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## "Safe Driver of Week"



The consistent safe driving of R. R. Fulton, shown here, won him the title of "The Number One Safe Driver of the Week" in Hanford and the award of a theatre ticket.

Mr. Fulton operates his own truck for one of the contractors on the project. He lives in the Trailer Village.

This presentation was inaugurated by the Safety and Patrol Departments to encourage safe and courteous driving here. Each week, the award is made.

Second place went to R. F. Glafke, a salesman for a grocery company in Walla Walla.

## Warning

The national wartime speed limit of 35 miles an hour must be enforced, and the patrol has been instructed to apprehend all violators.

## This is YOUR Newspaper . . .

. . . printed for YOU. It is not to be mailed or otherwise sent off the reservation.

Like all other information in connection with our work, let's keep this among ourselves.

## Absentee-ism Reached New Low of 7.3% Last Week, But Now Up to 7.8%

The entire project was rallying this week behind the Anti-Absenteeism campaign. The drive which has resulted in spectacular improvement week after week since the first of the year, has struck its first snag.

After the absenteeism percentage was driven to a new low point 7.3%, the first slump in nearly three months of continuous effort was encountered. The average rose a half of a percentage point to 7.8%.

The Concrete Department, with 6.2%, continued to lead, but slackened its pace slightly. Only three crafts registered gains: Mechanical, Carpenter Labor, and Transportation. The other crafts, including Concrete, slumped.

Leaders of the campaign pointing out that very outstanding absentee percentages are well within reach, urged greater effort than ever before to improve percentages.

The standings: Concrete, first; Piping, second; Electrical, third; Earthworks, fourth; Carpenter, fifth; 105 Craft, sixth; Mechanical, seventh; Rigger, eighth; Transportation, ninth; Paint, tenth; Labor, eleventh; Carpenter Labor, twelfth; Reinforcing, thirteenth, and Concrete Labor, fourteenth.

The absentee percentage has been steadily decreasing until now; with concerted effort, it is hoped that a new record can be set for the project.

## Wednesday and Saturday Dances Resumed Here

It's good news that our popular semi-weekly dances have been resumed!

The first one was held Wednesday evening, and there will be another one tomorrow (Saturday) night. They are now being held in Mess Hall 8. Previously, they were in Mess Hall 7 but were discontinued when that Mess Hall went into operation.

Lindy's Blues Chasers will provide the music. The admission is the same as before—50c for ladies and \$1 for men, including tax. These dances will be held regularly now on Wednesday and Saturday nights. Bus service is available as before.

## Rent Control Extended To Yakima, Benton Area

According to an Associated Press article in the Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, rent control will be extended to the Yakima area on April 1st.

"March 1, 1943 rates will be the ceilings in the Yakima area which embraces Yakima county and a part of Benton county."

## Name Our Comic Strip Hero—Win A \$25 War Bond

Only one week to go, in our big "Naming Contest," for it closes at 6 p.m. next Friday, April 7th!

Here's your chance to name our comic strip character and win a \$25 War Bond, contributed by the H.E.W. Employees' Association.

The judging committee is composed of Major R. I. Newcomb of the Area Engineers; H. F. Nunn, Safety Superintendent; and E. D. Raddatz of Training and Relations.

Here are the rules:

1. All entries must be addressed to The Sage Sentinel, at the Information Service Building in Hanford.

2. Any number of entries can be submitted; but the contestant's full name and badge number must accompany each entry.

3. In case of duplication, duplicate prizes will be awarded.

4. The contest closes at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 7th; all entries must be in this office by that time.

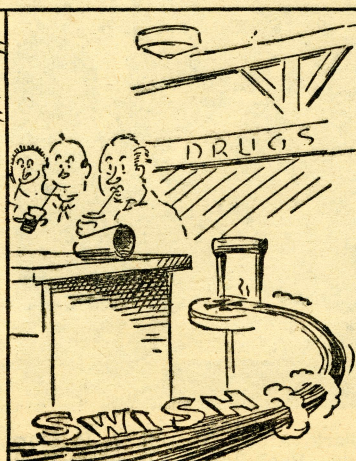
If you've been following the adventures of "our hero" in the Sentinel the past few weeks, you know that he's "all thumbs and feet." Like the Army's "Sad Sack" character, EVERYTHING happens to him!

Perhaps you'll be the contest winner . . . send in an entry today!

## \$70,000 For Red Cross

The Benton County Total for the Red Cross Drive has reached \$70,000, according to E. D. Raddatz, county chairman for the drive. The goal was \$60,000.

## COMIC STRIP "Somebody Give Him a Name—Quick!"





# THE SAGE SENTINEL

OUR SLOGAN

**"Let's ALL HEW to the Line!"**

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Thanks to O. W. Reeves of Utilities for sending in the following poem:

## "Casualty"

He shied at noble words and would have said  
He joined up "for the hell of it" because  
His friends were going and a man is lost  
Without his friends. He was no ruddy hero,  
This war-made soldier; he was there to fight—  
To follow orders and if possible  
Remain alive. Let others strive for glory,  
He saw the task; he knew, perhaps, the end.  
And we who read his unfamiliar name  
Are now and ever after in his debt.  
What most he loved, as all men love, he gave—  
The last sweet drop of blood, the last harsh breath.  
Dig down, dig deep, and ask the question fair:  
"How does my gift, with his of life, compare?"

—Anonymous.

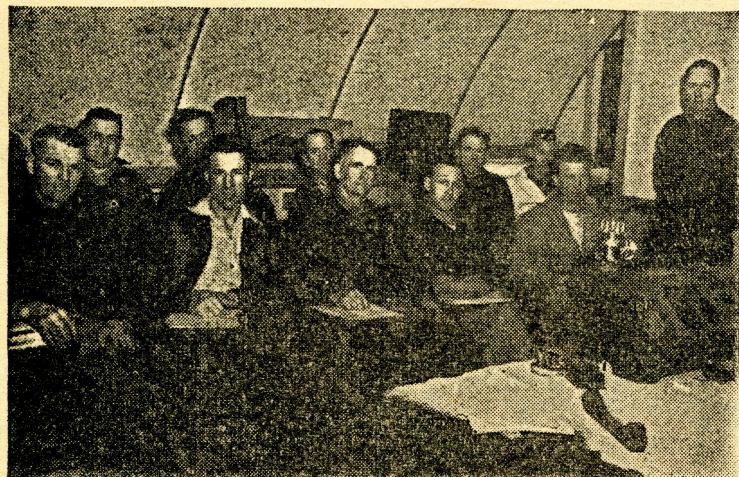
## The Patrolman's Job

A Patrolman has a highly responsible assignment—to protect lives and property, and to give assistance whenever possible. In performing his duties, however, he doesn't always receive much appreciation from us.

At all hours of the day or night, in all kinds of weather, he directs traffic, patrols the highways and does a dozen other jobs. He does all this cheerfully and efficiently.

Give him a break! He's doing his part . . . you can do yours by observing the traffic laws, and by following his directions courteously.

## The Automotive Mechanics Class



Front Row, left to right: Jim Clark, Albert Kessell, J. P. Sibra, E. G. Mason, M. L. Blain, Arnold Cassidy. Back Row left to right: H. W. Brent, C. E. Olin, Earl Whiteside, J. A. Dubendorf and Bert Anderson.

## Contributions from Our Readers

To the Editor:

Please print in the Sentinel that we wish to thank the waitresses of Mess Halls 6 and 7 for their very courteous and prompt service at meals, and we hope to be worthy of that service indefinitely.

Myrt E. Toole and  
Ray Bostwick.

Larry Toomey of the Butcher Shop is the author of the following poem:

"Drive the nail aright, boys  
Hit it on the head  
Strike with all your might, boys  
While the iron is red  
If you've got work to do, boys  
Do it with a will  
Those who reach the top, boys  
First must climb the hill.  
Standing at the foot, boys  
Gazing at the sky  
How can we win the war, boys  
If you never try?"

Dear Editor:

We of the 100-F Area think this poem written by one of our carpenter craft foreman, is worthy of space in the Sage Sentinel:

My Little Boy Blue

Once, and it seems not long ago, I  
had a little "Boy Blue,"

We romped and played together, as playmates always do,  
I saw him through the struggles of a "teen-age" awkward boy,  
I tried to share his sorrows, likewise his hours of joy.

I watched my little Boy Blue grow up, into a fine young man,  
I helped him plan his future as only a father can,

Then war clouds loomed in the of-fing, nearer and nearer they rolled.

Civilization was threatened by those yellow heathen hold.  
The call to the colors sounded, our Navy needed men,

My little Boy Blue enlisted, he's in the fight to win,

A sailor in our Navy, he's fighting for me and you,  
Our liberty and our freedom, in his uniform of blue.

He has gone where duty calls him, he has a job to do,

Each night I utter a prayer for him, God bless my little Boy Blue,

When this struggle and strife is over, Dear Lord, if it pleases you,

Make me the happiest Dad on earth, send back my little Boy Blue.

By C. E. Myers,  
Carpenter Craft Foreman.

## Seasoned Mechanics Learn "New Wrinkles" in Automotive Class

"I learned some things I'd never found out in years of experience."

"They showed me some 'new wrinkles' I'd never known before."

That's typical of the comments of the ten automotive mechanics who have just completed the special five weeks' training course in engine rebuilding, ignition system rebuilding and fuel system rebuilding.

It was early this year that the Training and Relations Division assisted the Transportation Craft in organizing and assembling material for this comprehensive training program in automotive mechanics.

Arnold Cassidy of Transportation conducted the groups. He was assisted by technical advisors and representatives of the various manufacturers whose equipment is in use here on this project.

The first group met on February

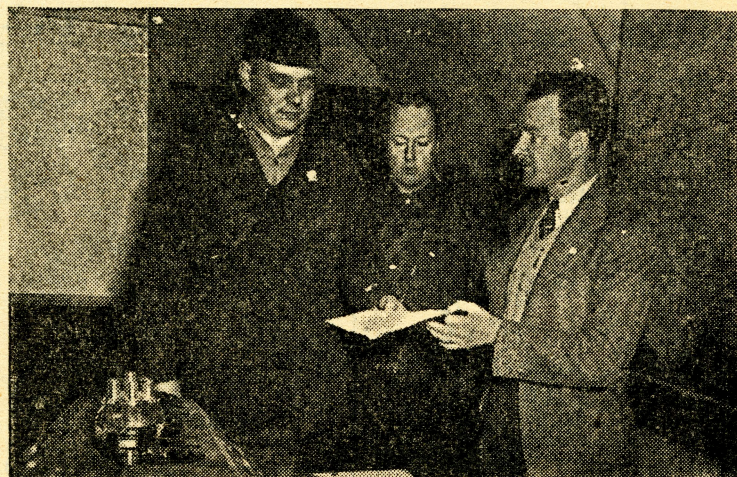
22, and continued for two hours daily through March 20th. All men entering this group were mechanics, and many had had years of experience.

Upon completing the course, they were presented with congratulatory letters from G. P. Church, Field Project Manager, and Transportation Superintendent A. M. Scherfius.

Thus concluded the first phase of what is perhaps one of the most practicable and best received training activities ever conducted on a construction project.

There are other forms of crafts training of no less significance in progress here. The Training and Relations Division is always available to give training service wherever and whenever needed throughout the project.

## A Letter of Congratulations



A. M. Scherfius, Transportation Superintendent, presents a congratulatory letter to H. W. Brent, a member of the Automotive Mechanic Class. In the background is Arnold Cassidy, instructor in the course.



## H.E.W. Employees' Association Active

The H.E.W. Employees' Association has made financial appropriations in support of a number of activities for the benefit of project employees at large, the officers announced this week.

The Association has purchased the industrial record library produced by R.C.A., including hundreds of the most popular records as well as current releases received each month.

Two allotments of books for the new library to be established soon have been ordered, and further orders are being prepared. Funds also have been allocated for athletic equipment to be used in Hanford, athletic equipment to be used in Richland, equipment for recreation of women employees, the Girl Scouts, and prizes for the Safety Department.

In addition, the Association sponsors the dances held for all employees and finances publication of The Sage Sentinel.

## CASUAL COMMENT

By Proxy

Track was a major sport back in Olympic times when the fastest conveyance was a chariot. Now that gasoline rationing has put almost everyone back on his feet, literally speaking, there actually seems to be increased interest in track.

That may be the reason that the winter sports sensation was Gil Dodds, the great miller. Dodds, a Divinity student and hence called the Flying Parson, brought about a job improvement in his running style. Using a tremendous kick finish, he twice broke his own world indoor track record, ending with a mark of 4:06.4 in the Chicago Stadium.

Wartime travel restrictions haven't put much of a crimp in the big season-end collegiate basketball tournaments. Three are in progress, more than ever before. A big invitational tourney is under way at Madison Square Garden in New York. The A.A.U. is holding a tourney at Denver. The N.C.A.A. playoffs are in Kansas City.

Wrestling devotees have been contending that their sport is great training for soldiers. It must be, for it was necessary to cancel the national collegiate mat tourney scheduled for Lincoln, Neb. Reason: The leading contenders are in the armed forces.

## A New Record!

That "hard to beat" item we had in the Sentinel not long ago has been challenged by friends of H. L. Smith, carpenter in 200-East.

They think his record is unusually good—and it is! He hasn't been absent a single day since he started working on the project last summer... and has bought twenty-six \$100 War Bonds since he's been here.

Since Pearl Harbor, he's bought \$10,425 in bonds. A fine patriotic record!

# Hanford SPORTS PARADE

## Most Bowlers Not in "Groove" Yet; Softball Leagues Now Being Planned

### Softball League Plans

Members of the Hanford Softball Association Rules and Planning Committee met last week to draft plans for the coming season. The committee, composed of Frank Page, Layout, O. H. "Red" Rowe, 101 Building, and F. W. Hughes, Fire Department, have worked up rules and regulations to govern all league softball. These rules, covering all phases of league organization, were to be presented at a joint meeting with all team representatives.

It is a bit too early to know exactly how many teams will be playing league ball this spring and summer, but judging from the enthusiastic response to the first call for team entries, it appears that this activity will surpass all other athletic undertakings on this project.

Some twenty crafts, departments and sub-contractors had representatives at the first meeting and indicated they would enter one or more teams in league competition.

The departments and their representatives follow: Ed R. Lumpkins, Jr., Carpenter Department; Dell Lish and T. W. Copeland, Hanneke-James Company; Alfred J. McGinnes, Accounting Department; Earl C. Whitaker, Labor Department; Jim Scully, Material Engineers; Ben Marsh, F. W. Hughes and Carl E. Rickey, Fire Department; Cecil A. Green, Earthwork Department; Raymond Cook, Reinforcing Steel; Captain Gene Weston, Patrol; Frank L. Page, Layout; Richard Dufy and D. G. Werner, Olympic Commissary Company; John Ash, Transportation; C. H. Rowe, 101 Building; Earl Rinehart, Control Department; Charles E. Starns, Purchasing; F. J. Palumbo, Time Office; K. M. Stansfield, Rigger Department; C. C. West, Mechanical Department; Wayne E. Lyman, Newberry Chandler & Lord.

## New Postal Rates Went Into Effect This Week

The new postal rates went into effect all over the United States on March 26th.

First class local mail has been upped from 2 to 3 cents, air mail from 6 cents to 8 cents except that air mail to service men overseas remains at 6 cents. Registered, insured and C.O.D. mail are increased, as well as most of the money orders.

Beginning April 1 under the new federal excise law, costs of numerous items will be increased.

Some of the articles on which the tax has been increased are jewelry, furs, toilet preparations, luggage, distilled and fermented liquors, admissions, dues or membership and initiation fees, billiard and pool tables, bowling alleys, electric light bulbs and tubes, communication services, and transportation charges.

It is rather early in this young season to expect consistently good bowling scores, and reports coming to this department bear that out.

Normally, it takes the average bowler from ten to twenty games to "get in the groove". Due to the limited number of alleys here in Hanford, most league bowlers will probably be four or five weeks getting in their best form.

So far the best scores we have heard about have been made in open bowling: 246 for the men and 233 for the women. In league competition the best score reported is a 204 made by Les Henderson, bowling in the Accounting League. Henderson's 399 for two games is also high in league bowling.

No doubt all these scores will be bettered, and as they are, we will endeavor to report them along with league standings and all other information pertaining to league bowling.

### Sunday Baseball League

At this writing, six teams have filed entries in a proposed Sunday Baseball League. The teams, representing the Riggers, Carpenters, Transportation, Labors (two teams) and Fire Department, are all confident they have enough talent in camp to put formidable teams on the diamond. The Riggers, in particular, are very enthusiastic over their prospects. Ken Stansfield, Manager of that team, has been working overtime the past few weeks in an effort to line up every available ball player in his department. In a letter to the Recreation Department, Mr. Stansfield says: "I was surprised to find that a large number of the younger members of our craft are enthusiastic about participating in this sport (baseball). We have uncovered sufficient talent to place a formidable team on the field which would afford opposition for any team in the State of Washington, whether they be amateur, semi-professional or professional." As a postscript, Stansfield wrote: "Please contact the other crafts and tell them to 'get on the beam' so we may have some good opposition."

No doubt several departments will be anxious to oblige Mr. Stansfield and accept the challenge.

## Associated Laundry And Dry Cleaners Here Now

On March 25th, the contract with the Victory Laundry Service reached its termination and a new one started with the Associated Laundry and Dry Cleaners.

For the present, the Victory Laundry is still at the same location in order to make deliveries. The new laundry is temporarily located between the Apparel and Alteration Shops, several doors away and is now taking in laundry and cleaning.

Associated Laundry and Dry Cleaners is operated by Frank West, who also has branches at Ellensburg and Bellingham.

## Fishing Conditions Improving Now

Many fishermen have been busy the past few weeks getting their tackle in shape for the coming season — fact, is, many of the more ardent anglers have already wet their lines.

Reports coming to this department were that many bass were taken last weekend from the Yakima river. Apparently fishing conditions are improving and should continue to improve from now on in. So far we haven't heard of anyone catching anything in the Columbia, but understand there are fish in that Majestic river.

In answer to many inquiries about fishing license, and if it is necessary to have a license to fish on the reservation, we can say that you are required to have a license no matter where you fish. Fishing licenses can now be secured at the Sears Store in Hanford.

## A Rationing Reminder!

As previously announced, "A" coupons are still good for three gallons of gasoline. No. 11 coupons must be stretched out to last three months instead of two, however, and the No. 12 coupons will not become valid until June 22.

The following statement has been issued by George T. Everson, Rationing Supervisor: "In order for holders of 'A' coupons only to obtain spare tires, it will be necessary for every car to be filled with passengers on every trip, regardless of whether it is a trip to church, to school, or to the store.

"If all the drivers in the country will get behind the 'Share the Ride' program, there will possibly be enough gasoline and tires to keep essential transportation rolling."

### KID SALVAGE



Though the school children's tin-can salvage contest for this month ends today, they will continue to aid in both the waste paper and tin can drives.

Residents of the Trailer Village are urged to cooperate by saving tin cans and preparing them for collection by washing and flattening them. Waste paper is still urgently needed also. Contributions may be given to the children or left at the bins provided for that purpose. Barracks residents should give theirs to the janitors or maids. In Richland, the Boy Scouts are making collections.



## Trailer Village Civic Club Has Been Organized Here

The second regular bi-monthly meeting of the Trailer Village Civic Club was held March 30. The purpose of this organization is to promote interest in Fire Prevention and other civic activities.

The Club has organized Auxiliary fire brigades for both men and women, and Wardens for each section have been appointed.

It is requested that all Sr. Knights on the Hanford Project hand their name and address and telephone number to E. D. Schock, c/o Gov't Control or phone 8227, Richland 76.

## Save 25c 'Pocket' Books

It won't be long now until the library will open! Miss Mathea Hanson, the librarian, is here and has been busy ordering magazines and books.

She plans to have an "Even-Stephen" exchange of 25c "pocket" books, whereby employees can bring in the ones they have, and trade them for others. Start saving them now, rather than throwing them away when you are through with them.

The library hours and more specific plans will be announced soon.

4:00 p.m., Sunday School and Adult Class.  
6:30 p.m., Divine Worship Service.  
8:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.  
Friday, April 7th:  
8:00 p.m., Holy Communion, with registration at 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 8th:  
5:00 p.m., Confirmation Class.  
For further information, call Miss Youngdale, phone 32.

COMMUNITY CHURCH (Colored)  
201 Recreation Building  
Sunday, April 2nd:  
9:30 a.m., Sunday School.  
11:30 a.m., and 3:00 p.m., Service  
6:30 p.m., Bible Band.  
8:00 p.m., Church Service.

## Hanford Churches Plan Special Services for Holy Week and Easter

The various religious groups here are planning a number of special observances of Holy Week and Easter.

The Rev. A. J. Blackmon has announced that on Sunday evening, April 2nd at 8 p.m. he will give a review of Lloyd Douglas' book "The Robe."

On Maundy Thursday (April 6th) at 8 p.m., there will be a candlelight pageant, "The Challenge of the Cross" presented at the United Protestant Church. The choir will assist. After the pageant, there will be a reception of new members.

A sunrise service will be held on Easter Sunday, April 9th at 5:15 a.m. on the hillside across the river. The young people of the churches in Hanford are in charge of arrangements. Transportation will be provided from the United Protestant Church building. The public is invited.

The Lutherans will have confirmation of an adult class on Palm Sunday, April 2nd and the baptism of children. On Good Friday, a Lenten Communion Service will be held at 8 p.m. Communicants are expected to register before the service, registration beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. P. J. Luvaas, Lutheran pastor as Pasco, will administer the Sacrament.

Members of the Lutheran church will have an Easter Sunrise service at 7 a.m., and a special children's Easter Service at 4 p.m. The Easter Service will be held at 6:30 p.m. More detailed plans will be announced next week.

The Catholic Church will hold mass at the Tent Theatre on Palm Sunday at 11:30 a.m., after which

there will be distribution of palms, p.m. to 10 p.m. Further plans will be announced later.

## Church Services

CATHOLIC SERVICES  
The schedule announced by the Rev. W. J. Sweeney:  
Saturday, April 1st: 6:30 to 10 p.m., Confessions, at Tent Theatre.  
Palm Sunday, April 2:  
11:30 a.m., Mass at Tent Theatre.  
The Rev. Sweeney lives in Kennewick, P. O. Box 254. Phone 3131.

UNITED CHURCH SERVICES  
The Rev. A. J. Blackmon of the United Protestant Church announces this schedule for Palm Sunday, April 2:  
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 5—2:00 p.m. Women's Association. 8:00 p.m., Mid-Week Prayer.  
Thursday, April 6th: 8:00 p.m., "The Challenge of the Cross," a pageant; Communion  
Friday, April 6th—7:00 p.m., Junior Choir Rehearsal. 8:00 p.m., Senior Choir Rehearsal.

OTHER SERVICES  
at the United Church building:  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
E. E. Mitchell, Minister  
Sun., April 2—12:15 p.m.  
Tues., April 4—8:00 p.m.  
LATTER DAY SAINTS  
Sunday, April 2, in the school gym:  
9:30 a.m., Priesthood meeting.  
10:30 a.m., Sunday School  
7:30 p.m., Speaking Services  
Monday, April 3, in the school gym:  
8:00 p.m., M.I.A.  
ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
Sunday, April 2, at the Grange Hall:  
10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Church services.  
Thursday, April 6, in the White Chapel, 8:00 p.m., Services.  
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE  
Monday, April 3, 8 p.m., in the White Chapel.  
LUTHERAN  
(National Lutheran Council)  
Orval Westby, Pastor  
Sunday, April 2nd, at the White Chapel.

## CINEMA THEATRE PROGRAM

Continuous shows from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on week days; Sundays from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, March 31st and April 1st, TARZAN'S DESERT MYSTERY, with Johnny Weissmuller.

Sunday and Monday, April 2nd and 3rd, I DOOD IT, with Red Skelton and Eleanor Powell.

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 4th and 5th, DESERT SONG with Dennis Morgan and Irene Manning, in technicolor.

Thursday and Friday, April 6th and 7th, DOUBLE FEATURE: YOUNG IDEAS, with Mary Astor and Herbert Marshall and SHRINE OF VICTORY, a 37-minute technicolor.

## Welfare Departments Need Social Workers

The Benton and Franklin County Welfare Departments, units of the State Department of Social Security, have announced that they have available some openings for Visitors and Child Welfare Workers.

Because of the changes occurring within nearby communities, the need for social work has increased and anyone doing this work will be contributing a real service to the war effort on the home front.

The necessary background for applicants is a college degree or at least two years of college plus two years of employment. Any men or women interested should see Mr. Eugene M. Hayes at the Court House in Prosser (phone 99), or Mrs. Louise D. Laing at the Court House in Pasco (phone 53).

## Thumbnail Interviews

## The Question This Week: "Which Is Your Favorite State, and Why?"



**MRS. SUE CREGAR**  
... telephone operator

"Iowa, of course!"  
Mrs. Cregar likes the seasonal weather there ... the contrast between the seasons. The Iowans themselves also help make that "the best state in the Union," she says.

She and her husband, H. W. Cregar, a unit personnel supervisor, have been here about four months.



**MACE HODGES**  
... welder

Like Bob Burns, Mr. Hodges thinks there's no place like Arkansas.

He can't give any specific reasons why he likes that state best ... but he's sure of it, just the same.

Before coming to Hanford, he lived in Portland; before that in Arkansas.

Mrs. Hodges is living at Yakima.



**MRS. BLANCHE TURNER**  
... teacher

Sunny Arizona is Mrs. Turner's favorite state ... but she likes Washington, too.

"Especially the activity right here," she says.

She has had 14 years' teaching experience in Chicago, and is now 3rd grade afternoon teacher here. Her husband is an electrician. They are from Phoenix.



**GEORGE L. DORSCH**  
... of employment

It was hard to get Mr. Dorsch to try to decide which state he liked best ... he'd much rather talk about his new son, Robert Ralph, born March 10th!

Mr. and Mrs. Dorsch, who live in Richland, are from Cincinnati. "Favorite state? Well, the southern part of W. Va., I guess. Good fishing there!"