

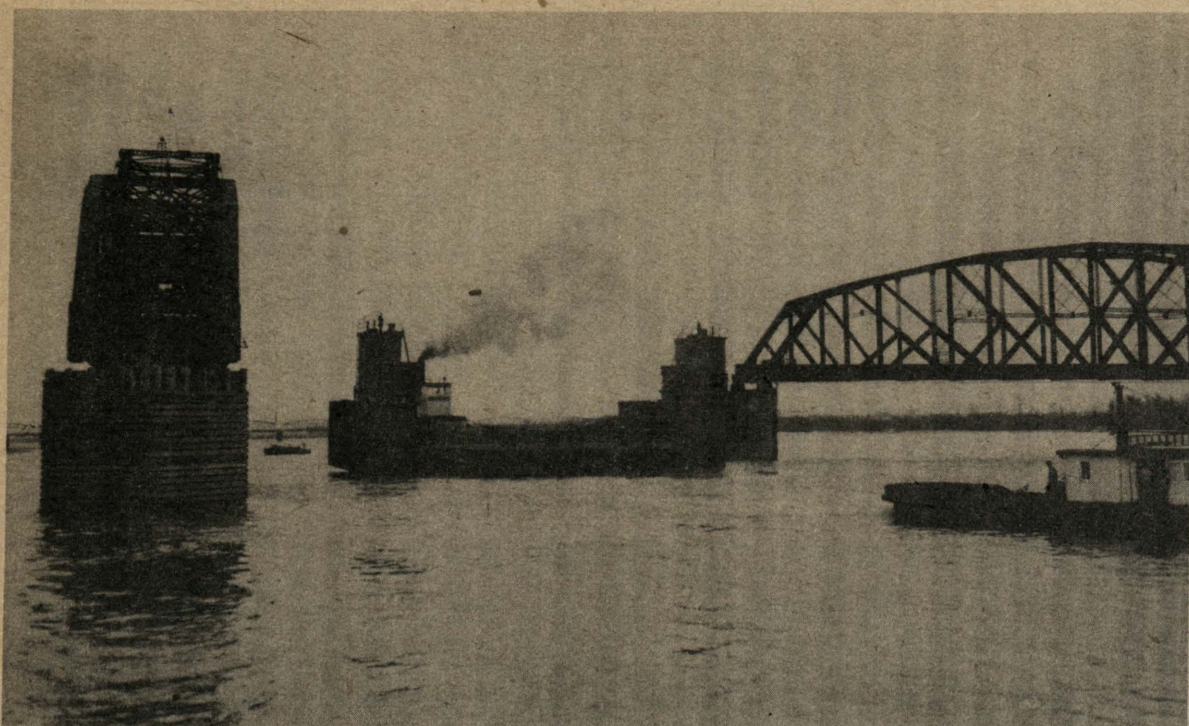


# DRYDOCK DELIVERED

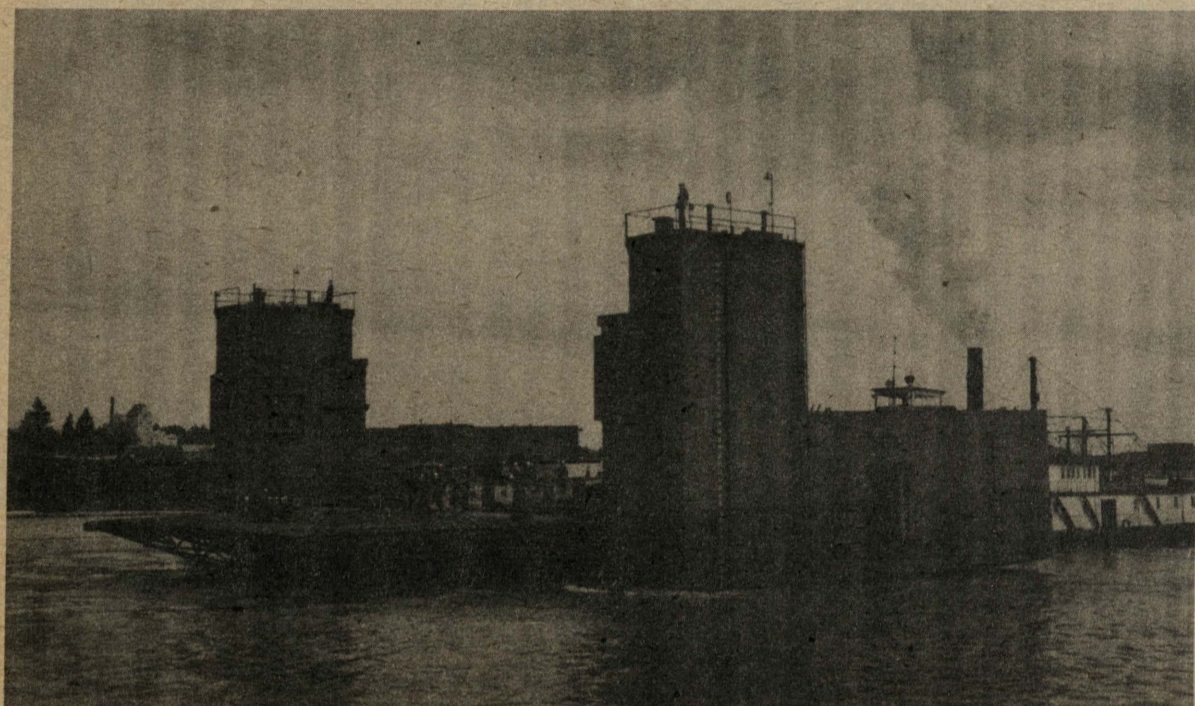
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**"For He Is Risen"** Vancouver workers are reminded of the miracle of the Resurrection by the large floodlighted cross mounted on the roof of the Assembly building. The cross was displayed for the first time last Sunday and will remain through Easter Sunday. The swing workers in the picture were caught by the photographer as they paused during lunch to gaze upward at the cross. (Vancouver photo)



It took seven hours and 45 minutes to move the first drydock end section from Vancouver to Swan Island. The section was launched at 10 a. m. last Saturday and started immediately downstream (above). At noon it passed through the highway bridge and at 1:05 p. m. it went through the railroad bridge (below). At 2:10 it entered the Willamette and by 5:45 p. m. arrived at Swan Island.



## Drydock Sections Now at Swan Island

The job of towing Swan Island's new drydock from Vancouver began last week with delivery of the first end section last Saturday. One remaining end section and the huge 4000-ton center section were scheduled to make the complicated towing voyage this week if weather conditions would allow. Five tugs were ordered to handle the center section through the waters of the Columbia,

between the opened Interstate bridge, into the mouth of the Willamette river and past Oregon shipyard to the big tank-building plant. Moving of the huge center section is a highly intricate operation and though the section has been completed for some time the actual date of de-

livery to Swan Island was postponed time after time because of adverse weather conditions. The last date set was Wednesday but strong winds that morning made necessary a postponement to Thursday morning which was the last date as of Bosn's Whistle press time.

Swan Island must outfit both end

pieces before the complete dock is ready for operation. The main section was completely outfitted at Vancouver.

Island workmen have already made preparations for fitting and installation of the dock. Crews have been working on the feed tunnel along the finger pier which will carry water, air oxygen and acetylene to the deck.

Riggers are ready to move a whirley crane from Berth One of the Outfitting dock to the finger pier as soon as it is surfaced and tracks are installed. New trucks have been installed on the whirley to permit it to make the angle of the approach when the approach cells from the Outfitting dock are finished.

## Burning OSC Liberty Kills Two Jap Planes

(OREGON SHIP)—With flames from exploding acetylene threatening to ignite their cargo of high-test gasoline, merchant seamen and Navy gunners on the Oregon Ship-built Liberty, Matthew P. Deady, shot down two Japanese planes while fighting flames that threatened loss of the ship during a bombing attack at Leyte, according to a War Shipping Administration release this week.

Twenty-two soldiers and four Navy gunners lost their lives in the encounter and nearly a score were wounded, the release stated, most of the casualties resulting from the first explosion of acetylene stored on deck.

The fire spread quickly to No. 1 hold where there was a large quantity of high-test gasoline and carbide. Deck and steward crews descended into the hold to fight

the carbide blaze with chemicals, succeeding in putting out the fire before it reached the gasoline drums.

Acetylene kept going off in huge puffs of flame, the dispatch stated, in a blaze that lit up the whole sky. But when all fires were finally out, the valiant "Deady" was still afloat, with two enemy planes to the credit of her guns.

The vessel was delivered from the OSC Outfitting dock, July 6, 1942.

## Bismarck Sea's Loss Chalks Up 5 for Vancouver

The fifth Vancouver-built escort carrier to be sunk in the Pacific went down off Iwo Jima February 21, the victim of torpedoes from a Japanese plane. The vessel, which was hit two days after the landing of American marines on Iwo, was the U.S.S. Bismarck Sea, and was one of a force of small carriers

and other naval craft supporting the amphibious operation. Originally christened the Alikula Bay when it was launched at the Vancouver yard on April 17, 1943, its name was later changed to honor an important South Pacific naval battle fought earlier in the war.

The story of the Bismarck Sea's last battle was told by Lt. Comdr. Carl L. Estes of Longview, Tex., in an interview. Estes saw the sinking from another escort carrier, name of which was not disclosed, only 1000 yards away.

### ONE PLANE GETS THROUGH

According to Estes, the Japs sent so many planes over Iwo on the day the carrier was sunk "that they looked like a swarm of flies on a boarding house table."

The officer said that although American ships were shooting down the planes on all sides, two got through to strafing and torpedoing levels.

"Our destroyer escort shot down one of the pair," Estes related, "but the other headed right for us. Just as it reached us, it turned and banked and wounded the Bismarck Sea.

"There was a huge puff of orange flame. The Bismarck Sea steamed forward for a while—then stopped dead. Then there was a tremendous explosion and everything was dark."

Commander Estes told of seeing the ship list to starboard, roll over and go down. He said crew members crowded to the fo'c's'l and went over the side just before the carrier sank.

"Most of them carried flashlights

and appeared to be as thick as lightning bugs in the water," Estes recalled, adding that the survivors were picked up by destroyers and other ships.

The most harrowing experience was described by six aerial observers of the veteran Fourth Marine division, who were among those rescued. They said that after the ship sunk Japanese fliers cold-bloodedly strafed crew members swimming helplessly in the icy, mountainous seas. Of the 300 lives lost, 100 are believed to have been machine-gunned or drowned.

Capt. John L. Pratt of Coronada, Cal., said that several explosions and fires aboard the Bismarck Sea caused its loss after several aerial torpedoes had torn into it.

The ship was christened at Vancouver by Mrs. Mon C. Wallgren, the wife of Washington's new governor. Wallgren, then a U. S. senator, delivered the principal address.

### Ex-Vancouver Worker Receives Purple Heart

Lewis Clark Cook, former Vancouver yard employe and Portland news photographer, has been given the Purple Heart for wounds received while serving aboard an aircraft carrier in the Pacific. As a navy photographer's mate 1/c, Cook has taken pictures in both the Atlantic and Pacific theatres, and supplied some of the film used in "Fighting Lady," an actual record of carrier life.

## Ranger, Ex-OSC Welder Aids Prisoner Release

Pfc. Gilbert Cox, former welder leadman at Oregon Ship, and several other Rangers, recently were congratulated by President Roosevelt for the part they played in the release of 500 American prisoners of war from the Japanese camp near Cabantuan, Luzon Island. Cox is a nephew of F. L. Meek, day electrician on the Outfitting dock at Vancouver for three years.

He recently was awarded the bronze star medal by Lieut. Gen. Walter Krueger of the Sixth Army for his heroic service in Dutch New Guinea on October 4 and 5, 1944. Cox was one of a group who rescued 14 Dutch and 52 Javanese prisoners of the Japs.

The Rangers were led by Lt. Col. Henry A. Mucci of Bridgeport, Conn. Guided by teams of Alamo Scouts, among whom was Cox, the Rangers finally reached their objective, after a last crawl of more than a mile and a half in broad daylight to the very edge of the prison camp.

Cox and another man were posted at the foot of the Japanese guard tower. As they waited for the signal to fire, they were positive the guard looked straight at them and saw them. But they could do nothing but wait.

As the crack of an M-1 rang out, the signal agreed upon, Cox and the

other Ranger fired, and the guard toppled out of the tower.

Meanwhile, the gate was being blasted open while the rest of the Rangers poured a deadly stream of lead into the Japanese area. Rangers dashed into the area and started moving the prisoners out.

Others went to the hospital shed and finding men who were too weak to walk, hoisted them on their backs and then withdrew toward the river.

Other Rangers meanwhile, stood guard with the guerrillas around the camp. Several hundred yards away was a large Japanese force and when the Rangers finally withdrew all their men from the camp, the Japanese started a stream of tank and mortar fire which caused some casualties.

Pfc. Cox appeared on the "People Are Funny" program March 16. He was a welder leadman at Oregon Ship from July, 1941, to November, 1941.

### 3-YARD SCOREBOARD

	OREGON			VANCOUVER				SWAN ISLAND	
	LIBERTYS	VICTORY CARGO	VICTORY TRANSPORTS	LIBERTYS	TANK LANDERS	ESCORT CARRIERS	VICTORY TRANSPORTS	C-4 TRANSPORTS	TANKERS
KEELS LAID	322	77	30	10	30	50	31	13	133
LAUNCHED	322	66	30	10	30	50	31	1	125
DELIVERED	322+8 VAN	57	30	2	30	50	31+5 CONV.	0	123+6 FLEET OILERS

## Government Drops Yard Feeding Plan

According to press dispatches from Washington, the U. S. Maritime commission has abandoned plans to build restaurants inside the Kaiser Portland-Vancouver area yards at a cost of \$1,100,000. Details of the proposed project appeared in the Bosh's Whistle two weeks ago, but since then, according to Washington dispatches, the facilities review division of the War Production board has rejected applications for construction materials.

At Bosh's Whistle press time, the yards had received no official notification confirming the news releases.

Under the plan, which grew out of a demand by unions affiliated with the Metal Trades council, nine restaurant units would have been built at Vancouver, eight at Oregon Ship and six at Swan Island. Food would have been prepared in the Columbia house kitchen at Vancouver and trucked to the yards for service.

## Machinists Needed at OSC, Swan

Several hundred machinists are urgently needed at Swan Island and Oregonship. Former employes who served as machinists are urged to return to the yards if they are not now engaged in essential war work, and if not so employed can obtain certificates of availability at once through their local United States Employment Service office. Machinists who have not worked in the yards should also report to the U.S.E.S. for shipyard employment.

## Supply of Spare Parts Now Available For Marine Engines

(OREGON SHIP)—Some \$100,000 worth of new and used spare parts for gas and diesel marine engines, practically unobtainable in today's markets, have been declared surplus by owning agencies and are now on sale, the United States Maritime commission announced today.

Included in the list of miscellaneous articles are spare parts for marine engines including air receiver tanks, bearings, intake valves, piston rings, springs, etc.; oil filters, angle drives, couplings, duplex type Kraissl fuel oil strainers, air tanks, 50-gallon storage tanks, reduction gears, spare gears and small gas engines ranging from 19 to 65 h.p. built to special navy specifications. Most of the latter are used and some require reconditioning.

Marine supply houses and boatyards are urged to send in listings of needed parts which will be answered promptly. For information,

## Tit-for-Tat Greets Brag On C-4 Time

(VANCOUVER)—Some friendly boasting about Vancouver time consumed in building the first C-4 from keel laying to launching ended in a challenge for the yard. At the launching banquet, Edgar Kaiser, in introducing Clay Bedford, general manager of the four Kaiser yards at Richmond, Calif., pointed out that it took Richmond 225 days to build their first C-4, Sun Shipbuilding corporation of Chester, Penn., 153 days on their first C-4, and Vancouver only 128 days on their first C-4.

Bedford, in answering Kaiser, admitted that the figures were correct. "But," he added, "just before I left there I was handed figures on the last C-4 we launched. It was on the way for a total of 65 days!"

"That gives us something to shoot at," retorted Kaiser after a "no comment" look from John Hallett, general superintendent.

## Paper Praises Shipbuilders As Good Citizens

(VANCOUVER)—Praise for shipyard workers of this area was made nationwide last week in a full page advertisement appearing in Time magazine by The Oregonian, Portland daily newspaper. They were praised not alone for their excellent shipbuilding records, but as being the "finest type of citizen" as well.

"Our shipyards," the article read, "have repeatedly set world records—for speed in shipbuilding, for lowest over-all costs, for fewest man-hours per ship. The thousands of newcomers who have helped us to set these records are the finest type of citizens an industrially growing area could ask for. . . . Many have already invested in Oregon homes and farms.

"With the war born combination of management, competent labor, established plants and unlimited electric power, Oregon yards will be robust competition under peacetime conditions in shipbuilding and other lines."

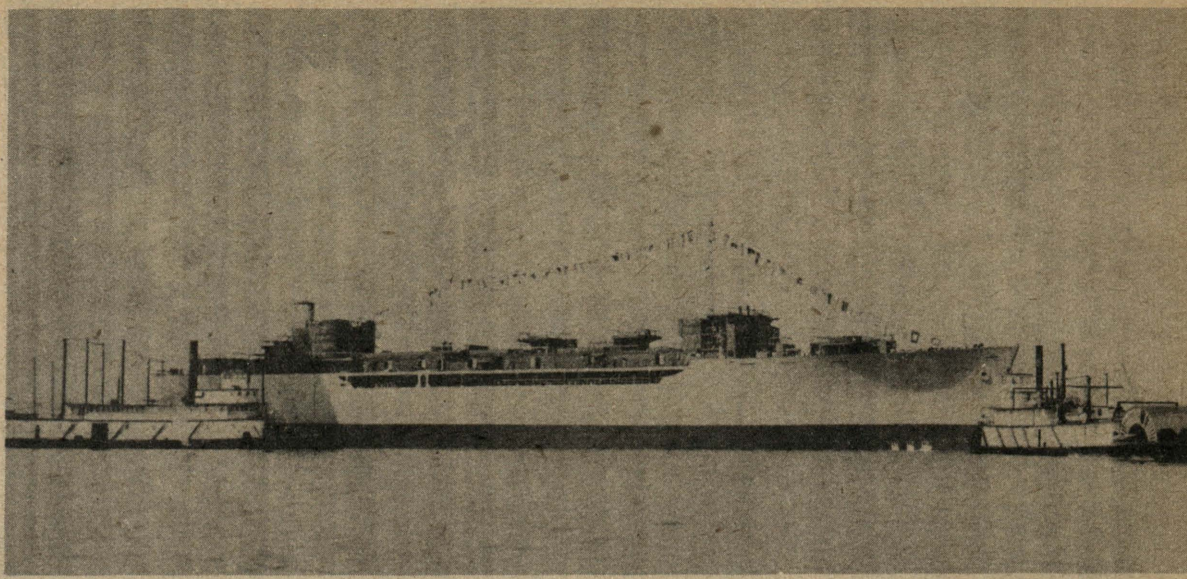
## Dimes Chief Thanks Yards For Drive Aid

George H. Buckler, Portland chairman for the 1945 March of Dimes drive, thanked Kaiser workers and the Bosh's Whistle this week for its assistance in the campaign.

"I am sure that all the space which you gave us was responsible for the generous contributions of the workers at all three yards," Buckler wrote Bosh's Whistle editors. "Should you have an opportunity to thank your workers for me, I would appreciate it if you would."

He said that to date, \$180,000 has been received for the care and treatment of infantile paralysis victims in Multnomah county.

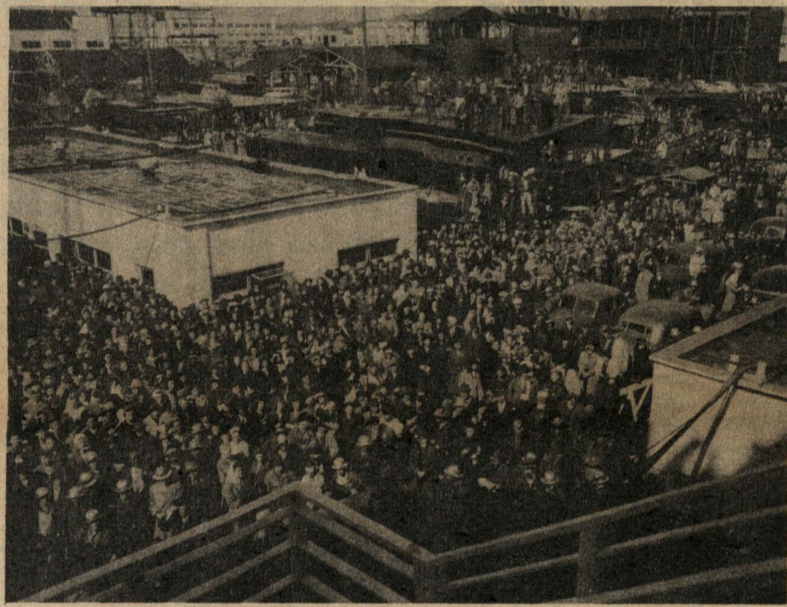
write to the Materials Disposal Section, Contract Settlement and Surplus Materials Division, U. S. Maritime Commission, Washington 25, D. C.



A few minutes after launching the tugs have fastened on and the S. S. Marine Tiger is being warped into Berth 1 where the finishing touches and outfitting will be given her before delivery. C-4's are now on a tentative 12 day launching schedule which may be changed from time to time. (Vancouver photo)

# Vancouver Launches First of Huge C-4s

(VANCOUVER)—With little more splash than the 121 previous ships, the S. S. Marine Tiger, largest ship ever launched in this area, slid down Way 3 at Vancouver last Friday noon while an estimated 5000 people cheered. The large troopship, destined in the words of Edgar Kaiser "to take the troops and supplies to garrison the Pacific islands and the mainland of China," was the first



A new chapter in shipbuilding history was opened March 23 as the first C-4 was launched at the Vancouver yard. A crowd estimated at 5000 people jammed the shipways and work areas to see the S. S. Marine Tiger slip into the Columbia. (Vancouver photo)

of 25 ships that will be built in this yard. Eight escort carriers of the Cimarron type will follow the C-4s. The launching of the Marine Tiger was hailed by Kaiser as a "memorable occasion in the history of shipbuilding in the Portland-Vancouver area." "This is a turning point in the history of the Vancouver yard," Kaiser added. "This yard has built more types of vessels on mass production than any other new shipyard in the United States. . . . Within the next 30 days we will change over from our present type of contract . . . to a guaranteed fixed-price contract. We are guaranteeing the cost. We are proving that we can build in a competitive field. We have bid at a cost that will compete with any yard in the country."

### HONORS JOE REIS

Sponsor of the first C-4 was Mrs. J. F. Reis, wife of the three-yard Administrative manager. Reis, who has been with the Kaiser company for 24 years added to the occasion of his wife being sponsor by celebrating his birthday. In a brief speech he thanked all concerned for the honor accorded his wife, and concluded: "Down in Cuba, the Cubans have a saying that flies do not enter closed mouths, so I think it is best for me to say thanks a million and sit down."

The keel for the Marine Tiger was laid November 15.

### Heads Shipping

The War Shipping administration was created by executive order in February, 1942. It has complete control over United States ocean shipping for the duration of the war.

Strategic control of Allied shipping is vested in the American-British Combined Shipping Adjustment board, which directs operations from Washington and London.

## Ex-OSC Worker Sees Iwo Flag-Raising

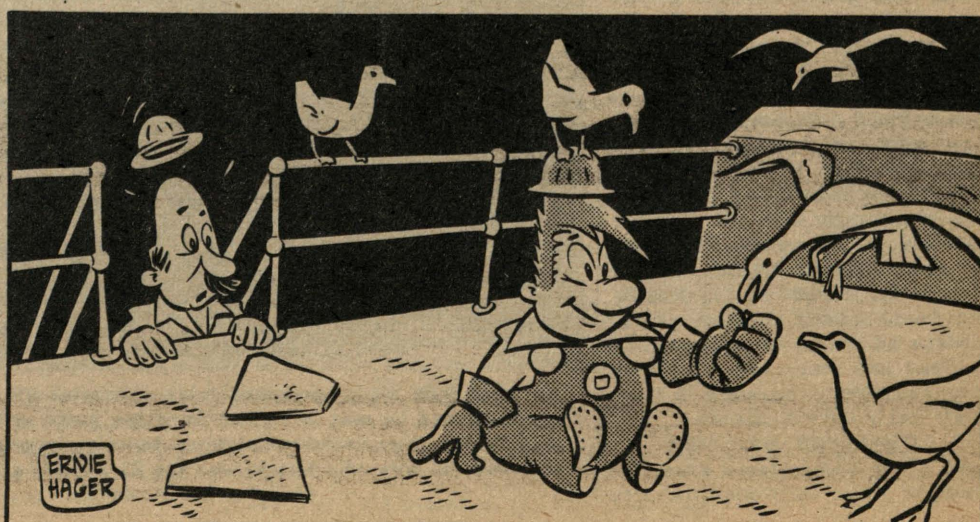
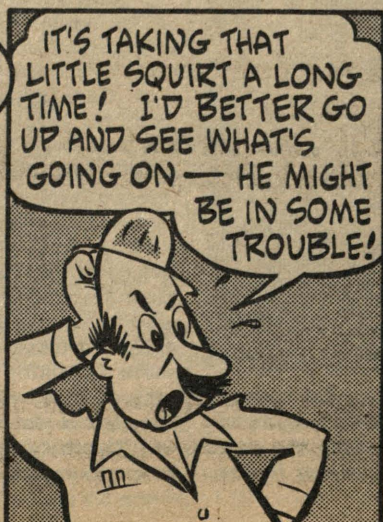
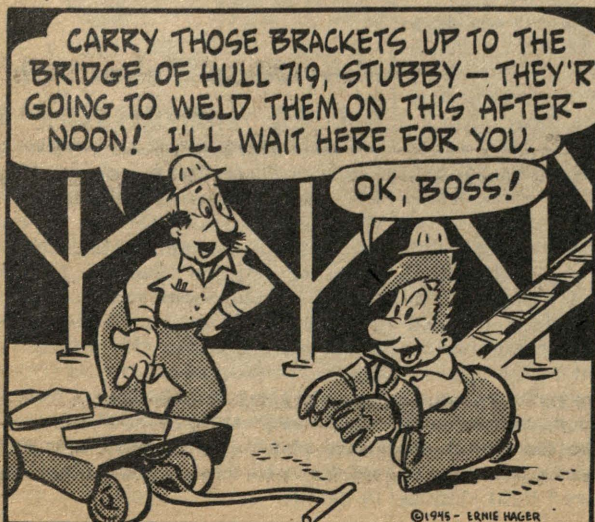
(VANCOUVER)—Lieut. James M. Stewart, former Oregon Ship office employe, was an eye witness of the famous flag raising on Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima island, according to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Stewart of Chehalis, Washington. Lieutenant Stewart stood

at a little distance watching the marines strain to raise the flag. Finding himself sobbing, he turned away to hide his emotion only to find that everyone else near him was unconsciously doing the same thing. The picture of the event taken by Joe Rosenthal of the Associated Press appeared in full color in the Oregonian Sunday magazine section

In writing of the fighting on the island the lieutenant said he saw no spectacular deeds of heroism, "just every man doing his job with everything he had to give."

Stewart was promoted to first lieutenant during the fighting on Iwo Jima.

## Stubby Bilgebottom



By Ernie Hager



These Plate shop welders were fellow workers with Helen Larkin, wife of Brigadier General C. A. Larkin of the U. S. Marines. Meeting the General at Plate shop on swing shift are (back row) O. M. Poe, Urban N. Martineau, Sebastian Amberger, P. Robertson, O. C. Spohr, W. E. Morrison, D. C. Noah. (Front row) L. C. Dage, Reva Doty, Isabelle Castell, Sally Banta, J. R. Jones, T. B. Holcomb (shaking hands with the General). Mrs. Larkin is at Holcomb's left.



The women who worked with his wife for 28 months meet General Larkin and agree with Mrs. Larkin that "he's one swell guy." Left to right: Mrs. Larkin, R. Doty, Larkin, I. Castell and S. Banta.

# Marine General Visits Wife's Fellow Workers

Brigadier General C. A. Larkin of the U. S. Marines made a trip through the Vancouver yard Monday to meet the men and women his wife, Helen, has worked beside for more than two years. "It was one of my greatest pleasures in a long while," he said. The general moved from bay to bay in the Plate shop shaking hands, swapping jokes, listening to jesting tales of his wife's work as a welder.

Previously he had visited Mike Miller, general manager of the yard, who served under him in 1922-23 in Honolulu as a buck private when he was a captain. "I've heard about Vancouver shipyard for two and one-half years through letters," he remarked, "and now it has come to life for me. But it is still hard to believe."

The letters telling of Vancouver were from his wife, Helen, a swing welder in Plate shop since November, 1942. What he saw was hard for him to believe for a number of reasons: The site where the yard stands was a "duck pond" when he used to fly from the airport at Vancouver Barracks; he had to see women at work at all crafts to fully comprehend what his wife had told him; he had to visualize the ways and outfitting dock to understand, at least in part, the miracle of 50 baby flat-tops in a year from one yard.

Referring to Miller, Larkin said: "I would have known Mike if I had met him on the street anywhere. He was with us in the days when we numbered only a few hundred marines stationed out there. I wish he could see those old haunts now. It would be just as big a surprise to him as this yard is to me."

## SURPRISE VISIT

Larkin's trip to Portland came as a surprise to Mrs. Larkin. She had seen him only once since she left Honolulu two months after Pearl Harbor. She had quit her job March 17, after 28 months of welding, to re-join him in Hawaii. Just as she was completing plans to leave for San Francisco, the wire arrived saying he would be here.

General and Mrs. Larkin were both in Pearl Harbor when the Japs came over on December 7, 1941. The explosions that rocked the world threw them into a whirlwind of day and night action.

He was in charge of all marines not only at Pearl Harbor, but on most of the islands of the Pacific. She found herself shouldering the burdens of caring for wounded civilians and comforting the wives of marines lost or captured in those tragic early days of the war.

## COMMANDS MARINES

As order was restored from the chaos of those early months, Mrs.

Larkin returned to help on the home front while he commanded Marine operations in the Pacific theatre, helping to plan the campaigns that are leading today to victory.

"We've seen your ships out there," Larkin said, "and how we've appreciated them! In those early days we lacked nearly everything we needed. Now we have everything we need for victory."

"The men out there fully appreciate the work of the home front. As ships and materials pile up for each successive campaign, we appreciate the home front more and more. Only the strike news occasionally irritates us. But we know that the overwhelming news from the home front is news of work well done."

"And the women! God, what a job they're doing in this war."

"You know," he continued with enthusiasm, "I actually believe they bear the hardest part of this war. They stay here at home not knowing always where loved ones are, running a home and a war job, managing on rationed goods, trying to keep from worrying; while we men out there, in spite of some pretty tough times on occasions, are really having the experiences of our life-

time. We eat well, we have good comradeship, we enjoy a feeling of victory as we move toward Japan."

## IS AIR ENTHUSIAST

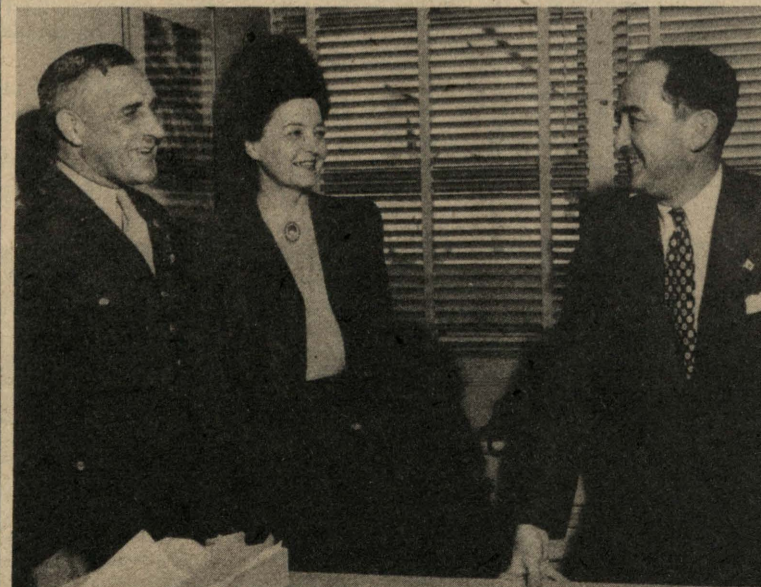
Tanned—"tanner than I've ever seen him", Mrs. Larkin kept saying—and rugged, General Larkin looked every part the marine he is.

Up from the ranks through many years of marine life, he recalled how he was assigned to the U. S. S. Oklahoma as an enlisted man in 1916 and then saw her sunk in the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor as commanding officer there in 1941, 25 years later.

He has been 16 years in the air branch of the marines, and as an air enthusiast, speaks almost with reverence of Billy Mitchell.

"The war's not over yet," he told workers as he toured the yard. "The news is good and anything can happen, of course, but it probably won't. We may have to shoot or shake every Jap out of every coconut tree before we're finished over there. They're a tenacious breed and no pushover."

Larkin left Portland later this week for San Diego and further assignment. Mrs. Larkin will proceed with her plan to go to Hawaii.



Manager Mike Miller swapped tales of marine life with his former captain when he was with the devil-dog outfit at Pearl Harbor in 1923. In his office in Administration building he chats with the general and his wife who has served for 28 months as a welder in the yard he now manages.



Mrs. Larkin shows the general a welding rod and stinger, her tools of war for 28 months at Plate shop. Superintendent Wait Larsen and Leadman T. B. Holcomb look on.

# Flier Recounts B-26 Strafing Of Germany

(VANCOUVER)—Flight Officer Richard J. Waters, former employe of General Stores in 1943, took part in the first strafing mission ever conducted by his B-26 Marauder group over Germany, according to word received this week from the Ninth Air Force stationed somewhere in France. The attack occurred the day Allied air forces sent out more than 6,000 planes to smash Germany's communication and transport system in the biggest single-day aerial assault of the war, exceeding even D-day, the report said.

Waters had this comment on the flight:

"There was a full silence in the briefing room after they told us our flight was to strafe as well as bomb our target. Usually, there's a moan when a tough target is announced, but this time no one felt like making a sound. None of us had ever strafed before, certainly not from a bomber. Way back in the memory of some of us was the story of the Marauder low-level attack on Ijmuiden, Holland, on May 14, 1943. Not one of the planes on that mission returned. We weren't too cheerful as we went out to our bombers."

## EQUIPMENT STRAFED

"We reached the target and dropped our bombs on railroad installations at a town about 125 miles inside Germany. We circled back from the bomb run, lost altitude, and then peeled off at 8,000 feet to go into our dive. Swooping down to tree-top level we were doing better than 300 miles an hour as we let go with ten guns. From where I was sitting in the nose, I had a good view of the action. I was firing the nose gun, and I could see incendiaries, tracers, and armor-piercing shells streaming out of the plane."

"I watched bullets go into a round house, bite into locomotives, cars and the freight platform. I could swear I saw the bullets from one of our guns put out a red light shining

outside a building that looked like a depot. In the few seconds that the attack lasted, we shot up about a thousand rounds of ammunition on military objectives. We had been briefed to spare civilian lives and property."

## PARENTS WORK IN YARD

"After we had shut off our guns, we passed over a prisoner of war camp. As we went over, the pilot dipped our wings in salute, and we climbed to higher altitudes and turned towards home. After it was all over, it was a good mission to talk about, but not the kind you would relish going on again."

The young flight officer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Waters of Vancouver. Waters is shipwright engineer of Swan Island and Mrs. Waters is employed in the Personnel office at Vancouver in charge of Permanent hospital plan sign-ups.

## Navy Man Takes Job During Convalescence

(VANCOUVER) — Excavation Leadman C. L. Town was pointing with pride last week to his son Al. Wounded a little more than a year ago by flying shrapnel in the Munda operation in the Pacific, he returned to this country with a Purple Heart decoration. With spare time between his period of recovery and reassignment, young Town reported temporarily back on his old job before Pearl Harbor at the local Alcoa plant. He has now reported for duty with naval communications in Seattle.

## INQUIRING REPORTER

QUESTION:

"What is your greatest ambition?"

Mrs. J. Cunningham, swing sweeper on ways, "My greatest desire is to see these ships put out fast enough to bring an end to this war right away. In the same breath is the desire to have all of our boys, if that is possible, returned home safe and sound. I feel that my job here is a means to that end."

Joe Keen, swing janitor on the Outfitting dock, "My greatest desire is to continue farming as I have done all of my life until I took this job. Farming is an important and interesting occupation. It gets into your blood and the comparative independence is well worth having."

John Kling, swing pipefitter on Way 6, "I really don't know what my greatest ambition or desire is."

I was a cook before I came to work here and I know I don't want to go back to that. I guess my ambition is to become a good farmer. I think I will enjoy that as much as anything I know."

Melvin Childs, swing radar electrician on the Outfitting dock, "My greatest desire is to get my future job going. I am going to start my own radio shop just as soon as this job folds up. I have been in the radio business before and I liked it fine. I think the future in radio is one of those things we can only guess at."

Tom Sheldon, swing tank test welder on the ways, "My greatest ambition is to get a little dairy farm after the war. In fact, I already have one picked out in my home town of Ponca City, Oklahoma. Dairy farming is a lot of work but if a dairy is run right there is a lot of money to be made out of it. I intend to run mine right."

Lester Doyle, swing welder in Sheetmetal on the Outfitting dock, "My greatest desire is to return to the farm and that's where I'm going. I've always lived on a farm. After eight months of this rat race, I've decided this is no place for me. My brother and I are both quitting and returning home. We'd be of more value there than we are here."

Don Boylan, swing electrician on the Outfitting dock, "Right now I don't know definitely. I think I'd like to get into some kind of a business of my own. I'm much happier working for myself than I am for someone else. Jobs are all right, but independence and security are much better and you don't get either from a job."

Mrs. Jeanne Geist, swing burner on Way 2, "My greatest ambition? I don't know definitely, but I'm inclined to think that it's keeping house. If a woman makes a home—a good home—for her husband and family she has a full time job. In emergencies like this war it's all right to help out, but after the crisis is removed I for one am going back to my real job."

## New Carriers Not Hit by Ship Cutback

(VANCOUVER) — The announcement early this week by the navy of a cutback in combat ship construction does not affect Vancouver's carrier program. The cutback "scratched off" 72 of 84 proposed combat ships, leaving only 12 carriers on the schedule. Edgar F. Kaiser, general manager, made the following statement:

"The Bureau of Ships at Washington, D. C. has authoritatively advised us that there will be no cutback of the eight CVE's at Vancouver, nor is any contemplated."

## Two Workers In Civic Theatre Play

(VANCOUVER)—"Penny Wise," sophisticated comedy, will be the next presentation of the Vancouver Civic theatre April 4, 5, and 6, featuring two yard employes in the cast, Cecil Matson, director, announced this week. The play will be presented at St. Luke's parish house, 26th and E streets.

Ed Graham, of the marine machinists, plays the part of the brother who watches the love triangle straighten out, while Jack Devitt, chief clerk of the machinists, appears as a small town politician. The lead of "Penny" is played by Jean Swanson, who had the lead in the theatre's last popular performance, "Double Door."

The curtain goes up at 8:30 p. m. Tickets are on sale at the Main Library or at the recreation office at 23rd and Kaufmann streets.

## Central Clearance Office Opened

(VANCOUVER)—A new central Clearance office was opened in the Yard office building, according to Ken Billington, assistant personnel manager. The office replaces quarters previously located in Deck Erection, Outfitting dock building, Assembly and Welding school. It will be known as the Central Clearance office.

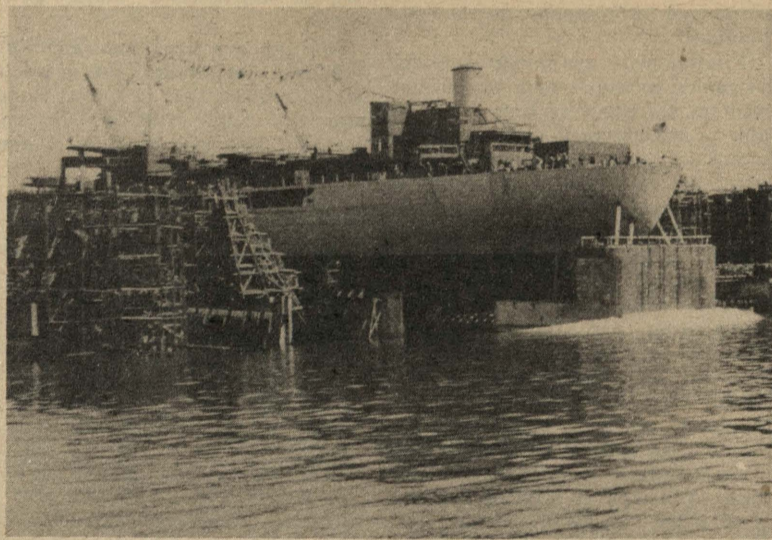
In addition the Yard office building headquarters, clearance offices will remain in Personnel building upstairs and on Way 6. Telephone extension numbers are: Main office, 741; Central office, 282; and Ways office, 130.

## Big Audrey Does Perfect C-4 Job

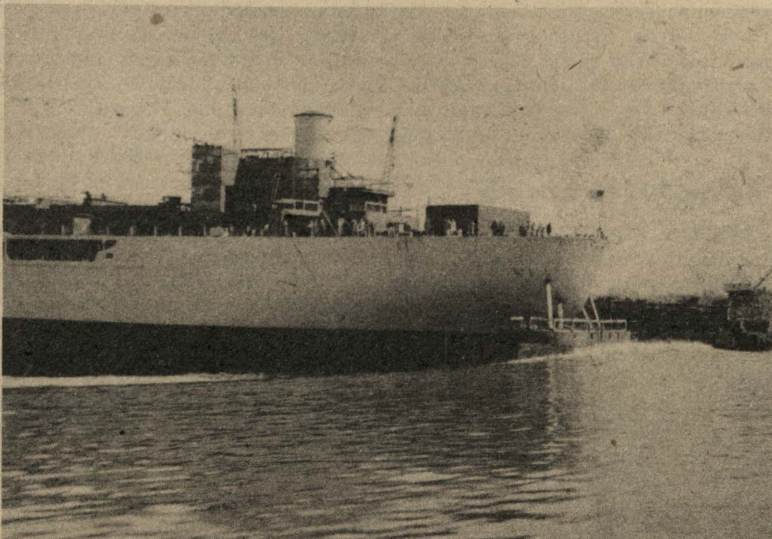
(VANCOUVER)—Big Audrey was nearly as much the show last Friday at the launching of the S. S. Marine Tiger as was the ship itself. Hundreds of workmen crowded the lower end of the other ways to see if she could do her job.

The only one who was not the least bit worried was Cliff Haughey, who designed her. "She was designed for the job and she did it perfectly. I knew of no reason why she wouldn't," he said.

Big Audrey is the familiar name for the special pontoon designed to ease the launching of such large vessels as the C-4s.



Big Audrey is beginning to take hold as the ship reaches the water. The purpose of the 200 ton pontoon is to relieve the tendency to teeter as the ship leaves the ways. The launching of the S. S. Marine Tiger was Big Audrey's initial tryout.



When the cameraman caught this picture Big Audrey was nearly submerged but was functioning perfectly. Notice the comparative even keel of the Marine Tiger despite the slope of the ways. The picture was taken at the crucial moment as the ship left the ways, and caught the swell of the water's surface.



Three year club members went to work at Kaiser company's Vancouver yard when pile drivers were busy on the earliest construction on the ways, as seen in the picture above, taken March 15, 1942. There were only 1000 employes at that time.

## 3-YEAR CLUB SLATED First Workers Honored

(VANCOUVER)—Three years ago piles were being driven for the Outfitting dock and what is today a major shipyard in the nation was a blueprint coming to life amid mud and early construction. No keels had been laid on any of the ships to be built here, but first employes were signing up to start work for Kaiser company, Vancouver.



In recognition of the "charter members" of the organization, the Bosn's Whistle this week announces formation of an honorary "Three Year Club" and invites all employes who have served three continuous years in the organization to submit their names for membership. The requirements are simple.

To qualify, the employe must have been continuously on the Kaiser Company, Inc. payroll at Vancouver for three years.

To be listed in the Bosn's Whistle as a "Three Year Club" member he must write his name, badge number and date of hire on a suggestion blank and drop in any Suggestion box. The Bosn's Whistle will check his record against personnel files.

The Bosn's Whistle will publish all names found to be eligible and pictures of at least the earliest members. To be certified for next week's issue, prospective members' names should be placed in suggestion boxes before close of shifts Saturday.

Ada Haggood, clerk at the Machine shop, returned to work last Monday after visiting her daughter in San Francisco.

Pvt. Ronald Carl Snoen, former day rigger, and his family visited relatives and friends in Vancouver last week. He is stationed at Camp Roberts, California.

Kaye Land of the Machine shop left the yard last week. He will be at his home in Portland and plans to continue play writing.

Edwin B. Wells of the merchant marine, a former chipper leadman on graveyard, recently rejoined his Liberty ship in the Pacific area after two months' illness caused by an attack of malarial fever. Wells is a deck engineer and a graduate of Vancouver high school.

L. Harville, chipper lead on swing, is ill at the Oregon City hospital.

Ed Marineau, former marine machinist and president of the local machinists union, is now an auditor for the department of labor and industries for the state of Washington at the Vancouver office.

## USO Cancels Dances During Holy Week

(VANCOUVER)—Regular Tuesday and Thursday dances for war workers, and other social activities, were cancelled during Holy Week at the USO, according to a report from the Vancouver branch at 115 East 7th street. A special showing of Cecil B. DeMille's "The Crusades" was substituted Tuesday night to entertain the large group present.

Dances will resume next week. All war workers may attend by showing badges, the USO reports. Other USO activities currently underway include boxing instruction by Jim Coffel every Wednesday and Friday from 6:30 to 10 p. m., and the regular noon lunches for business girls. Tuesday and Thursday war workers' dances are from 8:30 to 11:30 p. m.

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## Ex-Grave Welder Visits Kinfolks, Friends in Yard

(VANCOUVER)—Norman Maddox, S.I/c, was an interested visitor in the yard Friday, March 23 for the launching of the S.S. Marine Tiger. Maddox was a grave welder on the Ways for 18 months before he joined the navy a year ago.

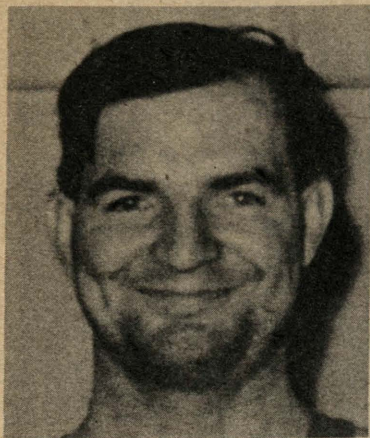
After his initial training, Maddox was assigned as an armed guard on the merchant vessel the S.S. Utahan. He has seen service both in the Atlantic and the Pacific.

Maddox' father, mother and sister are employed in the yard, and his brother, Clifford, was Bosn's Whistle messenger last summer. His father is a day marine machinist leadman on the ways and his mother is also a day marine machinist in the gun room at Deck Erection, while his sister is employed in Badge and Record control.

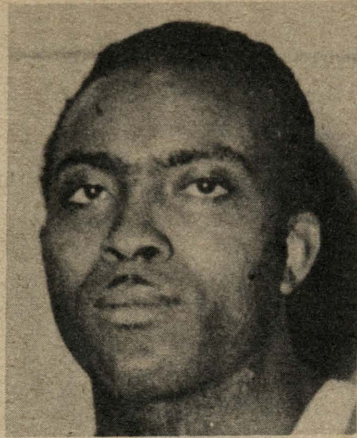
Maddox reports back to duty in San Francisco today after a five weeks furlough awaiting reassignment.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for the kindness shown us during our recent bereavement. — Mrs. Pauline Ayers, Janitress on the ways, and children.



LEONARD MOORE



QUINTEL COOPER



HAROLD GABERT



BOB WILLIS



JACK CADY

Swan Island Cage All-Stars Placing two players, the runner-up Globetrotters dominated selections for the mythical 1945 quintet. Each team placed at least one player on the first five although six Globetrotters received votes. Unanimous

choices for the first team were Bob Willis, forward, Pipe Shop, and Quintel Cooper, center, Globetrotters. Other members of the squad are Leonard Moore, forward, of the champion Scorpions; Harold Gabert, Globetrotters, and Jack Cady, Crane Operators, guards.



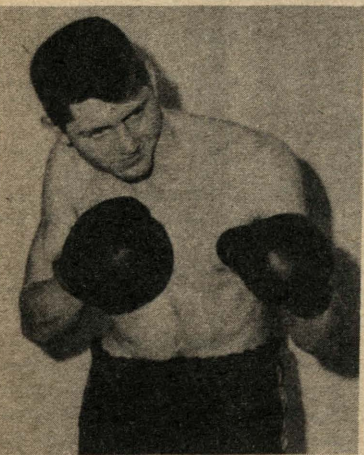
Headed Second Division Here is the Sub-assembly quintet which rolled into fifth place when OSC league scores were tallied on the final night of play. Left to right, Soelberg, Donaldson, Williams, Korell and Stromgren.

Amateur Boxers Vie Next Week at Gym

(VANCOUVER)—More than 200 amateur fighters from 60 pounds in the Pee Wee division to 176 and over in the heavyweight group will compete in the largest boxing tournament yet to be held in the Portland-Vancouver area when they meet April 4, 5, 6 and 7 at the McLoughlin Heights community gymnasium.

Included on the lists are such notables as Warren Nay, 160 pounds, from the Multnomah Athletic Club and champion in the recent Oregon A.A.U. tournament; Joe Ortego, Oregon champ in the 118-pound class; Louie Wellman, Washington heavyweight champ and Vancouver high school football star, and Billy Kydd, 175-pound Portland star.

All Pee Wee division fights will be run off between 6 and 8 o'clock each night preceding the main events. Of special interest is the Class B or novice classification for boys from 100 to 176 pounds who have had no previous ring experience.



Featured Louie Wellman, Vancouver light heavyweight contender in the four-day amateur boxing tournament at McLoughlin Heights community center April 4 to 7. Wellman won the Seattle Post-Intelligencer tournament and the recent March of Dimes A.A.U. meet in Portland.

Big Sports Slate Nears Completion At Oregon Ship

(OREGON SHIP) — Plans were rapidly nearing completion this week for what portends to be the biggest sports season in the history of Oregon Ship.

Bob Jones, OSC recreation director, announced that three baseball teams—one for each shift—will be organized to compete in the city league.

Similar plans are being made for 24 men's softball teams which also will try for city-wide honors. Jones also is attempting to organize a women's softball league.

The following workers have been named to the Swing Shift Recreation council: U. D. Traver and Charles Mann, Assembly; Ray Hunsberger and Don Schmeer, Plate Shop; Frank Jarvis and S. D. Everett, Shipwrights; Harris Reibach, Union Melt; Dan K. De Sart, Welding; Art Rice, Machine Shop; Roy E. Hurd, Walt Hartsfield and Harold Laycox, Marine Machinists; Andy Anderson, George McGee and A. C. Ellis, Pipe Shop; Bloddy Martenson and Bill Heagle, Paint department; Bill Agnew and Don Hampton, Materials; Arthur Stamp and Ernest Comstock, Sheet Metal; Henry Morten, Erection department; A. F. Shafer, Chippers; Ed Christianson, Riveters, and Harry Grot, Labor.

A meeting to arrange softball schedules for the season was held Monday in the First Aid auditorium.

Vancouver Smithy Heads Nimrod Club

(VANCOUVER)—Kenneth Gates, day blacksmith in Forge shop, heads the Multnomah Anglers and Hunters' club as president for the 1945 season, succeeding Ray Knobloch.

Gates believes improvement of streams will do a better job of rehabilitating the fish population.

Kenneth Gates than will the work of hatcheries in the state. The club's next meeting at Norse Hall, 11th at Couch streets, is April 19 at 7:30

RECORDS TUMBLE IN VANSHIP CIRCUIT

(VANCOUVER)—Season records fell as the Duncan Way 8 team arose from its lethargy and, sparked by Captain Lyle Duncan, defeated the Painters two games of three Duncan came through with the season's high game of 265, plus a 6-pin handicap for a 271 total. This three-game score showed 195-265-167—645.

A teammate, Oscar Brenna, followed with 234-177-174 plus game handicap of 11 pins, making a total of 618. Samsel, Painters, also did some fancy bowling, rolling 575 plus 39 pins handicap for 614.

The Specialists kept up their winning ways, defeating the Supers two of three games. Vidoni's 213-207-147 plus 23 handicap totaled 636, which aided the Specialists in their wins.

Townleyites of Way 9 waded through the Layouts three games, increasing their league lead standing to seven games. Ten of the 30 keggers scored over the choice 500 scratch mark during the evening. With seven more nights to go, interest in the league is at a fever pitch. Standings:

Table with 4 columns: Team, W., L., Pct. Lists teams like Way 9, Way 8, Layouts, Painters, Specialists, Supers.

VOLLEYBALLERS GO

(OREGON SHIP)—Volleyball teams at Oregon Ship's barracks gymnasium were working off the rough spots in team play this week. Scores began to take on more professional look and next week's Bosn's Whistle will carry standings. Matches slated for next week are: Monday, Time-keeping-Bond vs. Progress; Tuesday, Payroll-Accounting vs. Transportation; Wednesday, I. B. M. vs. Cost; Thursday, Hull-Engineering vs. Office Engineers. Play begins each night at 5:30 o'clock.

OSC Pin-Busters Wind Up Season

OREGON SHIP LEAGUE (Final Standings)

Table with 4 columns: Team, W., L., Pct. Lists teams like Pre-erection, Welders, Chippers No. 1, Gun Shop, Sub-assembly, Shipfitters, Chippers No. 2, Gadget Shop.

(OREGON SHIP)—Last night of league bowling at Oregon Ship was marked by good spirit and fun, no team being in a spot to win or lose position in the league and all 40 maple-busters relaxing for a good evening's game.

In spite of the jocular atmosphere, Schoenbeck of Chippers No. 1 turned in a 202 in the second game, only man to break the 200 bogey.

Teams had played 84 games during the season, with several marked upsets, outstanding of which was the Gun Shop's bid for fame by pulling up from low spot to fourth. Pre-erection, league leaders, lined into first place when the season began and never left the top spot, though often challenged by both Welders and Chippers No. 1, which battled for second place in every one of the 84 matches.

Holder of the lowest handicap and man who topped the greatest number of pins for the schedule was Sabah, Pre-erection, with a handicap of eight and a total score of 14,191 maples. Second highest in pins was Stover, Pre-erection, with 12,736.

Final scores in the four classes for teams were: High team game, Pre-erection, 1035; Chippers No. 1, 1016; Sub-assembly, 1006. High team series showed totals for Welders, 2892; Chippers No. 1, 2882; Shipfitters, 2855.

Outstanding individual games were posted by Heilman, 254; Friesheim, 240, and Shoenbeck, 237, and high series, Friesheim 657, Heilman 640 and Brockel 583.

Top individual averages were: Sabah, 169; Heilman, Shipfitters, 165; Friesheim, Chippers No. 1, 162; Patchin, Chippers No. 1, 161; Worrell, Sub-assembly, 161; Shoenbeck, Chippers No. 1, 160; Raymond, Gun Shop, 160.

Final night results: Gun Shop, 766, 828, 711—2305; Sub-assembly, 832, 823, 857—2512. Chippers No. 2, 825, 777, 793—2395; Gadget Shop, 765, 793, 777—2335. Pre-erection, 799, 804, 789—2592; Chippers No. 1, 719, 868, 857—2444. Shipfitters, 768, 835, 908—2511; Welders, 875, 787, 878—2540.

Ways, a 944 single game, and Sheet Metal, 2761 series.

TANKER LEAGUE

Table with 4 columns: Team, W., L., Pct. Lists teams like Burners, Erection-Sharks, Erection-Scorpions, Tank Test, Engineers, Chippers.

Burners extended their lead in the Tanker league to a full two games last week with a three-game whitewash of Engineers. Erection-Sharks maintained their four-game lead in second place by trimming Chippers two games. A three-way tie for third place was broken as Erection-Scorpions came through with a two-of-three win from Tank Test.

Team honors went to the Burners with a 967 single game and Erection-Sharks, who had a 2727 team series. Frank Schmidling, Scorpion ace, led individuals with a single game of 225 and a 569 series, which included a 201 single.

TOILERS WIN BOTH HALVES OF SWAN WOMEN'S LEAGUE

SWAN ISLAND WOMEN'S LEAGUE (Final Standings)

Table with 4 columns: Team, W., L., Pct. Lists teams like Toilers, Bachelor Girls, Gremlins, Scorpionettes, Welder Wildcats, Sparkies.

(SWAN ISLAND)—With a late last-half spurt, the Toilers annexed the championship of Swan Island's women's bowling league by the margin of one game over the Bachelor Girls, as league play ended at the Oregon alleys last week. The Toilers' win, coupled with their annexing the first half, made them undisputed champs.

Second-place Bachelor Girls won team honors for the season, rolling an 819 single and a 2281 series. O. Olsen, Scorpionettes, rolled the high single game, 201 pins. Roma Rolston, Gremlin captain and the league's top bowler with a 141 average, had high series of 511 for three games.

The five best averages including Rolston's 141 were: Jo Huston, Bachelor Girls, 139; O. Olsen, Scorpionettes, 138; Mildred Stewart, Sparkies, 137, and Virginia Anderson, Sparkies, 127.

SWAN 16-TEAM LEAGUE

Table with 4 columns: Team, W., L., Pct. Lists teams like Painters-Dock, Sheet Metal, Pipefitters, Welders-Dock, Plate Shop, Chippers-Dock, Main Machine Shop, Clerical, Painters-Yard, Electricians, Trial Crew, Outfitting, Welders-General, Shipfitters, Welders-Ways, Machinists-Dock.

Painters-Dock increased their lead in Swan Island's 16-team league to two full games over Sheet Metal last week with a two-game win over Welders-General while Sheet Metal was dropping two to Welders-Ways.

With four weeks of play left, a red-hot battle for third and fourth positions looms between Pipefitters, Welders-dock and Plate Shop. The Pipefitters retained third place with a two-game win over Main Machine Shop. Welders-Dock, winning two from Shipfitters, kept fourth spot, only one game back, while Plate Shop whitewashed Trial Crew, leaving them one game back of fourth position. Clerical stepped back into the first division with a three-game win over Machinists-Dock, and other matches saw Chippers-Dock dropping two to Painters-Yard and Electricians winning a couple from Outfitting.

Only two men topped "200." Jiggs Dudley, Electrician captain, rolling high single game of 223 and also high series of 569. Wayne Thompson, Trial Crew, posted 203. Other top series scores were rolled by D. Milliron, Painters-Dock, 554, and Mike Fader, Chippers, 537. Team honors were taken by Welders-

# DIG... FOR VICTORY

**More Conquered Countries Increase Demands for Food Overseas and Tighten Belts at Home**

NEVER since the beginning of war have food scarcities loomed greater on the home front. During past weeks both OPA and War Food Administration officials in Washington, D. C., issued dire predictions as to what civilians are going to get after American armed forces and the millions of starving peoples in conquered countries are fed—and it isn't much.

All of which means that victory gardens will be more necessary than ever this spring. For hundreds of Kaiser workers who have planted gardens every year since the beginning of the war, this is "old stuff." Hundreds of others, however, will be digging up the backyard or corner lot for the first time. For these workers the Bosn's Whistle reviews a few tips that should help make gardening a little easier and, we hope, more successful.

It is hoped that the information will stimulate some tin hatters to roll up their sleeves, grab a spade and dig, dig, dig.

Vegetable crop specialists recommend that the prospective gardener draw up a definite plan of his season's plantings. This should be done before seeds and other garden supplies are purchased and the soil is prepared.

The chart on this page is a suggested planting plan for a family of five. This is just a sample because every family will want to grow the vegetables it enjoys most. Here are some facts to remember about the different vegetables:

Green leafy vegetables such as chard, collards, kale, mustard and turnip greens are of importance to the wartime diet and one or another of them should be available from early spring onward to the fall.

Tomatoes are so easily canned that they should be grown for canning as well as for serving raw and in salads. Because they can be stored for some time as well as being used fresh from the garden, beets, carrots and onions are a must for most planting plans.

Cabbage is easy to grow but since it does not stand long after heading, only a few plants per person should be grown for harvesting one season. However, in case of

a surplus they can be made into sauerkraut.

Another must for larger sized gardens is potatoes. The government froze No. 1 potatoes this past winter and there has been such a scarcity that at the present time some consumers are even eating seed potatoes.

Sweet corn and melons are not recommended where there is a space limitation facing the gardener.

Successive plantings of beans provide continuous harvestings. Bush varieties are selected for quick production and pole types for longer season. Water should be applied along side rows in summer and plants should be dusted early for control of 12-spotted beetle.

For earliest head lettuce set out plants as soon as conditions permit. The seeds should be sown thinly and the plants should be thinned 12 to 14 inches apart. Seed short rows at 10 to 14 day intervals to prevent waste and prolong usefulness.

Peas are a cool weather crop. They should be planted early, and it is well to treat pea seed with copper or mercury compound such as cuprocide and semesan which help protect the early seedlings.

Set out pepper plants when danger of frost is past. Water during dry weather.

Before planting seed potatoes treat with corrosive sublimate for disease control. The cut pieces should be dusted with lamb plaster.

Early March to mid-April are the recommended planting dates for early potatoes. Mid-April to June are recommended for late potatoes.

Before planting spinach, treat the seeds as you did the pea seed to prevent seed rot. This vegetable is ready to harvest in about two months and will be ready to be followed by a new crop.

### SOIL PREPARATION

If the Victory gardener doesn't want to ruin his soil for the entire season he'll make sure not to work the ground while it's wet. The best test is to turn over a spade or forkful of soil, pick up a handful, squeeze it into a ball and then crumble it apart. If the soil doesn't crumble, it's not ready to work.

Although commercial fertilizers have their place, most garden specialists admit that there is nothing like well-rotted horse or cow manure, leaf mold or other decayed or-



### PLANT THESE NOW

The following vegetables may be planted now if the soil in your garden plot is not too moist to work:

Radishes, spinach, lettuce, peas, cabbage, onions, turnips, beets, carrots, swiss chard, cauliflower and celery.

These vegetables can be planted around the middle of May:

Bush beans, pole beans, lima beans, summer squash, cucumbers, pumpkins, peppers, broccoli and kale.

ganic matter as a plant food to be worked into the soil in amount up to a bushel for every 25 square feet of land.

After the soil of your garden plot is spaded or plowed, all stones, and trash should be removed and the clots broken up. Before laying your garden off in rows, be sure the soil is worked up and smoothed with a rake.

For those not able to obtain well-

rotted barnyard manure, five to eight pounds of Victory garden complete fertilizer, (containing three percent phosphoric acid, and five percent potash) should be broadcast over a square rod of soil, (16 1/2 feet square.)

### HOW TO PLANT

It is important that victory gardeners do not buy more seeds than they need to plant and that they do not plant more seeds than they need to get a stand.

Persons having vegetable seed left over from last year are advised to make germination tests rather than take chances of having a poor stand.

The "paper towel" or "cake pan" germination test consists of placing a piece of wet paper towel in the bottom of the pan. Upon this place a small quantity of each kind of seed—in rows an inch apart. Cover the pan with another paper towel and set near a warm radiator or in a warm room. If the seeds are

still good, the majority of them will sprout. Radish seeds will begin sprouting the next day. Some seeds take several days.

Never thin peas or beans. Plant the seeds as the plants are to stand.

Small seeds such as those of carrots, onions, parsnips, spinach and turnips should be sown about three or four times as thick as the plants are to stand, since many seeds fail to produce good seedlings. Thin out surplus seedlings before they crowd one another.

Persons desiring only a few tomato, cabbage and onion plants will find it best to purchase the plants from a nursery or seed store rather than growing them from seeds in hot bed flats.

Don't make the mistake of planting seeds too deep or too shallow. In general, seeds should be planted just deep enough to make sure that they are in the soil that is moist. Shallow planting tends to leave the seed so near the surface that the soil around it dries out before the seed germinates. Planting too deep delays germination and may prevent some of the sprouts from pushing through the soil.

### CULTIVATING IMPORTANT

Victory gardeners must wage a never-ending war against weeds and insects.

Systematic weeding and cultivating pays off in the form of a neat appearing garden where the vegetables get all the plant food and moisture. It is not wise to cultivate vegetable crops too deeply because of danger to the roots growing near the surface.

Care should be taken to avoid trampling and packing of the soil as far as is possible.

Most Victory gardeners will find it advisable to purchase multi-purpose dust and sprays at their seed dealers. These include combinations of chemicals to control most insects in the average small garden.

Make plans for preserving your surplus vegetables through canning, dehydrating, storing in a cool, well ventilated basement or freezing in a storage locker.

### SUGGESTED PLANTING PLAN FOR A FAMILY OF FIVE

Dates after crops approximate time of seeding or plant setting in western Oregon.

Row No.	25'	50'	75'	100'	Approximate distance between rows
1	Asparagus (3/15-4/8*)	(or Early Potatoes)	Asparagus		48
2	Asparagus	(or Early Potatoes)	Rhubarb (3/15-4/1*)		48
3	Spinach (3/10-4/15)	followed by late Beets (6/15-7/1)			36
4	Lettuce (4/1-10*)	followed by late Carrots	Lettuce (seed 4/1) followed by late Carrots (5/26-6/10)		24-30
5	Peas (3/10) followed by Celery (6/20*)		Peas (3/25) followed by Green Broccoli (6/25*)		30-36
6	Peas (4/8) followed by late Cabbage (7/1-15*)		Peas (4/20) followed by late Cabbage (7/10*)		30-36
7	Early Cabbage (3/25*) followed by Mustard (9/1)		Early Cabbage followed by Lettuce (8/15-)		30-36
8	Onions (sets 3/15) followed by Turnips (8/10)		Onions (4/10*) followed by Spinach (8/1-)		30
9	followed by Mustard (9/1)	Turnips (3/20-)	followed by fall Spinach (9/1)		24-30
10	Early Beets (4/10) followed by Kale (6/25*)	Early Carrots (4/10) followed by Brussels Sprouts (7/10*)			30
11		Lettuce in succession (4/10-) followed by Rutabagas (8/15)			30
12	Swiss Chard (4/10)	Early Cauliflower and Broccoli (4/25-5/1*) followed by Kohl-rabi (8/15-)			30
13		Onions (seed 4/10-15)			30
14	Parsnip (4/25*)		Salsify (4/25)		30
15	Bush Beans (5/1)		Bush Beans (5/15)		30
16	Bush Beans (6/1)		Bush Beans (7/1)		30
17	Pole Beans (5/10)		Pole Beans (6/1-)		36
18		Dry Beans (5/10)			36
19		Tomatoes (5/10-15*)			60
20		Tomatoes (5/10-15*)			60
21	Summer Squash (5/10)		Cucumbers (5/10)		60-72
22		Winter Squash and Pumpkin (5/10)			96
23		Winter Squash and Pumpkin (5/10)			96
24	Pepper (5/20*)	Eggplant (5/20*)	Muskmelon (5/10)		96
25	Sweet Corn (4/25-)	Sweet Corn (5/10)	Sweet Corn (5/25)	Sweet Corn (6/10)	36-42
26	Sweet Corn (4/25-)	Sweet Corn (5/10)	Sweet Corn (5/25)	Sweet Corn (6/10)	36-42
27	Sweet Corn (4/25-)	Sweet Corn (5/10)	Sweet Corn (5/25)	Sweet Corn (6/10)	36-42
28	Sweet Corn (4/25-)	Sweet Corn (5/10)	Sweet Corn (5/25)	Sweet Corn (6/10)	36-42
29	Sweet Corn (4/25-)	Sweet Corn (5/10)	Sweet Corn (5/25)	Sweet Corn (6/10)	36-42
30-34		5 rows Potatoes			36-42

\* Date of setting out plants. Double cropping is suggested only for irrigated gardens.

# The WORKER SPEAKS



## Softball Coordinator

Sir: The recurrence of the softball season brings to mind the very unhappy situation which resulted last year when the Outfitting dock champions and the ways champions were scheduled for a playoff for the spot of yard champion.

The two leagues were operating under entirely different rules and regulations which were at variance with one another when the playoff came. As a result, five or six weeks were spent in needless bickering back and forth between the two teams over player eligibility and other matters which would have been unnecessary if the proper coordinating had been done in the beginning of the season. The result was, as a compromise, that the Electricians and the Teamsters were jointly awarded the Central Labor council trophy.

This is not a criticism of anyone connected with softball last year, but it is a criticism of the machinery set up to handle the coordinating of the various teams in the yard. I think before this season starts a coordinator of sports activities within the yard should be appointed—as a full time job. Then anyone would know just what the score was and friction would be eliminated before it occurred. W. M. Fraher, Marine Electric, O. D.

Ed: Meetings are currently underway to work more satisfactory arrangements for softball this year. It is hoped an announcement will be forthcoming next week.

## Sees Our Ships

Sir: As a former employe of Kaiser company, Vancouver, I read with interest all the Bosn's Whistles I receive. I was employed as a welder in the Plate shop on grave-

yard shift. I worked during the time the LST construction was going on, and quit in December, 1942 to join the navy.

Since coming overseas I have been stationed on signal towers both here and in Hawaii. Naturally this type of duty affords me the chance to see many ships come and go. Being a former employe I am always interested when Vancouver-built ships come in.

In your Bosn's Whistle dated February 2, 1945, you stated that your office had on hand a number of copies of the booklet "The Ships We Build." If possible, I would appreciate very much your sending me a copy of the booklet. With such a publication it would be a simple process to ascertain which ships were built at Kaiser Vancouver and which were not. Thanking you for your consideration in this matter, I remain,

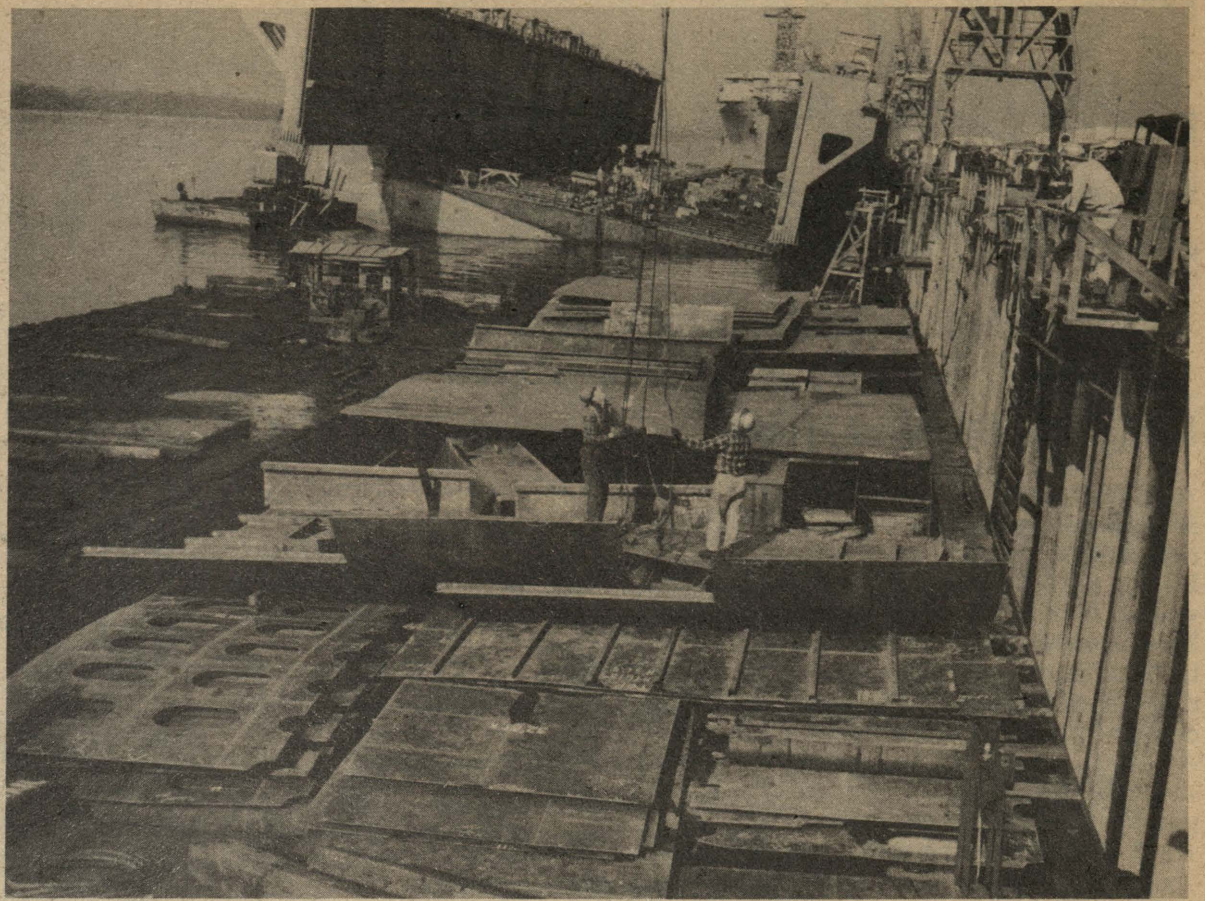
SAM W. HORNER,  
SM 3/c, Guam.

Ed: The booklet is on its way to Guam.

## Calling Kokomo!

Sir: Would you please give us a little history on the city of Kokomo, Indiana? Why is this town so often spoken of; who came from there; where it is located in Indiana; what factories are there? Please print in the Bosn's Whistle. We are anxious to know.

Ed: Who in the yard is from Kokomo who can answer these questions? Or would Kalamazoo, Michigan do as well? The editor could tell the writer more about Puxatawney, Pennsylvania, or Walla Walla, Washington!



**Barge From The Dalles** C-4 material, prefabricated for Vancouver by the sub-assembly plant located at The Dalles is being unloaded on Berth 2. Each barge brings approximately 230 tons. A total of 3676 tons has been sent to date, according to Ed Mitchelson, The Dalles superintendent. (Vancouver photo)

## COMING EVENTS

**March 30**—Ogden Meadows, Adult dancing, 8:30-12 p.m.; MacArthur School, advanced badminton, 6:30-8 p.m.; Harney Hill center, Union Good Friday services, 1 p.m.; Burton Homes, varied indoor games 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

**March 31**—Ogden Meadows, pin-ochle, 8-11 p.m.; Harney Hill center, Ballroom and Social dancing class, 7-9 p.m.; Mill Plain center, old time dance, 8:45-11:45 p.m.; Burton Homes center, movie night, 8 p.m.

**April 1**—Protestant church and interdenominational services and Sunday School at all centers Sunday morning; evening services also at Bagley Downs, Burton Homes and Hudson House. Catholic Mass Sunday mornings at McLoughlin Heights and Bagley Downs; Mormon services Sunday morning and evening at Harney Hill center.

**April 2**—Ogden Meadows center, Badminton, 7-9 p.m.; Bagley Downs center, Community dance, 7:30-10 p.m.; Harney Hill, movie night, 7:30 p.m.; Mill Plain center, varied indoor games, 7-10 p.m.; Burton Homes center, varied indoor games, 9-10 p.m.

**April 3**—Ogden Meadows center, sewing, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fourth Plain Village center, movie night, 7:30 p.m.; Harney Hill center, women's health and corrective class, 7:30 p.m.; Mill Plain center, varied indoor games, 7-10 p.m.; Burton Homes center, varied indoor games, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

**April 4**—Ogden Meadows center, Red Cross sewing, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Ogden Meadows center, free movie show, 8-10 p.m.; Harney Hill center, Pin-ochle club, 8 p.m.; MacArthur school, Badminton club, 7:30 p.m.; McLoughlin Heights center, boxing tournament, 6-8 p.m.; Burton Homes center, varied indoor games, 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

**April 5**—Ogden Meadows center, Badminton, 7-9 p.m.; Ogden Meadows center, sewing, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Bagley Downs center, movies, 7:30-10 p.m.; Fourth Plain Village center, Card party, 8 p.m.; Harney Hill center, women's health and corrective class, 7:30 p.m.; Harney Hill center, Table tennis club, 8 p.m.; Mill Plain center, varied indoor games, 7-10 p.m.; McLoughlin Heights center, boxing tournament, 7-8 p.m.; Burton Homes center, varied indoor games, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

## Women in Shipyard Amaze Ex-Employe

(VANCOUVER) — Pfc. Harold (Pat) Van Vleet, one of the early employes of the Timekeeping department, and a member of the famed 41st division, returned on visit to the yard last week while waiting for train connections to Camp Beale and re-assignment.



Pfc. Van Vleet seen five years' service in the army, three previous to joining in early 1942 after his few months work here on grave-yard.

The change in the yard since its early days astounded him, he reported, and he looked with unbelieving eyes on the large number of women at work in all crafts. "I just couldn't believe women were doing all the jobs we heard they were until I saw it myself," he said.

Van Vleet went through engagements on Biak, Hollandia and Finchhaven. He was returned to the States for hospitalization before his division embarked for the Philippine campaign.

## Faster Home Bus Service Planned

(VANCOUVER)—Speedier service home for all three shifts has been announced by the Vancouver Bus company for workers living on the Rosemere, Capitol Hill and Fruit Valley lines, according to C. V. Patterson of the Transportation department. Buses marked "Limited" will leave the yard from each shift and detour from downtown Vancouver. They will not stop at the Vancouver bus depot. They will place as many Limited buses in service as the new system demands.

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S PHONE NOW 110

(VANCOUVER) — The telephone extension of Bob McCoy, yard program director, was announced this week as 110 upon moving into new offices in Deck Erection building. Previous number, in the control tower, was 656. "Persons wanting information regarding yard programs or the public address system, and those persons connected with the blood donor program, should use the new extension number," McCoy said this week.



Bob McCoy

## Former Worker Flies On Brenner Pass

(VANCOUVER) — First Lieut. Floyd V. Welch of Portland, a former sheetmetal layout man here from September, 1942 to February, 1943, flew as co-pilot over a railroad bridge in the Brenner Pass when the 310th Mitchell bombardment group flew its 800th combat mission.



**Sponsor and Husband Feted** Following the launching of the S. S. Marine Tiger, Mrs. J. F. Reis and her husband were honored at a banquet in the Columbia House recreation center. Friday, March 23 was also the birthday of Reis, three-yard administrative manager. He was given a cake and presents.

## Penicillin Benefits Permanente Patients

(VANCOUVER)—More than 150 patients at Northern Permanente foundation hospital have been treated with penicillin, and consumed 350,000,000 units of the miracle drug, according to hospital authorities last week. The announcement was made following general release of the drug for distribution through regular drug store channels. Permanente had previously been the area depot for distribution.

The drug, while on sale at drug stores, is available only on doctor's prescription. Permanente hospital members will continue to receive this drug, and others such as sulpha, when needed without charge other than their membership fee.



One of many patients at Permanente cured by the use of penicillin is Richard Stading, six-month-old son of Mrs. Arthur J. Stading, 8403-D Bush street, McLoughlin Heights.



**She's Type "O"** Geraldine Oveson, War Bond department leadwoman was first yard worker to be "typed" by Red Cross nurse Mrs. Mona Mark, Tuesday, March 20, at the window at the south end of Personnel building. The special swing shift blood typing experiment saw 113 persons typed, of whom 39 had vital type "O" blood. Additional typing stations may be set up from time to time, according to Bob McCoy, yard program director. Announcement as to time and place will be made over the public address system. (Vancouver photo)