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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.

PFC. WILLIAM H. MAYERS, of Acme, formerly of the Ship Carpenters department, killed in action in Italy on June 1 while serving as a member of the United States Army.

SECOND LIEUT. WILLIAM FRANK PRITCHARD, of Wilmington, formerly employed in the Fitters department, killed in action over Italy on June 13, 1944, while serving as a pilot in the United States Army Air Forces.

SOUNDMAN 2/c OWEN CLANTON FILLIYAW, 27, USNR, of Wilmington, formerly employed in the Fitters department, killed when his ship, a minesweeper, was blown up in the English channel during the invasion of Normandy.

PVT. KENNETH TANT, 22, of Middlesex, R. F. D. 2, formerly employed in the Shipwrights department, died on Aug. 8, 1944, as the result of wounds received in action in France while serving as a member of the United States Army.

SEAMAN 2/c THOMAS COLE CLARKE, 34, of Wilmington, formerly of the Erectors department, died of wounds received in action during the summer or early fall of 1944 while a member of the United States Navy.

SUCCESSFUL HUNTS

Deer hunting, a sport popular with several members of the Ship Carpenters department, is under way again. Parties from the department reporting success included W. A. Moore, D. L. Hickman and A. L. Shumaker. The buck taken in the hunt Mr. Shumaker was on weighed 143 pounds. There shouldn't be any meat shortage in his home for some time.

PROMOTED

Pfc. Lloyd A. Pridgen, formerly employed in the Steam Engineers department, is now serving in the Army Air Force in the Mediterranean theater of operations. He was recently promoted to the grade of corporal. He entered the Army in November, 1942, and went overseas in September, 1943, as a machinist with a veteran Air Service squadron.

Your Money And The War

"Why another War bond drive? Why ask for more money? Isn't the war almost over?"

We're glad to say we haven't heard those questions in the yard since the Sixth War Loan drive opened last month. We don't believe we will but for any who have such thoughts in the back of their minds, let's blast them out with a few facts.

First, the war is not over.

When our forces stormed over the beaches of France, many believed it would be a matter of only a few weeks before Germany would fall. What a sad mistake. Today it is fighting harder than ever. The invasion was not a home run; just a solid single that put us on first base. The Germans, beginning with those beaches, through France and into their cities and villages, have not given us one inch of ground. We've paid for it with the blood of thousands of men and the expenditure of billions of dollars in equipment and supplies. We will continue to do so. Like trapped rats, the Nazis will fight to the bitter end and it will take many billions more to crush them.

Next, after Germany is finished the Japanese war will still be a tremendous undertaking.

No other race of people in the history of the world has been as fanatical in its determination to conquer and rule as the Japanese. Any man who has fought in the Pacific will tell you there is but one way to beat them—kill them. We are on the road to their homeland but it's a slow, tedious push and every advance is well marked with the graves of Americans. We will have to take many, many more islands in the great, wide Pacific before

we touch foot on their mainland and few expect them to stop fighting there. The belief is growing among well informed observers, and rightfully so, that the final battles will be in Manchuria where, for years, the Japanese have built up great industrial and manpower reserves. War is man's most expensive business.

During the Revolutionary war, the killing of an enemy cost but a few dollars. Today, the liquidation of a German or Jap represents thousands of dollars, extending from the pay of a recruiting officer or draft board clerk to the cost of that final bullet, shell or bomb. In November, this nation spent seven and one-half billions on the war.

The sum needed to complete the job is a staggering one and that's why your government is calling on you today. We all cannot fight but everyone can let his dollars go to war. More money means more B-29 Superfortresses, more M-4 tanks and more AKA ships like the ones we are building. And the quicker we get this and other equipment into action, the sooner our men will come home.

These reasons for more bond purchases are from a national standpoint. There's still another reason—yourself!

War bonds are today's best and safest investment. As you help your country, you also help yourself. Never in our history has it been so necessary to save. Everyone of us will need more money in the future and to loan three dollars now and get four in return later is the world's best bargain. Let's all do our share — buy that extra War bond today!

Letters To The Editor

FINISHES SCHOOL

To The Editor:

How's the boat factory? This hotel life is killing me! I've finished school and am going to get a ship now, I think. Enjoy The Shipbuilder, keep sending it. Tommy Davis, S1/c (RdM) U.S.N. Receiving Barracks, Dolphin Hotel, Miami, Fla. Nov. 11, 1944.

FAR FROM HOME

To The Editor:

How are things around the office? Fine, I hope. I thought I'd write you to let you know how much I enjoyed seeing you. I was sorry I didn't get a chance to see you all again before leaving. I had intended writing before now but I have really been on the ball, because the army is a full time job. I'm quite a distance from home this time. I can't tell you just where but I'm somewhere on the west coast. I often think of the fun we use to have around the office with Jake. I long to see those days again. Please give Mr. Lewis my new address.

Sincerely,

Pvt. Charles S. Fisher,
34861098,
245 Qm. Ldry. Platoon,
C/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, Cal.,
APO 17519.

WANTS TO RETURN

To The Editor:

I am a former employee of your yard. I spent two years in the Steam Engineers department, of which time I enjoyed very much and would truly like to be there now with the department for I really loved the work. I would like copies of The North Carolina Shipbuilder for I enjoy them very much. I still have a friend there in the Outfitting department — Supervisor B. R. Coley—and he tells me the yard is doing wonderful

things in turning out the new AKAs.

Thanking you in advance and wishing the yard the best of luck, I remain,

Sincerely,

Pvt. Basil M. Nicholson,
Fort Lewis, Washington,
Nov. 12, 1944.

SEND A TRACER!

Dear Sir:

It is quite coincidental being stationed now here in Chapel Hill, N. C., and yet recalling that a little over a year ago when a bunch of my shipmates and I opened a carton of cigarettes it contained a complimentary card from the North Carolina Shipbuilding company.

Well, since that time we were actively engaged in many battles and have seen a lot more of the world. However, it is far from me to forget this act, and so therefore thank you again.

However, I wish to object to a certain deficiency that exists in your organization. At the time we thanked you for the cigarettes we wholeheartedly requested that you send us a carton of blondes, brunettes and redheads mixed. Of course we didn't know how many girls are usually packed in a carton, but we assumed that it would be enough for us there in New Guinea. Therefore, although we looked and watched and waited, it was all in vain. Not one girl got through to our ship. Of course perhaps at different points along the line postal inspectors might have opened the package for inspection and helped themselves to one or two items, but I am sure that all of them couldn't have been acquired, therefore I urge that you send a tracer on the package if it was sent.

Seriously, however, I want to thank you again. Although I am back in the States, those long, long weary months in New



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.

BALLAST

We've heard recently from several former employees who were well known in the yard. Roy Francis has resumed his law practice in Waynesville. Tom "Hollywood" Lee, also of Waynesville, is in the bus business and is driving one of his buses himself. That, we would like to see. Forest Brown, formerly of the Hull Drawing room, is in Alaska and sent regards to the Hull gang. Lieutenant S. P. Ware has been assigned to the Marine base at Cherry Point.

TENSHUN!

The Camp Lejeune band really made the shipways ring as it marched down the shipway road. And did you notice our girls giving them their best smiles as the Marines played for the opening of our Sixth War Bond drive?

FOR BETTER BOWLING

Kenny Neill gives his team a pep talk before each game. It goes something like this:

After picking out the best ball, run and stand in front of your favorite alley, thus giving no one else a chance to bowl there. Before throwing the ball, have your captain call the attention of all the bowlers to your perfect stance. If you make a strike, look around and show a big smile. If you make two strikes, calmly walk over and chalk it up, being very careful not to smile this time. If you make three strikes in a row, nonchalantly light a cigarette; even if you don't smoke, light one anyway. If you throw the ball in the gutter, grab your leg quickly and limp to the bench, growling about slippery shoes or rough floor. If you get a split, study the situation carefully, meanwhile thinking of the good time you had on your vacation. After you are sure you have formed a good impression try to make it. Take your aim for a long time, as this gains re-

Guinea and the Marshall Islands are not forgotten. At times the tobacco situation was very acute and your contributions to us were heartedly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Warren H. DeVere,
CPHM, USN,
U. S. Pre Flight
School,
Chapel Hill, N. C.

spect from the spectators. If you haven't your own shoes, or ball, remember that these are also good excuses for low scores. If a bowler on the opposing team makes a bum shot, laugh as loudly as possible and attract everyone's attention. If your opponent makes a strike, always sneer and talk about horseshoes and four-leaf clovers. Never give the other team any credit; always talk about how funny they throw the ball, or if they go over the foul line, ask them if they intend to walk all the way or only half way. If you miss an easy spare, laugh it off and say you tried something new. When making a score, look around—and if no one is looking, it is always a good idea to mark down a few more than you made. (Chatham Blanketeer.) (P. S. Kenny's boys are leading their league, too!)

CONVERSATION

Don Watt of the Electrical department says no one will believe this but to print it anyway . . .

Mr. Watt's telephone rang boisterously, and he was somewhat irritated, and why not?

"Hello!" he yelled.
"Who's speaking?"
"Watt."
"What's your name?"
"What's my name," answered Mr. Watt.

"Yeah, what's your name?"
"My name is Don Watt!"
"Don what?"
"Yes!"

"Oh, never mind," came the disgusted voice. "I'll be around to see you this afternoon."

"All right," said Mr. Watt. "Who are you—Jones?"
"No, I'm Knott."

"Well, will you please tell me who you are then?"
"Will Knott," yelled the man.

"Why not?" asked Watt.
"My name is Knott!" shouted the man.

"Not what?"
And both slammed their receivers down in rage.

ORGANIZING CLUB

The Production department is organizing a club for the purpose of providing social activities and entertainment among its members. It is hoped that each person in the department will become a member and all who have not joined are asked to do so now.