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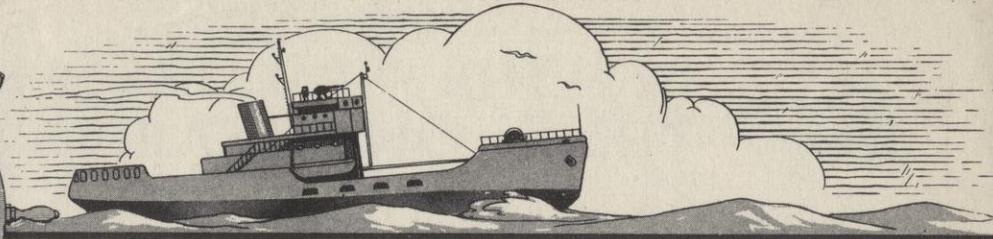
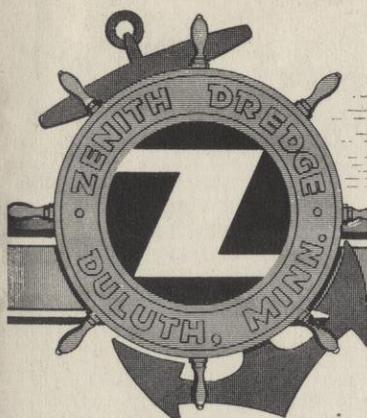
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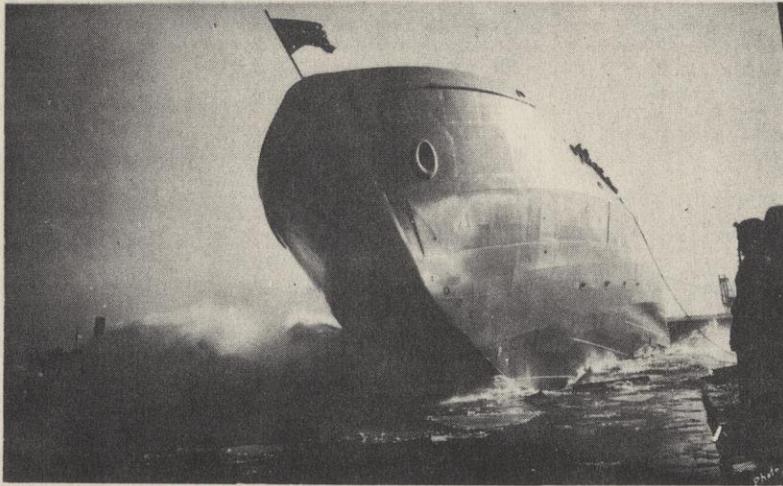
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ZENITH BULLETIN

DECEMBER 4, 1942

"TUPELO" LAUNCHED ON NOVEMBER 30TH



Zenith's 7th boat of the year is pictured as it struck the water at 12:20 P.M. November 30th.

It's the TUPELO, the last Coast Guard Cutter under construction at the Zenith yard... and probably the final boat to be launched this year.

If the weather holds, the first Navy tanker may still be set free this year.

A few minutes previous to this launching, Marine Iron gave the BUTTONWOOD its first taste of water.

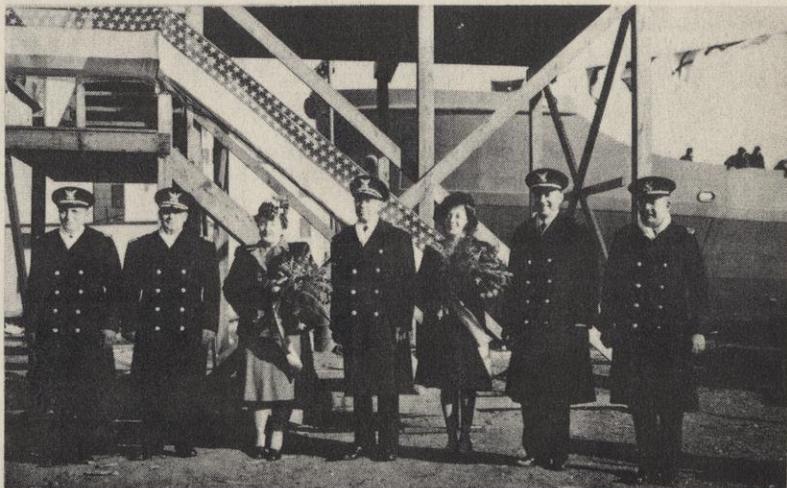
ADMIRAL'S VISIT HIGHLIGHTS CEREMONIES

Highlighting the launching of the TUPELO was the visit of Vice Admiral R. R. Waesche, of Washington, D. C. Commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard.

Admiral Waesche is shown here with the sponsors of the launching.

(Left to right:)

Lt. Commander D. G. Morrison, Commander Beckwith Jordan, Miss Nancy Hay of St. Louis, Vice Admiral R. R. Waesche, Miss Florence Rizzuto, Commander G. A. Tyler, Lt. Commander A. L. Ford.





WE'RE PROUD OF OUR RECORD

LET THE FAILURES EAT THEIR OWN SOUR GRAPES

TO OUR EMPLOYEES:

It must be a great source of pride to all of us to think that, co-incidental with the glorious victories which our armed forces are gaining in various parts of the world, the Zenith Dredge Company carries out its assignment in a manner which is bound to win national recognition.

No other shipyard on the Lakes performed such a noteworthy task as to deliver 4 CACTUS class Coast Guard Cutters within the 40-day period of October 14th to November, 24th, 1942.....

You people did it without any fan-fare, blare of trumpets, radio broadcasts, beating of drums, newspaper publicity, or other distractions which some folks believe is more important than delivering the goods. You simply went about your business of getting the job done and you went from ship to ship, finishing up each one just a bit better and a bit faster than its predecessor.

The LAUREL, originally scheduled for delivery in June of 1943, was speeded up to December 15, 1942 for delivery and duty on the Lakes. We, ourselves, then again speeded up so that delivery was effected November 23, 1942 and she could join her sister ships in combatant duty on the high seas.

Each vessel delivered released a destroyer for more punishing duty against the Axis. Our 4 vessels means 4 destroyers assigned to more important work.

IT IS A CREDIT TO OUR UNION - AND ITS LOCALS that the only shipyards at the head of the Lakes who actually delivered ships have organizations which are solidly C.I.O.



ZENITH BASKETBALL TEAM TO PLAY TUESDAY NIGHT

Zenith's basketball team will play its first game of the season next Tuesday night in the Central High School gymnasium.

No schedule for games has yet been posted, so we are unable to announce Zenith's opponent for that evening as yet. However, we hope to be able to publish the season schedule in our next week's Bulletin.

At the first practice last Monday night about 20 players responded to the call. An exceptional amount of material is on hand, and it looks as though Zenith will be ably represented in the City League this winter.

Another practice session has been called for Monday night at the West Junior High gym.

The non-producers, those who have failed to contribute to their country's war effort and answer their country's cry for help, are NOW TRYING to reflect upon your SPLENDID record !!

Is it "un-American" to deliver ships when your country needs them?

Are we allowing ourselves to be misled by a group of FAILURES who see no reason to become concerned about our country's need for ships?

Let us tell these false prophets to go out and do something constructive in ship-building to match the record of the employees of the Zenith Dredge Company before they try to tear down what all of us have worked so hard to build up.

WE WANT NONE OF THEIR SOUR GRAPES.

WE WANT THEM TO PRODUCE LIKE WE HAVE PRODUCED SO THAT THIS WAR CAN BE BROUGHT TO AN EARLY END.

WE WANT THEM TO KNOW WE ARE PROUD, and justly so, OF OUR RECORD. Let them match it if they can -- but -- until then, don't let them sway us from the true course which we know in our hearts is right.

We still have lots of ships to build, and we are too busy helping to win the war...

Thank you, folks, we knew all along you could do it, and by God, WE ARE PROUD OF YOU.

-Stephen Rockwell
General Manager

★Random Shots★

REMEMBER - most fellows lay off work on Monday because they forgot to end Saturday night on Sunday.....

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Blues in the Night aren't half as bad as blues in the morning....

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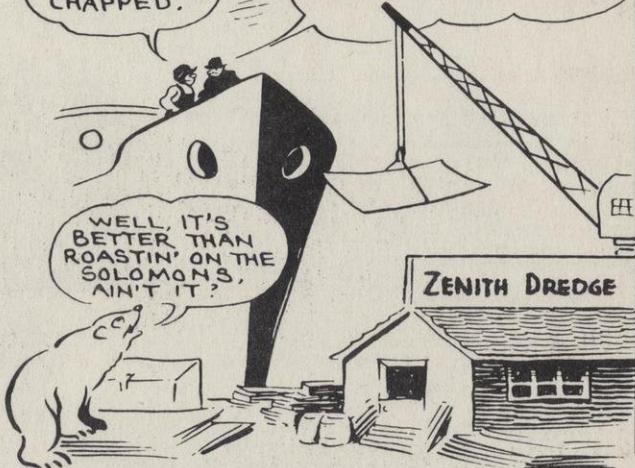
Maybe some of the fellows in the yard can't read - but those "NO SMOKING" signs posted around some of the buildings mean NO SMOKING. There's a very definite reason for those signs - so how about a little more co-operation?

— AN' PLEASE GIMME A TIRE AN' SOME SUGAR AND GET ME SOME COFFEE, ON ACCOUNT OF I WORK IN THE SHIP YARD EVERY DAY.



I WAS SO COLD THIS MORNING, THE FACE ON MY WATCH GOT CHAPPED.

THAT'S NOTHIN', I'VE BEEN SO FROZEN UP IN HIBBING I USED TO SHAVE WITH A BLOW TORCH.



FRED TAN DEALS DIRECT WITH GOD INSTEAD OF THRU MR. NIEMI AND THE RATION BOARD.

WINTER IS COMING AND SO IS VICTORY, NEVER MIND THE SNOW BALLS, FELLOWS.

SHIP
AHoy
IN 3
PINTS

SHAY, CALL ME A CAB!



I'M NO DOORMAN, I'M A NAVAL OFFICER.



AWRIGHT, THEN CALL ME A BOAT!



MY BUDDY,
I LUFF YOU!



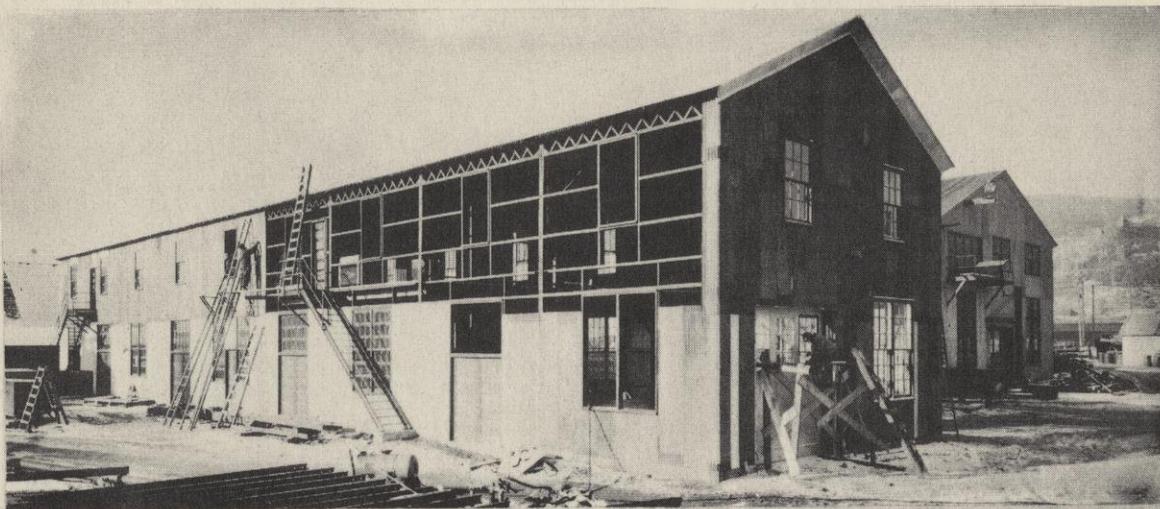
USELESS HEROES →
CARELESS CUTHBERT WHO
LOST 14 DAYS WORK WHEN
HE FAILED TO OBEY
SIMPLE SAFETY RULES.



JIM BOWDEN, WITH A 105 BOWLING AVERAGE, DECIDES TO TAKE UP RUG HOOKING.

NEW OUTFITTING SHOP NEARS COMPLETION

Work on the new Outfitting Shop is rapidly nearing completion - and is expected to be ready for occupancy on the 15th of December. The new structure will house the outfitters' fabrication department, stock room, tool room and layout department. The building is 144 feet x 32 feet.



-BY THE WAYS...

- BY ARNOLD FOCHS -

When Don Toland tried to enlist in the Navy recently, he was told that he'd have to get certain teeth fixed up first. So Don ran up quite a dentist's bill to have a complete repair job done. As Fate would have it -- Don got into an automobile accident this week and knocked out several of his front teeth.....

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Which prompts us to ask -- where are the new store teeth which "Handsome Snuffy" Olson was supposed to have purchased. An ugly rumor, not confirmed, has it that his wife realizes Snuffy can't be a "wolf" without any teeth -- so she keeps them at home during the day.....

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Dan Wright, our personnel director, gets a copy each month of "The Trained Nurse" - and it's addressed to "Miss D. E. Wright."

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Arne Breivik, welder, and newcomer to our yard can prove he is only 4 years old. In spite of the fact that he is married, and has 2 children. His birth certificate definitely states that Arne was born on May 5, 1938.....

Who was it that dropped his spaghetti and sat down on it at the Union meeting last Friday night? Not a very well-balanced meal - we would say.

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Roy Peterson must have had a h--l of a good time on November 27. His time slip for that day reports that he spent 8 hours "chipping, rooting and ripping on the wheelhouse".....

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Now we say - like Frigidaire the Eskimo said when he got up from the cake of ice on which he'd been sitting - "My tale is told."

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