

Edward Ditmer Wins "Bond Pot" Award Of Paper Drive

Edward Ditmer's name was drawn from the Lucky Bond Pot, Friday, February 25, to end the Gates Radio waste paper drive, directed by the War Labor Management Committee.

January 23, the drive began, with Plant One and Two combining their interest in the collection of waste paper. However, after the second week, the drive lost momentum, and little interest seemed to be involved.

Nine Have Perfect Record

Nine employees made the honor roll, remembering to bring paper every day. Ten per cent failed to contribute at all during the contest.

City Drive in Progress

It must be remembered that the city wide drive was, also, in progress during the past month, and members of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Senior High School, and Junior High collected for their individual contest.

Price of Paper Decreased

The price of baled paper decreased, and at the close of five weeks, it was necessary to terminate Gates' paper drive, even though the set goal had not been reached.

War Stamps Purchased

Money received for the sale of paper did not total \$18.75. Consequently the money was converted into war stamps and presented to the winner.

Old Volumes Recount He-Man Days So Sorry --- No Esky, No Varga!

Twenty-two old books, pages yellowed and bindings cracked, all bearing the title "Harper's Monthly Magazine," are among the treasured but non-technical library at Gates.

The earlier volumes have aged almost a century. The latest is dated December, 1874 to May, 1875.

Illustrations Were Drawn

Oh those were the days! The days when illustrations were strictly two-tone, and certainly not from a photographer's highly developed camera. Hand drawings had to suffice.

The days when Fanny, the Flirt, cartoons did the moralizing; Harper's fashion plates were really the "nuts" and the models looked like camouflaged balloons stuffed in the latest Paris modes.

I Understand...

Guadalcanal 1942
(Delayed)

"Dear Family:

It is nice to hear from you after such a long period of time, but it unpleasant to learn of your changed condition of living which I can understand from the change of my own conditions.

It is too bad that you are limited to the use of your automobile; I know how it is to walk through miles and miles of swamp and jungle. So I understand.

It is too bad to have your choice of food limited. I have experienced this, too, except there is no choice here. So I understand.

It is too bad that Willie has to work so many hours a day at the defense plant. I have to work night as well as day at our defense plant. So I understand.

It is too bad that you have to wait in the rain for transportation. I have to wait in the rain on post and my transportation and my destination is uncertain, too. So I understand.

It is too bad that you are being paid so little for working so hard. I only get a fraction of your pay. So I understand.

Winning this war is hard on all of us. You work long hours and so do I. So I understand. But during these hours I get shot at. DO YOU UNDERSTAND????

Near Deadline For '44 Income Tax Returns

Internal Revenue Bureau Urges Public to Avoid Last Minute Rush

Have you filed your income tax?

The advice of the Bureau of Internal Revenue is to do so but quick. With many more persons filing tax forms than ever before it will pay to avoid the last minute rush. The deadline is set at March 15.

Refunds to be Made

Some persons will owe a substantial tax. It will be up to them to find out the amount, and then to make arrangements for payments. Others will rate refunds, or will be evenly paid up.

Deductions Are Approximate

Nevertheless, they still must file a return. Under pay-as-you-go plan, income tax deductions are only approximate. Each worker must determine whether he has overpaid or underpaid.

In most cases, payments will be necessary because most individuals who had a 1942 tax must pay at least one-half the unforgiven portion of that tax, in addition to their 1943 tax. During the first six months of 1943, only the victory tax, and not the income tax was withheld.

Some Have Heavy Payments

Those who took jobs for the first time in 1943, and persons whose wages sharply increased from '42 to '43 will have particularly heavy payments to meet.

A return must be made by every individual who during the taxable year 1943:

Was single and had an income of \$500 or more.

Was married and had an income of \$624 or more.

Was married, and wife and husband together had \$1200 or more income.

In addition, a return must be filed by everyone who paid or owed a tax of 1942 income. A return must be filed, likewise, by anyone claiming a refund of taxes withheld from wages.

Two Forms in Use

As in the past years, Form 1040, the long form may be used by anyone. Form 1040A, called the short form, may be used by individuals who (a) are citizens or residents of the United States, (b) had in 1943 \$3000 or less income,

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Livingston Is He-Man

Those were the days when Bill Thackeray's "Virginians" ran in serial form, and stories of Livingston's travels thrilled delicate young dames; filled them with dreams of adventure-seeking swains. Men were men, but yes.

Those were the days when composition was flowery phrases bedecked with complicated philosophies of life and everyone read it for the great spiritual uplift they derived, or just because it was "the thing" to do.

No Gripes --- No Nothing

Those were the days when the Editor's Drawer drew only sweet letters, wind blown compliments, whiffs of mild breezes from state after state. The gripers might have griped but the gripes

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This Month's Editorial

Editor's note: This message comes from the office of the Production Service Division of the War Production Board.

An enemy more vicious than the Axis is taking a terrific toll on our home front production lines. That enemy hits us in our most vital spot today — MANPOWER. He strikes when we are off guard, using Preventable Accidents as a means to weaken us in the time of most critical needs. Yet, with just a little effort on our part, an ounce of prevention, by a properly directed study of safety conditions, this enemy can be rendered impotent.

The Office of War Information has recently reported that industrial accidents have exacted a death toll of 47,600 workers since Pearl Harbor—5000 more than the nations total combat fatalities.

In addition to this 210,000 workers have been permanently disabled — 60 times the military wounded and missing. Stop and think what this means to the na-

tion and the effect it may have upon the shortening of the war.

It means that these accidents cost the nation a yearly average of 270,000,000 man-days, equal to the loss of 900,000 workers. These accidents have lost the time required to build 7,500 merchant ships.

Right here on the home front there has been a destruction 12 times greater than the toll taken of American shipping in the Western Atlantic by enemy submarines.

Eighty per cent of all industrial accidents stem from human failure. Most common causes are carelessness, lack of skill, improper dress, and hazardous arrangement of equipment.

The action of your Labor Management Committee, with your co-operation can do a great deal in helping reduce the effectiveness of this internal enemy that is making such drains on our industrial workers.

Richard I. Robinson
Decatur District Office
War Production Board.

This Is America

A massive hand . . . a masculine hand . . . symbolic of power, of strength, of capability, holds a medal of an imagination, a medal shaped as the swastika, a medal from which dangles a pendant with the following inscription: For holding up American production.

And all the while an American holds this medal, wears it, and deserves it, he scarcely realizes that it exists.

For every unnecessary minute off the job, the axis award increases in size . . . so does the American blood staining the American's hand; so does the allied casualty list; so do the "we regret to inform you" government messages; gold star mothers; white crosses on foreign soil; kids who will say "No, I never saw my dad. He was killed in action in the last world war."

Take care of yourself, body and mind. Then you are able to take care of your job. Your job will then provide that which is needed to those who need it. Production rolls on!

After all . . . this is America. We must keep it free.

Birthday Candles (for March)

Ruth Mauck	March 3
Fred Grimwood	March 17
Nellie Smith	March 22

--- Buy Bonds ---



Scuttlebutt

We've worn out Pippinger's key chain blah-blahing about it, but as a note of finality may we add, "He has some real competition in that Fricky technique."

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Ruth Mauck found herself riding home one evening with cat tails, and more cat tails collected for government use. Seems as if they even found it necessary to remove a few of the sacks to the fenders to make room for Ruth.

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Stella Fesler still looks so young, and evidently feels so young that recent discussions on juvenile delinquency almost frighten her . . . plus the 9:30 curfew whistle.

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Oh Hear Ye These Gripes!!

Signs we unconsciously carry around, prominently displayed on our persons. "Fresh and Tender." "This bag is only ten cents." "Guaranteed to withstand any climate."

The wall of Jericho which doesn't seem to be the falling kind.

People who leave subtle (?) hints, notes, and criticisms unsigned on desks.

Four F salesmen, and very few of those.

Applicants who all swear they never indulge in what there is now very little of.

Nibs Jochem in a complimentary mood. "Nice speech, kid. I couldn't understand a word you said."

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Amazing . . . the number of fast moving undercurrents in a plant this size. No elucidations means no libel suits. Enough said!

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Those few days of spring weather and all we heard was pilots and aerial gunners, Camp Ellis and Marines, the Navy and ain't love grand, and how about 17 year olds?

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Ditmer was a well-clocked fellow for one whole year. Came the W.L.M. contest, and Hooper driving Ed to work shows up a bit late, cutting Ed out of the five dollar prize. Some call it fate. Methinks it is just tough luck.

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The mutual admiration society has a membership of two. Membership is closed but definitely.

Birthday Candles (for February)

Marie Shulte	Feb. 10
Mildred Stone	Feb. 15
Edward Ditmer	Feb. 9
Mary Dalton	Feb. 9
Rita Meyer	Feb. 13
Frank Bruening	Feb. 7

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Come April and Opal Grunwald will be doing the aisle, with plenty of strings attached. Opal, of late, has been on double-duty at Building Two, and if marriage takes her from Gates definitely, she can be sure she'll be missed definitely on the double.

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The month of February marks a year anniversary for many of the Gates gals, and the assembly line at Building Two. L. P. Evans can ascertain that the soldering irons, and long nose pliers, are welded much more easily than in the days of long ago.

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"Jenny on the Job" posters distributed by the War Production Board, have aroused as much interest among the male workers, as they have among the femmes for whom they were intended.

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Mrs. Laura Eitter Henry, personnel director of Building Two, has resigned her position with Gates, and for the time being, will continue her former teaching in the field of music.

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Paul, Jr.: Pop, how do they catch crazy men?

Paul (sourly): It's easy . . . a little rouge, and lipstick, a hair-do and a pretty dress.

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Anna: What do you call a man who's been lucky in love?

Ken: A BACHELOR!!!

Smitty's Smashers Bowled Down Under Gates Tri-Blitz

Still leading Gates bowlers at Turner Hall in scoring is Francis Wentura of Team One. Pippenger of Team Two is rolling second high.

February 21, Team Two really hurled the bowling balls against Smitty's, winning all three games with a thirty-one pin handicap. February 9, however, they lost two out of three to the 1800 Club.

Team One rolled only one winner against Northwestern Mutual, February 8; one against Spring Lake, February 15, and lost all three games to Decatur Cartage, February 22.

Individual and team scores for the past three weeks are as follows:

Team One — February 8

Tourney	128	104	112	344
King	135	132	110	377
Farmer	109	110	132	351
Hooper	117	142	104	363
Wentura	168	173	212	553

657 661 670

Handicap 137 pins.

Team Two — February 9

Myers	123	154	154	431
Pippenger	183	158	135	476
Evans	86	123	99	308
Grimwood	113	139	123	375
Gerweller	144	171	135	450

649 745 646

Handicap 111 pins.

Team One — February 15

Tourney	129	131	153	413
King	149	152	146	447
Farmer	162	130	124	416
Hooper	140	159	103	402
Wentura	159	182	190	541

749 754 716

Handicap 15 pins.

Team Two did not bowl February 16.

Team One — February 22

Tourney	94	109	137	340
King	107	111	107	325
Farmer	104	93	137	334
Hooper	110	130	142	382
Wentura	160	191	171	522

575 634 694

Handicap 133 pins.

Team Two — February 21

Myers	148	129	150	427
Wentura	153	163	210	532
Evans	154	135	130	419
Grimwood	113	116	102	331
Gerweller	142	138	121	401

713 648 713

Handicap 31 pins.

Here's a Record of the Little Things for 1954 --- Do You Remember . . .

Service Man's Wife

The requirements for filing 1943 returns on or before March 15, apply to civilians and personnel of the armed forces alike, except that postponement or extensions are allowed those who are on sea duty or outside the continental United States. If a member of the armed forces is on sea duty or outside the continental United States, his wife may also postpone her return if her income is less than \$1200

HOB & NOB

by Lizbeth

Too much said, and too little done for Quincy's youth! Don Schmidt, former Gates employee, built his brain child into a reality—a recreation center for teen-age kids.

Don has an overhead to meet. He must charge a fee! Well, will all these prominent "ever-doing - good - societies" step in and see that the young 'uns who really are in dire need of such a center, have the fee of admittance provided for them in case of financial stress?

They should! Don planned the bridge they should have planned months ago. The least they can do is to pay the toll charges.

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A Thought for the Month:

The Wagner-Dingell Bill proposes a comprehensive national social security system; a protection for the average American against the hazards of life. But it's more than a vague form of socialism! Does it mean we will be tossing Democracy out of the window, if this bill is accepted as an amendment to the present Social Security Act?

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Remember:

The withholding tax is only an approximate deduction. You may owe, or be owed; therefore, it is necessary for everyone to file an income tax return. Throw some light on the subject before March 15.

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Conscience?

"Amen Amen" will either restore your conscience, start a train of thought as to what really happened to the one you had, or put the old in first class shape again.

Navy Lieutenant (j.g.) Sam Constantino, Jr., Quincy bred, author of the unusual doesn't preach. He just puts sound logical thinking into his inimitable style of writing.

You'll want to continue reading these

Gates on a slant—"This is Your America" poster—the gate with the swing—"Good morning. You here, already?"—the time-clock, the timecard, a desk, a bench,—Jeepers! but that bell's buzz is grating—Lava soap, blueprints, the water cooler, please!

Pipes everywhere—these men are faddish—pardon me, but is that the smell of burning grass permeating the office—Boy, whatta sweet tobacco, chocolate and peppermint blend.

This is going to be a long day—You say it's snowing?—Files, invoices, packing slips, express men—Why does she ring those phones so loud, so long? Solder, and pliers; wires and more wires, resistors!

Fricky . . . is the java brewing? —kleenex, colds, red noses, sneezes . . . Sugar two—No cow, thanks.

Three minute bull sessions—Didja hear the one about . . . ?—Oh, hello Joe—grouchy voices, toothpaste smiles, wrinkled brows, Miss Gumdrop this, and Miss Gumdrop that—Where's Wentura—Thomas, the elusive—Call the Signal Corps inspectors—testing . . . one, two, three—pin-up boys in the powder room—"Down the hill, please."

Jochem and Farmer, the sweater boys—Salesmen getting fewer and older—Mac dashing—snow, galoshes, parasols, wet coats—"You talk to him, Art. I'm busy"—Where's Thelma? Where's your paper for the paper drive, Bruening?—

Henry, his pipe of corncob, plus ladder—bright kerchiefs—Lunch and more snow—more coffee—more bells. Daily calls home "Any mail, mom?"—teletype rhythm, noon recreation in the factory—Click, clack . . . clack!—parcel post—take a letter—Camden calling—more snow—candy—coca cola—paper clips!

When's the paper coming out? Kiwanis, Rotary, pay day, pay roll, pay check—Grimwood's habitual wink, and color-splashed ties—Alvera with the mail—whispering, whistling, laughing, and one gaffaw.

Five to five—three to five—ring the bell—the time clock—last minute chatter—see you there at nine.—Have fun, chum! I'll call you.

The swingin' gate—the ponderous door—up the hill—a car, a bus, two feet—the slush, mud, snow, the ice—

Now steaming hot food . . . steaming hot bath . . . to bed, to bed . . . few creams . . . few snores.

Bon Nuit et 30.

frank discussions on religion, money, and sex, even if they do grate a bit on said immaterial possession. If only all young America could think as Sam does—better still, live up to those thoughts.

Five Schulte Brothers Globe-Trot With Uncle Sam's Khaki-Clad

Family reunions are great fun, but the Schulte family, from whence hails sparkling-eyes Marie, and conscientious Bernard, would have one difficult time rounding up the entire clan.

Five Brothers Across

Five brothers have left the home-front with Uncle Sam's army and are now located on a variety of foreign soils. It's a globe-trotting family.

They really know there's a war being fought, so it's easy to understand why Marie is on the assembly line at Building Two; why Bernard handles his job at Building One so capably. (Plus the fact that he is paternally proud of his ten youngsters.)

But more about these five fighting brothers! Cpl. Alois as been in the service for twenty-eight months; has been overseas twenty-four months, and is a member of the Medics at the Fifth Station Hospital in Australia.

Francis Saw Action

Pfc. Francis, also, has served two years, but in the Infantry. He has been 'acrossed' twenty-four months and saw action during the Makin Island siege. Francis is now in Hawaii.

Pfc. Albert has one year and a half service record and for the past three months has been located in England with the Airborne Division.

Private Virgil can chalk up three years of Army behind his name, and one year of "overseas" duty. He, too, is with the Medics and is somewhere in Egypt.

Only eight months ago, Private Donald entered the ranks of the khaki-clad, and three months ago, he sailed for England.

Kid Brother Inducted

That's a record for one family. And that isn't all! Kid brother, Eddie was inducted several weeks ago and is now awaiting the call that really does the trick.

Regular mail from the boys keeps Marie's morale high, for they are optimistic enough to believe . . . "it won't be long now." All five of them believe as that, and write as that, so Marie's only answer is, "Brothers, I hope you're right."

OLD VOLUMES RECOUNT

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were hidden in the Editor's wastebasket.

The Monthly Record of Current Events discussed Brigham Young; the troop situation of the day; Indian attacks, the financial revulsion. Whatta life, and covered wagons, too.

Yes, those were the days, and Harper's did them up brown. But, I wonder what Mr. Esquire is doing this month, and if Varga is still Varga. 1857 . . . ?



MARIE SCHULTE

INCOME TAX DEADLINE

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and (c) received all their income from salaries, wages, bonuses, commissions, or other forms of personal compensation, or from dividends, interests, and annuities.

In the case of husbands and wives filing separate returns, each must use the same form.

Shorties for Joint Returns

The short form may be used as a joint return for husbands and wives, if, in addition to other conditions for using

Five Dollar War Stamp Prizes Won By Twenty-Three

W. L. M. Awards \$115 for Punctuality and Attendance Campaign

Twenty-three Gates employees are now five dollars richer in war savings stamps upon completion of the first War Labor Management contest conducted in both Plant One and Plant Two.

So that steady attendance and punctuality would be more closely observed, the W.L.M. committee offered the war stamp prizes to all employees who punched the time-clock each week day during the designated time for an entire month.

Twelve members of Plant One and eleven members of Plant Two have been listed as winners. They are: Nelda Haschemeyer, John Griffin, Clarence Moritz, Francis Wentura, Alvera Schmuck, Alvino Anders, Mary Ellen Dalton, Stella Fesler, Anna Young, Myrtle Fricky, Ruth Howard, Elma McNay, Hilda E. Bocke, Forrest Fuller, Burnice H. Ball, Edith Taylor, Herman Gerweler, Gerald Sloniger, Ira Allen, Sadie Wagener, Adele Sparrow, Albertha Doane, and Frank Bruening.

this form, they were living together on July 1, 1943, and their combined income for the year did not exceed \$3000.

Editors note: This is a condensed article from the RCA Family News, January edition.

You are one of . . .

50,000,000

AMERICANS

who must fill out an

INCOME TAX RETURN

by March 15

DO IT NOW!!

... avoid the rush ...

FIND OUT WHERE YOU STAND
ON PAYMENTS OR REFUND

TODAY