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Disabling Accidents - April, 1945

Robert Drake, of the Yard department, sustained a flesh puncture on right wrist while working on a car dumping sacks of ore.

Mihael Harvatin, Cottrell department, sustained a fractured right lower fibula while inspecting spray heads on water hose and filling acid cups.

August B. Anderson, Refinery department, sustained an abrasion on left leg while stepping across tanks when he slipped and fell, grazing his left shin against a tank.

Robert Smith, Fine Casting department, sustained a laceration and fracture of the right great toe while taking a copper wire bar from the inspection table with an air hoist and allowed the hoist to go up too fast and too far and the bar came out and fell to the floor.

Harrison L. Bletson, Jr., Fine Casting department, sustained a small fracture on tip of right little finger as he picked up a cathode from the shear table and placed it on the car.

Eskil T. Engdahl, Yard and Mills, fractured 6th, 7th and 8th ribs right side while trying to push a large piece of ore off of No. 1 cross belt and, while doing so, he struck his head against an overhead beam and stumbled back against the platform railing injuring his side.

SPRING

By J. E. Stebbins

Do you have a listless feeling
Are your thoughts forever stealing
From the course you try so hard to hold
Let it not cause you alarm
For it can do you no harm
It's the Spring and not the water I am told

Do you have a yen for sporting
Do you feel the urge for courting
Do you itch in places you can't scratch
Then these symptoms can but mean
It is spring now clothed in green
And arrayed in colors made to match

Now you'll no doubt put to use
Every time-worn aged excuse
Why you'd rather skip the things you planned
to do
You can blame it on the weather
For you know that you would rather
Set and mope and yawn the whole day thru.

But I'll bet you one plugged dime
For it happens every time
Someone jars you from your blissful reverie
In a gentle voice so sweet
Get the lead out of your feet
To work you bum; and, well you just agree.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 14th, will be a bright spot in the lives of many mothers. All the preceeding week, florists, postmen, and telegraph messengers will be scurrying hither and thither with thousands of messages of love and thoughtfulness.

If you are away that day, write to your mother. If you are with her, gladden her heart by some unusual attention. If your mother is beyond those acts of devotion, and those sweet privileges are denied you, resolve to brighten the day for somebody's mother who has no sons or daughters living to remember her.

Wouldn't that be a wonderful way to honor your mother?

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This n' That

Marion Schumann of the Anode was married, March 26, to Mary Stynen. Rev. J. A. Stevenson of the Bethany Presbyterian Church officiated.

The Schumanns wish to express their deepest appreciation to the men of the Anode Department for the beautiful wedding gift.

"Thanks a heap, fellows," so said Gladys and Hanlen Hansen to the men of the Anode Department for the beautiful wedding gift.

Betty Jean Miller is standing by for a call from the U. S. Marines. She has had her physical examination.

Frank Richey, the patent attorney, says he has propounded these precepts to more than a hundred brides and grooms on the eve of their marriages, and so far the marriages have been successful. The precepts are:

1. Never get mad when your wife does.
2. If your wife gets mad, don't talk, just mope, because a talking man stirs up the tigress in a woman, but a man who mopes appeals to the maternal instinct.
3. If these fail, pretend you are hurt, and you will appeal to the first-aid instinct.

STORK CLUB

Carlton Fuller, of the Steel Shop, was blessed with a 7 pound baby girl March 30th. This is the second girl. Thanks for the cigars and congratulations.

Richard Gookins, of the Anode Department is to become a member of the "Stork Club," in a month or six weeks. Dick passed cigars around before his membership had been proceeded—This in anticipation. Thanks and good luck.

The gals in the plant don't smoke cigars, they said.

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Your job is only as safe as you make it.

Hospital and Benefit Committee

Reports of the Hospital and Benefit Committee funds indicate an alarming decrease in working capital as compared with 1943 figures, for instance:

February, 1943, the fund showed a balance\$4,901.44

February, 1944, the fund showed a balance 1,824.11

To overcome the depletion of this fund, suggestions growing out of the discussions of the last regular meeting of the committee were: 1. To make a more thorough investigation of sick reports. 2. All employees applying for benefits must obtain a slip from the Gate or Employment Office and have it signed by the attending doctor and return it to the Employment Office.

Below is a sample of the slip that you are required to present to the Committee to obtain your benefits:

TO THE HOSPITAL AND BENEFIT COMMITTEE OF THE TACOMA SMELTER

Date.....

This is to state that.....
was or is physically unable to work from
..... to

(Date) (Date—If Known)

(Signed by Doctor)

Note:

No sick benefits will be paid for time lost in any month unless this slip is completed and turned in at the Employment Office of the Tacoma Smelter before the last Tuesday of each month.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT Hospital and Benefit Committee

Balance in account January 1, 1944..\$	6,512.00
Receipts	9,119.86
	\$15,631.86

Disbursements:	
Medical Law	\$1,719.67
Pierce Co. Medical....	5,284.25
Benefits paid	4,482.00
	\$11,485.92

TOTAL BALANCE	4,145.94
Investments	2,997.50
	\$ 1,148.44

Working Fund March 31, 1944.....\$ 1,148.44

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From the careless acts of others, the wise man corrects his own.

Better a look than a limp.

A safety tip—don't slip.

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Doctor: Hm-m. You certainly have acute tonsillitis.
Beth: Oh, doctor, you flatter me.

Household Hints

When sewing silk material, pin a Turkish towel over the table end of the sewing machine and the silk will not slip.

After oiling a sewing machine, sew through a piece of blotting paper. This will take up any surplus oil and prevent the injury to material.

A piece of camphor in the silver cabinet will keep the silver from tarnishing.

A handful of salt when washing your hands after any handling of fish removes the odor of fish, or dropping a handful of salt in the dishpan removes the fish odor from the dishes and utensils.

To keep gravy from being lumpy, add a pinch of salt to the flour used for thickening before mixing it with water.

Never add salt to milk while cooking or it will curdle it.

Save the unused mucilage edge from old envelopes for labeling jars.

To freshen the veil of an old hat press it under wax paper.

CREAMY OMELETTE

- 3 level tablespoons butter
- 3 level tablespoons flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk
- 4 eggs

Melt butter, add flour and salt, add milk gradually and when creamy take from fire and cool. Add well beaten egg yolks and pour this mixture into a baking dish at least three inches deep and eight inches in diameter; then fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites carefully with a spoon. Set baking dish in a pan of water and bake thirty minutes in a hot oven. Delicious served with a creamed cheese or fish sauce.

—Submitted by Mrs. O. T. Gallagher

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Smelter Soft Ball Team

Hear ye! Come all! Is the cry of team manager Leon A. Cunningham (Refinery Dept.) of the Tacoma Smelter Soft Ball team. The team entered the City Soft Ball League, and the first game is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18th, at 6:30 P. M. sharp, playing the Washington State Guards at McKinley Field No. 1, over on Portland Avenue.

The following teams have entered the City Softball League: Summit Tigers, Elks Teamsters, Lincoln Heights, U. S. Coast Guard, Cammaranos, Tacoma Smelter, Eagles, Maxwell, Boeing No. 2, Shipyard, Stores, Washington State Guards.

Anyone interested in playing soft ball get

in touch with Cunningham in the Refinery Department.

Here is the lineup for the first game: Geo. Harkness, C. Markham, Taft Anderson, Harold Greer, Rudy Susan, Carl Scheidelman, Anton Fisher, Don Benjamin, B. M. Johnson, Roy Hurlbut, Frank Roe, Al Walters, Dick Spradley. (The position of the players on the team must be a secret.—Ed.)

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Old Timers With the Company

In a quick survey of our employment records we found the following:

EMPLOYEES HAVING 30 OR MORE YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE WITH THE COMPANY

Andersen, Olaf G.	•Lyon, Thomas
Anderson, Carl	Marble, E. R.
Berg, Otto E.	Moresti, Louis
Beyer, L. C.	Ratchford, William
Boyd, J. Puri	Scanlan, Edward T.
Bridgewater, R. G.	Shaw, Charles H.
Carroll, John T.	Sundquist, William E.
Davies, Selma E.	Teitge, Bernard R.
Dougherty, Michael	Tencich, Joseph
Douglass, Floyd G.	Tietje, E. H.
Fahey, William	Tissot, Pierre H.
Farrell, E. Lawrence	Udovich, Joseph Sr.
Gallagher, William	Vogel, Fred
Gigon, George	Walts, Roy A.
Hospenthal, Anton	Ward, Manus
Jackson, George	White, E. A.
Jennings, Michael C.	

Note: In the next issue of this paper we will list those employees having 25 to 30 years of service.

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A Jungle Campaign

A weary man struggled through the almost impenetrable jungle. His clothes were torn, bedraggled and crusted with mud till no one could recognize the uniform he wore. Thorny branches and heavy tendrils clutched at his arms and legs as though trying to drag him down. Desperately he hacked himself free and plunged forward again. Occasionally he paused and peered ahead, apparently fearful of Jap snipers. His progress became slower and slower till it seemed impossible to drag his feet again out of the mire and swing the machete at the twining branches. One final lunge and his wracked body could stand no more. Groaning, he sank to the ground and then lay motionless. Eventually signs of life returned and he opened his eyes and looked about him. Grim determination was written on his countenance as he shouted, "Hey, Molly—bring me another bottle of beer and I'll get the weeds out of this d--- war garden if it takes all afternoon!"

—By A. Wargardener

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Goggles will save your eyes.

Armed Forces

Latest Called

The following men have been inducted into the Armed Forces. We wish everyone the best of luck. We are expecting a visit from you at any time you are in town.

Laurence Trail.....Yard
John R. Lyon.....Steel
Charles L. Baxter.....Yard

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What Do You Think?

E. Burcar and Joe Mihcich of the Refinery Department left here for the Army on April 7. The boys in the refinery received a letter from Burcar and Mihcich and inclosed a clipping from a paper with big headlines, "Army Reaches Peek Strength", signed E. Burcar and Joe Mihcich, and the clipping dated April, 7, 1944.

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Thanks for the "Yank"

Thanks to Pfc. James Phill somewhere in the South Pacific for the copy for the "Yank Down Under."

Phill used to work in the Fine Casting Department, and left April 19, 1941.

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The Refinery boys are sorry to hear that Kenny Arneson is in the hospital at Camp Hood, Texas.

Following are excerpts from letters received from our servicemen:

I received my latest copy of the "Slag" from you the other day and I wish to voice my appreciation. I think it is very nice of you to send copies of this publication to former employees who are now in the Armed Forces. I know that I enjoy this paper very much and I am sure that other former employees also enjoy reading the latest news of the plant.

Sincerely,

Pvt. Warren C. Taylor.

Received the Slag and I see where the Cottrell Department is topping the bill, by Mr. J. E. Stebbins. That man is wasting his time. I always knew he was smart. Say, Mr. Dean, I see my name in the Slag, and it was nice putting it there, but I was not inducted; I volunteered, and I hope in the next issue you make it right or else I'll get mad at you.

I will always keep the Slag in mind. I have some good jokes, but they would not pass for the Slag. I will close, thanking you again for the Slag.

I remain yours truly,

James Crawford

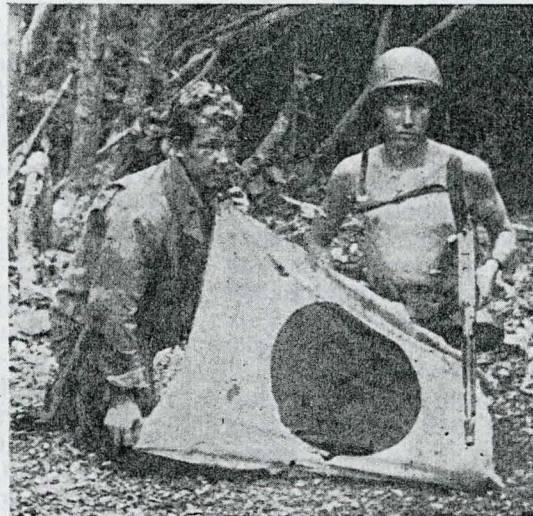
I want to thank you very much for the swell paper I received, and I got a big bang out of the jokes and things that were inside. It also helped me to find a new buddy at camp, as I found his name and ASN in the list of men that was taken lately. If I run across anything of interest I'll be more than glad to mail it to you. I hope I keep on receiving the Slag as I sure like it.

A fellow worker,
Pvt. George O'Malley

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Curiosity is the keynote to accidents.

He Did His Part



Raymond G. Demastus
(At Left in Picture)

Honorable discharge from the United States Marines.

Left this plant on July 16, 1942, from the Mills.

Participated in the defense of Guadalcanal—was 13 months in the Islands. Suffered from malaria, yellow jaundis and received a shrapnel wound in the left leg. Has the Purple Heart and five campaign ribbons. He was released from combat for reason of combat fatigue.

Returned to work in this plant on February 26, 1944.

Note: In the March issue of the "Slag" it was said that Ray Demastus returned to work in the plant from the army, which is in error. Ray was a Marine—Apologies, Ed.

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Write a Letter

"Writing regularly to soldiers in the service is definitely contributing towards winning of this war," is the opinion of General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Addresses of the boys in the service sufficient for mailing letters and packages will not be published in the "Slag," but addresses may be obtained at the Employment Office.

Write your friends at camps, on the sea, or on foreign ground. Write today.

Below are a few of our former employees that we heard from last month:

Pvt. Kenneth L. Arneson, North Camp Hood, Texas.
Pvt. Maurice H. Wassmann, Fort Knox, Kentucky.
James Crawford, Bremerton, Wash.
Pfc. Allen Carver, A.P.O., New York.
Pvt. James M. Gronka, A.P.O., New York.
Pvt. Harold W. Pitts, Fort Huachuca, Arizona.
Pfc. Mike S. Wydra, A.P.O., New York.
Marcos T. Garza, Camp Mackall, North Carolina.
Cadet E. H. Teitje, N.A.S., Livermore, Calif.

HORSEPLAY AND HORSESENSE

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employees are congregated and where there is much rolling stock, moving machinery, etc.

Now speaking of the "vicious" type of horseplay, which was previously mentioned. By "vicious" we mean practical jokes which are played on men; jokes where the intended victims are unaware of what is to happen to them. We can give numerous examples of this type within our own plant, but will relate only one where a man threw a bucket of water on a janitor who had fallen asleep on a change room bench. The startled janitor fell from the bench, dislocating his shoulder in the fall and the matter, which had started out to be a laughing one, quickly changed to one of dead seriousness. There is history of men in other plants having been up for second degree murder when death resulted from practical jokes.

So again let's consider the other fellow and use a little Horsensense to stop a lot of Horseplay.

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WOUND INFECTIONS

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resisting forces may not be able to withstand the attack of invading germs.

The only safe method of treating slight injuries is to report immediately to the Plant Hospital. All wounds, no matter how trivial, should receive medical attention as soon as possible. Puncture wounds, in particular, should never be neglected.

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The Powder Room

We dedicate this powder room
To the ladies of our crew
You'll find it quite sufficient,
It's designed and built for you.

It may be just a wee bit small,
It's finished plain and sturdy;
But you no doubt will love it
When your hands and face get dirty.

It's yours and it is private,
Your castle and your throne,
But linger not lest you may cause
The management to groan.

We hope that you will cherish
This little powder room,
And accept it with the fervor
Of a brand new bride and groom.

—J. E. Stebbins

Labor-Management Production Committee Report

By Art Rowan

Scope of Labor-Management Committee



Problems coming within the scope of the committee includes production bottlenecks, absenteeism, conservation, salvage, manpower shortage, safety, nutrition, transportation, suggestion, War Bond, War Fund and Red Cross drives.

Your ideas and suggestions will be of great assistance. Workers' ideas by the tens of thousands have been stimulated by suggestion programs, and these ideas have saved millions of precious man-hours and tons of vital materials.

The end of the war will disclose production records that will reflect credit on Labor and Management in their joint effort to meet war needs.

Share the Ride Program

This is still one of our most serious problems and employees must understand the difficulties confronting this committee.

Acquaint yourselves with the rationing regulations and when making out your application blank, have your riders sign, so that the applications may be properly presented to the Rationing Board.

Until this committee has been notified by the board of any changes in the regulations, car-owners must present their tire-inspection slips when making application for supplemental gas.

Red Cross Drive



The Drive in this Plant has met with indifferent success and falls short of the amount collected in the year 1943.

In the year 1943, more than 800 employees contributed more than \$1,300.00, in this year 1944, only 555 employees have subscribed to this fund the amount of \$1,127.65.

It is true that many have subscribed by other means, and in many other ways, and a splendid job has been accomplished, yet we are much below the quota set for Tacoma.

Give this some serious thought and contribute to this fund in order that comforts, and the many little things that make life worth while may go out to the heroes on the battle-line.

War Bonds

Victory is not yet ours. We are strongly urged to assist in the war effort by the purchase of War Bonds and War Savings Stamps. Remember, BUY WAR BONDS.