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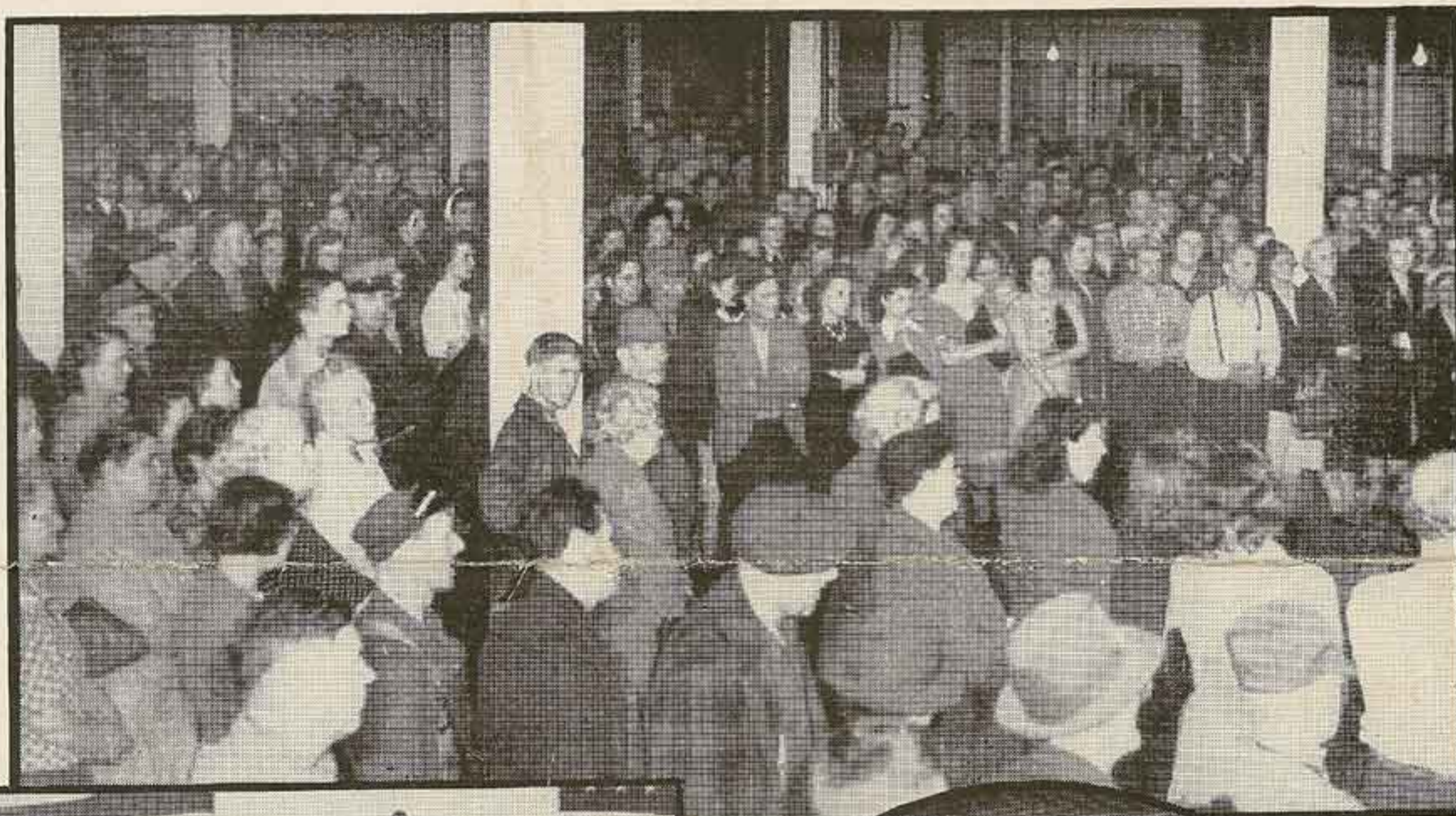
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RIDE-SHARING CITATION IN PICTURES



On April 3rd Ypsilanti Reed employees were awarded a Ride Sharing citation for their participation in ride sharing activities. Shown at right is part of the crowd which assembled on the fourth floor for the presentation ceremonies.



Shown above after the citation had been presented are, left to right: William Franch, member of the transportation committee; Clinton Russell, Chairman of the Ionia County Ration Board; Don R. Mitchell, Mrs. Fred Green, Leon Lockwood, chairman of the Transportation Committee and Jacob Zweedyk, District Director of the O.P.A., Grand Rapids.



Pictured above is Mrs. Fern Nash, who was presented the citation as the representative of all ride-sharers.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

CARD OF THANKS: We wish to thank our friends for the dinner and lovely wedding gifts.
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wiseman

CARD OF THANKS: I wish to thank the Tent Dept. for the fruit sent during my recent illness.
Leslie Hankis

QUARTERMASTER REPRESENTATIVES SPEND DAY IN INSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

A conference for instructing inspectors and contractors on a new inspection and acceptance of squad tents by the Chicago Quartermaster Inspection zone was held on March 30th at Ypsilanti Reed.

Capt. Louis H. Warlick, Jr., QMC, Robert Foreman, and J. V. Coyner of the Chicago Quartermaster Depot were in charge of the conference. Accompanying them were contract representatives from various manufacturing companies, and ten Quartermaster inspectors. Ypsilanti Reed methods of planning, engineering, production, inspection and shipping were reviewed and studied.

In order to speed production of squad tents all over the country, blue prints and operation sheets were given to several of the representatives present. Although production is showing a steady increase it is far below the government's request for these vitally needed squad tents.



The photograph shows Henry Grill grommet machine operator; William Vann, resident inspector; Capt. Louis Warlick, Jr., Chicago, QM Depot; Robert Foreman, district inspector and Carl Haskins, chief inspector at Ypsilanti Reed.

MEETING QUOTA IN 7th WAR LOAN

Ypsi Readers Are Doing It Again! The SEVENTH WAR LOAN Drive Is Going Over With A Bang



Our quota for the three months period which comprises the drive is a total of \$75,000 in bonds. This loan is being handled differently, in that the regular payroll deduction will not be suspended. The drive opened on April 8th and will end June 24th. During the first three days, the cash purchases of bonds amounted to about five thousand dollars' worth of bonds, maturity value.

The Bond Committee feels assured that not only will the quota be met, but that it will exceed all former records. They are anticipating the spirit with which former bond drives were finished, with a race toward the end to see what department would exceed its quota by the greatest percentage.

Many of the extra bonds will be purchased by cash, rather than the payroll deduction plan, and several persons have already done this. The first two to buy \$500 bonds are pictured at the left, handing their money to Alice Walker, who is in charge of recording war bond purchases. They are Harold Howe, arc welder, and Frank McCaw, who also works in the welding room.

HOLD CHEST CLINIC

On March 9th and 10th, 226 Ypsi Reeders took advantage of the facilities here to X-ray positive reaction to the T. B. Patch Test. The clinic was under the supervision of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association and the X-rays were taken by Mr. Arnold J. Linden, X-ray Technician from Lansing. Mrs. Maren Brock, plant nurse, Mrs. Tower of M.T.A., Mrs. Mae Randall and Alice Walker assisted in the clinic.

Motion pictures were taken by Mr. Hughes, also of M.T.A. and will be included in a composite picture of their various visits to plants throughout the state. In about a year the film will be completed and will probably be shown here a short while after that time.

Shown in the picture at the right are Mr. Linden, Mrs. Brock, and John Esch. 160 men and 66 women had X-rays taken.



YPSI PARTICIPATES IN CLOTHING DRIVE



Ypsilanti Reed employees again met the challenge when they ransacked their clothes closets for clothing to give in the nation's drive to aid the Allied liberated countries. Former Mayor Clarence Johnson appointed Rev. Adam Westmaas as chairman for the city of Ionia, and the goal is 17 tons, or an average of about 5 lbs. for every person in Ionia including children.

The accompanying photograph shows Rev. Adam Westmaas, Moon Franch, Mr. Wm. Winchell, and Lawrence Friend from the city committee and Ypsi Reed. The shipping departments from both Ypsilanti Reed and A. C. Spark Plug have volunteered to sort and box all contributions. Rev. Westmaas stated that he was especially appreciative of the help in packing because experienced help is so important in getting the clothing to the National Central boxed depot in good condition. The contributions will be boxed 100 lbs. per carton, with only one type to the box of the various kinds of clothing, both heavy and light articles for infants, children, girls and women, men and boys, serviceable shoes, and bedding.

★ SERVICE NOTES ★

Touring the plant with Clarabelle Zeigler was her brother, Pfc. Clifford Ward, who has spent 33 months in the South Pacific area. He enlisted January 22, 1941.

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Another plant visitor was Earl Dolley, S1/c, whose father, Jesse works in the Shipping Dept.

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Pfc. Wayne Anderson, a former employee of Ypsilanti Reed, recently received his third bronze star. He has participated in three major campaigns against Germany. Pfc Anderson has been overseas for 18 months.

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Pfc. Clinton Rathburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rathburn, has returned to the United States. He was wounded in Germany and is visiting his parents at present.

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Pictured below are Lavaldin Hull, and his son, Pvt. Victor Hull, recently returned from Europe. Pvt. Hull is a member of the famed 79th Infantry Division which was awarded the Lorraine Cross in World War I. On the 9th of July, in France, Pvt. Hull was wounded by shrapnel in the arm, and is now at Indianapolis for further



treatment. A Machine Gunner, he saw action in France, Belgium and Germany and wears the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Good Conduct Ribbon and the E. T. O. Bar. He has been in the army for 2 years. Lavaldin Hull has worked for 10 years in the Framing and Reed room.



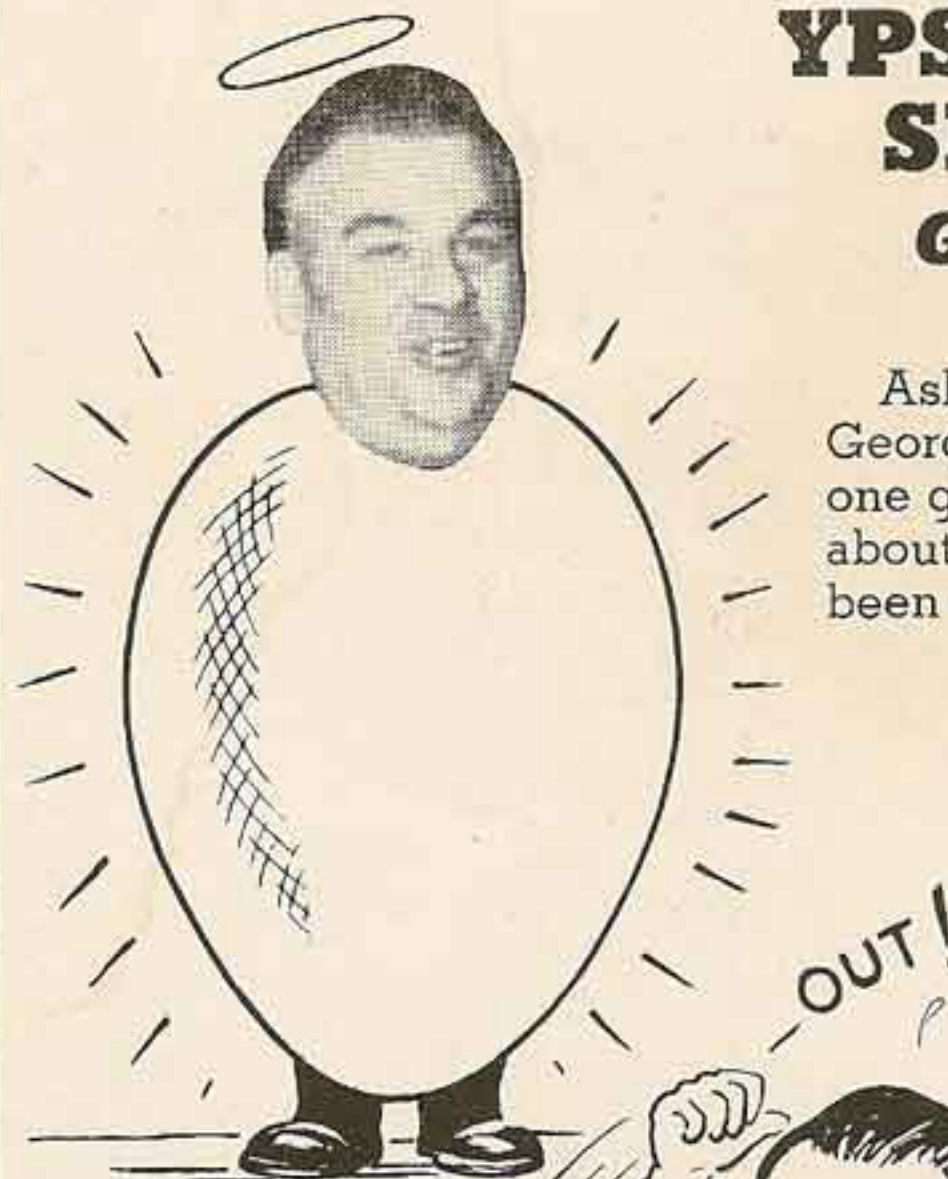
Shown in the photograph above, left to right are: Keith Patrick, S1/c; Harold Ruehs, S2/c; Pfc. Bill Dreger, and Pfc. Fred Kernen. Seaman Patrick, who worked in the Tent Dept. and Seaman Ruehs, who worked in the Jeep Dept., are both stationed at Norfolk, Va. Pfc. Kernen, a former stockman in the Jungle Hammock Dept., was stationed in the Aleutian Islands for 20 months with the Transportation Corps, and is now at Camp Howze, Texas. Pfc. Dreger has just returned after 26 months with the Infantry in the South Pacific and Australian areas, and is stationed at present at Fort Custer.

YPSI-REEDERS YOU SHOULD KNOW

George Krywanski

"A GOOD EGG"

Ask anybody what they think of George, and they'll tell you—"George is one good egg!" He has worked here for about 26 years, and in all that time, he's been one egg that didn't spoil!



"THAT WONT GO!"

As inspector of all finish mill wood parts, George is very conscientious. A Job has to be perfect to get by his eagle eye.



A SHRINKING VIOLET

George is just about as modest and shy a fellow as you'll ever meet on this earth. However, if you were to accuse him of being shy, he'd probably cast his eyes down and say, "Shucks, I'm not bashful—I have a lot of fun."

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Orno Lester of the Tent Dept. was surprised by a group of his friends who gave a party in honor of his fiftieth birthday on April 9th. A potluck dinner was held in the Inspection office, and a poem for the occasion was composed and read by Albert Johnson. Orno responded with a brief but snappy speech. Inspectors Carl Haskins, Leon Kutzt and Chris Schrauben came back to work early and finished the ice cream and cake. Shown in the photograph helping Orno cut the cake are Gertrude Smalley, Jim Nausbaum and Lila Jackson.

The above photograph shows Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wiseman cutting the cake at a dinner given while she was still Verona Kammers. The occasion was a potluck dinner, and was given by their friends on the 2nd and 4th floors. L. W. Lockwood was the master of ceremonies, and on behalf of the group presented the couple with gifts—a chenille bedspread, a lace tablecloth, and a buffet set. Mr. and Mrs. Wiseman were married April 5 by Rev. Woolcock, and are now living at the Wiseman's farm south of town. Mrs. Wiseman is not continuing her work.

Congratulations to Alta Chapin of the Tarp Dept. whose first granddaughter was born March 15th.

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Stub Pierson, a mechanic in the Tarp Room, has been ill following a severe heart attack.

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The Fox Hunting Club held a fish fry at Martin Wilder's home on April 13th. They raffled off a rifle which was won by Ken Johnson. The boys all want to know what market Frank Hall caught his fish in.

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Joyce Hausserman, who took time off to present her soldier husband with a baby girl, is back on the job in the Tent Dept.

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If you're wondering why Pat Oyler is kind of limping around, don't worry too much—it's only the result of a little too much bicycling.

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We wish to express our sympathy to the family of the late Hollis Duell. His wife, Polly, works in the Jeep Dept., and their daughter Navene, formerly worked in the main stock room.

Martha Witzel of the curtain dept. has a new niece—the daughter born recently to Sgt. and Mrs. Don Hamp.

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Mrs. Henry Shalifoe, Furniture Sewing Dept., wishes to thank Ypsi-Reeders, for the kindness shown at the time of the death of her father, Roscoe Manchester.

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Lillian Buxton of the Tent Dept. was remembered with cards and gifts April 11th for her birthday.

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Tress Reiusser of the Tarp. Dept. is recovering at her home in South Ionia, after submitting to major surgery at the Ionia County Hospital.

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Fern Nash of the Tent Dept. celebrated her 33rd wedding anniversary April 10th, sewing as usual.

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Ambrose Greening has returned to work after an attack of yellow jaundice.

Those who received fruit and flowers from the Tent Dept. fund in March were: Nita Roche, Lena Smith, Mrs. Wilbur Howard, Walt Tyler, Louis Stanton, Lillian Carrigan, Leslie Hankis, Bill Pulsipher, Eileen Robbins, Lila Jackson, Lorenzo Cantu, Jerry Gates and Wilbur Nevins received a sum of money.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Jenks are the proud parents of a son born April 9th. The Jenks' have two daughters.

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We express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Lillian Witte of the Tarp. Dept. whose father died recently.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lockwood, Jr., have a new baby boy, born March 30th. They have two other sons. Grandpop is just as proud of this one as he was the other two.

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Frank Powers, new employee in the cost department, has also been presented with a new son, who made his entry into the world on March 28th.

SPORTS

By MIKE WIZOREK

What a finish! Now that bowling has come to the end of the season, the Shippers will say it has been very successful. It has been rumored that the Shippers had two dark horses. Laurence Friend and Wilson Dalzell are the dark horses in that race and showed that they had what it takes to make champions.

Much credit should be given to Dick Warden and Peanuts Wizorek—the boys seem to have what it takes in the clinches.

Lots is to be said about Ivan Clark's gang, but as you know some people seem to bowl over their heads. Fred Font is one of them. Little Elmer McClow hits them anywhere — "Strike"! Claude Stowe seems to be lucky at all times.

Don't be alarmed, it's Paul Warden, another one with luck. Paul and Ivan Clark had quite a thrill as the series was deadlocked but the Shippers went on to win that final game. Much credit is due Gil Nagosky for not getting rattled by a couple "hecklers" like Clark and Warden.

BASEBALL STARTS AGAIN



Shown above in a meeting to organize the baseball teams for 1945 are: Back row, left to right, Ivan Clark, Hans Christensen, Laurence Friend, Leroy Godden, Mike Wizorek. Seated, left to right, Ken Johnson, Ivan Chance, Leon Lockwood, Sr., Vic Cottrell, and John Crisman.

The season for that Great American Pastime, Baseball, has arrived, and much is expected. The boys seem anxious to show speed and power.

Schedules of all the games will be posted on the bulletin boards. A complete schedule will appear in the June issue.

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According to Ivan Chance this will be about the best team Ypsi Reed has put on the field. With the support of management and the employees it should be a successful season.

The first game is with Michigan Reformatory on Sunday, May 6, at the Reformatory.

Make way for the Old Mens' League of Softball! Much can be said of this, all are eager to get started. Anyone wishing to get in this league must be over thirty years of age. Laurence Friend and Ivan Clark will be Captains. When you see these two young gofers just say, "Put my name on that team." Then the fun will begin.



BOWLING SEASON ENDS ON A HIGH NOTE

Dick Warden and Carmen Christensen, pictured at left, won the Mixed Doubles Tournament with 147 pins over their average.

Helen Cottrell and Vern Hoffman followed with 82 pins over average.

BASEBALL STARTS AGAIN

	Won	Lost		Won	Lost
Shippers	52	38	Mairzy Doats	66	24
Ypsi "5"	51	39	Gremlins	39	51
Ypsi Boosters	46	44	Les Terribles	34	56
Misfits	46	44	Ypsi-Doodlers	30	60
Jeeps	40	50			
Maintenance	35	55			