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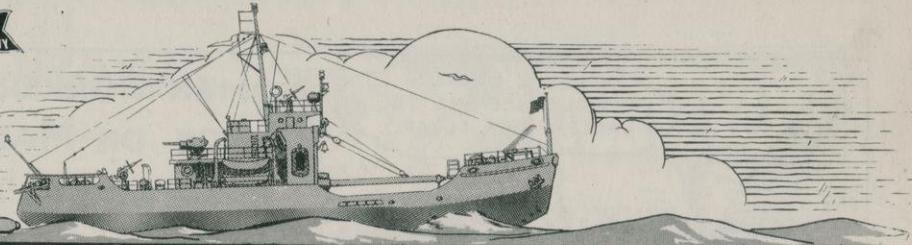
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ZENITH BULLETIN

Published EVERY
FRIDAY

March 3, 1944

HARRY RANDALL...outfitting
foreman, hawse pipes, doors, etc



BILL BERNITT
Fab Shop Foreman



COLLIS MUSSON
...outfitting
foreman in
charge of
machinery



FRANK BEAN
Crane leader, trucks etc.

Who's Who

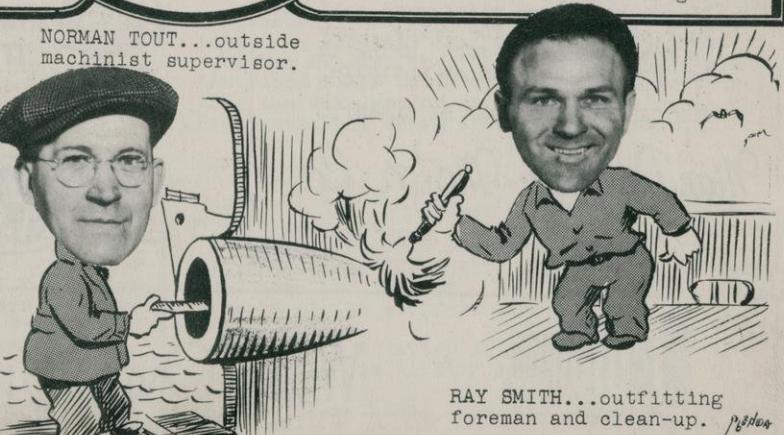
This is the first in a series
of Foremen, Leaders and others
in a supervisory capacity in
our yard. Watch future issues
of the BULLETIN for the com-
plete list. We suggest
that you save these pic-
tures, as they serve
as a handy refer-
ence.



GEORGE GOWAN...outfitting
leader, furniture instal-
lation and insulating.



HAROLD FOLGER...fabricating
foreman on outside slabs.



NORMAN TOUT...outside
machinist supervisor.



RAY SMITH...outfitting
foreman and clean-up.



WOMEN WORKERS TO HOLD DANCE ON MARCH 17th

The girls in the yard are sponsoring a dance to be held March 17 (Friday night) at the Woodman's Hall, located at 2031 W. First Street.

All proceeds of this St. Patrick's Day dance will go to purchase cigarettes for the boys overseas, according to Miss Margaret Eikrem, dance chairman.

The 35 Club orchestra has been booked for the dance, which will begin at 9 P.M. Tickets are 40¢, tax included, and the women welders, etc. promise everybody a good time.

BULLETINS

The IPIS, a Coast Guard cutter and our 23rd vessel, will be launched next Friday (March 10), sponsored by Mrs. Ridder, the wife of Ensign Robert Ridder, U. S. C. G.

The final tabulations on the War Bond drive just completed shows that Zenith men and women purchased a total of \$92,691.96 worth of bonds, which was 117% of our quota (\$79,120). We have been unable to learn whether or not our yard was victorious over Marine Iron in the Shirt Contest at the time this paper went to press.

The Red Cross War Fund drive will begin next Monday in the yard. Pledge cards will be distributed; and our men can make their contributions either by cash or by one payroll deduction. No quota has been set as yet, but last year's was about \$4 per man average.

Place your announcements in the NEWS BOX outside the Clockhouse for publication in this column. No charge

Now Is The Time!

If you have been waiting to sell your car for the TOP price...now is the time to do it. Bring it in, or call us, for an estimate.

ALL CARS WE BUY MUST BE CLEAN...

Mac Donald Motor Co.

120 N. 2nd Ave. West - Mel. 4731

BLUEPRINT CLASSES OPEN TO ALL ZENITH WORKERS

Take advantage of the special Blueprint Reading classes being made available to our workers free of charge. Remember, no one can qualify as a first-class shipfitter unless he is able to read blue-prints.

At the present time, 3 classes are being conducted. Mr. Knott's class is on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6 to 9 P.M. Mr. Henry Sullivan's classes are held on Wednesday & Friday evenings from 6 to 9 P.M. A special class is held for night workers on two mornings a week from 5 AM to 8 AM.

The Wednesday & Friday night classes have only been underway since February 1st, and because the class is small, special attention can be given to newcomers. So if you want to sign up, now is the time to do it. See Mr. Wright in the Administration Building.

GOOD AIR HOSE IS PRECIOUS DON'T ABUSE IT



Columbi
Clothing Co.
303 W. SUPERIOR ST.

WALK-OVER SHOES

\$8.95
UP

-BY THE WAYS...

-BY ARNOLD FOCHS-

Here's a rarity: A woman engineering draftsman was hired by Zenith Dredge this week. She is Dorothy K. Hughes.

The yard lost one of its "characters" this week when Popeye Dahlin quit. Popeye left word with us that, due to his being unable to personally say Goodbye to all his friends, he wanted us to do so through the paper. Good luck, Popeye, our next Christmas Party will be just a little bit less exciting with you gone....

We see by the papers that cold weather hardened the grease on the ways at a Tampa, Florida, yard so much that one minesweeper stopped as it hit the water. Another was christened but wasn't launched after the experience with the first proved that the grease was too stiff. Maybe they should call on Knute Mesedahl and his crew who could show them how such a job can be done in really cold weather.

A lot of our men may cuss the guard force because they're so insistent on making the men sign in and out and regulate parking, but we wonder how many appreciate the fact that the guards often go out of their way to protect the men's personal property at the same time.

A typical example took place last week when one of the guards noticed that a worker had left his car lights burning. It was a miserable day and a low battery isn't much fun. So the guard jotted down the license number, called Niemi's office and learned who the owner was through the gas application, which contains a record of license plates. Thereupon the guard went out into the yard and called the man (Lawrence Forsyth) who was grateful.

Sometimes, however, it doesn't work out that way. A guard spent an hour trying to locate another guy who had left his lights on. When found the man said: "Oh, my battery was too strong so I left them on purposely."

BELIEVE IT OR NOT: Last pay-period we deducted a man's total check amounting to approximately \$140 for War Bonds by mistake. The guy dropped in the other day to say it was OK. Things like that don't happen very often around here. Congratulations, Arnold Narvane.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Starting Monday the yard will operate from 7:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Mondays through Fridays. On Saturdays the yard will operate from 7:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. making a total of 54 hours per week.

- J. L. Conlon -
Asst. to the President



Pete Kallio, night shift welding leader for the past 26 months, will leave on Tuesday for the Navy....Reggie Bjorklund, who has been inducted into the Navy also, has been on 24-hour call for the past 3 months. Patience does it, Reggie....Warren Peterson, one of the old-timers in the yard, is due to take a free trip to Fort Snelling within the next 2 weeks.

A card from Bruce Reed, formerly of the yard, states that he is now at: Company 177-44, Camp Bennion, Farragut, Idaho.

Walfred Swanson has, we believe, a good idea. He suggests that if a lot of our men feel bad because they couldn't participate in the Blood Donor Drive because of age or weight, they can make up for it by giving extra to the Red Cross Fund drive starting next week.

Otto Berg, the stager, turns poetic in his spare time and occasionally dashes off a 5 or 6-page poem.

We never could progress that far. Our attempts along the poetic line run one or two sentences and then stop cold. Here is a typical example of the stuff we turn out:

A matter of prowess
is milking cowess

Take it from there, Otto, and see what you can make of it.....

NAVAL TRADITIONS

and CUSTOMS



by Cedric W. Windas



The MAJORETTE: The stunts pulled by the prancing majorette, the fancy flourishing of the gilded staff..... all these are a relic of the days when seamen ashore after a naval victory were encouraged to brandish their weapons and leap in the air as they marched, in order to stimulate enthusiasm of the people for the government war effort.



"TAPS" - the name for this bugle call is derived from the Dutch "Taptoe" meaning to close all the taverns for the night and to turn off all beer taps. Now it is used at all military funerals as farewell to the deceased.



FLAG OFFICERS: Only those who are Commodores, or of still higher rank are spoken of as flag officers. This means they can fly the flag denoting their rank from the peak of the vessel they command.



The 3 white braids on a U.S. sailor's collar actually commemorate 3 British naval victories: the Battle of the Nile; the Battle of the Baltic; and the Battle of Trafalgar.



The black kerchiefs worn under seamen's collars were originally worn as mourning for the death of Lord Nelson.

The reason for the above items being that our uniforms are practically a duplicate of the British.



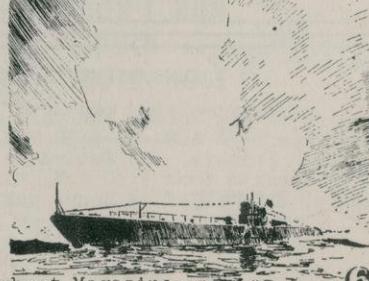
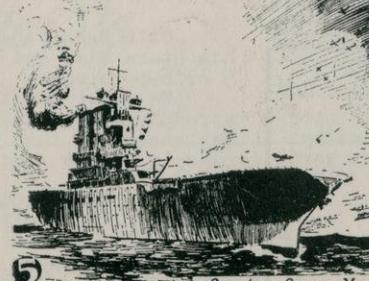
MESS: We get the word "mess" for shipboard meal-time from the Spanish word Mesa, meaning table.



BELL-BOTTOM PANTS: Bell-bottoms were designed for ease in working aloft in sailing days; and also for easy rolling above the knees when swabbing decks.



- 1) Battleships are named for states.
- 2) Cruisers for cities.
- 3) Destroyers for Heroes or Congressmen.
- 4) Minesweepers for birds.
- 5) Aircraft carriers for old ships or famous battles.
- 6) Submarines are named for fish.



-facts from Motorboat Magazine-

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COLLECTION Duluth, MN

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