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# SHIPS FOR VICTORY

*Christened by*

THE DIONNE QUINTUPLETS

AT THE

WALTER BUTLER SHIPBUILDERS, Inc.

YARD

MAY 9th, 1943

SUPERIOR, WISCONSIN







# DEDICATION

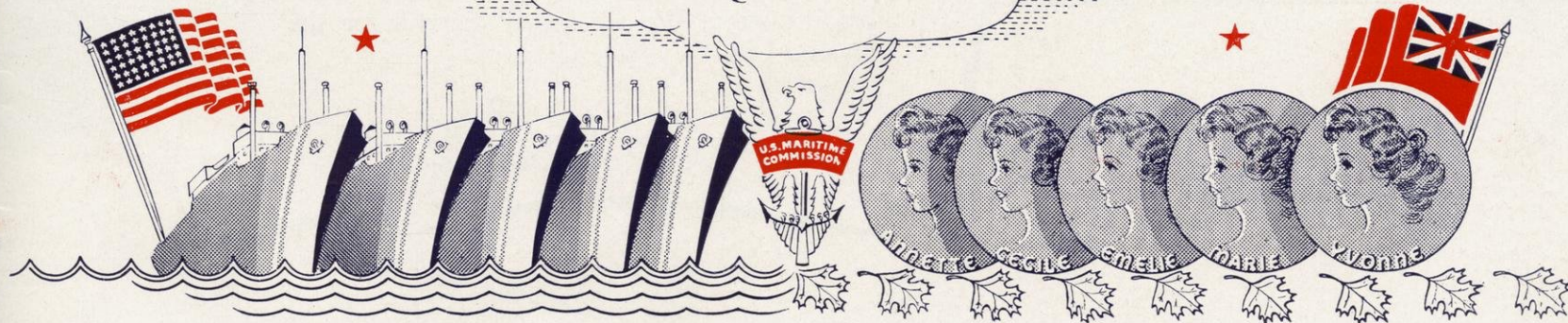


## TO THE UNITED NATIONS WE DEDICATE THIS BOOK

**T**O those nations, large and small, who have united themselves in world-wide union against the savage onslaughts of Fascist hordes whose only joy is to despoil and destroy, we dedicate this book . . . Upon the peoples of every creed and race and color who are giving their all to Freedom's cause depends man's future for many centuries to come. To their united effort, we join ours . . . the building of ships. That the cause for which we all fight will triumph, none who prefers death to loss of liberty can doubt.



## THE QUINT FLEET







*Greetings* ★ ★ ★

WALTER BUTLER SHIPBUILDERS, INC., and its thousands of workers on ships and in offices, join me in extending welcome to the host of distinguished men and women who have come to Superior to help make May 9, 1943, an eminent day in history. We are deeply grateful for the splendid help they have given us.

*Robert V. Butler*  
PRESIDENT







*Cecile*



*Emelie*



*Yvonne*

**AMBASSADORS  
OF GOOD WILL**

It is significant that the first journey of the famed Dionne Quintuplets outside of their native Ontario should be on a good will mission to their beloved country's nearest neighbor and closest friend . . . the United States. No other event in recent American-Canadian history has so quickened the pulse and stirred the imagination of millions above and below the border. We at the head of the Lakes extend Canada's Five Little Ambassadors of Good Will a sincere and heart-felt welcome. May their coming further strengthen the bonds between the two nations not only now but when Victory comes and Peace again rules the world.



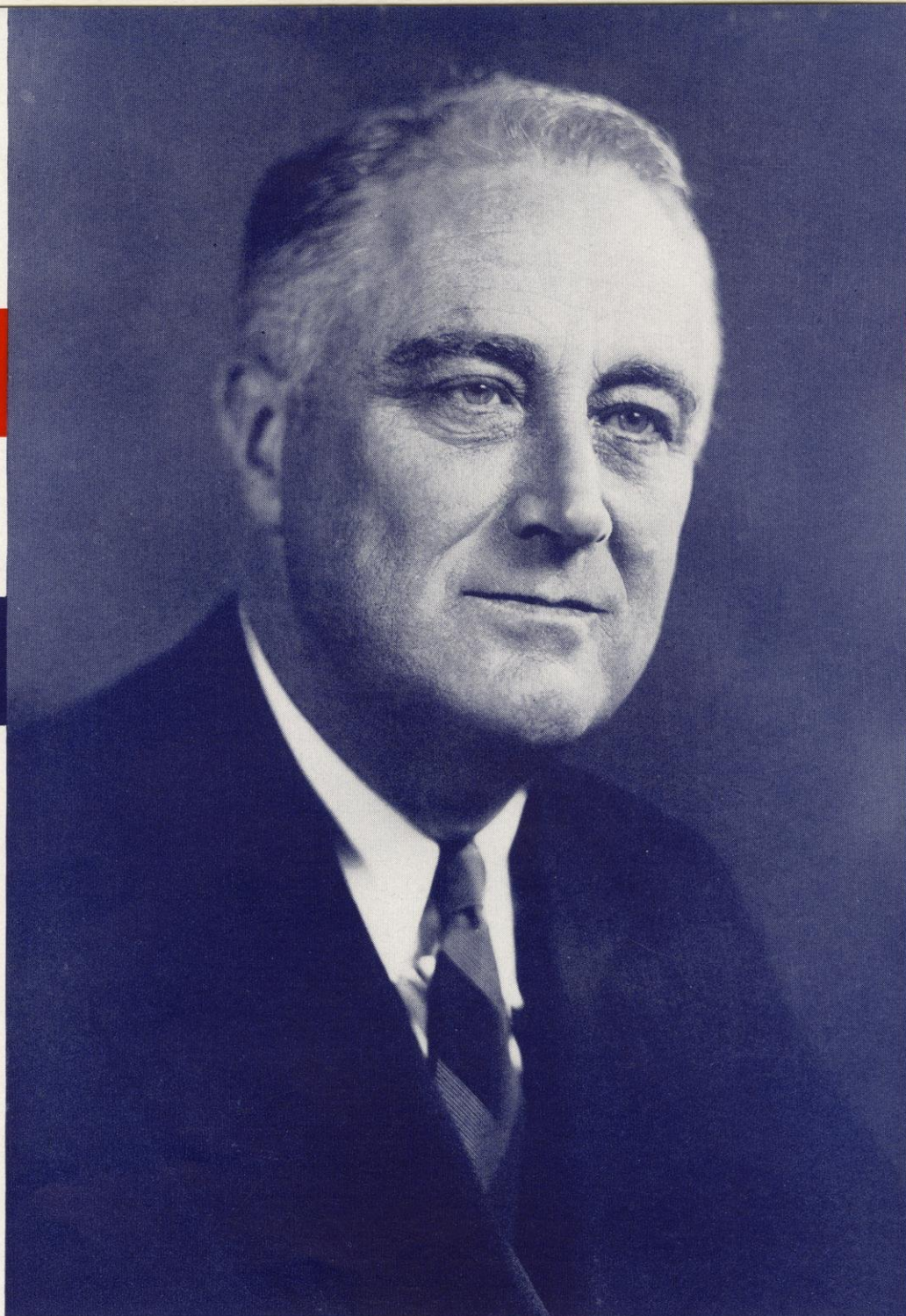
*Annette*



*Marie*







FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

A leader in international thinking is President Roosevelt. A stalwart champion of the theory that the nations of the world cannot live half-slave and half-free, Mr. Roosevelt as the commander-in-chief of the armed might of the United States has avowed that the Peace to be written must guarantee the Four Freedoms outlined in the historic Atlantic Charter.







MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

A most gracious First Lady, with three sons in uniform, Mrs. Roosevelt has carried hope and cheer to countless thousands of homes in this country and abroad. Her daily message is an inspiration to millions of Americans. Let us hope that the Mother's Day we observe today with the world at War will be succeeded next year by a Mother's Day in a world at Peace.





CORDELL HULL

Secretary of State  
UNITED STATES



MacKENZIE KING

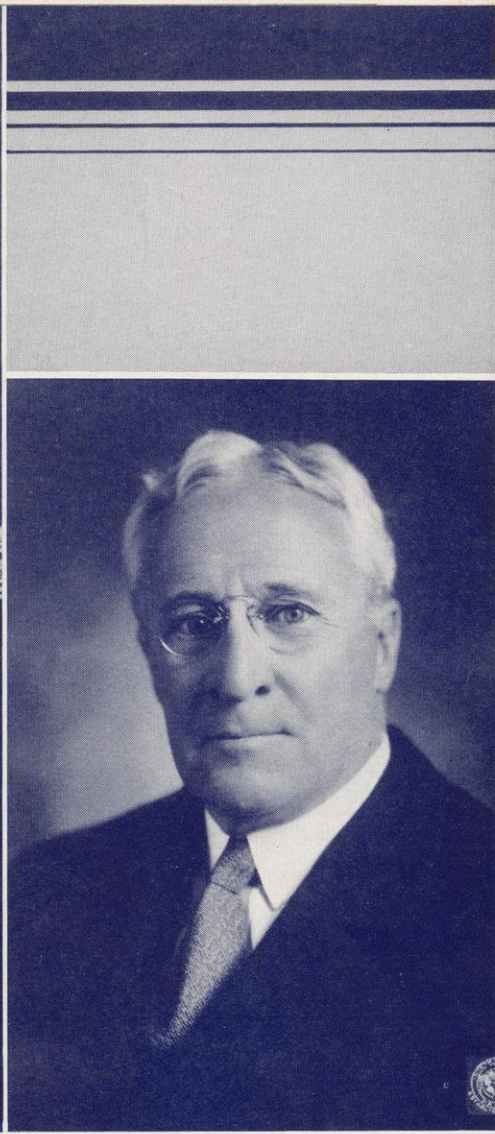
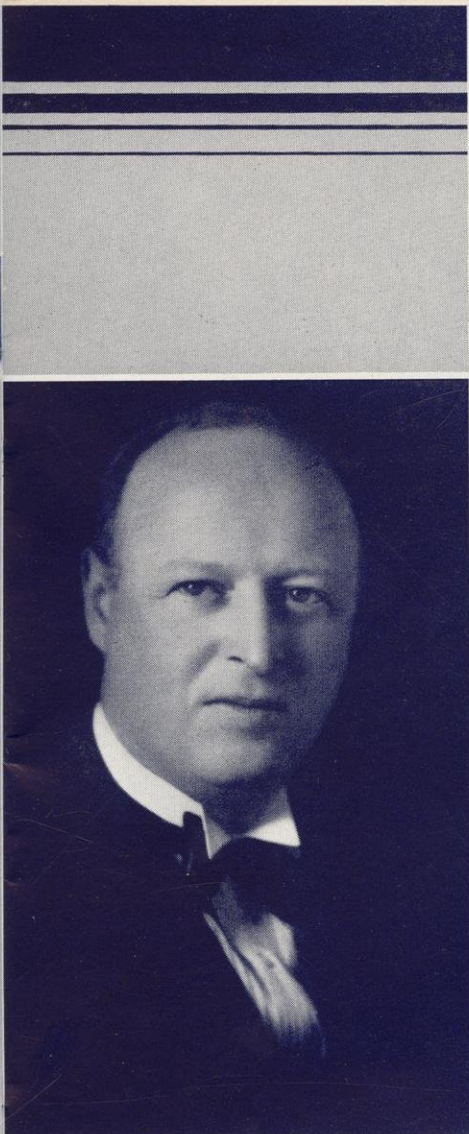
Prime Minister of  
CANADA  
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## Builders of International Good Will

Cordell Hull, Secretary of State of the United States, and MacKenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, have worked unceasingly to strengthen the bonds between the two countries. The historic visit of the Dionne Quintuplets to Superior today is striking evidence of the growing good will between our two great nations.







## Canadian Officials

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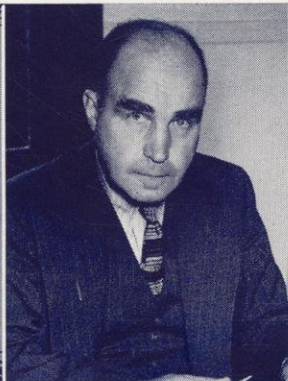
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Chairman  
U. S. MARITIME  
COMMISSION

Mr. Robert Butler, President  
Walter Butler Shipbuilders, Inc.  
Superior, Wisconsin

Washington, D. C.  
April 21st, 1943

Dear Mr. Butler:

The christening on May 9, 1943, of five coastal cargo vessels at your shipyard by the little Dionne Quintuplets is symbolic of the fine international relationship that is the foundation of the United Nations. Particularly does it symbolize the amity which exists between our Canadian neighbors on the north and the people of the United States.

The participation by these young ladies may be accepted as evidence that the people of the Dominion of Canada share with the citizens of the United States the pride which the great production record of American shipbuilders has inspired. Both management and labor in your shipyard have cooperated in making your contribution towards the greatest shipbuilding record of all time. It inspires in not only the American people but in all of the United Nations a confidence which will not countenance defeat.

Any nation which possesses the industrial genius, the indomitable workers and the resources to increase its merchant shipbuilding production four thousand per cent in a brief span of five years is not going to bow in defeat to any aggressor, or group of aggressors.

It is significant, too, that the five ships which these young ladies will christen are destined soon to be in the service of that great empire of which their own native land is a part.

Sincerely,

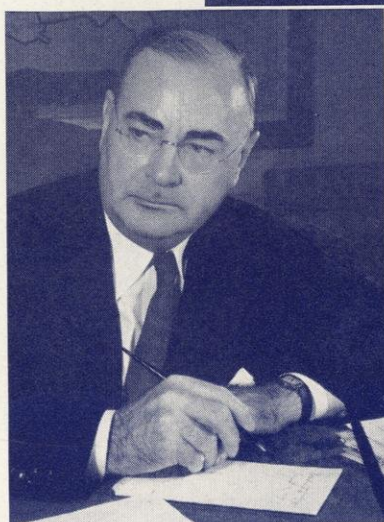
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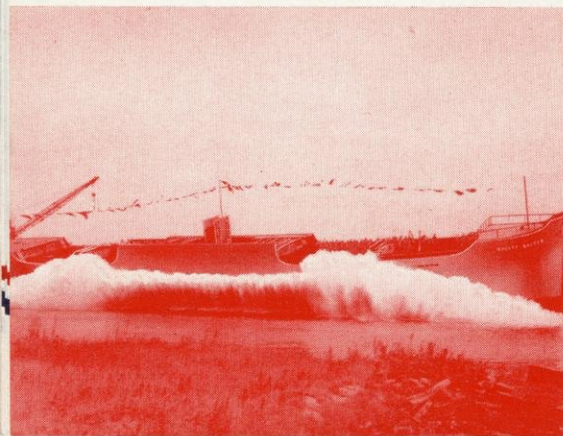
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*Regional Director of Construction*  
GREAT LAKES AREA





MRS. ROBERT BUTLER AND CATHERINE

Mrs. Robert Butler and Catherine, ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Butler, stand before the Rodney Baxter, one of the Butler-Built fleet of ships christened by Mrs. Butler. Mrs. Butler and Catherine presented the formal invitations to the Dionne Quintuplets. Invitations were signed by Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, and Admiral Emory S. Land, Chairman of the United States Maritime Commission.







WALTER S. GOODLAND  
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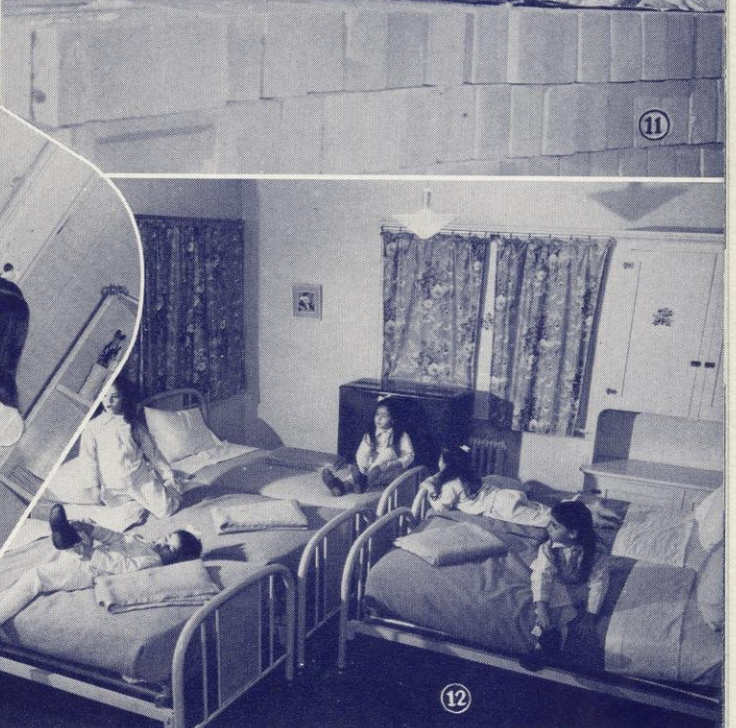
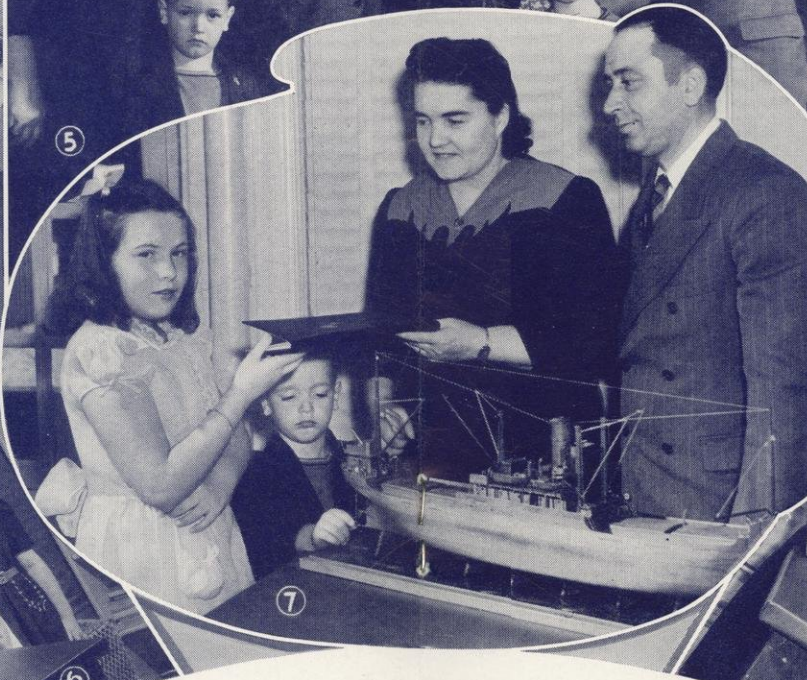
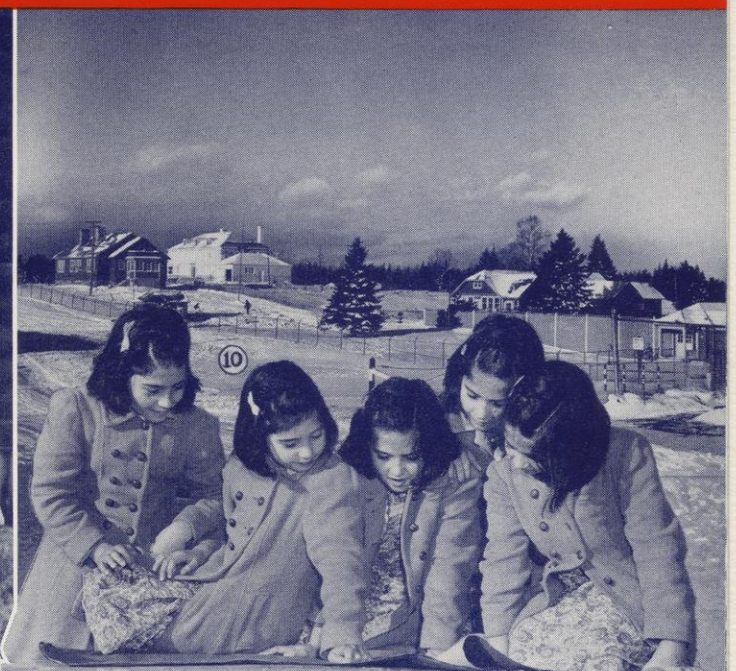
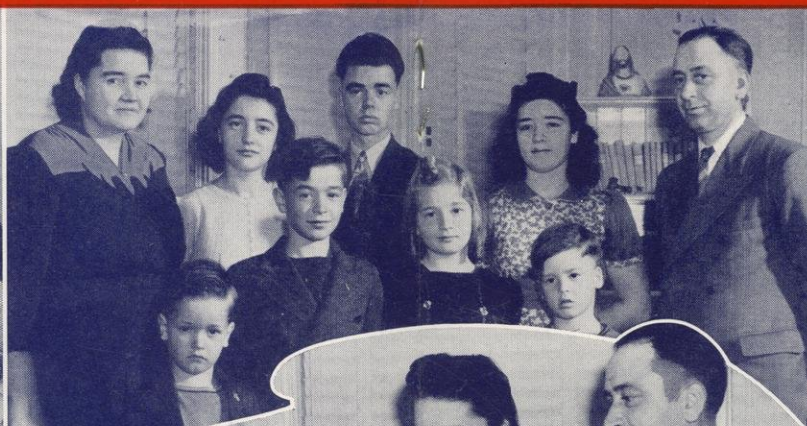
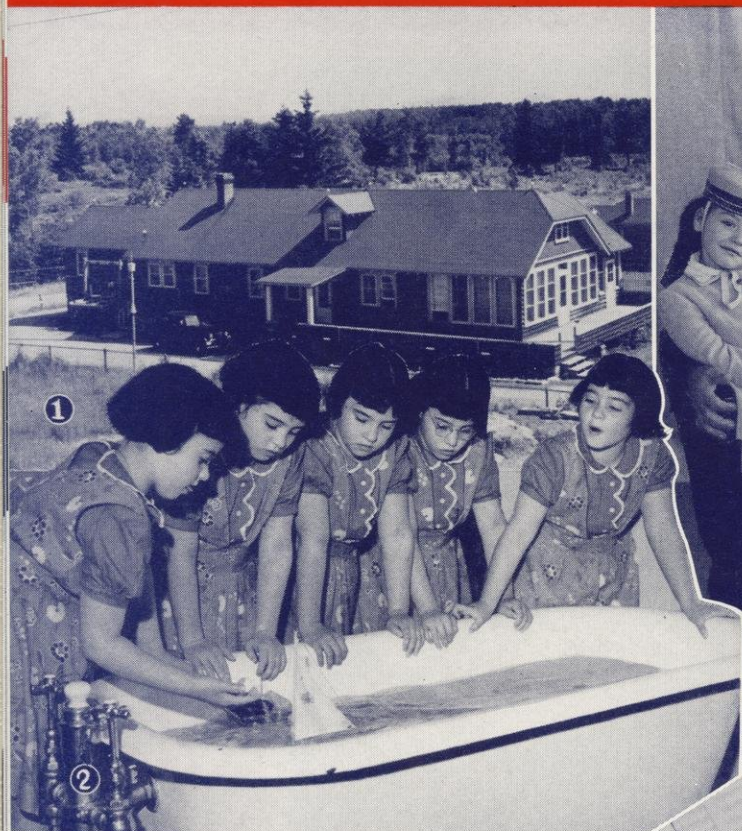
ROBERT LaFOLLETTE, JR.  
U. S. SENATOR, WISCONSIN  
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and Representative of  
Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy

ALVIN O'KONSKI  
REPRESENTATIVE, 10th WISCONSIN  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
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# Welcome TO THE HEAD OF THE LAKES



## The Dionne Family at Home

Nine years ago this month, the astounding news shot 'round the earth that five baby sisters had been born a few hours apart in a little farm home near Callendar, Ontario, Canada.

The struggle to keep the five tiny mites of humanity alive which followed stirred the world to its very depths, and day after day millions in every walk of life, both old and young, hungrily awaited news of them.

With hardly a mathematical chance of their surviving, the little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Oliva Dionne gave the world a continuous human interest story without an equal.

Since then, eight eventful years have passed, and the five little Dionnes have blossomed into bright, healthy and vigorous children, not a whit unlike millions of other girls of the same age in Canada the United States and wherever family life is held in reverence.

They sing well and recite with equal ability. They read music and paint pictures. Like any other normal Canadian child, they are tussling with their history, arithmetic and spelling. Because they have never been "babied", they are completely unspoiled.

Annette, Cecile, Emelie, Marie and Yvonne Dionne are very happy these days, for soon they will move into a big new home which is being built for the entire Dionne family of fourteen, including the father, mother, and seven other brothers and sisters.

The five hardly can wait for this, for they have a strong instinctive love for family ties, and like nothing better than to romp and play with their seven less-known yet just as capable brothers and sisters.

In this beautiful setting which has been the land of their fathers, they will grow strong in body and mind.

1. The Quints' Nursery.

2. The Five sail ships in the Bath Tub.

3. A Nurse supervises the Quints' Play.

4. The Quints and their Grandfathers. Left to right: Cecile, Moise Legros, Marie, Yvonne, Emelie, Oliver Dionne, and Annette.

5. Mr. and Mrs. Oliva Dionne, and the Seven Other Dionne Children.

6. Catherine Butler, of St. Paul, presents the Quints with a model of one of the ships in the Quint Fleet. Left to right: Marie, Annette, Catherine Butler, Yvonne, Cecile and Emelie.

7. Catherine Butler, of St. Paul, extends an Invitation to Mr. and Mrs. Oliva Dionne to attend the Quint Fleet Launching.

8. Mrs. Dionne and the Quints. Left to right: Marie, Yvonne, Emelie, Cecile and Annette.

9. Annette and Emelie, left to right, examine model of one of ships in Quint Fleet, while Catherine Butler, of St. Paul, who gave them the model, looks on.

10. Winter Scene of new Home now being built for entire Dionne Family.

11. The Quints examine plans of New Dionne Home.

12. The Quints at bed time.





GEORGE G. SHARP

One of the outstanding naval architects of this age is George G. Sharp, of New York. Designer of the ships now being constructed in the Walter Butler Shipbuilders, Inc., Yard at Superior, Mr. Sharp and his large staff of architects and designers are working unceasingly in the building of ships for the United Nations.





# Butler BUILDS FOR VICTORY



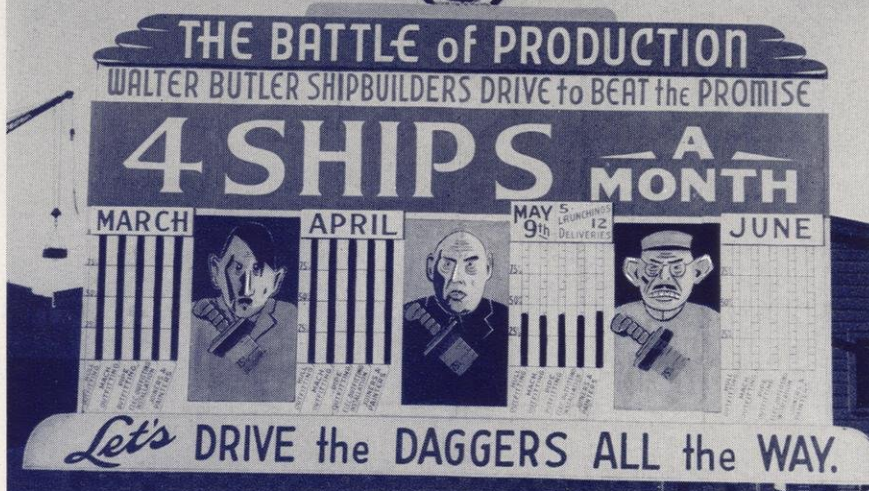
FLEET of cargo ships launched, some already delivered, and five ready for christening today — is the outstanding contribution of

Walter Butler Shipbuilders, Inc., to the war effort in little more than a year's time. On March 31, 1942, the first keel of this fleet of eighteen ocean freighters, now being built for the U. S. Maritime Commission for use by the British Admiralty under the Lend-Lease Act, was laid at the Butler Yards.

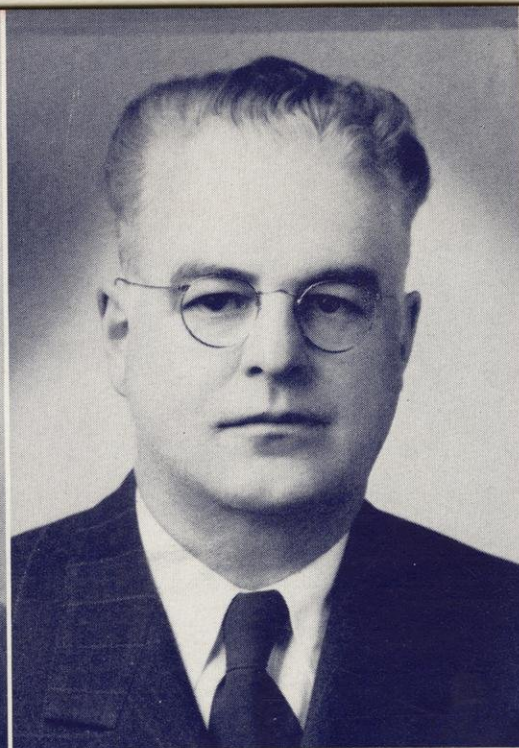
So near completion are all these ships, which soon will be carrying needed supplies to our allies overseas, that work on a second fleet of twelve twin-screw escort vessels for convoy use is well under way, and two of these ships are nearly ready for launching.

Employees of Walter Butler Shipbuilders, Inc., have grown enormously in number since a year ago, when work on present contracts began. Today, 4,200 men and women are at work on its war projects, and weekly payrolls average in excess of \$400,000.

That so gigantic a concern has grown from such meager beginnings in so brief a time is tribute to the dynamic leadership of Robert Butler, its president, and the industry and zeal of the thousands of men and women who are fulfilling his dreams.







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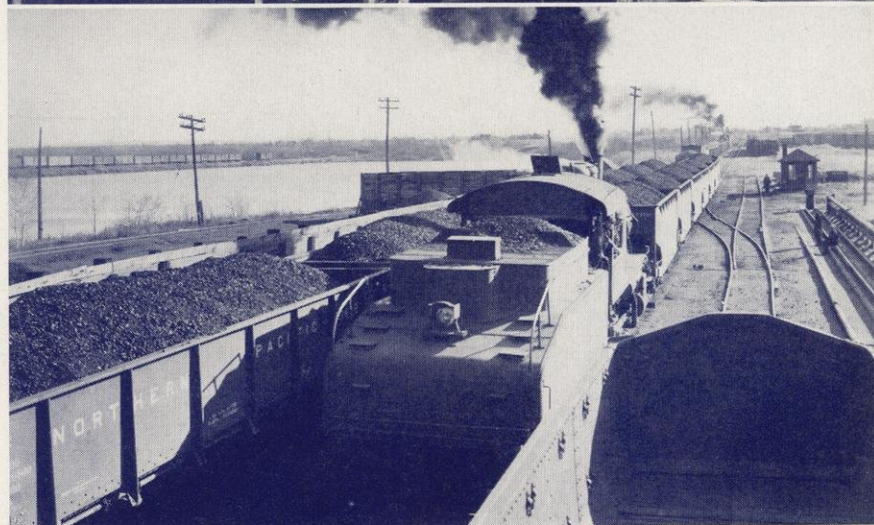
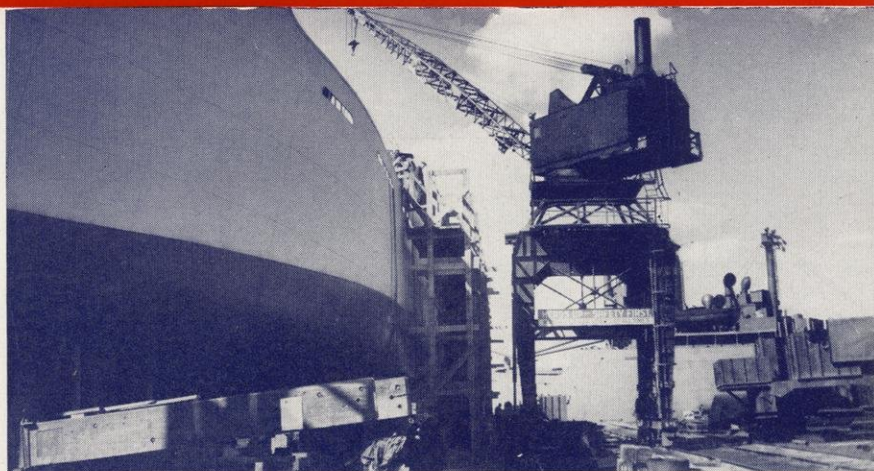
It is only natural that the world-famous Dionne Quintuplets, on their first historic visit to the United States, should select Superior as the objective of this epochal trip, and that vast throngs of visitors from the four corners of America should gather there to greet these children of the world-at-large, and pay fitting tribute to its great ship-building industry which is so ably helping to win Freedom's War.

Located at the head of Earth's biggest inland sea, Superior has the largest natural harbor, coal docks, grain elevators, ore docks and briquet plants in the world. Its huge tank farms make it the oil terminal of the entire Northwest.

In Superior, eight great railroads further increase the efficiency of its transportation tie-up with the far-flung markets of the world. Also located in it are large merchandise docks, flour mills, and a host of other manufacturing and industrial plants. Three big shipyards are building ships in which to help handle the commerce of the Seven Seas.

Superior has many unexampled shipping and storage facilities. Its coal dock capacity is 7,000,000 tons; its grain storage capacity is 31,156,000 bushels; its oil storage capacity is 77,564,000 gallons. In 1942, iron ore passing through its port totaled 31,528,614 tons.

Superior is proud that its industrious and home-loving people, its many industries, and the resourceful use of its unrivaled transportation facilities are of such worth in helping to make the United States the greatest nation in all the world.







## Generously Have They Given!

Launching by the Dionne Quintuplets of five cargo ships now being built for war use by Walter Butler Shipbuilders, Inc., is but one of many contributions by the famous sisters to the Allied Cause.

So generously have the five subscribed to the three Canadian Victory Loans that they have been allowed only a portion of the amounts pledged by them.

They have knitted for troops at the front; the sailors fighting Nazi Wolf Packs at sea; for airmen ceaselessly hammering at Hitler's Europe from the skies.

They have sent overseas a completely outfitted Red Cross ambulance which already has saved many precious lives.

They have graciously posed for numerous pictures illustrating and publicizing the Canadian war effort.

They have taken part in many national radio broadcasts dedicated to the successful prosecution of the war.

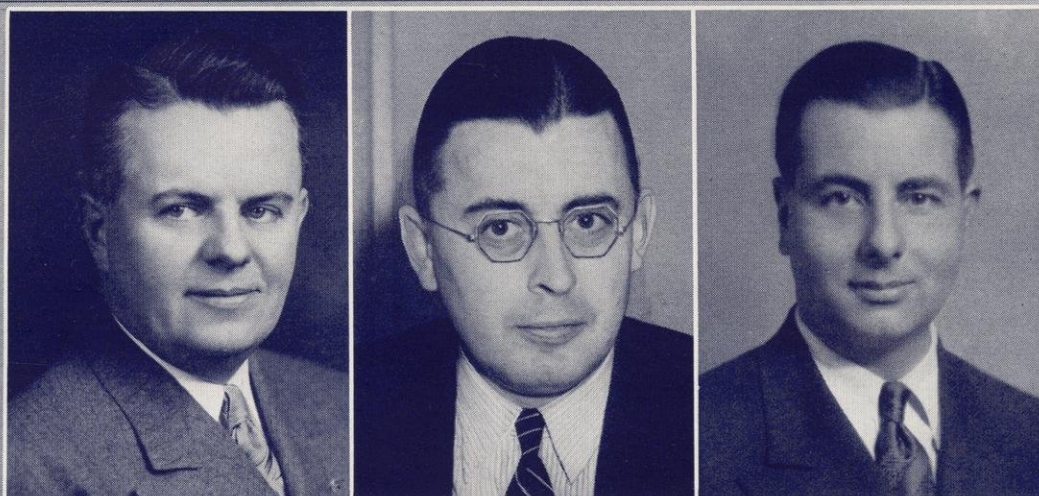
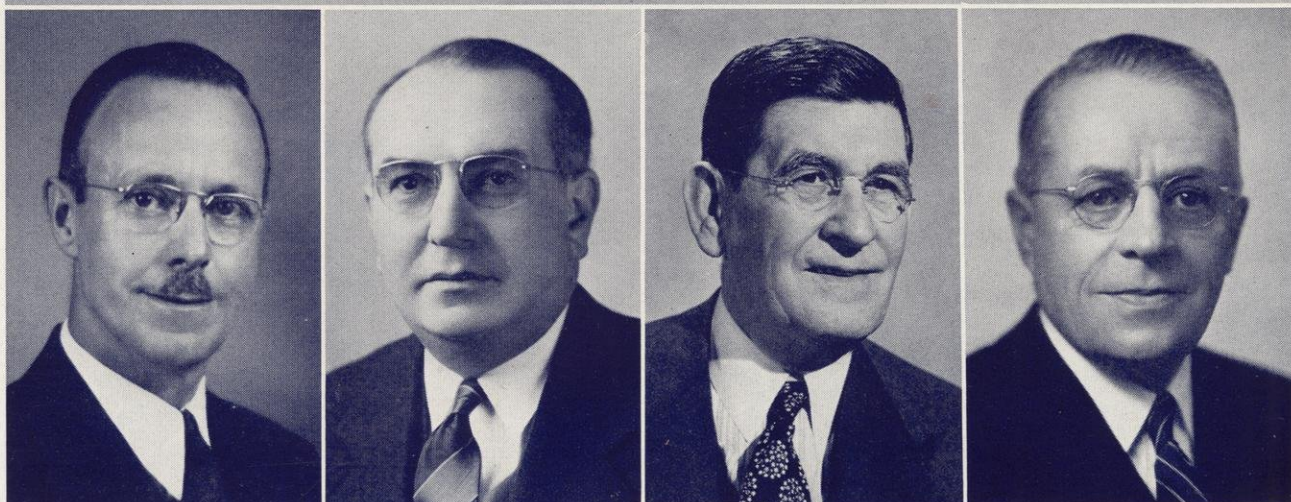
They have contributed without stint to appeals for money and supplies for Chinese and Fighting French relief.

They have subscribed regularly and liberally to a host of other appeals for miscellaneous funds of every sort.

Thus have they given, freely and generously, of their wealth and time; such is their faith in the justice of the cause all Canadians and Americans hold so dear.







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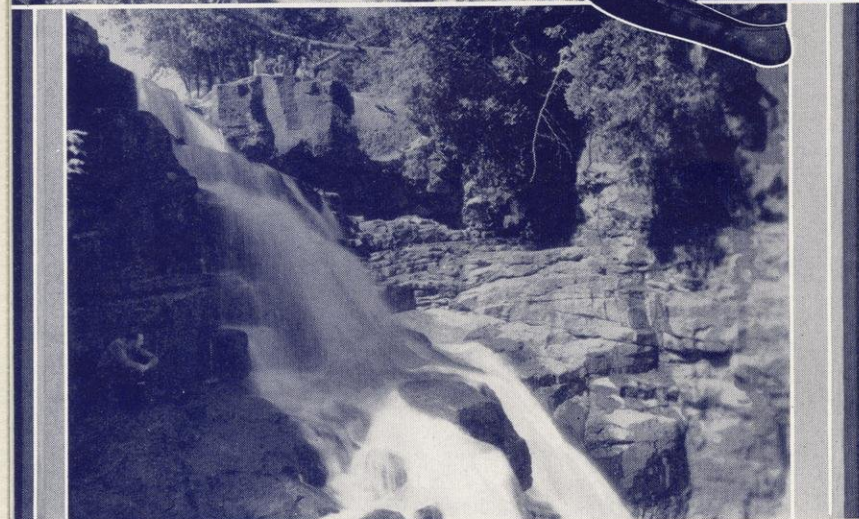
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# Minnesota

## ARROWHEAD COUNTRY



IN the northeastern corner of Minnesota is a vast virgin playground. In it are more than half of the state's 10,000 lakes, a million acres of wilderness and an added 1,000 square miles of water. This is the famed Minnesota Arrowhead Country.

Gateway to this beautiful country is Duluth—a thriving metropolis of great business and industrial importance. Through its world-famous port at the Head of the Great Lakes annually passes tonnage second only to that of New York. Third largest city in Minnesota, Duluth rises on a 600-foot slope off the edge of the earth's largest inland fresh-water sea. It is the natural entrance to America's newest and most picturesque vacationland.

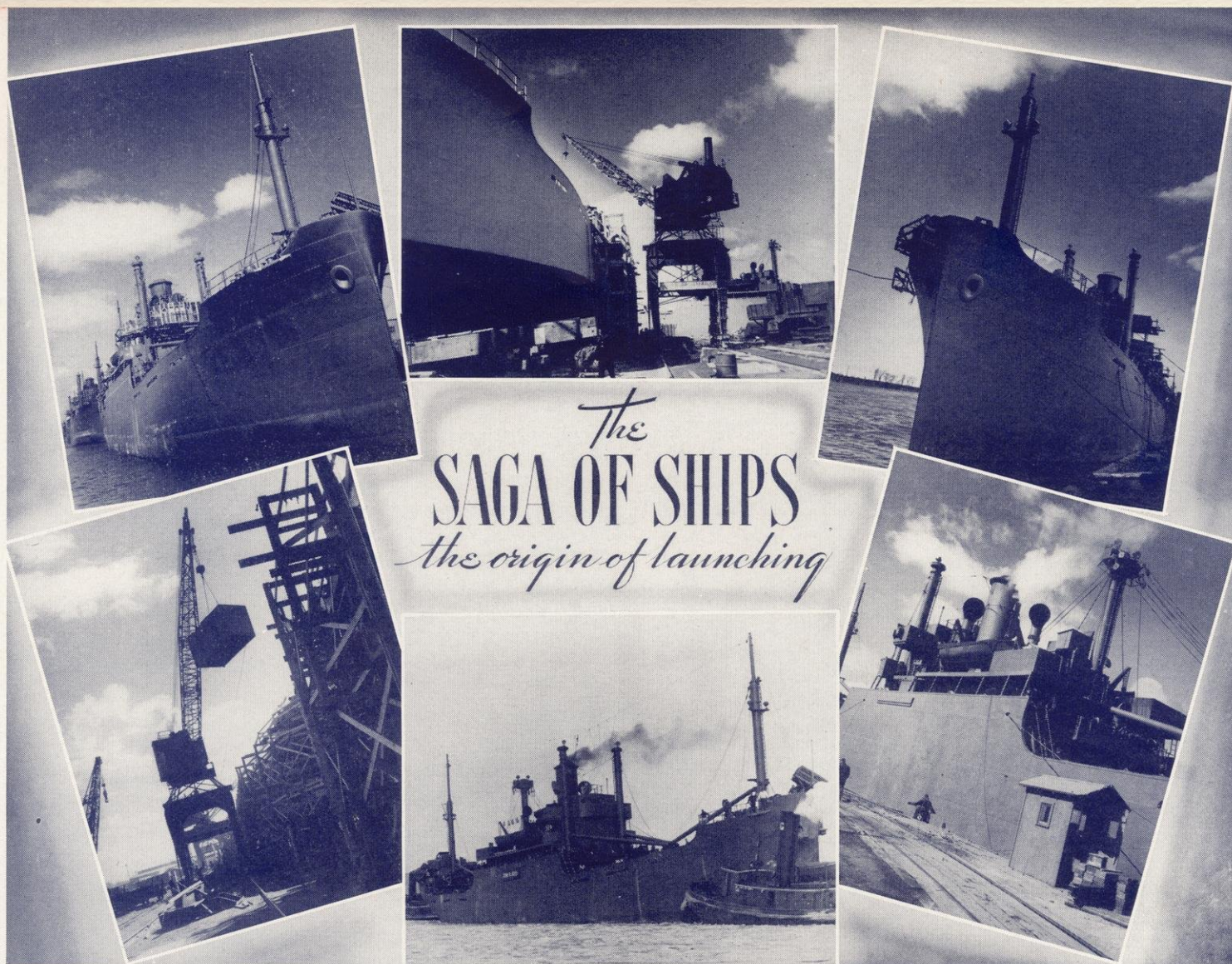
Core of this vast region is the Superior National Forest—America's last wilderness. Its lakes and streams abound with gamey fish. Its forests are among the most beautiful on the continent. Its cool nights bring rest to the tired and heat-harassed visitor. Well is it called the vacationist's paradise.

From the Grand Portage Indian Reservation to Itasca State Park, an ever-changing landscape greets the tourist. The Gunflint and Isabella Trails and Buyck-Ely road cut deep into the interior. The Vermilion, Mesabi and Cuyuna Ranges are never-ending sources of wonderment to the stranger. From mile-wide yawning pits and countless underground mines comes 61 per cent of the nation's iron ore supply.

The urge to fish and hunt and camp is basic. Those who hunger for these things will find the Minnesota Arrowhead Country the place they long have yearned to enjoy. Its mission, these troublous days, is to help keep America physically fit.







## *The* **SAGA OF SHIPS** *the origin of launching*



OR more than 4,000 years, man has insisted that ships be launched with fitting ceremony which today has taken the form of a ritual.

Human sacrifices, and the incantations of high priests, were a necessary part of the earliest ceremonies. These, it was believed, would ward off evil spirits, and destruction of the ships by storms.

It was during early Roman and Grecian times that priests began using water as a token of purification at the launching of ships, and later they blessed not only the vessel but the cargo and crew as well.

Ceremonies at ship launchings were extremely colorful in early English days. Seated high on the poop deck, a King's

lieutenant would sip a little red wine from a golden cup, and then pour the rest on the freshly-scoured deck. He then would throw the goblet into the sea.

Today, a bottle of champagne usually is smashed against the bow of the ship by a woman or girl, the moment the vessel is released and begins slipping down the way. It is a five-hour job to dress such a bottle. The bottle is fitted with a flexible-mesh holding jacket, to prevent the glass from flying into the faces of persons nearby.

In place of the traditional champagne, use by the Dionne Quintuplets of five bottles of border water from Niagara Falls,—a symbol of the common bond of friendship between two great nations, strikes a new and unique note in ship-launching ceremony.



# AMERICANS, ALL!

Walter Butler Shipbuilders, Inc., salutes the many institutions listed on these pages who have helped so much to make this epochal launching of the Quint Fleet an outstanding success. The stirring chapter in American shipbuilding history you are helping to write today will thrill millions long after all

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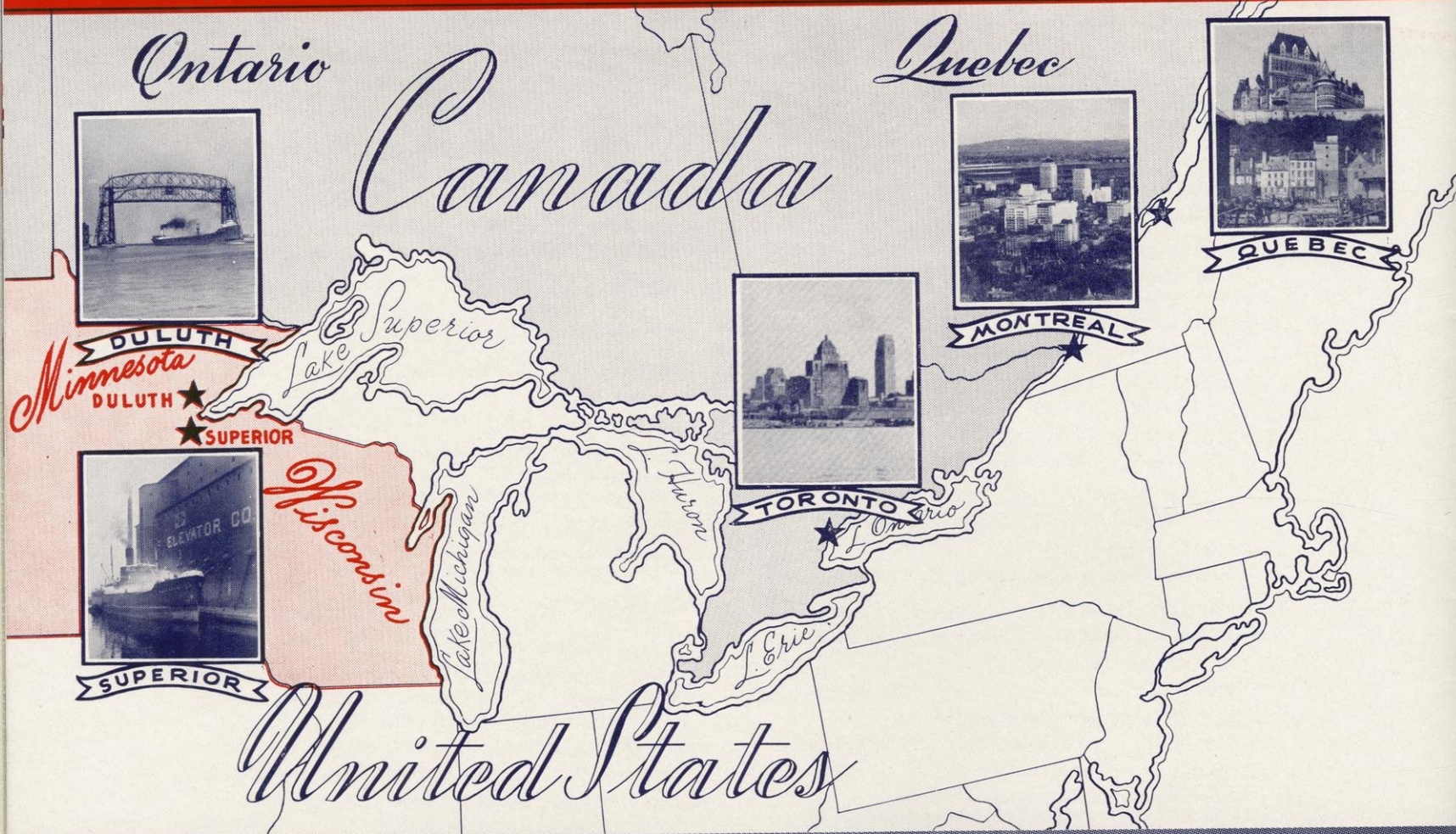
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