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NAILING THE SHOE

An old grammar school fable traces the loss of a kingdom to the failure of a blacksmith to properly nail a shoe onto the foot of a horse which was to carry a messenger of strategic information to the commander of an army. It is the little things that count.

Don't term your work as being of such menial nature as to be unimportant and thereby slight any task that you are given to perform. We are doing a job which calls for the greatest teamwork that has ever been necessary in the history of our country. The way you turn your wrench and the manner in which you handle your shovel has a direct bearing on our race for production, and our production here at Pantex and in the other plants in the nation must be speedy and efficient. Otherwise, the fortitude and ability of our armed forces will be lost.

You workers in the warehouses, you men and women of the assembly lines, you sentinels of the safety division, you who maintain the equipment and property of our reservation, and you who are accessory to the labors of the others; yours is a sacred trust. Your sons, brothers and loved ones are handicapped on the fighting fronts if you fail to do your jobs well.

These are turbulent times and your job may not be molded to your particular desires. You can be fault-finding and retard our progress by not doing your job well and interfering with the work of your associates, you can be negligent and "fail to nail the shoe," or you can be an American on the front line of production and do an efficient job without friction.

—Leon M. Kinney, Personnel

PANTEXAN'S COVER

Bomb Loader Howard Hamilton is pictured on the cover at his post in the melt load building of one of the lines. Hamilton lives in Pampa and was formerly a linotype operator for a newspaper. Married and the father of two children, he still wanted to do his part in the war and he found his place at Pantex. Although his wife was a bit jittery at first about his handling explosives, she is over it now. Hamilton has never had any fear of his work but likes to see all safety rules strictly enforced. He wouldn't say when but doesn't think it should be long before the war is over now that they're getting some Pantex bombs on the front.

PARA-GRAPHICALLY STATED

Earning approximately \$20.00 a week while working in the British fields tilling crops, Italian prisoners have found a safe place to invest the tidy sums they accumulate. They have asked to be allowed to invest their money in British war savings certificates (at \$3 each). The fact that this money went to buy bombs, guns, and ammunition made no difference. They figured this was the safest place to put their money.

A vice president of one of the banks in Manhattan applied for a job with the Board of Economic Warfare. While waiting to hear from the Board concerning his application, he was hired on the spot by an official of the BEW, upon the recommendation of the president of the bank.

A few days after he had been at his desk in Washington, he received a letter from the BEW, by way of New York, stating that his application had been turned down as he was not qualified. Upon finishing the letter, he discovered that he had written the letter.

After working all summer to blend a certain war factory on the East coast into the surroundings, a well known expert has to do the job all over again. It seems that the seasons change, war or no war. With the falling of leaves, and the grass becoming frostbitten, the factory stands out as if some one had painted a sign saying, This is It.

There is no better place in the world to have air conditioning than in the desert. Our army does have air conditioning in the desert, but not in the way one would think. It is in the form of air conditioned socks. These socks are woven of half cotton and half wool with special stitching to produce a cushioned heel, sole and toe. This innovation offers plenty of ventilation and permits a springy bounce while walking.

This coming year the army will buy millions of pounds of frozen foods to feed our fighting men, those men stationed within the continental limits of the United States. Those foods which will be purchased are as follows: peas, lima beans, green beans, spinach, peaches and strawberries.

The United States Army in training in this country is in better health than ever before during wartime, the War Department recently announced. Admissions to hospitals and confinement to quarters for all causes currently are fewer than at this time last year when the army's physical well-being was considered excellent. On the basis of figures to date, it is anticipated that the general admission rate will be approximately 10% lower in 1942 than in 1941.

An Appeal

To Men In War Plants Who Are Thinking of Enlisting

The following telegram will clarify the minds of many Pantex employees as to where their duty lies in connection with the war effort.

Commanding Officer-Pantex Ordnance Plant Amarillo Tex.

There is quoted below a joint statement of Secretaries of War and Navy dated November 20, 1942, concerning enlistment of employees in essential war industries. "November 20th, 1942. To all employees in essential war industries: During the past months a large number of men employed in aircraft industries, shipyards and other war plants have resigned their positions in order to enlist in the army or navy. The patriotic spirit which has prompted such action is in accordance with the high traditions established in the previous wars which our country has fought. However, in the present world-wide

struggle the task of maintaining an increasing flow of the tools with which we fight is as important as that of effectively using those tools in battle. You men who are engaged in this vital work should remember that your government, and your fellow citizens, are clear in their convictions that you are doing your full duty in staying at your present posts unless and until you are called or until your services can be spared. An impression has apparently been created that a man who enlists in the army will enjoy advantages with respect to promotion, assignment of station, etc., over a man who is inducted. This is incorrect. In such matters the army treats the enlistee and the inductee on an equal basis. We have no doubt that in many cases it may seem to involve a greater personal sacrifice to stay on the job than to march away. If this is so, it is a sacrifice that we call on you to make. It is only by the unselfish and coordinated effort of the entire manpower of the country that we will be able to complete the great task that lies before us.

Signed Henry L. Stimson,
Secretary of War
Signed Frank Knox, Secretary
of the Navy."

The ABC's

OF GASOLINE RATIONING



The Hustle and Bustle

They got the job done—not with the confusion—but in spite of it. For three days, Nov. 19-21, Room 200 of the Adm. Building was a teeming congestion of employees signing for gas rationing cards. Auto Transportation, with the aid of stenographers from other departments, worked from early till late to take care of the registration.

Pantex will be the permanent rationing headquarters for this defense area, according to Al Herd, Auto Transportation head. Persons who buy automobiles now will apply to the board here for their gas allotment. The board is composed of Herd, George Smith of Area Engineers, and Lt. J. B. Hart of Ordnance.

Each person who applied was issued a basic card entitling them to 240 miles of driving a month. C cards were issued to those who carried at least three passengers in a sedan and 2 in a coupe. For falsification of this record a ten thousand dollar fine will be exacted and a penitentiary sentence by the government.

If a person possessing an A card rides with another who has a C card, he must forfeit 150 miles of his gas to the person owning the car. If a person must bring his car to work and cannot get enough passengers due to uneven shifts or the location of his home, he may apply for a C card by having his department head write a letter to the board stating all the facts.

Four women, two of them weighing scarcely 100 pounds each, drive huge tow-wheeled Army trucks, the 680 miles from Detroit to Devens, Massachusetts, as their contribution to the war effort.

A New Ship Will Carry on Heroic Tradition of Yorktown



In a furious battle the mighty Yorktown succumbs to mortal wounds.

Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox, has approved the change in the name of the aircraft carrier "Bon Homme Richard" to "Yorktown", to perpetuate the name of the aircraft carrier which captured and sank on June 7, 1942, as the result of enemy torpedoing and bomb-

ing 3 days before in the Battle of Midway and in a submarine attack on June 6. The ship that will bear the name "USS Yorktown" is being constructed at the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Newport News, Virginia and is a carrier.

Ask Charles' Daddy

He Knows What It Means To Find His Son Deathly Ill

THIS IS THE STORY of a man who never gave much thought to the group hospitalization plan - a man who signed a card to have a weekly deduction made from his pay check just because most of the fellows were putting their names on the dotted line.

Today R. W. Burks is one of the happiest employees of this vast plant.

Not only did the insurance which he signed for help him defray hospital expenses for his four-year old son Charles, but that hospitalization possibly saved the life of his youngster.

Little Charles was taken to the hospital just before noon on November 11, 1942, the day the insurance plan became effective. He had a bad case of bronchial pneumonia which needed immediate, specialized treatment. He received that treatment and is now on the road to recovery.

R. W. Burks was lucky in that his child was released from the hospital only three days after admittance. Even without insurance the hospital expenses for this short period of time would probably have caused no particular financial strain. But that's not always the case.



Charles Burks lives at home with his mother in Chalk, Texas while his daddy works at Pantex.

For example, Louis T. Moberly of the grounds maintenance department can attest to the fact that an appendectomy runs into plenty of money which without the aid of hospitalization insurance, would mean digging deep into the pocketbook. Moberly took his wife to the hospital on the day following the effective date of the Certain-teel group plan for a rush appendicitis operation. Fortunately he will receive reimbursement for hospital room rent, rent on the operating room, anaesthesia and laboratory service.

Every person in the employ of Certain-teel Products Corporation is insured under the Workman's Compensation Laws, but when you leave your job and start for home, you are on your own unless you are covered by some form of sickness or accident insurance.

You can't afford to take chances—fill out an application for the group hospitalization for you and your family and turn it in to the Insurance Department today. Just ask your foreman for an application blank.



C. J. Novak takes the application of R. W. Burks, Stores employee, for group insurance.

Burks applies to Don Wood, Chief of Insurance, for his son's hospitalization benefit.



Play Goes to Work

An Extensive Recreation Program Will Offer Relaxation For Workers

NOW THAT CONSTRUCTION and the organization of personnel is almost completed and Pantex is leveling off on steady production schedules, attention is being given another important phase of operations, employee recreation.

The past week saw the endorsement of elaborate recreation plans by H. J. Hartley, president and general manager of Certain-teed, and the appointment of Pat L. Davis as recreational chief of Pantex. The program is under the general supervision of George H. Robertson's Personnel Division.

In commenting on the activities which are to be provided for employees, Mr. Hartley explained that the main objective of the program was not play, as such, but rather the better fellowship and teamwork among employees which results from such activities.

"Experiences of other war plants have proven that recreation for workers is essential to efficient production . . . that it builds their health and morale, and helps keep them on the job," he stated.

At the time this was written the recreational program was already off to a fast start with employees from every division enthusiastically backing it up. Plans called for sports and amusements that will interest every person on the reservation. Some committees were at work and others were to be appointed soon.

Basketball

A group of experienced basketball players, appointed to find available courts, reported that arrangements have been made to use the Amarillo Junior College gymnasium for two nights a week. Persons interested in taking part in basketball or volleyball are asked to talk with their foreman about forming a team.

Orchestra

Taking advantage of the presence of Boyd Watkins, "Tiny" Vogel and Erick Cowan, former band leaders, and several other musicians, plans for organizing a crack Pantex Ordnance orchestra are nearing completion. Boyd Watkins, Booster Lane, is recruiting members for the musical group. With Pantex's own band, Jim Gulick can plan dances which will give all employees something to enjoy and talk about.

Bowling

The men's bowling league is going

strong with several teams bowling every Monday and Tuesday evening. The ladies' bowling team has recently been reorganized with ten teams sanctioned in the W. I. B. C. which allows Pantex

feminine bowlers to take part in city, state, and national tournaments.

Other Amusements

If you are interested in one of the activities listed below, contact Pat Davis at the Personnel Bldg., immediately and apply for a sports commissioner's assignment:

- Badminton
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bridge
- Dominoes
- Golf
- Softball
- Archery
- Volleyball
- Table Tennis
- Checkers, Chess
- Horseshoe Pitching
- Washer Pitching
- Tumbling
- Rifle Range

Plans are being made to provide facilities and equipment on the plant site for all of these activities.

This will be your recreation program—think and talk about it and give your suggestions and ideas to Pat Davis.

A questionnaire, dealing with the sports likes and dislikes of Certain-teed employees will be issued in the near future. When this questionnaire reaches you please fill it out and return it immediately because it is upon these findings that the final sports program will be based.

Be a good sport at all times! Remember it is our enemies utter disregard for sportsmanship that makes us despise them.

Extra Jobs for Men

The Victory Bus Company would like to obtain the services of male employees to drive busses on their way to and from work and for which the drivers will receive free transportation plus a certain pay each week.

If you are interested, contact the Victory Bus Company in Amarillo.



Pat Davis

Pat L. Davis, who was recently appointed as Recreational Chief for POP, has had many years experience in the amusement field. Immediately prior to coming to Pantex Davis was manager of the Chamber of Commerce in Quanah where his duties included the promotion of various civic entertainments.

Davis received the B. A. degree from McMurry College in Abilene and was director of recreation while a senior there. Later he was coach of athletics at Merick High School and also taught physical education and recreation classes.

For some time Davis has served as interviewer in Personnel here.

Davis, a strapping, affable fellow, is widely known and well liked on the reservation. His duties as recreational chief became effective Nov. 16.

Get Ready For An Old-Fashioned Christmas Barn Dance

The next dance for Pantex employees will be strictly western! It will be given Saturday, December 19 with the time and place to be announced later. All who attend will wear western garb. There will be no dinner or refreshments served.

SAFETY SURVEY

C. M. MacMillan from the explosive safety branch, Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Chicago, will be at Pantex several weeks making a safety survey.

This is an added precaution to insure the health and safety of Pantex employees and Mr. MacMillan is welcomed by both the War Dept. and management.

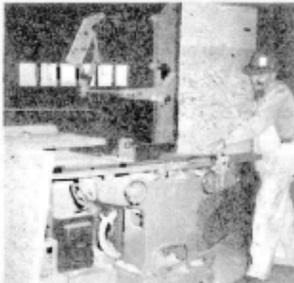
RUSH ORDER



"KEEP 'EM SHOOTING" POSTER BOARDS GO THROUGH THE MILL



Engineers Arthur Reagor, W. B. Dierssen and Orville Johnson check the plans for the boards.



At the table saw, mill worker Harry Reike sizes three-quarter inch ply board for poster panels.

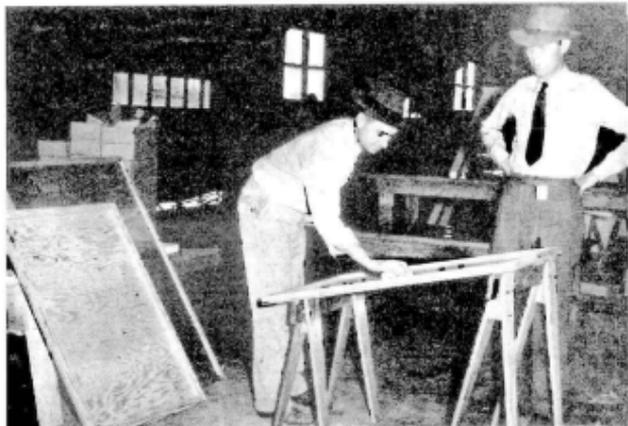


To the joiner machine go the panels where Felix Kelly smooths the edges.



James Diggs shown assembling the panels, never missed a nail while having his photo taken.

Final operation on the panels is staining and varnishing. Painter L. M. Gray wipes one down while Floyd Richardson supervisor of the woodworking shop looks on with an approving eye.



LIKE MOST PROJECTS at Pantex, the "Keep 'Em Shooting" poster campaign was put into the production mill labeled "Rush" and as usual everybody came through in true Pantex style.

In record-breaking time, the Engineers drew the plans for the boards which were officially endorsed and turned over to Utilities for a work order. Then, lumber had to be bought and quicker than you can say Jack Robinson, Purchasing was on the phone and supplies were on the way to the plantsite.

The minute materials were laid down, carpenters and cabinet makers at the Woodworking Shop got busy. Saws buzzed, planing machines hummed and hammers flew. In nothing flat 75 poster boards and 75 banner boards were receiving the finishing touches from a paint spray gun.

It was line production methods all the way from the time the first plank was cut until the display boards were hanging over the reservation.

The Woodworking Shop is a model in efficiency. Time-saving equipment manned by skilled craftsmen turn out everything from a mop handle to office furniture in factory-made style.



Resolutions of renewed efforts run through the minds of Grady R. Wicks, Otis Scarberry, Herbert Whitener, James M. Brown and T. R. Richardson (l to r), melt load operators in zone 10, as they read a Keep 'Em Shooting Poster.

“Sure, We’ll Help Give Them Enough and On Time!”

THE FIRST of the Keep 'Em Shooting posters are now on display and are being accepted with interest and enthusiasm by Pantex employees.

A group of men from zone 10 gathered in the line office for a preview of one of the designs the other day and the comments inspired by the poster were interesting.

When he looked at the graphic illustration of the tattered machine gunner,

James Brown said, “My only hope is that I’m capable of taking that young man’s place here at home as he is taking mine on the firing line.”

Herbert Whitener commented, “I have a brother in the air corps and naturally I want to make each bomb count.”

Said T. M. Richardson, “I want Pantex bombs to be not only good, but perfect when they explode on those Japs.”

Grady Wicks explained, “That boy pictured on the poster reminds me

again that I have three brothers in the service who like him will soon be overseas. For them and every boy in the service I want to do my best here on the bomb line.”

Otis Scarberry praised the poster and concluded, “That slogan says ‘Let’s Give Him Enough and on Time,’ which means we’ve got to keep at the job. I have been here two months and haven’t lost an hour. I don’t expect to spoil that record except in the case of emergency.”

Keeping Mum "Keeps 'Em Shooting!"

Don't Listen to Rumors—Don't Spread Them!

UTILITIES

By Myrtice Hunter

Utilities, and especially the Woodworking Shop, is very proud of Leonard Miller, a former citizen of Morton who has been employed in this division since August. Miller has two sons in the armed forces. One is with the fleet at Pearl Harbor, and the other is serving with the air corps in Florida. Miller informs us that the latter son is now attending Officer's Training School. Hats off to a fine man who is giving two fine sons to help keep America safe for democracy!



Martha Sutton, stenographer in Utilities, heard the old saying that "two can live as cheaply as one," so she decided to try it. Martha and John R. Pool were married November 2. Utilities wishes them the best of everything.

Utilities has had "moving day." J. G. Johns, superintendent of line mechanics, has moved his office to the Machine Shop, Zone 2.

C. E. Birkmeyer, superintendent of shop area, has also moved his office to Zone 2.

W. E. Sneed, superintendent of structures, has moved his office from T-1 to the Woodworking Shop in Zone 2.

H. K. Eisenhauer, "Shorty" to you, formerly superintendent of roads and drainage with AEM, is now employed by Utilities in the same capacity. Shorty's size doesn't mean anything when he has a job to do. He gets the job done!

Shirley McClain is another former AEM man who is now with Utilities. Shirley is in charge of servicing automotive equipment.

Mrs. Ruth B. Gay, who has been taking care of the janitor service for AEM, is assistant to Mr. Sawyers, superintendent of sanitation and disposal.

Edward G. Sullivan, of AEM, is the new supervisor of boilers.

Other new employees are: A. D. Prater, R. E. Good, Melfred C. Shores, William Pace, Raymond Daugherty, Ralph S. Holloway, William L. Weaver, Roy T. Kindred, C. C. Hamilton, Fred Douglas, Frank Tyson, Lonzo Coffey, Otto L. Litt, John Clinton Shelton, James B. Travler, and A. H. Cheshire.

WE'RE BOOSTERS

By George Curtis

It's an old adage that people work better when they have something to work for. Here are the reasons the booster line women work better: Dick Watson's husband is a fightin' Marine. You can guess how she feels about the whole affair. Annie Davis last heard from her husband from England. His present whereabouts is probably a military secret. Mary Henly has a Marine son; Ethel Hill has an Army son; Florence Summers, Oda Biggs and Dorothy Adams have Navy sons. Don't you suppose these women know what they're working for?

Vestal McClain leads the list of those having brothers in the service with four. The others are Dixie Weaver, Ginny Melton, DeMetris Lee, Marvel Dillard, Francene Watson, Lela Bennett, Ruth Killough, Ernestine O'Brien, Mary Waggoner, and Margaret Becker. Bettye Solomon completes the group with a sweetheart in England. He's probably in a little bit sunnier place by now.

Whatever the relationship may be, it's still their men who are out there and the booster women have them as a reason to do their work the best they can.

THRU THE BOMBSIGHT

By The Ordnance Bomberdearest

Visiting Ordnance officers last weekend was a young dog who caught a ride to the plant site with Capt. Swaney.



The dog, very small and very black, had not planned on inspecting Pantex but when found wandering across the highway at Amarillo Field he felt fine about a car ride with Capt. Swaney.

During the day the visitor went through all the Ordnance offices, became well acquainted with the personnel, ate five hearty meals, and expressed pleased surprise and astonishment at the progress made at the plant since long before he was born. As a parting gesture of goodwill the hound accepted the position of honorary O. D. and a free home with Mrs. Pauline Summers, Ordnance property employee . . . Speaking of O. D.'s honorary and otherwise, Lt. Thad

Davids is a happy boy. "Good, good," he said about last November 20, "I get to be the officer of the day Saturday night, Thanksgiving Day and the following Sunday." . . . Ordnance Inspection section was not itself last Thursday, November 19, because Lyle (Bookmaker) Pemberton was the victim of some rare old illness and could not be with them . . . That extra inflation of the right thumb which O. G. Smith, of Ordnance Engineering and Operations, has been carrying around is not for hitch-hiking. He wrecked his thumb by expecting it to hold him up when he fell at the bowling alley. Bill Kennedy, also of Engineering, is busy figuring what he could break in order to go to the hospital and hold a nurse's hand . . . Lieut. R. P. Hamilton, now stationed with officers of the Field Director of Ammunition Plants at St. Louis, Mo, paid Pantex a 3 day visit last week . . . Mail and Records had a short visit last week from one of its favorite ex-employees, Jack Marlatt of the U. S. Army Air Corps, who is studying aviation mechanics at Lubbock . . . A St. War Stamp is the reward offered by H. E. Read of Engineering and Operations for information leading to the whereabouts of his four barrel automatic pencil which he lost, and he's really serious about the whole thing. The pencil has a silver case, and holds black, red, green and blue leads . . . All those with an appreciation for creative effort should take a look at the Christmas cards turned out by W. A. Whitefield. It's not fair to expose them until Christmas but if you run across something green and red with all the key words censored, that's it!

Is This The Record

Ethel Smith, alteration employee in the laundry, puts her name in the pot for having the most immediate relatives in war work. She lists one son, two brothers-in-law, one son-in-law, 15 nephews in actual service and three nieces, nine nephews, one son-in-law and herself working in war industries.

The leather in a single steer hide would provide all the leather articles required to outfit six soldiers for a whole year.

Hitler's policy has always been and still is "Divide and Conquer."

Sabotage



The seventh column is now starting its 1942-43 campaign of sabotage among Pantex employees! It has already put the bee on several victims who are helping to further subversive activities.

What is this seventh column that is helping Hitler by causing 45 million man hours to be lost in vital war production yearly? This ruthless enemy goes under the pseudonym of a common cold. The cold saboteur strikes any and everywhere. He is able to slip in on restricted production lines and knock out needed workers, then use his victims to spread his poison from person to person.

There is no sure-fire cure for a cold, according to Dr. Russell M. Gray, Medical Director. But there are ways to aid in combatting the menas and of course the best way is by prevention, he explained.

Preventatives include the following precautions: Don't allow your physical condition to become run down; don't sit in drafty, improperly ventilated rooms; avoid sudden changes of room temperatures; dress properly for the weather; and take cold serum. Eighty-five percent of persons who take the serum will respond to it, Dr. Gray emphasized. It should not be taken while suffering from a cold, however.

How are the things to do if you catch cold. Get plenty of rest. Take plenty of water and fruit juices but do not overload the stomach and keep your digestive tract open. Sometimes aspirin will give temporary relief.

Colds are spread mostly by coughing and sneezing into the air, hence Kleenex should be used by the sufferer and he should avoid close contact with others. Dr. Gray advises that employees with

bad colds should stay home for a day or two for their own benefit and the welfare of dozens of others who might become exposed and be forced to lay off from work.

The Pantex hospital can offer only a limited first aid service in the care of colds. Should patients require medical

care they are advised to see their family physician.

There are treacherous days ahead and the careless, neglectful person is almost certain to fall victim to Hitler's bosom ally, the cold germ. For your sake, for America's sake—keep well and on the job!

Fun In a Bomb Shelter

The birthday of George Becker, assistant line superintendent in Zone 6, provided the impetus for the booster gang to have a covered dish luncheon.

The roomy bomb shelter of the line, with its convenient tables, was an ideal spot for the affair and proof that a "good time was had" are the photos.



Top: Margaret Becker; the Guest of Honor (Stoking coal); Frank Poeltler; and Anita Rapport who also shared the spotlight with her husband, Mort, in honor of their second wedding anniversary. Marlene Kramer, head waitress, hands Frank a drink of only water.

Center: Notice the remnants of the repast in the foreground. There was more than plenty for all. Notice also the satisfied expressions on the faces.

Bottom: The Booster Boys Barber Shop Quartet: Bass, George Curtis; Burytone, Bob Nelson; 1st Tenor, Boyd Watkins; 2nd Tenor, Pete Hodgson. They rendered a number and led the entire group thru' a number of old favorites.

Safety "Keeps 'Em Shooting"

Be Careful—Don't Take Any Chances!

Musical Notes

The program stated that Amarillo was a lively city rising from the plains of Texas whose main theme was cattle and oil—yet, that there was a genuine desire for good music. The latter was definitely proved by the attendance at the first Philharmonic Concert on November 16.

Pantex was represented equally well in the audience and in the orchestra. The employees of Pantex who were so instrumental in making the concert a success are as follows: George Carst, trombone; Booster Line; Bruce Cunningham, tympani; Safety; James Flory, Oboe; Line Operator; Jerry Ray, violin and Jimmie Lee Williamson, violincello, both of Stores.

The next presentation by the orchestra will be on December 15th, at which time Joseph Harding will be the guest soloist. For an evening of true enjoyment this concert is highly recommended.

THE MELTING POT

By Iris Galloway

The "Big Chief" of Personnel had to have a birthday before anyone could get a glimpse of him in a western sombrero. The Stetson, along with one of those classic Kaywoodies, was presented to Mr. Robertson by his "gang," P. S. Three cheers for Mr. R.—he wore it and discarded the dapper yankee model.

Attractive addition to the Job Assignment office is Mrs. Doris Herbst, transfer from 504 1/2 Taylor St. replacing Norma Simmons who has moved to Houston.

Hats off to Tom Kinsey, Seaman 1st Class! Personnel is plenty proud of its nautical-minded interviewer who cast his lot with the Navy the other day and is now waiting to be called for actual duty.

Right here in Personnel we have a

touch of the Old South, name of Edger Myers . . . "honey-chile" drawl and all. Eddie hails from New Orleans and all points round about the state of Louisiana. Before Mr. and Mrs. Myers moved to Amarillo, he was employed with a Publishing Company in Hammond.

One of our very favorite personalities

around the building is George Washington Cobb, Personnel porter foreman who is always ready willing and able to help out with anything from a stuck window to a broken chair back. George was among many seen during the gas registration week crawling around his



car parked out front and trying to read the serial numbers on his tires. It seems that after a few thousand miles, those numbers get sorta dim.

Everybody gapes with amazement when they learn that Job Assignment's little-girl clerk-typist, Marie Carmichael, is married and has a 17-month old daughter. Marie's husband is in the Army at Ft. Bliss. For all of her 95 pounds, Marie is a regular little pluggier.

Clara Shook is of the opinion that there's nothing quite so gorgeous as a sunrise viewed from Pantex Reservation . . . unless it's a sunset viewed from Raton Pass. And she ought to know.

In case anyone has wondered why Mary Lou Taylor has been looking so unusually happy the last few days, it's because her favorite husband is home on leave from Camp Lee, Virginia where he has been in Officer's Training School.

Mr. Stubb's office force is divided into four parts . . . those who study about income taxes, those who figure on their Christmas budgets, those who worry about gas rationing . . . and Mr. Stubb, who works.

Personnel Says "Happy Birthday" To Its Chief



"To our Chief, for the happiest of birthdays from a proud and appreciative staff—signed, Personnel—Town and Country." That was the greeting from Personnel employees, part of whom are shown in the top picture, as they crowded into the office of their boss George H. Robertson, Personnel Director, on November 21 to surprise him with two swell gifts—a fine pipe and a Stetson hat. Beaming with pleasure Mr. Robertson is shown in the bottom picture with his presents.

The Omen

Luckily, members of Cal Harris' crew of Stores employees are not superstitious. On a recent shift they found that their number totaled 13—and toward the end of the shift realized that 13 loads of explosives had been handled.

Although each man swore that he did not believe in witchery, Harris says the appearance of a black cat probably would have spooked the whole bunch of them.

Keep Your Eyes Open

Pantexan inquired of Capt. Ben M. Davis, Intelligence officer for Pantex as to the things and happenings which were of interest to him. His reply is quoted below.

"The Intelligence Officer is interested in:

1st—Anything that INTERRUPTS PRODUCTION, thereby delaying or denying to the military forces the supplies needed in the successful conduct of the war, and

2nd—Disclosure of information that would be of value to the enemy.

"Under the first heading the Saboteur may attempt to gain his objective by:

1. Fire.
2. Wrecking of machinery.
3. Malicious mischief.
4. Unwarranted agitation and damage to morale thru disaffection.
5. Attempting to create sympathy for the Axis.

6. Many other devious schemes which may be recognized by alert observation.

"Under the second heading the enemy agent may conduct Espionage activities by:

1. Securing employment of spies in the plant.
2. Purchasing information.
3. Theft of plans and other documents.
4. Photographing plant or installations.
5. Listening to idle talk by employees, both inside and outside of plant.
6. Questioning of and eavesdropping on conversations of employees, their wives, sweethearts and acquaintances.

"Every employee should be conscious of the danger in careless attention to duty and in careless and idle talk. Watch yourself and also watch others who may be guilty of aiding the enemy through either sabotage or espionage, intentional or not."

Debunking Weather Rumors

"There's nothing but a barbed wire fence between Amarillo and the North Pole." "It gets hotter than blue blazes here!" Such in-the-know tips from old-timers have new-comers in a quandry as to what to expect of Amarillo weather.

Below are listed the average mean temperatures for the city based on a 40-year record compiled by Amarillo Gas Company:

Jan. _____ 35.3



Like many other girls whose husbands have gone to war, Betty wants to do her part for victory.

Betty on the Home Front

Mrs. Noel L. Thomas (better known as "Betty" to those who know her), is one of the many "wives left at home" employed here at Pantex Ordnance Plant. Her husband, Noel L. Thomas, is "somewhere in Australia" with the U. S. Air Corps. He is a first Sergeant in the 43rd Service Squadron, and has been overseas since January of this year.

Betty considers herself very fortunate because she is able to hear from Tommy so often—even cablegrams, one of which she is pictured above as holding. And once, shortly after he landed overseas (in February), he was able to call her long distance. "It was one of the most thrilling moments of my life," Betty said. Throughout the summer pictures have come from him, giving her a very small idea of how he is living and of his

environment, which appears rather "tropical."

Betty has been employed at this Plant since June of this year. She, like countless other wives, is trying to do her small part here at home by working in a War Plant, helping make bombs that will protect her husband and millions of other husbands who are fighting for the ideals and principles in which we all believe.

Betty is fiercely proud of her husband—she is proud of all those millions of other men, too, who are fighting for our Nation. But she also has a word of praise for the wives of these fighting men. "They can take it—every one of them! They are courageous and are going to keep right on doing their part here at home so that their husbands can be proud of them too!"

Feb.	38.1	Nov.	45.5
March	55.8	Dec.	37.0
April	55.8		
May	64.1		
June	72.8		
July	76.8		
August	74.6		
Sept.	69.3		
Oct.	57.7		

California would have figures like these pasted on every billboard in the United States. Like that fair state, however, Amarillo has its "unusual" spells. You can expect a northerly any day now that will freeze the cars off a brass monkey.

War Bonds "Keep 'Em Shooting"

Invest All You Can, Every Pay Day!

THE MAIN LINE

By Betty Blake

The gas rationing rush and the new work our department has received from Ordnance didn't leave this reporter much time to hound news from employees in Rail Transportation. When I say hound, I mean to get them to talk. Very closed mouthed people, as they should be, except when it comes to writing this column.

C. R. Smith has been appointed assistant traffic manager and O. J. Day, former rate clerk, is now chief bill of lading clerk.

As you probably know by now, the girls' bowling league has again started. If any of the girls are interested and have not signed up for a team, please call the writer at station 224, as there is one vacancy on the general team and that means you can be from any department. I was fortunate enough to be captain of the general team before the league broke up last time and we did have a swell time.

All of you come to see the girls play at the new "Banner Bowl" on Monday nights at 8:30 P. M.

Mr. Matthew's secretary, Jerry Morgan, seemed to be very lonesome while her sister, Joe McDuffee, went cast recently.

Guess this is all for now, however. I promise to get busy right away and have lots of news next issue. Rogez????

THE BULL BOARD

By C. J. Novak

Due to the wonders of dental masonry, Elwood Hicks of 8-7 again has a nose and a chin instead of just a chin. Hicks obtained some new choppers and he looks human once more. He does say, however, that his nose gets a bit tired - nice it can't rest on his chin anymore.

C. A. Case of T-2 was called for his physical and when the doctors had him remove his shirt and saw his hairy chest they immediately went into a huddle. After phoning the zoo, however, and being assured that the gorilla was still locked up, the examination was continued.

After visiting Zone 8 and seeing Les Eagles and E. F. Cole, I am now convinced that milk is not a reducing food. Attention: Marie Yoeman

T-2 is being rejuvenated and now has a cement floor. At the present time offices are being built . . . knock your feet and wipe your hands before entering!

The Stores Field team defeated the Stores Office the other night at bowling, and the next day we had a headache from listening to their alibis. We like to win if it were not for all the static that goes with it. All in all, the Stores Office has a good bunch of fellows but only fair bowlers. However, the Stores team will challenge any other department in the plant.

Ain't this real weather and to think it is duck season, Jim Sanders said that

despite the duck season he feels that in all fairness to his ability as a hunter and to cooperate with the national gas and tire rationing he will dig a hole in his backyard, fill it half full of water, drop himself

along with a pint of John Barleycorn into said hole, remain therein until old John is consumed and little Jim is fairly saturated inside and out as well. He then will go into the house, tell a big story to the wife as to the great number of fowl to be seen, and how that blank-city-blank gun wouldn't shoot straight, sneeze half a dozen times, call a doctor and have pneumonia. Cheapest way to hunt, he says.

I was out "ducking" last Sunday, and shot one so high that when it hit the ground it was spoiled. Otis Travis of 10-7 who was along said, "What-the-hell did you waste a shell for? The fall would have killed him."

Would tell you that I got one duck, but I am afraid you would think I am bragging. To be truthful, rabbit-hunting is my specialty. At our house, we eat so many rabbits that the dogs chase us every time we leave the house.

Virgil Ballaw: "See the boid?"

Jim Sellars: "That ain't no boid, that's a bird."

V Ballaw: "Well, it shore choips like a boid."

ENGINEERING DEPT.

By Arthur Reagor

Gradually the Engineering Department is being rounded out into a department for full time operation. We're happy to welcome Tom C. Rhodes of Houston who is to be estimator.

Paul R. Priest is with us now as architectural draftsman.

Carl R. Schell and J. Roy Smith have returned to the fold after a period of special duty.

Has anyone noticed the pink hue in the complexion of Johns, Gassaway and Frost. Well, that's pride. They've got a new secretary, Charming La Vella Vaughn is taking the place of Mrs. Leroy Hunter (ex Marie Carlson) who is now working in Personnel. In addition to being pleasant, agreeable, and not bad looking - she can also type remarkably well.

Pruitt's wife visited him at work last week - which makes that corner of the room a model for gentlemanly conduct (now that Orville Johnson's wife has returned from Indianapolis). Guess there's some hope for us after all.

The hardest working girl in the Engineering Department (we just have one) is Argie Neill. Well, she keeps up with Bill Dierksen anyway, and to do that you've gotta move.

Henry Roberts, the ex-checker champion of the department is gathering

about him the tatters of what remains of his once grand (though self developed) reputation, and is trying to stage a comeback. It seems that he has to start at the bottom again and work up to a point where he can see George Heppner's manager. Late flash! Heppner reports that in poor light, after quitting time, with a loud and confusing line of propaganda, H. A. Roberts eked out a small margin victory.

He who is right can afford to keep his temper; he who is wrong cannot afford to lose it.

In the market for good dividends: Safety pays 'em.





This contingent of fine looking Pantex guards drew the admiration of Armistice Day parade watchers. Here they are at attention for inspection just before parade time.

All in a Day



Elsewhere they might be blasted into eternity, but under the protective shadow of explosive igloos literally thousands of wild ducks gabble in safety. The objects near the shore on the lake in the photo are blue-winged teal.



Firemen at Station 3 are shown receiving final instructions in a standard 20-hour First Aid Course which entitles them to a Red Cross card. Station 2 has had the course and Station 1 started it last week. Classes have been in progress here since April 16th—all employees will be given the opportunity to take First Aid Work. In the photo standing, left, is one of the instructors, Pinkey Hickox. Standing right is Fire Capt. Mulkey who relieved Capt. Redus of Station 3 on his off-day.



Top: Douglas Harrison chain hoist operator in the paint room on a load line was a former peace officer but wanted to do something to help win the war. He's married, has three children, has just bought a home at 117 E. 10th and likes his work.

Bottom: Jack Davis, mix kettle operator on a load line, was formerly a coach at Pampa High. He likes his work, thinks it's interesting and says "there's not much difference in playing with TNT and school kids."

Staying on the Job "Keeps 'Em Shooting"

Do Your Best Every Hour, Every Day, Every Week!

SAFETY DEPARTMENT

By Le Nelle Eastus

About midnight shift A, Station 2: The Captain of Station No. II, R. B. Dickerson, is the nephew of Chief Dickerson. He lives in Amarillo and is the father of two "future firemen." Captain Dickerson likes being a fireman "because of the thrill and excitement in beating the elements, and because of the chances you have to take."

Lieut. Arthur L. Duncan, from Floydada, has finally found a house and is moving to Amarillo. He has two boys that think they'll be firemen. Lieut. Duncan has been a fireman for 14 years. A flour mill fire was the most exciting fire that he could recall.

Hunting is the favorite sport of fireman Johnnie Virgil Rodden, who has been with the department for seven months. Deer is what he hunts but has never killed one yet.

Preacher and fireman is Luther W. E. Ellyson. Mr. Ellyson was a Missionary Baptist preacher in Arkansas, but as he wanted active war work, he made application at Pantex. He said that he is a fireman all the time and a preacher in his spare time.

Leonard Reynolds likes being a fireman more than being a mechanic. His secret ambition, however, is to some day own a machine shop all his own. He likes to hunt coon along the banks of the Canadian River. He lives in Amarillo with his wife and three children.

Remodeling his home is the hobby of "Panhandle-Noisey" McClellan from Panhandle. He is new at the fireman job. McClellan is a former county worker.

James D. Throckmorton is a radio operator at Station II. He has not had any previous experience in the radio field, but wanting to do his part in the war effort, he got a job at Pantex until Uncle Sam calls. He, too, likes to hunt—quail and ducks in Randall County.

Fireman Howard Kelso has a twin brother named Hugh who is a guard on the reservation. He says that the most fun they have is getting friends baffled about who's who.

Speaking of firemen, why not talk about four of the Palmers—Harrell Elston, Roy, and Jimmie. Three of them work on the same shift, come to the plant at the same time and have the same day off together, which is not a coincidence but is real convenient. The Palmers are from a family of nine boys

MEET THE PEOPLE

By Carolyn Newbold

The biggest news the Payroll Department has had for some time was supplied by Meade Graham's brand new

weight 6 lbs. and 1 3/4 oz., born November 19. In spite of 10 lbs. last and a few gray hairs (so he says), Meade found himself financially bettered to the expense of Frank Farwell and Darrell Grundy. Mrs. Graham and "Mike" are getting along fine.

A new face in Payroll is Gertrude Wallentine, who transferred from Ordnance.

The timekeeping department is really "booming" with eight new people—namely: Oma Ayers, Alice Barlow, Ruth Burkey, Rosa Hoggins, Robert Strong, Nora Wiggins, and Conrad Bullock.

This reporter was told that Bette Jo Eddins, secretary to Gene Pray in Office Management, typed so hard last week that she broke a part of the typewriter which will take a month to replace. Kathryn Pennington has transferred from the mail room to the mimeograph department.

Robert Fossey of Tabulating hasn't introduced us to his bride yet, but her picture is most attractive. She is the former Imogene Morgan of Paul Valley, Oklahoma. This department seems matrimonially minded, with Kay Becker wearing the engagement ring of George D. Spence, who is stationed at Amarillo Field.

The new director of selective service is genial G. W. Rukgaber, and Morris Zwerdling has taken over as Procedure Coordinator.

Have you ever noticed what beautiful ties Mr. Whitehead wears? His friends in the Auditing Dept. don't seem to think so, and have even caused the removal of one.

To Clark Loomis, who has gone to the Army—thanks for the build-up—and how about writing us what the life of a private is really like?

and three girls.

William H. Gilbert told a fish story about one that didn't get away—a three and a half pounder he caught at Panhandle.



STORES OFFICE

By Marjorie Owen

Newcomer to Stores Office is Mrs. Marie Hunter, formerly Marie Carlson. She has transferred to this department from Utilities.

Mrs. Geraldine Ray has left to join her husband, who is stationed at Aberdeen, Md. He is in the Ordnance division of the U. S. Army.

Bernice King is new records clerk in Stores office. Her busy pen and ready smile can be seen at all times.

Jack E. Smith is new clerk in component division of Stores. We are glad to have him with us. He transferred from 8-7.

Mrs. Willeta Stanley is secretary to G. T. Phillips. She was previously secretary to Austin Wiggins.

Another addition to this department is William O. Stallings, clerk in transportation traffic department of Stores under John R. Hodges.

Mr. Hodges' new secretary is Marjorie Owen.

Capable Marie Yeoman is now in charge of Stores requisitions.

For one of the most attractive blouses that one has ever seen just call Mrs. Gladys Davenport by her new nickname of "Sweater Girl."

Mrs. Dorothy Cannon has departed from this town and Purchasing Dept. Her ability for making friends as well as her charming presence will be missed by all.

Betty Turner is the secretary of Powell Combs in Purchasing.

HOW'S YOUR PULSE

By Hardy Mays

The medical department is beginning to get in full "production." We've had our first operation with Dr. Russell M. Gray operating and Dr. T. C. McCormick assisting.

We welcome the following new nurses to the medical department: Helen Connell and Elsie Collopy, both of San Francisco, Yvonne Ridlon of Washington, D. C., and Sadie Gardner of Tennessee. In the laboratory we find Nathan Basson of Palm Springs, Calif.

Jim Rodgers has gone to the Navy.

Other firemen on Shift A are Edmond Theo Sebastian, Telma C. Weatherly, Bert M. Shelton, Allen Whitlock, Floyd Stallings, and Leonard Reynolds. "10-4" L.N.E.

The Home Front

By Kathleen O'Connell, Dietician
Pantex Cafeteria

No war, so tragic and world flung as this could possibly leave any one of us untouched. Gradually, we on the home front will be pulling our belts a little tighter, being less extravagant in our cooking. The rationing of food throws down a challenge to Pantexan home-makers to be more clever in the kitchen, obligates them to still provide the necessary nutrition for her family.

Coffee rationing is really hitting us right in our solar plexus. It's the national morning pick-up; the stimulus that keeps us on the job. But think of the arguments it will save over the breakfast table. Be very sparing in the amount of coffee you make. Weak-kneed coffee is no substitute. Just make less coffee, but make it lovingly!

Milk and butter shortage may not be a surprise to you, but since the majority of people are earning more money they are drinking more milk. Lack of farm hands, O.P.A.'s ceiling prices, the farmer's selling of milk cows for beef, are not too new a story to us. But we must face the grim fact that the most nutritionally perfect food, milk, is short, particularly in this area with such an influx of war workers and army personnel. Ice cream, the all-American favorite dessert will be rationed. We'll drink what milk we can. In substituting for butter, use a fortified oleomargarine. The enrichment of oleo with Vitamin A makes it equal to butter in nutrition.

While in New York, I learned that Tuesday is a Meatless Day. No restaurant serves any of the rationed meats. It is considered unpatriotic to insist on it. This would not be a bad idea out here.

On Fifth Avenue, I noticed that flowers and ribbons and hair ornaments were worn as much as hats.

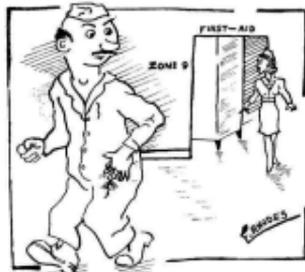
It seems that women are making a greater effort to keep attractive. Nothing helps keep up the morale better than feeling well-groomed . . . and it is not necessary to spend a fortune on beauty products.

If your skin is fairly normal and you would like a good clean up mask, try this home remedy. Tie up your curls and scrub your face clean. Then spread on a mask of one cake of compressed yeast, moistened to a thin paste with about one-half teaspoon of peroxide. Now, darken your room and relax for twenty minutes until the mask dries. I would advise locking your door too—no use for your husband to think it is Halloween. Now then, rinse your face with clear cool water and spread it with a light rich cream or powder base. You're ready

When A Fellow Needs A Friend

Curtis Huckabee, corral employee who received a fractured ankle while loading horses on Labor Day, requests from his bed in the Pantex Hospital, that all his friends—who, by the way, have been more than true friends—be notified of his most heart-felt thanks and appreciation.

Curtis is improving rapidly and has won a place in the hearts of the hospital staff while convalescing there.



SAFETY SLOGAN:

"KEEP YOUR MIND ON THE
PRODUCTION LINES

now for a slumber-land or dance-land, as your taste dictates. It may be just a psychological phenomenon, but I'll bet my best bonnet it will make your skin rosy and refreshed.

Inasmuch as food rationing is making wise menu planning a task and cooking a problem, write to the Home Front in care of the Pantexan for help. We will have some meat rationing and sugar saving recipes for you.



This Is A Watchbird Watching A Rule-Mule



Here is a bird that's a Rule-Mule. He's just that stubborn about Regulations that were made to protect him. Every time he is asked to do something Like wear his badge He gushes his teeth And stamps his feet. Well, here's this Rule-Mule Making a disagreeable old crow of himself. All because he thinks he's prettier Than the picture on his pass. Anyone can see by that face That any idea about his being pretty Is just propaganda.

Bird feet are rather weak. And if he keeps on stamping around His arches will fall sooner or later.



THIS IS A WATCHBIRD
WATCHING YOU!
WERE YOU A RULE-
MULE THIS WEEK?

No Yes

Cartoon and verse by Ida Sue Taylor
after the style of Manro Leaf.

Friends of Men In The Service Want To Hear From Them

Former Pantex employees who are now in the armed services are invited to write letters for publication in the Pantexan, and their relatives are urged to share letters which they receive, if desired. Address Pantexan, Room 278, Adm. Bldg., Pantex Ordnance Plant, Amarillo, Texas.

LOST: A green striped Shaeffer pencil. Finder return to Mrs. Shirley Tarver in Room 134.

FOUND: Man's pigskin glove. Owner call in Room 278, Adm. Bldg.

MONEY FOUND: Will be returned to owner upon proper description and identification.

LOST: Mrs. A. D. Sullivan, R. N. lost a fountain pen Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1942.



Don't Be a Flipper!

THE FLIPPER is an unintentional arsonist. Unintentional because "flipping" is an unconscious habit—but a most dangerous one. A cigarette, or lighted match, flipped out of a car window anywhere on the reservation can ignite a prairie fire of such proportions that it could readily reach our lines of operation miles away.

The smoker is under obligation to himself, his fellow-employees, his

Piave and its production for war, to self-impose a regulation guarding against carelessness and to adhere at all times to the "non-flipping" rule.

You are not being asked to give up smoking! You are being asked to preserve this privilege by exerting some self-control!

Help us continue maximum production and efficiency without apprehension of shut-down by exterminating the fire bug!

REMEMBER—Fire Is
Pantex's Worst Enemy!