres of war.

HAPPY HIKERS



"Believe it or not" — this motley crew of rugged mountaineers is standing on a pile of sawdust which is some thirty feet high. After hiking to this site, which is located in Fowlers' Hollow deep within the Appalachian Mountains, it required ten minutes for them to stop panting so that this picture could be taken. Frank Connelly, of the North Plant, removed his wooden leg and is leaning against it for a rest. Ray Foults, of the Statistical Department, is

trying to decide if he should remove another jacket or so. "Daniel Boone" Hovis, of the Works Laboratory, is on the lookout for "varmints" while "Scout" Kleiner, of the Balance Staff Department, is spotting another peak on which to test the group's stamina. Don Smith, of the Machine Experimental Department, Matt Houser, of the Train Department, and Ed Hendrix, of the Production Planning Department, are looking coy just for the moment.

HOSPITALIZATION BENEFITS TO 414

According to a letter from the Inter-County Hospitalization Plan, Inc., dated November 15, 1944, four hundred and fourteen Hamilton subscribers have received hospital benefits since the plan was first made available to them in November, 1943. A total of \$3,248.85 was paid to the group or an average of \$7.84 per subscriber.

Anyone wishing to subscribe to the Hospitalization Plan may make application during the month of January through Ken Weeks in the Personnel office. Any application approved during this period will take effect on February 1, 1944.

FOR GOOD READING

If you were not fortunate enough to have received at least one good book for Christmas and are accordingly going to do something about securing some reading matter for yourself, here are several short resumes of recent releases to help you make a selection.

FOREVER AMBER. By Kathleen Winsor. A historical novel written about the reign of King Charles II of Britain, dealing with the life of one of the women of his court.

THE VETERAN COMES BACK. By Willard Waller. A veteran of World War I, Waller describes some of the expectations of returning servicemen of this war and discusses some of the problems our soldiers will have to face when they return to peace.

THE HISTORY OF ROME HANKS. By Joseph Stanley Pennell. A new author, Pennell shows promise of becoming one of our major writers. This, his first novel, deals with a modern American youth and his quest for information about his ancestors who fought in the Civil War.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? By Joseph Dunninger. A review of outstanding examples of telepathy, including accounts of his own experiments and demonstrations by the well-known "master mentalist" of our time.

ARGENTINE DIARY. By Ray Josephs. A factual, informative report on present-day conditions in Argentina, dealing with the political and economic situation and presenting minute biographies of prominent Argentines.

THE BLACK PATH OF FEAR. By Cornell Woolrich. A Crime Club selection, this murder-mystery takes place in Havana. Action is swift and the plot is well knit.

ON MY OWN. By Walter B. Pitkin. An earthy autobiography of one of the most unique persons of our time, dealing with his own life and containing personality sketches of many well-known contemporaries.

Also please keep in mind when searching for reading material that our library now has many of the most recent books published, which have been loaned generously by our President, Mr. C. M. Kendig, and Miss Ferne Kottler, of the Statistical Department. These books are for circulation among Hamilton employees only.

Christmas means more than a holly branch, a glittering tree, or a turkey drumstick. It's a season when our hearts are filled with fellowship and good cheer which finds expression in acts of kindness and generosity. It's a time when we learn that giving is true having. It's a



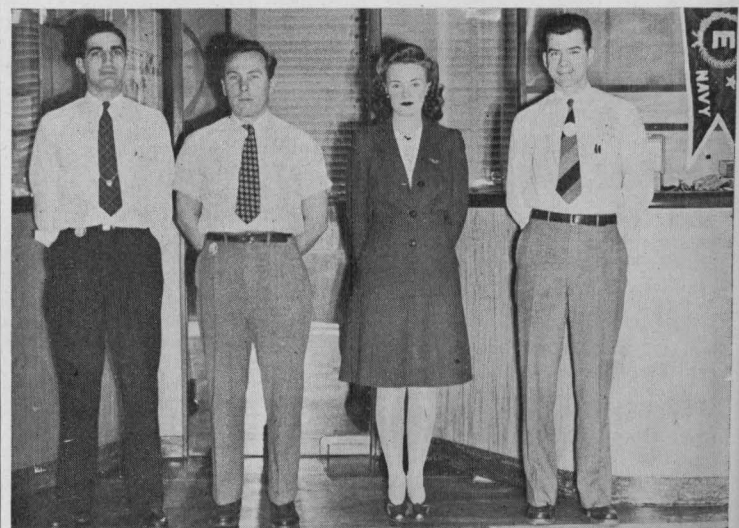
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QUEEN ELIZABETH GREETES YANKS— LT. JOHN CONLIN, JR. IN GROUP



Lt. John C. Conlin, Jr., second from left, formerly of our Service Dept., is shown speaking with Queen Elizabeth of England during a visit she made recently to a Red Cross Club in Bedford, England. Lt. Conlin is a pilot of a B-17 and has been stationed in England since last July. He entered the Service September, 1941, and was commissioned at Hobbs Field, N. M., the following March.

H.R.A. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS



At the annual Hamilton Recreation Association election held on December 1, 1944, John Gause, Inspection Department, was elected President for the coming year. John served as Vice-President of the organization last year. Other officers elected were: Richard Shock, Machine Shop, Vice-President; Louise Smith, Purchasing, Secretary; and William Mattern, Fuze Assembly, Treasurer.

The H.R.A. membership drive started on Monday, December 4, and H.R.A. representatives have been appointed in each department to solicit memberships. It was decided to reduce the membership fee from one dollar a year to twenty-five cents per year, and then charge members half the regular admission

price to attend H.R.A. dances. It was thought that more Hamiltonians would take an interest in the organization's many activities and become members if the membership fee was reduced. It is estimated that no less than 1600 Hamiltonians will join the association this year.

The association plans to sponsor a wide variety of activities during the coming year which includes five dances, softball teams, a quito tournament, both single and doubles tennis tournaments, archery, bowling, several card parties, and a big H.R.A. picnic for all employees. If the Holiday Dance, held on December 15, is any criterion of other activities to follow, H.R.A. will enjoy a very successful year in 1945.

Inspection Standards Reapproved

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as established by the Army Air Forces, and that each department of the plant and each inspection operation therein properly organized and controlled in a manner that meets with the approval of the Army Air Forces.

When these requirements have been met (and are maintained) duplication of inspection during detailed fabrication by Air Forces personnel is eliminated; and the Army Air Forces inspection personnel then confines itself to general supervision of the company's inspection system.

Hamilton has had an "Approved Rating" ever since production was started on the first Army Air Forces contract.

Welcome New Employees

Here is your opportunity to make new friends. Let's make the new members of Hamiltonia whose names and departments are listed below feel at home. Help them become acclimated. They have joined our midst during the period extending from October 23 to December 11 and are helping to hasten the day of victory. On behalf of all members of the Hamilton family, Timely Topics wishes to extend a hearty welcome to one and all and sincerely trusts that each and every new member will find his or her occupation both interesting and pleasant.

Advertising—Willis Carvell.

Automatic—Samuel Beck, Frederick Fletter, Jr., Grace Gerlach, Charles Heckel, Jacob Huber, John Mattera, Herbert H. Moyer, Leonard Proctor, Lillian Stokes, John E. Stone, Harry Strubel, Eva N. Swords, Maxine Walker, Elion M. Wentzel, Richard Yoder.

Bal. & Flat Steel—Doris McAllister.

Balance Staff—Jennie Dommel, Robert Henkel, Harriet Rieker.

Chem. & Met. Res.—Harold Cobb, Jr., Vera Yadley.

Chron. Asm.—Albert E. Geer.

Dial—Marcia Bohee, James L. Edwards, Hazel Gantt, Patty L. Harple, Evelyn Rodgers, Albert Wilson.

Escape—Corinne Ankeny, Martin Leonard, Janet Mellinger, Ruth Merringer.

Friction Jwl.—Mary Brubaker, Nancy Lee Moore, Susan M. Nolt, Ella Reisinger.

Fuze Asm.—Mary Dick, Alice Z. Foust, Evelyn Frey, Bertha Graybill, Esther R. Heckendorn, Suie Henry, Dorothea Hohenwarter, Lucretia Knight, Florence Martin, Elizabeth* Moore, Helen Petters, Helen Reese, Gail Ryall, Mollie Spece.

Fuze Mfg.—Raymond Burkman, Geraldine Evans, Hettie Hallman, W. Charles Rittenhouse.

Fuze Pack.—Lester Kuhns.

Gen. Maint.—Oliver Eckroth, Joseph Gough, H. Leroy Graver.

Ind. Eng.—June Bortzfield.

Jwl. Finish—Verna E. Wettig.

Jwl. Setting—Anna Benedict, Della C. Biggs, Annabelle Bowers, Norman E. Getz.

Machine Shop—Frank Bobish, Lloyd Kreider, Andrew Musser, George H. Thomas.

Maintenance—Adam Ament, Walter Brown, George Cantler, Aaron Farrell, Clair K. Myers, Ephraim Peters, Ray F. Sload.

Personnel—Dorothea Hummel.

Personnel School—Elizabeth Adams, Lucille Evans, Edith Frey, Helen Gaul, Lucy Haines, Alberta Harnish, Frances Hubley, Evelyn McFalls, Clarence C. Muir, Florence B. Pope, Evaleen Ranck, Helen Schaeffer.

Plate—Robert O. Binkley, Eleanor Campbell, Jack F. Fox, Eva C. Gehr, Jane Grubgeld, Virgie Jenkins, Margaret Kinzey, June Latsha, Carolyn McCormick, Elvina McElhenny, Victor Morrison, Earnest Rector, Robert C. Reisinger, Eliz. Ressler, Russel Rhoads, Edith Warfel, Evelyn Zerby.

Prod. Clerical—Donald Barrows, Marian L. Frey, Cornelius G. Musser, William Rootmund, Norma Shaub.

Prod. Control—Ellen L. Arnold, Henry Place.

Service—Ellsworth R. Strine.

Small Tool—Harold Book.

Spec. Asm.—Madeleine Scott, Nancy Shultz.

Spring Room—Mary Thomas.

Timing & Casing—Catherine Danz, William Leeds, Glenn Lineberry, Stanton Riggs.

Traffic—Wilson Meckley.

Train—Caroline Book, Thelma Campbell, Jane Elsen, Bette J. Hollinger, Dorothy A. Riley, Marie L. Schmitt.

STARR HONORED AT MACHINE SHOP PARTY

The Machine Shop Oyster Fry, held at the 7th Ward Republican Club on Nov. 10, 1944, was the occasion for a most fitting presentation ceremony. In recognition of his many years as "chef" at Machine Shop and other parties, the group presented "Henny" Starr with a certificate good for a Hamilton 950 B. 23-jewel watch as soon as they are again available after the war. "Henny" has been in the Hamilton Machine Shop for 38 years, and has been doing the cooking at all their outings for the past 27 years, always refusing to accept a cent for his services.

At this party, "Henny" served 1,750 oysters—raw, stewed, and fried—to the 128 men present. In addition, he reports, they consumed 20 quarts of milk, 10 lbs. of boiled ham, 5 lbs. of oyster crackers, and 6 lbs. of butter . . . think of it . . . SIX POUNDS OF BUTTER!

Those attending played cards and did a bit of singing, and Frances Meyer was on hand with his interesting collection of movie slides to top off a most enjoyable evening.

CHRISTMAS IS MANY THINGS

Christmas is more than a day—It is the souls of all the little children of the world—

It is the hopes and prayers of older people who have tasted fear and pain and dread and want—and see the first beginnings of a little light that favoring winds will kindle to a flame.

Christmas is more than a day—It is the memory of all memories within the compass of human minds and hearts.

A memory of little things, almost forgotten—

A memory of great events in each one's life.

If each Christmas can be but the rebirth of great thoughts and firm resolves to make ideals come true, Then, truly, Christmas is a day to be honored by all good people of every faith and creed—

In every village, in every home—And each in his own way—each in the forms and rituals of his fathers can pray for peace on earth, good will to men.

Do You Know

(Answers on page 6)

1. In a normal year, approximately how many feet of silk cord are used by Hamilton in the attachments for ladies' wrist watches?
2. How many 21/0 size Hamilton hairsprings does it take to weigh one pound?
3. A pound of Hamilton Elinvar steel alloy used to manufacture hairsprings increases how many times in value?
4. From the forged ingot to the finished hairspring approximately how many individual operations are involved?
5. Of all the spices only two are roots of plants and grow below the ground. What are they?
6. On what date was the Rome, Berlin, Tokio Axis pact signed?
7. What is the fastest speed ever recorded of a pitched baseball?

At Christmas smiles are brighter. Handshakes are heartier. Laughter rings true.

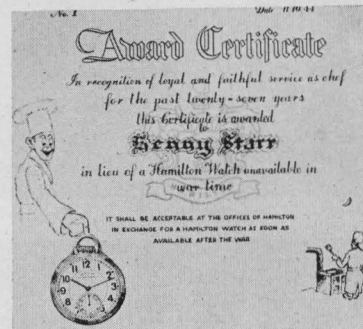


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STARR WINS CHEF AWARD 1st CLASS



All smiles, "Henny" Starr of the Machine Shop is interrupted, while performing his favorite hobby role of chef, long enough to receive an award certificate good for one Hamilton watch when they are again available. Left to right at the scene of the presentation which honored "Henny" for his faithful thirty-eight years of culinary accomplishments were: Harry Wilson of the Small Tool Department, Henry Starr (garbed in familiar fashion) of the Machine Shop, Robert King of the Plate Department, Ray Dirks of the Machine Shop, and George Ganse of the Machine Shop. Charles Shindell, Jr., of the Train Department, "Timely Topics" cartoonist, hand-lettered the certificate shown above, right.



MODEL RAILROADING A POPULAR HOBBY



At least half a dozen Hamilton employees not only spend eight hours a day as "makers of The Watch of Railroad Accuracy" but also a great deal of their leisure time building model railroads. Several of them belong to the Lancaster Model Railroad Club of which Ned Scheffer, Accounting Dept., is president.

The club has a large room, 18 feet wide and 50 feet long, over Wieland's Hardware Store at 315 North Queen St., where a very extensive "layout" of tracks and scenery is being constructed. The club was started in 1942 and the construction of the "layout" begun at that time; but because each tiny tie and rail is made and laid by the members, it will not be completed until sometime in 1946. The members "chip in" to buy materials for the layout and the scenery and each individual buys or makes his own "rolling

stock." Several members "go in" for scale models of real locomotives and cars scaled down to a quarter inch to the foot. Freight cars cost approximately \$5.00 each to build, passenger cars approximately \$10.00, and locomotives from \$25.00 to \$250.00. Scheffer has scale models of three locomotives and thirty-five cars; Paul Heistand, Service, has scale models of five locomotives, thirty freight cars and one observation car; while Wm. Marks has one complete freight train.

Other Hamilton model railroaders include: H. W. Young, Production Mgr.; Sherman Miller, Service; R. B. Mentzer, Machine Experimental; John Felsing, Flat Steel (serving in the armed services); L. F. Halligan, Dir. of Sales Research; H. R. Lawrence, Asst. Treasurer; and Dick McLaughlin, Spec. Assembly.

SEARLES SURVIVES PRINCETON SINKING

Ensign George B. Searles, formerly one of our Methods Engineers, is safe after surviving the USS

Princeton holocaust. The Princeton, you will recall, was the light carrier sunk during the U. S. Pacific Fleet's recent naval victory over the majority of the Japanese Fleet.

If you want a thing well done, don't do it yourself unless you know how.

FAIR PLAY CAMP GUESTS



The above lusty group of "hillbillies," representing the more athletically inclined element of your Credit Union, were guests of Al Kleiner, on the week-end of September 23 at the Fair Play Hunting Lodge, in the gently-rolling foothills of the mighty Tuscarora Range of mountains, in the vicinity of Blain, due west of the capital of our Keystone State. The habitat of many antlered denizens were charted on the precipitous hillsides and in the lush valleys; with an occasional intermission to partake of the bounteous repasts prepared in the inimit-

able manner of the brawny woodsmen. Various degrees of marksmanship were readily displayed as well as some mechanical genius. One "Daniel Boone" staked out his claim on a coon-skin sombrero which he will be obliged to wear as soon as the coon is willing to part with it.

The Hamiltonians who embarked on this adventurous excursion were: Al Kleiner, Ray Foults, Russel Hershey, Clarence Smith, Don Smith, Francis Connelly, Ed Schwar, Matt. Houser, Harry Hovis, Ed Hendrix, Harold Herr, Paul Brodhecker, and Henry Starr.

cluded Mr. and Mrs. John Sibelist, Jean Hertzler, Ellen Rohrer, Camille Maisels, Phillis Griffith, and Ray Potts.

Preaching what you practice pays better than practicing what you preach.

JEWEL BLANKERS EAT CHICKEN

Members of the Jewel Blank Dept. were recent guests at the home of one of their members, Mrs. Roselyne Boyd, at a candlelight chicken dinner. Those present in-

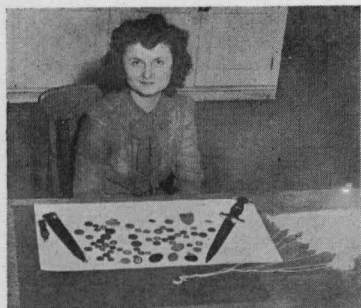
UNION DANCE A GALA FUNCTION



Over five hundred people attended the Hamilton Watch Workers Union Dance, held at the Moose ballroom on Friday, Nov. 24. Music was furnished by Andy Kerner's orchestra from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. and Jerry Bitzer, Small Tool Dept., was the master of ceremonies.

The door prize, a \$50.00 War Bond, was won by Tom McFadden, Maintenance Dept., and there were twenty-six spot prizes awarded, ranging from glassware and wearing apparel to jewelry. A highlight of the evening was the awarding of the "booby" prize, a pair of ribbon-bedecked snow-white ducks, to Mary Jane Mooney of the Balance & Flat Steel Dept.

KATHRYN WELSHANS RECEIVES WAR TROPHIES



Kathryn Welshans of the Friction Jeweling Department received an interesting array of captured Nazi personal effects from her husband, a sergeant with the U. S. Forces pushing towards Berlin. The most valuable and also the most interesting article that Kathryn received is a short bladed knife and matching sheath (pictured at the right and left respectively) which at one time must have belonged to a member of the German Elite Guard.

The handle is carved out of what might pass for red cedar here in the good old U. S. A., while the sheath is enameled in a brilliant matching ma-

room. A Nazi monogram in sterling silver is the only adornment upon the handle. In contrast the blade is highly polished and bears the etched inscription "Alles für Deutschland." The loot reposing between the knife and the sheath above are German medals and coins of various denominations. The parachute was originally attached to a flare that was intended to betray American fortified positions in France.

Do not get rid of temptation by yielding to it.

Answers to DO YOU KNOW?

(Questions on page 5)

1. Approximately 91,700.
2. Approximately 220,000.
3. Approximately 11,000.
4. Over 90.
6. (a)—Ginger.
(b)—Tumeric.
7. September 27, 1940.
8. 139 ft. per sec., or 94.7 miles per hr, pitched by Atley Donald of the New York Yankees in Cleveland Stadium, August 30, 1939.

HAMILTON IDEA MEN

United States patents were recently issued to five of Hamilton's workers William O. Bennett, Ernest W. Drescher, Robert D. Heffelfinger, Ralph B. Mentzer and Francis Meyer. These patents are, of course, the property of the Hamilton Watch Company by assignment from these men. Some few of you may have used the machines or practiced the methods originated here at Hamilton and to which Hamilton has been granted the exclusive right to make, use and sell.

Patent No. 2,360,305 granted on October 10, 1944 to Francis Meyer, Watch Design, and assigned to the Hamilton Watch Company, relates to a valuable part of our Elapsed Time Clock, the civil date advancing mechanism. The mechanism automatically swings the civil date wheel out of the path of its advancing pin during setting of the clock. Mr. Meyer's invention was mentioned in the New York Times as an outstanding invention of the week.

Patent No. 2,360,113 granted on October 10, 1944 to Ernest W. Drescher, Watch Design, and assigned to the Hamilton Watch Company, relates to a mechanism for controlling the setting of a timepiece. You are all probably familiar with the little button on the side of the chronometer watch which must be operated before the watch may be set but the complicated system of levers and pins that are the real invention is safely hidden under the case and provides one of the important features in this timepiece.

Patent No. 2,363,113 granted on November 21 to William O. Bennett, Jr., Watch Research, and assigned to the Hamilton Watch Company, relates to Time Fuzes. The patent particularly sets forth the method of making the little flat springs that are so important in the operation of the time fuze. The method by which the fuzes are made which is set forth in this patent has contributed a great deal toward the success that the time fuze has enjoyed.

Patent No. 2,363,128 granted on November 21, 1944 to Robert D. Heffelfinger, Machine Design, and assigned to the Hamilton Watch Company, is directed to a Centerless Grinder. It is this machine which forms the rough cut jewels into roundels. The success and perfection of our jewels is started by this machine in making them perfectly round.

Patent No. 2,363,136 granted on November 21, 1944 to Ralph B. Mentzer, Machine Experimental, and assigned to the Hamilton Watch Company, relates to the Drill developed for drilling holes in our watch jewels. The machine which watches over the pressure at which the hole is drilled and the duration of the drilling also automatically stops when the drilling operation is completed.

All of us should congratulate these and the many other Hamilton inventors whose skills and ingenuity will directly and indirectly benefit each and every one of us.

The Christmas Spirit is something that wars can't wipe out and time can't wither. Nothing can stop the faithful star of Bethlehem from brightening a weary world.

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FISHER NOW INSTRUMENT SPECIALIST



Official Photo—U. S. Troop Carrier Forces

Sgt. Arthur B. Fisher, formerly of the Finishing Department (left), airplane instrument specialist in a Troop Carrier squadron, makes a cursory inspection of Corporal Rudolph Burian's wristwatch, a buddy from Chicago, Ill. Besides repairing and maintaining C-47 panel instruments, Fisher also keeps the squadron's personal watches in trim.

Sgt. Fisher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher, 524 Dauphin Street, Lancaster, Pa. His wife, the former Miss Elva Bachman and their four year old son, Arthur, Jr., reside in Pequea, Pa.

Fisher sailed for overseas in May of 1943, saw service in North Africa, Sicily and Italy prior to arriving in the European Theatre early this year. He is now a member of a veteran Troop Carrier squadron of the Sicilian and Italian invasions, and his unit earned the Distinguished Unit Badge for its part in hauling paratroopers and supplies to Normandy on D-Day.

With the new First Allied Airborne Army's bold, daylight airborne operations over Holland, his unit hauled paratroopers and supplies, and towed gliders loaded with arms and equipment.

ORDNANCE TIME

Released by the Phila. Ord. Dist. of the Army Service Forces

What time is it?

If you should land in an ordinary infantry division with that burning question on your lips, at least 1,100 men could give you the answer—1,102 to be exact—for that is the number of individuals issued Army Ordnance watches of one type or another.

They are excellent watches, according to Mr. C. Jared Ingersoll, District Chief of the Philadelphia Ordnance District. All of them use American movements and are of American manufacture. A good portion of them are made by the Hamilton Watch Company of Lancaster under contract with the Philadelphia Ordnance District. A few timepieces have Swiss movements, but they are reserved for time-interval recorders used by longbearded anti-aircraft fire control men.

To get back to the watches, 28 have 15 or more jewels, which means that neither the individual soldier nor Army Ordnance can buy them for hay. The rest of the pocket and wrist watches contain seven little sparklers. Although diamonds are the hardest stones and may look best on your girl's finger (she says), they are seldom used. Instead, Ordnance usually uses sapphires because of their fine texture.

In addition to the conventional watches, there is one stop watch (facetiously said to be used to time men running between foxholes) and three message center clocks. One is used in the message center, of course, the other two being located in the forward and rear command posts.

In addition to passing the ammunition, keeping guns and howitzers firing, combat vehicles rolling, and bombs dropping, Ordnance soldiers keep millions of watches in good operating condition, receiving a constant supply of thousands of replacement parts from Hamilton Watch Company and other watch

manufacturers in continental United States. Some of these parts, such as dart pins, are too small to be seen by the naked eye. More time is consumed in packing minute hands for G. I. Joe's wrist watch than in boxing a General Sherman tank.

So with all the G. I.'s that have been lucky enough to have watches issued to them (officers buy their own), plus all the rest that have sun dials, you ought to be able to get the time on everything — except when the war will end.

PRODUCTION GROUP COMPLETES COURSE

Fourteen members of the Production Clerical Section completed a one hundred hour course in Cost Procedures on Nov. 1, 1944. This ESMWTC (Engineering Science Management War Training Course) is conducted by the United States Office of Education and offered (locally) through the facilities of Franklin and Marshall College. Dick Vaughan, Production Clerical Supervisor, was instructor. Those who took the course were: Marie Duke, Elizabeth Greenawalt, Sybilla Haefner, Romaine Kirchner, Betty Loder, Lillian Mummaw, Anna Ness, Patricia May Reynolds, Frances Roberts, Pauline Rottmund, Kathryn Shiffer, Ellen Stoner, Yvonne Strohm Sensenig, and Herb Roberts.

MILDRED HEAPS A PETTY OFFICER

The Time Study Section was pleasantly surprised by a recent visit from Mildred Heaps, one of their former co-workers, who is now a member of the WAVES. Mildred is a Petty Officer 3/c and is stationed at Indianhead, Maryland, which is the site of a naval ordnance division. Mildred is in excellent health and advised everyone that her new work is very interesting.

SHEETZ BAGS BUCK



"Ed" Sheetz, of the Maintenance Department, journeyed all the way to Tioga County on the opening day of deer season in search of venison steaks. He didn't journey in vain, however, for at 12:30 p. m. on the first day he shot a massive six-point buck which weighed 138 pounds when hog-dressed. "Ed" was shooting a .32 Winchester Special and two shots covering 500 yards were necessary to down the wily denizen of the forest. Deer are quite numerous in Tioga County, according to "Ed," but a 22-inch mountain-top snowfall provides handicaps.

THE REAL MCCOY



Just in case you think some of his stories are "fishy," Walt Duttenhofer, Maintenance Dept., allowed us to print this picture taken last summer. That fish he's holding didn't come from a taxidermist's shop, Walt assures us. It's a genuine six-pound salmon taken from the Susquehanna some distance below Conowingo dam — and Walt swears he caught and landed it all by himself. Could be!

HAMILTON NIMRODS

Just to prove the old adage that "the grass is greener on the other side of the fence," Frank Evans, of the Tabulating Department, spent the first day of the hunting season on someone else's property. Just where he went or what he brought home couldn't be learned; but the Bitzer brothers (Dick and Frank) and Dick Sweigart, of the Machine Shop, spent some time hunting on Frank's lot along the Maple Grove School House Road and were rewarded with 11 rabbits and two pheasants for their trouble.

Harry Longenecker maintained the honor of the Print Shop by scoring a total of 15 squirrels and 9 rabbits in four days, while "Beany"

Foultz, of the Maintenance Department, and his party bagged 17 rabbits and 5 pheasants in their first four days afield.

Paul Rogers, of the Cafeteria, and Joe McCrabb, of the Balance Staff, teamed up on the opening day of the small game season and traveled down to Joe's farm south of Quarryville. There they managed to fill their coats with 7 rabbits and 3 pheasants.

Many other Hamiltonians are alleged to have taken to the woods and fields on "opening day" but failed to turn in a report of the content of their game bags.

H. R. A. WOMEN'S BOWLING AVERAGES

	Games	Aver.
Wile, Verna	36	155.26
Long, Grace	33	142.9
Houghton, Maud	33	141.20
Severino, Anna Margaret	36	141.10
Hamlin, Grace	36	136.30
Markle, Marian	3	136.2
Duke, Margaret	33	135.7
Burger, Ethel	33	134.22
Gold, Betty	27	134.12
Moffett, Dorothy	30	133.16
Murphy, Eunice	36	132.29
McKelvey, Grace	33	131.30
Pickell, Helen	33	131.29
McComsey, Jane	33	131.6
Barber, Joline	33	129.24
Arnold, Jane	36	128.28
LaMaster, Helen	33	128.27
Shenk, Gertrude	33	128.21
Hertzler, Jean	24	126.20
Shrenk, Betty	6	126.3
Haman, Jerry	29	124.20
Myers, Ruth	33	124.13
Harnish, Irene	33	124.1
Rinick, Helen	33	124.0
Heida, Julia	18	121.3
Duke, Ida	33	119.31
Winters, Francis	36	117.1
Chalfant, Geraldine	24	115.21
Jackson, Martha	27	114.25
Groff, Dorothy	21	108.19
Reiker, Marjorie	15	106.9
Carrigan, E.	15	102.6
Rohrer, J.	6	102.4
Yunginger, M.	24	101.21

H. R. A. MEN'S BOWLING AVERAGES

	Games	Pins	Aver.
Mattern	36	6447	179.3
Hoin	36	6366	176.30
Ganse	35	6122	174.32
Wise	36	6242	173.14
Erisman	39	6755	173.8
Buckwalter	36	6078	168.30
Kuhns	30	5052	168.12
Heenan	30	4998	166.18
Sherrick	39	6461	165.26
Ralph Ulmer	39	6443	165.8
Lawrence	39	6439	165.4
Schneider	30	4944	164.24
Snively	33	5426	164.14
Centini	39	6405	164.9
Hergenrother	18	2927	162.11
Koser	39	6293	161.14
McCoy	18	2877	159.15
Dommel	33	5258	159.11
Slaugh	24	3798	158.6
Herr	36	5663	157.1
Longenecker	36	5640	156.24
Royer	30	4699	156.19
Leaman	33	5156	156.8
Fichtner	39	6063	155.18
Minnall	39	6033	154.27
Burkhart	36	5500	152.28
Hartman	33	5005	151.22
Erb	33	4964	150.14
Coble	36	5413	150.13
Bob Ulmer	27	4055	150.5
Nelson	33	4889	148.5
Hibner	21	3111	148.3
Kline	36	5323	147.31
Weeks	30	4415	147.5
Silvius	24	3514	146.10
Alexander	30	4379	145.29
Scheffer	30	4366	145.16
Johnson	30	4326	144.6
Dobbs	27	3865	143.4
Radcliffe	30	4185	139.15
Youtz	30	4173	139.3
Wagner	15	2054	136.14
Davis	27	3620	134.2
Preston	21	2702	128.14
Kaufhold	24	3083	128.11
Breiter	18	2279	126.11
Witmer	6	726	121.00
Kissinger	11	1280	116.4
Denlinger	24	2717	113.5

Ray Erisman 241; Dial, 951; Bill Mat-tern, 683; Print Shop, 2626.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale

FOR SALE—One (1) pre-war alarm clock. Bright nickel finish. 24-hour movement. Good condition. First come, first served. Write to Box 5, "Timely Topics," c/o Advertising Department.

UNIFORMED VISITORS

The following members of the Hamilton family in the armed services visited the plant between October 21 and December 10.

Pvt. Anna Shertzer
Pvt. Charles Loechner
F/O Donald Roland
A/S Paul Seifred
T/4 Carl C. Stauffer
3/c USNR Geoffrey Taylor
S 2/c Harry McQuate
Pvt. Lester Kuhns
Pfc. Richard Geiter
A/C Richard Datesman
S 1/c Earl Eshleman
S 2/c Gerald Schuldt
A/S Michael Mastromatteo
AMM 3/c Boleslaus A. Lada
S 2/c Chester L. Bentley
Pvt. Francis Goodrich
T/Sgt. Phares Cramer
Pvt. Chester Cramer
S 2/c John Landis
Cpl. Ralph Reinhart
Pvt. Richard Wolpert
Cpl. Raymond Eager
MM 3/c Frank P. Gates
Lt. Jay H. Hanna
A/S Daniel Funk
Cpl. Gerald Schelling
STM 2/c Paul Seifred
Sgt. Robert Strantz
AMM 1/c George Wolf

MOVIES TO BE CONTINUED

Noon-day movies will be continued throughout the winter as long as sufficient interest is indicated in them by good attendance. However, weekly department bulletins will be discontinued and, instead, a weekly notice will be posted on each of the large bulletin boards in the East and West towers of the factory. Consult these bulletin boards for information about the current picture being shown.

MEN BOWLERS TO BANQUET

The Hamilton Recreation Association's Men's Bowling League will banquet in Boothman Hall on the evening of January 12. Two bowling alleys, complete with pin boys, will be available for all those attending and refreshments of an extra-delicious nature will be available. To bowling league members the admission price will be only 25c, while to non-members the price will be 75c.

CORRECTION

Marie Slaugh, of our Specialties Assembly Department and a member of the Hamilton Gallon Club, was unable to attend the Red Cross Award Certificate ceremony held in the Hamilton cafeteria last October 13, reported in the last issue of Timely Topics. In error, her name was omitted from the list of Gallon Club members, although Marie was one of the original group of Hamilton blood donors and one of the first to become a member of the Gallon Club.

H.R.A. ORCHESTRA - - - ?

A recent survey has failed to reveal enough Hamiltonians who play different instruments to permit the formation of an H.R.A. Dance Orchestra.

There are, apparently, quite a number of pianists and violinists, but the real need is for good "solid men" who play trumpet, alto or tenor saxophone and clarinet, and "bull fiddle."

Anyone who wants to try-out or is interested in the formation of an orchestra please contact Ken Weeks, Person Parts 1



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FORMER TIMELY TOPICS REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE AUTO. DEPT.

To "Timely Topics" and everyone in the Automatic dept.
Hello everybody
Here I am somewhere in France basking in it's glorious sunlight. It hardly ever rains.

HELP!

We have all the comforts of home. My pup tent is a pip.

HEY THERE'S A DRAFT ON MY BIG TOE.

EGAD, WHAT A NIGHT.

CREAK CREAK

Mother earth provides me with a nice comfortable bed and I arise each morning full of pep, vim, and vigor.

The transportation problem has been easily solved by allowing each individual to carry a small portion of his own luggage.

ARE YOU KIDDIN'?

I told my wife in a letter I wrote, I'd get me a medal to pin on my coat, but the Captain yelled "NERTZ" end of quote.

I am told that there are many concealed mines about, but they don't fool me.

CALLING DR. KILDARE

BOOM

Oh well, here today, gone tomorrow, I guess this letter wouldn't be complete without me mentioning my dear sargeant (the word sargeant meaning him with the big mouth).

PVT. FULLER WAKE UP!!

YIPE

So long for now everybody. Keep up the good work. Your old employee Dave Fuller

P.S. - If you think this letter is crazy you should see me.

HONOR ROLL



NOW 556

The following members of the Hamilton family have left to join their Comrades in uniform since the last names were added to our Honor Roll:

Elvin Andrews—Prod. Clerical
Walter Bailey—Bal. & Flat Steel
John Felsing—Bal. & Flat Steel
Harry Groff—Fuze Mfg.
Jay Harold Hanna—Dial
Mildred M. Heaps—Methods Eng.
Roy G. Hess—Bal. & Flat Steel
George Jones—Dial
Clayton Miller—Service
Richard Milley—Dial
Marvin Myers—Automatic
James R. Singer—Bal. & Flat Steel
John West—Balance & Flat Steel

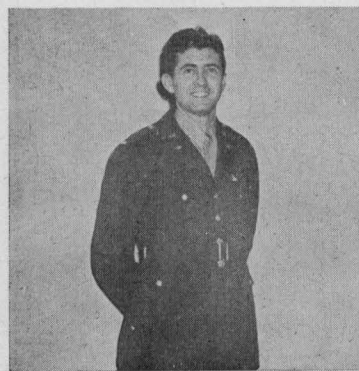


KUHN CITED FOR GALLANTRY

Pfc. Harold W. Kuhn, formerly of the Service Department, has been cited for gallantry, according to a citation from the War Department recently received by his wife.

"Pfc. Kuhn carried ammunition to the front lines with five members of his group on May 31, with complete disregard for personal safety despite enemy fire," the citation said.

He is serving with an infantry unit in Italy and had previously been awarded the combat Infantryman's Badge. He entered the service in February, 1943, received his training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and has been overseas since July, 1943.



HANNA PILOTS BOMBERS

Lt. Jay Harold Hanna, formerly of the Dial Department, is perhaps more familiar with United States medium bombers than any other Hamiltonian. Harold entered the Air Forces on September 15, 1939, and received his primary training at Berry Field, Nashville, Tenn. In November of that year he was sent to Puerto Rico where he was stationed until March 27, 1942. Dur-

ing his stay in Puerto Rico he became a Flight Officer and his squadron was primarily interested in guarding the approaches to the Panama Canal. On the 15th of June, this year, Harold was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant and at present is awaiting overseas orders.

SGT. P. BECHARD WOUNDED

A War Department telegram received early last month advised that Sgt. Paul R. Bechard, formerly of the Production Clerical Section, was seriously wounded October 8 in the Holland area. Paul, who is the son of Mrs. Mary Bechard, 506 South Lime Street, entered the service on October 29, 1942, and trained at Camp Blanding, Florida. It wasn't until January 15 of this year that Paul arrived overseas. Prior to his coming to work here at Hamilton, he attended Millersville State Teachers College.

LT. SHECKARD RECEIVES MEDAL

Second Lieutenant Raymond E. Sheckard, Jr., formerly of the Watch Research Department, has been awarded the Air Medal by order of Major General Nathan F. Twining, commanding general of the Fifteenth Army Air Force, for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight."

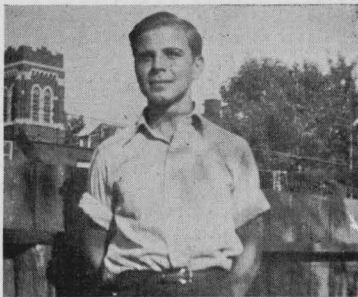
Ray entered the armed forces in February, 1943, and in May, 1944, he received his commission as Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Force at Selman Field, La. Shortly afterward he was assigned overseas service with the Fifteenth AAF in the Mediterranean theater of operations where he has flown 25 combat missions against the enemy. Ray, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sheckard, Sr., of Columbia, is now a navigator on a B-17 Flying Fortress operating from a base in Italy.



FORNOFF, CORPORAL

Ephraim B. Fornoff, formerly of our Timing and Casing Department, has been promoted to the grade of Corporal according to an announcement from the headquarters of Major General John K. Cannon's Twelfth Air Force. Fornoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Fornoff, resided at Columbia R. 1 and is a graduate of Columbia High School. He is now an instrument specialist in a troop carrier group of the Twelfth Air Force, which has participated in the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, Italy, and southern France. In addition, the same group rendered distinguished service in the China-Burma-India theater of operations. In the above picture, which was snapped in North Africa, Ephraim is shown receiving a lightning shoeshine from one of the natives.

James W. Farmer, former Service Office member, has been promoted to the rank of Captain. Jim, son of the late Mr. John A. Farmer and Mrs. Farmer, of 355 N. West End Ave., has been stationed in the revitalized city of Paris for some time.



PETERMAN IN BOOT CAMP

George Peterman, formerly of the Balance Staff Department, joined Uncle Sam's "Gobs" on November 29 and he is presently receiving his boot training at Bainbridge, Md.

On Friday, November 17, some of his fellow workers held a farewell dinner in his honor at the Stock Yard Inn. After dinner those attending journeyed to one of Lancaster's movie houses. Those present besides George were: Margaret Marley, Louella Benner, Jane Wiggins, Catherine Brooks, Norma Fitzgerald, Mary Jefferies, Helen Rinick and Mr. and Mrs. Domes.



MAJOR SCHMEISER BACK FOR VISIT

Major J. Edw. Schmeiser, formerly of Production Control, recently visited his many friends at Hamilton and while here attended a meeting of the Hamilton Management Association.

As a First Lieutenant in the Reserve Officers Corps, he was called into service in March of 1941, nine months before Pearl Harbor, and sent to the Army Engineering School at Fort Belvoir, Va. Subsequently he was promoted to Captain and made a member of the staff that operates the Ft. Belvoir Eng. School.



COLEMAN IN COAST GUARDS

James L. Coleman, S 1/c, F.C., formerly of the Equipment Design Department, is now a member of the U. S. Coast Guards and is stationed at the U. S. Navy Distribution Center, Camp Wallace, Texas. Jimmie joined the Coast Guards on August 13, 1943.

Pvt. Henrietta Bechtold, formerly of the Balance Staff Department, has been assigned to the WAC Detachment, New York.

To The Folks Back Home

Here is a letter written to Ken Weeks, our Activities Director, by Ensign E. C. Lentz, "Hen" Benner's Commanding Officer, praising our former Traffic Department member's accomplishments to date.

"Dear Mr. Weeks:
"Through the courtesy of Henry Benner, I have been reading your newspaper edition, 'Timely Topics.' Having lived in the Lancaster area for almost five years I learned to know quite a few people who were Hamilton employees and whose names I now see mentioned in your newspaper. So, in reality, I suppose I enjoy the paper almost as much as does 'Hen' himself.

"I am taking this liberty to drop you a short note thanking you for the news and letting you know that one of your employees is doing a first-class job out here. 'Hen' Benner has certainly proved himself to be one of the 'aces' on board this ship. He commands a world of respect from the officers and enlisted men attached to this command. He has succeeded in whipping a group of twenty men into a first-class fighting unit. He has plenty of initiative, uses excellent judgment, and his ability as a leader is unquestioned.

"While living in the Lancaster area I was always impressed by the aggressiveness of the citizenry. When he reported on board our ship and I discovered that we had a Lancaster boy on board, I wagered with the officers that he would prove to be one of the outstanding men on board. He has most certainly borne out that prediction.

"Hamilton products are very much in evidence on our ship and, I assure you, are proving worthy of the Hamilton name.

"I think that before too many more months roll around you will find a certain Mr. Benner back in Lancaster, the war won, and all of us glad to get home again.

"Sincerely yours,

"ENSIGN E. C. LENTZ"

Here is a letter recently received from Cpl. Frank D. "Titter" Carter, formerly of the Timing and Casing Department.

"Dear Friends and Co-workers:

"At this time I wish to express my appreciation as to your kind remembrance in the nice Christmas gift you sent me. It is friends like you that boost up a fellow's morale; being many miles from you at this critical time. I hope we can all distribute our Christmas gifts face to face when Christmas of 1945 arrives.

"I am still on the island of Oahu and plugging along each day helping to get the message through.

"Hats off and a military salute to General MacArthur and his forces and also to the Navy for their wonderful work in the invasions of the Philippine Islands, also to all of you for your fine efforts in making instruments to destroy the enemy.

"At times I come in contact with men who are familiar with Hamilton instruments and they recommend them very highly—in fact, I had the pleasure of going through an instrument repair shop recently."

Robert H. Dorsey, formerly of the North Plant, sent this letter to all of us recently.

"Dear Friends at Hamilton:

"I want to take time out to thank you for the issue of 'Timely Topics' I have just received. Right now I am attending Fire Control School here in Bainbridge, Md., but will soon be off to spots unknown and believe me I shall be thinking of Hamilton and all my friends there to help me over the bumps that may lie in the road ahead."

There's nothing easy about taking candy from a baby nowadays.



COBRA CALLER

A snake charmer and a King Cobra pictured while in action in darkest India—snapshot by Oliver G. Hess, Jr., a former employee of the Service Office.

JOHN GAST WITH 8th AIR FORCE

Sgt. John B. Gast, formerly of Inspection, is an aircraft mechanic in a fighter squadron of the Eighth Air Force somewhere in England. His squadron was recently commended by Brigadier General Jesse Auton, Wing Commander, for the part it played in the destruction of 43 enemy aircraft and damaging 23 others on a German-held airdrome.

Sgt. Gast entered the service in April of 1943 and has been overseas for some time.



Capt. and Mrs. Schaller

Capt. Henry C. Schaller, formerly of the Inspection Department, returned to the good old United States of America on a short furlough on September 7, the day on which he received his promotion to the rank of Captain. Hank was a member of the 15th Air Force in Italy and prior to his departure for home he completed 50 sorties over the Mediterranean theater, most of them at the navigator's post on Flying Fortresses.

His trip home was made entirely by air and covered 5600 miles. On hand to greet him were his wife and 4 months old daughter, Mary Margaret (Rebel) Schaller. August Schaller of the Damaskeening Department, Hank's proud father who resides at 531½ Poplar Street, was mighty glad for the opportunity of seeing his son after reading of his history-making flights in the local newspapers.

Our former inspector has now returned to Italy, where he is again stationed with the 15th Air Force, however this time he is a member of the Headquarters Company and is assisting in operational flight planning.

Mary Jane Mattern, formerly a member of the Finishing Department, has been promoted to Aviation Machinist's Mate second class in the WAVES. She is now stationed at the Naval Air Training Station, Olathe, Kansas.