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Pennants Are Awarded for Presenteeism

Three new pennants are being proudly displayed this week in craft offices on the project. They are emblematic of first, second, and third place in the absentee standings, and were awarded at last week's general staff meeting.

George Haab, Electrical Superintendent, has the blue first place banner, Larry Spence of Pipe is flying the second place flag, and J. Ruffner of the 105 Craft is displaying the third place emblem.

The over-all plant standing on absenteeism reached a crisis when the average stood at 8.1%, a drop behind the records of the last two weeks. Although this is much better than standings of a few months back, the good marks of recent weeks cause it to be disappointing. Energetic drives constantly are under way in all the crafts.

The five crafts which improved their averages were Carpenter, Carpenter Labor, Electrical, 105 Craft, and Rigger. The standings: Electrical, first; Piping, second; 105 Craft, third; Paint and Carpenter, fourth; Rigger, fifth; Concrete, sixth; Mechanical, seventh; Earthwork, eighth; Transportation ninth; Carpenter Labor tenth; Labor and Reinforcing, eleventh.

Scheduling of 1944 Vacations Has Begun

The Time Office is preparing notices for those employees who are eligible for vacations this year, and will forward them to the Craft Superintendents of Department Heads for distribution as soon as possible.

These forms will show each individual's vacation eligibility date. Wage roll employees are eligible for a two week's vacation after a year of continuous service with the company.

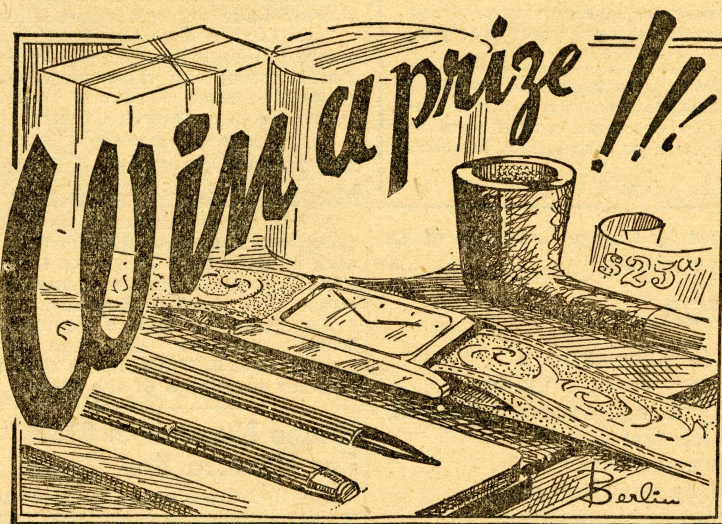
Wage checks covering vacation payments will be issued along with regular wage checks on the Friday immediately preceding the vacation.

It should be borne in mind that vacations must be arranged so as to conflict as little as possible with the progress of the job.

New Information Office

A new Information Office has been opened this week in 100-D area by the Training and Relations Division.

This office is located in the large warehouse in which the Shoe Store and Rationing office are also situated.



There'll Be Lots of Winners in This Big Puzzle-Picture Contest!

Starting two weeks from today—a Puzzle-Picture Contest that will be the talk of the project!

Not just one prize—but lots of them!

Not insignificant prizes—but valuable ones!

In next week's issue of the Sage Sentinel, there will be a sample picture-puzzle, with the correct answers . . . the following week (April 28th), the contest begins.

Are you good at spotting hazards? Up-to-date on your Safety Education? Then you're bound to be one of the winners!

There will be a series of picture puzzles, ten in all. All workmen below the rank of foreman are eligible to enter. (Sorry, girls—you've been ruled out, this time! This is for the men in the field.)

Each week, the craft with the best participation will be honored. At the end of the contest, the winners will be announced.

Start "brushing up" on your safety alertness now . . . be all ready to WIN!

Softball Entries Due Soon

Only one more week remains for teams to file entries for the Hanford Softball leagues. Already a great many entries have been returned and it appears that more than fifty teams will be participating in league softball this spring and summer.

All team managers are urged to attend the next meeting to be held in the Conference Room of the Administration Building, 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 19.

Announcements From The Rationing Office

The Office of Price Administration has decided that periodic passenger car tire inspections will be discontinued after April 20, 1944.

This does not mean, however, that the tire inspection reports may be thrown away. It will be necessary to present that report when obtaining supplemental gasoline or when having inspection made on application Form R-1 for tires.

The OPA has announced that the No. 18 shoe stamp from Ration Book No. 1 will expire April 30, 1944. Airplane Stamp No. 1 in Ration Book No. 3 will continue to be good for shoes indefinitely. A new valid shoe stamp, which will be good indefinitely, will be designated by the OPA before May 1.

The project rationing offices have revised their hours. The Hanford office is now open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; the Richland one from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; and all other field offices from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

"Safe Driver of the Week"

Louis J. Wzela of Transportation was chosen "Safe Driver of the Week" and presented with two complimentary theatre tickets by the Patrol and Safety Divisions.

Second-place winner was Ralph S. Ora of Inspection.

This presentation was inaugurated by Patrol and Safety to encourage safe and courteous driving throughout the project. Two awards are made each week.

Trailer Village Having Spring Clean-Up Drive

"Mrs. Clean Up," "Mr. Fix Up," and "Tidy Up" are the symbols of the Trailer Village Clean-Up Drive which began April 10th and will continue through the 24th.

Throughout this period, residents are having an intensive "spring housecleaning." The drive opened with a parade by the school children on Wednesday, dramatizing the campaign with brooms, etc.

A poster contest is another school activity in connection with the drive. The students are making posters depicting the "Up" family in clean-up activities. Eight prizes will be presented for the best ones.

Plans are being completed to honor the "best block" in the Trailer Village at the conclusion of the drive.

Some of the suggestions that are offered to trailer residents in improving the appearance of the Village are as follows:

Pick up trash around the yard; fix up light cords; repair steps and trailer defects; plant grass seed; clean up the yard; wash the trailer; clean out underneath the trailer; use approved gas containers.

In other words — "A place for everything . . . and everything in its place!"

Refugee Will Reveal "Inside Germany"

Another of the meetings of the Pasco-Kennewick Lecture Series will be held April 25 at 8 p.m. in the Kennewick High School. Gerhart Seger will speak on the topic "The Inside Story of Germany." Mr. Seger was driven out of Germany about the same time as was Albert Einstein; he has many astounding facts to relate.

The next meeting will be held May 10, at the hour of 8 p.m. in the Kennewick High School as usual; Don Poling will be the speaker of the evening. He recently returned from a 72,000 mile airplane tour of the battlefronts; he has chosen the topic, "Battle Fronts of Europe" as his lecture subject.

What's His Name?

What name was chosen for the Comic Strip Hero?

Who was the lucky winner of the \$25 War Bond?

You'll find the answer to both questions in next week's Sage Sentinel! Our Naming Contest is over now; watch for the announcement of the results.

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OUR SLOGAN

"Let's ALL HEW to the Line!"

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The following poem was contributed by George L. Dorsch of Employment. We think it's a fine bit of philosophy:

YOUR JOB

Wherever you're working, in office or shop
And however far you may be from the top
And though you may think you're just treading the mill,
Don't ever belittle the job that you fill;
For however little your job may appear,
You're just as important as some little gear
That meshes with others in some big machine,
That helps keep it going though never is seen.
They could do without you, we'll have to admit,
But business keeps on, when the big fellows quit!
And always remember, my lad, if you can,
The job's more important—(oh yes)—than the man!
So if it's your hope to stay off the shelf,
Think more of your job than you do of yourself.
Your job is important; don't think it is not,
So try hard to give it the best that you've got!
And don't think ever you're of little account,
Remember you're part of the total amount;
If they didn't need you, you wouldn't be there,
So, always, my lad, keep your chin in the air.
A digger of ditches, mechanic, or clerk—
Think well of your company, yourself & your work.
—Anonymous.

AMERICAN TOUGHNESS

Ira Wolfert in his book, "Battle for the Solomons," expresses it this way:

"What is it that gives American soldiers their essential toughness? It seems to me that Americans, without really being conscious of it, are fiercely proud of being Americans. They seem to be aware instinctively that they are a mixture of all the peoples in the world—well nourished, athletic, free to think, less frustrated and so better integrated than others.

"And with this subconscious realization comes the conviction that nothing on earth can keep an American from doing a job he knows he really has to do."

SPRING HOUSECLEANING

The Trailer Village is setting a good example for all of us, in its "Spring Clean-Up" campaign.

Let's all clean house . . . both off and on the job! And then keep it that way . . . it's easier to be a good housekeeper all the time than to clean up at infrequent intervals.

Records show that where the job is clean and orderly, better work is accomplished and fewer accidents occur.

This is one way that we as individual employees can improve our work and the overall safety of everyone working here: to maintain perfect housekeeping on the job.

New First Aid Classes Are Starting in Hanford

The first meeting of the new group taking Advanced First Aid under Patrolman Worlton Roos met last night at the Red Cross Hut from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Others can still join this class at the next meeting, Thursday, April 20th.

A new class for beginners in First Aid is being organized. Those who are interested are asked to call Mrs. Ralph Nederhood, at 8133. Mrs. Nederhood is in charge of Red Cross activities here.

A new class for beginners will start next Wednesday, April 19th from 7:30 to 9:30 at the Hut. Mr. Edward Laue will be the instructor.

Two First Aid classes have just completed their courses—one Beginning group and another composed of Advanced Students. Patrolman Roos was their instructor.

Surgical Dressings Class Meets Monday Evenings

A Red Cross Surgical Dressings class meets at the Hanford Hut each Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (The Red Cross Hut is across the street from the Fire Station).

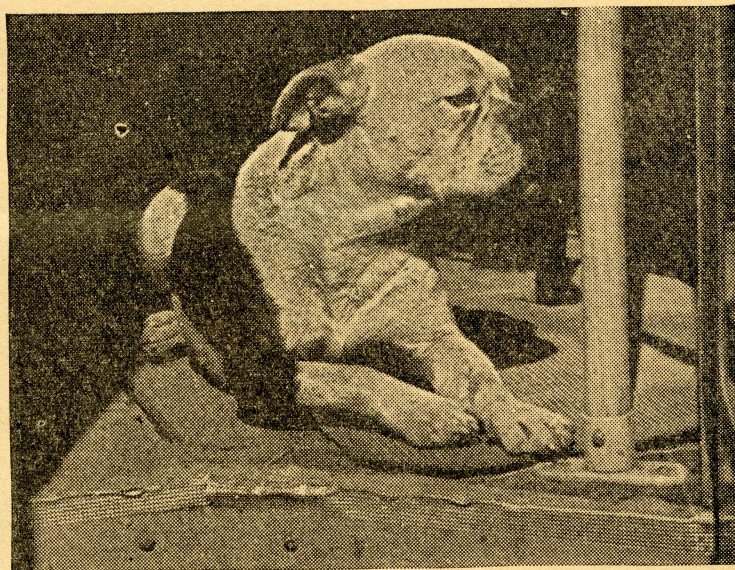
The quota for Benton County is 20,000 surgical dressings per month. Mrs. R. T. George is the instructor in charge of the class.

Phone Number is 8133 For Hanford Red Cross

The Red Cross office in the Community Building is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mrs. Ralph Nederhood, assistant to the Red Cross Secretary, is available there for home service help. Anyone who needs Red Cross assistance is asked to phone her there.

"BUDDY" BALDWIN, THE BUS-RIDING DOG . . . HE FINDS THE ONE HE WANTS EVERY TIME



So you caught the wrong bus yesterday!

If you did, you haven't any alibi at all any more . . . for here's a pup that always catches the bus he wants!

He's "Buddy", 2-year-old English bulldog owned by Mr. and Mrs. John A. (Buck) Baldwin. Actually, he belongs to their son, Pfc. John A. Baldwin, Jr. of the Army, now serving in Australia, but is with the Baldwins "for the duration."

Mr. Baldwin, who is area superintendent in charge of transportation in 100-B, drives to and from work in a pickup. "Buddy" doesn't like to

Wanted: Job Improvement Suggestions

Many people throughout the project have asked, "What is Job Improvement?" and wondered about the purpose of the Suggestion Boxes. G. R. Moore, supervisor of that division, defines it as follows:

"Each of us have ideas from time to time about better ways of doing things, better tools, safer methods, better materials, ways of saving critical materials, short-cuts, and improved designs. To develop the idea and put it to use, action is necessary.

"By taking a moment to describe the situation or job you are talking about, and then presenting your idea for improving that job, you can really help. Most of the improvements that have been made, from mouse traps to locomotives and airplanes, not to mention war equipment and methods, have resulted from just plain common sense applied to a job.

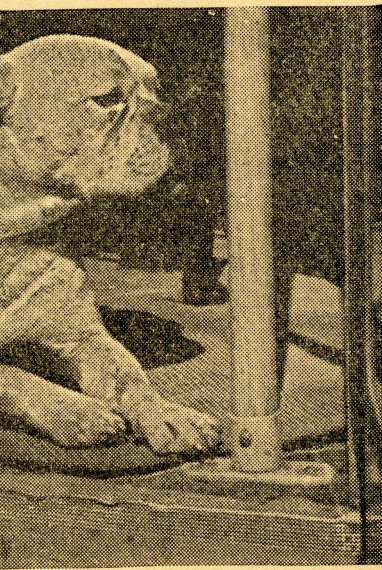
"No better proof of your desire to speed the construction of this project can be had than your regular weekly Job Improvement Suggestion. Prove yourself a better employee by winning a Merit Award Card. A Job Improvement is your opportunity to help others as well as help yourself.

BACK THE ATTACK by improving the job!"

Please Report Casualties

If you have any information about employees who left this project to enter the Armed Forces and have since been reported missing in action, please notify the Sage Sentinel.

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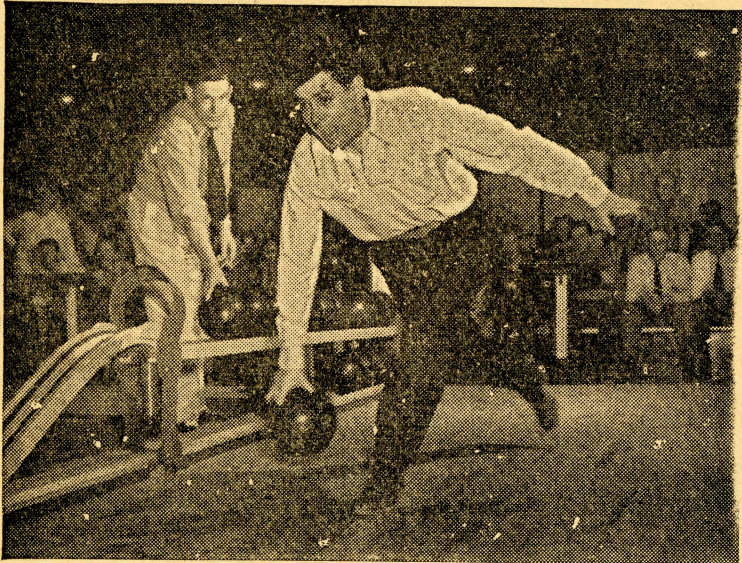


be left behind, and proceeds to go over to the Hanford bus yard and catch the bus to that area!

The dog is well-known by the bus drivers by now, as he comes back home again each evening the same way. ("Home" being the bachelor quarters where Mr. Baldwin lives. Mrs. Baldwin, who works in the photography department, lives in the barracks).

The fellows at 100-B say "Buddy" is never an absentee and has been working a 10-hour day for some time now . . . though recently, he has caught the 5 o'clock bus home several times.

Tense Moment Before a Strike!



John Gahan of the Receiving Department, enthusiastic member of Gulls team. (P.S.: And he really DID make a strike with this ball, a few seconds after the picture was made!)

CASUAL COMMENT

By Proxy

The man power shortage is changing the ways of thinking of a lot of people these days, and major league baseball managers on the eve of the season opening are no exception.

Imagine the veteran Connie Mack being satisfied in normal times that the man he nominates for opening day hurler in the Philadelphia Athletics Park, with the assurance, via long distance telephone, that the pitcher is getting himself into condition.

Yet the ageing Connie, who has seen almost anything that baseball has to offer, was grateful for a telephone (collect) call from Bobo Newsome who told him to quit worrying, that he will be in shape to pitch the opener.

Mack had admitted earlier to newsmen that he had named Newsome to pitch the first game, but that he had not heard from "the peculiar fellow" since Newsome ordered some balls and bats shipped to his Hartsville, New York, home so he could do his own conditioning.

The Rationing Office Needs Your Cooperation

The project rationing offices are maintained as a service to the employees, and do not decide whether or not the application request will be granted. That decision is made only by the Kennewick rationing board operated by the O.P.A.

Due to the recent tightening up of O.P.A. regulations, all applications are being reviewed more carefully by the Kennewick rationing board.

This more careful review has slowed up the work there to such an extent that no ration can be issued in less than one week.

Everyone concerned is doing everything possible to speed things up, but since it is a matter of procuring and training personnel, it will be several weeks before there can be faster service.

Meanwhile this is how every driver can help:

1. Request your rations as far in advance as possible.
2. Do not inquire as to the status of your application for at least a week. Each inquiry takes up that much more time and further delays the issuance of your ration certificate.

Hanford SPORTS PARADE

Recreation Department Announces Schedule for Spring and Summer

In answer to a great many inquiries about opportunities for outdoor sports and facilities available here in Hanford, the Recreation Department has announced the following schedule of physical activities for spring and summer:

Under construction, and expected to be completed in the very near future, are some one hundred and twenty-five horseshoe courts. Most of these courts are located in or near the Men's Barracks and Hutmens area.

SOFTBALL DIAMONDS

Four Softball diamonds and four tennis courts at the Athletic Field are being reconditioned and put in shape for play. Already, the Softball diamonds are being used by many teams for practice and informal games. The Athletic Field is located approximately one-quarter mile southeast of the Women's Barracks and may be reached from the barracks and administration area by going south on any road to Avenue "C", go southeast on the old Hanford-Richland road which angles off of Avenue "C" between 2nd and 3rd Streets. To reach the Athletic Field from the Trailer Camp area go east on the Cold Creek Road to the second road east of Division Street and turn left to the field.

OTHER FACILITIES

Other facilities planned and expected to be available very shortly are croquet courts throughout the men's barracks area; three additional Softball diamonds, several Badminton and Volleyball courts. In addition, a Women's Athletic Field complete with tennis courts, archery range and other play facilities will be built near the women's barracks.

ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

At the present time there is on hand a limited amount of athletic equipment that may be checked out for use in Hanford. This equipment can be secured from the Recreation equipment storage room located in the east end of the Commissary building (Recreation Hall). Persons interested in scheduling softball

diamonds, tennis courts or any other athletic facility are requested to clear through the Recreation Department, telephone 8442.

Baseball Diamond To Be Built Here

Interest in the proposed Sunday Baseball League reached a new high this week with the announcement that a baseball diamond will be built here in Hanford. This is good news to a great number of baseball enthusiasts who have been working very hard the past few weeks in an effort to line up teams for this league. The prospects of this fine American activity should also be well received by the many thousand sport fans who follow this particular sport.

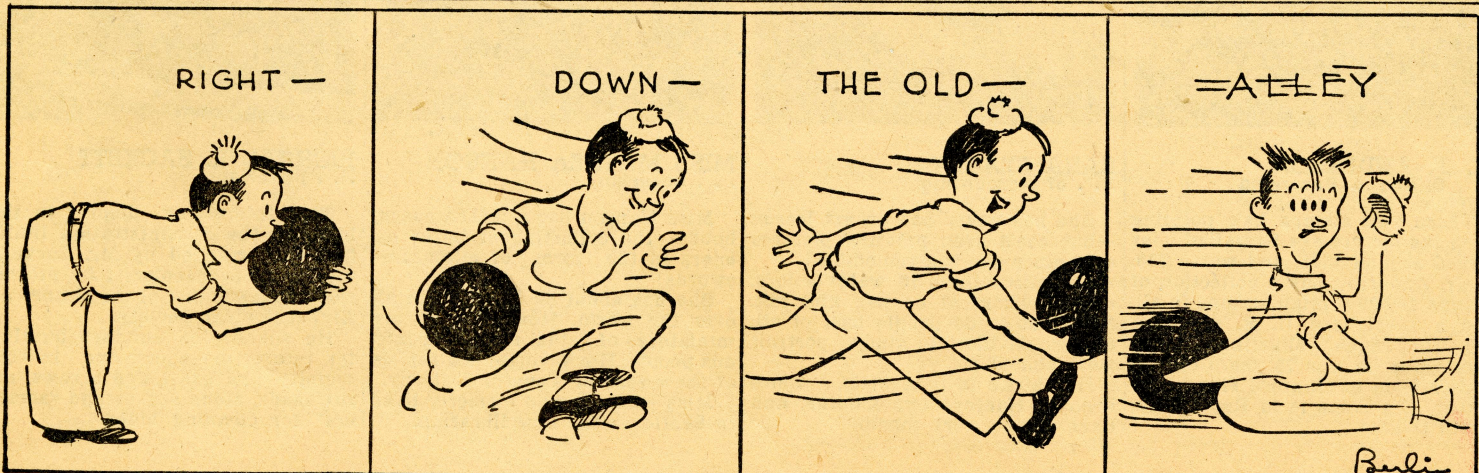
At a meeting held last week, team managers indicated that they will be able to put well organized and uniformed teams on the field.

A second meeting has been called for Monday, 8 p.m., April 17, to be held in the Conference Room of the Administration Building to draft rules to govern this league.

KID SALVAGE



GETTING THE FEEL OF THE ALLEY!





Office Engineering Group Finds That Safety Is Fun in "Dr. Low Q" Show

"What's the name of a nursery rhyme that brings out the fact that most of our injuries in the home result from falls?"

(Answer: Jack and Jill; Humpty Dumpty).

"Can you give two safety devices which Mother Nature has provided for the turtle?"

(Answer: Hard shell and can pull in his neck. A good habit for all of us!)

And those were only two of the novel questions asked in the clever Quiz Show staged at a recent Office Engineering Safety Meeting in the

Tent Theatre.

F. B. Twigg of Reports and Records was "Dr. Low-Q", and was assisted by G. R. Moore of Job Improvement, who was travelling mike speaker; Bob Hammond of Reports and Records, who was "bell-ringer"; and Marvel Lawrence of that department, who was souvenir distributor.

Contestants received all-day suckers for giving the correct answer, and Safety books otherwise — so they can study up on the points they missed!

Hanford Churches' Schedule of Services

CATHOLIC

Rev. W. J. Sweeney

Sunday, April 16th, Tent Theatre:
11:30 a.m., Mass
Wednesday, April 19th at the Tent Theatre: 6:30 p.m., Confessions.

UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH

J. A. Blackmon, Pastor

Sunday, April 9, at the United Church:
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Church Service
6:30 p.m.—Discussion Groups
8:00 p.m.—Church Service
Wednesday, April 19th: 8:00 p.m.—Mid-Week Prayer.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

E. E. Mitchell, Minister

Sunday, April 16—at White Chapel:
12:15 p.m.—Church Service
Tuesday, April 18, at White Chapel:
8:00 p.m.—Church Service

LATTER DAY SAINTS (Mormon)

Sunday, April 16, at School Gym:
9:30 a.m.—Priesthood meeting
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School
7:30 p.m.—Speaking Service
Monday, April 17, at School Gym:
8:00 p.m.—M.I.A.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday, April 16, at Grange Hall:
10:00 a.m.; 2:30 p.m.; 7:30 p.m.
Church Services
Thursday, April 20, at White Chapel:
8:00 p.m.—Church Service.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

(National Lutheran Council)

Sunday, April 16, at White Chapel:
4:00 p.m.—Sunday School
6:30 p.m.—Divine Worship
Friday, April 21, White Chapel:
8:00 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal.

COMMUNITY CHURCH (Colored)

201 Recreation Bldg.

Sunday, April 9:
11:00 a.m.—Service
3:00 p.m.—Service
6:30 p.m.—Bible Band
8:00 p.m.—Church Service

CINEMA THEATRE PROGRAM

Week days, continuous shows from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Sundays from 1:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Fri. and Sat., April 14 and 15—
MADAME CURIE, starring Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon

Sun. and Mon., April 16 and 17—
THE PURPLE HEART, starring Dana Andrews and Richard Conte

Tues., Wed. & Thur., April 18, 19, 20
SHINE ON HARVEST MOON, starring Ann Sheridan and Dennis Morgan.

Due to present-day booking difficulties, this schedule is subject to change.

Sewing Demonstration Class Next Thursday

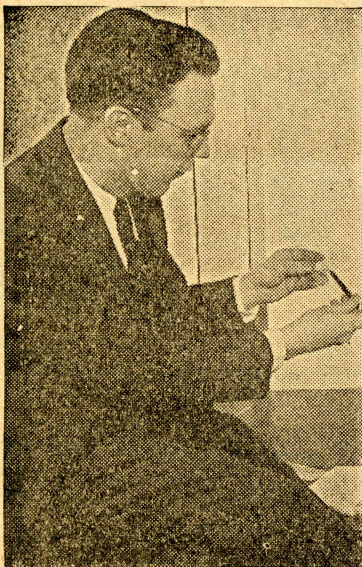
Mrs. Gladys K. Bolan, the County Home Demonstration Agent, will conduct a demonstration on time saving devices in sewing. The meeting will be in the Community Building, Thursday, April 20, at 2 p.m.

Some of the sewing helps which Mrs. Bolan will teach are: easy methods of setting zippers, patching material, cut on the bias, making tailored button holes, and new uses for old yarn. Each member should bring sewing equipment as well as a zipper and cloth.

It's the opportunity to learn some new methods of rejuvenating the wardrobe!

"Hanford Hobbies"

Here are some interesting hobbies!
Do you have one, too?



M. F. ANDERSON
... Billing & Receiving

Those two stamps he's pointing to in the picture are Hawaiian ones issued around 1875, and worth \$30.

Mr. Anderson has a collection of around 10,000 foreign stamps in all, and a specialized U. S. group of 900. He's been collecting stamps ever since he was 12 years old.

He's been in Hanford since November. His home is in Rapid City, South Dakota.



SARA STAUDT
... of Accounting

She has never had an art lesson—but she's been painting pictures ever since she can remember!

Sara does them in water colors, crayon, charcoal or pen and ink. She likes to do people best of all, and would like to study portrait work someday.

Her home is in Seattle. She's been in Hanford two months, and likes it here very much.



MISS MATHEA HANSON
... librarian

Miss Hanson has a most unusual hobby—the collecting of letter openers in the form of miniature swords!

She has about 60 in all, from all over the world. Most of them are miniatures of actual swords of famous people. Her favorite is a replica of the sword of Anne of Brittany.

Miss Hanson, who formerly lived in Seattle, is the new librarian.



RICHARD R. SACKETT
... historian

That interesting display in the lobby of the Administration Building was arranged by Mr. Sackett, who is an archaeologist by profession and a member of the Minnesota Archaeological Society.

He spends his Sundays hunting for interesting specimens in this vicinity, and has found arrows, arrowheads, stone knives and "scrapers" for cleaning hides.