

Smith yard to Receive Maritime 'M' Merit Honor to Be Awarded For Outstanding Production Of Nine Coastal Cargo Ships

In recognition of its "outstanding achievement in merchant ship construction," the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company has been awarded the Maritime commission "M" for merit and the Victory Fleet Flag, it was announced last Tuesday in a telegram received by Leathem D. Smith, president of the company, from Rear Admiral Howard L. Vickery of the United States Maritime commission, Washington. D. C.

"As chairman of the United States Maritime commission Board of Awards." Vickery said in his telegram. "I take great pleasure in advising you that the board, in recognition of outstanding achievement in merchant ship construction has awarded your yard the Maritime "M" pennant the Victory Fleet Flag, and Maritime Merit badge.

In acknowledging receipt of Vickery's telegram, President Smith wired the Admiral:

"We well realize that obtaining the Maritime award is a tough assignment and it gives us double satisfaction to know that in obtaining this award it has been accomplished by an entirely new organization of employees.

"We feel that this is a tribute to the adaptability of the American people who have come from all walks of life to join us in this shipbuilding program and who have not only learned to build ships in this short period of time, but who have learned to build them well enough and fast enough to merit your recognition and award."



For Outstanding Service To Our Country!



All Employees Share Honor, No Matter What Their Jobs

Victory Garden Owners Offered Canning Advice

Methods of canning fruits and vegetables will be discussed and demonstrated next week at a series of meetings sponsored by the Block Leaders organization of this city. Miss Dorothea Steckling, county home demonstration agent, will conduct the meetings. The schedule:

Sawyer school June 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.;
Defense Housing auditorium at Sunset dorms
June 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. and June 18 from
2 to 4 p.m.

Two meetings on the subject, "Food Problems in War Time," are to be held this week. They are scheduled at the defense housing auditorium Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. Miss Minna Glutsch, junior nutritionist of the state board of health, will preside.

A third series of meetings on sulfuring apples, making kitchenette sauerkraut, and simple methods of storing vegetables will be held the week of June 21, also at hours chosen for the convenience of shipyard workers. The meetings are being conducted to help victory garden owners make the maximum use of their produce.

'M' Award Ceremony to Be July 10 Plans Made for Combining Presentation With Launching Of First Frigate, Knoxville

Presentation of the Maritime commission's "M" award for Merit to the Leathem D. Smith company, and Merit badges to its employees, will be combined with the launching of the Knoxville. No. 1 frigate, July 10, it was announced by company officials last week.

High ranking Maritime commission officials will personally present the "M" pennant to a company official, and Merit badges to representatives of the employees. Scheduled to represent the city of Knoxville, Tennessee, after whom the first frigate is named will be Mayor Frederick Stair. Sponsor of the vessel will be Mrs. Gus Johnson of Knoxville, who was selected to christen the ship because of her outstanding work in the Knoxville civilian defense corps.

The combined "M" award and launching program will be broadcast over statewide network of radio stations and the public relations bureau of the Maritime commission at Chicago is making efforts to have the event broadcast over Chicago radio stations.

Blackout in Shipyards To Last Five Minutes; County Dark 1/2 Hour

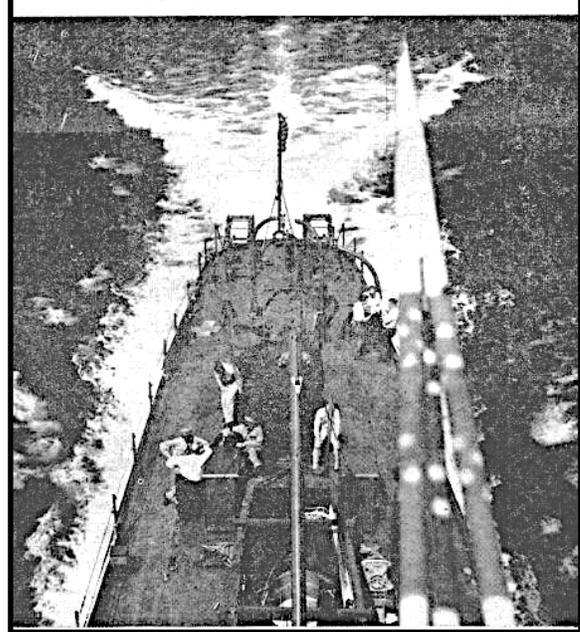
County Judge G. M. Stapleton, commander of the Door County Civilian Defense Corps, has announced a blackout test Thursday night, June 24, from 10 to 10:30.

The shipyards will be blacked out only the first five minutes. Elsewhere in the county all lights except street lights are to be extinguished from 10 to 10:15 when the complete blackout begins.

No traffic will be permitted except in the last five minutes of the test. Navigation lights and traffic signals will not be turned out.

GET ON THE BOND WAGON

A Twin-Screw PC Leaves a Fancy Wake Behind Her



Housing Units Here Filling Up Gradually Nearly 300 Living In Sunset Dormitory Rooms, Mostly Men

Of 220 apartments finished at the Sunrise housing project in Sturgeon Bay, 125 were occupied last week, according to J. D. Ohrt of the Smith company who assists employees in finding living quarters.

The ultimate capacity of the community will be 500 families. In exterior appearances the buildings are complete. but there remains considerable interior finishing and decorating to be done in some of them.

Last week there were 21 women and 276 men living in the Sunset dormitories.

The men's quarters are proving to be in much greater demand than the women's. All but a dozen of the men's beds are taken while there are 191 beds waiting for women war workers.

When the dormitories were built, 228 beds were provided for men and 212 for women. The demand for women's quarters may increase as the proportion of women in industry rises.

Urge Families To Aid Cherry Crop Harvest

Bernard Lienau, personnel manager, urges wives and families of yard employees to give their whole-hearted cooperation in harvesting the ripening Door county cherry crop.



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List 'Blackout' Signals to Be Used in Test Public Is Asked To Be Ready, Cooperate On Thursday Night

Commander G. M. Stapleton of the Door County Civilian Defense Corps has announced the following time schedule for the test blackout to be held throughout the county on Thursday, June 24:

10:00 P.M. Blue warning signal. Steady blast of whistles and ringing of bells, indicating "enemy planes" are headed this way. All lights out except navigation lights, which are not affected by this test. Motor vehicles may continue with lights on low beam. Pedestrians may walk. Civilian defense personnel take posts. (NOTE Shipyards black out for five minutes only; then resume work.)

10:15 P.M. Red warning signal. Series of short or wavering blasts, indicating "bombing" is expected. All traffic pulls to curb. Everyone must take shelter, except authorized persons with citizens' defense corps arm bands.

10:25 P.M. Blue warning signal. Steady blast indicating "enemy planes" have passed but may return. Lights continue out, but traffic may be resumed on low beam and people may resume necessary activities. Defense corps remains mobilized.

10:30 P.M. In absence of radio broadcast of the "all clear," street lights will be turned on. Rural sections. need merely watch their clocks. Defense corps demobilizes.

Over 4,300 Employed in Smith Yard

More than 4,300 men and women are now employed by the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company, according to Bernard J. Lienau, director of the personnel department.

The total is increasing quite rapidly after fluctuating considerably from January to May, with little net gain in that period. Some days 50 or more are hired.

Approximately 40 per cent of the new workers are in the 16-17 year age group recently permitted by the state to accept shipyard jobs and another 30 per cent are over draft age. The remainder are men with dependents transferring from non-essential jobs and women.

Last week there were 421 women employed in the yard, 307 of them in production work. Early in February the total was 177 of whom 164 were working in production departments.

The shipyard conducts an active recruiting program both by advertising in newspapers and by personal contacts. Now that adequate dormitory and housing quarters are available in Sturgeon Bay the physical barriers to increasing the number of employees are down.

Smith Shipyard May Build New Type Cargo Boats

New contracts which will keep the yard going at full speed through 1944 are in prospect for the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company, President Smith disclosed last week upon his return from conferences with Maritime and Navy officials in Washington, D.C. The work is to include the following:

1. An unannounced number of 300-foot diesel powered freighters of a new type.
2. Ten more PC boats beyond the 32 for which contracts have already been awarded.
3. Six diesel-electric, 170-foot net enders.

Practice Shooting

Pistol target practice was conducted for company guards last week at the fair grounds by Chief Specialist Herman Cohen of the Navy district security headquarters.

Cutter Escanaba Blasted; County Men Are Killed

Herb Putman of the Maritime plate shop was notified Thursday morning that his wife's brother, George Larson, has been killed in action. He was on convoy duty as a chief boatswain's mate on a United States Coast Guard cutter which left the Great Lakes in May 1942, the Escanaba. The cutter was blown up by an explosion of undetermined nature and sank immediately. All but two aboard were lost in the disaster which occurred on convoy duty in the North Atlantic.

Three others from Door county who were on the same boat with Larson at latest report were also reported killed.

GET ON THE BOND WAGON





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Racine County's Bond Purchasers 'Pay For' 20th PC

First of the Smith-built PC boats to be "purchased" in a war bond drive, the PC 1173 was christened Saturday afternoon by Miss Anita James as representative of Racine county, Wisconsin. Residents of that county bought enough bonds in limited period drive to merit the honor of sponsoring the vessel, which is the 20th of her type launched here.

As she christened the ship. she said, "I know the faster you build these ships, the sooner my brothers and yours will come home"

A plaque will be permanently displayed on the ship with an inscription stating that the people of Racine county sponsored and made the vessel possible by purchase of war bonds. Door county is soon to have a similar privilege.

To Broadcast "M' Ceremony Nationally Invite Families Into Yard For July 10 Event

President, L. D. Smith has announced that on "M" day, Saturday, July 10, work on first shift will stop at 3 p.m. and the second shift will begin work at 4:15.

"This is being done to give both shifts ample time to be seated before the program begins at 3:30," Mr. Smith said, "All employees and their families are invited and will be admitted inside the south yard, upon presentation of the employees' identification badges."

Arrangements are being made to seat employees and their families in the south yard. The general public will not be permitted inside the yard but may witness the ceremony from the south parking lot. First shift workers who wish to bring their families in will go out, meet them, and escort them in.

Because of Navy regulations, the Maritime side of the shipyard will be completely roped off from the Navy side. Guards will be posted, and no one will be permitted to enter the Navy yard during the ceremony.

Trainees Sought For Machinist Classes in City

Smith employees on all three shifts are invited to join the machinist classes which are being set up in the Sturgeon Bay Vocational school's newly equipped shop.

Anyone interested should communicate with J. D. Jentz, supervisor of training at his office in the west end of the old Navy loft building. There will be three classes daily and the instruction will be arranged according to the needs of the students. It is free.

Tire Scarcity Makes Ride Sharing Vital Latest Regulations On Gas Rationing Cited by Committee

"There simply are not enough tires at the present time to meet all requirements and the Transportation Plan Committee must make every effort to see that available transportation and housing facilities in the vicinity of war plants are used to fullest extent," Chairman Rollin Elwell of the Smith company's committee has been notified by state OPA headquarters.

"This means," said Elwell, "that the employees of the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company should cooperate by filling their cars. We believe it is in the interest of all of us that the drivers to try to do this. Possibly this would eliminate use of a number of cars now needed to transport workers."

A few cases of riders whose drivers hold "C" cards, themselves applying for and obtaining "C" cards for the same trip even though they do not drive their cars to work at all have been encountered by the committee. This is a direct violation of the law, employees are warned, and the penalty runs up to a \$10,000 fine or imprisonment or both.

The CPA has also brought to the attention of the Transportation Plan Committee the fact that from this time forward no additional gas will be allowed to those employees who have received sufficient gas for their trips and yet run out of coupons before the end of the three months.

Don't be a squander bug—Buy War Bonds with your earnings.

Award Ceremony to Follow Launching of the Knoxville, First Frigate Built by L. D. Smith Shipyard

Three employees, one from each of the three shifts, were chosen last week to represent the 4,300 men and women workers of the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company at the combined frigate launching and "M" award ceremony Saturday afternoon.

Selected in a drawing conducted by company officials were Wasel Gawreluk, first shift welder; Leon B. Grosskopt, second shift electrician; and Howard H. Bartz, third shift line-up man on the frigates. Bartz will make the speech of acceptance of the commission's merit badges on behalf of the employees.

The Knoxville, 303-foot twin-screw escort vessel. is named for the Tennessee city. fwhich require cruising range greater than that of the PC's and the smaller subchasers. The Knoxville is practically identical in size with the destroyer escort vessels being built by the Navy in their yards, but is different in the

amount of propulsion power and the type of propulsion equipment.

The "M" ceremony will start immediately after the launching of the frigate Knoxville which will be the 30th vessel to slide down the Smith shipways in the present emergency shipbuilding program.

Presentation of the "M" pennant to L. D. Smith, president of the shipbuilding company, will be made by Thomas M. Woodward, one of the five United States Maritime commissioners. Wolcott E. Spofford, regional director of the Maritime commission at Chicago will make the presentation of the merit badges to the three employee merit representatives.



MISS ANITA JANES of Racine congratulates the winner of war bonds for savings suggestions entered in the Labor-Management Committee's contest. They are from left to right: Alfred Vandertie, Harold Peck and Eugene Boler. Leathem D. Smith, president of the company was also on the platform for the ceremony, which preceded launching of the PC 1173 christened by Miss Janes.

Schedule Picnic For Electricians Sunday, July 18

Any electrician employed in a Sturgeon Bay shipyard is invited to attend a big outdoor picnic which will be held at Fairland Park three miles west of Brussels on the bay Sunday, July 18. The route will be marked with arrows.

The outing is sponsored by Electrical Workers Union Local 1012. Everything - lake trout, ice cream, and pop—will be free, and the electricians are urged to bring the whole family. There is shelter available in case of rain.

New Carpenter Superintendent Appointed Here

Thorsten Berg of Duluth has been appointed superintendent of the carpenter department of the yard to succeed Ben Martin who had held the position since September 1941. The change was effective July 1.

Martin, who organized the carpenter department and supervised construction of several new buildings including the large Maritime building finished in the spring of of 1942, has joined the personnel of the engineering department.



Yard Employees Receive 'M' Honors; Launch First Frigate 5,000 See Ceremonies Saturday

Smith's shipyard was "on the air" Saturday afternoon for what the Columbia broadcasting system announcer described as "a historic event in the progress of our war against the Axis," the launching of frigate designed for escort service and awarding of the U. S. Maritime commission's "M" for merit in production of nine coastal cargo vessels.

The national chain carried the program for half an hour and the Wisconsin state network also broadcast part of it. Addresses by Commissioner Thomas M. Woodward of the Maritime commission, Justice Joseph Martin of the Wisconsin supreme court, and President C. A. Dykstra of the University of Wisconsin were among those broadcast over a total of 39 stations.

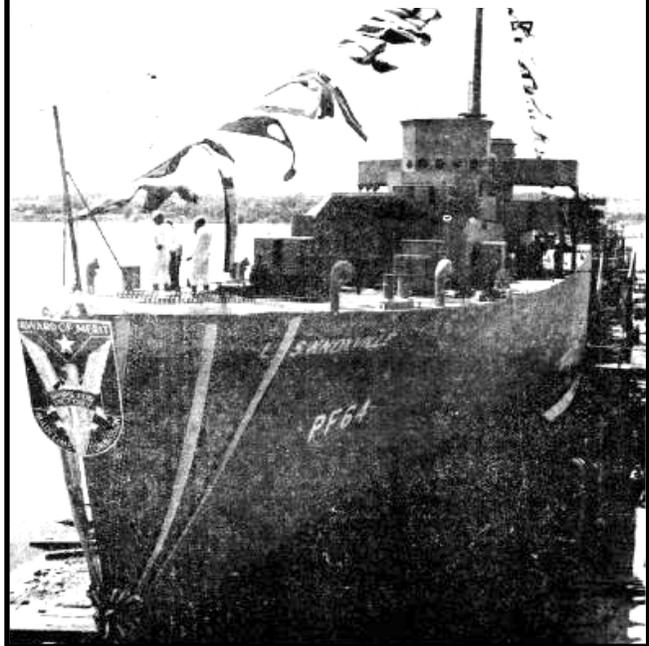
With as much poise as a rehearsed performer, the 317-foot frigate S.S.U. Knoxville took to the water here Saturday afternoon at the Leathem Smith Shipbuilding company yard. Bow and stern went in squarely together without a creek from any launching timber. The ship heeled over modestly, then quickly righted herself.

Launchings are almost, weekly events in Sturgeon Bay now, but the frigate has the distinction of being the longest ship ever constructed in this city. It is one of the newest types in the United States Navy and until a few weeks ago none had been launched anywhere in the country.

In the fleet of 25 pleasure and patrol craft which hovered just beyond the tidal wave created by the launching was the PC 1263 - latest of the 173-foot subchasers completed by the Smith yard. The PC joined in the noisy salute to the Knoxville before she left for New Orleans and active war service, the 30th vessel sent out by the yard since 1940.

Speakers at the Maritime "M" award ceremony held here following the launching of the frigate U.S.S. Knoxville on Saturday afternoon highly

New Type War Ship Built at Smith's



commended the Smith shipyard and its employees for their achievements but warned that much work lies ahead before victory can be won.

President L. D. Smith of the company accepted the "M" pennant from Commissioner Woodward and it was raised by a color guard furnished by Coast Guards while the Smith employees' 30-piece band played the Song of the Victory Fleet.

Company Rents Lot at Garland Court for Cars

Free parking space for Smith employees is being provided on the Ahlers property at the southeast corner of Garland and Court streets, it was announced last week by J. D. Ohrt.

The company has leased the 100 by 150 foot lot and will divide it into stalls for automobiles. No stalls will be marked for any certain employee, it being a case of first come, first parked.

Located one block east of the Hotel Carmen, the new parking lot will be closer to the yard than many employees have been able to park since the south yard lot was closed to automobiles and turned into a storage depot.

Bires Promoted To Principal Hull Inspector

Appointment of Frank H. Bires to succeed Sam Ayres, resigned, as principal hull inspector here for the U. S. Maritime commission has been announced.

Names Announced For Next Seven Of 'Smith' Frigates

Those aware that the second frigate built at Smith's yard will be named the Chattanooga after a Tennessee city only 100 miles from Knoxville, for which the first ship was named have been wondering if all the frigates will be named for Tennessee cities.

The answer to that question is given in a letter received by Leathem D. Smith, president of the company, from Admiral Howard L. Vickery, U. S. Maritime commission:

"This is to advise that the Navy department informed the Maritime commission that the following names have been approved by the President of the United States for the frigates building at your yard:

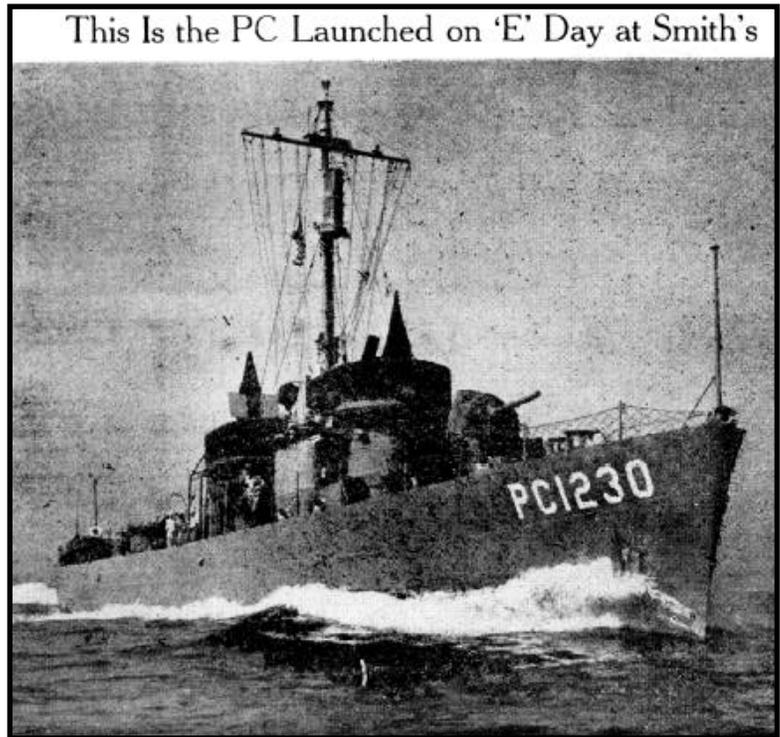
"READING, for Reading, Pennsylvania; PEORIA, for Peoria, Illinois; BRUNSWICK, for Brunswick, Georgia; DAVENPORT, for Davenport, Iowa; EVANSVILLE, for Evansville, Indiana; NEW BEDFORD, for New Bedford, Massachusetts."

Efforts were made to have one of the frigates named the U. S. Sturgeon Bay, but they were not successful. At least one Wisconsin city is to be honored, when the U.S.S. Manitowoc is launched at Superior.

Drive Opened To Get More Ship Builders

A high priority in the recruitment of manpower for shipbuilding and repair of battle damaged vessels has been established, it was announced last week by Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower commission.

Demands of Pacific and Gulf coast shipyards are especially heavy and urgent, he stated, and a recruitment campaign is being conducted in almost all sections of the country. McNutt promised that recruits for the shipyards would not be taken from other essential activities. He said, "In June, the total of shipyard workers recruited from non-shipbuilding areas was approximately 6,000."



Much Work Yet To Be Done at Trailer Project

Construction of the Sunset park trailer camp is continuing, but indications are that it may not be ready for use until fall.

Buildings have been erected, but much work remains to be done grading, draining, constructing streets and walks, and installing utility lines.

Band Will Give Series of Four Park Concerts

Weekly concerts will be given by the Smith employees band in the yard each Wednesday night beginning July 28 and continuing for four weeks, it has been announced by Director Herb Lutz. The band will play at the Martin Park band stand on South Cedar street at 8:15pm.

Require Certificates Of Age From Workers Reaching Age of 18

Employees who have received labor permits must report to the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court when they reach the age of 18 and get a certificate of age.

It is not necessary to take the labor permit to the courthouse. Merely go there and sign the certificate.



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(The **PORT LIGHT** changed its header to using the flags)

'E' and 'M' New 'Port Light' Header Pole; Flies From Pole Inside the Yard

The "E" and "M" designations of excellence now head up the 'Port Light' as seen above, and fly from the flag pole erected in the south yard for the "M" ceremony has been moved to a new location near the west end of the old Navy loft, and the Army-Navy "E", Maritime "M," and Victory Fleet flags now fly from it below the Stars and Stripes.

Smith-built PC's Praised by Their Officers

If the proof of the pudding is in the eating, the proof of the ship is in her fighting and sailing. Lieut. Comdr. E. A. Anderson, supervisor for Navy ship building here has received letters from commanding officers of PCs built here which leave no doubt that Navy men are proud of Smith subchasers.

Typical of the comments is one by an officer who wrote:

"I had an occasion to visit another PC this morning and you may rest assured that I was mighty glad to get back to my own ship for while on this other ship I had an excellent opportunity to inspect the welding and the shipfitting and

machinery installation and must say we have a much better ship."

"You and your crew at Smith's have reason to be mighty proud of your products. It is unfortunate that you are not authorized to completely fit out the ship and commission her at your own yard."

Another PC commanding officer wrote:

"We have traveled tens of thousands of miles since we left Sturgeon Bay. You will be glad to know the ship held up very well. After completing our shakedown cruise we were assigned to probably one of the most arduous PC duties. Our round trip taking us thousands of miles in each leg all of this distance traveled far from land."

Christen 21st PC Built By Smith's Yard Mrs. McKee Sponsor Of the PC 1174 at Thursday Launching

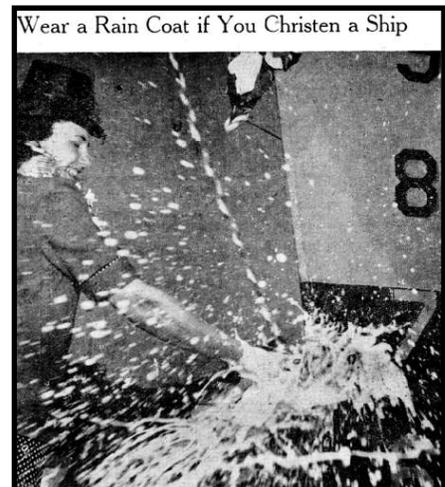
Twenty-first of her type launched at the Smith shipyard since November 22, 1941, the PC 1174 went down the ways here Thursday afternoon with the customary smoothness after being christened by Mrs. C. W. McKee, wife of the company's assistant general superintendent and welding department head.

The sponsor commented upon the lucky numbers "11"

and "7" in the name and expressed the traditional good wishes to the ship and men who sail her. She was introduced by President Leathem D. Smith of the company, who referred to his long acquaintance and association with Mr. McKee. Mr. McKee in his remarks thanked the employees for their fine work and cooperation which made the launching possible.

Housing Situation Improving

Workers coming to Sturgeon Bay for employment in the shipyards need no longer worry about finding living quarters unless they must have furnished apartments. Figures from the federal housing projects and occasional "for rent" advertisements indicate that housing short is at lease temporarily alleviated.





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Launch 2 Warships Saturday

Frigate Chattanooga, 22nd PC Are Scheduled to Splash Into Bay Same Afternoon

Nearly 500 feet of fighting ships will be launched at the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company yard Saturday afternoon, August 7, the 173-foot PC 1175 and the 317-foot frigate Chattanooga named in honor of the Tennessee city. The frigate is the second of her type and the PC the 22nd to be christened here. When the two ships go in, 37 vessels will have been launched at the Smith yard in the current emergency program. The larger ship will go down the ways at 3:30 and the subchaser half an hour later.

Payroll Now Exceeds 4,600

Total Now Increasing At Rate of About 100 Per Week

More than 4,600 are now employed in the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company yard exclusive of those working for subcontractors, according to the latest figures from Bernard Lienau, personnel director. The net increase is running about 100 per week.

Of the total number working

here last week, 610 were women. The figures include office as well as production departments.

Adding of two new aisles at the South gate, bringing the total to nine and opening of a sixth aisle at the Main gate clockhouse is expected to relieve crowded conditions at the change of shifts. Racks ordered six months ago to accommodate 1,000 cards were received just last week.

Orientation and training classes have outgrown the Labor-Management committee's present room in the old Navy loft building and the space which has been occupied by Carpenter Shop No. 1 is to be taken over by the committee, library, and the training department.

A one story addition on the building will house the carpenters thus dislodged. The move will put all carpenter headquarters in one area. The Port Light will move across the hall into the former Labor-Management committee room.

Another place where some remodeling and addition building has been done is in the offices of C.W. McKee, assistant gen. superintendent.

Rebroadcasting News During Lunch Periods

News broadcasts are being aired over the public address system in the yard in the

lunch periods for the three shifts. Clarence Schroeder of the electrical maintenance department has hooked up a radio for the purpose.

Praises PF's Escanaba Survivor Visits Smith Yard, Likes New Ships

Raymond O'Malley, Jr., Chicago, seaman 2/c, one of the two survivors of the Coast Guard cutter Escanaba which sank recently in Atlantic, visited the Smith shipyard last week. He was much impressed by the PF ships or frigates being built here to improve convoy protection on such route as he has been sailing.

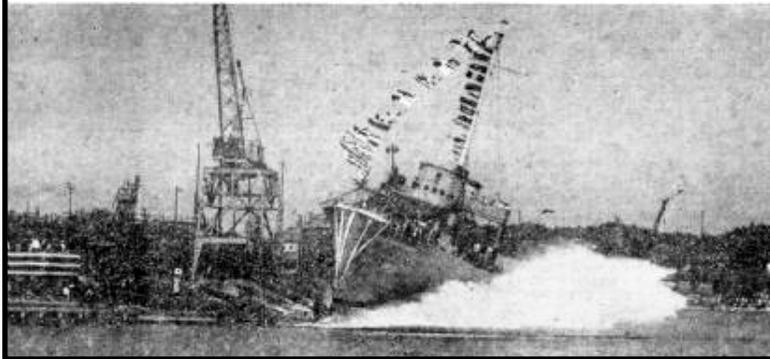
He was shown through the yard by Herb Putman, Maritime plate shop leadman whose brother-in-law, George Larson, boatswains' mate, was one of four Door County men lost on the Escanaba.

O'Malley is one of five war heroes traveling together under auspices of the 6th Transportation zone of the Army.

Capt. Alvin Grauer, commanding officer of the group also visited the Smith shipyard with O'Malley.

O'Malley told Putman that when he returns to active duty he plans to ask for assignment to a PF boat. Captain Grauer was amazed by the large number of women

Thousands Watch Launching of Two Warships



**Work Started On Sixth Frigate
Keel of 'Davenport' Laid During Double
Launching Ceremony Here Saturday**

No sooner had the frigate U.S.S. Chattanooga ridden smoothly down the ways here Saturday afternoon when the big gantry crane rolled up the track through the crowd and swung a small section of the keel of the sixth frigate, the Davenport, into position. The spectators then proceeded to the launching of PC 1175.

The frigate launched Saturday is the second of her type built here and the PC is the 22nd subchaser. The Leatham D. Smith Shipbuilding company has now launched 37 vessels in the emergency program, including four tugs and nine cargo vessels.

Chattanooga, Tennessee, sent two representatives here for the launching of the frigate, Mrs. Cecelia Daniel, Navy gold star mother, who was chosen to christen it, and Prof. S. J. McCallie, president, of the Chamber of Commerce.

Professor McCallie departed from a prepared address and spoke informally, telling the crowd of employees and invited guests that what he had seen here had persuaded him never again to refer to the northerners as "damn Yankees!" He declared that he was much impressed by the great war effort being made here, and that the "American Way of Life" is what is, licking the Axis.



Mrs. Daniel, whose son, Hugh, lost his life in action on the aircraft carrier Hornet, was introduced by Mr. Smith, company president, who said "The sacrifice Mrs. Daniel has made, and the sacrifice of life itself that her son made should inspire in our hearts a greater desire to speed production of these ships of war, not only to avenge the death of Mrs. Daniel's son, but also the scores of other mothers' sons who are dying every day that we might live."

**Local Bus Line Carried 22,000
Riders In July**

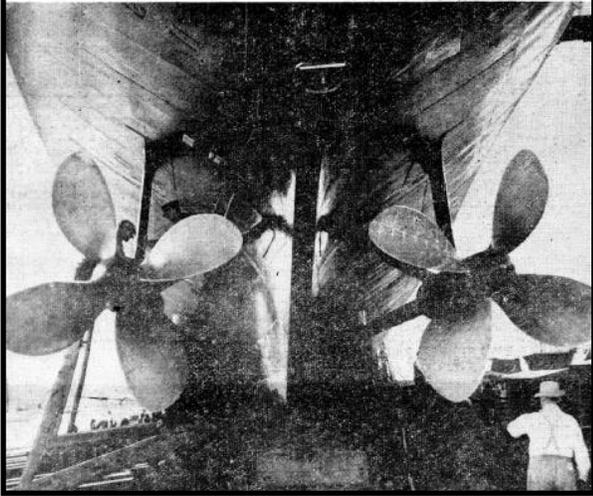
Buses of the Sturgeon Bay Transit company carried 22,324 passengers in July, and the patronage is steadily increasing according to Frank Butts who with Gordon Weber owns the city bus line franchise.

"We have ordered a 27-passenger bus, but it may not arrive until October or so," Butts said. Residents of the Sunrise homes on the east side have petitioned for bus service, and the company is anxious to serve them but will need new equipment.

With standing passengers, the 27-passenger vehicle will accommodate nearly 60. The bus service was an innovation of which many were skeptical, but tire and gasoline restrictions and growth of outlying parts of the city have given the buses plenty of passengers.

Cold weather and opening of schools are expected to increase the patronage. Many shipyard workers ride the buses.

Frigates Are Twin Screw Escort Vessels



Contract to Keep Yard Busy Through '44; Plan Double Launching Soon

Sixteen and possibly as many as 18 coastal cargo ships will be built by the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company for the Maritime commission, it was disclosed last week by President Smith. As previously announced, they will be the new 4,000 ton freighters on which loft work has already been started in the yard at Sturgeon Bay.

Even if the smaller number is ultimately decided upon, the tonnage will be 10,000 tons greater than twice the total of the nine coastal cargo vessels which Smith's yard completed in 1942 and the first half of this year. Those were steam powered, and the new type will have diesel engines.

Fitting out of frigates is expected to continue well into 1944, but if steel is available, considerable work on the freighters will be done this fall and the Maritime yard will devote most of its 1944 efforts to them in order to finish them by the first of 1945 if possible.

Skilled Shipyard Workers in WMC Critical Job List

All skilled workers engaged in the wood and steel shipbuilding industries were included in the War Manpower commission list of critical occu-

pations released Sunday.

According to Lieut. L. A. Hirsch, head of the yard deferment office, this would tend to secure deferments for the skilled workers listed and would effect the Manning Table list of replacements.

Loss of PC 496 Is Announced By Navy Dept.

Official announcement by the Navy department revealed yesterday that PC 496, the first subchaser built by the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company had been sunk in the Mediterranean. It was stated that the vessel sank as the result of an underwater explosion, but it was not stated whether they encountered enemy mines or were hit by enemy submarine torpedoes.

The vessel was launched November 22, 1941, and was christened by Mrs. Leathem D. Smith, wife of the president of the firm.

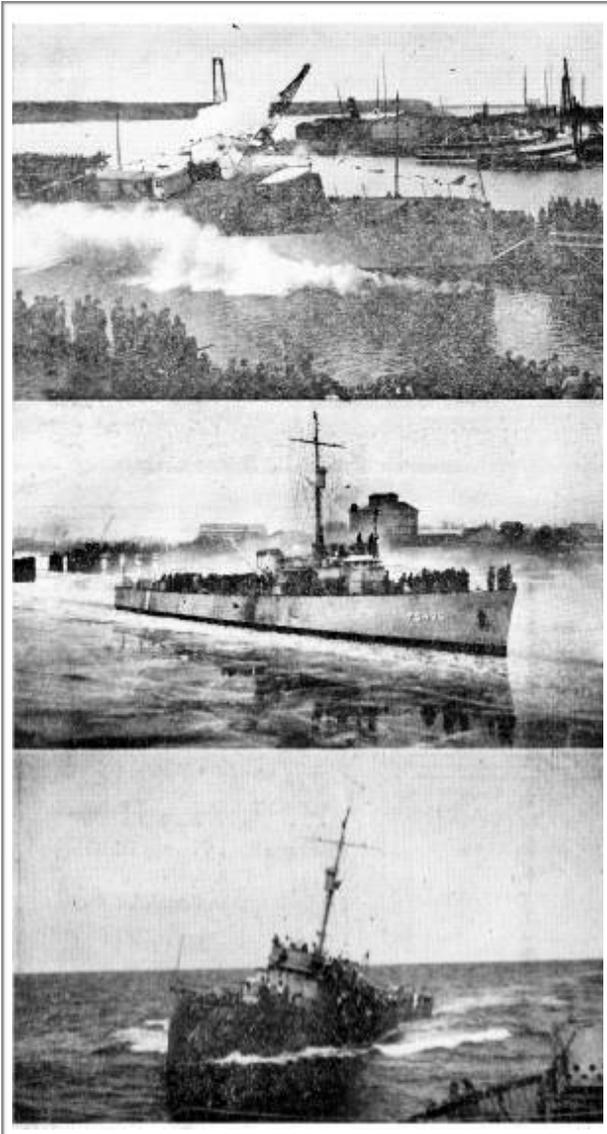
Smith 'Coasters' Please Engineer Now In England

Smith built coastal cargo ships are "grand little sea boats," the chief engineer of one of them said in a letter received last week by The Port Light. It had been mailed from an English east coast town on July 8.

"I was stationed at Sturgeon Bay for awhile and got to know a lot of swell folks," he said. "and I promised to write to a good many of them, but I find that I have mislaid some of the addresses, so in order not to seemingly neglect anyone I decided to write to you in the hope that you would print it.

"Sturgeon Bay was one of the places in this world I never expected to see, and though I have traveled the world for more years than I care to remember, it was always seaports I visited and, after all, seaports in any country are very much alike so getting up to Sturgeon Bay was something new and I have nothing but pleasant thoughts of my stay among you.

"I can picture the day when this world gets back to normal in some out of the way corner of the world meeting some of the crowd that were at the Carmen, then the talk would begin and all the names would come up and we would finish up by saying. 'Well, they were a decent bunch, good luck to them all'."



PC 496

Top - PC being launched, first of her class launched at Smith yard - Nov. 22, 1941

Mid. - Departure of the PC 496 from Sturgeon Bay - in February, 1942

Bot. - Her last days before being sunk on June 4, 1943 in the Mediterranean Sea during the last days of the Tunisian campaign

Gold Star Mother Named Sponsor of 3rd Frigate; 23rd PC to Leave Ways

For the second time within a month, two ships will slide down the ways at Smith's yard on the same day. On August 7, the frigate Chattanooga and the PC 1175 were launched. Saturday, Aug. 28, is the date for the launching of the Reading, a frigate named for the Pennsylvania city, and the PC 1176, 23rd of her type built here. The launchings will be at 4:15 and 4:30 p.m., the 38th and 39th by this company in the current program.

Mrs. John Butterweck, a Gold Star mother, will come here from Reading to christen the frigate which is the third in the series being built by Smith's.

Work will have started on the seventh frigate by the time the Reading is launched.

Mrs. Sydney T. Smith of Hollywood, California, will sponsor the PC 1176. She is the wife of Leathem D. Smith's brother who has been in charge of the Oakland, California, office of the Smith company.

**Smith Shipyard to Construct Six Net Tenders
Loft Work May Be Started in October**

Net tenders are to be added to the variety of fighting and cargo craft built by the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company in the war effort, it was announced by president Smith on Friday after his return from a trip to Washington, D. C.

The net tenders will be driven by diesel-electric power plants and will be specially equipped to lay and lift the nets by which harbors and anchored ships are protected from torpedo attack. They will be classified as YN boats by the Navy which awarded the contracts to the Smith company.

**Population Goes Up to 399 at
Sunset Dorms**

Population of the Sunrise Homes and Sunset Dormitories continues to increase each week. Last Thursday there were 217 families consisting of about 700 persons living in the apartments and 399 men and women in the dorms.

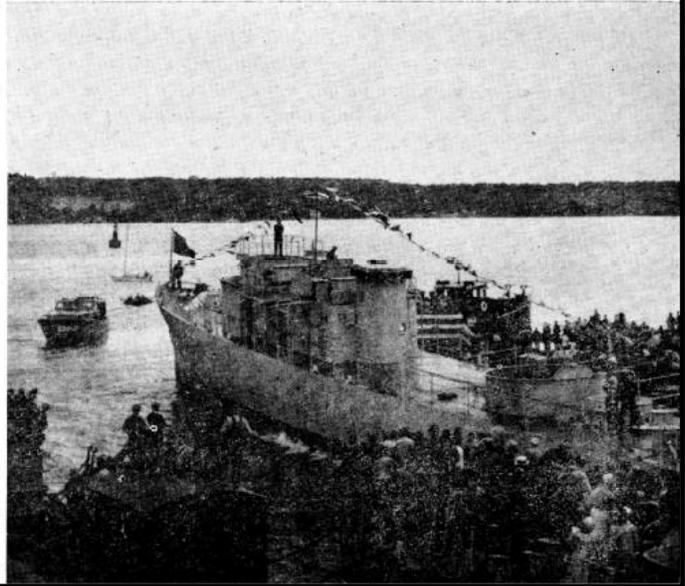
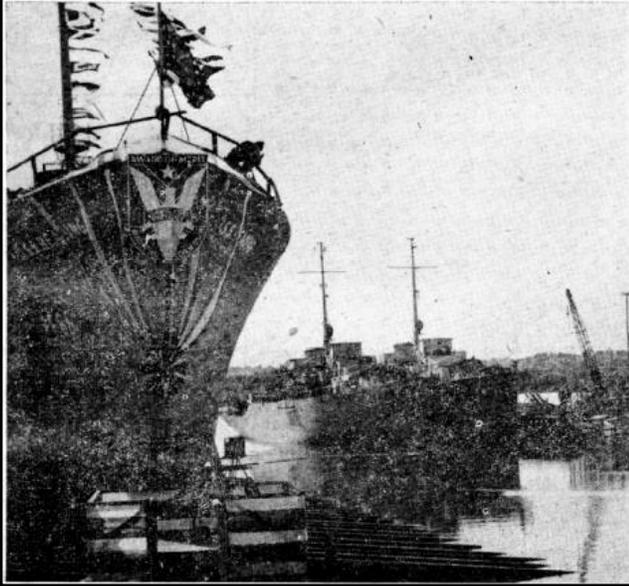
Several no-bedroom and some one-bedroom apartments are available at the Sunrise Homes and new two-bedroom apartments will soon be ready for occupancy. The project is not yet complete.

The dormitory population last week consisted of 341 men and 58 women with 101 beds available. Originally the dorms were planned for more equal numbers of men and women, but the number of men applying for quarters has greatly exceeded the number of women.

Work Labor Day

By request of the United States government the Smith shipyard will work on Labor Day, Mon., Sept. 6. Maritime commission and other officials have issued an appeal to all employees to be on the job. A day earlier or later in delivery of a ship may make the difference between victory or defeat in battle.

Frigate 'Reading' Before, PC 1176 After Launching



POISED ON THE WAYS, ready to join her two sister ships, the Chattanooga and Knoxville. The frigate U.S.S. Reading was launched soon after this picture was taken. Decorating the bow is the large replica of the Maritime "M" merit badge which was also used at the launching of the Knoxville. At the right, the 23rd PC subchaser, the 1176, rides easily on the waters of Sturgeon Bay. Both launchings occurred Saturday afternoon, September 4.

Shipyard Town Contracts for 219 Vessels Received By Local Builders

At dedication ceremonies for the Sunset Hill and Sunset Dorms housing projects for war workers Sunday afternoon, President Leathem D. Smith of the Smith company represented the war industries of Sturgeon Bay.

"In both the construction of cargo ships for transportation and even more, the construction of the fighting ships to protect these cargo ships in convoy Sturgeon Bay has played a big part," Mr. Smith declared.

"Up to date there have been contracts by the two shipbuilding companies and two boats works in Sturgeon Bay with federal agencies, including the Navy, the Army, and the Maritime commission, for a total of 219 boats of various sizes.

"Sturgeon Bay has been particularly favored in the matter of war contracts. Because of its location, maritime experience and traditions of

its people, shipbuilding has always been a predominant industry in the community.

"When we think of this development and undertaking in a city which two years ago boasted a population of about 5,500 people, we realize what the problem of housing has been and what a great work has been accomplished by the Federal Public Housing Authority in providing the necessary dormitories and homes for the people."

More Concerts To Be Played At Martin Park

So popular were the four concerts given by the Smith Employees' band at Martin park in July and August that two more have been scheduled for Wednesday nights, September 1 and 8. They will begin as usual at 8:15. Many were disappointed that none was played last week.

Theodore Steinmetz, Brussels music instructor and composer of the 32nd Division March, will be guest conductor next week.

**Yard Hiring Part-time Workers
Local Men Opportunity
To Put In 4 Hours Daily;
Will Be Employed in Pairs**

So great is the need for workers in the growing Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company yard that a new policy has been adopted of hiring on a half-time basis men who cannot work a full shift because they have other jobs they wish to keep.

Inquiries received from men working in other businesses in the city have been numerous enough to warrant hope that the plan will help solve the serious manpower shortage problem. Personnel Director Bernard Lienau said.

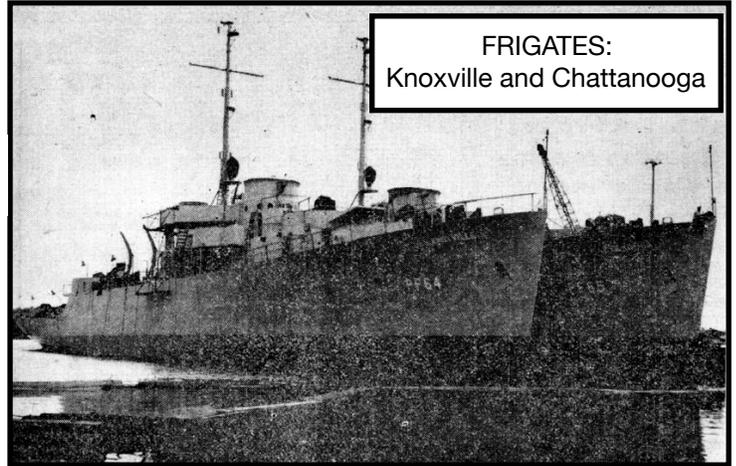
"We are not starting an independent 4-hour shift. Men will be hired in pairs, each working half a shift so as to fill out a regular 7 to 3:30, 3:30 to 11:30 to 7 shift." Lienau explained. "It would create too much confusion and uncertainty in many types of work if the job is made continuous by a pairing arrangement."

If a part-time worker is assigned to an electrician as a helper. for instance, the electrician must be sure of having a helper take over as soon as the first one goes home. Or if a part-time painter starts a job, someone has to be there to take up the brush when he leaves.

"It is essential that those who work on a part-time basis have a thorough understanding with their 'partners' about regular presence." Lienau said. "If either cannot come to work, he will have to notify the other and both stay home. If one reports for work and his partner fails to relieve him or is late, it will be necessary for the first man to stay the entire shift or until relieved, so that the work is not interrupted."

Those who want to work part-time should reach an understanding in advance of applying, if possible, with someone having similar abilities or experience, and agree upon parts of the shift they will take. The 7 am. to 3:30 pm. shift consists of eight full hours, the 3:30 to 11:30 pm. shift of seven and a half hours and the 11:30 pm. to 7 am. shift of seven hours. Pay in all cases, however, is for eight hours.

It is expected that the majority of part-time employees will be interested in working the



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Knoxville and Chattanooga**

second shift. There are openings in all parts of the shipyard for men with and without experience. Those who cannot find partners should apply and the employment office may be able to arrange pairings. Responsibility for regular presence will lie with the partners nevertheless.

An opportunity to learn ship welding while being paid is also offered. Applicants will be on the payroll from the start and will be transferred to actual work as soon as they show their ability to do it. Classes will be four hours in length.

An article in the March issue of Reader's Digest discussed the part-time plan. "Of hundreds of workers, not one has been discovered who has felt the slightest ill effects from the extra 24 hours a week. Nor do their full-time employers feel that their daytime efficiency has been impaired," the writer said. Many are white collar workers to whom the change is so interesting that they do not become tired.

No effort is being made to recruit high school students on a part-time basis, it being realized that their educational program and activities are enough of a load.

Will Start New Coast Guard Reserve Class

All men who are interested in joining the local Coast Guard temporary reserve are asked to join a new class at the high school gym here starting tomorrow night, Sept. 8, at 7:30, announces Commander E. F. Bushman. The training lasts 12 weeks, the class meeting every Wednesday. On completion of the course the men will be eligible for local coast guard duty during spare time. Besides class work, practice cruises on boats belonging to the fleet are offered giving the men an opportunity to put their training to practical use.