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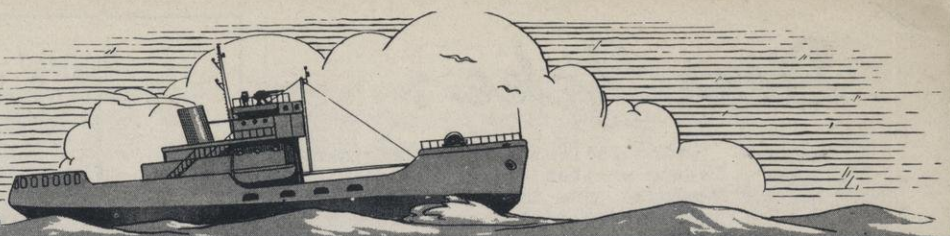
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ZENITH BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 27, 1942

SUPERVISOR OF SHIPBUILDING, U. S. NAVY
MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN
Duluth, Minnesota Branch
November 23, 1942.

My dear Don:

Your splendid welcome in the Zenith Bulletin of November 20, is greatly appreciated by all of the personnel attached to the Navy Office.

You have a fine organization and excellent workmen, and I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to our associations. I sincerely hope your record will be so outstanding that it will attract attention, and place Zenith at the top of the Great Lakes Shipyards.

We have a motto in this office, which is "UNCLE WANTS HIS BOATS", and I think Zenith can do it.

Permit me to compliment you on your weekly bulletin.

G. W. Bergman
LT. COMDR. G. W. BERGMAN, USNR.

Mr. D. C. MacDonald, Pres.
The Zenith Dredge Company
Duluth, Minnesota

JOHN KALLAS SETS RECORD FOR PAYROLL PURCHASE OF WAR BONDS



Zenith workmen will do well to follow the example of John Kallas #284, who puts aside more than 60% of his earnings each payroll period into War Bonds, under our company plan of payroll deduction for the purchase of bonds. John's record is by far the best in our yard in this respect.

John purchases \$250 worth of War Bonds each month - deducting \$93.75 every two weeks, or a total deduction of \$187.50 monthly.

He lives at 1413 Ogden Avenue, Superior, is 42 years old and single. John has been an employee of Zenith Dredge since December 10th of last year.

John began work here as a welder. Then he became a leader in the shop working nights. He is now in charge of test plates and works with the Navy inspectors.

At present he is in Class 1-A for Army service and expects a call within a few months. Until that time, John is doing his best for our country in his work and with his money.....

"TUPELO" TO BE LAUNCHED MONDAY IN DOUBLE CEREMONY

The "TUPELO", Zenith Dredge's 7th boat of this year, will be launched on Monday noon, November 30th, in a double christening ceremony. Within a very few minutes of the launching of the TUPELO, Marine Iron's boat, the "BUTTONWOOD" will also hit the water.



Miss Nancy Hay, daughter of Commander Beckwith Jordan, chief of staff, St. Louis Naval District, will christen the TUPELO.

Miss Florence Rizzuto, sister-in-law of Rear Admiral R. R. Waesche of Washington, D. C., will christen the BUTTONWOOD. At the time of this publication, it has not yet been determined which of the two boats will be launched first on Monday.

In case you don't know -- "Tupelo" is the common name for Nyssa, a genus of handsome deciduous tree, whose leaves turn scarlet in the Fall. The Tupelo is often known also in the South as the Gum Tree. The TUPELO will be the final boat launched at Zenith this year.

Dear Zeke:



(The following is an imaginary letter written to a former Zenith employee, now in the Army. If you know of any former employee who is in the service and would like a copy of the Bulletin each week, let us know and we'll send it to him.)

Private Zeke Boyat,
Miami, Florida

Dear Zeke:

How she go? The old shipyard surely misses you, Zeke. How do you like the Army? How do you like the O. C. (Officer in Charge), the K. P. (Kitchen Police) and B. V. D. (you know what)? Just that I'd drop you a line to tell you what's going on at Zenith while youse guys are winning the war.

Hull #4, the Laurel, went on its trial run Monday. Ed Porter forgot to take a broom, so after the run was approved the boys made a makeshift broom of strands of rope to tie to the mast.

You always were athletically declined, Zeke, so I suppose you'd like to know what's what in the sports department, eh? Well, the Shop is still leading the bowling league with 22 wins and 11 losses, but the Layout is right behind with 21 wins and 12 defeats.

Jim Torrance is leading the individuals with 173. The rest of the "BIG 15" is:

W. Mahar, 168; R. Wick, 166; H. Gudegast, 165; E. Johnson, 164; E. Nelson, 163; C. Joyce, 162; L. Herold, 160; L. Bloss, 159; J. Miller, 159; R. Peterson, 157; J. Repka, 157; and F. Bernard, 156; and L. Jacobson, 156 -- oh, yes, and "Gutterball" Goethel is also tied for 15th with 156.

Last Thursday Roy Townsend of the Shop team won a turkey for bowling the night's high 3-game total, 594; including handicap. Some of the boys are waiting for Don Bruner to roll another 233. The bowlers received their shirts last week. Now were all wearing flash goggles, and the bowlers look like fugitives from a Halloween Party.

Your pal, Jim Bowden, has boosted his average to 105. Wick will win a 15-pound turkey from Hank Lindeau, the waltz king, if he averages 154 or better.

The baseball players should be receiving their jackets one of these days. What shall we do with yours?

"Wild Bill" Haburt was discovered Sunday chasing a little weasel around the woods with intentions to kill.

Mike Milich, the other half of "We Two" seems to be corresponding regularly with one of our beautiful office gals.

Well, Zeke, I'll have to go now, but drop us a line, will you?

ARNO "GATES" GOETHEL



Say, how come you're not at Zenith building tankers with the rest of the boys?

ZENITH BASKETBALL TEAM TO HOLD FIRST PRACTICE.....

The first practice of the Zenith Basketball team will be held Monday night at 7:30 P.M. in the West Junior High School gymnasium.

Everyone who wishes to get on the team is urged to be there.

Remember, the Zenith team will be entered in the City League and will play the basketball teams of Marine Iron, Butler's and Barnes-Duluth -- not to forget the Coast Guard team.

For further information, contact Bill Haburt at his office.

CHIPPERS TO BOWL SUNDAY AFTERNOON



Boys -- would you like to watch a real bowling match? Then, be sure to come to the 20th Century Recreation at 2:30 P.M. this Sunday.

That's the time those Chippers are going to clash with each other in a bowling match that is a bowling match !! There are steak dinners at stake, and lots of rivalry.

Receives Award

Miss Merle Ross, visiting nurse, stationed in D. E. Wright's office last week was notified that she had won a National Safe Driver's Award. In addition, Miss Ross received a check from an insurance company which accompanied the award.



-BY THE WAYS...

-BY ARNOLD FOCHS-

DID YOU KNOW? The "LAUREL" is the first ship to be delivered ahead of schedule of any ship to be constructed in any shipyard on the Great Lakes during this war....

This information comes from Commander G. A. Tyler, chief inspector - and should be a source of pride to all our workers

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The other night Reginald Bjorklund remembered that it was his girl's birthday so he hiked over to the gatehouse to call her up. She lives in Superior, and because toll calls can't be made at the gatehouse - he had to call her collect to wish her a "Happy Birthday".....

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Ed Bartell, the Casanova of #1 has lost his heart to one of the waitresses at Webb's and is constantly inviting everyone over for a cup of coffee so he can get a glimpse of "her". Sort of sly like. When interviewed, Ed said: "Whenever I see her, I get that certain feeling. It's too high for appendicitis and too low for pleurisy -- so I guess it must be love."

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If you've wondered what those letters in front of the hours on your paycheck mean, here's the explanation:

"N" refers to night hours; "T" refers to hours worked on Navy tankers; and "NT" mean night hours worked on Navy tankers.

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Darrell Michaelis must be nonchalant. Last payday, Darrell took his check out of his envelope and threw the envelope away, which contained a \$50 war bond. Luckily, someone picked up the envelope later and returned the bond.....

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Bill Charney, alias "The Shadow", is so thin that he can walk through the slot in the rigging for the pilot house - the only man in the yard capable of this feat.

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You've probably noticed all those new signs that have been put up around the yard, such as "Danger", "Exit", etc.

Maybe you didn't know that they are painted with luminous paint and can be read in the dark. They're particularly designed for use during blackouts of any kind.

Charlie Christianson is out for revenge. While the boss was on a hunting trip, the boys in Abernethy's shop took Charlie's coat, put a steel rod through the sleeves, and welded the two ends to a slab. Charlie had to get a chipping machine to recover his coat.....

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THE DEER SLAYERS: Mitchell Miller took a compass along last Sunday while hunting - then wandered around lost for hours because he had forgotten to establish which way was North before he left the camp.....

Don Nelson, chipper, was in Mitch's group, but he didn't let a little thing like being lost bother him. To pass the time, Don started chasing weasels with a club.....

Phil Schaefer's deer was so small he carried it under his arm, and was able to store the whole thing away in the freezing compartment of his refrigerator. Some of the boys still claim that it was a dog that Phil shot.....

There's still some question whether Paul Cartie shot his deer or had his wife do it for him.....

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Harold Folger of the fabrication shop is doing a little law research these nights to determine whether or not he has a quarter coming to him from Harold Snyder. For a gag, Snyder put a quarter behind Folger, then rushed up to Folger and said: "Oh, look, a quarter right behind you". After Snyder had picked it up, Folger counted his money and claimed that he was short a quarter and therefore the money belonged to him.



The affair practically started a riot in the shop - but Snyder still has his quarter

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Footnotes to progress: Johnny Clifford finally got to work on time.....

Joseph LaFaive requests that sweeping compound be used for sweeping the boats and the shops. This worker points out that the present method is very bad from a standpoint of health....

Jack Kreidler is going to be doubly blessed. He's expecting twins next week....

Phil Brakstad, formerly night foreman of the outfitters, is now working days and at last can face the boys who kid him about not being honest enough to earn his living in daylight.

HEY, YOU !!

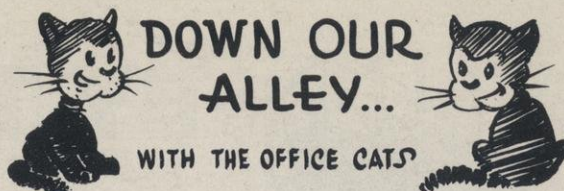
Do you like spaghetti? Then be at the Union Meeting tonight (Friday) at the WEST END LEGION HALL.

ALSO F-R-E-E B-E-E-R.

-Entertainment Comm.
C.I.O. Local #2542

PAYDAY AT ZENITH

-PICTURES BY ART NUSS-



Don't be too surprised if you should see Margaret Sandvold waiting on tables at Miller's Cafeteria one of these days.

"If the waitresses can go on the trial runs and the girls in the office can't; well, I'll just be a waitress too," says Margaret.

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Irene Aho just wouldn't take "NO" for an answer until Mr. Rockwell finally had to write her a formal statement as to why she could not tag along on one of those trial runs. Now we hear Irene has another little "scheme" up her sleeve which might serve as a reconciliation for not being able to go "sailing".....

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We wonder if it is the mail that keeps George Antcil running back and forth to the Accounting Office or if there are other reasons. Seems as if George has centered his attentions on more than just one of the girls.

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Herbert (Who's got an Invoice) Gooch is definitely not going to be married soon. Gooch has lots of good reasons - and only one of them is that he hasn't got a Sunday suit. Last week he tried to back out of the way of a cough so fast that he backed into a handle and tore out the seat of his trousers - so he's wearing his best suit to work now - and hasn't any Sunday best.....

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