

May Club Selects Officers



Officers for the ensuing year were elected by the May club at its annual business meeting early in September. Shown above, with the Retiring President, are the new leaders of the organization. Left to right: Paul A. Peeples, Employees' Welfare Manager, Secretary; John Dietrich, Chief Piece Work Counter, Retiring President; Charles L. Cornell, Foreman of the Electrical department, President; Kennedy E. Neill, Foreman of the Painters department, Vice President, and Julius M. Johnson, Chief Timekeeper, Treasurer.

Shipbuilders Participate In Civic Life

Many Are Active In Church, Service Organizations

Since the early days of the company, scores of employees have entered into the community's civic, church, social and other activities with the result that relations between the yard and Wilmington have been quite pleasant at all times.

A large part of the personnel came from other sections of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Yet most of them have taken their place in the life of their new "home town" in a fine manner. We feel that both they and the city have benefited from this attitude.

Recently, a survey showed the yard well represented in church life, especially in the immediate vicinity of the yard, in Wilmington's civic clubs, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Community War Chest, the Red Cross, Boy and Girl Scout activities, the N. C. State Guard company and various other organizations which, together, make the community a better place in which to live.

As a good example, 17 employees, the majority of them natives of other communities, are active members in the Junior Chamber of Commerce. One, Robert B. Howard, is president. Others in the Jaycees are Jack Atkinson, Carl V. Babson, James Blow, Henry Capillary, Robert C. Carr, L. D. Harrelson, Luther Hodges, Troy Hodges, Ed Howard, Dan Jones, Frank Jones, J. R. Jones, Red Mann, Jesse Sellers, Jack Towell and Ed Ward.

Shipbuilder members of the Propeller club are W. E. Begor, R. L. Burnett, C. L. Cornell, R. T. Cowling, John Dietrich, Don M. Hyatt, J. M. Johnson, Fred E. Kean, Louis E. Keith, F. K. Massey, Neil McEachern, Capt. Ted Peders, George Seidler, George Via, and Jack M. Waterman.

Members of the Civitan club are Dave McEwen, D. F. Fleming, Bob Hodgkin, Ben Merritt and George Curry.

In the Wrightsville Beach Lions club are Roy Sandlin, vice president, J. P. Gray and R. B. Williams. Louis E. Keith is a member of the Wilmington Lions club and Paul A. Wilson is an active Rotarian. Mr. Wilson is also a member of the Red Cross chapter's board and vice chairman of the Community War Chest.

Employees who are members of the N. C. State Guard company here include D. G. Bass, H. L. Watson, M. D. Jacobs, R. M. Jones, J. P. West, L. R. Wright, C. H. Boone, C. W. Coward, W. McL. Sutton, M. J. Hester and E. F. Rochelle.

This is but a few of the larger organizations in which we are represented. Doubtless there are several others but these serve as a good example of how North Carolina Shipbuilders have welcomed and accepted their responsibilities to their "new home."

Everyone had to pull in their belts a little during the hectic war years and it isn't yet time to let them out. Thrift is the one sure means of killing inflation. Put your money in interest bearing Victory Loan Bonds.

Safety Exchange Will Meet Here

Arrangements Underway For 31st Quarterly Parley Nov. 13-14

With the program arranged to emphasize visual aids and employee training in safety, plans for the 31st quarterly meeting of the Seven Shipyard Safety Exchange, which will be held here Nov. 13 and 14, are now nearing completion. Originally the conference was set for Nov. 20 and 21 but the dates were changed because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Principal speaker at the gathering is expected to be Lieut. Commander Carter Kendall, USNR, Safety officer of the Norfolk, Va., Navy Yard. Commander Kendall is a former member of the Exchange.

A number of safety exhibits are now being prepared in the yard and the visiting representatives of the other companies will tour our plant. The greater part of the conference will be given over to a well-planned forum on safety problems.

In keeping with the usual procedure, each of the participating yards will submit an important question, sometime before the sessions, on a particular safety problem on which it is seeking the ideas of the other yards. These questions and answers will then be discussed fully at the conference.

The principal participating shipbuilding companies in the Exchange are Bath Ironworks Corporation, Bath, Maine; New York Shipbuilding Company, Camden, N. J.; Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Chester, Pa.; Maryland Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Baltimore; Bethlehem Steel Corporation and subsidiaries; Federal Shipbuilding Company, Kearny, N. J., and the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Newport News, Va., and its subsidiary, our Company.

The entertainment features of the program will include a visit to historic Orton plantation.

If you can't afford to buy Victory Loan Bonds outright have your employer deduct an amount each week until enough has accumulated to buy a Victory Bond—and then keep on having that amount deducted.

Son Of Employee Describes Results Of Atomic Bombing

Nagasaki's Japs Bowed To Prisoners Of War After Great Blast

Editor's Note: A good description of the results of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki on the Japanese was given recently by Lieut. Donald A. Whelpley, USNR, in a letter to his father, A. M. Whelpley, of the Training department.

His letter follows.

Guess you noticed by the heading there that I finally made Japan.

We are anchored in Nagasaki harbor and surrounded by what's left of the city after the atomic bomb went to work. It's really a mess! This is our second trip up here. The first one was two weeks ago when we were the first American forces to enter Nagasaki, so we sort of came as "conquering heroes." We are evacuating Allied prisoners of war and taking them back to Okinawa. From there, they fly back to the States, or England, or Dutch East Indies, wherever they came from. Poor devils,

The Front Page

The front page of this issue of *The Shipbuilder* is dedicated to the many Registered Nurses who have served here since establishment of the yard. Their services are deeply appreciated and all familiar with the employee health and safety program know their work has been an important factor in its success.

The attractive young woman is Miss Velma Taylor, R.N., of Sea Level, one of the nine nurses now on duty at the Infirmary. A graduate of the James Walker Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Miss Taylor entered the employ of the company in July, 1943.

that last load was pathetic. After three years under the heel of the damn Japs, they were in bad shape. They were so grateful to see friends again and the sight of food nearly drove them nuts. We'll pick up a new load

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\$47,188 Donated In Chest's Drive

Appreciation Expressed For Contributions In Annual Campaign

The fourth annual campaign of the Community War Chest was nearing its close in the yard as we went to press with a total of \$12,188.18 reported contributed by employees at that time. In addition, the Company gave \$35,000.

While the amount donated this year was not as large as in the past, several factors, such as the comparable percentages of payrolls in 1944 and 1945, must be taken into consideration.

Officials of the drive expressed their appreciation to all who contributed to this great humanitarian financial effort. Through their contributions, employees helped needy and worthy causes at home and abroad, especially among our Allies. The campaign this year represented the joint appeal of 30 organizations, 19 in the National War Fund and 11 in Wilmington.

During the campaign, it was pointed out that the needs of the War Fund are as great as at any

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Good Example Of Sturdy Ship Construction



When the S. S. Virginia Dare, our hull No. 3, struck a mine in the bay of Tunis early in March of 1944, the powerful explosion blew the bow of the ship off just forward of bulkhead No. 68. The vessel was abandoned but the aft section was later salvaged by a tug. The above picture of this section was sent to *The Shipbuilder* by Leslie Walker, former member of the Hull staff now stationed at the Sixth Port headquarters at Marseille, France. The S. S. Virginia Dare was launched Feb. 2, 1942, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Elwood Inge, and was delivered to the Maritime commission the following March 27.