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618 MORE HOUSES FOR SHIPWRIGHTS

Emergency Fleet Corporation Will Build in Fortieth Ward

2000 AT EDDYSTONE

Government Decides Only Building Can Solve Industrial Housing Problem

Plans are being prepared for immediate construction in the Fortieth Ward of 618 additional houses for Hog Island workmen. It was announced this afternoon.

This operation, for which contracts probably will be let by the end of this week, is a part of an operation of 1000 houses. The first group will be completed and ready for occupancy by January 1.

The Emergency Fleet Corporation now has options on the land upon which the 618 houses are to be built. Preliminary surveys are under way.

When completed, these new houses will make a total of 2289 homes in West Philadelphia provided by the corporation for Hog Island workmen. The first operation of 960 houses is almost complete; one block at Sixty-first street and Elmwood avenue is already occupied.

The remainder of the houses in the first operation will be ready for occupancy within a few weeks. The 429 houses commandeered last spring are virtually all occupied.

Another big building operation at Edgelyton, to house the workers at the Baldwin Locomotive Works plant there, is expected to release houses in West Philadelphia for shipwrights. At least 2000 homes will be constructed there, and it is probable many employes now living in Philadelphia will move into them.

More new houses may be built here by the Government, through the Department of Labor, as it was stated in Washington the problem of housing industrial workers could not be settled through inducing house owners to board workers or extending transit facilities. Government construction offers the only solution, it was announced. Philadelphia is among the cities being considered for housing projects.

NEW WAR WORK EXCHANGE

Manufacturers Will Get Together Here to Better Boost Government

The Philadelphia district of the United States army ordnance department has just announced its plan to bring together representatives of manufacturers in this district who are now working or who may later take on ordnance contracts.

This new department will be known as the Philadelphia District Ordnance Manufacturers' Exchange. The exchange will hold its sessions in the auditorium of the Manufacturers' Club on each Wednesday morning. These sessions will be from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m.

The Philadelphia district comprises the eastern half of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, including Trenton and south thereof, and Delaware. All manufacturers in the above district who are in a position to supply materials, tools, fixtures, machinery or any of the thousands of articles or parts which are required by the ordnance department or which are necessary to the manufacturers of ordnance equipment, are requested to immediately communicate with the secretary of the exchange, stating the character of goods they are best fitted to produce.

MAYOR SMITH DROPPED

Playgrounds Association Lets Him Out After Gudehus Fight

Mayor Smith has been dropped as a vice president of the Philadelphia Playgrounds Association.

This action followed his appointment of Judge Raymond MacNeille to one of the vacancies on the board of recreation, thus assuring the election of Senator Vane's secretary, Edward R. Gudehus, to the post of supervisor of playgrounds. That the Gudehus appointment will be ignored by those who are experienced in recreation work was indicated yesterday when William A. Stecher, director of physical education in the public schools, declared he did not feel the appointment would "interfere" in any way with the work. Stecher resigned from the recreation board as a protest against the Mayor's dismissal of three other members of the board.

Executive for War Service Bureau in Washington

P. R. T. BENEFITS TO BE INCREASED

Larger Insurance and Pensions in Plan Submitted to Employes

WILL KEEP WAGES UP

Promise Made to Equal Pay in Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit and Buffalo

Provisions for larger sick and death benefits, pension increases and greater insurance are contained in a new co-operative plan submitted today by the Rapid Transit Company to all employes in its service.

Announcing its plan the company makes this explanation: "The co-operative plan as now improved will include benefits to all employes, putting the men in the electrical department, shops and buildings, way and other departments on a proper comparative basis with those operating the cars. Under the plan will be established larger sick and pension benefits and greater life insurance. Wages will be based upon the average wages established by their labor board in the four big cities of Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit and Buffalo, so that the wages paid in Philadelphia will always be as high as for these four most favored cities."

Sick Benefits

"Sick benefits will be at the rate of \$150 a day, commencing with the eighth day of illness and continuing for a period not to exceed 100 days in any year. This in addition to the amount which the company pays in case of injury under the workmen's compensation act of Pennsylvania. The present sick benefit is only \$1 a day."

"Any and every employe of the company may become a member of this co-operative plan; the only requirement being that he shall have been one year in the employ of the company."

"Every member receives a life insurance policy for \$1000, maintained while he is in the service of the company. This takes the place of the present death benefit of \$500. For all of these benefits and protection to himself and family the employe will pay only \$1 a month. The company will contribute \$10,000 a month for the same purpose."

"A pension of \$40 a month will be paid to any incapacitated member who has reached sixty-five years of age and been twenty-five years in the continuous service of the company; this is against the \$20 a month now being paid. Special cases to be given special consideration."

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PHILADELPHIA SOLDIER JOKES ON BEING SHELLED BY "HEINIE"

Former Evening Public Ledger Reporter Describes Sport of Sliding Down Cellar and Sleeping Among Potatoes and Silver Candlesticks

AREALLY vivid picture of the daily life in the trenches, which has with a touch of the humor never lacking where more than two Americans are assembled, is given in a letter from "Don" Donaghy, a former member of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER staff, who is now in France with the 104th Engineers.

Writing to a "pal" of his newspaper days, Donaghy, who for some occult reason was known to his school friends as "Dunk," starts in characteristic fashion with the heading—"Here today"—then continues:

"Here your chance to show all the boys a letter from the very edge of 'hings, where horsehoes and rabbits' feet have to work overtime to do a fellow any good. Barnum made an awful mistake when he claimed he had the greatest show on earth. This has had the great old six-ring circus beaten a thousand ways. This sketch is continuous and has more high spots and dare-devil stunts than Barnum ever thought of. Also there are no red lights over the exits, but you usually go out in a red flare. Figure that out for yourself. Robby, then tell it to the latest recruit for the W. P. district."

"Willie and I and about fifty others have apartments over a stable in a town that is just comfortably out of reach of the big guns. We are here for a few days only, just to wash up, feed up and sleep up. The good people of the village moved out in such a hurry last spring that they even forgot the pennies in the babies' banks. However we have not overlooked any bets, as you will have guessed."

"We have borrowed all the feather beds we could find, ditto linen sheets, and opened up the stable under new management. Our last bill for the night was nice enough, but Heinie wouldn't leave us alone. We had a luxurious potato cellar, fitted up with other feather beds, silver candlesticks and oil paint-

ings of the ancestors of the late owner of the nearby chateau.

"It sure was swell, a George Thompson used to say, but the trouble was that just about meal times our mutual friend Heinie would go gunning for the few remaining chimneys in the town and said meal would be indefinitely postponed."

"We all developed sundry talents that we never knew we possessed before. Willie, especially, learned how to make it from kitchen to cave in one slide. At that he has to keep moving to get out of my way. A one-legged blind man would make good with one of those six-inch homewreckers heading for him."

"One day last week I woke up full of loud complaints that somebody was either smoking French tobacco, which is strictly verboten, or that some yap was burning rags in the stove. Later I found that I had had my first taste of gas. I got off easy, but I had to wear a mask for an hour and believe me, an hour in gas mask would spoil anybody's disposition."

"Dog-gone it, I have to stop; here is Friend Sergeant with an order that we must get ready to go somewhere very shortly. I intend to buy and play a nurse to a nice hefty pack. When I get settled again I will write again. In the meantime, Robbie, old scout, just pin it in your hat that there is enough fun and excitement in this business to make a district seem very tame. You had better take the plunge."

"Don Donaghy was graduated from the West Philadelphia High School in 1916. He was on the staff of the school paper two years, and was associate editor a year. He is only twenty years old now."

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"Willie" referred to in his letter is his chum, William Shoemaker, Jr., who was his inseparable companion while at school and went into the army at the same time Donaghy joined.

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BRING 20 HERE ON SEDITION CHARGE

Third of Those Taken in Chester I. W. W. Raid Arraigned

14 HELD AS SLACKERS

Speaker and Wife Charged With Assailing President and Opposing Army Service

More than twenty persons who last night were caught in a raid on an I. W. W. meeting in Chester were today brought to this city and arraigned before the United States Commissioner. They were accused of spreading sedition.

Forty others were detained by the police, and among them were fourteen alleged draft slackers. Their cases will be taken up tomorrow.

The gathering was in full blast when Sheriff Albert R. Graner, of Delaware County, his deputies and a detail of Chester policemen forced their way into a hall at Eighth and Caldwell streets.

Seditious remarks against the President and the United States are alleged to have been made by speakers, all of whom were arrested. In addition, the meeting was combed for slackers. Fourteen men are detained because they are reported to have failed to comply with the selective service regulations.

Agents of the Department of Justice in this city were notified of the raid and have begun an investigation. They will bring the alleged slackers here late today. A large quantity of I. W. W. literature was seized by the police.

Nicholas Wallace, whom the police assert is a dangerous agitator, a woman who claims to be his wife, and the owner of the hall, Tony Carrasconi, were arrested at the meeting.

The police report that Wallace, while addressing the meeting, remarked that "It makes no difference who the President is, we must down all Presidents, Kings and capitalists."

Other statements Wallace is alleged to have made are: "It makes no difference if a man has twenty citizenship papers, he has no right to join the army," and "There is just as much swindling here as in Russia."

Remarks of a similar nature are also alleged to have been made by the woman, known as Mrs. Wallace.

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CROWDS AT LIBERTY SINGS

Affairs at Oak Lane and Hunting Park Enthusiastic Affairs

The Liberty sings held at Oak Lane and Hunting Park yesterday were two of the most successful ever held in this city. Enthusiastic crowds, in addition to more than 200 marines and sailors, were given a day of purely enjoyable and beneficial pleasure.

The first sing was held at Hunting Park, with 250 marines and sailors, 400 members of the Liberty Sing Chorus and 100 members of the Boytown Liberty Sing. Thousands of other persons also took part, and so enthusiastic did they become that many divided into groups and sang patriotic airs.

This affair concluded, and headed by the contingent of marines, hundreds of persons marched up the Old York road from Hunting Park to Asbury Green, Oak Lane, where the second sing was held. The quota of uniformed men was increased by 100 marines who were the guests of Oak Lane people over the week-end, and the sing which followed was equally as enthusiastic as that held in Hunting Park.

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TRUE BILLS UNLIKELY IN DRAFT PROBE HERE

Federal Grand Jury, Reconvening Today, May Only Criticize Involved Men

The special Federal Grand Jury selected to investigate draft conditions in this city reconvened today to consider new evidence.

Owing to the unsatisfactory nature of the evidence presented, the jury may fail to return any indictment against board members.

For this reason, it is asserted, T. Henry Walnut, Assistant United States District Attorney, visited Washington to confer with Colonel Eashy-Smith to ascertain the views of the draft officers regarding the boards involved in the probe. It is considered unlikely that the jury will return recommendations against certain boards rather than indictments.

Mr. Walnut believes that new evidence may influence certain changes. Because of this, he announced that he did not think the jury would close the probe this week.

THOMAS P. C. STOKES DEAD

Was Member of Old and Prominent Philadelphia Family

Thomas P. C. Stokes, member of an old and prominent Philadelphia family, died on Saturday night in the University Hospital, after an illness of two weeks, due to a complication of diseases. The Stokes home was at Loneack, Wissahickon and Westview avenues, Germantown.

Mr. Stokes, who was seventy-five years old, had not been engaged in business for many years. He was a member of the Philadelphia Club and a polo enthusiast.

The surviving sons are Major Thomas Stokes, in the artillery service at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Captain Walter Stokes, who is in France; John M. Stokes, who recently entered the officers' training camp at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky.; Edward L. Stokes, an investment broker, and W. Stanley Stokes, of Germantown, who a few years ago married Miss Ruth Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brinton Cox.

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