



Disabling Accidents - December, 1944

Lois M. Baumgartner, Refinery department, sustained a hernia while slapping sheets in the Refinery.

Arthur Schilling, Watchman department, sustained a bilateral hernia while walking the waterfront beat.

Pedro Gurule, Fine Casting department, smashed tip of left ring finger while pushing a cathode through the shears.

Francisco Maldonado, Yard department, infected little finger while shoveling scrap metal.

ONE YEAR OLD

This is the anniversary of our little publication. We are one year old now. An abundance of "This 'N' That" has passed before our eyes since the first issue of the "Slag" found its way to you. Some items which have appeared throughout the year were sad, other items were of the more jovial type.

In our February, 1944, issue we reported to you a "No Accident Month" and everyone enjoyed the "Slag" to the fullest extent. However, as the following months unfolded, the "Slag" was a medium which conveyed to you the causes of many accidents and to whom the fate of misfortune had fallen because of the forgotten moment of "Safe Thinking."

Our accident record in terms of frequency rate is the worst since the year 1919.

The safety record of the plant is an indication of the interest which you may show in regard to your own and fellow worker's welfare as well as an indication of the plant efficiency. Remember it is much better to help a person avoid an accident than to help him after he is injured.

Now, let us make an extra effort to prevent accidents throughout this year of 1945.

Horseplay and Horsesense

By Owen Gallagher

(Ed. Note: Because of the ever increasing horseplay throughout the plant at this time, we feel that it is an appropriate time to repeat this article which appeared in our April issue.)

"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 "frolicking" and the other which we wish to term "vicious horseplay."

Speaking first of the "frolicking" 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

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SLAG GAGS

Time was when a gal took two drinks and went out like a light.

Nowadays she takes two drinks and out goes the light.

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Why take life seriously—you'll never get out of it alive.

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"Betty swears she's never been kissed or loved or anything."

"No wonder she swears."

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Care is better than dare.

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Garage helper: "Your doctor is out here with a flat tire."

Garageman: "Diagnose the case as flatulency of the perimeter and charge him accordingly. That's the way he does."

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Said one stork to the other: "Is my face red; but how was I to know they weren't married!"

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The wife of a careless man is almost a widow.

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What did the little dog say after he had walked through the tobacco patch?

"Does Your Cigarette Taste Different Lately?"

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Blonde: "Is it proper to hold a soldier's hand in the dark?"

Brunette: "Yes, and often necessary."

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It is better to be always careful than always crippled.

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"I'm going to get a divorce; my wife hasn't spoken to me in six months."

"You'd better go easy, old man. You'll never get another wife like that."

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Act for three—you, him and me.

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Excerpt from a Texas paper:

"A gathering of furniture men has concluded that the veterans returning from the war, having grown accustomed to sleeping alone, will want twin beds."

OH, YEAH???

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Knees are a luxury. If you don't think so, just try to get hold of one.

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Post card from a sailor on leave: "Having a wonderful time. Wish I could afford it."

Excerpts From Letters From Our Service Men.

To All Civilian Workers:

General Eisenhower has announced the cessation of organized resistance in Europe. A thrilled and grateful nation is justifiably proud of all who made this accomplishment possible.

But this is total war—a global war. We are but half way to complete victory. There remains to be conquered the entire Japanese nation. Men are still fighting, and still dying, and will continue to fight and die in the hard push to Tokyo.

The casualty lists tell the story, tragic yet glorious, of the fighting men's will to win unconditional victory, no matter what the cost. We have a solemn compact with these men. The road that lies ahead demands from each of us a matching determination and unity of effort that will shorten the time during which such sacrifices must continue.

Today every worker should rededicate himself and herself to the task of providing these men with the weapons and equipment they need to smash the remaining enemy. To delay now in celebration of past success would be fatal to carefully laid plans. We cannot—and must not—pause in discharge of our duty so long as a Jap remains a threat to the life of a single soldier or sailor.

Let each of us get on with our job.

E. J. KING, Fleet Admiral, U.S. Navy
Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet,
and Chief of Naval Operations.

Cook: "Can you dress a chicken?"

Boot: "Not on the money the Navy is paying me."

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Carelessness and failure are twins.

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Shipfitter: Stop worrying, Mesenjouskibergher. There's no bullet with your name on it!

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He: "I could dance this way all night."

She: "So could I, but I think the chaperones are watching us."

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A fool there was, and he took a chance, they carried him off in an ambulance.

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And then there's the one about the bashful girl who worked all her cross word puzzles vertically so she wouldn't have to come across.

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Accidents don't just happen. There is a cause.

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Don't divorce your wife if she flirts with the butcher. She's only playing for higher steaks.

THIS 'n' THAT

From what your observer could see it would seem that Mr. Puckett is a very able repair man when it comes to fixing the clocks."

It seems as though a few of us are not able to get on the job in time. If this is due to a faulty alarm clock it would be advisable to contact Henry Puckett at the South Gate.

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Mr. J. D. Rice, General Safety Inspector of the American Smelting and Refining Company, is now a visitor of the plant.

T/5 Joseph Udovich, Jr., recently returned from the South Pacific, visited the boys in the plant last week when home on a 21-day furlough. He will report to Texas following his furlough.

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It will come as quite a surprise to many of us to learn that 322 lb. Willie Hooper, of the Arsenic department, is quite a golfer, he plays in the high seventies, occasionally shooting a seventy-three or four.

Incidentally, the Arsenic department lays claim to have in its personnel, the heaviest heavyweight in the Smelter, namely, Willie Hooper.

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A call is hereby issued to all pinochle players who may wish to enter a Smelter championship series which will be for 35 games. Any one interested? . . . See, Tom Ledger.

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STORK CLUB



Ernest C. Loomis, of the Converter department, is a member of the "Stork Club." It's a boy. Congratulations!

Anton Boespflug, of the Engine & Crane dept., is a grandfather of a baby boy. Congratulations!

Mike Mulkerin, of the Anode department, holds a second membership in the Stork Club." This also makes Pete Gavigan, of the Mason department, a grandfather of a baby girl. Congratulations!

Albert Mitchell, of the Electric Shop, is a member of the "Stork Club." An 8 lb. 6 oz. baby girl, Mary Ellen, was born April 19th. Congratulations!

With the Armed Forces

Private Joe E. Stumpf, former employee of the Tacoma Smelter, has been liberated from a German Prison Camp where he has been interned since October, 1944. While on overseas duty, Pvt. Stumpf served in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy before he was captured. He is returning to the United States where he will spend 60 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stumpf of 4615 North Gove street.

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EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS FROM OUR SERVICEMEN

"I am stationed at what is known as the Windy Post and believe me they're not kidding. It is fair and warm one day and a driving blizzard the next. So you see it keeps the Base Weather office busy deciding whether it will be swimming trunks or parkas. While stationed at my former base I received my "Slag" regularly and enjoyed reading about the other guys and gals in the service. I suggest you hold off till you hear from me again, giving you my APO address. By the way, tell Bill Bacon, down in the refinery, that I'm about to try cashing in on the deal we made before I left the plant. I'll write you again as soon as I'm established at my next base.

RUSS SNYDER."

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"Just a few lines to thank you for the copies of the "Slag" that I have been receiving from you the past few months. I have been enjoying them very much. I have also been passing them on to a few of my buddies who are on board with me, as they have also been employed at the plant at one time. They are very pleased and enjoy them also. It makes a fellow feel good to know what's going on in his home town, and to know how the fellows he once worked with are getting along. My regards to all of you and I hope you keep the 'Slag' coming."

EMIL ZATKOVICH, S.C.2/c."

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LATEST CALLED

We extend our best wishes to Joseph F. Moroz, of the Refinery department, who was inducted in the Armed Forces on May 5, 1945.

A telegram was received by Joe B. McAndrew, formerly of the Assay Office, stating that all is well and safe. Regards to the gang.

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Labor-Management Production Committee Report

By Arthur Rowan



The unconditional surrender of the German Armed Forces to the Allied Forces brings with it the gratitude of the peoples of the World to all who have had a part in conquering Nazism and Fascism, the exponents of a ruthless barbarism far greater than that of the middle ages. However, the job is only done in part and the fight has still to be carried to the heathen Japanese who fail as yet to see the lessons taught in this, the greatest achievement of all time.

So, produce we must, and never slacken until the unconditional surrender of the Empire of Japan is consummated by an equally smashing victory. Our fighting forces are especially trained for this work and, assisted by our allies, are on the watch. Let every man and woman in the Nation stick to their job, give of their best, and produce as never before, speeding to our brave and heroic Forces the equipment, machines and munitions, that we expect them to use in our defense. The greater the effort and zeal that is put into this job of production by the forces of Labor and Management the quicker and the surer will we see Victory and ultimately Peace.

We are poised for the celebration of Peace, let us all work, united for certain Victory and a lasting Peace.

7th WAR LOAN DRIVE

Your part in the Mighty 7th War Loan Drive, is to Buy War Bonds and hold them to maturity. The campaign, officially launched Monday, May 14th, was in effect in the Tacoma Smelter during the past two weeks, and with success, \$12,000.00 being sold to date and since we are off to a good start,

please join in the effort and contribute as early as possible. The results shown by the various departments appear each day on the Bulletin Board and shows the percentage increase from day to day. The Electric Shop and the employees of the Power House head the list with many of the departments yet to be heard from.

Give this your greatest concern and make a record that can be proudly quoted in our next issue of the "Slag".

SALVAGE OF FATS AND PAPER

Used kitchen fats, if no longer fit for cooking, are needed in the manufacture of hundreds of vital items used on the fighting and production fronts.

War use, includes, tires, anesthetics, lubricants for planes, camouflage paint, jellies for burns, sulfa drugs, munitions, soaps, etc.

Home use, tires, anesthetics, lubricants for trucks, house paint, jellies for burns, sulfa drugs, vitamin pills, soaps, etc.

Supplies of this vital material are short, please save every drop of used kitchen fat, take the full can to your butcher and you will be given two red points and up to four cents a pound.

Save every paper, there are many agencies prepared to collect as salvage. The paper is needed, and must be salvaged. There is an acute shortage at this time.

Paper goes into the manufacture of many of the critical products for war uses and every household can have a part in this program. Salvage paper for war uses.

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HOSPITAL AND BENEFIT COMMITTEE NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

Employees listed below have been nominated to represent their respective departments on the Hospital and Benefit Committee.

The election will be held the week of May 20th through May 26th.

By-Products Department (Arsenic and Cottrell Plants)—Dale Johnson, John S. Huber.

Refinery Department—Gordon Chase.

Smelting Department—William Lawton, Bert Scott, Nick Kramer, George Gigon.

Mechanical Department—Thomas Lyon, Kenneth A. Oas, Kenneth M. Rees, Elmer Olsen.

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The nervous young father, registering his wife in the maternity ward, turned to her and asked: "Darling, are you positive you want to go through with this?"

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When you finish a job leave everything safe.