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RICHLAND, WASH.

## Paint Craft Now Winner in Absentee-ism

The Paint Craft, a former champion in the absenteeism derby, surged to the front of the parade in the latest tabulations to nose out Pipe, a two-week leader, with a 5.3 per cent as compared with Pipe's 5.6 per cent.

Trailing in a close third position is the 105 Craft with 5.7. The general average again was slightly higher than the week previous, 9.0 per cent, the poorest showing since the middle of February.

There were consolations, however. Nine crafts improved their standings: Paint, Pipe, 105, Electrical, Rigger, Labor, Transportation, Mechanical, and Carpenter Labor. The spread among the departments was less wide than formerly, the tailenders pulling closer into the running.

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

## Child Health Conference Expanded

Children from one month to 14 years are now included in those who may obtain the services of the Child Health Conference, sponsored by the Richland P. T. A. Up till now immunizations have been the only offering of the Conference.

Now, however, periodical examinations, measurements in height and weight, advice and instruction in child health and the immunizations are offered. Every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 the Conference is held in the Grange Hall. Dr. R. A. Sachs is the new examining physician.

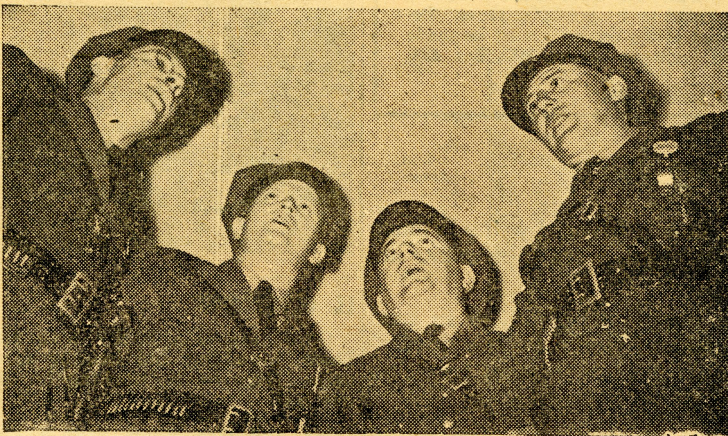
## Three Arrested At H.E.W. For Impersonation

Three former Hanford employees were apprehended on April 19th by Military Intelligence for the impersonation of Army officers.

They were Edward Raymond Williams, first aid attendant and hospital orderly, formerly of Dallas, Texas; Glenn Homer White also a hospital orderly, formerly of Peoria, Ill.; and Clarence Alfred Brooks, a car washer at Central Shops.

All three admitted wearing officers' uniforms on the project—White and Williams as Lieutenants and Brooks as a Captain. They were turned over to the F.B.I. for federal prosecution.

## Richland "Barbershop Quartet"



From left to right: Paul ("Whispering") Beardsley, Harold ("Shorty") Hofstedt, Charlie Sargent and Casey Jones—members of this HEW quartet which has so many requests for performances.

Last September, a barbershop quartet was started in Hanford by four members of the Patrol force. Then it was broken up, due to transfers. Many attempts at reorganization were unsuccessful until February, when an appeal for entertainment came from the Naval Base at Pasco.

On three-day notice, it was reorganized in Richland, with two of the original members and two new ones. The quartet was an instant success, and since then has had a continual round of engagements.

First tenor is Paul Beardsley, nicknamed "Whispering" because his booming voice can be so plainly heard throughout headquarters. He's from Oklahoma City, Okla., where he was an orchestra leader before the war, and was also employed by a music concern there.

The lead singer (in quartet language) is Harold Hofstedt, who formerly directed a chorus in Minneapolis and did band and orchestra work there.

The baritone is Charlie Sargent, who, with Hofstedt, was part of the original Hanford quartet. He is also coach and arranger for the group. He came here in September from Tucson, Arizona.

He's the clown of the outfit—a versatile impersonator and a master showman. His only complaint is the confusion of his name and title; he's "Sergeant Sargent."

"People think I'm giving them double-talk when I answer the phone," he says.

The bass singer of the quartet is Casey Jones of Muskogee, Okla. He had never sung in a quartet before, but was willing "to try anything once." When he goes down to hit those low notes, the rest of the group help him all they can—to the enjoyment of the audience!

Because they work on different shifts, the singers have a difficult time arranging rehearsals, for their duties as patrolmen come first. Their favorite piece is a Southern medley; their hardest one, "Home on the Range."

They're willing to sing for any function providing entertainment for HEW employees, or people of the surrounding communities. These "good will ambassadors" have appeared at the Naval Base and U. S. O. in Pasco and at various meetings in Richland and Hanford. They're the four "end men" for the Minstrel show soon to be given in Richland.

Captain Otis Cochrane is their manager. All requests for engagements should come through him, at the Patrol Headquarters in Richland.

## Results of High School Survey Are Completed

In a recreation survey similar to that being conducted among residents of Richland and Richland Village, the following results have been found among high school students:

The boys' favorite sports, in order are: basketball, hunting, fishing, baseball and bowling.

The girls placed softball first, then hiking, volleyball, and badminton.

In the hobby survey 18 boys and 22 girls placed Scouting first; 25 boys chose airplane modeling, and 18 boys and 28 girls elected photography.

The survey in the Village is now being conducted, but results are slow in being returned. The results of the survey for the high school will be to build a summer youth program.

## Second Picture In Safety Contest Appears on Page 4

The Big Picture-Puzzle Contest is now in full swing!

To be "in the running" for the 21 valuable prizes, you must submit an entry each week of the 10-week contest. The deadline for entries for the first puzzle picture, which appeared in last week's Sage Sentinel, was last Wednesday, May 3rd.

This week's entry must reach the Central Safety Office in Hanford by next Wednesday, May 10th.

It's easy—it's fun! All you have to do is to list as many safety hazards as you can find in the picture on page 4.

At the end of the contest, these valuable prizes will be awarded:

First prize: Wrist Watch.

Two 2nd prizes: Fine quality radios.

Three 3rd prizes: \$25 War Bonds.

Five 4th prizes: Matching Pen and Pencil Sets.

Ten 5th Prizes: Flashlights, Jack-knives, etc.

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

This contest is for all workmen below the rank of foreman. (Sorry, office workers—this is for the men in the field.) The craft with the best participation will be honored.

## Minstrel Show To Be Given May 20th

A definite date has been set for the production of the Minstrel Show by the Richland Village Players: Saturday, May 20. Rehearsals are now being held every Monday and Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. in the old High School.

For the Minstrel Show, the Interlocutor is W. D. Gumerson, the End Men include Sgt. Charles Sargent, P. P. Beardsley, K. C. Jones, B. E. Porter, H. O. Hofstedt, and T. B. Mosteller. The Comedienne is Florence Pearce.

Ray Ribak has written and is directing the production. He has had 25 years experience producing shows and can number 250 minstrel shows to his credit. Mrs. R. G. Simpson is directing the dance numbers, and Mrs. Don Justice is the orchestra director. There will be 96 people in the Minstrel Show and the "Olio" afterwards. The "Olio" (vaudeville to the younger generation) will consist of some ten acts of varied entertainment, including dancing, singing, and instrumental numbers. The finale will include the Richland Boy Scouts directed by M. B. Cristofel.



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## A Government Job

Two women residents, in a sketch given by the Village Players at their meeting last Friday night, were discussing life in Richland.

"You should see the strange people who moved in next door," said one. "She says her husband works for the government. Now what in the world would the government be doing way out here?"

"I don't know," replied the other. "Maybe he works for the O.P.A. They're everywhere, you know."

Ridiculous as this sounds, many persons working and living on this project do not realize that the Hanford Engineer Works is a government job, not the work of a private company.

The War Department, finding it necessary to the successful prosecution of the war, awarded a contract for the design, construction and operation of this important war project to the du Pont Company, which sublets contracts to various other firms. The Corps of Engineers of the U. S. Army is responsible for the general direction of the entire project, through its resident officers and civilian employees.

The entire cost of the project and everything pertaining to it is paid for by the United States Government. Every citizen, by means of taxes, pays a portion. Upon completion, the entire plant will be owned by the government.

HEW workers, as taxpayers who pay a share of their own wages and whose money pays for part of the materials and equipment they use, should carefully watch and avoid any wastage of time or materials.

## Mail Builds Morale

"A soldier reads his letters first—then eats!"

That's typical of comments made during a survey to determine ways of building good morale in the Armed Forces.

Others were: "Letters sometimes seem more important than ammunition." And, in the words of General Eisenhower, "Writing regularly to soldiers in the service is definitely contributing toward winning this war."

But there's an art to writing letters overseas. Make them cheerful. Tell what their friends are doing, as well as sports news and general happenings.

Whatever you say, don't complain about your own troubles; they are trivial compared to all he has to endure. Talk of the bright future. Write him often—don't wait for his reply, for he's busy protecting your future.

Use V-Mail! The government has provided facilities for it, and given it priorities along with medical supplies and food destined for the battlefronts.

## Thumbnail Interviews

Spring's Here! Trailer Village residents are busy fixing up their fences and planting Victory Gardens.



### H. G. SHAW

Gardening is a hobby with Mr. Shaw, plumbing and heating foreman. Here he is, working on his iris bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw have a Victory Garden, too—specializing in tomatoes. They've planted many flowers and shrubs around their trailer and are ardent gardeners.

A son, George, age 13, is here with them. Two other boys are in the service.



### ROBERT BURNS

Another neat-looking fence is that of Mr. Burns, a tractor operator from Colorado Springs. He plans to paint it soon.

In his Victory Garden, he has planted radishes, onions and lettuce. He and Mrs. Burns expect to have some flowers, too.

They have two children—Donna three years old, and Robert, five. Mrs. Burns is as ardent a gardener as her husband.

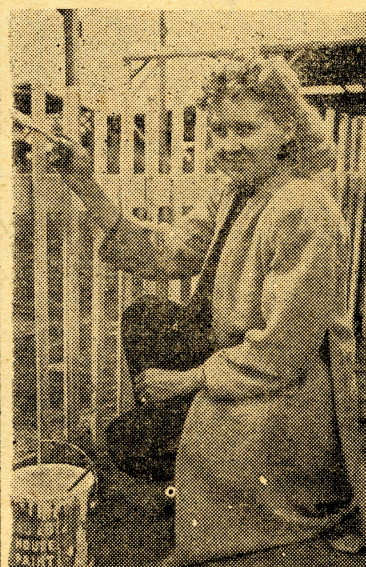


### MRS. PETE PHILIPS

Hard at work in the garden she and her husband have planted is Mrs. Philips, wife of the assistant area superintendent in 200-West.

They'll have about a dozen kinds of vegetables that are "home-grown" . . . and even some watermelons. They also have a small flower-garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Philips and their two children—Jimmie, 12 and Jean, 5—are from Phoenix, Arizona.



### MRS. LESTER SMITH

When Mr. Smith came home from work that evening, he probably found the fence all painted, for Mrs. Smith was putting the finishing touches on it when this picture was taken.

He's an electrician at Central Shops. They have two children—Donna, nine years old, and Jerry, three. They're from Spokane, and have been in Hanford since December.



# Hanford SPORTS PARADE

## Softball League Games Start May 15

Forty softball teams have been formally entered in the Men's Class "A" Twilight League and will commence play on May 15. All league games will be played on the Athletic Field which is located three blocks southeast of the Women's Barracks. Four diamonds on this field have recently been rebuilt and should be in excellent shape when play starts.

Team managers got together last week and drafted plans for the coming season. The forty teams will be divided into five leagues of eight teams each.

All teams playing on Mondays will be referred to as the "MONDAY LEAGUE"; teams playing on Tuesdays will be referred to as the "TUESDAY LEAGUE", and so forth.

Teams will play one game a week for fourteen weeks. It was decided to play a split season and declare a winner at the end of the first round, or seven games—first half of season to end June 30. The winner of the second half, which will end in August 18, will meet the winner of the first half for the league championship. This play-off will be three out of five games.

The five league winners will then get together for a play-off to determine the Class "A" Championship.

All playing equipment for league teams, with the exception of uniforms and shoes, will be furnished by the Recreation Department. Team Managers may secure balls, bats, gloves, etc., from the Recreation Department Storage and Check-out Room in the east end of the Commissary Building (Recreation Hall).

Mr. Eugene Magevney, commonly referred to as "MAC" is on duty in the "Check-out" room every day from noon 'til 9:00 p.m. All equipment must be returned before 9:00 p.m. on the day it is checked out.

Teams desiring to use a diamond on the Athletic Field for practice games before the season starts may secure a permit from the Recreation office in the Hanford Housing Building.

## Carpenter Dept. Enters The Most Teams—Seven!

Honors for entering the greatest number of teams in the Class "A" League went to the Carpenter Department - seven teams. They were closely followed by Transportation with six teams, Labor with five teams and Crane & Rigging with five teams. Hankee-James with four teams led the subcontractors.

Following are the teams entered: and their Managers:

### MONDAY LEAGUE

1. Transportation \_\_\_\_\_ B. George
2. Carpenter 100F \_\_\_\_\_ Not Chosen
3. Hankee-James \_\_\_\_\_ Tex Copeland
4. Rigging 100-D \_\_\_\_\_ Oliver Aker
5. Olympic \_\_\_\_\_ Ed Nolte
6. Carpenters 100-D \_\_\_\_\_ Not Chosen
7. Layout \_\_\_\_\_ F. L. Page
8. Labor 100-B \_\_\_\_\_ Swenson

### TUESDAY LEAGUE

1. Transportation \_\_\_\_\_ W. Waldo
2. Carpenter 200-W \_\_\_\_\_ Not Chosen
3. Rigging 200-W \_\_\_\_\_ H. B. Henderson
4. Hankee-James \_\_\_\_\_ Norman McAllister
5. Labor, Hanford \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Akers
6. Fire Dept., White Bluff \_\_\_\_\_ P. Howard
7. Carpenters, Hanford \_\_\_\_\_ Not Chosen
8. Expeditors, Adm. \_\_\_\_\_ J. P. Scully

### WEDNESDAY LEAGUE

1. Transportation \_\_\_\_\_ Scheckler
2. Carpenter 200-E 300 \_\_\_\_\_ Not Chosen
3. Fire Dept., Hanford \_\_\_\_\_ L. Sutton
4. Eviserating, Olympic \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. Kline
5. Hankee-James \_\_\_\_\_ Don Duerr
6. Labor, 100-D \_\_\_\_\_ Not Chosen
7. Boiler-makers \_\_\_\_\_ F. G. Stout
8. Time Office \_\_\_\_\_ Frank Palumbo

### THURSDAY LEAGUE

1. Transportation, 100-B \_\_\_\_\_ Bob Eveland
2. Carpenter, 100-D \_\_\_\_\_ Not Chosen
3. Control, Adm. \_\_\_\_\_ Earl Rhinehart
4. Transportation \_\_\_\_\_ George Spaki
5. Riggin, Leazur Spur \_\_\_\_\_ Smokey Eskew
6. Hankee-James, 100-D \_\_\_\_\_ Alburn Davis
7. Labor, 200-E \_\_\_\_\_ Ray Marshall
8. Fire Dept., Cold Creek \_\_\_\_\_ J. C. Methner

### FRIDAY LEAGUE

1. Transportation, 200-W \_\_\_\_\_ Leo Brooks
2. Carpenter, 100-B \_\_\_\_\_ Not Chosen
3. Riggers, Adm. \_\_\_\_\_ Cecil Welch
4. Labor, Central Shop \_\_\_\_\_ Earl Whitaker
5. Crane Dept., Cen. Shops, C. R. Davidson
6. Earth Works \_\_\_\_\_ C. A. Green
7. Newbery, Chandler, Lord, A. M. Horton
8. Mech. Dept., Cold Creek, M. Burlingame

Note: At this writing, managers for the Carpenter teams have not been selected.

## When an Inch Makes a Difference!



Having a "friendly argument" over their horseshoe-pitching are (from left to right), J. A. Wallace, Dewey Nation and John M. Anderson.

## 94 Horseshoe Courts Have Been Completed

Several weeks ago, ninety-four horseshoe courts were laid out in the Men's Barrack Area and Hutment Area. Many of these courts are receiving a tremendous play almost every evening and all day on Sunday. Judging from the enthusiasm in this favorite American sport it appears that horseshoes is rapidly becoming the number one pastime for the majority of our employees who wish to participate in some physical activity.

Forty more courts are now under construction in the Clover Leaf Barrack Area and should be ready for play in the very near future.

To speed up play and make the courts available at all times for those who wish to play, horseshoes are being left at the courts. Players are urged not to carry shoes away.

## Auto Parts In Stock

Contractors' Sales and Service, Firestone Distributors, announce the opening of a complete automotive parts stock in connection with their garage located two blocks north of the Administration Building on the White Bluffs highway.

Replacement parts for practically all cars in the area will be carried in stock. The hours are 8:30 to 9 p.m. daily, including Sunday.

## Softball Meeting Wed.

All softball managers must attend the meeting to be held Wednesday, May 10th at 8 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Building.

Official line-ups for all teams are to be submitted at this time. Ground rules to govern all games will also be discussed.

## SANDY SAGE—"So He Ate It Raw"

