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Roll Of Honor

SGT. LLOYD EARL DALE, of Watha, formerly employed in the Welding department, killed in an airplane crash in the South Pacific while serving in the U. S. Marine Air Corps as a gunner-radio-man.

PFC. DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS POTTER, formerly of the Warehouse and Store Room, killed in an airplane accident near Pratt, Kansas, on Oct. 4, 1943 while a member of the United States Army Air Forces.

FRANK L. JOHNSON, JR., formerly of the Employment department, reported missing and presumed to be lost following the sinking of the U. S. ship on which he was serving as a member of the Merchant Marine early in the spring of 1943.

The Invasion

What does the Invasion mean to you?

When you heard of the Allies' mighty smash into Normandy on D-day, did you feel that it meant the beginning of an early end of the war? Did you think: "Well, it'll soon be over. The drive to Berlin to exterminate the Nazis will be easy now?" If you did, you were 100 per cent wrong.

The war is nowhere near over. In fact, the hardest fighting lies ahead, and there will be many more Cherbourgs as the Germans resist to the bitter end. Discount that "internal collapse" talk. They know all Europe wants to get at their throats and they are going to delay the dreadful end as long as possible. Hitler has held them in line for years and he can't let up now. He doesn't care how many divisions he sends to their deaths as long as it postpones his eventual end.

If you looked upon D-day as one of dedication and greater determination to redouble our efforts for victory, then you were right. That's the proper attitude; maintain it by working hard every day, by buying more War bonds and participating wholeheartedly in everything that goes toward defeating the Axis.

The ships we are delivering today are as urgently needed as the Libertys were in their time. They have a definite place in finishing the war against Germany and the grand offensive against Japan that is expected to follow. Don't let up now. As a member of the army of production, let's make every day D-day here.

"A nation's seaborne trade is the lifeblood of its power, the assurer of its credit, the purveyor of its comfort" — Rear Admiral A. T. Mahan in *The Influence of Sea Power Upon History*.

Prayer For D-Day

Editor's Note: One of the greatest prayers of the war is the Prayer for D-Day by the Right Rev. H. St. George Tucker, presiding bishop of the Episcopal church. Many were moved by its spiritual depth when it was read by Dr. J. Warren Hastings, of Washington, here on June 6. We reproduce it in the belief that many more may find comfort in its beautiful appeal for the triumph of righteousness and peace.

Almighty and most merciful God, Father of all mankind, lover of every life, hear, we beseech Thee, the cry of Thy children in this dark hour of conflict and danger.

Thou has been the refuge and strength, in all generations, of those who put their trust in Thee. May it please Thee this day to draw to Thyself the hearts of those who struggle and endure to the uttermost. Have mercy on them and suf-

fer not their faith in Thee to fail. Guide and protect them by Thy light and strength that they may be kept from evil.

May Thy comfort be sufficient for all who suffer pain or who wait in the agony of uncertainty.

O righteous and omnipotent God, who in their tragedies and conflicts, judgest the hearts of men and the purpose of nations, enter into this struggle with Thy transforming power, that out of its anguish there may come a victory of righteousness. May there arise a new order which shall endure, because in it Thy will shall be done in earth as it is in heaven. Forgive us and cleanse us, as well as those who strive against us, that we may be fit instruments of Thy purposes.

Unto Thy most gracious keeping we commend our loved ones and ourselves, ascribing unto Thee all praise and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Quarterdeck Quiz

(From Ships)

- How many ships will we have in our Merchant Marine at the end of the war? (a) 1,000 (b) 2,000 (c) 3,500.
- Do you ever find a foundry or a machine shop on a ship?
- How much did a shipyard worker earn in 1812? (a) \$15 a week (b) \$20 a week (c) \$9 a week.
- How many pounds of fish did our fishing fleets bring to market last year? (a) 2 billion pounds (b) 4 billion pounds (c) 3 billion pounds.
- How much cargo can a Liberty ship carry? (a) 10,000 tons (b) 6,000 tons (c) 8,000 tons.
- Can a ship, torpedoed in two halves, both of which sank, be raised and repaired? (a) Yes (b) No.
- How many ships were repaired by American ship-repair yards last year? (a) 23,000 (b) 15,000 (c) 18,000.
- How many new merchant ships were built in the privately operated shipyards last year? (a) 1,500 (b) 1,000 (c) 1,896.
- The first Liberty ships were built in 241.3 days — what is the time today? (a) 151.3 days (b) 83.7 days (c) 39.2 days.

(For full answers, see page 5)

235 More Shipbuilders Enter Armed Services

The movement of Shipbuilders into the Armed Forces and the Merchant Marine continued during the May 15-June 15 period with 235 terminating to enter the various services.

Of the number, 123 joined the Navy, 105 will become soldiers, four selected the Merchant Marine, two joined the Marines and one became a WAVE.

The Welders, with 61 men entering the service, led all departments in furnishing men for Uncle Sam's fighting forces. The Fitters were next with 39 and the Electricians third with 20.

BATTLESHIP CURIOSITIES

A 35,000-ton battleship uses five times as much fuel oil as one of our new destroyers—66 per cent more than a heavy cruiser, if operated at high speed. The oil is stored in tanks built between the outer shell and the inner bottom of the hull. They refuel at sea — but by what process cannot be revealed for reasons of security.

SS David Stone Downs Bombers

Our 33rd Liberty Ship Destroys Two Enemy Craft During Raid

"The guns of the S. S. David Stone were particularly effective, shooting down two bombers in flames, and contributing greatly to the success of the convoy."

This report in a recent letter of commendation to Gunner's Mate Nathan W. Phillips, of New Bern, from the U. S. Navy disclosed that another of the Liberty ships we built was more than a match for the enemy when attacked. The result was that it was another case of inflicting great destruction on the enemy while delivering the goods of war to an overseas front.

According to the communication to Phillips praising him for gallantry during the engagement, the S. S. Stone was attacked while on convoy duty last August.

The letter, made public by the Public Relations office of the Sixth Naval district, reads in part:

"A report of the experience reveals that the convoy was attacked by a formation of torpedo bombers which approached from dead ahead, coming out of the setting sun and flying very low over the water. As they flew down the columns of ships, launching torpedoes and strafing the decks with machine gun fire, they were met by a terrific barrage of shells from the Armed Guard crews." The letter then deals with the part of the S. S. Stone in the successful defense of the convoy.

The ship, our 33rd Liberty, was launched on October 10, 1942, under the sponsorship of Miss Harriet May Hancock and was delivered to the Maritime commission 11 days later.

Shoemaker Commends Yard Rationing Panel

The yard's rationing panel, composed of E. L. White and H. A. Marks, was commended recently by O. H. Shoemaker, chairman of the New Hanover county War Price and Rationing board, for its "splendid work" in giving the best possible service here.

The panel, he added, is co-operating in every way in the rationing program and the volunteer members are carrying out their duties "most successfully."

KILLING THE GOOSE



Rationing Guide

Meats, Fats—Red "8" stamps A-8 through W-8 now valid and will remain valid indefinitely.

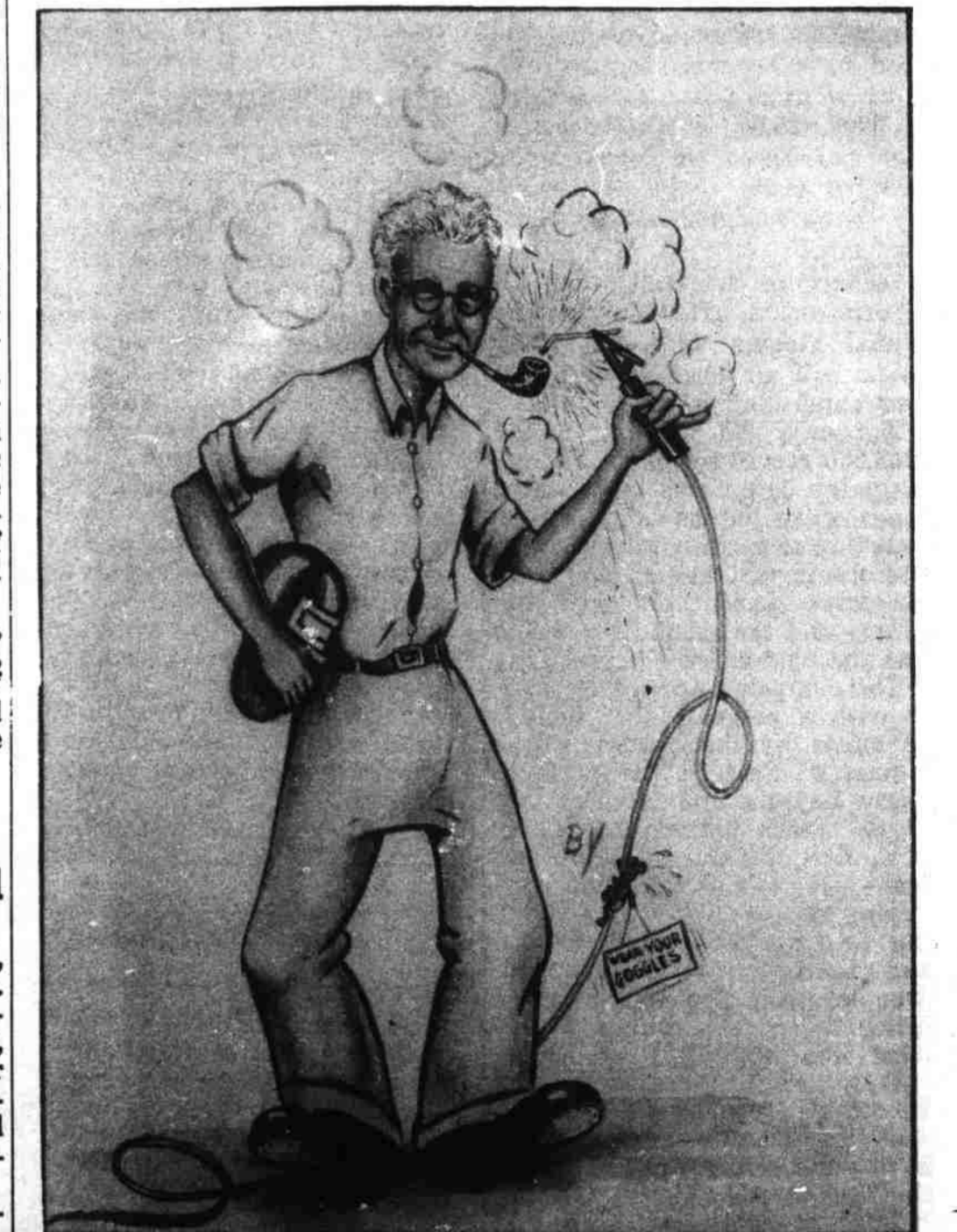
Processed Foods—Blue "8" stamps A-8 through Z-8 and A-5 now valid and will remain valid indefinitely.

Sugar—Sugar Stamps 30, 31, and 32, each good for five pounds, now valid and will remain valid indefinitely. Sugar Stamp 40, good for five pounds for home canning, will be valid through April 2, 1945. (Additional sugar for canning now is available in the Raleigh OPA district through the local rationing boards).

Shoes—Airplane Stamps 1 and 2 in Book Three now valid and will remain valid indefinitely.

Gasoline—A-10 coupons, good for three gallons, now valid and will remain valid through August 8.

Fuel Oil—Period No. 4 and 5 coupons expire September 30. Each unit coupon now good for 10 gallons. (Note: All definite-value coupons — sometimes known as "change-making coupons"—good at any time). During October, unused coupons may be exchanged at rationing boards for new 1944-45 heating-season coupons.



CARICATURE — Who is he? Maybe he's you. If you recognize the man in the sketch as yourself, call at the Editor's office in the Administration building and if you are the subject you can have the original drawing.