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LOCAL 34 ACTIVE Plans 9th Annual Social and Dance

Following their nomination, the dance committee of local number thirty-four became immediately active instigating plans for a Nov. 30 **Blowout** at Cavoletti's Hall—600 Seventh Street, Union City.

Overcoming the appalling shortages that confront John Doe in the average buying day, the committee proceeded to hire a Hall, arrange for a band, have books and tickets printed, obtain entertainment, and do all the various and sundry tasks that go into organizing a dance—all in record breaking time.

Among other featured attractions you'll be entertained by the famous "Silver Gate Jubilee Quartet"—company of New York—starring Kenneth Malchin at his dancing specialties, and Dolores Malchin, luscious master of the ivory keys, with her rendition of some firey Boogie-Wookie.

In keeping with tradition, six lively turkeys will be raffled off on the same night. The Local is distributing the raffle books along with the dance tickets to all R. Neumann employees—including the office departments.

The price of the tickets for this Gala event is only \$1.25, which includes tax. The refreshments are free, so don't eat for a few days before the affair.

Oh yes, you don't need a ticket for your child if he or she is under fourteen years old, but if you want a few more tickets for your pal and your pal's gal you can get them from "Bill" Alessandrini or Barbara Polchin, co-chairmen of the dance committee, or the shop steward, Tom Dino.

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MACY PAYS NEUMAN TRIBUTE

Once in a while advertisements appear in the New York papers mentioning Neumann leather. This is what the Macy ad for womens alligator calf wallets in the Aug. 19 Times said. "If you know Alligator calf you know Neumanns alligator calf is the best there is. Neumanns starts with the finest of calf and uses the best embossing workmanship."

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Here is a Tip for you:

To protect your own interest, be sure to report any change in status that might effect your With-holding tax.

Al Barci



Smile indicates incentive bonus was bigger than expected.

The important responsibility of figuring out and keeping record of our incentive bonus falls on the capable shoulders of Al Barci.

Al's desk is constantly covered with charts, records, colored pencils, paints, brushes, and asperin. We are glad to note that he needs a bigger bottle of blue than red.

Somewhere back along the line Al was born in Jersey City, where he lives to this day. In 1933 he finished school and started working for R. Neumann and Co. His first job was in the measuring department, but he was later transferred to the Color House.

With the passage of time Al's native ability at Mathematics showed itself, and he was drafted into the time study and evaluation department. Now our personnel director, Al's experience in the Color House Department (Arithmetic and Color Matching) is doing him good in preparation of the Daily Incentive Charts.

Having been married only this past April, Al is still in the Newly-Wed class.

Neither Al nor his newly acquired spouse have any particular hobbies though they are both rooters for the New York Yanks. Basketball is the Number One of their sport hit parade though they do like football and hockey. Best of all, says Al, is a day at the beach, soaking in the sun and relaxing.

Bowling Season Opens

Hoboken Industrial League Starts —

The Hoboken Industrial Bowling League opened the 1946-47 season on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1946 at the Hudson Bowling alleys, on 1st St. near River St. in Hoboken. The R. Neumann Buffalos were matched against the Janssen Dairy Aristocrats and won only one of the three games. Our team was in pretty good form for the start of the season as the three game scores show, but the Aristocrats were just unusually "hot" the last 2 games and our team couldn't come near them on the score. The alleys were in good shape although some repair work and improvements are now in process. Individual game scores are as follows:

Janssen Aristocrats			
Iorio	182	160	198
Bengal	131	159	158
Schuster	135	141	165
Matula	139	201	211
Hacmo	165	223	184
Totals	752	884	916

R. Neumann Buffalos				Avg.
Topoleski	143	148	149	147
Adamo	124	160		142
Ferrara	185	140	183	169
Reisen	185	160	137	161
De Somma	174	192	179	182
Belfiore, Paul			138	
Totals	811	800	786	

Bowling Banter: More people should come out to these league games and root for our team—there is plenty of action and excitement . . . De Somma had a good average for the evening while Gus Reisen had a bad game at the end and George Ferrara sort of sunk in the middle . . . For his first bowling of the year Tony Adamo didn't do so bad although he elected to sit the last game out in favor of Belfiore who encountered some bad breaks . . . "Lefty" Topoleski improved with each game although he required some help at the end.

The second league match took place on Wednesday, Sept. 18, and the Neumann Buffalos had the Franklin Bakers as their opponents. The team did better this week by winning two out of the three games, all of which were hard fought battles. The standing of our team in the league to date is three games won — three games lost for a percentage of .500. Individual and game scores are as follows:

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FIRST ISSUE DIAGNOSIS

On August 30, 1946, the first issue of the Neumann News made its appearance, and was presented to each employee of R. Neumann & Co. It was no literary masterpiece by any means, but it shows what will be contained in all future issues. There was a distinct lack of personal items, bits about you and your fellow workers, that you can help correct by writing them down and giving them to the editor. How did you like the pictures: There will be a couple of group pictures in each issue — yours may be next.

Due to lack of time the first issue was not proof-read and as a result, many of your names were misspelled, for which we apologize and will try not to repeat in the future. Also, an error was made in the company organization column, which listed Bob MacKenzie as maintenance supervisor instead of **Purchasing Agent**. Left out for no reason at all was August Schleicher the **Chief Engineer and Maintenance Supervisor**. You might call it a case of first-issue jitters caused by trying to get it out in a hurry and scurrying around for material. There is one consolation however, and that is the following issues will be able to show improvement.

DID YOU KNOW

Almost all leather COWBOY boots are handmade to a persons individual measurements which are generally kept on file in reference books. Four different kinds of leather are used in each boot in order to provide the right feel.

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A new process has been developed whereby Decals are applied to pyroxylin or lacquer coated leather article for decorative purposes. The styles and designs are unlimited and can be used on embossed or grain finishes equally well as on smooth.

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Franklin Bakers

Hannagan	150	156	179
Taylor	146		143
Hawkins	119	183	180
Mildenberger	170	167	191
DeBartoli	178	144	
Monahan		157	157
Totals	763	807	850

R. Neumann Buffalos

Topoleski	194	188	110	Avg. 164
Adamo	156	181	160	166
Ferrara	173	203	160	179
Reisen	143	130	162	145
De Somma	191	134	152	159
Totals	857	854	762	

Bowling Banter: The team had an 18 pin handicap each game but it didn't make any difference in the outcome . . . George Ferrara had to make his 203 second game the hard way but he got it . . . Belfiore rolled part of two games finishing up one for Tony and one for Gus Reisen . . . Incidentally Gus committed the first foul of the team in his first game. His foot stuck and he couldn't stop until he was half way down the alley—he could have kicked the pins down . . . Left substituted his golf score in his third game.

NEW MEN

The following are newcomers in the factory:

Kenneth Malachi	Golf Grip Dept.
Benjamin Tufano	Golf Grip Dept.
Theodore Carr	Beam House

ROLL GLAZE AND SEASON NONSENSE AND REASON

How do you folks like our new paper? I think it is one of the nice things that come out of our plant, the others being leather and girls of course. You will be able to get a lot of knowledge from it, and it's lots of fun. Let's make it a bigger paper by more people contributing items about your friends and your friends' friends.

A long time ago before Tink Shaver learned how to play golf, a friend took him out into an old cow pasture early one morning before breakfast and told him to watch how it was played. He placed a golf-ball on a tee and took a mighty swing, but hit nothing but dirt. After doing the same thing about six times, Tink said with a yawn—"I must admit it is good exercise but I can't see much sense to the ball." (Editor's note—I still can't hit it but have cut out the yawning).

Oscar Burgess had a birthday on Sept. 6th. He is now only 25 years old so don't let the grey hair fool you.

Everytime I come in late the boss comes in early, and everytime I come in early the boss comes in late.

Mike Russo has one of the longest faces in the plant, it starts at his chin and extends around to the back of his head.

Speaking of five o'clock shadow, Tony Adamo has a twelve o'clock shadow at five o'clock even when he shaves.

NO SHORTAGE OF GLAMOUR HERE



Coating Machine workers in the midst of cleaning up before leaving for day. They are Mila Lavus, Barbara Polchin, Emily Waiblinger, Anna Busch, Vluha Maricich, Frances Stupin.

SAFETY PAYS

The amount of damage and loss caused each year by fire is tremendous. The present shortage of building materials and equipment prevents immediate repair and rebuilding of destruction caused by fire. Everyone should be on the look-out for fire in the factory and take every precaution against it, especially when leaving for the night. You are protecting your job when you do this. We have been fortunate so far by not having any fires, but there is always a first time if necessary precautions are not taken each day. Watch out for oily rags, short circuits in the electrical system, and excessive heat in the machines. They are places where fires start readily.

What would you do if a fire broke out where you work?

The idea is to put the fire out as soon as possible before it spreads and prevent as much damage as possible. However, personal safety should not be sacrificed in this respect—don't get burned yourself. When you notice a fire starting, call it to the attention of the foreman or anyone nearby, (yell if necessary), grab the nearest fire extinguisher and use it. If necessary, others will do the same depending on the condition and size of the fire at that time. Next, the foreman will go to the nearest phone (or you, if foreman is not there) and advise the switchboard operator where the fire is and its extent—whether you have put it out, have it under control, or cannot handle it. In all cases, the switchboard operator will immediately advise the chief Engineer, or assistant in his absence, who will proceed immediately to the fire and assume control. If the fire is reported as out of control, the switchboard operator will also call the fire department. In the meantime, all those at the fire should carefully do what they can to put the fire out or keep it from spreading. All possible material and equipment should be moved out of the area, but by all means be careful and don't get excited. Know what to do, know where the nearest fire extinguisher is, and know how to use it.

The safety committee report for August shows no improvement over the preceding months in regard to personal injuries.

No. of first aid treatment	41
Sent to doctor	3
Sent to hospital	1

Let's all work toward showing an improvement next month by remembering that:

SAFETY PAYS

POEM DEPARTMENT

Leather is a thing of use for
Every man and boy
And the kind that we produce is
The absolute real "McCoy"
Here's a thing you can be sure of
Even tho you never try
Remember most good animals come to
Neumanns by and by

Bits about 'em

August Schleicher, Chief Engineer, has returned from his vacation which was spent mostly in Norfolk, Va. fishing and visiting.

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Matty Veith has returned from her delayed vacation spent at the shore.

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Congratulations to Phil Bernheim for reaching the semi-finals in the sweep-stake golf tournament held at Hollywood Country Club, Labor Day weekend.

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Also, birthday congratulations to Johnie Dwonch—you don't look a day older, hardly.

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Leo Riese and Bill Bergner weren't looking very happy on the day that the stock market went down.

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Its unbelievable—Marge Elson went shopping in New York and didn't buy a thing.

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Gloria Miller hasn't bid feelin so good lately—she has a derriber case ob hay fever—ah-choo.

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Our sympathy to Tom Sinton for the collapse of the Giants during the Dodger series.

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Helmuth Young, Leo Riese and Joe Puchel were among the spectators at a demonstration of fire fighting equipment at the Kidde Co. plant in Belleville on Sept. 18th.

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There was no busier man than Bob MacKenzie during the past three weeks. He was able to get enough material to keep the plant going during the period when materials were really critical. We owe Bob a vote of thanks for his good work and appreciate what he has done for us.

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Where does Amador Suarez eat his lunch these days? He used to eat with Mike Compitello and a few others by the color house scale—could it be a girl now?

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Catherine Vodopia completed 20 years service at R. Neumann and Co. on Sept. 13.

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Eva Baranov has a fine attendance record — 13 years service without once being late.

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Have you noticed how glamorous the Trimming Dept. girls are since they had their picture in the first issue of Neumann News?

THE WASH LINE

We looked in the hamper the other dawning and this is what these old eyes saw — Years ago we found out that the bird with the long legs was kept busy in the month of September as witness the following celebrations of their respective Natal Days . . . August Schleicher, Chief Engineer, 2nd; Fritz Goldmann, Export Manager, 5th; Oscar Burgess, Production Supervisor, 6th; Thomas Sinton, Credit Manager, 6th; George Donovan, Shipping Dept., 8th; Helmuth Young, Maintenance Dept., 10th; Mr. Metzger, Secretary, 22nd; Leslie Smith, Salesman, 22nd.

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September in the days gone by must have been the popular month for tying the knot 'cause we are congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Max Kornreich on their Silver Wedding Anniversary Sept. 24th, the result of a romance which started in Neumanns . . . Also best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacKenzie celebrating their 10th Anniversary Sept. 27th . . . Ditto the Robert Clements' whose Nuptial date escapes us . . .

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While passing out the festive palm, let us heap our blessings and good wishes on the stalwarts who are now in the coveted "Length of Service" League: Mr. A. C. Wurm, Treasurer, 40 years., Sept. 5th; Leslie Smith, Salesman, 37 yrs., August ???; Walter Deepers, Foreman of Finished Sort. and Shipping Dept., 20 yrs., July ???; Rosemary Ford, 5 yrs., Billing Dept., Sept. 7th.

We're a little late but belated birthday greetings to Bob Clements. Bob first saw the light of day on August 26th. Bob won't tell the year . . . A man's prerogative ??? Frank Suarez was gifted with a genuine lizard letter case, the Sunshine Club doing the honors . . . Fritz Goldmann, export manager took off Sept 16th for the land of hot tamales and enchiladas and maybe a rum and cocah-colah. He says he wants to see how the other people live. That's his story . . . Johann Straus and Ludwig Von Beethoven sat thru the long days and nights to pen some of the worlds most pleasing music. But when Bill Kroll whistles their respective tunes, both Johann and Ludwig do turns and nip-ups in their graves. Don't know about Beethoven, he couldn't hear Bill anyway. He was deaf!!! Angelo's battle cry "Do you know where I can buy a car???" You can tell the hand on the time piece up their on the wall point to 5 p.m. cause Charlie Jewell is in the office picking up the mail for his trip to the P.O. . . . Forgot to mention earlier in this pillar that Frank Suarez received another gift, a set of luggage as a farewell gift. Frank will grace the city of Reading Pa. with his presence, taking a position with a tanning company in that city . . . Chester Gardner is back with us again after a few years with Uncle Sam. Does your reporter good to see the boys

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The new Social Security Act Amendments keep employer and employee contributions at one per cent each in 1947, the same as this year. In 1948, however, they go up to 2½ per cent each and to 3 per cent in 1949 unless Congress changes it again before then. The new veterans amendments guarantee survivors of World War II that die within three years of their discharge the same old-age and survivor insurance benefit rights they would have enjoyed had the veteran died fully insured. Previously, time spent in the service was not considered as employment under the Social Security Act and many veterans found that they had either lost their insured status or that their possible family benefits had been reduced. Others had no chance of building social security benefits before entering the armed services and were without protection after demobilization. The new amendment helps these Veterans. Ex-Servicemen get the same status as fully insured workers with an average monthly wage credit of 160 dollars. Additional percentage credits are given for each year in which they had a minimum of thirty days of active service after Sept. 16, 1940. Only survivors of qualified veterans benefit. In no case will veterans receive benefits on his own behalf.

POEM DEPARTMENT

We girls in Trimming enjoy our chore
And try each day to do more and more
But trimming the skins as we always do
Is not like sewing on a button or two

On a hot day we have need of a fan
And try to get as much breeze as we can
Though some of us find it a little bit cold
It doesn't bother the young but the old

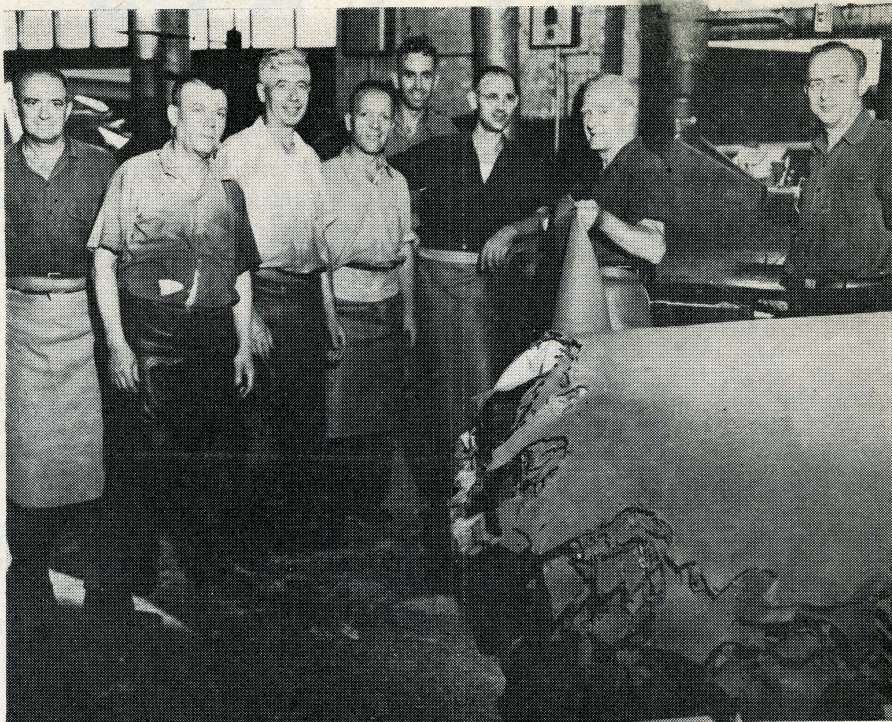
Winter is coming and is now very near
The season which we all dread and fear
For will the boss give us some heat
So that our bonus each week we will beat

And at the close of each working day
When homeward we wend our weary way
To know we've done our daily all
A day well spent and "on the ball."

A THING THAT CAN HAPPEN

They had disappeared about sundown while playing on the green near the edge of the wood, and couldn't be found—where were they? With a drawn and haggard face the man walked up and down peering into each bunch of grass, here and there dragging the muddy creek with grim expectation, anxiously tearing away at piles of brush praying that he might find them close to each other. Had they been mutilated and driven into the brush? As the hours dragged on and the tone of the town clock could be heard striking in the distance, hope faded from the sturdy breast of the searcher. Passers-by, seeing a light stopped to ask about the tragedy, but found it was only Bob MacKenzie looking for two golf balls that Phil Bernheim lost.

SHIVERS SHOW SHARP SHOP



Shaving Machine operators pose getting pointers from Dave McEwan while Foreman Eddie Ehrenberg looks on. They are left to right, Louis Moser, Nick Babich, Nik Halko, John Polovey, Albert Bolter, Claus Bischoff, David McEwan and Eddie Ehrenberg (Foreman).

Scrub Scares League Lot

Tuesday, Sept. 10, marked the opening of the 1946 bowling season when practice games were played matching the company industrial league team, captained by George Ferrara, against an office team. Due to the extreme sultriness of the weather on this day, the office stalwarts, Mr. Metzger and Mr. Wurm, were unable to attend and substitutes had to be used. The contest took place in Union City and three games were played with six men on each team. The regular bowlers just barely won the first game 869 to 815 while the office team ran away with the second game 966 to 940. The third game was a walk-away due to the early departure of three members of the office team. The contest was close enough so that a return match will be necessary to see which is the better team. Individual and team scores are as follows:

League Team			
Topoleski	102	110	113
Belfiore, Paul	151	208	153
Ferrara	188	176	188
Reisen	126	140	180
De Somma	126	140	180
Quirk	142	133	122
Totals	869	940	917
Office Team			
Dwonch	108	115	80
Cavadini	124	173	107
Gardner	147	109	139
Shaver	123	192	
Smith	161	188	
Sinton	152	189	
Totals	815	966	326

RED CROSS OFFERS COURSES

The Hoboken chapter of the American Red Cross, located at 218 Hudson St., is now offering two training courses that will be of interest to many people.

1. Home Nursing: open to men and women who would like to learn how to look after members of their families who are sick at home. Consists of 12 two hour lessons given by a registered nurse.

2. First Aid: open to men and women who would like to learn the standard and advanced emergency measures. Consists of 15 two hour sessions.

You may now register for either one or both of the above courses and there is no charge.

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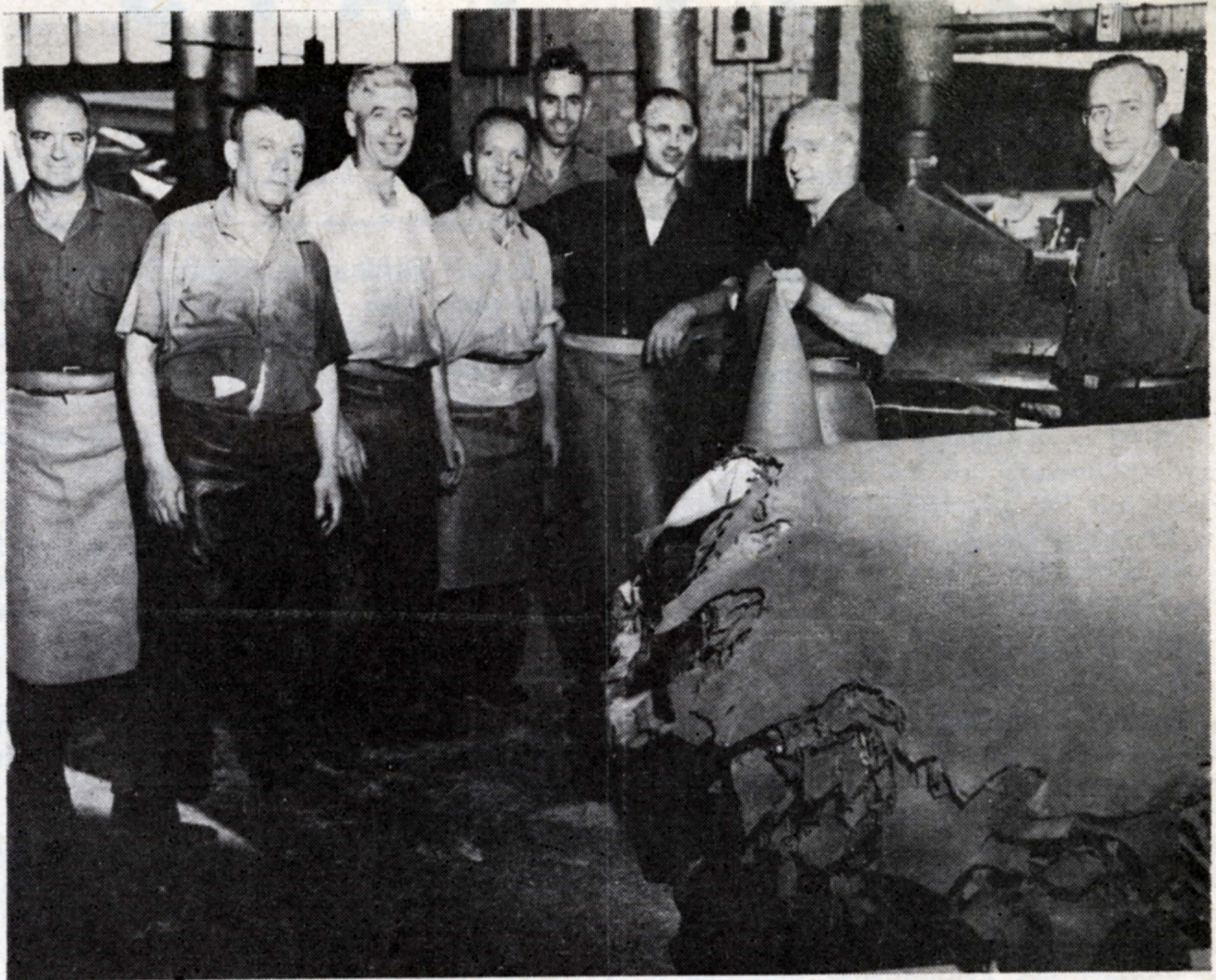
coming back . . . By the way Ches., What ever became of the misplaced eyebrow???? The ever obliging Eddie Topoleski never refuses to tie a bundle, BIG or small. Many thanx, Eddie . . . Bill Kroll, that man's here again, pops the corn every time he makes with the jokes. Maybe, the reason for the ears of corn decided to hibernate the past summer. They couldn't take it either . . . Mr. Kornreich returned from a well earned vacation fit as the proverbial fiddle. The better it should be, Mr. K. 'cause those weekly trips to Washington and the O.P.A. But should we say more ????

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