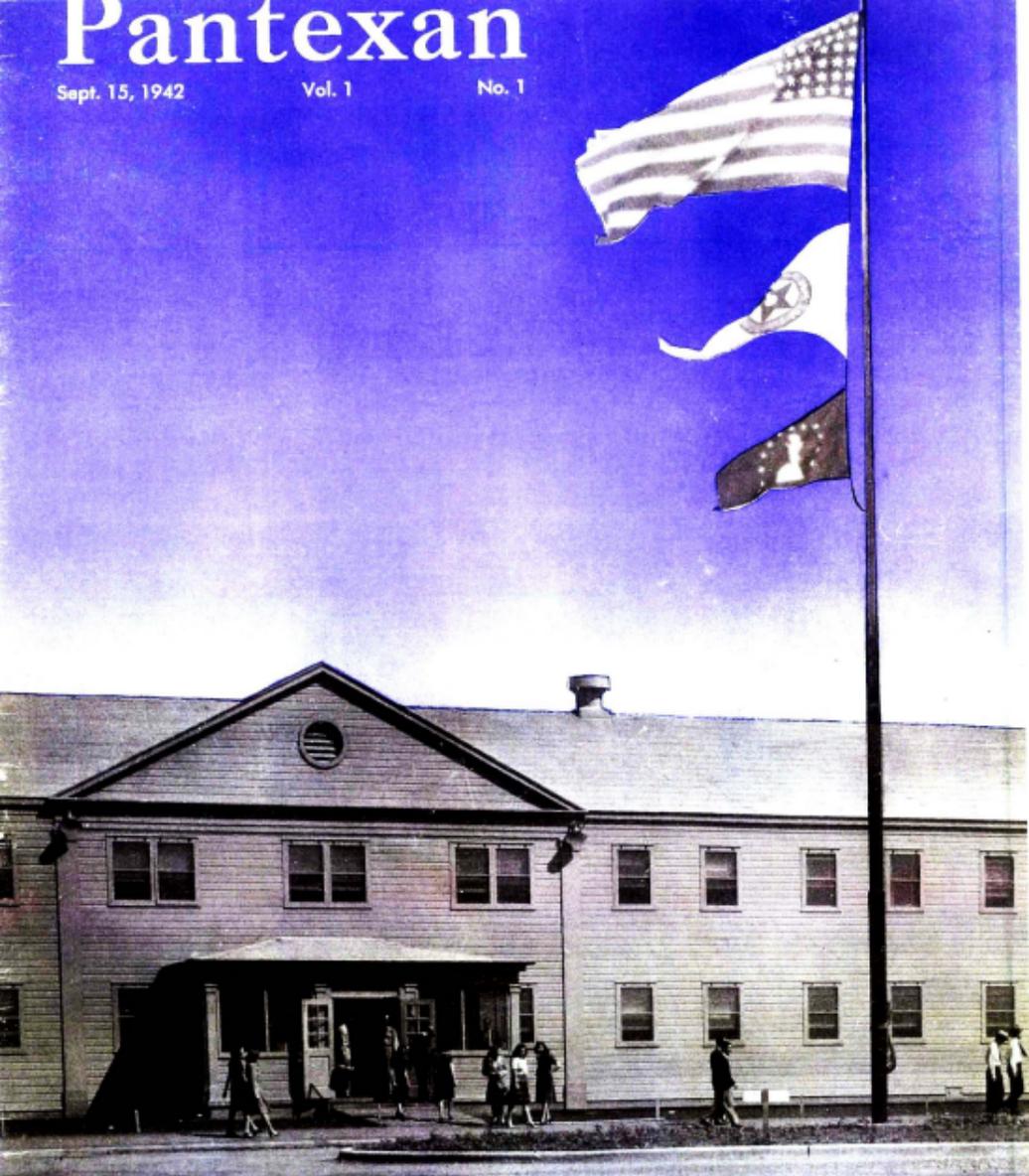


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THE PANTEXAN AND ITS POLICIES

Here is the first issue of the Pantexan—we hope you like it.

The purpose of the Pantexan is to portray, in story and picture, life at Pantex Ordnance Plant. It will endeavor to serve as a medium of expression through which we will all become better acquainted, more strongly united and more intently aware of our responsibilities in our vital war effort. It proposes to create enthusiasm and instill real American patriotism. The observance of safety rules and regulations at all times will be encouraged. Wholesome recreational activities will be promoted by the Pantexan, and it will try to serve in any manner possible for the common good of Pantex Ordnance Plant.

A competent staff has been selected to gather interesting news from over the plant site and your wholehearted cooperation with them will be greatly appreciated. The Pantexan staff hopes that you will offer news tips and suggestions to your representative in order that we may publish the kind of magazine you want.

ABOUT THE COVER

The front cover shows the main entrance of the Administration Building with the flagpole proudly displaying Old Glory, the Pantex Certain-teed pennant, and the Minute Man flag which tells the world that 100% of Pantex employees invest an average of 10% of their salaries in war bonds every payday.

PANTEXAN STAFF SAYS

"Howdy"



Mark Sale, Transportation Safety Inspector, T 33.

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Major P. S. Irvine
Commanding Officer

This country is engaged in a war; the most serious war that has ever faced it.

This Plant is one of several Ordnance Facilities built, or being built, as very important parts of a tremendous program to insure the winning of this war.

The group of people here at Pantex have been gathered together to build and operate this Plant for the U. S. Army as a part of this program to win this war.

The work that each person on this job is performing contributes to the group, to the Plant, and to his country's war effort. Each *must* "put out" to the best of his ability every day, hour, and minute to insure that this country will emerge victorious in this war.

It is tremendously important that we produce, not only to the full extent of our capacity, consistent with good safety practices, but also that the bombs we build be of the very best quality . . . bombs our fighting men can depend upon. I urge each of you to cooperate wholeheartedly in the fulfillment of our obligation to help "Keep 'Em Shooting."

P. S. Irvine
Maj. Ordnance Dept.
Commanding Officer



H. J. Hartley
President and General Manager
Certain-teed Products Corporation
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Our first goal, to put Pantex Ordnance Plant into production ahead of schedule, has been gained! This is an achievement of which every one of us can be justly proud. It has meant work, sweat and long hours on the job. It is the result of the courage and determination of an enthusiastic group of employees who gave their very best efforts to speed the day when Pantex took its part in the fight for victory. I want to congratulate each and every one of you for your cooperation and good work.

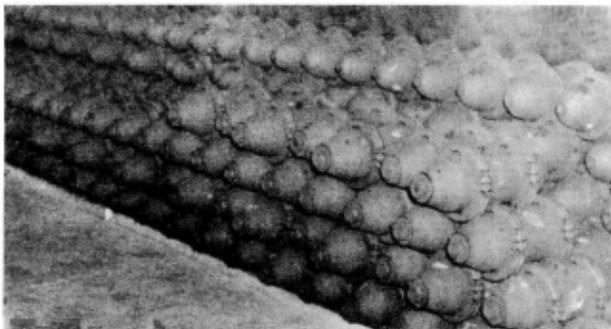
Our job has just begun, however. Ahead of us lies our ultimate aim, the vital task for which we have spent these months of preparation . . . the actual production of bombs with which to blast the Axis. Regardless of the post you fill, remember you are an important link in operations, just as are the workers on the lead lines. Today your job calls for increased effort, even greater loyalty and a stronger sense of responsibility to the end that the boys on the firing line will have "enough and on time."

Based on your past performances, I have every faith in you. I join you in a renewed pledge to meet the challenge we face.

H. J. Hartley
President and General Manager

Pantex Axes Axis

WEEKS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE BOMBS ARE
STREAMING FROM PANTEX LOAD LINE



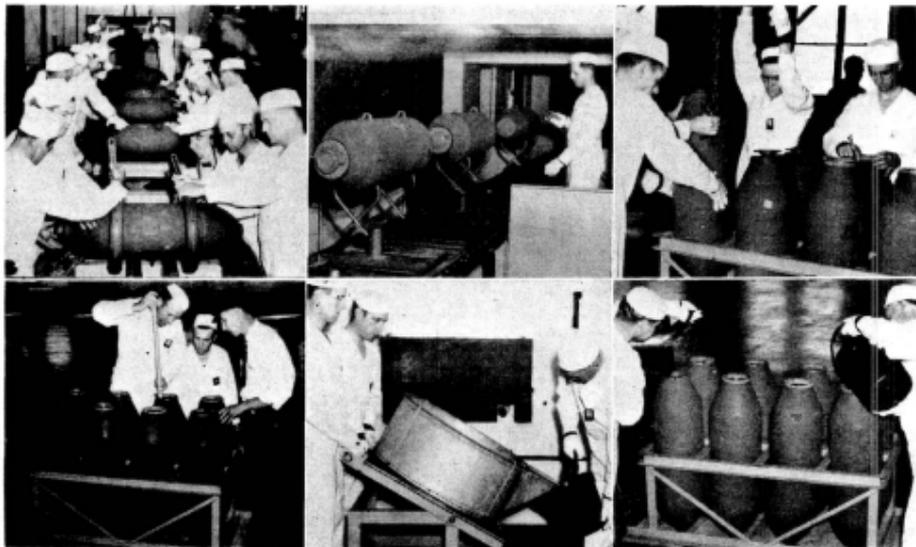
Empty bomb cases are received from distant shipping points and placed in inert storage until they are sent down the load line for filling with explosives.

Pantex Ordnance Plant has gone into production! Hour by hour on a clock round schedule bombs are being rolled off the line under the guidance of careful crews who feel a certain satisfaction of seeing another missile bound for the Axis. The first bomb was poured at 5:35 last Thursday afternoon just five months and twenty-one days after ground was first broken at the reservation on March 27, according to Major P. S. Irvine, Commanding Officer.

Employees throughout the plant felt the excitement and importance of the occasion though only officials of the plant observed operations minus pomp and ceremony. The first bomb was poured on the first load line. Other lines will soon be in operation ahead of schedule, said an official spokesman.



Wreathed in smiles which express their elation at starting production in record-breaking time, this group of men were on hand to observe the first bomb move down the line. Left to right, they are: John G. Getz, Jr., Major P. S. Irvine, Harry R. Lewis, H. J. Hartley and Thomas Knight.



Lt. Robert L. Dodge, representative of the field director of ammunition plants and an authority on munitions equipment gave the first line final inspection last week and pronounced it ready to begin the sinister job for which it was built. Lt. Dodge expressed himself as being extremely well pleased with the completeness of the preparations for operations, and complimented both Major Irvine and H. J. Hartley, president and general manager of Certain-teed's operations, on the tremendously quick job that has been done at Pantex.

Not only are the trained explosive operators straining every effort to see that faultless bombs are turned off the lines, but employees at posts throughout the organization are doing their best in order that each of them will have a real and tangible part in America's fight for victory. Everyone has realized the seriousness of the task that lies ahead.

RECIPE FOR AN AXIS PUDDING

Here's how it is cooked up at Pantex to be dished out by the boys in the airforce. Follow the sequence of the photos on this page left to right by rows as you read: (1) Take empty bomb case, remove shipping bands and nose plugs and clean and prepare for spray painting. (2) Paint case with spray gun to prevent rusting and permit stenciling. (3) Remove case from ovens where paint is dried and place in rack on truck. Now we are ready for the ingredients which have already been cooked at exacting temperatures. After placing the booster (4) gently into the nose of the case take TNT from the cooling tub (5) and pour into the case (6). This is the nose pour. Now for the main charge which is poured in the melt load building (7). This ingredient is extremely potent. Allow the mixture to cool and puddle (8) periodically to prevent the formation of air bubbles. Then the tail booster is inserted in a manner similar to that for placing the nose booster. Now comes the tail pour (9) which completes the filling. The bomb is now ready for the shipping room where the tail cap is inserted, and the shipping bands replaced. From there it goes into a freight car for shipping or into an explosive truck for removal to a storage igloo. Generous servings of the above are recommended for Hirohito and his pals.



Around the Reservation

INTERESTING NOTES ABOUT PEOPLE AT PANTEX

THE MELTING POT

By Nell Stevenson

All of Pantex is a melting pot not only for bombs but people. Personnel Department is no exception but a good example.

Some personalities for this week . . . Leon Kinney, interviewer, is from an old time settler family of the Panhandle. His mother settled near here in 1833 at Old Tascosa. His father came here from Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1900 and was one of the first "Prairie Dog" Lawyers.

James Gulick . . . lives here at the Talmage with his mother and grandmother. Mr. Gulick is formerly of Washington, D. C., where he was with Eastern Air Lines. His grandmother, Ella F. Gulick, is quite an authority on the Civil War, having been in the White House frequently during Civil War days and having known Abraham Lincoln.

An interesting personality, although she denies it, is Sue Russell, secretary to George H. Robertson, Director of Personnel. Sue has been in Amarillo for the past 12 years. She was with Farm Security Administration before working for Pantex. Being on war schedule, she has not time for her favorite sports, hunting and fishing.

One fellow who hasn't limited himself to boundaries of states or countries, is interviewer Jerry Malin. Jerry is widely known, having been sports editor for the Globe-News in Amarillo for the past 13 years. He has traveled in 42 states in the Union, Old Mexico, Canada, England, and France. His coverage on sports events has taken him from coast to coast.

Personnel Department regrets to lose Tom J. Finley, training chief. Taking his place is Charles L. Langston of Amarillo. Langston was with the Pleasant Valley Schools for the past 5 years, before coming to Pantex in July. He was among the men who went to Ravenna in the second Ammonium Nitrate class. He worked under Mr. Conklin as materials inspector prior to his present position. Mr. Langston's main hobby is writing. He has had several articles published in "The Nation's School" and "The Texas Outlook." He received his B. A. degree from Mississippi College at Clinton, Miss., and his M. A. from North Texas State Teachers College in Denton.

Job assignment chief is Bill Stubbs, formerly district supervisor with Farm Security Administration. A Tech grad-

uate, he taught school one year before going into FSA work. Bill is quite noted for his whistling ability. He is married and has two children.

Personnel Department was well represented at the first company dance Friday night. Having a wonderful time . . . George H. Robertson insisting that everyone have tickets . . . Bill and Alice Stubbs, Chet and Eleanor Robertson, Fred and Gwen Walker. (Incidentally, it couldn't have been the dance that caused Chet to miss his ride Saturday morning. A dance every week might prove disastrous.) . . . Olivia Eastus and George Curtis.

In war time, women take over men's jobs, sometimes unexpectedly, but usually not in the presence of men. Ella English would like a change of status from typist to service man, since having to fix the flat tire on the way back to town last week when Mr. Kinney, the man in question, proved a little too plump to maneuver beneath the car to place the jack.

PURCHASING DEPT.

By Marjorie Owen

The expeditors no doubt miss the charming personality of blonde, petite Judy Odor, formerly secretary to Mr. Horton. It seems that Dallas is more attractive to her.

Mr. Naughton of the Expediting Department has returned with a Yankee "swift and clipped" manner of speaking. He has been expediting for the last thirty days in New York City and surrounding territory.

With the approach of winter winds and long dark nights all living creatures try to find sufficient warmth and shelter. Alas, Mr. Ray Noblitt of Properties discovered this in a more disturbing manner. As he was donning his trousers early one morning he dislodged a large and quite vicious centipede. He hastily withdrew his foot and attempted to crush it with his heel. It managed, however, to escape and Mr. Noblitt's mind was ill at ease all day, wondering if his wife had found and destroyed the centipede. Upon phoning he heard the disheartening news that the house was up-turned and no trace found.

We are happy to relate that that very evening it was found, but we would predict that from now on every garment is carefully shaken, just in case.

The entire Purchasing Department regretted the departure of Mr. Dave Peters, one of our expedient expeditors. He has gone back to his connection with the Rock Island Railroad as traveling freight agent.

AMMONIUM NITRATE

By Irene Williams

It seems like a good idea to start this column off by getting acquainted with the line as much as possible.

Ammonium Nitrate is a department of the Operations Division. The plant is located in Zone 7.

Ammonium nitrate is one of the ingredients that goes into the loaded bomb. It is received here in liquid form and is evaporated and crystallized. That is the purpose of this plant.

The following men have gone to various ordnance plants for observation of ammonium nitrate processing: Jim C. Triplehorn, Bennett Cornelius, Curtis Gentry, Clarence Headstream, Dee Hunkley, Ross B. Magee, Phil Middleton, L. S. Ratliff, and Jim J. Rogers.

I'm A Stranger Here Myself



I'm new in Amarillo—lived here a month now. People here have been real nice to me. They helped me find a swell place to live. They've shown me good times. Everyone is friendly and hospitable.

Only I wish they'd quit calling me a "damyankee." They make it sound so horrible. I've behaved myself pretty well, never went out with other men's wives, never argued with policeman. And now I find I'm slated for damnation because of the way I talk. I can't help it.

I'm here for the same reason as the rest of you. I'm trying, so lay off—will you?

Signed—"A Damyankee"



P.O.P.--Fun!

"ALL WORK AND NO PLAY MAKES JACK A DULL BOY"

Rollicking, robust and ready for a full fling at life, a youngster, Recreation by name, made its first appearance in the Pantex household with the formation of two bowling leagues and a rip-snorring dance held Friday, September 4.

Play in the men's bowling league will be divided into two periods on Tuesday night of each week with ten teams bowling at 7 P. M. and the remaining ten following them on the hardwood at 9 P. M. The women's league will swing into action at 7 P. M. every Thursday. Both leagues are scheduled for competition during a period of 36 weeks, at the end of which time attractive cash prizes will be awarded.

Give us more, you say? Why certainly!

A general recreation committee, composed of Al Herd and George H. Robertson, is on the job looking for things in the field of entertainment and relaxation that will interest every last employee during leisure hours. This committee thinks up things to do and then appoints a sub-committee to take care of the details of that particular activity.

Yes, the thing will even go beyond having a guess-work program of recreation. It has been almost definitely decided that a person well-versed in keep-

ing other people entertained will direct the activities and spend his full time arranging programs for entertainment.

This program, expected to get under way in the very near future, will include golf, tennis, table tennis, checker, domino and bridge tournaments with the possibility of the organization of a bridge club and poker club, softball teams and leagues, baseball teams, wrestling, boxing, basketball leagues and any other variety of recreation which might be called to the Recreation Director's attention.

Although time is mighty valuable to the war effort, it is thought that barbecues and picnics might be forthcoming, for planned relaxation is mighty important to the efficiency of a busy war worker. It could be possible that the tables and chairs in the cafeteria be moved back and an orchestra be engaged for sessions of tripping the light fantastic right here on the plant site.

IN THE PICTURE

Pictured are the captains of the various bowling teams which swung into action last week, opening the recreation program for the Pantex Ordnance Plant.

The first row pictures Captains Emily Tucker, Safety Dept. and president of the women's league; Ela English, Personnel; Roberta Gaines, Purchasing

Dept. and secretary of the women's league; Twillie Mac Thompson, Payroll Dept.; Lera Belle De Fries, Purchasing Dept.; and Betty Norvall, Auto Transportation. Captains who were absent when the picture was taken are Frances Kumpke, Personnel; Alice Campbell, Ordnance Dept.; and Margaret Tatum, Ordnance Dept.

The second row introduces Clark Loomis, secretary of the men's league; and the following captains; James Sanders, Auditing Dept.; Joe Horton, Purchasing Dept.; Al Herd, Auto Transportation and member of the recreation committee and ramrod of the bowling leagues; C. M. Styles, Stores Dept. (Field); and Don Wood, Vouchers Payable Dept.

The captains on the third row are: Bruce Woaddell, Police Dept. and president of the men's league; Stanley Marsh, Ordnance Inspection; W. O. Carlson, Office Management; O. A. Dalton, Auto Transportation; Ross Dickerson, Firemen; Meade Graham, Fiscal Dept.; and Lt. R. M. Smith, Ordnance.

Captains on the back row are W. J. Brice, Auto Transportation; and W. C. Adler.

Lonnie Price, Stores (General Office); Jerry Malin, Personnel; James Cook, Mail and Records; M. C. Parsley, Auto Transportation; and R. C. Matthews, Rail Transportation were not available when the picture was snapped. One other team, the Safety Dept., had not yet selected its captain.

Miracles were Asked and Performed

ALMOST LIKE MAGIC A MONSTROUS WAR PLANT SPRANG UP AND INTO PRODUCTION WITHIN FIVE MONTHS AND TWENTY-ONE DAYS

What was once an expanse of flourishing wheat farms today is the site of a huge war plant which is producing eggs of death and destruction destined for the Axis.

Sprawled over 14,987 acres of prairie land, Pantex Ordnance Plant has brought big-time production line industry to the Plains Country. This giant factory has changed the careers and touched the lives of thousands of Panhandle folks, taking them from peacetime occupations into strange surroundings and undreamed of jobs. Furthermore, it has welded the interests of the industrial minded Yankee and the stoical West Texan through a common objective, that of winning a war.

Amarillo's Efforts Rewarded

Anxious to have a part in the nation's war program, Amarillo spent months at fitting itself into the production picture. Civic organizations, leading businesses and citizens rallied to offer the city's facilities for service and express its people's desire to cooperate. At last the reward came with announcement that a munitions plant would be located somewhere in Texas. It was generally understood that the announcement referred to Pantex.

Certain-teed Gets Operator's Contract

On Feb. 28, 1942 the United States of America and Certain-teed Products Corporation entered into a contract for the operation of Pantex Ordnance Plant, a war production facility owned by the government.

On March 10, the contract for the construction of the plant was let to Freese and Nichols and McKenzie Construction Company as the Architect Engineer Manager, with H. F. McFarland as project manager. The Corps of Engineers was in charge of construction and Captain C. W. Fletcher, was the Area Engineer as supervisor.

Negotiations for the purchase of the land now occupied by Pantex Ordnance Plant were started March 21. On March 31, the court issued a condemnation order giving right to occupy the land to be effective July 1. A declaration of take of the present site was issued by the same court.

Preliminary surveys were started by Captain Fletcher, the Area Engineer, March 16. The basic or general lay-

out surveys were begun May 1. Previous to that time the takeoff spur track from the Santa Fe Railroad serving the plant area had been started on March 27.

Ordnance and Certain-teed Arrive On Scene

Meantime, Major H. P. Burgard, who had been named Commanding Officer for Pantex, arrived in Amarillo early in April as did officials of Certain-teed Products Corporation. Both set up offices in the Oliver-Eagle building in Amarillo.

Actual construction started in April. To do the man-sized job for which he had contracted, Certain-teed's president and general manager, H. J. Hartley, enlisted some of the country's most able executives to serve as managers of the organization's various divisions. Later, two of the group, John G. Getz, Jr. comptroller, and Harry R. Lewis director of purchases were named assistant general managers and their former positions were filled with capable successors.

When accepting the contract for operations, miracles had been asked of Mr. Hartley, he had promised them, and now he was ready to start their performances in face of all the adversities occasioned by war time curtailments.

Immediately upon becoming established here Certain-teed Products Corporation began filling in its skeleton organization with personnel which was to operate the plant when it was completed.

An invitation for applications was met with instant response by Amarillo and Panhandle people who made good on their original promise to cooperate by showing a willingness to help and by quickly adapting themselves to their new jobs.

Amarilloans Employed Wherever Possible

In an attempt to help solve the acute housing shortage and because it is Certain-teed's policy to do so, local people were employed wherever possible and today Texans form the bulk of Pantex personnel.

April 1 saw construction begin on the Administration Building at the plant site. Work started on the Cafeteria April 6 and it opened for service May 16.

Construction of the Employment Building in the administration area was started April 10 and it was occupied by Certain-teed on June 8.

Construction on the sewage treatment plant began May 12 and on May 20 the first ground was broken for building of inert storage buildings and the bomb load lines.

When the Administration Building was completed on May 16 the AEM and Area Engineers made it their headquarters. Ordnance Department and some divisions of Certain-teed moved to the plant June 16. On August 8, the AEM moved into the newly constructed dormitories and by August 15, Certain-teed and Ordnance were located in permanent offices in the Administration Building.

Major Irvine Appointed C. O.

Meanwhile changes in military personnel placed Major P. S. Irvine, then a Captain in Ordnance and Executive Officer since his arrival in April, in command of Pantex. Major Burgard was transferred to Washington June 1. Captain Irvine was promoted to Major on June 5 and was officially appointed Commanding Officer July 15. Lt. James A. Swaney was promoted to Captain and was made Executive Officer.

Complete cooperation between Ordnance, Certain-teed, the Area Engineers, AEM and the subcontractors, plus initiative and a desire to get the job done resulted in the project being 88% complete on Sept. 15.

The first load line received official inspection by Lt. Robert L. Dodge, a representative of the field director of ammunition plants, on Sunday, Sept. 13; the green light for production flashed for operations at noon Thursday, Sept. 17 and at 5:35 P. M. the same day the first bomb had been poured at Pantex.

Pantex was one of four such plants being built concurrently. It was the last started and first to get into production, being at least four months ahead of the first one to start construction.

The feverish work and achievements of the past five months have been only a starter for the job that lies ahead. With the same drive and enthusiasm, Pantex will help make the bombs that will blast Tokio and Berlin from the face of the earth.

YOU and the Draft

September 1st, saw A. L. Mills leave for Washington to obtain information which concerns a large number of Certain-teed employees; that is, what will the draft status be a month from now and in the many months to follow?

Returning on the 4th, Mills brought with him a clarification of the question. First, married men, regardless of whether they have dependents, are not wanted by the army at the present time, especially if they are in war work, and will not be considered until all available single men and married men in non-war occupations are taken. It matters not whether a man's wife is working or not. In fact, women are being encouraged to go to work in war industries which is verified by the breakdown of war plant personnel which army officials indicate as the ideal set-up, if possible—50% women, 40% men over 45, 8% physically disabled, 2% key men under 45.

It was stressed to Mr. Mills by high officials that men working in war plants will not be called until after the respective class of men in non-war industries are inducted. It was also pointed out to Mr. Mills by the officer in charge of the Man Power Division, that every man in war industries should be working at the job for which he is best trained. Eventually, the mechanics of the Man Power Division plans to have every man placed in the job for which he is most suited and possibly to freeze him to that particular job.

It was Mr. Mills opinion in the final analysis that Pantex personnel will have a minimum of interruptions due to the draft.



Shown here are Assistant General Managers Harry R. Lewis and John G. Getz, Jr., beside H. J. Hartley, President and General Manager of Certain-teed's operations at Pantex, who is accepting a Minute Man banner from A. L. Mills, chairman of Certain-teed's war bond sales.

Bombs and Bonds for Victory

PANTEX EMPLOYEES ARE IN THE NATION'S WAR PROGRAM WITH BOTH THEIR EFFORTS AND MONEY

In recognition of the outstanding record set by employees of Certain-teed Products Corporation operators of Pantex, 100% of which are investing an average of more than 10% of their salaries in war bonds every pay day, the organization has been awarded a certificate of merit signed by the Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, Jr.

The certificate entitles Pantex to fly the coveted Minute Man flag which has been seen displayed on the pole in front of the Administration Building. Small banners of the Minute Man are proud possessions of the management group.

A 100% record was achieved by employees several weeks ago during a sales campaign during which all of them pledged to buy bonds every pay day. More than 90% of them promised to invest at least 10% of their earnings and the average pledge per employee was 10.4% of his salary. Despite the many additions to the organizations personnel since the drive, the 100% record remains intact. As new employees are hired they are given the opportunity to join in the bond buying program and to date every employee, new and old, is a proud participant in it.

Can You Draw?



Pantexan wants artist contributions! If you can draw cartoons or caricatures of interesting happenings around the reservation, bring a rough pencil sketch of your suggestions to room 278, Administration Building.

WANT SOMETHING?

A classified column will be run in the Pantexan each time for the convenience of the Pantex Ordnance Plant employees. Any person may place an ad without charge for lost and found articles,

passengers and rides wanted to and from the plant, etc., but no rentals, please. Turn in ads to the Pantexan, Room 278, Administration Building, Pantex Ordnance Plant.



Capt. Ben M. Davis, Military Intelligence Officer and guardian of Pantex, is the latest addition to military personnel.



Lt. J. B. Hart (l) is concerned with property and transportation, and Lt. Thad Davids with safety and security.



Ordnance engineers, Lt. Preston C. Read and Lt. R. M. Smith confer frequently on engineering and operations problems.

Ordnance *on the Job* - How it Works

COMMANDING OFFICER AND STAFF IN ADVISORY CAPACITY ON OPERATIONS

Directing construction and operation of the Pantex Ordnance Plant is the Ordnance Department of Pantex, Maj P. S. Irvine commanding with the aid of his military and civilian staff and Executive Officer Capt. James A. Swaney.

The Ordnance Engineering and Operations Division, of which 1st Lt. R. M. Smith is Chief, assisted by Lt. Preston C. Read and by Olin G. Smith, civilian Chief of the division, acts as the direct representative of the Commanding Officer in all matters pertaining to construction, maintenance, and production in this plant. It will make recommendations to the Commanding Officer of any changes in procedure that should be made by the contractor in the interests of operating economy and efficiency. Recommendations will be made for the proper maintenance of buildings and equipment. All construction plans and changes in the construction plans will be reviewed by this division prior to submission to the Commanding Officer for approval. This Division also reports all regularly and periodically required information as requested by the Chief of Ordnance or any other designated authority.

The Intelligence Officer for Pantex is Captain Ben M. Davis, whose duties include the discovery and prevention of actual and potential subversive activities and the safeguarding of military information. This division of the Ordnance Department operates through and with the assistance of the organization of the Director of Safety of Certain-tyed.



Commanding Officer P. S. Irvine, Maj. Ordnance Dept (l) and his Executive Officer, Capt. James A. Swaney.

As civilian employees of the War Department, members of the Ordnance Inspection Department, headed by 1st Lt. R. P. Hamilton, and assisted by Stanley Marsh, civilian Chief, have the duty of accepting or rejecting ammunition produced by the prime contractor. Stationed at receiving docks and in various buildings along the load lines, inspectors check components and the manufacturing process to determine that the finished products meet quality standards set forth by the government.

Responsibility for production and operation methods rests with the contractor whereas the Ordnance Inspection Department is held responsible for the quality of the finished ammunition. The two groups work hand in hand both

having the same basic aim of making good ammunition for the boys in the service.

Ordnance civilian personnel attached to the staff of the Commanding Officer, working under the general supervision of 1st Lt. G. Campbell, Administrative Officer, act in an audit and general advisory capacity over the various clerical activities of the contractor including but not limited to pre-audit of purchases, disbursements, travel, pay rolls, and accounting. In general this staff is responsible for compliance with laws and government regulations.

Ordnance administrative functions are divided into three main divisions, Audits and Accounts, Administrative (Personnel, Mail and Records, and Steno-



Lt. Robert P. Hamilton, now on temporary duty in the office of Field Director of Ammunition Plants, supervises the work of George Parr, H. L. Pemberton and Stanley Marsh of Ordnance Inspection Dept.

graphic pool), and Property and Transportation.

The audit and accounts division is headed by Fred Ludvigsen, Field Auditor, and his Assistant, Norman W. Lacy. This division has three sections; Audit, headed by Howard A. Hunter; Accounts, supervised by Melton Kessel; and Payroll and Time, directed by Jack H. Hooker. The personnel in these sections maintain a continuous audit of the contractor's records to determine their adequacy and to assure full compliance with the terms of the contract and the provisions of applicable laws.

Mrs. Katherine C. Brewer heads the Personnel Section and has general supervision of Mail and Records and the stenographic pool. Mrs. Nadine Carvajal is in direct charge of Mail and Records. The Ordnance Personnel Section is responsible for recruitment, placement, promotion, payrolls, leave records, etc., of all civilian personnel in the Ordnance Department. The Mail and Records section receives, sorts, and distributes all incoming and outgoing mail, teletypes and telegrams and maintains a permanent central filing system for all Ordnance material including correspondence and instructions.

Lt. J. B. Hart, Property and Transportation Officer, is responsible for functions of the Property and Transportation Division assisted by the Civilian Chief of the Division, E. C. Gillock. The division is concerned with the proper receipt, inspection, acceptance and distribution of all materials and equipment purchased by the contractor, and the maintenance of complete property accountability records on these items as well as on finished ammunition. This division also maintains close contact with the contractor's rail and automotive transportation operations and aids in the solution of transportation problems.

The Ordnance Safety and Security di-



Ordnance men N. W. Lacy (l) assistant to Fred Ludvigsen (c), field auditor, and Ilo G. Campbell (r) administrative officer, keep tab on Pantex operations.

OFFICERS OF THE DAY APPOINTED

Beginning Monday, September 7, commissioned officers on duty in the Office of the Commanding Officer, with the exception of the Executive Officer and the Military Intelligence Officer, were assigned by Special Order to perform tours of duty as Officer of the Day.

Acting as personal representatives of the Commanding Officer, the Officer of the Day is detailed to week day duty from 5 p. m. until 8:30 a. m. the following morning. On Saturdays the tour of duty is from 12:30 p. m. until 8:30 a. m. Sunday, or until relieved. On Sun-

days the tour of duty begins at 8:30 a. m. and continue until 8:30 a. m. Monday morning.

Officer of the Day for the period September 15 until October 1 is as follows: Lt. John B. Hart, Sept. 15; Lt. Thad Davids, Sept. 16; Lt. Richard M. Smith, Sept. 17; Lt. Preston C. Read, Sept. 18; Lt. Robert P. Hamilton, Sept. 19; Lt. Hart, Sept. 20; Lt. Davids, Sept. 21; Lt. Smith, Sept. 22; Lt. Read, Sept. 23; Lt. Hamilton, Sept. 24; Lt. Hart, Sept. 25; Lt. Davids, Sept. 26; Lt. Smith, Sept. 27; Lt. Read, Sept. 28; Lt. Hamilton, Sept. 29; and Lt. Hart, Sept. 30.

vision, of which Lt. Thad Davids is supervising officer, recognizes that safety hinges on the development of a definite and continued interest in safety on the part of all employees. The means by which this is accomplished is the primary concern of the safety officer. In addition to the Ordnance Safety and Se-

curity division is responsible for precautionary planning relative to occurrences and conditions which might adversely affect production. It is in this direction only that, as an agency of the Commanding Officer, the division's work is formulative as opposed to analytical and reportorial.

Here and there with Pantexans

THE COMINGS AND GOINGS OF FOLKS YOU KNOW

MEET THE PEOPLE

By C. A. Loomis, Jr.

Although the Fiscal Dept. cannot claim to be the largest department at Pantex, it can be said that it performs many important functions. Everyone here, at one time or another, must contact Fiscal.

Heading the department is the Comptroller's office, which finds Mr. Scott holding down number one position. Next door is A. L. Mills, whose able guidance directs the Vouchers Payable Department, which is so instrumental in paying the bills. Equally important is the task of making up the payroll for employees. Al Dunlap with Tabulating and Clay Willis in Payroll are responsible for this job, passing the finished checks and Bonds on to Paymaster Kimbrough and his Asst. Mr. Culp. Supervising this paying operation is Mr. Goverman B. Paine. Tucked away in one corner of the administrative bldg. is Office Management, that little office with the big headaches and important travel authorization, which is run by Walt Carlson and his able assistant Gene Pray. Trouble shooting for the telephone service and mail rooms are other jobs handled by Carlson.

Have you ever tried to run a budget? If so, you will have some idea as to the work Mr. Whitehead has in Cost Accounting.

Watching over all these foregoing operations are the Auditors, headed by Mr. Marchant. Now and then this department frowns at us, but we smile right back, realizing that this group of men are necessary to run Pantex efficiently. We all know that efficiency will go a long way toward winning the war.

So there you have the Fiscal Dept. not in order of importance because each Department is equally important in the operation of Pantex.

Fiscal Notes:

The Fiscal Dept. joins this reporter in thanking the Recreational Committee for a swell time at the first Pantex-Certain-teed dance. May there be many more like it.

Congratulations to "Shoety" Mills on the big job he did on his trip to Washington.

That busy little man, Morris Zwerdling, is on the run again . . . now in charge of insurance, taking the place of Mr. Monaghan who has left us to return to Washington.

Mrs. Grundy has returned home from the hospital with her new baby daugh-

ter, Darlene, age three weeks. Haven't you noticed the change in Darrell?

Did you ever play "Coffee Pot"? No, well this reporter suggests that you see Gene Pray, he is truly an expert.

Suggestion for the Week:

See Pray today

For a ride

On the Santa Fe.

All members of Vouchers Payable wish Mrs. Bob Lale an early return home from the hospital.

We can understand why Mr. Marchant was so eager to see his children. You should see little Patricia and her big blue eyes. Young John and Steve rate also.

Note to Mr. Herd: it is reported that a woman in Amarillo put out her hand to turn and actually did, causing a swell wreck.

Have you all noticed the new addition to the Auditing Dept. I quote the boss, "The Auditors look much happier now that they have acquired that little bundle of charm and efficiency from Personnel . . . Mrs. Johnson."

Congratulations to the Cost Accounting Dept., that work is just around the corner. May you never have to hide around that corner when the final audit comes.

Have you noticed: Buttercup, alias Marie Carlson, rates a different soldier each night while making the drag.

ON THE MOVE

By Mark Sale

We will soon see our ambulances, station wagons and sedans being driven by the fair sex during a trial period to determine if women are to replace men drivers. When they arrive, in uniform, it will lend another pleasant atmosphere to our plant.

An interview with Bill Gibson, service manager, and Graham Hart, chief automotive shop foreman, informs us that it won't be long before they will be all set up and ready to go with their new garage and equipment on the reservation. This move from our old quarters at 909 Tyler gives our department a complete unit here.

We don't usually think of horses as transportation, but Jimmy Lynch, chief of stables, says we have plenty of them at Pantex.

Congratulations to Bill Brice. His cigars have been in circulation in a big way—everyone puffing to their heart's delight and expressing their approval of his choice, both the wife and the cigars.

Mr. Dahls, becoming perturbed to alibies being used by his passengers who seem to think they can make him wait more than five minutes, has posted a bulletin in his car. After leaving three riders behind they now are ready to cooperate. His office located in the Blue Room of the French Chateau, T33, extends an invitation to anyone who wants to perfect their private passenger problems.

Now that Bill Coffey has been working graveyard, no doubt many callers have missed the personalized service that he has been affording day callers at the transportation office. A call system will be inaugurated soon to awaken early workers. A moderate fee will be accepted from those receiving this service, so says Coffey.

Our department has taken another step forward. Definite assignments were placed by Al Herd to his field men. Warren Gillelen is chief coordinator, Glenn Foy is traffic manager, Denton Carter is general truck foreman and Jimmie Dudley and Mark Sale are inspectors. All of these men have had years of experience in the duties of their various jobs.

What's On Your Mind?



Pantexan will publish short letters from readers. Write about anything you like so long as you do not reveal the confidential nature of Pantex operations. We reserve the right to boil down letters and to reject those we think inadvisable to print. All contributions must contain the name and department of the writer and will be so signed, if printed. Address the Pantexan, Room 278, Administration Building.

Keen Interest In Bowling

HIGH MEN KEGLERS AT PANTEX TO ROLL AGAINST BEST FIVE AT TECH SCHOOL

With the rolling of the first ball by Major Irvine, the Pantex Bowling League got under way Tuesday night, September 8th. The league is composed of twenty men's teams and ten women's teams. The original schedules called for the men to bowl on Tuesday night and the women on Thursday night. Because of the late hour at which the second league of the men's division was finishing, it has been decided to have one league bowl at 8:30 Monday night and the other league in the men's division at 8:30 Tuesday night, with the women's league still bowling on Thursday night.

Since the first night of bowling, competition has become exceedingly keen, due to the handicap received by the various teams. Under this system, each and every team has an equal chance at the prize money. The handicaps are based upon 75% of the difference of the two team's total number of pins for all the previous weeks.

As this magazine goes to press arrangements have been made for the top five bowlers at Pantex: Dunlap, West, Cramer, Altman and Herd, substituting for W. O. Carlson, to bowl against a picked team from the Technical School.

The Recreational Committee has announced that various other Ordnance plants and government agencies will be challenged from time to time for bowling matches or in any other sports activities that might be started at Pantex.

The following standings show how the teams stack up at present. If your team is not doing as well as it should, they might need more cheering on. Everyone is invited to come down to the bowling alleys on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday and witness the teams in action.

The old adage holds true here: If you can't be in a sport, be one; so come on down and give the bowlers a hand when they roll a STRIKE.

The two thoughts foremost in the minds of Pantex Keglers today: Bomb Tokio with a Pantex Bomb and roll 300.



Nothing but a strike could satisfy employee fans when Major Irvine rolled the first ball to give the Pantex Bowling League a send-off on the opening night of the season. True to form, the Major came through with flying colors to blast every pin on his very first try.

MEN'S LEAGUE

Team	W	L	%
Safety II	6	0	1000
Vouchers Payable	6	0	1000
Transportation I	5	1	833
Rail Transportation	5	1	833
Payroll	5	1	833
Police II	4	2	667
Auditors	4	2	667
Stores Field	4	2	667
Police I	3	3	500
Transportation II	3	3	500
Stores Office	3	3	500
Transportation III	2	4	333
Mails and Records	2	4	333
Ordnance I	2	4	333
Ordnance Inspection	2	4	333
Office Management	2	4	333
Purchasing	1	5	167
Firemen	1	5	167
Personnel	0	6	000
Safety I	0	6	000

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Team	W	L	%
General	3	0	1000
Payroll I	2	1	667
Ordnance I	2	1	667
Purchasing II	2	1	667
Ordnance II	2	1	667
Safety	1	2	333
Auto Transportation	1	2	333
Purchasing I	1	2	333
Personnel I	1	2	333
Payroll II	0	3	000
Five High Individual Men			
Dunlap, Payroll, 3 games			188
West, Ordnance Inspection, 6 games			178
Cramer, Safety, 6 games			175
Altman, Safety, 6 games			174
W. O. Carlson, Office Mgr. 6 games			173
Five High Individual Women			
Thompson, Payroll, 3 games			146
McDonnell, Ordnance I, 3 games			138
English, Personnel, 3 games			130
Campbell, Ordnance I, 3 games			127
Ganes, Purchasing I, 3 games			125

The services of anyone who can keep score would be very much appreciated by the leagues.

The Ways of War Workers

WHO THEY ARE—WHAT THEY DO—HOW THEY THINK

LOAD LINE ONE

By C. P. McWright

Attention Pantexans! Production is ready—Personnel Department has accomplished a real achievement; that of getting a group of men together who at one time knew nothing of explosives, but who now are trained in their jobs and anxious to do their jobs right. These men love their jobs, take pride in their work, and believe that their part in this conflict is to make the best finished product possible.

The following organization has been set up for line one: Pat L. Davis, superintendent; C.P. McWright, asst. superintendent; J. H. O'Rear, L. C. Cobb, J. V. Newby, Tom Eldredge, C. L. Brownlee, W. H. Russell, John W. Adams, foremen. There are many more men of the same type equally capable of assuming duties as foremen and supervisors, but at the present time, they are happy to begin operations as little cogs in a big wheel.

Say Pantexans, did you ever see a football team ready to go? How proud you were of them when they trotted on the field! That is about the way the situation now stands around us. The other departments have helped our team in the making, now they are spectators, so to speak, our gang is ready, and when the opening whistle blows, you'll see the busiest, happiest, and proudest team in the world. We're fighting time, yes, but we feel that we are fighting an enemy which can't be called time, and every bomb which is loaded by us is going to POP the Jap.

Production Ready - - - Fellows, you tell the world they are Ready!

UTILITIES DIVISION

By Willeta Stanley

The employees of this Division were very happy to welcome to his new offices in the Administration Building, Mr. F. E. Woodruff, Manager of the Utilities Division. We believe we are very fortunate in having him as our Chief and know all of the Pantex Ordnance Plant will confirm our belief.

Mrs. Myrtice Hunter, Secretary to Mr. Woodruff, joined our staff on Tuesday.

Mr. J. B. Bottoms, Supt. of Woodworking, is wearing a big smile these days. His wife and very young daughter have returned from their vacation.

Mr. J. K. Lyles has also accepted a place on the Utilities staff and took up his duties Sept. 7.

A bushel basket of prize iris bulbs

was presented by Mrs. J. R. Crawford to Mr. Telford for use on the grounds. Our thanks to Mrs. Crawford.

Mrs. Wyatt Stanley received a cable from Lt. Stanley following the Deippe raid stating he was safe and well.

A very personable addition to our office force is Miss Martha Sutton.

Mr. J. R. Wiggins and his extremely charming wife were to be seen enjoying the buffet supper and dance.

A child's first major step into the world, school, has been taken by Mr. Woodruff's son. If you should see a particularly pleased expression on Mr. Woodruff's face just call it "fatherly pride."

Our Supt. of the Shop Area is Mr. C. E. Birkmeyer and we present him to you as one of our busiest men.

The highlight of Saturday, Sept. 5, was, of course, Willie Lawrence's birthday.

ENGINEERING DEPT.

By Arthur Reagor

Hack Metz is in Ravenna going to school, but we boys in the office aren't doing so well on that detail. He must have told his wife we were bad wolves. We are! . . . Who said that?

Jim Tripplehorn, after accidentally dropping parts of the silverware in his pocket at a recent dinner, absconded to Louisiana Ordnance Plant, where he is attending school.

One of our flock, Bob Vail, flew away—to Houston—temporarily. Mrs. Vail, with apparent sorrow, saw the big airliner leave the ground and said, "Damn it! It made it." She was joking, I guess.

If you want to borrow a match, just ask either J. G. Johns or H. E. Scott—they never have any. Think I'll start bringing my own matches. By the way, ask Scottie why he has to have that rubber cushion to sit on.

But a bright spot in the person of Mrs. Frances Henson moved into our midst, and now even George Hepner, who is usually very gruff, has kinda brightened up. I wonder if we were cussing too much. Flies are certainly bad this fall. You'd be surprised how many flies our wittiest draftsman, Cooper, can kill with a rubber band.

About the most versatile man in the department is Mr. Johnson. He can draft anything, paint signs, draw charts, and yet, is popular with the girls. Family man, too.

You know, I love to see two departments cooperate like Purchasing and Engineering Departments. The Pur-

THE THREE MONKEYS

By George Curtis

We've all seen the little statues of the three little monkeys portraying their maxim: "Hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil." But from the sound of things Pantex employees have been making the opposite kind of monkeys of themselves.

The way things have been going, Old Dame Rumor is about the most popular gal on the reservation. She certainly does get around.

Most of us wouldn't associate with her if we knew it, but she changes clothes and has her face lifted so often that we seldom recognize her.

And her side-kick, Uncle Bill Gossip, is just about as ubiquitous—which means he's all over and in everybody's hair.

So if you hear that same bigwig in the company (whom you probably never heard of before) has been fired, or if you pick up some other juicy bit of fiction, just remember that it isn't your job to pass it on. Anyone who is supposed to know it will be told, if it is true. Try to filter out any fiction from the facts.

Most of us pass on these tales because it makes us feel important and "in on the know." Let's all keep in our places, keep down the rumors and gossip, and quit trying to seem like a big shot.

We've got a job to do and if we follow the example of the three little monkeys we'll do it better.

chasing Department has the beautiful but also efficient secretaries (two for each man), and the Engineering Department has—well, engineers. What do you think?

We are sorry to report the illness of Mr. E. M. Dillon, who has been in the Northwest Texas Hospital for some time now.

Picnic For Fire Dept.

Employees of the Fire Department helped themselves to a bit of entertainment Wednesday night when Shifts A and B entertained their wives at a picnic at MaIn Park.

W. C. Brown's quartet sang and later the group sang patriotic songs. Shift A lost to Shift B in a baseball game, 15 to 17.



Find Yourself

Here is the evidence of the tremendous bang with which the Pantex-Certain-teed recreation program got under way on Friday night, September 4—heralding a widespread entertainment program for employees.

An estimated five hundred persons participated in the fun which was arranged by a general recreation committee originally set up by Al Herl and George H. Robertson.

Such enthusiasm was shown in the first dance that another will be forthcoming within the next month if present plans materialize. A permanent dance committee elected last week composed of E. C. Gillock, chairman, H. C. Blackburn, treasurer, Emily Tucker, John Wiggins, Madeline Offutt, and G. W. Ruckgaber will announce definite plans for the affair in the near future.

All profits from these activities will be applied to the general recreation program, according to Mr. Robertson.

In The Spotlight

Mac and Mary Joe McDuffee, late but in high spirits . . . fun at the Getz table . . . Henry Clay Willis with plate piled high . . . jitterbugs, Zonetta Moore and James Cook, cutting the rug . . . Major and Mrs. Irvine looking happy . . . Elizabeth Leggot with handsome army man . . . Nurses Yarborough and Parker, chatting . . . Mary Tatum all dressed up . . . transportation gang making a night of it . . . handsome bachelor Ruckgaber on the stag line . . . W. O. Carlson and charming wife.

Peeking at Personalities

RAIL TRANSPORTATION

By Emily Blasingame

Under the capable leadership of R. C. Matthews, Manager of Rail Transportation Division, we are railroading right on down the tracks. With our able engineer at the throttle have no fear but that each job attempted will be carried out and completed in A 1 shape. That is just how we feel about "The Chief."

Within close proximity is the Traffic Department with Richard (Dick) Roberts as manager. Mr. Roberts could be referred to as the go-between, as his main objective is tracing everything going and coming. By the way, have you seen Dick's new beige plash jacket? It's a lulu, very complementing to his type of good looks. Requisition is being made for a pair of brown velvet knee pants, side button.

Cecil R. Smith is chief rate clerk in the Traffic Department. He is a very peaceful man, a hunter of the pure and gentle dove, and reports a successful hunt over the weekend. We hear his wife has a new recipe for barbecued dove. There ought to be a law agin it.

Ollie J. Day is also a rate clerk in Traffic Department. He can type, too. Mr. Day can be found most any noon at a certain table at the Cafeteria, there's a single man, girls.

Mrs. Lahoma Lunt is the very attractive, competent Secretary of Mr. Roberts. You know, the cute little girl with the blonde curls.

Now meet the members of the Yard Office at the Classification Yard, with C. E. Duncan as superintendent of Rail Operations.

The recent indication of Fall has been an inspiration to the force at the Yard Office. It was decided that due to present universal conditions and the curtailment of expenditures, rather than to buy a complete fall outfit, the material now on hand would be renovated. The two-story affair is being remodeled throughout. Offices for the superintendent and his secretary, Arthur H. Vaughan, will be secreted in the upper alcoves, more commonly known as the garret. The first floor will be occupied by chief yard clerk, Virgil F. Rowland and his force. The new color scheme is still undecided, pending arrival of Fall Color Chart from Fashion Headquarters. All modern conveniences will be installed, including an elevator for mail delivery from first to second floor to superintendent's right elbow.

SAFETY DEPARTMENT

By Lanelle Eastus

J. M. Stensass, chief safety engineer, deserves a bouquet himself for his beautiful hobby—raising gladioluses and hibiscus shrubs. He has been growing flowers for the past ten years but said his hobby has blown up, since he never gets to see them in the light of the day.

Traffic officer in Zone 1, J. T. Campbell, was a rough neck in the oil fields for 20 years before accepting his job with Pantex. Mr. Campbell, when only a small lad, started working as a messenger boy in 1916-17 in the Burkburnett fields. In those days money was the cheapest thing! He collects firearms and knives, and has about every kind imaginable of both, including machine guns, shotguns, rifles, pistols, and machete knives.

Henry Lester, guard on the morning shift of the Ad building, formerly had a cowboy band, which he directed and played in for twelve years.

Ethythe Strickland, a receptionist in the Personnel Building, was named by the three Kiwanis clubs of Amarillo as their Victory Queen. Miss Strickland will compete with other Victory Queens in the 18th congressional district bond selling campaign sponsored by the Paramount theatre. The Queen with the most bonds credited to her will be given an all-expense paid trip to Hollywood.

Guard C. A. Carpenter, stationed at the front door of the Administration building was as surprised as his wife, Ethel, who last week started working as a secretary in the Ordinance Department, when he discovered they both had the same badge number, 111. Mr. Carpenter has been working for Certain-teed since the organization was first set up here.

ORDNANCE

With this first publication of Ordinance activities in the semi-monthly plant magazine, Pantexan, the Ordinance Department buries its previous publication, The Fuze. The final issue, Vol. 1, No. 4, was published last week. Effective September 15 all Ordinance news accounts will appear in the Pantexan. The former editor of The Fuze will be Ordinance representative on the plant-wide magazine. News from various departments in Ordinance should be brought or telephoned to Ordinance Mail and Records, Station 394, Room 262, Administration Building, on the 6th and 22nd of each month.

LINE SIX PLUGS IN

By George Curtis

This is the first chance we Booster Builders have had to put in any plugs for ourselves. We don't want any of the rest of you to think we are handing out a line, we couldn't hand out a very big one.

Area six here at Pantex University, is the baby of them all. Some of the boys from zone nine, obviously overimpressed by their own proportions, have been threatening to put our whole line in one of their warehouses.

We'll put our team up against any of the rest however. Playing center is Frank Poeltler, line superintendent. Of course, he's rather small to play center, but since he is the pivot man in this area we have to give him that spot. Trained at Picatinny Arsenal, Frank is now busy rounding up his organization and production plans. He and his wife and baby girl have come in from New Jersey to do their part here.

At guard we have Joel Gibson, an Amarillo man who left a good job to get his fingers into the war effort. He has been guarding Pantex's interests in this area during construction. Although he has been planning to ride his "plug" out to the area to fatten on the volunteer wheat crop, he hasn't made it yet.

Playing a forward position is George Becker. His experience in another plant should make him a valuable man here. His wife is also an experienced booster builder and will probably help in this area.

Another player with his eye on the ball is George Curtis, from Kansas City, who will logically play at forward. A graduate chemist with special training in this field, he hopes to be of assistance here.

The other man on the team is Les Eagles, who has probably eaten more Tetryl than any man alive. At present he is assigned to the warehouse and is playing guard there.

We have some mighty good reserves and as a team we hope to sink a few goals to carry on our part of the program. It'll take teamwork, and we'll have it.

During the past ten days Ordinance divisions have welcomed the following new employees: Evelyn E. Bailey in Property; Harold M. West in Inspection; Ethel H. Carpenter in Mail and Records; Lee Q. McGarrey in Audit and Accounts; Mary A. Brudwell in Audit and Accounts; and Garland E. Edwards in Audit and Accounts.

VICTUALS for VICTORY

by Kathleen O'Connell, Dietitian
Burton-Pantex Cafeteria



M. C. Burton, extreme left, manager of the cafeteria at Pantex Ordnance Plant, stands behind the serving tables as he watches to see that customers are entirely satisfied. At the serving rail are, l. to r., Judy Gober, Frances McClelland, Betty Lane and Marcelle Brewer of Fiscal Dept. Bill Wright of Office Management stands in the background.



This might be Priscilla Lane, Joan Crawford and Robert Taylor luncheon at the Brown Derby, but it is, l. to r., De Laine Williams of Ordnance, Geraldine Roy of Fiscal, and Bill Hight of Fiscal as they sit down to lunch in Burton-Pantex Cafeteria.



"Boy, what a meal," "Who's the girl in blue," "Hey Bill, How's tricks" . . . friends pass the time of day at the cafeteria during luncheon. Shawn l. to r., Victor C. Fusco, Howard W. Altman, and James M. Drennen of Safety contentedly smoking their cigarettes.



Overseeing the preparation of food in the kitchen is catering manager Jackson H. Dunn (l. to r.) as he talks to Russell Imler, chef. Fry cook Alfred McElroy and vegetable cook Clarence Calcote are standing by the stove in the rear.

Come and Get It

Good food in the proper combinations for a well-balanced, nutritious diet are of utmost importance to the health, efficiency, and happiness of war workers, thinks Mortimer C. Burton, manager of the Burton-Pantex Cafeteria. To this end he has assembled a staff of culinary experts to feed hungry Pantex

employees.

On the griddle until 9 a. m. are hot cakes, "ham and" or whatever you like, but employees are discouraged from eating breakfast after they have punched in for the morning. Lunch in the spacious dining room, served from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m., is one of the highlights of

I have been allotted 385 words to bring you a message on nutrition for the War Worker. Now I wish I could say I'm a woman of few words, but I can't even get warmed up to the subject that quickly. In fact, that gag rule distracts me from my orderly thoughts on vitamins and minerals. If I started to give you in 385 words a dulcet message on nutrition, you would start counting sheep. Then I would come along and want to cook the sheep, at least broil a few nice lamb chops, wondering all the while, why you don't like lamb out here. And that would make me wonder why the only vegetables you like are beans, and beans.

On the level I am not minimizing the importance of nutrition for the War Worker. In fact the problem of feeding employees in a plant as important as Pantex is of vital interest to the War effort. We owe a duty to our government, an obligation that calls for the services of men and women, entirely alive, strong and healthy. Mal-nutrition takes its toll in inefficiency. Its greatest evil is that so much of it lies under the surface, unrecognized by its half-happy, half-healthy victims. It exists not only with poverty, but ironically enough in this land of milk and honey, with surplus crops. With proper and adequate food we can keep fit and keep the production line going full force.

There is no witchcraft about nutrition. It is simply good food, plenty of it, well prepared. We of the Burton-Pantex Cafeteria strive to give you nutritious meals, the best food money can buy, prepared exactly, and served so that you can make a choice of food to compliment that served at home.

In this column I will bring to you menus for the homemakers, and career girls who live alone and like it or not. We'll even give you some of our pet recipes of the cafeteria, and tell you of market conditions, as they arise, such as impending shortages of chocolate, canned pineapple, apricots, and fish.

You see this is your war and mine. We may be fighting from the Kitchen Front, fighting poor health, mal-nutrition and waste, but total war demands total victory. Remember, the health of the family is the strength of the nation.

the day. Supper is served from 5 p. m. to 1 a. m. to accommodate late shifts. Operators on the load lines, who have their meals in the change houses, select from the same appetizing menus

From Tenderfoot to Explosive Expert

Men From the Cow Country Take To Bomb Loading Like A Duck Takes To Water

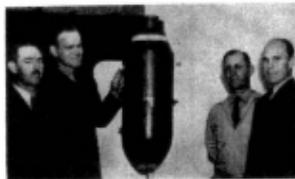
Lawyers, real estate dealers, auto dealers, school superintendents and principals, a secretary of chamber of commerce, and Plainsmen from various other walks of life have stepped from their peace-time occupations into the operations division of Pantex Ordnance Plant to make bombs for the victory of our nation and to bring honor to Pantex.

Some weeks ago, men for the first training class were hand picked by the Personnel Department from various professions to take training at Ravenna, Ohio, which was to prepare them for their duties on the bomb lines here. Over 95% of this group, as well as of succeeding classes, are men from Amarillo and neighboring Panhandle towns. At the time these men were selected, they were made no promises as to definite assignments. Each was made to realize that his future depended on his own initiative. The first group sent to Ravenna was under the supervision of Pat Davis, who in turn received excellent council and advice from Captain Louis P. Torborg, Jr., Ordnance Department, at Ravenna.

These men took one month of training and because of their remarkable record were graduated with highest honors. George H. Robertson, Director of Personnel for Pantex Ordnance Plant, Certain-teed Products Corporation, received a personal letter from Lt. Col. J. C. Brier, commanding officer at Ravenna Ordnance Plant, stating that "the work on the Practical Problem by the group from the Certain-teed Products Corporation, operators of Pantex Ordnance Plant, headed by Mr. Davis, has been most outstanding."

"I thought that you would be interested in knowing how the training school felt about their work, and we will be very much interested in learning from you as to how these men work out in plant operations," he added.

This class returned to the Pantex training school in Amarillo for more instruction for which special material had been assembled, including a 300-pound wood replica of a bomb and tools which demonstrate the complete details of the bomb assembly which were constructed by C. E. Birkmeyer, a trainee. It has been acknowledged by visiting



Above l. to r., C. E. Birkmeyer, supt. of shop area, who designed and built the wooden bomb pictured; Pat Davis, supt. of load line one; Wm. H. Russell, foreman of west cooling bldg., line one and W. H. Fowler, safety engineer.

authorities from other plants that the course, which is conducted here as a part of the employees' training, and its exhibits are outstanding.

Members of this first class have now been assigned for duty in key positions on the production lines at Pantex Ordnance Plant and, as operations permit, others will be given more responsibility because of their knowledge, integrity, and strong loyalty.

Additional classes sent to Ravenna have made equally fine records. Due to the selection of the right type of men and the systematic manner in which they were guided in training by class leaders, it has never been necessary for Pantex officials to accompany trainees on field trips. Safety and loyalty to the organization and to each other have been stressed and observed at all times.

Wherever they have gone, Pantex trainees have been complimented and the Pantex organization congratulated on its success in training new explosive handlers, rather than taking experienced men from other plants.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

By Betty Blake

Well, as most of you know we have a new and very interesting medical director, Dr. Russell M. Gray, who replaces Dr. Clyde E. Flood, who has left for army services.

Dr. Gray hails from Palm Springs, California, received his M. D. degree at the University of California and served his internship at the Southern Pacific Hospital at San Francisco, California. He did post-graduate work at the Sanford University, New York Post-graduate Hospital, Bellevue Hospital,

and had surgery practice in the Naval Hospital for the insane. He founded the Coachella Valley Hospital in California and in 1936 opened an office in Palm Springs. He just recently closed this office to become Medical Director for the Pantex Ordnance Plant. Dr. Gray is married and has four children. His wife and two younger children are now living in San Bernardino, Calif., the oldest daughter is married to Captain H. R. Thomas of the Medical Corps Division stationed somewhere in India. The oldest son is now in Peacock Military Academy in San Antonio, Texas.

We now have three staff physicians those being Dr. Harry H. Key, Dr. Herbert M. Sanford, and Dr. Joe R. Smith. Dr. Key is a native Texan having received his M. D. degree at the University of Texas in 1909. He served his internship at St. Joseph's Infirmary in Houston, Texas. He has had post-graduate work at the Chicago Poly-Clinic and also at Harvard University in Boston, Mass. Dr. Sanford is also a native Texan, having had his private practice in Perryton, Texas, before coming with Pantex. He received his M. D. degree at the University of Oklahoma, and served his internship in St. Louis. Dr. Smith comes from Philadelphia, Pa. He received his M. D. degree at the Medical College of the State of South Carolina. He served his internship at the General Hospital in Fresno, Calif. He is here with his wife and two sons. We also have a chief laboratory technician, Mr. Hardy Mays, from Lubbock, Texas. He is a native Texan, had his laboratory training at the Colon Hospital, way down in the Panama Canal Zone.

The office staff consists of Willie Wansa, Miss Betty Woodbridge, Miss Ruth Warren, and Harley Goetsche. "Willie" came from Yonkers, New York, and prior to employment with Pantex he was a golf pro and is at present the Maine Open Golf Champion. Betty is a native Amarillo. She attended college at the University of Missouri and her chief interest is working in the Junior Welfare League in Amarillo. Ruth hails from Childress, Texas, but has lived in Amarillo for the past few years. Harley is also a native Amarillo. He attended college at the Denver University and also West Texas State in Canyon, Texas. In college he was chosen by the president of the college to represent Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges, of which there were only seven out of twelve hundred students chosen.

That covers most of the Medical Department, with the exception of the nursing staff, which will be presented next time.



Badge Colors- their Meaning

You Can Tell An Employee By the Color He Wears

Not only does the badge, which every employee at Pantex Ordnance Plant is required to wear, serve as a pass, but it identifies as to which zone the employee belongs. There are twenty-one various combinations of colors now in use to segregate zone badges. With colors reading left to right they are as follows:

Administration, white and dark blue; Maintenance, orange and dark blue; Booster Line, light red and dark red; Ammonium Nitrate Line, dark blue and yellow; Rail Transportation, light blue and maroon; Bomb Load Line No. 1, dark red and dark blue; Medical, orange and black; Police, light green and buff; Fire, orange and light blue; Motor Transportation, black and white.

Stores, black and dark red; Cafeteria, black and dark green; Plant Safety, dark blue and black; Non-employees, black and dark blue; Production Planning and Control, black and yellow; Laboratory, dark green and light green; access to all zones, solid red; Executives to all zones; three red stripes on white; Mr. H. J. Hartley, President and General Manager, three gold stars; Mr. John G. Getz, Jr. and Mr. Harry R. Lewis, Assistant General Managers, two gold stars; and Division Heads, one gold star.

Badge charts have been made showing which badge colors are permitted in what areas over the reservation.

Special restricted area badge inserts across the lower portion of ordinary department badges, indicate the wearer is authorized to regularly enter whatever restricted zone the insert indicates.

The Housing Problem

Here's What's Being Done To Help Provide Shelter For Employees of Pantex

No vacancy.

This formidable sign has been the bugaboo of war workers for some months now but a lessening of the acute need for housing is in sight. The National Housing Administration has programmed and approved 175 new homes for war workers to be built in Amarillo. One hundred and thirty-five applications have already received the okay of F. H. A. and the other forty are on the way for approval. The War Production Board has cleared the actual construction of fifteen houses, some of which are already under construction. An attempt is being made also to obtain a permit for building additional houses in Amarillo.

These homes will be available for employees of Pantex Ordnance Plant. There must be three or more persons in a family to qualify for one of the houses. The rents have not yet been set but a reasonable price is anticipated.

On the plant reservation there are two dormitories now being used as offices by AEM which will be available for housing purposes as soon as AEM completes its work. The dormitories have 120 rooms each. Men will probably occupy one dormitory and women the other. Additional dormitories for family apartments are being sought.

Rooms and small apartments which are available in Amarillo for rent are being listed by property owners with the Housing Department which is located at 504½ Taylor St. Employees



Right wing of one of the dormitories

of Pantex Ordnance Plant who are seeking living quarters should place their names and type of housing desired with the housing department. This department, which comes under the Personnel Division, will cooperate in trying to find homes for employees.

Every effort is being made by Certaineed Products Corporation, Prime Contractors for Pantex Ordnance Plant, to house all its workers in desirable living quarters as soon as possible.

NO. 10 DOWNING STREET

"Too many cooks will spoil the broth," or "They all wanted to be prime minister." So they named it No. 10 Downing Street.

Some time ago the Vance farm residence located on the Pantex reservation was converted into office space for forty Utility inspectors. These forty inspectors all wanted to be the boss and have the biggest office in the best location. No one could agree as to a solution.

In view of this condition A. R. Martin, gen. supt. of Utilities with A. E. M., suggested that since everyone wanted to be prime minister, the build-

ing might well be named No. 10 Downing St.

Appropriate, don't you think?



Fighting Power Depends Upon Production

Did you know that for every man in the armed forces actively engaged in the field of battle there are required eighteen civilians on the home front to supply him with the munitions and supplies of war?

This simple statement has profound significance. It means that man power for production is vital to the success of our war effort. If our boys are without guns, tanks, airplanes, and bombs, don't point the finger at them. This is our responsibility—the gravest concern of the moment.

Herein lies the reason that Safety has become the watchword of our war industries. The retention of our man power is dependent upon the observance of sane and sensible rules and regulations regarding safety. It has been pointed out that there are other reasons for safety: That accidents are the cause of irregularity in production resulting in lost time and lowered efficiency; or that accidents cause temporary or permanent loss of experienced and valuable personnel; or that safety raises the morale of personnel. It all boils down, however, to the unadmitted fact that every day preventable industrial accidents are costing us essential man power at a time when we need it most.

Why safety? Because according to generally accepted figures only 2% of all accidents are really *unpreventable*. By the adherence to strict safety practices, we intend to eliminate accidents. Every time a man is injured we have lost either an actual or a potential war worker and the goods he might produce,



Pantex intends to have every known safety facility available in order to protect you from danger which will in turn insure maximum production. That is not enough. We must enlist the co-operation of every employee to practice safety by avoiding carelessness, by following prescribed rules and regulations

as set forth, and by employing the use of common sense. Thus, you will be protecting yourself, your fellow workers, the men in uniform depending upon your production of supplies, and your country in its battle for the preservation of freedom. May we rely on your vigilance?

Practice Safety Every Day

