

Maine's C-54 and part of the crowd at the dedication ceremony.

Maine's Stake in the War

These dates stand out in Maine's calendar of 1944-45 events:

December 1: The day the student body accepted Superintendent Frank L. Holmes' challenge to put over the sale of half a million dollars' worth of war bonds during the sixth war loan drive in order that a Douglas C-54 Skymaster might be named for the school. Immediately the National Honor Society and the Student Council stationed members and other volunteers in Des Plaines and Park Ridge banks and theaters to urge bond purchasers to credit their bonds to Maine.

December 11: The stormy night that 400 students in two teams headed by Jack Sullivan and Bill Barkell canvassed homes in both towns, bringing in an additional \$164,000.

December 15: The eve of Christmas vacation, when it was officially announced at the close of the pageant that the quota had been topped by more than \$50,000. As a reward, the student body got an extra day's vacation.

February 9: The day that a delegation from the Special Events Division of the U. S. Treasury Department presented a

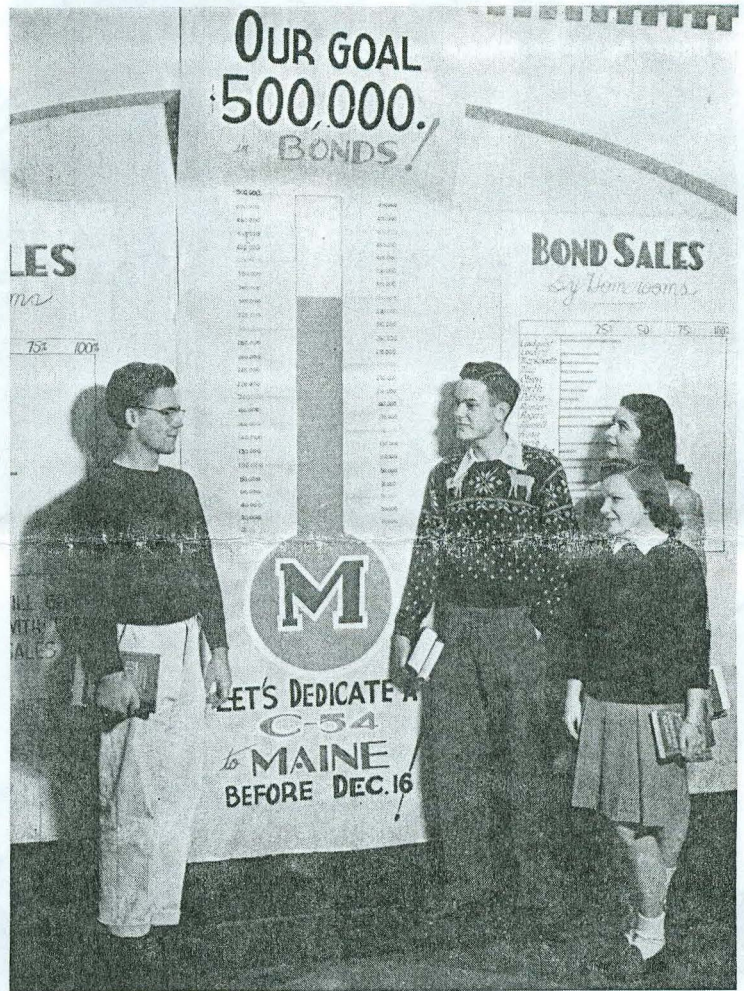
Our Own C-54...

special recognition program and the Mel Tierney Legion Post of Park Ridge presented to the school a new Minute Man flag for outstanding sale of war bonds and stamps.

February 16: The day that C-54 number 332, inscribed with the name of the school and the slogan, "Faster and Higher That's Maine's Flyer," was formally dedicated at a ceremony on the Douglas grounds. The entire student body was transported to the plant.

March 14: A Maine alumna first reported having seen the plane in flight and about a landing at the U. S. Naval Air Station at Alameda, California, doing its job as a transport for the Army Air Forces. Other alumni later wrote from the same station of the thrill they felt upon boarding and working upon the ship, which they reported being attached to a hospital fleet and fitted with stretchers to carry the wounded men back from the fronts.

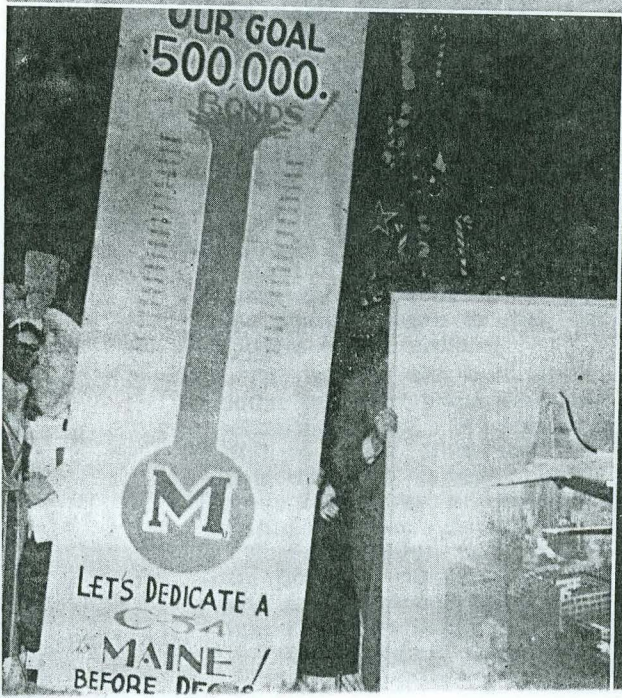
Since the Douglas plant is located in Maine Township and since the school has been instrumental through the VEND educational program in training several thousand aircraft workers during the past year, it is particularly fitting that Maine High should have such a concrete testimonial to its part in the war effort.



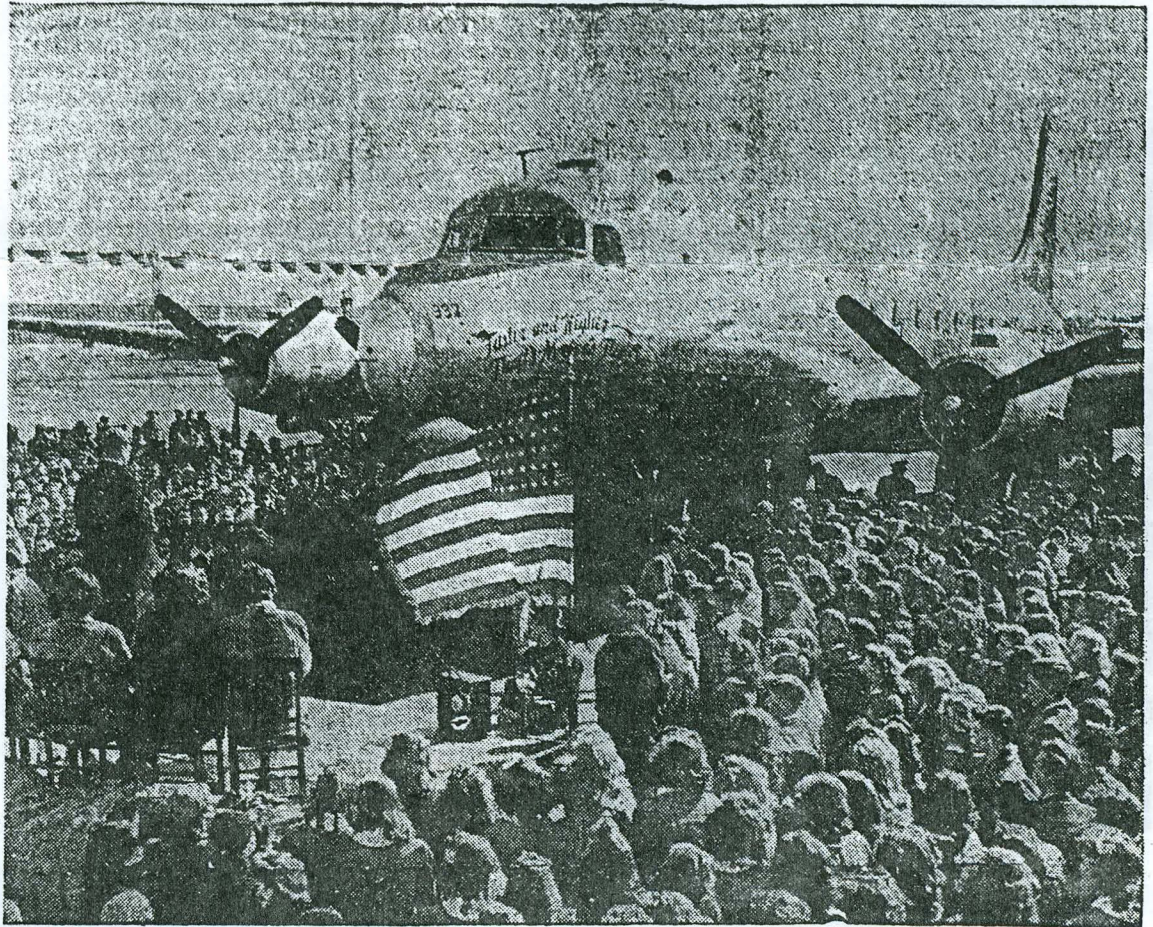
Here is the bond thermometer as it appeared December 13, two days before it "burst." Students shown are National Honor Society officers John Burgeson, Art Anderson, Kay Sanders, and Barbara Behlke.

Platform guests at the Douglas program hear Arthur Anderson give the dedicatory address. Left to right: Miss Willadell Allen, Miss Lulu Mae Johnston, Joanna Pfaff, Helen Jenkins, Phyllis Shaw, Jo Ann Seabury (winner of bond for making the most sales), Bruce Winner, Douglas Plant Manager John Buckwalter, Miss Elizabeth Parolini, Norman Olson, Superintendent Frank L. Holmes.





MAINITES DEDICATE SKYMASTER



MANY STUDENTS AT PLANT TO WITNESS NAMING CEREMONY

A large delegation of Maine students were on hand last Friday afternoon at the Douglas plant to witness the formal dedication of the C-54 which will carry the name of Maine and the student slogan to the far corners of the globe.

The nose of the half million dollar transport plane bears the school's slogan, "Faster and Higher—That's Maine's Flyer." This was the largest outside group to witness a dedication within the plant's grounds.

The ceremonies, at 2 p.m. on the Douglas runways, opened with a patriotic selection by the Maine Concert band under the

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direction of Bandmaster E. R. Sarig. Norman Olson, Maine senior, who is president of the Illinois Association of Student Councils, served as master of ceremonies. Arthur Anderson, vice-president of the Maine chapter of the National Honor society, gave the dedicatory address.

Adult speakers on the program were Superintendent Frank L. Holmes, whose enthusiasm rekindled a new effort in the student body when it seemed that \$300,000 was going to be their limit instead of the \$500,000 ne-

cessary for the naming of the Skymaster, and John C. Buckwalter, plant manager, representing the Douglas Aircraft company.

Other students and teachers who occupied places of honor at the ceremonies included Bill Barkell and Jack Sullivan, co-chairmen of the house-to-house canvass on that stormy night, Dec. 11, when 400 students sold or had credited to Maine \$123,600 worth of additional bonds in Des Plaines and Park Ridge; members of the National Honor society, who with their faculty sponsor, Miss Elizabeth Parolini, have supervised the sale of stamps and bonds at the school for the past three years; Miss Willdell Allen, school co-ordinator; Miss Lulu Mae Johnston, faculty advisor for the house-to-house canvass; officers of the Maine Student Council; and Harold Markworth, business manager for the bond drive.

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