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WOLLENSAK RECREATION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE OPENS MAY 3!

Although we are comparatively new, our Recreation Association here at Wollensak has been cited in a nation-wide magazine and a local newspaper for its rapid progress in the field of industrial recreation. For this we are proud, and you, the members, made this progress possible. Our membership last year was 94%, but this year we are shooting for 100%.

FACILITIES PROVIDED IN OUR FIRST TWO YEARS

Since our organization in May, 1944, the company and the Association have provided the following facilities for the members:

Last spring six clay regulation horse-shoe courts were installed and promptly used at lunch periods by members, and sometimes in the evenings. These courts may be used at any time by members; the horseshoes can be secured from the athletic box in the Molding plant.

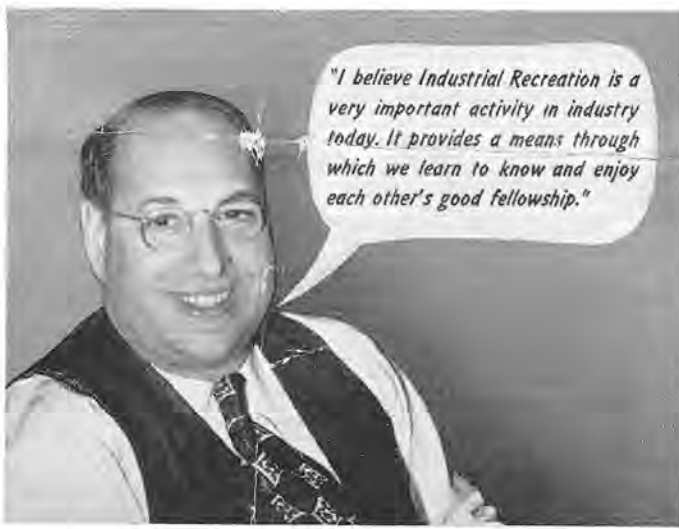
Chess and checkerboard sets were purchased and placed in the departments where the desire prevailed to play.

The new Recreation room in the Molding plant was recently completed. This room may be used for meetings or parties by clubs and members. The facilities include a piano, conference table, sofa, four lockers for the various clubs, forty new folding chairs, ten new tables, and a soft drink cooler which can be used for other things. Other improvements will be made in the future.

This spring a softball field was laid out on our athletic field for the varsity team and the inter-department softball league, and perhaps will be used for lunch time recreation.

Bulletin boards were placed in all buildings and a trophy case in the lobby of the Lens Bldg.

party and dance, "Wollensak Nite" at Red Wing stadium, sports dinner and dance, Ice Follies excursion to Buffalo, football excursion to the Syracuse-Colgate and Notre Dame-Army games, and several banquets.



"I believe Industrial Recreation is a very important activity in industry today. It provides a means through which we learn to know and enjoy each other's good fellowship."

HERE'S THE PROGRAM FOR 1946:

In addition to the activities mentioned, plans are being formulated for a Hobby club, Sewing club, a dance in the fall, excursion boat trip to Cobourg, minstrel show, pinochle tournament, Splash party, euchre tournament, checker and chess tournaments, casting contest. Mem-

ACTIVITIES PROVIDED IN OUR FIRST TWO YEARS

Clubs formed within the Association are: Hook and Shell, Horseshoe, Camera, Roller Skating, Riding and our Male Chorus. Each of these clubs has its own meetings and social functions.

Activities regularly sponsored by the Association include: a sixteen-team men's bowling league, four-team girls' bowling league, one varsity team in the industrial softball league, an eight-team inter-department softball loop, one championship golf tournament, one varsity tennis team and tournament, one varsity basketball team in the industrial league, two horse-shoe leagues. Other activities were: bingo

bers who present their cards at the following stores will receive a discount: Ruby's, "Chuck" Higbie, Champion-Knit and Eaton-Sims.

There is your year of varied activity, tailored to your wishes, for less than 10 cents a month! Year 'round events, many of them free for members. Your foreman will give you a membership card. Fill it out, and enjoy 12 months of the kind of "off-the-job" things you like to do. Membership, only \$1.00. LET'S GET HEP! LET'S MAKE IT A SOLID 100% MEMBERSHIP! NOW, HEH?

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Reflector Club Holds Election

At the annual election of officers and directors of The Reflector Club held on April 5, the following were elected:

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| President | Harold Drechsler |
| Vice-President | William Slager |
| Secretary | Joseph Drechsler |
| Treasurer | Fred Breitung |

Fred Imo, Ambrose Reeder, Robert Stebler, Gustave Pirwitz, Jr., George Mehne and Roy Leschander were elected directors for the ensuing year.

The meeting was held at the Polish-American Restaurant, and a delicious roast beef dinner was enjoyed by all.

Following the election a vote of appreciation was given to all of the retiring officers, after which the meeting was adjourned.

ANY NEWS TODAY?

The reporters have been telling ye editor that there seems to be a shortage of news in the plant.

With everyone busy as a beaver trying to meet production schedules, the reporters do not have time to contact each and every person in the department. So, if you have any news — new babies, engagements, marriages, anniversaries, or just some amusing incident about a fellow worker (or yourself) — please give it to one of the reporters whose names appear at the head of this column.

"AT EASE!"

By TOM SULLIVAN

This issue inaugurates a new column in which we hope to create a better understanding between members of the Wollensak Vets Association, other employees and officers of the firm. The primary object in the formation of the W. V. A. was to aid the veteran in making a more rapid changeover from the service to civilian life. We have been successful in this attempt by virtue of obtaining speakers at our meetings and also literature on subjects such as pensions, life insurance, G. I. loans, etc., all of which were of interest and helpful to the veterans. We all faced practically the same problems, and by working together, exchanging knowledge of facts and also our views on particular questions, we have been a greater aid to the more recently discharged men.

MANY ACTIVITIES PLANNED

The W. V. A. is definitely a non-profit organization. Aside from its regular business of speeding up reconversion of the dischargee, we hope to establish a precedent in social affairs. The officers of the firm have expressed a definite desire to show their appreciation for our contribution while in uniform, so plans are rapidly being formulated for a Victory Dinner Dance to be held sometime in May. The event will give veterans and their wives and girl friends a chance to reacquire themselves and also to make new friends. Watch bulletin boards for further information regarding this gala celebration.

All veterans who have not yet received their membership cards are urged to contact any officer or member, thus enabling us to keep our records up to date. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of

each month in our hall at Clifford Avenue and Baron Street at 8 p. m., followed by lunch and refreshments.

A WORD FROM VETERANS

Before closing my column for this month, the returning servicemen have asked me to give a message to you folks who remained here at Wollensak while our obligations were fulfilled in other corners of the world. We will make it brief, but mean every word of it when we say to all of you—"Thanks a Million for Everything."

No words can ever really express our gratitude to you people for letters, bits of news, cigarettes, playing cards, and—most of all—for keeping us supplied with material so essential in terminating the greatest of all conflicts. It was a wonderful feeling to know that wherever we were, you folks at home never forgot us. We who were fortunate enough to return keep one thought uppermost in our minds, "Thank God We're Home."

OFFICERS OF WOLLENSAK VETERANS ASSOCIATION FOR 1946

Herbert Schicker, President
Elmer Ward, Vice-President
Elmer Schum, Secretary
Fred Elliott, Treasurer
Tom Sullivan, Financial Secretary
Edwin Barron, Sergeant-at-Arms

TRUSTEES

Danny Webb
Louis Polizzi
Joseph Meldrum
Joseph Yanklowski

THIS AN' THAT: June Buchanan has rejoined the office force, and is now working in the Cost Department. It's nice having you with us again, June... Any one seeking "local talent" should consult Annie Kosowitz. She certainly did an excellent job at the Girls' Bowling Banquet with her "Embraceable You." We think Mac McNall enjoyed it, too... Speaking of the girls' bowling banquet, we couldn't let it pass without tossing a few orchids the way of Francis Nataline of the Lens Molding Room, who entertained with dinner music on the piano. Incidentally, Francis formerly played with Sammy Kaye.

Mary Alaimo Wins Suggestion Award

Mary Alaimo of the Precision Sub-Assembly Department, third floor Mechanical, was awarded thirty-six dollars for her suggestion that a solid piece of vinylite be used for covering Rambler objective tubes, in place of the present vinylite covering with the three slits. After trying out this suggestion, it was learned that it was the better method, and the suggestion has been adopted.

Other suggestions are now being investigated by the Suggestion Committee.



SPORTIN' ROUND



by
LEO HEBERGER

BASKETBALL FIVE CAPTURES FIRST "DUSTY" TITLE ON COURT . . . HONORED AT BANQUET . . .

When this column pounded the victory drums a few months back, we find that we were not off our noodle in the prognosticating department, for our Company hoopsters annexed the crown in the Higbie Industrial loop.

This is the first time in the history of the Company that a basketball team came through with the banner on the hardwood. Coach Leo Paprocki and his players were presented a huge trophy and were honored at a banquet given by the Recreation Association at the Wishing Well Restaurant. Guests and speakers at the dinner were Frank Wollensak and Ed Springer, who praised the boys for winning the championship and also for their undefeated record. Players who were honored: Russ Gauger and Chuck Zimmer, co-captains, Ray Cudziadlo, Zip Kermis, Wally and Bill Maslanka, Bill Sentiff, Pete Laffler, Wally Lysko.

DOROTHY SMITH'S RAMBLERS REPEAT THEIR CONQUEST IN GIRLS' BOWLING LEAGUE . . .

It's an old saying along the sports trail that a champion shows its best when the chips are on the table, so not to be contrary to this, Sis Hasenauer, anchor gal on the Rambler five, had to strike on her last ball to defeat the second place Telescopes for the toga, and with the poise of a veteran Sis hit the right pocket for a clean sweep and with it the title. The girls who rolled to victory with Captain Smith were Bea Stoesser, Rosemary Shadle, Joan Czepiel and Sis Hasenauer. The Allscopes tied the Telescopes for runner-up honors. Individual laurels were taken by Millie Biller—that is, the high individual average, high three-game and high single. Ruth Fox dislodged Rosemary Shadle for second money in the high single column. Joan Czepiel also nudged Miss

Shadle for second in the high three-game total. Allscopes with 1858 won high three-game money, followed by the Microscopes with 1830.

At the election of officers following their last bowling meet, the following were placed in office: Ruth Fox was re-elected President; Miriam Seabry, Secretary, and Rosemary Shadle, Treasurer. The girls had a gala time at their banquet April 23 at the Polish-American Restaurant. Lucky Bob D'Hondt won the raffle.

LOUIE DELONG'S ENLARGERS FINISH ON TOP IN MEN'S PIN PARADE . . . ACHROMATS NEXT . . .

The Enlargers, captained by Louis DeLong, finished in winning style to become the kingpins in the Men's bowling league. Rolling on the Championship five with DeLong were Eddie Schell, Remi Vallee, E. Steckley, and Charley Steehler. Elmer Ward's Achromats staged a fighting battle for the title, but trailed by one game to the Enlargers when the season ended. The Enlargers will receive a trophy at the bowling banquet.

VARSITY SOFTBALL TEN PREPARES FOR BIG YEAR ON DIAMOND . . . LORENZO ADDS STRENGTH TO MOUND CORPS . . .

Coach Bugs Meyers, veteran in the softball game, will again pilot the varsity team in the Industrial leagues, with the able assistance of Charley Bleier. Bleier comes from a family of softball players and was a noted receiver during his playing days. He should help considerably with the younger players on the squad this season.

Many new faces showed up at the first practice, and both coaches are scanning the prospects in their workouts in an effort to strengthen some

FINAL BOWLING TEAM STANDINGS

| | Won | Lost |
|--------------|-----|------|
| ENLARGERS | 57 | 33 |
| ACHROMATS | 56 | 34 |
| READERS | 53 | 37 |
| ALLSCOPES | 49 | 41 |
| PHOTO | 49 | 41 |
| LENSCOTES | 47 | 43 |
| MICROSCOPES | 46 | 44 |
| BETAX | 45 | 45 |
| RAPAX | 44 | 46 |
| RAMBLERS | 43 | 47 |
| TELESCOPES | 43 | 47 |
| PROJECTION | 41 | 49 |
| ALPHAX | 39 | 51 |
| CINE | 38 | 52 |
| VELOSTIGMATS | 37 | 53 |
| BINOCULARS | 34 | 56 |

HI-LO DOUBLES WINNERS

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|---------------------------|------|
| ROTH - LAFORCE | 1155 |
| FICHTNER - DISTLER | 1103 |
| WARD - C. SAND | 1077 |
| JUND - BAGNE | 1067 |
| BIANCHI - LESTER | 1043 |
| SHELL - J. NOWAK | 1042 |
| H. DRECHSLER - SCHUG | 1037 |
| SALVAGGIO - MASTERS | 1034 |
| ROSMINO - MUSIUS | 1034 |
| TAMBE - LEIMBERGER | 1026 |
| BREITUNG - DEMARSH | 1023 |
| MERKLE - HOYT | 1023 |
| BRYSON - LAFFLER | 1015 |
| ZIMMER - KOWSKI | 1003 |
| G. SCHLUETER-CH. STEEHLER | 1002 |
| BRALSKI - GEISS | 1001 |

weak spots. Eddie Barron, stellar third baseman for the company before he signed up with Uncle Sam, has returned from service to take up the chores behind the plate, where he played a lot in service. Biggest addition to this year's squad is pitcher Roy Lorenzo, the fireball artist, who past-timed several strong clubs last year, and finished with a good record. Russ Gauger, who had a heavy burden last year doing most of the mound work, will team with Lorenzo on the hill, which, from this corner, appears to be our strongest in years. There are several new employees who have proved to be fine prospects. Franny Whal and Eddie Lester, service veterans, are also back for infield positions. The board has named Leo Houser of the Lens Bldg. manager of the team. The team will open the season in the Champion Industrial softball league on May 14, and the following Friday, May 17, in the Rochester Industrial league, having been runner-up in that league the last two seasons.

Personals and Personalities . . .

THIS AN' THAT: Frank "Mac" McLain not only received a cake for his birthday, but also some kisses, which he seemed to enjoy. Which was better, Mac, the kisses or the cake? . . . Edna Kostecki looked all excited after that weekend trip to Jersey. Could it be a boy by the name of Johnny??? . . . Playboy Eddie Bralski bought himself a fishing license. That's a sure sign of the meat shortage. To top it off, he has high hopes of really catching fish . . . One of our better bowlers, Frankie Bianchi, hit a hot 96 game recently, including a double eagle, SS. Is there an opening in the Ladies' League? . . . Leo Kosmicki favors daylight saving time because he thinks he will be getting out of work one hour earlier . . . That last Friday night at Mink's was really typical of the Wollensak Bowling League, with the men drinking the place dry . . . Now that the Friday Night Bowling is finished, the bachelors would like to know what excuse some of the married men are going to use to get out? . . . If anyone thinks "Bosco, Sr." is the "tops" in noise-making, just howl one night with "Bosco, Jr." . . . Sympathy is extended to Joe Andrews on the death of his father . . . Earl Richmond, Bob Willer and Herbie Schwartz, the singing trio of the Fine Grinding Department, are capable of singing three different songs at one time. The harmony, of course, is nil, but they can do it . . . Who was Bob Audin trying to impress — the girl friend or the waitress? His dinner check came to \$2.70 and he gave the waitress a fiver and said "keep the change," and then left 50 cents besides . . . Was that our Jack Radtke who went through a red light in Greece and got caught? . . . Sebastiano Lentini has announced his engagement and forthcoming marriage to Mary Balsamo. The wedding will take place July 27 at St. Francis Church . . . Joe Andrews has announced that his wedding day, originally set for Thanksgiving, has been moved up to Labor

Day . . . On May 18 Louie Kuchman, who recently returned from service, will say his "I do's" to Jean Zugelder. The wedding will take place at St. Monica's Church . . . Ruth Line of the Lens Division has also selected May 18 for the date of her marriage to Ed Maier. Ruth was recently feted at a dinner and show at Dosier's . . . Billy Drasch broke the news of his engagement . . . Grace Valon is back to work again with a sparkler . . . Frankie Schweitzer will join the "young marrieds" on May 22 . . . The employees of the Inspecting and Cutting Departments, Lens Molding Division, gave a farewell party for Bernard Letky, who was inducted into the Armed Forces. Good luck, Bernie . . . Frank Kowski, Lens Mounting Department, and his partner, C. Wilson, won the Badminton championship of Western New York in Class C . . . Leo Heberger was elected President of the Champion Industrial Softball League . . . Marie Musson had a cute little water trick that worked fine all day, until suddenly it backfired just before quitting



time. How did that happen, Marie? . . . Arthur Sullivan must have had a date with a cat recently, judging by the scratches all over his face . . . We wonder why Andy Rafermat is always singing "Martha" . . . Harry Lill, one of our old-timers, who left us a few years ago, now has rejoined the Company. It's nice seeing you back again, Harry. . . . Is it true that Denny DeJonge is color blind, or did he just go through those red lights 'cause they popped up too often? . . . Just heard that Florence Kosowitz will be out of the Army and home soon "for good" . . . The Master of Ceremonies at the Girls' Bowling Banquet was Lee Heberger, and a nice job he did, too . . .



| APRIL | MAY |
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| 1st | 1st |
| Sarah Ascroft | Vida Prevost |
| 10th | 2nd |
| Rhea Wickman | Marie Musson |
| Leo Kosmicki | 3rd |
| Marge Little | Rita Scharett |
| 12th | Florence Schumske |
| Louise Yahn | 4th |
| 13th | Eddie Schell |
| Arthur Benedict | 10th |
| 14th | Howard Wiegand |
| William Cullen | 12th |
| 15th | Grace Valon |
| Louis Kuchman | 15th |
| 24th | Anna McLean |
| Edna Kostecki | 17th |
| 27th | Steve Dickerman |
| Harold Baker | Joe Andrews |
| 28th | 23rd |
| Rosemary Shadle | Helen DeCarolis |
| | 26th |
| | Raymond Wick |

That vacation in the Sunny South certainly did Tony Krieg a lot of good. He looked like a new man when he returned . . . Was Rhea Wickman disappointed? After fasting from "between-meal snacks" all through Lent, she only lost a pound and a half . . . Edna Fitzsimmons, however, was luckier. Her fast must have been a little more rigid 'cause she proudly boasts the loss of 5 pounds. Now she's watching her diet so she won't regain the lost poundage . . . Eleanor Burley claims to be "off men" for good, and she says this time it's permanent. Time will tell! . . . It's a good thing the gals in the office have Terry Riley with them. Particularly so, when they find a cute little mouse in the wastebasket. Terry "heroically" put the little mouse out of his misery and threw him out the window. The gals then went back to work, but are still reluctant to retrieve anything that may drop in the wastebasket by accident.

STORK STUFF: It's a boy for the Leo Houser's. Dennis Gerald made his debut at Highland Hospital on March 31, weighing 6¾ pounds. It's the second boy for the Houser's, by the way . . . On March 4 little Arthur Georger made his debut at the house of the Clarence Georger's . . . It's a boy for the Leo Paprocki's. Ronald arrived on March 11 at St. Mary's Hospital, weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces.

Wedding Anniversaries

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| APRIL | 21st | |
| 4th | Charles Timmerman, | |
| Al Drews, 4th | | 18th |
| 8th | 26th | |
| Arthur Benedict, 13th | Rainier Disselkamp, | |
| 15th | | 18th |
| Floyd Phelps, 7th | MAY | |
| 16th | 6th | |
| Sarah Ascroft, 41st | John Leunis, 25th | |
| 17th | 27th | |
| Bernard Klingler, 9th | John Zwerger, 7th | |