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LET'S STAY ON TOP!

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VANCOUVER	115

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CALIFORNIA	90
MOORE	92

These signboards, showing we're first among all yards engaged on vessels similar to the ones we're building in average construction time, are familiar to practically all North Carolina Shipbuilders. We attained top position in both divisions in August, first month a comparison was possible. Now well ahead of the nearest "competitor," let's lengthen our lead in "the league" to assure a first place finish when "the season is over."

Employees Contribute \$33,839 During Annual Chest Campaign

Firm Donates \$35,000; Many Departments Surpass Goals

The call of the third annual Community War Chest was answered throughout the yard late in September and early last month with the employees contributing \$33,839.13 to again rank first among all group and industrial contributors in the campaign.

In addition, the company gave \$35,000 during the highly successful county-wide drive. Establishments allied with the yard donated \$1,194.35 to raise the grand total from Wilmington's shipbuilding industry to \$70,033.48.

The final report showed that of the 50 departments, all but 11 met or oversubscribed their quotas.

On the opening day, September 22, two departments — the Drillers and Scrap and Salvage — went over their quotas. Needless to say, this fine spirit continued with the first turning in a total of \$1,130.65 for 147 per cent of quota and the other giving \$163.30 for a percentage of 125.

Several other departments made exceptionally good showings. Among the larger were the Riveters, \$2,340.24 for a percentage of 162; Ship Shed, \$1,187.75 for 116 per cent; Plumbers, \$2,217.82 for 152 per cent; Pine Shop, \$807 for a percentage of 165; Timekeepers, \$220.17 for a percentage of 145. In the smaller units, Welfare topped the list with 200 per cent; Hull Staff, 158 per cent; Employment office, 150 per cent, and Clinic and Lumber Yard, 140 per cent each.

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South Side Body Promotes Safety

Proving Effective In Reducing Accident Frequency Rate

The South Side Safety committee was organized with the idea in mind that safe working conditions and practices were part of a production problem and could not be delegated to a few people to be manufactured.

This committee, under the able leadership of L. B. August, Assistant Foreman of the Steam Engineers, meets bi-monthly to discuss and put into effect corrective methods or to evaluate an idea advanced by one of the committee members. This committee has been functioning since April and the frequency reduction in accidents is the best evidence of its effectiveness.

A mutual understanding among the committeemen with a common objective in mind has gone a long way in making the (Continued from page 7)

National Security Award Will Be Presented To Yard Nov. 23

Tax Certificates Must Be Executed Before December 1

Distribution of the new "withholding" income tax exemption certificates will be carried out in the various departments of the yard early in November.

These certificates must be executed and returned to the Tabulating department before December 1. A circular explaining the provisions of the new "withholding" tax, prepared by the Treasury department, will be distributed along with the certificates.

A full explanation of the changes made by congress in the law is given in the article on page 6 of this issue of The Shipbuilder.

Given For Outstanding Safeguards Against Sabotage, Fire

The National Security Award, given for excellent safeguards against air attack, sabotage, fire and accidents, will be presented to the yard at appropriate ceremonies on November 23, according to a recent announcement by June Rose, of Greenville, Assistant State Director of Civilian Defense.

Presentation was originally scheduled in October but the program, to be held in conjunction with the launching of another AKA, was postponed because of the inability of Governor J. Melville Broughton to be present.

He is expected to speak at the ceremonies this month and the presentation is scheduled to be made by Roy L. McMillan, State Director of Civilian Defense. Several ranking Army and Navy officers will also be present.

The United States Office of Civilian Defense established the National Security Award to recognize industrial plants which have developed outstanding protective measures for life and property during the war. The Award is made upon the nomination of the local Civilian Defense organization, the investigation of the State Defense council and the final approval of the Regional Civilian Defense office. It is the symbol of complete cooperation between industrial management, plant protection and local defense organizations.

According to the Office of Civilian Defense, the goal of in- (Continued on page 7)

"We Depend Upon You Men And Women"—Admiral Halsey

To The Men and Women of the N. C. Shipbuilding Company:

Experience in the Pacific has demonstrated the need for fast troop transports and cargo carriers in amphibious operations. We plan to launch smashing blows against the Japs in the near future. To insure the success of the coming offensives, we depend upon you men and women in the shipyards and factories to give us more of these vital assault ships with all possible speed. Every APA and AKA which you deliver to the fleet will help to speed us on our course to victory.

W. F. HALSEY, JR., ADMIRAL, USN, COMMANDER THIRD FLEET.

To Admiral W. F. Halsey, Jr.:

Receipt telegram 12 October acknowledged. Your fine work in the Pacific is recognized by the employees of the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company and they will not let you down. Our AKA schedule will be met or bettered if possible.

P. F. HALSEY, VICE-PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.