

ROSITEMS

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BIRTH OF A NEWSPAPER!

EDITORS' NOTE

The employees of Rostone Corporation now have a plant newspaper. Yes, the Employees have a newspaper and it will only succeed if the employees back it. To back this newspaper you must give it news or other items of interest. A newspaper of any kind can only survive if it publishes things of interest. What you do, where you go and what happens to you, is of interest to your fellow employees. The newspaper staff is composed of employees of Rostone Corporation and is working for the employees of Rostone Corporation. It will welcome any constructive criticism or pats on the back as the case may be. Our sincere hope is that we may serve you well in the coming years.

Paul Andrews - Editor
Fred Hellwig - Co-Editor

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VERY
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND
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HAPPY
NEW
YEAR
TO
ALL

EDITORIAL

By F. Wymer -V.Pres.

Another notable milestone in the growth of the Rostone Recreational Association has been reached with this, the first issue of our new publication. It is, of course, only the newest of the many worth while activities of this organization, but certainly will be one of the most interesting to all of us.

The Board of Directors and their appointed Editors are to be congratulated on their willingness to assume the responsibility of this task which will entail considerable work and ingenuity. We can all help to make the job easier, however, by giving them our co-operation.

Through this medium, it will be possible for our families, both Lafayette and Spencer, to become better acquainted during the entire year instead of meeting only once a year at the annual picnic. This new endeavor is another of the many reasons why we of management are proud to be associated with the people who are "Rostone Corporation".

We wish the Association and the Editors the best of success in this undertaking and offer the support of management in any way we can help.

WELCOME !

By P. Jones-Pres.

Another first -- the first issue of the first volume -- and it is hoped that ROSITEMS will serve as interesting reading of happenings and experiences of all individuals in Lafayette and Spencer.

Our busy hours make it most difficult for any one individual to stop and discuss daily happenings with each fellow employee. Possibly ROSITEMS will supplement these daily chats which are so difficult to have.

Perhaps our families at home may become better acquainted with fellow employees by reading ROSITEMS. At least, they will learn something about the people we mention in our talk about our work.

Everyone commends the Recreational Association and the Committee for the decision to issue ROSITEMS. All will be looking forward to this first issue, and also, to issues to follow.

Editorial by F.P.W. Con't.

The timing of this first issue is also just right to enable us, for the first time in print, to wish all of you and your families the best of Seasons Greetings and the hope that we will continue to prosper and grow together during the coming year.

DO YOU KNOW...

...we quarry 5 tons of shale rock per day and grind this rock as fine as face powder. ...that 4T asbestos, due to it's long fibres, is one of the most expensive grades of asbestos.

...that the awful smell put out by the Lab isn't dead fish but Amino gases.

...that Francis the fork lift truck has a new companion in the Quonset hut - "Herkomer" the shovel loader.

...that the new make up heaters in finishing and shipping should bring in plenty of outside air for our relief next summer.

...that we have shipped over 15,603,600 - 314's to P.R. Mallory at Indianapolis.

...that the induration department set a new record of 506 indurations per gasket.

...that the last two magnets received for mounting on weigh machines are so powerful that Foster hasn't been able to get them apart.

...that the profit made on coke and candy machines go to the Recreational Association and amounts to approximately \$60. per month.

...that it takes 3 busy days for the payroll dept. to figure up everyone's time card, incentive and make out payroll checks.

...the heart of the new Westinghouse stoves contain our parts 506,510,511, and 512.

...that the Spencer plant has 31 workers including 3 in the office.

Fashion Experts are those demons who induce women to pay more money for less clothes.

A terrific scuffle on the floor in the "Newspaper Office". The editors on their hands and knees - looking for news? No! for the dime lost on the floor while matching for cokes.

SAFETY NOTES

By L. Van Camp

Even in this atomic age it is still impossible to create a contraption that will eliminate back injuries when lifting is done improperly.

With the exception of an eye injury, all of our recent pain and inconvenience has been caused by improper lifting.

Remember to keep your back straight, lift with your legs, do not twist while lifting or carrying, and get help when the load is too big.

STAR GAZIER'S?

By P. Ramey

Perhaps some of you have been wondering these past few days why Paul Andrews and Fred Hellwig and possibly a few others have been walking around with a sort of dazed look on their faces.

Do any of you realize what constitutes the printing of a small newspaper such as you are now reading?

It isn't any wonder that Paul and Fred have been walking around with dazed looks with such things on their minds as - do we have enough news for our paper, will it be of interest to everyone, will everyone get their reports in on time for the paper and I'm sure upper most on their minds is the big question will it be a success?

Did you take a week-end trip; did you have out of town guests, did someone have a special anniversary or birthday party; etc? If so, jot it down on a piece of paper and put it in the box.

These days will go down in history as the ones when, if your ship comes in, it was docked by the government.

GIRLS ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Janet Masterson

Due to the generous consideration of the Rostone Recreation Association, the girls of Rostone have a chance once a year to get to know each other socially as well as at work. This year our Christmas Dinner Party was held at the Avalon on December 17th from 7:00 P.M. to ???

Those gals present were: Amy Adams, Betty Bath, Lois Bryan, Dorothy Carmack, Betty Decker, Dorothy Everhart, Nancy Haynes, Betty Hughes, Ella Lairy, Betty Leevy, Janet Masterson, Ruth Price, Margaret Purdy, Phyllis Ramey, Helen Rishel, and Eldora Weigle. In keeping with the season, each one present was "decked out" to the "enth degree" in her yuletide fashion.

All of us were seated at one large table which was decorated with candles and various Christmas ornaments. Each lady enjoyed a delicious dinner of her own choice. Music for the occasion was provided by Glen Wright, at the organ.

This year we exchanged names and many lovely gifts were given and received by all.

I am sure that I can speak for all of us in extending our thanks and deepest appreciation to the Association Christmas Party.

Mrs. Carol Ann Brant, daughter of Henry Balensiefer, has been notified that she will be able to join her husband, Pvt. Herchel Brant in Germany, in the near future.

Psychiatrist: Mental Peeping Tom.

MAINTENANCE DEPT.

It was reported that a new employee had been hired in the maintainance shop until it was noticed that it was "Mike" Sensabaugh in a new shop cap.

Coon-hunters : A challenge has been offered you. Luther Bowman claims that he has undoubtedly chased, captured, and killed the largest 'coon ever caught in Fountain County. His cohort in this great big-game hunting episode was John Perkins, Shale plant employee. It seems that "Luke" is contemplating having this 'coon-skin made into hats, gloves and car robes for both he and John.

Howard "Bill" Hiatt has replaced his ancient "Essex" type horseless carriage with a '51 Plymouth. "Bill" has reported that he is planning a trip in the near future.

Don Foster reports that his son has finished a successful season with the Purdue Marching Band.

CONDITIONING DEPT.

Jack Downs has a birthday December 23rd.

Charlie Erb has been put in charge of the Conditioning Department during the leave of absence of Carroll Stewart.

-WANTED-

Willie Kuzee would like to buy a good Ford.

Requirements

1. Mallory Distributor
2. Milled Heads
3. 4 Carburetors
4. Must run 120 miles an hour or at least out-run a 1951 Mercury.

Typist: Your wife wants to kiss you over the phone.

Boss: Take the message and give it to me later.

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OFFICE & MANAGEMENT

Ray Daujotas' children, Patty, Richey, and little Jim are minus a pet. It seems that someone who must hate children and dogs has killed their dog "Smuffy".

"Bob" Pechin's youngest son, Dick, has been going thru considerable pain to have his teeth straightened. Dick has only a couple more months of treatment to go. We hope his Dad's popcorn hasn't been the cause.

Roger Bartholomew finally has the sewer in on his acreage just outside of Lafayette. Roger has been assisted by the County Health Officer in the construction of this project.

North winds blow, snow can fall, Bill Works windows are in the wall.

INSPECTION DEPT.

It has been suggested that a patrolman be placed at the junction of 52-By-Pass and Kossuth St., to help Harry Brown and Roy Horner across at lunch time.

LABOR DEPT.

FLASH!! FLASH!! FLASH!!

The fifteen hundred ton press is now operating twenty-four hours a day.

PACKING NEWS

T/Sgt. Floyd A. Rishel, son of Helen Rishel spent the Thanksgiving Holiday with his parents. He is stationed at Mathers Air Field, Sacramento, California.

WE NEED NEWS !!

FINISHING NEWS:

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Mr. James Purdy has returned to Houston, Texas after a two weeks visit with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Purdy.

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Runion spent Thanksgiving day in Danville, Ill., with relatives.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Robbins spent Saturday after Thanksgiving in Indianapolis.

Betty Bath visited Danville, Ill., during the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Decker and daughter spent Thanksgiving at Waynetown, Indiana.

PRESS DEPT.

Bill Merrill purchased a fine hunting dog from John Kiser. John hated to part with it, but his wife insisted.

Russ Hawkins was elected to a 3 year term on the retirement committee.

Charles Oliver has moved to Buck Creek.

Bill Collins won a thousand dollars. Lucky Boy.

A certain Pontiac from Attica gets more rabbits than any two men with guns.

Headaches in the press room are due to the singing of the hillbilly torch singer from Arkansas.

Mr. & Mrs. Brent Floyd and family spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Kentucky with Mr. Floyd's parents.

What has Merle Kirts got on a certain car dealer that he can drive a new car every three months?

CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY:
The one your wife hasn't found out about.

You can't escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.

DIE SHOP DEPT.

While vacationing in Wisconsin, over the Thanksgiving holiday, Lawrence Wells became a dealer in Swiss Cheese. Lawrence brought several pounds of the Wisconsin pride back with him. Lawrence, guaranteed that the holes were filled with genuine Wisconsin air.

FOX HUNTERS BEWARE!!

On Sat. November 28th, Clyde Schultz decided to go fox hunting. After a very successful chase of Reynard the Fox, Clyde decided to return to his car. On the return to his car Clyde had to climb a barbed wire fence. At this point, the fence slipped and pants ripped, as our hero tripped.

After recovering from this shocking experience Clyde proceeded to Pine Village. As soon as Clyde stepped from the car a group of lady Saturday shoppers filled the street and Clyde was backed against the wall.

After the Pine Village ordeal Clyde faced another at home. Clyde's wife was very unhappy over the seat of the trouble or should we say trouble of the seat!

The Rostone Employees are organizing a gun club. Charlie Erb and Delmar Haupt have been named co-chairmen.

Plans are being arranged for a turkey shoot on December 13-What'll you have? Light or dark meat???

We are sorry to report at this time that Bill Herdman is at St. Elizabeth Hospital and his condition is unchanged. If you have a few spare moments don't forget to stop at the hospital and say hello to Bill, or send him a card.

ACCIDENT

Harry Brown and Roy Hornor were in an accident on Route 52 Monday, Nov. 30, 1953. Brown and Hornor were on their way to lunch, and were traveling South on route 52, when a panel truck from Remington crashed into the rear end of Brown's Plymouth coupe. Hornor was thrown out of the car into a mud puddle and was bruised on the right arm. Brown was uninjured but considerable damage was done to the back and fenders of the car.

BASKETBALL NEWS

By D. Brown &
D. Haupt

The basket ball team is starting for a victory for this season, but things are looking better now. They have played three games so far. They are as follows:

Rostone 27 vs. Duncan 33
Rostone 33 vs. Monon Shops 34
Rostone 27 vs. Ross Gear 59

Ross Gear is currently the leader in the City Industrial League.

A little support from you the employees would sure be appreciated. You can obtain free spectator passes from either Lloyd Sollars or Delmar Haupt.

FOOTBALL - OUT ON A LIMB

By W. Longren

Predictions for Jan. 1st games.

Rose Bowl
Mich. St. 27 U.C.L.A. 7
Sugar Bowl
Georgia Tech 21 W. Va. 13
Orange Bowl
Okla. 14 Maryland 7
Cotton Bowl
Rice 21 Alabama 13
Tangerine Bowl
E.Texas St. 21 Ark. St. 7
Gator Bowl
Texas Tech. 14 Auburn 7

ROSTONE BOWLING AS OF 12/4/53

With 39 games rolled in 4 different leagues here is the way our bowling averages stand.

Preston 167	Irwin	136
Longren 166	Gray	135
Kiser 156	Lagoy	134
Rechkemmer 148	Shideler	133
Daujotas 144	Kopf	129
Cole 143	Preston	128
Cunningham 142	Schultz	119
Price 139	Bryan	118
Mugg 137	Daujotas	116
	Bush	107

However: There have developed some interesting side battles among individuals for the highest average. Most notable of these is the Lagoy-Mugg race and the Cole-Cunningham affair, not to mention the race between Preston and Longren.

And although most of our team efforts prove somewhat disappointing there have been some nights when our Rostone teams have given a good account of themselves.

The girls league won 3 straight, two weeks ago, and in the Industrial League, Rostone took the first two from 2nd place Ross Gear, and only barely succeeded in losing the 3rd by a score of 863 to 864. The latter was accomplished by 4 of our 5 bowlers "blowing" the final frame.

Don't feel too badly about those 150 games! Ned Day and B. Fazio hit 145 and 158 respectively the other day in a match game at Logan Bowl but B. Fazio recovered sufficiently with games of 219, 253, 233, and 203 for 5 games total of 1066. This is a very neat average of 213.

Statistics can be used to support anything - especially statisticians.

The office employees are making the arrangements for a Christmas Party for all employees and their families. The party is to be held at noon on December 24th at Camp Na-Wa-Ka, McCormicks Creek State Park. Refreshments are to include Chili, Virginia Baked Ham, Pie and Coffee. All the cookin' is to be done by Garold ("Redwing") Franklin of the Finishing Department. Rumors are that Santa Claus is to be there in person to distribute grab bag gifts to the kids - both young and old.

Charles Wolfe and family moved to Spencer, November 28th. They have taken up residence located approximately 7 miles North of Spencer on Route 2. Charlie is employed as a press operator, having formerly worked in the Lafayette plant.

Earl Edwards is home on furlough from the Army. He is to return to Seattle, Washington for overseas duty, presumably Korea. Earl was employed in the press department before entering the service.

Francis Clark was home on furlough recently from the Navy. He is stationed in San Diego and is working in a machine shop. Clark was employed in the finishing department before joining the Navy.

Dwight Dunigan returned to work November 30th after being injured on November 3rd. Dwight had the misfortune of losing a third of the forefinger on his left hand in an accident on the LOT press. This was our second lost time accident in 2 years. Roscoe Close cracked some ribs while working in the die shop for our first lost time accident.

Wade Allbritten's son, Larry, has Scarlet Fever. Everyone is wishing him a speedy recovery.

Necessity seldom makes a good bargain..

One reason worry kills more people than work is that more people worry than work..

Some of those people who boast about their open minds should have them closed for repairs..

First step toward solving a problem is seeing it clearly.. Success has made failures of too many men..

Those who continue to shrink from responsibility continue to shrink..

The future is a world limited only by ourselves..

First requisite to great undertakings is self-confidence.

Peace of mind is a gift no one can confer upon an individual except himself..

In all things, success depends upon previous preparation.

THE ART OF HAPPINESS

The ingredients of happiness are so simple that they can be counted on one hand. Happiness comes from within, and

rests most securely on simple goodness and clean conscience. Religion may not be essential to it, but no one is known to have gained it without a philosophy resting on ethical principles. Selfishness is its enemy; to make another happy is to be happy one's self. It is quite seldom found for long in crowds, most easily won in moments of solitude and reflection. It cannot be bought; indeed money has very little to do with it.

Spencer news con't.

Everyone enjoyed the demonstration given by Mr. Knoy and Mr. Work recently. All of us were anxious to know how our parts are used and what they are for. Thanks a lot!

Have you ever met a fellow, who never cracked a smile, Who for a carload of camels, wouldn't walk a mile - Who never ever will, as long as he may live, Hold out a helping hand, or to the needy give.

Have you ever met a fellow, who always mistreats kids, Who when he finds a man thats down, will help to grease the skids.

Who can, and is willing, without having to try, Squirm and cheat, and resort to a lie.

Then thats the guy to pity, he's one who needs your aid, But he'll probably refuse to let you help, in this false world he has made.

So if your help's not wanted and your favors go on by, Just offer up a prayer and think, I'm glad I'm not that Guy.

DAFFYNITIONS

Football - A game in which one side of the stadium wants to see eleven men killed and the other side of the stadium wants to see eleven men killed.

Good Sport - One who will always let you have your own way.

Praise - What you receive when you are no longer alive.

Prune - A plum that has seen better days.

Fame - Chiefly a matter of dying at the right time.

Tobacco - Found in many Southern States and in some cigarettes.
