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A PRIMER OF
AMERICAN SELF GOVERNMENT

1. Understand, honor and preserve the Constitution of the United States.
2. Keep forever separate and distinct, the legislative, executive and judicial functions of government.
3. Remember that government belongs to the people, is inherently inefficient, and that its activities should be limited to those which government alone can perform.
4. Be vigilant for freedom of speech, freedom of worship, and freedom of action.
5. Cherish the system of Free Enterprise, which made America great.
6. Respect thrift and economy, and be aware of debt.
7. Above all, let us be scrupulous in keeping our word and in respecting the rights of others.

—PHILIP D. REED

"The Golden Rule is of no use to you whatever unless you realize that it is your move."

—DR. FRANK CRANE

"Worry affects the circulation, the heart, the glands, the whole nervous system, and profoundly affects the health. I have never known a man who died from overwork, but many who died from doubt."

—DR. CHARLES MAYO

"With all its alluring promise that someone else will guarantee for the rainy day, social security can never replace the program that man's future welfare is, after all, a matter of individual responsibility."

—DR. HAROLD STONIER



The ACP News congratulates the following employees to whom Service Pin Awards have been made since our December 1954 issue:

20-YEAR PIN: Norman Howard.

15-YEAR PIN: Donald E. Small.

10-YEAR PIN: Alonzo Sinclair.

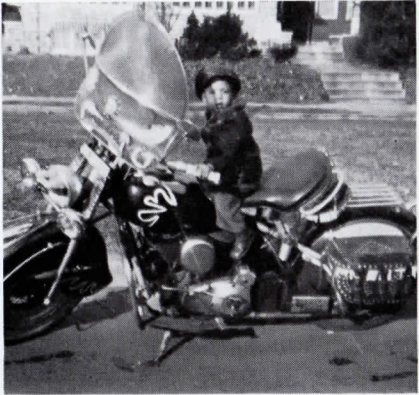
5-YEAR PINS: Anna Brown, Mildred Brown, Jaraoslaw Sweryda, Frances Adamac, Earl B. Seiz, Emil Stoyanov.

COVER PICTURE

"Reflections in the Water"

Here is another masterpiece from the photographic library of David McInnes (Maintenance). Dave saw this enticing landscape on his trip through Europe a few years ago. The scene is Versailles, once the palace of Louis XIV, now a museum, but still retaining the dignity and beauty of the royal formal gardens of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The ACP News is happy that Dave carried his camera on the day he visited the suburbs of Paris.

BOY ON MOTORCYCLE



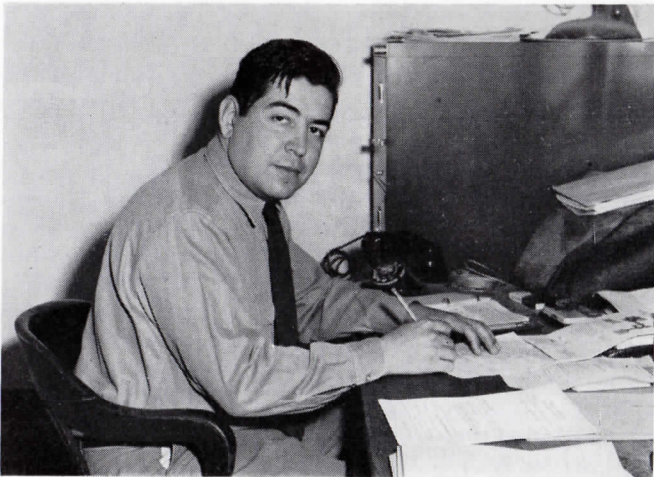
Harry L. Williams III, speed-minded son of Harry Williams, ACD Manufacturing.

Vital Statistics

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH
Michael Allen Chisholm.....	December 3, 1954
Ann Mergherita Warner.....	January 9, 1955
Paul Ashley Grun.....	March 17, 1955
Gregory Ellsworth Stockbower.....	March 16, 1955



DAVE



JOHN

A GOOD PLACE TO WORK

by DAVE MCINNES AND JOHN HORN

Dave McInnes starts the ball rolling with the following human interest story:

A few days before Christmas, my son called me up on the telephone at home and asked me when I was coming over to his house to spend the Christmas holidays. He wanted to know if I had to work on Friday, December 23rd. I said, "No, we have Friday off," and asked him about whether he was off on Friday or not. He said no; he had to work that day but would be off Saturday. So one word led to another and I asked him what kind of place he worked in, anyhow, where they didn't get a day off for Christmas.

He laughed and after some more cordial conversation I was telling him about what a good place I worked in. We got a turkey for Christmas; we got a day off; and it seemed as if every once in a while the company was giving us a present of some kind or other. Just a few days previously they had given us emblems to wear on our coat lapels, signifying how many years we had worked for the company and, a month previous to that, they had given us fancy steel tape rules and automatic pencils and ball point fountain pens. In fact, every once in a while some kind of a gift is passed around amongst the workers, I suppose, just to build good

will and show the attitude of the company toward the workers.

The next day at noon time I was talking to Herb Amey and Al Saukatis during lunch hour about this conversation I had with my boy and how I was telling him about what a wonderful company I worked for. I mentioned these dif-

ferent little presents we get occasionally and we discussed the wonderful Christmas parties for the employees, and the diamond wrist-watches that were given to the 25-year folks.

After a bit more cordial conversation I told them about John

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JARAY SWERYDA — CANADIAN CITIZEN

For most of us, citizenship and freedom are taken for granted. But, for others, it is a crowning achievement after years of struggle and sacrifice, a thing to be cherished. Here's the story of Jaray Sweryda, ACP employee at Windsor; he tells in his own words how he found a new life in North America.

"I was born in Ukrania in 1928,

which was occupied by Poland. In 1939 my country was occupied by Russia. In war time my country was destroyed by the Russians and Germans. My family—mother, father, sister, and brother was split up and I do not know where they are. I then went to Germany.

After the war was over my country ruled by Russia, I did not like their way of life, did not hear about my parents, and I decided to leave Germany and go back home.

I stayed in a DP camp for four years which was run by the British. People were emigrating to England, Australia and Canada. I chose Canada because from what I had heard I knew I would like to make Canada my home. I became a citizen so that I could enjoy life under this Government, and so that I could stay here forever. But I still wish I had my parents and family with me."



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ACD RESEARCH

Diane Tennett must have heard the story about the man who traded in his Cadillac because the ash trays were full. She and **Dave** have switched their possessions to a new home in Hatboro's Lacey Park. Watch that hardworking fast-moving gal!

Friday-the-eleventh's (February) snow storm called for plenty of patience, from waiting families as well as struggling workers. **R. H. Beatty** had to give up at the foot of Conshohocken State Road, finally made it home via train at ten o'clock that night! **John Gallagher** tried three different routes before finding an open way into North Wales. He spent an hour doing what usually takes 7 minutes! **J. M. Leaper** abandoned his car on Welsh Road and hitched a ride with a friendly egg man. **Barbara Emerson** inched along the Schuylkill Expressway taking three hours to reach home, and wondering about the hundreds of out-bound motorists bottled behind stalled trucks and slippery inclines, with nary a telephone within reach.

Thought for the month—For absolute nerve-wracking silence, there is no place like the interior of an airport limousine. The ride from mid-city hotel to the airport might very well be the last trek of a political prisoner in Siberia to a salt mine. However, taxis are different as the following item, from the

Philadelphia Inquirer of September 13th and printed in its entirety, will prove.

Would Yez Look Who's Talking! **Bob Beatty**, agricultural director of Ambler's American Chemical Paint Co., who helped discover a death-to-weeds stuff called Weed-one, was on his way to a conference of scientists in New York the other day when his cab driver made the usual impertinent inquiry—what was he going to? Bob explained it was a conference where they would discuss weeds. The cab driver shook his head.

"Some people will talk about anything, won't they?" he remarked.

According to our Foreign Editor in Lower Slobovia, Hollywood may have 3D but ACD has 2,4-D WEED-ONE.

ACD SALES

January was ushered in in style by the ACD Sales Office. These people were seen driving new cars: **Dan Shaw** (Chevrolet), **Olga Cahill** (Plymouth), and **Frank Risolia** (Chrysler).

Mildred Lawless and **Robert Campitell** were married on December 28 at Saint Mary of Mercy Church in Pittsburgh, Pa. **Midge's** uncle performed the ceremony. Her attendant was **Henrietta Campitell**, **Bob's** sister. After a wedding luncheon, **Midge** and **Bob** left for



Lyle Slingsluff, New Secretary

a trip to Colonial Williamsburg, Va., with visits to Jamestown, Monticello, Charlottesville, Washington and other places of interest along the way. Their new home is an apartment at 3311 Swede Road, Norristown, near Center Square. **Bob** is a sales representative for Cooper's Creek Chemical Corp. Before her marriage, about twenty-five office friends had a shower for **Midge** at the home of **Anne Hagedorf**. Fellow workers in the ACD Research Department gave **Midge** another shower at the **Beattys'**, and a lot of people had a wonderful time there, too.

Maurie Turner left January 8 on an extended three week trip through Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California. **Ed Lacko**, **Irv. Berger** and **J. H. Torchiana** upheld ACP's reputation at the Farm Show in Harrisburg the week of January 10. **Jack Taylor** attended the Southern Weed Conference in St. Petersburg, Florida the week of January 17th.

The following ACD's recently celebrated birthdays: **Grace Taverna**, January 29; **Cynthia Gehret**, January 30; **M. B. Turner**, February 1; **Olga Cahill**, February 7. Congratulations and many more of the same.

Blow, blow, thou winter wind. You are not so unkind as a lawn full of crabgrass.

AMBLER PLANT

Anticipation: **Jimmy Roberto** of Shipping Dept. is waiting for gas and electric rates to come down with the event of Atomic Power.

Question of the Week? Who does **Bob Whitall** of Engineering know to get those lovely girl calendars? (Attn: Gentlemen—For a consideration of 25¢, **Bob** will be only too happy to show them to you.)

Our Hialeah correspondent reports that race horses are now being shod with nylon horse shoes to give them extra speed. The nylon shoes are used only during actual racing. Now the handicappers will have to consider one more factor before they place their bets.

Stock Market News: Paper cups have reached a new high on the stock market since **Jimmy Roberto** has stopped smoking. (Drinks lots of water now.)

Disappointment: When no one picks **Charlie Ball** up in the morning.

Joseph Feckno returned to his work in the Maintenance Department early in January after a four year enlistment in the United States Navy. He took part in two interesting operations. In Operation Main Brace his ship, the U. S. Deuel, APA 160, was sent to Thule, Greenland—900 miles south of the North Pole, from May to August. Here **Feckno's** duty was to take the Army Engineer Battalion ashore each day through a sea afloat with icebergs. For seven months of his last year, the Deuel took part in Operation Long Step. This permitted **Joe** to visit many Mediterranean and European ports: Casablanca, Oran, Naples, Marseilles, Niece, Ismir Isle of Rhodes, Malaga, Spain, and points in Scotland and Denmark.

The welcome mat was spread out the last part of January for two (2) auspicious gentlemen: **Lew Diehl** of our Lanolin Dept.; and **George Lodge**, our efficient and kindly receptionist, came back to work after a siege of illness.

Anna Mae Diehl, daughter of **Lew Diehl**, ACP's contemporary of **Arthur Godfrey**, left for San Diego, California Friday, February 11th to join her husband who is stationed there as Security Officer.

If you want a radio or television set put in tip-top shape; see **Bill**

Nelson of the ACP Production Department, who's a crackerjack at diagnosing the ills of radios and television sets. (Please note, **Bill Nelson** is paying me the usual rates for Commercial Advertising.)

Question of the month: When is **Chuck Vitabile** (our congenial plant chemist) going to buy a Cadillac? **Chuck's** comment when he reads this—"This will go over like a lead balloon."

See **Jack Duffy** of the Inventory Dept. for a real buy on billfolds. (Note—Special discount to Plant Laboratory employees.)

Special award to **Ann Lucas** for most gracious hostess during the Holiday Season. (**Elsa Maxwell** has nothing on **Ann**.)

Personal Glimpse: **Dick Shelling-ton** was quoted as saying—"That after he is married he is going to be just as relaxed with his money as when he was single."

Why is **Mike Brown** of ACP Production Department always looking at his wrist? Could it be that he's very proud of his new watch? (Received for 25-years of loyal service.)

The grape vine has it that the shop employees really appreciated the Christmas Shindig.

Congratulations **Harry Faigen**: Winner of special contest. Editor's Note: **Harry** is very camera shy, wouldn't let me take his picture unless I consulted his agent first. Besides that I'm fresh out of flash bulbs.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

The remains of **Ann Lucas'** ACP Christmas turkey, in form of "soup" were enjoyed by **Marion Jones**, **Nell Niblock**, **Helen Talta-vull**, **Gertrude Scheetz**, **Dorothy Wiswell**, **Ann Hagedorf**, **Florence O'Connor** and sister **Elizabeth Miller**, **Nardie Minnehan**, **Vonnie Berkey** in **Ann's** apartment on January 5th. This brings back memories of the unofficial Christmas party that followed the one at William Penn Inn. The second party had 43 (count 'em—43) loyal ACP employees congregating in **Ann Lucas'** apartment, all filled with the festive spirit of the Yuletide. It is said that some of the gayer spirits had difficulty getting a supply of coffee.



Bill Nelson and **Guy Gochnaur**, both of whom have been with the Company for 30 years, receive watches and congratulations from Mr. Cherksey.



Covered bridge over the Perkiomen near Green Lane, photographed by **George Lodge** last May. **George** tells us that this bridge may follow its picturesque predecessors into the limbo of covered bridges if the Philadelphia Suburban Water Company has its plan for a new reservoir approved.

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PARDON ME!

I have heard about the "Bridge of Sighs"

But never a bridge did I despise
Like the one at ACP when it's
slippery
As aitch, after a waxing bee.

Jacky Zepp is planning a June Wedding.

Welcome to Evelyn Johnson, a new employee working in the Billing Department.

Now that the Turnpike Extension is open for business, the many ACP Employees who use Church Road, Pennsylvania Avenue, John's Lane, and other routes hope that the traffic will thin out to permit a pleasant drive to and from work.

Our roving correspondent Langley writes us as follows:

The pair who likes to bill and coo
And wander through the hills,
Will find that marriage usually
Means fewer coos than bills.

Neretta Gaiser underwent major surgery in the Memorial Hospital, Roxborough on January 31. We are very happy to report that Neretta is back to work and looking very well.

Some of the pictures in this issue may look familiar. They should, because you first looked at them back in December in that weird green ink on green paper ensemble that still makes us shudder when we think of it. After much soul-searching and questioning of many of our readers, we decided to repeat a number of the more interesting illustrations to give you a chance to see them as they really are.

Floss Windhorst left on January 28th with the good wishes of all of her friends and co-workers.

Edna Gauss and son returned on December 20th from a two weeks vacation in Fort Lauderdale, Florida where she visited her mother.

Marian Rau Jones was hostess for a holiday celebration in her apartment on Gowen Avenue, Mt. Airy. Her guests were: Sally O'Conner and sister Elizabeth, Ann and Bill Hagendorf, Ann Lucas and friend, Ruth Thompson, Nellie Niblock and sister Sue.

We are all very happy that Connie Godorecci's mother is enjoying improved health and Connie is back at her desk radiating sunshine as usual.

Dinner and Baby Shower for Jane Camburn was held at Gwynedd Inn on Thursday, March 17th.

Fifteen girls attended and many lovely baby gifts were received.

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

Warren Weston left on January 21st for a two months' trip that took him to Mexico, Panama, Colombia, Chile, and Argentina.

Joe Dudek left on March 13th for a short trip to Venezuela to make an examination of Metal Working installations there and offer any suggestions for Improved Processing.

John Shellenberger, Director, together with Innes Simpson, Joe Dudek, and Ells Stockbower, Technical Standard Department, left in April, to attend the International Conference held in Noordwijk, aan Zee, Holland, April 27th to May 1st.

Our journalistic relative, The ACP Circle, was especially informative in its October 1954 issue. One feature that we found intriguing was the list of Competitive Products—everything mentioned here except Colonel Speedy and General Easy.

International Division reported the following items on January 6th: The foundation was laid for Cris Anderson's new home on Mountain Road in Buckingham Valley. Warren Weston returned from a week's visit to Puerto Rico and Cuba. The men of I.D. began a course in German under a Berlitz School instructor. Classes were held Mondays and Fridays in John Shellenberger's office, and students included: John, Innes Simpson, Chris Anderson, and Joe Dudak. Purpose of the course was to enable International Division personnel to work with ACP German licensees and their customers more closely and efficiently on future trips to Germany.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

On February 19, 1955 George Antonacio telephoned from Yokohama, Japan to his parents' home in Ambler. He talked with his mother, father and girl-friend. He is well and expects to be home in April, and back to work in the Maintenance Department soon after that.

Overheard at the coffee machine (Building unspecified): "I don't think it's right, giving all those hurricanes the names of girls!" (Speaker unspecified)

Occasionally some of the older employees are overcome by nostalgia as they gaze at the parking lot and the sleek powerful automobiles lined up in orderly rows, and remember the palmy days when this space was a soft green lawn and baseball and football games were played everyday, well most everyday during lunch-time.

METAL WORKING RESEARCH

Prior to the Christmas party, some of the Laboratory members got a big charge out of hearing Al Douty recollect some of his experiences at previous Christmas parties and also at Decatur, Illinois. They could only happen to Al.

If anyone wondered why Greg Gibson's eyes were at half mast in January, it was only because he was on the night shift at his home, and had been taking over the care of his newest addition on the 11 to 7 shift. Also, his second oldest son appeared to have acquired insomnia at least temporarily, which made Greg's night shift a very rousing success.

Also showing signs of those "2 o'clock A.M. blues" were Fred Heller, Norm Gentieu and Nels Newhard. It's a shame they don't live closer together, it could be the start of a wonderful early morning party for children and fathers.

George Schneider showed that he had the Christmas spirit by taking a group of boys from his church to the Franklin Institute, over the holidays. They were all very appreciative of George's kind act, but thought that \$5.00 each was rather high for him to charge for the outing. (Ed. note: Just kidding.)

Al Saukaitis' boys liked their train sets very much. Al, however, is trying to convince them that the best things in life are free.

Harry Fagen hit the chemical jackpot early in January by win-

ning the \$100.00 for the best idea of an improved process for rust-proofing.

Ask Chuck how he likes Buicks—the ones with the no gear rear.

Nine members of the ACP Laboratories took the American Chemistry Society Continuation Course in "Patent Law for Chemists" given at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. They were: Leon Van, Fred Heller, Jack Carroll, George Schneider, Earl Reinhold, George Otto, and Nelson Newhard of the Metal Treating Laboratory, and Al Schneider and John Anderson of the Agricultural Laboratory.

We are wondering if there is any truth in the rumor that one of our competitors (remember the cartoon in the June 1954 issue?) heard of a good continuous strip installation at 10th and Arch Streets in Philadelphia and on investigating found that this was the address of the famous old Trocadero Theatre.

George Otto is currently living like a king (as of January 20th) since he subscribed to a freezer-food plan. No worries about being snowed in or shopping problems, but where are you going to keep the beer, George?

Greg Gibson and family, enjoyed the Ice Follies during its January run in Philadelphia.

George Gardner visited the Corrosion Section of the Shell Development Company of Emeryville, California on February 2nd. He obtained information which will help us in the development of our Oil Industry Corrosion Inhibitors. George was impressed with the Shell block-long pilot plant—slightly larger than the ACP pilot plant, but hardly more useful. The return flight took the Southern Route to avoid storms, and the passengers were given a grandstand view of Death Valley, Hoover Dam, and the Grand Canyon. George reports that the Grand Canyon is holding up pretty well, and is still

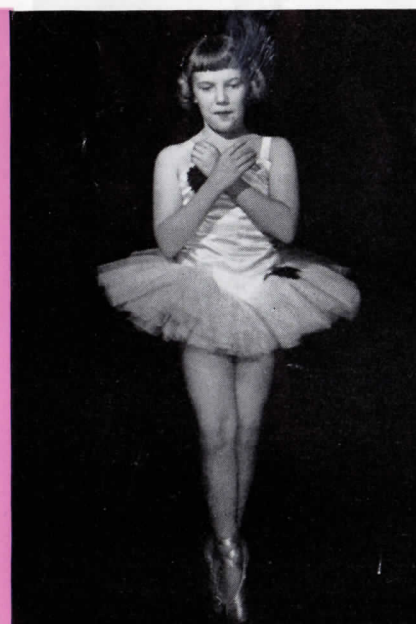


We ran this picture in December but received so many complaints about its small size and low visibility that we decided to show these photogenic ACP damsels again—this time on a cinemascope screen in all their effervescent beauty. As you will recall, the title of this portrait study was "Merry Guests At the Baby Shower for Dolores King."

FIRST ROW: Connie Godorecci, Helen Taltavull, Floss Windhorst, Caroline Dufay, Nellie Niblock.

SECOND ROW: Betty Kriebel, Ann Nolan, Cynthia Gehret, Mary Jane Urban, Jackie Zepp.

THIRD ROW: Marcella Camburn, Kay Gramm, Doris MacDonald, Dolores King, Jane Camburn, Betty Jane Anders, Gertrude Scheetz, Dorothy Wiswell, Frannie Valeo, Betty Giampha.



Ann Crisler in ballet costume. Photograph is by her father, O. E. Crisler, Metalworking Representative in Midwest Territory.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mason (formerly Henrietta Tolliver) who were married on June 19th, 1954 at the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Penlynn.

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stupendous and super-colossal (Hollywood please note).

METAL WORKING SALES

Eight puppies were born to **Sunny** and **Edie Spruance's** Blue Merrill collie in time for Christmas.

On January 1st **Jim Thirsk**, **Hugh Gehman** and **Art Dahl** were transferred to **John Geyer's** Development Lab. This item reminds us that **John Geyer's** new title is—Manager, Development, Metal Working Chemicals.

Vonnie Berky was walking around on clouds, the middle part of January—reason—boy friend "**Herb**" was home on furlough from the Army.

On January 18th and 19th, the regular quarterly meeting of the District Managers was held in Ambler. Out of town visitors included: **Jim Abrams**, **Don Miles**, and **George Williamson**. **Al Sinclair**, of course, was on home ground.

Our on-the-scene reporter tells us that this really happened in January. **Jack Price** and **John Geyer** ran out of gas on their trip home from northern New York. Locale of this tragedy was somewhere between Albany and Pittsfield, Massachusetts. What our reporter does not tell us is who made the mile walk in zero weather to get the gas.

PACKAGING PARADE

Marie DiNunzio devised a stork shower-spaghetti luncheon in honor of **Ann Schaeff** of Personnel, on December 14. The shower was at the home of **Marie's** sister-in-law, who cooked the excellent spaghetti and fixings, and was attended by most of the girls on the ground floor of Building No. 1. The off-diet spree was thoroughly enjoyed, and **Ann** has a number of baby things by which to remember her former co-workers.

Mrs. Colin (Fannie Cram) of Lansdale entertained some of the girls of the Packaging Dept. at her home during the Christmas holi-

days. Those present were **Grace Brown**, **Midge Brown**, **Nancy Brown**, **Esther Hopwood**, **Tom McBreen** and **Nancy (Constantine) Andree**, (retired).

Congratulations to **ACD Packaging** for winning the double safety awards for the year 1954. (Shipping Room, please note.)

Some of the girls of Packaging Department spent Wednesday evening January 19th in Philadelphia, with dinner at Turin Grotto, and then to the Fox Theatre to see "There's No Business Like Show Business". Those attending were: **Nancy Brown**, **Midge Brown**, **Fannie Cram**, **Toni McBreen**, **Esther Hopwood**, **Jean Jackson** and **Eliza Vandergrift**.

Miss Midge Brown (Packaging) acted as godmother to **Harry C. Brown**, infant son of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown** on Sunday, January 30, 1955, at Trinity Memorial Church, Ambler. The godfathers were **Mr. George Brown** and **Mr. Archie Brown, Jr.**



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Left to right: **Robert Whitall**, **George Russell**, **Jay Biery**, **Raymond Collmer**, and **Mervin Hubbard**.

Mr. and Mrs. James Downing of Green Lane announced the engagement of their daughter **Helen** to **Ralph Wood** (Shipping) son of **Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Wood** of Railroad Avenue recently. The wedding has been set for July.

Mr. and Mrs. John Horn and family have moved into their new home in Perkiomenville. (Way back in dem hills.)

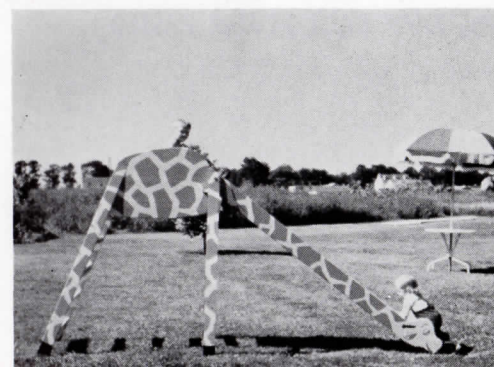
Joseph Gantz observed his birthday on March 3rd. **Midge Brown** observed her birthday on March 8th, and **Nancy Brown** celebrated her birthday on March 12th.

Grace Brown (Packaging) observed her birthday on March 27th.

Mr. & Mrs. Colin (Frannie) Cram, Lansdale observed their 9th Wedding Anniversary on March 22nd.

PILOT PLANT

During the past summer, **George Williams** and wife took a long planned tour of the U.S.A. Heading west over the Pennsylvania Turnpike, their first stop was Wooster, Ohio. Then on to Clinton, Illinois; Dubuque, Iowa; Ains-



Here are **George Schneider's** two children, **Grant** and **Linda**, playing on the slide that **George** designed and built in his spare time. **George** is a virtuoso in do-it-yourself technique.

worth, Nebraska; and Cody, Wyoming. From there the tour extended through the Dakota Pass, Cypress Pass, and Buffalo Bill Range, on into the East entrance of Yellowstone National Park, where they stayed at the West Lodge in the Park. Departing, they went to Bozeman, Montana, where they spent one night sleeping out in the open. Then they headed north to Helena, through Butte to Great Falls, Montana. They spent four days at Great Falls visiting their son **Theodore** and daughter-in-law, **Bernice**. **Theodore** is a Flight Engineer stationed with the 407th Strategic Air Command. **Ted** and **Bernice** accompanied **George** and **Mrs. Williams** on the next part of the trip.

After the Great Falls visit, the **Williams** quartet hit the trail again going on to Glacier National Park and as far north as British Columbia in Canada. Next came Seattle, Washington and then good old California where they visited Sacramento, Los Bannos, and Los Angeles. From here they journeyed to Boulder Dam, Colorado and then to San Luis on the Mexican border, and into Tewano, Mexico. Leaving Mexico, they drove to Phoenix, Arizona, over Great Canyons, through Yosemite Park, Red Cedar Forest and then to Santa Clair. An interesting "side-trip" was included—a tour of inspection of the ACP Plant at Niles, California and a "reunion" with **Mr. George H. Williamson** at his home in Los Gatos.

San Francisco came next on the **Williams** itinerary; they took a boat ride in the Bay out towards Alcatraz but, believe me, a look at the outside was enough for **George**. Later they visited Oakland, California; Reno, Nevada; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Cheyenne, Wyoming. From Wyoming the trail led through Jackson Hole to the South Gate of Yellowstone National Park, and on through the Park to Billings, Montana.

A repeat visit to Great Falls, Montana, was climaxed by a much needed five day rest for all. Refreshed, **George** and his wife said good-bye to **Ted** and **Bernice** and began the long journey home. First by way of Lewistown, Montana, through the Badlands in North and South Dakota, and on to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Thence to Chicago for a three-day visit, on to Cleveland, Ohio, and back over the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Ambler. Total time; 31 days. Total distance; 9,272 miles. (Note to mothers and fathers with children in school.) If there's ever any question about any phase of American Geography, see **George Williams**. He knows! He's been all over the country!

Overheard on Special PTC Weekend Sight-Seeing Bus:

Driver: "This gravel was piled up by the glaciers."

Guy: "But where are the glaciers?"

Driver: "They've gone back for more gravel."

A GIFT

To me was sent the gift of Love
How sweet it was at first
Then came the gift of Loneliness
How terrible was its hurt.

To me was sent the gift of Joy
Someday to be a Mother
Then came the silent gift of Death
And stole away my Lover.

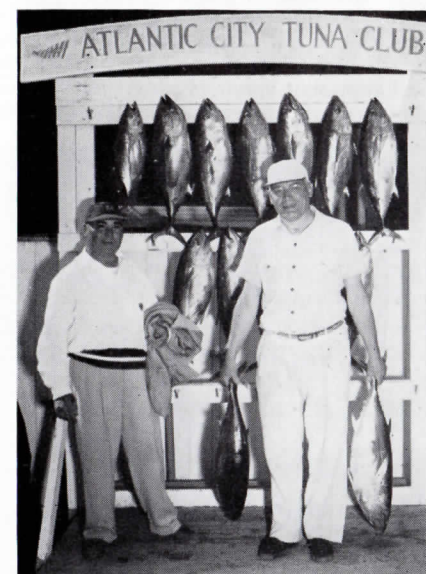
—NERETTA GAISER

AWNING AFTER HAZEL



Here's what Raisin'-cane Hurricane Heartless Hazel did to the Alodized aluminum awning on the south side of Building One. This is the awning that protects **John Geyer** and Secretary **Eleanor Edsel** from the actinic rays of the sun. In spite of a 20 degree sag to starboard and a support suffering from extreme metal fatigue, the awning is as good as new. As might have been expected, the "Alodine" protective finish held the paint finish with a bulldog grip.

GOOD HAUL OF TUNA



The catch was plentiful for **Harry C. Viti** (left) and **George Gardner** when they went in search of tuna 33 miles off Atlantic City last summer.



OUR EXPERIENCE WITH HAZEL

By TOM CROWLEY AND LEW OTTEY,
Wool Scouring Department

This story concerns Hazel, that wild lady who did so much damage to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. We were living at the El Rancho Motel at Myrtle Beach, which is a distance of about 40 miles from Johnsonville, South Carolina. We were awakened at 4 a.m. on October 15, with a warning that Hazel was on her way. We were told that the winds were of a velocity of around 130 miles an hour, and were advised that probably the safest place to stay was right in our motel. So we finished our breakfast around eight o'clock, and decided to take a look at the ocean, which was one block away. The height of the waves was unbelievable. As they came tearing in, they would wash the foundations from under the homes. You could see them tilt. We rode up and down the shore line, against our better judgment, and watched the waves reek their damage upon the homes along the shore. All of the fishing piers, which seemed to be quite an attraction along this shore line, were washed away. The storm lasted for approximately three hours, after which the calm seemed ironic. The storm passed around 12:00 noon, and as looting started almost immediately, we were obliged to go to the Police Station for written permission to take pictures along the beach. The Air Corps Unit which is about 10 miles south of Myrtle Beach had taken over. The pictures were taken by Tom Crowley, and represent a few of about 50 different shots along the beach. It was certainly an experience that we will long remember.

SAFETY REPORT

Safety record of departments at
the end of March, 1955 listed
in order of merit.

Best percentage of improvement
at end of March, 1955

1. Packaging	1. A. C. P.
2. Receiving	2. Packaging
3. A. C. P.	3. Receiving
4. Maintenance	4. A. C. D.
5. Construction	5. Construction
6. A. C. D.	6. Maintenance
7. Shipping	7. Shipping

THE RIDE THAT PAUL REVERE MISSED

Listen my friends and you shall hear
Of the rides we took with laughter and fear
In the morning, at noon and 5:25
We can all thank God we're all alive
To remember—and—survive.

I tell you my friends I exaggerate none
(Well only a little, it's all in fun)
It's quite an experience to ride in the cab
Where all the girls just gab and gab
From early morning till day is done
There many an argument is lost and won.

The cabs themselves are quite a treat
With springs popping out of every seat.
The most unusual handles you ever saw
And some of them have no handles at all
To open the door is always a feat
Sometimes you think street and feet won't meet.

The windows are also very unique
When winter reaches its coldest peak
It's then that they refuse to shut
And when it's hot can you guess what?
That's right they're closed for about a week
And opened in time for the rainy streak.

But the cabs are always a welcomed sight
As we rush from our office to get in the fight
Of who's in the first cab, the second or third,
"Squeeze in the last girl, she's small as a bird."
And squeeze we would with all our might
Until we're all jammed in real tight.

Through the gates and down the street
You wonder who has their shoes on your feet.
It's slowly up the slight incline
Then suddenly, zoom, through the stop sign
With that, someone's elbow and your eye meet
And somebody else slides off the back seat.

If one of your legs seems numb and sore
It's possible that it's caught in the door.
Sometimes there's cause for slight alarm
When looking down you have one arm.
Upon checking again you find you have four
"Oh heck, what's the difference, you can always
use more."

You can always be sure as Butler Avenue nears
An arm reaches over and your lipstick smears
If you try to repair it in a hurry
The cab starts to jerk like an old time surrey.
Your lipstick then covers your nose to your ears
You shout for a kleenex but nobody hears.

Now don't be frightened by what you've just
read
For I'll blush with shame for what I've said
Those cabs are just what the office girls need
(And they all have governors just so they can't
speed).

At lunchtime they take us up town to be fed
And at night they are there when it's homeward
we head.

By JEAN PALERMO

THE MANUFACTURING PILOT PLANT

When new products are developed in the Research Laboratory, the chemist has to work out procedures for their manufacture on a regular production scale. He begins with experiments made in laboratory equipment, usually glass, and in quantities not exceeding a few pounds of material. The headaches at this stage are still confined to the "lab" and generally yield to two aspirins and a good night's sleep.

When larger quantities of the new product are required—drum quantities, for example—it is necessary to use heavy duty equipment, usually of steel or stainless steel. When this transition from laboratory to plant-scale equipment is carried out, it is frequently found that reactions do not behave as respectably as they did in the laboratory, and difficulties are encountered. At this stage chemists have been known to go home at night muttering in their beards, and insomnia begins to work its mischief on an otherwise good-natured and law-abiding citizen. In order to have the process so that it will be satisfactory in large scale production, therefore, and to preserve law and order, it has been found advantageous to carry out large scale experiments—actual manufacturing experiments—after all or most of the answers have been found in the laboratory.

It is possible to carry out manu-

facturing experiments on new materials in the full scale manufacturing plant, but it is not a very good idea. Experimenting on large batches of new materials can be costly, and can result in tie-up of regular manufacturing facilities. The usual answer to problems of this nature is the Pilot Plant. The Pilot Plant permits experimentation on a sufficiently large scale so that exact manufacturing procedures can be worked out for new products, and most full-scale manufacturing sorrows can be avoided.

ACP chemists are now in the fortunate position of being able to "try new products on for size" before making the final plunge into the cold waters of mass production. Since February 1 the ACP Metalworking Research Laboratory has been operating a new Manufacturing Pilot Plant, under the direct supervision of Greg. Gibson. This Pilot Plant is intended for full scale experimentation on new products, and has been used for the past six months for the production of new liquid and powdered Rodines. With such up-to-date equipment as a glass-lined reaction kettle, centrifuge, open jacketed kettle, blender, grinder and separator, with Greg. Gibson's capable supervision, and with a constant flow of new ideas from our Research Laboratories, we predict better things for better living through ACP metal preservation techniques.

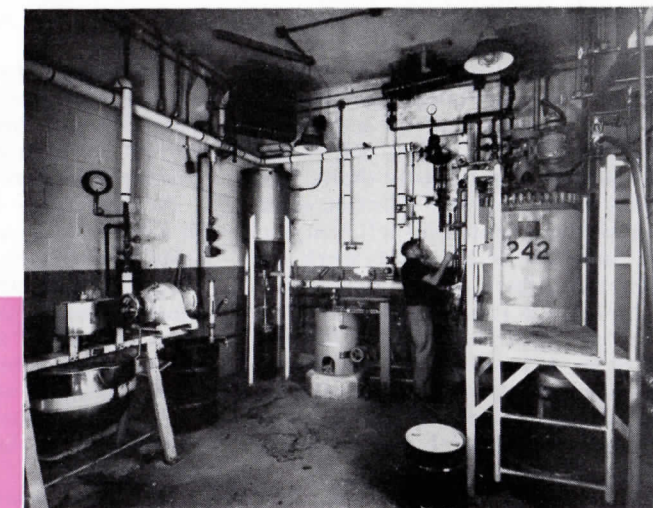


NEW STORAGE TANKS

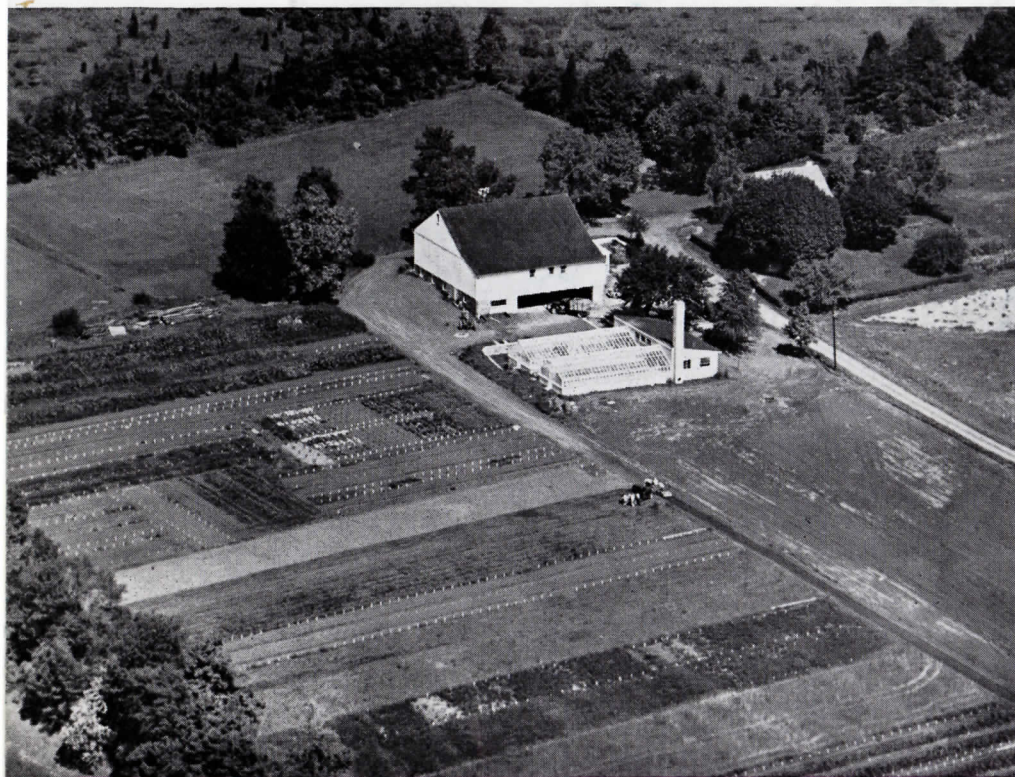
This tank, known to Plant Employees as No. 161 and delivered last November by special truck, is one of two tanks which were purchased for the storage of Pyridine bases and Quiniline bases, are of 20,000 gallon capacity, measuring 13'-6" in diameter by 20'-2" overall. This tank was designed by the Engineering Department of the American Chemical Paint Company, Ambler, and fabricated by the Cruse-Kemper Company also located in Ambler. These tanks will permit the bulk storage of the above bases, and make the manufacture of the various Rodine bases much easier, since the material will be pumped through meters directly to the processing tanks. This installation is another step in the streamlining of our plant operations by improved material handling.



Greg. Gibson carries out grinding experiments on a new powdered "Rodine."



One of the steps in the manufacture of our new oil well inhibitor "Rodine" 203.



Recent aerial view of ACP Research Farm taken by Paul B. Moyer. Here we see the barn, the greenhouse and some of the plots. Charlie Jack's home is still hidden by the trees. If you look closely—those of you who are 20/20 vision readers—you can discover work going on in the fields and at the barn.

The ACP Farm is a busy place and a productive one.

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Horn. During the war he served with the Army and he was located in India and, whether he got a letter from home or received a newspaper, but anyhow John, 'way over in India, heard about wonderful ACP and said to some of his buddies over there that if he ever got back to the States again he was coming here to look for a job. So Al said, "Dave, I think you've got the germ of a good story there. I'm going to see Norman Gentieu some one of these times and tell him and let him see if he can't work up something there for the magazine."

So I made it a point to go down and see John Horn and verify the facts so I wouldn't be starting a story in circulation that wasn't absolutely true; and, of course, John verified the story I had told the Machine Shop.

John came to work for ACP about 1945 in the fall three weeks

after I did and, of course, his war experience was still in his mind and he often talked about his experiences in India and told me at that time about having heard of ACP while he was working over there.

We asked John Horn if he wished to add any comments to the story Dave McInnes related. John agreed to spin the yarn a little further and here it is:

As I recall the situation, it began in a piece of newspaper that I got from my wife in a letter, and the clipping told about ACP giving some bonuses or something like that; anyhow, I said to my friends there, "That sounds like a pretty good place to work. I think I'll take a look at that when I get back in the States." And I promptly forgot about it.

Of course, after I did come back to the U.S.A., I had still forgotten



LAWN EXPERT

One reason, probably the main reason, for the beautiful lawn in front of the office buildings is Ross Rile who devotes so much painstaking care to the cultivation of this pedigreed grass. The picture shows Ross hard at work keeping the gay young blades in trim and with nary a discordant clump of crabgrass to mar the green perfection of the ACP campus.

about it; and about two weeks after I was discharged, I started looking for a job. I first applied at Keasby and Mattison and then came up here to ACP in answer to an ad for a Chemical Operator. When I got here, I made my application and was accepted and started to work about the second week in November of 1945.

I guess it was at least six months or more before I suddenly realized that this was the place I had heard about over in India. The situation came about when somebody brought up the subject of gifts and extra things ACP was doing for its employees. I said, "Well, Gee Whiz, here I'm finding out now. This is the place I wanted to work at when I was over on the other side of the world." So I guess that's about it. Incidentally, after ten years I still think it's a good place to work."

(Editor's note: Thank you, Dave and John.)