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ROSTONES' FIRST HOUSE

EDITORS NOTE

A most important group of people have been selected by their fellow workers to represent them in all activities of the Rostone Recreation Association.

This group has a most important function to perform in their duties.

1. They must keep their accounts straight in all monetary functions. This protects the officers as well as the Association.

2. They are under moral obligation to secure funds and time to promote inter and intra plant activities for the employees as well as their families.

3. They must use wisely the funds left to them by previous administrators.

4. They must endeavor to build a bigger and better Association. An organization that stands still, moves backward.

We wish success to the new administration and feel sure their active participation will bring it about.

EDITORS

ROSTONE RECREATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Pres. - Herb Ober
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ORANGE & GREEN

By J. Cunningham

It is not generally known that there are two types of Irish. The orange and the green. The orange Irish come from Northern Ireland and get their name from William of Orange. William of Orange led the northern Irish, now known as orangemen, along with English troops in the Battle of the Boyne (not boing!). The Battle of the Boyne was fought July 12, 1690 and was won by the orangemen.

The green Irish are from Southern Ireland and what is now known as the Irish free state. Needless to say they are the most well known in this country.

On the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne, each year the orangemen stage a parade and the green Irish always manage to help celebrate this occasion with shillelaghs, and brick bats in true Irish tradition.

Since predominately Southern or green Irish settled in this country, I would advise not to wear orange on St. Patrick's Day. Have you ever seen a true son of the "Auld Sod" admit defeat???

HOUSE FOR FAIR !!

At 715 Bexley Road in West Lafayette stands the first house of Rostone in this area. Actually it was the first house of this type ever designed, but before it could be started, Rostone was given the opportunity of constructing a house for exhibition purposes at the Century of Progress which was held in Chicago in 1933 and 1934. All work on the local house was dropped and design of a house for the Fair began. Slabs, 17" x 49" x 2" thick with lap joints, fastened by bolts to a prefabricated steel frame, supplied the basic structure and covering of both of these houses. The "Fair" house was located on the lake front and was designed in a pleasing modern fashion and constructed of buff colored stone. During the two years of the Fair over six million people were conducted thru this house, using incidentally a stairway covered with Rostone treads.

As a condition of the contract with the Fair Board it was necessary, at the conclusion of the Fair to restore each site of construction to its original condition. The only exception being such landscaping as the Chicago Park Board desired to remain.

WE NEED NEWS!!!

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Rostone left one tree 30 feet in height which had been transplanted in the area between the house and lake. This tree remains as the only landmark of this site at the end of the Fair.

The house was moved, by barge, complete with concrete slab across Lake Michigan to a new sub-division. There it was lifted some 20 feet above Lake level and set on a new foundation. It still stands there in a beautiful setting and is occupied by Mr. Clifton Utely the well known news commentator.

During the summer of 1933 after completion of the house at Chicago, work was resumed on the house in West Lafayette.

The structure of this house is similar, but in this case the house is of a traditional design.

WANTED -

GOOD PUBLICITY AGENT :

Since the construction of the new armory in Lafayette the picture of Louie Alt has appeared in the local newspaper on numerous occasions.

Until that time, Mr. Wymer's picture appeared frequently in the local paper for various drives and organization work.

One of our goodlooking girl reporters informs us that Mr. Wymer is now in the market for a new publicity agent.

FOREMAN'S CLUB MEET

The Tippecanoe County Foremen's Club met Wednesday, March 17, 1954 at the National Home Cafeteria. Following an excellent meal provided by the National Homes Corporation, the foremen's club members enjoyed a tour through the plant.

NO

ACCIDENTS

IS

GOOD

NEWS!!!!

-that pieces of colored Rostone, recently uncovered from the pit, disclosed the colors were just as brilliant as when first made 20 years ago.

-that after five years of employment you become a member of the basic plan of our retirement program that entitles you to a maximum of ~~as much as~~ \$100.00 per month after age 65.

-that cotton waste costs more than shop rags.

-that the big 1500 ton press is the busiest press we have.

-that you can order safety glasses, with lenses ground to your prescription, through the company and the prices are cheaper than regular glasses.

-that carbide dies are being made for part nos. 409A and B and high production is expected.

-that we will be making 36" receptors in the next few weeks.

-that Spencer has solved the problems of preventing burnt wax accumulation on wax baskets.

ROSTONE RECREATIONAL ASS'N.

The Club Avalon was the scene of the annual R.R.A. Banquet March 6th. Twenty-six persons attended the gala event.

Lawrence Wells, Fred Hellwig, Paul Andrews, Herb Ober, and Jim Gray gave short before-dinner talks.

A dinner consisting of T-bone steaks, french fries, tossed salad, bread (garlic & french) butter, sherbet, and coffee was served in a private dining room. This delicious food was enjoyed by all.

Everyone enjoyed dancing to the music of Glen Wright and his trio.

We wonder - if - Rex Kochell is trying to "wean" his Stud-e-baker?? He wasn't satisfied getting stuck in the snowdrifts, but had to run out of gas, too. Luckily, Mr. Stewart came along to help.

If you see a pair of coveralls walking around the plant without feet or hands - think nothing of it. It's just John Kiser in his new rented coveralls. We suggest to John that he ask his wife what size pants he wears !

We have a celebrity! Earl (cyclone) Underhill is now known as the "Snow - Bound Kid."

Rich Schultz' shift enjoyed a film of one of Jim Ashlock's brother's fights on Tuesday - March 2. Jim's brother has turned pro, and fights under the name of Jerry "Dutch" Fowler on the West Coast. He has a record of 9 fights - 9 wins, including 7 KO's. This particular film was taken off a television set 25 miles from the scene of the fight.

Wayne and Carol Rechkemmer spent their third wedding anniversary with Wayne's parents in Illinois. Many, many happy anniversaries, Wayne and Carol ! At least 75 or 80 !

DIE SHOP

The dazed look of Wilbur Wallace is due to his being married in the near future.

Jim Cunningham is the proud caretaker of a new Index Mill in the die shop. He hopes to have a new grinder, also, in the near future.

It seems the two Jim's - (Jim Gray and Jim Cunningham) had a big bet on the Notre - Dame - Indiana game. Needless to say Jim won !!!??

WE NEED NEWS!!!

Ed Hasty and his wife had the shock of their lives while riding in Don Brown's car.

Don purchased a CO₂ fire extinguisher, and put it under the seat. After numerous miles a strange whistling noise alarmed the occupants of the car, and as soon as Don could stop the car, there was a scramble for the exits.

The "All Clear" was sounded as soon as it was found the weird whistling noise was the alarm on the CO₂ extinguisher.

Blue Cross will come through for a known threesome on Hawkins shift. The crew will expect cigars when that time comes.

CONDITIONING DEPT.

Miss Nancy Stewart daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Stewart competed in a District High School Music Contest, and was awarded first place with her vocal selection. She later competed in the State Contest at Butler University against 1500 other contestants and was awarded third place. Nancy is a senior at Otterbein High School.

FINISHING DEPT.

Ann Mugg has again been confined in the hospital. She has had a series of trips to the hospital lately.

ODE TO A FINISHING FOREMAN

There once was fellow
called Mugg,
Who had his hair clipped
like a thug,
His head shown like gold,
or could it be mold,
That's growing on top of
his jug.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Thompson are now living in their new home at 2919 Greenbush Street.

The Charlie Thompson's are "In The Mood" and in style with some of the painting at the plant. It seems they had some painting done at their home by a painter (who did not do the painting at Rostone,) and when Mrs. Thompson arrived home to admire the newly painted doors, flower box, etc., - they were painted a bright orange (a perfect match with Mel Dickson's lunch box.) Charlie arrived a few minutes later and apparently his wife was not very appreciative of the color. We suggest to Charlie that he trim the orange doors and flower box in green and make Mrs. Thompson very happy.

OFFICE

Those who watched WFAM- TV Monday, March 8th not only saw the Lafayette Symphone Orchestra but also saw our own Dave McQueen who is a member of this fine organization. It is reported that Dave is photogenic as well as "trilling".

Something you should see -- Paul Andrews playing the "base fiddle" with 'gusto' while tearing his short hair out for ideas for the ROSITEMS.

Leo Van Camp is not Fred Hellwig's assistant mortician, he merely secured his shop coat from a different funeral home.

IMPORTANT ISSUE !

It is reported that a certain girl who attended her second Recreational meeting was so concerned over an issue that she voted yes - with both hands.

It was announced by the Postmaster General that the honorable Eldora Weigle has been appointed Postmistress of the Otterbien Post-office.

This means Eldora will be leaving one of these days. Eldora also plans to raise chickens on a farm near Otterbien. Wonder if she will be renting those chickens to the post office dept. to fly airmail???

LABOR DEPT.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Balensiefer have received word that their daughter is now in Germany with her husband Pfc. Hershel Bryan. She arrived in Germany March 2nd.

Herb Ober is completing a deal to buy into the Parking Meter Business.

INSPECTION DEPT.

Delbert Handy, has moved from West Lafayette to 524 S. 9th St., Lafayette.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please continue to send the Rositems to me. It's a good paper.

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CHUCKLES

A group of foreign manufacturers being shown through an American plant saw a machine that took a piece of sheet steel and in one operation stamped, punched and shaped into a finished product. After they had watched it for awhile an apparently bitter argument broke out, with much arm-waving and finger-shaking. The guide asked the interpreter accompanying the party what all the shouting was about. "Some of them," said the interpreter, "insist that it can't be done."

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Let the other fellow talk occasionally; you can't learn much by listening to yourself all the time.

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Santa Clause is about the only male who shows any interest in empty stockings.

SAINTS & SINNERS

Author Unknown -

When some fellow yields to temptation,
And breaks a convention or law;
We look for no good in his make-up,
But, my, how we pick at the flaw.
Nobody asks how he was tempted,
Nor allows for the battle he fought,
His name becomes food for those jackals
The ones who have never been caught.

"He has sinned," they proclaim from the housetops -
They forget the good he has done;
They tell how he lost his last battle,
They forget the times that he won.
"Come hither and gaze on the sinner,
And by his example be taught
That primrose paths lead to the devil,"
Cry those who have never been caught.

I'm a sinner, Oh Lord, and I know it !
I am weak and I blunder and fail,
As I'm tossed here and there on life's ocean
Like a ship that is caught in a gail.
And I'm willing to trust in Thy mercy,
Whose blood our forgiveness once bought,
But deliver me, Lord, from the judgement
Of those who have never been caught.

More persons, on the whole, are humbugged by believing in nothing than by believing in too much.

OUR PRODUCT

By - R. E. Pechin

Below the earth and sod it rests, twenty feet or more.

Product of nature, awakened from sleep, to perform an important chore.

Raised from the earth, milled, mixed and pressed.

Subjected to heat and electrical test,

Ground, drilled and tapped with precision and skill -

This wondrous product conforms to man's will.

After inspection and variable shrink,

Shoved in the oven, gedunked in the drink.

Wheeled and trucked and put on a skid;

Then to the wax tank and covered with lid.

Polished and shined in a booth with a brush,

Ready for use and shipped with a rush !

Shock and heat, and even chill,

This wondrous product conforms to man's will.

SOME TRICK !

A man has to be something of a contortionist to amount to anything these days.

He has to put his shoulder to the wheel, keep his eye on the ball, an ear to the ground with his back to the wall. At the same time he must have both feet on the ground, keep a level head a stiff upper lip, whistle while he works, and stay in there pitching as he looks for the silver lining with his head in the clouds.

When a man starts throwing dirt he is losing ground.

Nothing is all wrong. Even a clock that has stopped running is right twice a day.

No man lives today who does not seek, in some way, to follow a guiding star.

By W. Longren

Contrary to current rumors Spencer Plant hasn't acquired a fire truck. That's Sampson's red jeep you've been seeing parked over by the hose house.

Just in case your wondering, that harried expression on Bucklew's face lately is an indication that he is starting on his new house. They've poured lots of cement the last two week-ends.

If Turner Franklin loses weight in the next few weeks it is because he will have to eat his own cooking while his wife is in California.

Charlie Wolfe reports that he is about to complete the purchase of his new home. He is buying the Ernie Wuertz property on State Road 46. They plan to be moved by the 20th. Now he will live in the vicinity of Turner Franklin so it is understood that Turner will automatically take over Sampson's job of pushing the Nash on these cold mornings.

Teddy Roosevelt's advice to talk softly and carry a big stick is being taken literally by our mix man. Hubert Baumgartner came into the plant the other day carrying a limb from a Sycamore tree. When asked how come Hubert whispered that he was going to use it to clean out the pre-mixer.

Ernie Morrison is expected to be one of the leading fishermen of the country this summer. He has been collecting information all winter as to how and why and with what. He's going to have competition though from Martin Lee. Martin tells us he is going to try spinning this year. Of course all fishermen do a certain amount of spinning but Martin means he is going to try spin casting.

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Those celebrating birthdays in March are Lora Wright, Hubert Baumgartner, Archie Brinson, Clarence Hawkins, and Lester Winkler. Birthday greetings to all.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY CLASS VISITS ROSTONE

Prof. J. Roy Leevy's Industrial City class visited us on Wednesday March 10.

Leo Van Camp and Bill Work explained somewhat, the processes of making rosite, usage of parts, and personnel practices to the group of twelve persons.

A factory tour was conducted by Leo and Paul Andrews.

BOWLING NOTES - By W. Longren

In the matter of bowling averages let us look at our averages at the 25 game period as against the present time when we have 72 games played.

	(25)	(72)
E. Preston	170	163
Longren	165	166
Kiser	156	156
Wiemken	-	149
Rechkemmer	148	148
Daujotas	144	143
Cole	143	141
Cunningham	142	143
Price	139	137
Mugg	137	141
Irwin	136	133
Gray	135	146
Lagoy	134	141
Shideler	133	133
Kopf	129	125
Preston	128	127
Hiatt	121	130
Schultz	119	118
Bryan	118	125
Delp	-	122
Daujotas	116	122
Bush	107	105

As un-predictable as basketball is, most of the favorites came through in the sectional meets throughout the state.

T.H. Gertsmyer and Jeffersonville will have quite a battle though at Bloomington next Saturday. Muncie Central and Ft. Wayne North should decide who goes to the finals from Ft. Wayne. About the hardest semi-final will find our Jefferson Bronco's up against Elkhart and then against Logansport.

It is foolish to try to decide who will win but just for the sake of comparison your writer will go out on a limb with the following picks.

Muncie Central to defeat Ft. Wayne North and then Kokomo in the night finals. Lafayette to hold Ray Bell and Elkhart in a tight game-say 64 - 60 and then defeat Logansport at night.

T. H. Gertsmyer to take the measure of Obremsky and Potter and then defeat the Evansville Central's Clayton brothers in the night final. This is the one semi-final that looks tougher than Jeff's path. The Attacks should get by Columbus and have little trouble with Melan at the final game.

So there you have it! The 4 state finalists. Muncie Central, Lafayette Jefferson, T. H. Gertsmyer, and the Attacks. Since this will be in the press and the results known long before you read this I shall go on to pick Muncie Central over Lafayette and T. H. Gertsmyer over the Attacks in the afternoon with Muncie Central staying the Andrews brothers in the night final for the championship.
