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## Plans Completed For Community Forum Here

After weeks of preparation plans have been completed for a Hanford Community Forum series similar to the ones in Richland and Pasco which were so successful this winter.

Faculty speakers from the University of Washington will give semi-monthly lectures on topics of current interest, such as India and Burma, China, peace problems and many others.

The Hanford series is a special one for the summer and will last until October 20th, when the regular winter programs sponsored by the University will start throughout the state.

The speakers are well-known in their respective fields. In many instances, they have traveled and lived in the countries they discuss.

The first Forum will be held on Friday evening, June 2nd at 7:15 p.m. at the United Protestant church, when the speaker will be Prof. J. Kenneth Pearce, whose subject will be "India and Burma."

Members of the executive committee which has been developing plans for the forum are Mary Glover, chairman; John W. Little, Richard A. Skarsky, H. H. Miller and Frances Jones.

## Pipe Craft Regains Absentee-ism Lead

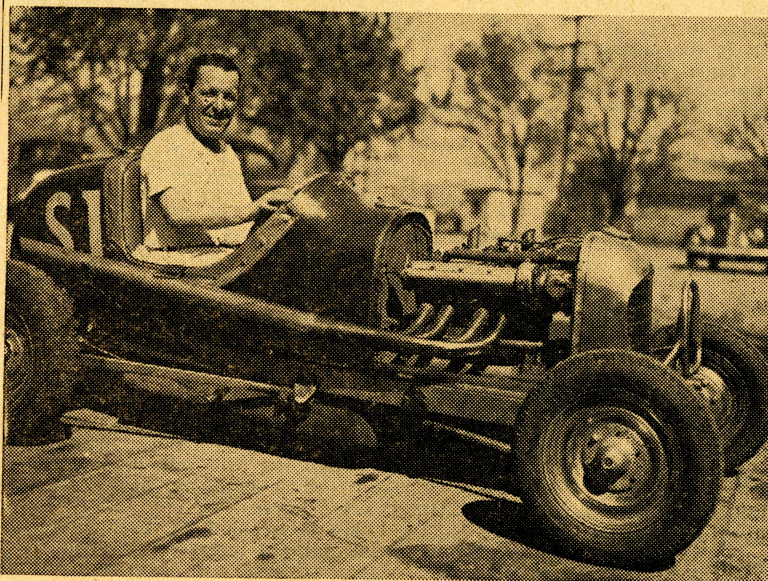
The Pipe Craft recaptured the lead in the project absentee standings as the over-all plant average took one of its most spectacular turns for the better. In one week the project percentage fell from 9% to 7.5, a 1.5% improvement.

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

Four office groups: History, Design, Industrial Engineering, and Planning and Scheduling also won special mention through maintaining a perfect attendance record for an entire week.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

It has no clutch—is pushed off, to start. It burns alcohol. The entire car is of stainless steel—frames axles, etc. It has special shafts, cam shafts by Marchese and a 132 horsepower Offenhauser motor. It weighs 780 pounds, is 72 inches long, and has a 32 inch wheel spread.

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

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

Mr. Smith came here from the Sunflower Ordnance Plant on March 12th. He and Mrs. Smith and four of their five children live in the Trailer Village.

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

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

## Medical Building Nearing Completion

The new medical building being constructed in the lot on the corner of Division Street and Pasco road directly across from the trailer camp is quickly nearing completion.

Besides a new contagious disease unit to replace the present Isolation hospital, the new building will include a fully equipped Infirmary to replace the present Sick Bay. One portion of the building will be a Health Center in which the Public Health functions of a Venereal Disease Clinic, Chest Clinic, and Well Baby Clinic will be carried on.

The Infirmary will function as a unit of the present central hospital. It will be a modern medical building with X-ray and laboratory fac-

## New Employees Can Enter Contest Now

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

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

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

Two 2nd prizes: Fine quality radios.

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

Ten 5th prizes: Flashlights, Jackknives, etc.

The presentation of prizes will be based on the largest number of safety hazards found in the puzzles. Winners will be those persons finding the most throughout the contest.

This week's entry must reach the Central Safety Office in Hanford Administration Building, by next Wednesday, May 17. Be sure to save your copy of the Sage Sentinel until you have handed in your contest entry. The supply is limited.

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

Turn to page 4 for this week's picture-puzzle—the third in the series.

## Explanation of 16-Day Absence Rule

The "16-day absence" rule is one that is sometimes misinterpreted when employees do not fully understand it.

The Du Pont company allows an employee this absence which does not break his service record, providing he has sufficient reason for it, has obtained his supervisor's permission, and is back at work on the 17th calendar day.

The 16 days are reckoned according to calendar rather than working days. Thus if Saturday, May 13th, were an employee's first day of absence, he must report back for work on Monday, May 29th or be subject to termination.

No one should be absent from work at any time without permission from his supervisor except in cases of emergency, when he should notify his supervisor immediately or have someone do it for him.



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## "To My Mother"

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

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

Dear Mother:

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

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

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

Your loving son,  
Roger

## Worthy of Thought

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

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

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

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

## Smoking In Bed

Repeated warnings have been issued on smoking in bed.

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

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

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

## Six Stars for Six Sons in Service



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

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

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

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

They write each of their sons at least one long letter every week . . .

which in itself keeps them pretty busy! The family has always had a "Round Robin", exchanging letters within the group.

The six are Lt. Vernal Henry Crawford, 31, with the 13th Army Air Force in the Solomons; Cpl. Donald Frank Crawford, 30, with the Signal Corps in the South Pacific; Seaman Alfred Crawford, 26, now at Fort Pierce, Florida; Seaman Dick Crawford, 19, on sea duty as a gunner; Cpl. Harold Crawford, 24, an airplane mechanic back in the States after 2 years of service overseas; and Pfc. Bob Crawford, 22, now in Italy with the Army Medical Corps.

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

By R. R. Sackett, History Dept.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The future welfare and existence of the salmon because of such obstacles has presented a definite problem to the Washington State Department of Game and National Wildlife Service. If the salmon acclimate themselves and establish spawning beds further down the river, the problem of their continued existence will be solved.



# Hanford SPORTS PARADE

## First Softball Round To Start On Monday

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

| The Schedule:  |  | Diamond |
|--|--|---------|
| MONDAY LEAGUE—May 15   |  |         |
| Transportation vs. Carpenter 100F (George)                   |  | 1       |
| Hankee James vs. Riggers 100D                                |  | 2       |
| Olympic vs. Layout Engineers                                 |  | 3       |
| TUESDAY LEAGUE—May 16  |  |         |
| Butchers vs. Riggers (Adm.)                                  |  | 1       |
| Stump-Jumpers vs. Fire Bugs (White Bluff)                    |  | 2       |
| Expeditors vs. Transportation (Spahl)                        |  | 3       |
| WEDNESDAY LEAGUE—May 17                                      |  |         |
| Earth Worms vs. Gear Jammers                                 |  | 1       |
| Fire Dep't vs. Time Office Wolves (Hanford)                  |  | 2       |
| Crane Dep't vs. Coyotes (Control) (Central Shops)            |  | 3       |
| THURSDAY LEAGUE—May 18                                       |  |         |
| Kettle Benders vs. Pilots                                    |  | 1       |
| Carpenters 100D vs. Riggers (Leazer Spur)                    |  | 2       |
| Cold Creek Coyotes vs. Mech. Dep't (Fire Dep't) (Cold Creek) |  | 3       |
| The following games will be played at 7:30 p.m., May 19:     |  |         |
| FRIDAY LEAGUE—May 19   |  |         |
| Groffhuch's Labor vs. Marshall's Labor                       |  | 1       |
| Latch's Labor vs. Swenson's Labor                            |  | 2       |
| Akers' Labor vs. Riggers 200W                                |  | 3       |

## Thanks, Mid-State!

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

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

## More Bowling Interest

Interest in Bowling has picked up considerably the past few weeks, since all leagues are now permitted to bowl three games.

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

## Tennis Courts Now Open For Play

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

## Employee Arrested For Selling Fake Tickets

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

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

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

