Ration Review
Plans Mapped

A procedure for adjusting errors in tailoring supplemental gas rationing booklets to needs of Consolidated employees was being mapped today as the last handful of "B" and "C" tickets were distributed.

W. H. Wright, whose office handled the program, said that employees probably will have received additional groups according to the letters with which their last names begin and that each group will be allowed a period in which to complete the details of the program and return the booklets.

While 99 per cent of the books have been issued, Wright said, in an undertaking so great, a few errors are bound to crop up. He added that employees call his office when they are unable to receive supplemental coupons after turning over their applications to departmental clerks.

Most complaints have come from persons "who apparently do not realize that the government's purpose is to cut down non-essential driving as a rubber-saving move," Wright said. He emphasized that "A" booklets allow each automobile owner gasoline for 240 miles per month, 150 of which is to be used for driving to and from work, "B" and "C" booklets merely provide enough coupons for whatever additional occupational driving is necessary.

Nearly 50,000 Pages In Month Is P. A. Record

A record of 43,905 pages in a single month stood on the books today as P. A. operations completed a check on calls made over the plane's time-saving public address system.

The records include a single day's high of 2,847 pages, most of them chatted during the first shift although the P. A. board is operated 24 hours a day.

Hassler Back From Wichita
J. M. Hassler, director of industrial relations, has returned from a conference in Wichita, Kan., sponsored by the War Manpower Commission.

Xmas Will Be Holiday for Consolidated

A holiday Dec. 25 for Consolidated's Fort Worth plant was announced today by George J. New- man, vice president in charge.

He called attention to a statement issued by Donald M. Nelson, War Production Board chief, which urged that all war workers except maintenance and standby men observe the holiday.

Nelson said that "on the birthday of the Prince of Peace we can and should make sure that the production of the weapons of war
can proceed without a break." Newman, with renewed energy for the increased production job of 1945—a bigger job than we have ever faced before-

'Twas Jeep Trip, And Clear Across The Pacific, Too

Probably only the Pacific Ocean in a jeep is work enough for a flyer of Consolidated's Tube Bending department, but the trip of W. C. Ward, who uses a jeep more than half his 23 years in Alaskan, was one of the last taxis on the B-24 terri
tory after the war began.

The jeep episode occurred on a trip from Pearl Harbor when the army vehicle, carried in a crowded air transport, offered the only seat
ing accommodation. She had visited Pearl Harbor on route to the Pacific side of the Alaskan evacuation.

Mrs. Watts came at work on Consolidated's plant, after her husband volunteered for service in the Navy. She has a brother who was an engineer at the Alaskan highway project.

Amazing Ship Past Plan Stage—Girdler

Engineers who designed the Consolidated bomber and the PBY flying boats have created a new day on a newer and larger air
craft that can come across the Atlantic in fantastic speeds, as well as make non-stop trips to and from Europe and return.

That was the news revealed in an NAA editorial that be
too the New York Times of Commercial Trade by Tim M. Girdler, chairman of the board of Consolidated.

He said that Consolidated had increased its planned Liber
or production since Pearl Harbor, al
though incorporating at the same time the time-saving design and production techniques of the B-24.

Group Ride Inquiries Up

As more riders and driver applications are received in a single day now as formerly were handled in a week, a group ride office survey revealed today. An average of 230 employees call daily seeking rides or passengers, the survey showed.

Bond Mark Nears New Plant High

Soars Within Week To 96.6 Per Cent

The plant's bond figures were soaring today to within two-tenths of a per cent of the all-time high as every department in the plant but Engineering scored a gain.

The overall figure was 96.6, high
cent since October 1 when tabula
tions put the percentage of em
ergising side of the staff in purchase of war savings bonds at 96.4.

Departments climbed since last week into the 100 per cent class, including Inspection, which achieved its perfect mark for the time.

All other departments were above except Engineering, which dropped from its previous high of 97.3 to a lower 97.2 per cent.

Had it not been for this department's ship-back from the Pacific, they probably would have reached a new high.

The approach to the record marked a steady climb in em
ergising participation since the low water level of 19.4 per cent last Oct. 15.

A month later it had reached 93.1 and this week spurred to the 96.6 per cent figure.

The plant had won its Minne

Man flag after a five-day cam
gain in July. Since then the more than doubling of the plant's employ
ing.

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Models Needless, CIP Head Suggests

Many employees are needlessly spending hours developing working models and samples to illustrate ideas they plan to turn in as sug
gestions, W. T. Blake, supervisor of cost improvement, said today.

"Many companies doesn't need those articles to judge the worth of the suggestion," Blake said. "An accurate description or sketch would do the job and save the employee hours of work at home and at the plant.

"If the suggestion is good, it will be pointed out by the engineers immediately by means of a sample but the employee foreman might have to look at a sketch before a sound decision is made."

Lucdick Returns From Coast

Lieu. Col. Roy E. Lucdick, AAF representative here, has returned from a business visit to San Diego.
"LET'S GET IT OVER QUICK"

A while back I read in a newspaper a story about an advertisement. It was an advertisement all of us here in this plant should take to heart, a story about a man who had lost his son in service and who wrote a letter to his fellow workers in a war plant.

"Seven weeks ago my only son was killed in the war," he wrote. "Most of you know this, but you can't possibly know how hard it is for a mother and I feel. That is, none of you except Wait Gardner, who just lost his boy too."

"Since Hardy's death, I've been doing a lot of thinking. What I'm trying to figure out is why so many of us are taking things for granted and not doing all we can to help win the war."

"Maybe it's because we keep hearing and talking about the war lasting for years. That sort of thinking might keep anyone from hurrying."

"It could be that this long-pull stuff was why we lost almost half a million minutes of production last month through absences and tardiness."

"Anyway, I'm fed up with all this talk about a five- or 10-year war. There's no sense to it. We can win this war quick. We've got to. If we don't, your boys will be killed like mine was."

"Sure, this means sacrifices. It's no fun to work the night shifts. It's not easy to put 10 cent of your pay into war bonds. None of us go for gas and fuel and food rationing."

"But these are nothing to compare to losing someone you love. I know."

"Please, please don't wait for the casualty lists to come rolling in. Throw yourselves into high--now."

"Get going as though both the Hun and the Japs had to be licked in 1942. Maybe they will be if we really try. I don't want you think I'm preaching. I'm not. I'm praying."

Forget that the man who wrote that letter was Arthur Hocking, clock number 6022, an employee of an air conditioning concern making refrigeration equipment for the synthetic rubber program and portable cold storage boxes for the army.

Think of him as the fellow working in the ship alongside of you and then apply the things he said to your job of helping build Liberator bombers and C-87 transports.

"Put those five- and 10-year thoughts out of your head," he wrote. Finish your job today, not tomorrow; it'll bring the war just that much nearer an end.

The Liberator bombers and C-87 transports we're building are carrying their loads on all the world's battlefronts. Just this week B-24's thudded bombs on the Italian port of Naples and news dispatches reported they were getting into action in New Guinea.

They're all over the world, those B-24's, but their ranks are thin. We've got to work so hard that now the boys are flying one Liberator, they'll be flying two. That'll double the damage done to our enemies, double the destruction it will take to knock down their resistance, perhaps cut in half the time we'll need to win the war.

If the fighting had been ended yesterday the only son of the fellow who wrote that letter might not have died. Tomorrow it might be your son.

So let's get those plans built today. And, as Arthur Hocking, clock number 6022, said in that newspaper ad, "Let's get it over quick."

Making Things Easy Is Job of Covering and Upholstery

Bond Averages

B-24's Blast Italian Port

Consolidated Liberator bankers grabbed the headlines in the Fort Worth Press and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram last week when the papers carried United Press and Associated Press dispatches telling of the big bomber raids on the Italian port of Naples.

Surprising Italian fleet units and shipping in the harbor, the B-24's scored direct hits by heavy caliber bombs on all objectives" in the raid.

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Training Tips

Education classes in which Consolidated employees are enrolled:

Airplane Mechanics

Four sessions: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Also Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. In which there is an emphasis on building new engines, repair work, and the operation of the plane.

Fundamentals of Blueprint Reading

Four sessions: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Also Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. In which there is an emphasis on reading blueprints and plans for aircraft.

Tool Cost Estimating

First meeting, Tuesday, December 15, 7 p.m., Sheraton Junior High, Chicago. Includes subjects such as tool location, tool cost, tool maintenance, and tool storage.

Engineering Mechanics

First meeting, Monday, December 14, 7 p.m., Sheraton Junior High, Chicago. Includes subjects such as tool location, tool cost, tool maintenance, and tool storage.

Wire Control

First meeting, Tuesday, December 15, 7 p.m., Sheraton Junior High, Chicago. Includes subjects such as tool location, tool cost, tool maintenance, and tool storage.
Access Roads Now Certain

Work was expected today to begin in within the next 10 days on the new road project designed to relieve the heavy traffic burden on White Settlement Road.

The work is for the expansion of Granite's Lane to Highway 183, extending another one-mile to White Settlement Road exit from Cibolo Street and continuation of Cibolo from White Settlement Road at the circle.

The road will be wider than the present road, but will not be as wide as two-lane highway, and will be of grave importance building the streets with the country providing machinery and right of way. A package of bonds to be sold to open to traffic in from 60 to 50 days.

Army Engineers bid two of the jobs at an early time. The plans are for roads containing additional improvements.

New Buses Cause No Schedule Change

Transportation of Consolidated buses, riders for a few days well ahead of the usual schedule, so that no ridership changes on the buses are to be noticed.

Most especially for Consolidated, the buses have been built locally and are mounted on a former auto transport chassis. They are powered with gas and coal, and with no coal, the mechanics are powered with gas and coal, and with no coal, the mechanics are powered with gas and coal and coal for gas, respectively.

Riddled Liberator Still Flies Home

Unsolved enemy fighters found a stream of Consolidated B-24 Liberator participating in one of the heaviest bombings of the early American history but it came home safely, carrying with it Brig. Gen. Patrick Hurley, who declared that the bomber command of the Ninth Air Force is a "great bomber"

General Tibbets's Liberators was riddled with more than 50 holes from machine guns and 20-millimeter cannon, he United Press dispatches said. Explosive shells destroyed half of the rudder, the hydraulic system and knocked out one engine temporarily.

Flying the B-24 was Captain H. Dean Layton, a young man from Oregon, who declared he was one of the best bomber flights in aerial history.

Rules Issued On Absences

Regulations governing reports of enemy absences were in effect today. In all cases of absence employees except those sent home by the company doctor must notify William E. Kight, personal aide of the plant doctor, in case the employee report to his immediate superior. Work on report to be notified by the plant doctor, in case the employee report to his immediate superior. Work on any other reason made it necessary to require that the employee report to his immediate superior.

Week's Awards Hit $20 Total

A total of $20 was distributed today at 15 employees collected awards for ideas turned in to the plant's suggestion plan program.

Nearly all the entire amount was won by Mrs. G. D. Gunter, who received a $10 check and $5 worth of savings bond for his suggestion involving the placing of a block of cubs for checking bands on tubing.

Three employees won $3 awards.

C-87 Pilot Gets Oak-Leaf Cluster

A Texan who flew a Texas plane 280,000 miles on one of the 1947's most unusual missions was posthumously awarded the Oak-Leaf Cluster for the Distinguished Flying Cross.

The pilot, Richard T. Kight of Lubbock, was one of Consolidated's first C-87 transports from the Fort Worth plant. His plane is named "Guilliver" and carried Wesselle Willie on his historic mission from Texas to China.

London Magazine Pictures Fort Worth Assembly Line

Aeroplane magazine of London (Oct. 30) carried a picture of the Fort Worth Assembly line on a mass production line in Fort Worth and said: "In these aeroplanes, the American mind is a weapon of marked and proven efficiency in its fields."
Second Shift Loop in Upset

Yardbirds trounced Inspection 35 to 13 to throw a monkey wrench into the San Diego basketball league standings this week.

The butter-fingered Inspection crew, undeterred until they met the Yardbirds, couldn’t hold on to the ball and they dropped out of first place, losing to the Yardbirds, 15-10, after leading with 19 point high scoring spree.

In other games Final Assembly turned back Production 33-21 to keep in their slate clean and Sheet Metal best Tool Room 33-25 by singing a strong closing chorus.

T H E W E E K I N S P O R T S

Friday

1:00 a.m.—Ice Skating (Second shift), Coli.
10:00 a.m.—Basketball (Second shift), City Recreation Hall.
2:00 p.m.—Basketball (First and Third shifts), City Recreation Hall.
3:30 p.m.—Basketball (First and Third shifts), City Recreation Hall.
4:00 p.m.—Bowling (750 League), S. T. C. Alley.

Saturday

12:30 a.m.—Bowling (First Shift League),
12:30 a.m.—Bowling (Second shift), S. T. C. Alley.

Monday

10:00 a.m.—Basketball (Second shift), YMCA.
4:00 p.m.—Lumberjacks Girls Club, YWCA.
5:00 p.m.—Basketball (First and Third shifts), Central Park Gym.
7:00-11:00 p.m.—Basketball (First and Third shifts), City Recreation Hall.

Tuesday

10:00 a.m.—Roller Skating (Second shift), City Recreation Hall.
1:00 p.m.—Basketball (Second shift), City Recreation Hall.
1:00 p.m.—Bowling (Taft Footage League), S. T. C. Alley.
1:00 a.m.—Bowling (Taft Footage League), S. T. C. Alley.
6:00 p.m.—Basketball (Second shift), S. T. C. Alley.

Wednesday

10:00 a.m.—Basketball (Second shift), City Recreation Hall.
1:00 p.m.—Basketball (Second shift), City Recreation Hall.
1:00 p.m.—Bowling (Taft Footage League), S. T. C. Alley.
6:00 p.m.—Basketball (Second shift), S. T. C. Alley.

Thursday

1:00 a.m.—Basketball (Second shift), City Recreation Hall.
10:00 a.m.—Basketball (Second shift), City Recreation Hall.
1:00 a.m.—Basketball (Third shift), Central Park Gym.
2:00 p.m.—Basketball (Third shift), City Recreation Hall.
3:00 p.m.—Bowling (Third Shift), City Recreation Hall.
5:30 p.m.—Bowling (Third shift), City Recreation Hall.
7:30 p.m.—Bowling (Third shift), S. T. C. Alley.
7:30 p.m.—Bowling (Lost League), B. T. A. Alley.

Yard and Flight Team Wins First Shift Hoop Laurels

Yard and Flight held the championship of the basketball league for first and third shift employees today after defeating Material Control 31 to 26 in a game at the City Recreation Hall Friday night.

Tailing 7-10 at the end of the first quarter, Yard and Flight crew held their opponents scoreless for the remainder of the half and built up a 15-10 lead. They were never headed thereafter.

The two teams had wound up league play in a deadlock, tied in percentage points although Material Control had played in more games. To decide the championship Friday night’s playoff game was staged.

In turning back the Material crew, Yard and Flight kept an undefeated record clean and handed their opponents their first loss of the season.

Champion Joins Boxing Trainers

As more than one score Consolidated employees began training for the annual Golden Gloves boxing tournament, the name of Boston Jones, former U. S. Marine weight champion, was added today to their list of volunteer trainers.

Jones, who works in Plant Engineering, is a former professional fighter. He was welterweight champion of the U. S. Marine Corps in both 1933 and 1934, and fought in the national tournament.

The Golden Gloves boxing was held at Central Park Hall and the Y. M. C. A. include: Ernest Gillingham, John Cooney, Bert Dion, Barney Kline, Willard Sagan, Sam Speci, Dick Satriy, Jack Harlow, David Williams, Len Sam, Sam Mitchell Bill Ulfrey, Frank Haberfield, Ray Pagan, Bob Heyler, Bob Hulmore, Blackie Blackmore, Joe B. Head, Sam Eaves, Robert Bullock and J. V. Niehoff.

Liberators Will Tilt With TCU Cage Squad

The Consolidated’s city basketball team will meet Texas Christian University’s cage squad Monday night at the TCU gym.

The game is scheduled at 8 p.m. Wednesday night the Liberators opened their major city season play to a rousing start with the Tarrant Field Squad.

Director Visits

H. Dalzell Wilson of Pasadena, a Consolidated director, visited the plant this week.

Callery In Fort Worth

France Callery, vice president in charge of finance, was a plant visitor Sunday.

"Keep ’Em Rolling"