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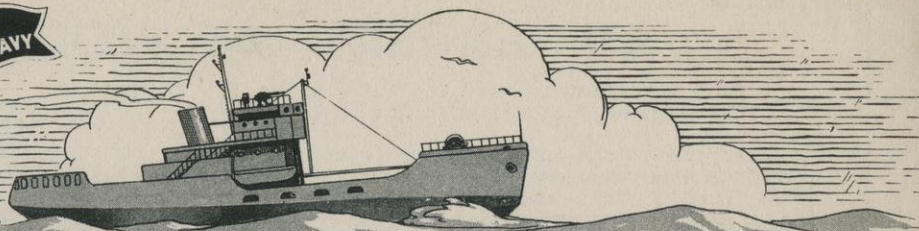
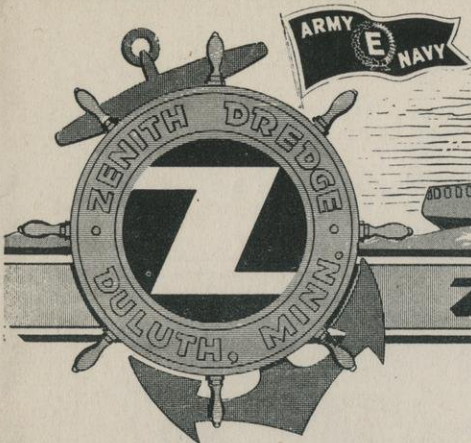
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## ZENITH BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 12, 1943

### EARLY QUITTING.....

Early quitting is no joke - even though it's certainly getting to be one in our yard.

Early quitting is a form of cheating. Everyone is paid for a full day's work, and those who quit before the whistle blows are not giving a full day's work in return for the pay they receive.

In these times of war it is an abuse that cannot be condoned. With thousands of our soldiers spread all over the world fighting our battles and dying that we might survive to live in peace and comfort, no one should look upon this abuse with complacency.

Practically every man in this yard has pledged his honor that he will stay on the job until the whistle blows. A majority of those working here keep that pledge, but there are many who do not.

These cheaters stand around gangways and stock piles, idle near the shop doors, and slowly inch up toward the clock-house. But when the whistle blows they suddenly come to life and dash for the exits.

Imagine what a discouraging picture this would be if it were seen by our soldiers and sailors now bleeding and striving against the enemy.

The weight of the expressed opinion of the majority of you employees who are daily hurt by the unpleasant spectacle of early quitting will go far to stop this abuse.



**DICKERY, DICKERY DOCK—  
THIS GUY GETS AHEAD OF THE CLOCK  
UNTIL SOME FINE DAY—  
THE TIME-KEEPER WILL SAY:  
"DICKERY DICK, YOU'RE DOCKED."**

### GETTING SET FOR THE ARMY ?

A few evenings ago at one of the local shipyards, a movie was secretly made of a band of about 100 young fellows getting set for the get-away, 5 to 10 minutes before the quitting whistle.

The bird's-eye view of the start resembled a band of Indians, in early American history, hiding behind things and sneaking up on a group of white settlers.

A glimpse of the film on the screen at a private showing was surprising the number of faces that were recognized.

There is talk of putting the film on at one of the local theatres for the draft boards to examine.

The way those guys can run and do the crawl should convince the draft boards that they would make excellent Commandos without much more training.

And once the boys are in the Army, just think how swell it'll be for them - because there's one place where they won't have to worry about the time or getting to a clock-house first.....



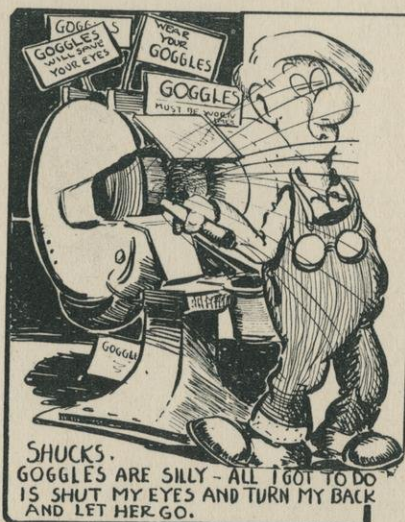
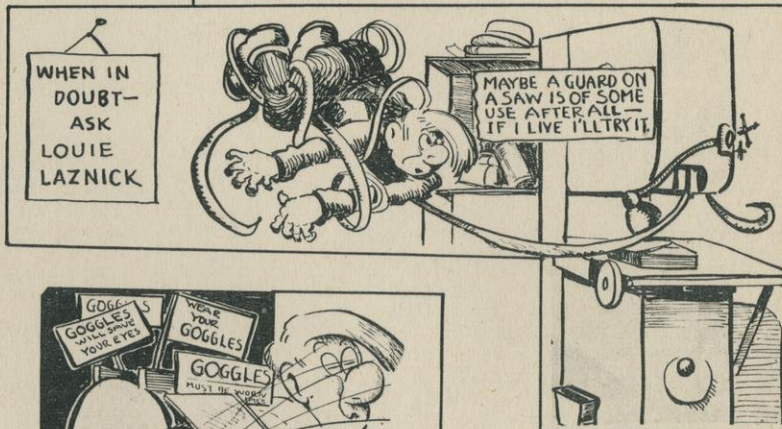
## ..... AN "EXPERT" AT WORK .....

A good machinist is hard to find these days. Take John Abernethy's word for it....

Every week John interviews men down in the Machine Shop who swear up and down that they're "machinists" - until they've worked a day or so and discovered that they aren't.

Most of these "experts" last about a day - and are seen no more.

The scenes below may give you some idea how some of these so-called "machinists" get along that first day.



## ZENITH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Zenith Dredge Athletic Association held a meeting Tuesday night and elected officers for the coming year and made plans to promote more sporting events for Zenith's employees.

The following officers were elected: Mitchell Miller, chairman; Tony Martinez, Vice-chairman; Bill Haburt, recording secretary; and James Branca, financial secretary.

Committee chairmen appointed were:

Ed Tucking, entertainment committee; Arnold Fochs, publicity chairman; Ralph Wick, ticket chairman; Bill Haburt, basketball; James Branca, bowling.

Sig Wagner, baseball; Rube Anderson, diamond ball; James Bowden, hockey; George Taufman, cribbage.

Francis Tyo, horseshoe; Bill Haburt, inter-plant baseball; Buck Doran, archery; Walt LaFlamme, keno; and James Koehler, golf.

**FOUND:** 3 house keys on a chain. Owner may have same by identifying them at D. E. Wright's office in the Administration Building.

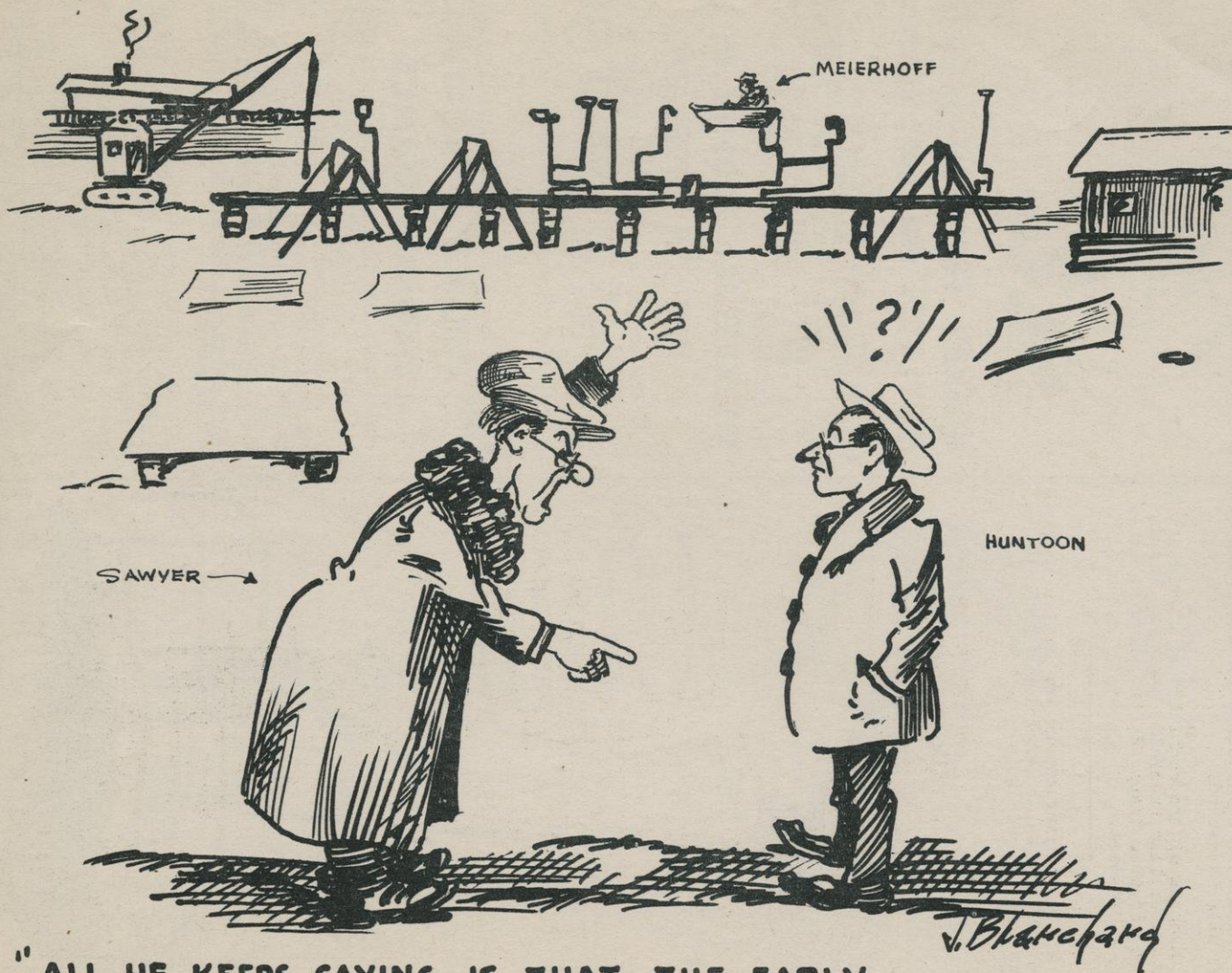
## MORE BULLETINS BEING PRINTED

Because there have been some complaints that there have not been enough copies of the Zenith Bulletin to take care of all the men in our yard (including sub-contractors) we are printing and distributing an extra 150 copies, beginning with this issue. We hope that this will take care of everybody.



**ARE YOU SAVING FOR YOUR INCOME TAX ?**





THE ELECTRICIANS  
ARE COMPLAINING  
THAT MEIERHOFF'S  
MEN ARE PUTTING-  
IN THE PLUMBING  
BEFORE THE REST  
OF THE BOAT IS  
EVEN BEGUN!



"ALL HE KEEPS SAYING IS THAT THE EARLY  
BIRD GETS THE WORM!"





## VALENTINE PARTY PLANNED FOR NIGHT SHIFT MEN

ATTENTION - ALL NIGHT SHIFT WORKERS.....  
A get-acquainted St. Valentine's Day party will  
be held Sunday night at 9 o'clock (Feb. 14th).

The place will be the Woodman Hall at  
21st Avenue West and 1st Street and all Zenith  
night men and their ladies are invited.

There will be dancing; and lunch and bev-  
erages will be served.

Members of the committee in charge of the  
party are William Swanfeld, chairman; Herman  
Nielsen, Francis Knapp, Walter Anderson and  
Harold Clementson.

Are you buying enough War Bonds. Every  
man should invest at least 10%. Contact the  
Accounting Office now.....



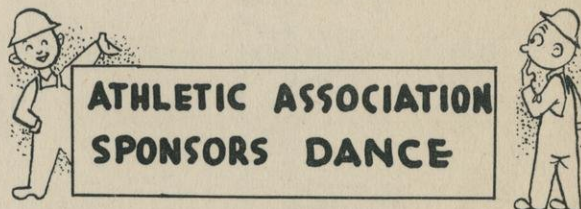
HUGO  
HENDRICKSON  
STEPS UP TO  
THE PLATE

## HOCKEY TEAM TO MEET BUTLER'S ON WEDNESDAY

Zenith's fast-stepping hockey team will  
tangle with Butler Shipyards next Wednesday  
at 8 P.M. at the Curling Club. Remember a  
40¢ ticket will admit you to a double-header  
hockey matc h. Tickets are available at the  
Tool Room.

## BASKETBALL TROPHY WILL BE PUT ON DISPLAY

The trophy awarded Zenith's undefeated  
basketball team is now being engraved; and  
will be ready to put on display in the yard  
in a very short time.

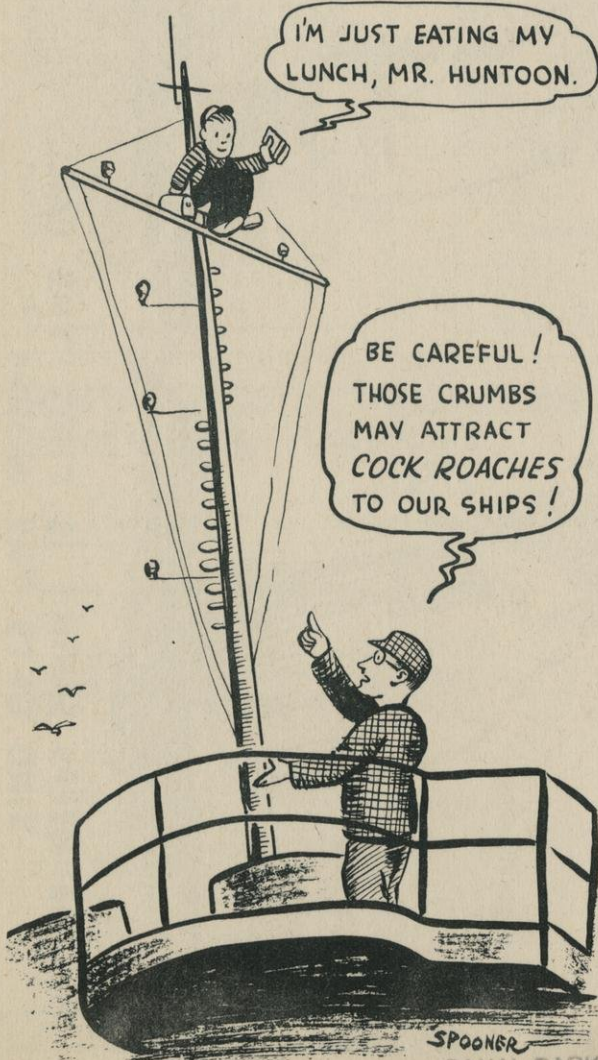


A dance, sponsored by the Zenith Dredge  
Athletic Association, will be held at the  
Spaulding Hotel on February 27th (Saturday).

The purpose of this dance will be to  
raise funds for the promotion of sports for  
men in our yard.

Tickets are \$1.10 per couple and may be  
obtained from Ralph Wick in the Tool Room.  
An 8-piece orchestra is promised by Jim  
Branca and Ed Johnson, the Singing Shipbuilder,  
will be on the program.

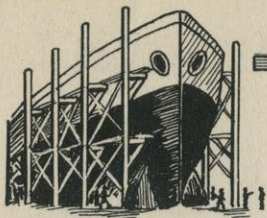
In addition a door prize of a \$25 War  
Bond will be given away. You do not need to  
be present, however, to win this bond.



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# -BY THE WAYS...

-BY ARNOLD FOCHS-

DID YOU KNOW that Zenith Dredge came within 3 days of being the first shipyard on the Great Lakes to be honored with the Army-Navy "E"?

The Lake Erie Shipbuilding Company of Buffalo takes the credit for being the first. They received their award on January 19th. (We received ours on the 22nd - remember?)

The men seem to have run out of originality in trying to think up excuses to get their pay-check early from the Accounting Office.....last payday 3 men tried to get theirs ahead of time on the grounds that they had to take their wives to the hospital!

Every time we see Johnny Rose, the chipping foreman we can't help thinking of that little verse:

"Little Johnny Rose sat on a pin.  
Little Johnny Rose....."

Sunday is Valentine's Day - so get your valentines in the mail early. Don't overlook Dave DeLay when you send yours out.....

That first Fire Drill on Hull #9 last Friday is still making the men chuckle. It seems that when the men ran to their places, several of them tripped over the hoses. And when the hose was finally run up to the ship, just a trickle emerged from the nozzle because the hose was leaking in a dozen places!

Comes still another claim to driving the greatest distance to and from work. Emmet Bagley drives 91 miles daily - and Outfitter Harry Randall comes 94 miles each day.....

Henry Lindau (The Waltz King) goes on his way in the musical world. From now on Hank has as his theme: "Swing and Sway the Lindau Way."

Stanley Linski of the outfitting shop has another addition to his family. This time it's a boy.....

Miles Benn, the super bender, is now looking for the joker that ties his overalls in knots....

No explanation is forthcoming from Walter Weselik on the reason for that great big, beautiful black eye just acquired....

Carl Nynas had better stick to cork-ing. The other day Carl tried to accumulate his 200 pounds behind a chipping machine, only to have the chisel fly through the air with the greatest of ease.....

Every day we see more and more of those signs that read: "The difficult we do immediately - the impossible takes a little longer."

Why not change them to read: "Why be difficult, it's just as easy to be impossible?"

Or better still - "It's difficult to do the impossible, it takes a little longer."

Launching of the first Navy Tanker YW-85 is now set for February 20th (Saturday) depending on weather conditions. The other 2 Navy tankers now on the ways are almost as far along as the first one - and may be set free this month also.

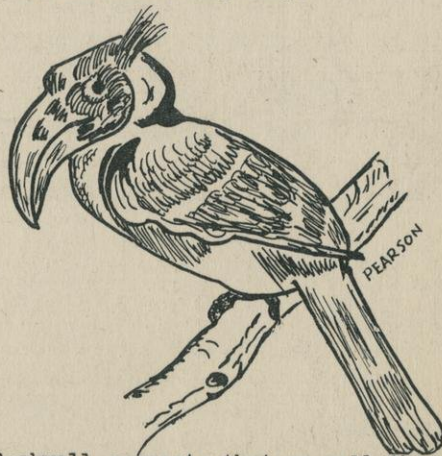


"Doc" Karl Kaarill of the First Aid Station doesn't succeed so well in giving himself a little first aid!

This week the Doc was bothered by a little pimple which had broken out on the tip of his nose - so he retired to bed with a hot water bottle on his schnozzle.

When he awoke he found his nose had swollen to unbelievable size.....

**LOST** -One pair of Starrett's removable point dividers. #178 stamped on one of the arms. Please return to Ernest Petaja, in the Outfitting Shop.



Mr. Rockwell suggests that we call this -

"THE ALIBI BIRD"

it lives in the land of Promise; flies backward, and sits on the eggs of Opportunity, but hatches only Hard Luck.....



# SAFETY HELMETS NOW AVAILABLE !



Safety helmets are now available to employees of this yard.

The price of these helmets to employees is \$2.50 which is less than 1/2 of the cost to the company. When purchased, these helmets become the property of the employee and only one helmet will be sold to an employee.

In case an employee loses his helmet he will be required to pay \$5.25 for a replacement.

Anyone desiring to purchase one of these helmets should contact George Taufman, Safety Supervisor, over the Gatehouse. These helmets may be deducted from your paycheck, if you wish.

WITH  
AND  
WITHOUT !



## TIRE APPLICATIONS SHOULD GET COMMITTEE'S O.K.

Men - after you have had your tires inspected and you decide to put in an application to the Rationing Board for either recaps or new tires.....bring your application in to Mr. Niemi of the Transportation Committee... instead of sending it to the Board direct.

If you send your application to the Board directly, it will only be sent back to the Plant Transportation Committee for approval. So - save yourself this extra delay and bring yours to Mr. Niemi, in the Administration Building.

## ♥ VALENTINE DANCE ! ♥

A Valentine Dance given by Welders and Burners will be held tomorrow (Saturday) nite at the Androy Hotel Ballroom in Superior. Tickets are 55¢, tax included, and are now on sale at the Tool Room - or see John Kallas.

## UNION MEETING TONIGHT

There will be a regular meeting of C.I.O. Local #2542 tonight (Friday) at 8 P.M. in the West End Legion Hall. Your presence is solicited by Charles Johnson, president.



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