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HURRY! OUR COMIC STRIP NAMING CONTEST ENDS TOMORROW

Who Must File The April 15th Income Tax

Since many employees on the project cannot make an accurate estimate on their total income for the year 1944, at this date, the Information Service of the Training and Relations Division has asked the Internal Revenue Office for a ruling on such cases, and the following statement has been received:

"A declaration of estimated income tax should be filed in the quarter in which it becomes reasonable to expect that the year's income will require an estimate to be filed.

"Persons engaged in construction work or other employment of an indefinite nature would not be required to make an estimate merely because their income for the first quarter of the year was such as to require the filing of an estimate, assuming the same rate of income was maintained for the entire year

"Such persons are not required to make an estimate on April 15, but should file a declaration in June, September or December if it becomes reasonably certain that their income will exceed the amount required for filing on estimate on form 1040 ES."

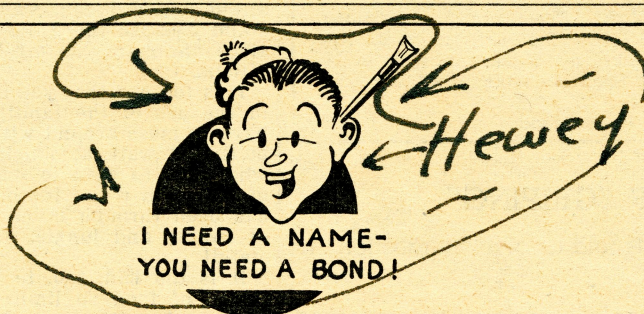
In other words, any employees who cannot make a reasonably accurate estimate before April 15th may file an estimate later in the year.

The April 15th form is very similar to the forms filled out last September and December, 1943, and must be filed if:

1. You expect to have 1944 income of more than \$2,700 if single or \$3,500 combined income for a married couple, or—
2. You expect to have outside income—in addition to wages or salaries subject to withholding tax of more than \$100 for the calendar year 1944.

The Information Service has an ample supply of forms, and is prepared to assist employees in filling them out. They may be obtained by calling at the Hanford office (located in the old Orientation Building), the Richland office or any of the field offices.

The offices in the areas are open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; the Hanford one from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Phone H-8661 for further information.



Give Him a Name . . . and Win a \$25 WAR BOND

The deadline has been extended until tomorrow night, to give everyone with "last-minute" inspirations a chance to enter the contest!

Give our comic strip hero a name—and win the \$25 War Bond contributed by the HEW Employees' Association! Judges will be Major R. I. Newcomb of the Area Engineers; H. F. Nunn, Safety Superintendent; and E. D. Raddatz of the Training and Relations Division. Here are the rules:

1. All entries must be addressed to The Sage Sentinel, Information Building, 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. All entries must be received at this office by 9 p.m. Saturday evening, April 8th. The winner will be announced in the Sentinel of April 21st.

Hanford Patrol and Yakima Authorities Arrest Robber

With the arrest of Marion Jesse Beck and Miss Olive Coldiron on Wednesday, March 29th, Hanford Patrol and Yakima authorities recovered the entire loot of the Western Union hold-up which occurred the day before.

A sum close to \$8000 was taken at 12:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 28th, when Beck, masked with a pink scarf, herded the Western Union employees into a back room of the office. One man and two women were working there at the time.

The arrest occurred at the intersection of 1st and Walnut streets in Yakima at 11:45 p.m. Wednesday night. Beck, age 28, confessed that he had committed the robbery and that he had purchased the gun in a Yakima pawn shop with that express intention.

Military Intelligence and Hanford Patrol had had Beck under surveillance for several hours preceding

apprehension. Beck pleaded guilty to robbery in the first degree in the superior court, Benton, Benton County, and was sentenced to 20 years in the state prison. Olive Coldiron has been charged as an accessory but has not been arraigned.

School Children's Salvage Contest Ends

Nearly 5,000 pounds of tin was the total salvaged by the grade school in their March contest sponsored by Youth Activities. Winners were Room 15, intermediate afternoon class; room 13, intermediate morning class; Room 8, primary morning class; and Room 19, primary afternoon class.

Barracks residents and Trailer Village residents are urged to continue saving scrap paper and tin cans for the salvage drive.

Pipe Craft Has Week's Lowest Absentee-ism

The Pipe craft surged to the front of the Absentee standings in the latest tabulations with the best percentage yet achieved by a leader in the campaign, 4.6 per cent. Electrical was second with 5.6 per cent, and Paint, a former leader, third with 5.8 per cent.

The over-all plant absenteeism percentage dipped down again to 7.6 per cent, the second best showing since the drive started at the first of the year.

Nine crafts which improved their standings over previous showings were: Carpenter, Concrete Labor, Pipe, Electrical, Mechanical, 105 Craft, Rigger, Earthworks, and Paint.

Five crafts dropped back: Labor, Carpenter Labor, Concrete, Reinforcing, and Transportation. There were six crafts which were above the plant-wide percentage: 105 Craft, Transportation, Labor, concrete Labor, Reinforcing, and Carpenter Labor.

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

Intensive Drive Started Against Traffic Violations

The Patrol Division has started an intensive drive to apprehend all persons violating traffic regulations.

Violators are subject to arrest and to other penalties set up by the Office of Price Administration.

The national wartime speed limit of 35 miles an hour is in effect throughout the project, except in areas where a lower speed limit is necessary, and this is being strictly enforced.

Drivers of private and government vehicles are warned that this campaign has been started. It is for the benefit of all, as speeding and reckless driving is a serious hazard. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Start sooner . . . drive slowly and carefully . . . and get there safely!

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"Let's ALL HEW to the Line!"

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THE LUXURY OF "GRIPING"

One of the area superintendents told us of a "suggestion" he received from one of his foremen:

"It's customary with a lot of people," the foreman explained, "to give up some luxury during the period before Easter. This year I resolved to give up, among other things the 'luxury' of griping and beefing about everything that I do not like about wartime conditions and such. You have no idea what a difference it made in my whole outlook—and what a difference it seemed to make in other folks' outlook toward me! It is an idea I want to recommend to others."

And it is a good idea indeed. We can think of no finer resolve than the one suggested by the foreman.

Spring is the season when things come to life again. Easter recalls to us the great lessons of the Resurrection. With the ideals of democracy being resurrected at last throughout the world we have a lot to be thankful for this year.

"Lost, somewhere between sunrise and sunset—one golden hour, set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward offered, for it's lost forever."

Mrs. Harriet P. Foster of the Procurement Section has sent us the following prose poem with the suggestion that it be published in the Sentinel, as many employees have expressed a wish for copies of it:

"AMERICA FIRST"

Not merely in matters material,
But in things of spirit.
Not merely in science, inventions, motors and skyscrapers,
But also in ideals, principles, character.
Not merely in the calm assertion of rights,
But in the glad assumption of duties.
Not flaunting her strength as a giant,
But bending in helpfulness over a sick and
wounded world like a good Samaritan.
Not in splendid isolation
But in courageous co-operation.
Not in pride, arrogance and disdain of other races and peoples,
But in love and understanding.
Not in treading the old, worn, bloody pathway which ends
inevitably in chaos and disaster,
But in blazing a new trail, along which, please God, others
will follow, into the new Jerusalem where wars shall be no
more.
Some day some nation must take that path, unless we are to lapse
again into utter barbarism, and that honor I covet for my
beloved America.
And so, in that spirit and with these hopes, I say with all my
heart and soul, "AMERICA FIRST!"

—Bishop Oldham.

Contributions from Our Readers

Several readers, including J. R. Evans of Patrol and Merle E. Rundell, have submitted the following article from newspaper clippings. It has been published throughout the country, including the Iroquois County Times of Watseka, Ill.:

"I Understand"

From somewhere in the South Pacific, an Iroquois County family received the following letter:
Dear Family:

It is nice to hear from you after such a long period of waiting, but it is unpleasant to learn of the many hardships brought about by your changed conditions of living—all of which I can readily understand because there has been considerable change in my living conditions, too.

It is too bad that you are limited in the use of the family car, and have to mess around with gas coupons and walk so much. I know what it is to have to walk instead of riding in a car for my walking has been through miles and miles of swamp and jungle. So I understand!

It is too bad, too, to have your choice of food so limited, and to have to do without good steaks so much of the time. I have experienced this also, except there is no choice here. So again, I understand!

It is a shame that Willie has to work so many hours a day at the defense plant. It must be awfully hard on him. But then I have to work night and day at this defense plant. So again, I understand!

It is too bad that you have so little time for amusements and haven't any place to go. But I am

deprived of amusements, too. So, I understand!

It is too bad that you have to wait out in the rain for your transportation. But then I have to get out in the rain too—sometimes for a whole week at a time without any shelter. And of course my transportation is just a little bit uncertain too. So, I understand!

It is a shame that you are paid so little for the long hours and the hard work you put in. But then I only receive a fraction of the pay you folks back home get. So, I understand!

It is too bad that you have to live under all the little rules and regulations that are so annoying. But then we have rules and regulations out here, too. So, you see, I understand!

Winning this war is hard on all of us. You work hard, put in long hours, have to limit your ordinary activities and forego much of the customary pleasures. And so do I, so I understand. But during all of these long hours, hard work and changed conditions, I get shot at! DO YOU UNDERSTAND????

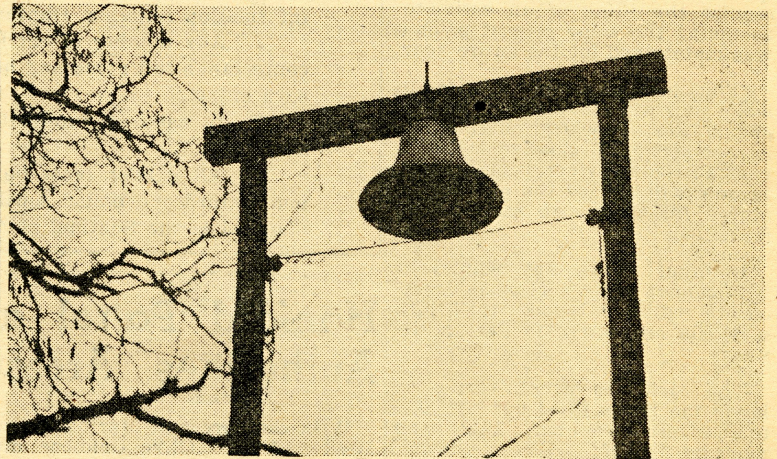
Your loving brother, BILL.

A Prizewinner!

Here's the safety jingle that won a \$1 prize recently for Helen Ramsey, typist in the investigation division:

"Safety is as vital as guns,
Safety is important to everyone,
With safety our job will be well
done,
So practice safety in earnest, not
fun."

Another Hanford Landmark Gives Way to Progress ... The Fire Bell Back of the Old Post Office



It must have been an important occasion when this fire bell was put up, way back in 1915 . . . for it had been bought with voluntary donations by the townspeople of Hanford.

But it was a routine matter when it was taken down last week, and no one was there to mourn its passing!

For what had once been a warning bell to preserve safety had now become a safety hazard, blocking a driveway used by trucks . . . and there was danger of its toppling over and injuring someone.

Those who were here "in the old days" can't remember exactly how much the bell cost, or where it came from. It's a heavy one, weighing several hundred pounds, and has an unusually clear tone.

Until it was bought, the only fire warning in Hanford was a device made from the flange of a railroad engine wheel.

The fire department in the Hanford—that-used-to-be a volunteer one, composed of everyone who arrived on the scene in time. The bell could be heard for several miles, and everyone who heard it dropped whatever he was doing to help put out the fire. The equipment consisted of a cart with a very long hose!

But the bell had its lighter moments too. The children loved it, and it always pealed out on Halloween . . . and a charivari wasn't worth the name unless the old bell was rung in honor of the newlyweds.

It's stored in a warehouse now, until some use can be found for it. Another Hanford landmark that has given way to progress.

New Gas Service Station

The Contractor Sales and Service Company has opened a gasoline service station. Hours of operation are from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. week days and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. This station is located on the old White Bluffs road two blocks north of the Ad Bldg.

This service is in addition to complete tire repair and recapping service, battery and ignition service, brake service, road service, propane gas and the regular line of work clothing which has been available for some time.

CASUAL COMMENT

By Proxy

There are plenty of sportsmen at Hanford who are followers of Isaac Walton. No doubt they were interested in the recent report made by the Isaac Walton League of America on contributions made by the sportsmen to the war effort.

In Minnesota the Waltonians collected more than five thousand pounds of feathers during the last hunting season. They are used in making sleeping bags, flying suits, and other military equipment.

Hunters in Minnesota also gathered together 2141 deer hides, the parts which usually want for waste hide stocks held by dealers were automatically frozen for Government war use.

But perhaps the biggest contribution of all is in the program for rehabilitation of disabled veterans. In the various hospitals, the sportsmen are organizing groups to talk over hunting and fishing and to practice with equipment given to the hospitals.

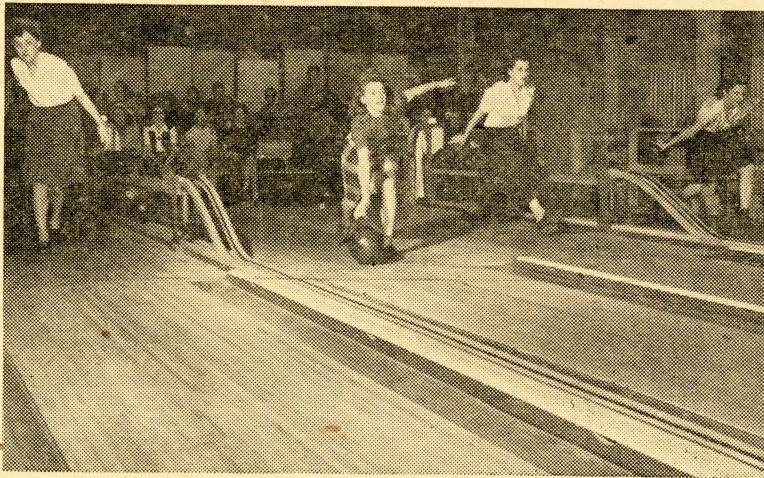
Mrs. Roy Downen Chosen Safe Driver of the Week

"Number One" Safe Driver of the Week is Mrs. Roy Downen, who has been presented with two complimentary theatre tickets by the Patrol and Safety departments.

She is a resident of the Trailer Village. Mr. Downen is a welder. Second prize went to Herman Johnson, assistant concrete superintendent, who is also a Trailer Village resident.

Hanford SPORTS PARADE

One of the Girls' Leagues 'In Action'



The Bowling Alley is a popular place these days, with the various leagues in keen competition for high scores.

Shift Leagues Wanted For Daytime Bowling

Requests from teams interested in bowling in evening leagues continue to pour in. Unfortunately, the alleys are unable to accommodate any additional leagues. However, many teams are dropping out from time to time and as they do teams on the waiting list are taking their place.

There is still lots of time available for shift leagues, both in the morning and afternoon. Teams desiring to bowl in a shift league are asked to contact the Recreation Department.

Many Mountain Climbers

Mountain-climbing is a very popular pastime, now that "spring has come."

Many people have been spending their Sunday afternoons climbing the bluffs. It's a challenging climb to would-be mountain climbers. Try it sometime!

Basketball Season Ends With Richland Banquet

As a fitting climax to the Basketball Season just ended, all members of the Hanford-Richland Basketball leagues were treated to a fine banquet last Thursday night at the Richland Cafeteria.

The Championship trophy was presented to the winning Mid-State team. The most valuable player award and highest scorer award were also given out.

Speeches were a "dime a dozen" at this affair, and everyone took his turn at handing out bouquets. Prize remark of the evening was made by Captain Gene Weston of the Patrol team, when he said; "It's been a swell season and I've thoroughly enjoyed it. I only hope we can continue this league next year, although I realize most of you fellows (speaking of the other teams) will probably be in the Service, while my boys will just be a year older."

Softball Plans Are Formulated

Formal entry blanks will be mailed out next week to all teams represented in the Hanford Softball Association. Entries, for spring and summer leagues, must be returned on or before 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 19. Teams interested in entering, and not already represented in the Association, can secure blanks from the Recreation office in the Hanford Housing building.

Some twenty crafts and departments, representing approximately fifty teams, were on hand to hear a report from the Rules & Planning Committee at a meeting held last week to complete plans for the organization of softball leagues in Hanford. Main points outlined by the committee were:

1. There will be four Class A leagues and one Major league. The Class A leagues will be composed of teams representing all areas on the project. Some areas may enter as many as eight or ten teams while others, because of their size, may be able to enter only one or two teams. All Class A league games will be twilight contests.

The Major league, intended to produce a faster brand of ball, will be made up of eight to twelve teams, representing the best players from the larger crafts or departments. Teams from small departments interested in entering this league are urged to go together with other departments to form one strong team.

2. Eligibility of players was clarified.

3. Forfeiture clause was explained.

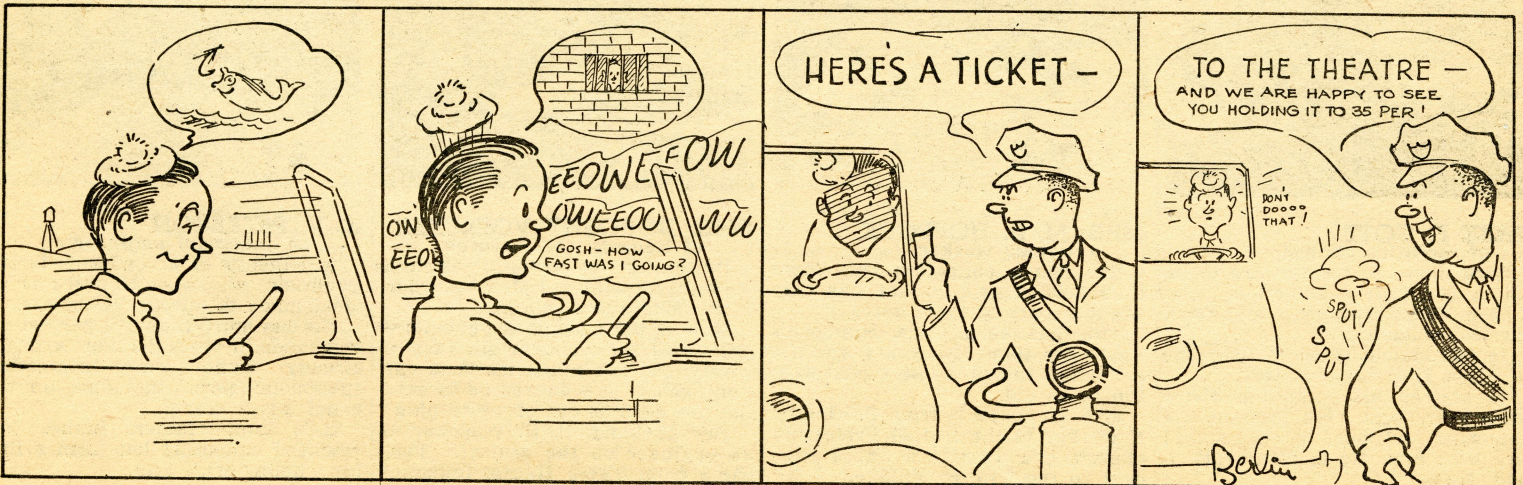
None of the rules were formally adopted at this meeting, but will be voted upon the next meeting which has been called for 8:00 p.m., April 19, in the Conference Room of the Administration Building. All team managers are urged to attend this meeting.

No date has been set for the opening of league play, but indications are that action will start sometime early in May.

Hobby Club Meeting

The Hanford Hobby Association held a meeting at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, March 30th in the downstairs room of the Community Building. Including guests and members there were 36 in attendance. Several collections were displayed by members.

Give Our Comic Strip Hero a Name—and Win a \$25 Bond!



Easter Sunrise Services To Be Held

The churches of Hanford have made special plans for the observance of Easter.

The United Protestant Church will hold a Sunrise Service on the hillside back of Hanford. The young people are in charge of the services. The Rev. Blackmon has announced that the service will begin exactly at the minute of sunrise. Transportation will be provided for those who wish to attend if they will meet at the church at 5:15 Sunday morning.

At 9:30 a.m., another Easter service will be held in the church. Sunday school will be at 9:45 as usual, and Easter Worship at 11 a.m. At 6:30 p.m., the discussion groups will hold their regular meeting. At the evening service, Dr. Perry O. Hanson, who has recently returned from mission work in China, will deliver the sermon.

The Lutherans will have an Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. at the White Chapel. At the Festive Easter service there at 6:30 that evening, the Rev. H. Conrad Hoyer, executive secretary of the Division of American Missions of the National Lutheran Council, New York, will be the guest speaker. A children's Easter Service will be held at 4 p.m. in the afternoon.

The Rev. W. J. Sweeney of the Catholic Church will conduct Mass at 10:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday in the Tent Theatre.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. W. J. Sweeney

Saturday, April 8, at Tent Theatre:
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Confessions.
6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Confessions.
Sunday, April 9, at Tent Theatre:
10:30 a.m.—Mass

UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH

J. A. Blackmon, Pastor

Sunday, April 9, at the United Church Bldg:

Sunrise—Sunrise Service
9:30 a.m.—Easter Worship
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Church Service
6:30 p.m.—Discussion Groups
8:00 p.m.—Church Service

Tuesday, April 11, at United Church Building:

8:00 p.m.—Church Board Meet

Wednesday, April 12, at United Church Building:

2:00 p.m.—Women's Association

8:00 p.m.—Mid-week prayer.

Friday, April 14, at United Church Bldg:

7:00 p.m.—Junior Choir Rehearsal

8:00 p.m.—Senior Choir Rehearsal

CHURCH OF CHRIST

E. E. Mitchell, Minister

Sunday, April 9—at White Chapel:

12:15 p.m.—Church Service

Tuesday, April 11, at White Chapel:

8:00 p.m.—Church Service.

LATTER DAY SAINTS (Mormon)

Sunday, April 9, at School Gym:

9:30 a.m.—Priesthood meeting

10:30 a.m.—Sunday School

7:30 p.m.—Speaking Service

Monday, April 10, at School Gym:

8:00 p.m.—M.I.A.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday, April 9, at Grange Hall:

10:00 a.m.; 2:30 p.m.; 7:30 p.m.

Church Services.

Thursday, April 13, at White Chapel:

8:00 p.m.—Church Service.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

(National Lutheran Council)

Sunday, April 9, at White Chapel:

4:00 p.m.—Sunday School

6:30 p.m.—Divine Worship

Friday, April 14, at White Chapel:

8:00 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal

COMMUNITY CHURCH (Colored)

201 Recreation Bldg.

Sunday, April 9:

11:00 a.m.—Service

3:00 p.m.—Service

6:30 p.m.—Bible Band

8:00 p.m.—Church Service

Hanford Library Buys Yakima Rental Collection

As we went to press, plans were being completed for the opening of the new Hanford library, to be located back of the post office.

A 1200-book rental library has been purchased in Yakima, and will form the nucleus of the collection here. According to Miss Mathea Hanson, librarian, the library hours are not definite.

However, it has been decided that there will be no charge for the use of the books, though a refundable \$2 deposit must be made to obtain a card. Books can be borrowed for one week with no charge, after which there will be a fine of 3c a day. No more than three books can be taken out at one time.

Many more books have been ordered, and will be added to the library as they arrive.

There will also be a newspaper and magazine file, and a number of reference books in the library.

Pasco Recreation Plans

The Recreation Committee for the Pasco area has announced that a complete recreation program is being set up there, and will go into operation as soon as a director is hired. It will be for adults and children over 10, and is to include organized activities of all kinds. Further announcements will be made soon.

Citation to Anne Mason

At a special meeting held in the Training and Relations Division on Friday, March 31st, Anne Mason of that division was awarded a Lieutenant's Citation from the Safety Department in recognition of the splendid safety talks she has been making throughout the project.

CINEMA THEATRE PROGRAM

Week days, continuous shows from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.: Sundays, from 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday, April 7—Double Feature:

YOUNG IDEAS, starring Mary Astor and Herbert Marshall;
SHRINE OF VICTORY, in technicolor.

Saturday, April 8:

IN OUR TIME, with Ida Lupino and Paul Henreid.

Sun. and Mon., April 9 & 10:
RATIONING, starring Wallace Beery and Marjorie Main.

Tues. Wed., Thurs., April 11, 12, 13:
A GUY NAMED JOE, starring Spencer Tracy & Irene Dunne.

Mileage Coupon News

George T. Everson of the Rationing department has received word that the following mileage coupons, which became invalid on April 1, 1944, cannot be exchanged: B, B-1, C and C-1.

Persons holding these coupons who are entitled to mileage must re-apply at the Hanford rationing office or any field ration office.

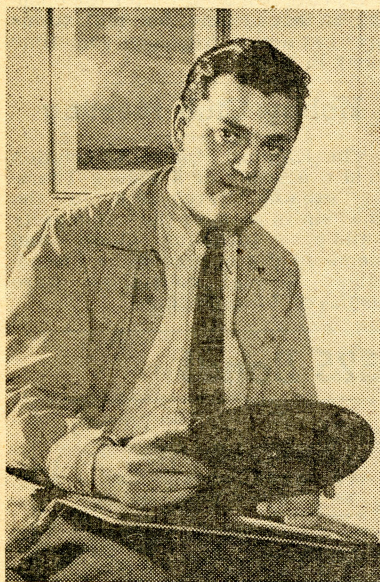
Old style E coupons for non-highway gasoline may be renewed if expiration date has not passed.

Holders of 5 gallon R coupons who purchase their gasoline from service stations must exchange them for 1 gallon E coupons. Exchanges can be made at any of our rationing offices.

T. tickets for first quarter O.D.-T. allotments expired March 31st. Second quarter allotments applications can be made.

"Hanford Hobbies"

They say that everyone should have a hobby!
Do You? Here are some interesting ones...



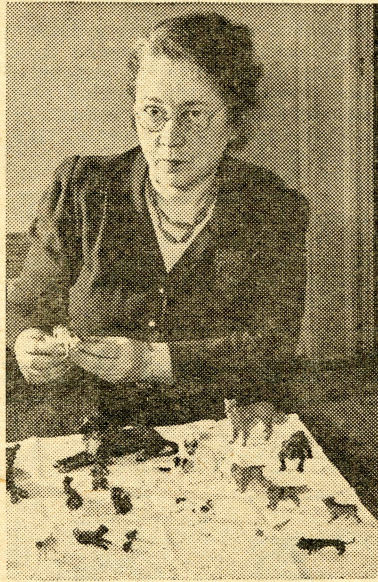
MARK F. COTE

... of facilities control

More than 170 records are included in Mr. Cote's collection, most of them being symphonic and semi-classical selections.

He has loaned some of them for the Mess Hall broadcasting.

He started his collection about three years ago. He brought his Magnavox and most of his records here with him. He is from Springfield, Mass.



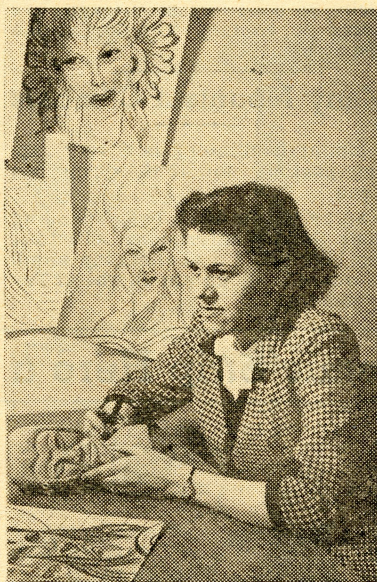
MRS. M. R. HOPPOCK

... religious worker

She has a collection of more than 3000 dogs... but has only about twenty of them here.

This has been Mrs. Hopcock's hobby for about five years, and her collection includes one model over 200 years old.

Mrs. Hopcock is from Baltimore. A worker in the United Protestant church, she lives in a house adjacent to the Trailer Village.



MRS. DOROTHY VOELCKER

... of Reports and Records

Designing modernistic heads is the unusual hobby of Mrs. Voelcker, or Reports and Records.

Most of her designs are in color—crayon, water-colors or oil. Just recently, she has taken up wood carving, and is now engrossed in carving her designs out of white pine.

Her husband, D. R. Voelcker, is an engineer on the project. They came from Terre Haute, Indiana.



E. V. PETERSON

... of industrial engineering

A collector of arrowheads is Mr. Peterson, who says Hanford is an ideal place to pursue his hobby.

He has more than 100 perfect arrowheads in his collection; and has already found some interesting specimens here, including an unusual agate stone.

He's from Hamer, Idaho. Arrowhead collecting has been a life-long hobby with him.