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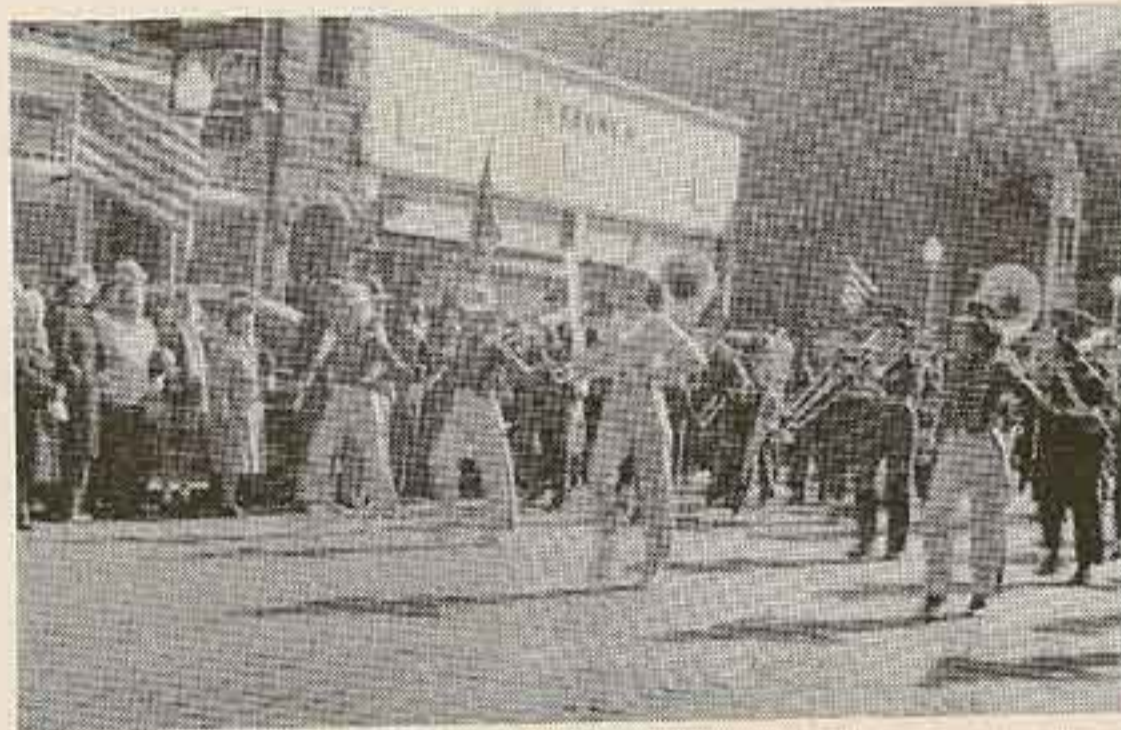
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## YPSI-WORKERS OBSERVE QUIET V-E DAY



The long awaited V-E Day came at last. It was observed in Ionia in quiet dignity and thanksgiving, by attending church services and listening to radio broadcasts of the reaction of all the peoples of the world.



A parade marking the occasion formed at the Ionia Theater, moved on to Dexter Street and back to the Court House, where Mayor F. C. Barnes gave a short talk, followed by numbers by the Ionia High School Band.



Ionia High School Band answers the service call again.



Waiting for the Parade to start—in the group are Letha Candiff, Mae Waltersdorf, Tress Simons, Madge LeMasters, Leona Carbaugh, Ada North.



SMILES! A preview of when the boys come marching home—Pat Kilduff, Jean Todd, Bernice Hammond, Mary Ciganik, Elaine Misner.



Following in line of march behind the band—Jake Chadwick, George Dockham, Celia Stevens, Izola Blough, Tony Pfaff, Luella Shepard.



All business places closed (taverns included)—Leroy Walsh, Ernest Craft, Albert Furman, Curly Dickerson, John Repik, James Tefft, Frank Dyke.

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**NOW FOR THE JAPS**

Since V-E Day, this is no longer a two-ocean, three-continent war. But it is nevertheless a war that will require all the power we had heretofore divided between the European theater and the Pacific. The Jap is tough, brutal and ruthless. There is no surrender in his make-up. He must be hunted down like an animal and finished off singly. The brunt of the attack will be borne by America at a frightful cost in human lives. In the three-and-a-half years since the ravaging of Pearl Harbor, our Navy and Marine forces have rolled the Jap back across the wide expanse of the Pacific to his own homeland, but Japan still holds 85% of its stolen territory! Don't forget that! Continue to do your level best, always! Stick to the job! Buy war bonds! Back the attack!

**ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND SAFETY SCHOOL GETS RESULTS**



On Thursday, May 10th, Mr. L. M. Branson, Claims Examiner for the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, gave an interesting and very informative talk on compensation laws and the value of a Safety Program in the shop. Mr. Branson pointed out that compensation payments do not mean wages and a Safety Program strictly adhered to helps reduce compensation and thereby means greater efficiency in the plant. The fewer accidents there are in the plant, the better the home conditions for the employees will be. After the meeting, those attending were given an opportunity to ask questions. Shown in the accompanying photograph getting more information are, left to right: Tom Dub, Lyle Ball, Frank Hall, Erwin Reed, Frank Morse and L. M. Branson.

**BOYS' AND GIRLS' STATE**



Wolverine Boys' State and Wolverine Girls' State was organized to give the boys and girls who attend, practical experience in the problems of self government as is in operation in Michigan. It is the hope of the sponsors of this program to impress the future generations with the responsibilities of citizenship and to bring full realization to them, the duties of an American Citizen. A program for each day of the week is carefully arranged so that each day will bring its own problem, its own program and its own fun. This is the eighth year for Boy's State and the third year for Girl's State.

Shown in the accompanying photograph are, left to right, Harry Hazzard who works after school in the Process Engineering Dept. Harry is being sponsored by the Management. Shirley Burlingame, daughter of Mrs. Berdie Burlingame, who is employed in Curtain Dept. Shirley is sponsored by the C.I.O. Marilyn Friend, daughter of Laurence Friend, Production Manager, is sponsored by the Management. Frank Alphonso, who also works here in the Machine Shop after school, is being sponsored by the C.I.O.

# YPSI-REEDERS SET ATTENDANCE RECORD

There was posted on all bulletin boards recently a chart showing the absentee record of the total factory for the months of January, February, and March, 1945. This chart indicates that the Spring Room and Furniture Finish Dept. had the best record of attendance for the three-months period, with an average absence of 2% for each of these departments. The Mill Room and Framing Department were next in line with only 3% absent for the quarter.

Even though the total absences for the quarter for the entire plant was only 5.7%, this figure adds up to quite a number of man hours lost — and man hours lost mean vitally needed war products lost—so it's up to each and every one of us to see that we do all in our power to be on the job at all times. Then we can proudly say, "I did my very best to help win the war!"

Shown (top right) are the employees of the Spring Room, all of whom had 100% attendance for the first quarter of 1945. They are, left to right, Jacob Raab, Leonard Ingvarlsen, O. J. Roberts, Walt Luedecke, Melvin Thwaites, Chester Gladding, Clois Blumberg, James Calkins and Jim Lehman.

The employees shown (bottom right) work in the Furniture Finish Dept. and are, first row (left to right), James Kenny, Frank Haman, Rose Harding, and Dan Feehan. Second row (left to right), Ambrose Greening, Emmanuel Rehfuss, Norman Harding, and James Long. All of these people had a 100% record of attendance.



## CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED: Good used Bicycle.  
Bert Garrison, Jeep Dept.

CARD OF THANKS: I take this way to thank Dept. 41-42 for the box of fruit, candy bars, gum and cards from all. Also to the C.I.O. for the beautiful plant they sent me while I was sick.  
Grace Joslyn, Curtain Dept.

CARD OF THANKS: We wish to thank the employees of the Reed and Sewing Room for their financial help and the Union for the plant.  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cuttle

CARD OF THANKS: I wish to thank the Jeep Dept. for the lovely gifts I received on my last day there.  
Elsie Waidelick, Jeep Dept.

CARD OF THANKS: I wish to thank the C.I.O. for the plant I received when I was injured.  
Orange Fish, Framing Dept.

CARD OF THANKS: I wish to thank the C.I.O. for the lovely plant they sent me during my recent illness.  
Gladys Smith, Tarp. Dept.

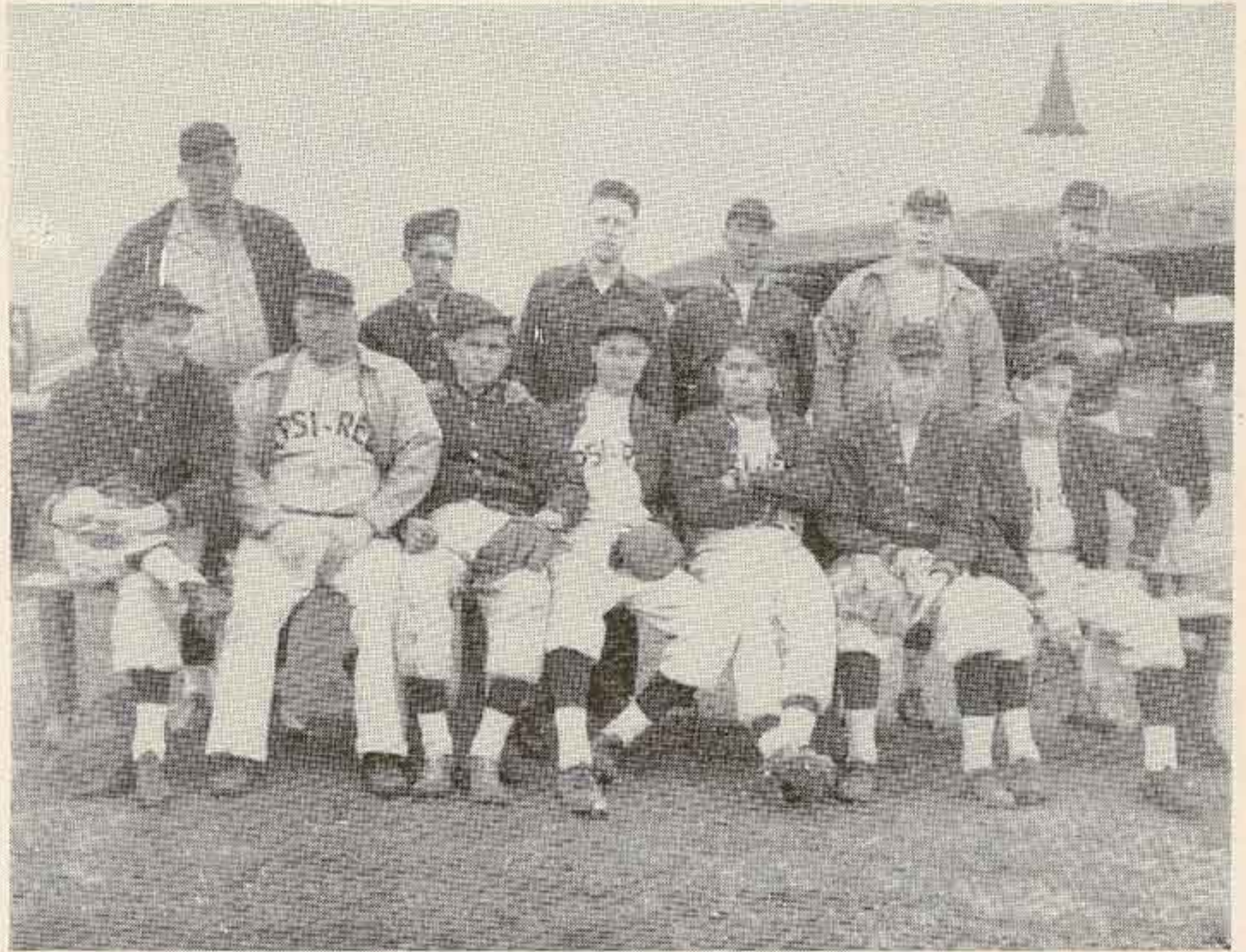
# SPORTS

By MIKE WIZOREK

Sunday, May 13, Ypsi Reed Baseball Team played a return engagement with the Hubbardston Independents. For nine innings both teams played spectacular ball. One of the highlights of the game was when Peanuts Wizorek went up in the bleachers to catch a high foul ball. The entire team seemed to have what it takes for hits. Dale Johnson on the mound had things all his own way. With one out in the tenth inning, Heufelder got a walk on four pitched balls. Ken Johnson singled to have runners on first and second. Peanuts Wizorek came through with a double to right field to drive in the winning run. Sgt. Eddie Renucci seemed to have the jinx on the ball, due to an error, got a home run. VanVleck hit for a triple and a single. Peanuts Wizorek also hit for a triple.

Final score: Ionia, 3 runs, 9 hits; Hubbardston, 2 runs and 5 hits.

Dale Johnson had 12 strikeouts.



Our Ypsi Reed baseball team is shown above. Members are, front row, left to right, Ken Johnson, Manager Ivan Chance, Dale Johnson, Dick Warden, Lyle North, Eugene VanVleck, and Tom Minard. Back row, left to right, John Crisman, Clinton Kline, Ike Dye, Melvin Thwaites, Carl Haskins, and Clarence Adams.



## FISH STORIES

Wilson Dalzell and Doc Horace Winchell seemed to have had a little luck on their fishing trip, they are proud of their catch, and well they might be. The largest was a rainbow trout weighing ten pounds. The others were good-sized German brown trout and rainbow trout.

One can't sleep and catch fish; for details, ask Glen Hickock. Well, boys, you haven't seen anything as yet. The Grand River tuna fish are now running.

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The photograph at left shows Al Northedge with an 18-inch, 3-pound German Brown Trout caught on V-E day. Alvin is quite proud of it because it's the largest one he's ever caught. He has lots of witnesses, too, for Ivan Clark, Ray Reister, and Glenn Hickok were all with him. They say that Ivan Clark got a 30-inch trout, but we have no photographic evidence, and the camera never lies.

• • • SOCIAL NOTES • • •



On April 16th a group of friends and co-workers held a potluck birthday dinner for Ida Kunzi in the Upholstery Sewing Department. Seated (left to right) are: Ida Kunzi, Alva Kemp, Mary Christensen, Myrtie Boardman, Nina Welch, Gladys Ketchum, Florence Wilder, and Martha Rowley.

This same group of women, plus Olive Dean, Helen Sallek, Isabel Burger, Minnie Kcsbar, Gertrude Cottrell, Marian Case, and Lena Shalifoe, gave a combined birthday party for Mary Christensen, and going-away party for Myrtie Boardman. They had a potluck dinner with birthday cake and ice cream for refreshments. The guests of honor were presented with vases which contained colonial bouquets.



The photograph above was taken at the surprise birthday party given by Katherine Lincoln, of the Jeep Dept., at Pearl's Cozy Inn for Reva Fancett, also of the Jeep Dept. Shown, from left to right, are Frances Young, who baked the delicious cake; Peg Ward, Pat Oyler, Reva Fancett, Katherine Lincoln, Grace Kauffman, Betty Rowley, Naomi Mason, and Golden Hackett. Marie Scheidt was also present, but does not shown in the photo. Included among the lovely gifts was the Bronze Star awarded the guest of honor's husband, Sgt. Carl Fancett, who is somewhere in Germany.

Izola Blough celebrated her birthday on May 18. On the same day she was called to Sparta to stay with her mother who is ill.

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Orrie Maynard reports he is grandpa to a 7½ pound boy born in the Ionia Hospital.

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Harry Showers, of the Jeep Paint Dept., was injured when a degreaser he was using broke and fell on him.

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We always enjoyed Lowell Thomas until we heard Lockwood. If we can just get the old boy to give out a la Sinatra, we feel that he will make the big-time racket.

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It is rumored around here that there is going to be a bear trap set for a couple of fellows on the fifth floor, namely Louis Wagner and Harry Rowley, to keep them from untying apron strings.

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We are sorry to report that Agnes Joslyn of the Reed Room, has been compelled, due to illness, to leave Ypsi-Reed. We hope she will soon be back with us.

**ENLISTS IN WACS**



Gerry Moore, who has been employed for the past three years in the time office, recently enlisted in the Women's Army Corps. Gerry left May 15th for Des Moines, Iowa, where she takes her basic training. She enlisted as a laboratory technician. She was presented with two pieces of matched luggage as a Farewell Gift from the CIO, Office Employees, Timekeepers, Plant Protection Employees and Management. Lucile Wilson presented the gift on behalf of the employees.

Shown with Gerry are left to right—Lucile Wilson, Dorothy Glasson, Gerry Moore, Virginia Zick, Mrs. Fred W. Green, Ethelyn Warner.

Mrs. Dora Sullivan has replaced Aileen Cook in the Material Control Department. Aileen will assist at home during the summer months.

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Rowley Nelson, husband of Katherine Nelson, Maintenance Department, is spending a forty-eight day furlough with his wife and daughter. Rowley has been overseas for nearly three years. He took part in the Italian campaign.

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Frances Chadwick, of the Material Control Department, was missing one Monday morning, but upon investigation it was found that her fiance, Cpl. Mac Fonger, of Lowell, had arrived home on a sixteen-day furlough.

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The latest addition to the office personnel is "pint-size" Bonita Wedderburn. Bonita will have charge of the messenger service and will do photostating.



# SERVICE NOTES



Neither one of these boys needs any introduction to our Ypsi Readers. Leon Lockwood, Jr., on the left, is well known as a timekeeper, recently transferred to Material Control Purchasing Division. Pvt. Joe, on the right, worked here before entering the Army. He received his basic training at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark., and is now at Fort Meade, N. J., waiting for a ship to come and get him.

A certificate of merit has been awarded to Pfc. George H. McArthur, son of Mrs. Margaret Rockey of Ionia, for his part in the military operations in the European Theater. The citation reads as follows: "Pfc. George H. McArthur, while serving with the Army of the United States in France, Belgium, and Germany during the period of August 7, 1944, to March 15, 1945, distinguished himself by his performance as a member of an outstanding howitzer section."

The certificate was received a few weeks ago by Mrs. Rockey who is employed in the Gun Cover Department.

Richard Zeigler, S 2/c, toured the plant while home on a nine-day leave from Great Lakes. Richard is the son of Spike Zeigler, foreman of the Jeep Dept.

Pfc. William Jeffrey, of Co. H, 126th Inf., returned home from the South Pacific to spend 30 days with his mother, Mrs. Stella Jeffrey, who works in the Gun Cover Dept. He will return to a Brigham City, Utah, hospital to rest. William was wounded while in the Philippines and his left leg was amputated below the knee.



Wm. Pfaff, BM 2/c, who has been in six major battles, recently was home on leave with his parents in Pewamo and while there, came over and visited Ypsi-Reed. Pfaff took his early training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. He participated in the Presidential Cruise in 1941 aboard the U.S.S. Brooklyn. Later he was transferred to a destroyer. He has spent the past two years on duty in the Southwest Pacific. He wears five campaign ribbons and the insignia of Gun Captain. It is evident that Pfaff has had many experiences but with the complete safety of his shipmates foremost in his mind, was reluctant to relate any of his experiences.

Pfaff is the son of Tony Pfaff who has worked here approximately fourteen years. Tony worked in the millroom but for the past several months has been operating the first elevator. There are two other boys in the Navy.

Shown in the accompanying photograph are Tony Pfaff and Wm. Pfaff, BM 2/c.

(NOTE: Girls, Bill is unmarried and he says he wants to stay that way, but the Ypsi-Doodler has his address.)

## YPSI-REEDERS YOU SHOULD KNOW

### "Tress" O'Donnell

Tress, our switchboard operator, is almost as much a fixture at Ypsilanti Reed as the telephone she rings. The accomplishment she's most proud of are her two sons, Hugh, who is in Germany, and Thomas, now stationed in New York. When Tress has that wide, wide grin, it means she's heard from the boys.



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### GETS RESULTS!

Tress will quite proudly tell you the number of pounds she's lost by foregoing the steaks and potatoes and sticking to the Ry-Krisp and dill pickle for lunch. The only heavy food she gets is in her dreams, and she says "I'd rather be thin, beautiful, and hungry, than plump, and full."

We feel that the following excerpt from a letter from S. Sgt. Edw. Repik expresses the greetings boys all over the world would like to send to their mothers, and so we're printing it here.

"Say, Mom, this is a little late, but I hope you will forgive me, for one over here has to think way ahead so that it reaches you before the time comes. What I'm trying to say is that I wish you all the happiness and luck on this Mother's Day. Only wish I could be there to greet you in person instead of in a letter. So keep praying and I am sure next Mother's Day we will be together—and I will try to make it one of your happiest Mother's Days. P.S. Mom, I hope you do forgive me for being so late in wishing you luck and happiness on Mother's Day."