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## A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF PRODUCTION

The American people are entitled to a report on the progress of production in our first year of war.

Today we are making as many combat weapons—tanks, planes, guns, ships—as the entire Axis. Today the United Nations together are turning out twice as many weapons as the enemy.

But we cannot win a war simply by equaling or even outproducing our enemies. We must have a smashing superiority and keep it that way to the end. And we must remember that we cannot win by production alone. Victory will be won on the fields of bloody battle—by our soldiers, sailors, and marines—the best and bravest fighting men in the world.

So I give you this solemn thought: The cost of keeping our freedom will be measured not in money, in time, or in production, but in American lives. The boys who are fighting our battles will win more quickly and with less loss of life if the men on the production front give them every possible advantage in combat weapons—if we accept willingly and quickly the changes in our lives that make such production possible. Keep this thought burning in your minds and hearts: That countless lives and untold suffering will be saved if extra effort at home brings victory one month closer.

The grimmest fighting and the hardest work lie ahead of us.

DONALD M. NELSON,

Chairman, War Production Board.

## PANTEXAN'S COVER

Symbolic of the men and machines which pave the way for production, Pantexan's cover photo is dedicated to the Engineering Division. The picture was made on Pantex Drive just south of Zone 6.

## Honor Roll

Former Pantex Employees Who Have  
Gone Into the U. S. Armed Forces

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 Johnnie I. Nepper, Army  
 Coleman M. Roberts, Army  
 Mrs. Dick S. Watson, WAAC  
 June A. Dumas, Army

*The names above are listed in the order in which the men went into the armed forces according to date, during the period of January 12 through January 29. Others will be listed from time to time.*

Industrial Accidents since Pearl Harbor have caused the loss of more than three million man hours—enough to build 100 aircraft carriers, Rear Admiral W. H. P. Blandy, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, recently told the National Safety Congress. More people have been killed in factory accidents here, he said, than were killed by bombings in England during three years of war.

America is turning out enough rifles and machine gun ammunition each month to fire 83 rounds at every individual soldier in the Axis armies, the War Department disclosed recently. In the first year of war, production of small arms ammunition has increased more than 550 per cent and is still rising rapidly.

# Soldiers of Maintenance

"Maintenance Is the Watchword for the Duration" . . .  
That's the Slogan of Engineering-Utilities Division

Over the Pantex reservation stretches a web, with its center the south-wing, first floor of the Administration Building. It is this network, the Engineering-Utilities Division that actually keeps POP running—yet few employees realize the magnitude of its functions.

This organization, largely manned by the key personnel who built the project, are responsible for the engineering, design and sufficiency of plans, and housing plans and execution of same; and its Utility Division, in serving the Operations Division, handles the following phases of work necessary to keep 'em rollin': The construction of new inside and outside electric lines and the maintenance of them; the new construction or remodeling of existing architectural features; the installation and maintenance of new and existing water lines, gas lines, steam lines and sewage systems; the operation of sewage pump stations, water wells, water pump station, water supplying plant, chlorination plants and sewage disposal plant; the maintenance and extensions to the natural gas system on the property; the maintenance of boiler houses and generation and dis-

tribution of steam; the operation of locomotive shops, machine shops, welding shops, automotive repair shops, automotive service station, lubrication and cleaning of all automotive transportation and equipment on the property; the operation of the cabinet and carpenter shop; the collection and disposal of all forms of waste and the cleaning of all buildings.

The maintenance of existing highways and drainage and the construction of such new facilities; the maintenance and care, planting and harvesting on the grounds of the entire project. In addition thereto the Utility mechanics service the lines in all areas, maintaining the equipment and machines and seeing that the proper greasing and oiling and repairs are made on the vast number of different types of mechanical equipment in the plant.

The Utility Department of the Engineering Division operates on a twenty-four hour, seven days-per week basis, there being no holidays and Sundays in this department. The nerve center of the Utility Department is in the shop area, where dispatchers on twenty-four duty





H. F. McFarland, Jr., manager of the Engineering Division at Pantex, was Project Manager for A. E. M. prior to his coming with Pantex on Oct. 6, 1942.



A. R. Martin, manager of the Utilities Department, which functions under the Engineering Division, was Manager of Utilities for the McKenzie Construction Co.

receive all calls and complaints and immediately dispatch the proper classification of men to handle the type of call. The Engineering-Utility Division operates in the closest of harmony with Safety and the Fire Department, and their radio equipped trucks respond to

all calls received by the Fire Department.

In order that this division might become closer knit among themselves and better acquainted with their co-workers in other divisions, they have instituted a bi-monthly luncheon where there

will be short addresses by department heads on their individual phases of the work and guests from other divisions, who will discuss their work and its relationship to the Engineering-Utility Division.

All the necessities, comforts and con-



Front row: W. B. Dierssen, Engineer, Planning and Research; C. G. Conklin, Engineer, Structures; J. Bonnett, Radio Supervisor; C. L. Jones, Electrical Superintendent; O. A. Kennedy, Supt. Plumbing, Gas Heating, Refrigeration and Sheet Metal Workers; and Rex Peters, Superintendent of Machine Shop.

Second row: C. E. Fyfe, Superintendent of Heavy Power Equipment; Graham Hart, Superintendent of Automotive Shop; S. H. McGlaun, Superintendent Lubrication and Service; J. G. Jones, Supt. Line Mechanics; B. W. Ferris, Supt. of Steam and Gas Distribution; and W. N. Harris, Supt. of Water and Sewer System.

Third row: W. A. Reed, Supt. of Water Wells; W. E. Snerd, Supt. of Structures; H. K. Eisenhauer, Supt. of Roads and Grounds; E. A. Telford, Asst. Supt. of Grounds; W. W. Sawyer, Supt. of Sanitation, Salvage Yard and Burning Pit; and E. G. Burnley, Supt. of Steam Generation.

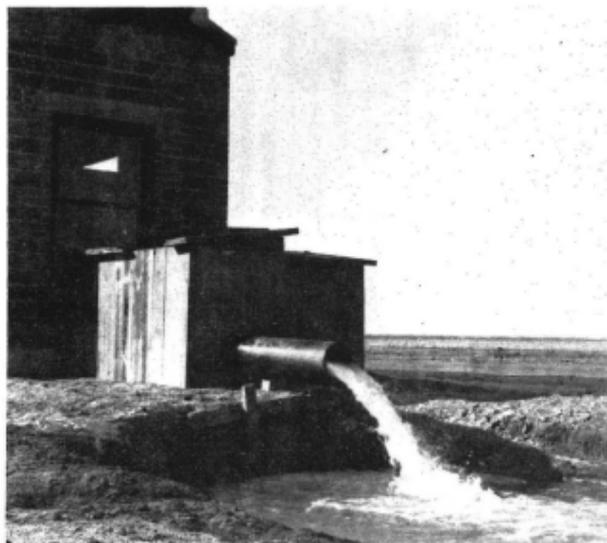
veniences that Mr. and Miss Pantex take for granted are generated and maintained by the Utilities Department. Your warmth, your light, your water, your clean floors, the machines you use and the places you use them in; from the moment you arrive till the time of departure, the invisible hands of Main-

tenance are busy working for your safety and well-being.

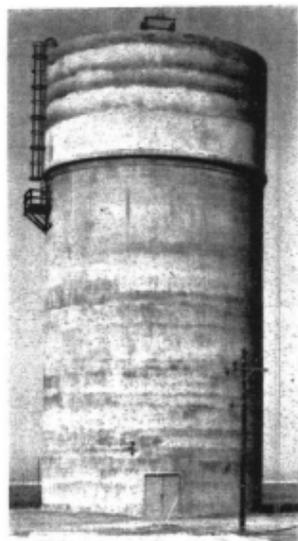
The waste-paper basket you left full the night before, is empty when you walk in. The table that was unsteady is firm. Ventilators have appeared on windows. The machine you were using is clean and freshly lubricated. That

broken pane of glass is whole again—all signs that the Utilities men have been at work.

Pantex is a little city (and not so little at that) where you'll find the prototypes of municipal electric, gas, and water supply companies. Garage and service station are here, as are all



On the Pantex Reservation are five water wells, busy pumping clear sweet water at the rate of 500 to 600 gallons a minute. In order to reach water, the drillers had to go 628 feet. Now that the water softening plant is in operation, the 8 degrees of hardness in the water will be brought down to 2 degrees.



There are two water tanks like the one above, also two 55000 steel storage tanks supplying Pantexans pure water for all purposes.



This typical farm scene was taken on the reservation before Pantex moved in. It is a strong contrast to the water system now in existence. All Pantex water is developed here, and none is piped from town.



Pantex men, of the Utilities Department, are working on the excavation of a 16 foot ditch, in preparation for the laying of sewer line.



This pipe will lead from the 300,000 sewage disposal plant to one of the reservation lakes where all sewage is dumped.



At the explosive burning grounds they salvage a high percentage of sweepings from the lines, and the boxes in which explosives are shipped to the plant. Since explosives cannot be safely disposed of by ordinary methods, all waste matter, that cannot be reclaimed, is burned. Unreclaimed explosive matter is destroyed by "laying a train," as shown in the above picture.

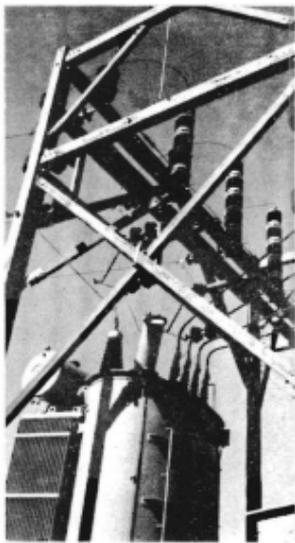
the various repair shops; though Pantex provides an individual note by having seven women on duty at the filling station.

At emergency water tank No. 2, a 25 acre Victory garden is being laid out that will supply the cafeteria with all kinds of fresh vegetables. The tank will provide irrigation and waste space will, through this plan, be thoroughly utilized. This year, the Pantex farmers will bring in a harvest of 16,000 bushels of wheat (at a conservative estimate); and they want to sow thirty acres of alfalfa as well as enough oats to feed the horses. This generally means about 18,000 bushels a year.

Among other unexpected jobs that Utilities has taken over, is the conservation of wild life on the reservation. Some of the Pantexans without badges are prairie-dogs, jack-rabbits, coyotes, foxes, quail, ducks, the marauding hawk, and even such unwelcome visitors as an occasional rattlesnake.

The welfare of all these guests is carefully assured by the maintenance men. Pantex even has its poachers, and several traps have been destroyed by the unofficial game wardens.

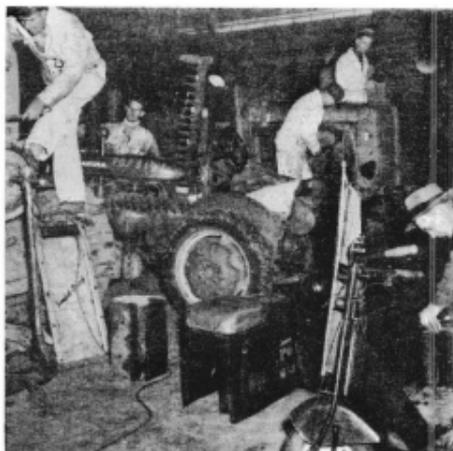
So, Mr. POP, in Pantexville, as in all municipalities, the geni of Public Utilities are the mainsprings of community welfare.



Here is one of the many banks of transformers at the Pantex Electrical Sub-station, that reduces high-voltage electricity. Pantex also has standby stations, ready to take over.



Machines lose little time at Pantex. Lubrication Department service units drive up and grease them on the spot. This road machine is being serviced by (l to r) E. T. (Abie) Petrie and R. S. (Scottie) Reed. The Lubrication Department maintains five-hundred pieces of equipment which keep Pantex machines rolling smoothly twenty-four hours a day.



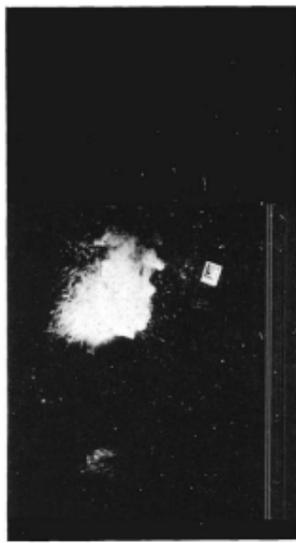
In the garage, they'll repair anything from a little scooter to the largest piece of equipment on the reservation. The Garage is always filled with activity—from a paint job on a station wagon to an engine repair on a caterpillar DB. The garagemen in the picture are (l to r) W. J. Cupp, George Byard, Lewis Gilkeyson, Ernest Wakefield and O. O. Smith.



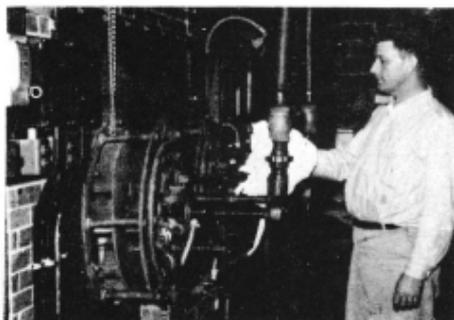
Getting your gas is a pleasure at Pantex. The filling station has seven pretty Misses on 24 hour duty; three on the day shift, and two on each of the others. Shown here are (back) Ozella Fagan and (front) Roberta McCaslin.



The outfit that saves a million rivets, is the Sheet Metal Shop's spot welder. By this electrical process, metals are fused without any other fastening. Ray B. Jumell and Charley Johnson operate it. Johnson is on it now.



The welders are in the Machine Shop Department, and work both in the shop and on the lines. Pantex welders use Acetylene as well as electric welding machines. Cleo M. Scamahorn is shown using an electric arc.



The Steam Generation Department is in charge of the boilers used on the lines at Pantex to supply heat and steam. There are generally three boilers in each house, used in rotation with two working at a time. Eddie Eubank is polishing the brass on this gas-consuming boiler.



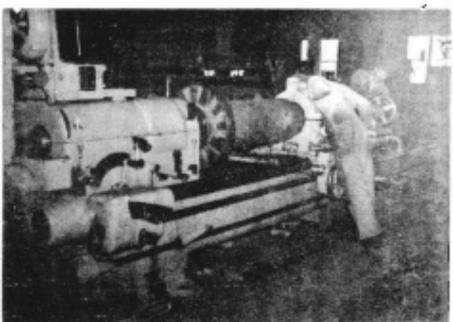
Every piece of scrap collected at Pantex is brought into the Salvage Yard where anything that might be of value is carefully gone over and stacked for re-use. D. A. Wever, Sanitation and Disposal man, is removing nails from salvaged lumber.



A busy corner of the Wood-working Shop is the Sign Shop where W. M. Staples, Jr., makes every sign used on the reservation. In this picture, Staples is using an air-brush on a sign that will stand in front of the Pantex Orchestra whenever they perform.



Aside from seed-planting and maintenance of the grounds, one of the jobs of the Grounds Department is landscaping. This model of Major Irvine's house was made by Supt. E. A. Telford and Foreman W. N. Hiatt, to visualize the proposed landscaping.



Pantex Diesel locomotives pull into the Heavy Machine Shop for servicing and repair. The crews going over this engine are (l to r) top—Milton Travis and Frank Moss, bottom—Brady Pittman, Cleo Searcy, Freddie Dean and Ralph Spangler.

Sometimes the threading on the bomb-casings received at Pantex won't exactly fit the tail-pieces. It's then the job of the machine shop to rethread them. Bending over the machine is B. A. Pearce, with George R. Clevenger at the other end.

# Ordnance Department

By Ida Sue Taylor

## Changes In Military Personnel

**Capt. Swaney and Lt. Hart Say Goodbye to Pantex and Captain Smith is Appointed Executive Officer**

**V**ARIOUS CHANGES in military personnel at the Pantex Ordnance Plant began January 10 with the promotion of Capt. R. M. Smith from a First Lieutenant, and the transfer from Pantex to Aberdeen Proving Ground of Capt. James A. Swaney and 1st Lt. J. B. Hart.



**Capt. R. M. SMITH**

Capt. Swaney was relieved of primary duty as Executive Officer and additional duty as Contracting Officers Representative at Pantex and ordered to report to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Maryland by February 20. Capt. Swaney came to Pantex May 6, 1942 from the Office of the Chief of Ordnance in Washington, as a First Lieutenant. He was assigned primary duty as Adjutant and additional duties as Intelligence Officer and War Bonds Officer. On July 30, 1942 Capt. Swaney was appointed Contracting Officer Representative. He was relieved of primary duty as Adjutant and assigned primary duty as Executive Officer and additional duty as Adjutant in August 1942. On August 15, 1942 he received his promotion to Captain.

Lt. Hart was relieved of primary duty as Property and Transportation Officer at Pantex and ordered to report to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Maryland by February 27. Lt. Hart came to Pantex on April 14, 1942 from Coosa River Ordnance Plant at Talladega, Alabama. He was assigned primary duty as Adjutant and additional duty as Plant Protection Officer. He was relieved of primary duty as Adjutant and additional duty as Property Officer on May 12,

1942, and appointed Property Officer as primary duty and Contracting Officers Representative as additional duty. Later he was also assigned additional duties as Transportation Officer and as Quartermaster. He received promotion to the rank of First Lieutenant on June 27. On December 2 he was assigned additional duties as Scrap and Salvage Officer.

Capt. Smith was relieved of primary duty as Engineering Liaison and Operations Officer and appointed Executive Officer as primary duty and Engineering and Operations Officer and Contracting Officer Representative as additional duties.

Capt. Smith reported for duty at Pantex as a 2nd Lieutenant April 21, 1942. He was already working at the plant when called to active duty and assigned to this station. On April 22 he was assigned primary duty as Assistant Engineering Liaison and Operations Officer. He received his promotion to First Lieutenant on June 27, 1942. In August he was relieved of primary duty as Engineering and Operations Officer and assigned primary duty as Engineering and Operations Officer and additional duty as Priorities Officer.

## Musical Inspector

To the dancing public, travel with an orchestra over its varied and interesting circuit of musical engagements



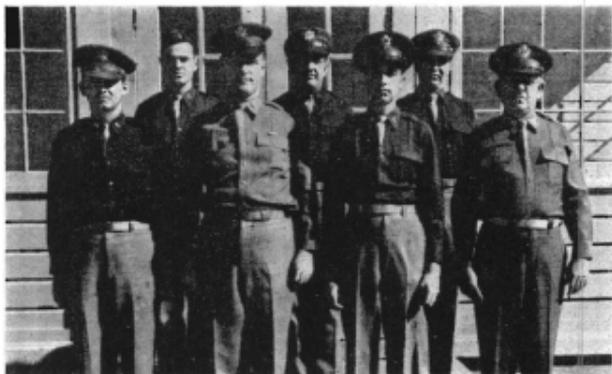
seems one of the most exciting ways of making a living. To Phil E. Phillips, who was an orchestra leader for 12 years before he became a member of Pantex's Ordnance personnel, inspection of bomb-making gives out as big a kick as anything.

"There are so many things to learn in a job like this," said Mr. Phillips, who is Shift Head Inspector on Line One. "that it keeps you on your toes all the time."

Phillips has been an Amarilloan since he was two years old. Just previous to his employment at Pantex, August 1, he worked at dismantling steel products for the government at Kingsmill, Texas, and earlier sold autos for the Plains Chevrolet Co. It was before this that Phillips organized a 14-piece band in Dallas.

The band got its start with the revival of vaudeville during the depression years. Featuring a sweet style of music with three trombonists doubling on violins and violin and accordion trios, the band

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The entire military personnel of Pantex is shown above, photographed Monday afternoon, February 8, just before a progressive dinner party which was a farewell compliment to Capt. James A. Swaney. The party began at the home of Capt. R. M. Smith and progressed to the homes of Major P. S. Irvine, Lt. J. B. Hart and Capt. Ben M. Davis.

# Diesel Machinist

HELPED RE-BUILD PEARL HARBOR



**R**EMEMBER PEARL HARBOR? L. E. Stewart, diesel machinist, does. The desolation and ruin he saw there, makes him tightin' mad.

Stewart was bossing a gang, for a construction company in California, when the government asked for volunteers to go over to Hawaii and help rebuild what the Japs had destroyed. Stewart appointed himself a one-man recruiting station and went to work on his men. Of the thirty-three, he got eighteen to sign up.

They set sail on January 13, 1942, a part of the first convoy to go out since the attack. Those were the days when the entire West Coast had the jitters. Two days out, they were sighted by a Jap submarine. With the famed Jap marksmanship, three torpedoes were launched and all three missed. The convoy arrived at Hawaii in full force.

Stewart says that the full extent of the havoc that had been wrought is unimaginable. It just had to be seen, and even then you couldn't believe your eyes. Almost two months after Dec. 7, and they were still searching for bodies, and burying them.

They stayed till the job was finished, eight months. It wasn't only repair work they were doing, no sir. They were going on, building more airfields, newer airfields, better airfields.

Stewart is a Californian. He's forty-three years old, and has a ten year old son. He's a Texan by choice, though. A Texas girl was the lure that originally brought him here, and that girl is Mrs. Stewart right now.

Though he laughs when he says that

# LACY TO CACTUS

N. W. Lacy, Assist. Field Auditor for the Ordnance Department at Pantex, transferred this week to Cactus Ordnance Works at Dumas, Texas where he will be Ordnance Field Auditor.

Mr. Lacy had been at Pantex since April 13 when he was sent here after completing training at Rock Island Arsenal. The Audit and Accounts Division presented him with a desk set several days before he left.

E. C. Gillock, formerly civilian chief of the Property and Transportation Division, was appointed assistant field auditor at Pantex following Mr. Lacy's transfer. Coincidental with this, the Property and Transportation Division was consolidated with the Audit and Accounts Division, and the new division will operate under the supervision of Fred Ludvigsen, field auditor, and Mr. Gillock, assistant.

## MUSICAL INSPECTOR

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identified itself with the theme "The Devil is Afraid Of Music." Three soloists and a well-coached glee club of all the members added to the band's attraction.

From Dallas the group went to the West Coast where they played engagements with the Mission Beach Ballroom in San Diego, and the Balconades Ballroom in San Francisco. Back in Texas they played at the Rice Hotel in Houston, the Gunter in San Antonio, the Hollywood Club in Galveston, and Bagdad in Dallas where Harry James, then a music-struck youngster, sometimes sat in with the orchestra. Vaudeville engagements were with the Pantages, RKO and other circuits.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have a six-weeks-old baby girl, Susan, who according to her father, can hold high C all night.

## Smallpox Vaccinations

According to Ordnance rules and regulations, every person employed at Pantex must have a smallpox vaccination. This holds true in all cases, unless they can conclusively prove that they have had a successful vaccination within the past five years.

Vaccinations will begin as soon as Dr. Gray, at the hospital, receives the vaccine.

Only one shot is necessary, and all women will be vaccinated on the leg.

he's here because of that "Texas gal" of his, you can sense, beneath his smiling exterior, a deeper purposefulness. It was what he saw at Pearl Harbor that makes L. E. Stewart grimly determined to pay those Japs back in their own coin.

# Safety Survey

TO BE CONDUCTED BY ORDNANCE

The War Department recognizes the importance of conserving our motor transport resources. For this reason, the Field Director of Ammunition Plants, St. Louis, has requested Pantex Ordnance Plant to conduct a traffic survey aimed at eliminating arbitrary controls.

The purpose of this survey is to determine which stop signs might be eliminated, thus saving needless wear on tires and engines.

Acting upon this request, a number of stop signs at Pantex will be changed to read "Slow" or "Caution," thus placing responsibility upon drivers to use their judgment. By eliminating arbitrary controls and relying upon the common sense of Pantex employees, it is expected that very appreciable savings in both fuel and rubber will result.

A preliminary survey will be conducted to determine the amount of traffic friction and hazard alleviated by the existing stop signs and the probable results of changing each individual sign to "Caution" or "Slow."

After this survey is conducted, a final survey will be made for the purpose of checking the results. The findings of both surveys will be reported in future issues of the Pantexian.

The success of the experiment depends largely upon whole hearted cooperation of all drivers. Remember that all signs will mean exactly what they say. If the plan works out here, it probably will be applied nationally.

This survey was the suggestion of Lt. Thad Davids, Pantex Safety and Security Officer, and it is for this reason that Pantex has been selected as the proving-ground.

## Know Your Blood Type

The Pantex Medical Division, on Nov. 1, 1942, began the practice of blood typing all new employees, in the course of the physical examinations.

Within the next few days, the distribution of cards, giving full information as to the blood type group, will begin. All employees, who have not been typed, are invited to come down to the hospital and have it done.

Employees should carry these cards with them at all times, so that, in case of accident, no time would be lost.

Over seven million pounds of metal has been contributed to the war effort in the Navy's current program of salvaging Naval relics, commemorative pieces and discarded equipment throughout the country. Additional quantities of metal are being turned in as the drive continues.



Engineers started a survey, on Feb. 10, of the tract on which the Pantex Housing Project will be built. Ed Groman is shown shooting an angle from the northwest boundary corner. The tract, located on the plant site, is 400x2986 feet, and lies parallel with the road along the west boundary of the reservation. The new commissary will be just west of the cafeteria and the remainder of the construction will be to the south.

## Building Pantex City

**P**ANTEXANS WILL BE GLAD

to hear that the contract for the construction of plant site housing units for employees was awarded on January 28th.

The engineers are now running lines south of the cafeteria, and ground will be broken in a few days.

The plans call for 360 units, of which 142 will be two room apartments, consisting of a living room and kitchen. These are intended for couples.

Families with at least one child can apply for one of the 128 one bedroom apartments. There are also 60 two bedroom apartments and 30 with three bedrooms.

All are to be of frame construction, and will have floor furnaces, automatic water heaters, and private showers. The apartments will be unfurnished, but equipped with a stove and refrigerator. Rentals are to be set by the Federal Pub-

lic Housing program, and will be nominal, with, very probably, utilities included.

As soon as plans are completed, bids will be asked for on the construction of an Administration Building and a Shopping Center: the first to contain a recreation hall, child care room, kitchen, post office, administration office and storage and repair rooms.

In the Shopping Center, there will be a grocery store, meat market, drug store with prescription department and soda fountain, barber shop, beauty parlor, shoe repair shop and tailor shop. If needed, a grade school will be built, and there will be facilities for taking High School children to town.

Plans have also been drawn up to convert the dormitories, now occupied by the area engineers, into living quarters. The lower floors will be turned into apartments, and dormitories will be on the top floors.

Meanwhile, the Pantex Men's Hotel, near the bus station, can accommodate 50 men for three dollars a week.

The Pantex Housing Department is also receiving applications for the houses being built in town by various lumber companies. To date, 175 houses have been completed and occupied, one half of these by employees of Pantex. Occupants are selected subject to the approval of the builders.

For those who may be desirous of obtaining bedrooms in town, Mrs. Merle Kimble, secretary of the department, has a large list available.

The housing Department, under the capable guidance of Charles L. Langston, and Mrs. Kimble, is located in Room 5 of the Personnel Building. All applications, for any type of housing, should be made there as quickly as possible. It has also been requested that applicants advise the office immediately upon any change of address.

## THE MAIN LINE

By A. H. Vaughan

The group of small buildings adjacent to the Classification Yard Office recently acquired a new unit, this one being furnished for the accommodation of trainmen while off duty. It has clothes lockers, a desk for making reports, Operating Bulletin Book, and other conveniences. The other buildings in the group facing East provide separate offices for Car Inspectors, Track Foreman and Connecting Line Agent.

A recent addition to Rail Operations personnel is O. L. Brandon, Track Foreman, who has had some 20 years experience in railroad construction, several years of which were with the M. K. & T. R. Y. Co. Later he was engaged in construction work in Southwestern oil fields, building trackage, pipe lines, etc. More recently Mr. Brandon was in defense plant work in Detroit. He took charge of the track workers crew on Thursday last.

Now that we have shoe rationing the price of ball-soles will go up. Do you remember the depression years when the dime stores displayed rubber soles with a bottle of glue thrown in with which to put them on?

## WE'RE BOOSTERS

By George Curtis

The ground hog came out, saw his shadow, wasn't frightened a bit by people hurrying and scurrying about, and went back to work for six more weeks. For the teryl enters the rest of winter and spring holds no fears except for dust storms. We figure the weather will be good to us for a while.

Our champion wasp and fly swatter—the girl who did all the work and got none of the glory for our first few weeks of operation—Mrs. Anita Rappoport, has decided that she can't stay away from Chicago any longer. Incidental, of course, is her husband's decision to return to the "Windy City." (Ed. note—If Chicago is the Windy City, what is Amarillo?) As a parting gift, the entire booster gang surprised her with a lovely cherry patent purse at lunch one day. She was pretty well floored and couldn't say a word. She kept everything straight for us, aside from her official duties as secretary to the boss. Chicago surely ought to have as much esteem for her as she does for it, her home town. Who's gonna kill the wasp for us this summer?

We promised more news about Tillie the Teryl Tike—our little gremlin. She has been very busy lately piling the tumble weed in the secluded corners of our buildings, and she has started a new trick of opening doors and leaving them open.

But her cleverest stunt is to make the phone ring when there's no one on the line. She usually does this just as one of us turns to walk away from the phone. We've learned it's a false alarm, but still we stop each time and listen to see if it is real, while she laughs at us and blows the air down our ramp and chills our whiskers.

Jimmy Coin and Floyd Moway, the swing shift screen and blend men, claim she is the one who set the deluge system off that cold, windy night and sat up on the radiator enjoying the mop-up process.

You've all heard of "Rosie the Riveter" and "Mamie the Welder." We nominate Dixie Weaver to the title of "Polly the Pelletter," and claim a place in this select list of WOVES.

By the way—do you know what a "Wowsy" time is? We'll see you all at the Valentine's Dance by the time this goes to press, and we hope everyone has a wowsy time.

"I'm working for that boy of mine, and all the other boys, too. Let's show them that we appreciate what they're doing for us!"

—Mrs. Garnie Davis  
Booster Line



Mrs. Garnie Davis, *Booster Line*, is sure her boy will be back. Her 21 year old son, Garland, a ferry commandeer, has been missing since Dec. 6, when his plane was lost off the South American Coast.

## ZONE 10—GRAVEYARD

By Mark Galloway

The men in Zone 10 are unanimous in their praise of the splendid work being done by the women who joined us recently. A hearty welcome to all the "WOVES" is the feeling existing throughout the zone. The women have already demonstrated their ability and willingness to do their part in every place on the line. The men realize that in order to "Keep up with the women" will require them to stay on their toes.

Seems odd to see: Joe Carr in 12... Bishop without his Beechout... Buford Coopers trained dolly... Elbie Stockton without a smile... Bill Lemous pining for a squaw... A. W. Harris as the "elevator girl"... D. L. Ekkman relaxed... "Penny" Pendergraft not talking... "Pug" Davis frowning... Missie Lee Smith without Dorothy Rutter.

A few minutes conversation with Foreman Cal Merchant will convince even the most skeptical that women can really do a splendid job on any assignment on the line. Cal is very enthusiastic over the results obtained by the women in his room.

Some nominations heard here and there: Madison Bellamy for most consistent worker... M. E. Heath for making most rapid recovery from injured leg after "WOVES" arrived... R. E. Wadkin for most cheerful foreman.

## ENGINEERING DEPT.

By Argie Neill

Tom Rhodes took a flying trip to Houston, Texas to see if his home had been washed away. Sure enough, it had not. Rhodes is in a better humor since he came back. Believe you me there was plenty of room for improvement.

Bill Cooper has returned to the Engineering Department to resume his duties after a period of three week's leave of absence for Special Duty. We are glad to have you with us again, but, remember we have quit whistling in this department.

Clarice Hendricks (Mr. McFarland's secretary) has been ill; however, she is back on the job now and is working like a trooper.

Nita Green (Files) has also been ill. She, too, has reported for work again. If I had files to look after, I would really be ill from now on. Glad you are back Nita. My filing is really stacking up for you.

Robert Vail has been especially busy for the last two weeks. He has been making drawings for new forking plugs and tools for bombs, and has been working on temperature controllers and compressors for Ammonium Nitrate Plant.

Dave Leaverton, sanitary engineer, reports that the Water Softening Plant and the Sewage Treatment Plant are in operation. Nice work Mr. Leaverton.

The cut-ups of the Engineering Department are Robert Vail and Henry Roberts. Well, anyway J. G. Johns of Utilities was minus three fourths of his tie when he left Room No. 167.

## FIREMEN

By Cowboy

Chief Dickerson isn't one to be trusted nowadays. It seems that every time he gets away from his office he pulls a fire drill. Even on Sunday morning, February 7, he pulls a fire drill at the Administration Building and he is supposed to be in town. The Mystery Man of the Fire Dept.

We wonder who gave Captain H. H. Stambaugh the loaded cigar and Chief Ross Dickerson the loaded match? You could enter either in a broad jump and win.

Some might think all we do is play, but have you ever seen the Firemen at a fire or at a fire drill?

We are sorry to lose from the department C. W. McClellan and E. R. Johnson.

We are glad to have the department G. W. Simpson, John C. Odum and Sewell Roy.

To the inter-plant radio listeners we wish to advise you that the man on the radio who says "10-10" instead of "10-2" is none other than Captain H. H. Stambaugh. It seems that the other day he swallowed a chew of tobacco while correcting his mistake. He may not be a radio speaker, but from what we hear that man can really cook.

It seems as if most of the Firemen carry a nickname around with them. Maybe you can recognize some of them. Chief Dickerson is known as "Inky" to some of the boys that knew him in Amarillo. We have: J. Q. "Cultivator" Wyatt, H. H. Stambaugh is either "Baby Doll or Oz," Doc "Backwheat" Blanks, W. A. "Convertible" Ford, R. B. "Little Ox" Dickerson, M. D. "Pie" Redus, Cecil "Salty" Grimes, E. L. "Hezy" Anderson, C. L. "Shorty" Murr, Otis "123" Priest, W. H. "Little Brother" McLeod, J. W. "Burr Rabbit" Branscum, A. L. "Buck" Storrs, M. M. "Myrt" Crouch, Grady "Stonewall" Jackson, E. B. "Figger" Mauldin, Homer "Burdy" Burleson, O. B. "Peaches" Lattimer, and L. I. Curtis who is known as "The Quitague Kid." There will be more. As you were, please.

## HOW'S YOUR PULSE

By Dr. Anne Russell

Medical has been a bee hive of activity with all hands on deck. Dr. Dinker never did get a chance to light his cigar. Some of you wonder if he ever lights it. He sure does and really enjoys a good smoke, but that's not very often.

Every man at his post found Melvin Thornton breaking all records for laboratory work. Say, Melvin—let us in on this lunch box mystery of yours. Thornton's been showing up with diapers, baby socks and baby sweaters in his dinner pail. That merits mention and we want an explanation, but soon.

Miss Daley's been doing good work with X-ray films on the new unit.

"Little Audrey" Priest fell right in line as a clerk typist. She's new and different with "red curly" hair.

And talking about newcomers, one of our newers on the nursing staff is Nannie Ford from Pampa.

Gail Valentine, Naomi Surokel, Rita Miller and Drucilla Smith are more of our St. Anthony girls. We can certainly appreciate the efficiency of our nursing staff. They really are our "Little White Angels."

Let's not forget the hospital. For the past few days we've had John G. Getz, Jr., with us. He's doing right well now, and we'll have him back to administration soon.

Magazines and jig saw puzzles are coming in steadily. Thank you all for the donation and interest. The patients really enjoy these gifts.

Medical is blossoming forth with uniforms. A white coat with a red cross on the back is what the well dressed medico will wear.

## P. P. C.

By Ralph Randel

P.P.C. has a genuine lawyer as a line scheduler in Zone 10, Richard L. Douglas practiced law at Lubbock for years and still maintains his home there. According to many Lubbock friends who work here, he was highly successful from both a professional and financial standpoint. The fine work he has done at Pantex leaves no doubt as to his ability to succeed in any line of endeavor.

Jeanne Chance, formerly with Personnel, is the new secretary to Robert Linder replacing Mrs. Houston, who transferred to Rail Transportation. The entire division extends a hearty welcome to Miss Chance and wishes Mrs. Houston good luck in her new position.

H. C. McFarland, general owner of a "Yon Wear 'Em and We Clean 'em and Press 'em" establishment in Amarillo (name not given because of collect in advance advertising policy) is learning the mysteries of the duties of a central scheduler. Mac was among the first employees of the division and is doing a splendid job in his new position. It is repeatedly rumored that his big, shiny Birnie may occasionally be seen parked in a place reserved for one of the executives.

The irresistible dispensers of charm, T. W. Collins and James Knittel, are still wearing their Sunday Best and combing their hair several times daily. These erstwhile Don Juans of Zone 11 have now transferred to the Booster Line.

James L. Reese, former vendor and purveyor extraordinary of slightly reclaimed tin, sold under an automobile trade name, has returned to his old line, Zone 10. Gentleman Jim, a line scheduler, was transferred from Zone 11. Mr. Reese holds the distinction of having worked in all the load lines.

Mr. Knophs has apparently turned to idolatrous worship, as he has very recently started speaking of his daily "burnt offerings." The crying need of this plant is a Salvation Army Unit to combat such heresy.

"I know what it means to have the stuff you need at the front. That's why I'm here doing what I can."

—T. H. Holland  
Woodworking Shop



Holland is a veteran of two wars. *They wouldn't take him in this one—so, next best, he's in the woodworking shop here at Pantex applying his skill to keep production machinery running.*

## UTILITIES

By Myrtice Hunter

In this issue of the Pantexan we continue our introduction to the different departments.

Water and Sewer Department: W. N. Harris is Superintendent of this department. These men are kept busy seeing that everything is functioning properly. Wesley Reed, superintendent of water wells, is Mr. Harris' very able assistant.

Service Station: Recently we told you about Shirley McGloam and his "nine pretty girls" who are gas attendants.

Garage: Due to his many years of experience in this kind of work, Graham T. Hart is running the garage very efficiently.

Roads and Drainage: H. K. "Shorty" Eisenhower supervises all road work.

Grounds: The good work done by E. A. Telford speaks for itself. Telford is assisted by L.W. Moberly.

R. W. Crawford is a boiler operator under E. G. Burnley. Crawford has three sons who are fighting for their country. Rufus is a bombardier in Africa under General Eisenhower. Jack and Joe are aviation mechanics, Jack being stationed in England, and Joe in Panama. Crawford thinks Jack and Joe must have gone across together as he received letters from them in New York City, and a letter from one in England, and on the same day, the other boy bought a cablegram.

Vera Kennedy is secretary to Wayne Sawyers, having replaced Bonnie Roddy who resigned after the death of her mother.

A. R. Martin, Manager of Utilities, has moved to his home on the reservation.

## ON THE MOVE

By Marvin W. Dabbs

Hats off to the truck drivers, who, day and night, rain or shine, are on the job in transporting the necessary components used in making those egg-shaped borazites that will eventually spell doom to the dreams of Hitler, Hirohito, and Mussolini. Did someone say that Mussolini's bubble was already busted? Oh well, he was just a stooge anyway.

Bonnie Waddill and Lenora Brooks, popular chaffinnettes, have left for the WAVES. Their beaming personalities were filled with excitement when notified that their training would be at Hunter College in New York City. Good luck, Bonnie and Lenora!

Interesting Hobbies: Have you seen the miniature Pantex Bombs that Paul Mangold and Pat Kelly are making? Carved from wood, they make a very neat patriotic emblem for the tie or lapel.

Seen often: Woodson (Shorty) Hancock walking alongside your reporter just to show everyone that he isn't the shortest man on the reservation.

Claude (Cotton) Blackwell is either an old-timer of the Panhandle or is one of those certain gentlemen who actually believe they can forecast the weather. Anyway, "Cotton" isn't so cocky since a certain snow let.

The new Victory Tax is taking quite a slice from the old pay check, but if you're kicking about the cost of living just stop and think what it really is worth.

## THE MELTING POT

By Iris Galloway

What with all the changes in Personnel, one would scarcely recognize the place. Drownright confusing that's what it is! C. M. Robertson and Mary Lee have moved into the "Bond Room," and the bond and insurance girls have packed up their materials and things and stuff and moved into Job Assignment. J. Fred Walker's office has been shifted down the hall a notch, and Employee and Reference Files have been combined. Tom Langston, Mr. Wheeler, Thelma, and Merle Kimble look very business-like in the old file room. D. C. Boyd and Florine have moved down the hall to an impressive looking setup all their own, and Mr. Kinney finally gave up his booth to pedestrian traffic and moved into the office vacated by Mr. Boyd. See what we mean by confusing?

Personnel surprised Sue Russell on her birthday, Feb. 8, with two lovely birthday cakes and a piece of costume jewelry. There was enough cake for everybody, and nobody can deny that it was good as well as good looking.

A card came the other day from Eddy Myers, late of Personnel. At the writing, he was detracked in Fort Worth on his way to Louisiana to see the new son and heir. He Louisiana that his train didn't start making connections, the kids would be walking and talking before he ever got there.

Marriage seems to run in the Job Assignment family. Irene Mengwasser is now Mrs. Johnny Bindel, as of about a month ago, and Dou (Juan) Gates, Personnel's Casanova clerk, has resigned his state of bachelorhood and become just a plain old married man. The bride is the former Verlane McDonnell of Ordnance. Practically all the office force turned out for the ceremony and from what we can gather, the "reception" held at the Nat and various other places about town was something to write home about!

At this writing, Juanita Hutchison is in St. Anthony's hospital recuperating from an appendectomy. We miss you, Nita. Hope you'll soon be well and back on the job.

## ZONE 9—DAY SHIFT

By Paul W. Karper

Familiar sight: "Woody" Woodfield strolling the ramps in the interest of "Safety." Bill May, Building 20 booster room, wins a sincere commendation from his foreman for work well and efficiently performed. The cooling bay foremen demand a retraction of the alleged misstatement made in the last issue concerning the time they required for eating. We make amends and to prove we were in error cite that they both suffer from indigestion due to their efforts to eat, smoke and walk to and from in thirty minutes.

When is a man too big for a bicycle? When he has to pedal with his knees! No news from Bldg. 15, the men were too busy washing down the walls and ceiling. Foreman Bill is proud of his spotless surroundings.

Bill Pannell, who painted an expert stripe in Bldg. 20, is now seeking some stripes for his uniform. H. E. Green has traded his whites for Uncle Sam's uniform too. Good wishes go with them.

Ed Sewell, Bldg. 17, is showing all who will his hands so blistered and worn from trying to keep up with his work. It is rumored he calls his foreman Simon Legree.

Henry Small, Bldg. 26, was forced to take some time off for physical rehabilitation.

Wayne Parker, who acted as foreman in Bldg. 12 while Joe Birkenmeyer was ailing, is to be congratulated for the efficient way he handled his task.

Once upon a time there was a man who couldn't find his dinner bucket so he purchased his lunch at the cafeteria. After he had eaten he found the full bucket in its customary place.

What excuse did he offer at home? Moral: always look before you eat.

When you hear a line man talking about "swinging out," nine times out of ten he is referring to swinging with a mop, not a blonde.

Building 9, Foreman Hollingsworth reporting, "All is well."

## ZONE 9—A SHIFT

Hoot Owl Chatter by W. B. Jones

Lead Line One welcomes back home a number of its prodigal sons who wandered over to cold, bleak Zone 11 only to finally return to the fold of home folks. Among these are: Foreman Ford, Assistant Foreman Hughes, N. J. Carpenter, E. E. Fisher and E. A. Haynes all of 9-12; Assistant Foreman W. W. Sharp, G. W. Griffitt and L. A. Webster of 9-14; Assistant Foreman E. A. Cox and R. E. Doose of 9-15; W. D. Sachse, S. W. Sharp, Frank P. Dove and J. R. Crome of 9-17; and Assistant Foreman Jack Lewis in 9-26. New men who have also joined our forces are C. M. Gooseette in 9-26, P. M. Baker in 9-14 and Hood Wise in 9-17. We extend to both old and new fellow workers a hearty welcome.

The boys in 9-13 welcome back home Arthur Carter, who has been in 9-12 for some time. Three boys from 9-13 are using 9-9 as a health resort, so if your blood gets infected with TNT bugs the Paint Room will have room for you.

The West Corling Bay looks familiar again with the return of E. A. Cox. He began work for Pantex at this spot and the boys there are delighted to have him back.

One of the most interesting spots on the Lead Line is 9-9, the Paint Building. A good lesson in cooperation may be had there when the boys get in full swing. We found two expert painters in Joe Walsh and Leo Golden who handle the paint guns in 9-9 as efficiently as our Marines handle another

"Production depends on our machines and the men who run them. We've got the best at Pantex and we'll keep 'em humming!"

—S. B. Howard  
Machine Shop



Howard has a job that the government considers important enough to stay with—running a lathe at a vital war industry. At his former home in Lubbock he had his own machine shop, but he felt he could best serve now at Pantex.

type of gun in the Solomons. If you have a need for a coat of paint applied in record time just see those two men.

No machine of modern design runs efficiently without a "spark plug." The A shift is no exception to this. Our spark plug is George Bruce in 9-9, better known through the lead line as "Pop." Pop never runs down, especially with his chatter, and his wit and good humor is welcomed from one end of the line to the other.

We regret to report that the line is losing Louis H. Taylor, foreman in 9-9 who is leaving us to take up duties as Ground School Instructor at Amarillo Field. Mr. Taylor has been one of the most efficient foremen on our line. We shall miss him a great deal but wish for him every success in his new work. We welcome as foreman in 9-9 Mr. Preston Order, another of our boys returning to us, who is taking Mr. Taylor's place.

## MEET THE PEOPLE

By Carolyn Newbald

If this copy makes the deadline, it will be a great surprise. For the past two weeks have really been busy ones for Fiscal Division.

By the way, "Junior," may we tactfully stress that Tabulating is not a part of the Payroll Dept., but entirely separate (for the benefit of our pride, not that we don't like Payroll Dept.).

Frank Farwell of Payroll is the newest father in our midst, being the possessor of a 6 3/4 lb. girl, named Caroline. We should be able to detect the cigar smoke any day now.

"All of us have a job to do in this war—mine is to help keep Pantex safe so those bombs will keep rolling!"

—J. H. Farmer  
Guard Department



Farmer wants to keep those bombs rolling to bring back his son who is a Jap prisoner in Tokyo. He has not heard from him since Nov. 1941 before he was captured at Corregidor.

Four ladies who really know their business, and seem to enjoy it, are Beryl Chesney, Mayme Kubfuss, Marcelle Brewer, and Dell Guest, all of Works Accounting. Cost and Maintenance Control is a difficult job, but these four handle it well.

Newly transferred into Tabulating from Office Management is Betsy Lawrence, while Jo Lee is another addition to the department. Genevieve Britt of this group, has been ill for the past two weeks with a bad case of flu.

The termination office will function without Marcia Wilson for the next few months. Marcia is taking a leave of absence. Mae Neese of this same office, was married February 1 and is now Mrs. Don Wardle. We hope by the time we read this that Twillie Mae Thompson has been able to take her long-awaited trip to Camp Hulen to visit her husband who is in the Army.

Meade Graham, who incidentally prefers any name to "Grundy Jr.," has returned from a few days spent in Texarkana.

E. P. Kinbrrough and Jack Culp of Paymaster Department have taken over the financial business of the cafeteria, and will do a fine job as they do with their present responsibilities.

Familiar sound on February 8: the chatter of the feminine world on how anyone could possibly get along with three pairs of shoes per year. It may turn out to be lots easier than it sounds, and we could console ourselves with the fact that there are people in other parts of the world who haven't even one pair.

"If I can't pull a trigger, the least I can do is to go the limit on bonds and help give the boys plenty of stuff!"

—John F. Taylor  
Zone 9



Taylor, a changehouse attendant in Zone 9, not only invests 10% of his salary in war bonds—he buys a \$50.00 bond payday making up the difference out of his pocket when his check doesn't cover the purchase. He watches the serial numbers on the bonds he buys to see how many others are bought and is concerned that so few are sold. Taylor wouldn't give his age—some say he is 57, others say he's 75. He had a time convincing personnel that he is young enough to make a band but he's been showing them by turning in a full day every day since he was employed December 3rd.

## MAN ABOUT ZONE 9

By Leslie C. Cobb, Swing Shift

Rumor has it that Lester Frampton, 9-9, has quite a bit of meat in storage. Come on gang, let's go visiting.

Could it be that T. F. Loonand, 9-9, has found that widow with five children? We understand that he wanted to buy a 300 lb. hog the other day.

Jessie Harper and "Blue" White, 9-9, will challenge anyone to a walking contest provided it is toward the Cafeteria. (We wager that they have never seen Barklen and Howerton of 9-26.)

9-9 welcomes a new addition to their supervisory staff, namely Preston J. Oder, lately of Zone 10.

9-26 is glad to have "Shoerty" Armstrong back from Zone 11. The only draw back is that he stops too often to powder his nose and to adjust his hair.

Welcome home, Guy Davis, 9-26, you're doing a splendid job for a fellow just up from

## CONTROL

By Louise Jouen

Chief reason why Victor Fusco is singing "Don't Get Around Much Anymore" is that he and the former Dell Nixon, recently with the Personnel Office, were married January 25. Fusco evidently can't believe his own good luck, because he still wanders around with a dazed, dreamy look. All kidding aside, (although the lones will find it hard to forgive you for pulling a fast one on them), we wish you the best of luck and the greatest of happiness, Mr. and Mrs. Fusco.

Buck Altman, commonly known as Alkali, has promised that for the next issue of PANTYAS, he will have a news item of great importance. We await this with great curiosity.

Dr. Bots, although professing not to dance, was quite willing to sell tickets to the Pantex Valentine Dance. He printed his reason plainly beneath the "Tickets on Sale at his Desk" sign which was placed on his desk. It was—quote—"All Moneys Thus Received Will be kept by *Power Me*."—Unquote. The sign disappeared from the desk.

Jesse Posey, of the Boiler Poseys, keeps proclaiming that he doesn't walk the floor with his little two-months-old son—but why the droopy eyelids and not-so-muffled yawns?

Fred Trotter has been working with the sieve shaker so much lately that in self-defense he has named it Honolulu Lu, and what could be more appropriate?

Schumacher almost strangled Doc Bots the other day. Doc came rushing back to the lab wanting to know what that peculiar odor was. Schumacher nonchalantly replied, "Fresh Texas Air."

Some of the lab workers were exclaiming over a beautiful sunrise early one morning. Doc calmly asked, "What do you people expect? The colors came up to specifications, didn't they?"

having pneumonia.

We wonder how our Ordnance Inspector, Bark, got that "shlicks".

Could it be the dust that makes R. D. Hobbs, 9-26, sick when it comes his turn to work on the scrap box.

Drop around sometime and see Oscar Rowlett's disappearing act when loads arrive at 9-23.

Ira Prince, 9-12, ate twice the other night when we had that pretty new cashier in the Cafeteria. Her name? Sure, Maxine Walls.

Wanted: Wildcats to tame—Apply to Joe Zajerek, 9-23.

TNT screen operators insist that Billington, 9-26, be terminated with prejudice—he spoils every lunch and rest period by coming for TNT.

Funny how a little eye wash applied by a certain comely nurse can improve McGilligan's, Crump's, and Black's eyes, of 9-12.

What makes Nestlerod, 9-15, look so lonely these days—could it be the loss of a half dozen WOVs or so?

This Nitrate crew, Forttenberry, Williamson, Kilpatrick, Duncan, Miller, and Duckworth are on the warpath, someone stole their nice hair broom. (Wonder why Crump's face is red—looks as if a feud will break loose between the Nitrate and TNT crews any moment now.)

The boys in 9-14 broke out a new bottle of Varinon Pills to celebrate the return of Foreman Dick Brownlee from Zone 11.

W. W. "Slim" Graham, 9-17, car poor, he has two—one slightly warped—one in the hospital.

Williams and Leberbauer, 9-20, were neighbors in Willbarger County, neither knew the other was here until they met as fellow workers.

See you next issue on the Graveyard shift.

## STORES OFFICES

By "Junior"

Speaking of the duster on Feb. 9th, Ed Caskey returned from out in the area and reported a Prairie Dog ten foot up trying to dig out on top. You can write the folks back home that top soil in West Texas is so deep you can hardly see the sun.

Would anybody like to bid on a string of slightly used pipes purchased in Chicago, owner willing to sacrifice as excess baggage. Reply 10-1 at 1-4.

Some of the top flight boys in Stores Division had a little meeting the other night. The general complaint was that Tenneyson was lucky but knowing Tenneyson as an oil well shooter of many years experience, where a man never makes two mistakes, I would say that judgment figured in Tenneyson's overtime.

Brother John Hodges, fire Marshall at T-4, said to quote him as requesting folks to not park their cars in front of building T-4 or on the driveway at the side of the building which is a fire lane.

T-4 has a new Red Head Proof Reader with componenter ambitions, little Johnnie McMillian.

Nothing like the picnic lunches at T-4. If Cafeteria management knew the whole truth, a mobile service unit would be sent out daily.

Wouldn't want to suggest anything illegal, but did you ever see a chicken fight?

Just looked out the window and saw a rat go by with a cat in its mouth.

Ray Noblitt says that when he dies, he expects no penalty worse than an assignment to set up a coded kalexid control.

## GUARDS

By Anna Fay Rasco

The most amusing incident of the week is Lieutenant Sam Price of the Mounted Patrol, requesting six street sweeping brooms. Not that the request is so unusual, but the way Lieutenant says, "six street sweeping brooms."

Radio Dispatchers, not being able to thread their stapling machine, sent it to the Ad-Building to be rethreaded. To date, somebody is having some—tittle getting it threaded. (You may borrow my stapler, Sergeant Green.)

It's "My Son, My Son" with Sergeant Dendy. The latter one arrived last week. Congratulations Sergeant and Mrs. Dendy!

Our best wishes for a quick recovery go to E. C. Brune at the Property Supply House, who has been sick for the past week. Several from this department visited Mr. Brune Saturday afternoon. Soon as we arrived Mr. Brune began asking about the numerous duties that are essential at the Property Supply Room. He is not worried about himself, but about the fact that he is not able to do his work this week. An employee as loyal and conscientious as Mr. Brune is surely an asset to this plant.

About the most beautiful scene I ever have witnessed was Monday morning, February 8, 1943. As we entered the plant site at Gate 1, we stopped for the raising of the flag. Immediately in front of us two Auxiliary Military Policemen were saluting Old Glory. The flag flared gracefully in the early morning breeze and the two Policemen silhouetted against the rising sun were indeed a wonderful sight to behold. Seeing this military salute to Old Glory brings realization more to us, "the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

"Fire could wipe Pantex from the face of the earth. We can't afford to be off guard one minute!"

—Capt. Frank Carney  
Fire Department



*Things military have seemed to affect Capt. Carney all his life. During the last year he served in the 133rd Field Artillery in France for 8 months. Now his main job is to give direction to a unit of the 1st Battalion of 10th and was last based down a year ago this month. So Carney is again serving in this area at Pantex's Fire Dept.*

## PARADE'N THE RAMPS

By Jack Cunningham—Zone 10

"Something new has been added," so it you will slick your hair and put on your Sunday manners the introductions will start at the Line Office. Mr. Dunn is our line office clerk and Mrs. Julia Bruce is secretary to Line Super Beagle.

Moving over to the Change House we stop at the Ache and Howl dept. to let smiling Sallie Gardner R. N. take a bow. The charming girls that all the men begin to think about around ten-thirty in the morning, the Caterer attendants, are Dorothy Kinsden, Marie "Little Red" Reese, Geraldine Farr and Beula Mae Martin—all very nice people.

The Point Room has taken on glamour with the addition of Mesdames A. Cable, A. L. Cason, P. A. Caskey, and J. L. Ford.

Now Point happily presents Mesdames T. V. Dean, E. L. Lance, M. I. Osler, R. Rinehart, and V. Barlett.

Twelve credits its air of charm to Ade Ratcliff, Hazel Lewis, Emma Weaver and Maxine Cleary.

Thirteen presents Mesdames H. O'Quinn, F. M. Clay, F. M. Smith and Miss R. B. Nelson and F. L. Hatley.

Say the Ohio boys. "Why are these Texans always 'fixin' to do this or that?"

C. G. "Jack" Nettle got a present February a bundle from Heaven. The instructions say she is Peggy Karnan and the express charges were for almost seven pounds. Yes, Mamma is well and happy and proud as Papa.

Last Cooling Room turns the spotlight on the ladies Mesdames E. W. Thompson, M. O. Roberts, A. B. Hill, L. P. Dowdell and N. P. Burton.

After watching shift super Waggoner ride

## THRU THE BOMBSIGHT

By Ida Sue Taylor

A group of Ordnance employees attended a luncheon at the Pantex dining room Saturday noon, January 31, honoring Ann Parker, secretary to the Commanding Officer whose resignation from her position at the plant became effective that date. Mrs. Parker was presented with a gift from Pantex Ordnance employees who had worked with her since she was employed in May last year. Attending the luncheon were: Kay Brewer, Betty Dale, Nadine Casvajal, Margaret Tatino, Ida Sue Taylor, Lorraine Daniel, Guy Shea, Betty Thomas, Tillie Davis, Ethel Carpenter, Myra Hagan, Ann Strickley, and the honoree. Ordnance employees have been through less of the one and two day illness from colds during the past several weeks, except for Myra Hagan who spent several days in a local hospital with a bad case of the . . . Lyle Pemberton and Maurice Dye, Ordnance Inspectors, left two weeks ago for a short stay at the Ogden Ordnance Plant, Ogden, Utah, just before boarding the plane for the trip Dye warned Pemberton against sitting between him and the door. "If anything happens," said Dye, "you might get stuck in the door and I would be trapped in the plane." All inspectors will nod their heads in agreement, thinking of a recent rumor (started by Bill Hooks) that Pemberton had been cited by WPA as good lead salvage material. . . . A new addition to the Inspection staff is Anna Mae Harrington, formerly with Property and Transportation. She began stereographic duties with the Inspection Department February 5.

Engineering and Operations takes pride in having the first wedding for Ordnance. Verlane and Don Gates' love were married Sunday night, February 6 at 8 o'clock, at the home of the bridegroom's mother, 1616 Madison St. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Luther G. Roberts. Attending the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Marjorie Gates, brother and sister in law of the bridegroom. The bride wore a light blue crepe dress trimmed in ruffles of the same material and seed pearls. Her accessories were beige. She wore a corsage of pink rosebuds. Preceding the ceremony Olivia Eastus sang "Blessed" and Palmer Wheeler sang "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life." The wedding marches and in oriental music were played by Pvt. Avery Millering. Following the ceremony a reception was held for the wedding party and guests at the Gates' home. Verlane is secretary to Bill Kennedy of Engineering and Operations. Don is a Certain feed employee.

that bicycle the Safety Dept. has ordered a Kiddie Kar to save wear and tear on Tokey.

Taking the center of the stage in 15 are Mesdames Audrey Partain, Lela H. Campbell, Ruth R. Blackman, Velda V. Selvig and Miss Alma L. Hess.

Stars in the cast of 17 are Mesdames D. B. Hill, D. G. Bohannon, M. G. Cummings, B. F. Jones and E. R. Cunningham. The scotch better linger here and find out if he has a relation hitherto unknown.

It was the ground hug and not the steak that brought Joe Clark twenty-five years ago.

Room 20 gives top billing to Mesdames Veda May Jones, E. O. Stroud, Frances E. Butkin, Lila L. White, and Miss Marie N. Medley.

Now that the introductions are over and we are all acquainted let's hope that you newcomers are as glad to be with us as we are to have you. The closing cheers by the men will be "Stay as sweet as you are."

"We're hoping some of these babies clear the way for Charles and his buddies!"

—John and Ben Stone  
Zone 9



*John Stone and his son Ben are building bombs with care and precision. Charles, another son, is a lieutenant in the bomb destroyer corps. Mr. Stone is a chemist and is helping out at Pantex between seasons.*

## PURCHASING

By Lera Bell De Frias

Nothing special except purchasing is going on in this department at this time, as we thought maybe a few of you would be interested in knowing a few inside facts on the personnel of our department.

H. A. Sanders serves as assistant director of purchases. He was born in Kansas, when it won't say. He went to the University of Kansas and received his diploma as an architect. He married some 15 years ago and has two sons of 12 and 14 years of age. He began work for the Department of Agriculture ten years ago, and it was through this branch of service that he came to Amarillo, about six years ago. He was working in the local Soil Conservation branch when he came to work at Pantex.

J. G. Horton serves as chief buyer in the department. He is a native of North Carolina. Most of his younger life was spent in Washington and while there and in New York City he worked for an electric refrigeration company. Mr. Horton probably has more war history than any other employee in this department. He served in the last war in the Tank Corps, going across for active duty. He has two brothers in the service at the present time. One brother serves in Africa as a Lt. Col., the other as a Captain in the Army in Washington. His sister, whose husband is a Lt. Col., serving in Hawaii, was Pearl Harbor with their child at the time of the Jap attack. Mr. Horton has his family

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## THE BULL BOARD

By C. J. Novak

Last Wednesday night several members of the Stores Department were dinner guests of Mr. William Coffman. During the reach and grunt affair, where anything went so long as one foot was kept on the floor, it was observed that certain men from 8-7 could reach farther, grunt louder, and eat more than any of the other guests. After dinner the table was cleared and the congenial host took up a sizeable collection for the Coffman Old Age Fund.

Saw Foreman Harris of 8-7; he is getting round as a bucket fed jersey calf. Terrible how one so young would develop such a bang over.

Also Elwood Hicks ventured around. He claims he had not suffered any discomforts from his dental plates. Only once, when they were misplaced, and he sat on them.

The impossible things I would like to see: Deiter weighing 200 pounds . . . Griffin without a cooney duster . . . Walker walking as though awake . . . Pipes not telling how busy he is . . . Williamson of the receiving station with one serious thought . . . Sid Stosst in a pair of overalls . . . Stores field team continue winning . . . the two little short legged dogs that are always chasing rabbits on the reservation surprise themselves and catch one . . . myself willed a Million \$ . . . certain Femms in bathing suits (who wouldn't?) . . . T-2 Warehouse all cleaned up . . . George Myers not telling how good he is.

Introducing: John Mayes, former druggist, farmer and child. Clerk at 8-3 has the appearance of one that has four aces and doesn't know what to do. A. E. Kelly, in younger days a school boy, now employed as clerk at 8-7. J. R. Poel and Tom Royal—hang out, receiving stations; duties: P.P.P.ing materials on reservation. Their duties, coincide with their appearances—look like they will surely POP. Curly Symamore alias Adolph Szykora—early life, infant; present duties, checkers; ambition, have everyone pronounce his name correctly.

James Colville, younger brother of Bill, foreman of loading, out crews, good construction man to his own knowledge; ambition, keeping his pipe lit.

Lowell Wells, foreman on the graveyard shift, always returning from visits to Wellington with a new jacket. Claims he buys them at cost. Perhaps he does, but at whose cost. (His Dad is in the mercantile business.)

If one wants to get away from Bills, don't go to 8-7. There are at least half dozen answering to that name.

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with him in Amarillo. His girl "Hoty" is seven years old.

John Oakes, who serves as our chief and only expeditor, is the most native member of the whole department. He was born in little old Silverton, Texas; his wife was born at Canadian, Texas. They have a four year old son, John Jr. Mr. Oakes was employed by a local firm in Amarillo for a number of years. Most of the past year he spent in New York City.

Powell Combs, local buyer, is a plain old Oklahoma "Oakie." He was 13 when he came to Texas and your guess is as good as ours as to how long ago that was. He finished high school in Amarillo, then attended Oklahoma University. He is known in parts around here as a weather-beaten lumber man, from way back. His pride and joy is "Freddie" his five-year-old off-spring.

That's all for now. Next issue we will try to bring you a few more inside sketches.

"I've got a REAL reason for wanting every booster to be perfect—that boy of mine is the Navy!"

—Mrs. Florence Sumner  
Booster Line



Mrs. Summers doesn't know just where her 17-year-old son is stationed—but she's hoping that every booster pellet she makes brings him just that much nearer home. Besides her job here, she takes care of two small daughters.

Four single-sized bed sheets use as much linen as goes into the wings, fuselage and ailerons of one type of training plane.

### YOUR BADGE

When you gaze upon your badge  
And cry, "Is that thing me?"  
Why not look into the mirror and see  
What you can see.

We only take the picture of your beauty  
Without its glory  
And when they return from the dark room  
you see  
The truthful story.

It's very plain that you're a sight  
For there it is in black and white  
But after all what can we do,  
If all we have to strap is you.

Your hair stands up; lips are smeared  
Your rouge is never right;  
To you, you look just like a doll  
To us you look a fright.

Clark Gable is in the movies  
And so is Lana Turner;  
But your picture doesn't get the guy,  
It's just the tiny number.

—Line Office, Zone 11

### "MEN IN WHITE"

By J. G. Hudson

I've been asked to write a poem  
I wonder how I'll do,  
I'll write about the "Men in White"  
Defending our Red, White and Blue.

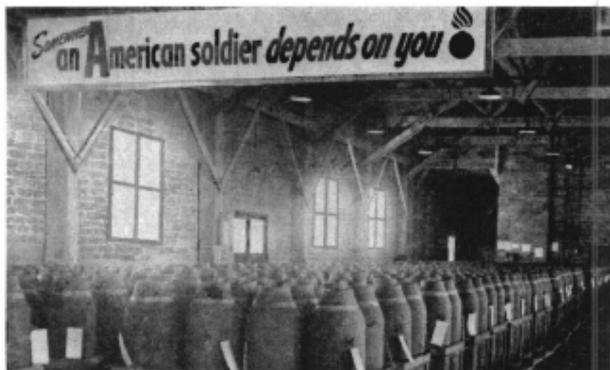
A fine bunch of fellows  
A nicer group couldn't be found  
To make POP bombs  
With a "Sweet Humming Sound."

You couldn't find a better Joe  
No matter where you'd go  
Every man is working hard  
To do away with Tokyo.

As I go on shift  
Awalking down the ramp  
I meet smiling faces  
Ex-druggists, farmers, and ex-champ.

All of these men are working  
With one thing in mind  
To do away with the Axis  
In a very short time.

The superintendents and foremen  
The "Men in White," as well,  
Are proud of the opportunity  
To help blow them all to Hell.



The streamer "Somewhere an American Soldier Depends on You" in the picture above is one of the "Keep 'Em Shooting" series. It presents a straight from the shoulder challenge to every worker on the reservation.

## BY THE YAWN'S EARLY LIGHT



Good natured, but sleepy, Pontexans pile into their conveyances and get to work while many folks still slumber. Car riders are happy 'cause they've got a car to ride. Many employees are picked up at the unofficial share-the-ride terminal at the corner of 6th and Polk Streets, while others wait in line to get into the bus at the Victory station on Fillmore and 4th. 'Round about 8:00 in the morning and 11:00 at night, there's a regular stream of cars flowing along the road leading to the Administration Building, and pulling up all over the reservation to discharge their passengers. If you set your alarm early enough, you can get to the Pantex coffee shop in time to have a bite to eat before clocking in.

## Good News

### ABOUT BAD NEWS

On the 24th, 25th and 26th of February, between the hours of 8:30 A. M. and 5:00 P. M., representatives of the Amarillo office of the Collector of Internal Revenue will assist Pantex employees in making out their income tax returns. These interviews will take place in the Personnel Building and in Room 137 of the Administration Building. If you wish to avail yourself of this free service, bring with you all data concerning your income for 1942, and deductions and exemptions to which you may be entitled. All necessary forms will be made available, and it will not be necessary to pay the tax at that time. Returns can be mailed in at any time up until March 15th.

Employees who avail themselves of this service will please do so on their own time.

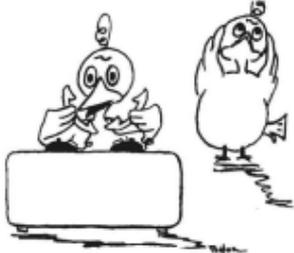
### BUDDIES

Two American soldiers, buddies in civil life, who joined the Army the same day, trained and fought in the same outfit, were wounded in the same engagement and are now lying side by side at Walter Reed General Hospital, proud possessors each of the Purple Heart—are Sergeant Ernest H. Robson, 655 Union Street, and Private Rocco R. Perrotti, 373 Grey Street, both of Orange, New Jersey, both 22 years old.



Attractive Chauffeurette Bonnie Waddill is one of 68 girls in the Texas Bluebonnet Squadron who were feted at the Navy Open House party Friday night for the WAVES send-off. Several high-ranking Navy officials were on hand to enjoy the floor-shows and dancing to music supplied by the Pantex orchestra. Other Pantex employees who were sworn in WAVES are Tammye L. Chambers, Operations; Jo Mae Payne, Tabulating; Olivia Eastus, Safety; Lenora Brooks, Transportation; and Lucille Jasper, Fiscal.

## THIS IS A WATCHBIRD WATCHING A BABBLE-BEAK



This irritated Watchbird has been waiting  
For the past hour and a half  
To make a business call  
On one of the two phones  
Occupied by the Babble-Beak.  
All day long the Babble-Beak  
Has been hanging on a phone (Some-  
times two)  
Babbling to his friends about  
How important he is and  
How lucky POP is to have him on the  
payroll.  
He carries out long detailed conversa-  
tions  
About the weather  
Finishing up with a speech describing  
Just how he would run Pantex if he  
were

Commanding Officer and General Man-  
ager  
All rolled into one.  
He's sure it's his duty to keep that  
Phone busy at all times,  
Because what is a phone for, if not to  
use?



THIS IS A WATCHBIRD  
WATCHING YOU!  
WERE YOU A BABBLE-  
BEAK THIS WEEK?  
No.  Yes

(Cartoon and verse idea submitted by T.  
W. Collins, Booster Line, Building 6-2)



"I feel kinda guilty when I think of all  
those guys back home doing without  
tires!"

## Hello From Canada

Dear Friends:

Would like to say hello to all my  
friends.

Would you please send me the Pan-  
texan? It would be appreciated way up  
here in this nice warm country, just  
60 below zero the last two days.

Give the Safety department my re-  
gards.

Keep 'em flying.

WALLACE K. FOY,  
8520-104th St.  
So. Edmonton, Canada.



"When I Cook Must I Share the Beef With  
Mrs. Roberts and Miss Verner?"

## CLASSIFIED

Found: Flowered red scarf, beige ray-  
on scarf, red hair bow, car order receipt,  
gold carscrew with purple set, two reli-  
gious neckpieces in a leather case, tie  
clasp with initials RJL, tie clasp with  
initials OCM, rimless glasses in a case,  
green colored glasses, taxi fare slips,  
black and gold compact, six miscellane-  
ous keys, small brass tag No. 5847, and  
six single gloves, brown wool, fuzzy  
red, tan cotton, green suede mitten, and  
two black cotton kid gloves. Inquire at  
the Pantexan office, Room 278, Adm.  
Bldg.

Lost: Calobar green lens sun glasses.  
Return to Room 132.

Wanted: Ride one or both ways to  
work. Must be at Administration Bldg.  
by 8:00 in the morning and can leave  
by 5:15 in the afternoon. Call 257 in  
the Booster Line.

Found: Wedding band. Owner may  
identify at Chief Youngblood's office.

The United States is building aircraft  
carriers, large and small, escort vessels,  
landing boats and other kinds of Naval  
units "with a tinning almost equal to the  
pre-war mass production of motor cars,"  
according to Admiral William D. Leahy,  
Chief of Staff to President Roosevelt.  
Aircraft carriers, he revealed are now  
being constructed in 17 months, about  
half the former time. We are now com-  
pleting submarines in approximately a  
year, also one-half the pre-war time.





## Danger Lurks at Intersections

**F**OR YOUR OWN SAKE when you see the word stop—STOP!

Insurance statistics prove that more accidents occur at intersections than at any other place on the road. Such accidents are usually caused by careless driving during the approach to the

intersection.

Stop signs have been placed at intersections on the Reservation for the purpose of warning you of a main traveled roadway. They are there for the protection of your life and your property.

Drive Safely -- Obey All Traffic Regulations

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