

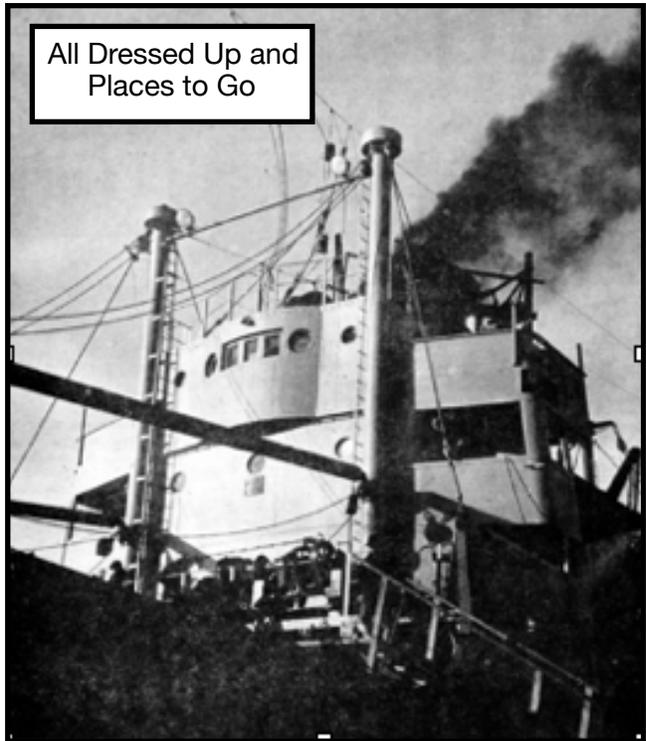


Volume 1 Number 15 Leathem D. Smith Co.
 Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, Tuesday, March 02, 1943

**To Install Public Address System For
 Entire Yard
 Messages or Time Signals Can Be Sent
 Out To All Buildings, Berths**

With a public address system now being rushed to completion in the yard, it will be possible to make announcements or to sound signals simultaneously in every office, shop, and berth.

Efforts are being made to have at least part of the system in operation by March 10 when the Army-Navy "E" award ceremony is scheduled to occur.



**Wife of Navy Man
 Names 14th PC Boat**

Launching of the 14th sub-chaser built by the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company occurred Sunday afternoon with Mrs. John Rowe doing the honors with the champagne bottle. Her husband is Ensign John Rowe, assistant to the supervisor of shipbuilding for the Navy here.

The vessel was originally scheduled to be launched on February 14, but delay in arrival of a part made postponement necessary.

Everything went smoothly Sunday, as it has a habit of doing with Joe O'Boyle's launching crew on the job. The 15th PC boat is to be launched March 10.

**GET ON THE BOND
 WAGON**

**Dormitory Unit To Be
 Opened On March 8th**

Unit No. 1 at the Sunset Dorms project will be open for occupancy by women on Monday, March 8, and Unit No. 2 will be opened for men a week later, it was announced this week by J. D. Ohrt of the personnel department.

Each of these dormitory units accommodates 63 persons. The primary purpose of the dormitories is to provide living quarters for new employees so that the number of workers at the yard can be increased.

**Impose Penalty For
 Losing of Badges**

Replacement of metal identification badges issued to employees has become so difficult that workers who lose theirs will be obliged to pay \$1.00 to get another.

**Start Group Insurance
 Drive**

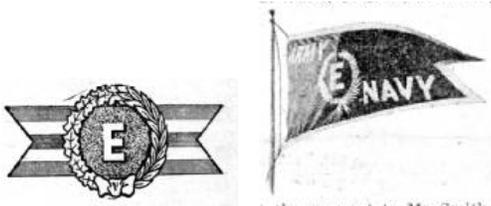
Application cards were distributed to foremen Monday with instructions to see that all employees have an opportunity to apply for accident-sickness weekly benefit insurance this week, if they have been carrying the basic policy, or for the entire coverage if they haven't.

"It is necessary that 75 per cent of the eligible employees apply for this additional group insurance before any of the new policies go into effect, and it is consequently desirable that applications be made promptly," said a representative of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance company, "But we want everyone to fully understand the insurance program before he signs up."

**Rear Admiral Will Present 'E'
In Ceremony Here Wednesday
Company, Employees Honored
For Work; To Launch 15th PC**

Presentation of the Army - Navy "E" award to the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company and its employees will take place in a ceremony to be held Wednesday at the new parking grounds just outside the main entrance of the yard. The ceremony is scheduled to start at 4:15 pm, immediately following the launching of the subchaser PC 1230.

Only 35 Wisconsin firms of all types have received the 'E' award, and scarcely 1,000 have been presented in the entire country. It is estimated that producers of only one or two per cent of all U. S. war material have been thus honored. The 'E' is given to entire plants. not to individual departments.



**V-shaped/Honor Court Includes
Flag Pole**

Dominating a V-shaped court of honor which has been established outside the main gate is a 40-foot flag pole which was donated by Joe O'Boyle, the yards launching superintendent.

It is upon this pole that the Army-Navy "E" flag will be raised' on Wednesday to fly beneath the Stars and Stripes. Joe O'Boyle cut the fine spruce pole about a year ago near the canal, planning originally to erect it at his home.

GET ON THE BOND WAGON



Two Sister Ships From a Big Family

**War Bonds Totaling \$250 Were Awarded By
Management Committee for the Most Valuable
Suggestions submitted during February for
saving man hours and money**

First prize of a \$100 war bond was awarded the suggestion submitted on form No. 655. This suggestion recommended the installation of a set of pipe coils in the heating stoves on the Maritime boats. A hose attached to outlet then supplies hot air to various locations in the boat where it is necessary to melt ice before cleaning and painting. These units saved many man-hours and were probably responsible to a large extent for the yard being able to complete these boats in time for the scheduled trials.

The second place \$75 bond was awarded for the suggestion entered No. 54. This covered a machine for making lighting rings for hanging electric cables on the boats. It has been determined that this machine permits a ring to be made in about one minute, whereas before it required about 17 minutes.

The \$50 war bond for third place was given to a suggestion on form No. 227. This suggestion recommended that at headquarters be established for all tractors and cranes. This would eliminate lost time required in hunting for a tractor or a crane.

Fourth place with a \$25 bond prize was awarded for the idea entered on form No. 1510. This suggestion proposed that clamp devices be arranged so they would firmly hold the connections on the ends of extension cords in the outlets.



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Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, Tuesday, March 16, 1943

Army, Navy Officers, Federal Judge Praise Yard for Fine Work; 15th PC Boat, Goes In

In an impressive ceremony witnessed by the employees and army, navy, and public dignitaries, the coveted Army-Navy "E" pennant was presented to the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company and its nearly 4,000 workers last Wednesday afternoon. The program was broadcast over a network of 11 radio stations in all parts of Wisconsin.

Preceding the awarding of the "E", the 15th subchaser to be launched by the company, the PC 1230, slid down the Smith ways into the ice choked waters of Sturgeon Bay in another perfect launching. The vessel was christened by Miss Ann Duffy, daughter of F. Ryan Duffy, judge of the U. S. district court at Milwaukee who officiated as master of ceremonies at the presentation program. She was introduced by Rear Admiral W. C. Watts of the U. S. Navy's industrial section.

"It gives me great personal pleasure," Judge Duffy said, "to know that the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company is receiving this high distinction.

"This company has an honorable record. Its history goes back into the 1870's when Thomas H. Smith and John Leathem were in the lumber business. They owned

lumber carrying vessels in those days, and during the last war, wooden tugs were built by this company for the army. In the 1920's, 16 bulk freighters were converted into self-unloaders in these yards, and now the government has placed great confidence in the ability of this company by awarding contracts exceeding 61 millions of dollars." the judge stated.

Part of Crowd At Launching Was 'Marooned'

More than 100 persons gathered on a previously launched PC boat to watch the launching of the PC 1230 here Wednesday afternoon. They had a first class view of proceedings and a brief taste of life on the rolling waves when the surge of water in the slip rocked their boat.

When they turned to go down the gang plank and hurry over to the presentation ceremony they found that the gang plank had fallen down to the ice. A few slid down it and clambered ashore and some others went down a ladder.

Launching of 7th 'Coaster' Leaves But Two Left on Ways

After the "William Howland" splashed into the water Sunday afternoon, only two of the nine cargo vessels of her type for which the yard has a contract remained on the ways.

The keel of the vessel was laid September 10, ten days after that of the Laban Howes which was launched February 17. The ships are built under U. S. Maritime commission contract and are being manned by British crews.

They are known as "coasters" because they are planned primarily for service along the coasts rather than on trans-oceanic runs.

Other launchings of cargo boats occurred Aug. 2, the Alden Gifford; Sept. 7, the Kimball Harlow and Freeman Hatch; Nov. 15, the Waldo Hill; and Feb. 17, the Laban Howes.

New Building Activity Spurt Seen in Yard

Work has been started on extensions to two of the yards principal buildings to provide room for a small parts factory and an extension of the PC assembly line,

Adopting a prize winning suggestion entered in the Labor-Management committee's company contest, the company is having about 40 by 60 feet in size built on the west side of the Navy plate shop.

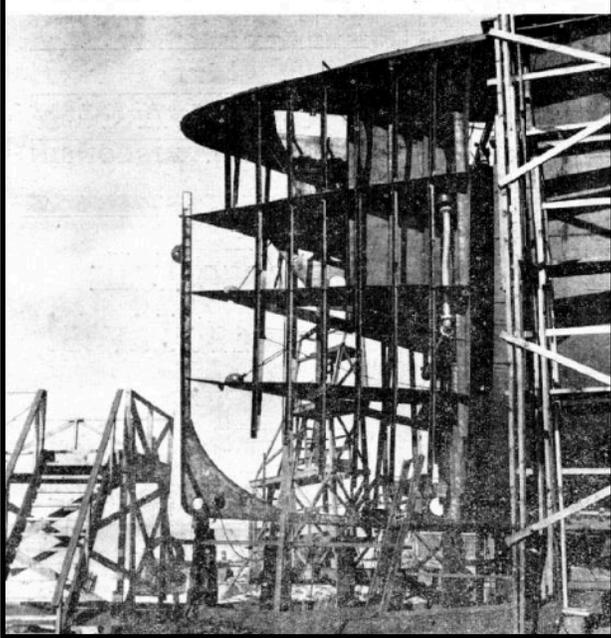
It will house a small parts factory. The first floor will be a machine shop and the second floor a sheet metal shop. Construction will be of wood with concrete flooring.

The extension of the PC assembly building will be about 50 by 74 feet.

An addition at the west end of the Maritime plate shop is to be erected in the near future to provide a roof over the Corvette assembly line, which is to be about 50 feet longer than the present building.

JOIN THE BOND WAGON

Let's Peek Inside a Cargo Ship's Forepeak



If boats were launched in this condition, the sponsor might miss the bow all together with the champagne bottle, and of course the boat wouldn't float a bit. The section shown is a forepeak below the shell plating or outer skin of the vessel is put on.

'Manning Table' For Yard Given Federal Approval

Final approval of the "manning table" prepared for the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuild company was given last week by Region 6 headquarters of the War Manpower Commission at Chicago and by the state Selective Service director at Madison.

It is now in effect and will influence the lives of many of the men employed here. Data concerning women employees is listed but since only men can be drafted for the armed services, replacement calculations are not made for the allegedly weaker sex.

Work on the table, which will be a guide for the hiring, training, and drafting of employees of every department, has been underway since February 6, chiefly in the personnel office. Much night and Sunday labor has been necessary.

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"I've heard that some employees are talking about the 'manning table' as though it will make their deferment from military service more likely or extend it indefinitely. This is a misconception. They've gotten the wrong idea altogether," declared Bernard Lienau, director of the personnel office, last week.

The manning table consists of facts recorded about every employee in the yard relative to his draft status, age, dependents, and the time it would take to train a person to replace him.

"The table tells us when we are going to lose an employee due to the draft, it tells the draft board when it is going to get the man, and it tells the employment office, training director and manpower commission when a person must be hired to start training for the job which will be vacated," Mr. Lienau explained.

An orderly procession of men and women into industry and men into the armed services is the objective, he added. The manning table plan is already in operation in many war plants. It was developed to minimize confusion caused by the uncertainties of the draft.

At the latest count, the nearly 4,000 Smith employees were registered with 234 different draft boards, any one of which might call men from the yard without warning. If deferment of a man was sought there was no assurance it would be granted. The manning table is designed to settle all such questions automatically, months in advance.

Buses Bought For Route In Sturgeon Bay

Two buses have been purchased at Chicago by Sturgeon Bay Transit, Inc. for operation on the long planned city bus route here. Plans were announced in January but difficulty was experienced in getting equipment.

Red Cross Drive in Yard Still Has \$450.00 To Go

Approximately 1/2 the employees of Smith company have contributed to the Red Cross war fund, according to the latest report supplied by Frank Behringer.

A total of 2,100 have given \$2,550 leaving \$450.00 still to come in if the \$3,000 goal is to be reached.

"We intend to continue the drive until we go over the top," said Mr. Behringer. "The goal is only an average of 75 cents per employee and certainly we can do that much for a good cause."

Records Needed for Programs

Help improve the noon day program by loaning your favorite phonograph records for broadcasting over the P.A. system.

Records may be left at the Port Light office.



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Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, Tuesday, March 30, 1943

Girl Welder Names 16th PC Boat, 3rd Launched in Month

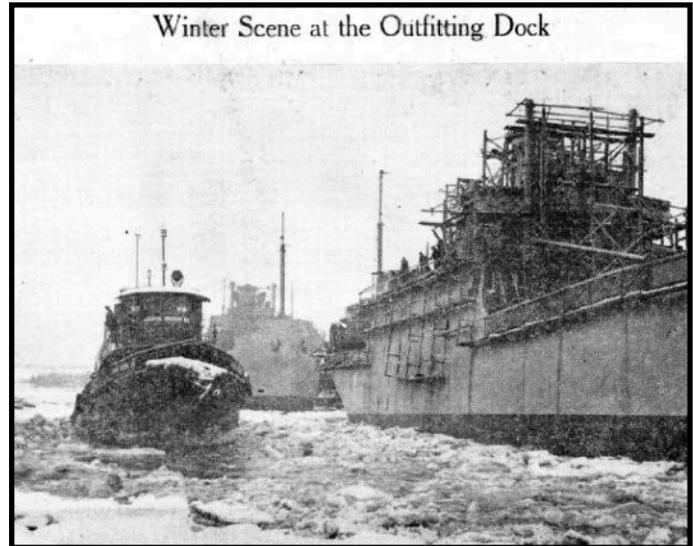
Chosen by lot from the 306 women employees of the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company, Miss Lucille E. Oldenburg of Sturgeon Bay christened the PC 1262 here Saturday afternoon. She is a second shift welder.

Not since the sponsors for the four boats launched last Labor Day were selected had the name of the "bottle swinger" been decided by lot. The 1262 was the 16th of her type to go down the ways at Smith's, the third in less than a month.

The 14th was launched on February 28, though virtually ready for the water two weeks earlier, and the 15th went in March 10, the day the Army-Navy "E" was presented to the Smith company and its employees.

Miss Oldenburg has been employed here since November 12, 1942. She formerly lived at Baily's Harbor. Her name was drawn by Lieut. E. A. Anderson, supervisor of Navy shipbuilding in this yard, in the presence of Supt. Ray Christianson, Assistant Supt. C. W. McKee, and Personnel Director Bernard Lienau.

Miss Oldenburg was introduced by Supt. Ray Christianson who cited the sponsor's change in occupation from working in a grocery store in Green Bay to shipyard work at Smiths in Sturgeon Bay.



Shift Change Yard to Return To its Summer Hours April 5

Employees at Smith's yard will return to the summer schedule Monday, April 5, coming to work and going home an hour earlier than they have on the winter time table in effect since November 23.

The first shift will run from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the second shift from 3:30 p.m. to 11:30, and the third shift from 11:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. It was announced by Bernard Lienau, director of the personnel department.

First Accidental Injury Claim is On Leg Fracture

When Clarence A. Tostenson, No. 2076, fell near his home on Route 2 a week ago Monday, he suffered an ankle fracture which will keep him off his job as a second shift laborer for several weeks.

Having applied for sickness and injury coverage in the expanded group insurance program, he will receive benefits from the date of injury. The new insurance went into effect the Saturday preceding the accident. His claim was the first one filed.

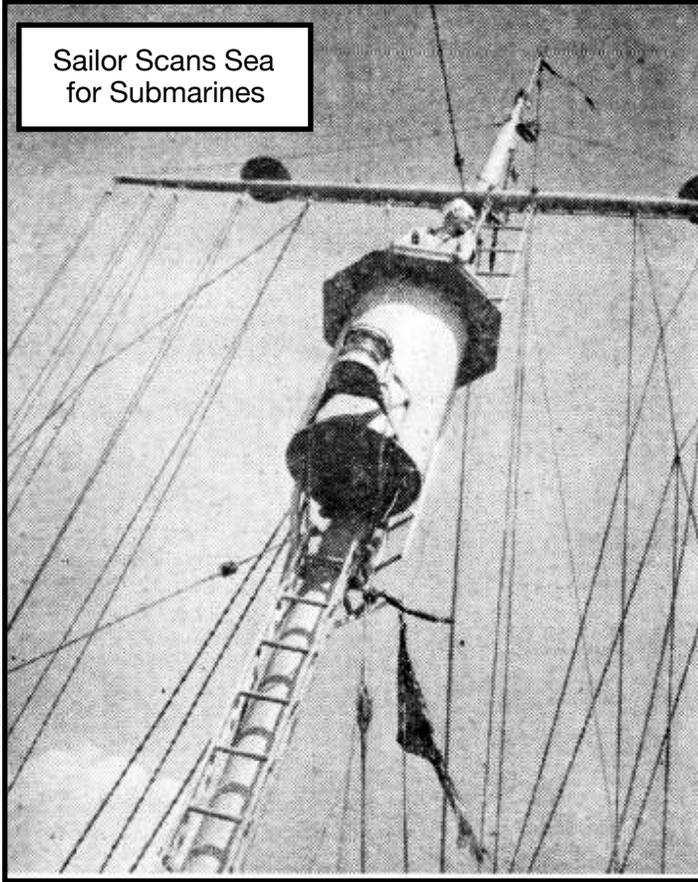
Slash Weekend Gasoline Grants In New Ruling

Workers who have been permitted to buy enough gasoline to visit their families in other cities on weekends will be granted only half as much hereafter, under a new OPA order.

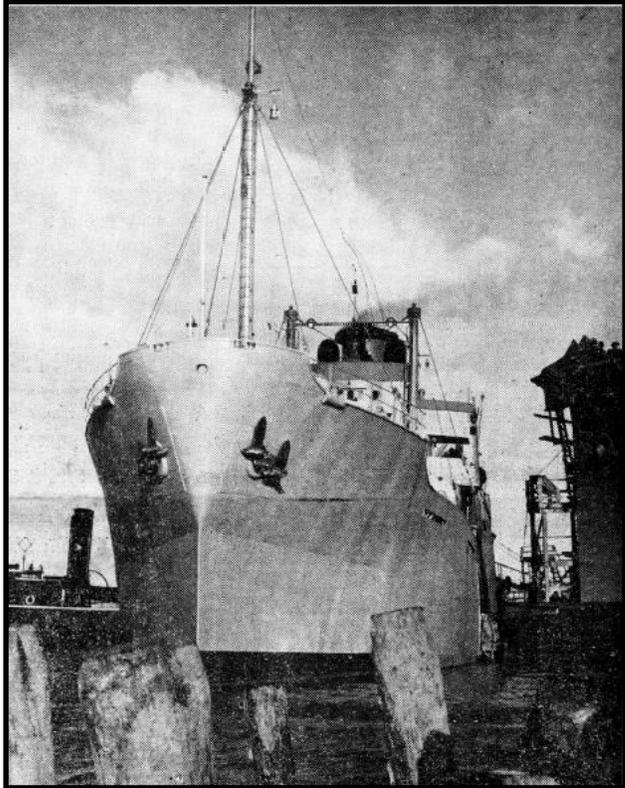
"The pressure is on to reduce automobile travel to a minimum," said Chairman Harry B. Ormsby of the Smith Transportation Plan committee. "and it is apparently felt that if men in the service can go months without getting home, workers can adjust themselves to having fewer visits with their families."

"It's going to be impossible to get emergency rations unless there is a clear case of necessity and a valid excuse for exhausting the basic allowance. I hope for their sake and the sake of the war effort that no employees run up unnecessary mileage with the notion that it is going to be as easy to get extra gasoline as it was this winter," the committee chairman said.

Red Cross Drive In Yard Exceeds Goal of \$3,000



Sailor Scans Sea
for Submarines



A Cargo Ship Built at Smith's
Awaits Departure for the High
Seas

**PC Boats Constructed Here
Serving in Pacific Conflict**

Leathem D. Smith, president of the company, has received a letter from Lieut. Frank C. Szehner Seattle, of the U.S Navy, in which he congratulates the yard on the Army-Navy's "E" and reports that PC boats built here are "doing a swell job out there." While stationed at Manitowoc last year, Lieutenant Szehner made many trips to Sturgeon Bay and conducted a course for electricians.

"You may be assured that the boys from the South Pacific to
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Aleutians have heard of L. D. S. Co. PC boats. My sincerest regards and best wishes to Marvin Teiclitler and his electricians. I knew you would do it. Keep her flying and don't sacrifice either speed or workmanship. They go well together.

With your efforts I am sure you will send our men equipment they need and will hasten a victorious and lasting peace for us all.

Many thanks for the Port Light, I look forward to it every week. In closing, thanks again for our happy association in the past. Best of luck to you and your ships always

**Committee Awards Prizes
for March, Finds Competition Weak;
More Savings Ideas Desired in April**

First prize for March, a \$100 war bond, was awarded for suggestion No. 230, invention of a radial circle burner for the plate shop. A \$50 bond was awarded for suggestion No. 549 which calls for putting the' rolling fins on the subchasers as soon as the section butts are finished welded and before there is much fairing-up done.

**Steel Salvaged in Yard Runs
into Huge Quantities**

Enough scrap steel to make a plate 3- 2/3 miles long, five feet wide, and half an inch thick was salvaged and shipped from the Leathem D. Smith company yard.



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Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, Tuesday, April 13, 1943

Yards' Absentee Record Is A-1 Few Better in Entire U. S., Figures Prove; Total High for Lakes Area

Among commercial shipyards in the United States, the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company's record on absenteeism for the last five months has been one of the best, according to figures obtained from Bernard Lienau, company personnel director.

In January this company led all such yards in the Great Lakes area with only 2.7 per cent of the scheduled man hours lost because of absenteeism. The average was 5.5 percent, and the range was between 2.7 and 11.1 per cent.

During the same month the U.S. averaged 8.9 per cent with a range from .7 per cent to 29.5 per cent, the high being "credited" to a Pacific coast yard. Statistics have not been received for subsequent months in other yards, but the Smith company is believed to be still among the leaders in this respect even though bad weather boosted the percentage somewhat in the last two months.

Absenteeism was only 2.1 per cent in November and December here. In February, the proportion rose to 3.3 per cent and in March, it went up to 3.8 per cent.

Mr. Lienau pointed out, "We certainly should do better during spring and summer than in fall and winter when storms

and icy roads prevent many from getting to work".

The good showing here qualifies the yard to think in terms of "presenteeism, a word coined by Henry J. Kaiser in a speech to 20,000 employees of the Oregon Shipbuilding Corp.

"Nothing is farther from the truth. In seven shipyards the presenteeism record was 93 per cent in March," he said.

The Smith shipyard's presenteeism record was 96.8 per cent in March! That is a better record than most schools can boast.

Efforts to combat absenteeism will continue, however, because in the pleasant months there are temptations to travel and take impromptu vacations which can cut just as seriously into "attendance" as blizzards and snow drifts.

Deficit Of Workers In Shipyards Feared

Fears that shipyard labor turn-over will slash the 1943 shipbuilding program were expressed last week by the Maritime commission. Hardest hit will be tankers, aircraft carriers, troop transports, and escort vessels.

In an announcement late Wednesday the commission said a turnover averaging 11.2 per cent a month in the first quarter of this year created a deficit of 71,078 workers in the yards working on its contracts.

This year's program calls for 18,000,000 tons of merchant type vessels, to insure its completion on time it's imperative to reverse the current manpower trend.

Joe O'Boyle's Wife Names 8th Freighter

Mrs. Joe O'Boyle, wife of the launching superintendent who has supervised the launching of all the ships built at Smith's, christened the Ashbel Hubbard, eighth of the coaster freighters, which was launched here Monday afternoon.

The keel for No. 8 was laid November 18, 1942. It was the second cargo boat launched within a month. The keel for the William Rowland, No. 7 boat, was laid September 10, and it was launched March 14.

First to Complete Welding Tests



Alice Walter Hazel Polcen

Here are the first two girl welders at Smith's to pass their flat, vertical, and overhead tests and qualify as finished welders.

Alice Walter, No. 1955, was formerly a packer for the Hiram Walker distillery at Peoria, Illinois, and she attended vocational school in that city. Alice started at Smiths last fall.

Hazel Polcen, No. 19080, formerly worked in the paint shop at the Milwaukee Stamping company, a firm which makes gas masks and other specialties. She attributes some of her aptitude for welding to the fact she occasionally gave her father a hand in his blacksmith shop. Hazel started at Smiths on March 1.



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Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, Tuesday, April 20, 1943

**17th PC Lunched By Smith's
Yard; Sixth Coaster Delivered
Goal For April Is Completion
Of 6 Vessels Worth 6 Millions**

Launching of the PC 1263 on Monday afternoon increased to 17 the number of patrol craft which have slid into the waters of Sturgeon Bay from the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company ways in the present ship building program for World War II.

She was christened by Mrs. Mary R. Ashcraft, wife of Alan Ashcraft, vice-president of the engine manufacturing concern, Fairbanks, Morse, & Company.

Deliveries of completed vessels are keeping pace with launchings. The goal for April is delivery of three PC boats and three cargo coasters costing approximately six and a half million dollars. It was announced Saturday by C. W. McKee, assistant general superintendent.

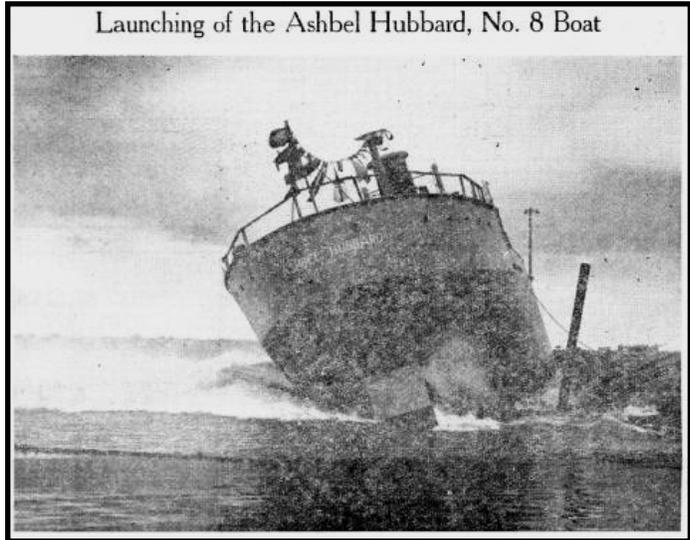
**To the person who painted the names
of four shipyard workers in yellow...**

on the sidewalk near the depot and called them draft dodgers, presumably because they have deferments as shipyard workers:

You must get it straight at the outset that we are not addressing this to you personally. We don't talk to yellow-bellied cowards, but here's a personal tip for you - any information which can be found concerning your identity will be turned over to county and federal authorities for use in criminal prosecution.

Also get this clear - we are not discussing in any way the cases of the men you slandered, and have absolutely no justification under any circumstances. You are so low that even if the men you stabbed in the back were draft dodgers, they'd be several grades better as men and as Americans than you are.

Yellow paint is a typical Nazi weapon for smearing, and the way you used it is perhaps the most unpatriotic action that has occurred in Sturgeon Bay since the war started. You probably think you are a patriot. You are opposite,



Launching of the Ashbel Hubbard, No. 8 Boat

You have not only degraded yourself but you have shamed your community.

No, this is not addressed to you. It is mainly an appeal to the public to be vigilant in exposing and denouncing those of your ilk who use the term "draft dodger" recklessly and anonymously. Not all go so far as to use yellow paint, but their loose talk no doubt inflames irresponsible persons like you to actions of which you'd be heartily ashamed if you had a grain of decency in you.

**County to Sponsor PC Subchaser
Built By Smith Shipyard**

Announcement that Door county war bond buyers would sponsor by December 15, a PC subchaser built by the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company was made last week by C. H. Herlache, Door county war bond chairman.

Herlache stated that bond purchases for the months of February and March, totaling about \$350,000 would be applied to the "purchase" of the Smith built PC boat which will cost approximately \$1,500,000.

**Gas Rationing Violations
In City Assailed**

President Leathem D. Smith has received a letter from John C. Reinhart, Green Bay, district director of the OPA, calling attention to violations of the gasoline rationing regulations and asking that shipyard employees and others observe the rules better.

"Our investigators are finding widespread violations of the mileage ration program in Sturgeon Bay," he wrote.



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Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, Tuesday, April 27, 1943

Plan Send-off For Cargo Ships United Nations Week Here includes 26th Launching, Party for British Crews

In Celebration of imminent departure for the Atlantic of six cargo ships completed here by the Leathem D. Smith Ship-building company, this week has been proclaimed United Nations Week by Mayor D. W. Reynolds of Sturgeon Bay.

Representatives of the British, Chinese, and possibly other governments will participate in the ceremonies which will include launching of the Clement T. Jayne, ninth and last of the cargo vessels for which the company has a contract, and a party given for the crews of the ships leaving from this city.

Among those coming here for the event will be W. H. Gallienne, British consul general, and Dr. Chen, consul general of China. Mr. Gallienne's wife will Christen the Clement T. Jayne, the 26th ship launched at the Smith yard in the present war effort. The launching will be 4:30 Friday afternoon.

Officers and men of the British merchant fleet have been gathering here recently to take out for unknown destinations the several cargo boats built here. Following the customary launching party, a party will be given at 7:30 p.m. in the Smith Sports club hall on Court street for the men who will man the boat. (con't)

The six cargo ships about to leave the Great Lakes flying the Union Jack are the Waldo Hill, William Human, Laban Howes, and William

Howland, which have been docked here, and the Kimball Harlow and Freeman Hatch, which were docked at Chicago.

The Smith company set a new Great Lakes record for multiple launching by sending two cargo vessels and two subchasers down the ways on Labor Day last year. That event, the awarding of the Army-Navy "E" on March 10, and the United Nations Week are highlights of a year of increasing contribution to the war effort.

Deliveries are of course, more important than ceremonies and launchings, and a Great Lakes record is being set by delivery of six ships in April - the PC 1228, PC 1260, and PC 1261 to the Navy and the William Homan, Laban Howes, and William Howland to the Maritime commission for British use. This boosts the total to 13 subchasers and seven cargo boats delivered in little more than a year.

Men Below Decks As Vessel Is Launched Aren't Joyriders

While most shipworkers here have witnessed cargo ship launchings, relatively few are aware that the persons on deck are not the only men who ride the ship in. Out of sight in the hull are several workmen with important jobs to do as the ship slides down the ways.

Herbert Peterson, superintendent, of Maritime hull con- (con't)

struction has a crew of four men aboard ship to check for possible leaks caused by the stress and strain in launching the "coaster" freighters built for the British.

The cargo boats have a complete inner bottom which is divided into 17 compartments or ballast tanks, each having a manhole cover made tight with rubber gaskets. These are opened as soon as the ship is afloat to examine the tanks for leaks.

Housing Office Considers Park For Trailerites

Establishment of a Sturgeon Bay trailer park is being considered by the National Housing Agency, and efforts will be made to have enforcement of the trailer ordinance postponed from May 1 until action can be taken. Tentative plans call for laundry, shower, and toilet facilities, with the shipyards aiding by supplying equipment.

Assurance has been given trailer residents that efforts in their behalf will continue until something is done.

Predict Larger Gas Allotments For Trips Home

Recently the gasoline allotments to motorists who work here and want to make weekend trips to visit families in other communities were cut in two, but prospects are now bright for obtaining by such drivers enough gasoline to make weekly trips.

Harry Ormsby, chairman of the Smith Transportation Plan committee, will probably have the details on procedure by the time this issue of The Port Light appears.

**Launch Last of 9 Cargo Boats,
Fete Crews of Departing Ships
Six 'Coasters' Constructed Here
Leaving for Atlantic;
Only Two Not Yet Completed**

Three outstanding events at the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company shipyard climaxed United Nations Week in Sturgeon Bay last Friday. They were the launching of the S. S. Clement T. Jayne, the 26th wartime vessel to slide down the ways of the Smith shipyard; the delivery of the S. S. William Howland to the British government, and a farewell party for officers and members of the British crews who will man the four coastal cargo vessels ready for departure from Sturgeon Bay.

Two other cargo ships, also built by the Smith yard, are scheduled to leave from Chicago where they have been docked since their delivery to the British Ministry of War Transport several weeks ago.

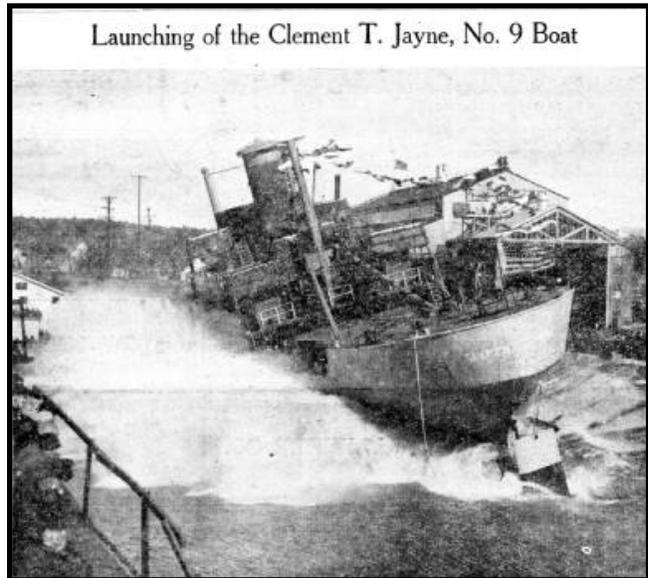
When the Jayne slid into the waters of Sturgeon Bay it was the 26th launching at the Smith yard in the past 15 months. The vessel is the last of nine being built for the Maritime commission to go to the British Ministry of War Transport under the lend-lease program.

As the vessel settled in the water after a perfect launching, hundreds of spectators lining the opposite side of the basin were victims of the mighty wave of water that followed shortly after the ship hit the water.

**Shipyard Work Now Legal For
Youths 16 to 18**

Jobs hitherto open only to those 18 years of age and over may now be taken by boys of 16, the Wisconsin Industrial commission has ruled. The principal benefactor of the new ruling here will be the shipbuilding industry, though the actual results remain to be seen.

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Launching of the Clement T. Jayne, No. 9 Boat

When the draft age was lowered to 18, the yards had greater difficulty getting young employees for certain kinds of work. Now it is possible to hire workers 16 years of age with assurance of keeping them about two years before losing them to the armed services. Many boys of that age are seeking only vacation work, however.

Permits for those under 18 are still necessary, and they may be obtained from the office of Clerk of Court H. A. Gaeth on presentation of a letter from the prospective employer with proof of age.

**Smith's Yard Sets
Another Lakes
Record**

The Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company during April established another Great Lakes record by delivering into active service more ships than have ever

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been delivered by a Great Lakes shipyard in a single month. The company delivered three coastal cargo vessels to the United States Maritime commission, and three subchasers to the United States Navy.

The company has under contract 32 175-foot subchasers for the Navy department and has already started the building of two of a fleet of eight corvettes for the Maritime commission for operation by the U. S. Navy

**Farewell Party
Given for Men Of
Ships' Crews**

More than 100 British officers and members of the crews of Smith-built coastal cargo vessels ready to leave Sturgeon Bay for active service were entertained Friday night at the Smith Sports club rooms.

'Corvettes' Being Built Here Classify As PG's or Gunboats

Known as "corvettes" at first and later defined as "twin screw escort vessels," the new ships being constructed in the Maritime yard will be numbered PG 172 and up. PG is the symbol for gunboat, under the general category of patrol craft.

Although these ships are of new design, there have been PG boats in the Navy for years. Five such vessels are listed in fleet indexes. Some are smaller, some larger than the so-called "corvettes" being built here, ranging from 226 to 328 feet in length. The Sacramento, formerly in Great Lakes waters, is the PG 19.

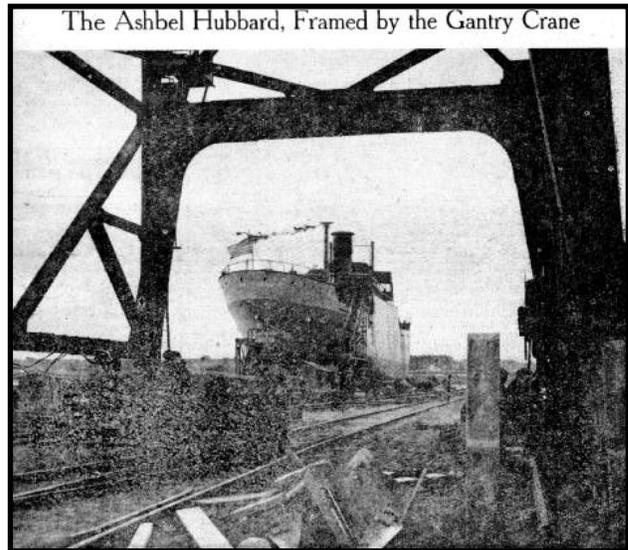
River gunboats, such as the ill fated Panay, are known as PR boats or river gunboats. Neither of the old type of gunboats much resembles the vessels for which the Smith company has a contract. With the start that "corvette" has had in popular usage, it is unlikely that employees will ever refer to new ships as "gunboats."

All ships of the Navy receive serial numbers, whether they also are given names or not. The symbol for battleships, for example, is BB, with no reference intended to the kind of guns they mount! Ordinarily the larger vessels are always given names, but many small ships have names while others of greater tonnage get along with symbols and numerals.

At the latest count, there were 163 different symbols for naval craft and auxiliaries running down the alphabet from AB for "crane ship" to YX for "unclassified yard craft." The symbol PC signifies "submarine chasers," as does the symbol SC. Most of the symbols, however, are needed for auxiliary craft, which range from transports (AP) to garbage lighters (YG).

The Navy's new escort ship program has brought into being the cruisers symbol DE for "escort vessel" or "destroyer escort." These boats somewhat resemble the PG's being constructed here.

Among the craft which have become famous though known by symbols and numbers only are the PT or "motor torpedo boats." Even when destroyers and submarines have names, it is the serial number which is commonly used for identification purposes and painted in large numerals on the vessel.



The principal naval vessel symbols are in addition to those mentioned, CV for aircraft carrier, CA for heavy cruisers, CL for light cruisers, DD for destroyers, SS for submarines, SM for submarine mine layers, CM for mine layers, D M for light mine layers, DMS for fast mine sweepers, AM for mine sweepers.

Colored Shells Gaudy Hues Tell Gun Crews What They're Shooting

Ammunition used by naval guns is painted in gaudy colors for identification purposes, according to an article in Sea Power magazine, because the types used vary widely and it might be serious to use the wrong kind in the excitement of battle.

Armor piercing shells are painted black, shrapnel white, high explosive yellow, gas red, anti-aircraft and bombardment green. Target practice ammunition is unpainted. A white band indicates the shell carries tracers.

Many combinations are possible. A shell might have a yellow nose, a red base, and a back case. This would indicate that it was an armor-piercing, high explosive, gas shell. The enemy is likely to be wholly uninterested in the color of the ammunition fired at him, but it is very important information for gun crews.

Company Sends Bus To Minnesota to Get Employees for Yard

About 35 new employees for the Smith yard recruited in several Minnesota cities were brought here last week in a bus chartered by the company. The bus, one of the Lake and Bay View line, went to Rochester.

Launch 18th PC Boat Saturday

Launching of the 18th subchaser constructed by the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company occurred Saturday afternoon. Miss Betty Lau of the Navy office christened the ship PC 1171.

Miss Lau's name was drawn by lot from among slips bearing the names of all Navy office civil service employees. Lieut. R. O. Stacy of the new corvette materials office made the drawing.

Since the first of 1943, there have been six PC boat launchings in the Smith yard, on January 16, February 28, March 10 and 27, April 19, and the one Saturday. The 12th subchaser was launched December 19, 13 months after the first PC 496 hit the water November 22, 1941.

Saturday's launching maintains the one a month average for the yard. As many as three have been launched within a single month, however. Deliveries are keeping pace with launchings, and most of the PC boats built here are already in active service.

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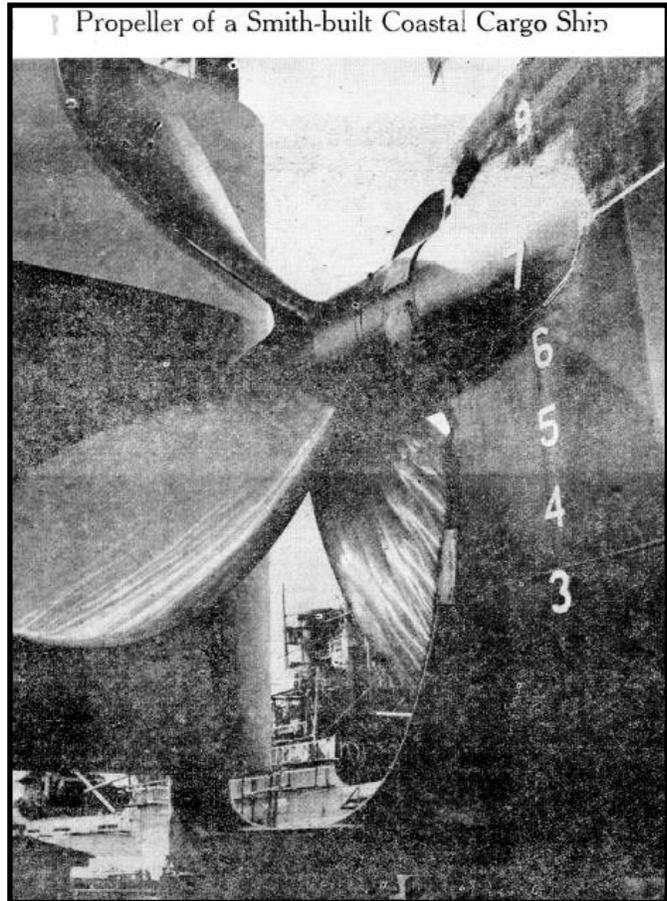
'Downstairs' Isn't Always Forbidden Term Aboard Ship

When a ship worker or novice sailor uses the expression "downstairs" on a ship, he soon learns that the proper term is "below" and that one "goes below" rather than "downstairs."

Ridicule of the word "downstairs" can be overdone, however, Harold S. Smith writes in the magazine Motor Boating:

"When I first began to knock around commercial sailing vessels, I was surprised at the numbers of old-time shipmasters who more or less habitually went "downstairs" when referring to their own stateroom.

"As the captain of the Shenandoah once told me when I remarked on his use of the landsman's term - "I go below" when I go to the hold, forepeak, or lazarette, but when I go to my cabin, I go 'downstairs' like any gentleman!



"9,290 Pounds of Bronze for a 13-1/2 Footer"

Youths 16 to 18 Will Be Hired If 'Employable'

Effects of lowering the minimum age for shipyard workers from 18 to 16 have not been revolutionary thus far, Bernard Lienau, company personnel director, reports.

If you are 16 and big and strong for your age, there may be a job for you in the shipyard, but if you are in the flyweight class the chances are against it.

Smith Yard's Deliveries Lead in Area

A total of five ships were delivered by the seven Great Lake yards holding Maritime commission contracts, three of them by the Smith company, according to Maritime Activities reports.

Six vessels were delivered by the Smith shipyard in April, the three cargo ships to the Maritime commission and three PC subchasers to the U. S. Navy department. The cost of the vessels totaled six and a half million dollars.



A determined swing which would be worth a home run in any ball game, and Betty Lou of the Navy office christens Smith's 18th PC.

Last Of Cargo Ships to Be Finished Soon; First Corvette Launching Near

The Ashbel Hubbard, eighth coastal cargo vessel to be completed by the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company for the United States Maritime commission was delivered to the British Ministry of War Transport last Saturday afternoon.

The Clement T. Jayne, ninth and last of the fleet of coasters being built under the present Maritime contract is scheduled to be delivered before the end of the month. Keel for the eighth vessel was laid Nov. 18, 1942. The ship was launched April 12.

With the delivery of the Clement T. Jayne, the Smith company will have achieved the distinction of being the first shipyard in the nation building this type of vessel for the Maritime commission to complete its contract.

The Smith Shipbuilding company has already begun work on its second Maritime contract which calls for the construction of eight 310-foot corvettes.

Shipyards Will Double U. S. Navy's Fleet in 1943: Knox

American shipyards will build more ships for the U. S. Navy this year than existed in the entire fleet at the end of 1942, Secretary of Navy Frank Knox declared recently.

Over 293 privately owned yards, plus all of the government owned Navy yards, are now working on naval craft.

"During this year," Knox stated, "the Navy will reap its first major harvest from the planning and work instituted nearly three years ago. From now on, each week will mark the addition of new and powerful combat vessels to the fleet. Each day will mark the addition of scores of deadly naval planes. Each hour will add guns and shells to our arsenals by hundreds of thousands.

Hospital Fund Solicitations Begin in Yard Urge Employees to Help County Raise Additional \$85,000

Solicitation of funds for the building of the new Door County Memorial Hospital was started in the Leathem D. Smith Shipyard last Saturday under the direction of John D. Ohrt and Floyd B. Knuth. The drive will end May 31.

The federal government has granted \$85,000 toward the building of the new hospital with the stipulation that the county assume the obligation to raise an equal amount of money to remodel and enlarge the present Egeland structure to which the new building will be added.

The new hospital which will serve all of Door county will incorporate the Leasum and Egeland hospitals thus placing all hospitalization facilities in one unit. The new building will have at capacity of 60 beds.

Ask Employees To Return Tire Forms to Office

For prompt action, employees seeking tire replacements are urged to return their OPA form R-1 to the Transportation Plan office, rather than letting the tire inspector send it to the county ration board, Harry Ormsby advised Saturday.

Hear Ye! Yard Will Work Monday, May 31

The Leathem D. Smith, Shipbuilding company announced today it has received notice from W. E. Spofford, regional director of the Maritime commission, informing the yard to "regard Memorial Day, as a work day."



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Awarding of the Maritime commission's "M" for Merit and the Victory Fleet flag to the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company and Maritime Merit badges to all employees was disclosed Tuesday in a telegram to Mr. Smith from Rear Admiral H. L. Vickery of the U. S. Mari-

Smith Shipyard Completes First Maritime Commission Contract

With the delivery of the Clement T. Jayne to the British Ministry of War Transport last night at seven o'clock, the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company completed its first contract with the United States Maritime commission. The contract called for the construction of nine coastal cargo vessels of the 3,000-ton class, 265 feet in length and driven by 1,400-horsepower steam engines. Total cost of the nine ships was approximately nine million dollars.

Of the three shipyards in the United States building this type of vessel for the British government under lease-lend, the Smith shipyard was first to complete its contract. As of May 1, the Smith company had delivered seven of its nine vessels, while the other two yards combined had only delivered three ships. All three yards began construction within 30 days of each other.

Yard Delivers 23 Vessels in Past 16 Months

The Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company has delivered into active service during the past 16 months a total of 23 vessels. Fourteen of the ships were PC subchasers and nine were coastal cargo vessels. All nine coasters were delivered within the last six months. Since January 18 of this year, the Smith yard has delivered seven subchasers. During the past two months a total of nine vessels have been delivered. These figures show the increased trend of ship deliveries by the Smith company.

'Corvette' Dock Is Lengthened More Space Gained For Building of New Escort Ships

Walk out to the end of the Maritime dock and walk back again and you'll have a new idea of the size of the Smith shipyard. It will be new because the pier is being extended to the harbor line, adding about 100 feet to its useful length.

The gantry crane tracks will be 560 feet long when the job is completed. The dock is about completed. The dock itself is about 650 long.

The longer pier is necessary for the construction of two "Corvettes" on each building berth simultaneously. Keel blocks were set up last week even before the tracks were extended to the other end.

Frigates Now Corvette, Gunboat Give Way to New Classification: PF

It will be very confusing to the enemy, but yard employees are probably accustomed by now to having the classification of the "corvettes" changed every now and then:

The latest decision by the Navy is to call them "frigates" and create a PF series. Previously they were designated as PG boats or "gunboats," although the original name "corvette" has clung to them like a barnacle.

Modern ships have little resemblance to the vessels to which the names corvette and frigate originally were applied, but historically the frigate was one rank ahead of a corvette, intermediate between the corvette and a ship of the line in the sailing ship day.

Nelson Lauds Committees in War Industry

Results of the labor-management committee program instituted one year ago in war plants "show convincingly that this approach to the problem of increasing production is sound and extremely effective," declared Donald M. Nelson of the War Production board last week.

Employees have contributed more than 600,000 suggestions for operating improvements and according to Nelson, have saved thousands of man-hours and large amounts of critical materials.