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A MESSAGE FROM MacARTHUR

This message from General MacArthur might well be a New Year's resolution as well as a Christmas greeting.

Pantex Ordnance Plant

"On this sacred day of our Lord we, the soldiers on the firing line, give thanks to you soldiers on the production line for the sinews of war that make our victory possible. We are dedicating this Christmas day to the defeat of our enemies—yes, this Christmas day, the day after and every day thereafter until we establish peace on earth and good will to men."

—MacArthur.

There can be no more "happy years" until such men as Hitler and Hirohito have been broken, and the ideas they stand for are banished from the minds of all people.

Let us then resolve to—1. work harder, 2. complain less, 3. buy more bonds, and 4. sacrifice more, in order that in years to come we and the generations yet unborn may again look forward to many "happy new years."

PANTEXAN'S COVER

January 1, 1943 finds Pantex still a youngster in age . . . but already doing a man-and-woman sized job of producing ordnance materials for victory. With chin up and faith in the future, Pantexans enter the new year fully aware of the responsibility which rests upon them and prepared to work and sacrifice until the last bomb is dropped and peace is won.

British WOWs General Campbell Tells How They Work and Sacrifice

The attached letter, addressed to Mr. H. H. Hampton, Executive Assistant, Safety and Security Branch, War Department, from General L. H. Campbell, Jr., Chief of Ordnance, was received by Mr. Hampton shortly after General Campbell's return from Great Britain where he spent several weeks. Dear Mr. Hampton:

In respect to your request for my observations during my recent visit to England of the part which British women are playing in the war effort, I am very happy to give you the following facts as I saw them:

Let me say that every woman in Britain has a part in the war effort. No one is idle. Some work in factories rifling, boring and turning cannon; others operate the same types and often the same makes of machines which we see here in the United States. These include, among many others, milling machines, lathes, gear cutters, planers, drill presses, punch presses, etc. Of particular interest to me was the fact that many of these women do their own setup work and I was told by many of the foremen and those of management that the work performed by the women after a very short training period was of uniformly high character and quality.

The women are also acting as engineers, draftsmen, physicists, chemists and work of that scientific nature. They work on jobs of the standard forty-seven hour week and have recently been raised to wages of \$10.00 per week on which of course, they pay an income tax.

Many of the women have gone into various semi-military organizations; as for example the Auxiliary Territorial Service. They are equipped with uniforms and live in barracks exactly as do soldiers. These women perform all manner of tasks. One unit which I inspected was used for ferrying large convoys of motor vehicles from the ports for delivery into the interior of the country. This, of course, is done night and day and in all sorts of weather. To see these women on the road swinging along in the invariable blackout, in the rain and cold, is indeed an inspiring sight.

No one who has observed the various activities of the women in all walks of life can but help be impressed with the fact that here is determination, a high order of ability, a cheerfulness and loyalty which spell success for the Allied powers and defeat for the Axis.

Very sincerely yours,
1st Lt. L. H. CAMPBELL, Jr.
Major, General, Chief of Ordnance.

"Gene" Gets a Thrill

Congressman Worley Was Elated Over His First Visit on a Bomb Loading Line and at Seeing His Friends Producing for Victory

“WE WORKED to get this plant in the Panhandle because we had great faith in our people and knew that they would come through with flying colors,” said Representative Eugene Worley as he walked down the bomb line at Pantex during a visit to the reservation on Dec. 19. “I think the achievements at this plant are one of the outstanding jobs of the war effort,” Mr. Worley continued.

It was his first time to watch bombs being loaded and as he moved down the line, Mr. Worley was greeted by many an old friend. It was with special pride that he noted so many Texans at posts of duty.

It wasn't pride in his district nor was it political expediency that motivated the representative's sincere emotion at seeing so much being accomplished by his friends and neighbors, however. Mr. Worley is a service man who has been active duty. He is an American who has seen first hand what it's going to take to win a war, and here in his own Panhandle, the land he has always loved, he found part of the answer—men and women making bombs, and in their way, fighting for freedom just as sincerely as the boys at Guadalcanal or on the Philippines.

Mr. Worley, who was accompanied on the tour by H. J. Hartley, general manager, said that the way people here are working is eloquent testimony to the fact that they intend to have not “Too Little and too Late,” But “Enough and on Time.”



Mr. Worley stopped for a chat with the boys in the tail pour room. He is shown shaking hands with Jess B. Johnson of Amarillo. To Mr. Worley's right, B. L. Dickson of Conway, looks on as does R. E. Matkin, foreman of the crew, at Mr. Worley's left. The operator in the background is E. K. Diggs. H. J. Hartley, General Manager, who accompanied Mr. Worley is shown at left.



The boys in the final assembly room show Mr. Worley, left, and Mr. Hartley, right, how to finish 'em off. The operators, left to right, are A. G. Flippin, Mason W. Lemons, Roy Pugh, G. L. Patton, and C. L. Ditmore.



Pantex had distinguished guests at a recent luncheon. In the photo are Rex Baxter, manager C of C, Mayor Joe Jenkins and Congressman Eugene Worley seated to the right of Major Irvine. To the left of Mr. Hartley is Col. E. A. Simpson. Others were Ed Hardin, S. B. Whittenburg, George Autry, Wes Izzard and Lt. Jenkins, son of the mayor.

Honor Roll

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



Fiscal

Thomas Bescome Shelton, Navy
William T. Hight, Army Air Corps
Gilbert K. Howard, Army
Robert E. Ragland, Army
Mack J. Hall, Navy

Landstry

Carl Haddock, Navy

Personnel Division

William H. Bratton, Army
Robert W. Whitacre, Army Air Corps
William D. Burger, Armed Forces
Ray Roberts, Navy
Charles A. Reinken, Army

Medical

Dr. Clyde E. Flood, Army
Dr. Joseph R. Smith, Air Corps
William Wass, Navy
John W. Hartwig
Dr. Herbert M. Sanford, Army
James S. Rogers, Army

Safety (Firemen)

Elmer L. Hall, Officers Training School
Earl O. Carlson, Merchant Marine
Carol N. Grimes, Army
Roy Clarence Clark, Army
Robert E. Logan, Navy
James H. Henson, Army
Audley H. Garrett, Army
Lee Roy Smith, Navy
Raymond Ralph Black, Navy

Safety (Guards)

Lee Roy Knight, Army
George W. Lott, Navy
David M. Neal, Army
Roy F. Davis, Army
Howard Lee Hall, Army
Wade H. Robertson, Army
Herman Murle Cody, Navy
Jerald D. Hendrix, Coast Guard
William E. Plymrale, Marines
Charles T. Swinney, Army
William T. Borwn, Army
Bennie Brewer, Army
Elmer E. Cannon, Army
Robert H. Griffin, Navy
Jessie J. Franklin, Army
Fred L. Delisle, Army
Carl W. Francis, Navy
George H. Moore, Navy
Robert L. Ayers, Army
Bertell Andrew W. Jackson, Jr., Army
Harold D. Errington, Army
Sabin J. Bailey, Army
Lee F. Middleton, Army
Eldred M. Pilley, Army
Kenneth Ratcliff, Army
Ezra L. Countz, Army
Douglas A. Malone, Navy
Vernon D. Matheny, Army
Charles J. Bradley, Army
J. B. Mitchell, Jr., Army
Leonard H. Dearing, Army
Carl L. Funderburg, Army Air Corps
Norbert N. Goebel, Army Air Corps

Carl May, Army
Lee Roy Knight, Army
John David Adrion, Navy
Ear Franklin Graham, Army

Safety (General)

Alwyn W. Williams, Army
James C. Mallett, Army
Albert C. Youngblood, Army
J. R. Dever, Army
James M. Drennen, Navy

Stores

Cecil E. Hill, Army
Lloyd O. Fullenwider, Army
Thomas M. Field, Coast Guard
Billie L. Bulloch, Army
William C. Webb, Army
Emmitt H. Taylor, Army
Max H. Webb, Marines
Homer H. Hudson, Army
Garrett H. Bley, Army
Luther T. Rasmussen, Army
Johannie L. Merrifield, Army
Huey R. Justice, Army

L. D. Wright, Army
Leff L. Clouch, Army
Jack N. Reeves, Army
Don C. Dilley, Army
Carl Peters, Army
Leaford Stone, Army
Paul B. Burden, Army
Lawrence R. Hulsey, Army
Hugh T. Reed, Jr., Army
Prennis C. Stevenson, Army
James L. McGowan, Army
Hubert F. Clif, Army
Thomas J. King, Army
Wyland K. Reed, Coast Guard
Roger E. Smith, Navy
Bana L. Aycock, Army
Thomas H. Hollis, Navy
Marvin Kisar, Army
Frederick U. Rasmussen, Army
Joe B. Smith, Army
George W. Bell, Navy
Marion D. Hawkins, Army
Marcus L. Larson, Army
Roland C. Beatcher, Navy
Robert W. Bell, Army Air Corps
Jack M. Derr, Army
I. M. Higginbotham, Army
Thomas H. Phelps, Army
Edward L. Puls, Army
Richard D. Williams, Army
W. T. Jones, Army
Wendalson Sirmon, Army
Winifred W. Stout, Army
Eulas A. Lorance, Army
Perry J. Lutz, Army
Henry T. Barnard, Army
Willie R. Holt, Army
Clarence A. Vickers, Army
Leo J. Wilmoth, Army
J. T. Simpson, Army
Robert L. Wilmoth, Navy
William E. Cox, Marines
Charles C. Clark, Army
James L. Martin, Navy

Auto Transportation

Floyd F. Smith, Jr., Army

Dail N. Smith, Navy
John Baker, Army
Richard L. Cozzell, Navy
Thomas B. Jones, Jr., Navy
Vernon T. Tate, Army
Edward E. Ferguson, Army
Warren Gillelen, Army Air Corps
William J. Brice, Air Corps
Allen E. Douty, Jr., Navy
Vernon E. Lishman, Army
Earl E. Marrs, Army
Clarence H. Massingale, Army
Walter T. Shahan, Army
Lennie R. Baxter, Army
Crawford L. Hogan, Army
Henry C. McNutt, Army
John W. Jenkins, Army
M. T. Holman, Army
Archib T. Bryan, Army
Paul P. Selgado, Army

R. R. Transportation

R. J. Howell, Army
John H. Young, Army

Utilities

Hugh R. Forchhand, Army
Laurence H. Martins, Navy
Willard W. Holt, Army
Thomas C. Mott, Army
Buddy Deveresus, Army
Joe D. Gomez, Army
James L. Gentry, Army
Robert Gentry, Army
Arthur M. Page, Army
Oatber B. Clem, Army
Hassel F. Nix, Army
Giles E. Mason, Navy
Henry J. Fontray, Army
Charles H. Roon, Navy
Cecil E. Chandler, Army
John K. Kennedy, Air Corps
Darwin R. Keeter, Army
Thel Harris, Army
Clyde R. Myers, Army
Everette W. Rury, Army
James J. Galletin, Army
Calvin H. Barnes, Navy
Charles J. Bennett, Army
Joe C. Butler, Navy
James L. Love, Army
Clifford W. Butler, Army

Operations

Eldon A. Lockhart, Army
Woodrow G. Burden, Army Air Corps
Phillip R. McClinton, Army
Marcus Junior Junell, Navy
Walter C. Everett, Army Air Corps
Martin R. Sheets, Army
Vernon O. Branson, Army
James D. Paris, Marines
Hulon B. Bogwell, Army
Clifford L. Roberts, Navy

The names above are listed in the order in which the men went into the armed forces, according to date, and included are those who left Pantex prior to Nov. 17th. Others will be listed from time to time.



Keep 'Em Shooting



Ordnance Department

By Ida Sue Taylor

Interesting Job

"It's the most interesting job I have ever held," said Kay Brewer of her work as Ordnance personnel director.



She's been at that type of work for the past eight years, beginning in Oklahoma and later in Kansas with the Department of Agriculture. Four years ago Mrs. Brewer, her husband, Wayne Brewer, and their son, Bob, moved to Amarillo and Kay was placed in personnel work with the Soil Conservation Service here. Last May she began her duties with Pantex.

Enlarging on her original statement Mrs. Brewer placed personnel work in the class of most interesting occupations because, as she said, "An organization makes its greatest outlay of money on its employees, and securing the maximum benefits from that outlay through employee welfare is a fascinating responsibility."

That employee welfare is a 24-hour job for Mrs. Brewer, beginning with employment coordination, recruiting, placement and interviewing during the ordinary eight-hour day and continuing in the same vein for Mrs. Brewer after she goes home from work to keep up with an insistent telephone and appointment schedule with people who want to work for Pantex.

In addition she supervises Ordnance payroll and mail and records offices at the plant.



Capt. Brandt confers with Major Irvine

Making Pantex Safer

SCIENTIFIC CONTROL OF DUST WILL PROTECT OPERATORS

In the interest of greater protection for operations employees, Pantex Ordnance Plant welcomed a three-day visit from Captain A. D. Brandt of the Safety and Security Branch, Office Chief of Ordnance.

Captain Brandt, who arrived here December 14, is a regularly commissioned physician in the Public Health Service, which is a division of the U. S. Marines. In his military capacity Capt. Brandt is attached to the Safety and Security Branch in Chicago for the purpose of giving technical advice in connection with industrial hygiene and occupational disease hazards.

His visit to Pantex resulted in completion of preliminary arrangements for conducting a survey of dust conditions in the entire operations area of Pantex.

Sometime in the very near future the wheels of this survey plan will be set

in motion by the arrival of very complicated technical apparatus with which captured quantities of air, taken from all places suspected of harboring dust hazards, will be analyzed by scientific methods to determine the number of hazardous dust particles per million of all dust particles found in the air. Then the specimen will be separated into the various types of dust, and will be tested for extent of saturation. With these known circumstances in all portions of operation the need for respirators and the type which should be used in case there is such a need can be determined.

Secondly the necessity for exhaust equipment to prevent skin absorption of toxic dust can be figured. In addition, the tests will disclose other hazards arising from dust in various parts of operations, and lead to recommendation of methods for elimination.

The results of these final tests should be available within 60 days.

Dr. Brandt, following the preliminary inspection here, indicated that the Pantex Plant was relatively free of any suspicious points whatsoever. However, the technical tests are to be made in accordance with the well-established policy of Pantex to offer its employees the maximum of protection.

"Good housekeeping," said Dr. Brandt, in making his report of conditions found here, "and the result of general cleanliness accounts for the relatively small dust accumulation."

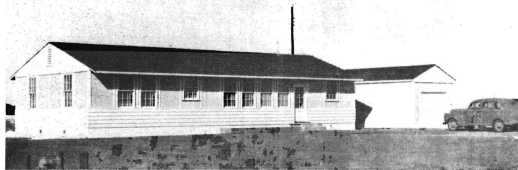
He urged that all employees be impressed with the necessity of keeping their exact spot of location scrupulously clean at all times.



Ordnance military personnel, their wives and guests made up a large party to attend the Ordnance Christmas party and dance. The group paused for the above photo in the Crystal Ballroom of the Herring Hotel where the party was held December 23.

Here We Will Live

HOMES, SHOPS, SCHOOL — A MODERN COMMUNITY
WILL BE BUILT FOR EMPLOYEES HERE AT PANTEX



The colorful staff houses add a touch of hominess to the plant site. Shown at top is the residence of Major Irvine and below that of Capt. Ben Davis, left, and Lt. J. B. Hart, right.

WITH THE COMPLETION of five staff houses and the near completion of five others a problem which has faced Pantex employees is being solved, and now employees may soon enjoy adequate housing and school facilities for their families.

In addition to the planned housing program, there is to be an entire community erected. Grocery store, beauty shop, drug store, barber shop, laundry, shoe repair shop, tailor shop, post office, auditorium, and child care room—all provided for the convenience and pleasure of Pantex employees—will soon be available right here near the plant.

Of great interest to employees in general is the plan for building 300 family units or apartments on the plant site, as well as 10 more staff houses. The staff houses are a part of the original plans for the plant and upon completion of the

new group should alleviate living conditions greatly.

Major P. S. Irvine, Lt. R. M. Smith, Capt. J. A. Swaney, Lt. J. B. Hart, and Capt. B. M. Davis are the Ordnance officers who have moved into their new quarters. Certain-teed officials will occupy the remaining five houses that are near completion. Nine of the group for which the contract has been let recently will be occupied by Certain-teed executives and one by Ilo G. Campbell of the Ordnance division.

The family units and apartments are to be built and controlled by the Federal Public Housing Authority, and will be for the use of Certain-teed employees and their families. There will be 210 one bedroom apartments, and 150 two and three bedroom apartments.

The architect, William C. Townes, has completed the plans and the contract will be let soon it is understood.

These family units will not only be built but also will be completely super-

vised by the Federal Public Housing Authority. The rental fee in no case can exceed 20% of the individual's income and in all cases will be reasonable.

Plans are underway, but indefinite, it is reported, to convert the dormitories which have been used by the contractors and engineers into apartments and dormitories for Certain-teed employees.

No applications for living quarters will be accepted until further notice, according to housing authorities, as preparations for the renting of the units has not been completed yet.

As a further aid to the housing situation, the building of 175 two and three bedroom houses has been approved for the city of Amarillo. These houses are being built by individual contractors and in most instances financed by the Federal Housing Authority. They will be occupied by civilian immigrant war workers and there is further assurance that more housing units will be available if, and when, needed.

Draft Quiz



Major Irvine's family moved into their new home at the plant just in time to trim the tree for Christmas.



Mrs. Irvine is delighted with her new house, and particularly enjoys the attractive, sunny dining nook.



The Irvine children—Jane, 10, plays big sister to Jill, 6 mo., while John, 4, and Joanne, 6, play with their Christmas train on the living room floor.

All men within the draft age are free to call or see G. W. Rukgaber, director of selective service, about any problems which they might have concerning their draft status. Mr. Rukgaber, who may be reached over extension 114, or at room 209 in the Administration Building, explained that in some instances he might not be able to help but that he would be glad to confer with all.

Mr. Rukgaber felt that the following questions and answers, released by the Office of War Information and the War Manpower Commission, might be of general interest.

Q. In what order will the 18 and 19 year-olds be called?

A. In accordance with their dates of birth, the older registrants will be called first.

Q. Are married men with dependent children being called?

A. Generally, no. The calling of married men with dependent children, who have acquired dependency status in accordance with Selective Service regulations, requires specific authorization of the National Director of Selective Service and such authorization has not been issued.

Q. In the case of a worker in an essential industry, should the worker or employer make a case now for reclassification, or should they wait until the worker is called by the local board for examination?

A. Any application for transfer to 3-B should be made now, preferably by the employer. (This, Mr. Rukgaber explained, refers only to 3-A's under 38 years of age.)

Q. If a wife takes a job, how does that affect her husband's draft status?

A. If the husband has been found by the local board to have an essential job in industry or agriculture, her husband's status will not be affected by her taking a job.

Q. What happens to the non-essential type of worker in agriculture and the 35 essential industries?

A. Local boards will place them in 1-A or, if they have dependents, in 3-B, in the case of the industrial workers.

Q. With the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard now drawing men through Selective Service for the first time, will the registrant have an opportunity to choose his service?

A. At the time he is inducted, a registrant will have an opportunity to express his preference. The needs of the services and the man's skills and experience will be major factors in determining which branch takes him.

New Line Super

From assistant foreman to line superintendent in six months time, is the record set by Forrest R. (Andy) Anderson, new superintendent of Zone 11.



Mr. Anderson, who was one of the first group to be sent to school at Ravenna, went to work at Pantex on June 11, and became line superintendent December 21, upon the resignation of D. A. Murphy.

Previous to his employment at Pantex Mr. Anderson had followed oil field work, having been, he said everything from roustabout to driller. He still lives at Pampa, and drives back and forth. Pampa, however, hasn't always been home. "Andy" explained, for he has done oilfield work all over Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and California.

Other changes on line 3, according to A. H. Scheldrup, supervisory assistant of operations, are the promotion of Wm. B. Stubbs, a former foreman, to Mr. Anderson's place as shift superintendent, and of Jack Bell to Mr. Stubbs' former job of foreman.

Mr. Stubbs and Mr. Bell both attended school at Ravenna and have been instructing the women as they took over the work in Zone 11.

Health to You

Beginning with this issue of the Pantexan a medical question box column will be started.

This column is being made possible through the cooperation of Dr. Russell M. Gray, Medical Director, and employees at Pantex are urged to make use of it.

Questions concerning health and medical care should be addressed to Dr. Gray and either placed in a box in the waiting room of the hospital or sent to him through the mail room.

Dr. Gray explained that many times people neglected their health because of lack of proper information. He urged that in case of actual illness people not lose time trying to doctor themselves. "Many hours of work may be lost in this way," Dr. Gray said.

All employees have free access to the hospital and its facilities for first aid treatment, and treatment for industrial illness and accidents. Dr. Gray continued. In the case of other types of illnesses, he said that the medical division tried to give first aid and then to cooperate fully with the family doctor.



Good-bye Sniffles

The Medical Division will offer cold vaccines to all employees of Pantex at the actual cost of the vaccines. Dr. Russell M. Gray has announced.

These vaccines, which will be given orally rather than in shots, are known to be between 50% and 85% effective, Dr. Gray said. The prescribed treatment is a mixed vaccine effective for both colds and flu. It does not offer lasting immunity, Dr. Gray explained, but does offer protection for about three months. There are no strong reactions from this serum, but it is better not to take it when one has an acute cold.

Millions of man hours are lost each year due to colds and flu, Dr. Gray pointed out. For this reason it is highly desirable that all employees voluntarily apply for the vaccines.

The cost of the serum will not exceed \$1.50 and Dr. Gray urges all employees to report to their division managers at once in case they want the vaccines.

THE BULL BOARD

By C. J. Novak

Here we are again. Confidentially I am about bullded out. If you birds in the field have any contributions—verbal or financial—see me as soon as possible, if it is a financial contribution, see me sooner.

Morton Haile Walker is walking on air since he has the change house to take care of.

All in all the girls over there are the cream of the crop. They have the courage to come here and do their part to keep our country free from dictatorship and as long as their kind prevail in any country it will be free. It is a true sacrifice for them to work here and then go home and do house work. Long may their kind be with us!

Who was it that received contribution for a haircut and when he paid for same the barber remarked that a damn yankee would pay for haircuts with pennies.

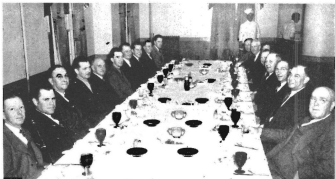
Why does Bill Dowlen like to go to the cafeteria on odd jobs? Attention Mrs. Dowlen.

All of T-2 men are now parked at the old AEM warehouse.

Howard Johnson and the receiving station is there too. There's a man for you. How can one look so intelligent and be so opposite.

Don't look now, but there comes a Stores man. He is Marvin Montgomery, size 14 shoe. How's that for an understanding?

Did you ever see a name more appropriate than Bill has? It is Walkenback. He is always walkin-back from somewhere.



Utilities superintendents and officials recently enjoyed a Christmas dinner given at the Herring Hotel, by E. G. Burnley, superintendent of boilers. Attending were, left to right: Shirley McGlaun, H. K. Eisenhauer, O. A. Kennedy, Lt. R. M. Smith of Ordnance, H. F. McFarland, Jr., Edward Sullivan, B. W. Kennedy, J. G. Johns, W. N. Harris, Wayne Sawyer, Clyde Griesenback of A.E.M., W. E. Sneed, Don McClelland of A.E.M., James Rittenberry, A. R. Martin, C. L. Jones, Charlie Fyfe, and Mr. Burnley.



Captain Otho L. Shamblin, 1, at the famous Bridal Veil Falls in the Philippines, before that long-to-be-remembered December 7 at Pearl Harbor. Marguerite, r, is shown at her desk in Personnel.



Bond Barrage

Safety Department Lead the Way on Pearl Harbor Day

Safety Department of Pantex not only originated the idea of selling stamps and bonds on December 7. These men followed through with their suggestion by selling stamps and bonds with a maturity value of about \$8,000—the largest amount sold at any station other than the Paymaster's office.

The following letter, addressed to R. B. Scott, comptroller, started the whole thing:

"December 7th is near at hand and we feel as all our men feel, that this particular day has a special significance for us firemen and guards at Pantex, and in order to show our feeling toward our country and our fellow men who are in combat duty or in training, we respectfully request that arrangements be made so that during the change of shifts on December 7 someone be stationed at the Police and Fire Station Headquarters to sell War Bonds and Stamps.

This request originated among the guards and firemen standing their posts at Pantex and has received unanimous approval as it passed through the channels to our offices. The suggestion has been made, and is possibly in order, that a move of this nature be suggested to various or all departments or divisions.

Yours truly,

Signed: B. L. WOODDELL,

Chief of Guard.

Signed: ROSS E. DICKERSON,

Fire Chief.

The Pearl Harbor Day sales campaign was under the supervision of E. Price Kimbrough, Jr., paymaster, and A. L. Mills, asst. general auditor, Employee salesmen stationed throughout the area did a land office business throughout the day.

Total cash value of the bonds sold was \$38,792.75. In addition, there was \$1,031.05 in stamps sold. Only \$17,775.00 of the amount was received from the regular 10% payroll deductions.

Beginning January 4, Employees wishing to make up other teams can contact Pat Davis at the Personnel Building. Interplant games will be arranged when facilities can be provided.

Other opinions are wanted on types of recreation desired and employees are urged to fill out the blanks and return at once to Pat Davis. Those who failed to get blanks may see their foreman or supervisor.

Japanese Prisoner

NEWS THAT HER HUSBAND STILL LIVES WAS MARGUERITE SHAMBLIN'S BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Marguerite Shamblin, interviewer with the personnel department, has an increased personal interest in looking forward to the end of the war, for only 11 days before Christmas she received a message from the War Department stating that her husband, Captain Otho L. Shamblin of the famed 200th Artillery of New Mexico, was alive and now a prisoner of the Japanese government in the Philippine Islands.

Captain Shamblin sailed on August 27, 1941, for the Philippines, after having been called into service soon after national mobilization became a fact. An Amarilloan, he enlisted in the National Guard here in 1930, but transferred his service record to New Mexico, from

which place he was called to active duty.

The last letter Mrs. Shamblin received from her husband was written in November, 1941, and she received it on December 8, the day following the Pearl Harbor attack. From that time on there was only silence and anxious waiting, and then a telegram reporting Captain Shamblin missing in action. Again there were months of waiting, wondering, and hoping, but no word came through.

Now, more than a year after the Pearl Harbor attack, Mrs. Shamblin has new reason for hoping, and is looking forward to a possible exchange of prisoners or, better still, to the reoccupation of the Philippines by our army.

dinner dances or furnished drinks.

Business was picking up when questionnaires sent out by the recreation committee recently began to come in and by December 23, 325 persons had indicated their desire for the following main sports in order of their demand: basketball, baseball, football, tennis, softball, bowling, golf, volley ball, track swimming and pool. One hundred and fifty-two indicated their willingness to serve on committees or as sports commissioners.

The basketball organization has been completed and Pantex will enter two teams in the city basketball league be-

Sports Ball Rolling

Recreation's irons in the fire are getting hot! The western dance held at the Herring Hotel recently went over with a bang! Colorful cowboy costumes predominated and bales of hay were placed over the ballroom. The orchestra composed of Pantex employees was as big a success as promoters promised and is expected to be in wide demand for dances in this vicinity.

The next dance will likely be early in February and on the same basis as the last one. In the future there will be no

Safety Gets the Job Done

SAFETY

By LeNelle Eastus

"There's been some changes made" in the Safety Division; such as, new offices, new uniforms, new and departing personnel.

The new offices belong to Mr. J. B. Walling, Director of Safety, who has moved to Room No. 131. If you are looking for the "four lovelies," the assistant receptionists and escorts, consult Emily Tucker, chief receptionist, in the Adm. lobby, who will conduct you to her brood in office No. 130, next to Mr. Wallings. Joe Stensaas, chief Safety Engineer, and Safety Engineers Howard Patrick and Russell Munro are now in Office No. 132. Just one big happy family? By the way, Patrick has just received a commission in the Aviation Branch of the U. S. Navy and is awaiting his assignment. We are both sad and glad that the Navy selects men as capable as Pat to help "do the job."

Has anyone failed to notice the new receptionist-escort, blonde Josephine Kelln? Jo, previously of Mail and Records, took the place of Jane Harris, who transferred to the Payroll Department.

You have admired the guards and firemen in their official "duds" but "hold yo' breaif," the receptionists and escorts are to be officially dressed also. The uniforms are cadet-grey (blue to you) with silver or gold POP buttons, according to the position, and in spite of the military cut, are very feminine and chic.

Ann Stiles, Mr. Walling's secretary spent the Christmas holidays with her mother in Santa Anna, Texas. While she was gone, someone (?) departed with Mr. Walling's beloved black Schaeffer's fountain pen out of his desk set. It was supposed to last him a lifetime, and unless someone (?) brings it back, I don't see how it can!

"Happiest man in Pantex" was Chief Ross Dickerson (fire dept.), who was Christmas-gifted by the Engineers most graciously!

Last and "least" of the "newest" personnel in the Guard Dept. is Miss Patsy Leigh Woodell (as of Nov. 19). In appreciation of the present sent on her arrival by the Guards, she sends this note:

December 1, 1952.

"My \$50.00 Defense Bond has reached maturity, and it brings back fond memories of that earnest, hard-working group of men and women who worked with my dad, Bruce, ten years ago at Pantex.

PERSONNEL

By Iris Galloway

Seems as though the Certain-teed Christmas barn dance was really and truly a good old Western get-together. Everybody seemed to be with everybody . . . or nobody with nobody. Alma L. Barnes had a real, honest-to-goodness date who went after her and took her home . . . yet she can't for the life of her remember his name. Olivia Eastes took the proverbial cake with her gay go's get-up which consisted of a mixture of everything from an ultra, ultra formal to some of last Christmas' left-over wrapping ribbon. Mr. Gulick was a flesh-and-blood streak of lightning, dashing hither, and thither and yon, seeing that everything went as per schedule. The orchestra, by the way, was very good. There's one thing we would like to know . . .

AH, AH! DON'T WALK ON THE GRASS



E. A. Telford, superintendent of grounds, says, "Please stay off the grass. We put signs up and people either ignore them or pull them up," Mr. Telford explained.

The little fences work better, he thinks, but he wants to improve the appearance of the grounds by tearing them down. "Until people take a pride in keeping the grass from being walked on, the fences are necessary," Mr. Telford continued.

He suggests that each of you employees be a guardian and when you see someone about to "cut across," say, "Ah, ah, don't walk on that grass."

It is to those true and loyal Americans that we owe our freedom and liberty today and, for myself, a thousand THANKS for this Defense Bond, which not only represents its investment, but a fortune in friendship which has been cherished through these past trying years by dad, mother, sister, and above all myself.

(Signed) Patsy Leigh Woodell

where did Frances Kumpke nab that cute little boy scout, name of Zwerdling? We have to take the bitter with the sweet . . . much as we hate to . . . so everyone joined in a farewell toast to Tom Kinsey, now of the U. S. Navy.

I wonder if Jim Lawson has as yet figured out who the three brunettes were who hung a blonde on the Personnel Christmas tree for him. At least he has a secretary who can sit on his lap and there'll be no scandal.

Irene Mengwasser can't imagine WHO in the world gave her a rolling pin for Christmas . . . but I'll bet she knows WHY! Methinks I hear the distant (or is it?) peal of wedding bells.

I'm sure that none could have received a nicer Yuletide gift than did yours truly on the day before Christmas Eve . . . 3 travelworn letters from "somewhere in the southwest Pacific."

Mr. Don C. Boyd was a trifle reluctant to open his gift from Olivia. It turned out to be an air raid warden outfit . . . making Mr. Boyd "defense worker No. 1" at Pantex.

Personnel is going to sorely miss Virgil C. Beavers and his congenial personality when he leaves us the first of the year. Our loss . . . Safety's gain.

One of these days there are bound to be some changes made in Job Assignment. Either Della Royal will freeze to death . . . or Bill Stubbins will suffocate. The "fresh air" problem in that office is getting to be serious.

Come the first of the year, come New Year's resolutions. Some of us feminine employees would do well in resolving to keep henceforth and hereafter a neat, "just out of the band box" appearance such as Sue Russell's. Really, it's amazing. Sue could weather a cyclone and still look as though she had just stepped out of Vogue.

Poor Mr. Kinney! He leads a dog's life! First somebody threatens to sue him for blundering into their mailbox and tearing it down . . . then somebody else threatens to turn him in to the ration board for hoarding beef. By the way, Mr. Kinney, didn't you know that it's "agin the law" to peddle meat without a license?

This is my wish for the New Year . . . that by January 1, 1944, we Pantex all be out of war work . . . that Pantex would be nothing more than a lonely ghost-town, deserted and forgotten in a land of peace and good will.

2,000,000 soldiers buy war bonds—soldiers from privates to generals buy nearly \$13,000,000 in war bonds every pay day.

Teamwork Gets the Job Done

MEET THE PEOPLE

By Carolyn Newbold

The Fiscal Division proved itself in a holiday mood this past year, with both Tabulating and Office Management having Christmas parties.

Office Management held their celebration Christmas Eve right in the office, with a tree, an exchange of gifts, and "eats." New members of the department who enjoyed the party included, Harriett Ramey, Elaine Farmer, and Billie Faye Brown. The group missed Josephine Kella, who has transferred to become an escort.

Ted and Willa Mac Legg were host and hostess to the Tabulating Department party in the recreation room at the Talmadge. In addition to the tree and gifts, some of which were worth hearing about, the group enjoyed dancing despite the shortage of men.

Vouchers Payable decided everything was not so dull after all. Margaret Gillespie left to meet her husband in Wichita Falls upon his return from Hawaii and the Pacific war. Bob Lale was in excellent spirits, due to the visit of his small son during the holiday season. New in the department is Gertrude Wallentin who transferred from Payroll.

The Payroll bowling team received a nice gift from the Stores Field team, in the form of 510 which they won by 13 pins. We understand there is to be a return engagement. Are there any more challengers? New to the department are Alice Barlow and Vera Gilchrist. Incidentally, no department was more appreciative of the last Pantex dance than this one—they are still razzing Al Dunlap about his green satin shirt.

Again Bert Boomer wins the pennant for having the most new employees. In addition to Nellie Usrey, who works in Mr. Boomer's office, the following time-keepers are new to Pantex: Josephine Reeves, Leo Furnas, Randolph Johnson, Jimmie Matheson, Estelle Beaty, Mildred Roles, Ruth Fitts, and Lucy Camp.

In the exact words of Morris Zwerdling, Audits and Accounts had a "blessed event" when Christine Myrick started to work on her birthday, November 30. Also new to the department are Lessye Tackett, secretary to Mr. Zwerdling, and Gladys Stone, who does accounting work. No longer with Pantex is Margaret McDowell, who left to get married.

The Paymasters' department has gained in attraction with the addition of Jane Harris, who was formerly an escort.

And so with New Year's resolutions to the right and left of us, we shall read

CONTROL LAB

By John Wisdom

Apparently most of these departmental commentaries begin with the most obvious item: new personnel. New in the control laboratory is Dorothy Anne Hoover, Ass't Chemist. She is not optically intolerable, is a resident of Amarillo and a graduate of Amarillo College. Still more recently associated with Pantex and the control lab is Mario William Fields, Junior Chemist. Mario has the ear marks of being a competent chemist, and he can also play chess.

Jesse Posey has been assigned to the water analysis problem. Buck Altman is threatening to join the navy and Victor Fusco thinks that he too would look well in naval full dress. J. M. Carpenter is handling special problems and standards. Earl Schumacher still has very little to say. Louise Jonette still has the main burden of the chemical records and "Doc" Bots still comes up with Grade-A operational suggestions, but he is still looking for chess competition.

Most significant is the progress being made in completing the laboratory installations. Hereafter, there will be less fuss raised about persons coming into the lab by one of the street entrances—although the north door is still the front door.

WE'RE PROUD OF ALL THREE!



this article in the Pantexan of January 1, and be glad we're lucky enough to live in the U. S. amidst all the rationing they can dream up.

THRU THE BOMBSIGHT

By Ida Sue Taylor

What went on in the south wing of the Administration Building last week? No one bothered to explain why all the offices were shuffled around, partitions knocked out and new ones put in; but Ordnance property personnel took the situation in stride and wouldn't complain even though Lieut. Hart was the only one who came out with his original office boundaries. Some say he stayed in his office all night and slept with one eye on the walls . . . Cooperative Curtis of Mail and Records, always a help around the house, panicked your editor just 5 minutes before deadline.

Desperate for gossip of the character-undermining type, we asked we Miss Curtis to dig up some dirt. Bless her heart, she did. A great big shovelful all scaled in an envelope. The stuff might be classified Mud. Due to weather conditions it was a little wet. An orchid to Miss Curtis, or anyway a pot plant . . . Continuing on the subject of news items from various Ordnance departments we contacted Engineering and Operations in which we have been disappointed no little the past few weeks. Rocking back and forth in a swivel chair we found "Grannaw" as O. G. Smith is lovingly known to the E O personnel. He adjusted his glasses, leaned back in the chair and again gave the department's news report, "Nothing this week." . . . Car-sharing leads to more things. Like for instance, the Christmas party that an Ordnance careful got up at Betty Dale's house Tuesday night, December 22. The group, which besides Mrs. Dale includes Gladys Czerner, Lorraine Daniel, Ann Stuckley, Tillie Davis and Bernice Ranne, rode in town after work as usual. Then they went to the party, exchanged gifts, went into fits over Mrs. Dale's kitten "Baby," and had a fine time.

Last Thursday Ordnance property lost Frank K. Borden, who took off for Lubbock to undergo the preliminaries before being inducted into Volunteer Officer Candidate service . . . Most exciting happening in the Ordnance Teletype room in weeks was the wire from General Douglas MacArthur in which all war workers received a Christmas greeting from the General. It was a real thrill for the operator, Bernice Ranne, to acknowledge so distinguished a message.

Driving tip—don't try to save rubber by going around the corner on two wheels.

Hard Work Gets the Job Done

ZONE 11 — DAY SHIFT

By Sherill Boyd

Don't know of a better way to start the New Year than with a greeting from the heretofore silent Shift B, Zone 11.

So Happy New Year, everybody!

Now for a few introductions, and there'll be more in the next issue:

That GREAT big guy behind a brand new hunting jacket is Bo Graham, the shift superintendent. Looks like Santa Claus would have brought him some shells and gasoline, too.

From Brownlee, in 14, comes a bit of information about a couple of his WOWS:

Working at Pantex, he says, gives Frances Maurine Baker a feeling of "doing her part" to hasten the return of all the boys who are fighting overseas. This includes her husband, Sgt. Milliard Lee Baker, a member of the 131st Field Artillery, now known as the Lost Battalion.

Being a WOW is no new experience for Lela Inglis, who formerly worked at the Ogden (Utah) Arsenal. Brownlee says she says: "The work there was pleasant, but at Pantex it's more so. The people here are friendly, easy to get acquainted with and are swell co-workers."

FLASH! All the WOWS seem to have a purpose. Jewell W. Nickell . . . out in Dick (Winchell) Holcomb's building 12 . . . feels she is helping "pass the ammunition" to her son, Edwin, in the navy. This boy, by the way, is a great grandson of A. L. Ridings, Pioneer Amariillo and the last Confederate Veteran of this district; Edwin was in the Midway battle, and is still in active service in the Pacific.

Then there's Winnie Walker, up in 26. The foreman, V. A. Bonham, was telling us that her husband, Capt. Von N. Walker, has been in Australia since December, '41.

The WOWS come from everywhere, it seems. One of Bonham's girls is from Rosenberg, Ohio, but her husband's here, too, as an instructor out at the Amarillo Army Air Field.

Johnny Sandifer tells us of a couple of his WOWS, in building 9, who used to be beauty operators. They are still spraying paint, and doing an excellent job. They are Hazel Lockhart and Ollie D. Biddy.

Twice during Christmas week we heard boys home from the battle fronts speak in Amarillo of the war work that women are doing in other countries, and it made us proud of our WOWS. Major

UTILITIES

By Myrtice Hunter

We think it is unique that in the Woodworking Dept. we have so many members of the same family. It could be that carpentry runs in the family, but to show you what we mean—we have O. L. and J. M. Fauver, who are brothers; W. E. Hill, Sr. and W. E. Hill, Jr., who are father and son; S. A. Trigg and H. O. Trigg, who are brothers; and R. E. and L. E. Moreman, father and son. To sum it up, just one big happy family—all working for the same purpose.

Clyde Yoes, formerly with Stores, is the new dispatcher in Utilities.

Could it be that the rushing business at the Service Station—under the supervision of Shirley McGlau—*is* due to the good looking gas attendants? There must be some reason why the fellows who drive government cars manage to run low on gas so often. W. H. McLeod explains it this way:

THE PANTEX GAS STATION

There are nine pretty girls with dangling curls,

Who work the Pantex Station,
They don't sell much, but give away
Wind, water, and information.

At 5 a. m. the alarm goes off
And they are off to work.
They are on at 6 to do their bit,
Their job they never shirk.

You ask us their names so we won't be mean,
Marjorie, Jake, Dorothy, Ruth and Jean,
There are more and we won't quibble,
They are Roberta, Ozella, Iva and Sybil.

They work every day—they never miss,
Each week they buy a bond,
Their idea in doing this
Is to slap a Jap across the pond.

Jimmy Daley, America's ace fighter pilot over Naziland, told of the English women: "Every one is doing something . . . transporting planes . . . ordnance work . . . mechanical work . . . almost anything that only men used to do."

Cpl. Jack Sims, who spent four days machine-gunning the Japs in the Solomons, before he was wounded and sent to the states to recover, told of the Japanese women . . . pilots and navigators . . . who were shot out of the Solomon skies, probably with bombs made by the WOWS of this country.

ZONE 10 GRAVEYARD

By Mark Galloway

It is not necessary for men to be from the same business or profession for a real spirit of fellowship to exist. A splendid demonstration of this fact can be found among the men in Zone 10.

Let's take a look at a representative group of these "Men in White". Here are typical answers to the questions—"What did you do before coming to Pantex?" Everett Wilhite, Grain Elevator; Hiram C. Byrum, Furniture Salesman; King Wells, Compress Manager; Robert J. Terrill, Service Station operator; Robert D. Wheelock, Coach and teacher; G. L. Patton, A. C. A. Farm Program; George Thrasher, baker; Sam Goodner, newspaper; Mike Dickerson, theater mgr.; Elbie Stockton, grocer.

Quite an assortment of activities, but they are all working together harmoniously toward the SAME goal today.

E. H. "Smitty" Smith, professional Arizona golfer, has been missed greatly by the boys in No. 9. Smitty transferred to No. 13 where, according to reports, he is still making "A hole in one."

Jack Lewis of No. 26 has been advised to have his eyes examined again. Mother looks so much like daughter to Jack. Just ask next time!

G. J. Bishop, head tape man in No. 9, has just returned from Sterling, Colo., where he visited his brother who was on leave from the army. It was the brothers' first meeting in eight years.

If you don't know the real value of your badge—ask Mason Lemon in No. 20.

West Texas ducks with claws? A. C. "Pug" Davis, foreman in No. 15, stoutly maintains that a duck scratched his face while he was hunting Sunday morning—after the dance Saturday night.

Bailey Gilmore, foreman in No. 20, has the flu. Jack McLaughlin, pinch hitting for Bailey, joins the gang in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Room 17 has at least two—maybe more—fellows we reporter would nominate as being courteous co-workers. In response to a request for information on their operations A. L. Woodring and Oran Reddick graciously explained and never missed a stroke.

An improved design for a bomb fin in mass production will save enough steel to build two Liberty Ships.



Personnel Department threw a real Christmas party! Gifts exchanged included everything from worry birds to knick-knacks. Pat Davis acted as Santa Claus with Bill Stubbs and Fred Walker as his little helpers. Most comical gift was received by Don Boyd—a junior air raid warden set. Male members of the dept. presented G. H. Robertson with a humidor and Bill Stubbs received a clock and calendar desk set. Stubbs led the employees in singing Christmas carols.



Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Peters, left, and Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Trimmer, right, take time off from the Ordnance Christmas dance held at the Herring Hotel to play bridge.



At the dance Ordnance employees Norma Curtis, right, and Ida Sue Taylor, left, sit this one out with guest, Bill Bush.



The most popular motorized unit on the reservation is the scooter bike brigade which the auto transportation dept. has added. Pictured above is mail room messenger Harriet Ramey delivering a letter to W. P. Kirk, on the loading dock.



Slipper is just a mongrel dog, but she has a home that any pedigreed canine might be proud to own. She was a dirty, homeless, lonesome stray who ventured close enough to the workmen in the staff housing area to get the bits of food they threw at her from their lunches. As time went on she grew bolder and became friendlier. Bob Zelsman, foreman for the Hertner-Plains Company, took up the cause and got the carpenters to work. Art Nail, a painter, put the finishing touches on, and now Slipper has a "staff" house all her own.

Camera-ettes

Pantex Is Getting the Job Done

STORES OFFICE

By Marjorie Owen

Moving! Ah, there is nothing like it. In fact the process of settling down in a new location is a tedious, tiring, and yet hilarious one. As you know, the Stores office force was moved to the old A.E.M. material warehouse and Monday for the first time the entire personnel went their various ways out into the area. Really makes one feel adventuresome to go out from the familiar Administration Building to a new location within the reservation. And I sincerely hope the majority was more successful in getting there than myself. The driver of an inter-area bus took me to what he thought was the new Stores office location and only after it had driven on did I discover that I was miles away from my destination. However, such accidents are very Educational and I got to see the Laundry, the Mechanics Shop and Electrical Repair Dept.

The new building is across from the Central Fire Station and is connected with the Receiving Station where all the all the materials are checked.

A new dept. in our midst is Code and Records, whose members are Virgil Ballow, James Sanders, M. Rapport, and J. B. Watson. The clerical assistant to this department is Edna J. Kahlbow and records clerk is Gene Day. Day has been transferred to this department from Operations.

Several changes have occurred: Ed Caskey has a charming new secretary, Alma Lowry, and Ray Austin has another, Juanita Simpson. O. M. Dickey has taken the position of S. S. Forrest Jr. in component parts division of Stores office.

Everyone will miss the congenial presence of S. S. Forrest, Jr., better known to the office as "Blondie". He has gone into the ranching business and the best wishes of his many friends are with him.

Our department is complete, we have been lacking a redhead in our midst and cute Betty Herbert fills the bill. She has charge of mail in our new location.

The office lights reflect the brilliance of the lovely ring on Leona Peck's finger and happiness reflected on her countenance is cheering to any onlooker.

Returned from a two weeks furlough with their husbands are Mrs. Dorothy Zapushek and Mrs. Marie Hunter.

Another engagement is Katie Posey and the date is set for sometime in February. Katie is in charge of Stores office files and has won the heart of many a person who has come to borrow a purchase order. (Especially one in the engineering department.)

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

By Lera Belle Defries

The Purchasing Department lost one of it's oldest girl employees last week when Mrs. Evelyn Britain, secretary to H. A. Sanders left. Her husband returned home from active duty in the Hawaiian Islands and Evelyn decided to take a vacation also. We were all glad to meet Lt. Britain on his recent visit to the department.

Everyone wonders where Powell Combs got that black eye he was sporting all week. Powell says his little boy, Freddie, accidentally hit him. Well, that is his story anyway.

Hal Dalton attributes his lack of ability to live up to his reputation as ace on our bowling team to the tremendous pressure of social activities thrust upon him.

During the lunch hour one can always enjoy a hearty laugh by joining the jovial group congregating in Purchasing. Some of the sallies and exhibition of wit would do justice to our leading comedians of stage and screen. Alas, it is deplorable that such talent should be wasted.

For the last few days Ben Smart has been walking around with a sign pinned to his shirt front advising that his voice is out of order. We wonder if Ben is simply seeking escape from hecklers or if he's really lost his voice.

One thing that we couldn't understand was the fact that not one person in Purchasing was heard to voice his New Year's resolutions. But now that the New Year is here we hope to see the same harmonious relationship exist between the departments as it has been our pleasure to enjoy in the past.

ON THE MOVE

By Marvin W. Dabbs

Marvin Dabbs is pinch hitting in this issue for Mark Sale, your regular reporter, who is out of the city at the time the Pantexan goes to press.

The Armed Services continue to take its share of Transportation employees. The latest employees to leave for induction are Jerry B. Warren, mail truck driver; James Alford, truck driver; and Jack McEuin and V. O. Chennault, bus drivers. Warren and Alford enlisted in the Navy while Chennault and McEuin joined up with the Army. The entire personnel extends best wishes and the best of luck to these men who will take up the fight on other battlefronts.

Al Herd returned to his office on the afternoon of December 16 from a two day conference at Kansas City with officials from three other Ordnance plants.

The Transportation Unit at T-33 has taken on a new appearance: with the addition of nine motor driven scooters. For several days, the dispatchers were forced to eat aspirin in trying to figure out the location of the scooters. Practically everyone was itching to try out one of the scooters before they could properly be assigned.

Our attractive chauffeurettes continue to render the type of service that would make taxicab companies blush with envy . . . which all just goes to show that women can still do their part in the fight for that precious omen known as Victory. Incidentally, Pat Flynn had this to say about one of our women drivers in his column entitled "Women aren't weaker sex at Pantex" which appeared in the December 20 issue of the Amarillo Sunday News-Globe: "A woman driver of a station wagon, Mrs. Beulah Rickman, was assigned to our party to make the tour. Her ability to drive is remarkable. She knows every safety rule in the book; she never approached the 35-mile-per-hour limit and she has a knack of parking her car at the right spot at the right time like a veteran."

Congenial Carrol Dickenson, who is superintendent of the Bus Transportation unit, is proudly flashing about a picture of a very attractive dame from Abilene. We wonder if—oh well, your guess is as good as mine.

We welcome to the department two new bus drivers, namely, James L. Lane and Cecil K. Killough.

This corner wishes everybody the very happiest New Year, which by the time you read this, we hope that you will have had that very thing.



Foods that count
keep him on the job

Concussions

THIS IS A WATCH-BIRD WATCHING A BOTCH-BIRD



A botch-bird is a bird
Who got his dates all botched up
And forgot to wish everyone
A Merry Christmas.
He is pretty cut up about it,
But he needn't be.
The watchbird is not really mad.
He's only teasing.
And anyway
He's remembering
To say "Happy New Year
To all you Pantexans!"



THIS IS A WATCHBIRD
WATCHING YOU!
NATURALLY YOU
WERENT A BOTCH-
BIRD THIS WEEK!

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

Speaking of the Weather

A remark by a newcomer, who commented upon the flexibility of Amarillo's weather when it turned balmy the second day following the first snow of the season, was the incentive for another yarn by Powell Combs, Pantex's famed story teller.

He and a friend were spearing frogs on a lake near here, he said, when a norther blew in suddenly. The frogs along the bank made a leap for the water just as the norther hit, but so quickly did the temperature change that just as they broke the water it froze with the fore part of the frog's bodies under the surface and the hind legs extended stiff in the air.

Combs' friend rushed home and returned with a lawn mower and the pair mowed two bushel of choice frog legs within 10 minutes, so he said.

Lost: Wrist watch, Bulova with brown band, between the Cafeteria and T-33. Finder return to Virginia Frizzell at the Cafeteria.

Lost: At Pantex dance at Herring Hotel, Dec. 19, a brown billfold, containing valuable papers and \$45 in cash. Finder please return to Loyd Bresler, pastry chef at the Cafeteria, and receive reward.



This V-Mail Xmas card came to Jim Snider, guard, from his son in the service who drew the cartoon.



HELL—O!

Just a line from Dear Ol' Santa—
A mournful tale of woe—
To tell you a War-time Christmas
Ain't what it was, long ago.

In the effort to beat the Axis
The War Board has taken away
The things I really needed—
The gas and tires for my sleigh.

I've been rationed an A-card Donkey—
He is old, decrepit and slow—
So you'll know if I miss you Christmas
That I'm out on my Ass in the snow!

SANTA CLAUS.

P. S. Merry Christmas Anyway—Ed.

The above is a Christmas letter which W. E. Sneed, supt. of structures Utilities Dept., received from a friend.



"A Dual Tragedy," drawn by William Staples of the Sign Shop.

Extra Copies of Pantexan are Available

You probably have friends and relatives to whom you would like to send the Pantexan. Back issues, as well as future issues, are available to employees at only 25c per copy, including mailing charges if desired. If you wish, names will be put on mailing list to receive the magazine regularly. You understand, of course, that you will continue to receive one copy without charge. The above refers to extra copies, and the offer is made as a courtesy to you.



Drawn by R. G. Howerton, explosive operator in Zone 9, from a suggestion by Dorsey Dalewood, Redstone Ordnance Plant.

“I’ll Stick Around Just in Case!”

IF YOU THINK I chalked up a good record in '42, watch me at Pantex this New Year. In a period of eleven months last year over this country, I mowed down 89,000, taking all of their lives, and left over 8,000,000 injured. With the increased war work,

I'm going to try to set an all time high for casualties.

I have only one serious enemy that threatens to stifle me—Safety!

If Safety is successful in convincing the American people to follow commonsense rules of precaution and care—I may have to go out of business.

It looks to me like it's a question of whether I can “fool”, or Safety can “educate” the general public. If you'll cooperate with me by exhibiting total disrespect for all rules and regulations and disrespect for life and property, I'll win. If you throw in with Safety there's no point in my sticking around.

Don't Give Carelessness a Chance in '43