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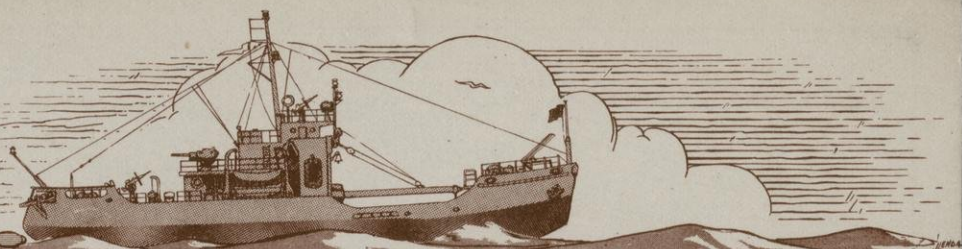
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RESOLUTIONS FOR 1944



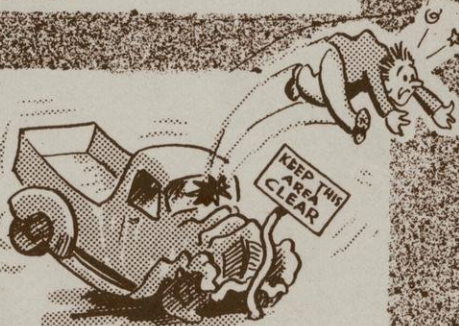
FRANK GAPPA: "No more fishing trips - they're certainly a headache".



THELMA PALMER: "I'm only going to use the phone on company business, unless, of course, some Coast Guard calls."



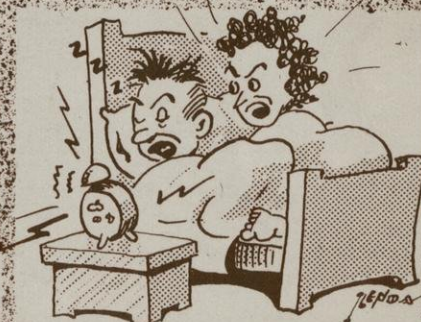
ART HUTCHINGS: "I promise not to show my boy's picture to anyone more than once.... a week."



WALLY PETERSON: "I resolve to be a careful driver, beginning right now."



CLARENCE VEDDER: "I think I'll retire from the stork market"



Don't make your wife call you 7 or 8 times to get up in the morning. Three times should be plenty. Start 1944 right!

Launchings...



March 14	Tanker YW-85 Sponsor: Mrs. A. S. McDonald
April 3	Tanker YW-87 Sponsor: Mrs. S. G. Rockwell
April 21	Tanker YW-86 Sponsor: Mrs. Virginia Brant
May 18	Tanker YW-88 Sponsor: Mrs. R. C. Buck
June 5	Tanker YW-89 Sponsor: Miss Patricia Wiltse
June 25	Tanker YW-90 Sponsor: Mrs. J. A. Hartman
July 14	Tanker YW-91 Sponsor: Miss Marcia Beck
July 31	Tanker YW-92 Sponsor: Miss Dorothy Lubina
Sept. 15	Coast Guard Cutter SALVIA Sponsor: Mrs. E. E. Comstock
Sept. 29	Coast Guard Cutter SAGEBRUSH Sponsor: Mrs. R. E. Stockstill
Oct. 23	Coast Guard Cutter BRAMBLE Sponsor: Mrs. J. N. Heiner
Nov. 11	Coast Guard Cutter BITTERSWEET Sponsor: Mrs. L. B. Olson
Dec. 9	Coast Guard Cutter MALLOW Sponsor: Mrs. Norman Hall



ZENITH "Firsts"

- Feb. 5 ZD basketball team takes first spot in City Senior League after defeating Coast Guard, 35-21.
- April 1 ZD hires 6 women welders and one burner to become first shipyard in this area to employ women in yard.
- Aug. 10 Welding School begins operation. Is only one operated by a shipyard at the Head of the Lakes.
- Aug. 13 Volunteer workers complete Advanced First Aid Course, thereby becoming first unit in heavy industry in the State of Minnesota to receive certificates from American Red Cross.
- Oct. 15 4 Navy Tankers delivered within 2 weeks' time.

(We might add that Zenith Dredge is still the ONLY shipyard in this area which publishes a weekly paper for its employees.)

1943 in REVIEW..

January

Henry (Waltz King) Lindau starts working on Night Shift, thus giving other wolves a chance around town...."Big Ben" Reamer, in St. Mary's Hospital for a check-up, was placed in a ward at first, but his snoring was so bad that every one complained and Ben had to be moved into a private room....a workman reports that low-flying sparrows in Fab Shop get flashes from welding arcs....a patriotic duck took a defense job and swims in the slip, thereby keeping the ice broken up....Bob White, an outfitter, was in his third week without shaving

February

Doc Kaarill of the First Aid Station shows a little thoughtfulness. Every other day of the week he baits his mouse-trap with bacon, but on Fridays he puts cheese in it..... Tool Room Playboy Ralph Wick is reported seen with his wife.....Zenith guards hold their first pistol practice.



Ed Thomas misses target every time out of 20 shots...Louie Laznick builds bonfire under his car to thaw out frozen oil. Fire department is called to put out blaze.. Safety helmets are made available to men in the yard...all workers are typed for blood. Art Hail, smitten by one of the nurses, stands in line twice...Sig Anderson reports his blood is 90 proof....

March

The Outfitters were wondering what could be done to discourage James Stefano from coming up from behind and unbuttoning the suspenders on their overalls...the sub-contractors took up a collection and donated 3 Garand Rifles to U. S. Army....Ed Moore was literally "frozen" to his job when he fell through the ice while chipping....a new plywood flooring was put on the second floor of Outfitting Shop. Suggestion received that it be tested by having Charlie Johnson and Roger Swannstrom do a jitterbug dance on it.....

April

Albin "Popeye" Dahlen forgets to bring spoon with which to eat custard cup. Scores neatest trick of year by using his false teeth for scoopers.....company cafeteria is planned...

May

After a fatal accident near Hull # 13, the boys became superstitious and changed sign near the boat to read Hull # 12....Les Bloss goes fishing and reports same

June

Handsome Snuffy Olson, who has but 2 teeth in his head, complains of a toothache....work is begun on new cafeteria June 18th....Kenneth Rulmyr reported giving Frank Ring and Eddie Bartell lessons on how to make love....

July

Navy Inspectors Carr and Erickson observed playing "Pistol Packin' Mama" 24 times in one week at the service station..... Henning Sundquist, carpenter, injures himself while working on a SAFETY POSTER.... a governor is installed on Wally Peterson's truck.....

August

Weekly leaders' meetings planned....Zenith's softball team takes 2nd place in City Senior League...yard extended 200 feet further west....worker fails to bring customary cigars upon becoming proud papa....hangs sack of Bull Durham on drinking fountain with sign reading: "Help yourself, fellows".

September

Bowling season opens Sept. 9th....safety equipment is put on loan basis throughout yard instead of being sold to men.... Paul Van Duyn practices deal off bottom of the deck in preparation for Cribbage season...

October



Duane Olson models self after Herman Nielsen, buys same type slouch hat and jacket as Herman's... George Anctil, our messenger boy, states he will now choose his girls for their "wearing quality". Frank Gappa gets first strike while bowling, resigns from team at height of his glory....

November

Cafeteria opens November 1st after many delays. Dan Buckley, the Prodigal Son of the Machine Shop, seen on job two days in a row.....the Community Fund drive falls very short in yard. Chinese welders turn in Time Slips written in Chinese characters....

December

ZD basketball team begins practice for season....Les Bloss finds worker who hasn't already heard his deer-hunting stories...additions made to Clock House providing locker space for welders...Christmas Party is big success. So is Eva "Blondie" Bjorklund, welder, who left her husband home for the occasion....

HONORABLE MENTION

- Jan. 22 Army-Navy "E" award made to ZD in Duluth Armory. 3,500 see Vice Admiral R. R. Waesche make the presentation to employees.
- March 3 ZD receives contract for 10 more Coast Guard cutters.
- July 9 Star added to Army-Navy "E" flag.
- Aug. 20 Navy notifies ZD of new contract for construction of 4 net tenders.
- Aug. 27 Second anniversary of laying first keel at ZD (the BALSAM on Aug. 27, 1941).
- Nov. 26 Workers congratulated for delivering 6 Navy Tankers in 5 weeks.

SOCIAL



- Feb. 5 Fabrication Shop holds smoker.
- Feb. 12 Night Men hold Valentine Party in Woodmen's Hall.
- Feb. 26 Athletic Association holds first dance.
- April 9 Margaret Sandvold named candidate of ZD in Bond Queen Contest held in city. (Margaret won \$100 War Bond by taking 4th place.)
- April 16 Athletic Association's Stag Party turns out to be best boxing match seen in some time.
- July 25 All-yard picnic held at Big Lake.
- Sept. 24 Union Dance held at Pla-Mor ballroom winds up \$10 in the hole.
- Dec. 25 Christmas Party, sponsored by the company, held at Hotel Duluth.

New Jobs

- June 18 Lt. Commander J. A. Hartman comes to yard, replacing Lt. Commander G. W. Bergman as Supervisor of Shipbuilding, U. S. Navy.
- June 25 Gust Johnson, chipper, elected CIO Local #2542 president. Other Union candidates were Jim Branca, Charlie DeVane, Red Knapp, Fred Olson and Ray Sylvester.
- Aug. 20 Mr. Jerry Conlon, former purchasing agent, assigned to position as Assistant to the President.
- Oct. 15 Rill McPherson named Secretary of ZD Bowling League.
- Dec. 15 Mr. Fred Huntoon named General Superintendent of yard.



Zenith's basketball team plays the Paint Department of Butler Shipbuilders next Tuesday night at 8:30 in the Central High Gymnasium.

Single admissions to games in the City Senior League are 10¢, but Season tickets may be secured for only 50¢ which enable the holder to see any of the games this year. Tickets may be purchased from members of the team or from Mitch Miller in the Tool Room, or at the Central gym.

You are invited to attend an Industrial Safety Conference meeting to be held next Wednesday evening at the Hotel Duluth, beginning at 7:45 PM.

There is no admission charge to our men and you may bring a friend if you wish. A variety of topics of interest to shipbuilders will be discussed.

Don't forget to contribute your gripes to the special boxes in the Fab Shop, Out-fitting Shop and Cafeteria. We hope to be able to answer some of your queries in a future issue of the BULLETIN.

YARD BRIEFS

MISCELLANEOUS: We understand that a new firm has opened next door to the Navy Department, namely: "Haskins, Olson, Lunde & Hickey". Nice going, boys, maybe you'll even get your names on the door.

George Anctil, Chief Co-Ordinator of Interdepartmental Communications, has announced that after today he will be without the services of his Chief Assistant "Chuck" Pearson. Chuck is going to continue with his schooling after the first of the year, before joining the Navy.

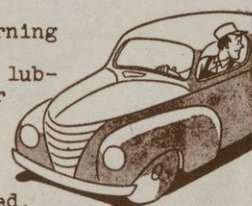
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