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Winchell Broadcast Rumor False

An example of the detrimental effect of rumors is the recent flurry in regard to a broadcast which Walter Winchell was rumored to have made, in which he supposedly criticized the project.

There were many different versions, some by people who claimed to have heard the broadcast and others by those whose friends said they had heard it. All were completely false.

Mr. Winchell's official representative in New York City has written to the authorities in Hanford as follows:

"Mr. Winchell has made no mention at all of Hanford or anything connected with it. It's just another one of those wild, foundationless rumors that pop up from time to time and refuse to die even from the weight of their own absurdity.

"If there is anything you can do toward relaying this information to your citizens, it will be vastly appreciated."

Thus, Mr. Winchell himself has pointed out the absurdity of these rumors. Transcripts of his recent broadcasts which have been obtained from the broadcasting studio, also prove that Mr. Winchell made no direct or indirect mention of Hanford.

Let's not let this happen again. Rumors are a direct form of sabotage. The next time you hear a rumor of any kind don't believe it or repeat it—REPORT it to the Security Agent or to Military Intelligence.

"When a Man Bites a Dog . . ."

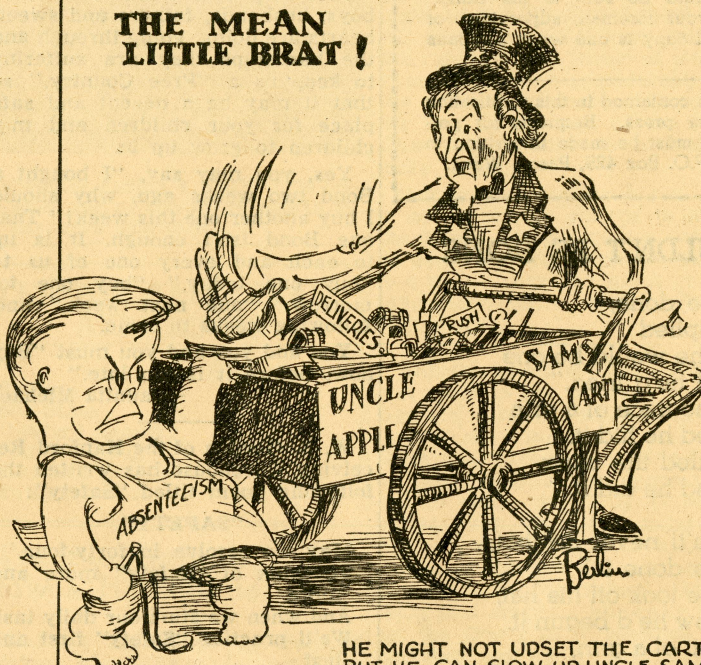
—It's NEWS! We haven't heard any stories like that this week . . . but here's one Chief Armstrong has passed along that "has teeth in it!"

Two soldiers from Scott Field, Ill., were given a ride by a passing motorist. When the soldiers left the car, the motorist found a set of upper teeth on the seat.

To which Ray Ribak of the Patrol Department points out this moral . . .

"When Riding With Strangers, Keep Your Mouth Shut."

THE MEAN LITTLE BRAT!



HE MIGHT NOT UPSET THE CART, BUT HE CAN SLOW UP UNCLE SAM'S DELIVERIES!

GOVERNMENT DRIVERS' PERMITS NECESSARY

Any person operating a Government owned motor vehicle (heavy construction equipment excluded) must be in possession of a Government drivers' permit, even though the operation is restricted to the plant site.

A memorandum has been issued which explains the regulations in detail. A driver's examination will be necessary for all except those employees hired prior to January 1, 1944 who are operating vehicles under 1½ ton capacity and have a valid license from one of certain specified states, or those hired since that date who have a valid chauffeur's (not drivers') license.

The examination will consist of four parts — driving information (written); clinical examination for defects; driving test in closed area; and driving test in traffic.

The Traffic section of the Patrol Division will conduct qualifying examinations and issue Government Permits at the traffic office located on 1st Street between B and C Streets.

It is the responsibility of each department head to see that no member of his department drive automobile equipment without the proper permit, and also to determine that all permits issued prior to January 1 that do not comply with the provisions, are picked up or returned for cancellation.

STATISTICS JUSTIFY SAFETY SHOES & SPECS

A study by the Safety Department of H. E. W. accidents to date reveals that only 3 per cent of compensable injuries occurring to employees were to the eyes and only 2 per cent to the toes.

These figures are far below the average for industry, and decidedly justify the safety shoe and spectacle program in effect on the project.

The lenses of safety glasses are specially treated to withstand blows from flying metal chips, as well as rock and dirt particles. They are subjected to a Bureau of Standards Test before acceptance, including the shock of a 7-8 inch steel ball dropped from a height of fifty inches.

Safety shoes are fitted with specially made metal toe caps designed to withstand sharp blows as well as pressures up to 2000 pounds and still leave room for the toes to move freely. They may be obtained at the Safety Shoe Store located in the old Hanford Depot.

Safety shoes for women are now available. Those who desire to obtain a pair of these shoes that protects the feet and at the same time are very good looking, may do so at the Sears Roebuck store, after first obtaining a safety shoe ration stamp at the Safety Shoe store.

Absenteeism Statistics Are Given

Setting the stage for a sustained plant-wide campaign to reduce absenteeism, the project posted its best absenteeism showing in the latest available figures. However, the 11.8 per cent of absenteeism left plenty of room for improvement.

Among the crafts the Electricians set the pace with a total ratio of absenteeism of 5.2 per cent. Runnerup in the tabulation was Paint with 6.1 per cent absenteeism. In third spot was Pipe with 6.5 per cent.

The standings of other crafts: 105 Craft, 7.2; Rigger, 8.1; Mechanical, 8.9; Concrete and Transportation, each 9.3; Carpenter, 9.4; Labor, 12.7; Reinforcing, 13.5; Earthworks, 13.7; Carpenter Labor, 23.9, and Concrete Labor 31.5.

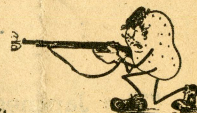
OPTOMETRIST OPENS OFFICE IN HANFORD

Dr. William Wilson, registered optometrist, has opened an office in the old post office building at the corner of A Avenue and Division street.

He is an associate of Dr. Chester A. Johnson of Yakima. Office hours will be from 12 o'clock noon to 9 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday; other times by special appointment.

Dr. Wilson is working in close cooperation with the Safety department, in fitting safety glasses that are worn instead of regular glasses.

"Food Fights For Freedom"



Don't waste it! Food is just as essential in this war as any of the other weapons.

Some scarce foods such as sugar are rationed to the Mess Halls just as they are to individuals. Take only your fair share; otherwise, someone else will have to go without. Don't help yourself to more food than you'll be able to eat!

Remember . . . "food fights for freedom."

THE SAGE SENTINEL

OUR SLOGAN

"Let's All HEW to the Line!"

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SOMEBODY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE

Somebody said it couldn't be done,
But he with a chuckle replied
That "Maybe it couldn't, but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried."
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
On his face. If he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;
At least no one ever has done it."
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,
And the first thing he knew he'd begun it.
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
Without any doubting or quitting,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
There are thousands to prophecy failure;
There are thousands to point out to you one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you,
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
Just take off your coat and go to it;
Just start to sing as you tackle the thing
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

—Author unknown.

Most friends you try to fall back on let you down easy.

The time to start worrying, if any, is when your friends stop
telling you you're looking older.

TAKE YOUR PICK

"The Japanese must make no scruples about eliminating
from this sphere any element reluctant to conform to the will of
th Japanese race."

—Admiral Shimada
Japanese Minister of the Navy.

"The one supreme objective for the future, which we dis-
cussed for each nation individually (at the Teheran conference)
can be summed up in one word: Security. And that means not
only physical security which provides safety from attacks from
aggressors. It means also economic security, social security,
moral security—in a family of nations."

—President Roosevelt
In his 1944 Message to Congress.

Letters to the Editor . . .

Dear Editor:

In Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address he said, "It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion, that this nation, under God shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

Just stop and think what our boys, husbands, fathers and sweethearts are doing, going through and the hardships they are suffering to keep us a "Free Country," so that it may be a decent and safe place for your children and my children to grow up in.

Yes, you may say, "I bought a Bond two weeks ago, why should I buy another one this week?" That one Bond isn't enough. It is up to each and every one of us to "buy one today," "buy one tomorrow," "one next week," and following weeks to come.

You and you and you must "Buy now, before it is too late."

—Jaunita Michael

W. B. Gordon of the Hanford Receiving Warehouse has written the following poem titled "Safety":

"SAFETY"

May we resolve in forty-four
To think of "Safety" more and more
And when we start our daily task
We'll practice "Safety" first and last
And when our daily work is done
We can say we've just begun
And when we practice day and night
We help make casualties very light
Let's profit by our past mistakes
And reduce the accidents for other's sake.

This poem, titled "This is War," was written by Mrs. Helen McCoy Harker of the Sheridan, Wyoming Price and Rationing Board. Our own rationing office thinks this verse is one of the best on the subject.

Here it is:

"THIS IS WAR"

Yes! We work for the O.P.A.
"Pretty soft," we hear them say,
"An easy job—no brains needed,
Just simple rules of rationing heeded!"
So, if you've time, just lend an ear
From 8 'til 5, and you can hear.
"I've lost my books, I can't buy meat!"
"I'm walking 'round on my little bare feet."
"We're outa gas"—"The ceiling's high"
"How many groceries will my points buy?"
"My tires are blown"—"No quota yet"
"You ride around, and here I set!"
"The grocer took my XYZ"
"He shoulda taken R S T!"
"No pie, no cake—Oh gosh, oh gee"
"Mr. Jones rides on sticker C!"
This isn't all—some days there's more
But confidentially — THIS IS WAR!

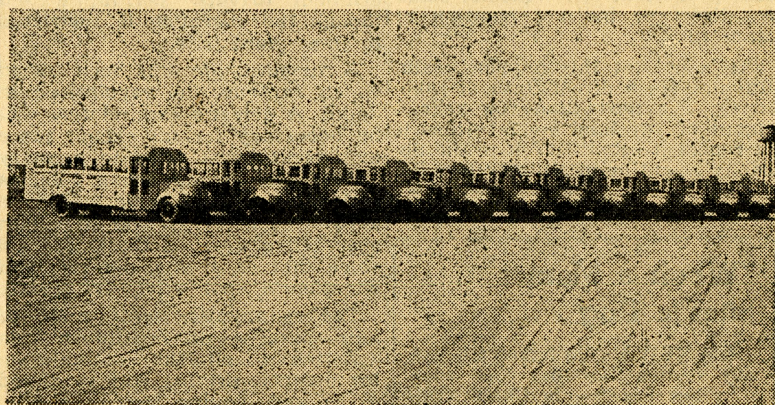
Dear Editor;

My family and I came out here December 4. We drove out by car, and had a very interesting trip. My three daughters, my wife and I are all on the Hanford payroll. We like it here and expect to stay for quite some time.

We all buy bonds, as that is the only way we can slap the Jap and kick Hitler, as well as help ourselves in the future. We read the Sage Sentinel and think it very interesting. Thank you.

Lars Bue

12 NEW BUSES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN



The H.E.W. Transportation Department has taken on the additional duties of transporting the children living in the Richland vicinity to and from school.

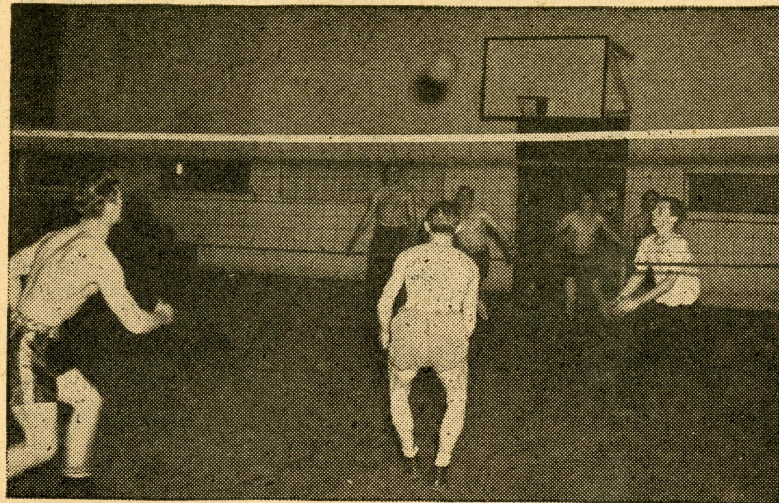
The buses shown in the above photograph are new buses with steel bodies, and are fully equipped with every mechanical and safety device to insure the safety of the school children.

These buses were inspected by a Washington State Safety Education Officer, and were fully approved ac-

cording to state school bus and safety specifications.

The drivers of these buses are a select group of drivers, with years of driving experience, and have been trained in the handling of school children. They have also passed rigid drivers tests inaugurated by the H.E.W. Patrol Department to qualify for this job.

A school safety patrol is being organized by Mr. Fergin, Superintendent of the Richland School, with the H.E.W. Safety Department cooperating.



Above is an "action" scene taken recently during a spirited volleyball game at the school gym. This is only one of the many sports included in the athletic program which has been instituted.

CASUAL COMMENT

By Proxy

To paraphrase a famous line, "Breathes there a man (or woman, for that matter) with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said—" I'd like to climb those hills over there! At any rate plenty of Hanfordites have been utilizing Sundays to unlimber their hiking legs on the hills which we see daily.

We're not revealing any military secrets, though we may be spoiling some adventure for those who yet plan to climb the hills, when we quote the reports of hikers that what they see at the top of the hills is "just about what we see around us down here—if you know what we mean!"

Bus Nunn, who indefatigably fights hazards every working day as safety superintendent, has been fearlessly tackling one of sport-dom's most famous hazards on the weekends that he has been donning skis. But we understand that he is enough of an expert to engage in skiing with a reasonable degree of personal safety.

LEAGUE BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
Randall - Doyle	5	0
Mid-State	4	1
Hanford Grocery	3	2
Hanford Drug	2	3
Richland Cafeteria	1	4
Foisy's Amusem't	0	5

"Terrible Terrapin" Now a Hanford-ite

Wanted: more tips on Hanford workers who have made names for themselves in the sports world!

In the boxing field, there's John Chief Terrapin of the Carpentry Department, with 10 years of fighting behind him. Known as "Terrible Terrapin," he held the title in the Ozark Middleweight Championship from 1929 to 1934. He is half-Cherokee.

His three boys, the oldest of whom is 11, are following in his footsteps. All like boxing, and they have already put on exhibitions. Mrs. Terrapin and the children are living in Muskogee, Okla. for the present, but hope to come to Hanford soon.

Mr. Terrapin fought 96 bouts in all, being defeated only seven times. He has many interesting clippings in his sports scrapbook.



Hanford-Richland Basketball Finals to be Monday Evening

The Hanford-Richland Basketball league swings into the second and final round of play next Monday night at the Hanford School Gym. All teams are still very much in the running. The tempo of play has been stepped up considerably with the addition of many new men in the line up of most of the teams. Everything points to a fast and close finish.

Contrary to popular belief—there is no admission charge to any of the games. League games are played every Monday night in Hanford and every Thursday night at Richland—first game starts 7:30 at both places.

Biggest upset to date occurred last week in the Hanford Grocery-Hanford Drug game. Coached by Roy Scott, Industrial Engineers, the grocery team was being kicked around by almost everyone in the league while the Drug team was riding high—in fact, undefeated. Figured to win with comparative ease, the Drug team met an improved and determined Grocery team that staged a late rally to upset the Drugs 25 to 24—thus proving that old adage that anything can happen and usually does—in basketball!

Two new players who have helped the Grocery team no little are Jack Warner, Laborer, and Bill McDermid, Olympic. Warner, a tall forward, is a good scorer, while McDermid, who was quite a star back at Emporia State Teachers College in Kansas, is a very clever dribbler and one of the most deceptive passers we've seen in a long time.

Elder Dean Moser of the L.D.S. church is manager and coach of the Randall-Doyle team. In addition to his managerial duties, Dean finds time to play and is one of the better players in the league.

Elder Moser is from Wyoming where he was an all-round athlete in his school days.

Not an exciting spectator sport, but one that holds the interest of the participants, is the game of Chess. We were surprised to learn the number of people here in Hanford who play or who would like to play chess. Two of the most enthusiastic players are Sam Faggen, Housing, and Charley Obenchain, Receiving. These two men have been getting together for a little session at least once every week and are anxious for some of you other strategists to join them. How about a Chess club? "Not a bad idea", says Mr. Faggen. If you are interested you can get all the particulars by calling Mr. Faggen at H-8553.

Under the direction of Paul Tombs, Recreation, the Hanford Youth Activities program is now in full swing. Utilizing every available building, the program is divided into two phases, physical and social.

The school gym and a metal hutment in the school playground are being used for all the regular gym activities; basketball, boxing wrestling, tumbling, etc. Hours are 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., and 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., each week day. Hours for Saturday play are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For social activities, two hutments on either side of the Community Building have been set aside. One is equipped with ping pong tables, checkers, dominoes, shuffleboard, books, magazines, card games and many other games of interest to the teen age boy and girl. The other hut is used for dancing classes, club meetings, and so forth. All boys and girls are invited to use these huts as their headquarters. Hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day, and on Sundays from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

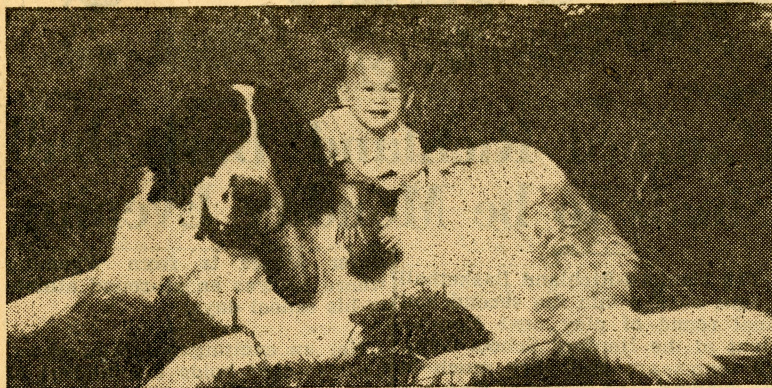
Life in Hanford

starring (???)

(The Hero's name will be chosen in a contest to be announced soon.)



"Major" — Hanford's Largest Dog!



He inspires so many questions and comments that his owner makes a hobby of collecting them!

That's "Major", the 130 lb. St. Bernard dog belonging to Kenny Gibson, boilermaker-welder from Monrovia, California.

"Major Frank" is the dog's whole name, but he is most often called Major. He's a pedigree dog and registered, but has never been exhibited in shows. He will be 4 years old on March 19.

Mr. Gibson has been here about a month now. Major came on the same train with him. . . but via baggage car, of course. Not being allowed on a company bus, the dog came from Pasco by truck along with Mr. Gibson's luggage.

Major has his own quarters. . . a neat gable-topped dog house built by some of his master's friends in their spare time. It's next to Barracks 102. . . so the address must be 102-B. It's about 5 ft. long and 3 ft. wide.

Each morning, the dog starts out to work with Mr. Gibson. . . but wanders away before he gets there. Major can "speak," lie down, shake hands, and take orders. He's pretty much of a "one-man dog," but friendly unless protecting something. Mr. Gibson says he's really very shy. . . and doesn't like to have other dogs bark at him.

He eats just one meal a day. . . at 11 o'clock at night, for a special reason. For by then, the garbage that is his menu is ready. He's a big eater. . . but not persnickety! Since Major is thus a member of the "clean-up" committee" at the mess halls, Mr. Gibson doesn't have any point-rationing worries in regard to him.

"And since he doesn't have a food ration book, Major can't have a liquor license, either" Mr. Gibson says. "That's why he doesn't carry a flask of brandy around his neck, like the St. Bernards in the Alps do!!"

Church Services

CATHOLIC SERVICES

The schedule announced by the Rev. W. J. Sweeney:
Sunday Mass. Feb. 27th, 7:00 a.m., Tent Theatre.
Confessions, Wed., Feb. 23rd, 6:30-8:00 p.m.; 8:00 p.m., Rosary.

UNITED CHURCH SERVICES

The Rev. A. J. Blackmon, of the United Protestant Church announces this schedule for Sunday, Feb. 27:
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, March 1—2:00 p.m., Women's Association 8:00 p.m., Mid-Week Prayer.
Friday, March 3—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., Feb. 27, 12:30 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 29, 8:00 p.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sun., Feb. 27, 2:30 p.m.

Thurs., March 2, 8:00 p.m.

LATTERDAY SAINTS

Sun., Feb. 27, 4:30 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 28, 8:00 p.m.

LUTHERANS

Sun., Feb. 27 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY CHURCH (Colored)

201 Recreation Building

Sun., Feb. 27, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School.

11:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Services.

6:30 p.m., Bible Discussion.

8:00 p.m., Church Service.

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.

Fri. Feb. 25—ABOVE SUSPICION, with Joan Crawford and Fred McMurray.

Sat. Feb. 26—FALSE COLORS, a Hopalong Cassidy picture

Sun., Mon., Feb. 27, 28—SWING SHIFT MAIZIE with Ann South-ern

Tues., Wed., Thurs., Feb. 29—March 1 and 2—RANDOM HARVEST with Greer Garson and Ronald Colman

Fri., Sat., March 3 and 4—WOMAN OF THE TOWN with Claire Trevor and Albert Decker. Also selected short subjects.

Household Help

Any women or girls not working regularly who desire temporary or permanent jobs of child care or housework are asked to register with Mrs. Buena Maris at her office in the Hanford Housing Building. There is also a need for laundry women, particularly those who could handle office workers' shirts.

Registration will not impose an obligation, but will aid in finding help for people who need such assistance.

contributions at any of the bins there.

Twenty-four bins have also been placed in the Trailer Village for the collection of tin cans.

WASTE PAPER, TIN CAN SALVAGE IMPORTANT

We reached our 2 carload goal last week in the waste paper campaign. . . let's do it every week!

Collections will continue indefinitely, as the shortage of waste paper is still acute throughout the country. Barracks residents are asked to give their waste paper to the janitor or maid. Residents of the Trailer Village should leave their

Thumbnail Interviews

The Question This Week: . . .

"How Did You Happen To Come To Hanford?"



EARL A. SMITH

. . . operator

"I had completed one war job—and wanted to start on another. A friend who was here wrote me about it, and I came August 1st."

Mr. Smith's family accompanied him—his wife and two sons, Earl, age 12 and James Henry, age 5. They live in the Trailer Village.

Their former home was Sarcocie, Mo. Mr. Smith, an operator of heavy equipment, hasn't missed a single day's work since he started!



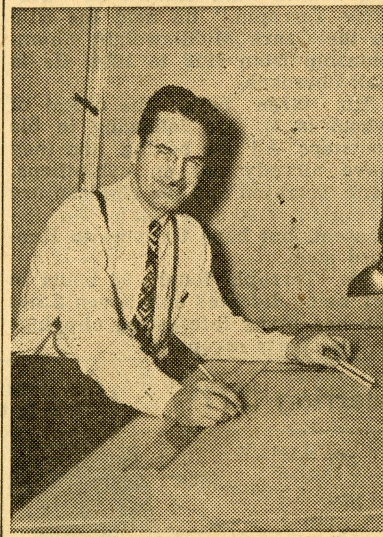
ANNE CASSIDY

. . . stenographer

"I'm a 'transfer' from Lowell, Mass. My best friend, Eleanor Raymond and I came together on the 6th of January."

Miss Cassidy's brother is in the service, and the fact that this is a vital war job is important to her, too.

She's a stenographer in Robley Johnson's office. She and Miss Raymond room together in the barracks.



PAUL BERLIN

. . . Material Control

"I used to live in Seattle—and like the Northwest very much. In fact, I plan to make my permanent home in Walla Walla."

Mr. Berlin is a transfer from the Salt Lake City plant. He's in Material Control, now doing construction design and drafting work. He's the artist who does our "Life in Hanford" comics and cartoons!

Mrs. Berlin and their 12 year old son, Dale, live in Walla Walla.



MRS. WREN ELLISON

. . . receptionist

"Pasco is my home—in fact, I went to school there! I've been working here almost ever since the Project was started."

Mrs. Ellison, the capable and charming receptionist in the Administration Building, is shown here wearing her new uniform.

She has two children . . . a son, Lou, age 15, and a daughter, Judy, 12 years old. She commutes between Hanford and Pasco.