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## Minstrel Show Cast Enjoying The Rehearsals

If the audience gets half the enjoyment from the Minstrel Show that the members of the cast are getting during rehearsals, the show is certain to be a hit. All the mem-bers, from the smallest part to the Interlocutor, are going all out to make it a real fun show.

In addition to the lead cast of characters published last week, the following players are also in the show: Florence Pearce, Mr. K. W. McKay, Ellen Maguire, Skinny Hutchins, Bert Suvan, Elaine Drake, Peggy Bailey, Gwen Parke, Marjorie Garrison.

Members of the chorus are Mrs. W. N. Patterson, Mrs. C. P. Kidder, Mrs. H. F. Nunn, Mrs. Dale Frank, Mrs. O. D. Cash, Ardys Redmow, Alice Rae, Maxine Hughes, Marilyn Hammer, Peggy Lemond, Lola Barnes Louise Frenchy, Judy Baily. Betty Balley Patricia Gibson, Phyllis Cason, Beverly Brewer, Ruth Members of the chorus are Mrs. lis Cason, Beverly Brewer, Ruth Garrison, Joan Carpenter, and Imogene Troop.

Scout-Master M. B. Christoffel is arranging an intersting number to be presented by the Richland Boy Scout trop for the "olio."

Musicians are needed yet for the orchestra. A string bass, a tenor saxophone, and a trumpet player are needed. Anyone playing these instruments is requested to see Ray Ribak at Richland Patrol Headquar-

May 20 is the date set for the Show, and 8:45 is the time. Admission prices are \$1.00 for adults and 50c for children and enlisted service men and women. A grand twohour show is promised by the Richland Village Players. Tickets may be obtained from any of the Players or from members of various civic organizations, such as the P.T.A.

### Pipe Craft Regains Absentee-ism Lead

The Pipe Craft recaptured the lead in the project absentee standings as the over-all plant average took one of its most spectacular turns for the better. In one week the project percentage fell from 9% to 7.5, a 1.5% improvement.

Carpenter was second and Electrical third in the standing. Special attention was directed to the Labor Craft for its steady improvement. Labor, which stood sixth, had on Feb. 6 a percentage of 12.7% and on Feb. 20th, 13.1%. An intensive drive in the Labor department battered the total down to 7.8%. Four office groups: History, Design, Industrial Engineering, and Carpenter was second and Elec-

## The \$8,000 Car That "Smitty" Built!



V. L. Smith at the wheel of the midget auto racer that took him nearly three years to build. It has won him \$35,000 in prizes.

A former auto racer who gave it up to build cars of his own is V. L. Smith, foreman of the Contractors' Sales and Service Station, Hanford.

"Smitty," who finished third at Indianapolis in 1926, gave up racing shortly after that, at the insistence of his wife. He had had four serious accidents.

Since then, he has always warmed up a car before his driver took over for the race . . . but has not raced himself. He has built seven midget auto racers in all, and sold six of them.

The "S-1," which he has with him at the garage here, took three years to finish and cost over \$8,000, but it has won him 37 cups and \$35,000 in prize money.

Its slowest speed is 55 miles an hour; its fastest, 156 9-10ths miles an hour, clocked on the salt beds of Utah in June, 1938, with the famous driver Jimmy Snyder at the

wheel for the try-out run.

It has no clutch—is pushed off, to start. It burns alcohol. The entire car is of stainless steel—frames axles, etc. It has special shafts, cam

Planning and Scheduling also won special mention through maintaining a perfect attendance record for an entire week

an entire week.

Complete craft standings: First,
Piping; Second, Carpenter; Third,
Electrical: Fourth, Rigger; Fifth,
Paint; Sixth, Labor; Seventh, 105
Craft; Eighth, Concrete; Ninth,
Carpenter Labor; Tenth, Transportation; Eleventh, Reinforcing;
Twelfth, Earthworks; Thirteenth,
Mechanical: and Fourteenth, Con-Mechanical; and Fourteenth, Concrete Labor.

shafts by Marchese and a 132 horsepower Offenhouser motor. It weighs 780 pounds, is 72 inches long, and has a 32 inch wheel

"Smitty," who was an auto mechanic with General Motors for 11 years, before he took up racing in 1920, did all the machine work on the car and the welding—in fact, built it all except the motor. He was an Aviation Mechanic in the last war, and was overseas 22 months with the famous Lafayette Escradille.

The "S-1" is a Class A midget auto racer in the AAA. With Jimmy Snyder at the wheel, it won the 2nd National World Championship at Soldiers' Field in Chicago on June 19, 1938. Three days later, Snyder was killed while racing it at Cahokia, Ill.

Mr. Smith came here from the Sunflower Ordnance Plant on March 12th. He and Mrs. Smith and four of their five children live in the Trailer Village. Donald, 18, is at Washington University in St. Louis. The others are Virgil, Jr., 14; Char lotte, 12; Mary Lou, 10; and Jean Marie 6.

After the war, he plans to take the car to Gilmore Stadium near Los Angeles, and try for records there. Before then, he expects to

make many improvements in it.

"I haven't even turned the motor over for two years now," he says.
(Midget Auto Racing is "out" for the duration). "But I'm going to take the car out on Memorial Day, and warm it up in the lot back of the garage, just for old time's sake."

## New Employees Can Enter Contest Now

The first and most important rule in the picture-puzzle contest now running in the Sentinel is that contestants must have entered the first week and must continue to send in each week's entries on time.

New employees who have come here since the contest started, however, have an opportunity to enter this week (which is the third week of the contest.)

They will not be eligible for the grand prize, which is a valuable wrist watch; but will be eligible for all other prizes, including:

Two 2nd prizes: Fine quality radios.

Three 3rd prizes: \$25 War Bonds. Five 4th prizes: Matching Pen and Pencil Sets.

Ten 5th prizes: Flashlights, Jackknives, etc.

The presentation of prizes will be based on the largest number of safety hazards found in the puzzles.

This week's entry must reach the Central Safety Office in Hanford Administration Building, by next

Wednesday, May 17.
The contest is for all field workmen below the rank of foreman. No office workers or women are permitted to enter. The craft with the best participation will be honored.

### Richland To Have **Concert Series**

At a meeting held Friday evening, May 5th, plans were formulated for a concert series to be held in Rich-land next fall and winter, when three outstanding musicians will be presented.

All tickets will be season tickets, which admit the purchaser to any Columbia community concert anywhere in the United States, as well as to the local performances. They as to the local performances. They will be sold during the week of May 15th to May 20th only. Adult tickets are \$6.25, tax included, and can be transfered, sold or loaned. There will be a limited number of children's tickets for \$3.00.

Columbia concerts will also be presented in Pasco, Kennewick and Yakima next winter, as well as in other communities throughout the state and the country.

Mrs. F. T. Matthias was named general chairman of the concert series. Other officers who were chosen for the organization are: John F. Sembower, president; Mrs. Walter Mickelson, vice-president; Mrs. N. G. Adamson, secretary; W. J. Mansberger, treasurer.

### THE SAGE SENTINEL

"Let's ALL HEW to the Line!"

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### "To My Mother"

The following letter, written from "Somewhere in Italy" on March 14th of this year by a member of a fighter squadron, was brought into the Sentinel office the other day. The contributor prefers to remain anonymous.

It is from one son to his Mother . . . but it somehow expresses the feeling of all sons and daughters. Dear Mother:

In about another month and a half or a little more is a day set aside for the Mothers of the nation. In my opinion every day is Mother's Day. There are too few words for one to tell all of the good things for sons (and daughters) that a mother does. I know of many a time that you have gone without things so that us kids could have the best in the world. I only hope that I may be as good a father to my children as you have a mother to me.

One doesn't realize what a mother means to a boy until he needs her. You would be the best morale tonic in the world if I could only see you and talk to you, as we used to do in the old days before the war.

In the days to come I shall look forward to your letters as I have in the past to help me carry on, in my little way, this war to a finish

> Your loving son, Roger

### Worthy of Thought

The following re-print has been sent us, as being worthy of everyone's consideration. Think it over!

"Keeping ourselves alert and responsive to new ideas is part of our job as Americans these days. There are a lot of false notions about ourselves that we can afford to scrap. Let's send our cynicism along with the old iron for the junk heaps.

"Americans have always been noted for their unbounded belief in good things waiting for them just around the corner—new fortunes, new careers, new happiness.

"That faith carried the pioneers over the mountains and plains to open up this great country. That faith in the future built our cities, developed our industries, inspired our inventions. Isn't it worth cultivating in your life?"

### Smoking In Bed

Repeated warnings have been issued on smoking in bed.

Yet fires continue to be started by those who fail to heed these warnings, and thus endanger their own lives and those of other barracks occupants.

In the words of Fire Chief Ray Hare, "Smoking in bed is the Number One fire hazard here." Fire is an enemy in our fight for Victory, and must be treated as such.

We cannot afford to ignore this danger. Do your part to guard against it . . . do not smoke in bed.

### Six Stars for Six Sons in Service



Looking at the Mother's Day messages which her six sons sent her from all parts of the globe is Mrs. Harold Crawford, a resident of the Trailer Village. Four of the boys are overseas.

An "all-star" war mothers is Mrs. Crawford, who has sent six sons to war, given blood to the Red Cross six times, and who has a job here to help speed the day of their re-

Mr. Crawford, an electrician in 200 area, was a war worker in Chi-cago before he and Mrs. Crawford came here.

Their peacetime home is Burlington, Vermont, but when their boys left for the service, they "broke up housekeeping" for war work. Mrs. Crawford is employed by the Commissary here.

They write each of their sons at

which in itself keeps them pretty busy! The family has always had a "Round Robin", exchanging let-

fic; Seaman Alfred Crawford, 26, now at Fort Pierce, Florida; Sea-man Dick Crawford, 19, on sea duty as a gunner; Cpl. Harold Crawford, 24, an airplane mechanic back in the States after 2 years of service overseas; and Pfc. Bob Crawford, 22, now in Italy with the Army Medi-

## The Salmon Run... A Mystery That Science Is Unable to Explain!

By R. R. Sackett, History Dept.

Beginning the last of April and lasting, with various modifications, until the actual spawning season in November, the Chinook Salmon leave their home in the sea and travel up the Columbia River to their spawning beds.

Why they do it is a mystery that science cannot explain.

The Chinook salmon, best known species in this section of the country, ascend only those rivers fed by the melting snows from the mountains, and which have sufficient volume to send their waters well out to sea

This variety has an average weight of twenty-two pounds, but individuals weighing 40 to 60 pounds are occasionally taken. The scales are comparatively large, there being from 130 to 150 in a longitudinal series.

In the spring, the body is silvery;

in fall, often black or dirty red. The flesh is rich and salmon-red, becoming suddenly pale as the spawning season draws near.

The salmon in the run are chiefly adults approximately three years of age. As the salmon proceed upstream, they begin to feel the effect of the current in contrast with life in the sea, and to move against it with ever increasing force.

The farther up the river they go, the greater is the energy exerted against the current -hence the leaping of the salmon that is such a sight to see. Careful studies indicate that such factors as volume of water, velocity of the current and ued existence will be solved.

clearness of the water are not nearly so important as the temperature of it.

The salmon do not end their in-exorable journey until they spawn; and they do not spawn until they reach the shallow, gravelly creeks in the mountains. A female Chinook salmon lays from 3500 to 5000 eggs in the spawning bed. Shortly afterward she dies.

In 1835, the government guaranteed the Celilo Indians the perpetual right to fish for salmon in the Columbia River. The salmon catch is not only their principal food; it is also their only source of income.

When the run is at its height and fish are jamming the bottom of Cel-ilo Falls, the Indians remove tons of Salmon with spears and dip nets. The Yakima Indian Agency estimates that around 5000 tons a year is taken from the Columbia. They cure and smoke all they can use, and sell the rest to canneries along the river.

One hundred and forty miles from the mouth of the Columbia rears a 62 ft. wall at the Bonneville Dam. Ladders, stairways and chutes have been constructed to assist the ascending Chinooks.

The future welfare and existence of the salmon because of such obstacles has presented a definite problem to the Washington State Department of Game and National Wildlife Service. If the salmon ac-climate themselves and establish spawning beds further down the river, the problem of their contin-

# Hanford\_ SPORTS PARADE

### First Softball Round To Start On Monday

First round of play in the Hanford Twilight Softball League gets under way next Monday night when six teams take the field. Games will be played on the Athletic Field, three blocks southeast of the Wo-mens Barracks and will start at 7:00 p.m.

The Schedule: Diar MONDAY LEAGUE—May 15
Transportation vs. Carpenter 100F

(George) Hankee James vs. Riggers 100D

Hankee James vs. Riggers 100D Olympic vs. Layout Engineers TUESDAY LEAGUE—May 16 Butchers vs. Fire Bugs (White Bluiff) Expeditors vs. Transportation (Spahl) WEDNESDAY LEAGUE—May 17 Earth Worms vs. Gear Jammers Fire Dep't vs. Time Office Wolves (Hanford) Crane Dep't vs. Coyotes (Control) (Central Shops) THURSDAY LEAGUE—May 18 Kettle Benders vs. Pilots

Kettle Benders vs. Pilots 1
Carpenters 100D vs. Riggers 2
Cold Creek Coyotes vs. Mech. Dep't 3
(Fire Dep't) (Cold Creek)
The following games will be played at 7:30 p.m., May 19:
FRIDAY LEAGUE—May 19

Groffhuch's Labor vs. Marshall's Labor Latch's Labor vs. Swenson's Labor Akers' Labor vs. Riggers 200W

### Thanks, Mid-State!

The U.S.O. show and movie presented at the Hanford theater on Saturday, April 29th played to capacity crowds all day long.
Although the H.E.W. Employees'

Association had expected to reimburse the Mid-State Amusement Company for the use of the theater that day, the Company donated it instead. Thanks, Mid-State!

### More Bowling Interest

Interest in Bowling has picked up considerably the past few weeks, since all leagues are now permitted

to bowl three games.

The fact that before this, leagues were only allowed to bowl two games took something out of the game for a great many bowlers. Now they are working hard to maintain a respectable average, which they were unable to do while bowl-

### Tennis Courts Now Open For Play

Tennis came into its own here in Hanford last week when the four courts on the Athletic Field were opened for play. At this writing, the backstops were not up, nor were the courts lined, but that didn't stop the tennis enthusiasts who have been waiting months for a chance to play. Most of them were willing to chase balls and put up with all the other inconveniences that go with unfinished courts.

We have been given assurance that the courts will be completed by next week. Those interested in playing may check out rackets and balls from the Recreation Department Storage and Check-out Room in the East End of the Commissary Building (Recreation Hall). Players wishing to reserve a court may secure a permit from the Recreation office in the Hanford Housing Building.

## "Eagles"..."Bluejays" — What's In A Name?

Woody Wood, business manager for the two Labor Department teams in the Sunday Baseball League dropped in last week to inform the writer that the Labor teams will be called Hanford Eagles and Hanford Bluejays.

Now the name Eagles is quite an original nickname for a baseball team... we can't think of a single team in organized baseball using that monicker . . . but the name Bluejays is a bird of a different plumage. Could it be that the name was suggested from the Philadelphia Bluejays of the National League, who, incidentally, are owned by Bob Carpenter, nephew of W. S. Carpenter, Jr., president of the du Pont company? How about that, Woody?

Mr. Wood went on to say that the Eagles are coming along very nicely and will very definitely be a contender for the championship, but he didn't know what to say about the Bluejays. Apparently, as the name implies, they are unpredict-

## "Cy" Matoske, Carpenter Team Manager, Is One-Armed Pitcher

Cyril "Cy" Matoske, Clerk in the Carpenter Shop at Central Shops, is the new manager of the Carpenter team in the Hanford Sunday Baseball League. Despite his youthfulness—he is only 21—Cy has had considerable experience in baseball. In fact, he has been associated with the game, both as a player and manager, since he was six years

Cy lost his right arm when he was two years old, but this unfortunate accident has failed to dampen his spirit and determination to become a baseball player.

He started playing organized ball back in his home town of Stuttgart, Arkansas. His first position was in the outfield but he soon discovered that, despite his obvious handicap, he had more than average ability as a pitcher. He got his first real ex-perience in "fast company" when he pitched Sunday ball in the Little Rock, Arkansas City league. After two seasons in this league Cy had a try-out with the Little Rock Travelers of the Southern Association. Finding this a little "rough," Cy went back to playing amateur and semi-pro ball. Last year he played with the Red River Ordnance Depot at Texarkana, Texas. Asked to explain how he pitches and bats, Cy admits that he is no "speed ball" pitcher but depends more on deception and control. As for batting, he is considered a fair batter, and on occasions has been known "really pound" the ball.

Cy doesn't know if he will play with his Carpenter team this year or not—thinks maybe his managerial duties will keep him to busy. After talking with Cy we rather suspect that the urge to play will get the best of him and he won't be sitting on the bench all season.

What are the prospects for the Carpenter team and how do they stack up with the other teams in the league? Cy thinks, quite naturally, that his team will do all right. He doesn't know too much about the other teams but from what he hears the Crane & Riggers and Utilities will have strong clubs.

Asked to name a few players who might be outstanding on the Car-penter team, Cy didn't hesitate to mention Earl Jensen ,a pitcher who won 24 and lost 4 a few years back



"Cy" has been interested in baseball ever since he was six years

with Kenosha, Wisconsin in the Clover Belt League. Jensen also had a brief stay with Milwaukee of the American Association.

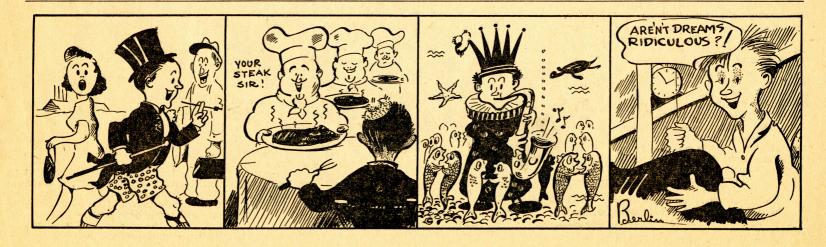
Another boy who might be "heard from" is C. A. Greenwood, a catcher-reputed to be a good hitter, Greenwood hit .446, including 17 home runs, for Jonesboro, in the N. E. Arkansas League in 1940. Two years ago he played semi-pro ball in St. Louis.

### **Employee Arrested For** Selling Fake Tickets

Richard Roland Haugen, 24, of Port Angeles, Washington was apprehended May 1 in Yakima by representatives of the Hanford Patrol, Military Intelligence and the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the charge of defrauding the Federal government with the use of fake mess hall tickets.

Of the 1000 tickets allegedly prepared, 962 were recovered in Haug-en's hotel room in Yakima. All but four of the tickets which were passed or sold at a reduced price on the Project have been recovered. Haugen is being held by the Federal authorities in Yakima for prosecution. He was a truck driver here.

## SANDY SAGE—'He Had Double-Decker Before Retiring'





W. C. Sommers, Benton County chairman of the American Red Cross, presiding at the dinner meeting held Tuesday, May 2nd at the Richland Cafeteria. At the left of the picture is E. S. Osborn, Regional Director of the Pacific Area; at the right, Mrs. Evva C. Brown, Executive Secretary of the Benton County Chapter

Over 150 people attended the first annual dinner meeting of the Benton County Chapter of the Red Cross, when E. S. Osborn, Regional Director of the Pacific Area was speaker of the evening.

After a brief history, Mr. Osborn told of the vast services of the organization in the 51 countries that the war has affected. He explained how the money donated to the Red Cross is spent, especially that used

for prisoner of war service

Mr. Osborn applauded the Benton County chapter for the outstanding work it has done since its inception six months ago.

There is still an urgent need for more surgical dressings. The Benton County quota has not yet been filled, and more workers are needed. All women are urged to help as much as possible.

### Sunday Services Richland Churches

Sunday, May 14, 1944

UNITED PROTESTANT United Church

Rev. Kenneth Bell 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Sunday Service 8:00 p.m. Church Service

CATHOLIC SERVICE
Rev. W. J. Sweeney Grange Hall
Saturday, May 13, 2:00 p.m., Children's

Saturday, 3:00 and 9:00 p.m., Confessions Sunday, May 14, 9:30 a.m., Mass Thursday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. Feast of the Ascention.

LATTER DAY SAINTS
James Thompson, Pres. Old High School
9:30 a.m. Priesthood Meeting
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
6:30 p.m Sacramental Meeting

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SERVICES
Mr Orval Westby Grade School
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Church Service

LUTHERAN (Missouri Synod)
Rev. M. C. Kauth Old High School 8:00 p.m. Church Service

### Selective Service Office Now Open In Richland

A Selective Service Office has been established in the Information Service hutment in Richland, and is open on Tuesdays nad Thursdays each week from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This office has been authorized, like the one in Hanford, to transfer pre-induction physicals and inductions.

### P. T. A. Meeting

The next meeting of the Richland P.T.A. will be held May 17 at 8:15 in the Richland Grade School gymnasium. There will be the installation of new officers, and a short musical program. The first grade mothers will serve lunch. All parents are invited to attend this meet-

#### Richland Theatre

TAMPICO with Edward G. Robinson and Lynn Bari, and OUR FRONTIER IN ITALY. Saturday Special Children's Matinee: THE LAW RIDES AGAIN with Hoot Gibson and Ken Maynard, and Chapter 13 of DON WINSLOW OF THE NAVY.

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Sunday and Monday, May 14 and 15—
IN OUR TIME, with Ida Lupino and Paul
Tues., Wed., Thurs., May 16, 17, 18—
BROADWAY RHYTHM with George
Murphy and Ginny Simms.

Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20—
FOUR JILLS IN A JEEP with Kay Francis,
Carole Landis and Martha Raye.

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

Funds Not Wanted
The Seeing Eye, Inc., of Morristown, N. J., is seeking to discourage well-wishers from contributing funds for supplying dogs to blinded members of the armed forces. Henry A. Colgate, president, has announced that the institution will be able to meet the demands for dogs in its regular schedule.

### Swimming Warning!

There are not and will be no facilities for swimming in the river at Richland. Due to the strong current, parents are cautioned not to let their children swim in the river. Wait for the pool to open. It will be purified and ready for use soon.

### Here's One Solution!

Frank Gregson, Employment Supervisor for Operations, has found a way to beat the strict gas rationing and also get his daily exercise. Every morning he can be seen speeding to work on a streamlined bicycle, peddling merrily along from his home on Jadwin Street in Richland Village. And he isn't taking any chances on leaving that bicycle just anywhere. He parks it under the watchful eye of Mrs. Hammer at the Information Desk in the Operations Administration

## See How Many Safety Hazards You Can Find in This Picture!

### **Send List For Picture 3** To Central Safety Office By Wednesday, May 17th

Are you good at spotting hazards? If you are, maybe you'll be a win-ner of one of the 21 valuable prizes

in this 10-week picture-puzzle.

Read about it on page 1 of this issue of the paper . . . then study the rules below:

### CONTEST RULES

- 1. All field workmen (including sub-contractors) below the rank of foreman are eligible to enter. Office workers are not eligible.
- 2. This is the 3rd picture-puzzle, in the series of ten. To compete for the prizes, you must submit an entry each week during the contest.
- 3. The awarding of prizes will be based on the largest number of safety hazards found in the puzzles (Exaggerated hazards will count against you-make yours practical.)
- 4. Place your name, address, payroll number, craft and the picture number (this is number 3) in the upper right hand corner of a sheet of paper for your entry; or use the form that your foreman will have for that purpose.
- 5 Mail your entry to reach the Central Safety Office on or before Wednesday each week. This week's list is due next Wed., May 17th.

6. decision of the judges si final.

