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## NAME OUR COMIC STRIP HERO—WIN A \$25 BOND!

### Absentee-ism Lowest So Far

Leaping from seventh place to first place in the project's Anti-Absenteeism campaign standings, the Concrete craft provided the feature of Hanford's drive to a new high point in its campaign for everyone to be on the job every day.

In one week on concerted effort, the Concrete craft brought its percentage of absenteeism down from 8.6% to 5.3%, and nudged in ahead of Paint and Pipe which were tied for second place only a fraction of a percentage point behind.

The Electrical craft, tied a week before for first place with Pipe, shared third with the Riggers. Other crafts ranked as follows: Earthworks, Fourth; Carpenters, Fifth; 105 Craft, Sixth; Mechanical, Seventh; Transportation, Eighth; Labor Craft, Ninth; Reinforcing, Tenth; Carpenter Labor, Eleventh; and Concrete Labor, Twelfth.

The percentage for the entire project was 7.3%, the lowest in the history of the project. It was an improvement from the 8.0% which had held for two weeks and caused alarm over whether the campaign had hit a dead center. Now Hanford is within striking distance of a notable record.

Crafts which improved their standings this week: Labor, Reinforcing, Concrete Labor, Mechanical, 105 Craft, Carpenter, Rigger, Paint and Concrete.

Crafts which dropped back slightly: Piping, Electrical, Earthworks, Transportation and Carpenter Labor.

### RED CROSS CAMPAIGN NEARS THE GOAL

As we go to press, approximately \$52,000 has been contributed to the Red Cross fund by Benton county residents.

The month of March was set aside for this campaign throughout the nation. In the remaining week, let's go "over the top" . . . helping to achieve the \$60,000 goal for Benton county.

This is a worthy cause . . . a campaign close to our hearts because the money will be used to help our soldiers overseas and at home. Make your contribution now—and make it a generous one!

### O.P.A. Announces Cut In Gas Allowance

The Office of Price Administration has announced that the Number 11 coupons which became valid March 22, will now have to be stretched to last for three months instead of two months. This means that everyone is going to have to conserve every gallon of gasoline possible.

Ride sharing must be utilized to the fullest extent. It will be nothing less than criminal for any person to make any trip without first contacting his neighbors or a Ride Sharing Clerk to get a full carload, regardless of whether it is to the grocery store, home on weekends or to the job.

Conservation of gasoline by ride sharing may mean the difference of whether we walk or ride. Gasoline is more critical on the west coast than at any time since rationing began. Plant Transportation Planning Committees have been warned that if a satisfactory ride sharing percentage is not reached, request for restored mileage (in case of future cut in gallonage value) cannot be granted.

No person has the right to drive

### Olympic Commissary Welcomes Suggestions

As announced in the Sentinel last week the Olympic Commissary company has made some changes in the mess hall assignments in order to provide better service for the employees of the project.

Detail schedules have been posted in the barracks. In this way, the feeding sub-contractor can thus plan food preparations in order to serve hot foods for various shifts.

Suggestions are welcomed from anyone eating in mess hall four as to how to improve the service. In fact, the Olympic Commissary company is glad to receive any suggestions in regard to the feeding operations.

A new tavern will be opened in the near future west of mess hall number six, thus providing additional recreational space.

Any suggestions for the Olympic Commissary Company should be put in the suggestion boxes in the mess halls.

anyplace by himself until he has exhausted every possible means of obtaining passengers. See the "Share The Ride" Clerk at the Ration Office.

### Contest Ends On April 7th

The "hero" of our comic strip needs a name!

Now that you've had an opportunity to get acquainted with him, here's your chance to name him and win a \$25 War Bond, contributed by The HEW Employees' Association.

If you've been following "The hero's" ups and downs each week, you know that he's a sign-painter by trade . . . and is apt to appear most anyplace on the project.

According to his originator, Paul Berlin of the Material Control Office, "He's a lighthearted little fellow who's all thumbs and feet. But he's true blue . . . a loyal American, a hard worker."

Judges for the Name Contest will be 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 Building in Hanford.

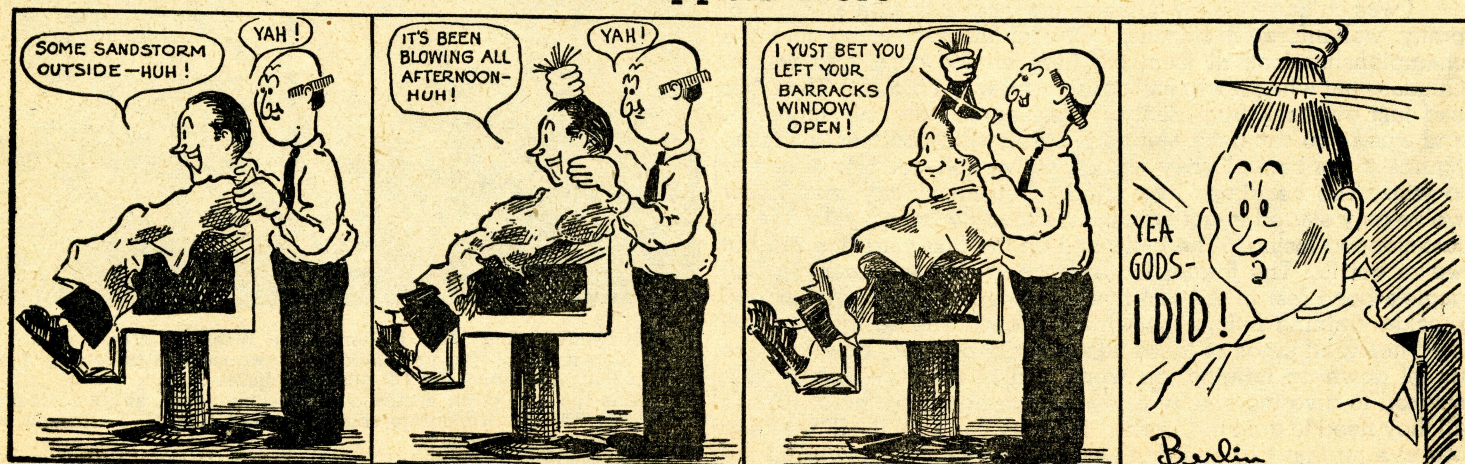
2. Any number of entries can be submitted; but the contestant's full name and badge number must accompany each entry.

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.

Here's your chance to win an extra \$25 War Bond—with no trouble at all. Put on your "thinking cap"—YOU may be the winner!

## COMIC STRIP "And It Can Happen Here"





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## "WHICH ARE YOU?"

Thanks to G. R. Moore of Job Improvements for this poem:

There are just two kinds of people on earth today;  
Just two kinds of people, no more, I say;  
Not the sinner and saint, 'tis well understood;  
The good are half bad and the bad half good.  
Not the rich and the poor, for to count a man's wealth;  
You must first know the state of his conscience and health.  
Not the humble and proud, for, in life's little span;  
Who puts on vain airs is not counted a man;  
Not the happy and sad, for the swift flying years;  
Bring each man his laughter and each man his tears.  
Not the two kinds of people on earth that I mean;  
Are the people who lift and the people who lean;  
Wherever you go, you will find the world's masses  
Are always divided into just these two classes.  
And oddly enough, you will find, too, I ween;  
There is only one lifter to twenty who lean.  
In what class are you? Are you easing the load  
Of overtaxed lifters who toil down the road;  
Or are you a leaner, who lets others bear your portion of labor  
and worry and care? —L. E. Keller.

## "ONLY A SCRATCH"

It's happened several times recently.

Employees have had "scratches" which they thought were unimportant and they haven't bothered to go to First Aid. In these instances, the results were serious infections.

Too many of us have the feeling, "It could never happen to me." Don't let it happen to you! Report every injury, no matter how slight to First Aid.

## LET'S KEEP OUR EYE ON THE BALL

By "Bing" Crosby

I was cutting up a few touches the other day with a couple of pretty well-informed citizens. One of them coached many a championship football team out here on the coast and was at Guadalcanal when it was still considered way uptown. The other had just got back from Sicily. They agreed on one thing . . . and when you can get a Marine to agree with a Soldier, the issue figures to be basic. They agreed we've still got plenty of war to win. The headlines look good. But all military men know we've only started to get going. We're not winning yet. We've just stopped losing. The ball's still on the fifty-yard line . . . but we've got it. The former football coach said that many a ball game's been lost in the last five minutes by a team that started breakin' training before the whistle blew. The Army man that he'd heard all kinds of loose talk cloggin' our ears now to make us let down on training, on work, and in morale—vicious talk, stacked to give the enemy a slight edge here and there. That's all they need to gum the works. But they can't get it—IF we keep our eye on that ball and don't start to cut for the shower till the final gun.

## One-Third of February Fires Here Were Caused by Careless Smokers

The monthly fire report summary for February shows that exactly one-third of the blazes for which the fire department was called were caused by careless smoking.

Only the quick action of the fire department prevented serious consequences. Any one of these fires could have destroyed a building, threatened the surrounding buildings and caused loss of life.

Smoking in bed is particularly hazardous. Warning after warning has been issued; yet some employees continue to ignore them. Those who do so are thoughtlessly endangering their own lives and those of others.

Other careless smoking habits have also caused fires. Never throw away a match before making

sure it is completely extinguished. Never leave a burning cigarette on the edge of a dresser or desk.

Use your ash tray, not the floor. Don't toss a cigarette into a wastebasket, or from a car. These rules probably sound familiar . . . but are you keeping them in mind at the right time?

Be on guard against any potential fire hazard. Other causes of fires during February were overheated stoves, improperly installed stoves and pipes, careless handling of matches, hot ashes, rubbish, and hot grease.

Fire is an enemy in our fight for Victory and must be treated as such. We cannot afford to ignore this threat. Make sure you are doing your part to guard against it.

## Save Waste Paper And Tin Cans For Salvage

Everyone must lend a hand in the salvage drives if we are to meet our quota. The shortage of materials has become acute.

This isn't the other fellow's job—it's your own personal obligation. Save old newspapers, magazines, paper cartons and wrapping paper . . . also all used food cans, tobacco cans and coffee cans.

Barracks residents should give their contributions to the maid or janitor; those who live in the Trailer Village can either put them in the Salvage Boxes or save them for the children's collection. The school rooms are having a tin can salvage contest this month.

In Richland, the Boy Scouts make collections on alternate Saturdays.

With full-scale invasion, use of these products will rise to new heights. To meet this challenge, we must save more waste paper and salvage more tin cans.

Let's do our part!

## Roller Skating Rink To Be Established

As part of the program to increase recreational facilities here, the contract has been signed for a roller skating rink to be operated by Ray Paul Miller of Yakima.

The rink is a portable one 50x100 feet in size and will be housed in a tent to be located in the temporary area adjacent to the Trailer Village.

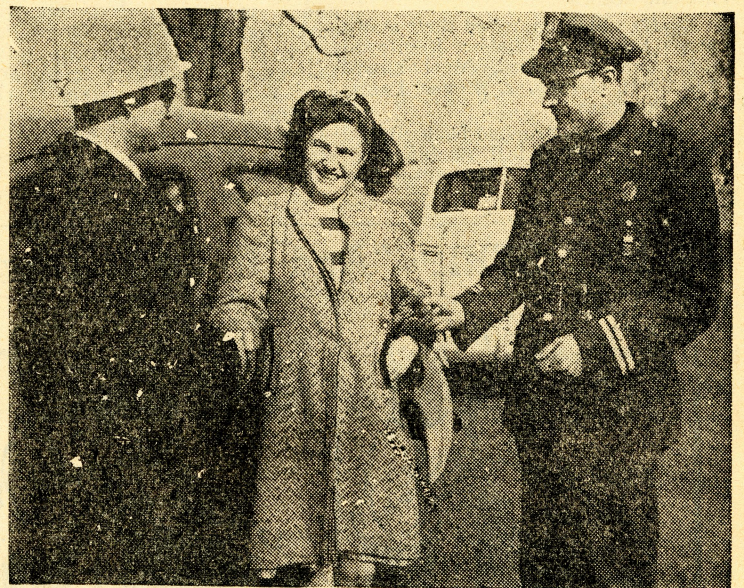
Mr. Miller is procuring several hundred pairs of skates and also a juke box. The rink will open as soon as possible.

## Baseball Teams Wanted

All baseball teams interested in playing in a Sunday league here in Hanford are asked to contact Jim Carter, Recreation, 'phone 8442. This announcement does not apply to softball teams.

Fishing licenses can now be secured at Sears Roebuck in Hanford.

## "Safe Driver of the Week" Chosen



The Number One "Safe Driver of the Week" is Mrs. Leo DeWitt, who is shown here being presented with two theatre tickets by Patrol Captain Paul Allen and Bill Cleveland of Safety.

She is the wife of an earthworks superintendent, and a resident of the Trailer Village. Runner-up this week was Mrs. C. T. Russell, also a Trailer Village resident.

This program was created by the Safety Department to promote safe driving on the project. Watch for next week's winner!



## Mid-State Wins Basketball Title

Playing before a near capacity crowd in the Richland School Gym, Mid-State Theatres defeated Randall-Doyle Grocery 32 to 28 to win the Hanford-Richland Basketball championship.

The game was a thriller from start to finish and it was anybody's ball game for the first three quarters. Mid-State took a commanding lead midway in the fourth only to have the Grocery stage a late rally to close the gap to four points just before the gun.

Mid-State's alertness on defense and better balance on the offense was perhaps the deciding factor, although the play of Earl Rinehart, star guard for the new champions and most valuable player in the league, was nothing less than terrific and did much to turn the tables in his team's favor.

In the preliminary the Richland Girls' team gave the Hanford Girls a lesson in basketball to the tune of 33 to 18.

## CASUAL COMMENT

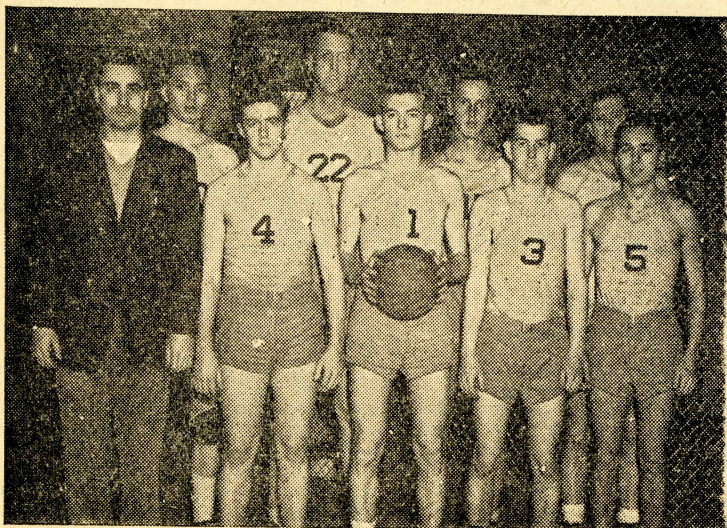
By Proxy

Football coaches who are working in the physical conditioning programs of the armed forces are warning us that when our commando-trained soldiers turn from the paths of war to the comparatively peaceful paths of football, we will see a new high point in mayhem on the gridiron.

Coach Lou Little of Columbia thinks that he sees a parallel between the way football got rougher after World War I and the way it is going to be still rougher after World War II. Of course, the way football used to feature the awful flying wedge and other forms of near homicide before World War I we may also conclude that the Spanish-American War must have left its mark.

Remember when our enemies

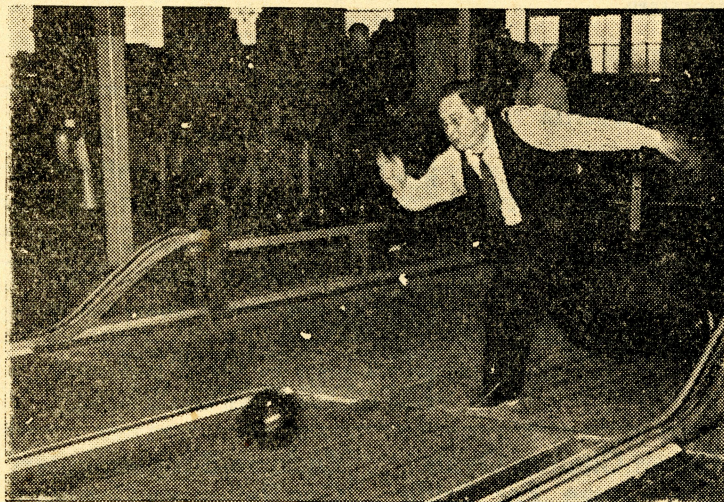
## Mid-State—The Champions



Front Row, left to right: Jack Allen, Chuck Foster, Gene Sparks, Charley Ranney and John Waggoner. Back Row: Earl Rinehart, Gene Watson, Ken Husby and Larry Boland.

# Hanford SPORTS PARADE

## First Ball Rolls Down the Alleys



Claude Fisher of Pasco sends the first ball down the new Bowling Alleys.

March 15th, memorable day in the history of Hanford—last day to pay income taxes, Ides of March—and the grand opening of the new bowling alleys. We cannot figure where the Ides of March comes in, or should even be mentioned, but the opening of the bowling alleys is certainly good news to all of us. This popular pastime is receiving a tremendous play; the twelve alleys have been in constant use since the beginning.

Almost a thousand bowlers, representing seventeen leagues, started belated play last week to determine champions in their respective leagues. Fifteen of the leagues are

were calling us "softies?" It's funny that none of Hitler's or Tojo's agents told them that football, which approaches being our national sport, is no dish for a softie. It is a sort of pre-commando training in itself. American football has been described as the roughest sport in the world, played on a large scale.

scheduled to bowl in the evenings from 6:00 p.m. to midnight, Monday through Friday. The two remaining leagues are shift leagues and will bowl either in the morning or afternoon.

Mr. Foisy, operator, has announced that the alleys will be open from 10:00 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week. Four alleys are reserved for open bowling at all times, and all twelve will be used for open bowling except when leagues are scheduled. There will be no league bowling on Saturday or Sunday.

Honors, for the first league to commence play, went to the girls of the Prairie League. The group of brave girls, representing teams from the Purchasing Department, Hankee-James and the WACS got off to a rather shaky start—with a profusion of sore fingers, bruised ankles and an acute case of "gutteritis." However, before the evening was over, most of the girls had things well under control and some pretty fair scores were posted.

## Schedule for Bowling Leagues

### MONDAY

6:00 p.m. Men's Accounting.  
8:00 p.m. "Koyote Keglers", Girls league composed of the following departments: Blueprint, Reports & Records, Contract Engineering office, Stores Account and Material Engineers.  
10:00 p.m. Carpenter League (Men).

### TUESDAY

6:00 p.m. "PERT", Men's League composed of Purchasing, Expediting, Receiving and Time departments.  
8:00 p.m. Skill Craft league, composed of Millwrights, Riggers, Central Machine Shop, Hanford Machine Shop, Utilities, Welders and Sheet Metal.  
10:00 p.m. Labor Department League (Men).

### WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. "PRAIRIE LEAGUE" - girl's league composed of Purchasing Department, Hankee-James and WACS.  
8:00 p.m. "SANDSTORMERS" - girl's league representing the following Departments: General Accounting, Control, Expediting, Employment, Investigation, Expense Account, Material Control and Traffic.  
10:00 p.m. Housing League - mixed league composed of Hanford Housing and Training & Relations.

### THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. Time Office Women.  
8:00 p.m. Women's Accounting  
10:00 p.m. Field & Office league, men's league that has not been given a name. Composed of 200 W. Machine Shop, 100 D Warehouse, Newberry Chandler & Lord, Industrial Engineers, Construction Design, 200 West Area and Instrument Dept.

### FRIDAY

6:00 p.m. Service League, men's league composed of Fire Department, Patrol Department and Employment Department.  
8:00 p.m. H.E.W. "PIN-BUSTERS," Men's league composed of following departments: Material Engineers, Traffic, Expense Account, Cost and History.  
10:00 p.m. Olympic Commissary League, mixed league.

## Randall-Doyle—Runners-Up



Front Row: Fagan, Ossie Allen, Len Gardner, Scott Brown. Back Row: Farrell Johnson, Orval Westley, Dean Moser, Len Smart, Dave Showker. Art Kay not in picture.



## Church Services

### CATHOLIC SERVICES

The schedule announced by the Rev. W. J. Sweeney:  
 Sunday, March 26:  
 11:30 a.m., Mass, at Tent Theatre.  
 Wednesday, March 29:  
 6:30 to 8:00, Confessions, in Tent Theatre Office.  
 8:00 to 8:30, Convert Class, Community Building; social evening afterwards.

### UNITED CHURCH SERVICES

The Rev. A. J. Blackmon of the United Protestant Church announces this schedule for Sunday, March 26:  
 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 29th—2:00 p.m., Women's Association. 8:00 p.m., Mid-Week Prayer.  
 Friday, March 31—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., March 26—12:15 p.m.  
 Tues., March 28—8:00 p.m.

### LATTERDAY SAINTS

Sunday, March 26, in the school gym:  
 9:30 a.m., Priesthood meeting.  
 10:30 a.m., Sunday School.  
 7:30 p.m., Speaking Services.  
 Monday, March 27th, in the school gym:  
 8:00 p.m., M.I.A.

### ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday, March 26th at the Grange Hall:  
 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Church Services.  
 Thursday, March 30th, in the White Chapel: 8:00 p.m., Services.

### LUTHERANS

Sun., March 26—6:30 p.m., in the White Chapel.

### COMMUNITY CHURCH (Colored)

201 Recreation Building  
 Sun., March 26—6:30 p.m., in the White Chapel.  
 11:30 a.m., and 3:00 p.m., Services.  
 6:30 p.m., Bible Discussion.  
 8:00 p.m., Church Service.

The American Express Office wishes to remind employees that it closes at 6 p.m. on Saturdays. Other evenings it is open from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

## SAVE THIS RATION CALENDAR

COMMODITY	BOOK	STAMP	VALID	EXPIRES
SUGAR—3 lbs.	4	30	New	Indefinite
SUGAR—5 lbs. (home canning)	4	40	New	Period February 28, 1945
SHOES	1 3	18 Airplane 1	Now Now	April 30 to be announced
PROCESSED FOODS	4	Blue "8" Stamps A,B,C,D,E (each good for 10 points)	February 27	May 20
MEATS, FATS, OILS		Good for 10 points each:		
CHEESE AND BUTTER	4	Red "8" stamps A,B,C	February 27	May 20
	4	Red "8" stamps D,E,F	March 12	May 20
GASOLINE COUPONS	"A"	No. 11 good from March 22 through May 21st. "B" or "C" may be renewed within, but not before, 15 days from the date shown on the cover of the book.		
FUEL OIL		"Period 4" valid Feb 8, expires Sept. 30 Value, 10 gal "Period 5" valid March 14, expires Sept. 30. Value, undeclared		
TIRE INSPECTION	"A" "B" "C" "T"	Every 6 months (by March 31, 1944). Every 4 months (by June 30, 1944). Every 3 months (by May 31, 1944). Every 6 months or 5,000 miles of driving.		

## Green Citation Ovals Are Cause For Pride

The green safety citation ovals are coming in fast!

They represent management's appreciation to supervisors of outstanding personal safety effort. If your foreman is presented one of these pins, you have as much reason to be proud as he has.

It's because of YOUR "followship", high calibre craftsmanship and safety enthusiasm that your gang was recognized!

## Endorse Supplementary Gas Rationing Coupons

Automobile license numbers must be endorsed on all supplementary gasoline rationing coupons immediately upon receipt.

All "A" book coupons must show license endorsements. If a motorist is stopped by an O.P.A. representative and his coupons are not endorsed properly, they will be taken from him.

## CINEMA THEATRE PROGRAM

Friday, March 24th: Double Feature: PARIS AFTER DARK with George Saunders and SALUDOS AMIGOS, Walt Disney's 45-minute short.

Saturday, March 25th: THE KANSAN with Richard Dix and June Wyatt.

Sunday and Monday, March 26th and 27th: CLAUDIA with Robert Young and Dorothy McGuire.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 28th, 29th and 30th, GUADALCANAL DIARY with Preston Foster and Lloyd Nolan.

The John Linblad Post No. 71 of the American Legion meets every Friday evening at 8 p.m. in the Community Building, next to the Grange Hall. Legion members and veterans of this war or the last one are welcome.

Mrs. Buena Maris now has an office in "11-A" where she is available for consultation from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

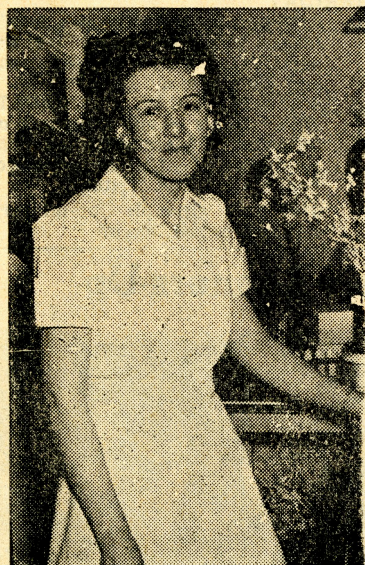
The phone number is 8133 for Mrs. Ralph Nederhood, new assistant to the Red Cross Secretary, who now has an office in the Community Building. Anyone who needs Red Cross assistance is asked to phone her there.

The Hanford Super Service station on Guadalcanal Street has opened a tire recapping service on all sizes from 550-17 to 21.00 to 24. This service takes a week or ten days. All work is guaranteed.

## Thumbnail Interviews

### THE QUESTION THIS WEEK:

"What Is Your Favorite Food at the Mess Hall"



**MRS. ALICE GIBBINS**  
 ... beauty shop manager

"Those green salads are grand—they're my favorite. Cake, too ... any and all kinds."

Mrs. Gibbins added, "I like the music over there, too." She's from Inglewood, California, and has been here since last fall.

With her son Robert, 8 years old, she makes her home in the back of the Beauty Shop, of which she is the manager.



**J. K. FARRIS**  
 ... carpenter

"Corn bread 'n turnip greens!" That's a Southerner for you!

Mr. Farris hails from Atlanta, Ga., and is proud of it—as he should be!

Mrs. Farris is here also. They're "old-timers" here, having been here since last summer ... but they're still "Southern boosters."



**O. F. GRIFFIN**  
 ... boiler fireman

"Steak, of course ... and cream pie!"

Mr. Griffin, who is from Abilene, Texas, hasn't missed a single day of work since he came here last August.

He was in the Navy in the last war ... and took this war job because he wanted to do his part in this one, too. He lives in the barracks.



**GEORGE LITTLELIGHT**  
 ... painter

"Roast Beef ... salads ... and APPLE PIE!"

(Reminds us of that saying that men like any kind of pie so long as it's apple!)

Mr. Littlelight, a Crow Indian, is from the Crow Agency in Montana. He came here two months ago because he wanted a war job ... he has five close relatives in service in the South Pacific.