

Employees Praised By Officials And Military Me

High Quality Is Featured On Products

Col. F. G. Hall and Mr. Freedlander Point To Excellent Record Of Men and Women In Local Plant.

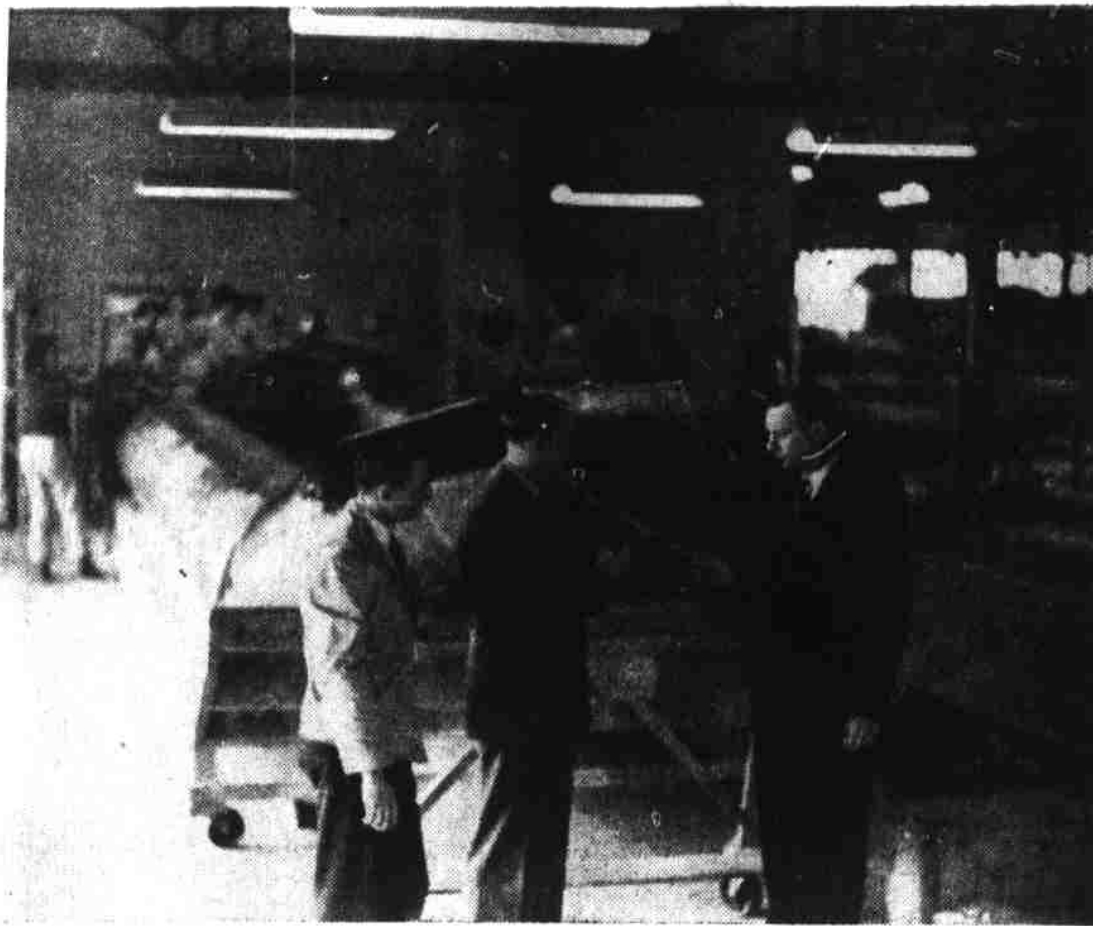
Military rank officers, and officials of the Dayton Rubber Manufacturing Company were warm in their praise of the work of the local plant on war production schedules. In the ceremony here Tuesday, the men making the awards pointed out that the Waynesville plant had not only made a high record in production, but in quality of workmanship as well.

Col. F. G. Hall, of Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio, said in presenting the Army-Navy E award.

"What is this job which you have done? Early in the war it became apparent that better oxygen equipment would be necessary if we were to fight the Germans in the air. Improvements were quickly made; one important piece of equipment was the regulator tubing of the demand oxygen system. This new oxygen system gave the flyer all the oxygen which he needed to fly higher and fight harder than he had ever done before. Soon there were more planes and more fighters needing this equipment than had ever been contemplated by our allies and our enemies combined. A new and better regulator tubing was also essential. You went to work making it.

"Let's look at what you have done: Over half a million tubings have been made for the Army Air Forces. Today they are in every bomber, fighter, and photographic aircraft and in most cargo airplanes of the Army Air Forces; in most of the Navy planes and in

Dayton Makes Large Pontons For Uncle Sam



In the background, on the large table, is shown one of the 33-foot pontons being made for the Army Engineer Corps by the Dayton Rubber Manufacturing Company. Eton R. Manning, left, and Sam C. Dunbar, right, U. S. Army Engineer Corps inspectors, are shown with Frank C. Rogers, plant manager. The pontons can carry a dead weight of 18 tons.

land-lease planes sent to Russia, England and France and to the smaller countries. There are 15 regulator tubings on every B-17 and in every B-24. Every pursuit and fighter pilot that flew over Germany had one. They are in every B-29 that flies over Tokyo. You have met every requirement asked of you.

"I wonder if you know how extremely important this device real-

ly is—this regulator tubing is an essential link in the oxygen system which enables flyers to fight and bomb at high altitudes. This has enabled our Air Forces in Europe to gain air superiority over the German Air Force. This tubing which you make connects the oxygen mask of the flyer with the oxygen supply in his plane. It is the life line for him, for at 30,000 feet altitude, if this tube should

fail, the flyer would have only about a minute to live. I, myself, have used these tubes, although not in combat, at altitudes up to 40,000 feet and have always felt confident that they would not fail. In one mission over Berlin 30,000 individual regulator tubings were used. The results of your efforts are protecting our own brave men in every battle.

"It so happens that when great numbers of planes such as Flying Fortresses start on a mission a small number must now and then turn back without completing their mission. Sometimes this is caused by faulty equipment. This decreases the effectiveness of the missions. Not as many bombs can be dropped that day. Very accurate records are kept on the causes and failures. I have gone over all the records that I can find and I have not found a single case of failure of a regulator tubing made by the Dayton Rubber Company. You have not only produced a great quantity of equipment, but you have done the job very well indeed. Many a flyer is alive today because you did so well. For that we thank you and commend you and ask you to carry on until final victory."

A. L. Freedlander, president and general manager, was also warm in his praise for the records made here. In a brief speech of appreciation, he said in part:

In 1934, our company built for the Army the world's first all-synthetic rubber tire, all from materials within the United States. In 1941, we completed this plant, 2,800 feet above sea level, the first of its kind in America for the specific purpose of producing synthetic rubber products. This locality was chosen because it is the gateway to the textile industry, because of the clear, cold water available, the climate, and, not least of all, because of the quality of workmanship we knew we'd have in the Great Smoky Mountains. This plant was in production on textile equipment a month before Pearl Harbor. Then came war. We immediately offered our facilities to the government. The results you see today.

We make here more oxygen hose or tubing specially developed by new processes, than all other companies combined. Likewise, our life rafts are saving the lives of many airmen in all oceans. Our pontons for the Army Engineers have helped to bridge the Rhine and the jungle rivers of the Pacific. Our new textile products were developed just in time to help the great textile industry weave the cloth of war. Our fan belts are on mobile equipment on every battlefield.

Until the last shot is fired, then, we know we can depend upon all of you—the workers and members of this community to continue the production fight. Again, our most sincere thanks and congratulations.

UNUSUAL MEETING FOR SON AND HIS MOTHER

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—With a quizzical eye, the big sun-bronzed U. S. Army pilot watched a harassed woman driver bump her Army truck over the curb.

"I wonder," he said mildly, "why the Army doesn't get somebody who knows how to drive a truck?" "Why, you big—" she sputtered. "Take it easy, Mom," grinned Lt. William (Bud) Richards, 22. "It's me. Just back from China."

And for the first time in three years Lieutenant Richards swept his mother, Mrs. Sally Richards of Miami Beach, into his arms. He had flown back from China to pick up a load of serum.

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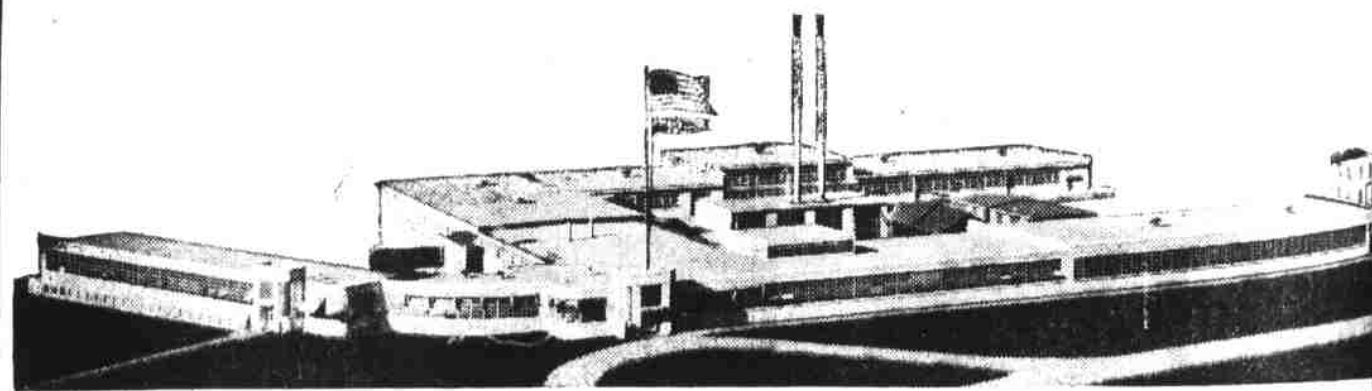
To Dayton Rubber Personnel

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We are happy that our many friends at Dayton Rubber have been rewarded for their splendid contribution in helping to win this war. You deserve it, for without your loyal work some of our own Haywood County boys might not be alive today. Congratulations to you all.

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We salute the men and women of Dayton Rubber who are behind the men with the guns... who fly our planes... who sail our ships... for they are all in this fight to win. Production on the home front means the men on the battle fronts can and will do the job quicker. We are proud of the record made at Dayton Rubber Co.

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