

MORE COMPLETE HEALTH PLAN SOUGHT

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70 Tons The deck house section for the U.S.S. Rutland, launched Thursday, is shown on its way to be placed on the ship. Previous to moving an object of this size into position all buildings fronting the ways are emptied of people—'just in case.'

Child Centers Praised Miss Lillian Herstein, director of labor relations division of the War Production board, on a tour of inspection from Washington, D.C., declared the Vancouver Child Service centers tops in the nation. Shown above is the 5-year class at the Marshall school in McLoughlin Heights with their instructor, Mrs. Marilyn Anderson. Story page 8. (Vancouver photo)

War Goes Too Fast; Tankers, AP5s Given Top Navy Priorities

Intensified activity in the three Portland-Vancouver Kaiser yards was seen this week in a report by Vice Admiral Frederick Joseph Horne, vice chief of naval operations, that Attack Transports and Tankers now headed the navy's "most urgently needed" list. Horne's statements, as reported in Time magazine of August 7, pointed out that there has been a complete reshuffling of priority ratings for more than 100 types of naval craft as a result of the high speed of the U.S. advance across the Pacific. The Pacific offensive, it was emphasized, is running way ahead of schedule. As a result ships originally expected to be brought into service several months from now are needed immediately.



This Takes Gas Men and mobile equipment pour onto a French beachhead on D-Day. Smoke in background is from naval gunfire supporting attack. Enormous quantities of gas and oil for the invasion were transported to England in tankers, many of them made at Swan Island. (Signal Corps photo)

Smoke Periscope Aid To Boiler Efficiency

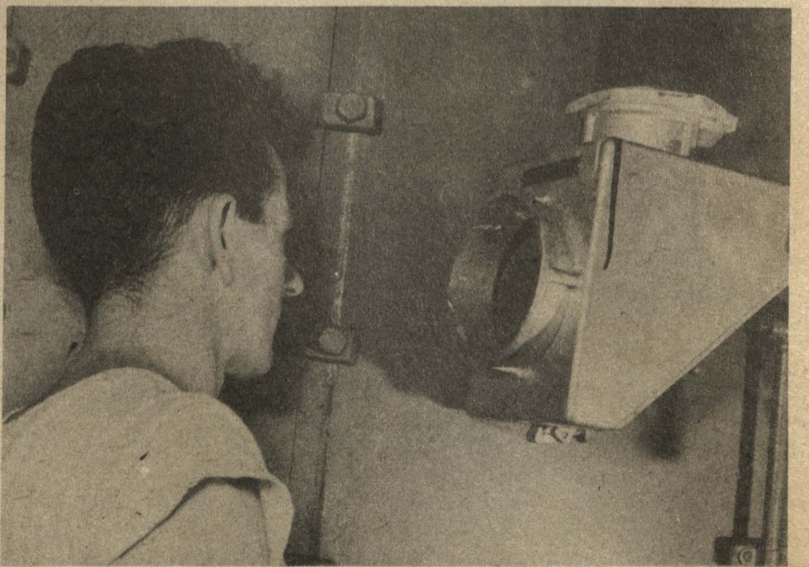
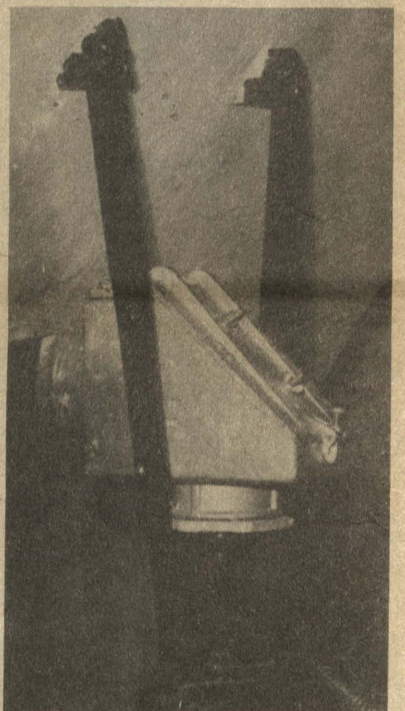
(SWAN ISLAND)—White smoke—too much draft; black smoke—too little draft; no smoke—just right. That's what the smoke indicator on a tanker tells the boiler fireman. The two smoke indicators, one for each boiler, function as periscopes and are in three main parts.

At poop deck level, a light head is directed through the smoke stack to a reflector head opposite. In turn, it is reflected down 35 feet of piping to reflector eye located at the side of the boiler.

Right, this reflector head at side of individual boiler stack directs light down to reflector eye located in boiler room.

Below, E. B. Bosworth, trial run boiler fireman, looks in reflector eye for signs of smoke.

If smoke shows, it is an indication that the boiler is not operating at peak efficiency. The burner may be dirty, or there may be improper use of air and oil losing heat up the stack.



Shipbuilding -- 1918 --

Following are excerpts from shipyard newspapers of World War I.

Merchant Fleet Grows (July, 1918)

That the American Merchant Marine is growing to untold proportions can be very readily seen by glancing over a few statistics from the Commerce Department.

In the first five months of the present year there have been built and officially noted by the Bureau of Navigation, a total of 629 vessels with a gross tonnage of 687,055 tons. Without the merchant craft now under the control of the army and navy as supply ships and transports the merchant fleet of our country amounts to approximately 10,000,000 gross tons. . . . In a single month this year the United States Merchant Marine has seen a growth almost as great as during the entire first year of the war.

Same Old Story (July, 1918)

Statistics show that 20 per cent of all fires are caused either by neglect, thoughtlessness, or carelessness.

The Oregonian says: "The more Bull Run water one drinks the better he likes the flavor." With what is it usually flavored?

Rumors Nothing New (July, 1918)

German agents are making another vain effort to hinder the building of ships which are to carry our men and munitions to Europe. Malicious reports are being constantly circulated that there are as many men killed and injured in shipyards as there are in the trenches. The intention of such reports, of course, is to keep men from going to the yards to work through fear of getting injured.

The truth is, according to the official statistics of the Shipping Board and of the Bureau of Labor that shipyard workers chances of getting injured are less than those of workmen in most private industries. In our own plant there have been but two fatal accidents since it started operation.

And now we have the Star Spangled Banner skirt for the summer girl. "Oh say, can you see!"

Charge For Lost Badges (July, 1918)

A charge of \$2 is being made for the loss of an identification badge. This is to prevent carelessness with badges which results in their getting into the possession of men not employed here. Some men affected by the work or fight measure are obtaining shipyard badges and displaying them to evade the penalties of the order.

Schwab Praises Yards (July, 1918)

Portland opened its arms to Charles M. Schwab, the great Director-General of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, last Saturday. . . . When asked what he thought of the yards, Mr. Schwab was frank in his reply that they were as good as any of their size; that they were suitably arranged and well-situ-

DESTROYERS NOSED OUT

"Little more than a year ago," says Time, "Top priority was held by destroyers and destroyer escorts for the Battle of the Atlantic. Soon they were nudged out of first place by landing craft needed for the Battle of France and campaigns in the western Pacific. There was always some emphasis on carriers . . ."

"Today attack transports, landing craft and auxiliaries, especially tankers, are what the navy needs most; carriers and cruisers next. These are the vessels used most in current Pacific offensives. The navy has put antisubmarine craft back to third place, battleships to a poor fourth, and has cut back its submarine-building program.

TRANSPORTS LAGGING

"Lagging farthest behind in the new, speeded-up schedule are fast, armed transports to carry troops, weapons and supplies for invasions.

"Just as badly needed are tankers, not so much because of any slump in building (and certainly not because of losses to enemy action), but because new bases like Saipan call for the hauling of a lot more fuel and gasoline over greater distances."

Admiral Horne is quoted as saying: "It isn't the enemy, but the rapid extension of our own operations that is putting the squeeze on us."

The army air forces, according to the report, are using high octane gasoline in Europe at double the anticipated rate. To keep its combat planes flying at peak efficiency, the navy has had to shuttle its high-octane gas around like a bucket brigade at a fire.

WATER CARNIVAL SET AT CRESTON

Sunday, August 13, Creston pool will be host to the annual water carnival sponsored by the Bureau of Parks and Public Recreation. The theme for this year's carnival is "America Swims" and will feature functional swimming demonstrations. Each city park pool will contribute acts for the show.

Grant will present formations of a star and a "V." Shattuck pool will imitate a swimming lesson in comedy form. Mt. Scott swimmers will play water billiards. Creston and Columbia will demonstrate functional swimming and Creston will present a relay using the army and navy techniques. Columbia will reconstruct the abandoning-ship drill, rushing a beach-head, and carrying casualties back to ship. Peninsula park will stage an umbrella relay, while the Couch pool will do a duck hunting scene. Buckman will demonstrate life-saving methods and the Civic Recreation center will clown dive. Montavilla will give a water melodrama. Sellwood's act will be a swim formation, and Pier park will perform a swimming stunt.

For all participants the finals will be a watermelon water polo game, with a prize for the winning side.

ated. When asked as to how they compared with eastern yards, he said that they seemed to be up and doing things, something that the eastern yards are not. He also said that when the two new ways were completed that he expected this yard to turn out at least 20 ships a year.

Keep Old 'A' Book Covers For Renewal

A warning that current "A" gasoline books must be presented to ration boards when application for new "A" coupons is made was issued by shipyard Transportation departments this week. The warning came after it was learned that many workers, after using all their "A" coupons, had thrown away book covers.

The current "A" book is valid until September 22, transportation officials explained, before which date the new one must be obtained.

"Failure to have the old 'A' book cover will cause considerable trouble to car owners in obtaining renewal of their 'A' gasoline mileage ration," they said.

3-YARD SCOREBOARD

	OREGON			VANCOUVER			SWAN ISLAND	
	LIBERTYS	VICTORY CARGO	VICTORY TRANSPORTS	LIBERTYS	TANK LANDERS	ESCORT CARRIERS	VICTORY TRANSPORTS	TANKERS
KEELS LAID	322	32	16	10	30	50	17	90
LAUNCHED	322	32	5	10	30	50	5	82
DELIVERED	322 + 8 VAN.	32	0	2	30	50	0	77+6 Fleet Oilers

Score Mounts Above is the Kaiser company Portland-Vancouver production score as of July 31. This month's tabulation shows completion of Vancouver's Carrier program and Oregon Ship's first Victory Cargo contract. Swan Island delivered 5 tankers. Oregon Ship and Vancouver show up neck and neck on Victory Transport production.



Ohio Picknickers Charles Palmer, OSC insulator, who hails from Summerfield, Ohio, is shown signing the register Sunday at the Kaiser shipyard picnic. Mrs. Palmer is at the right.

JITTERBUG CHAMPS



Cecelia Maequez and Melvin Hogue, shown above, had an easy time Sunday winning the Kaiser shipyard picnic jitterbug contest and they gave the crowd a big thrill with their terpsichorean demonstration.

PRIZE WALTZERS



H. W. Berndt, Swan Island pipefitter, and Arlene Hylden, Swan Island personnel clerk, were adjudged waltz winners at the Kaiser shipyard picnic Sunday in Pier park.



Four of a Kind Yes, the girls shown above are all beauty queens selected at the Kaiser shipyard picnic Sunday in Pier park. They are (left to right), Betty Neil, "Miss Pennsylvania"; Isabelle Hebert, "Miss Michigan"; Marjorie Howarth, "Miss Illinois"; Carol Steele, "Miss Wisconsin."

Shipyard Film Written By Ex-Swan Workers

(SWAN ISLAND)—Some time ago two brothers, John and Ward Hawkins of Portland, worked graveyard shift in Assembly. They were shipfitters and, according to reports, good ones. During off-shift hours they plied their other trade of writing fiction. Both are well known names in the best magazines and their newest fictional project was a novel backgrounded in a shipyard. Swan Island furnished much of the general atmosphere for the novel, although the story was not specifically about Swan.

As "The Saboteurs," the novel was serialized in the Saturday Evening Post. Shortly afterwards it was purchased by the movies, re-titled "Secret Command," and now is playing at the Orpheum theatre starring Pat O'Brien, Chester Morris, Carole Landis, Ruth Warrick and Tom Tully.

In the meantime, John and Ward Hawkins donned Army signal corps uniforms and have just completed months of intensive training. They have recently been home on a brief furlough, possibly before "POE" (port of embarkation) orders.

Another Hawkins novel, "Devil On His Trail," was serialized a short time ago in the Saturday Evening Post.

Mid-Western States Score Picnic Success

Two thousand former residents of five Mid-Western states—Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin—held a joint picnic under auspices of the Kaiser shipyards in Portland-Vancouver area last Sunday in Pier Park. It was announced this week by the picnic management committee, headed by Roger Smith, chief of Oregon Ship guards, that other scheduled state picnics have been postponed at the request of Portland city officials who fear the spread of poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis) in this area.

Smith said he had been advised by Dr. Forrest E. Rieke, medical director of Oregon Ship and Swan Island, that public health officials are alarmed over an outbreak of "polio," which, although comparatively mild at present, might develop into a serious epidemic unless necessary precautions are taken.

"Medical authorities say that spread of poliomyelitis can best be avoided by discouraging large public gatherings," Smith declared. "After conferring with Dr. Rieke, the picnic committee decided to postpone other state outings until the danger period for poliomyelitis has passed."

FUN APLENTY ENJOYED

Sunday's five-state picnic was a big success. Five beauty queens representing each of the states were selected. Beauty winners were Marjorie Howarth, Illinois; Coral Tiffany Steele, Wisconsin; Betty Jean Neil, Pennsylvania; Isabelle Hebert, Michigan; Aileen Stahl, Ohio.

Franklin Hanks, son of Irvin E. Hanks, OSC tool department foreman, won the juvenile watermelon eating contest. First prize in the adult melon contest went to John Bailiff, Swan Island electrical supervisor.

H. W. Berndt, Swan Island pipefitter, and Arlene Hylden, Swan Island Engineering department clerk, won the waltz contest.

Champion jitterbugs at the picnic were Cecelia Marquez and Melvin Hogue. Hogue is a chipper at Swan Island.

Other features of the picnic program was a variety show under direction of Bob McCoy, Vancouver yard program director, and a three-hour dance with music by Bob Bateman and his Oregon Shipmates.

Early Applications Required For Shoes

Under new regulations of rationing procedure, it now takes 48 hours or two days after receipt of application before a special shoe stamp may be issued. Ration books must be presented at the time application is made showing that the current stamp has been used.



Yum! Yum! Yum! These little girls were "left at the post" Sunday in the watermelon eating contest at the Kaiser five-state picnic in Pier park, but they said they got more fun out of it than the winner because they took their time and enjoyed the melons.

SISTER TEAM



The girls pictured above were the only two contestants in the "Miss Ohio" contest Sunday at the Kaiser shipyard workers picnic in Pier park. After Aileen Stahl (left), OSC machinist, won the contest, it developed that her opponent, Evelyn Cherry, was her sister.

SETS 'EAT' RECORD



John Bailiff, Swan Island electrical supervisor, was crowned adult "watermelon king" Sunday in Pier park after he ate his way to victory over three opponents in 60 seconds flat. He said he won a dozen other such contests against bigger fields back in Illinois.



... "It looks something like a big hairpin with a doojigger like a perfume bottle cap on it!"

Labor Boosts Over-All Prepaid Health Plan

(VANCOUVER)—One of the most comprehensive prepaid health plans in operation in the entire nation may be available to KCIV employes about September 1, according to an announcement by Earl N. Anderson, president of the Metal Trades council, as a direct result of a request by labor representatives of Vancouver affiliated with the Metal Trades Council for such plan. Several

months ago these labor representatives appointed a committee composed of W. R. Smith of the Painters, Homer Parrish of the Boilermakers; Earl N. Anderson, president of the Metal Trades council; A. C. (Slim) Hogan, A. F. of L. Labor coordinator for the three yards; Jack Gillard of the Steamfitters, and C. L. (Smitty) Smith, A. F. of L. Safety coordinator for the yard.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The committee met with a management-hospital committee composed of Edgar Kaiser, Todd Woodell, Dr. J. W. Neighbor, Dr. Sidney Garfield and Frank Stewart and requested a plan which would afford a more complete and comprehensive coverage to do away with the exclusions which have in the past caused a great deal of dissatisfaction, such as the one regarding contagious diseases.

The worker in the yard will be covered by a plan which has as its only exclusions "on the job" injuries, which are already covered by the Workmen's Compensation act; tuberculosis and mental illnesses which already are handled by state institutions. The final cost has not yet been determined.

The proposed health plan which has been worked out with the Clark County Medical association will be of open panel type.

PLAN LONG SOUGHT

The extended coverage for the worker and his family has long been sought by labor. It was first discussed many months ago by labor representatives of Vancouver affiliated with the Metal Trades council with Dr. J. W. Neighbor, Dr. Sidney R. Garfield and Frank Stewart. The partial coverage now in effect has resulted in numerous complaints from members of the plan when they or members of their family found that they were not covered on certain illnesses, such as contagious diseases.

Approval for the new plan was granted recently by the Washington State Medical society in Seattle, which must approve all such plans. The approval will result in one of the most complete coverage plans ever secured by any prepaid medical group in the nation. The state group approved the plan on the basis of the "open panel choice" for the family plan, which permits the workers' families to choose either Permanent doctors or any member of the Clark County Medical association. The local medical organization has approved the plan and is cooperating in working out details.

"We of labor feel that this new prepaid health plan will give Vancouver shipyard employes the most adequate medical and hospital care available anywhere in America," said Earl N. Anderson, who will be labor's coordinator for the program.

Ex-Welder Foreman Dies at War Front

(VANCOUVER) — Private John Orville Johnson, 22, has been reported killed in action in the Italian war theater.



He was attached to the armored infantry in a company from August, 1942, until May, 1943, and at the time of termination was welder foreman on the outfitting dock. He is survived by his wife, Gladys Johnson, 3815 Kauffman Ave., Vancouver, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Johnson of Brush Prairie.

ASSEMBLY DROPS 10-HOUR SHIFTS UNTIL MONDAY

(VANCOUVER)—Assembly was off the ten-hour shift this week as a tribute to the excellent job it has done in producing sections for the Attack Transports and a much deserved rest, it was learned this week. They will go temporarily back on the 10-hour shift again next Monday, it was stated by Eugene Blazier, director of public relations. The ten-hour shift at Assembly has affected approximately 2000 workers and was inaugurated as a spur to production of the Attack Transports urgently needed by the Navy for Pacific operations.

LEARN THE SECRETS OF PRODUCTION ART

(VANCOUVER)—Do you want to be a production artist? Here's your chance. Beginning Monday two classes in Production will be started at Vancouver. The classes will be held from 5:30 p. m. to 7:30 p. m. in rooms 213-214 in the Yard Training building. They will run for five nights.

The classes are made possible by Oregon State College through the E.S.M.W.T. program. They will be taught by R. C. Sheetz, head of Production Illustration and Hull Detail, and Bob Severin, head of Production Illustration for the Marine Engineers. They are open to anyone.

Vancouver Merchants Okay Night Shopping

(VANCOUVER)—Monday night shopping in Vancouver appeared certain this week when the Merchants committee of the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday and approved the plans developed previously by the local retail clerks union. When the plan goes into effect the stores will be open from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. on Mondays.

Not included in the list cooperating are the grocery stores but it is hoped they also will join the night shopping plan. William J. Yunker, chairman of the Merchants committee, in announcing the decision of his group, stated that the approval was granted as a matter of cooperation with the Kaiser company in their endeavor to reduce absenteeism.

CLERKS ENDORSE PLAN

Attempts have been under way for many months to bring about one-night-a-week shopping. After voting the proposal down on previous occasions the clerks union voted August 1 to endorse the plan advocated by the Metal Trades Council.

"The merchants expect the night shopping plan to cost them money," Yunker said, "but we are putting it into effect as part of our contribution to the war effort and to show our willingness to cooperate with the Kaiser company and labor officials."

Included in the proposal are the Vancouver banks which will close at the regular hour of 3 p. m. but will open at 6 or 6:30 p. m. and remain open until 8 p. m.

Postmaster E. N. Blythe also indicated that the postoffice would participate by keeping the downtown sub-station open on that one night a week.



Improved Service Payday crowds at the west gate each Friday used to present quite a problem to the bus riders to Hudson House and Vancouver. But no more. Under improved service, recently arranged by the Vancouver Bus company, busses are operated to the yard during the pay-check peak in sufficient number to keep the crowds moving without a wait. In the picture above workers are entering a bus, and a second already has arrived. Previously crowds estimated at 200-300 persons would jam this space seeking bus accommodations to town. (Vancouver photo)



Tuskegee Graduates Thirteen of the 25 graduates of Tuskegee Institute employed at the yard are shown above. They are (front row), F. Gary, J. Dodson, S. Robinson, N. Stiggers, I. White and L. Waton; (back row), J. Stafford, E. Evans, L. Berry, L. Frederick, R. James, C. Hawkins and K. Thomas. Those not appearing in the picture are: W. Barden, C. McCord, C. Williams, L. Colston, W. Carnegie, F. Ealy, T. Weathers, C. Latimer, P. Senior, E. Bush, C. Ealy, H. Jackson. (Vancouver photo)

Tuskegee Grads Assist Negro College Cause

(VANCOUVER)—Twenty-five Vancouver shipyard employes, former students of the South's famed Tuskegee Institute, recently contributed \$300 to the United Negro college fund, according to an announcement by Irving White, day shift electrical draftsman. The Tuskegee graduates are represented on all three shifts and in many departments. Within the group are four electricians, fourteen welders, three draftsmen, two shipfitters, and three shipwrights. Clinton Hawkins and William Barden, welders, and William Carnegie, shipwright, have worked in the yard for more than 19 months.

"This fund," White declared, "is sponsored by a group of prominent educators, and is being raised for the purpose of improving and developing higher educational standards and facilities in 27 leading Negro colleges. The campaign for the establishment of the United Negro fund began in March and has a \$1,500,000 goal. Tuskegee Institute was one of those colleges represented in the initiation of the drive."

"Tuskegee was founded in 1881 by the educator Booker T. Washington. From a one-room cabin it has grown into an internationally known institution of higher education, with a plant of 147 buildings on a 3550-acre campus. It has an annual total enrollment of approximately 2000 students, representing most of the 48 states and several foreign countries."

Tuskegee Institute graduates presently employed in the yard are Lavern Watson, Leonard Berry, Ernest Evans, William Barden, Clinton Hawkins, Frederick Gary, Charles Williams, Lucille Colston, Nathaniel Stiggers, Harvey Ealy, Princess Senior, C. E. Ealy and K. P. Thomas, welders; J. Dodson, Rutherford James, Solomon Robinson, and Clinton Latimer, electricians; Ebenezer Bush and Theodore Weathers, shipfitters; Curtis McCord, John Stafford and Lafayette Frederick, draftsmen; Irving White and William Carnegie, shipwrights; and Helen Jackson, shipwright helper.

turned from the South Pacific . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. Sutton are the parents of a baby girl born July 31. Sutton is pipe foreman at Marine Pipe Way 6.

Ada Haggood, day clerk in Machine shop, has been in the yard for one year. In order to celebrate the anniversary she brought a cake to work and the Machine shop gang enjoyed it with their lunches . . . Beulah Marnach, Pat Packard and Maxine Magnason recently spent a week-end at Seaside . . . Mildred Bastedenbeck, leadman in Machine shop, is wearing a diamond she recently received from Jack Estill of the Willamette Iron Works.

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Chief Clerk J. F. "Doc" Craig of the Progress department recently moved to McLoughlin Heights from Hillsboro . . . W. C. Carson, material expeditor at Berth 2 entered the Permanent hospital July 29 . . . A. S. Milne, chief clerk of Rigging spent last week vacationing at the beach . . . Dean Nehler, swing chipper foreman on the dock is leaving the yard to enter the navy August 25.

Pearl Hook, Chief clerk of Master Files and Twillwood Etheridge, teletype operator spent last week vacationing in the nearby mountains . . . W. A. Shattuck, superintendent of Progress left July 29 for Richmond yard No. 2 on business . . . Mardell Short, who has been personnel clerk in the Sheet Metal office for a year is leaving to return to college in the middle west.

Geneva Dale, secretary in the general superintendent's office vacationed at Spokane and Bend last week. Luetta Rich of the same department took Geneva's place while she was away . . . John Kaufman is now swing shop supervisor at Sheetmetal, taking the place of William Needles, who left the yard July 25. Kaufman formerly was shop foreman.

Lucien Garon, superintendent of the Sheet Metal department, recently purchased a home in northeast Portland. Garon has been making his home at McLoughlin Heights . . . Mabel Camp, driver from Truck Dispatch was honored with a farewell party at the Totem Pole August 2. Mabel will make her home in California.

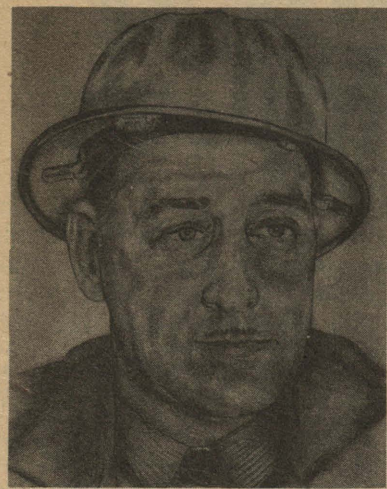
Lyle Parratt, engineer who recently transferred to the New York office, underwent an appendectomy July 27 . . . Eleanor Grote, yard office engineer aide, transferred August 1 to the Main Electric and is now working for Bill Blinn . . . Betsy Ross, electrician on the dock, is grandmother to an 8-pound girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ross on July 29. Ross was a welder on the ways.

Mrs. Bess Yager and husband have recently purchased a home near Mt. Hood and spent last week there. Mrs. Yager, day counselor, came from Idaho over a year ago . . . Bette Ball, office clerk at the induction center, spent last week at her home in Longview. Bette was being visited by Ensign Warren Reeves who recently re-

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the many friends on Vancouver's ways for their many kindnesses after the loss of my husband.—Mrs. Clyde J. Davis.

SUPER EARNS EFFICIENCY PRIZE



(VANCOUVER)—E. O. Johnson, superintendent of chippers and tank testers, has several hobbies, chief of which are fishing and boat building. Besides these he is a man with ideas about how to make work easier and more efficient within his department.

As a reward for this particular hobby, he received the top Labor-Management prize for the month of July. Before Johnson went to work for Kaiser at Boulder dam in Nevada he was in general construction work. Although he came to work at Vancouver in May, 1942, his home always has been in the Northwest. He and his family live on McLoughlin Heights.

His department has charge of riveting and drilling as well as chipping and tank testing. With the advent of the AP-5s, it was necessary for the department to school and instruct riveters and helpers for the sudden increase in this type of work.

—Drawing by E. S. Johnson.

Vets' Phone Fund Gets \$50 Donation



(VANCOUVER)—Largest individual contributor to the Vancouver Junior Chamber "Calls for Veterans" campaign to date is Mrs. Nina Barber, leadman in the Paint shop, Berth 6. Her check, received by the Bosh's Whistle and forwarded to the local Jaycee club, was for \$50.

The contribution by Mrs. Barber was in keeping with a long record of war service. Previous to coming to the yard 22 months ago, she was an instructor in handicraft for wounded veterans at Barnes General hospital for over five months. Her work there made her appreciate the fine work of the Jaycees in providing telephone calls home for these men, she said.

Her work at Barnes followed the capture of her brother at Guam in the early days of the war. The job she did at that time received national attention in the publication of the American Red Cross of April, 1942, and previous to that in the Sunday Oregonian of March 22, 1942.

COMING EVENTS

Aug. 11—Girls softball: Warehouse vs. Tapers at Shumway, Teen Age Dance.
 Aug. 12—Swing shift dance at McLoughlin Heights with Flat Top Six. Swing shift all-Negro show at Victory Center. Old time dancing at Ogden Meadows.
 Aug. 13—Baseball at McLoughlin Heights and Bagley Downs.
 Aug. 14—Buckler Tapers vs. Messengers at Shumway; day Assembly vs. Wolverines at Washington.
 Aug. 15—Sport's broadcast by C. W. Green. Girl's softball: day Assembly vs. Pin Welders at Shumway.
 Aug. 16—Wrestling at McLoughlin Heights.
 Aug. 17—Outdoor smoker—boxing and wrestling, on tennis courts at McLoughlin Heights beginning at 8 p. m. Girl's softball: Warehouse vs. Messengers at Washington.
 Aug. 18—Bosh's Whistle of the Air. Teen Age dance—8 piece orchestra.
 Aug. 19—Launching—Eric Johnston, speaker. Dance for Teen age or adults—McLoughlin Heights, 9-12 p. m. Special dancing arrangements made by 8 top bands. Dance and watch the orchestra from the screen. 25c admission.
 Aug. 20—Championship horseshoe games for adults—partners and single.

INQUIRING REPORTER

QUESTION:

"Do you think it would be desirable for the Allied and German chiefs to meet and arrange peace terms before we have Germany whipped and German territory is invaded?"

Nancy Johnson, marine machinist in Deck Erection: "I don't think it would be a good ideal at all. I think we should go ahead and whip them thoroughly before we even give a thought to making peace. We would gain nothing by making peace now or in the very near future."

Ora T. Smith, marine machinist in Deck Erection: "I don't think we should have anything like the last peace in World War I. My husband was over there for two years the last time and I have a feeling that we should progress instead of retrogress."

J. M. Skov, Guard in Deck Erection: "I have three boys fighting over there. I think we should clean them properly. If we don't we'll have the job to do over again like we did this last time. The only way we can ever be sure that we don't have another is to completely wipe out those elements which are war minded."

Helen Redington, nurse in First Aid: "I think so because if we're going to establish democratic principles throughout the rest of the world we certainly should put them into practice. After all, that's what we're fighting for, isn't it? We're fighting for the right of liberty and the American way of life."

Mrs. Nelle Peyton, nurse in First Aid: "No, I don't think we should. I believe we should go right ahead and clean them up. Clean them once and for all so that we will not have this mess to repeat in 25 or 30 years as we did before. Eliminate the cause by surgery if necessary and you can clear up the infection."

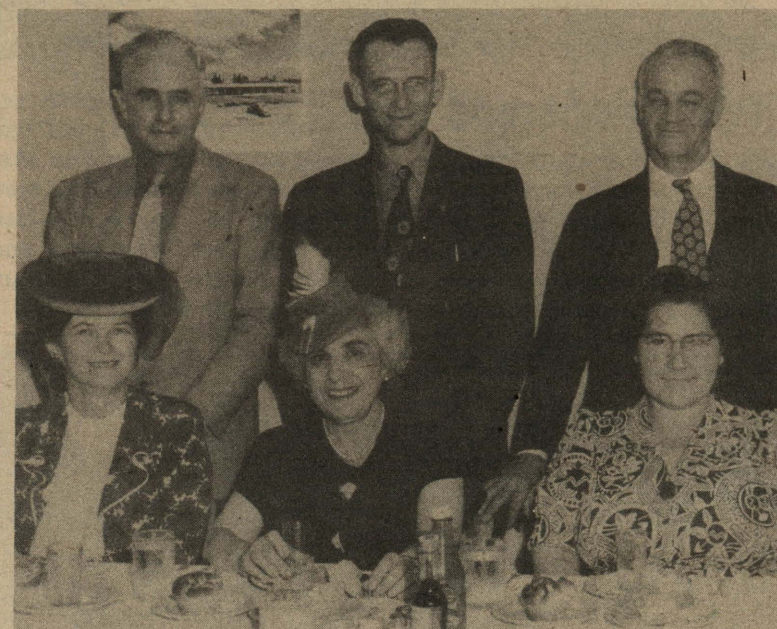
Mrs. Emma Dawson, burner helper in Sub-assembly: "I have a son who has just landed in England. I received a letter from him in which he told me of all the things they had to do without. He's just a boy and it is hard on him—this lack of cookies and various other things. Let's clean them up so our boys never again will have to go without."

G. E. Carter, warehouse foreman in Brick and Rod Storage: "Unconditional surrender are the terms at present. Let's stick to them. I can see no advantage to stopping with the job half done. We'll never right the cause if we quit at the first sign of weakness."

John Schmitz, laborer in Rod Control: "If it were unconditional surrender—yes. Anything else—no. If the Allies are deaf to any suggestions of peace until Germany has been invaded and the military completely eliminated from the picture, maybe we won't have another war in 25 years."

Nursery Project Gets Praise Called Best in Nation

(VANCOUVER)—"Vancouver has one of the finest nursery school setups in the nation," declared Miss Lillian Herstein of the Labor Relations division of the WPB in an address before a group of community and union leaders at a luncheon in her honor at the Ogden Meadows restaurant last week. Miss Herstein lauded the work of Mrs. Helen Lehman, who has charge of the Vancouver



Shown at a dinner given in her honor by Labor and Community leaders is Miss Lillian Herstein of the Labor Relations division of the WPB just before she made her laudatory remarks about the Vancouver nursery schools. From left to right (front row), Mrs. Helen Lehman, director of the Vancouver Child Care Centers; Miss Herstein; Mrs. Beatrice Rice of the Culinary Workers union; Wesley McDonnell of the Machinists, Earl N. Anderson, president of the Sheet Metal Trades council, and Earl Williams of the Painters union. (Vancouver photo)

nursery school program. She also stressed that the splendid cooperation of Miss Maude E. Winters and her staff of counselors at the yard was one of the elements which made this success possible. The Vancouver program was one of the first in the nation to give the working parent 24-hour service.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANTS
 She pointed out that the nursery school project for the children of working people was one of those problems which took a war to bring about the solution. Before the national crisis and the employment of mothers in industry nursery schools were available only to children whose parents could afford to pay a heavy fee comparable in many instances, to the cost of sending a child to college. Because of this situation, the government passed the Lanham Act which made funds for nursery schools available to war industry communities.

"Women are necessary to our success in this conflict," said Miss Herstein, "and it is our duty to see that they have the best working conditions possible under the circumstances. Let me tell you one thing, by the time a woman works eight hours on the job, then comes home and does a full-time job there too, it is no wonder they're cracking up and that their absenteeism is comparatively high in many places. Most men would break under the load long before the average woman does."

50 'Row' Units Ordered Closed

(VANCOUVER)—Under an order from NHA and FPMA issued last week, 50 units of the one story row type houses at Burton Homes are to be vacated by September 1. Tenants will be transferred to comparable units at Bagley Downs and various other housing projects without charge of the usual transfer fee. Vacation notices are held up pending solution of difficulties entailed in converting one and three bedroom units at Bagley Downs into two bedroom units like those at Burton Homes. Work is advancing with dispatch in order that the moves may take place by September without disrupting the normal routine of the tenants to any great degree.

The Vancouver Housing authority has had the complete closing of the project under discussion for some time, but no definite plans have been made as yet because of difficulties encountered in conversion of places and removal of the tenants to Bagley Downs and other housing projects.

The 50 units are to be moved to some area where the housing conditions are more crowded and there is greater need. Those close to the situation believe that Morton, Washington likely is the destination.

SICILY SOLDIER PRAISES YARD'S SETUP FOR VETS

(VANCOUVER)—Eight months overseas and an active part in the Sicilian invasion, award of the Purple Heart for a wound, a year in the hospital and now a mechanic's helper on swing is the story in brief of Ardis Johnston.

Johnston still suffers from the foot wound he received in the invasion of Sicily. He was in hospitals in Africa, Boston and Longview, Texas. He received his medical discharge in Texas and came to Vancouver to visit his father-in-law, Robert Halderman, a day welder on the ways. He settled here and came to work in the shipyard. He is the father of a 23-months-old daughter, born just before he left for overseas duty.

Johnston thinks Vancouver yard has a fine veteran's setup and is an excellent place to work. His former home was at Alamosa, Colo.

HELP WANTED
 There will be openings for stenographers, typists, office and field clerks the first of September due to the fact that several students and teachers will be leaving the yard. It will be necessary to fill those openings between now and September 1. Mrs. Marie Emerson, Personnel building, employment interviewer.

LOST
 LOST: Billfold containing Bond, cash, draft registration, union cards and Social Security card belonging to J. I. Reeder, electrician on the Outfitting dock, swing shift. Leave billfold at Hudson House Sheriff's office or Guard office at yard if found.

LOST AND FOUND
 LOST—Locket without chain. Gold with black design having two pictures. Lost between General Stores and West Gate Saturday. If found return to Bosh's Whistle or Guard Station.

Romance Blossoms On Shipyard Jobs



(VANCOUVER)—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gummeringer—she was Ida Goemer before her marriage—first met at their duties on the Outfitting dock, where he is a day welder and she is an electrician. As their photograph indicates, they are highly pleased about the resulting romance.

Gummeringer thinks his job in the shipyard is "much nicer" than the one he had with the famed 164th infantry division in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal and the Fiji islands. The 164th was the first army infantry outfit to land on Guadalcanal.

Hazardous no guess on the length of the war, he says, nevertheless, that civilians have a much better idea of its progress than do the soldiers at the front.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brooks, McLoughlin Heights, a boy weighing 7 lbs. 6 ozs., July 26, Brooks is a day shift riveter.
 Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bracken, McLoughlin Heights, a boy weighing 7 lbs. 8 ozs., July 27, Bracken is a graveyard welder.
 Mr. and Mrs. Hendron Jenkins, McLoughlin Heights, a boy weighing 7 lbs. 9 1/2 ozs., July 31, Jenkins is a graveyard Sheetmetal worker.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Burns, Bagley Downs, a girl weighing 5 lbs. 12 ozs., July 28, Burns is a graveyard painter.
 Mr. and Mrs. Roger Brown, Burton Homes, a boy weighing 6 lbs. 1 1/4 ozs., July 29, Brown is a swing welder.



Missed Frances Ulrich, Plate Shop softball player, missed a fast one in a recent game, but you can't say she didn't try for it. (Swan Island photo)



Hold Title Second Year Swan Island Pipefitters won the day shift softball championship again this year by defeating Fabrication last week in a replayed game following a protest. Four of the men also played for the 1943 ten. Kneeling, left to right—Ben Adams, Manuel Ortiz, Harry Weinstein, Jack Workman and Ron Chappell; standing—Joe Boyle, Charlie Geenen, Paul Muller, John Molitor and Jack Koenig. (Swan Island photo)

Pipe Captures Swan Replay

(SWAN ISLAND)—Seventh inning—two out, two on, score tied—Vic Meng at bat for Fabrication, hits a double over the left field fence to push across the winning run. Ball players, umpires, loyal fans, all leave the field. Fabrication has ousted Pipefitters as champions of Swan Island dayshift softball. But wait... a Pipe player, looking over the score book, finds Meng batted out of turn. Fitters file a protest in which the commissioners rule the game must be played over.

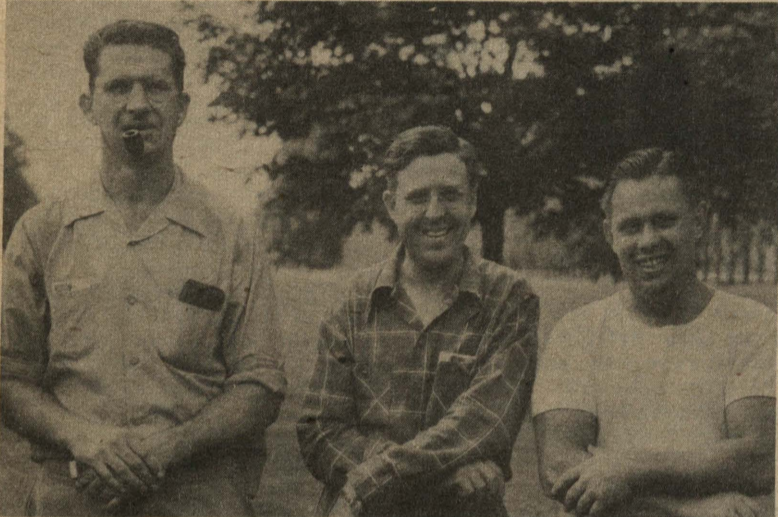
That tells the story of how Pipefitters became yard champions of Swan Island for the second straight year, for the champs came from behind to score an 8 to 3 victory in the replayed game.

Fabrication took a two-run lead in the first inning on a walk and two hits. They scored their third and final run in the second on two hits and an outfield error. The Fitters started rolling in the third, scoring five runs on three hits and two walks and added three more runs in the sixth on four hits and an error.

Ben Adams, Pipefitter catcher, led hitters with "three for four" and batted in two of his team's runs. Score:

	R	H	E
Pipefitters	8	10	2
Fabrication	3	7	2

Koenig and Adams; Gette and Foster.



OSC Par-Busters These Oregon Ship employees have been burning up Portland courses in War Industries Golf league play. The par-smashing OSC trio pictured here are, from left, Les Slade, George Rongerude and Don MacPike. (Oregon Ship photo)



Vancouver Aces Among the most consistent low scorers in War Industries Golf league play are these three Vancouver niblick aces. They are, from left, Bobby Litton, Gail Bowyer and Elwin Bowyer. (Vancouver photo)

FIREMAN EDGES KAISER GOLFERS

Ralph Running of the Portland Fire department nosed out Ray Honsberger, Oregon Ship and Elwin Bowyer, Vancouver, for low gross honors in War Industries' American golf league competition last week, but Z. R. McCool and A. H. Sawyer, Swan Island, kept the Kaiser yards in a top spot by sharing a three-way tie for the low net medal.

McCool had 37-5 and Sawyer 38-6, both netting 32's. Honsberger and Bowyer, with 36's, finished behind Running, who had a 35.

Les Slade, Oregon Ship, had the longest drive of the day in the American league.

Carding a 38, W. J. Ramsey, Oregon Ship, was low gross scorer in the National league. Another OSC golfer, Lee Inman, was tied for low net laurels. G. A. Russell, Swan, had one of the two longest drives.

Wayne Dinnell, Swan, shot a 46 to share a two-man tie for low gross medal in the Federal league. With a 48-16, Howard Berry, also of Swan, was knotted for low net score. C. M. Payne, Vancouver, was the day's longest driver in the Federal division.



Ways Out in Front Girls on the Swan Island Ways Out softball team are leading all competition with five wins and no losses. Several of them are on the all-star Swan Island ten which meets a picked team from Oregon Ship at Columbia Park, Monday. Left to right, front row—Coach Gene Gross, Louis Baumgartner, Henrietta Collins, Dorothy Ewell, Margaret Hurlburt, Mary Hurlburt, Pearl Redding and Coach Frank Wells; back row—Margaret Eefson, Pete Smith, Julie Noe, Midge Crass, Florence Selby, Nela Selzler, Ginger Buffington and Myrl Sykes. (Swan Island photo)



Swan Swing Winners Swan Island's swing shift Assembly ten won second half championship honors with an unblemished record of six victories, then beat Fabrication in the playoffs. Kneeling, left to right, are C. R. Campbell, John Schoenbrun, A. H. Campbell, Bill Mayes and Harold Bauming; standing, V. C. Wilson, Ed Johnson, Sam Cohen, Kenneth Tracewell, Tom Brady, M. V. Vukovich and George Noyer. (Swan Island photo)

Burg Wins; Swan Stars Go Gunning

(OREGON SHIP)—The girls' Outfitting dock softball team defeated the women's Graveyard Night Hawks again last week, 10-1. Cecelia ("Toots") Burg, ace dock pitcher, allowed only four hits and blasted a home run. Only score made off her was a homer by her pitching rival, Lee. Score:

	R	H	E
Outfitting Dock	10	13	1
Graveyard Night Hawks	1	4	3

Burg and Ashlock; Lee and Thompson.

A team of Swan Island women will attempt to solve the puzzling slants of Cecelia ("Toots") Berg, Oregon Ship pitching star, in a game between the all-star teams of the two yards at Columbia field, August 14, starting at 6:30 p. m.

Each Yard Keeps Ten in Title Series

(SWAN ISLAND)—First-round play in the swing shift all-yard championship series at Swan Island Barracks field showed a softball ten from each yard with one game toward the title.

Swan Assembly, Oregon Ship Warehouse and Vancouver Assembly made the credit side of the ledger while Oregon Ship Demons, Oregon Ship Night Hawks and Swan's Plate shop wrote their scores in red ink. Dale Leabo hurled a no-hit, no-run game as the Warehouse outfit beat Plate shop, 8 to 0.



Str-i-i-i-ke Pipefitter Ron Chappell fans air as the ball is stopped by the camera about to hit Fabrication catcher Ken Foster's glove in the first game of their day shift playoff game which Fabrication won, then was forced to replay when a disputed play nullified the score. The Pipefitters won the replayed game and the championship. Umpire DeGiovanni breathes down Foster's neck. (Swan Island photo)

WUP! WELDERS DROP PAIR

(OREGON SHIP)—Guy Ruscigno's welders and burners' 99 Tavern team lost a heart-breaking 17-inning National league game last week to the youthful Blue Bell Potato Chip ten, 3-2.

Ruscigno and Don Fulgham Swan Island graveyard shifter who hurls for Blue Bell, engaged in a pitching battle which was broken up in the 17th frame by Schiewe's homer. Fulgham fanned 23 welders.

With Ruscigno on the bench the following night, the tavern club dropped another contest to Beal Pipe, 9-2. The welders committed five errors. Scores:

	R	H	E
99 Tavern	2	8	3
Blue Bell	3	8	2

Ruscigno and Johnson; Fulgham and Miller, Emra.

Beal Pipe	9	9	1
99 Tavern	2	5	5

Koenig and Elle; Reynolds and Johnson, Rogers.

PAIN^TING

Will shipyard painters "spread the lead" on the 30,000 new homes Portland plans to build in the first ten postwar years?

If a contractor's truck delivered you, your ladders, roof-jacks, scaffold planks, and all necessary brushes, paint, and other supplies to an expensive house that needed redecorating both inside and out, and the boss said, "Brother, she's all yours... go ahead with the job and I'll be back in a couple of days to see how you're getting along."

How well do you think you'd get by? Could you do it?

If you could, there's a bright future for you in the painting business at the close of the war. If you can not, training courses are open that will enable you to handle any part of any painting job!

Ordinary shipyard painting does not qualify a man for residence work, according to labor union officials, but the available courses will enable him to improve himself and qualify.

MUCH PAINTING NEEDED

During the past three years, less than fifty percent of the normal amount of peace-time painting has been done. Manpower shortage in the craft, plus the need for painting ships, tanks, and guns has made many a home-owner forego necessary painting of his own premises. Any painter can confirm this fact for himself by taking a walk around his own block, or a ride along any street, and casually inspecting the conditions of the paint on the houses he passes by. Just how many residences are

now in need of paint is anyone's guess. There are thousands in Portland, and other thousands in adjacent rural areas.

But it will be in the field of new buildings where painters of this region will really cash in. Basing its estimate on the 1940 census, plus best opinion as to Portland's housing needs, the Portland Home Builders' Association, through L. C. Simms, president, gives these facts:

During the ten-year period immediately following the close of the war, 30,000 new residences will be built in Portland. Two thousand of these will be built the first year after the war when materials are again available. Between 4,000 and 5,000 new homes will be built the second year; after the war, about the same number the third year, after which new construction will taper off to around 3,000 homes a year.

Wood construction is likely to predominate in all these houses, and wood needs paint.

Classifying the new homes as to cost, Simms estimates that 30 percent of all of them will be under \$4,000; forty-percent will cost between \$4,000 and \$6,500; twenty percent will be between \$6,500 and \$10,000, and the remaining 10 percent will be above \$10,000.

INDUSTRIAL RENOVATION

Work for painters will by no means be confined to new residential construction, however. David B. Simpson has definite information that numerous large in-

dustrial establishments will be built in the Portland area, once building restrictions are removed, and in this development there will not only be jobs for painters in painting the buildings to house the industries, but also in painting many of the products those industries will turn out.

Both hotels and business buildings are in need of redecorating, but many have foregone having the job done until after the war. Most of these have only done necessary maintenance work, in order that painters can work in vital war industries, but, after the war, there

will also be work for painters in these places.

Now, who's going to spread all this paint? Roy Hill, business agent of Local 10, gives some interesting figures on manpower available. Membership in the Union has come up from 400 members to 3000. This increase in membership, however, does not mean that many more painters are in the area than have always been here.

Back in the days of NRA, about 2000 painting contractors were recognized under the old blue eagle. Many of these, in fact most of them, were one-man or two-man shops. During WPA, many of them did the painting, as contractors, on WPA projects. With the advent of defense work and the war, a majority of these men went to shipyards and other war industries, so that the increase in union membership accurately reflected the decline in the number of painting contractors from the all-time high of 2000.

At the present time, Kaiser shipyards in this area employ 2,342 painters. Some of these are old-timers, men past 60 years old who long ago laid down their brushes, but took them up again to do their part in the war effort. Many of these will go back to their little farms and other interests because of their advanced age.

Now, since shipyard work does not qualify a man for residential work, how can he qualify?

HOW TO QUALIFY

Two training programs, War Production Training, and Apprentice Training are now in process of amalgamation, and are offered together, under Union sponsorship, to enable brush hands to become

journeymen, and have a part in the huge post war painting program outlined in the foregoing. Upon completion of the training, Union examiners pass upon every man's ability. If he can "cut the mustard" on residential work, he goes on the eligibility list for contract jobs.

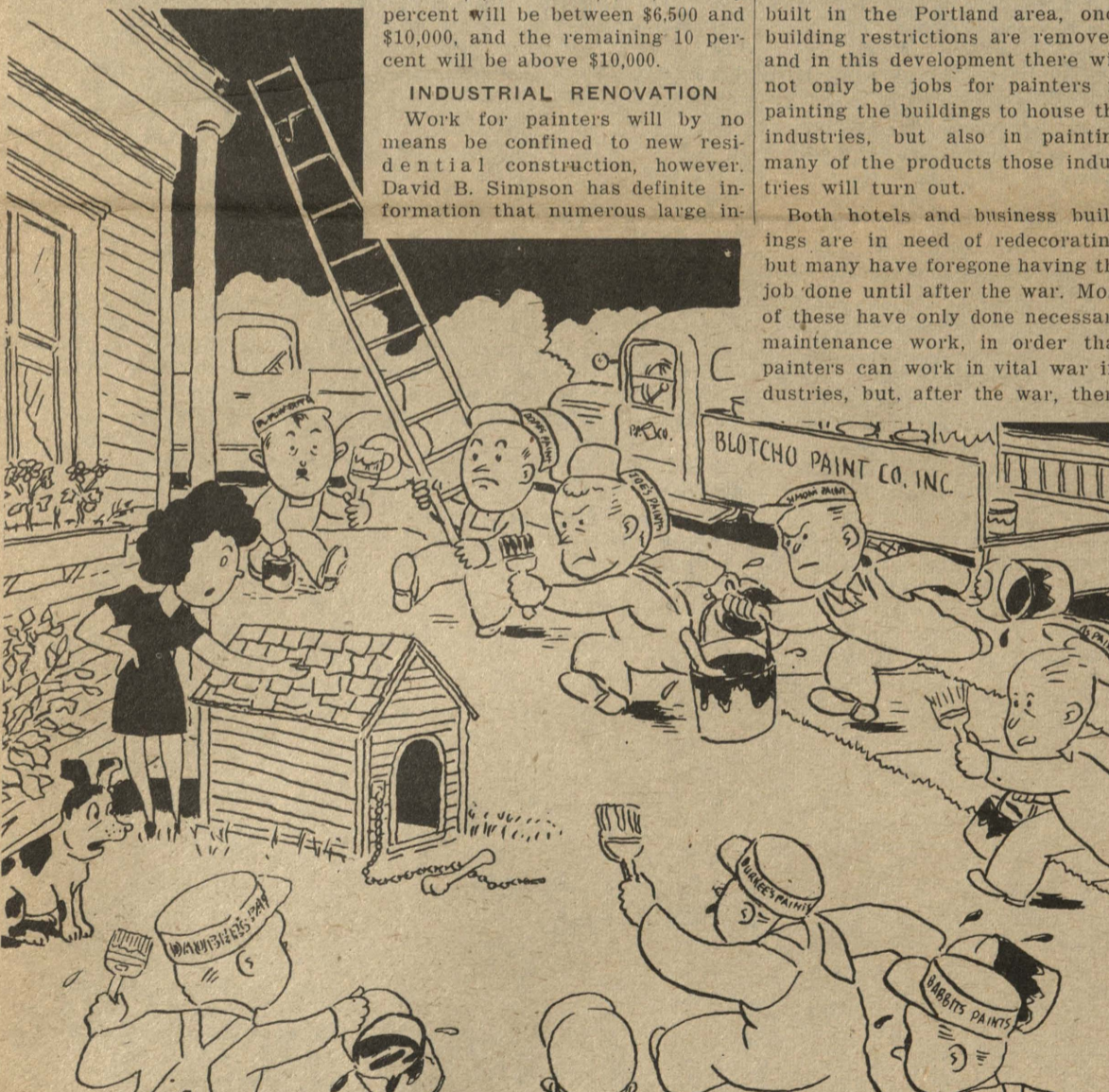
To assure good work, contractors must now have a shop card before painters will be provided by the Union. In taking this step, the Union is working with such groups as the Portland Homebuilders' association, which in its turn is seeking a state law to qualify all contractors in the building trades, and not just painters.

And Union officers are urging brush hands to avail themselves of the "improver courses" available, so there will be enough competent painters to take care of the needs of the area when the shooting stops.

Painters have a unique advantage over some of the other crafts in that there is plenty of paint available. True, a few materials, and some of the better grades, are all going to the armed forces, but even so, there is no shortage, restrictions, nor rationing as there is in some lines.

Brushes are another story. There are no more Chinese bristles at the moment, but there will be when the war ends and the Japs have been rolled back to their own dinky islands. In the meantime the boys' and gals are doing right well with brushes in which horsehair and nylon substitute for the hair of the China hog.

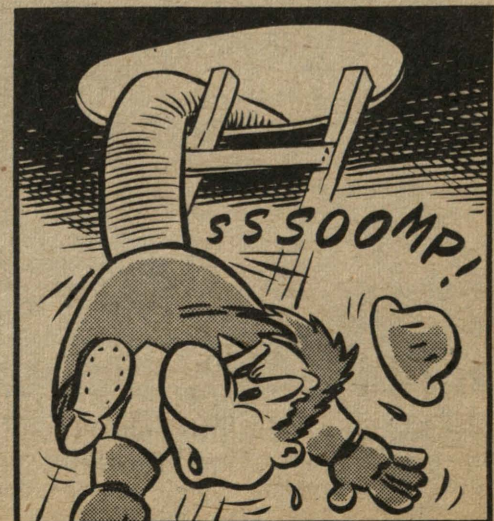
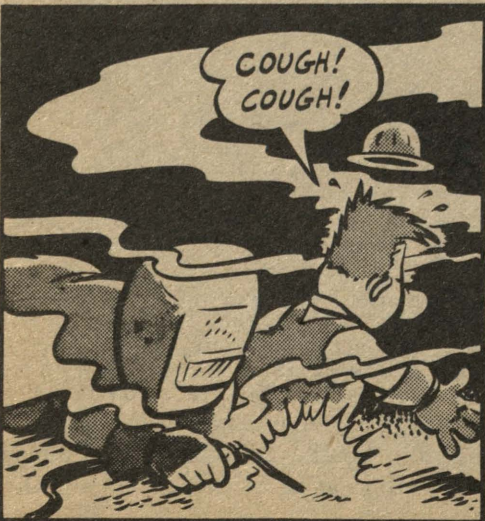
There is plenty of paint, there will be plenty of work. There is right now. The only shortage is manpower... trained man power.



"... just the doghouse boys, Rover is making postwar plans."

Stubby Bilgebottom

By Ernie Hager



Office Shift To Aid Rationing

(VANCOUVER)—Improvement of service and added convenience to employes are the reasons for moving the Transportation department into larger quarters, according to an announcement from C. V. Patterson, department head. The department will move into the offices in the southwest half of

Leader Comments On Transportation Change Benefits



Mrs. Marie Simon

(VANCOUVER)—"The handling of each worker's problem on a basis personal to him is made possible by the shift in the Transportation department setup," declares Mrs. Marie M. Simon, supervisor.

She pointed out that such treatment will bring satisfaction and service which could not be obtained under "mass problem" handling of individual situations.

"We will increase our staff to increase efficiency," Mrs. Simon continued. "At present we have 20 workers on days, nine on swing and three on grave. Three new workers will be added to the day shift, where greatest volume is encountered. Other shifts will remain the same."

Mrs. Simon has been in the Transportation department since its inception, when only two persons were employed.

the second floor in the Personnel building, previously occupied by marine engineers, in the near future—possibly this coming week.

"Our job is to see that the worker receives the best, possible service and is handled as courteously and expeditiously as possible. That is why we are making this move into larger quarters," says Patterson.

"A fact that often is forgotten is that my department is not in a position to reject or allow any worker's application for any rationed commodity, but due to the fact that we are very familiar with the situation and the peculiarities of the rationing board, we can offer the worker advice as to probable action to be taken by the ration board on his application. We are merely the intermediary between the worker and the rationing board," he added.

"It is mandatory under OPA regulations for the plant department to check and verify all applications submitted through it to the local board for action. Because of this regulation, applications are sometimes returned to client, before going to the board, for purposes of clarification of statements made or so that we can assist in putting the application in correct form so that it stands a better chance of being passed by the board."

The Transportation department was installed by the company in order to save the worker the necessity of having to go personally to local boards, wait in line for hours at a time, put up with the inconvenience because of volunteer help, and miss work.

Patterson feels that the move will enable his staff to do a better job in this service to the worker because they will have more room which in turn will guarantee the worker less waiting and more privacy in presenting his problem.



Remedied The congestion evident in this picture is the main reason why the Transportation is making its move to larger quarters. The new offices will enable the department to give better and more courteous consideration of the employes' problem. (Vancouver photo)

The WORKER SPEAKS

Siren Song

Sir: I believe Kaiser Company, Inc. should have a siren to notify the workers living two miles away in ample time for them to get to work. I suggest that it be blown 30 minutes before each shift change so workers could be on time. As it is now, whenever I ask someone the time, the answer usually is "I don't know." So let's have a siren so everyone can be at the job on time, and we can get this work done.—H. G. Taylor, swing pipe fitter.

Ed: Mr. Taylor, like the editor, must not have an alarm clock!

Bloodmobile At Yard?

Sir: I suggest that the Bloodmobile come into the yard so that we will lose no time.—C. Watterbery, day electrician.

Ed: Possibilities of this have been investigated previously and found impossible. The Bloodmobile, which makes one trip a week to Vancouver, is on an extremely busy schedule every day of the week. Yard workers can best help the Red Cross in its campaign for blood plasma by arranging trips to the Vancouver center each Wednesday. If help or further details are desired, call the Bosn's Whistle, extension 777.

Man With a Story

Sir: I am writing you about what I think would cheer up some of the workers in the yard and make them feel like putting more into bonds. All we hear is about the ones who buy hundreds of dollars of bonds. That is OK and we are glad of it but they have money outside of what they make at the yards.

When we have this put in front of us all the time it makes the ones who can take only so much of our checks feel like we are not doing any good. But I know a man who I have worked a good deal with. He came here in September, 1942, from Illinois. He went in as a chipper and has been at it ever since. He went through the Hudson House fire, lost all he had. After he got his family out here his children were sick and in the hospital a good deal, but he kept to his job even if he was sick from worries over them. He has five in his family and he is the only one working. He has been taking out \$12.50 since he came here. Don't you think men and women like that need a little cheering up and told they are doing a swell job?—A Friend, Day Shift.

Ed: An excellent bond buyer, indeed! There are undoubtedly other good stories like this we have missed. We will look up your friend, and welcome any others with good records like his.

Geralds Directs Allocations; New Production Aide

(VANCOUVER)—A recent addition to the staff of the Production Control department under Edward



L. Greene is Edward L. Gerald, who has charge of allocation of materials directly under the supervision of Earl C. Finlay.

Geralds comes to the Kaiser company from Hanford, Wash., where he worked for two and a half years under the field superintendent of the DuPont company. He started work in the yard July 28 and says he is impressed by the high morale of the workers.

His hobby is designing houses, at which he paid his way through college in Louisville, Ky. He has been in the Northwest since December, 1943.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the nursing staff and Dr. Spitzer for the kind attention and courtesies extended me during my recent stay at the hospital.—F. A. Durante, Ass't. Supv., I.B.M.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all my fellow workers who took part and gave kindness in my sorrow when my husband, Wm. Mattson was injured on job July 17 and died later in the hospital at Vancouver. Your sympathy and kindness I will cherish.—Mrs. Helen D. Mattson.

Soldier Gives Hitler Only '60 to 90 Days'

(VANCOUVER)—Valor, courage, stamina and prayer—that is the picture of the Normandy front portrayed by Pvt. Robert G. Deihl, formerly night supervisor of WOL, Mutual Broadcasting system's Washington, D. C. station. Writing from "France", Deihl gives Germany "no longer than 60 to 90 days, despite first hand contact with Jerry and a knowledge that he still has plenty of punch."

The letter, in part, follows:

"I could write volumes, but will say little at this time of events here. We are in it, and have been in it, for some time now. I've remained well and OK thru all of it, for which I am humbly thankful . . . and with crossed fingers hope it continues. You can live a lifetime out here in a day, and review a lifetime in a matter of seconds, but it is remarkable how the mind and the body adjusts itself to circumstance, however difficult, and goes right along confident and with faith. How I hope I come through, for I have seen a lot, and thought a lot, and prayed a lot. Prayer is second nature out here. You do it unconsciously every hour of the day. All of us do, and it is magnificent the way these boys carry on. I've seen enough of the valor and courage and stamina from this bunch of boys to know without any doubt that the worst of them are worthy of high honor and praise. You wonder how they do it and you can't help but have a feeling of unmistakable pride in them for seeing it through the way they do. It makes you curse the horrible truth that they've got to go thru it, and keep right on going thru it, until one dreamed-of day when it's over. It makes you grit your teeth and determine within your soul to do all you can to see

that it doesn't have to happen again if there is anything within your power to prevent it.

"But you know equally that it's all worth while, somehow, and that day by day the job is nearer done. My optimism for an early end to the conflict still persists, despite first hand contact with Jerry and a knowledge that he still has plenty of punch. Personally, I give Germany no longer than 60 to 90 days . . . Russia isn't knocking at her back door for a social call . . ."

Deihl is the brother of Dave Deihl, editor of the Vancouver Bosn's Whistle.

SIXTH AP-5 HITS COLUMBIA RIVER

(VANCOUVER)—The U.S.S. Rutland, sixth Vancouver attack transport to slide down the ways, dipped into the Columbia river Thursday, August 10 at noon. Chief speaker of the day was Governor Arthur B. Langlie of Washington.

The launching honored the Personnel department, with Mrs. Carl Kilgore, wife of the Personnel director, as sponsor. Matron of Honor was Mrs. Fred Humphreys. Flower girl was Mrs. Mabel Thorn, secretary in Kilgore's office. The Rev. Charles Stanley Mook delivered the benediction.



LST Unloads 'Dozer' One of the biggest jobs that Vancouver-built LSTs are accomplishing in the Pacific is in landing bulldozers on newly-captured Jap islands. These stubby little machines are turning out to be just as important as tanks in modern warfare. (Official U. S. Navy photo)