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BUY BONDS

7th War Loan

DECATUR, ILL.
The Mighty Seventh

Dedicate this Seventh War Bond Sale to these Staley men who have died in the service of their country:

T/Sgt. George E. Brown, from extra board, killed in action in Germany, July, 1944.

Harry Thomas Casley, S 1/c, syrup house, killed in Australia, April, 1943.

Lt. F. G. Crocker, USNR, Boston office, lost at sea August, 1942.


Pvt. Kenneth N. Green, Painesville millwright, killed in action in France, November, 1944.


PFC A. L. McCormick, feed sales, killed on duty in bomber crash, March, 1944.

Pvt. Donald P. Mulvihill, plant, killed at Texas camp, March, 1944.

PFC George P. Peterson, Painesville plant, killed on duty in bomber crash, March, 1944.

L. E. Stratton, F 1/c, boiler room, killed in English Channel during invasion, June, 1944.
OF MANY THINGS

NO BRIGHT DAY OF PEACE
WHEN EUROPEAN WAR ENDS

Ever since America has realized that it was at war, most of us have been looking forward to the day when the war would be over. We looked forward to it as children look forward to Christmas. Most of us, I think, treasured a naive feeling that on some bright morning the whistles would blow, the bells would ring, the boys would come home and the war would be a dreadful nightmare of the past. Deep down inside we held on to that wishful feeling even when we knew peace could not come that way.

And it hasn't. Germany has given up, slowly, resentfully, bit at a time, and Japan is making us pay more and more dearly for every inch of ground she loses. No—there was no bright morning, although theoretically the war in Europe is over. Rightfully, European countries which had lived in the fear and shadow of constant bombings for so many years, celebrated V-E day. In America, where we had been spared the horrors of living with war, it seemed only fitting that our celebration should take the form it did—thanksgiving and work.

During the years that I have worked with Staley people I have had many occasions to be proud of that fact, but I never was more proud than on V-E day. Staley people, almost to a man (and woman) made a special effort to be on the job that day. To be sure, President Truman had asked that our watch-word be "Work" but I believe, feeling as they do, Staley people would have wanted to work that day anyway. Too many of our people are still involved in that terrible Pacific war for us at home to take time out to celebrate. We are going to wait until the whole thing is over—then we will celebrate—but even then, I feel, that celebration will take the form of thanksgiving.

CHINESE VISITORS TELL
OF THEIR POSTWAR IDEALS

After Dr. Tien-Gi Ling, of Chunking, China, had visited with me the other day I had a mingled feeling of pride, responsibility and thankfulness. I was proud because I am an American and Dr. Ling had so many sincerely complimentary things to say
about America. I had a feeling of responsibility because he told how the Chinese hold America and Americans as a pattern for post-war China. And I was thankful because he told me—just casually—a few of the things Chinese people are suffering at the hands of the hated Japs.

Dr. Ling, educated in this country with degrees from Cornell, has been traveling in the United States on a special mission for his country. A chemical engineer he is an expert on oil refining, and has a thorough and complete knowledge of age-old as well as modern oil refining methods. But he came to this country to visit modern oil refining plants. “After the war China wants to build refineries as America does. We want to learn to process soybeans as you do.” This from a nation which has literally lived on soybeans for centuries!

Although the world knows that China’s plight is bad, Dr. Ling feels that there is a bright new future ahead for that country in the post-war period. Asked if the old China was passing he was emphatic in his assurance that it is. Post-war China will be as much like America as its forward thinking groups can make it. Always when Chinese students went abroad to study at least twice as many came to America than went to any other country, he thinks. Now that influence is being felt.

Dr. Ling married an American girl, as have so many other Chinese students in this country, and these women for the most part have remained in China during the war. They like China and the Chinese have liked them well enough to adopt many of their customs.

BRITISH FRIEND MOURNS
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

For years many of the Journal’s most faithful readers have been in the British Isles. Surprisingly these people have taken time, in the midst of bombings and war-torn days, to write me often, and I have treasured those letters and the friendships which prompted their writings. The other day L. C. Ambrose, managing director of A. E. Staley Mfg. Co. (London) Ltd., wrote “I want you to know how sorry we all were over here to hear of the death of President Roosevelt. We all feel as if we had lost a personal friend, and his passing is particularly sad at such a time as this. We wish the new president every success and trust that he will not long be worried with the problems of war.”
"We can repay the debt which we owe to our God, to our dead and to our children only by work—by ceaseless devotion to responsibilities which lie ahead of us. If I could give you a single watchword for the coming months that word is—work, work, work.

"We must work to finish the war. Our victory is but half won."

President Harry S. Truman,
ATTENDANCE AWARDS
CERTIFICATES TO BE PRESENTED AT CEREMONY

Long before anyone thought of giving attendance awards, hundreds of Decatur factory workers had established perfect attendance records. This fact was brought out recently when a local committee was named to award such workers monthly, starting this month. According to the announcement recently made by the committee, certificates will be awarded any individual worker in the participating plants who has completed a perfect attendance record on regular schedule for any one calendar month, starting with January 1, 1945. For a perfect attendance record for any three months a production service award bar will be given and for each additional three calendar month period a bronze star will be filled into the bar.

Plans for this award system for perfect attendance of war production plant workers are being handled by a committee of six, of which three are Staley men. On this committee are E. K. Scheiter, vice president of the Staley company, and Norman Lents, president, and John Talley, vice president, of Local No. 837 UAW, A. F. of L., which is the Staley local of that organization. Other committee members are D. W. Hill, president Crown Cork Specialty Co., H. J. Winters, assistant to plant manager, Garfield Division, Houdaille-Hershey, and John W. Ahern, vice president Local No. 685, UAW, A. F. of L. (Oakes Products of Houdaille-Hershey).

First Ceremony

Cooperating with this committee are the War Production board and the War Manpower commission. Funds necessary for carrying out the plans of the committee are paid out on the signature of John H. Dorko, War Production board, and Norman Lents. It was hoped to make the first awards at a mass meeting in Fans Field May 20.

Office as well as plant employees are eligible for these awards. At the Staley plant office awards are based on a 43 hour week and in the plant on a 48 hour week. To win a certificate an employee must be present and on time the entire time. The only exceptions are when work is not available in the plant because there is a material shortage, or when union officials or delegates are away from the plant on official business. There are no other exceptions.

Attendance Good

Staley company records show that the attendance here so far this year has been good and at the end of March 426 persons were eligible for service award bars. Of this number 53 were office people and the remaining 373 were plant people. Since that was the time of the year when weather hampers attendance, the next three months probably will show an increase of those eligible.

Among Staley office workers, during the first three months period, there were 59 persons who had a perfect record for one month, 62 who had a perfect record for two months and 53 whose records were perfect for three months. In the office attendance slid down during the first three months instead of up. In January 122 had perfect records, in February the number was 117 and in March it dropped down to 103.
In the plant 243 had perfect records for one month, 332 for two months and 373 for three months. In January 641 persons were present every day, in February 707 but in March the number slid back to 678. Under the announced plan each person with a perfect attendance record for at least one month will be given a certificate. In some departments in the plant and office everyone in the department will get a certificate.

Participating Companies

Industries in Decatur which are participating in this movement are for the most part those which are producing war materials. The list of the firms includes the following in addition to the Staley company:

- Decatur Brass Works
- Ornamental Metal Works Co.
- Union Iron Works
- Mississippi Valley Structural Steel Co.
- Walrus Mfg. Co.
- U. S. Mfg. Co.
- Decatur Milling Co., Inc.
- Cast-Rite Foundry
- A. W. Cash Co.
- The Grigoleit Co.
- Chambers-Bering & Quinlan
- Model Brass Co.
- Woodworking Co.
- Wagner Malleable Iron Co.
- Oakes Products division of Houdaille-Hershey Corp.
- Osgood & Sons, Inc.
- Bowman Welding & Metal Works
- Crown Cork Specialty Corp.
- Decatur Garment Co.
- Bold Machine Works
- Garfield division of the Houdaille-Hershey Corp.
- Swain & Meyers, Inc.
- Mueller Co.
- Decatur Pump Co.

Espie Grolla Guest
At Farewell Party

Espie Grolla resigned in April after 18 years of service in various parts of the plant. For the last two years she has been an inspector in the syrup line, but previously she had been employed in the sewing room, the print shop and various other parts of the plant. She has been in poor health for some time, so has decided to devote all of her time to her home. She is the wife of Otto Grolla, Staley electrician.

When she left the company she was given a farewell party by Pauline Turner and Betty Gowdy, forewomen in the syrup department where she had been working. The party, an evening affair, was given in the newly reopened Staley club house, the guests being girls who had worked with Espie for years. They presented her with a pin. Mrs. Ethel Robb, who was Espie’s forewoman in the sewing room, and Marjorie Robb McMahon, who worked with her, were also at the party although Mrs. Robb has retired and Marjorie resigned last year. They gave Espie a silver compote.

Others at the party were Neva Long, Ruth Grider, Minnie Martina, Mildred Kaminski, Opal Doore, Anna Sablotny, Mamie White, Tillie McGlade, Florence Yobski, Margaret Klaus, Lillian Easterly, Velma Daley, Alma Shuman, Ernestine Hale, Alice Owens, Agnes Rommell, Martha Burge, Elizabeth Schull, Margaret Girl, Gertrude Scherbarth, Nellie Budrow, Betty Grinstaff, Elizabeth Mizeur, and Evelyn Clesson.

Bonds you buy with Payroll Savings Help to satisfy your cravings For a happy future heyday —Keep on buying ‘em each payday.
In the current issue of "Corn", the varied uses of corn products in vital war materials, was stressed. Permission to reprint the article here, was granted by Corn Industries Research Foundation which publishes "Corn", and the article, entitled "Up Front with Corn", follows in part:

It is difficult to think of corn as warlike. In the average man's mind war is steel and iron, concrete and rubber, oil and gasoline, certainly not corn. Corn typifies peace, a spacious rural American peace, whether in its tasseled midsummer rows or the wig-wam shocks of autumn.

But corn, like many other normally peaceful Americans, has gotten tough since December of 1941. Corn has a combat record that is unknown to a great many people. Yet, in the telling, we don't want to sound as if corn were responsible for the victory which, as we write this, seems all but in the bag. The victory would have come anyway, but without corn it almost assuredly would have been delayed. Substitutes to do the jobs corn has done would have had to be devised, and probably many of the substitutes would have proved inadequate. But corn isn't winning the war, any more than any other single commodity, or single individual, is winning it.

For the purposes of this exposition, let's pass over the food and home uses of corn products. They are pretty well known, anyway, and it is self-evident that men in the services are consuming even greater quantities of corn syrup, sugar edible corn starch and corn oil than they did as civilians.

Typical Jobs

We can turn, then, to corn's part in the production of the things that make the sound and fury and deliver the winning blows of war; the planes, tanks, guns, bombs and shells. And the less spectacular but no less essential stuff, the uniforms and surgical dressings, the V-board containers, the drugs for treatment of the wounded.

Let's look for a moment at corn's jobs in a typical action up front where the shooting is, 4,000 miles from the quiet fields of the corn belt. A bombing mission, say, against Nazi forts—a business consuming two hours from briefing to the return of the planes. From start to finish of that operation corn is doing many things for the men in the bombers. Maps and photos used in the briefing session had corn starch or dextrin in their manufacture and so did the ink with which the maps were printed. Relatively unwarlike roles, those, but the bombs themselves were warlike enough, as many a Nazi target can testify by now, and the bomb casings were cast with the aid of a special starch, or of dextrin, a conversion of starch. So were the cylinders of the bomber engines. Any aluminum in the planes—and there is plenty—couldn't have been made without a flocculating agent capable of freeing aluminum ore from extraneous material. Corn starch is practically a must in that process, and it has made possible the use of lower grade ores. The bomber brake linings were made of a fiber glass cloth ren-
dered fit for hard use by a corn starch treatment. In the planes’ fuel tanks rides another product of corn, butyl alcohol, to stabilize the high octane gasoline, prevent gummy substances forming, discourage rust in the tanks.

**Corn To Rescue**

If any men in that flight were wounded by flak or gunfire their lives may conceivably be saved by products of corn. Penicillin depends on corn steep liquor for large-scale production. Dextrose (corn sugar) injections are common practice in civil and military hospitals in cases of severe injury or shock following an operation. Whole blood, fortified with additional dextrose, which is blood sugar, is transfused into the veins of critically wounded men.

In a typical sequence to that bombing mission a battery of American field artillery waits the signal to strike, to blast what is left of the Nazi forts after the bombers have gone. What came from an Iowa corn field to this little scene at the heart of war? In the first salvos of the guns, as in the bombs that preceded them, is part of the answer. The shell casings and vital parts of the guns and gun carriages were cast in molds. The sand cores of these molds need a binder that will hold their precise and intricate shapes and stand up under the terrific heat of the molten metal. Specially prepared corn starch or dextrin will do it. A clean exact casting results, needing less machining afterward and thus saving metal and labor. American foundries use millions of pounds of corn starch and dextrin annually in casting parts of guns, tanks, ships and planes.

**Used In Clothing**

In that front line scene corn is doing other things, too. Nitrostarch (corn starch treated with nitric acid) is an explosive used in hand grenades and other weapons. The men’s shoes are held together not only by thread and nails but by a corn dextrin adhesive. Corn sugar, which is dextrose, is in the emergency rations of the men—for quick and concentrated energy. The uniforms of the men, the knapsacks they carry, the stretchers that may be brought up later—all were made of cotton fabric requiring corn starch in its manufacture. Cotton cloth is one of the unspectacular but vital materials of war, with so many and important uses that a successful war could not be fought without it. Every man in the service requires an average of 120 pounds of cotton goods a year for uniforms and other equipment. Gun covers, tarpaulins, barracks bags, hammocks, tents, camouflage cloth, air hose, surgical dressings, are only a few of the many items. In all cotton material every thread has a corn starch treatment before weaving and much of it gets a corn starch sizing after weaving.

Corn dextrin as the base for adhesives holds together some 200 articles used by G. I. Joe from his enlistment through his training period and up to his baptism of fire. Paperboard for cartons and paper for a thousand military items must have a starch or dextrin sizing. Blueprints for a single battleship, for instance, require 150 tons of paper, all of which must be sized with starch. Waterproof paperboard containers that can be floated ashore after a beach landing of troops, require the same products of corn.

Dextrin is used in the manufacture of rope and cordage, dextrose in the tanning of leather and the curing of meat, corn syrup and sugar in the conditioning of tobacco. Corn products are also needed in making sulfa drugs,
aspirin, other pharmaceuticals, insect repellents and insecticides. Medical uses of dextrose are so extensive that a book has been published on the subject.

In such ways, and in others which we haven’t room to mention, corn has done and continues to do its part—a small part, indeed, by comparison with the sum of American power, but a worthy one, none the less—to hasten victory.

**SCOUT ACTIVITIES**

**Staley Troops Combined**

By HARRY G. DEIBERT, ASM

The General Eisenhower medals will be awarded 13 Scouts from Troop 9 for work in the General Eisenhower-Boy Scout waste paper campaign. During that campaign, recently completed, Troop 9 collected 13,000 pounds of paper. Publication of the names of the 13 winners awaits an official release.

Troops 9 and 21, both sponsored by the Staley Fellowship club, have combined since the war started. They also have a joint honor roll. Feeling that there are possibly some names not on the roll which should be, the committee is asking help. Anyone knowing of a former Scout belonging to either troop, who is now in one of the armed services, is asked to call some member of the Staley committee.

This committee has been serving faithfully and it is a pleasure for me to salute it at this time. It is the first time since I have been in Scout work that I have found myself working with a veteran body of Scouters, giving so much of their time to the boys. Some of the boys with whom they are working are their own sons. Starting with the chairman, and taking the names as listed on our charter we have first Ray Clements. He is serving his second year on the board, and his first as chairman. He is doing a swell job and is devoted to making this a banner year for the Troop.

A. D. Wall, who has held all jobs from assistant Scoutmaster to chairman, is camping director. He is in there pitching like the good fellow he is. William Cheeley is the only man on the committee who is not a Staley man, but he is a staunch worker and is now serving his second year. He has a son in the troop, a patrol leader, and the patrol meetings are held in the Cheeley home.

The grand-daddy of them all is A. R. Rethinger. He has been around since the Fellowship club first began to sponsor the Scouts, and has served in some capacity every year. He served as chairman five years. Floyd Adcock has also served for several years and is active in the work. John Durchoz, with the board since 1941, has been Troop treasurer for several years. E. Tipsword, in his second year, is doing an excellent job. His son is acting patrol leader in the troop.

The Parents organization is helping the troop, and is getting more active as time progresses. Mrs. Ray Clements heads this group and Mrs. Heil and Mrs. Ethel Wall are serving as vice president and secretary-treasurer. The group meets the first Thursday night in every month. In June officers will be elected.

The camping season, always of interest to the boys, has started. A group of 12 Scouts went on a three day trip over the Easter week-end, with Lonnie Wall, camping director. During that time many requirements were passed, especially cooking and fire building tests. On their last day, Sunday morning, they had a surprise visit from Sgt. Billy DeLaughter and their scoutmaster: Sgt. DeLaughter was recently released from a German prison.
Four old timers who remembered Staley's way back when, decided to retire this month. They are A. F. Blakeney, Jeremiah C. Delaney, Charles F. McLean and William E. Welch. All have reached the retirement age, but all four are in good health and have decided to enjoy some leisure. In most cases leisure simply means working at home instead of ringing in at the plant every day.

Mr. Blakeney and Mr. Welch both came to work for the company in 1917, but Mr. Blakeney was born in Decatur, which may give him the edge. He grew up in town and with electricity for when he was a young man 70 years ago electricity was decidedly in its infancy. He got interested in it, and by the time the World's Fair was being planned for St. Louis in the early part of the century, he knew as much about this new form of lighting as any of the other young men who helped install the illumination which so startled the world at that fair.

He was married then and the family home was in Decatur, so he returned here and in 1917 came to work in the new Staley plant. He went to work on the electrical gang at that time, and has worked there ever since. Now that he has retired he is still keeping an eye in things for his home is just south of the gate and from his front porch he can watch Staley people come and go —and keep an eye on the sub-station there on Eldorado street.

William Welch also came to work in the plant in 1917 and from that time until he decided to retire this month, had spent most of his life in the feed house. He was born in Dewitt county but moved to Decatur at an early age.

A third member of the group is Jeremiah—generally Jerry—Delaney, who has been with the company since 1919. Actually he spent a little time at Staley's in 1915, but he came to stay in 1919. His first job was in the refinery and he worked there for a number of years but in 1930 transferred to the reclamation plant and it was from his job there that he retired.

Three men retiring this spring are, left to right, Charles McLean, A. F. Blakeney and Jerry Delaney.
Among the first Staley men to retire under the plan were these four who are thoroughly enjoying retirement. At the top are Robert Foster and Robert Rosebery. Below are Mike Honold, who gardens and raises a few chickens, and Frank Rucker, who also gardens under Mrs. Rucker’s supervision, evidently.

Born in Niantic Jerry did a number of things before he moved to Decatur in 1914. At one time he bought and sold cattle, and often he traveled. He has always liked to travel, and twice in recent years has taken leave of absence to indulge that hobby. Once he and his wife and their only daughter, Helen, took a California trip. Just before there was a ban on such things the three of them took a motor trip to Mexico. Their daughter is a teacher in the East St. Louis High school but spends her vacations with her parents.
William Van Dyke, in the first group to retire, spends most of his time gardening.

Mrs. Ethel Robb, the only woman who has retired, never knows an idle moment. When she can't work out in the garden she works on this table cloth or cleans house.

Even if he cannot take motor trips this year Jerry will not be bored for his lawn and his garden are his pride and joy.

Charles F. McLean had been with the company since 1925 and while he probably was one of the quietest men who ever was employed here, he also was one of the most widely known. Born in Hillsboro and being educated in the High school there he later took special courses in electrical work. With the exception of a few months, his entire time with the company was in the M. & L. department as meter and instrument man.

While his son and son-in-law are both in service he and his daughter are living alone in an apartment near the university, but he has no idea of sitting in a window and watching the cars go by. Two weeks after he had retired he was happily helping out a radio repair man in a near-by shop.

General Doolittle some years ago received the assignment to transport a grumbling general to a far western post. A storm broke out en route, and it began to look as though the little open-cockpit plane was in for a spot of trouble. However, they finally landed safely at their destination, to the evident relief of the passenger.

"I want to congratulate you," he said, "I know we had a rough trip, but every time I got scared I looked at you, up front with those earphones on and I knew you'd keep on the beam and bring us through."

Doolittle thanked his superior officer, but was obliged to tell him that in this case there was no beam. "Those earphones were a great help, though," he added. "I was listening to the World Series!"
NAVY, MARINE, COAST GUARD PERSONNEL

A new postal ruling, effective July 1, prohibits the mailing by publishers, of magazines such as the Staley Journal to men in these three branches stationed overseas, unless the publisher has a written request from the man for the magazine. Because so many of you have repeatedly said that you want the Staley Journal, a post card is enclosed in this issue on which you may state your request. If you want to receive the Journal, fill out this card with your correct name and address and return it at once. The Army and Merchant Marine are not included in the ruling, so the Journal will continue to go to all Staley men and women in those branches.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Carter are proud of these four boys. In the group are PFC Robert Hays, son-in-law, Donald Carter, Marine veteran now discharged, Cpl. James Carter and Pvt. Lester Carter.

Carter Family Has
Four Stars in Flag

Three sons and a son-in-law are represented by four stars in the service flag in the home of Noah Carter, refinery, and Mrs. Carter. Two of those boys are on military leave from the company. They are Pvt. Lester Carter and Cpl. James Carter. Lester, on leave from the packing house, is in Italy and Jim, on leave from the millwright shop, is in the Philippines. He has been overseas two years. A third son, Don, a Marine veteran of Guadalcanal, now has a medical discharge, because of wounds received in the battle of Coral Sea. He was aboard the Lexington when it was sunk at that time. Now he is employed in a shipyard in California.

The Carter son-in-law in service is PFC Robert D. Hays, now in India. He is in charge of the cooks for a bomber squadron. His father is Pat Hays, of the mill house, and his uncle is "Tom Cat" Hays, of the power house.

Two other Carter sons are employed in the plant. They are Cager, a car inspector, and Bert, of the table house. The Carters have been reared in the neighborhood of the plant, and Noah and his son Bert have been with the company since 1926. Jim has been with the company since 1929 and Lester since 1941.
Gilmore Hoft, machinist, was elected president of the Staley Fellowship club without opposition in the election in April. Gil has been with the Staley company for 26 years, and most of that time in the machine shop. He had been serving as secretary of the club.

Russell Dash was elected vice president. Russell, who has been serving on the board of governors, has been with the company about 18 years.

Gilmore Hoft, upper right, was elected president of the Fellowship club in the election in April. The other pictures in the group were taken in the plant and office voting places.
There were four candidates for the office of secretary left vacant when Gil Hoft ran for president. Wibb Falk, of the extra board office, was the successful candidate.

Three governors were elected. E. P. "Scotty" Ecklund was reelected as was Irving Smith. Todd Riley, of the yards, is the only new man on the board. Board members serve three years. The three who were elected last year are Robert Siweck, Morris Fisher and Marion Trow. Those whose terms will expire next year are Dudley Boren, Jesse Fisher and Ed Moore.

The official count of the election was:

For president—
Gil Hoft ........................................... 567

For vice president—
Russell Dash ...................................... 253
Linn "Tony" Greenwood .......................... 98
William Ryan ...................................... 149
Robert Stroyeck .................................. 94

For secretary—
Emery "Cowboy" Grunert ........................ 105
Wibb Falk ......................................... 317
Wilbur "Peck" Johnson ............................ 106
Joe Walsh .......................................... 61

For governors—
(Three to be elected)
Mac Boulware ...................................... 170
E. P. Ecklund .................................... 373
U. G. Davis ....................................... 115
Don Hall ........................................... 70
Frank "Poli" Koshinski ............................ 162
Sam Williams ..................................... 178
Todd Riley ....................................... 245
Harry "Knobby" Schults ........................... 122
Irving Smith ..................................... 235

AT SAN FRANCISCO
John Anderson In Army Group
Serving As Chauffeurs

One of the handsome young non- coms acting as chauffeurs at the United Nations conference in San Francisco was S/Sgt. John Anderson, the Johnny Anderson who was Fellowship club manager before induction. In a letter to Staley friends in April, John, who has been stationed at Camp Hood, wrote:

"I was promoted to staff sergeant March 7 which made me eligible for the United Nations conference. There were 15 of us picked from Camp Hood to act as drivers here in San Francisco. We have been here since April 11. Since that time we have seen San Francisco and all surrounding towns from A to Z. I could come back here as a taxi driver because it is a certainty that I'll know Frisco. This is really some town and this conference is really going to be something big.

"We will be on duty driving for six hours each day. The balance of the time we have to ourselves. We lose ourselves so as not to catch too much detail.

"A lot of soldiers are working as longshoremen about three nights a week in order to keep in spending money. It takes a barrel of money here if you want to start on a spree. So far I have been pretty tame. About all we have done since we have been here is to learn the streets, buildings, etc., in Frisco. We are to be assigned cars within the next few days. Chrysler donated two $14,000 jobs, and they have ads in all the western papers for big automobiles—will pay $100 for their use and promise they will be in better shape when the owners get them back than when the Army received them. We will have just certain streets that we will be able to travel when we have a load of passengers, but can use any streets when traveling alone.

"We have been issued new uniforms and shoes so we should be able to keep ourselves up to standards. Everything here is dry cleaned and they have arranged for one day service for us."
This is the headline in the first of a series of advertisements sponsored by the Staley Company featuring its extra sweet corn syrup—"Sweetose". This new product, which is an exclusive Staley development, is the first improvement made in corn syrup in over sixty years. It is so far superior to old style pure corn syrup that you can see and feel and taste the difference right away.

Here at Staley’s this new miracle from corn is blended into the package line of syrups—three delicious flavors, "Sweetose" Golden, "Sweetose" Crystal, and "Sweetose" Waffle. This makes these syrups far sweeter tasting, far richer in energy sugars, and easier to digest than any old style corn syrup on the market today.

Before the war "Sweetose" was making rapid strides in all markets where it was introduced. The war brought on the critical shortage of sugar, however, and overnight the home consumption of corn syrup more than doubled. This condition forced our company to immediately expand nationally the sale of this new syrup.

Since 1942 the consumer demand for corn syrup has far exceeded the corn industry’s available supply. During this period "Sweetose" was introduced to millions of new users.

Although consumer surveys revealed that wherever "Sweetose" had been introduced, people preferred it to other syrups, the Staley company feels that to assure the American grocer a sound, continuous sale of this product during the post-war period it must tell the American people through advertising why "Sweetose" is a better syrup for every use.

Since the whole economy in this country is built around the farm and
since Americans are interested in new developments from farm products, this entire advertising campaign will be built around the theme "Something New from Corn".

Starting in June issues and continuing through 1945 the company is going to tell the story of "Sweetose" to over 16,000,000 rural and city families. Full page, four color advertisements will be appearing regularly in these well known farm and general women's magazines: McCall's, Woman's Home Companion, Household Magazine, Capper's Farmer, Farm Journal, Country Gentleman, Successful Farming, and Southern Agriculturist.

These advertisements definitely have eye appeal. The illustrations in the entire series are being painted by some of the country's foremost artists. Inviting water color wash drawings of cornfields and other picturesque farm scenes will help to dramatize "Sweetose", this new development from corn. Included in every ad will be an appetizing, and palate tempting picture of pancakes.

As a leadoff to the major magazine campaign, the company has been broadcasting a news type announcement about this new syrup over many of the leading farm radio stations. These programs are telling the farmer—the man who grows the corn—the story of this amazing new product from corn.

The Staley package sales force will localize the national campaign by placing colorful window and wall posters and recipe books, together with displays of "Sweetose" when available in retail grocery stores from coast to coast.

In speaking of the campaign the sales department says: "If you are a dealer we believe this campaign will establish 'Sweetose' as your leading brand of corn syrup. If you are a consumer, ask for 'Sweetose' at your favorite grocer's. You will appreciate its superiority."

Leek on "Chicago"

While Carl Leek, CM 3/c, was home on leave in April he heard himself broadcast over WLS. The broadcast was a recording made a few weeks earlier aboard the new heavy cruiser "Chicago" at the time it was commissioned. At that time Julian Bentley, WLS news commentator, interviewed various members of the crew, asking them chiefly what they did before the war and what they wanted to do after it is over. Leek said, in his interview, that he had been in the Staley millwright shop and after the war is over he wants to go home and stay there.

Carl is the son of Earl Leek, engine room foreman, and Mrs. Leek. He was in the plant ten years before going into the Navy. His wife, whom he married since he has been in the Navy, is making her home in Decatur.

Cigars and candy in pre-war profusion appeared in the sales office early in May when a daughter arrived at the Harold Lents home. A girl is more than an ordinary event in that family for Harold and his wife already have two boys and his brother, Norman and his wife have three. The little girl has a Staley background for her father is in oil sales, her grandfather, Eli, and her uncle Norman are mechanics in the plant, and her aunt, Mid Schiene, is in stenographic.
Orders Department Service Stars

ON ACTIVE DUTY
Order Department Men Have Good Record

(Pictures on opposite page)

The order department is proud of its six members who are in military service. All five are now, or have been, in overseas outfits and most of them have seen considerable action. They keep in pretty close touch with the office because, to a man, they want to get home, and back to work at Staley's.

The picture of the big plane in flight is used with the smiling inset because he is the photographer. Cpl. Ralph Dombroski, who has been in the European theater for a long time, has "fooled around a lot with a camera". This plane in flight was one of the results.

The sailor in the middle row—and the only Navy man in the order department—is Roy Stroyeck, RM 3/c. Perhaps some of the other men in this group have seen as much excitement during this war as he has, but none of them have seen more, for he is always in the front when an invasion is scheduled. With a joint assault signal company he lands with the first group, establishes the communications posts and sticks to it until the full force of the Army or Navy or both has passed on. He got his initiation on D-Day in Normandy, but since then has been doing the same thing over and over again in the Pacific.

In the center is Pfc. Jack Morrissey, who was in the Hawaiian Islands when this picture was taken but, according to the most recent information is deeper into the Pacific area now.

On the right is PFC Ernest Williams. When this picture was taken Ernie was taking his basic air corps training but later was one of the large group shifted from that branch into field artillery. It is with the latter that he has been in the European theater and has seen so much active duty.

The group picture in the lower left was sent home by the smiling chap second from the left—Pvt. Bill Morrison. The picture was taken in France and Bill said that one of the fellows was a French soldier—but it is anyone's guess which it is. That Bill can smile after the long, long months of constant combat shows that he definitely has what it takes.

A hardened (?) Marine is the slick looking man in the lower right—Sgt. Gene Spitzer. Gene is back in this country now, in North Carolina, but he served a long hitch with the Marines in the Aleutians.

Big Deduction

When PFC George Rethinger was stationed at Grenier Field, New Hampshire, he bought a $50.00 War Bond each month. At that time he was drawing $54.00 monthly. George, a former member of Staley Boy Scout Troop No. 9, is the son of A. R. Rethinger, Staley mechanic. He was home recently on furlough from Mather Field, California, where he is now stationed, but for some time he was stationed in Labrador.
Foremen's Club Honors Past Presidents

Most of the guests were so busy eating they failed to notice the photographer.

New furniture and rugs have completely transformed the club lounge closed since Pearl Harbor, but now re-opened.
Howard File, circle, was emcee. Neil Young, standing, right, is president; Merle Finson, seated, secretary.

L. Brown, Ted Threlfall, circle, two past presidents.
To All Civilian Workers:

General Eisenhower has announced the cessation of organized resistance in Europe. A thrilled and grateful nation is justifiably proud of all who made this accomplishment possible.

But this is total war—a global war. We are but half way to complete victory. There remains to be conquered the entire Japanese nation. Men are still fighting, and still dying, and will continue to fight and die in the hard push to Tokyo.

The casualty lists tell the story, tragic yet glorious, of the fighting men's will to win unconditional victory, no matter what the cost. We have a solemn compact with these men. The road that lies ahead demands from each of us a matching determination and unity of effort that will shorten the time during which such sacrifices must continue.

Today every worker should rededicate himself and herself to the task of providing these men with the weapons and equipment they need to smash the remaining enemy. To delay now in celebration of past success would be fatal to carefully laid plans. We cannot—and must not—pause in discharge of our duty so long as a Jap remains a threat to the life of a single soldier or sailor.

Let each of us get on with our job.

E. J. KING,
Fleet Admiral, U. S. Navy,
Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet,
and Chief of Naval Operations.

To Staley Fellowship club members—I wish to express my appreciation for your vote of confidence in re-electing me as one of your governors and hope to live up to all expectations as near as possible. E. P. "Scotty" Ecklund.

Journal Moves

After three years of exile the Journal office is back on the second floor of the administration building again. Early in May the clipping shears, paste pot, typewriter and other equipment went back into place in the office in the east wing of the second floor which the Journal originally occupied in the building. It is the same office which was turned over for the use of Army engineers when that group moved into Decatur without a business home, early in the war years.

Any and all callers are welcome. If the door is closed, do not let that stop you—walk in anyway. The Journal thrives on visits from you all.
These three men were recently stepped up at the Painesville plant, when Thomas Longbons became general manager. James Creel, in the center, succeeded Mr. Longbons as assistant manager. Eugene Kerven, left, steps up to the position as plant superintendent and Charlie B. Thompson, right, is the new plant foreman. Mr. Creel and Mr. Kerven have been with the company ever since the Painesville plant opened. Mr. Thompson, a native of Lake county, has been with the Staley company there since 1942 and at the time of taking his new position was senior member of the expeller crew. Mr. Kerven had been foreman and Mr. Creel plant superintendent.

Roscoc Long Returns

Roscoc Long is back in the chemical engineering laboratory after being gone for several months. He decided last year to try a position away from Decatur, but old ties in Decatur and at Staley’s were too strong, and in May he was welcomed back by the gang with which he had worked for several years.

Van Swearingen-Piraino

The marriage of Virginia Van Swearingen and Vincent J. Piraino, RM 2/c, was performed in St. James Catholic church April 30. Rev. Fr. F. J. Ostendorf was in charge. Following the ceremony breakfast for the families was served at The Surrey. That evening there was a reception in the home of the bride’s parents.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Van Swearingen and has been employed by the Caterpillar Military Engine company. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Piraino. Until he went into the Navy in December, 1942, he was employed in our soybean warehouse where his father is also employed. Recently he has returned to this country after almost two years in the south Pacific.

Jean David Smith, who resigned her position in the accounting department some time ago, visited in the offices early in May just before leaving for the west coast where she expects to live for the present.
Newly elected officers of United Auto Workers (AFL) local No. 837, had this picture taken recently. Seated are Gilbert Boren, financial secretary; Norman Lents, president, and Velma Daley, recording secretary. Standing are Harry Deibert, trustee for one year; Ralph Henderson, sergeant-at-arms; Homer Stuart, trustee for three years, and Earl Boose, guide. Elected but not in the picture, are John Talley, vice president, and J. C. Snelson, trustee for two years.

Brother Is Safe

After being reported missing in action over Italy in November, 1944, Lt. Joseph Rademacher communicated with his family in Decatur in May telling them he was well and safe. Son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rademacher, the young pilot is the brother of Ruth Rademacher, of the time office. His wife, the former Peggy Rainey, was employed in the plant offices before their marriage.

Likes Rome

Sgt. Maurice Brumaster writes his family that “Rome is the most beautiful city I ever saw”. He visited there recently while at a rest camp near by. Maurice, who has been over seas with an engineering outfit for more than two years, was home on a furlough last autumn, but returned to the same company. He is on leave from plant protection.
GOLF SCHEDULED  
Tournaments Are Planned

Time and golf balls are going to be scarce this year, but a program for Staley golfers is being mapped out, according to Dave Mitchell, chemical engineer. The first tournament will be 36 hole medal play and will be held this month, weather permitting. Notices are being sent out, but any Fellowship club members who wish to enter, and do not get notices, have only to call Dave (Staley branch 309) and he will take care of the matter.

Dave thinks the golf ball situation will be harder to handle than the schedules for the tournaments. According to his information most of Decatur's downtown stores will be able to purchase rebuilt balls this year only by sending in their own balls for reconditioning. So far the stores say they do not have enough balls to send in orders.

Staley men who have old golf balls are asked to turn them in to Dave, in the chemical engineering laboratory, at once. He can pay ten cents for poor ones and 15 cents for better ones. Each person will be credited with the number he turns in and will be able to purchase reconditioned balls on a pro-rated basis.

Staley golfers learned a great deal about wartime tournaments last year. One of the things they learned was that ordinary bicycles will not carry them through the ponds which develop in the Staley yards during heavy rains. When the boys tried to ride through one of the ponds, they got stuck, and only reached the office after becoming thoroughly soaked.

Dave Mitchell, as chairman of the golf committee, is watching the weather and finding it none too favorable so far for his favorite sport.
MOVING DAY
Hits General Office

A forerunner of other moves to come, several departments in the administration building have already shifted to new quarters. Among those which have already moved are export and industrial sales research development, financial and the Staley Journal. In most cases one department had to move out before another could move in, but when the final move was made departments were grouped more closely with the ones with which they work most often.

In industrial sales C. H. Davidson moved several doors west on the fifth floor to take over the corner office, and Ivan F. Wieland moved in next to him. That moved Russell Baer east a few doors and left Mr. Wieland’s old office available for Earl Bailey, export sales manager. Mr. Bailey and his staff moved down to five from seven. Also moving from seven is W. F. Allen, research development, who is taking over the former library on the fourth floor.

The biggest move has been made by the financial department which is finally getting all of its branches together on the second floor, in the recently reopened east wing. This move includes R. S. Bass, treasurer, Helen Harder, cashier, Claude Cox, credit manager, Louis Brand, paymaster, and their complete office staffs.

Mr. Bass is now established in the corner office of that floor with Miss Harder in the office directly north of his. The room just west of his is the reception room, and adjoining it on the west is Robert Boyer’s office. The paymaster is located at the extreme north end of the wing, near the north stairs.

Rooms vacated by the financial department, on the first floor, will be taken over by the personnel department, Credit Union and Fellowship club.

The Staley Journal, which has been on the fourth floor for three years, has moved back into its original home in the first office, east wing, on the second floor.

COX RELEASED
Staley Man Finds German Prison Life “Rough”

Since April 12 life has been a series of happy events for Pvt. Delmar Cox—and a series of happy surprises for his wife. Delmar was taken prisoner by the Germans Dec. 19 and from then until the middle of April his wife, in Decatur, had one card from him. Then on April 12 the Americans liberated the Americans in the camp near Bonn where he had been held and he received the first medical treatment since his legs had been injured at the time of his capture. From a hospital in France he wrote his wife that he was better, walking on crutches and gradually regaining the 85 pounds he had lost.

Then, when Mrs. Cox was resigned to wait about three months until he was released from the hospital in France, Delmar called her from the east coast of the United States. He was home and expected to be sent to a hospital in Illinois. The second week in May he reached Hines, Ill., and is now comfortably recovering in Vaughn General hospital. Already he has regained 25 pounds, and by visiting with his wife and some of his Staley friends and relatives, is catching up on the news.

Delmar, on leave from the feed elevator, was a popular basketball player on the Staley team and on the Millikin university team. His wife, the former Helen Brumaster, has been making her home with her parents in Decatur while he has been overseas.
Marguerite McAnelly became the bride of Lieut. Robert R. Clark March 12.

There were two weddings in the Ralph Clark family in March. On March 7 their daughter, Vera, and Sgt. James E. Gentry were married. On March 12 Lieut. Robert Clark and Marguerite McAnnelly were married. Both marriages were performed by Rev. Roby Orahood, of the Prairie street Christian church.

Both bridegrooms have seen active duty in the southwest Pacific, Sgt. Gentry with the Army and Lieut. Clark with the Marines. Sgt. Gentry is now awaiting reassignment in Florida, while Lieut. Clark is taking advanced training at Camp Lejeune, N. C. He was with the Staley company before enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1941. His sister was also with the company before her marriage, and their father is employed in the packing house.

In "Philadelphia Story"

Jean Davidson Goldmann played the lead in "Philadelphia Story" when it was staged by the Little Theater group in Decatur early in May. Jean is secretary to Mr. Staley. Cast as her father was Dr. W. W. Moyer, director of our research laboratory.

Mrs. John C. Kuhns and her son and daughters cherish a deep appreciation for all the kindness shown John during his illness, and to them at the time of his death.

We thank all our Staley friends for the kindness shown us during our recent sorrow.

Mrs. Jay Brown and Family.
Jaunita Wayne receiving the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters awarded posthumously to her husband, S/Sgt. James H. Wayne. The medal was presented by Capt. Charles H. McFarland.

Receives Air Medal Awarded Posthumously

Jaunita Wayne, 17 building, was presented with the Air Medal and two oak leaf clusters awarded her husband, S/Sgt. James Wayne, posthumously. The presentation was made April 16 in a ceremony in the armory, with Capt. Charles H. McFarland presenting the awards. The medal was given in recognition of Sgt. Wayne's heroism in battle.

Sgt. Wayne was a tail gunner on a bomber and was killed in action over Germany in April, 1944. He was first reported missing, but in May, 1944, his wife was notified of his death. He had been overseas since October, 1943.

Before going into the Army he had been with the Faries Manufacturing company.

"Just Want To Get Back To Staley's"

W. K. Nation, AMM 3/c, somewhere in the Pacific aboard ship, received a January Staley Journal on his birthday April 12, and evidently read every word in it. Then he sat down and wrote an interesting letter to the Journal. Bill was on the extra board before induction, and says that "I just want to get back to Staley's to work and do the kind of work that they think I am best qualified for. I am married now and I want to settle down in Decatur. I am proud to have a place like Staley's to come back to."

Bauman Returns From South Pacific

S/Sgt. Lyle Bauman was the center of a family reunion when he came home to Decatur in April after almost three years overseas in the Pacific area. He was home for two weeks before he had to report back to an Army hospital in Michigan where he is undergoing treatment for tropical diseases.

While he was home he not only had a happy reunion with his wife, Mary Grant Bauman, civil engineering, but with his father, E. J. Bauman, two sisters and a brother. Lyle is on leave from Elevator C. The brother who came to see him while he was home was Sgt. Wendell Bauman, now stationed in Alabama, who is on leave from the packing house. Another brother, PFC Y. E. Bauman, is in Italy.

Lyle, who was inducted in May, 1942, was in the invasion of Leyte. He saw a great deal of active duty during the time he was overseas.
Summer Health Round-up

The Educational committee of the Illinois State Medical Society makes the following suggestions:

The Summer Round-Up of the children is a health activity sponsored by the National Congress of Parents and Teachers through its local units. The purpose is to arouse the interest of parents in improving the health of children entering school for the first time, and to bring about continuous medical and dental supervision of children of all ages, especially those who are apparently healthy.

The home is responsible for the health of the pre-school child and parents should send to school pupils physically ready to take full advantage of the opportunities that education has to offer. The years from one to five are a trying period in child life. Many physical defects and faulty health habits develop at this age. Neglect means development of conditions which will handicap the child when he enters school.

The Summer Round-Up should result in correction of defects and immunization against communicable diseases. It calls for testing of the child's eyes for no child can get along in school if he cannot see well. The wearing of properly fitted glasses is no hardship for the comfort and help received more than compensate for any annoyance.

The child with bad tonsils and adenoids, aching teeth and defects in hearing will naturally be slow in school. He probably will be the one who misses his classes because of colds and illness. Don't blame him if he comes home with poor report cards, rather blame the parents for their neglect. Medical science has proved that vaccination against smallpox and immunization against diphtheria are safe and sure. Too many children have not been protected.

If your child is starting to school this fall, give him the benefit of the doubt and have him examined this spring and any defects corrected at once.

- Lady (holding a cookie above the dog): “Speak, speak!”
  Dog: “What’ll I say?”

Somewhere in Germany Lt. John Stoutenborough had this picture taken, evidently wearing all the clothes he has with him on this European tour of his. If he is not wearing several layers of clothes he has gained a great deal of weight for when he was a Staley package division salesman he was never that fat.
Lt. and Mrs. Roy N. Durbin had this picture taken with their attendants, Helen Piraino and F/O Joe Fasone.

Piraino-Durbin

Betty Jean Piraino and Lt. Edward Leroy Durbin were married in Annunciation church, in Houston, Tex., in December, according to the announcement made by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Piraino. Mr. Piraino is employed in 48 building.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Fr. John Cummings. The bride's sister, Helen, was bridesmaid and the best man was F/O Joe Fasone, of Alliance, Ohio.

At present Lt. Durbin is in radar training in California, and the couple is living in San Bernardino.

Said an excited citizen to a candidate: "I wouldn't vote for you if you were the Angel Gabriel."

To which the politician replied: "If I were the Angel Gabriel you wouldn't even be in my precinct."

Beanie Smith Finds Philippine Roads Bad

From the Philippines Pvt. M. A. "Beanie" Smith, on leave from the power house, writes: "This is much better than New Guinea and the Dutch East Indies but that isn't saying much. This is a civilized country although they do have some primitive ways. They do everything the hard way, compared to our way.

"The temperature ranges from 110 to 130 and very little rain has fallen and the roads are dusty as hell, but now we are running into some hard roads. We've been pushing forward ever since we came here, sometimes slowly because the terrain is mountainous and roads have to be built as we advance. We are quite a few miles from actual fighting but the troops we supply are scattered and this is the logical spot for us.

"Remember me to all the fellows there. Maybe they have forgotten me since I've been gone so long. I'm proud of the plant for keeping faith and not having strikes like so many have had since this all started. Keep up the good work and I'm sure we will get home sooner."

Wants California Beachhead

Jack Travis, S 1/c, writes from the Marianas: "This place really isn't bad now but it sure was bad when we came up here. All I hope is that we don't have to establish any place else except on the shores of California." Jack is on military leave from the plant protection group.

War Bonds help to win the war.
They are also useful for Winning comfort and content For a lady and/or gent.
Is Javais a Bride?

When Javais Cochran appeared in the grain office several months ago wearing a lovely diamond ring her Staley friends expected an announcement, but knowing Javais they were not surprised when they heard none. It was taken for granted the ring was given her by Walter "Short" Doherty, cashier of the Citizens National Bank, but Javais never said so.

In May Javais resigned from the Staley company, where she has been employed for 24 years, and friends of hers and Short's took it for granted that she resigned to be married. On that assumption some parties have been given for her.

Perhaps she will make an announcement, eventually, but the traffic office gang and the grain department bunch are sure she will be well out of their reach when she does.

Mrs. Charles Wyant

Mrs. Nellie Wyant, who died in her home in Decatur April 28, was the widow of Charles Wyant, Staley locomotive operator who died in 1943. She was the mother of John Wyant, who is employed in the power house. Her only other son, Charles L. Wyant, was also employed in the plant before his death in 1937.

Funeral services for Mrs. Wyant were conducted in Brintlinger's chapel with burial in Graceland.

Four in Navy

When Donald Dye left the yards to go into the Navy in March he brought up to four the number of Navy men in the family. His brother, Eugene Dye, AMM 3/c, is now in Florida training with a task force, after 21 months in the southwest Pacific. Another brother, Robert C. Dye, S 1/c, is at present in Australia, and a brother-in-law, George L. Doty, PhM 1/c, has been recently in a V-12 course at Vanderbilt university after 16 months in New Zealand. His wife is the former Helen Dye.

They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett L. Dye, 1545 East Walnut street. Another son, Raymond, still at home, is a Decatur High school student.

The nautical Dyes—Donald, S 2/c, George L. Doty, PhM 1/c, Robert, S 1/c, and Eugene, AMM 3/c.
Announcement is made by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wooters of the marriage of their daughter, Louise, and Sgt. Jack Alderson which took place April 1. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Carroll Flewelling in the parsonage of the Central Christian church, with only members of the two families present. The bride's only attendant was Mrs. C. E. Grider, while Sgt. Jack Thornell was best man. He and the bridegroom had served together for three years in the Pacific area.

The bride wore a suit of navy with white accessories. Her pink pearls were a gift from the bridegroom. The lace handkerchief she carried was borrowed from Dorothy Minick. Her corsage bouquet was pink sweetpeas and sweetheart buds. Mrs. Grider wore a suit of melon, with black accessories.

Sgt. Alderson had just returned from the Pacific area and is now at Miami Beach awaiting reassignment.

The bride was in the accounting department before her marriage. Her father is in M. and L.

Navy Mailman Wounded

Lyman Jackson, garage, and Mrs. Jackson received a letter from their only son, Harold, in May telling them he was a patient on a Navy hospital ship but not to worry. He said he had shrapnel in his right leg and chest but was getting along fine. Harold, a mailman with a fleet, had written recently that the small craft on which he was stationed made the rounds regularly carrying mail to the ships in the fleet.

Several years ago the children of Roy Hartman and Martin Trolia had this picture taken. Now all three are grown and married and Lawrence Trolia, in the Navy, has seen much action. Mr. Hartman's "little girl" is the tall girl in the group.
George Hewitt, sheetmetal worker, gave his daughter-in-law and small granddaughter rather dramatic introductions to Illinois in April. While his son, Lieut. Jack Hewitt, is in Europe his wife and daughter have been making their home with young Mrs. Hewitt's parents in Arkansas. Now that the baby is six months old George and Mrs. Hewitt thought they would like to have them in Decatur for a while.

Accordingly the time was set and one Sunday in April George went to St. Louis to meet them. It would be easier for the young mother to make the city transfer if she had some man along to help. The transfer was made and the trip started well, but about an hour out of Decatur the train jumped the track. Fortunately none of the Hewitts were injured, and the car they were in was not overturned but everyone except young Jackie Diane was nervous the rest of the trip.

Spicer Son Is Killed In War

Sgt. Eugene R. Spicer, 19, who was killed in action in Germany March 19, was the son of W. R. Spicer, assistant foreman in 20 building, and Mrs. Spicer. A brother, Darrell, is employed on starch dryers.

Sgt. Spicer had been in the Army since January, 1944, and had been overseas since last July. He served with the "Thunderbirds", infantry division of the Seventh army, and took part in the Italian campaign and the invasion of southern France. He was with the Seventh army when it invaded Germany.

In February he wrote his family that after 153 days of continuous combat duty he was in France at a rest camp. He had been promoted to sergeant direct from rank of private.

Harold Briggs Is Promoted, Decorated

Harold Briggs, on leave from the safety office, has been in the lime-light since landing in Italy early in 1945. Since that time he has been made a first lieutenant, has been awarded the Air Medal and the President’s unit citation. He won his wings and was commissioned a second lieutenant in November and went overseas soon after that.

Want a business for yourself?
Just a bit of payroll pelf
Put away in Bonds will make
Quite a tidy little stake.
Ervin Guyse figures roughly that he has driven this Staley truck about 5000 miles during the last two years, but never outside the plant limits. Although he has been with the company several years, he started working in the garage only two years ago and it is since then that he has been driving the inter-plant truck.

Devore Hospitalized
Three Times This Year

S/Sgt. Lynn R. Devore, Jr., has had three sessions in Army hospitals since he went overseas last autumn. In January he was ill, but he got back into action in time to get shrapnel wounds in his right arm and return to a hospital in February. After that was cleared up he returned to combat again, but in April he was wounded in the right foot and ankle and when his family last heard he was in a hospital in Belgium. He is on military leave from the syrup house and has been in the Army two and a half years.

Training In Virginia

Robert William Clift, F 1/c, is now at Little Creek, Va., where he is training for duty aboard an LSM (landing ship, medium). At the conclusion of this training course he will join a crew aboard a newly built landing craft. He has been in the Navy since July, 1943, and is on leave from the packing house. His wife is making her home in Decatur while he is away.

Brother Is Killed

Lt. Wayne Wilson, pilot in a troop carrier command, killed in action over Germany March 24, was a brother of William R. Wilson, Jr., of the purchasing department. Lt. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wilson, live in Decatur. He was a student at James Millikin university at the time he enlisted.

Corp. Allen M. Clore and "Flak Happy", taken in Italy where the two of them have been seeing considerable action with the 12th Air Force fighter bomber squadron. Corp. Clore is a mechanic with the squadron. He is on leave from the guard department.
Buechler In Philippines

From Mindanao Island, in the Philippines, Pvt. Kenneth Buechler writes a letter which any housewife might write. He said, recently in writing his mother, Mrs. Ed Buechler, "I have done my baking and my washing and have been to a show, so now I will write to the best girl in the world." Kennie, in the mailing room before induction, is now a baker with a field hospital. His father is in Elevator A.

Back From Navy

Charles Silkwood is back at work in the packing house after more than a year in the Navy. He had been with the company for two years when he enlisted in January, 1943. He saw considerable activity while he was in service.

Robert Bramel, MoMM 1/c, U.S. C.G., celebrated his three years in the Coast Guard by working in the plant while on furlough. Bob, who was in the accounting department before enlisting in 1942, had this nautical picture taken on Lake Decatur—the quietest waters he has seen in three years.

Pvt. N. C. Meyers is proud of that shoulder patch—it shows he belongs to the 101st Airborne, which has taken prisoner some of the top-ranking Nazis.

Meyers in Air Borne

Pvt. Nathaniel Meyers, on leave from 17 building, writes from France, "I think I told you I am in the 101st Air Borne division. I hear that back home it is called the Screaming Eagles. The Jerries sure don't like the 101st at all. Just to show you how we look I am sending a picture you can use to scare the boys with. It is a horrible looking thing—sometimes I don't think it is the same boy who used to roll barrels around the syrup house.

"I have some vivid memories of some places over here. I sure never will forget Bastogne, in Belgium."

Saving just a small per cent
Of your pay check brings content.
Just remember if you please,
Lots of "E's" means lots of ease.
SUBMARINE SAILOR
Don Rogers Likes the Life

Quite Don Rogers, Mo. MM 2/c, finds the dangerous life of a submarine crew member interesting, if one is to judge from his enthusiastic letters. Don, on leave from M & L, is at present stationed at New London, Conn., but he says he would actually rather be out in the Pacific “taking his chances with the rest of the fellows”. At present his crew is instructing prospective commanding officers in the methods of approaching enemy shipping.

The picture he sent along with his letter was taken “somewhere in the south when we were taking a breather on deck. You’d be surprised how fast we can get down the hatch and submerge to 50 feet if an enemy plane is sighted. As you can see by our attire we have no room for Emily Post’s book.”

She: “Tell me, dost thou love me?”
He: “That I dost, fair lady.”
She: “Wouldst thou die for me?”
He: “Nay. Mine is the undying love.”

Now In Service

Staley employees who have gone into the armed services within the last three months are:
Einar Lee, extra board, Merchant Marine.
Arlie Vernon Hines, yards, Navy.
Glen Grant, weighmaster Elevator C, Army.
Willie Ed Hill, soybean plant, Army.
Clifford E. Brown, syrup house, Marines.
Harry Leroy Jones, extra board, Army.
Jesse A. Mahon, packing house, Army.
Charles W. Lupton, packing house, Army.
Ralph B. Johnson, watchman, Army.

William Edward Kazmierski was celebrating his second birthday when he had this picture taken. His father, Sgt. Edward Kazmierski, is overseas. His mother, the former Katherine Ginder, is employed in 17 building.
Thanks For Starch

From “Somewhere in Germany”, and signed Cpl. Francis Flannigan, came this letter recently:

It is a genuine pleasure, I can assure you, to write and tell you how much we in the Army really enjoy the good puddings made with the contents of this box. (Enclosed was a label from a Staley corn starch box.) As I am a cook in our outfit up here in Germany I can say your products along with many others from the good old U.S.A. are the things that keep us all in the top condition that it takes to stand this grind here in the ETO.

As I am from Eureka, Ill., just 80 miles north of Decatur, I feel very proud to see Illinois products among those sent to us here.

Cpl. Francis Flannigan.

Donna Jean McCord recently celebrated her sixth birthday. She is the daughter of Mrs. Laura McCord, 17 building. An uncle, Milton Williams, is on military leave with the Seabees.

Lt. Verl Rusk and M/Sgt Carl Jeschawitz—“just a couple of starchworkers”—visited together in England last summer. Lt. Rusk has since completed his air corps missions and returned to this country but Sgt. Jeschawitz is still stationed in England. Both men were on the extra board before going into the Army. Lt. Rusk is a pilot.

Captures Nazi Sub

Lt. (j.g.) Richard Ellison was on the flat-top Guadalcanal last year when it captured the Nazi sub U-505, it has just been announced. Dick, who is on leave from Standards, has been on the Guadalcanal for some time. The story of the capture of the sub by the flat-top has just been released by the Navy.

The German undersea craft was hunted down by the carrier and attacked about 150 miles west of the French African coast. The Americans boarded the sub and captured it intact.
PFC and Mrs. Pat McGarry celebrated their third wedding anniversary in Washington recently. It is the first one they have been able to celebrate together, for the other two years Pat was in Africa and Italy.

McGarrys In Washington

PFC Pat McGarry and his wife Jaunita, both of whom were in 20 building, are together often now, because Pat is stationed at Arlington, Va., and Jaunita is living in Washington. At present she is working in the Navy Yard ordnance stock office.

Pat wrote Staley friends that his outfit was in President Roosevelt’s funeral procession, a moving and affecting experience, he says, which he will long remember.

Suggests Winning Name

The name “Chatter Lounge” has been adopted for the Y. W. C. A. center for service men’s wives, at the suggestion of Ruth Grider, of 17 building. When the lounge was fitted up as a meeting place for wives of Decatur men in service, it was suggested that these young women name the center themselves. A great many names were suggested, but Ruth’s was selected by the judges as being the best. Ruth’s husband, Frank Grider, is in the south Pacific area.

Memorial Planned

Memorial services for S/Sgt. Richard C. Yarnell were conducted in the First United Brethren church Sunday, May 27. Sgt. Yarnell was killed in action in Germany March 9. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Yarnell. His father is a veteran Staley packing house employee.

Two young Irishmen had just gone into the trenches during the World War, and their captain promised $1 for every one of the enemy they killed. Pat was asleep when he was awakened by Mike shouting: “The Germans are charging! Wake up!”

“How many are there?” shouts Pat.

“About 50,000,” says Mike.

“Begorra,” shouts Pat, jumping up and grabbing his rifle, “our fortune’s made!”

Five Decatur boys who took their training together at Fort Bragg are now together in Manila. They are all with the airborne field artillery. The two in front are twins, Donald and Arnold Metzger. Standing are Carl Kohlbecker, Bernard Walser, who was on the Staley extra board, and Jerry White, whose mother is Mrs. Mamie White, of the bag room.
Conlon Wounded

Pvt. C. W. Conlon, eastern package division salesman, writes from Valley Forge General hospital in Pennsylvania that he is back in this country for a skin graft on his leg. He was wounded in action in Italy last December and although he has been up and about, the doctors decided some more skin grafting was necessary. His home is in Pennsylvania.

Dejanes With Patton

Cpl. Stanley DeJanes crossed the Rhine with Patton's Third, but he did not say that he followed the famous general's equally famous example and swam across. Stanley, on leave from feed sales, is doing office work.

Pvt. William George Borbely, who was killed in action in France in August, is shown here with his wife and son, William George, Jr., known in the family as Butch. Mrs. Borbely was formerly Helen Byers, daughter of Katherine Byers, of 17 building. Pvt. Borbely had been in France only seven days when he was killed. His wife and son make their home in Chicago.

When the Ryan Fruit company had open house recently large crowds attended. This firm, located in Billings, Mont., is the Staley company jobber there and the firm has been a friend of Staley people for years. Displays of various products handled by the company decorated the rooms. Elmer Platen, Staley company salesman in that district, represented Staley's at the affair.
To those who wonder why we need still bigger War Loans

In the 7th War Loan, you're being asked to lend 7 billion dollars—4 billion in E Bonds alone.

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We're building up a whole new air force of jet-propelled planes and bigger bombers.

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At the time this is written, our casualties are nearing the million mark in dead, missing, and wounded. Wounded men are arriving in this country at the rate of over 30,000 a month. The cost of caring for these men is mounting daily.

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We need as much War Bond money this year as we did last. But there will be only 2 War Loans this year—instead of the 3 we had in 1944.

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