



# THE WOLLENSAK Sentry

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## Reflector Club Holds Christmas Party

On January fifth at Doud Post the Reflector Club held its second annual Christmas party.

An excellent turkey dinner was served which was relished by all. During the dinner, Mr. Magin, President of the Company, was presented with this pledge of continued cooperation:

WITH THE RUSH AND HARSH  
CONDITIONS OF WAR BEHIND US  
AND THE PROBLEMS OF PEACETIME  
CONVERSION AHEAD OF US,

We the Foremen of  
WOLLENSAK OPTICAL Co.

*Pledge our combined eight hundred  
years of experience, to the welfare  
and prosperity of the Wollensak  
Optical Co.*

The Reflector Club

Mr. Magin aptly expressed his gratitude to the men for their fine expression of cooperation, and added that he knew he could depend upon them in peacetime as he did in wartime.

Ed Springer, Production Manager, also addressed the group, expressing his personal thanks to the men for their fine cooperation. He also pointed out to them the benefits resulting from their cooperation which would be manifested.

After the dinner an excellent floor show and entertainment was provided. The evening was completed with dancing

## Odds & Ends about the Shop

### Savings Plan Inaugurated

Effective February 15 something new is being added for the benefit of the employees—a weekly savings plan. According to this plan, each employee will allot a certain amount of money from his weekly salary to be deposited in the bank for him as savings. Details of this plan have been distributed to all employees, and as this goes to press, the response has been overwhelming.

### Rochester Transit Corporation Promises Cooperation

At the recent Labor-Management meeting it was brought up that the bus service at five o'clock was in need of some adjustment. Accordingly, a letter was sent to the Rochester Transit Corporation, following which two representatives called at our office to discuss this matter.

They have promised, as a result of this visit, that the bus schedules would be revised to enable the workers getting through at five o'clock to board a bus without the necessity of waiting for five or ten minutes. We feel that this new schedule should nicely handle the situation which has been presented to the Labor-Management Committee.

### Movies to be Discontinued

Because of the lack of suitable films and the lagging interest in the movies, it was voted at the recent Labor-Management meeting to discontinue these movies.

until the wee small hours, and, of course, Frank Wollensak "gave with the trombone" which was a surprise to everyone, including Frank. Gordon Hall's and Fred Breitung's dancing also highlighted the evening's entertainment.

### Orchids to the Lens Division

In August, 1942 the people of the Lens Division began sending cigarettes to their men in service. From then until September, 1944, approximately 800 cartons were sent.

September 14, 1944, the Reynolds Tobacco Company notified Frank Hilberer that they would be unable to send any more cigarettes. So, immediately the Lens Division decided that something else must be done for the men and women in service. On March 3, 1945, the Lens Division began sending bonds to the servicemen and women. The names were selected by a drawing. From then until December 18, 1945, \$1,175.00 in bonds was sent. The contributions were entirely voluntary on the part of the employees of the Lens Division. In the final drawing of bonds for the Lens Division servicemen and women, the following employees were winners:

- Max Distler, S2/C
- Thomas O'Brien, Pvt.
- Joseph Distler, S2/C
- Leo Zenkel, Jr., Sgt.
- Charles Kritchen, Pvt.

In addition, for two years at Christmas, packages were sent to those in service, containing the following: 1 pipe, 1 lb. tobacco, 1 tobacco pouch, cigarettes or cigarette making machine and tobacco.

The SENTRY congratulates the Lens Division on this fine record of "remembering," and we are sure that the men and women in Service won't forget it ever. Again, orchids to you for a job well done!

# THE WOLLENSAK *Sentry*

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## Want Ads

**FOR SALE:** British Colonial Collection. See Ed L. Rose, Photo-Lens Dept. Side arm hot water heater (gas) and tank. See Art Kasper, 4th floor, Lens Division.

2-HP Neptune outboard Motor, also 16-gauge Stevens double barrel shotgun with hollow tenite stock and 3 boxes of shells, like new. See Mike Andrews, 3rd floor, Mechanical Division.

Anyone looking for a house contact Herman Grashof, 4th floor Lens Division.

Boat—15 ft. Skiff. See Clem Becker, Auto. Screw Mach. Dept.

## Wollensak Recreation Association

A Message to the New Members of the Association—You will find an active recreational program here at Wollensak. These activities are planned and conducted by your fellow employees through committees organized to handle the various events. There is no charge connected with many of these events. You are invited to join any of these activities which interest you. Some of them are just for fun, some are designed to improve your skills or add to your store of knowledge. All of them offer an opportunity to get acquainted with the interesting people here at Wollensak.

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**Dates on the Calendar . . .** Chairman Bill Stenzel has an interesting and joyful evening planned for the roller skaters at Eddie's Roller Rink as this paper is hitting the press . . . The largest mixed-doubles bowling tournament ever staged at Wollensaks was held all day Sunday, January 20, on the Mink Alleys. Fifty-six teams competed in this gala pin tourney under the chairmanship of Harold Drechsler. Sixteen prizes ranging from thirty-five to five dollars were given to the winners . . . Ninety choice seats were reserved for members of the Association for the Saturday night show of the Ice Follies in Buffalo, February 2. This large excursion will travel in a modern reserved coach to Buffalo. The train will leave Rochester at 3:29 and will arrive in the Windy City at 4:50 . . . A mixed-

singles tourney will be planned for the latter part of February and another mixed-doubles event is set for the month of March . . . Here is what you all have been waiting for! A gala evening of **Bingo** is in the making for the month of February for the members. Co-chairmen of this Bingo party will be Fred Roy, Frank Kruppenbacher, and Joe Haag. Watch your bulletins for the date of this party.

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A fanfare and a salute to our Choral Singing Society for their fine gesture of singing the Christmas carols in all of the hospitals on the Sunday afternoon before Christmas day. The hospital Council selected our group from many, to furnish the patients with some Christmas cheer which is quite an honor. President **Leo Heberger** arranged to have the Rochester Times-Union take a "shot" of them while serenading the shut-ins at the General hospital. The picture appeared in the Monday issue of the Times. Director **Miss Lamson** has received many requests to appear with the group at other functions.

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A chess and checkers club has been formed under the direction of **Joe Tubiola**. This club will meet their first opponents this month when they travel to Taylor Instrument for a match. Anyone interested in this club should contact **Joe Tubiola** or **Leo Heberger**.

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President **Remi Vallee** of the Hook and Shell club has named **Ed Schell** chairman of the party being staged by this club some time this month. Keep an eye on the bulletin board for news of this one.

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**A Note to the Returning Veterans . . .** The Board of Directors has voted to give all returning veterans free membership in the Recreation Association for the remaining part of the fiscal year. Veterans who have not received their membership card should notify **Leo Heberger**.

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**New Members:** Emerson Doell, Dorothy Mistrater, Robert Schlueter, Eva Armes, Jane Hannah, Carl Willer, Stanley Sanick, Harry Fairbanks, Dorothy Ellwanger.



Roller Skating Party January 16 at Eddie's Roller Rink

# SPORTIN' ROUND



by  
**LEO HEBERGER**

## RETROSPECTING THE SPORTS CALENDAR OF THIS COLUMN FOR THE 1945 SEASON . . .

The only conspicuous bright spot on the basketball record last season was the near upset of the highly rated, undefeated University of Rochester Jayvee five by our Company courtmen . . . Mixed-doubles honors were taken by Madeline Bartle and Bill (Fibber) Magee at Webbers Hall with a 1116 total . . . Rolling in the Lens Building league, Harold Drechsler grossed a 717 aggregate to qualify for the Classic . . . Star athlete "Red" Barron joined the Armed Forces . . . Hitting the tough Culver Hall slides for a 658 total, Marv Fox captured the singles tournament. Joe Drechsler pocketed second money for his 650 effort. Of the five lassies who participated in this tourney, Sarah Jane Eckert was the sole money winner among the fairer sex . . . LeRoy Aman scores to move into the Times-Union Classic . . . After finishing second in the Higbie Industrial league, the Company five was eliminated in the play-off game . . . George Schlueter and his wife were much the richer after grabbing the laurels in the second mixed-doubles event at Bowlodrome bowling emporium. Chet Klajbor and his partner, Arline Trott, trailed the Schlueters by twenty pins to cash in for second money . . . The Engraving five, composed of Captain Freddy Horch, Bill Sands, Herm Grashof, Bill Weidenborner, and Bill Abel were the king pins in the Lens Bldg. league . . . The championship bowling quint in the Mechanical bowling league were the Telescopes. Captain Al Drews, George Fichtner, Denny DeJonge, Mike Pavone and Bill Stenzel formed the Telescopes . . . Coach "Bugs" Meyers greeted forty softball candidates in first drill at Edison-Tech gym . . . The Hook and Shell Club presented Howard Linder with a cash award for the big fish prize . . . Cunninghams spoil softball ten's opening bid for a win in the Higbie Industrial loop . . . Inter-Dept. horseshoe league opens noontime series of matches on the new horseshoe

courts . . . Formation of an eight-team inter-dept. softball league inaugurated at Franklin High . . . Joe Zirkelbach and Bill Weidenborner were crowned the ringers in the Horseshoe league after staving off the strong opposition from Bill Putnam and Pete Laffler . . . The company horseshoe varsity five knocked off Taylor's in their first match in the Rochester Industrial Horseshoe league . . . Don "Muggsie" Brown and his Browns with a clean slate captured the first half in the Inter-dept. softball circuit . . . Howard Linder was crowned the casting champion of the Hook and Shell club at an outing at George Mehne's cottage . . . Coach Meyer's softballers placed second to the Rochester Products in the Rochester Industrial league, and moved into the play-offs . . . The Brooklyn Bums fell victims to the Browns in the play-off game for the championship of the inter-mural softball league, 5-2 . . . Behind the excellent mound score turned in by Russ Gauger and the sensational defensive play of the outfield, the Company softball team supplied the major upset in the City championship tourney by eliminating the Bausch & Lomb

varsity ten, 2-1 . . . Rochester Products shut-out Wollensak in the play-off game under the lights at Kodak Park for the Industrial league pennant 5-0. . . . Veteran Charlie Schug dethroned Dick Van Horn as golf champion, shooting a 79 on the wind-swept Lake Shore Country Club. Carl Roth and Bill Sands came in for the low net honors . . . Frank Kowski retained his tennis supremacy without any opposition . . . The varsity tennis team finished third in the Rochester Industrial tennis league . . . Recreation Association forms sixteen-team bowling league under the presidency of Carl Roth . . . Captain Jake Funk and his Readers are leading the pack in the men's bowling league, just two games in front of Elmer Ward's Achromats. Ed Fichtner tops the individual column with a 180 average followed by Elmer Ward's 178 . . . Four teams open season in the girls' league under the direction of President Ruth Fox and Secretary Miriam Seabry at Holy Redeemer. The Ramblers are rambling along on top in this league. Milly Biller is showing the way for the individual honors with Sis Hasenauer following a close second . . . Coach Paprocki and his hoopsters chalk up number one victory at the expense of the Symingtons in the Dusty basketball wheel . . . Respective champions were honored and presented trophies at a sports dinner at Doud Post. **THUS, WE TERMINATE ANOTHER SPORTS CHAPTER HERE AT WOLLENSAK. HERE'S TO A VICTORY-PACKED NEW YEAR!**



*Wollensak Hoopsters*

## Personals and Personalities . . .

**THIS AN' THAT:** We welcome the following new employees to the office: **Winona Erholt** to the Cost Department and **Dorothy Juzwiak** to the Payroll Department . . . **Herbie Muhs** and **Bernie Gefell** were in to pay us a visit. Both boys will remain in service for a few months before getting their discharges . . . **Julia Berlinski** was feted to a very decorative as well as palatable cake by her co-workers in the Lens Room. She said her "I do's" on January 12 . . . Some fellows get all the breaks; **Augie De Wilde** played Santa Claus at the third floor Christmas party, and received a "big" kiss from each young lady to whom he gave a gift . . . A precious bundle from heaven was sent to **Martha Zubrycki** on December first. She's been christened **Peggy Ann** . . . We hope we're not too late to extend our best wishes to **Luella Kassman Krenzer**. **Luella** became **Mrs. Thomas Krenzer** on November 10 . . . **Frances Stock** has returned to work after having the flu . . . **Rita Dorfner** received a diamond for Christmas; also **Ruth** and **Jeanette Lines** received diamonds for Christmas. Best of luck, girls! . . . The wedding bells rang for **Helen Lesniewski** on January second. Congratulations! . . . **Mary Boyko** is happy again. Her brother has returned from two years in Europe . . . **Anna Kowalski** had a good reason for her three weeks' absence—her hubby was home from overseas . . . **Mary Terbuska's** bank was returned safely, for which she thanks the keeper . . . **Dotty Woiciechoski** is sporting a new diamond. Her boy friend was home on furlough and just returned to duty . . . It's a little girl at the **Clarence Sand's**. This young lady made her first appearance on January 13 . . . **Rosalyn Japp** is reporting for the third floor, L. E. F. Department. We welcome her to our list of reporters, and know she will do a fine job . . . There's a reason for that happy look on **June Kowalski's** face—her "**Bernie**" is home again, discharged from the Army after serving overseas. We are all happy for you, **June** and **Bernie** . . . The reason for **Joan Munding's** big smile is that her "boy," **Bill Coyle**, came home and presented her with a beautiful diamond. Best of luck, **Joan** . . . A letter from **Charlie Walther**, now Yeoman 3/C, tells us that he is now in the U. S. Naval Separation Center, with the job of discharging fellows, and he with not enough points to be eligible. However, we hope to see you "out" soon, **Charlie** so keep your chin up . . . **Vic Radtke**

has returned to work in the Maintenance Dept. after serving during the war in the "Seabees." We are all very happy to see "**Vic**" with us again. Congratulations also to **Mrs. Radtke**, who presented her hubby with a bouncing baby boy Thanksgiving day . . . The Maintenance Dept. also welcomes back to its fold **Bob Miller**, who recently has been discharged from the Army . . . **Ray Breitung**, who is better looking than his brother, **Fritz**, is spending a furlough at home. **Fritz**, of course, is trying hard to out-drink **Ray**, but with no success . . . **Frank Isselhard** is back to work again after suffering from a severe illness. Welcome back, **Frank**—glad to see you around again . . . **Jack Radtke**, our genial Superintendent of Maintenance, was on the bowling alley Friday night after an absence of several years. **Jack** is really

The Wollensak Hook & Shell Club reminds you that it is holding its second annual party and dance February 9, at the Grand-Webster Hall. Ladies invited. For full details see any director:

bolstering the team, bowling an average of 103. Keep up the good work, **Jack**; your teammates expect you to keep them out of the cellar . . . We understand **Harold Walker** of the Maintenance Department fell off the wagon at the Recreation Association party. He was caught drinking, of all things, "Intoxicating Cokes" . . . **Teddy Kemmet** of the Prism Dept. was married October 20 . . . **Art Lochiner**, **Gene Leary**, their wives, "**Peanuts**" **Cieslewicz** and "wife to be" **Annette Bojara**, went to Buffalo November 24 to see the "Ice-capades." They had a fine time—even to getting free transportation from the Buffalo Bus Company . . . The boys in the Photo-Lens Polishing Dept. are thinking of buying **Ed Kane** some records and a song sheet so he can learn some new tunes—they're tired of listening to the same tune every day . . . The fourth floor Lens Division welcomes back **John Kowalski** after three years and nine months in the Army . . . We're sorry to learn of **Jim Meagher's** illness. **Carl Willer** is also on the sick list . . . **Oskar Philipp** visited his relatives in Dayton, Ohio during the holidays . . . **Wally Ryback**, Supervisor of

the 17th Ward, wishes to thank all the people who voted for him . . . The boys of the 4th floor Lens Division feel that they should take a special collection for **George Funk** for all the extra-factory jobs he performs for the fellows . . . **Al Melino**, one of our returned veterans, has announced his engagement to **Grace Messineo**. The wedding will take place some time in September . . . Sympathy is extended to **Gene May** and family on the recent death of his father; to **Stella Mendolia** on the death of her mother, and to **Rose Hilberer** and **Helen Scharr** on the death of their mother . . . **Ed Dziolczyk** has been voted the "Van Johnson" of the Lens Division . . . The foreman of the Cine Polishing Dept. is seriously considering getting a pair of glasses for one of his polishers, **Joe Mascitti**. The other day **Joe** had his machine all ready to shut down at five minutes to eleven. When asked "why," he said: "Why, it's time for lunch." You should have seen his face when he took another look at the clock . . . We are sure everyone has heard of fish being hooked, but we believe we have a new one with **John Kobbe** of the Cine Grinding Dept. being hooked by his new bridge work. The metal hooked onto his tongue and the nurse had to be called to release it . . . **Emil Steckley**, Photo Lens Polishing Dept., is looking for a bowling partner for the Doubles Tournament. Requisites: must be young, good figure, attractive, bowling average not important . . . The Shutter Dept. welcomes back **Bob Reeves** and **Walter Kremer** who have been serving in the Armed Forces . . . **Aldona Cernis** claims to have purchased two junior size "bathtubs" and would like some help carrying them home. Where are all those strong men hiding? . . . **Harriett Kelly** wishes to extend her sincere thanks to all the members of the first floor, Mechanical Division for their thoughtful Xmas gift. We are pleased to hear that her husband is doing well after his operation . . . What two motor madmen decided to race recently and the one with a 1937 Packard stalled in the middle of Main Street . . . Who is the girl that works on the Packing Bench on the third floor who has to take her apron off when she goes down to the Plating Room? Who is he, **Dorothy**? . . . Welcome back **Herb Magin**, **Norman Klos**, **Johnny Bacon**, **Harry Nelson**, **John Gaudio**, also the newcomers **Irma Melnick**, **Dorothy Ross**, and **Art Drews**.