

# OUR YARD

SUN SHIPBUILDING AND DRY DOCK COMPANY, CHESTER, PA.



Merry Christmas  
December 1941



The Editorial Staff of "OUR YARD" wishes  
you a Merry Christmas and a New Year  
of Happiness, a happiness which will re-  
sult from the knowledge that we are doing  
our utmost to supply Our Government  
with ships vital to the defense of  
Our Country.





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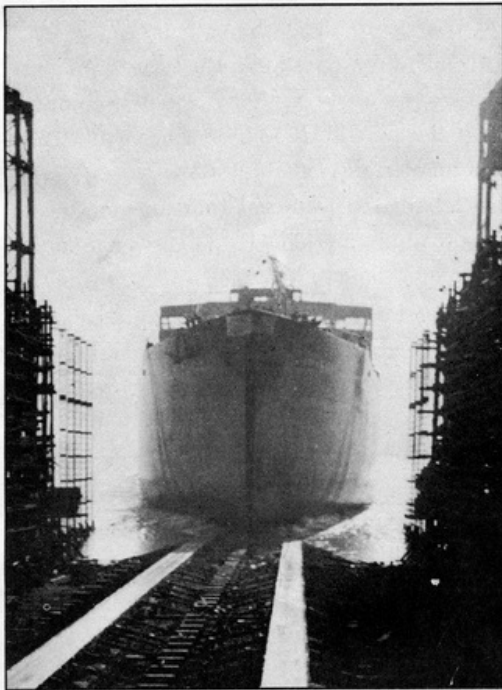
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S. S. John D. Gill, seventh of the all-welded sister tankships built for the Atlantic Refining Company in the past four years. She went down the ways on November 15 at 10:12 A. M.

# Engineering Defense Training and You

BY PROFESSOR SAMUEL T. CARPENTER,  
*Swarthmore College*

**T**HE first full year of the Engineering Defense School is about completed and this is the time to look back over the year and report to you on what has happened. In one year over 700 Sun Ship men have attended the classes at Aberfoyle, 19 well-equipped classrooms have been installed and the number of available courses has risen from 5 or 6 at the start to 25. We believe this to be an achievement when we consider that at the start the whole idea of this form of training was new to us all. A number of things had to be learned the hard way, for example, the Swarthmore staff learned very quickly that a man's button number was more important than his telephone number. Your Defense School has been recognized in many practical ways by the Sun Ship management. To mention one, Mr. John G. Pew has taken three hours off the apprenticeship period for each hour that the apprentice has spent in a Defense course. Can you ask for more tangible evidence?

We believe that the men are coming to school because they know that it will increase their ability to get ahead on their jobs. We also believe that the men attending the school have gotten a great deal out of just meeting the other fellow, exchanging a few ideas and getting better acquainted. A great deal of the success of your school has been due to the Sun Ship men who have acted as your instructors. They know you and further they know what

you need to know. Perhaps these instructors might not want it mentioned, but they also went to school for three weeks in September to learn a little more about putting their stuff over to you.

Why go to the Defense School? Just ask yourself these questions. Do I know all there is to know about my job? Am I keeping up with the parade? Can I instruct a new man and answer all of the questions he could ask? Do I have the technical fundamentals necessary to study my job? If the answer to any of these questions is NO, then you will profit by additional training. In the years of reconstruction that are bound to follow our all-out defense effort, the man who is prepared to accept new responsibilities now will be out in front then. At the present time your government has a right to expect the best effort from everyone. The courses at the School are now what your Company has visualized, a chance for a man to study in his field of interest as far as he is interested in going. Come on up to the Aberfoyle Building and talk it over.

The next term of the Defense School will start on January 5th, 1942. In case you have not heard, there is no charge for these classes other than a small sum to cover the cost of textbooks, paper and pencils. It is the opportunity of a life time, and in fact the offer is so good that we should be turning men away for lack of space. Come up and register for the next term.



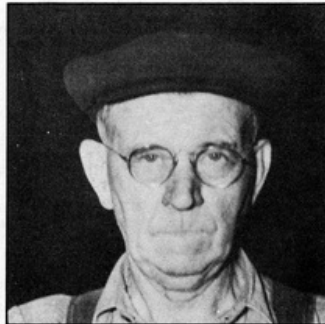
## 250 YEARS OF SERVICE



**C. March**  
41 Years Service

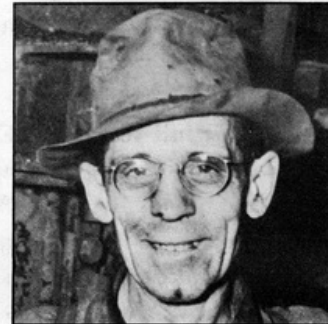
He started to work in Wetherill plant October 26, 1898 as an outside erector. He worked at this for 25 years. Notable among his many experiences is the fact that he helped in the construction of the present Sun Ship Yard.

For relaxation give him a good book and a comfortable chair.



**James Logue**  
44 Years Service

"Jim" is a craneman in the Foundry. He was born in Donegal, Ireland. He came to the U. S. in 1897 where he started to work in the Wetherill Plant. At first he drove a team of horses, then worked on the floor, and later was made a Craneman. He has four children, two boys and two girls. One son, James, Jr., is a repairman in the Wetherill Shop. The other son, Joseph, is in the Army, near the Canadian Border at present.



**Harry Esrey**  
37 Years Service

Harry is married and has three girls and one boy. He has one son working in the Pipe Shop. Harry was one of the men who built the first cylinder for the first Sun Ship vessel built here in Chester. His father served 63 years in the Wetherill plant until his death a year ago. Harry's slogan is "Hard work never hurt anyone".



**James Gallagher**  
54 Years Service

Jim is a widower, with one girl. He started to work in the Main Office when he first came to the Wetherill Plant, and has been doing all-around jobs ever since. He has worked in the tool room, as a watchman, helper, timekeeper, etc.



**James Bell**  
36 Years Service

Jim is married and has four sons, one an apprentice in the Machine Shop, one a Crane Operator, second shift, and one a Clergyman. He worked in Foundry for nine years, and was moved to Crane Operator. Jim was the first man to use the 100-ton crane in the Boiler shop. He likes horse racing and fooling around the home.

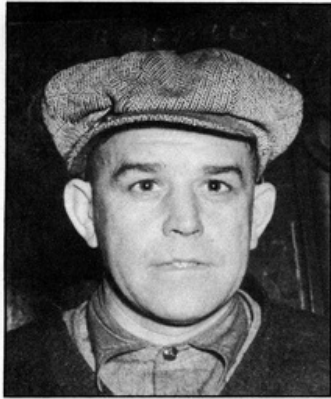


**Charles Brown**  
38 Years Service

Charlie is married, and has been working in the Blacksmith shop since starting to work for the Wetherill plant.

He likes to spend his time around the home.

## ══════════ AROUND THE YARD ══════════



**George Hinkle**  
4 Years Service

George is married and the father of two boys and one girl. He is a stage builder and carpenter, having learned his trade in Philadelphia shops. His hobby is playing with electric trains (most probably belonging to his sons). He has served six years with the United States Navy.



**Frank Cuore**  
20 Years Service

Frank came to Sun Ship as a helper, and for the past five years he has operated the same piece of machinery. Frank doesn't care for any type of sports, but will go out of his way to see a good movie. He is single and lives with his parents in Milmont Park.



**William Nowak**  
19 Years Service

"Bill" was born in Poland and came to the United States in 1913. "Bill" lives here in Chester and is the father of two boys and one girl. One boy is taking a Machinist Course in High School and expects to work at Sun Ship later on. "Bill" started working for Sun Ship in 1919 and works on the Second Shift.



**Edward Shaw**  
3 Years Service

"Ed" was born and schooled in Camden, New Jersey. He worked locally before coming to Sun Ship in 1937. "Ed" works in the Electrical Dept. on second shift. He is married and lives in Chester.



**Patrick McHale**  
18 Years Service

"Pat" was born on the Emerald Isle and received his early education there. He came to this country as a very young man, and after working in Chester plants until 1921, he joined Sun Ship. Pat is ground man for the cranes in C shop.



**John McConnell**  
8 Years Service

"Fatjohn" McConnell is married and the father of two boys and one girl. When he first came to the Yard he worked in the boiler shop. "Fatjohn's" favorite sport is soccer.



# MEN OF STEEL



THE SPIRIT

Editor's Note: — Each issue of "OUR YARD" will contain a cartoon of a well known yard employee, or person often seen in the yard. If the subject recognizes himself, he may call at the Office and receive the original cartoon as well as a year's subscription to "OUR YARD".

## SAFETY DEPARTMENT



Sheldon Cochran, Robert Mitchell, Thomas Caley, H. B. Cressy, E. E. White, Fred Chambers, Clyde Joseph, Earl Young, Howard Hills, Jack Piersol, George Lentz (not in picture).

The Safety Department is the one department in the company that everyone belongs to. If this were not so, there would hardly be a necessity for such a Department. Successful safety is dependent on the 100% cooperation of everyone, and is no stronger than its weakest link.

The Management Officials and the Employees must work together in this Department, whose sole purpose is the preservation of life, limb and happiness.

Your Safety Department is trying hard to reach this goal. The Department welcomes your suggestions and asks that for the good of everyone, you work intelligently and with regard to your own safety and that of your fellow employees.

Wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and one that is

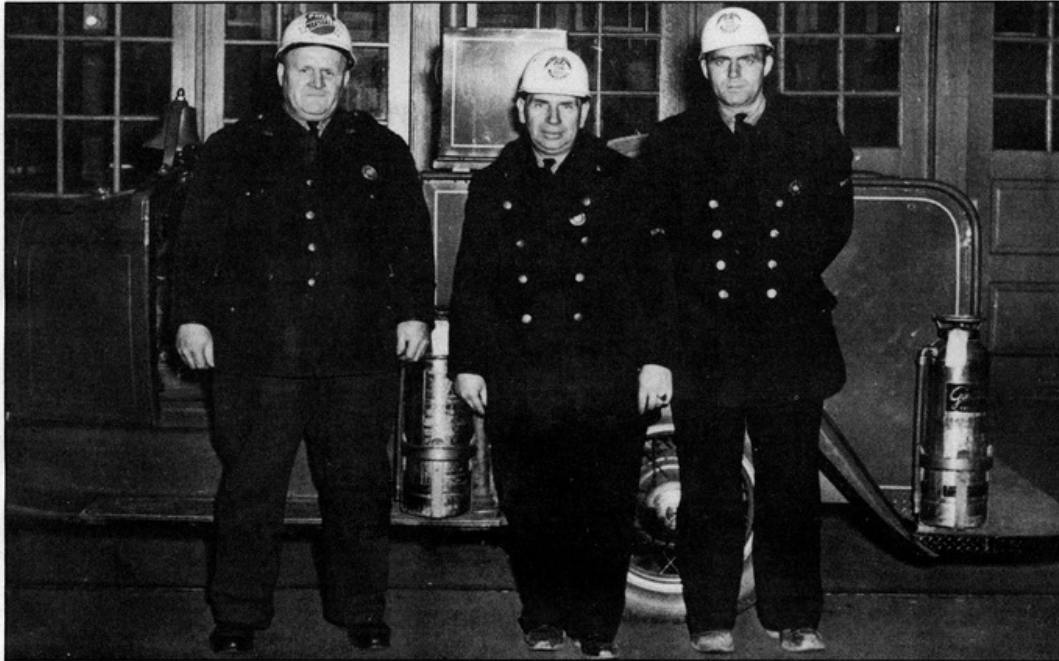
**SAFE**

**PRODUCTIVE**

**SANE**



## FIRE DEPARTMENT



Left to Right John L. Ogden, Paul Sizes, and George Wood

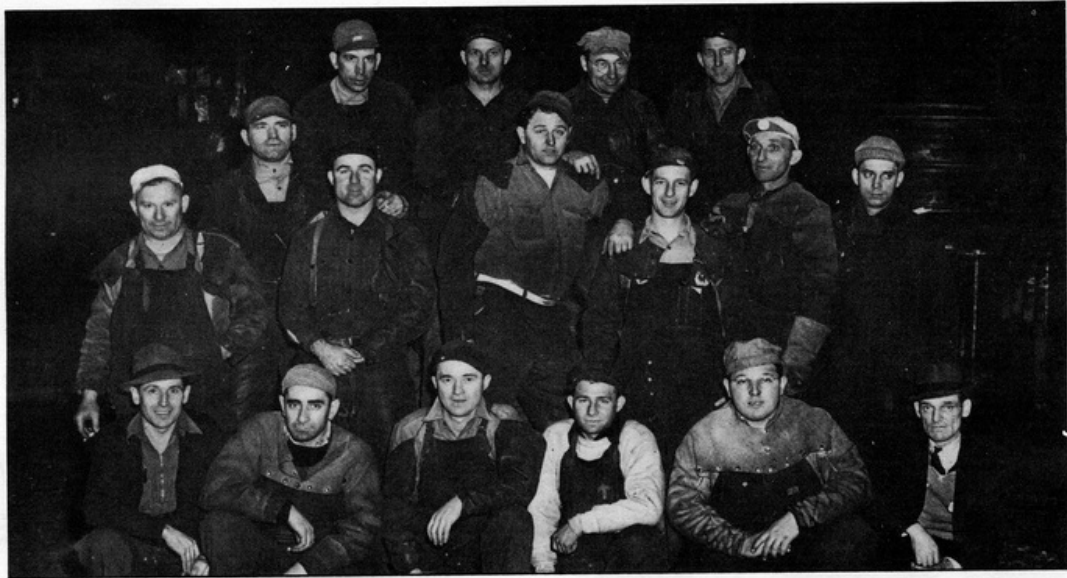
After a lapse of eight years this Department was reorganized in May, 1941 to its full strength, under the able leadership of Superintendent of Guards James Lafferty, with Assistant Marshal John L. Ogden and Fire Marshals Paul Sizes and George Wood. Marshal Sizes and Marshal Wood are in charge of the North Yard, while Marshal Ogden covers the South and Central Yards, and supervises the whole Yard. In addition to his twenty years' experience Fire Marshal Ogden is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Colwyn No. 1 Fire Company and a member of the Delaware County Firemen's Association.

Among the many duties of the Fire Department are the following: Placing equipment where it will be easily accessible, checking all fire hazards, talk-

ing to and instructing the men in the dangers of fire. The men in the Yard are being taught how to use the fire extinguishing equipment, and are told not to wait until a fire marshal appears. It is Marshal Ogden's regret that, because of the number of men now employed in the Yard, there were more fires during the month of November than in any other month since the present system started.

The Supt. would like at this time to ask all the men to be very careful in this matter because a serious fire now would mean both the loss of work and the holdup of the present defense program. In the near future, a volunteer fire company for the Yard will be formed. Plans are still tentative, but any man wishing to cooperate may leave his name with any of the fire marshals.

## — — — — — SUN SHIP WELDERS — — — — —



### CODE WELDERS

Front row, left to right, W. Davis, W. Laurelli, J. Solis, E. Spain, H. Trotman, H. Butler.  
Second row, left to right, F. Babick, A. Sanatrick, M. Saneck, H. Johnston, W. Corter, J. Powell, A. Thompson.  
Third row, left to right, J. Boyd, J. Faverio, W. Benner, C. Corter.



### SECOND SHIFT WELDERS

Top row, left to right, Moran, Duda, Rhode, Palmer, Kozlowski, Senderling, Brown, Demiglio, Brysiak, Heilman, Shinn.  
Center row, left to right, Cohen, Lenczynski, Thompson, Lewis, Dillard, Misetic, La Spada, Whitby, Klopfer, Newman.  
Bottom row, left to right, Morrison, Kanetski, Plum, Jarek, Deering, Darlington, Miller, Burnett.



# . . . So I'm Told

*This, my lads, is not pure fiction.  
There was a guy who was an electrician.  
Intelligent—there is no doubt,  
And one who knew what it was all about.*



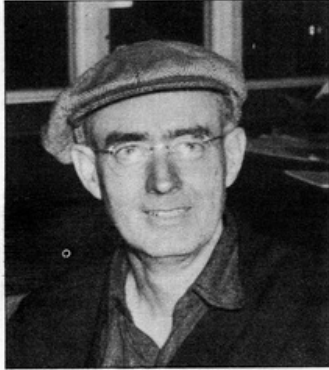
*During a rain as you can see,  
He started to fool with electricity.  
Only a bulb to be put therein—  
Needed a light where it was awfully dim.*



*Didn't watch where he was about to step,  
Didn't look to see if it were wet.  
Got a shock that knocked him cold.  
Darned near killed him, so I'm told.*



## THEY BUILD SUN SHIPS



**Gerald Evans**  
13 Years Service

Gerald, Leader of the Crane Operators, was born in Norristown 48 years ago. He came to Sun Ship in 1917, left in 1920, and returned in 1932. Gerald worked on Mine Sweeper "Edylyn," and has been employed at Sun Ship for 13 years.



**Charles Laber**  
13 Years Service

"Charlie" works in Dept. 34. He is well-known for his reputation as an expert hunter and fisherman. "Charlie" likes to fish so well that he tows his own outboard motor to distant fishing haunts. He has one son, attending Prospect Park High School.



**William Dill**  
20 Years Service

"Bill" is Assistant Foreman in the Boiler Shop. He served for six years in the U. S. Field Artillery, three years in Fort Lull, Oklahoma, and three outside of the United States. He spends his leisure time listening to his favorite programs on the radio.



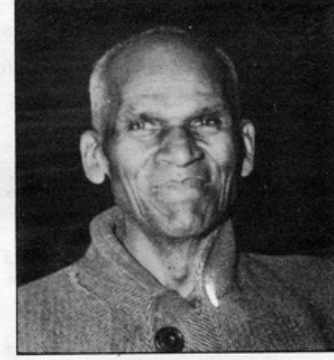
**Alexander Osowski**  
11 Years Service

"Alec" Osowski, Electrician Leader, was born in Jersey City, N. J. in 1908. He is now a resident of Chester, and the father of a nine year old girl. After working for the Aberfoyle Manufacturing Company, he came to Sun Ship in 1928. "Alec" used to play and swim, years ago, where the Sun Shipyard now stands.



**William Hadley**  
14 Years Service

"Bill" Hadley, a Leader on Marine Electrical Work, was born in the "Sunny South", Miami, Florida, to be exact. "Bill" makes his home in Morton, and came to Sun Ship in 1922. He quit in 1923, worked for Ringling Bros. Circus till 1927, then returned to Sun Ship. He is well-known for his ability as a "go getter". "Bill" is married and has one boy and a girl working for Sun Ship in the office.



**Eldridge Davis**  
21 Years Service

Eldridge, Cleaner in 67 Department, is a widower with two children. He is a Leader, and Trustee of the A. M. E. Church in Chester, and is well-known for his activities in all Church affairs.

Active in Dept. 67 all these years, "Doc" is well liked by everyone he comes in contact with.

## Defense Training in Mold Loft Work

BY JOHN TEMPLE

The defense course in mold loft work consists of the fairing up and laying of a body plan to one half scale and the laying out of actual jobs on the mold loft floor to one half scale.

Frank Ives, who incidentally has been relieved by John Gleave, has instructed his class, which consists of men that have been working in the loft for quite some time, in the fairing and laying of the body plan.

The body plan at the present time is nearing completion and both instructor and students are proud of the fine looking job they have done.

My class consists mostly of men from the various fabricating shops who came to the school and were eventually hired in the loft when they showed promise of becoming loftsmen. I have been instructing them in actual jobs from blue prints since this is more elementary than taking the work from the body plan. So far, we have covered the flat

keel, vertical keel, frames, bulkheads, decks and shell longitudinals. This work we ordinarily class as straight work.

From now on, we will branch into simple developments while Gleave takes his class into the more complicated kinds of development.

Listed below are the students who are attending the classes:—

D. Cadman	A. Hankins
R. Hoot	W. Spencer
R. Ickes	F. Moore
W. Hallman	C. Nelson
J. McCracken	W. Price
W. Vogel	E. Bowers
J. Stevens	H. Peters
V. Frederick	W. Crisman
H. Patterson	A. Fiedler
J. Miller	W. Rouke
A. Guigley	S. Olesnevich

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## Our Blood Bank

A sick child, or wife, or injured man in need of blood to save his or her life. A call to the Safety Department any hour of the day or night, and a volunteer blood donor, of the proper blood type is on his way.

In this way, since March of 1941, the "Blood Bank" of the Yard has taken care of a dozen cases.

This group of volunteers now numbering sev-

enty-five men, came into existence after a number of individual men had requested such an organization.

As suggested by these men, their services are restricted to their fellow workmen and families.

"OUR YARD" congratulates these men on their willingness to offer their blood so freely, and their excellent example of Charity and Good Will towards their fellow employees.







## TO THE SUN SHIP FAMILY

*Napoleon said in his day that an army traveled on its stomach. As we have progressed since his time the picture has changed very slightly.*

*Today with the mechanized forces of the Army and Navy, the stomach has grown to include the boilers of our battle fleet, the engines of our tanks and planes.*

*Sun Ship as the largest merchant yard in this country has become a vital unit in producing ships to deliver the food for this new stomach of our mechanized forces.*

*I am sure we all realize the importance of the work we are doing here, and will carry out the wishes of the President of these United States to deliver as many of our ships as possible in the days to come.*

*I wish to extend to you my heartfelt wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year at this time, with the hope that by our work here we may speed the day when Peace and the Christian Way of Life may return to the world at large.*

*John F. Lewis,*



# SUN SHIP SPORTS

## INTER-DEPARTMENT BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The Sun Ship Interdepartment Basketball League came into the limelight with the opening of the 1941-42 Schedule on Monday night, December 8th, at the Columbus Center Hall.

The defending champions are the Counters, (91 Dept.) who have won the League in the only two years of its existence, and are the favorites to repeat this year. Also expected to be right in the thick of the competition are: The Copper Shop, runner-up last year; The Giant Erectors, averaging six feet two inches; Shipfitters, Welders, Cleaners, Sheet Metal, Electrical, Riggers, Machine Shop, Pipe Shop, and last but not least the Office Force Five, who round up a twelve team League.

The Committee in charge have appointed Officials; the veteran Johnny Crist, and the newcomer "Scotty" Howat, replacing Charles Barrow. Barrow is in the Army. Bill Coupe will again take care of the scoring of the games and also serve as Secretary of the League.

## GIRLS' BOWLING LEAGUE

On the feminine side of the Shipyard, the girls have formed a bowling league consisting of four (4) teams.

Order Dept., Stenographic Dept., Payroll and Purchasing, with the Order Dept. and Purchasing leading the league.

Helen Winfree has had high average with Edith White from Purchasing, Della Yarnell from Order and Marie Zimath of Payroll running a close second.

Diminutive Andy MacLachlan again proves age old adage "It's not the quantity that counts but the quality" by his fine showing in the Chester Men's Doubles Tennis Championship for 1941, which have just currently concluded. Andy shared the honors with his capable partner, John Laird. They finished as runners-up in a field consisting of some very fine tennis players.

## MORNING "B" LEAGUE

### FIRST THIRD

Sheet Metal	2749	— Team High 3 games
Sheet Metal	1047	— Team High 1 game
Baker-Welders	664	— Individual High — 3 games
Lowthert-Welders	253	} tie Individual High — 1 game
Bottomley-Pipe Shop	253	
Glennon-Sheet Metal	178	— Individual High average

<i>Standings of Teams</i>	W. L.
Riggers	31- 9
Welders	28-12
84 Dept.	29-11
Pipe Shop	22-18
Wetherill	21-19
Sheet Metal	17-23
Electricians	15-25

Drydock	15-25
Cranemen	12-28
Machine Shop	10-30

2nd third is already 3 weeks old and the fast improving Wetherill team is leading the league with a clean sweep of 12 games. All teams are improving. Come out, 2nd Shift, and root for your team.



# 17 Men Get Service and Loyalty Emblems

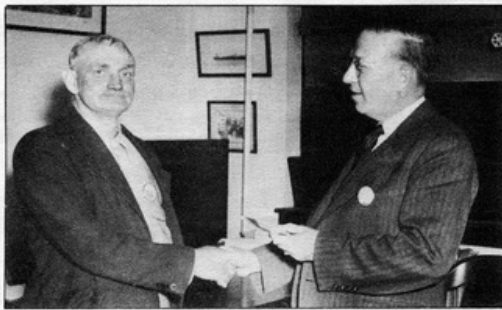
For the period ending with November, 1941, an additional number of employees were presented with Emblems.

A total of seven men received awards designating that they had finished ten years of service at Sun Ship.

"OUR YARD," in its infancy, wishes to extend to these men congratulations on having passed their tenth anniversary of affiliation with their yard, as well as to the others whose names are added to our Honor Roll at this time for fifteen, twenty, and twenty-five years of service.

## HONOR ROLL

We extend hearty congratulations to the following employees who received Service and Loyalty Emblems as of November 1941:



H. Burress is presented by Mr. Burke with an emblem of 15 years service.



F. Miles, who has been with Sun Ship for 20 years, receives his emblem from Mr. Burke.



John G. Pew, Jr. presents B. Constantine with an emblem of 20 years service.



P. Blotney gets an emblem for his 20 years with Sun Ship.

- 34- 1 — George D. Carney 25 years
- 97- 1 — N. L. Jamieson . . . 25 years
- 1- 18 — E. Strohl . . . . . 15 years
- 8- 8 — G. Templer . . . . . 25 years
- 8- 69 — W. Herbert . . . . . 10 years
- 8-544 — R. Lego . . . . . 10 years
- 8-588 — A. Allen . . . . . 20 years
- 33- 38 — A. Osowski . . . . . 10 years
- 34- 12 — C. Tourville . . . . . 15 years
- 34- 77 — C. Krichbaum . . . 10 years
- 42- 30 — A. Hunley . . . . . 15 years
- 51- 55 — C. Pacitti . . . . . 10 years
- 51-454 — M. Dugan . . . . . 15 years
- 65- 22 — J. Alexy . . . . . 15 years
- 74-105 — W. Lewis . . . . . 10 years
- 91-129 — S. Yankanich . . . 15 years
- 91-524 — F. Moore . . . . . 10 years



L. Abbruzzesi receives a 15 years service emblem.



Harry Fink receives an emblem signifying his 20 years service with the company.

SUN SHIP



**Nace Jamerson**  
20 Years Service

Nace is an Assistant Foreman in Department 67. He is married, has three children and seven grandchildren. Nace is happy with rod and reel and a nearby fishing stream, and spends most of his leisure time pursuing this sport.

Nace is an industrious worker and always on the job—bright and early.



**J. F. Roeske**  
20 Years Service

Mr. Roeske, Chief Draftsman, and Assistant Naval Architect, was born and raised in the "City of Brotherly Love". He graduated from Central High School and later matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Roeske worked for Cramp Shipbuilding Company in Philadelphia for sixteen years, and in 1916 he started to work for Sun Ship.



**E. D. Hoskins**  
20 Years Service

Mr. Hoskins is still enjoying single bliss and lives with his sister. He worked in the Loft for six years before starting in the hull drawing room. Vacation time finds Mr. Hoskins heading for the wide open spaces of the West, while his hobby at home is playing the pipe organ.



**J. MacKay**  
19 Years Service

"Mac," as he is known to everyone, started as a Counter, where he worked for five years. He was then made "Boss" of Time Keeping and is still on the job. "Mac" served in the Medical Corps Vet. Service for 11 months in World War I. (Ed. note: All mechanical now, so you don't have to worry). He has one daughter, who works in the office of Sun Ship.



**Edward Woolley**  
23 Years Service

Mr. Woolley was born in England, and worked in the Lace Mills there and in this country, until he came to the Sheet Metal Shop here in 1918. As Vice President of the Mutual Benefit Association, and Director of Welfare, he has given his wholehearted services to the men of the Yard. Mr. Woolley, as a Lay Minister, has the authority and sanction of his Church to preach and administer burial rites.



**George Rennett**  
23 Years Service

George is everyone's friend, always ready to help out and never too busy to see. George is the kind of "Boss" who takes off his coat and digs in to help any timekeeper that is stuck. George started as Timekeeper in 42 Department, then was made Leader of Timekeepers and is still doing his job. He has two children, one boy and a girl. George likes to play cards on Saturday nite.

# PERSONALITIES



**Thomas Morrissey**  
11 Years Service

"Tom," Leader in Department 55, Chipping and Caulking, came to Sun Ship in 1919. He resides in Woodlyn, is married and the father of three children. When he isn't working in the yard, you can find "Tom" either at the Bowling Alley, or a nearby Trout stream.



**Leroy Garrett**  
3 Years Service

Leroy Garrett, Berthing Inspector, was born in Chester twenty-three years ago, and still lives here. He came to Sun Ship in 1933, starting his first job. "Roy" is "single, with hopes", and is studying Mechanical Engineering at Drexel. Roy's favorite sports — football and swimming.



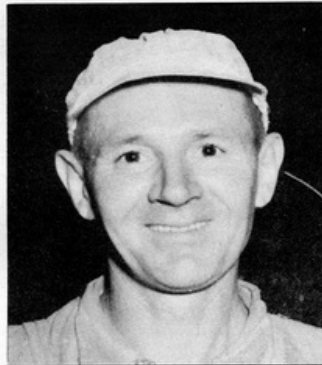
**Benjamin McCray**  
5 Years Service

"Ben" is a shop man in the Paint Department, born and raised in Chester. He is married and has two children. One boy, Ben, Jr., started as an apprentice in the Copper Shop at Sun Ship. "Ben" came here in 1936. For outside interests, he'll take fishing and crabbing.



**Mark Murtaugh**  
23 Years Service

Mr. Murtaugh, a widower, is the head of Department 67. He has one son working as a Counter in 91 Department. Mr. Murtaugh says, "I have one of the finest groups of boys in the Yard". He is a wizard at card playing.



**Walter Barr**  
7 Years Service

Walter works in Department 69, Painting and Spraying, and hails from Wilmington, Delaware. Before coming to Sun Ship, in 1934, he worked for the Ford Motor Company. He is married, the father of two children and is a Philatelist, or Stamp Collector, in his spare moments.



**James W. Nelson**  
21 Years Service

"Jim" is married and has two boys working in the Shipyard, one in 80 Dept., and the other in his own department, 67. He likes to read baseball stories and when time permits, witnesses the national pastime.





**WESTERN UNION**

STCH 1 EX#TD CHESTER PENN DEC 8 125P  
 FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT=  
 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON DC=  
 AT THE REQUEST OF OUR EMPLOYEES LOUD SPEAKERS WERE PLACED  
 AT DIFFERENT PLACES TO HEAR YOUR SPEECH AT THE CONCLUSION  
 THE EMPLOYEES ADOPTED A RESOLUTION TO DO THEIR UTMOST TO  
 BUILD ALL SHIPS POSSIBLE DURING THE WAR WHICH WAS  
 INEVITABLE THE MANAGEMENT JOINS IN THIS RESOLUTION AND MAY  
 GOD BLESS AND PROTECT YOU=  
 JOHN & PEW PRESIDENT SUNSHIP BUILDING AND  
 DRYDOCK COMPANY

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**Postal Telegraph**  
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STCH 21/19=TD CHESTER PENN DECEMBER 8 1941  
 FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT=  
 WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC=  
 THE MEN OF #75 DEPARTMENT 200 STRONG ARE 100% FOR THE STAND YOU  
 HAVE TAKEN IN THE PRESENT CRISIS=  
 J SEAMAN SUN SHIPBUILDING AND DRYDOCK CO.

**Postal Telegraph**  
 Monkey Radio, Commercial Cable, Canadian Pacific Telegraph

STCH 41/39 3 EX#TD CHESTER PENN DECEMBER 8 1941  
 FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT=  
 WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC=  
 WE MEN OF #74 DEPARTMENT THINK YOU ARE 100% CORRECT IN STATING  
 THAT WE WILL CLEANUP IN THE END AND THE MEN IN THIS DEPARTMENT  
 NUMBERING 117 WILL DO EVERYTHING ON OUR PART TO HELP YOU=  
 WILLIAM BRIANTALL, GENERAL TOOL SUPERVISOR  
 SUN SHIPBUILDING AND DRYDOCK CO.

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**WESTERN UNION**

STCH 27# CHESTER PENN DEC 8 1941 258P  
 FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
 WASHINGTON DC=  
 AS HEAD OF DEPARTMENT 84 OF THE SUN SHIPBUILDING AND  
 DRYDOCK COMPANY I HEREBY PLEDGE YOU 100 PERCENT COOPERATION  
 BOTH FOR THE MEN UNDER ME AND MYSELF=  
 WILLIAM B RENNIE

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**WESTERN UNION**

43 1 EXTRA CHESTER PENN DEC 8 1941 332P  
 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
 WASHINGTON DC

THE ENTIRE ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE SUNSHIP BUILDING AND DRYDOCK COMPANY 567 STRONG WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE HEARTEDLY IN ACCORD WITH YOUR STAND IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND WILL SHOW OUR APPRECIATION BY TURNING OUT SHIPS AND MORE SHIPS  
 OSCAR HOLT FOREMAN ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

(COPY)

**Postal Telegraph**

STCH 31/30-TD CHESTER PENN DECEMBER 8 1941  
 FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT  
 WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC

WE THE EMPLOYEES OF THE MOLDLOFT OF SUN SHIPBUILDING AND DRY DOCK COMPANY STAND 100% BACK OF YOU AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USA IN THIS FIGHT AGAINST OUR AGGRESSORS  
 C DUKE, SUPERINTENDENT.

**Postal Telegraph**

STCH 26/26-TD CHESTER PENN DECEMBER 6 1941  
 FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT  
 WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC

THE 1250 MEN IN #47 DEPARTMENT OF THE SUN SHIPBUILDING AND DRY DOCK COMPANY NOW WORKING ON DEFENSE WORK PLEDGE YOU 100% COOPERATION  
 GEORGE D ROUSE.

**WESTERN UNION**

39 2 EXTRA CHESTER PENN DEC 8 1941 300P  
 FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT,  
 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON DC

AS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE FABRICATING DIVISION OF THE SUN SHIPBUILDING AND DRYDOCK COMPANY I WISH TO EXTEND THE APPROVAL OF YOUR STAND IN THIS CRISIS AND ALL OUT COOPERATION OF MYSELF AND THE MEN IN THESE DEPARTMENT  
 WILLIAM B BEATTY SUPERINTENDENT FABRICATING

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**WESTERN UNION**

61 5 EXTRA CHESTER PENN DEC 8 1941 300P  
 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
 WASHINGTON DC

REPRESENTING OVER 14000 SHIPYARD WORKERS OF THE SUNSHIP BUILDING AND DRYDOCK COMPANY CHESTER PENN WE PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. ALL WE FURTHER PLEDGE OUR FULL SUPPORT TO YOU AS CHIEF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE  
 JOHN BEGLEY PRESIDENT JOHN A ALBANY SECRETARY

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**WESTERN UNION**

106 54 EX CHESTER PENN DEC 8 1941 314P  
 FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT  
 UNITED STATES WASHDC

WE THE SUPERINTENDENTS AND FOREMANS IN THE HULL DEPARTMENT OF THE SUN SHIPBUILDING AND DRYDOCK COMPANY CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR COURAGEOUS STAND FOR THE WELFARE OF OUR COUNTRY AND WISH TO ASSURE YOU OF OUR UNSTINTED SUPPORT WE EXPECT TO SET A RECORD FOR BUILDING SHIPS THAT HAS NEVER BEEN EQUALED ANYWHERE

A A NORTON  
 J J NEARY, S A MCSHANE,  
 H D CAMPBELL, D A CADMAN, J IRELAND,  
 G PETCHEL, G MACHAMER, LEWIS SPATH, M MURTAUGH,  
 F N HOOT JR, J MEWHA, J MCCANN, C BRYSON, F RYAN,  
 E HIPPLE, A MILLAY, L VANHORN, WILLIAM ROUKE,  
 W Y PAYNE, JOHN BAIR JR, THOMAS ICKES, ED MCDADE,  
 SAM ADAMS

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**WESTERN UNION**

73 1 EXTRA CHESTER PENN DEC 8 1941 322P  
 FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT,  
 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON DC

IT WAS OUR PLEASURE TO BE AMONG THE THOUSANDS WHO LISTENED TO YOUR SPEECH TODAY AT 1230 PM WE WISH TO IMPRESS UPON YOU THAT WE LISTENED APPROVED AND CHEERED NOT AS REPUBLICANS DEMOCRATS ETC BUT AS 100 PERCENT AMERICANS WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE IN THE FORGE AND ANGLE SHOPS IN THE SUNSHIP BUILDING AND DRYDOCK COMPANY ARE WITH YOU 100 PERCENT IN ANY UNDERTAKING WHICH YOU MAY TAKE  
 A S HALL SUPERINTENDENT FORGE AND ANGLE SHOP

(COPY)

THE WHITE HOUSE  
 WASHINGTON

December 10, 1941

My dear Mr. Pow:

The President asks me to express his thanks to you for your telegram. He deeply appreciates the loyal spirit which prompted it.

Very sincerely yours,

*M. H. McIntire*  
 M. H. MCINTIRE  
 Secretary to the President

John G. Pow, Esq.,  
 President,  
 Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Company,  
 Chester,  
 Pennsylvania.

## *Musical Extravaganza*



Among our talented musicians of the Military Band are some eighteen men who have fashioned themselves into a Dance Band of the highest quality.

These men, through their love of entertainment for the employees of the Shipyard, formed themselves into a show band, and with the assistance of some very talented singers and dancers, under the direction of Tommy Leeson and Ralph Jones, presented on Thursday evening, November 20th, the Musical Extravaganza for the benefit of the Sun Ship Athletic Association Building Fund, before an audience of some nine hundred enthusiastic Sun Ship employees and their families.

In addition to the directors, the band consists of the following talented men: R. Meluney, A. Atkins, F. Craemer, N. Cassamassi, W. Dix, J. Pullen, E. Janley, J. Hannum, M. Kowalchuk, L. Wise, C. McKnight, E. Gorbey, E. Price. These boys not only rendered some very fine orchestrations of

their own, but also accompanied the singing of Wills Brodhead, George Turner, Allen King, Ed. Price, Ed. Kane, not forgetting the cute rendering of "Kiss the Boys Good-bye" by Dot Rumford. Comedy was sprinkled far and wide during the entire performance, and was neatly furnished by Billy Ward, Eddie Gorbey, Ralph and Tommy. The fine dancing of Billy Ward, the twirling batons of Emma Mulqueen, the drumming of W. Burris, T. Scully and F. Natalie was a feature of the closing military number. A fashion revue was presented by several members of the fairer sex. Those participating were Miss McCloskey, who also tap danced, the Misses McKay, Mulqueen, Rodgers, Verhey, Hosler and Miss Renz, who also acted as the sponsor for the launching of the model tanker. An additional feature of this fashion revue was the singing "Sweet Alice Blue Gown" by Jean Bishop and the comedy dance by "Mickey Mouse" Mathews.



# Pick-ups from the Yard

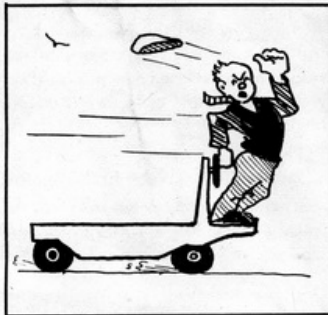
## 78 DEPARTMENT

Petchel proudly passes Puff Puffs, proclaiming "Pappa". Grandad Whitey, however, cleverly eluded the cigar issue by steadfastly disclaiming any responsibility for the off-spring. Young Petchel isn't clear yet on what his young son's lot will be, but at present he's a "Holder-On".

Norman Paul was struck down by the ever-searching mortal with the bow and arrow. He was married on Thanksgiving Day.

"Sy" Slocum and Earl Ewing headed South last Saturday. Those ads showing the pulchritude on the beach must have done it.

Even the Army claims Burke is too fat (30 lbs.). It looks like he has lost some, however, since the Pacific incident . . .



## OFFICE JOTTINGS

Louis Hazlett, our receptionist, just purchased an electric train outfit. We'll bet he will have an exciting Christmas.

Coleman J. Gaal, a clerk in the Contract Department, will spend the next few months recuperating from an illness. You can bet he will have all the best wishes for a quick recovery and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We're pulling for you Jim.

It's happened—Miss Elizabeth MacAskie of the Contract Department has just recently announced her engagement to welder E. Rogere, and boy! — she has the rock to show for it.

"Our Yard" wishes to take this opportunity to apologize to the Superintendent, Chief, and Captains of the Guard Force, whose group picture appeared in our last issue, for not printing the names of the force below their picture. The men shown in this picture were: Captain H. W. Shain, Captain J. A. Martin, Superintendent J. Lafferty, Chief C. H. Thompson, and Captain J. B. Johnson.

The Payroll department, although busy keeping up to defense schedule, finds time for a little fun. At the last skating party, held on the Great Leopard rink, Sara Connolly and Bill McClure were the figure skaters giving quite an exhibition. A new party is planned for January 14th and everyone is welcome.

John McIlhenny was presented with many gifts as he prepared to leave Sun Ship and Stores Accounting to swell the ranks of Uncle Sam's family. We all wish him the best of luck.

We often wonder why Ethel Broomall in the Paymaster's office is so very much concerned with the Doc(k) in the yard and just what is the big attraction that makes Dorothy Lamberson an ardent follower of badminton?

Has Henry found the Winkins yet?



Jane Simon, age ten, daughter of H. L. Simon of the office.

Virginia Staley, nine months, daughter of Russell Staley of the office.



## BERTHING DEPARTMENT

This Department congratulates Sam Lewis on being the father of a baby girl . . .

Bud Murphy just had his tonsils out. Now he can talk about his operation . . .

Harry Franks complains about the fact that there is only three chews in



a bag of tobacco. The way he chews it, there is actually only one . . .

Kluka goes home and tells his wife how hard he works. (Wonder if she believes him?)

"Frankie" says he has to work seven days a week now . . . It seems he is keeping an extra "Uncle" (Sam) . . .

Eddie Humphreys seems to have lost all interest in Pinocle since Dick Long has left the Yard. It seems the other fellows can't master that super signal system as used by the Humphreys-Long combination.

A certain man on the Berthing Department Bowling Team misses a spare and comes back holding his leg? Why the act, Mewha? . . .

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## COPPER SHOP — "GYPSIES"

Salvatore Glorioso is back on the job again, after three months. Welcome back "Sam".

Jack Glenn has joined the ranks of the "Benedicts". It occurred on November 27th. Congratulations to Jack and the new Mrs. Glenn.

**"DAUBS" FROM THE PAINT SHOP**

Sun Ship Guards thought they were witnessing a Patriotic Phenomenon last week, when dozens of Painters reported for work carrying Aluminum Pots—The mystery was solved that night when the pots repassed the guards empty. It seems that "Deerslayers" Capper & Thompson returned from their Up-State Hunt "passing the buck" . . .

One of our newcomers, "Speed" Carrol, caught the Insurance Company flatfooted, when he presented them with a "Stork Bill" two days after the plan went into effect. Nothing succeeds like Success . . .

Baitholf, the Ace Diplomat of the Sign Shop, was one of the eminent marshals leading the ultra-ultra Lloyd A. C. Ball in Chester t'other nite . . .

The letter "A" of the Paint Shop Bowling team no longer signifies either its performance or its position. "Messrs Woodall & Taylor" state that with proper support, they believe they could live up to their letter . . .



**81 DEPARTMENT**

Department 81 wishes to say farewell to Theodore King, who has been inducted into the Army, and will leave for Fort Meade on December 10th, 1941. The Department's loss is the Country's Gain . . .

Albert Palmer better known as "Razor", Chester's Glamour Boy, is working steady, now. Something must be in the Wind . . .

The boys are all wondering, Geech, where you will spend Christmas. You know Media's not such a hot place . . .

**"Chips Off the Old Block" from 36 Department**



D. Reese Esrey 3rd, two years, son of D. Reese Esrey Jr. of 36 Dept.

Ulrich Lyons Jr., 4 months old son of "Barney" Lyons of 36 Dept.



Margaret Truitt, 14 months old daughter of "Al" Truitt of 36 Dept.

Allen Fillman, 12 months, son of Sam Fillman of 36 Dept.



Shirley Corkadil, 1 year and three months old daughter of Ralph Corkadil of 36 Dept.



**80 DEPARTMENT**

When stuck for information of any kind see "Pathe News" Lefler, the "know all, see all" man.

"Greeny" recently bought a motor cycle, but has never been seen riding it. We wonder who he bought it for.

Confidentially Arthur Charnock of 8 way storeroom is the most confidential chap around. Tell us some more about Arthur, in your modest way.

Have you seen the handsome Electric truck driver? Look for the man with the big "G" on his jacket. Have you had your eyes washed out lately?

The smile of victory — Earl Cloud with a brand new mouthful of china.

It cost Tommy Amoroso of the truck service five bucks to find out that we pay more than 4 per cent income tax.

"Give me my money back Brewster" lost plenty on Army's poor playing in the second half of the Army-Navy game.

Congratulations are in order to Tommy Ousey of the Water Truck. His wife presented him with a bundle of joy for Christmas, a seven pound baby girl.



Donna Roccio, age three, daughter of Pete Roccio of 34 Dept.

**SQUILLS FROM SAFETY DEPARTMENT**

The Safety Department is justly proud of their new quarters. And no wonder!

Bush Cochran is not only a good Safety Inspector but also a very good escort to Dispensary girls, looking over the new ships.

Earl Young's new molars spend a lot of their time in his pocket . . .

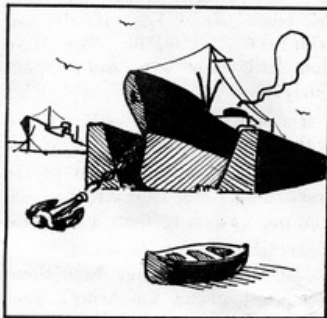
"Cussy", the old man of the Safety Department, is practicing at home on the sidewalk with a kiddie car, so as to get used to the one he is getting to cover South, Middle and North Yards.

Two nights a week at Safety School are kind of tough on Person, but he is plugging at it to make himself a better Safety Inspector.

The night Owls, Joseph Lentz and Chambers, are doing a good job.

"Legs" Caley could not get a rain coat long enough for him . . .

Willis has a surplus of clothes. He gets them riding the trolley cars.



**55 DEPARTMENT**

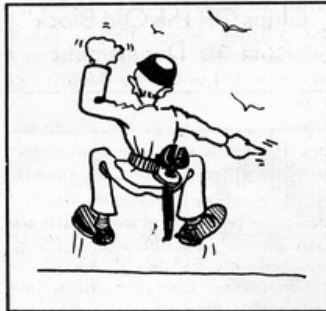
Stanley, 55-12, is seriously considering taking up a medical course to take care of Jack's aches and pains.

Orsini, 55-321, is a proud father of a bouncing baby boy.

Yanucci, 55-195, is a firm believer in Dreams—he hopes Santa will bring him a crystal ball.

Dept. 55 is now well represented in the home guards by H. Sathers, 55-108, who reported ready for any duty on 12-9-41.

Frank O'Neil had better take a look at the taxi drivers before he wise-cracks. How about it Frank?



**38 DEPARTMENT NEWS**

Weasel Words: "It's in the System".

New song by "Smart Money" Tremblay goes something like this: "Army was robbed". Army made one mistake—they came out for the second half.

The boys are glad to see "Silent" Smith has recovered from his recent illness.

**TO JOHN UHRINOFF**

There was a mighty gunner, a hunter bold was he,

He'd hunt the bird—he'd hunt the bear by sitting in a tree, but when he hunts the wily deer, he seems to hunt in vain, for the only thing that he brings back, are pants all wet with rain.

Now our poor hunter's all forlorn; a chastened man is he. He has no yen, for brush or den, or even shielding tree.

He'd rather stay at home, he says, and loudly does proclaim, That until next November first, he'll not go Hunt AGAIN . . . — ANONYMOUS

Pilson won a turkey but who got the filling or should we say "full".

Who opens and closes the windows? Who turns on and off the fan? Who is responsible for George Hoffman coming to work on the bus these foggy mornings?

Why does Uhrin buy a hunting license . . .

*Highlights in the Spotlight:* Hovey wrestling with an Italian Sandwich, then tripping the "light fantastic" to 12:30 at Kauffmann's rendition of Strauss' Waltz.

Donald's underslung pipe.

Grandpappy Warrington's salute to Ralph Entriken. Three of his draftsmen are papas this year.



Ardis Ann Grieco, three and a half, daughter of J. Grieco of 91 Dept.



Patricia Nearey, 11 months old daughter of "Tom" Nearey of 34 Dept.



Mary Ann Shade, eight year old daughter of Clarence "Pete" Shade of 91 Dept.



William Crossen, six year old son of Dave Crossen of Dept. 74.

**45 DEPARTMENT NEWS**

What Leader in 45 Department is going to take the everlasting trip on the Holy Sea of Matrimony? She fooled you, Eh What Joe!

Plumer was seen going wrong way on one way street on way home from Hospital. Reason — 8½ pound girl. Cigars passed, so everything's O. K.



William Saller Jr., year old son of Guard William Saller of Dept. 88.

**59 DEPARTMENT**

Who's the handsome welder Leader, that just bought a riding horse (be careful, Lone Ranger). How about bringing your cowboy suit to work?

Fred Bundick says "To be a code welder, you have to not only put it up there, but make it stick!"

Overheard in the Welder's shack: "Muck" Stewart: "If food prices go any higher, I'm going back to the farm".

Bob Cruchley: "Let's see the racing form".

"Code" Wise: "Do you think Japan has a chance?"

Joe Pickens: "Midway Island is half way between the Panama Canal and Marcus Hook".

Johnny's new defense slogan is "Keep 'em Welding!"

Eddie Rogers says he'll take that big leap next summer. Listen Ed, "Fifty Million can't be wrong."

We hope to get a picture of 59 Dept. bowling team in the next issue, even if they are at the bottom or near the bottom of the heap . . .

The gang is still waiting for that house-warming Moose Moorhead promised. "Guess he was welding pipe too long."

Don't let the fellow with the large brown thermos bottle fool you. He's not the best Pinochle player in the Welder's shanty.

Ponzi says he thought he'd have to sign up as one of the crew on the ISLAND MAIL.

It looks like Uncle Sam is getting his share of 59 Department.

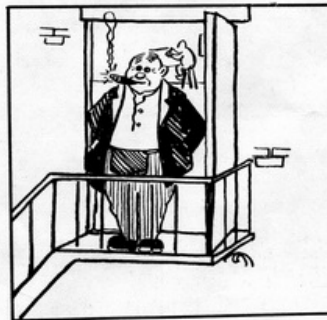
**36 DEPARTMENT NEWS**

Roy Chatten is sporting a broad smile these days — a new baby boy was presented to him by the Mrs. on Nov. 29th.

A mystery that has defied solution thru the years is where Darby gets so much grease on him, so quickly.

"Al" Swallow of R. P. reports that pheasants regularly came to his back yard to feed and the other nite he captured one, and found that it was a wild turkey. George Calhoun told us it was a Buzzard . . .

The gang in the corner of 36 shop are wondering where Hess throws his cigar butts, now that he has left the shop. He wishes he had that same



piece of pipe up in the North Yard Machine shop.

Don't let them kid you Earl, the Lodge and Shipley Lathes stay just where they are . . .

Jack Price's legs still ache. He nearly lost his hip boots in the bargain . . .

Mahatma Ghandi Gorby played a swell part in the Sun Ship Show and 36-Department is justly proud of him . . .

Big "Jake" is worried about the North Yard Machinery. It's O. K. "Jake," those trainees won't let you down. Just trot them out and watch their smoke . . .

Roy Mower, second shift, just can't get back to earth; Judy weighed in at 10¼ lbs. She consumes a quart of milk formula daily!

The Machine Shop Basketball five are looking forward to a great season under the tutelage of Miron Fidyk, the "Ukrainian Apollo".

Jane Bradford, three year old daughter of "Joe" Bradford of 59 Dept.



**91 DEPARTMENT QUIPS**

"Abe" Taylor, counter, wants Japan and six Points . . .

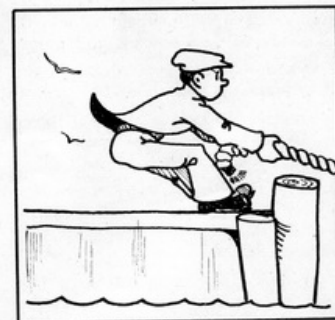
Jim John, who backstops for the "Lancaster Roses" in the Inter-State Baseball League, finds 59 Department, Timekeeping, no bed of "roses"!!

Every time Joe Gibson has to work overtime, he has to report to a young lady in the Stenographic Department. Could it possibly be Jane G.?

Anyone heard from Larry Wroten since he went into "Solitary Confinement" under #8 Way ????

Danny Murtaugh, winter-time Counter for Sun Ship, and Summer-Time Second Baseman for the "Phillies", took "that fatal step", Saturday November 29th. Now he will have to bring up that batting average. Best of Luck, "Danny" . . .

After trying in vain for twenty years to break 112, Frank Welsh, 47 Department Timekeeper, finally gave up bowling, thus leaving the timekeeper's Bowling Team sadly (?) in the lurch.





## **ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING DEFENSE BONDS**

Sun Ship workers will be glad to learn that arrangements have been made between the Company and the United States Treasury Department whereby employees of the Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company may purchase through a payroll deduction plan, Defense Bonds to help our country finance its gigantic war effort. Details of the plan will soon be announced.

