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OUR DISPLAY "ROLLS 300" AT CHICAGO



These three pictures taken in our furniture display rooms at the Chicago Furniture Market represent all perfect "hits".

Never in the history of this or any other furniture factory has a complete new idea received such wide acclaim.

Our ribbed wood effect groups are in demand by the finest furniture and department stores in the country. Our new rattan groups have been accepted as the best design ever shown in this type of material. The modern living room sectional sofas and chairs are considered an excellent forerunner of the complete bedroom, dining room and living room groups expected in the immediate future. The sales department is deeply indebted to all those who so splendidly cooperated to complete the market samples.

Any "Ypsi Reed" employee visiting Chicago is welcome to visit our exhibit in the Merchandise Mart, 16th floor.

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January Raffle

The January raffle which took place on the 25th was for a 200 pound pig which was split in half allowing two lucky people to win. The winners were Otis Chapin and Vance Kaufman.

At the time the Ypsi-Doodler went to press a report of the income of this sale had not been tabulated but your committee needed \$104.60 to clean up their old debt. It is hoped that this raffle has cleaned this up and that the next loan for the American Red Cross Drive will be taken care of by the employees as well and as quickly.

★ **"WINNERS ALL!"** ★



Wm. J. Welch giving winning ticket to Rose Rammacher.

BEEF RAFFLE

In the December Solicitation Fund Raffle the prize was a hind quarter of beef, the quality of which was A-A type, the very best that could be bought, weight 108 lbs. The drawing took place, as usual during the lunch hour, and was conducted by Rose Rammacher, Reta Werner and Edna Cope. This prize was won by William J. Welsh who works for Gus Gott. Mr. Welsh was not in a position to take care of this amount of meat and "Moon" Franch took the stand as "auctioneer" selling the prize to Glenn Harris of the Material Control Department, who ran the bids to \$24.00. Glenn reports the steaks and roasts the best he's ever eaten.

YPSI-REED EMPLOYEE PLACES FIFTH IN SNOW QUEEN CONTEST



Left to right:—Ernest Zahn, Lesley Echlen, Charles Weaver and Charles McCarry. Tag sales good! Plenty of smiles!

Shown in the photograph at left selling tags during the noon hour is Lesley Echlin of the Time Office. While Lesley did not win the coveted honor of "Snow Queen" her sales of tags has added that much more to the benefit of the Winter Sports program which has proven so beneficial to both young and old alike. Through the Top Committee and Management Lesley was granted permission, with her representatives, to sell tags in the vicinity of the clocks. Another worthwhile project which will be benefited by the sale of these tags is the Ionia Youth Center which is in its infancy and needs the support of everyone.

NEW SMOKING AREAS IN ALL PARTS of PLANT

Smoking in the factory is permitted in areas so designated by the suspended signs and painted floor space. These areas will be used for smoking during the rest periods only. This is a safety measure for the benefit of all employees. Several fires have been discovered in our old rest rooms which could have resulted in serious damage to the property which provides us a place to work. The best way to prevent accidents or fires is to remove the hazard so let's observe the smoking areas and eliminate the fire hazard.



Shown in the accompanying photograph, left to right: Pfc. Robert Rathburn, Henry Rathburn, Y3/C Carl Haskins, and Pfc. Ward L. Haskins. Robert and Henry are brothers-in-law to Carl.

Robert spent several months overseas and was injured in the Battle of the Bulge. Ward Haskins, brother of Carl, was overseas for 2½ years with the 7th Army.

BOND DRIVES AND BOND DEDUCTIONS

In an effort to clear up some of the questions being asked relative to bond drives and deductions we are printing this article for your information. The sale of bonds will continue although it is stated that all drives are ended and there will be no more. Many companies are discontinuing the deduction method of purchasing bonds because of the accounting work necessary. A discussion of the subject by your bond committee favored a continuation of the purchase of bonds by the deduction method. Many employees have found this to be an excellent method of saving and the management will be glad to assume the extra duties of accounting for those who desire to still save by the bond deduction method. So from now on, deducting for purchase of bonds will be voluntary on your part. We will be happy to do the work if you wish to keep on saving—if you wish to stop your deduction notify your department timekeeper. In closing we are happy to tell you that since the buying of bonds started Ypsilanti Employees have purchased a total, up to January 1, 1946, of \$580,824.00 of war bonds. Our quota of every bond drive has been exceeded, regular payroll deductions have been highly satisfactory. You are to be complimented on your response to this as well as production effort to successfully close up two wars.

... SOCIAL NOTES ...



"REED SINKERS" RELAX AT CHRISTMAS PARTY

After completing a very successful half season of bowling—with a total of 31 wins and 11 losses, the Reed Sinkers, the top team of the Women's C. I. O. Bowling League enjoyed an evening of fun at the home of Elizabeth Stowe on December 21st. The evening was spent playing Court Whist and the hostess served ice cream, cake and coffee. Decorations were candles and holly.

Shown in the accompanying photograph above are the members of the team: Golden Hackett, Carmen Christensen, Helen Cottrell, E. Stowe and K. Lincoln.

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The girls in the Cartridge Bag Department received a very nice letter and card of thanks from Nettie Vincent while she was a patient in the Sheridan Community Hospital. Following are the answers to the questions she asked in her letter. Yes, Nettie, Reva's husband did arrive the day you left so your wishing did help. Nina and Lulu Moon are racing on that line most every day to see who can gain the minutes. Mary Feehan is all smiles again as her son is home. Good old Elsie Monks still bawls us all out about twice a day. Gracie Phillips is spending all her spare time deciding what seeds she is going to plant. It still takes Katherine forever to get started after the whistle.

Elsie Monks likes to save those steps even though she misses Nita Killion on her lips. As a step saver she ties a candy bar to a string and lowers it to the second floor so Nita could still share their daily snack.

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Mann didn't forget. Homer Mann, remembered his fellow workers in the cartridge bag department with a half bushel of oranges which he sent them from Lutz, Florida where he is staying for the winter months.

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Recently two of our employees, Hans Christensen and Ray Reister, left us to go into business for themselves. They have started a tent and awning shop.

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Hughie Snyder, son of George Snyder, Cartridge Bag Department has enlisted in the Army Air Corps for the next three years and is now at Fort Sheridan.

YPSI-REEDERS YOU SHOULD KNOW

George Micks

Twenty-three years a member of the Ypsi-Reed family. That is the record of our Ypsi-Reeder, George Micks. George started working here as a fireman and is now Assistant Chief Power and Maintenance Engineer. If you are interested in what "makes the wheels go round" ask George. He knows the answer.

