

# Let's Get Acquainted With



P. W. (PETE) VAN CAMP, Materials Supervisor

P. W. (Pete) VanCamp, G21, Materials Supervisor, was born in Toledo, Ohio but moved with the family to Muncie when he was five years old. He attended the old Jackson School and completed his schooling at St. Lawrence. His school vacations were spent working at Ball Brothers and Hemingray glass factories as "carry-out" boy for fruit jars and glass insulators.

His first job was running a lathe for the Republic Iron and Steel Company south of Muncie. Here he started the machinist trade under the guidance of Marion Mongrain's father, who was master mechanic at the time. It was also at Republic that Pete met Harry Gamble, who was at that time a first class machinist and who later joined the Warner Gear.

Pete was with Republic nearly four years before taking a job with Warner Gear in 1909. His first job was lathe

work under Brad Kiner but after a short time he was transferred to inspection and later to the pattern shop where he learned the trade of metal pattern making from Jim McClearie. This was the work Pete liked and was to follow for many years.

But the pattern trade had many ups and downs which caused much moving about to various pattern shops. The work was seasonal and Pete was variously connected with the Muncie Pattern Works, Muncie Gear, Frank Foundries, Federal Pattern of Indianapolis, Terre Haute Malleable, Bryan Pattern Shop of Bryan, Ohio, and Maxon Premix Burner Company of Muncie. But the trail always led back to Warner Gear.

About 1934 Pete was placed on inspection at Plant No. 3 working night turn. From here he was sent to Detroit as Warner Gear's representative where he remained until a year after

World War II was declared. At that time he was transferred back to the Muncie plant with Frank Brown, then with Gus Clark. Upon the retirement of Mr. Clark, Pete was promoted to Supervisor of Materials, the job he holds today.

Mr. VanCamp's job takes him in a number of states to visit foundries who make castings for the company. He has made trips to foundries in Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Wisconsin, Illinois, Alabama, and Iowa.

VanCamp has three living children, two girls and one boy, 7 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. The family home is at 925 East 22nd street in Muncie.

When he has time Pete's hobbies are hunting and fishing but he hastens to explain that he has no records, pictures, or trophies to support this statement. However, these long winter evenings ahead you'll probably find him sorting fancy flies, repairing fishing rods and oiling up the old shot gun in preparation for some outdoor sports.



## STORK STOPS

Lora Bales, F23-39, boy, (Fredrick), 6 pounds, 12 ounces, October 18, 1948.

Leonard Deming, G9, grandson, (Charles Leonard White), 7 pounds, 9 ounces, October 7, 1948. Sorry we were late in reporting this, grandpa.—Ed.

Herman Wegesin, F9, girl (Diana Lynn) November 30, 1948. Father doing fine—We Think!

This is a new day. Give it all you've got!

—The Executive.

## WEDDING BELLS

Ralph Satterlee (Ye Ed) to Louise Scott, Purchasing Department, December 5, 1948.