

M^c Aleer News

VIC?ORY

YOU CAN'T
SPELL
VICTORY
WITH AN
ABSENT^{PP} "T."⁹⁹

APRIL 2, 1943

L. B. PHELAN

McAleer News

A Bi-Monthly Publication

Published for the employees of the McAleer Mfg. Co.
by the Personnel Department

Volume I. No. 11

Rochester, Michigan

April 1, 1943

SLOGAN CONTEST

We are ashamed to report that so few sent in slogans. Have you turned one in yet? Don't forget, the contest closes April 15, 1943. Let's repeat the rules:

For the best slogan turned in, the company will award a \$25.00 War Bond; for the next best, \$10.00; and for the third prize, \$5.00. The contest will close April 15, 1943. This is a contest for all McAleer employees and families, and anyone from this group may participate. The decisions of the judges will be final, and all selections will remain in the property of the company.

Enter as many slogans as you prefer, but let's all participate. For your convenience, we have again reserved the following space:

My slogan is _____

My name is _____

Please turn them in, either to the General Superintendent or to the Personnel Department.

BOWLING

We are wondering what to do with the bowling fund. Has any bowler a suggestion, as to what we should, or can do with the money?

Shall we have a party, a dinner ... if so, where and when? Shall we divide the money proportionate to your participation and put the balance in the flower fund?

Regardless, let's have an opinion from you. Either tell Bob Whalen, or Woodie in the Personnel Office, and we'll abide by the majority.

SOFT BALL TEAM

Who would like to form a McAleer Soft Ball Team? All those who would be interested, please stop by and see Bud Whalen. If you work at M46, see Bob Stansell.

GLEE CLUB

We have finally found a way to use those beautiful voices that have been floating around the plant for lo! these many months. Friday night, April 2nd, at 5:00 p.m., in the Township Hall, a group of serious minded people will meet for their auditions, and a Glee Club will be formed.

As the list of applicants stand now, the women outnumbering the men. How about it, men, are you going to allow the women to outsing you, or are we going to have some tenors and basses tonight??

Don't forget to get a bunch of bonds, to buy a bunch of bombs, to bomb a bunch of bums!

OFFICE PERSONALSAB SENTEE

For a certain office girl's information: Greyhound bus drivers are not a Corps in the U.S. Armed Forces.

* * *

What we want to know is why Leo parked his car in a locked garage the night of March 31st???

* * *

We have a couple of WOWS in the Ordnance Department ... and Ginni and Betty really are WOWS in their new Women Ordnance Workers' uniforms. How about it, Wolves??

* * *

Who was the perpetrator of the April fool jokes on some of the executives? Are their faces red??

* * *

We notice that the material written by Helen Z. seems to be very much improved. Could it be that she is writing with a new pen? If so, where did she get it?

Strange ... I note a certain soldier lacking the pen to his set!

* * *

One way of getting a tooth pulled free is to charge people to take a look. Fine thing, Serrell!

* * *

All gas station attendants have been warned to watch the pumps when a certain McAleer employee drives in. Isn't that right, Charlie??

* * *

With the scarcity of men, we didn't know that any girl would spend enough time in a parked car to freeze her toe. How about it, Babout??

* * *

Irv's reserve is breaking ... we saw him smile once.

* * *

Everyone notice Mr. Weihe's zoot suit? Boy! That's au rest!!!

* * *

What can Mr. Quitmeyer be thinking of these days? He was spied brawsing through the plant not long ago wearing one safety shoe. Better sharpen up, John.

* * *

It's nice to entertain the soldiers, but when you take them off duty ... my, my ... how those stripes will fly. Let's watch that Serrell.

The unconscious saboteur of production puts in another big day ... AT HOME!

At 6:00 a.m. of a Monday morning, Ab Sentee, a worker, is pounding it out while Mr. Alarm Clock tries desperately to blast him out of bed.

Gleeps! It's alive! It moves! Looks like old Alarm Clock has won the battle. Ab stretches energetically (for him) ... all set to go to work.

Nope! Nope! He's down again ... and old "A.C." hangs on the ropes, taking the count. "See you tomorrow," mumbles Ab, going back into his trance.

Meanwhile, production goes on ... but at the plant somebody is doing Ab's work. Sure ... and his own! Do you blame Ab's foreman for tearing his hair and cussin' out Ab?

And in December enough "Ab's" took days off to make us lose 368 man days for the month. In a year that means plenty of units ... that we don't produce.

And these boys suffer ... and maybe die! They're our fighting men ... fighting for you ... and you ... and me! WHAT'S THE ANSWER AB?

MORAL: When you take a day off, you're putting victory off. Don't be an S.O.P. (saboteur of production).

NEWS FROM FUSE DEPARTMENT

Vivia has changed her name from McCracken to Wood. We all wish her a long and happy married life.

* * *

A nice party was enjoyed by several of our girls to celebrate the birthdays of Edna and Wava.

* * *

We are sorry to have Hilda leave us. She is moving to Cass City to join her husband.

* * *

I believe the entire plant is anxious for our cafeteria to open ... how about it, Mr. Wood?

* * *

Betty Schobert has left us again to join her husband in Nebraska. We miss you, Betty. But wish you a lot of luck on your trip.

V A Letter to Americans

Dear Fellow-American:

An argument occurred recently between a couple of people in the mill, and they almost came to blows. What had happened? Well, one of them bumped into the other. That was all. But the other fellow took offense, turned around, and started cussing.

Another incident was more serious. A worker in a certain department apparently had developed a grudge against his job. One day he slammed something down on his work table so hard that it broke, and a piece of metal flew up and almost took his eye out.

Now, why do things like that seem to be happening more frequently these days?

Seems to me the reason is that some of us get too tense under the abnormal conditions of today. We don't realize the importance of relaxation. The strain causes us to fly off the handle. And results can be serious...for that is one big cause of accidents.

What can we do about it? The answer is to be found in making sure you get enough relaxation of the right kind.

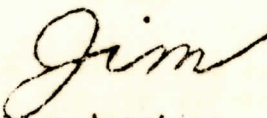
Some of us may like physical exercise and go in for sports. Others may find their greatest pleasure in mixing socially with others; or perhaps, reading a good book. Quite a lot of us will find it not only patriotic but relaxing to join in some civilian defense activity, for you make interesting social contacts that way.

Best thing is to do whatever you find relaxes you most, usually something that is a complete change from your regular work.

And - most important - see to it that you get such recreation regularly. All work and no play not only makes you dull, but makes for nervousness, and lessens your usefulness in the great battle for production. So get some extra fun to balance the extra strain of wartime, and make a more vigorous contribution to winning the war.

And, finally - try to wear a smile - it makes the day go faster and better.

Sincerely,



A Fellow-American

DO YOU LIKE TO FILL OUT QUESTIONNAIRES?

You don't mind? ... that's fine, because we would like to know the answers to some of these questions. You will note, there has been a gripe page added. Say what you please ... maybe it will clear the air ... it might deserve action. Whether you sign or not, it is immaterial. This is for our mutual benefit, and will not be held against you if you care to sign.

Mail or place your answers in the suggestion boxes by the clock in building No. 9, or the new one in the men's smoke room.

1. Have you been informed that you are making the finest M26 Flare _____
produced in the United States, and that you make more of them
than any other plant in the United States?.....
2. Have you been informed that you have made, delivered and had
accepted more M46 Photoflash Bombs than any other plant in the
United States?.....
3. What is your No. 1 interest in McAleer? (check one)
 - (a) To make a good job for yourself in a strong company in
the future.....
 - (b) I may not get drafted here.....
 - (c) Opportunity for advancement with McAleer.....
 - (d) I want to make what I can now.....
 - (e) I feel I am helping to win the war here.....
 - (f) It is close to home.....
4. What is the estimated value of the training you have received
here at McAleer? (check one).....
\$0? \$100? \$200? \$500? \$1,000? \$2,000?
5. Do you like the McAleer News, your Plant paper?.....
6. Do you think that McAleer's grievance procedure operates fairly
and satisfactorily?.....
7. Do you like to read about McAleer in local newspapers that you
buy?.....
8. Would you like the idea of a home talent show during your lunch
periods if we could find suitable space and facilities?.....
9. Have you any talent for such a show yourself? ... don't be bash-
ful.....
10. Do you think we have too much absenteeism? What would you do
to correct it, or hold it to a minimum.....
11. How can we improve on our safety habits or precautions? Do you
have any suggestions?.....

The next page is labelled a gripe page, as we told you above. Don't fail to fill it in. This is your chance to tell everyone what you think.

GRIPE PAGE