Our Boys in Service

John Arazi
Robert Battey
Charles Belouin
Paul Bergeron
Norman Bourdon
Angelo Corbosiero
Robert Cutler
Jack Faustini
David Finney
Adelord Forgette
John Fortini
Ernest Garafano
Louis Gazzaniga
Arthur Goudreau
Dominick Grillone
William Jangro
Anthony Januska
Mathew Jasinski
William Kerwood
John Kopec
Lawrence Laliberte
Clovis Lambert
Arthur LeMire
Floyd Lesure
Eugene Marceau
Robert Marlowe
Lelland Marshall
Peter Maruco
Ernest Mason
James McMahon
Albert Messina
Fiorino Messina
Eugene Miliszewski
Arthur Miller
John O'Leary
Esmond O'Neil
Walter O'Neil
Edward Patenaude
Casmier Penzcer
Alfred Peters
Robert Pilot
Joseph Poissant
Lewis Quimby
William Richmond
Robert Rivard
Austin Rogge
Russell Sacco
Stanley Sanecki
Henry Scrivens
Francis Shea
John Shields
William Skrabonia
Bronislaus Socha
Bronislaus Sojkowski
Norman Tourjee
Aloysius Urbanek
Laurence White
Ralph Woodside
Frank Wotkowski
ALL IN THE SAME BOAT

We are in much the same boat as the automobile and other industries. We must switch over to making new products for which our machinery and our employees are best adapted. That makes it necessary to lay off from time to time increasing numbers of employees until the new products can be designed and production schedules worked out.

The Government, as you know, has told all industry that it must put forth all possible effort on war products. Along this line it has ordered the manufacture of radios to stop on April 22. This in turn has affected us, so that several hundred have been laid off.

Meanwhile we are striving with all the power we possess to design units, such as the filters, to replace our discontinued products. But during this change-over period we are without our usual volume, due to the fact that our standard radio equipment business is out, and it is going to take some time to take up the slack. Also the OPA has put a ceiling on the prices at which we can sell many of our standard products.

But today we are at war. We are all in the same boat, pulling on the same oars, steering straight for the same goal of Victory. With patience, forbearance and mutual trust in each other’s intense desire and purpose to Win the War we shall pull through together and win together.

On the front page we list the names of our men who are now in the armed forces of the United States of America. We salute them! We wish them courage and Godspeed in their common task. In turn let each and every one of us highly resolve to carry on here with the same will and determination which is theirs. Together we must and will win this war.
A Good Fighter Never Lets His Guard Down!

SAFETY RULES NO GOOD UNLESS OBSERVED—
HOURS LOST NOW CAN NEVER BE REGAINED

"We've wasted golden months in which we could have got fully ready ... but we still have nine silver months ahead in 1942. Let's stop thinking what we'll do when it's all over and start thinking what we're going to do now to prevent it from being all over with us."

So, let's not grow careless in our efforts to make speed. And let's not let our guards down. And let's not leave things lying around where others can stumble over them. Let's be thinking every minute of how to get the work done both safety and swiftly. It doesn't do any good to drive so fast to get to the railroad station that you get to the hospital instead. And it doesn't do any good to get careless and thoughtless in our work so that minor or serious injuries keep us from work.

Accidents mean lost time. Lost time means lower production. Lower production means less armament. Less armament means lost battles. Lost battles mean lost wars. To win the war, lose no time. Make every minute count. Keep your eyes open. Use all precautions. Follow the rules of safety. You'll never jab a Jap if you let your guard down.

CLOSED FOR THE DURATION

Silver tongued orators are few and far between. Silence is golden is a time-worn adage. But it never was truer than today. THE ENEMY IS LISTENING. HE WANTS TO KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW. KEEP IT TO YOURSELF. These are the words on a government poster put out by the War Department, Navy Department and the F. B. I. Now is the time for all good men and women to come to the aid of their country by keeping their lips sealed tight for the duration.

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE NOTES

By Jack Washburn

1. It is very important that the large number of people who are now laid off keep the employment office informed of any changes of address and telephone number.

2. In a number of cases a worker laid off has not been called back because we were unable to locate her, because she had moved from the address she had given us.

3. It is not necessary for workers laid off to come to our office in person if they have questions regarding future employment or transfers. We are very glad to handle any of these inquiries on the telephone, thus saving the individual a trip to the plant.

4. Those laid off will be called back to work in order of their respective seniorities.

5. Employees who are transferred to Brown Street will also be taken in order of seniority.

6. No new help will be hired until those laid off, and in good standing, have been given an opportunity to return.

Minutes and materials are precious. Whatever each one of us can do, however small it may seem, to save time or to save material, it is helping our country. There is no excuse for spoiling or for using any more of anything than is necessary, whether at home or on the job. Materials of all kinds are bound to become scarcer as time goes on. So let's try to be careful — all of us.

What "we girls" can do to help win this war.

Since "we girls" are left to "keep the home fires burning" my suggestion is this:

Keep Fit! Without your health nothing can be accomplished!

Instead of a little airing by car — walk! It saves tires, gives you an appetite, and a "meet-all-comers" outlook on life.

Instead of accepting a cigarette, save them — send them to the Boys in Camp. They will appreciate and enjoy them. As for sweets, — skip them and send to the boys. It means "less pounds" for us and "Our Soldiers" need something sweet to sweeten their "Bitter Schedule." And for our spiritual benefit don't forget a little prayer goes a long, long way.

Summing up my opinion, just remember: Keep in 100 per cent condition. It is the only way we can win a 100 per cent Victory.

FRANCES DiTURSI.
Known to everybody at Sprague Specialties Company as "Tuffy," this popular man, who is foreman of the Machine Shop, was born in Jay, N. Y., March 19, 1893 and christened Theophile Rondeau. He claims that his nickname comes from his given name Theophile and was not earned for any other special reason. We can well believe this to be true as all his friends, including the Log reporter, and was not earned for any other special reason. We can well believe this to be true as all his friends, including the Log reporter, can vouch for his friendly and sunny personality.

When he was two or three years old his family moved to North Adams where they remained for eight or nine years. Then they lived in Thompsonville, Conn., for a while, later returning to North Adams and finally settling in Pittsfield.

So it was in 1909 that "Tuffy" took on his first job at the Tel Electric Company in Pittsfield and spent three years learning to be a toolmaker.

From then on he had experience at many places,—first with the Pope-Hartford Bicycle Company in Westfield, then with Taft-Pierce Company, Woosocket, R. I., on tool and jig work, then back to Pittsfield with the General Electric.

By this time "Tuffy" was twenty-one and on his own. Soon afterwards he went to work for Burdick & Sons in Albany. From there he went to the Waterbury Brass Company, then to Westinghouse in Springfield for about a year after which he spent a year or so with Barney & Berry Company, also of Springfield.

For six years he was employed at the Franklin Machine and Tool Company of Springfield, after working awhile for Hendee Motor-cycle Company of Indian Orchard, near Springfield.

In 1915 on October 8 he married Miss Mary Kelly of Dalton, Mass. They have one daughter Dorothy May and for some years have made their home in Pittsfield. In fact, after "Tuffy" left Franklin Machine and Tool Company in Springfield they moved directly to Pittsfield where "Tuffy" was for seven years with Roberts & Gamewell, leaving that plant in 1930 to come with Sprague as a die maker.

"Tuffy" tells us that when he first came with the Company in 1930 there were four or five men in the machine shop. In 1937 at the time he was made foreman of the machine shop, it had increased to seventeen or eighteen men. Today the machine shop employs twenty-seven men and is a model layout, effectively organized, with all modern equipment, and makes practically all of the dies and tools used in the plant.

To go back a little we discover that one of "Tuffy's" hobbies and accomplishments as a young man was in the amateur boxing ring. He tells us that he learned at the early age of eighteen never to underestimate your opponent. He took on "Stepper" Langlois in a challenge bout, the winner to enter a certain New York championship. "Tuffy" says he did a pretty good job and managed to put up a good scrap the first three rounds, but then they drew the curtains.

However, you can't keep a good man down and "Tuffy" kept up his boxing until thirty years of age. During that time he became, on the side, a trainer of professional boxers, and strange as it may seem, was actually the trainer for "Stepper" Langlois who originally sent him to the showers after three rounds.

"Tuffy" says that he also likes bowling (for the fun of it) and hunting (when he can find the time). He and Mrs. Rondeau have made many pleasant trips to Canada, Niagara Falls, down the Maine coast, stopping for some time last summer at Hampton Beach.

Now for the real low down. "Tuffy" confesses to getting his biggest kick out of "following the ponies." He adds, too, that Mrs. Rondeau has quite a knack for hitting the daily doubles. He has been many times to all the local tracks. Mrs. Rondeau has hit the daily doubles a half-dozen times, but "Tuffy" claims to have hit the best one for $120. Three of his lucky hits were at Agawam. The quirkiest experience along these lines happened about eight years ago when they went to Saratoga at the start of their vacation and lost all but one race the first day which left the exchequer practically flat. So they drove on up to Lake George. But then they got reading the papers and went back the next morning to Saratoga and cleaned up in eight races so that they were right on easy street for the rest of that vacation.

One might gather from the last few paragraphs that our friend is on the go most of the time. And that is true; but most of the "going" is done right here in the Machine Shop at Sprague where things are kept going full tilit; efficiently, all the time. Throughout the plant "Tuffy" is known for his serious attention to business and a friendly personality toward one and all. He tells us that the Machine Shop force is cooperating 100 per cent in the present war emergency and have invested in a big way in defense bonds.

One of "Tuffy's" outstanding characteristics is his ability to play as hard as he works. Just as he refuses to mix fun and business in the plant he never lets business enter his social activities. We don't remember a plant party or picnic that he has missed in years. And he is always right in the middle of the fun.

March 2. Archie Forgette from an air base in Maine just called. He says that he likes army life very much and it certainly is agreeing with him. We are always glad to see or hear from any of the boys.

Boxes have been sent to twenty-seven boys who have entered the service since the last boxes were sent.

The Dramatic Club of the plant is planning to organize a party to kill a skunk. They will meet at the New Adams Theatre in Williamstown, March 12 and 13. See next issue of the Log for details.

Have you brought your books in for the USO collection to be sent to the boys in camps?

Fifteen girls from the office took advantage of a beautiful wintry night, January 30, and went on a sleigh ride from Red Mills to Whitney's farm.

General regulations on the manufacture of new radio sets is partly responsible for keeping the Sprague Products Company extra busy on replacements and repair parts.

Orrie King was one of several who donated blood for a transfusion to a North Adams boy, who is a victim of hemophilia, in a Boston hospital.

With more of our boys entering service every day, our work has taken on a new importance. Any deficiency or defect in the "specialties" we are making for defense purposes may mean the safety or even the life of a brother, sweetheart, son, or husband of one of us. So it is up to us to be on the job every day and do our work as well as we know the boys will do theirs.

THE ALERTS BALL — ADAMS

The Alerts Ball was held on Friday, February 13, in Adams. Among those attending were Olympia Dionne, Alice Martel, Verne Bombardier, Jeanette and Clifford Roy, Eleanor Caron, Dorothy Nadeau and Ernest Laframboise.

Doris Desacco of the Paper Rolling Department attended the Italian Ball in North Adams on February 6.
Mr. Stanley Denovan, Treasurer of the Credit Union, and Office Manager, when interviewed on February 20 reported that the total number of employees subscribing to defense bonds on the pay roll allotment plan was 223 with the cash contributions $983.50 and a total amount pledged of $5,138.50.

It is recognized, of course, that many employees may also be subscribing through clubs, societies or individually. But no doubt in another month or two our total number of subscribers will be much higher than the 223 registered on February 20. Let us hope so. Also, in nearly every department there is a Bond Club. A group gets together and deposits a set sum every week into a fund. Each week a bond is bought and the members take turns receiving one. In several departments stamps are bought every week.

At the touch of your fingertips is a way to show your patriotism. Turn off the electricity when not in use and conserve power for Defense.

The employees of the K.V.A. and Industrial Oils Departments recently purchased flags for their departments.

This wheeze on one of the doors to a certain department gets attention and obedience at the same time:

"Please shut the door. The draft has got enough of our men."

Chatting with Lewis Cronin of the Impregnating Department we learn that he is the proud owner of the two very beautiful dogs pictured above. "Teddy" on the left and "Pal" on the right are about sixteen months old. They are well trained as you see and will hold this sitting position quietly before meals until given the order to eat. Lewis got them in Saco, Maine, late in the summer of 1940. If they bark at night all you have to do is rap on the window and they stay quiet the rest of the night. They are a cross of English Shepherd and Collie. As with all good watch dogs, you must be very careful not to show signs of roughing anybody or taking unfair advantage or else "Teddy" and "Pal" will both try to teach you a lesson. No wonder Lewis is very proud of them.

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MARIE LETALIEN, of the Boxing Department, and Paul Markey, not employed here, were married in Bennington, Vt., September 12, 1941, in St. Anthony’s Church.

ESTHER MAZZA, of the Paper Assembly Department, and Edward Poplaski, not employed here, were married on November 1941.

JEROME LAROCHE, of the Wet Test Department, and ALICE MORIN, of K.V.A. Department, were married at Adams, Mass.

BEATRICE ROULIER, of the Boxing Department, and Robert Burdick of Hoosac Tunnel, announce their engagement. They will be married sometime this spring.

BEATRICE TATRO, of the Brown Street Plant, and Joseph Garenani, of the Paper Assembly, and George Frenier, not employed here, announce their engagement. They will be married April 11, 1942.

EMILY (Reepka) ROGGE and PAT AUSTIN ROGGE

WEDDING Bells

February 14, 1942, was the wedding day of Betty Kenney, not employed here, and of JEROME LA ROCHE, of the Wet Test Department. The ceremony took place at Notre Dame Church in Adams.

On February 7, 1942, ALICE HEISLER, formerly of the Boxing Department, and AIME MORIN, of K.V.A. Department, were married at Adams, Mass.

On January 3, 1942, PAULINE LEWIS, of the Brown Street Plant, became the wife of Adolph Les of Army Headquarters, Providence, R. I., at Notre Dame Church, Adams.

PAULINE LEWIS, of the Brown Street Plant, and Laurence Belisle, not employed here, were married in the Baptist Church in Barcomb of Wall, Streeter Shoe Co.

HARRIET TATRO, of the Resistor Department, and Robert Cutler, V. DELORD FORGETTE, of Wet Assembly Department, announce their engagement. The wedding date has been set for April 30, 1942.

HAZEL HORAHAN, of Paper Test, and Laurence Belisle, not employed here, were married in St. Francis Church, February 14, 1942.

VERA HALEY, of the Impregnating Department and Walter Harris, not employed here, were married in the Baptist Church in Williamstown on February 26, 1942.

Lucy Smolisky of the Paper Rolling Department announces her engagement to Mathew Ciempa, not employed here. The wedding is planned for April.

Gertrude Pedercini, not employed here, and BERNARD ROBERTS of the Resistor Department, announce their engagement. They will be married sometime this spring.

Phyllis Utter, not employed here, and JOSEPH GARENANI of the Pretuner Department are engaged to be married. Wedding date is not yet set.

From the Brown Street Plant comes news of the engagement of BEATRICE TATRO of the Brown Street Plant, and Joseph Barcomb of Wall, Streeter Shoe Co.

The rifle team is looking for new candidates for the team. Any one interested check with Frank Chilson, Frank Gassett, or Al Durant.

The teams have a very good time at the Sportsmen’s Club during the matches. Refreshments are served after the matches and dancing is often enjoyed. Visitors are allowed as guests of members of the team or the club. See any member and come up and enjoy an evening at the club.

ROBERT WINDBROW of the Lunch Room and ARTHUR BARBEAU, son of Violet in Paper Rolling

CAR SHOP NOTES

In talking with CLINTON SWEENEY of the Can Shop we learn that on January 8 this department set up a $2,000 goal for the "purchase of defense bonds" on their own hook. They had reached about $400 as we go to press.

ROBERT CUTLER, ADELORD FORGETTE and ERNEST MASO, recently volunteered for service in the Army.

HARRY UTTING of the Can Shop beat the Foremen on the Olympia alleys with a pinfall of 1,534 to 1,519.

HARRY UTTING is recovering from an operation. He is home from the hospital and able to get about a little. The entire department sends its good wishes to HARRY.
Bowling 'em Over and Mowing 'em Down the First Half

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High Individual Single.. 144  William Pierce (Foremen)
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PAST — PRESENT — FUTURE

Yesterday: Oh! the fun we all knew;
The exciting things we would do;
The trips to the mountains,
The picnics we had,
The dancing, romancing,
But yesterday has gone away
And leaves us with — today.

Today: Oh! the crude awakening of war.
Never those good times — no more.
Only the talk of death — stark — grim.
Composure battling without — turmoil within.
Selectees — volunteers — examinations — stuff,
As though those wars before were not enough.
And what's the outcome of our sorrow?
Only the desperate — tomorrow.

Tomorrow: Tomorrow? And what then?
Sadness, sorrow — paying debts no end?
Deliverance? Deliverance from what, we say;
Deliverance from bills we have to pay?
From lives those ruthless fiends have taken
To spare our lives? You're not mistaken.
We'll pay, with blood and bullets too,
For the men whom we sent out to do
The job, which — left unfinished then —
Comes back to haunt us once again.

And then — peaceful — serenity will fall,
We hope and pray — upon us all.

MARION B. CARON,
Sample Department.

IN THE KIDDIE KORNER

Let's Keep 'em Smiling

Top Row: John, left, and Raymond, Jr., right, sons of Rose Blair of the Pretuner Department. Bottom Row: Walter Cwalinski, son of Mary of the Impregnating Department. Ann Mahar, daughter of Ray Mahar.

NOW GUESS WHO

The little girl in the basin works in Paper Assembly. The boy wearing a baseball cap and overalls is in the Ovens Department.

Top Row: Robert Bruce, son of Roy and Margaret Cook. Tom Cullen, son of Tom Cullen of Retail Sales. Middle Row: Eugene Francis, son of Earl Scarbo of Paper Assembly and Marie of Paper Rolling. Then Georgie, Jr., Freddy and Vicky, sons of Florence Davis in the Boxing Department. Bottom Row: Ronald David, son of David Adams of K.V.A. Teddy Lavoie, age nineteen months, son of Mildred Lavoie.