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OCCUPANCY OF NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED



Add 1,866 To Maffitt Community

Is One Of Largest Shipyard Towns In Country

Occupancy of a new 1,866-unit section of Maffitt Village, built primarily for employees of the yard and perhaps the largest "shipbuilders' town" in the country, was started early this month.

The first units of the new housing were made available by the contractors about July 6. Additional units will be delivered rapidly and it is anticipated that the entire section will be ready to receive the families of more shipbuilders by early August.

Construction of the new housing began about February 1 of this year and has been delayed by the scarcity of labor and materials.

The Central Contracting company, of Atlanta, Ga., is the builder under the supervision of the Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington. The project is owned by the U. S. Government and has been leased to the local Housing Authority for operation after completion.

One hundred and fifty-six of the new units will be dormitory rooms for single men or women and the remainder, 1,710, will be two, three, four and five-room family apartments. Of the total, 424 of the units will be for Negroes and the remainder for white persons. The white and colored sections of Maffitt Village are separated by a broad undeveloped area. Completion of the new housing will bring the total of dwelling units in the Village to 3,762 or if you count the adjoining 530-unit trailer camp, 4,292.

The entire development is one of the greatest of its type in the United States. It will be populated almost exclusively by employees of our yard. Recently several additional employment groups have been made eligible for occupancy but the number of such tenants is not expected to be great.

With all the facilities and services of a well-arranged community, Maffitt Village is self-contained and has been planned and developed with the welfare of our employees foremost in the minds of the housing authorities. With stores, auditoriums, cafeterias, a proposed sub-postoffice, medical service and all other needed facilities, it has become much more than a suburb of Wilmington but, in reality, another town. Located within a short distance of the yard, it is helping solve the transportation problem.

Three of the four community buildings at Maffitt Village have already been opened and are being used by the approximately 1,850 families or individuals residing in the Village. Two cafeterias are in operation, one for white persons at the Hewes building and the other for

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THEY'RE EN ROUTE OVERSEAS NOW — Shown here is a part of the approximately four and a half million cigarettes which we gave to the men in uniform on the nation's foreign fronts. In addition to Chesterfield, Camels and Old Gold handled large parts of the order and all have reported that the smokes are on their way to the boys "over there."

Hurst Awarded \$100 For Idea

Many Employees Win Bonds And Stamps During June

Submitting a booklet entitled "Platen Markings for Welding" compiled from EC2-S-C1 drawings, A. D. Hurst, clock No. 64348 of the Fitters, was awarded first place prize of a \$100 War bond in the Suggestion contest here during June.

Twenty-seven employees, including two women, received bonds and stamps for their ideas during the month.

The maturity value of the awards amounted to \$375 to bring the total awarded since establishment of the system in the yard to \$1,770.

In addition to Mr. Hurst, there were five other bond winners. They were Christine Lindsey, 23039F, Timekeeping, \$50, Suggestion No. 5314, for improved procedure for payment of contract piece work bonuses; B. S. Flynn, 68113, and R. D. Parker, 68002, Shipwrights, \$25 jointly, Suggestion No. 3470, improved ribband saddle; Harold Culler, 71722, Fitters, \$25, Suggestion No. 4956, a mold for shoring out upper shell in holds No. 4 and No. 5, and G. P. Batson, 85590, Electrical, \$25, Suggestion No. 1397, coil form for field of coppus blowers.

Other winners in June were as follows:

E. L. Gruehn, 36023, Time-study, \$10, Suggestion No. 1516, change in assembly of forward ammunition chamber to upper deck mid-section.

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Broad Program Of Recreation Well Received By Employees

Religious Services Are Conducted In Yard Each Sunday

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

In these days of accelerated war production, there's not as much time for play as during peace but thousands of shipbuilders are enjoying and benefiting from the good recreation and entertainment offered in the various activities sponsored by the yard.

Instituted last month, a well-rounded program is being carried out in the time available. It includes everything from softball to the Lunch Time Jamborees. And, on the serious side, the Sunday morning religious services are receiving an excellent response on the part of the employees. The large attendance shows that the men and women appreciate these visits by the community's ministers and the comments heard in the yard have been most favorable.

First, the two softball leagues are having a successful season and the hardball clubs are making an excellent showing against semi-pro competition in this section. There is under contemplation a series of monthly boxing cards, with good fighters from the yard, to start about the middle of July at Legion stadium. Arrangements are under way for Don Hyatt, former Duke university leather slinger, to referee and Louie Keith to announce. Dick Bur-

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Two U.S. Mail Boxes Are Placed At Yard

Many employees are finding the two U. S. mail boxes recently placed at the yard for the collection of personal mail a real convenience.

One box is located on the north side of gate No. 2 and the other on the south side of gate No. 6. Collections are made each morning at 10:30 o'clock by the Wilmington postoffice.

Gigantic Cranes

Nine gigantic cranes are now being constructed for the U. S. Navy, Bureau of Yards and Docks, which will be the largest of their types ever built.

The booms of the drydock cranes will reach into the air higher than a 12-story building.

S. S. Merrick Launching Sunday

With Governor J. Melvin Broughton expected to attend, the S. S. John Merrick, our 114th Liberty ship, will be launched on Sunday, July 11.

It is named for the founder of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance company, of Durham, the largest negro institution of its type in the world.

The ship will be sponsored by Martha Merrick Donnell, of

Cigarettes On Way Overseas

Notes Of Appreciation Are Received From Gun Crews

The four and a half million cigarettes we so generously gave Uncle Sam's soldiers, sailors and Marines a few weeks ago are now on their way overseas.

Word has been received from the three cigarette manufacturers—Camels, Chesterfield and Old Gold—handling the orders that the shipments have been sent to the special service officers at various ports on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Many of these shipments have been acknowledged by them and the reports show they are en route to the North African, European, Atlantic, North and South Pacific and other theatres of war operations.

Each package bears a label showing it was donated by one of the departments in the yard, such as "Good Luck, Boys, from

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Durham. Her attendants will be Martha Williams Wheeler, matron of honor, and Lida Constance Merrick, maid of honor.

We are pleased that one of our vessels has been named for an outstanding North Carolina negro for it provides the opportunity to give recognition to the yard's colored workers who have done their full share in our good production record.