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YARD'S ACHIEVEMENTS SET GOAL FOR 1943

Fifty-Four Liberty Ships Launched In Last 13 Months; Facilities Are Improved

The North Carolina Shipbuilding Company matches into its second year of Liberty ship production after a successful 1942 whose achievements should be an inspiration for every one of us to seek greater goals this year.

In the last 13 months the company has launched over 50 Liberty ships. These ships have been delivered to the Armed Forces and are currently in service.

The yard congratulated by Admiral Vickers:

"Congratulations! That's the word the yard administration passed on to the delivery of the first few Liberty ships to the commission in December."

School Salvage Leaders 

Four Launchings

Second Star Added To 'M' Pennant

North Carolina's industrial scrap collecting campaign—our yard—entertained the leaders among the school children salve collectors from four states, during the past month as a reward for their outstanding efforts in the recent national-wide scrap campaign.

The youngsters—from North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia—attended the launching of four ships they had named. Each occasion gave us the opportunity to show the industrious young Americans how we are building a part of the mighty pinnace in the 'bridge of ships'.

Some of the scrap that collected, essential in the manufacture of steel, is probably in the hulls of Liberty ships on our ways today. Children were offered the opportunity to see the importance of their contribution to the war effort and that their work is appreciated by the men shaping the steel into ships.

We also received $500 in War Bond certificates through the State Salvage committee, through the New Hanover county's drive, during the month for leading all industries in the state in the total amount of scrap turned in during the period October 1-21. The shipyard's contribution amounted to $3,000,000 and went a long way to make this county one of the leaders in the state. One (Continued on page 2)

We have every reason to be proud of these men from every department of the yard, who have down that, not only tools and guns, but our fighting men, take up guns. The least we can do is to see that they are not forgotten, for the vital materials of war are not the only ones we must build to this war. Men and women are just as important. We have only for these ships but all important people. We have only for these ships but all important. We should all be proud of these men.

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HOW WE WON MINUTE MAN FLAG

Deduction No. on  No. Buying Percent- Recom- Date Roll ing Bonds of

May 4, 1942 10,315 6,000 89.9

July 6 11,465 7,405 82.6

August 3 14,977 11,311 77.4

Sept. 7 14,958 11,859 78.9

Oct. 6 16,370 13,794 84.6

Nov. 2 17,571 15,061 85.7

Dec. 7 18,699 16,654 90.2

The bond buying campaign opened on April 15 and ended on May 4, 1942. The deduction was 10.315 in each of the 10,315 persons then on the payroll purchasing bonds on a systematic basis to produce a deduction of 6.3%. At the end of the first week in December, 16,645 of the 16,499 persons on the rolls were buying bonds to produce a percentage of 90.62.

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The North Carolina school children who participated in the scrap metal campaign are shown as guests of honor at the launching of the Liberty ship Richard Caswell here last month. The youngsters came to the yard in February to launch the first ship of the campaign, and they have been in for the whole effort.

Left to right: Allen Parish, Sanford High school; Miss Jean Hart, of Kinston, maiden of honor; Dr. Clyde A. Evered, of Raleigh, state superintendent of public instruction; W. S. P. Ware; Miss Anna Midgett, of Kinston, sponsor; David S. Weaver, chairman of the C. C. Iron and Steel committee, Williams E. Ross, of Rocky Point school, and Jack Summerlin, of the Laurens school.

War Bond Minute Man Flag

Joins Pennant Over Yard

The Treasury department's Minute Man flag has joined the Maritime Commission's M pennant and its stars above our values.

Awarded in recognition of the purchase of War Bonds through regular payroll deductions by our employees, the flag was presented by Allan James, of Greensboro, deputy state administrator of the War Savings staff, at the launching of the Walter Raleigh on the morning of January 5. It was accepted by Captain Roger Williams, president.

The program, which Governor Boro Broughton, was represented by Mayor Graham A. Andrews, of Raleigh, was broadcast through the Raleigh radio station.

The yard reached the 90 per cent qualification figure and goal on December 7—one year to a day after Pearl Harbor—with 16,645 of the 16,499 employees making regular payroll deductions for the purchase of bonds. That's the story in a nutshell, but back of it are many stories, all of determination of men and women, in every department, to do more than asked or required of them to help bring victory. To build the ships to carry the fighting men is not enough; we are also helping buy the rations of guns and food and even the ships themselves.

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1784 Enter Armed Forces During Year

Transfer from the production front to the firing line has been made by 1,736 employees of the yard during the year. A 500 family were transferred during the month of December. The majority of these men have entered the armed forces via the Selective Service route but a large number volunteered. The result is that today the yard is well represented not only in the Army but in the Navy, Army or Navy Air Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine.

In addition, many North Carolina shipbuilders have joined the Merchant Marine and are helping sail the Liberty ships they built to the far corners of the nation's many fighting fronts.

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