

THE BIG JOB

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From a school which did not exist six months ago sixteen Seniors were graduated last week. It was the first Commencement at Victory High School--fastest growing school in the United States. The graduates looked mighty nice in blue caps and gowns. Arthur F. Corey of Los Angeles delivered an impressive address, emphasizing that as a nation we must be "strong but smart, too." In the picture, top row,

left to right are Betty Wandell, Allis Schmidt, Alan McCullum, William McPhee, William Redwell, Annabelle Plunkett, Marjorie Bertolini, sitting: Mary Kelley, Wanda Saunders, Georgia Consalvo, Vety Keeney, Doris Stransky, Virginia Fallis, Betty Albin. Two graduates had left for college before commencement. They are Dale Johnson and Dean Johnson.

SHIFT SCHEDULE ELECTION TOMORROW.

Employees affected will themselves decide at an election whether they want to continue on the present "back-to-back" shift schedule or go on a six-day week, "one day off" program.

G. B. Summers, A.F. of L. Union Coordinator this week announced plans for an election on the subject, to be held all day tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 19. Basic employees in operations, maintenance and construction will receive ballots at the pay window where ballot boxes will be located. A bulletin setting forth details of both shift schedules has been posted throughout the plant. F. O. fase, general manager, has declared that management will adopt whichever shift plan is favored by the employees affected.

FOOD RATIONING REGISTRATION

Registration for Food Ration Books No. 2 will be taken at the school auditorium in Basic Townsite all next week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All employees of the project--Basic, McNeil, other contractors and sub-contractors must register at the school, unless they expressly request permission to register elsewhere. Before going to register you should cut out of a daily or weekly newspaper and fill out a coupon called "Consumer's Declaration." One of these forms properly filled out must be presented by each family. You must also bring your No. 1 Food Rationing book. If you do not have one get it before registration at 107 Water Street, Townsite. (cont.)



It's Jack Hoxie. Remember him? Hard ridin' cowboy of the silver screen. Jack is working for Basic as a fireman. But his mind is still on hosses--and you might hear more about this in a little while, cause Jack hasn't hung his saddle up for keeps.

Here is Edna Mae Pierce, first woman production worker to be employed at BMI. She was hired as an ingot handler and with others will take part in a production experiment to determine on what jobs women may help Basic solve the manpower problem. Edna Mae was employed Feb. 11.



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Kids in the Trailer Park had a swell Valentine party last Saturday--with candy and sweets and valentines which they made themselves. Picture shows Mrs. Merle Miller of USO, which staged the party, with a bunch

of youngsters gathered to make valentines. They made hundreds and each received one on Saturday. About 250 kids participated. Just another example of the fine spirit in the Trailer Park.

Bob Smith, Rationing Board chairman, requests that persons willing to volunteer to assist in registrations Monday and Wednesday nights leave their names at 107 Water Street.

The No. 2 food book is of vital importance to every person. Rationing of many types of food and meat will go into effect on various dates and without your book you'll be out of luck.

HOSTESSES FETE - BOMBARDIERS

Fifty bombardiers from McCarran Field were convoyed over to the Townsite last Sunday afternoon where the BMI Hostess Club staged a Valentine party in the recreation lounge. Dancing, singing and light refreshments made the evening highly successful. The Hostess Club is invited to Camp Williston on Feb. 27.

BREAK SCHOOL BUILDING RECORD

Having broken all school construction records the McNeil crews were ready today to hand over to Supt. Roy Petrie next Monday keys for the six-room addition to the school. They built the rooms in exactly four weeks. A large athletic field, big enough for two softball diamonds and equipped with facilities for spectators is almost completed. So--we'll have some football games next fall.

RECREATION PROGRAM CHANGES

Owing to excess of demand for use of the school auditorium several changes in schedules have been found necessary. Next week, due to use of the auditorium for food ration registration there will be no Volley ball on Monday night and no Badminton on Wednesday night. There will be no movies Saturday afternoon, Feb. 27. Beginning March 1, Badminton will be played on Monday instead of on Wednesday night and Volley Ball will be eliminated. Starting on Wednesday, March 3, Boy Scouts will meet in the Auditorium from 7 to 9 with the Red Cross Motor Corps taking over for drill at 9 p.m.

GARDENING CLUB TO MEET

Second meeting of the Gardening Club will be in Room 7 at the school Wednesday night, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. At this time it is hoped that complete details of group fertilizer purchasing will be available. Meantime J. H. Wittwer, Clark County Extension agent has been directing demonstration plots at three locations: Trailer Park near office; rear of 42 Magnesium and rear of 338 Nebraska. Special bulletins were put out, inviting would-be Victory Gardeners to these soil preparation tracts.

GABBS GABB

Larry Sutton was a fine example Tuesday night of a "Distraught Father." It was a boy, too. He is passing out the cigars in Salt Lake City. Mrs. Sutton is the former Miss Elithe Sanders of BMI, Vegas..... W. P. Neil Const. Co. has moved in down at Luning and started the addition to the Townsite.... Orchid of the week goes to Charles Loveland, warehouseman. Mr. Loveland buys a \$25 defense bond every week and gave one to each of his seven grandchildren for Christmas..... We have in our midst the holder of a Carnegie Medal. Frank Fizer of the Fire Department was presented this medal in 1912 by the City of Santa Barbara for saving 8 lives in a city water cave-in.

WHAT'S COOKIN'

(All Events at School Unless Otherwise Stated. Events marked with * sponsored by the BMI-USO Committee with proceeds going to BMI Recreation Fund.)

THURSDAY, Feb. 18--*Moving pictures 7 and 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, Feb. 20--*Moving pictures 2 p.m.--PTA Box Social

MONDAY, Feb. 22--Food rationing 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. * (No Volley Ball)

TUESDAY, Feb. 23--Food rationing 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.--*Old fashioned square dancing 8 to 12

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 24--Food rationing 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.--(No Badminton)--Gardening Club, Room 7

THURSDAY, Feb. 25--*Moving pictures 7 to 9 p.m.
FRIDAY, Feb. 26--Food rationing 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.