

# Our Yard

SUN SHIPBUILDING  
AND DRY DOCK CO.  
JANUARY, 1951



# Cash Prizes

## TO SUN SHIP FAMILIES

**W**e are starting a contest in this issue of *Our Year* magazine, which we believe will interest you. It will be conducted for the most part on the subject of "Safety"—safety of your family, your friends and your country.

You will be asked to write an essay of not more than 500 words on a topic which will be announced each month in *Our Year* magazine. We will give some hints with each topic.

	First Prize . . . . . \$15.00	
	Second Prize . . . . \$10.00	
	Third Prize . . . . . \$ 5.00	

The cash prizes will be awarded by an impartial committee of judges, not connected with *Our Year* magazine, or the Safety Department. Name of the writer will be temporarily eliminated from the essay and the paper will be judged on its contents alone, as Paper No. 1, 2, 3, etc.

We feel sure that the whole family should discuss the topic and then consolidate the facts into a short essay, mailing same to the attention of the Safety Department not later than the 28th of each month.

The contest will give you an opportunity to help everyone to act safely at work, on the way to and from home, at play and in your home.

The following rules must be observed in the Sun Ship Safety Essay Contest.

1. Write an article on the assigned subject not to exceed 500 words. Write on one side of paper only.
2. Give your own experiences and thoughts; not those borrowed from a magazine.
3. Use everyday language and don't worry too much about the grammar and spelling.
4. There will be three winners each month, judged by an impartial committee, who will not know the names of the writers.
5. All essays will become the property of "Our Year" magazine.
6. The winning essays will be published in "Our Year" magazine, together with the pictures of the writers.
7. Contest is limited to employees family.
8. Essay must be signed by a member of the family, including children, but not by the Sun Ship employee.

This contest can mean a lot to yourself, your family, your friends and the members of the whole Sun Ship family. So enter the contest, discuss it at home and write us about it.

See Page 105 of the issue of *Our Year* magazine for the title of your essay.

*Good Luck!*

# SUN SHIP'S OUTLOOK FOR 1951



**D**URING the year 1950 there has been an abnormally slack condition in the shipbuilding and ship-repairing industry, particularly so since the advent on June 25 of the Korean war. The uncertainty that is prevalent due to the war has stifled private shipbuilding to the extent that very few inquiries for new ship construction have been received. However, during the latter part of September we were able to obtain contracts for the construction of two contract vessels and are hopeful that we will receive sufficient material to lay the keels of these two vessels early in January.

The construction of these contracts will make possible the return of many of our employees who have been laid-off due to lack of work.

At this time the United States Maritime Administration is making bids for the construction of eleven large and fast freight ships. I hope that we will be successful in procuring contracts for some of these ships, which would help our position for 1951.

The company and the writer personally wish to express appreciation to the employees for the cooperation and good will which has existed in our organization during the past year. Our labor relations during the year have been congenial and helpful and we look forward to the continuation of this mutual confidence.

Extending to all of you and to your families best wishes for the New Year.

President

CLARENCE L. HINES

**T**O THE numerous men who have remained with their company in the line as well as last year, I sincerely wish that as a reward for their loyalty their company may only have reasonably last years in the future.

To the men who have not been part of the Sun Ship family for as long a period, may these older men serve as an example that will inspire a deeper and closer association with their company in the years to come.

With the growth of this spirit we can be assured of more last years for all.

JOHN C. PEW, JR.

Vice President



**W**HILE entering the year 1951 under world-wide conditions which will inspire the very best thinking that we, as American citizens, are capable of doing. If we all keep our heads and correctly state for those fundamentals which we have always recognized as usually sound and in the true spirit of brotherhood then I cannot help but feel that the right solution to our present day dilemma will be ultimately forthcoming.

It is the sincere wish of the writer that all employees of Sun Ship and their families will enjoy a year of prosperity and a year in which many of their long hoped-for ideals will be realized.

A. S. NEWMAN

Vice President

# NEW BULLETIN BOARDS SET UP IN YARD



**G**ENERAL approval is heard about the new and convenient bulletin boards which have been placed in various parts of the Shipyard. They are durable and waterproof. Some were erected before the big storm and the bulletin were dry after the deluge was over.

The bulletin boards will be under the supervision of the Safety Department. In approving the new boards the officers of Local 2 A.F.L. joined the management in asking employees to help keep the boards in good condition.

Vice President John G. Prew, Jr. in telling of the installation of the boards writes:

#### TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

This bulletin board has been installed in order to keep all of our Sun Ship people better informed concerning current matters of interest.

The panel to your right will be used for official union notices. Next to it, you will find pictorial news pictures covering national and international events which will be changed three times a week.

The end panel to the left will be reserved for the Safety Department and the one on which this letter is posted will be reserved for messages from the management to you.

Because these boards will serve you well for

a long time, I feel sure that every man on the rolls will help us to preserve them. The Safety Department has been designated as the main agency to post all material. If you have important notices, the Safety Department will consolidate them with similar ones and post them in proper form.

The news pictures, when removed from the boards will be available at the Safety office to employees on the basis of "first come—first served."

John G. Prew, Jr.  
Vice President



## COUNTY POLIO DRIVE ORGANIZED AT SUN SHIP



**D**ELAWARE County will be abuzz with porch lights on the night of Tuesday, January 23, when the 1944 Polio Campaign will mark its climax in a "Mother's March." This was planned at the organization meeting held at Sun Ship's main cafeteria, November 6.

John C. Pev, Jr., Chairman of the drive, conducted by The Delaware County Chapter National Foundation Infantile Paralysis told the members of the county committee that every family contributing to the fund will be asked to turn on porch lights, place lamps or candles on the porch.

Mothers in every city, township and township will visit homes at which a porch light shines and pick up the contributions. The March of the Mothers will be completed in only two hours. Five Company crews will signal the start of the big event and every part of Delaware County will participate in this stirring March.

Pictures on this page show the members of the Polio Campaign District Chairman at the organizing meeting. Top—General view of the meeting. Middle—Food table, starting left to right, William Murray, Mrs. Frances Van de Water, Alan K. Kay, Chairman of the Executive Committee, John C. Pev, Jr., Campaign Chairman, Mrs. Helen Berry, Mrs. Maud Bishop, Miss Peggy Kester, Carl Ellis, Robert H. Vade and Mrs. Chas. Simpson. Lower—Chairman Pev addressing the guests.

## Service Pin Awards To Our Employees In Nov.



**EDWARD CLARK, MS.** is awarded his 25 year Service Pin by Vice President John H. Piny, Jr.

**EDWARD HENNINGER, MS.** is the recipient of a 25 year Service Pin from Capt. Raymond Phillips.

**JOHN JAMES, MS.** receives a 25 year Service Pin from Capt. Raymond Phillips.

**BARRY GARDNER, MS.** is awarded his 25 year Service Pin by Capt. Raymond Phillips.

**Paul, Equipment Program Tech. JOHN LAMBERT, MS.** is 25 year Service Pin.

**BERNARD HODGINS, MS.** receives a 25 year Service Pin from Commander Charles H. Wight.

**SERVICE PIN AWARDS  
TO OUR EMPLOYEES  
IN NOVEMBER**

**20 Years**

04-426	Gertrude Higgins
56-2731	John Jones
06-18	John Lambford
00-5	Raymond Constable

**15 Years**

30-87	Harry Gander
08-2	Donald Clark

**SALARY ROLL**

**20 Years**

06-122	Charles Benoit
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**15 Years**

00-418	Joseph Frank
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**DRIFTSMAN'S ROLL**

**15 Years**

25-66	Estelle Tetter
20-63	Elford Hughes

**HOURLY ROLL**

**20 Years**

0-51	John Hamilton
34-69	Thomas Sloan
34-2525	Robert Strommer
05-28	John Taylor
20-25	Samuel Openwick
00-126	Edward Baggett

**15 Years**

22-75	Leroy Jellinek
33-32	Richard Walsheigh
33-84	Lawrence Braggeman
00-100	Edward Painter
40-87	Ira Walker
66-237	Wain Downes
24-48	Frank Thomas
06-73	Robert Baker
00-54	Samuel Forester
05-17	Ben Thompson

**10 Years**

67-1234	Albert Pleasant
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**A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER**

By William Cooney



IT HAS been customary for the Treasurer of the Company, in the first issue of OUR YARD each year, to inform the employees of the Company as to the amount of disbursement made under the several insurance plans instituted by the Company for the benefit of the employees and their families.

These beneficial plans have been in effect by our Company for many years. Our Company was one of the first to have instituted each of the plans to cover sickness, hospitalization and life insurance. Its plan for

old benefits through the Sea Ship Mutual Benefit Association has been in effect over thirty years; Hospitalization insurance for about twelve years; and Group Life insurance plan for fourteen years. It is, of course, optional with the employee whether they wish to participate but practically all employees are enjoying the benefits of these several plans.

With the figures for 1938 almost completed, we find that the Mutual Benefit Association has paid out \$20,333.78 in sick benefits to its members in the past year; benefits are paid at the rate of \$25.00 per week, and the Association receives ten cents per week from each member and an equivalent amount for each member is paid by the Company.

The Group Hospitalization and Surgical Expense Insurance, underwritten by the Equitable Life Assurance Society, has paid a total of \$47,738.00 to 264 employees during the year. Under the present liberalized plan, employees receive \$7.00 per day and up to \$223.00 for operation expense, as well as other benefits. Employees pay fifteen cents per week for this protection, and the Company pays the balance of the insurance premium.

The Group Life Insurance, also underwritten by the Equitable Life Assurance Society, has paid out during the year a total of \$230,500.00 to the families of 29 of our employees who died while in the employ of the Company. This is an average of \$7,258.69 for each death. Employees receive insurance protection figured on their annual earnings which is based on their hourly rate multiplied by 208 1/2 representing the approximate normal work hours in a year. Employees pay fourteen cents a week per \$1000 of insurance over the first \$2000 of insurance. The Company pays for the first \$1000 of insurance and the balance of the premium on all over the first \$2000 which varies depending upon the average age on account of death since the plan was started.

The Company has cooperated with the United States Government to encourage the systematic purchase of Government Savings Bonds, paying all the clerical expenses involved. During 1938, \$425,721.00 maturity value of bonds were purchased by the employees as savings. Since the Company began cooperating with the Government for the purchase of bonds in 1942 employees have purchased \$16,822,294.00 maturity value of bonds.

No message of the Treasurer to the employees of this time of the year would be complete without extending to all the Seaman's Post Graduates, and the wish that during 1951 our Company will enjoy a halber program of activity than in 1938, which should be a benefit to all.



## *Variety of Ships Repaired at Our Dry Docks in Nov.-Dec.*

1. **USS WISCONSIN** — One of the Victory type vessels removed from the Lay Up fleet. On drydock for cleaning, painting and underwater work.

2. **TEXAS SUN** — On No. 1 drydock for removing damaged propeller. Cleaning, painting and other underwater work.

3. **SS "DANON"** — Drydocking and annual repairs.

4. **R. F. McCannell** — Repairs to hulls off-dock.

5. **ARCTIC SUN** — One of the small coastal tankers owned by Sun Oil Company. On drydock for general underwater work and annual repairs.

6. **YUKON SUN** — One of the many T2 tankers owned by Overseas and built by Sun Ship. In port for drydocking, damage repairs and general overhaul.

7. **ISLAN CITY** — Freighter operating out of Norfolk, Virginia. On drydock to install new shafting, propellers and new sea connections.

8. **REDFORD** — On drydock for alterations to rudder, installation of new kilge leads and other underwater work.

9. **ISOLAR SUPERPLANE** — On drydock for hull damage repairs.

10. **MONTREALER** — Canadian flag vessel — on drydock for repairs to damaged rudder and other underwater work.





# OUR MIXED BOWLING TEAMS PLAYERS



**BOWLING TEAMS** started off with two mixed teams and already competition is keen. The players are: **(LEFT) 1ST** - Tom Dougherty, L. E. Sullivan (Capt.), Mike May, Sam Mills and Peggy McElroy. **(RIGHT) 1ST** - Our winners, Harry Stone, Chris Walker and Homer Scott (Capt.). **(LEFT) 2ND** - Jess Harvey, Ed Murphy (Capt.), Betty Jackson, Betty Bell and Max Swanson. **(RIGHT) 2ND** - Helen Baker, Marie Bellard, Ruth McElroy and their best (Capt.). About when the picture was taken were Peggy Stone, Myrle Bellard, Anne Smith, Carl Wahl, Gene Winkler, Wm. Warden and Gene Green.

## Junior Members of the Saw Ship Family



KENNETH BOB HARRIS, age 7 months, is the grandnephew of Charles Harris, a Board.



EDNA BAKER, age 17, is the daughter of the late A. Baker of the Woodhill Plant.



Celebrating their first birthday are the twins of Herman P. Baker of the Woodhill Plant.



MARLENE SADOWK, age 18, is a graduate of Western Piedmont High School, is now attending Reynolds Technical School. She is the daughter of Catherine Sadock of the Wood Hill Plant.



She is enjoying the company of MARLENE SADOWK SADOWK, age 8 months, is the grandniece of Charles Harris, a Board.



HERMAN P. BAKER, 21, 10 years old, is the son of Herman P. Baker of the Woodhill Plant.

## PORK IS CHEAPER

To the usual advantages of serving pork, this season adds the excellent argument of low price. Large supplies during these past few weeks have had their usual effect on the markets. Wholesale prices have declined. Stays pigs at many retail markets have been getting more pork for their money than they did a while back.

Though the cost is down, this meat, taking most fat away, appears than ever during the busy, relaxing days. Nutritive value is high in pork, which is an excellent source of animal protein and offers an extraordinary source of thiamine.

With appeal to the palate and the palate, pork offers the advantage of economy. When the family gathers for a dress-up dinner, the meal plan, you can choose chops or a roast, and from the faty cuts of the same hog, the can prepare the succulent, body-warming dishes that make a big hit one day in the week and only a small cost in the pocketbook.

To hold the flesh line at today's markets, treat a low-cost cut of pork with a variety of low-cost plentiful vegetables. One way to do this is to schedule a "loaded" dinner, built around pork specials. The vegetable can range all the way from canned green beans to fresh cabbage, depending on what you find economical and convenient to use.

A recipe to serve 4 calls for 2 or 3 pounds of spare ribs, 1½ cups of hot water, 4 medium-sized potatoes, peeled and halved, 1½ cups canned or cooked green beans and liquid, salt, and pepper.

Brown the spare ribs in a frying pan without added fat. Add water and simmer about 1 hour. Add potatoes to meat and cook until tender—about 25 minutes. Add beans and liquid the last 10 minutes of cooking. If raw beans are used, add with potatoes. Season with salt and pepper. Skim off excess fat before serving.

You can vary with the meat or the vegetable members of this team. Beef short ribs may be used with longer cooking. Corned beef may be the stand-in for the spare ribs, or you can use a ham hock or a ham bone. Cover with water and simmer about 3 hours or more longer. Check salt and continue to serve. This, says HENDEL, is good with carelessness.

# WHO'S WHO

Here are photos of six Sea Ship women employees, and also six photos of them as children. Now identify and match up the adult and kid photos. (Answers on Page 14.)







# "BEFORE AND AFTER" VIEW OF ELECTRIC TOWER



**BUILDING BRISTLE POINT** at Berkeley, November 23, one of the double light towers in the North Yard was knocked off its feet and toppled across a fence after building of the Electrical Department. Two floors of the structure are shown. By contrast are three floors of a companion tower at the corner of the main office building, South Yard. Although the tower was only a short distance from the damaged one it escaped and still stands as proudly as ever.

## Profits Make Jobs

Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer, who's in a position to know, thinks business deserves more credit than it gets, considering its very big contribution.

On the subject of jobs and who provides them, Secretary Sawyer re-

cently spoke even more plainly.

"It is like to talk about getting men to work when there are profitable businesses that can offer jobs," he said. "If a company isn't making money, the jobs won't last long."

No man got no million ever paid off old debts—mainly by borrowing more money.

Readings at this New Year season to all my fellow employees and their families and please accept my thanks for the many cards you sent me.

JOHN G. FRY, JR.



# Rod and Gun News



By Mike Rankin

**E**VERY hunter who has a heart, will find himself wondering, especially after the hunting season, and must still a later weather sets in, how the game is faring, out in the deep and snowy woods. "How are they making out?" he keeps asking himself, as he looks out from his comfortably heated home, on a tiled roof or a cold winter rain. He feels real concern for the birds and animals that he was lately trying so hard to kill. Humans are like that.

It has been my conviction that hunters of a certain type, know more about the creatures of nature than many biologists, and practically all of the ornithologists. It is reasonable that they should, for they penetrate into wild animal haunts, observe them under all conditions, and much of their success depends on this knowledge.

The hunter knows how game will try to escape from a high wind, but it always will try. I have observed that deer seek out the lee slope of hills, the quiet hollow logs, and on the quiet side of wind breaks. They hunker at such times in heavy tamarack swamps, and in deep thickets of hazel and spruce oak.

It is a curious fact, but I believe that wild creatures carry very delicate barometers of their own, and are able to calculate the duration of a storm. I have seen them returning to their regular haunts before a storm was over.

When I lived in the northern part of this state, where the weather can really get cold, I used to do a great deal of game hunting in the dead of the winter. The deep trips into the snowy wilds, I studied how the birds and animals used their heads to find food and shelter. I think if a hunter will think over this of cold, if it has not been weakened by earlier starvation and exposure. Habitual exposure, such as wild animals are accustomed to, enables them to withstand the cold. Almost every winter I found that there were certain critical periods.

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**BOYD WINDHARRELL**, the bear, were taken by these four hunters with hunter **Edwin Perry** (center) the picture "left" on the opening day. Left to right: **BOB** Black, **BOY** Smith, **WINDHARRELL** and **Earl Brown**.

**BOYD WINDHARRELL**, of Westport, Miss., brought down a fine white-tailed deer back in the North Toxopne, former Sheriff Wm. Fields got a deer in the North Toxopne region.

The Sheriff seemed to be the late Governor County with a regular but on the way home the early development of the late Sheriff. Windharrell should think to state along that time and be understood to allow to a group for a spare time to help the Sheriff see. Mrs. Brown, seated in the in Chester County with his deer.

"Nothing doing," replied Windharrell. "This time up that game to Governor County too." He has in the picture of this and his back.



# OUR YARD



## INK SPOTS FROM THE HULL DRAWING ROOM

By C. J. Krause

Mr. Frank L. Peck, Assistant Naval Architect of the Hull Drawing Room, gave an illustrated lecture at the Collins and Wilson Corporation of Philadelphia, Penna., before the Co-Ed Supervisors Club, on November 20, 1935. The lecture was on Marine Transportation.

Harry Shuman, of Hull Structural, has been admitted to the hospital for an operation.

Al Eupham, of Hull Fittings, is still confined to the hospital but hopes to be able to go home soon.

Congratulations are in order for Gustave Yetter and Al Eupham who recently received their three year pins.

Henry Mellesman, of Hull Fittings, was lucky enough to have a seat on the thirty-five yard line at the Army-Navy game on Navy side.

July Anderson, son of Joe Anderson of Hull Structural, recently received the Lion's Award for being the most valuable player on the Chester High School football team.

Jack Pritchard's younger brother George got his picture in Life magazine also recently when Life had an article on Delaware College football team.

Jackie Davidson, son of John Davidson, assisted the photographers of the Associated Press at the Army-Navy football game.

In closing, I would like to extend best wishes to everyone for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

**THE YARD** thanks the Hull Drawing Room for its fine cooperation in providing us with the inspiration. Naval Architect John Smith, Dr. W. James South Smith, Charles Brown and others have been most helpful in our attempts to get into the Shipyard Department's plant football team in this issue.

## FLASHES FROM 6B DEPARTMENT

By H. Sontag (Clara White)

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Johnson on the death of her husband, Clarence, of 6B Department. He was a "good" guy and liked by all of us.

Just a few days in some of our past badtimes. I, Marjorie, is working for the Pennsylvania Railroad in their Wilmington shop.

Mr. Huber is now in an advanced position with the Clavier-McMoppert Ferry Co. Good luck to you, Mr. Huber!

J. Chastant now runs a fresh fruit, vegetable and fish market at 1205 Woodland Ave., Philadelphia. Take your shopping bags to go.

Dick O'Toole is learning to be a mechanic.

How is being the life of a retired gentleman. Here is the trouble facing those like you?

Bob Cole is still bringing trees for a living.

Howard Wright and Mike Elliot are still working at General Chemical.

"Buck" Boland, who was hurt in September, is back to work again now. He wants to thank the boys for their kindness. Take care of yourself, Buck, you are not getting any younger, you know!

Congrats to Mr. Martin for re-occupying his position as Foreman of 6B Department due to his health. Best of luck from all of us and also to Captain Frevell, his successor.

"Sam" didn't get to go after losing. He hasn't had three days before the season opened.

"Admiral" Brown had a rough time in his new boat the other morning. Between the wind, the tide, and a big boat, I guess Joe is still upset. Get an outboard motor first.

The past few weeks has been "flood" weather around the Drydock. Every time they try to dock a ship, the wind increases three times its velocity. Somebody please take this "flood" off.

## 47—FAR SHIP

By William Cooper

Here's wishing all a Happy 1936. Now that we are into the New Year and starting to work on the September we are expecting to see and great spots a few of our badtimes. Already back with us are Vidler—Hawley—Barnes—Jesse and Emma, but by the time you read this there should be between 20 and 100 more.

Bill Foster is out contemplating after a painful operation. Tell us are glad to know you are up and about.

It is rumored that Shuster (after Whaley) is trying to start a new ball in men's underwear (padding). Either he was very late getting up or maybe his wife wouldn't give him his underwear. Maybe by some day it will come out "in the wash."

Tom "Doc" is getting television eyes. He is up on all the highlights on TV.

Wishes greetings to Mr. Scotty and Dick Sadger, both of whom celebrated quietly their past month.

## CALLED IN MILITARY SERVICE



**ROBERT DEARBORN**, recently of Dept. 6B, has been called to duty in the army and is now in a training camp. He is a graduate of the Great Britain Island and the Study High School, following his graduation he came to work at the Shipyard before joining the Armed Forces. He enlisted with the 492nd Inf. and the 88th Central Postal Directory, A. I.

## GG DEPT. CARPENTER SHOP

By Bob Stafford

Here we are at the start of another year. It is our hope that 1951 will bring happiness, prosperity and peace to all.

A few of the boys have made some New Year Resolutions:

Norman Merrill will try to get along with Louis (20 Dept.); we must have more talk, Slim Rankle, will know Sam Village, will work more closely with Ryan, Joe Sage will get his car repaired on One Edinburg and Paul Brand will get to work.

Paul Brand will take advice from Roberts (Boys) on how to run the room. Walt Morgan says he will take others to and from Withwood work-out this season.

During the height of last month's storm, we understand that Gus (One Dumas Shop Man) was going around to all the Navy couples stores, trying to find an anchor to hold his house down, and wishing he had some more oil drums to keep it up.

Popey Burton is trying to find out exactly since Joe Sage has stopped driving the "Green Hornet" into work he can afford a real car?

We all wish Ernie Howard a speedy recovery from his recent accident.

Bobby McGee and Jim Sutton are getting the shipyard in shape, in big time. Quote from Bobby: "Get me some more plumb."

We offer our deepest sympathy to Paul Brand on the death of his sister in Philadelphia.

According to our true and tested weather prophet, Sheriff Perkins from his office in No. 4 Yard, it is going to be a cold and snowy winter.

Anybody having any pictures of their buddies or pictures please contact me or Dick Vain in the Machine Building. I will see that all pictures are returned.

Bill Leonard was down to see Joe Sage last month. He sends his regards to all the boys.

The boys in the department are trying to find out who it was built his garage with heat coils.

Howard (Crawford) Dyer is getting to be quite a swimming fan since he got his collection set.

Your Reporter's son, Edward, is getting quite a few wounds and positions in his long lines.

Tom Brown's pony have been up in North and No. 4 Yard tearing down the old fence that the storm damaged.

## WITHERILL 2nd SHIFT

By Sam Starnes

Ted Blake was only allowed in spite of leaving here for his vacation at the start of weekly jobs, rain and snowmen returned from a successful trip. The storm did not slow the party down too much for they brought back three dice.

### Reporters Report of Sick:

Nancy Galton, Engleby and Paul Kuhn are still under the doctors care and showing improvement.

Happy New Year. Trust you enjoyed a Merry Christmas.

## Obituary

Sam Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company extends its sympathy to the families of the following employees who died during the month of November.

William Jones, 75-80, 7507 So. Chestnut Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. November 14, 1950.

Thomas Birch, 47-18, 27 So. Leona Street, Mt. Carmel, Pa. who died last April 16, 1950.



Deeply mourning the passing of Mr. CLARENCE JOHNSON, 49-41, an affectionate member in his family. Mr. Johnson was a familiar figure in the Dry Dock Naval Shop and last year in December his friends in the Plant Shop presented him with a birthday cake on the anniversary of his 50th birthday.

Mr. Johnson had been employed at our shop for 26 years prior to his death. He is survived by his wife, Marye Johnson of 728 Ardmore Street, Chester, Pa.

## Robert L. Shaw



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Robert L. Shaw who died at his home in Woodlyn following an illness of six months.

Mr. Shaw was born and educated in Trenton, New Jersey. He came to Chester thirty-two years ago and had been a resident of Woodlyn for the past five years and was very active in Church and civic affairs. A member of Our Lady of Peace parish, Woodmont Park, he was active in the Men of Malvern, Holy Name Society. He was a member of Woodlyn Fire Company and until his illness was Secretary of the Police Commission in Ridley Township. He took a great interest in baseball and was a frequent spectator at the big league games in Philadelphia.

Mr. Shaw had been employed in the Engine Drawing Room at Our Ship for twenty-one years where he made many friends.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Walsh Shaw of Woodlyn, a daughter Mrs. Madeline Wiggall of Trenton, New Jersey, and a sister Mrs. Charles Fairchild of Elizabeth, New Jersey.

## ANSWERS TO WHO'S WHO?

- 1 - 4 - Mike Miller
- 2 - 7 - Sam Henderson
- 3 - 11 - Bill Smith
- 4 - 2 - Sam Sam Tolson
- 5 - 10 - Bill Jones
- 6 - 12 - Hugo Brand

## Safety Essay Number One

# "ENCOURAGING SAFETY IN THE HOME"

(See Article on Inside Book Cover)

Join in, save money and help others to work and play safely. Remember the rules published in this issue of OUR YEAR magazine.

Here are a few suggestions for your assistance in writing your essay.

1. If a person is injured every 4 seconds.
  2. More than 20 per cent of the deaths are among persons 65 years and over.
  3. Unseen hazards injure and kill many in a year's time.
  4. Country wide—there is one fatal accident every 16 minutes.
  5. Heavy or tall people lose their balance more quickly.
  6. Nearly twice as many girls as boys between the age of 5 and 14 years are injured to death each year.
  7. Hundreds of accidents happen in comfortable but hazardous living rooms.
  8. Accidental falls kill over 23,000 persons each year.
9. Total annual cost of home accidents is over \$200,000,000.
- Your home is only as safe as you make it. It can be made safe.
- The above nine statements lead us to ask about your home. Make a safety analysis of your home by dividing it into sections and writing or about your discoveries and what you have done about them.
- (a) Outside—yard, garage, porch, pool
  - (b) Basement
  - (c) Halls and stairways
  - (d) Kitchen
  - (e) Living Room
  - (f) Bedroom
  - (g) Bathroom
  - (h) Attic or storage room
  - (i) General
- Here details about these sections:
- (a) The outside of the house, yard, garage, etc. contributes 60 per cent of the accidents.

(b) The garage has the greatest number of fatalities.

(c) A lot of work is done in the basement, furnace—wash tubs, etc.

(d) Halls and stairways get more use than any other part of the house.

(e) Kitchens are work shops, with plenty of hazards.

(f) The living rooms and bedrooms, where we spend our leisure hours, hold many unsafe conditions.

(g) Bathrooms with tub and medicine cabinets, the attic rarely visited are full of unsafe and, generally speaking, in the home we live in and where we bring up our children, more hazards exist than in shops or outside work.

Your essay must be in no later than the 20th of the current month. Bring or send it to the Safety Dept. of the Van Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co., Chester, Penna.

Good luck!

## BIG CONDENSER SECTION IS BUILT



CONDENSER SECTION which was fabricated in our Shop (they being assembled in the Washmill Plant. This job required a Brown facing of wide 14" ribs and a center of 14".

## REMEMBER ME

When I'm old and aged with time,  
I did my best in the past years.

Remember Me.

I've given my service the best I can,  
But now I'm just a tired old man.

Remember Me.

I've been through the years of toil and sweat,  
Life for me has not been easy to lead.

Remember Me.

I tried to gain my share of life,  
But now I've found misery and strife.

Remember Me.

I know my God won't let me down,  
Because I believe I'm boundward bound.

Remember Me.

## MOLD LOFT NEWS

By Jack McGrath

The Mold Loft outside New Year's greetings to the other employees of the Yard.

This reporter is happy to be back in the Yard and writing for *ONE YARD* again.

We welcome back all the new men that have returned to the Mold Loft and hope their stay will be long.

Chief, Smith and Fink asked Santa Claus for knee pads for Christmas. They say that the Mold Loft Boss is too hard on their old knee joints.

Incidentally, Carl Fink had some bad luck the other day. He was out playing with his new hunting dog and it dropped dead in the field.

Smith of C.C. Shop had an early Christmas present from his daughter. She presented him with a brand new grandson.

That makes Tommy Russell a grandpa, too. Smith's daughter is married to Tommy's son.

Let "Mac" Fishburn say he is going to buy an artificial Christmas tree next year and leave it up so his wife's have to trim it again.



3504 240 and its counter weight of the Tower Plant was lowered during September repair and this big crane was called into service to help replace the same of tons of size when the job was completed.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?



Are you one of those who walk out of a building giving you a sudden jolt in the middle of the night—or in the middle of a working day—before you think of going to the doctor?

Do you give it up, and have a doctor look over your back every now and a while—to make sure that you won't get a very painful surprise when you can't stand it?

A recent poll indicated that 42 million out of the 76 million men and women over 15 years old in our land have not visited a doctor in the last two years.

Some 26 million of them who were questioned thought as little of their back and the trouble they might cause that they hadn't been to a doctor in two years—and about four million never had been!

What Do You Think?

## 25 DEPARTMENT

By Joe McBride

We report the passing of a very good friend, Crane Operator "Bill" Stines, who died very suddenly and we wish to express our deepest sympathy to his family in their bereavement. Bill will certainly be missed by all who knew him.

Staines' 1 1/2 John Staines, son of Foreman Jack Staines, spent a recent week-end at home with his parents, John and Inez, in Chicago, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McBride, Jr. and daughter Barbara Ann of Spokane, Washington, are spending the holidays with Mr. McBride's parents in Media, this being the first Christmas the writer had played Santa Claus to a little girl there was much enjoying

in the McBride household, Inc. It will be remembered in the Yard as a Short Metal apparatus and a member of the Sun Ship Squad.

Santa Claus left "Pipps" Feltz a brand new rebuilt locomotive which accounts for the smile on his face.

The question most asked of the writer today is "How many carloads of coal did we receive this week?"

The Correspondent suggests—"A pretty good day, while they're away!"

It helps a lot, believe it or not!

## WIKES

"Work is something which when we have it we wish we didn't; when we don't have it we wish we did; and the object of most of it is to be able to afford not to do any more day."

# WELCOME NEW YEAR

PEACE  
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GOOD WILL  
TOWARDS  
MEN

IF THE MEN IN  
THE KREMLIN  
WOULD HEED  
THOSE WORDS  
INSTEAD OF ONLY

PREACHING AND FLATTERY...



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THE UNITED NATIONS WILL  
RESULT IN YOUR DESTRUCTION  
-- YOURS WILL BE THE BLACKEST PAGE  
IN HISTORY.

—General "Pete" ...

## Red and Green

(Continued from page 12)

perhaps of just a few days duration, and if I could get down by those periods, they would survive the winter. What nature loves, except a hunter, will ever find game in the lonely wilds.

There are two classes of men, who could know a lot about nature, the scientific experts and the real woods-men. I do not say that all business men understand nature. Many are afraid only for short periods, but now and then you will find a veteran hunter who is constantly seeing, studying, and understanding nature as it really is.

Lord Mansfield once declared that human life is no creation that some artists draw and arrange some of the things that actually occur. People, he said, would as soon put him down as a lay, and sell to the high because that the truth was not in him. So, too, in the field of nature, some business men are afraid to report what they have seen, for fear of being charged with pure invention. What I see may not be exactly what you see, yet both of us may be right. Nature is an variable as a constant, but an second thought, perhaps we had better not go into that.

This reporter extends his heartiest wishes to "you and yours" for a "VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR."

This reporter in company with his son Michael Jr., spent an enjoyable week hunting for small game at White Pine Lodge, located at Buck Run, in the Province Mountains. With a party of eleven hunters, the trap bag total was 22 rabbits and 7 birds.

We report deer on the increase, and also found signs of bear in one of the swamps.

Tom Clark of 24 Mainstreet, reports that his son and grandson had bagged a deer while gameing in Jockeyfield County. We are informed that the youngster is only 14 years old, and this volume wishes to state that we are very proud of his achievement.

From outside sources we learn that Walt Whitman, formerly of 65 Dept., bagged a good size buck in Tiggs County.

Walt Stewart and party hunted in the North Mountain region and returned empty handed. Walt reports seeing deer but did not shoot. We note however that Walt is one of the various hunters who are bitterly opposed to the useless slaughter of deer

and better deer, and are complaining that no deer companies exist, and wish to improve this that he does not stand alone in his conviction.

Sept. Frank Hunt shot a nice 2 point buck while hunting in the Leesbrook area.

Ed LaCourse of 55 Dept., scored a hit on a nice 2 point buck, being all over of his after trailing the wounded animal for several miles.

One Leitchman of Whitefish Plant, shot a beautiful 3 point buck in Clinton County.

Erskine Norman Peckin, shot a nice 4 point buck while hunting in Cumberland County.

At the time of this writing, we learn that Dick Yule, Director of Public Relations, accompanied by a party of friends had a successful hunt and game hunt in Virginia.

Having conversations with our sportsmen, we have noticed that when asked as to who was in their party, they usually answered with "My boy and I." We must conclude that we have derived a sort of secret pleasure in seeing the interest our sportsmen have shown in checking their youngsters the fundamental of a sport that has been handed down to us for ages. Our hats go up to these sportsmen.



## HAPPY NEW YEAR IN HISTORY

**T**HERE was a time when "Happy New Year" was a very empty phrase, except to those who were lucky enough to be Emperors.

In the days of the Roman Empire, for instance, it was a great source of joy (and pride) for the rulers only, and quite taxing to the citizens. The rulers set that day aside for receiving gifts, and it got to the point where a gift of nothing less than a parcel of gold would satisfy a Caesar. The citizens who failed to come up had about as much chance as a Roman who doesn't like his Stalin.

In those periods of gold days, it was the custom of the Middle Century to throw a party for the folks who had been so generous, to meet to take the sting out of extortion. Maybe that little hint gave the populace some reason for New Year parties.

We can trace our present-day methods of marking the New Year to our first religious records, when people of all religions set the day aside for quiet meditation and for acknowledgment of each individual's need to better his state of charity. This one each-

ed livelihood found cause for rejoicing and resolution in the passing of the old and the beginning of the new.

In the mid-1800's a Scottish historian named Robert Chambers said that people found that it was both more noble and more profitable, at New Year, to take a cheerful and reassuring view of our condition, and that of humanity in general — being able to do reflections on past impudence and mismanagement, and resolving for the future in the new season to be bettering our duty to God and our fellowmen. And in thousands of American churches voices still swell to the words of Alfred Lord Tennyson to:

"King cut labor pride in place and island.

"The civic standard and the spine,

"King in the love of truth and right,

"King in the common law of good."

Lord Tennyson wrote the verse a hundred years ago. Sounds like a wonderful resolution for 1957.

## BEHIND — GUARDS

By C. C. Zimmerman

Conroy went over hunting the other week and tried to shoot a roon out of a tree with an empty gun. He had to be his own day to the tree to keep the roon up there while he was home for some ammunition. Look, your gun was next time, Jim.

McLaughlin visited Perry at Park a short while ago and did for get "bepud."

Miller and McNeil are back on duty after a short absence.

Landshaper is still out sick, but is showing a marked improvement.

Congratulations to Captain Herick and Grand Floris.

Hayle's said his Ford is doing fine, since he got on the back up show.

## OUR JANUARY COVER

For our New Year front page we have decided that young Mr. 1954 pulling a Scudder into San Diego Bay is just about right. Actually there are two Scudders in the book here but we couldn't get them both in the picture.

## WOUNDED IN KOREA



JOHN J. WILSON OF 24 SQFT. has been notified that his unit camp, 24th, was wounded during the military in Korea. The new team brought back to the United States and is now under treatment at a Texas Military Hospital.



WILSON WOULD ADD this photograph of a loading with new water today off in the great open sea and still waiting at San Diego. Left to right: King, Captain of 24 Sqft., J. Wilson, J. Brown, W. Robinson (downward), W. Robinson, R. Robinson and F. Robinson.

## Big Barge Enters Wet Basin



STANDARD VIEW of the ship yardhouse was taken recently when the Barge Benthin No. 11 was towed to the water again. The picture shows across the background portions of a ship on the dock, and by drawing the large barge to the right, dark tracks in distance and water show the water in foreground with the outline of the water photograph.

### 74 DEPARTMENT

By Mike Zambino

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Healy, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Sayers, have returned after spending enjoyable three weeks' vacation at Miami Beach, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. David Chan and children, Martin, Gregory and Dana, and Mr. and Mrs. David Wolfe and son, Allen, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wally Shuman. Wally has been the efficient Ford Crisler of this Department for the past 25 years.

Alexander Kozley, in company with other relatives, enjoyed a week's vacation at Waynesboro, Pa. Kozley reports the storm that occurred during the latter part of November did considerable damage to that region.

Charles Lukens was hunting the merchandise of milk for quite some time after Thanksgiving Day. You must hurry now Charles.

Frank Lorenz was seen receiving

his grandchildren to the holiday party in Philadelphia, on Thanksgiving Day. Good for Frank.

"This reporter wishes 'you and all' "A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR."



XXXXXXXXX might in the latter days have been returned if you had the first idea what happened to Shogun.

### Vic Vet says

"GENERAL, IF YOU'RE RECEIVING A VA BENEFIT BY CHECK AND YOU DON'T WANT THE CHECK STOPPED, HURRY VA IMMEDIATELY SO YOU WON'T GET AN OVERSIGHT! THAT YOU'LL WANT TO BE VERY LATE!"



## SOCIAL SECURITY LAW CHANGES

**M**ORE changes in the Social Security benefits have been listed by Herbert W. Graham, manager of the administration office in Chicago.

It is now possible now to qualify for benefits. Only a year and a half of work under Social Security will be necessary if a worker is now 65, reaches 65 or dies before the end of 1954. Wages of \$50 or more are necessary in each of 4 different calendar quarters. Covered work before the change in the law as well as other credits toward meeting that requirement.

An entirely new feature of interest to the old employees is that if they are 75 or over now, or when they reach 75 they may collect their monthly old age benefits, continue to work in any kind of a job and make any amount of money. In view of this employees 75 or over should call at the Social Security Office and file claim for their benefits.

Those having wives 65 or over should take them along because the wives are entitled to half as much as their husbands.

Anyone under 75 receiving monthly old age or survivors benefits may now earn up to \$300 in jobs under Social Security and receive their payments. Under the old law they were limited to \$14.00.

Veterans will be interested in knowing that they will receive wage credits of \$100 for each month of military service in the armed forces of the United States in World War II. These credits will be granted at the time a claim for retirement or death benefits is filed.

In the matter of benefits the following changes have been made—

Children's benefits for a family after the death of a worker have been increased.

Children's benefits may in some cases be paid when their mother dies.

A dependent husband or widow may receive social security benefits.

Dependent parent's benefits have been increased.

A wife under 65 whose husband is receiving benefits may receive payments if she has in her care a child entitled to benefits on her husband's account.

The divorced former wife of a deceased wage earner may be eligible for benefits if he had been supporting her and she has a child of his in her care.

In cases where an injured worker dies after August 31, 1950, a lump sum payment may be made even though monthly benefits are also payable—this was not possible under the old law.

### 33 HOPE.

By Sherry R. Rankin

Frank Hollings, of the Crane Hoop Co., has returned from a two week vacation most of which was spent at home because his wife, Helen, was operated on during that time. We are glad to know that the operation was successful and that she is well on the road to recovery.

Gerold Evans and Morris Bullock inform us that Carl (Ducky) Blair paid them a visit a few weeks ago. Gerold and Morris, I understand, had a small time and extended an open invitation to Carl to drop in any evening he was free. Now Ducky wants to know what Gerold meant by the word "free." However, Ducky has resolved from now on his neck is going to stay in his collar when it is loose. If your reporter could get all the facts of this visit it would be a good story.

"Wes" Hardin and his grandchild, one had a most joyous Christmas playing with their train set which occupies most of the basement of his home. To prove this statement I refer you to the December issue of "OUR TALK" in which you will find a picture of the whole outfit.

By the way "Wes," why don't you let the kids play with it once in awhile?

And now that Christmas season is in the past, we hope that the spirit of these holidays will remain in our hearts throughout the year of 1954.

### WETHERILL PLANT

By Fally

For those who do not know it, there has been installed a coffee machine in No. 2 Shop; also new bulletin boards with up-to-the-minute news. One is in No. 1 Shop and the other at tool room crib.

John Wall is off under these days. No wonder; did you see his new car?

Every year for the past few years there was a race between J. McCosmick and J. Egan pair who would get to Florida first. McCosmick was this year because J. Egan was unable to make the trip due to the flu season caused by the flood waters early in November. Egan took next year, Jan.

In your reporter I would like at this time to thank the Editor for being so patient with me for the past year.

Have a good luck.

Good ones.

Good health for the coming year!

### 67 DEPARTMENT

By Major Fahn

Whoever heard of seniority on a bench? That is just what we have in the Cleaning Department, the bench on the south side of the building west of the door. You will have to have at least two years seniority in all on that bench. Highest seniority on that bench goes to Nancy Marshall.

A sight to behold was little Aubrey John Wilson, of the bank gang, riding piggy-back during the flood. The incident that the water was over his head, Henry Flanagan came to his rescue and gave a helping hand.

The Old Man—Who is the Old Man?

Bill Miles wants to send him away. Bill James wants to send him to school. Peppay Coleman wants to

give him one of those beatings. John (Loot) Price wants to track him to ground; Mark Williams wants to do his hair; Pete Brown wants to tell him how to play it cool; Bubbles Bell want wants to take him for a car ride; Fish Smith wants to lead him a little of his hair; Big Sam (the Miner) wants to buy him a pair of shoes; Henry James wants to take him to Church; Henry Jones and Lloyd Robinson want to take him way up North, Dulles bridge and Phil want to take him to Baltimore, Md. We appreciate all the things the fellows want to do for him, he has asked me not to expose his name.

We wish Bill Miles a lot of luck in his operation. Here's hoping by the time he sends this article he will be enjoying the best of health.

Happy New Year to all!

## 36. MACHINISTS

### By Dick Cleveland

Happy New Year to you all!

A hearty welcome back to Ernie Marks and Harry Wright. Both were the victims of prolonged illness, and we trust that the former holds better health for both.

We were also glad to see Ed Dapp, "Dad" White back again — both suffered a broken leg as the result of an automobile accident and has made a fine recovery.

Very glad to be able to report that Eddie Lammason is steadily recovering and we are looking forward to his early return.

We were all sorry to learn of the painful injury sustained by Dryden's old timer "Harley" in which he suffered the loss of a finger — tough luck Harley — hope to be seeing you back real soon.

Hoating Plant's Bob Brown is still strapped up as a result of a couple of broken ribs sustained at home during the recent flood disturbance.

Fred Thurman's wife was recently hospitalized after a fall at home and at the time of this writing is recuperating nicely.

Third Shift's Leon Kuzness has been hospitalized — a victim of pneumonia. This is the first time he has ever been hospitalized and we all hope he may be blessed with a speedy and complete recovery.

Walter Sherman and Frank Elmer complaining of Chevrolet's Taxi Service. Claiming that "White" doesn't understand the principle of the over-drive and is afraid to try the heater on besides worrying about a "talking" valve in his new car.

We hear that Ben Collins's wife is complaining about the convertible being too cold and understands that Jim is in the market for a new Lincoln, "Vauxhall" and Mrs. Moran recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary at Palmdale and really "went to town."

Several of the boys are spending their spare time working at Ed's rubber factory.

Wonder how Ed Dapp's Fred Smith is enjoying the liberation at which the boys built for him.

"Browns" Rowland may be seen any day at some general sporting the "Big Chief" machine which was recently bestowed upon him by Brown.

Ed Dept.'s Bill Styer, who is one of our writer friends, recently had a young blood dog delivered to his home by express thereby surprising



THE SHAPING MACHINERY (shown) will accommodate 100 lbs. cast iron 6" round length and 120" from the complete job of making pistons, castings, machining and hydraulic testing to 100 lbs. was produced at the Westfield Shop. The castings were made at United Machine Works, Albany, N. Y. Delivery was made in the summer of the late of one complete cast iron 100 lbs.

his. Mrs. Styer who knew nothing about it, by the time Bill reached home she was fully engaged in making the little fellow comfortable. She visited the butcher shop and asked for a can of the best dog food. The butcher, not knowing about the new arrival told her that while he knew Bill was not waiting steadily for Ed's think it necessary for her to take such drastic action as that to keep within the budget. Wait he didn't think Ed would enjoy dog food no matter how good.

However, Mrs. Styer explained and returned home with the dog food setting the whole can in front of the pup who promptly proceeded to make short work of it. Naturally a visit to the drug store was necessary, where Mrs. Styer procured a variety of medicines for dog relief, which her husband did the trick, and by night the pup was eating peacefully in a shallow bed made by Bill and the Mrs. in a clothes basket.

Ralph and Bernice have been enjoying themselves a lot during the hunting season. Ralph says that Bern-

ice is the champion cross rifle hereabouts and before successful contradictions. They mean up on track every now and then and Charlie says that judging from the lengths and heights of their descriptions he can't figure just what game they were describing, stating that it could signify anything from a rabbit to an elephant.

Ralph has concluded that when he is hunting with Bernice he doesn't need a gun but Bernice says that all Ralph can get there is a handful of fun.

Further information on Fred's recent hunting expedition reveals that Ralph's dog was all right, but the trouble laid in Gallagher's gun. It was an over-and-under gun and Fred was accustomed to firing an under-and-over type and so a result — confusion reigned supreme.

The Engineering Dept. as a whole wish to extend their heartfelt sympathy to James Knox and his family on the recent death of his daughter who was loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

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*"Lend me a hand"*



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