

Our Yard



Season's Greetings

December, 1948

SUN SHIPBUILDING AND
DRY DOCK COMPANY



IT is a typical night before Christmas scene in America. The boy knows that Santa Claus will come. He always has. There is no reason to doubt this year.

Yes, on Christmas morning the stockings will be full. The boy's faith will be rewarded.

Working in cooperation with the Health Department, the Medical Profession and other groups, the Delaware County Tuberculosis and Health Association has for the past twenty-nine years sponsored a well planned program for the control of tuberculosis here. This program has helped tremendously to reduce the tuberculosis death rate since the Association was organized; yet the disease, which still kills more people between 15 and 40 years of age than any other disease, is a major public menace.

The Association depends entirely upon proceeds from the annual Sale of Christmas Seals to support its work, which includes: mass X-ray surveys, rehabilitation work for the cured patient, emergency hospital care and special relief for the patient and their families and the year-round health education work.

We can do our part by a generous contribution during the annual Christmas Seal Sale.

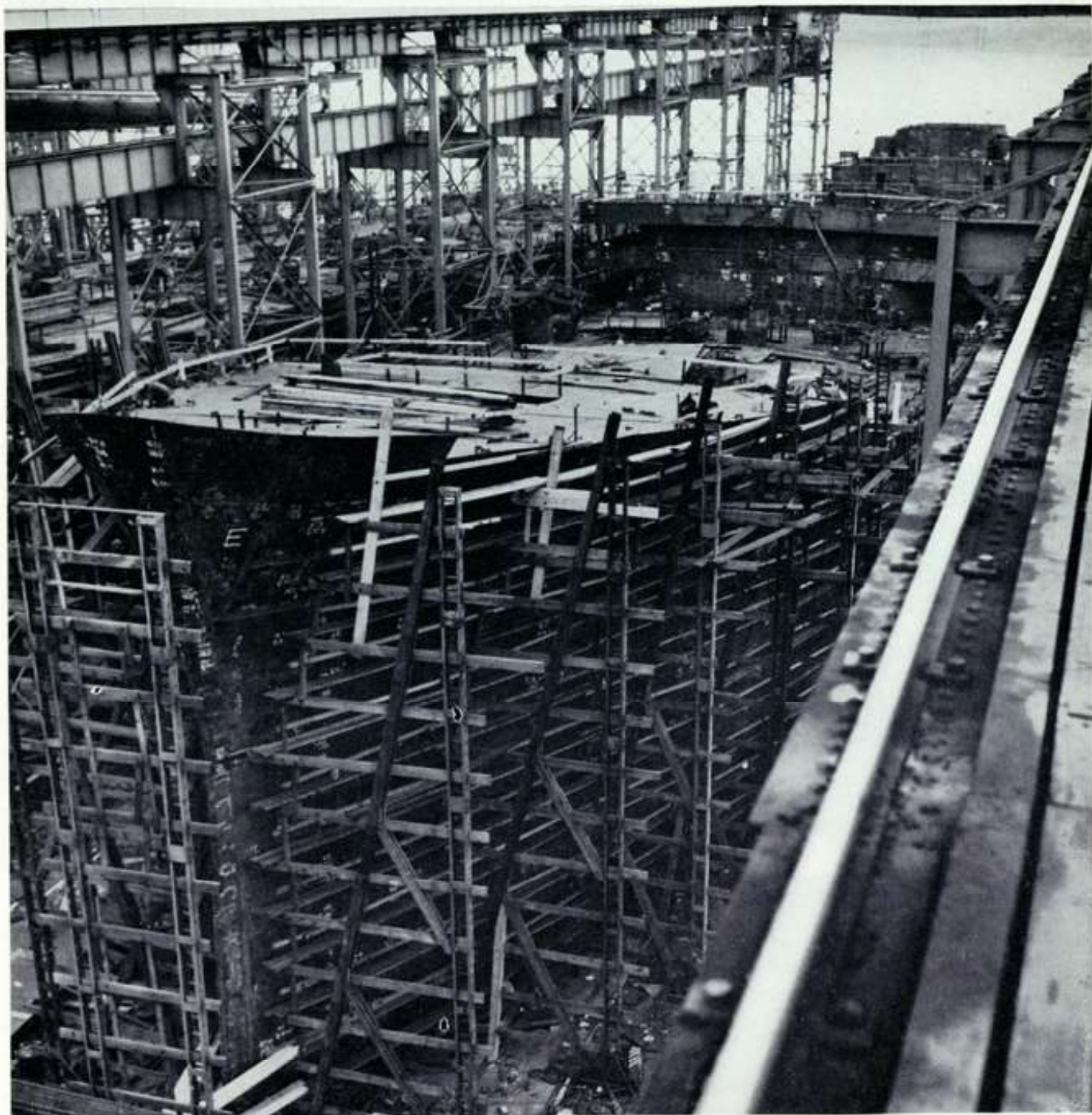


OUTFITTING THE BOYS FOR WORK



Increasing activity at Sun Ship is bringing more workers back to the Yard. Last month OUR YARD published scenes in the Employment Office. Here are pictures showing actual return to the job. Top: A. Cressy of Safety Dept., and group of workers leave Employment office. Middle: Safety shoes, safety gloves and safety helmets are issued to the new men before they actually begin their labors. At left is picture of Edward White and Don Sidle issuing safety equipment at storeroom.

TO BE LAUNCHED SATURDAY DEC. 4



FIRST OF AMERICA'S MODERN TANKSHIPS is rapidly approaching completion and will be launched at Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock plant before the close of 1948. This tanker, ESSO ZURICH, will be de-

livered to the Standard Oil Company (New Jersey) and is listed as Hull No. 566.



MORE BIG TANKERS

SUPER TANKERS BOOST OIL FLEET

AN interesting address on the present world tanker transport situation was delivered recently by Mr. M. G. Gamble, General Manager of the Marine Department, Standard Oil Company (New Jersey) at the American Merchant Marine Conference. Extracts from his talk follow: —

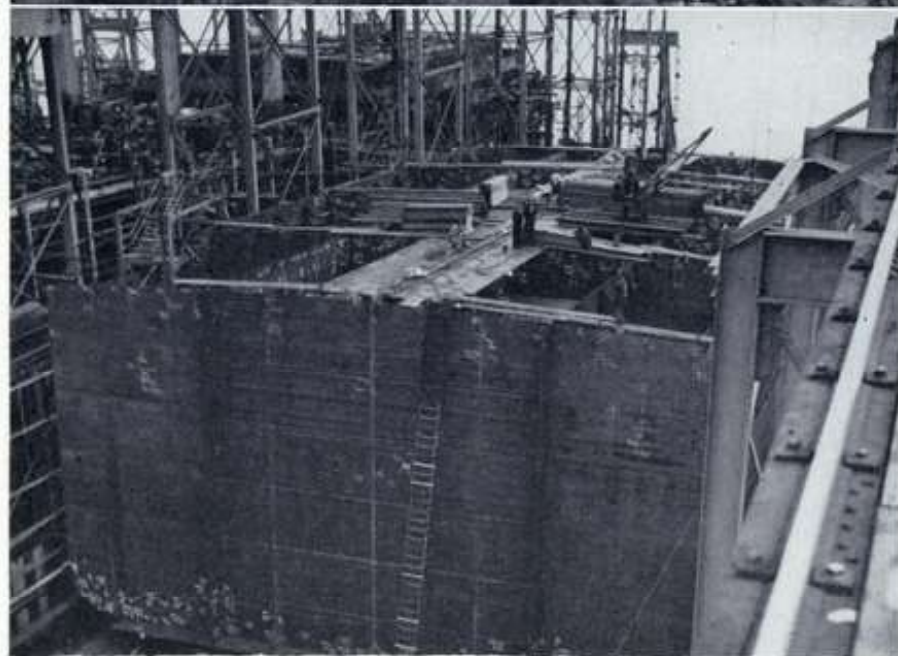
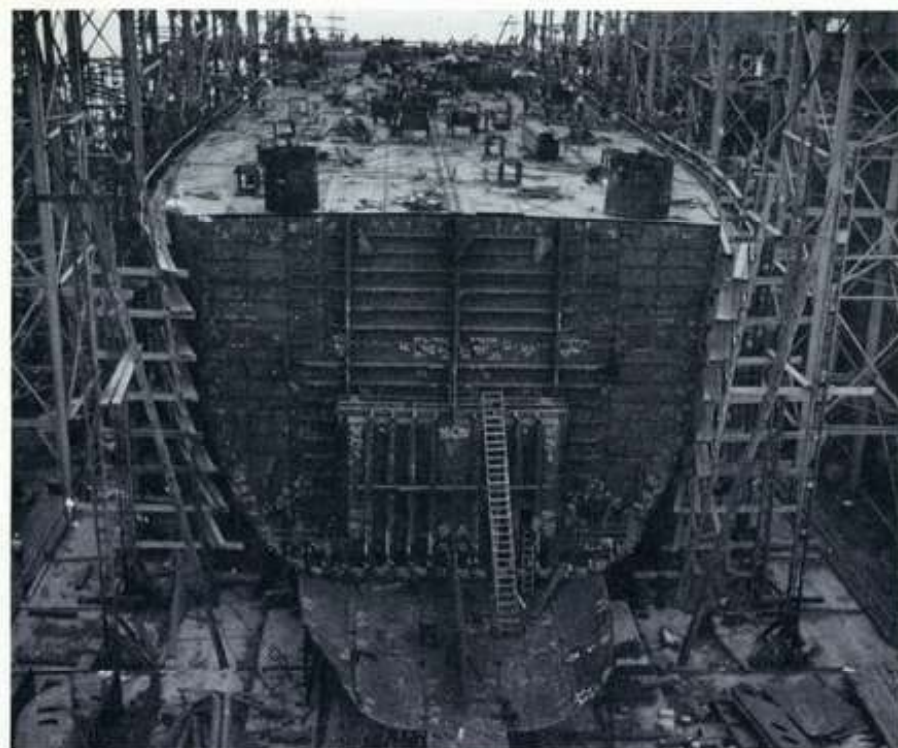
"In a general discussion of tankers it is interesting to review and compare the tanker tonnage situation during and after the two world wars. In 1914 the total world tanker fleet consisted of a little more than 2,000,000 dead-weight tons; about 87% of which was under foreign flags.

"However, due largely to construction in U. S. shipyards the world tonnage by the end of 1921 had increased to about 7,000,000 tons, more than half of which was under the U. S. flag. But unlike the situation at the close of the recent war, U. S. Government owned tankers accounted for only about one-fourth of the U. S. flag tonnage.

"A business depression then set in which, coupled with low cost construction in European yards, brought building in U. S. yards to a standstill. In the period from 1921 to 1929 foreign flag tonnage increased about 150% due to construction in Europe, while in the United States we were struggling to absorb the American flag surplus.

"In 1929-1930 it began for a time to look as though U. S. tanker construction would again come into its own, but once again a serious business depression called a halt. By 1935 the U. S. flag tanker fleet had dropped to about 30% of the world tonnage and consisted mainly of vessels approaching obsolescence. Although there was a gradual rise in the construction of tankers from that year, the pace of building in U. S. yards did not approach that in foreign yards until 1941. In 1942 submarine war-

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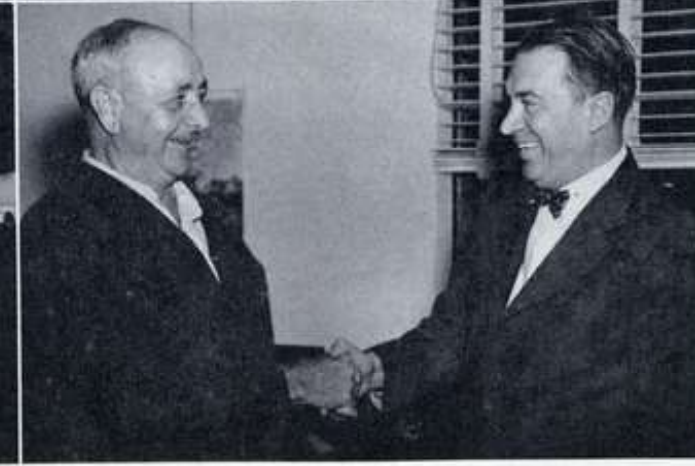


PROGRESSIVE PHOTOS showing how work is advancing on Hulls No. 567 and 568. These are more units of the 15 super-tankers which Sun Shipyard is scheduled to build. Top shows Hull 567 and below is Hull 568.

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SERVICE PINS AWARDED FOR OCTOBER



HARRY E. MEREDITH, 80-32, is presented with a 25 year service pin by Foreman James Brown.

EUGENE VICKERS, Jr., Employment Manager, is presented with a 30 year service pin by Vice President John G. Pew, Jr.

A **30 YEAR SERVICE PIN** is presented to Joseph H. Harris, 93-22, by Vice President John G. Pew, Jr.

CLIFFORD C. FORNEY, salary paymaster, is congratulated by Treasurer William Craemer on completion of 25 years of service with the Company.

SUPT. RAYMOND FLANIGAN is shown presenting a 25 year service pin to Patrick T. Daley, 36-10.

SUPT. ALTON A. NORTON is shown congratulating Harry Mooney, 66-6, on completion of 30 years service.

WHAT'S YOUR HOBBY? HE HAS THREE

What's your Hobby? Among the thousands of Sun Ship employees, there are many who have outstanding hobbies. Let us know yours: the more unusual it is, the better we will like it. Drop a line to Editor, OUR YARD today.



Photography — Motor Boat Racing — Music. These are the three hobbies of Alexander O. Williams, of 55 Dept., and he is good at all of them.

Take a look at the outboard racing photograph taken at the Croyden Aquadrome during the past summer. This snapshot of four speed craft rounding the buoy is filled with action, thrills and spray. So close to Williams were the boats when the picture was taken that they hurled a deluge of water over him. The print is to be entered in the National photographic competition.

Williams is a speed boat operator himself and has won several prizes in river races. He took part in some of the events during the present year.

When he wants relaxation, he turns to his third hobby: piano playing. One of his teachers was Frank Ryan, of the Production office, who is a prominent organist as well as pianist.

Two sons of Mr. Williams worked at Sun Ship. William was in 36 Dept., while Raymond was in 55 Dept.

SERVICE PIN AWARDS

30 Years

66-6	H. Mooney
89-2	J. Borden
93-22	J. Harris
98-1	E. Vickers

25 Years

36-10	P. Daley
80-32	H. Meredith
90-6	C. Forney

SALARY ROLL

15 Years

30-2005	A. Heath
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DRAFTSMEN'S ROLL

10 Years

38-108	J. Sweeney
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HOURLY ROLL

20 Years

42-53	H. Williams
67-308	P. Foster
75-57	H. Bamforth

15 Years

8-101	G. MacKenzie
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30-95

30-331	J. Viscuso
33-516	B. Larkin
36-895	R. Peet
47-113	D. Garramore
47-135	V. Violon
60-24	C. Csizi
60-46	M. Eledge
	J. McDaniel

10 Years

8-207	H. Rowles
8-576	B. Sheffield
8-687	E. Hoffmeister
33-196	F. Hopton
33-269	C. Hance
33-403	J. Trumbull
36-74	L. McGuigan
36-657	A. Buckley
36-1060	F. Dougherty
59-490	J. Beniszewicz
59-580	L. Specht
65-186	J. Hansen
74-115	B. Stipe
80-170	J. Donohue
88-57	J. Sweeney

Samuel Feinman, age 42, temporary light man working on the S.S. ANGELINA was injured on November 4 when a beam fell into the hold of the ship and struck him a glancing blow. He was sent to the Chester Hospital. He was suffering from head, face and body injuries. His condition was not serious.





BEFORE AND AFTER. Tiny Grace (Gay) Austin, 16½ months old, shows us how to enjoy eating pie. She is the daughter of William E. Austin, a baker in 85 Dept.



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES BALLERINA are shown here with the children while vacationing at Sunset Beach, New Jersey. Charlie is a crane operator in 33 Dept.

Junior Members—Sun Ship Family



BETH ANN FICKENSCHER, four months old, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fickenscher. Mr. Fickenscher is employed in 33 Dept.



THIS ATTRACTIVE YOUNGSTER IS BARBARA JEAN WORRILOW, age 5. She is the daughter of Charles F. WorriLOW III and Verna WorriLOW. Mr. WorriLOW is employed in the Copper Shop.



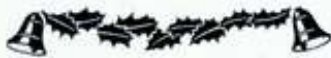
"DONNIE" SCOTT, shown here with his puppy dog, "Skeeter," is the son of Mrs. Eleanor Scott of the Hull Drawing Room. He is three years old.



BETTY CARTER is the daughter of James Carter of 81 Department.

OUR DECEMBER COVER

Breathing the spirit of Christmas the December front cover shows a view made between Central Yard shipways following one of last winter's snows. The holly wreath gives it a Yuletide setting.



OPEN NEW CAFETERIA

With the number of Sun Ship employees on the increase, it has been found necessary to enlarge the dining and lunch facilities of the shipyard. The former cafeteria between the Carpenter Shop and No. 1 shipway has been refitted to accommodate nearly 300 persons.

Food, including the home-made pies will be supplied from the main kitchen. The cafeteria will be equipped with tables similar to those in the Central Yard cafeteria. There also will be a separate supply of china and silverware. A mechanical dishwasher has been set up to speed the service.

When the Central Yard cafeteria was enlarged and opened for business seats were provided for 582 persons. It did a big business from the start and today more than 600 are accommodated daily.

In order to relieve the pressure a lunch counter was opened in the building next door to serve sandwiches, coffee etc. It has 250 patrons. Next month's OUR YARD will publish scenes of the opening of the new cafeteria.

Obituary

Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company extends its sympathy to the families of the following employees who died during the month of September.

R. M. McLaughlin, 33-4205, 344 Hollis Ave., Crum Lynne, Nov. 13.

W. Pepper, 69-75, 626 Swarthmore Avenue, Folsom, Pennsylvania, November 15.

COTTON GROWN IN CHESTER



ROY FLAGG is shown exhibiting bolls of cotton on plants he raised during the summer at his home, 324 Ulrich Street. He planted the seeds indoors on April 7 and set the plants in his garden late in May when they were about 4 in. high. Some plants he gave to Lew Hazlett also produced cotton.

You and Your Country

(A Christmas Message from the Safety Department)

1. America has had bad times only to rise bigger and stronger. Don't fear fear.
2. Wild and ridiculous schemes will be offered. You have freedom of thought. "Think."
3. Do not be envious of success — Go forward, sacrifice and be successful.
4. Do not be ashamed to profess your religion. In these times, strong men have firm beliefs.
5. Learn what freedom means to you. Enjoy it and preserve it at all costs.
6. Be part of your community life. Build it up don't tear it down.
7. Preserve the sanctity of your family. As its head keep the fires of freedom and decency burning.
8. For God and Country — not greed and selfishness.
9. More cowards follow crowds than stand alone. Think for yourself and stand on your own feet.
10. Last but most important. Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.



Rod and Gun News



Tom Toohey, Glenn Smith and Maurice Baines, all from 36 Department, Tube Mill have been fishing down in Delaware all summer and are still fishing in to the cold weather months. They say the bass and pike are biting better now than they were in the warm weather. These are the boys who sank with their boat a few months back, remember? Well, they say they have no fear of sinking now, they built themselves a new boat.

Bill Emsley, 8 Department, Wetherill Plant and his friend Al Norcross were down at Swiggett Lake and Cedar Creek, Lincoln, Delaware. They went night fishing on a Friday night and fished all day Saturday and Sunday. Their catch, believe it or not, was 19 bass, 15 pike, 2 crappies and 1 yellow ned, all caught on plugs.

Jim Jamerson, 67 Department leader, says his last two fishing trips were on the Alloway Creek near Quinton, New Jersey. On the two trips he and a friend caught 22 channel cat fish and 14 large yellow perch.

Ivan Malseed, Tom Simms and Hayford Thompson, all of 69 Department, on two gunning trips up at Limerick, near Collegeville, Pennsylvania, bagged eight rabbits and two pheasants.

J. Peck, 33 crane operator, boiler shop, says he did a little gunning the first week of the season. He got three rabbits and two pheasants over in Concord Township at Ward, Pennsylvania.

Here is one for Ripley — during the noon lunch period of Thursday, November 4th, a group of the boys who eat their lunch around the Dry Dock spied a large carp swimming near the head of the Dock. George Smith, a Dry Dock rigger, dug out his fishing gear (one broom and a loop of wire tied to the broom handle) and after a few minutes of real fishing maneuvering he landed his catch 24 inches from nose to tail and it weighed around ten pounds.

Joe Laughead, 33 Department, boiler shop maintenance, did a little gunning out around Concordville. He got one rabbit and two pheasants.



75 GROUNDHOGS were shot during the season recently closed by O. J. Brown of Hopen Bros. together with his two sons. The father got 50, William shot 22 and Robert, 2. They used 22 calibre rifles equipped with scopes. The longest shot for a clean kill was 250 yards.

Leon Koenig, 74 Department machinist, was fishing for strippers at Surf City, New Jersey. He was lucky enough to hook two — a 3½ lb. and a 6 lb.

Charlie Lukens, 74 Department machinist, spent a week of his vacation gunning in Berks County. He had very bad luck — didn't see much to shoot at. John Ferguson, 47 Department welder, says he got two rabbits and one cock bird on the opening day of gunning season. He was gunning in Lancaster County.

Roy Gordy, 33 Department Crane operator, went to Honey Brook, Pennsylvania on the first day of gunning season. He shot one cock bird and three rabbits.

Bill Hallman, 47 Department loftsmen, spent a few hours gunning near where he lives at Village Green. So far, he says, he hasn't seen a rabbit or bird he could get a crack at. He told me that he and his wife were in the car one night a few weeks back and they spotted a large doe. He said they put the spot light on it and it stood there long enough for them to get a good look, then the

deer took off into a small patch of woodland and disappeared.

Jim Knorr, 34 Department heat treater, was surf fishing at Barnegat City, New Jersey. He was trying to hook one of those big strippers he has heard they are pulling in up there but he just didn't have any luck.

Nathan Stone, 42 Department Blacksmith Helper, had pretty good luck gunning. In three days of tramping around the fields and woods, he bagged one cock bird, twelve rabbits and three squirrels.

Paul Brown, 59 Department welder, took his vacation on the first week of gunning season. He hunted up around Norristown. He got five cock birds and two rabbits.

Bob Lee, 74 Tool Room, did a little gunning the first part of the season up near Pottstown and Reading. The only thing he was able to shoot at was a few squirrels.

Joe Berman, 47 Bolt Shed worker, was fishing at Fire Island, New York, a few weeks back. He caught six strippers, each weighing around 4 lb.

E. Strickland, 80 Department truckman, during one week of gunning got a pheasant, thirteen rabbits and six squirrels in Chester County. Bill Reiber, 47 Department planerman, says he shot two squirrels, two rabbits and one pheasant while on his vacation.

On the first day of small game season, Al Lilley, 36 Department, George Grimm, 59 Department, and two friends, Bob Brown formerly of 59 Department and Art Hayes formerly of 36 Department, were gunning near Oxford, Pennsylvania. Their bag was twelve rabbits. They gunned on Art Hayes' farm.

Carl Fink, 47 Department assistant foreman and three friends, Stanley Hockman, Jr., son of Stanley Hockman, assistant foreman of 47 Department; Jack McCarty, formerly of 58 Department and Alfred Franklin, have bagged four raccoons since the season opened. They say this hunting is better than chasing rabbits.

Bill Ogden, 33 Department Crane repair and his son Bill, Jr. did quite

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THESE BOWLERS TAKE IT SERIOUSLY



Study the faces and poses of Sun Ship contestants and you'll understand the rivalry in "A" and "B" leagues. Top row, left to right: R. Clayton, 91; Emil Touring, 42. Middle row: J. Petchel, 78; J. Chermol, 78; Al. Williams, 78. Bottom: E. Strickland, 80; D. Russell, 60; J. Doyle, 45, and W. Reynolds, 33.



SOME SHIPS IN FOR REPAIRS



WE PRESENT pictures of some of the craft that came to Sun Ship in recent days for repairs. On this page:

S.S. "COSTIS LOS" — Liberty ship which was drydocked, painted, new propeller and tailshaft installed and other repairs carried out.

S.S. "ARTHUR FRIBOURG" — Liberty cargo ship, owned by the Arrow Steamship Company. Painting and misc. voyage repairs.

M.S. "IMA" — Norwegian flag tanker came to the yard from South America for repairs to her Daxford main engine and other work.

S.S. "PIONEER GLEN" — United States Lines C-2 type cargo vessel. Alteration to quarters, cleaning of deep tanks for carrying special cargo, misc. engine and deck repairs.

On next page:

S.S. "SORVANGEN" — Sistership of the "Austvanger" owned by Gorrissen & Company. This vessel employed in the South American bauxite trade came to the yard for extensive engine repairs.

S.S. "AMIENS" — T-2 Tanker owned by the Overseas Tankship Corp. Annual drydocking and overhaul.

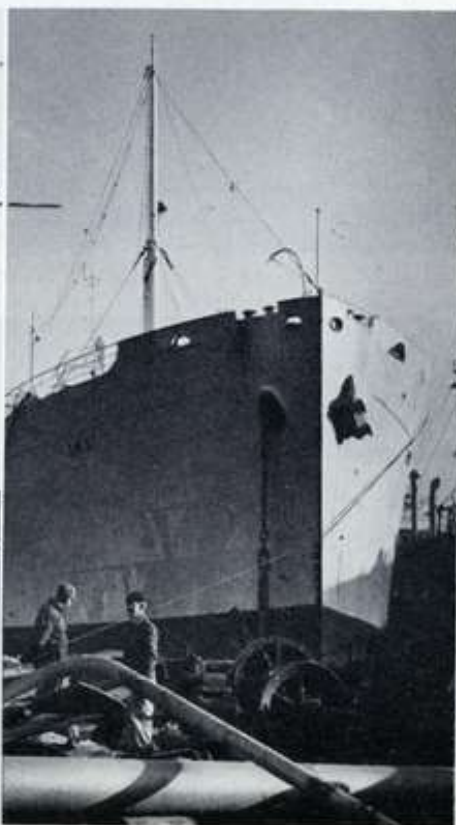
M.S. "DYNAFUEL" — Sun Oil Company tanker. Annual drydocking and repairs.

S.S. "MORMACTERN" — Moore - McCormack Line freighter. Drydocked, painted and a new tailshaft and propeller installed.

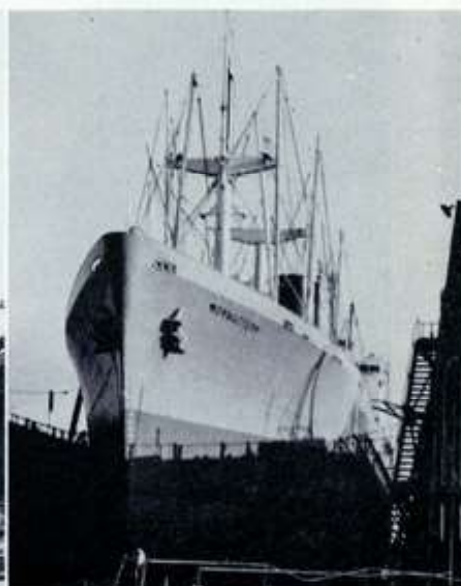
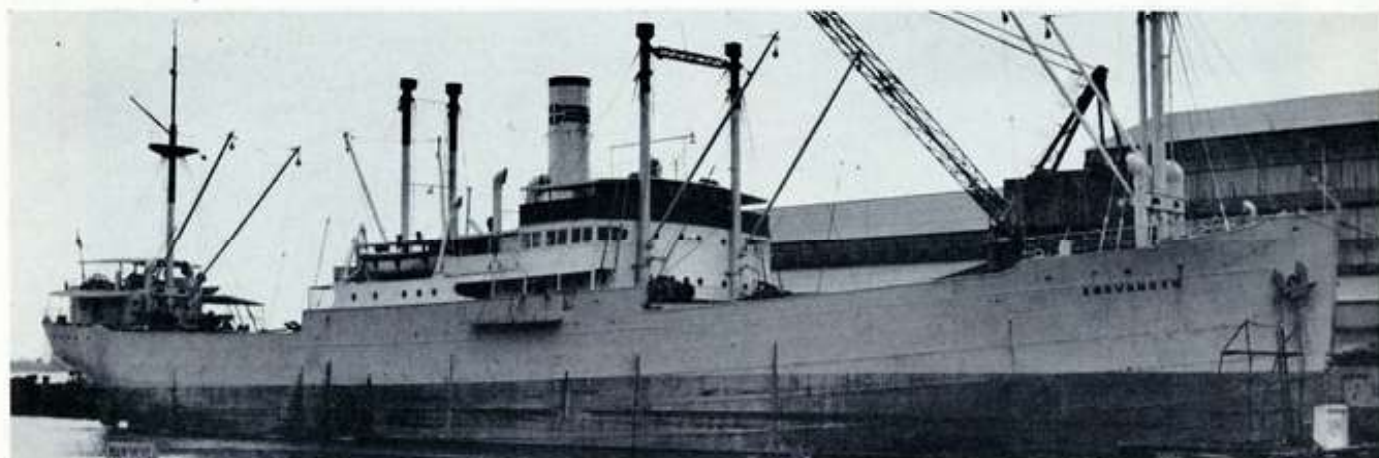
S.S. "CROWN TRADER" — American Trading & Production Corp. T-2 tanker. Main propulsion motor rotating field removed, repaired by General Electric and reinstalled.

S.S. "SUNOIL" — Sun Oil Company T-2 tanker. Annual drydocking, installation of CO2 system, damage repairs, misc. voyage repairs.

S.S. "MERCURY SUN" — Another Sun Oil Company T-2 tanker which was drydocked, painted, CO2 system installed, misc. repairs.



VISITORS TO THE DRY DOCKS







Christmas Message

To All of My Fellow
Employees and Their Families:

The holidays will soon be here and I hope that every employee, as well as their families, will have a very Happy Christmas and that the New Year will bring to them health, happiness and prosperity.

John E. Lewis



OFFICE CHATTER

By Markkanen and Scott

A surprise bridal shower was given for Mary Gormley by the girls of the Employment office on October 20 at the home of Peg Miller. Mary received many lovely gifts.

Mary entertained many of the Sun Ship girls and other friends at a tea on Sunday, November 7 at her home. She became the bride of Philip Morgan on November 17 and after returning from their wedding trip to White Sulphur Springs will reside at Rose Valley.

Marian Parker, of the Stenographic Dept., was given a shower by Edith Glatts, of Mr. Hoffman's office, on October 28. She announced her engagement to David Oliver on October 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery are to be congratulated on the birth of a baby girl, Betty Ann, November 2, weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. The baby's mother, Betty Montgomery, formerly was employed in John G. Pew, Jr.'s office.

Margaret Desmond, of Mr. Landling's office, vacationed the week of October 28 at Split Rock Lodge in the Poconos.

Kas Coonan and Bobbie Null recently spent a two-week vacation in California. The girls motored out and had a very enjoyable trip.

Miss Mabel Emmott spent a three-day vacation in Atlantic City. She stayed at the Hotel Dennis.

Mary Pedante, one of our recent brides, became united in marriage on November 20. We wish you both the best of luck and lots of happiness.

Mary Tracy is the most recent new face to be seen around the department.

Mary Ferry and Frances Sylvester were married on September 25. We extend our most sincere wishes and the best of luck to you both.

Happy Birthday greetings are extended to Bobby Null on the 30th.



MARY GORMLEY, formerly of the Employment Office, became the bride of Philip Morgan on Wednesday, November 17, at the St. Robert's Catholic Church.

Many thanks to OUR YARD reporters for the excellent response for representation in this Christmas edition. More departments have special columns than usual and the news items are filled with information and entertainment. All of the employees will appreciate the excellent co-operation given by the YARD reporters.



74 TOOL ROOM

By Charles Lukens

Artie Cheetham has shown considerable interest in diamond rings of late; saw him the other night with quite a sizeable piece of "glass" in his hand.

Had a big confab with Will Kealey last week on the merits of a new battery he recently purchased for his car. Seems the battery went down twice in one week. Finally got straightened out after we convinced him it wasn't against the law to turn out parking lights while his car was in the garage.

Hancock is in the market for a car heater at the right price.

Radabaugh buying a comb-a-trim for home haircuts "It isn't the dollar I mind," explains Harold, "It's the trips to the barber shop I hate."

Charlie Lukens is also some gunner. Shot two boxes of shells, fell over a fence, slipped in the creek and wore out two pairs of shoes. Net results, one rabbit, that was claimed by three different hunters.

We went gunning last week with Bob Lee who promised to take us to a place where we would find "plenty" of rabbits. After walking all day we finally saw one setting in a field and Bob opened up with both barrels. He couldn't have missed any better if he hadn't been there. "Shot a little too high," sez Bob, "and besides it was only a little one."

Anyone desiring information on repairs to hot water heaters see Harry Reed. Quite an expert on them now after spending two weeks in the cellar with his.

Congratulations to Stanley Dy-chala on the recent arrival of a baby daughter. Mother and daughter are just fine and Stanley says Princess Elizabeth has nothing on the Dy-chalas.

To all, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas!



OUR YARD sends Yuletide greetings to the entire Sun Ship family and may the New Year bring you happiness.



THIS LARGE VESSEL with a 15 ft. diameter was built in 47 Department. This vessel is used by Sun Oil Company for wax refining process. Although this tank weighed about 25 tons, it was hauled by truck from our shop to the job site by a Blue Line truck.

59 DEPARTMENT

By C. DeTulio

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William DeLoof on the arrival of a baby girl. Her name is Erma. Where were all the cigars Bill?

Congratulations to John Bresset and family who have just moved into their new home at Garden City. Perhaps J. B. will join the Fire Company now as he lives directly across the street from the Fire House.

Elmer (Moe) Boulden went hunting upstate and after shooting ten or twelve shots at different birds, missing every time of course, finally saw one sitting in the grass about five feet away. Too excited to shoot, he threw his gun and got him.

Frank Metz and Joe Loyko are still talking about the black eye Joe received when he got hit with the starter cord on a fishing trip.

S. Fletcher has all his boys' trains ready for Christmas. Jim Moretti got his television set.

Why doesn't A. Greene take his vacation? Perhaps he is afraid he will wind up on the shipways.

Specks Goudy returned from Granite City, Illinois, where he attended the funeral of his dad who was killed in a train accident.

P. Brown and P. Kile took ill between the shop and the shipways recently. Just the thought of leaving their favorite spot.

E. Klondike spent his two weeks

vacation doing a lot of charity work for his neighbors.

E. Murray went up Bloomsburg again. Wonder why this time?

For plain or fancy pipe welding, see Hinde and DePaul under 4 Way extension.

Frank Babbick is always talking about his wonderful grandchildren and has their Christmas presents all ready.

Admiral went to Albuquerque, New Mexico on his vacation. Thanks for the card Admiral.

Earl Brooks driving Woodlyn Fire Company truck in answering alarm of fire to assist Milmont, went down Fairview Road and up Haverford Road instead of via Jefferson Avenue. Earl probably thought he was driving his bus and couldn't make that turn on Jefferson Avenue.

Mike Kowalchuk is celebrating his 38th birthday and 16th Wedding Anniversary at the same time. Mike's son Ray, 13 years old, is taking right after him as a musician. Ray plays a very good trumpet. You may often see Mike at the outdoor concerts in Deshong Park playing his slide trombone.

J. Panco wants riders from Darby to Sun Ship. See him at No. 1 Way, Day Shift. W. Froberg wants a ride from 69th Street to Sun Ship. See him or your reporter at 5 Way, Day Shift.

Did you know that O. Dent brought

his son down to the yard and wants to make a welder out of him? Good luck Junior. Russell Forsythe just came back to the yard. We are glad to see you again Russ. If you remember some time ago Russ was one of our top Assistant Foremen, Central Yard.

Joe Kaster has his riders pumping up at least one tire a day which goes flat overnight. Hecker runs his car mostly on flat tires. Ask Limey George.

Best wishes to you and yours this Christmas.

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FATAL HEART ATTACK

Robert Morris McLaughlin, 59, of the Electrical Department, died suddenly of a heart attack on November 13 shortly after leaving his home on Hollis Avenue, Crum Lynne. He had planned to visit nearby neighbors but collapsed on the street. Taken to the Taylor Hospital, he was pronounced dead upon arrival.

Mr. McLaughlin was a veteran of World War I and a member of the Capt. Lynch-Sgt. Brush Post No. 1521, Veteran of Foreign Wars. He had been employed in the Electrical Department at intervals since 1938. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Joseph S. Lasher, of Hillton Village, Virginia; a son, John M., of Newport News, Virginia, and a sister, Mrs. Adele Blair also of Hillton Village.

45 DEPARTMENT — BERTHING INSPECTORS

By Cliff Drew

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

The Department Bowling Team is having a fine season. Second place now and heading for first. The big reason for this success is Kilgore's "Daisy Mae" — What a curve. After delivery the ball returns and he gets a free throw.

Hump and Kluka have also been rolling over their heads. Nice going fellows (Watch out Painters).

Farren and Biliewicz are looking for a secretary to speed up their turn in sheets and keep Humphrey happy.

Port Brady and Martin are doing the impossible on 567 (a brush in each hand is their secret).

Drop in any time at Kilgore's Television party. Admission free. (He gets you at the sandwich bar operated formerly by George, Jr.)

The daily card game is quieting down since Big Stepke has conceded (will he ever learn).

Cliff Williams and Harry Ellis have teamed up on 568. Nice job fellows.

Cliff Drew and the Army dredge have something in common. Maybe its love, at least it's a long courtship.

A new typewriter by Christmas for Williams — that's our goal.

Ted never has much to say. If he did, he doesn't have the time.

Let's make this column something to talk about. Please bring in your pictures of interest also your news items. Thanks in advance.

45 — Fitters

It's rumored that Gallagher is to be the new shrinking engineer on Hull 565. Nice going Gal. Good luck to his predecessor Cliff Williamson who is taking over 566.

Fitter Burk really got his hair cut this time.

Bill Clark is having trouble keeping his berthing slips together. Our suggestion is a brief case.

Shorty Cahoon is cautious now concerning No. 4 way.

Fitzgerald is having part light glass installed in his glasses we hear.

Bill Hall is O.K. now, his car is running perfect.

Our cordial welcome to the new members of this department. Lots of luck.

Please bring news items, pictures, etc. to the office and put in the box or contact Cliff Drew in the Berthing Office.



SUN SHIP BLOOD DONORS saved the life of one of the attractive young women pictured here. She is Mrs. Ruth Walters, shown at right end with her three sisters. All four are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Fox of Ridley Park. The father is a Sun Ship crane operator. Sisters of Mrs. Walters are, left to right: Mrs. Carl Bredenbeck, Mrs. Norman Robson and Mrs. John Anderson. Mrs. Bredenbeck's husband formerly worked at Sun Ship.

Every Sun Ship blood donor will appreciate this fine tribute paid by Mrs. Fox:

"I wonder if you would insert in your next month's magazine this picture of our four daughters. They are all grown and married now, but we do remember the days when they were small.

"I would also like to let you know that the one on the right end is the young lady some of the Sun Shipyard blood donors helped save her life two years ago. She is coming along nicely with the hope she can have many happy years with her G.I. husband.

"We all want those willing blood donors to know we will always remember and pray they have good health and lots of good luck for what they did to save our daughter, Mrs. Ruth Walters' life."

66 DEPARTMENT

By P. Embree

"Baking Soda" Abe had a full week's pay last week. Congratulations Abe and we hope you have many more.

Norman Lloyd has his cellar made into a very lovely den so on Saturday nights 66 Department men are invited to spend the evening at Norman's.

Winter has arrived. "Shorty" Frear has installed his windbreaker in front of his band saw.

All right Tom Brown, we won't write anything about your stepping off the ladder into a bucket of water and knocking over the lamp.

The boys in the Carpenter Shop extend a Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year.



TO MEMBERS OF BLOOD DONOR CLUB

The Minute Man on your medal shows you were ready and willing to help others in time of need.

This medal may be considered a token of appreciation from your Company and those you helped.

The front side of your medal indicates your type, while in the back your registration is shown.

Sincerely,

SUN SHIPBUILDING & DRY DOCK CO.

John G. Sear
VICE PRESIDENT

BLOOD DONOR MEDAL which was presented to more than 150 members of the Club at a recent ceremony. Medal is attached to a key chain.

MOLD LOFT NOTES

By Bill Cooper

We put out the welcome mat again for that former Prospect High School, P.M.C. baseball and basketball star Jack Daniels, son of "Danny," boss in "AA" Shop. Jack is just back in the yard after a very successful season with the champions of the III League, Evansville, Indiana, one of the Boston Braves Farm teams. Here's hoping that you get a call to the major league next spring.

Andy Spath was presented with a television set by his wife for his birthday. The \$64 question is which one?

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McCauly on their new baby boy born October 18th.

Rumors have been going around that Clarence Duke (retired foreman) has lost an election bet.

Jim Roberts stated that Johnny Martin claims he is the best bowler on the "A" team because Johnny said so.

Can that John Temple eat, and how.

"A few weeks ago I placed an adv. of some beagle hounds for sale on the bulletin board. Much to my surprise my wife pointed out the adv. in OUR YARD. It was very generous of you to do this for me. The pups were sold promptly. Thanks."

Roscoe Biggers, 80 Dept.

Wanted - Ride to Camden or Philadelphia, vicinity of Bridge or Ferry. Will pay. J. Reed, 36-641, third shift.

W. Owens, 47-2814, would like five riders from Highland Gardens to the Shipyard. Day shift. Call 455.

WETHERILL SCOOP

Wally

We, of the Wetherill Plant, are very sorry to hear that Mr. John Wilkinson, former Superintendent, is a patient in the Jefferson Hospital. Here's wishing him a speedy recovery.

Jack Rodgers is spending his vacation in Florida. How about some pictures of those big ones, Jack?

Louie Feusht is now a stamp collector. (Philatelist).

Supt. William Smith has recovered his overcoat which was lost at the party given to Mr. Wilkinson.

PRAISES SUN SHIP MEN

The Norwegian Motorship "Lionel" lay at a discharging berth at Philadelphia. She was being unburdened of a cargo of pig iron by a gigantic magnetic crane. Without warning and to the utter astonishment of all the observers and workers, with a thunderous roar the boom of the crane plummeted suddenly to the deck of the vessel.

Heavy damage to the ship, of course, resulted to the dismay of the Master and personnel of the vessel. She came to Sun Shipyard and was repaired in 41½ hours and proceeded on her way. The Norwegian Shipping Journal of Oslo, Norway, recently published an account of the repair, stating that the Sun Ship workmen seemed to enjoy their work and completed the repair in astonishingly short time with pleasure.

"Forget it," said Joe the riveter - nothing to it.

ENGINE DRAWING ROOM

By Harriet Ford Gwynn

Our Bowling team is now in full stride. The boys won eight in a row and then had a temporary let down losing four in a row. We expect to see them at the top of the league before the season ends.

Now that the hunting season is in full swing some of our crack shots (Ex Army and Air Force men to be exact) have been providing their tables with free meat. After giving the matter a little serious consideration we find that the meat is not quite free, counting lost pay, ammunition, automobile expenses, etc.

We are able to report that rabbit meat cost about \$60.00 per lb. Of course there's the sporting angle involved such as getting up at 5 A.M., tramping through mud and stickers for eight hours with the possibility of getting shot yourself. From the results it looks as though the rabbit is smarter than the man.

Football is all you seem to hear around the office these days. You hear this one talking about one team and that one talking about another. Especially two of our girls, Ann Smedley and Gloria Mancini who sat in the rain on Saturday watching Army beat Penn. And no doubt they were rooting for Penn. We understand they are going to see the Eagles play the Redskins on Sunday. Well, girls, we hope you have nice weather and that your team wins.

At time of writing the boys are looking forward to a Thanksgiving dinner however after the recent election fiasco we are not counting on it yet.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Charlie Derk whose grandfather passed away last week.

Mr. Harry Allen's granddaughter has just started nurses training in Chestnut Hill Hospital.

Keep up your wonderful cooperation. So, until next month, bye now. Merry Christmas to all.





33 DEPT. ELECTRICAL

By J. Hefflefinger

This column extends a welcome to our former fellow employees who are being called back to work. Its beginning to look like old times again. We note among them Les Cunningham, Sam Berry, Bill Berry and our cable expeditor Ed Kennedy.

By this time reports should be in from our Nimrods, and those tall tales of the biggest rabbits and finest ringnecks which got away.

Bill Ogden has returned from his vacation, hunting (not gunning). What no rabbits Bill? It sure begins to look as though George is going to do without that rabbit potpie. And after all those nice fresh fish Bill got all summer from him. Well better luck on the deer, Bill.

Norm Fellenbaum has also returned from a hunting trip. Moon informs us he still won't have rabbit or pheasant on his menu.

Bob Cantwell has returned from his vacation spent in the wilds of Ridley Park.

Congratulations are in order for Charles (Armature) Gray and Mrs. Gray upon the arrival of Charles Dean Gray Jr. on October 28th. Both mother and son are doing fine. Again the best of luck with the new winder Charlie.

Norm Kefford our busy expeditor celebrated a dual anniversary on Oct. 29. Not only was it his birthday but it marked the completion of seven years with Sun Ship. Congratulations on both Norm; may you have many more. That same week end he and his Missus spent at their former home in Lewistown.

Buff and his new helper should get along famously. Which one will go down first is still a matter to be decided.

Haven't heard any more on that housewarming of Dick Smith.

Carmen the Zoom boy has taken over the job of grease monkey from

Len Williams. We are sure that plenty of the old oil will be on tap now.

Andy (Crane Repair) Stevenson has gone over on second shift, so as to keep those overhead cranes rolling over the new tankers.

Carl Bender has taken on the duties of leader and is handling the mid-ship section on Hull 566, while Dick Woleslagle also has gone up a step and is handling a section of the Army Dredge. Best of luck to them both.

Our genial "Ham" did not linger long on the drill press job. Better get those new windows Ham.

Be on the lookout for a new shingle in the Sun Village section. We hear Doc Temple will soon be hanging one out.

Cape May George has a new title. They now call him Kriss Word George. Could it be on account he always calls for help to finish his puzzles.

Newt Shannon tells us he is on the lookout for a house. Any one with any information can find him in the armature shop.

Several of the fellows in the shore gang have gone back to the boats now that the tempo has been stepped up. We mention the following: Chris Hughes, Bill Feathers, Joe Thunder, Harry Trevelino, Charles Harrington, Pump Room Joe and Home Run Brownie.

William Lappin has taken on his new duties as power house supervisor along with the construction department which he has handled so ably in the past.

Clay Bullock is pinch hitting for Ray Smith who was vacationing last week. Don't let Pipe Charlie bother you too much, Clay.

Brother Sydnor has been receiving a lot of publicity recently. We wonder if those glowing reports are true. For further details we refer you to the Lloyd Needler. And now that Whitey has left the fold, will that feud continue?

We regret to inform of the passing of Bob McLaughlin. The maintenance boys will miss his ready wit and genial disposition.

And now here's Mert again. On that recent trip to Norristown we learn that while fiddling some time away on that pin ball machine he was very rudely bumped aside by a very tipsy gent who on the first coin proceeded to hit the jack pot. Mert now asks, does it pay to stay sober.

The details of that harrowing auto-

mobile ride have been a little slow coming in, but as we go to press we finally got them. It seems that Ducky Blair, Morris, and Gerald were down to Pimlico for a day's outing and on the way home the driver decided to race a Greyhound bus on the narrow road. As they pulled out to pass the bus, they saw a truck and several cars heading right for them. Gerald reports that he lost the rest of his black hairs and closed his eyes, but the bus driver saved the day with his good brakes. We hear it being said never again.

Well that's all for this month, and a Merry Christmas to all.



CONDOLENCES are extended to the family of CLARENCE STUBBS, formerly of 60 Dept., who died September 21. He formerly resided at 3008 Van Buren Street, Wilmington.

DEATH OF WILLIAM E. PEPPER

William E. Pepper, 626 Swarthmore Avenue, Folsom, died November 15 at the Taylor Hospital following a long illness. He was formerly employed in the Paint Shop.

Mr. Pepper, who was nearly 69 years old, was born in Georgetown, Del., and had lived in Delaware County for more than sixty years. He is survived by his wife, Bessie A. Pepper; one daughter, Margaret E. Pepper, at home; a brother, Granville Pepper, Dover, Delaware, and a sister, Mrs. Alfred G. Taylor, Atlanta, Georgia.

SPATTERS FROM 47 — FAB SHOP

47 Department is to be congratulated on being represented in OUR YARD by a two-man team of reporters, Bill Cooper and A. Themens. The Editor thanks both these fine men for volunteering to put 47 Department on the map. In addition to this, Mr. Cooper has picked up news from the Mold Loft which is given a separate heading.

By Bill Cooper and A. Themens

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Trosley on a blessed event, a son, on October 31. George is General Foreman of 47 Department. Cigars were in order.

What Irish lad in 47 Department gave up drinking wine as it was too hard on his head?

Sorry to hear of Tom Glavin's injury. All of his buddies in the cold press gang wish him a speedy recovery.

Why is a certain leader in B Shop carrying home flowers from work? Could it be that he is in the dog house?

We hear by the well known grapevine that two shearmen from the day shift had a very wet weekend recently. We also hear that Ed Watkins of the cold press gang was bitten by an insect called the love bug.

Russell Hughes is back off his vacation and he feels very well pleased now that all his housework is done; but he keeps crying about not being able to use his new hunting license.

We want to welcome back "Dick" Taylor, who after being out over ten months with a broken leg, is now able to navigate again. Bullock claims he could have had you fixed up a lot faster (with the help from the cold press).

I'll be glad when Bullock finally learns that song "E-I-E-I-O" that his granddaughter "Marge" is teaching him.

Speaking of granddaughters, one named "Carol" isn't exactly the apple of Jack Sulger's eye; she is the whole tree.

"Pop" Boyer still makes that annual trip to the Eagles and New York Giants football game. What a trip, eh "Pop"?

Andy Yeager is looking like a million after a three weeks trip cov-

ering the New York City hot spots and then taking a motor trip through New York State and the Sky Line route through Virginia.

That small repair job that Bill Foster had to the rear end of his chassis didn't slow him down any. He still covers the roads at a very fast clip.

Tony Talarico and his wife are leaving for a two-week vacation in Miami Beach, Florida. Hope that it is just as nice for you as it was for Cooper.

Carl Fink spent a week's vacation hunting and got four coons, two squirrels and two rabbits.

Joe Grant and his partner Russ with two others went hunting between Danville and Milton. They bagged fourteen rabbits and two birds.

Charlie, hooker-on in "AA" Shop shot four rabbits and one bird. Tipton, also of "AA," has had a swell season so far bagging five birds, four rabbits, eight squirrels and four coons.

Another proud Daddy in line for congratulations on a new offspring, a girl, is Bob Chestnut of the punch press gang.

We are all wondering what Butch would have done if he could have gotten hold of Ed Watkin's first love letter.

We all wish Roy Haskell a speedy recovery from his recent operation and we were disappointed to learn of his illness.

Maybe some of you old timers will remember the days of the jitneys running from 5th and Edgmont to Marcus Hook. It came to our attention recently that Ferdinand Dizio of the Bolt Shed used to drive one. He says they were the good old days???

A question for thought. Who is the most lonesome man in the cold press gang since Russell was put back on the planer?

Anyone having anything to offer for this department, please contact Cooper or Austin in shop, or Themens on the cold press, or leave same at Fabricating Shop Office with Joe Doc, thank you.

Well folks, you can look for this column in next month's magazine. We would like to hear of all new births, and different events concerning our men.

We take this time to wish all our fellows workers and their families a very joyous and happy holiday season.

36 MACHINISTS

By Dick Clendening

A couple more machinists have been added to 36 Department without going through the Employment Office. George Weber and Clint Brooks having completed their apprenticeship in a creditable manner.

Clint feels that a record has been established in his case for as a result of his turn in the U. S. Navy it required a period of seven years and four months to complete his four year term. Our thanks for the fine cigars fellows and all our best wishes for a successful and happy future for both of you.

74 Department's Stanley Dychala has been passing out cigars and receiving congratulations on the arrival of a new baby daughter, Patricia Ann, who was born on October 20 and weighed 7 lb. 2 oz. Mrs. Dychala was formerly employed in the Tube Mill and is the daughter of Dick Clendening who proudly announces that this makes his 8th grandchild. Thanks for the smokes and all our good wishes for health and happiness.

Stanley's brother Ben, who served his apprenticeship here in 36 Department, is also a proud papa, having been presented with a fine baby boy on October 13. All our best wishes to them too.

We were very sorry to learn that Dry Dock's Bob Cohee recently suffered a painful and rather serious injury to his hand. Here's hoping it will not prove to be too serious and that we may soon find him back in the fold again just as good as ever.

Welcome back to the shop to Gene Urban who learned his trade with us in 36 Department and has since enriched his knowledge of the craft by trying other pastures. Glad to see you back Gene and hope your stay will be a long one.

Dave Houser has his annual beard in good shape again for the coming deer season.

We wish to take this opportunity to wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.



80 DEPT. STOREROOM

By Frank Thompson

This article has just beaten OUR YARD's December deadline, mainly because it was not published until "D.L." day. But the entire Storeroom would like to join in congratulating foreman James H. Brown as the "Chester Times" choice on the "Industrial Honor Roll" for thirty years of faithful service with our Company on November 10.

We would like to welcome back Mrs. Plummer after a two-week illness. Hope you're fit as a fiddle again "Jim."

We want, at this time, to extend a most sincere welcome to our two new typists, Doris Boulden and Aileen Patton. Glad to have you with us. Best wishes and smooth sailing for the future.

Congratulations to Jack Donohue who was presented with his ten year service pin by Mr. Brown on October 26. Now Jack, how about that housewarming?

Mac Council has two weeks vacation coming around the holidays. We can understand you wanting the week of Christmas, but how about the second week? After all, Santa Claus's work is completed by that time. There couldn't possibly be any other reason, or could there Mac?

Earl Bennett and Bill Connor both went gunning the first week in November. Even though they took separate trips, their stories were the same, both enjoyed good hunting.

Ray Turner also became a hunter this year, but confined most of his talents to Saturdays.

Congratulations to Harry Merri-dith who was the "Chester Times" choice on November 12 on the "Industrial Honor Roll" of Delaware County for twenty-five years service with Sun Ship in our department.

We would like to express our sincere sympathies to both Mary Filinich and family upon the death of her brother on November 4 and also to Mac Council and family on the death of his sister on November 9.

Now with all our news off the agenda for this year, we would like to wish each and everyone both in the Storeroom and throughout the Yard a very, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



Earl Davis, fifteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Davis, has been presented with the highest religious award in the Boy Scouts. It is known as the God and Country Award. Less than a half dozen of these metals have been given out in Delaware and nearby counties.

The award is made by Church officials with the approval of National Boy Scout officials. It is given to a scout who has been faithful in his religious duties and recognizes his

obligations to God and his Church. Earl, who is a member of the Nether Providence High School, received the award at the Providence Avenue Methodist Church.

The Rev. William H. Anderman, Pastor, officiated. Many scouts and others attended. He resides with his father and mother at 207 Willow Road, Garden City. In the picture above Earl is being congratulated by Reverend Anderman. His father is shown by his side.

67 DEPARTMENT

By Major Palm

Emerson Gatchel, our foreman, deserves the title "Cleaner of the Month." Under his leadership the cleaners are rated well up in the competent category. We want to express our utmost feeling of appreciation for his fair dealing to all. He has a canny method of decision which pays off. The group in general has accepted his foremanship well. All of us wish you and family the Season's Greetings.

This is the last month, Jerry, to get that ring.

Mrs. Martin Outterbridge is recovering after an operation. Merry Christmas.

We welcome back lots of old timers and hope to see you around for a long stay.

John (Soap) Price — we wrote

Santa a letter asking for a bicycle just like your daughter's.

Al Bagby will leave on the 26th of November for two weeks of deer hunting in the rough mountains above Williamsport, Pennsylvania. We all wish you luck.

What happened to limelight Minor? He hasn't made the news for a couple of months. You are slipping Charles.

One of the most remarkable records in the history of Sun Ship's bowling contests is being piled up by the Hull Drawing "A" team.

Up to Nov. 12 this team had won 37 games and had lost only 3. Its nearest contestant in "A" league is the Engineering team with 26 won and 14 lost.



COPPER SHOP

By Worrilow and Fisher

Since our last issue, John Mitchell has bought a television set. He is very generous with the invitations, so we are told, providing his visitors bring their refreshments.

George Bechtel, our "Fire Chief," has won a Bendix washer. He sure is glad. So now he can make a lot of extra "EASY" money.

Fred Thompson is looking and acting more like an "Owl" as the nights go by.

Butch Bazis has yet to get that "Tobacco Ride" in "Old Ben's" new car. Miracles still happen.

Carl Bower and Jim Simmons liked the picture of their boss Mr. Adam and their pipe so well that they had several duplicates made and sent them to their friends.

Paul Stepke has gained several pounds since he has been on night work. He said that if he doesn't get day work soon, it will cost him a lot of money. P.S. He'll have to buy some work clothes and a Sunday suit.

Mike Docherty has just returned from his vacation. He said that he did a lot of work around the house but we have found out different. The most work that was done was at meal time.

We are glad to see some more of our old timers back after some absence, including Johnny Kostyk, Melvin Snyder and Danny DelVacchio.

Andy Adams, Jr. went gunning on first day of gunning season. P.S. What good is a gun if you can't find anything to shoot at?

J. Simmons just finished his apprenticeship so everyone was smoking cigars. "Congratulations" Jim.

Wesley Jones is back teaching again.

We understand that Shoemaker is quite a singer on the local fronts.

We are glad to see John Mackin back to work after he was out for a few days with a cut hand.

Your reporters, Charlie Worrilow and Norman Fisher, wish each and every one including our foremen and leaders a very, very Merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

THE TANKER ORMONDALE, built in Holland in 1912, has been purchased by Sun Ship for scrap iron. She is 376 ft. long and is being brought to the Shipyard from Wilmington, South Carolina, where she has been tied up.



BARRY IVES, 18, son of George D. Ives of the Pipe Shop, is now a midshipman at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York. A former student at Chester High School, he was chosen for the scholarship by representatives of the U. S. Navy following a competitive examination. After a four year course, he will be commissioned an ensign and will get a B.S. degree in engineering. At Chester High, he was a specialist in radio.



SHEET METAL DEPT.

By Mike Luberta

This month we all welcome back the newcomers: Walter (Wally) Pusey, David (Creeper) Bilson, Frank (Arf) McKenney, James (Jim) Gill, Charles (Charlie) Molloy, Thomas (Tommy) Malloy and Joseph (Joe) McGee, also many other newcomers.

The smiling faces of the Sheet Metal Bowling Team, which appeared in the last edition of OUR YARD, are looking forward to a successful season. The department is proud to have such a team to represent them. We wish them luck in winning the League championships.

Hats off to our new leaders — Harry Carsins, Bill Gilmore, Ben Bunell and Bill McGlenn.

Walt Hansell, whose picture appeared in last month's OUR YARD, is one of the department's blood donors. We would like to see more men in our department "Give a pint and save a life."

Jimmy "General" Goodyear wants his two-year old son to become a West Point man when he grows up. He started out by doing everything by the numbers and now he gives him commands and he obeys them like a real soldier, according to the "General."

J. White came in one morning with a story how his cat finally caught a mouse after keeping him and his wife awake most of the night.

Danny "Lover" Collings says the way to get along with women is not to understand them at all.

Broadway Charlie, who reminds you more of a burlesque comedian, often talks about those good old days he spent on Broadway.

This month we honor our lay-out men, Tommy Adams and Howard Phillips, who are doing a skillful job on the lay-out tables.

Birthday greetings to Phil (Shorty) D'Aminio on his 31st birthday.

To you puzzled music lovers — No, it wasn't the voice of Como or Sinatra you heard in the Fan Room of 565, it was our own Jim (The Voice) Dunn singing "A Tree in the Meadow."

Farewell to Ben Bunell who left the gang from the first shift and now is a leader on the second shift.

During the lunch time discussion at the square table conference, you always see White, Peck, Doody, Danny, Becker on one side and Rudy,

Goodyear, Dave, Richmond on the other, with Nick McCarter as its chairman, along with a number of spectators. Here all family problems are solved, along with current events and sports activities. One would think you were listening to generals, admirals, executives, experts on sports, politics and etc. Some of the subjects brought up go on for days and weeks, but they don't give up until the problems are solved. At the time of this writing, they are puzzled with "Should a young married man wear his wedding band at all times?"

Did you know that George Wood sings bass in a well-known church choir; Dave McCracken used to be an expert dart shooter.

After nine years of married life, Scottie expects to become a father in the near future.

Sal (Irish) Jackson to prove to some of the boys that he was born in Ireland expects to leave for Ireland this summer to visit his parents and relatives. He hasn't seen them in eighteen years.

"Dutch" with his animal sounds and his corny jokes in the morning makes one wonder what he has for breakfast. Could it be cornflakes and animal crackers?

George Bennett, who has been working up in the balcony of the

shop, will soon be known as the solder king.

Things we would all like to know:

Why doesn't Nick McCarter keep his false teeth in his tool box?

What happened to the lunch time pinochle game?

What expert hunter in the department on the first of hunting season was so excited when he saw a rabbit that when he fired, instead of hitting the rabbit, he killed his own hunting dog?

A closing line to all. We want to thank all those who enjoy reading our column and also for your full cooperation in making this column what it is.

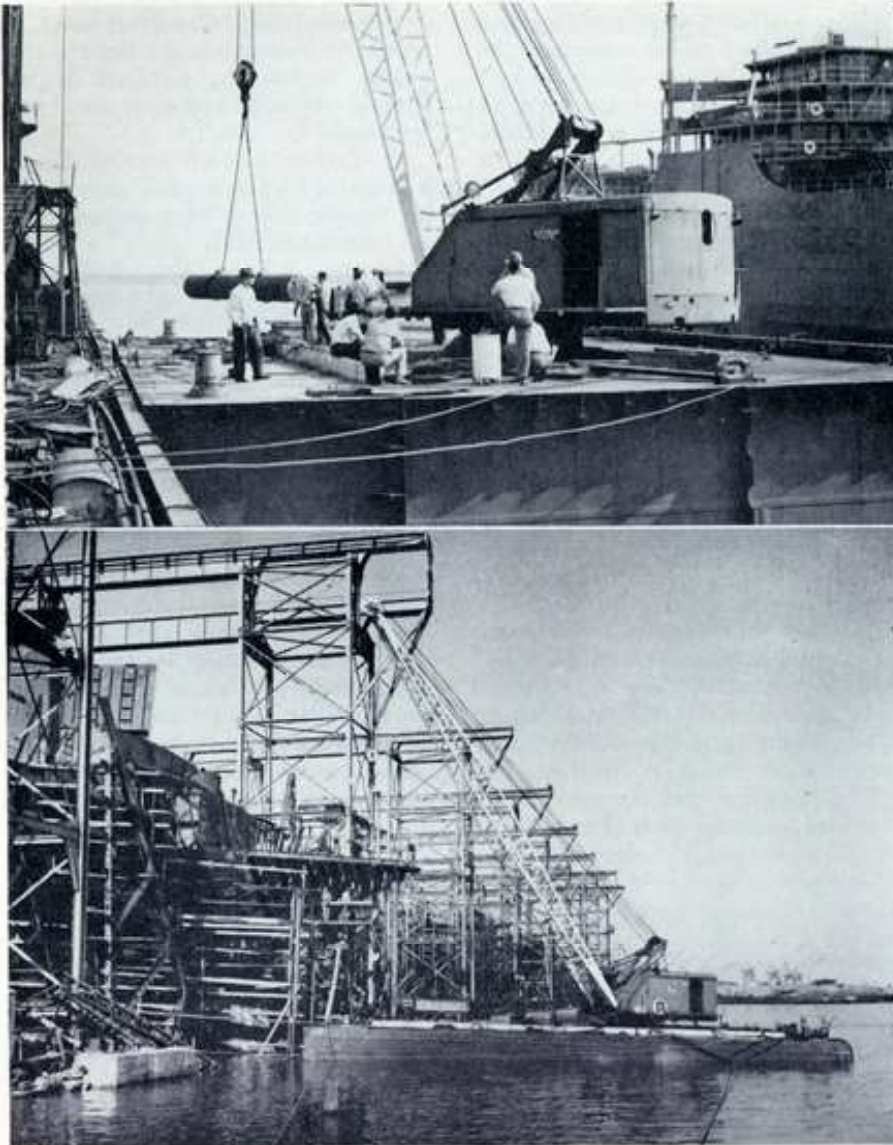
We wish each and every one of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.



JANITOR STAFF at Main office and nearby buildings, left to right, lower: Oliver Durham, Edward Dutton, Rachel Stevenson, Joe Harris, Earl Monroe, George Smith. Upper: Robert Benson, Toward Jenkins, Roy Flagg, Robert Ashton, John Bruce, Ned Johnson.

Four in the group have a total of 112 years service with Sun Ship. They are Edward Dutton, 32 years; Joe Harris, 30; Rachel Stevenson, 29, and Ned Johnson, 23.

FLOATING CRANE ON WATERFRONT



NEW BARGE CRANE recently assembled is designed to aid in building the super-tankers now on extended shipways. Upper picture shows the barge and crane being tested for carrying heavy loads. Lower, the crane now in actual service is seen at No. 1 shipway.

PLATE YARD

By Norman Nickerson

Jack Seaman, our foreman, took the first week of gunning season for the last week of his vacation and went out to the fields and brought home lots of game.

Roy Strickland also had the same week off and went out Oxford way and did a lot of gunning.

Ray Herman, popular crane operator, has returned to work after being out for a month due to illness.

"Whitey" Fisher, our timekeeper, has been looking sad lately since his supply of cigars has been cut down.

The reason for this is that he is saving them to pass out shortly.

We offer our condolences to Sam Parlier who buried his mother recently.

Bob Maculley took a trip to Pottsville recently to get a sixty-five cent hair cut.

Len Nicholson, our popular round brakeman, had his picture in the paper recently viewing a train wreck.

Tom "Lover" Passaro, hard working No. 5 crane boy from Philadelphia, has picked a Chester lass as his steady. He says it won't be long now.

INK SPOTS FROM THE HULL DRAWING ROOM

By Al Williams

We offer our congratulations to Tom Niblock, of this department, and the former Miss Peggy Mustard (who arrived in New York on October 29th from Glasgow, Scotland). Peggy and Tom became Mr. and Mrs. on November 23rd in Woodlyn, where they have made their home. Best of luck to the newlyweds.

It has been rumored that John Filiben and "Cass" will become Mr. and Mrs. on January 15th. Official confirmation will come from the prospective Mrs. as John isn't talking.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Darby enjoyed a vacation in Florida last month when they drove down to Orlando to visit their son and his family.

The "Clubhouse" in Chester will be the site of the Hull Drawing employees' Christmas party on December 16th.

Jimmy "Nature Boy" Jennings, who received a fractured ankle bone when he was thrown from a horse last month is now interested in taking a course on how to be a better equestrian.

There doesn't seem to be any team in Sun Ship's "A" Bowling League that can offer any competition to the Hull Drawing "A" Team. The "A" Team won the first third easily by winning 37 points out of a possible 40.

The Hull "B" Team, captained by Les Ives, managed to remain high among the runner-up teams by ending the third with better than a .500 percentage, and although they won no team honors, Ives bowled his highest game by hitting a 242, which missed the individual high single by 3 pins for a second place standing.

The Hull "C" Team, which is captained by John Petchel in the Wednesday night league, hasn't fared so well thus far, but it hopes to win more in the next two thirds.

A bowling match between the three teams representing this department is being arranged and will be held this month, losers pay.

In closing, I wish all of our fellow employees the biggest and merriest Christmas they have ever had.



SUPER TANKERS

(Continued from Page 3)

fare reached its peak; U. S. ship construction was speeded up rapidly, and for the first time since World War I tanker construction in this country exceeded that in foreign yards.

"The bulk of our war-built commercial fleet, which consisted of about 9,000,000 tons of T-2 type tankers having a deadweight of about 16,600 tons and a speed of 15 knots, was constructed during the next three years.

"Today, about 43% of the world's tanker tonnage is under the U. S. flag, and while the volume of tonnage under construction here does not equal that being built in Europe, I am glad to say that orders recently placed here call for a substantial number of tankers having a deadweight of 26,000 or more tons and a speed of about 16 knots.

"While the War resulted in the loss of about 40% of the pre-war world-wide tanker fleet, this was more than replaced by new construction, and the overall effect has been to hasten the general utilization of larger and faster ships. One might say that size and speed more than any other factor, are means of combating today's high transportation costs which have more than doubled since 1939.

"On the other hand, it should be remembered that the larger and faster the vessel the more valuable her time and the greater the possible savings from improved turnaround. In fact, we might go so far as to say that from the standpoint of economy, quick turnaround is second only in importance to the utilization of large fast ships.

"Even a T-2 has an average cost at the dock of about \$2,000 per day, and the corresponding cost of a modern 26,000 ton vessel would be about 30% more. This gives some idea of the importance of keeping port time to a minimum.

Mr. Gamble pointed out that a survey made last April showed that 542 tankers were under the American flag. He continued:

"It is difficult to forecast the adequacy of the world's tanker fleet to take care of future petroleum transportation needs. This is particularly true today when there are substantial movements from the Persian Gulf to this hemisphere, which involves four times the tanker tonnage required for a movement of the same

volume from the U. S. Gulf to New York. However, it is my feeling that under peacetime conditions the tankers now available, augmented by new deliveries which might reasonably be expected, will be very closely in balance with expected transportation needs for the next few years. Much, of course, will depend on the extent to which obsolete vessels are retired from service, which in turn is largely influenced by the tanker market and resultant freight rates.

"According to the best available information there are the equivalent of 113 T-2's under construction or on order in the United States today, and 267 of the same type building or on order in Europe — thus making a total of 380 equivalent T-2's scheduled for delivery over the next four years, which represents an average of 95 per year. If we assume further orders will be placed, or possibly that retirements from obsolescence will be less than indicated, the average might well coincide with the long-range figure of 100 per year previously mentioned. On the other hand, if, as appears likely, the average long-term rate of growth in requirements will be exceeded over the near term, a balance might be arrived at by further postponement of retirements.

"In viewing the world-wide tanker situation, I cannot help but feel that the most difficult period of postwar readjustment is behind us, and that the industry can be depended upon to meet all anticipated commercial requirements under peacetime conditions."

WETHERILL SECOND SHIFT

By Sam Sterrett

Your Reporter has received a flash regarding Flagg. Recovery is slow and the doctor says it will be some time before he returns to the layout table.

Jim Brown Jr. and wife in their new Jeep station wagon, hit the high roads for Maine where they enjoyed their vacation.

Arthur Green is back again turning out material on the lathe.

Several new faces can be seen around the shop. J. Clothier, apprentice has returned after 6 years in Uncle Sam's Navy. J. Greenhalgh and M. Koterba are helping the floor gang. William McGavin is helping Kosmider on the big lathe.

The men of the 2nd Shift, 100%

strong, signed up for the Annual Community Fund.

Tommy Nowak took the final week of vacation with fingers crossed as he left by automobile for Buffalo and points in Canada. Crossed fingers worked as he missed any snow and icy roads.

A. Carlsen has left service due to a death in his family and returned to the middle west to raise Angus cattle for future beefsteaks.

George Adrian the 2nd shift mighty nimrod, after listening to the gloomy hunting reports of NO GAME, spent his vacation at his home in Parkside instead of turning to fields and woods for the ringnecks and bunnies.

Big Bill Brengmann has weekly gone to his cabin in the mountains north of Reading, but reports he is now ready to wrap his gun around a tree trunk in disgust. A failure to even see any game is the reason.

Supt. Dick Frazier took his final vacation week putting his new Dodge sedan through its paces and enjoying the gorgeous foliage. He was also a spectator at the Ridley Township football game.

Parker Kilvington our cartoonist is again at it. His pictures, highlighting the local high school football games are a regular weekly feature in the Chester Times.

Rod and Gun

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a lot of gunning during the first week of season all over Delaware, Chester, Lancaster, Bucks and Montgomery counties. They say game is very scarce this year.

D. Phillips, 33 Department Telephone man, did a little gunning and fishing while on his three week vacation in the lower end of Delaware.

Howard "Fifty" Fithian, your Rod and Gun News Reporter, did a little fishing out along Ridley Creek a few weeks ago. Thought I'd hook a couple of suckers but didn't even get a bite. I was the only sucker hooked — got my feet soaking wet and caught a darn ole cold.

Well, here's hoping each and every one of you have a swell enjoyable Christmas and I wish to thank you for all your news you have given me in '48. Hope you'll be able to dig up a little more for '49.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

"BELIEVE IT OR NOT,
HOPE HAS AN
INTELLIGENT IDEA!"

says CROSBY

CROSBY:

Folks, this is fantastic, but old Hope has a great idea. He thinks *everybody* ought to give U. S. Savings Bonds for Christmas presents!

HOPE:

Thanks for the kind words, son. But no kidding, ladies and gentlemen, those Bonds are sensational. They're appropriate for *anyone* on your list. On Christmas morning, nothing looks better in a stocking—except maybe Dorothy Lamour.

CROSBY:

Old Ski Nose is correct. And don't forget how easy it is to buy bonds—you can get 'em through the Payroll Savings Plan where you work.

HOPE:

How about it, Mr. and Mrs. America? This Christmas let's *all* give U. S. Savings Bonds!



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Christmas — 1948



AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

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AND Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be deliverd. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

AND there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

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AND suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

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AND it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

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BUT Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

Luke 2:1-19.