March Record

We had five disabling accidents for the month. This is not good—the frequency of accidents is too high to content ourselves, that we have done all we can to prevent such accidents. We can do better than this. It just proves the old saying that "When you feel too sure, that is the time to watch out."

STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN

Stop ere it is too late
Be sure before you go,
Tho you've been lucky up
to date
It won't be always so.

Look carefully about you, Be habitually alert; And safety first will see you through.

Lick the chance of being hurt.

Listen also to advice, Make your record glisten, Heed every cautioning device,

Just STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN.

-J. E. Stebbins

WOUND INFECTION

Possibilities of infection arises whenever the skin is cut or broken so that the deadly germs can get into the blood. Slight injuries are just as likely to result in prolonged inconvenience, suffering, or death, as major wounds are. It is true that many slight wounds heal without attention and with no disturbing symptoms or after effects. It is also true that the improper method of treating injuries, employed by well-meaning but wholly unskilled persons, often produce no harmful results. For the fortunate outcome in these cases we must give credit to the remarkable natural resistive and recuperative powers of the human body. In every instance, however, the possibility of harmful results must be admitted, because the

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Horseplay and Horsesense

"Horseplay" is a word we hear mentioned often, but it refers to a practice which seems to cause us very little concern. We see it, hear about it, and know it is regularly going on, but we do very little, if anything at all, about trying to stop it.

There are two kinds of "horseplay," one which can be termed "frolicing" and the other

which we wish to term "vi-

cious horseplay."

Speaking first of the "frolicing" kind, we explain it by pointing out that it usually involves two men, although sometimes more than two participate; that these men good naturedly play with each other in the manner of sparring, pushing each other around, throwing things at one another, etc. This type of "horseplay" comes from feelings of good fellowship, good health and vigor which, no doubt, is the reason it is very seldom condemned. However, looking at it from the "safety first" angle, let's see what can happen from such so called "good fun."

Recently in this plant two men were sparring in a change room when they upset a bench which fell across another man's foot, inflicting a severe bruise and a small fracture of a toe. This is what so often results from this kind of "horseplay"; men participating in the play do not get hurt because they are alert and aware of what is going on, but an unsuspecting bystander will suffer the pain of a resulting accident when he had no part in the fun of the horseplay. On another occasion, men were throwing orange peelings at each other in one of our lunch rooms and again a man, who was unaware of what was going on, was struck in the eye and suffered a serious "spot" before his eye for several weeks after. It certainly was no fun for him.

Frolicing is alright in its proper place, but it is not alright within the plant where many (Continued on page two)

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William Manzanares, Fine Casting Department, sustained a hernia lifting a copper casting.

Frank Edmunds, Carpenter Ship, acquired bursitis of right knee, when he bumped it against a scraper.

Disabling Accidents

Tiburcio C. Enriquez, Flue Dust Department, mashed his finger between a flue dust car and converter cross over flue.

John H. Woolard, Refining Department, infected old sore on right leg.

Oliver Lingo, Yard Department, sprained his back while unloading cars.

SLAG GAGS

Little Red Riding Hood was lucky—she only met one wolf!

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Some of the buses are so crowded these days you even see **men** standing up.

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Why not tell your girl that it has been discovered that Flying Fortresses are faster without paint?

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The fellow who boasts that he runs things in his house probably means the washing machine, vacuum cleaner, baby carriage and errands.

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So and So says he is a little disappointed with the Slag. It is too small to start the fire in the morning and too smooth to replace the Sears Roebuck catalogue.

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"Lighthouse no good for fog," says an Eskimo. "Lighthouse he shine, whistle he blow, fog bell he ring—and fog he come in just the same!"

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Customer: "I'd like a dollar dinner, please." Waiter: "Yes, sir. On white or rye bread, sir?"

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"Mr. Jones," asked the instructor, "how far were you from the correct answers?"

"Only three seats, sir."

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Landlady (in hall talking to a girl): "I thought I saw you taking a gentlemen up to your apartment last night, Miss Smythe."

Miss Smythe: "Yeah, that's what I thought!"

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"I want to die with my boots on," boasted the seafaring man. And the readhead purred, "Well, put'em on! Here comes my husband."

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It's hard to date women war workers. They aren't satisfied with a good time—they want time and a half.

Lend-Lease

A swing-shifter had looked long and fruitlessly for a room and finally saw a sign on a house: "Apartment to let." He was shown what the accomodations were by a very pretty servant girl:

He: "Are you a part of the apartment?"
She: "No, sir. The apartment is 'To Let,'
but I am to be let alone."

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She isn't my best girl. Just necks best.

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This business of thinking up jokes
Has got us a little bit daunted,
The ones you want, we cant print
And the ones we print arent wanted.

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A fox is a wolf who sends flowers.

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The minister had called on the widow to offer his condolences.

"That you have the sympathy of all the village should be some comfort to you, he murmured, "and you know to whom to turn for consolation."

"Yes," she said, between her sobs, "but I do not think he will marry me with three children."

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"Mr. Judy, your daughter has promised to

be my wife."

"I'm sorry, youg felow, but it was your own fault. What else did you expect if you kept hanging around so much?"

* * * First Choice

At the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, a little girl, who was buying one of the ten-cent prints of famous paintings for her mother, could not find one that suited her.

"Would your mother like the yellow sun-

flowers?" asked the attendant.

"No."

"Would she like the blue sea? The pretty children?"

"No."

"Well, what does your mother like?" the attendant demanded.

"Men," said the little girl.

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Sign on car belonging to a just-married war worker: "Newly Welded."

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Sailor: "How about some old-fashioned

Sweet Young Thing: "All right, I'll call grandmother down for you."



Missing In Action

Announcement from the War Department has indicated that Frank Kendziora, a bomber pilot somewhere in England, is missing in action. Frank, prior to his entry in the air forces, was employed in our Yard department.

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LETTERS OF INTEREST FROM OUR SERVICE MEN

The following are excerpts from letters received from our servicemen:

"I received your regular monthly issue of the "Slag" yesterday. I wish to inform you of my change of address. I'm sorry I haven't done so sooner, but I didn't know how long I was going to be stationed here.

"It is a very fine, interesting magazine, and I appreciate getting it very much. I'm sure it does much in preventing accidents and saving lost hours which we need so much these days.

"My new address will be found below. Wishing you the best of luck, I will close."

Pvt. John Paul Dover



"I have received the "Slag" and was sure glad to get it. At jokes I'm not very good, and pictures I'm afraid I'm unable to send because there are no cameras out here. Anyway, the only pictures I could send are of the natives. I don't know what kind of film a guy could use because they are so black that at night I bump into one every once in a while. But I never have seen anything like it. They sure are smart people. I tried to trade them some toilet paper for a grass skirt but they just laughed and said they never used the stuff. Boy, I'll never live that down, but after a little sales talk I managed to get the skirt from them for some fishing hooks. Well, I hope you will continue to send the "Slag" to me out here. I remain" As ever,

Pfc. Stanley Krockman

"I received a copy of the "Slag" today and I want to let you know I'm real pleased with it. I didn't know about your very interesting publication until now. The fellows and myself think it's fine. I would like one every time it's published. (thanks.)"

A fellow worker, Cpl. Harold W. Pitts.



"I received my copy of the "Slag" the other day and found it very interesting. I fear I have very little journalistic ability so that I probably will not accept the invitation to contribute. However, I'll look forward to its coming regularly."

Sincerely yours, Pvt. Robert E. Wood



"Received Jan. & Feb. issues of the "Slag." I was very glad to receive same and hope the paper is a success in cutting down accidents. Each disabling acident slows down the machinery that is turning out copper for our use in ending this war. We all want to end it as son as possible and get back to our homes and normal living conditions. Know you haven't time to go over lengthy letters so will close now."

Very truly yours,

Sgt. R. K. Schanzenbach



Kenneth Arneson, formerly of the Refinery department, wrote a letter to the fellows in the Refinery. The letter consisted of the heading, then two blank pages, and signed yours truly, K. Arneson, Camp Hood, Texas. Someone said that it is what Ken thinks of Texas.



Robt. C. Rettke, Yard department, is home on a short visit.

Let's Work At It!

(Continued from page one)

become experienced or skilled; how many times have you seen a first class mechanic or operator with one arm? If you are now a skilled man, you have also been a safe man but REMEMBER you cannot afford to let down

Let's all work at it fellows and bring forth a safety record we can be proud of.

ARMED FORCES

LATEST CALLED

Emil F. Burcar	Refinery
Joseph F. Mihcich	Refinery
Richard N. Gookins	Anode
Frank W. Tisdale	Refinery
Betty J. Miller	Electric
(Enlisted in Woman Marin	ne Corps)
Howard R. Yurisich	Refinery
Harold W. Kittelson	Refinery
Lawrence A. Hodges	Anode
Romualdo T. Rodriguez	Fine Casting

The above men have been inducted into the Armed Forces. We wish them the best of luck. We ar expeting a visit from you at any tim you are in town.

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Somewhere In The South Pacific

April 24, 1944

Dear Sir:

I was glad to receive another copy of your paper, I enjoy it very much. I am going to send you a copy of a poem that one of the boys wrote, and I hope that you will find room in your next issue to publish it. And keep the paper coming . . .

"Charley"

'Twas a beautiful night, On a still Sunday morn, When out of the clear Came the blast of a horn.

As I pulled on my clothes, And jumped out of bed, I heard "Group Control" Then, "Condition Red"

I looked at my watch, And it was 1:15, I could just hear old Charlie, And his washing machine.

As I ran for my Fox Hole, And the bombs dropped around, I knew that my place Was under the ground.

The searchlights came on, And the big guns did roar. For the ack ack boys Had done this before. As I took a quick glance,
Up into the black
I knew then and there
That Charlie'would never get back.

For the ack ack bursts Were dangerously close. They were giving that Bogie, One hell of a dose.

He dived and he turned, And he lit out for home. But a shell hit him first, And not far did he roam.

Now he crashed, not far off, On a sharp coral reef. And now, old maytag Charlie, Had at last come to grief.

So they are saying a prayer For some small yellow man. Cause he took his last trip, And it was not to Japan. . . .

Sincerely yours,

S/Sgt. Glen DeForrest

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DOING HIS PART



John P. (Jack) Gallagher recently returned to work in the plant, yard department, during a 21 day furlough from the U. S. Army.

He has seen much action in the South Pacific, has three service stripes and has received the Purple Heart for a severe wound of his neck. He was shot by a Jap sniper, the bullet splitting his vocal cords and causing loss of his voice. He was

unable to talk for a period of nine months but after undergoing two operations has completely recovered his speech.

Jack was originally hired in the plant on April 23, 1940 and left for the Service on March 31, 1941.

We all want to wish you the best of luck Jack and are looking forward to a letter from you in the near future.

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We want Safety Suggestions. You have them. Let us get together.

THIS 'N THAT

GARDENING TIPS

By A. Wargardener

(With apologies to Cecil Solly).

Fertilizer is essential to a good garden. Walter Pennington should have the best garden in town.

If you need advice in raising tomatoes, consult Matt Bratonia. He even grows them as he works.

The best possible way to raise celery is to sneak into Owen Gallagher's back yard some dark night.

Being a good liar is an absolute necessity in gardening. Bill Hoffman tops them all.

Growing corn in this climate is not easy. E. A. White is an expert. Lessons by appointment only.

Some gardeners overdo it and become farmers. That's what keeps Gene Faurer so thin. Tony Stipanich has a young farm.

Extra trees may shade the garden too much. S. W. Dean is looking for tree falling and stump removing contracts.

Lynn Alger doesn't look like a horticultural expert but—oh boy—does he make 'em grow.

Some gardeners underdo it and become loafers. That's what keeps Bob Hansen so thick through the middle.

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The marriage knot was tied for Mae Benolken of the Time office and Oral (Bud) Brown of the Refinery dept., on April 17, 1944. After a two week's honeymoon, they are back on the job.

Last week John Cooper, Fine Casting dept., caught two twelve-pound salmon.

Willard White of the Fine Casting dept., was landing a 16½ pound salmon the other day and the tussle and excitement was so great for Willard he almost fell in the Sound.

The underground has it that Al Brong went fishing the other day, and his outboard motor had something to do with the purchase of a fish or two from Carl Larson. What happened Al? Everything seems to be tangled.

Its planting time. Mr. Benson removed his long underwear.

Tom Arledge is not only the best pinochle player in the Arsenic dept., but co-champion of the entire Smelter.

He admits there is a certain converter craneman named Carter that possibly is his equal.

The grapevine has tangled Mary Churchill of the General Office with matrimony some time in June.

STORK CLÜB

James Harrison of the Pipe Shop and Richard Gookins of the Anode Department, and now in the Army, came through as expected, and are now proud fathers and full fledged members of the Stork Club.

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KNOW YOUR SAFETY MEN

The Workmen's Safety Committee is made up of representatives from each department of the plant.

Plant Safety Inspectors are members of a Standing Committee who cover the entire plant. They make inspections and accept suggestions from all men of the plant, working in cooperation with the safety man of each department; a Committee which combines the individual efforts of each department.

Members

Guy K'Burg, Chairman Oscar Riebow Jack Walgraf Ed Wheatley Henry Helt Lars Vedvick

Departmental Safety Inspectors represent the men of their respective departments. They serve for a period of three months and then appoint their successors.

Members

(Note: A new Committee is now being appointed and all names have not been turned in as yet.)

Gerald Tallman	No. 3 Refinery
Ted Ross	Electric
Irvin Hansen	Cottrell
Ed Kiehlmeier, Jr	Steel
Robert Gillen	No. 1 Refinery
Wm. Bacon	No. 2 Refinery
Al Brong	Machine
James Harrison	Pipe
Charles Vercillo	Sample
Wm. Lobeda	Sample
Frank Alberti	Slimes
Arthur Johnson	Handy
Tom Arledge	Arsenic

Accidents, like weeds, grow in plants, choking their efficiency.

Old Timers With The Company

In the last issue of Slag, we listed those employees having 30 or more years of continuous service with the Company. Below is a list of men having from 25 to 30 years of service.

Abington, James Dill Klarich, Joseph Alessandro, Nicola Algeo, Thomas Alger, Linn O. Allie, William A. Anderson, Carl J. Backe, John Bell, Stephen W. Borell, Emil J. ·Boyle Hugh Brennan, W. Clinton Cline, Harry H. Dallinger, Clarence I. Davies, Fred DeGeeter, Emiel Doherty, John Ducich, Jack Eggesbo, Peter M. Emfield, Charles C. Gallagher, Manus Hamuzina, Joseph Griffiths, Ernest W. Grubisa, Michael, Sr. Troutt, Fred O. Havel, Edward G. Johnson, Howard S. Juracich, Anton Kancianich, Frank

Komar, Herman Koren, Joseph Krsticevich, Joseph Lander, Thomas F. Luke, William T. Lund, Milton E. Mateljak, Joseph Matthew, Glen W. Matthews, Leonard L. Mickelson, Chris Overton, Leslie H. Pearson, Dan Percich, Joseph Raguse, Paul R. Schilling, Arthur Seitz, A. J. Slosar, Joseph Smith, Gus Stambulich, Michael Susan, John Thomas, Thomas J. Vidos, Andrew Williamson, G. I. Winney, D. C.

Note—The list does not include many men who will have 25 years in before this year is out.

500 CLUB

The newly formed Smeltermen's 500 Club is a benevolent organization; at present the roster totals 126 members.

Fees to join this club are \$2.10 and at the death of one of its members there is an assessment of \$1.10 per member. The beneficiary of the deceasd will rceive \$1.00 per member for each member in good standing. The additional 10 cents shall be used for the purchases of membership card, call card, stationary and stamps, and other incidentals.

It is our desire to build this club to 500 members and anyone wishing more information get in touch with John E. Swanson, secretary-treasurer.

A thought before is worth two behind. A little forethought will save much afterthought.

PLANT HEFTIES

We would like to see a team of ten men picked from each of the following listed groups to do a Tug-o-War.

Mechanical Department (BEEF)

	Approximate
	Weigh
Ed Scanlan, Electric	260
Elmer Olsen, Carpenter	
Norman James, Engines	
Walter Pawlak, Repair	
Clarence Dallinger, Electric	
Perry Hall, Engines	
William Toomey, Repair	
Carl Nordberg, Electric	
Ed Karl, Pipe	
Robert Erickson, Repair	
Warren Taylor, Electric	
James Harrison, Pipe	
Al Mitchell, Electric	
Jack Bell, Repair	
Al Brong, Machine	200
Frank Burnett, Steel	200
Harry Whitney, Engines	
Lars Kindem, Ref. Carpenter	
John Hagelin, Carpenter	
Ernest Swanson, Pipe	
Total Red Points	4255

Rest of the Plant (LARD)

Ap	proximate Weigh
TAT:llia IIaanaa Amania	-
Willie Hooper, Arsenic	
Frank Slavich, F. Casting	250
Guy K'Burg, Anode	235
Albert Wales, Converter	235
Bob Hanson, Time Office	230
Luke Gilligan, Roasters	230
Walter Fagan, Yard	230
William Sievert	220
Herman Wassmann, Refinery	220
Joe Udovich, Sr.	220
Charles Neumann, Converter	215
Harry Magaman Polinery	210
Harry Wassman, Refinery	
Mike Mitchell, Converter	210
Jack Carroll, Fire	210
Henry Ellis, Janitor	205
Ed Wheatley, F. Casting	205
Mike Mulkerin, Anode	205
Loui Bromberg, Refinery	200
Glen Allstot, Refinery	200
John Stebbins, Cottrell	200
Allan Staples, Roasters	200
John Browne, Warehouse	200
Total Red Points	.4780

Weak men believe in luck and circumstance. Strong men believe in cause & effect.

Smelter Soft Ball Team

Our team is really starting off with a bang. Cast an eye over the score and batting averages for the six games.

Following is a list of games played and scores:

Game 1-Played at McKinley Field.

	R	H	E
Smelter		8	1 4
Game 2—Played at Harmond	d Field		
Elks	14	14	2
Smelter	0	1	4
Game 3—Played at McKinle	y Field		
Smelter		8	1
Boeing No. 2	4	8	4
Game 4—Played at Portland	Field		
Maxwell	10	12	0
Smelter	2	7	6
Game 5-Played at McKinle	y Field		
Smelter		10	1
Summit	5	10	2
Game 6—Played at Jefferson	No. 1		
Smelter	9	9	2
Cammaranos	8	9	6

Battings averages for the players are:

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Anderson	421	Markham	222
Wilkie	400	Harkness	200
Ben	375	Johnson	200
Rockway	333	Cates	
Hurbut	294	Cunningham	100
Greer	274	Ward	091
Walters	250		

Winning four games out of six places the smelter team is in a battling spot among the league play offs.

The team would like to see a big turn out for the games. Come on out and see us play.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

When filling a hot water bottle, press the sides before putting in stopper. This will allow steam to escape and do away with pressure on seams.

To gather up broken glass, put a piece of woolen cloth on the floor where glass is broken and all the tiny broken particles will stick to it.

Stick a pin through the corks of bottles containing poison. This will prevent mistakes when looking for medicine.

To keep thread from knotting and kinking

when sewing, always make your knot in the end of the thread that first leaves the spool.

Submitted by Mrs. Johnson, R.N.

"Porcupine Meat Balls"

Wash ½ cup uncooked rice.

Mix the rice with 1 lb. ground beef and ½ lb. sausage..

l tsp. salt

½ tsp. pepper

l tblsp. ground onion and

2 tblsp. chopped green pepper

Form into small balls about 2" in diameter. Heat one can tomato soup with ½ cup water pour part of this over the meat balls—when almost done pour the balance over same and when you serve pour the tomato sauce over the meat balls. Cover—cook slowly for 40 minutes.

Thanks to Mrs. G. H. K'Burg

When boiling eggs, should a break occur, pour table salt directly on crack until shell draws together.

Thanks to Mrs. Arledge.

* * * In Memoriam

Our deepest sympathy to the families of Vincent R. Lucich, refinery man, who passed away on March 25th and Matt Valish, converter man, who passed away April 21st.

The Gate Crasher

By J. E. Stebbins

Ah; there he comes with efforts bent He must get through the gate It's he that almost tardy gent Who's ever all but late

And when he passes through the stile The tension seems to break His record he must not defile It's what he has at stake

Now he's the guy you see around When quitting time is due Who chomps his bit and paws the ground Then bolts the gol-dern crew

And once again the boss will blare Stay till the whistle blows But not unlike a blooded mare He's digging in his toes.

THE SLAG.... S. W. Dean, Editor

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How An Accident Happens

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or under the porch and allows it to be there without repair or even inspection. He does this repeatedly and eventually the ladder breaks down and the damage is done which could have been prevented.

That accident did not happen in the flick of an eyelash, but it took months of neglect until the ladder was in an unsafe condition and caused the injury.

So with every accident, there is usually a long period of carelessness, inattention, disregard, thoughtlessness or worse before the accident is ready to happen.

Get busy preparing to avoid some of these accidents and near accidents instead of building them up and you will have real accident prevention not only for yourself but for others as well.



A good example is the best Safety sermon.

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AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

By J. E. Stebbins

A little foresight on your part May save you lots of grief It's things you don't anticipate That sneak up like a thief.

An injury that to you seems slight May be so there's no doubt But the danger of infection May turn it face about.

So gamble not with time and health While buying expert care Consult our doctor see our nurse And you'll have done your share.



You need not be an artist to draw a safety score.

Labor-Management Production Committee Report

By Art Rowan

Khaki vs. Overalls



For the past four or five months, schedules for induction into the armed forces have fallen behind. The bottom of the manpower barrel has been scraped and it is obvious that the WPB will soon be con-

fronted with a decision as to whether the Army's needs or production schedules come first, however, it is definitely indicated that the Army has first call on all men up to 26 years of age.

The situation presents a challenge to both Management and labor to do more with less. There can be no slackening of production efforts. We are over the production hump; we are not over the fighting hump. The severest tests of Army and Navy still lie ahead.

Share the Ride Program

The files of the Transportation Committee show that in many localities there are employees driving through the City to work with room in their cars for one or more riders, and there are many who are seeking transportation, how can we bring these groups together? The Committee urgently requests greater cooperation. Do your best for the success of this program.

Women Happy in War Work

World War II, with its great influx of women into jobs previously marked "men only" presents both Management and labor with many new and puzzling problems, yet today hundreds of thousands of women are at work in war industries, unafraid of the hard, tedious and dangerous jobs, and experiences reported show very successful employee relations.

Feminine Influence

There's lipstick on the drinking fount, There's talcum on the bench, There's cold cream on the surface plate, Hand lotion on the wrench, And "Evening in Paris" scents the air That once held the locomotives smell. I just picked up a bobby pin; Believe me; War is Hell.

Committee Recommends

That every employee have a hand in making the "Slag" a success by writing news items of interest, human interest of occurrences in the departemnts, let us all have a part in making it a live newspaper. Be a writer, be a reporter. Verse, prose, poetry, legend or lecture. Be a part of this your "Slag."

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