

Mrs. E. B. Wheeler Sponsors 'Darter'; Mr. Wheeler Honored

Edwin B. Wheeler, Shipbuilding Manager of the Electric Boat Company, has been in charge of the construction of many submarines during his long career with the Electric Boat Company, but there is one boat whose career he will follow with particular interest. That submarine is the U. S. S. DARTER.

Employees in the shipyard offices and mold lofts of the Nelseco Plant elected Mr. Wheeler to name the sponsor for the "DARTER," and he chose his wife for the high honor.

While Mr. Wheeler watched intently, Mrs. Wheeler christened the submarine on Sunday, June 6, following Electric Boat Company family ceremonies, during which Mr. Wheeler was complimented for his long service and achievements by O. Pomeroy Robinson, General Manager of the Nelseco Plant, and Vice President of the company.

During the pre-launching ceremonies, war bonds and cash awards

were made to six employees of the company, for suggestions they submitted in the Labor-Management Committee's campaign to increase production. Joseph Milligan, Second Shift Shipyard Superintendent, and chairman of the committee, announced the awards, which were presented by Mr. Wheeler. Mr. Milligan called for suggestions from all employees, and announced that there will be additional awards.

J. William Jones, Jr., assistant personnel manager, was master of ceremonies, during the pre-launching program, at which Miss Helen J. Brogan drew the names of the Outside Electricians and Painters departments to ballot to name the sponsors for the submarines Flounder and Shark. Miss Brogan, known throughout the plant as Nellie Brogan, was selected to make the drawings for her outstanding record in the purchase of War Bonds. She is buying a bond and a third a week under the payroll deduction plan. The election dates will be announced well in advance of the launchings.

Despite the ban on pleasure driving, many employees were able to reach the plant to pay tribute to Mr. Wheeler on the occasion of the "DARTER" launching. One of the most popular men in the plant, Mr. Wheeler has been a shipbuilder for 40 years. He joined the Electric Boat Company in 1902, and except for a lapse of three years has been with the company continuously. He was a leader in promoting the use of welding in submarine construction.

"V" Fab. Shop By Alice Carter

Another two weeks and I still have my neck intact, I hope.

The Fab. shop has a new crane operator, Ada Connors. You are O. K., Ada; we no longer duck when you send something over our heads. You're doing a swell job and we all give you a lot of credit. May you stay with us long and may things be pleasant for you.

Since haircuts went up, a lot of the boys are getting 'em much shorter than usual. They look cute on some of them.

Are the outside shipfitters' faces getting red and they are not blushing either. Old Sol is doing it. If Al gets any more sun tan, we will not be able to see his tattoos. Why have them if one cannot see them?

The C. I. O. seems to be tossing mud at the S. M. E. U. representatives. What's the matter, can't they take it? If they threw less BULL and printed more facts, they would be liked better, maybe. They had an article in their paper about the painters getting only 75 cents per hour, then stated that other places were getting \$1.20 per hour. It seems to me that there is a lot of difference between learners and first class. They neglected to state that fact, and I could point out several C. I. O. members who have lost a lot of time, too.

Talk about office personalities. How about block personalities? The guy who stands around and watches for the boss, then takes over all the work available.

Mrs. Goss made the rounds the other day and talked to a great many of the girls. A bouquet to the personnel office—at last we have a lady who wants the girls to like her and has some feeling toward the girls. It did our hearts good to see her making the rounds in slacks and leaning on the blocks without fear of getting dirty. Welcome, Mrs. Goss, and any time you want something, I am sure you'll get it, no matter what.

I understand that some girls are working down at the wet dock. More power to you, girls. Women are going everywhere and making no kick about it. That is, only a few do any kicking. How about some erectors now?

I understand Louis is aching to pinch some joy riders. You won't catch me, young man, as I do no joy riding.

Terry, stay out of Joe's! Didn't see me, did you? Really, the food is good there and wish I might go more often.

That is all.

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Helen Brogan Draws Depts. For Sponsorships Of Subs



Miss Helen J. Brogan, outstanding woman employee of the Electric Boat Company in the purchase of war bonds, draws the names of departments which will ballot for sponsorship privileges for the submarines Flounder and Shark. From among the names of 17 departments and groups of departments, Miss Brogan drew the Outside Electricians to ballot for the Flounder sponsorship, and the Pinters to

choose the person to be or to name the sponsor for the Shark. Holding the shipyard hard hat is Mrs. Edwin B. Wheeler, wife of Shipbuilding Manager Wheeler, who was sponsor of the submarine Darter. The drawing was a part of pre-election ceremonies.

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President and General Manager