

**5th War Loan Drive Opens June 12
Will Issue War Bond Order
Blanks In Yard This Week;
Only Cash Purchases Count**

Smith employers will receive War Bond order blank cards this week from their foreman and be asked to participate in the Fifth War Loan by purchasing an extra bond - preferably the \$100 size.

While increases in payroll allotments for bonds are always encouraged, only cash orders will be counted in meeting the drive quota. Shipyard employees, receiving by far the largest proportion of total income in Door county, will be expected as usual to purchase a substantial part of the \$910,000 worth of war securities which the county is being asked to buy. Door county's quota is based upon the number employed here and non-residents working in the yard should therefore do their buying in the county. The quotas for Brown and other nearby counties are correspondingly lower than they otherwise would be.

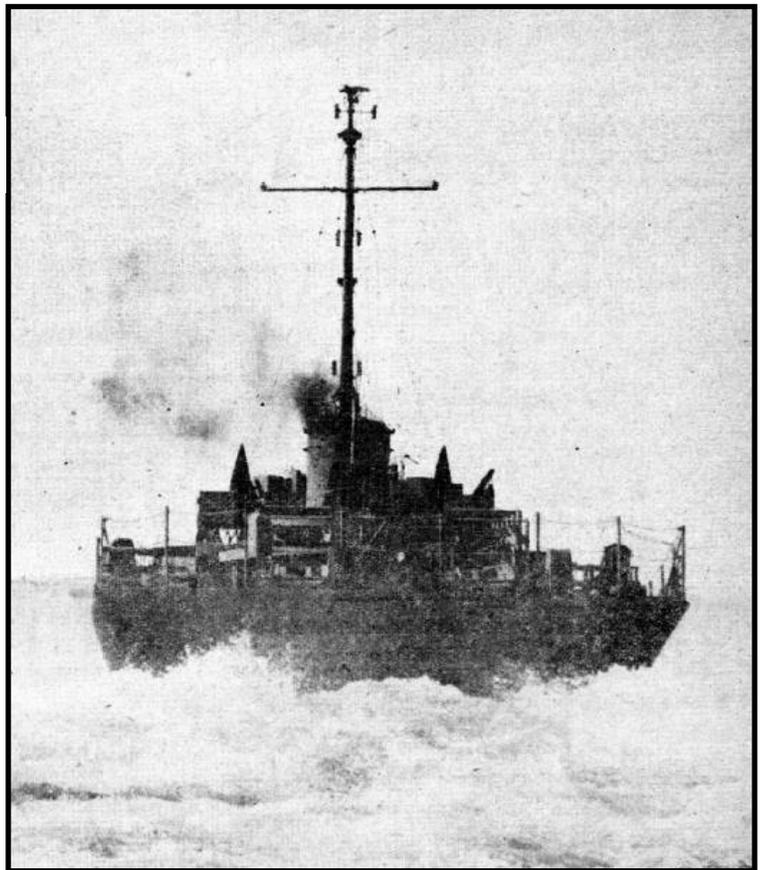
The national goal is 16 billion dollars of which six billion dollars is sought from individuals. That's 700 million dollars more than was obtained from individuals in the Fourth War Loan.



Yard's Labor

**Turnover Is Low
Only Five Shipyards
In Maritime Group
Were Lower**

Only five shipyards in the United States with Maritime commission contracts had a lower labor turnover rate in March than the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company. None of them was in the Great Lakes zone, where the Smith



HERE IS WHAT a man overboard would see after falling off a Smith-built frigate into her boiling wake.

company's record was the best in the list, 5.9 separations per 100 employees.

The figures include all cases of persons leaving the company employ, whether they quit or were dismissed or were drafted. There are 18 shipyards in the Great Lakes zone and 140 in the United States. Smith's yard has been consistently among the leaders in keeping down labor turnover.

National publicity was given the Smith yard in the May 29 issue of the Victory Fleet bulletin published by the U. S. Maritime commission. Labor turnover is regarded as one of the most serious production handicaps in the shipbuilding industry.

**All, Even Small Injuries
Should Be Treated At First Aid**

Some workers fear that the records will show them up as careless workers if they go to First Aid for every injury, no matter how minor, but foremen have been instructed to counteract this

Prospects Bright For Additional Work; Efficiency to be Factor

Prospects for continued full-scale operation of the Smith shipyard are still good, even though completion of the present contracts for PC subchasers and net tenders is scheduled before next winter. After his return from a trip to Washington, President, Leatham D. Smith issued the following optimistic statement concerning the outlook for additional contracts based upon the situation as it is today. How sudden developments in the war might alter circumstances is of course unpredictable.

"We have had a good record in the past and have kept our production schedules compared with those of other shipbuilding plants working on the same programs." Mr. Smith pointed out.

"We have now lost a large number of our younger men to the armed services. Many of these men were among the best in our plant and are impossible to replace in the limited time offered."

"Because of this record, we have been fortunate in not having any cancellations of our PC or other programs and, in fact, about two weeks ago we were given additional ships by the Maritime commission."

"I now have reasonable assurance from the Navy that, if we hold up or improve our production schedules and hold down our costs of construction, we will be favored with additional vessels to build by new contracts at an early date."

"Let us all give them the best we have in us to carry our war production record through to a good, clean conclusion."

Sturgeon Bay Recreational Rating Good

Newcomers to Sturgeon among the shipyard employees are often unaware of the recreational opportunities which exist in this playground of the Middle West.

It you want to buy a ticket and sit



THIS IS REALLY A LIFE SAVING PICTURE. We didn't know what to put on the front page this week until we decided to offer you some nice scenery framed in a life preserver. Meet Betty Champeau of the time office! This is also an opportunity to remind employees to memorize the location life preservers around the slips so they can use them promptly in case anyone falls in.

down for non-participating entertainment, you are limited to the movies and occasional Sunday ball games, but there is plenty to do if you want outdoor recreation as an active participant.

Boating, fishing, swimming, golf, tennis, horse-back riding, and roller skating are among the summer activities which you can enjoy whether you have a car or not. Efforts have been made to offset the one really glaring deficiency - lack of any summer dance pavilion - with occasional dances at the Smith Sports club and the Sunset Dorms auditorium.



VICTORY in this war may well depend upon the success of the Fifth War Loan drive, for failure would be a depressing piece of news to the men fighting in



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20 Employees Who Buy Extra Bonds Will Win Trial Run Trips On Ships Purchases Must Be Made at Shipyard

Trial run trips on Smith-built ships will be given to 20 employees of the company whose names are drawn from among those who purchase \$50 or more worth of bonds in the Fifth War Loan drive between June 12 and July 8, inclusive. Each purchase of \$50 worth of bonds will entitle the buyer to one chance.

The plan is one frankly borrowed from a West Coast yard which is taking 200 workers on the trial runs of two aircraft carriers. The smaller size of the ships and the fact there are fewer employees limits the number of those who can be rewarded in this manner at the Smith yard.

Executives of the company and others who have the privilege and opportunity to go on trial runs at any time, as well as regular trial run crews will not be eligible. Whether all will be taken on one trip, and what type of vessel will the chosen are questions which have not been decided. Arrangements will be made for compensating workers for time lost on the trips which usually take about eight hours.

Purchasers of extra bonds any where in Door county will be given free tickets to one of three showings of the new Warner Brothers movie, "Passage to Marseilles," at the Door theatre Thursday, July 6. The film will be shown for bond buyers at 1:45, 3:45. and 11:45 pm.

Yard Awarded Gold Star for Its "M" Pennant

In recognition of the Smith yards "continued outstanding production achievement in ship construction," the first gold star has been added to the company's "M" pennant. President D. Smith was notified Friday by Rear Admiral Howard D. Vickery of the U.S. Maritime commission.

When the pennant was first presented July 10, 1943 the company was launching the Knox-



JOIN THE BOND PARADE...the march is on for complete victory over the 'Axis'.

ville, first of a fleet of eight Frigates built under Maritime commission contract. This contract is now nearing completion and work has been started on a contract for 20 cargo ships ordered by the commission from this yard.

Unlike our Army-Navy "E" pennant whose two stars were added at six-months intervals after the original presentation, the "M" pennant always carries one star when it is first given. Renewals of the "E" award are at regular periods, but there is no specified period of adding stars to the "M" pennant.

Maritime merit badges will be presented to all employees on the company payroll as of June 16 who have not yet received one, Admiral Vickery reported. He is chairman of the commission's Board of Awards in addition to his other duties with that agency.

24-Hour Period Count of Bridge Traffic: 6,500

Shipyard shift changes are credited with making the periods from 6 to 7am and 3 to 4 pm, the peak traffic hours on the Sturgeon Bay bridge. A count conducted by police with a state device showed that in a 24-hour period on June 6 and 7, a total of 6,560 vehicles crossed.

Of the total, 578 went over in the morning rush hour and 807 in the afternoon stampede. More vehicles crossed the bridge in each of those one-hour periods than entered or left the north side of the city on highway 57 in any three hour period when a similar count was conducted June 12 and 13. The total in that, count was 2,168.

Only three vehicles went over the bridge between 4 and 5am on the morning the traffic count was made.

Launch First Net Tender Thursday 2nd Auxiliary Freighter to Go In July 2

Smith's yard will launch its first net tender and 60th ship of the emergency war program Thursday noon when the Passaic is to be christened by Mrs. Samuel H. North of Marion, Illinois.

On Sunday, July 2, the second of a fleet of 20 335-foot freighters, the Pontotoc, will be christened by Mrs. Smith, national president of the American Legion Auxiliary and wife of a Racine congressman. The ship is being named for an Oklahoma county.

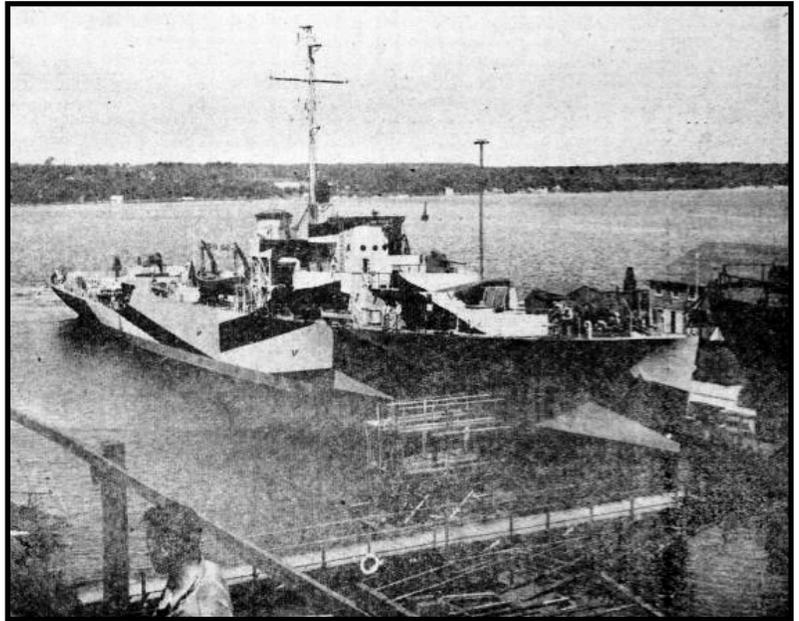
The Sunday launching will be broadcast on a state network.

Though something of an ugly duckling as ships go, the net tenders are an extremely difficult type to build. Only submarines are regarded as harder assignments for shipbuilders. They are designed with a six-foot rake from bow to stern to offset the fact they are pulled down at the bow when lifting nets over the projecting horns.

Due to the unusual stresses involved in this work and necessity for the ship to ride as smoothly as possible, the ship is a maze inside and amazing outside. Comparable in length to the PC subchaser, about five feet shorter, the net tender bears no resemblance to anything built here. The Passaic is the first of three.

The propulsion machinery likewise is entirely different from any previous installation at the Smith yard. The ships will use Diesel electric drive, the propeller being turned by a set of reduction gears which in turn are driven by two electric motors. The motors receive their current from generators driven by two 600-horsepower Busch-Sulzer Diesel engines.

Choice of this method of propulsion permits the current generated in the engine room to be used for auxiliary purposes when the ship is not in motion. On an ordinary ship, the propulsion engines being directly connected with the propellers cannot be used for any other purpose.



LAST OF EIGHT FRIGATES built at the Smith yard, the New Bedford is the only one to have her camouflage paint applied here. Ships in this war are also camouflaged so that they blend into the waves when seen from above. Camouflage seldom makes a vessel invisible, but it hinders the enemy from identifying the type of ship and its direction of travel.

Girl Welders Use Slightly Less Rod Than Men, Usually

To be fair to the fair sex welders, it must be reported that their production record is more than fair. In a recent survey in the Smith yard comparing the production of male and female welders, it was found that the women compare very favorably with the men.

The women burned an average of 7.25 pounds of welding electrode per shift as compared to an average of 8.51 pounds per shift for the men.

Thirty-five per cent of the women used between six and eight pounds of electrode per shift with some going to 12 or 14 pounds.

"The figures compiled in these studies definitely substantiate the idea that women can compete on an equal footing with men in the welding industry," said Welding Supt. C. W. McKee.

Work July 4th

Smith's shipyard will operate Tuesday, July 4, Supt. C. R. Christianson announces. Christmas is the only holiday on which Maritime commission yards shut down. Time and one half rates will apply.

JOIN THE BOND WAGON

The U.S. Maritime commission's "M" pennant now flies with it's second gold star in recognition of the Smith yards' "continued outstanding production".

Many State Legion, Members Attend Launching of Second Big Freighter

Smith's second 338-foot freighter, Pontotoc, was launched Sunday afternoon at a ceremony in which American Legion leaders of Wisconsin were honored guests of the shipyard. Many state Legionnaires and their families were in the crowd. James R. Durfee, Wisconsin commander of the American Legion, was the principal speaker. Mrs. Lawrence H. Smith, national president of the American Legion Auxiliary, came here from Racine to be the sponsor of the 6,000-ton vessel built under Maritime commission contract for use by the Navy.

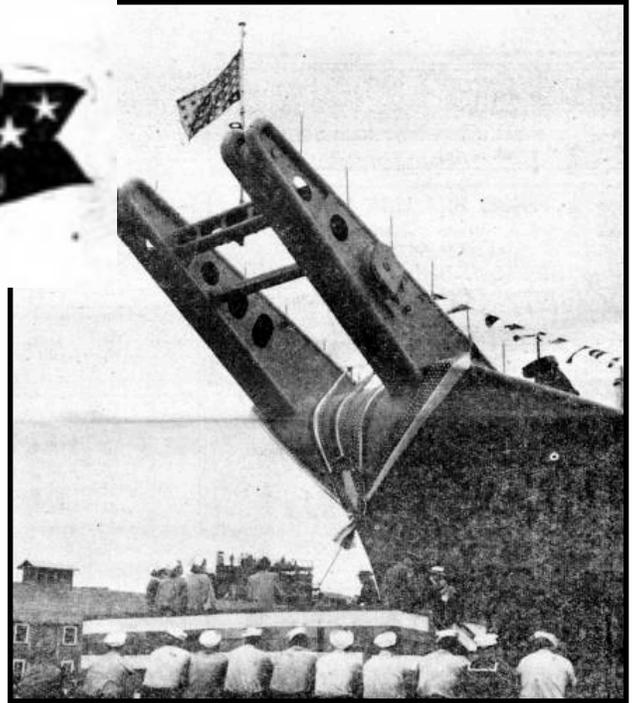
Down in Oklahoma where the county for which the ship is named is located, they have had a word for settlers who jumped the gun when Indian territory was opened up - Sooners. The Pontotoc was a Sooner in that she chose her own time to go in, before the sponsor could begin her remarks.

Keeping a ship poised on the brink of launching is not always possible, in fact it is more a matter of the program adjusting itself to the ship's whim than the other way about. When she starts moving nothing can stop her. The Pontotoc was a little rude in interrupting a talk by William R. Crawford, Maritime commission regional public relations director, but she proved she is a lady by going in gracefully and proudly.

It was a big day for the shipyard. In addition to the launching, there was the raising of the new "M" pennant with a second gold star indicating renewal of the Maritime commission merit award to company and employees.

July Vacation Notices Given To Employees 13-Day Rule Doesn't Bar But May Delay A Few Vacations

Notices have been distributed to employees who are to get vacations in July, advising them



LIKE A MONSTER SNAIL, the two-horned net tender Passaic is shown in this view as she awaited launching last Thursday.

the dates allotted, it is announced by Bernard Lienau, personnel director.

Employees with one year's service are entitled to five days (40 hours) with pay. Vacations will be granted all those eligible before December 1, 1944. Those who become eligible after that will get their first vacation after May 1, 1945, the period for vacations being between May 1 and December 1.

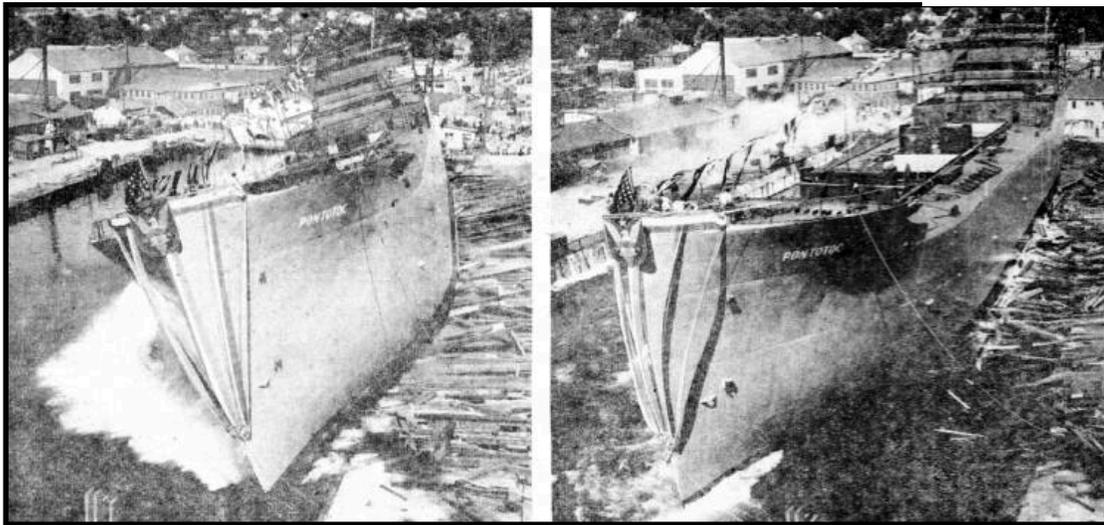
Fifth War Loan Drive Going Slowly in Yard

Most articles in the Port Light tell about the successes of the yard in building more and better ships, but there is no way to tell a pleasant, encouraging story about the results of the Fifth War Loan drive here to date.

Last Friday only \$35,500 worth of extra bonds (present cash value) had been bought at the yards bond office and with payroll allotments the total was less than \$85,000.

Sergeant Morang's rousing talk a week ago last Thursday pepped up the sales a bit. Of the \$35,500 worth of bonds bought with cash, \$11,887 worth were purchased in the two days after his appearance.

"We have accomplished records in shipbuilding. We now urge you to concentrate on accomplishing records in bond sales"..... C. R. Christianson.



TAKEN FROM A 'HIGH CHAIR' suspended by the gantry crane. these pictures of the launching of Smith's second 338-foot freighter, the Pontotoc show the vessel as she left the ways and a moment later when the fitting out

.....dock was flooded. The area likely to be deluged has roped off, but some of the spectators had to run to avoid getting their feet wet. Lower windows in the building were boarded up as a precaution against the big flood.

Honor Boy Scouts at PC Launching To Be Yard's Guests Sunday

Boy Scouts in Door county for the cherry harvest will be guests at the launching. Many others active as members and executives in the Boy Scout organization in Wisconsin will also attend. Although the Scouts are not a military group, their health and character building program and activities in such things as salvage drives have contributed much to America's strength.

The Boy Scouts will eat in the shipyard lunch rooms at noon and after that will tour the yard. From 12:45 to 1 p.m. the 50-piece Racine Boy Scout drum and bugle corps is to give a concert which will be broadcast over the public address system. It will also play at the launching and lead a parade from the yard to Soukup field after the ceremony.

Ernest Long, founder of one of Door county's first Boy Scout troops in 1916 and present troop committee chairman, will be a guest of honor at the ceremony and special recognition will be given him for his services.

Part of the program will be broadcast on a state network from 2:30 to 2:45.

Quota Is Met in County's Bond Appeal

Bond sales for cash totaled \$53,381.25 at the Smith shipyard War Bond office from June 12 to July 6, inclusive. and payroll allotments credited in the Fifth War Loan drive brought the total to about \$115,000. These figures are on cash, not face value.

Door county was sent over its \$910,000 quota last week by purchase of \$550,000 worth of bonds by the Bank of Sturgeon Bay. Individual investments in bonds, however, have been far less than hoped for.

Federal Child Care Project Sought Would Aid Mothers Working in Industry In Sturgeon Bay

Some mothers who could help build ships in Sturgeon Bay yards have been prevented from doing so by the lack of a nursery where their children could be placed in the eight hours they would be away from home.

Many others have had to make unsatisfactory, expensive and uncertain arrangements which frequently break down and result in the mother having to stay home, thus adding to absenteeism.

Gold Star Mothers Sponsor 62nd Vessel Constructed in Yard in Three Year Period

Boy Scouts of Wisconsin were guests of the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company here Sunday in an afternoon of activity which was climaxed by the launching of the subchaser PC 1565.

The launching was third in recent weeks to honor state groups. The Elks organization and the American Legion and its auxiliary were feted here on previous occasions.

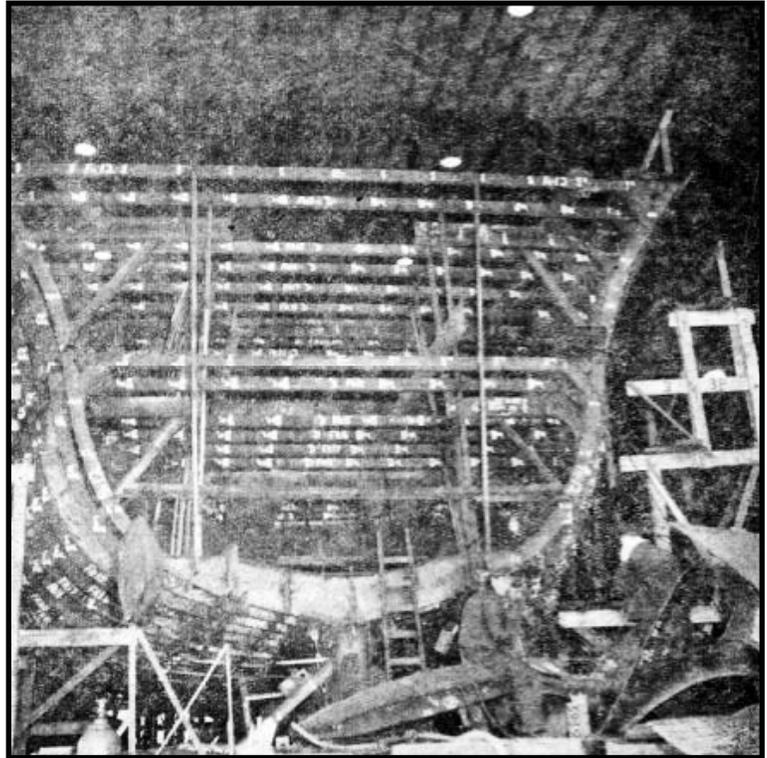
The Wisconsin Scouts honored the mothers of two of their Eagle Scout members who lost their lives serving with the armed forces by choosing Mrs. Abraham Smith, Green Bay, to christen the warship and Mrs. Lee H. Cranston, also of Green Bay, to act as co-sponsor.

"While the Boy Scouts are a non-military organization, far different from the militaristic Hitler youth of Nazi Germany," Smith said, "it is only natural that our Scouts, who some day will have to assume the burden of the defense of the country in the armed forces, should be very interested in the progress of the war and the war work being done today. This, along with the natural interest of boys in ships and boats, should prove inter-esting for our guests today."

He commended the hundreds of Scouts who are aiding in the harvest of the county's cherry crop. He urged them to take their work more seriously this year than ever before because of the urgent need for the crop which is being purchased entirely by the Government.

"Our Sea Scouts have contributed heavily to our Navy program. More than 6,000 former Sea Scouts hold commissions in the U. S. Naval Reserve and many thousands of Sea Scouts sail the seven seas under Old Glory."

"It remains for us to carry on the home front. The launching of this ship is evidence of a job well done. Ships without men are worthless. Ships with men will help win the war and will preserve our nation. Let us continue building good ships and better men."



WORK ON THE THIRD NET TENDER proceeds in the Maritime plate shop. The vessels are built in sections, and this section will be well forward in the ship inasmuch as only 11 of the 73 frames will be in front of the one nearest the camera. Employees in the right foreground are working on the stern frame for a freighter.

Shipyard Employees Urged to Take Part Time Jobs in County Cherries

Millions of pounds of cherries may go to waste in Door county this month unless more help is found to pick them and operate the canneries. Maybe you don't like cherry pie, but lots of men in uniform do, and the crop is a vital part of the food resources of the United States.

No man or woman who is willing to work part time will be turned down. The season has already started, but even if you can work only part of it you can help. They don't pay shipyard wages, but \$15, \$20 or more extra a week isn't hard to take for part time work.

Band Will Give Concert At Martin Park

The next concert by the Smith Employees' band will be given at Martin park at 8 o'clock Thursday night, July 20. The program will include a special baton twirling exhibition by Carol Jensen, state champion high school girl twirler from Sheboygan. Altogether there will be seven majorettes in action.

Bulwark Section Escorted Across Four Counties to Shipyard

A gun bulwark for the U.S.S. Richland next of the C1-M-AV1 freighters scheduled for launching arrived at the Smith yard last Wednesday via special truck from Sheboygan after being escorted across Sheboygan, Manitowoc, Kewaunee, and Door counties by deputies from the four counties' sheriffs' offices.

Manufactured by the Garton Toy company, Sheboygan, a sub-contractor for the freighters, the bulwark was too large to be shipped via freight. An escort was necessary because it also exceeded highway clearances.

All traffic was stopped at the Sturgeon Bay-Sawyer drawbridge to permit the truck to pass through with only inches of clearance on each side.

Upon arrival the bulwark was still too large to enter through the main gate and a crane was employed to lift the piece from the truck and convey it to the ship.

Periodic arrival of special trucks bringing prefabricated sections are commonplace at the Smith, many coming as far as Marshfield, Wisconsin, from Felker Bros. Manufacturing company.

Yard Employees to Get Free Cruises On Smith-built Ships

Names of the 20 employees who will receive free trial run trips on Smith-built ships were chosen last Friday in a drawing held at the yard's bond office.

Of the 20 selected by lot, three were on the office personnel payroll, the 17 others being production workers. The names were drawn from 822 workers in the yard who purchased \$50 or more of bonds during the Fifth War Loan drive between June 12 and July 8.

50,000 More Men Needed in Shipyards

Vice Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the war shipping administration, has reported



STRUTTING THEIR STUFF before hundreds of their fellow Scouts the crack drum and bugle corps from Racine, Wisconsin, shared musical honors with the Smith Employees' band at the recent launching of PC 1565 which was dedicated to Wisconsin Boy Scouts. A portion of the 50 piece corps is shown here in action at Soukup field after the ceremony.

50,000 additional shipyard workers are needed to meet ship construction requirements for European and far eastern operations.

Land said demands of the joint chiefs of staff mean that U. S. shipyards must produce every ship now scheduled for delivery by July 1, 1945, and that additional work loads will be placed on major shipyards in a few weeks.

Thank You! Received in Yard For Cigarettes

Appreciation of Red Cross donations by the Smith company and its employees is in evidence through a V-mail letter received last week by Harry Everard of the Navy fitters from his brother in England.

Everard reported his brother, Wilfred, a private in the Army infantry, wrote him saying he and his buddies had received free cigarettes from Red Cross members as they disembarked recently in England. He noted many of the packages which were distributed were identified as coming from the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company. Pvt. Everard sent his thanks to the company and employees.

Will Use Milk, Not Champagne In Christening of Cargo Ship

Milk instead of the traditional champagne will be used in the christening of the auxiliary cargo ship U.S.S. Richland at the Smith yard Saturday noon, August 5, and a former dairy queen and milking contest winner will swing the bottle. She is Mrs. Warren G. Brown, daughter of Gavin McKerrow, head of the Golden Guernsey Dairy Co-operative of Milwaukee. The Richland is the third of 20 freighters for which the yard has a contract. They are 338 foot ships.

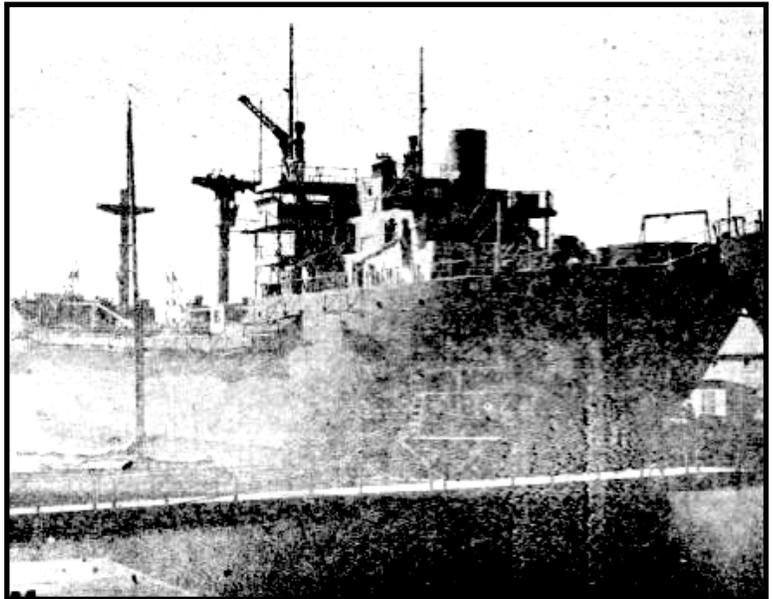
While champagne is the customary fluid used at launchings in modern times; water, beer, and various other liquids have occasionally taken its place. For example. a bottle of Illinois river water was broken on the bow of the U.S.S. Peoria a frigate built at Smith's shipyard.

There is no superstition or particular sentiment which dictates the use of champagne, apart from the fact that its high price dignifies the ceremony and its effervescence makes for a pretty splash. Because of the prominence of the sponsor in Wisconsin dairy industry, it was felt appropriate to launch the Richland with milk.

Advise Workers That Army Accepts Not to Quit Job

Men who pass their pre-induction physical examinations often have more time than they expect to have before entering the service and are well advised to remain on the job, Lieut. L.A. Hirsch of the yard's deferment office said last week. It is to their own interest as well as that of the company to do so, and the government likewise endorses the recommendation.

The minimum period is 21 days, plus the notice period. If induction is delayed for more than 90 days, another examination must be given. Furthermore, passing of the pre-induction "physical" does not prevent obtaining of deferment and reclassification.



SMITH'S FIRST 338-foot freighter, the Poinsett, takes on a nearly complete appearance at the fitting out dock. She was launched on May 22.

Not the Longest But New Canadian Car Ferry Ranks With the Big Ones

Described in a national magazine as the "world's largest car ferry," the Prince Edward Island now being built in Sorel, Province of Quebec, deserves that rating from the standpoint of gross tonnage, but she is outclassed in length by several Great Lakes car ferries, including one which goes through Sturgeon Bay.

The Prince Edward Island is 372 feet, 6 inches long, or 34 feet longer than the new freighters being constructed in the Smith yard.

Reference to Green's Great Lakes Directory produces the fact that the Str. Ann Arbor No. 5 which goes through Sturgeon Bay is 378 feet long and that the longest car ferry on the lakes is the Str. City of Midland. 386 feet, 6 inches, in length. Others with equal or greater length than the new Canadian ship are the Str. City of Saginaw No. 31, 381 feet, 6 inches; Str. City of Sheboygan, 378 feet, and the Pere Marquette No. 2, 372 feet. These figures are for keel length.

The Str. Wabash which passes through Sturgeon Bay is 368 feet long. Others seen here regularly are the Str. Ann Arbor No. 3. 307 feet; Str. Ann Arbor NO. 6. 338 feet; and the Str. Ann Arbor No. 17, 348 feet.

JOIN THE BOND WAGON

MOST EMPLOYEES aboard the PC 824 on her shakedown cruise last week were busy conducting trials, it was a day's work for them. The special guests, however, had a rare good time. Sponsor Dorothy Stoll (left) stood at the wheel for a moment. A tasty meal was served in the mess room, and there was a visit to the pilot house. Not a single person became seasick.



Dairy Queen Christens Freighter

Smith's third 338-foot freighter, the Richland, splashed into the bay Saturday noon on schedule after being christened by Mrs. Warren D. Brown, former dairy queen and milking champion. In further recognition of the dairy industry of Wisconsin, milk instead of the customary champagne was used in the launching ceremony.

The ship is the 63rd built by the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company in the current emergency program. The next launching, tentatively planned for next week end, will be that of the yard's 39th subchaser, the PC 1566.

President Smith introduced the speakers and gave a brief talk. "I hope that the event which we are present at today, the launching of a ship, which for the first time in the country's history is christened with a bottle of milk, will help to bring again to the front the advertising to which the dairy industry of Wisconsin is entitled," Mr. Smith said, "It is fitting that the first ship ever christened with milk in this country is launched in the state of Wisconsin."

Huge Crowds Attend Smith Picnics

More than 10,000 employees, members of their families, and friends attended two picnics sponsored by the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuild-

ing company Sunday at Bay Beach Park, Green Bay, and Potawatomi Park, Sturgeon Bay. Bright, cool weather prevailed, and a fine afternoon was enjoyed by all, before, during, and after the "feed."

The Smith Employee band played at both events, at Potawatomi under the direction of Bill Hoppe and at Bay Beach park under leadership of its regular director, Clarence "Sax" De Namur, with Claude Heckman as drum major. Carol Jensen of Sheboygan high school, state champion baton twirler, gave exhibitions.

One of the events featured at both picnics was the rolling pin throw with only married women entered, of course. Mrs. John VanDoorn had the nicest trajectory and won at Green Bay with a toss of 81 feet. Mrs. Sweeny and Mrs. Mealy had throws of 75 feet. While at Potawatomi, Mrs. A. McCarthy won with a mere 58 foot heave, while Mrs. Ewing and Mrs Henry tied at 54 feet.

Hard hats not being available for the spectators, the contest at Potawatomi had to be stopped because of wild pitches!

The Mechanics won the tug-of-war at Potawatomi from the Klemens team, after defeating the Burners who boasted "L. D." himself as a member. At Green Bay Louis Waterbrook's Maritime team outpulled the Navy team.

Horseshoe pitching was also a big event at the picnics.

The Richland at the instant she entered the water



Mother of 5 servicemen Names Smith Yard's 39th Subchaser

Tribute to our Polish allies and the Americans of Polish descent fighting in the war was paid Saturday at the launching of the PC 1566 at the Smith shipyard. The sponsor was Mrs. Anastasia Zaborowski of Stevens Point who has five sons in the armed forces.

One of the sons, Master Sgt. Edward Zaborowski, was a speaker at the program. Jozef Staniewicz, Polish vice consul at Chicago, and Adam Bartosz, editor of the Polish Gwiazda Polarna at Stevens Point, also spoke briefly.

The subchaser is the 39th of her type launched at the Smith yard and the 64th vessel constructed for the government in the current emergency period. Smith PCs are in service in all parts of the world, having been reported in the Mediterranean, off France, at Port Morseby, New Guinea, our West Coast, and other places thousands of miles from Sturgeon Bay.

"Today at the launching of our 64th ship in the war program, we sought an outstanding war mother from Wisconsin to do this honor," President L. D. Smith said, "The choice fell on Mrs. Anastasia Zaborowski. Mrs. Zaborowski and her family are of Polish-American descent, so it seemed doubly fitting that we pay tribute today to Americans of Polish descent, whose homeland is our Ally in this war, for the part which they are playing in the war record.

Yard To Build 10 Water Tankers Will Be 7th Type Constructed Here

Construction of 10 water tankers which will be useful in the Pacific war has been undertaken by the Smith shipyard and under terms of a Navy contract agreed upon in Washington last week they are to be delivered by September 1, 1945. They will be 174 feet long with a beam of 32 feet and depth of 15 feet. They are intended for harbor servicing of large vessels.

The tankers will boost the total of ships ordered from the Smith shipyard to 98. The yard has already delivered the greater part of its Navy contract for 42 PC subchasers. Other

contracts have been for four tugs, nine coastal cargo vessels, eight frigates, 20 medium size freighters, and three net tenders. Work has been completed on all except the medium size freighters and the net tenders.

PC 1261, Smith Built, Lost In European Sector

Loss of the PC 1261 in European waters was announced Friday by the Navy, increasing to two the number of Smith-built subchasers which have been reported sunk. No date was given for the sinking. The ship was delivered to the Navy May 1, 1943, and commissioned May 22 at New Orleans.

Winner of \$400 Jeanne Murphy

The \$400 first prize she won in the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company's postwar employment plan contest, Miss Jeanne Murphy of Green Bay intends to use in financing her education at the University of Wisconsin. Other winners: Roland A. Woldt, Egg Harbor, received \$250, and Miller P. Jones, Sturgeon Bay, winner of \$100.



Smith 9 Defeats Sheboygan 11-8 There Thursday

The Smith Shipbuilders nine toppled the Sheboygan Indians 11 to 8 last Thursday night. In the words of the Sheboygan Press, "they just weren't able to stop the rampaging Sturgeon Bay Shipbuilders."

Wind Storm Rips Cargo Ships from Moorings in Slip Considerable Damage at Yard

Before they have even left the fitting out dock, the Smith yard's first two 338 foot Navy cargo ships have had an adventure. Torn loose from their moorings in the storm late, Tuesday afternoon, August 15, they swung about in the slip, bumped into each other, tore down scaffolding on a sister ship on the building berth across the slip, and messed things up in general.

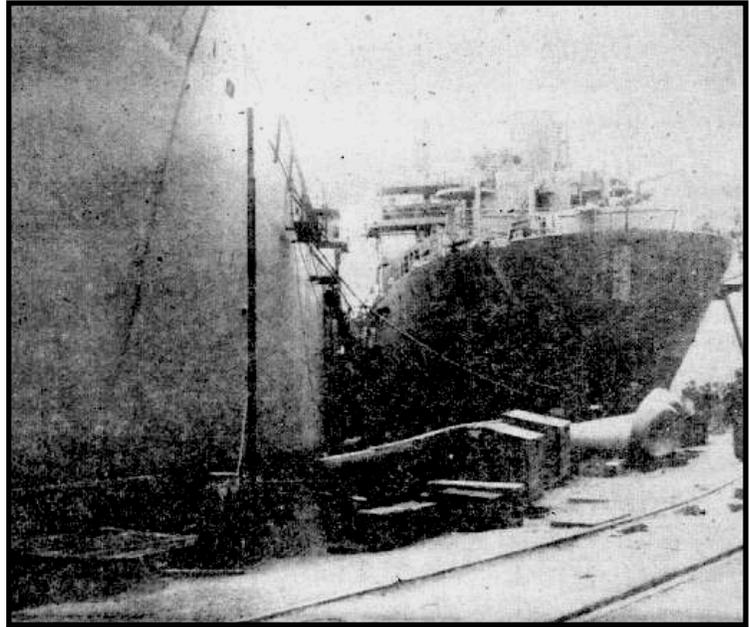
Neither of the two vessels, the Poinsett and the Pontotoc, sustained damage beyond a few small dents, but havoc along the docks was extensive. Emergency crews soon restored order, yet some repair and replacement work is still going on a week later.

The Poinsett, which is nearing completion, broke or pulled out several piles to which she was moored along the outer half of the dock and went adrift. It smashed shoreward through the floating foot bridge which extends across the Maritime berthing slip and struck the Pontotoc well aft on the port quarter.

Then, as the freighter Pontotoc was torn loose from her moorings, which were already weakening, and her stern swung south across the slip, the Poinsett drifted between it and the dock. The bow of the Poinsett and the stern of the Pontotoc swung over to the opposite side of the slip. The Poinsett's bow knocked down part of the staging on a hull there, but fortunately it did not jolt the hull itself.

As the piles pulled out or snapped, the hawsers swept welding machines, electrical control panels, boxes, stairways, and some equipment and parts off the dock. Service lines of all kinds were broken and some were jerked out of the ground. For awhile there were a number of loose live wires, but no injuries of any kind occurred during the storm.

Diving had to be resorted to in locating the welding machines and other items which went to the bottom of the slip which is 22 feet deep.



BEFORE THE STORM last Tuesday, the ships shown in the above picture were moored to the fitting out dock, stern to stern. Photographers were handicapped by the weather, but this view shows the Pontotoc (left) and the Poinsett after it was all over, with the Poinsett's stern crowding between the pier and, the Pontotoc. The slip bridge, staging, and L. D. Smith's yacht Half Moon were caught between the two freighters.

Tanker Contract Design Changes Increase Activity

The ships will be built on the PC berths as soon as the PC program is completed.

In addition to this work, considerable extra activity in the yard will be created by the conversion of four of the PC's to adapt them to a different type of war duty. Certain work has been stopped temporarily on the subchasers to permit the change over to be made.

This stop gave rise to several false rumors that a cut back or cancellation had been put into effect. Actually the changes mean more work instead of less work.

"With a total of 20 AV1 freighters and good prospects for the construction of our special design of package freighters as soon as pressure for ships for war duty is lessened, our yard is in an especially favorable position to carry on its shipbuilding activities," President L. D. Smith pointed out.

Health Center at Sunset Dorms Serves Shipyard Employees

Will Launch 2nd Net Tender Next Week at Smith's

A mother of six servicemen, Mrs. Theodore E. Lyman of Ottumwa, Iowa has been designated by the Secretary of the Navy to christen the U.S.S. Shakamaxon, the Smith yard's second net tender which will be launched next Thursday. One of her sons died while serving with the Coast Guard.

The Navy is now following a policy of appointing mothers of servicemen as sponsors for many of its ships.

Although the harbors of the United States and most of those in Europe are probably protected adequately by this time, every conquest in the Pacific adds to the number of bases and anchorages which must be guarded against roving raiders. The Smith yard is building three of the odd appearing vessels which are classified as AN craft of the Navy.

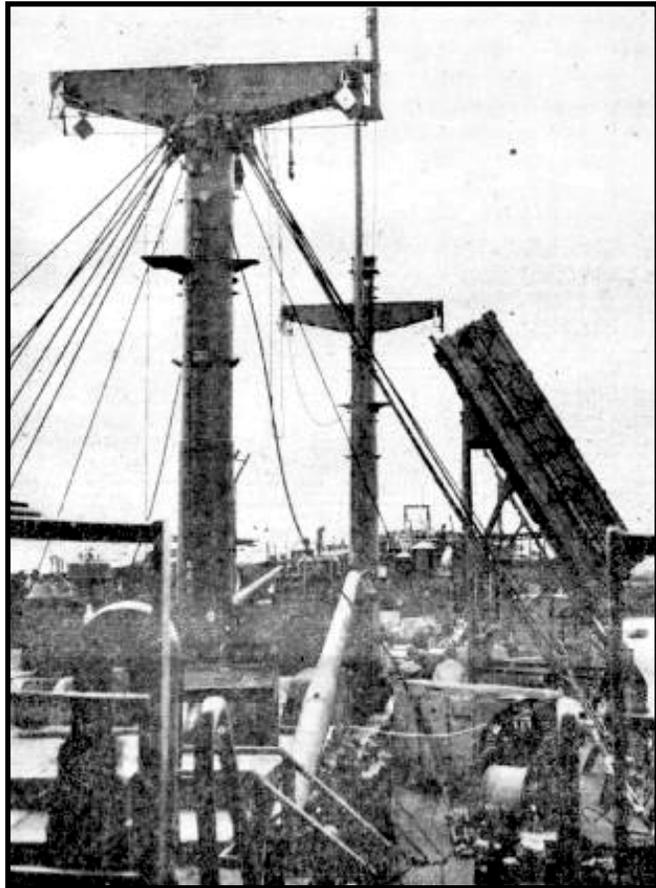
Origin of the name Shakamaxon is something of a mystery, but it may have been taken from that of an old settlement. There is a Shackamaxon in Pennsylvania.

Navy Warns Against Relaxation Of War Work as Victory Nears

So seriously does the Navy regard the tendency to consider the war all but won that a statement has been issued by the command of the Ninth Naval district Admiral Arthur S. Carpender, calling attention of all shipyard workers to the dangers of relaxing production efforts at this time.

In recent weeks, he said, "due to Allied military successes throughout the world, public opinion in the Ninth Naval district, and probably throughout the entire country, has been seriously affected by what may be called a 'peace psychosis.'

"This concern is concurred in by the War Manpower commission, the War Production board, and other agencies responsible for the civilian support of the war effort."



MODERN CARGO SHIPS like the Poinsett on which this picture was taken have decks crowded with cargo gear and its controls, for rapid loading and unloading. The slanting object at the right is a life raft poised for a swift coaster ride into the water if it is needed.

Center for Care Of Children 2—5 Opening in City

Mothers of children aged 2 to 5 employed at the shipyard may wish to take advantage of the nursery section of the child care center which is being opened in the Sunrise Homes community center on Oregon street.

In general, children whose mothers are employed or whose fathers are working the third shift and therefore sleeping during the day are eligible. Information can be obtained at the center at any time between 8:30 am. and 5 pm.

Scheduled Picnic For Local 449 Sunday, Sept. 10

Praise Shipbuilding Achievement

Workers in the shipyards of the United States were commended Monday for their great contribution to Victory in Labor Day statements issued by Vice Admiral Emory S. Land, head of the Maritime commission and War Shipping administration, and Secretary of the Navy, James V. Forrestal. Both placed emphasis upon the continuing need for production of ships.

Vice Admiral Land in his Labor Day address to the nation's shipyard workers Admiral Land congratulated the thousands of men and women engaged in the war shipbuilding program for a "job well done," and called upon them to continue their production efforts "until the last Nazi and Jap fanatic knows he is through."

"On this third Labor Day of World War Two," Land said, "the nation salutes the army of workers which is winning the greatest production battle the world has ever known and which, it is confidently expected, will unquestionably smash the military might of our enemies."

Land urged all production workers not to slacken their pace in building ships.

Secretary Forrestal stated, "on Labor Day a year ago, I stated that the outcome of the war would depend in large measure on the loyal efforts of the men and women of the production line."

"The good news from every battle front, today, therefore, is a tribute to the achievement of American labor over the past year," Secretary Forrestal declared.

"Now is the time to emulate the spirit of the young Navy flier on combat patrol who was recently offered a chance to return home for a well deserved rest. He declined the opportunity, saying "As long as there is a war on, I want to see it through."

"On this Labor Day let us decide that as long as there is a war, we'll see it through together."

JOIN THE BOND PARADE



A SMITH SUBCHASER heads into the Sturgeon Bay-

3rd Anniversary Of Victory Fleet

Victory Fleet Day, September 27, the third anniversary of the birth of the wartime merchant fleet, will be dedicated to the shipping companies of the United States which have maintained the lines of a nation at war.



The War at Sea

Twenty weeks of recruit training is the program now for all Marine corps recruits, instead of eight. The regular 10-day recruit furlough previously given at the end of eight weeks of boot camp will now be granted only after recruits complete 20 weeks of training.

"The defeat of Germany will bring about no demobilization of the Navy," Secretary of the Navy Forrestal said, "on the contrary, the Navy is expanding and will continue to expand. The Navy cannot demobilize until Japan is defeated",

Secretary Forrestal warned that the fight against Japan will be "a long and hard one," partly because Jap air forces will be concentrated and nearer home.

Canada Cuts Output

War production capacity of the four shipyards in Vancouver has been cut 25 per cent by reducing all four-berth yards to three-berth yards, to allow yards to prepare for commercial work, more skilled workmen for the berths operating, and because of the necessary transition from war to peacetime conditions which provide will ultimately have to be faced".

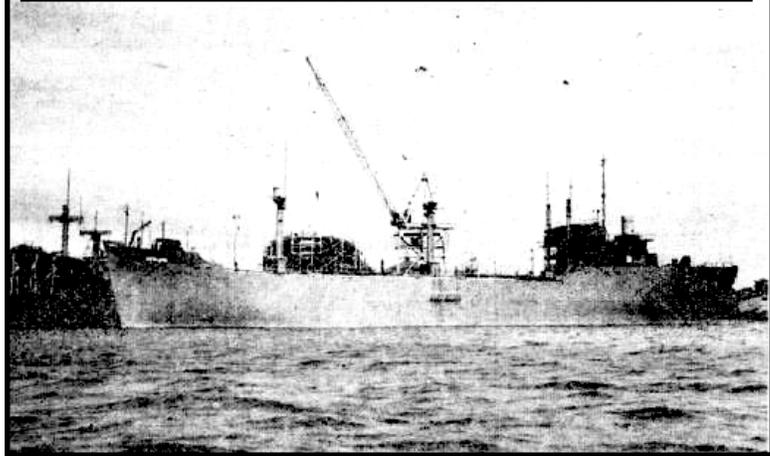
Tire Applications Greatly Exceed Quotas for Area

The Door County War Price and Rationing Board has received a bulletin from John C. Reinhart, district director of the Green Bay OPA office, saying that as of September 1, all rationing boards within the area had hundreds of unfilled applications for Grade 1 passenger-type tires on file because a sufficient quota has not been available.

Reports from boards indicate that an additional quota of 8,615 Grade 1 passenger tires would have been necessary to permit all local boards to grant new tires to all eligible applicants within the district. Despite these facts, it has been necessary to substantially reduce Grade 1 quotas for September because dealers' inventories of new tires are so small that many dealers do not have popular sizes in stock.

It is obvious that under these conditions it

THE RICHLAND, third of the cargo ships built by the Smith yard for the Maritime commission who will turn them over to the Navy for operation.



is impossible for ration boards to grant new tires to all eligible applicants, and it becomes necessary for them to allocate the small number of new tires to the operators of those vehicles most essential to the public health and safety and to the war effort.

Smith Company Will Sponsor Broadcasts Of 7 Badger Grid Tilts on State Network

Broadcasts of all but two games on the University of Wisconsin football schedule this fall will be aired under auspices of the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company, it was announced this week. Primary objective of the undertaking is to promote the labor recruiting drive of the shipyard, and prospects are that it will reach nearly every resident of the state via 10 Wisconsin Network stations.

The first game to be broadcast will be the Badgers' encounter with Northwestern at Evanston Saturday, September 30. Don Unferth, who is known for his complete and interesting coverage, will be the announcer at the seven games which will be broadcast by courtesy of Smith's yard.

In addition to the publicity from the broadcast themselves, attention to the company's need for help will be drawn by thousands of window displays, program notices, and daily commercial announcements by the participating radio stations. Under the agreement, for example, the annual Wisconsin Alumni association "Kick-off" luncheon program Monday was broadcast under Smith company auspices.

Officer Aboard PC 1261 Tells Of Smith-built Ship Being Sunk

An eye witness account of the sinking of the Smith-built subchaser, PC 1261, during the invasion of France on June 6 with the loss of the ship's engineering officer and 12 members of its crew, was disclosed last week in a letter received by President Leathem D. Smith from Lt. Halsey V. Barrett, U.S.N.R., an officer aboard the ill fated vessel.

Barrett's letter revealed that the PC 1261 was the leading assault ship in the D-Day invasion of France and was the first ship to be attacked by German shore batteries and was also the first ship sunk during the day's fighting.

"At 5:34 a.m., June 6," Barrett wrote, "we were leading into the beach several LCVP's (landing craft personnel) loaded with the first Army forces. 8,000 yards from the beach on the landing nearest to St. Vaass-La-Hougue, a German strong point got our range and straddled us with shellfire."

"Our engine room was hit just aft of the quarterdeck. The shell apparently ricocheted the engine room, into the magazine hold aft. and exploded in the galley. We think it was about a five-inch shell."

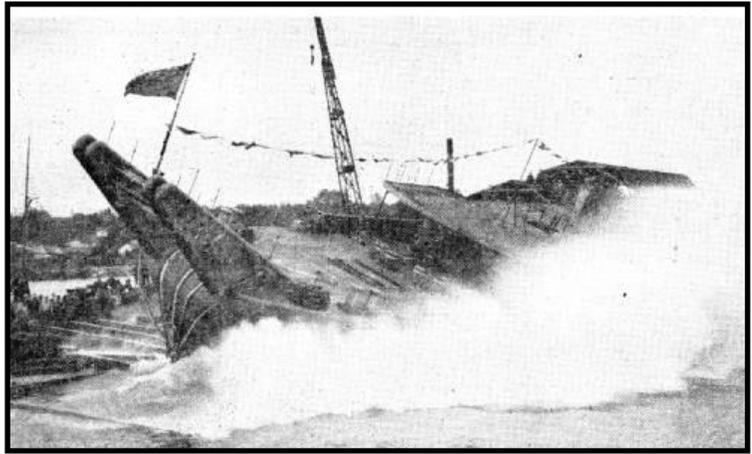
Barrett described how, after the PC 1261 had been hit, the craft rolled over on her starboard side with her stern sunk. The bow, he said, remained afloat for an hour and a half.

"I am sad to report," he continued, "that we lost our engineering officer, Lt. Ralph Noble and 12 members of our crew."

All surviving members of the crew and officers are fully recuperated from the disaster, according to Barrett.

"She was a good ship, and her job was successful even though she sunk toward the end of her mission. I happened to be the last person off the ship and can report that the PC 1261 structurally survived all that could be expected of her under the circumstances." Barrett stated.

The 1261 was the 14th PC built by the Smith yard. It was delivered to the Navy on May 1, 1943, and was commissioned May 22, at New Orleans.



U.S.S. SHAKAMAXUN, second of three naval net tenders being built by yard splashes into Sturgeon Bay in a perfect launching.

PC 591 is Hit, Pharmacist's Mate Tells of Encounter With German Plane

Word has been received by Leathem D. Smith that the PC 591, one of the first subchasers built here, had suffered slight damage in a recent encounter with a German fighter plane.

"You can tell the yard they did a good job on the 591," Swanson wrote, "I think someone must have welded a horseshoe in her."

Yard Given Third Star In "E" Flag

Renewal of the award to the Smith company and its employees was announced in a letter received last week by President L. D. Smith from Admiral C. C. Bloch, chairman of the Navy board for production awards.

"The congratulations of the Navy department are extended to each and every man and woman of the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company for maintaining the high production standards required, first to win the award and then to receive the three stars which, in token of appreciation from the men on the fighting fronts, will be affixed to the new flag you are to fly over your plant." the letter said.

Victory Fleet Day Will Honor Ship Operators

The work of the nation's ship operators in quietly but effectively keeping the merchant fleet running smoothly during one of the most critical periods in maritime history, will receive formal recognition for the first time since the war began in the observance of Victory Fleet Day on September 27.

**Will Launch 4th Navy Cargo Ship
Here on Sunday
To Be Christened "Rockdale"
Launched Gun Boat on Sept. 23**

Launching of the fourth 338-foot cargo ship built by the Leathem D. Smith Ship-building company, the Rockdale is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 1. She will be the 67th vessel launched here in the current emergency program, the 66th having been the PGM 31 which was christened last Saturday noon.

The ship launched Saturday is a gun boat, first of its type launched here and the seventh different species of ship built by Smith's.

Others have been tugs, coastal cargo ships, frigates, PC's, net tenders, and the Navy cargo ships. Work on an eighth type, Navy water tankers, has been started in the loft.

**Disclose Labor Turnover Figures
Many Different People Have Worked Here
Since 1940**

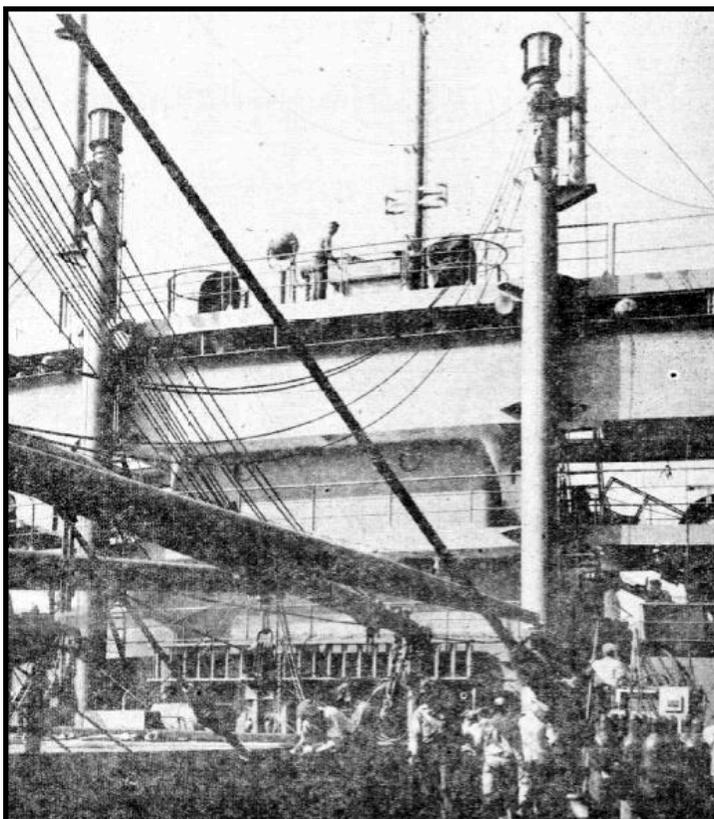
If you were to guess how many different people have been employed in the yard since 1940, what figure would you put down? Six thousand, 10,000, 15,000, 25,000?

To satisfy our curiosity we asked C. E. Beyreis of the personnel department to check the records. He came up with this number for the period from January 1, 1941, to September 20, 1944: A total of 11,690!

That figure does not include the "re-hires," so the personnel department has really had considerably more than 11,690 customers in the period. Some persons have quit and returned to work a number of times.

Last year was the big year for hiring at the yard with a total of 4,707 different people employed. In 1941 the total was 1,017, and in 1942 it was 3,678. About 2,300 new employees have been hired this year to date.

Latest figures on the number now in the yard show 4,038 in the production departments with 303 on the office and executive payroll. This is about 700 under the peak level which was reached late in 1943. There are now



LOOKING AFT to the bridge of the first Smith-built auxiliary cargo ship in the series. the Poinsett.

approximately the same number working here as there were in July 1943.

The Smith yard has received national notice for its low turnover, in comparison with other shipyards in the war period.

**Manitowoc Bus Can Stop at
Nearer Points**

Although 95 employees are already being transported by the special Two Rivers and Manitowoc bus every day on the three shifts, there is room in aisle seats for a maximum of six additional persons. The bus will stop at Algoma and Kewaunee for them.

The rate from Kewaunee will be \$3 and from Algoma \$2.75 per week. First applicants will be given preference. Those who want to reserve seats should call Cy Beyreis at the personnel office.

**Will Hold Card Parties Weekly
At Auditorium**

The first of a series of public card parties will be held at the Sunrise auditorium Wednesday nights at 7:45. Five hundred, schafskopf, and bridge will be played.

Rockdale Launched Sunday Smith's 67th Ship Goes In

In what Supt. Ray Christianson described as the "most perfect of all Smith launchings to date," the 388-foot freighter Rockdale rode smoothly down the ways here Sunday morning after being christened by Mrs. William R. Crawford, wife of the public relations representative for the Great Lakes region of the Maritime commission. The Rockdale is the fourth of her class and the 67th ship launched by the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company since 1940.

Telling of the thrill he had when he entered Sturgeon Bay from the south at night and saw the shipyard's blaze of light. Mr. Crawford said:

"Years ago I heard a story about the Grand Canyon and want to tell it to you. It isn't new but it says so much in a very few words. A minister and a cowboy were standing side by side viewing the canyon for the first time. Each was thinking in his own way. The minister exclaimed. "God is great," and the cowboy cried out. "Great God!"

"One night many months ago I drove over from Green Bay with Mr. Leathem D. Smith. As we came down the hill leading into Sturgeon Bay. I experienced a tremendous thrill when I saw this shipyard all lighted up with its work, your work of speeding ships for victory. The chances are tiny remarks to Mr. Smith were akin to those made by the cowboy at the canyon."

Chest Efforts \$24,000 Goal Set for War

Efforts to raise \$24,000 in the Door County War Chest drive will start in about a week and Smith shipyard workers will take an active part in the campaign. It will continue until November 10.

Of the total, \$17,047.80 is sought for the Wisconsin War Fund which takes care of all agencies serving the armed forces, including the USO, but not the Red Cross which has its own drive in March.

Other appropriations which will be made if the drive goal is reached will be \$1,000 for the county's Boy Scout organization, \$350 for the Girl Scouts, \$1,000 for the Salvation



Yard's first Navy cargo ship, the Poinsett on her trial run

Army state fund. \$1,800 for support of the Red Shield Service Men's center here, \$450 for the Children's Service Society of Wisconsin, \$1,106 for the Camp American Legion endowments fund, and the balance of the fund for emergency uses.

Employees' Band Complimented On Improvement

The Smith Employees' band was host to its members and several invited guests at a dinner and dance last Tuesday night at the Clover Leaf Inn. The occasion concluded the musical organization's second successful year during which the group has developed into one of the state's outstanding military bands.

Attending as guests were many Smith company officials and employees who during the past two years have contributed much time and effort toward the success of the organization.

Acting as toastmaster at the dinner attended by about 90 persons, C. Ray Christianson, general superintendent of the yard, pointed out the organization's growth from a few members under the direction of Herb Lutz two years ago to its present peak of 40 members under the direction of Clarence "Sax" DeNamur.

"The band has made an excellent name for itself." Christianson said. This has been evidenced in many highly complimentary letters received by the company from throughout the state wherever the band has played.

"The management is indeed proud of this fine organization and I know every worker in our yard is equally as proud."

Ethel Annoye of Brussels is the band's major-ette and the organization boasts five twirlers, Maureen Peterson, Julaine Johnson, Dorothy Christianson, Adrienne Jorns, and Mary Jane VanDiece.

Last PC Section Leaves the Shop

When the bow section of the last PC left the Navy late shop Thursday morning", October 5, an historic milestone was passed without ceremony. For the last 35 months an endless train of subchaser hull sections has come from the shop ready for final assembly on the berths, eight sections to the ship.

Although the final section was placed directly on the berth to form part of what will be christened the PC 1569, the shop has usually turned out sections faster than they could be used. At one time there were parts for two and a half PCs stored awaiting their turn, according to Howard Hunt, plate shop superintendent.

Production of subchasers in the Smith yard started in the spring of 1941, with laying of the keel of the PC 496 occurring April 24, but the 8 section assembly method which has done so much to speed work on the ships was not adopted until after the first three were constructed in the last 35 months, the shop has turned out sections for 39 boats.

While the sections were built for a certain ship and lined up with each other in the shop, they were interchangeable and on more than one occasion a section intended for one PC was used on another. This was particularly true of the machinery sections. The continuous assembly line process made for easier joining on the ways than is then is possible in yards where the sections are built in different places and are introduced to each other for the first time on the building berth.

The first hull was 72 days in the shop. Record time was 19 days. At the peak employment period there were about 225 employed in that phase of the work.

Wife of War Vet To Christen Ship

His name drawn from among those of 79 World War II veterans employed in the Smith shipyard. Arthur D. Kettner, 23, Green Bay, a stud welder, was granted the privilege last week of naming the sponsor for the gun boat PGM 32 which will be launched Saturday, October 14. He chose his wife, the former Helen Lambert



Another beautiful view of the freighter Poinsett

of Green Bay.

Kettner, who has been employed since September 13, 1943, served in the Navy for a year and a half, before and after Pearl Harbor, on a battleship. He was severely wounded in the left ankle and received internal injuries when crushed by a bulkhead. His ship was in action in the South Pacific, including the battle of Midway.

The PGM 32 is the second of her type to be launched at the Smith yard.

\$8,500 Asked In Shipyard 'Chest' Drive

Of the \$24,000 which the Door County War Chest committee is attempting to raise in its present campaign for funds, the quota for the Leatham D. Smith Shipbuilding company is \$8,500. Other shipyard quotas are \$350 from the Peterson Boat Works, \$325 from the Sturgeon Bay Boat Works, and \$2,100 from the Sturgeon Bay Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company.

In order to meet this quota, the committee conducting the drive in the shipyard recommends that each employee give at least \$5.



Smith's new 3 star Army-Navy "E" Flag

October Goal For the Yard Two Freighters

Admiral Land Calls For Maximum Ship Production Here

Vice Admiral E. S. Land, chairman of the U. S. Maritime commission, has called upon shipyards of the Great Lakes to produce 13 AV1 vessels this month. In response to his appeal, the Smith yard will attempt to deliver two of them, one has already left the yard this month.

A telegram from the Maritime commission head said:

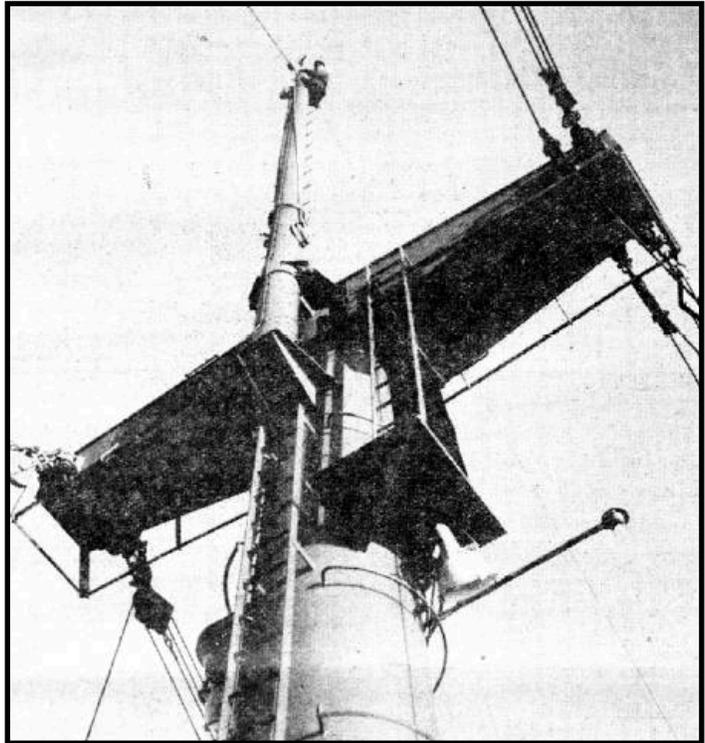
"L. R. Sanford, regional director of construction Gulf-Great Lakes, has been assigned a quota of 13 ships to be delivered by shipyards in Great Lakes division of his region during the month of October.

"Based upon its studies of past performance, the commission believes that your yard should be able to deliver two AV1 vessels this month, and this estimate has been used in determining the overall quota for the Great Lakes.

"The Maritime commission's program is among the most urgent in the current phase of the war effort and I am calling upon you, the members of your staff and every employee in your yard to exert every effort and to cooperate wholeheartedly with your regional director to the end that the quotas established for his region and for your yard shall be met, or if possible, exceeded."

All Departments Will Compete in Safety Contest

All you have to do to help your department win this contest is to keep from being hurt. Don't fall off a ladder into a hold or snag your nylons and calf skin on a chair splinter! Keep your fingers crossed and not cut. It is a contest sponsored by the safety department of the Smith yard which has found that while the lost time rate is commendable here, there are far too many minor injuries. The contest will start November 1 and continue on a month to month basis indefinitely.



WAY UP THERE, on a mast of the Poinsett, Howard Gordon, an electrician, is attaching the broom that means the ship passed her tests on a trial run, making a "clean sweep" of them.

Suitable awards will be made to the individuals of the winning departments. Insurance rate tables will be used to establish handicaps because it is recognized that a girl working on a comptometer has fewer hazards to life and limbs than a man climbing around on the staging or crawling into a tank bottom.

Smith to Speak About Package Freight Vessels

President Leathem D. Smith of the company will give an address concerning package freight containers and container ships at the American Merchant Marine conference Wednesday morning, October 18, at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York.

He is co-chairman of the panel discussing packaging and crating for export. In his talk, he will review the progress made in solving the problem of reducing the cost of freight handling since he was asked in 1940 by H. T. Hoopes, the late president of the Great Lakes Transit corporation of Buffalo, to propose a solution of that problem on their ships and in their warehouses.

To Launch 'Schuyler' Thursday

The Smith yard's fifth 338-foot freighter, the Schuyler, will be launched Thursday noon, October 26, with Marilyn Hughes, a 14-year old newspaper carrier from Bueyrus, Ohio, as the sponsor. She was chosen for the honor because she had the best War Stamp sales record of all newspaper carriers in the state of Ohio in a recent contest conducted by the U.S. Treasury department. In eight weeks she sold 52,108 ten-cent stamps.

The Schuyler follows the Poinsett, Pontotoc, Richland, and Rockdale down the Maritime yard ways. Contracts held by the Smith company call for construction of 15 more of these freighters for the Maritime commission which turns them over to the Navy. She will be the 69th vessel built here since 1940.

Until a ship is commissioned in the Navy, it cannot properly have its name preceded with the letters U.S.S., meaning United States Ship. Many sponsors use the initials, of course, but strictly they are not applicable at the time of launching.

Smith Yard Honored

Selection of the Pontotoc, second of the Smith-built Navy auxiliary cargo vessels, for the standardization trials of her class which are being conducted this week in Lake Michigan pays another tribute to the company and its employees. The first Smith frigate the Knoxville was similarly chosen earlier this year.

"It is a definite honor to have a ship chosen for these trials," Supt. C. R. Christianson pointed out, "They are always run from a shipyard they think did outstanding work, and the information gathered will be used in the operation of all such ships."

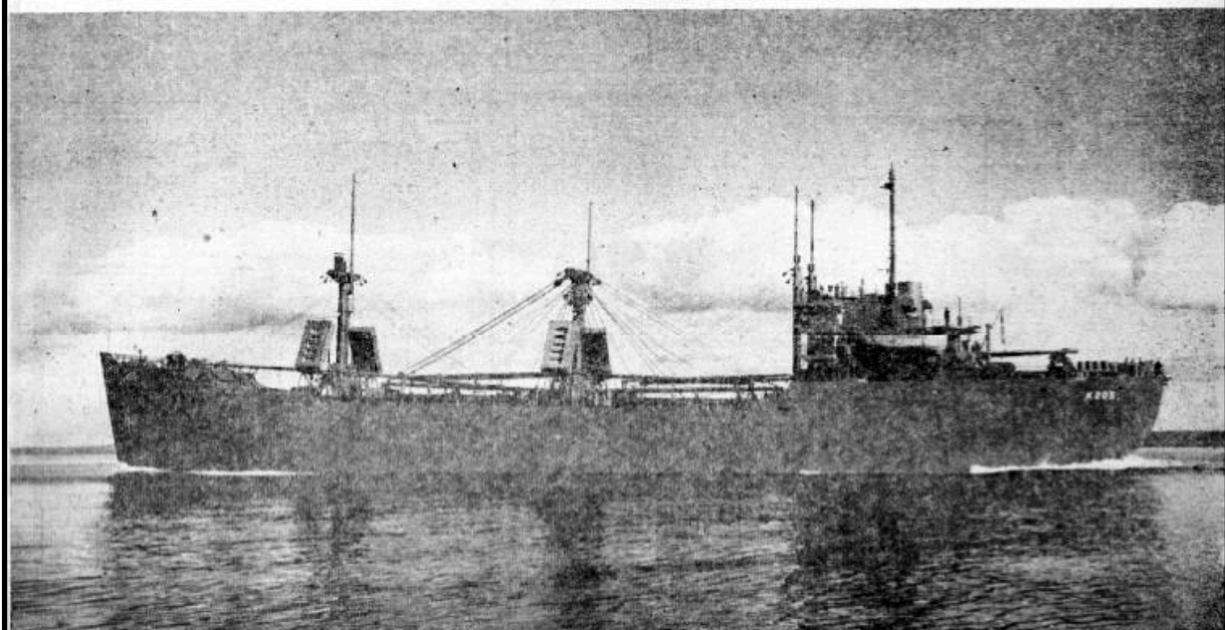
Contracts for about 200 of the vessels have been announced and they are being built on the Atlantic, Pacific, and Gulf coasts as well as at other Great Lakes yards. Standardization trials are run on only one ship of each type. They take about a week and involve the most thorough tests of every phase of ship operation.

To Lay Tanker Keel This Week

Prospects are that the first water tanker keel will be laid in the Navy yard before the end of the week, possibly on Friday.

Yard War Chest Gifts Over \$4,000 to Date

The Length of the Poinsett, 338 Feet, Is Emphasized in This View



Smith Shipyard Gears to Meet Greatest Production Challenge

The demand for ships from the nations shipyards during the present war has been the greatest in all history. The success of huge military operations has been dependent upon the shipbuilding industry's remarkable ability to build and deliver ships to transport millions of men, munitions, and equipment to the fighting fronts all over the world.

The submarine menace has been licked because shipyards like the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company of Sturgeon Bay has been able to put into active service scores of PC subchasers at a rate which would have been termed impossible in peacetime.

Seven distinctly different types of ships have been constructed at the Smith yard. The thousands of Smith shipbuilders, men and women alike have built these various types of ships fast enough and good enough to receive the highest production awards from the U.S. Maritime Commission and the Navy Department.

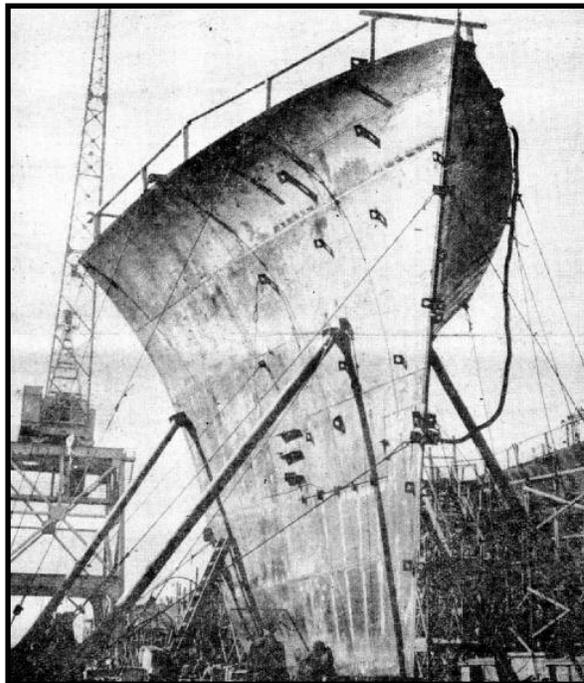
The Smith shipyard has built subchasers, modern frigate warships and cargo ships with amazing speed because the need for these ships has been imperative.

Recently, L. R. Sanford, director of the Gulf-Great Lakes regional office of the U. S. Maritime Commission, for whom the Smith yard is building a fleet of 20 cargo ships, personally asked the Smith company and employees to accelerate their production of the cargo ships.

"These ships," Sanford said, "are vitally needed by the Navy in its war against Japan. Your production records in the past have been the best, but because of the urgent need for the type of ships you are building I am asking you to step up your completion and delivery of the C1-M-AV1 cargo vessels. I know you will not fail."

The Navy Department has also asked the Smith shipyard to speed up its delivery of various types of fighting ships and water tankers.

"With the war against Japan accelerated ahead of the original attack plans," the Navy



OUT OF THE assembly shop onto the shipways goes the bow section of last of eight frigates. Sections of the ships are built in the assembly shop and moved to the ways where they are faired-up and welded together to make the completed hull.

Department points out, "it is vitally necessary that your ships be completed at the earliest possible date."

Smith's shipbuilders are helping to solve these problems. The emergency demands for more ships calls for the concerted efforts of every able bodied man and woman in the nation to lend their services to the shipbuilding industry.

The additional load on the Smith shipyard will be heavy. The need for more workers is vital. The yard needs welders, chippers, shipfitters, laborers, and other crafts.

Smith Employees Come From 23 of Nation's States

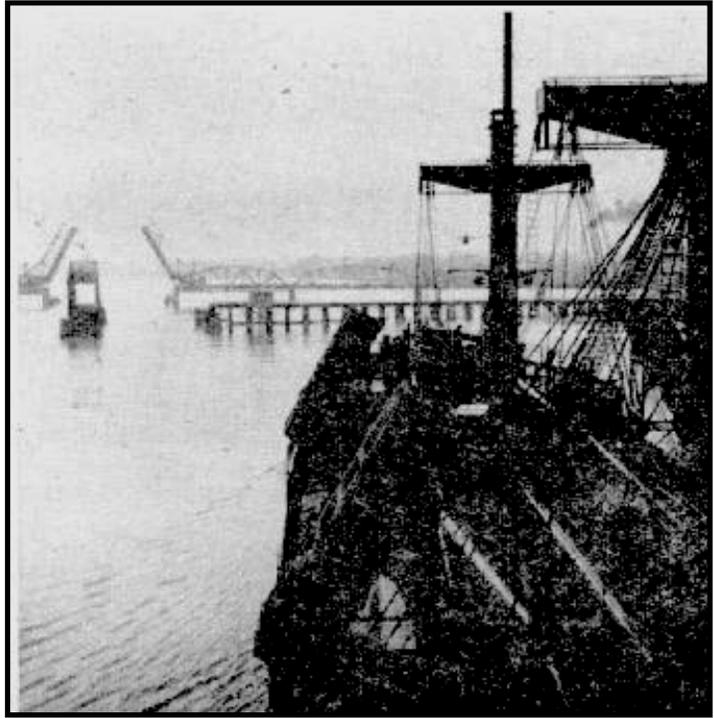
Among the almost 5,000 employees of the Smith shipyard are workers from many points throughout the nation. Houston, TX; Newark, NJ; Seattle, WA; and St. Petersburg, FL, are some of the more distant points from which men and women have come to join our organization of shipbuilders from 23 states. More than 100 Wisconsin cities and villages are represented by workers in the Smith shipyard.

Smith's Yard Will Sponsor Films

Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in, "Pardon My Sarong," will be featured next Mon., Tues., and Wed. at Sturgeon Bay's defense housing projects in another of a weekly series of movies sponsored by the Leathem D. Smith Shipbuilding company. The movies will continue throughout the winter and will include popular attractions, travelogues, and educational films.

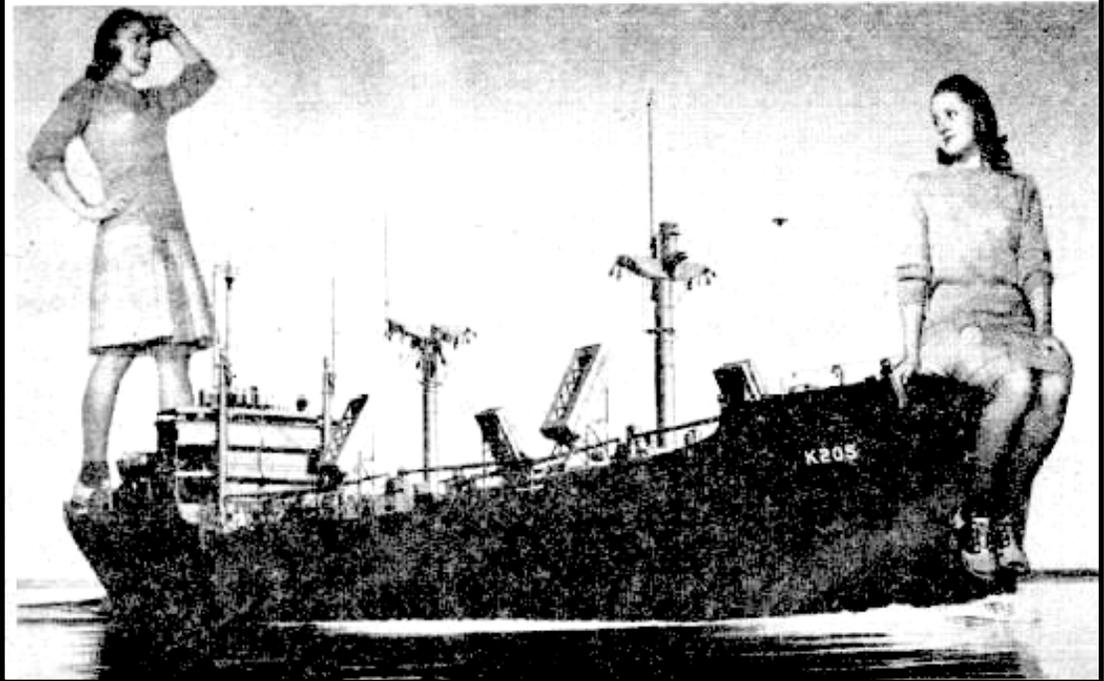
Tickets for Port Light's Dance

Tickets for the Thanksgiving dance to be held Sun. night, Nov. 19. under Port Light auspices are now being sold, and there is a brisk demand for them. Brault's Canadians will play for the event.



AHEAD are two 'ghost' images in the fog of the Sturgeon Bay bridges, "open for business" as the second Smith-built 4,000 ton freighter leaves the yard on her standardization run. 'Trick or Treat'.

Well, This Is Hallowe'en, So



THIS IS THE DAY when lots of 'Tricks or Treats' happen. We certainly were surprised to see Gracie Larson of the draft deferment office holding down both the bow and the stern of a Smith-built freighter, it was both a Trick and a Treat.



Set \$400,000 Goal in 6th War Loan In Smith Yard; Plan 3-day Campaign

A three-day concentrated drive during which every employee of the Smith shipyard will be personally contacted and asked to sign a card authorizing the purchase of an extra War Bond during the Sixth War Loan drive, will get underway tomorrow, it has been announced by Robert F. Moynihan, chairman of the yard's Labor-Management committee.

The cards, to be distributed to all employees beginning tomorrow, have two authorizations, one for payroll deductions and the other for cash purchases. The employee can signify on what paydays he desires the deductions to be made, and in the event of cash purchases the employee likewise designates the date on which he will purchase the bond.

Every employee will be contacted personally by his supervisor, foreman, leadman, or by a member of the Labor-Management committee, Moynihan said.

The government, he pointed out, has given the Smith yard a large quota - \$400,000. "We are anxious to see that this demand is met and surpassed. Uncle Sam has made this demand, we must not fail him."

This is the first time the Labor-Management committee has sponsored a War Bond drive in the yard.

Officials Find Pontotoc to Be Fine Ship

"Everyone connected with the Smith Shipbuilding company should be very proud of the fact this yard was selected to run the standardization trials for two new type ships within a year," Supt. C.R. Christianson said last week after the 338-foot cargo ship Pontotoc returned from such a trip.

"They should also be proud," Ray added, "of the manner in which this last standardization trial on the Pontotoc was run and completed.

"All the officials from both the both the

Navy and the Maritime commission connected with the trial were very complimentary and high in their praise of the way it was done.

"By working long hours and coordinating the work with perfect harmony, the standardization trial was completed in eight days whereas the original schedule called for 14.

A Smith-built frigate was used for the standardization run of that class of vessel earlier this year.

Farm Labor Now Turning To Shipyard

With farmers and farm workers beginning to seek work in the shipyard for the winter months, the decline in the Smith yard payroll has been checked. Only a fraction of the 360 employed last year have come in thus far, however.

The company is now conducting a house to house and farm to farm labor recruiting program in Door county, with five men making the rounds, Personnel Director Bernard Lienau disclosed.

Granting of seasonal releases permitting men engaged in agriculture to work in the shipyards started November 1. Any agricultural worker can apply at the office of the county agent. Those under 38 will also need clearance from their draft board, to which they will be directed when they go to the county agent.

Latest payroll figures show 3,960 persons employed in the production departments and 285 in the offices. Of those in the larger division, 454 are women, and all but 63 on the office payroll are of that sex.

First Water Tanker Keel Laid on Navy Berth

Second shift workers last Tuesday night laid the keel of the first water tanker on the No. 1 Navy berth to start a construction program which will help keep the yard busy well into 1945 with a contract for 10 of the ships.

Launch Third Net Tender Here Today

Launching of the third and last net tender built by the Smith company for the Navy was scheduled at noon today with Mrs. G. N. Barnum, wife of Lt. Commander N. Barnum, technical officer at the office of supervisor of naval shipbuilding, Manitowoc, as sponsor.

The ship has been named the Tonawanda, after a monitor built during the Civil War.

Here for the ceremony were Capt. G. C. Weaver, who has been supervisor of naval shipbuilding for this area, and his successor, Capt. H. W. Coe. Captain Weaver has been ordered to Washington and Captain Coe was transferred to Manitowoc from Jeffersonville, Indiana, where he was supervisor of shipbuilding at an Ohio river yard.

The Tonawanda is the yard's 70th ship since 1940.

Labor Shortage Hits Merchant Marine Again

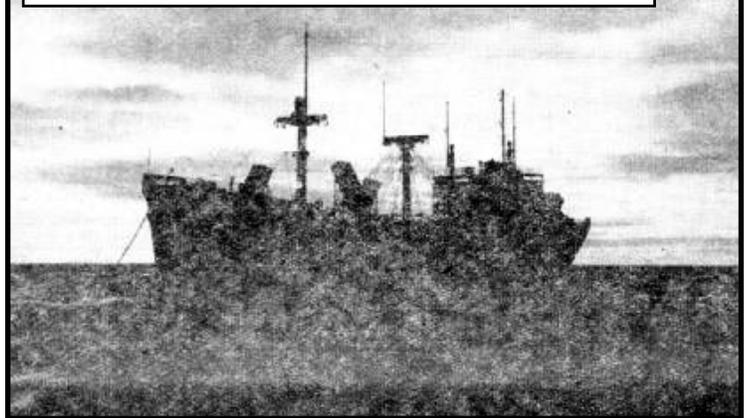
So serious has the labor shortage become in manning America's merchant ships that the War Manpower commission has asked employers to release immediately for sea duty men who have had previous sea experience.

In addition, no employer may hire experienced merchant seamen and officers who come ashore looking for jobs unless they are referred by the U. S. Employment service.

At present there are four times as many orders to fill as there are men to fill the needs of merchant ships, particularly men in classifications of first and second mate, first and second assistant engineers, able seamen, oilers. and firemen water tenders.

While the Philippine invasion was in progress, we had in the entire United States only enough skilled officers in American seaports to operate about 10 vessels whereas there were requests for men to operate about 45 ships.

SILHOUETTED against a clouded sky, the Pontotoc made for a picture not to pass on.



Tickets on Sale For Port Light's Nov. 19 Dance

You should have no difficulty finding a place to buy tickets for The Port Light semi-formal dance to be given at the Smith Sports club hall Sunday night, November 19. In addition to Kellner's drug store and LaPlant's real estate office up town, there are several offices and shops in the yard where they can be obtained.

Brault's Canadians will play for the dance, featuring as a vocalist Dorothy Dawn who is heard regularly over station WMAM. Tickets sell for 90 cents, tax included, or \$1.80 a couple.

Extra Bonds Sold In 6th War Loan Far Below Quota

Intensive 3-day Period of Drive Results in
Sale Of \$100,000
Worth; Campaign
to Continue

While several Great Lakes shipyards have already "gone over the top" in the 6th War Loan, Smith employees responded to initial appeals by buying approximately \$100,000 worth of extra bonds. Elaine Turek and June Reeves, engineering department, promote the drive toward the goal of \$450,000.

