SPRAGUE WAR FUND COMMITTEE SETS DRIVE DATES OCTOBER 1 - 8

SUCCESS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY CHEST DEPENDS GREATLY ON WORKERS

Due to Increased Numbers Employed
Quote Assigned Is Largest Ever

October 1 through October 8 are the dates selected for the North Adams War Fund drive to be conducted at Sprague. It has been announced by the committee in charge. The committee which was designated by War Fund officials is comprised of John D. W ashburn, Marvin Williams, James F. X. Shea, and Thomas E. Dufraine.

Departmental sub-committees are in the process of selection. No announcement has been made as yet of the quota assigned the Sprague organization but it is known that, with the greater numbers now employed, the amount asked will be by far the largest ever asked in a Community Chest drive.

Most of the increase which is asked for is for the so-called war agencies—including the USO and the various relief agencies. As in the past, the two largest local beneficiaries will be the North Adams Hospital and the North Adams Y.M.C.A.

An energetic campaign has been underway in the community for the past month to acquaint all residents with the urgency of the appeal to be made. Quotas have been set for each industrial plant and the community will be kept informed as to the percentage of its quota which each plant attains.

Because of the fact the Sprague Specialties now employs such a large percentage of the industrial population of North Adams—almost 50% in fact—the success or failure of the drive will rest very largely with the efforts of the Sprague organization.

Upon the success of the campaign is dependent the continued support in North Adams of the USO and the war relief agencies, the North Adams Hospital, the Y.M.C.A., the Salvation Army, the Child Welfare Association, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the Visiting Nurses, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the New England Home for Little Wanderers.

CO-WORKERS HONOR HELEN BRADSHAW

Miss Helen Bradshaw, who soon is to enter Mary Washington College, in Virginia, was the guest of honor at a party given by her co-workers in Block Test. The party was held at Florence’s on September 3. A delicious dinner was served after which dancing and games were enjoyed. The Department presented Helen with a sterling silver cigarette case and a purse of money.

Those present were: Seated left to right—Pauline Bassett of W. E., Imogene McNulty, Pauline Jandran, Josephine De Paoli, Anna Lamsonoux, Ruth Arrighini, Anna Demouy, Emily Koezeka, Helen Denno of Brown Street, Josephine De Paoli, Anna Lamsonoux, Ruth Arrighini, Anna Demouy, Emily Koezeka, Helen Denno of Brown Street, and Irene Sweany of Paper Rolling. Standing, left to right—Mary Sweeney, Lorelaine Pismiesz, Rona Sweeney, Jane Roy of Brown Street, Helen Harrington, June Windsor, Helen Buddah, Theresa Briggs, Arlene Chalifoux, Barbara Bailey, Sybil Devos and Helen Leoure.
First Rehearsal Of “Annual Show” To Be Held October 5

The committee for the annual Sprague Christmas and Benefit Show met September 29th. The committee headed by Fred Windover, M. Ger- man, Larry Madison and Larry Haskins, met with Miss Owen, General Chairman, to decide important events for the coming Benefit and Minstrel Show. Mr. Haskins, Chairman for the play, has let it be known that this show will be a highly fashioned “melodramer” type, with a frail damsel in distress and a villain with the longest handle-bar moustache that can be obtained. The Committees have sent out an S.O.S. for 42 employees to represent the chorus, 6 endmen, 5 soloists and 18 stage hands. Those 20 stage hands are most important, since the play demands as much back-stage action as front-stage.

First rehearsal is scheduled for October 4, at 7:30 in the Blue Room of the Richmond Hotel.

Comparison With World War I Expenditures

Need For Bond Purchases In America has been consistently greater than in any previous war. World War I lasted 584 days for America. In that time 4,000,000 were killed, United States debts were $21,700,000. 30,518 were killed or died of wounds. An Army force of over 50,000 men was developed.

Now let’s look at World War II which completed 384 days on July 12th. In the 584 days so far in World War II, we have mobilized 9,300,000 men. The war has cost as high as 12 billion dollars. 90,000,000 have been killed or died of wounds. World War II certainly is going to be a long, long war if this is a side-show. And, the end is not yet.

We are spending at the rate of about $7 billion a month. How do we gather the $7 billion a month? By the end of the war going. This proves the need for greater and greater pur- chase of war bonds. It explains why taxes are high and why they will get higher.

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New High Speed of the War

Puts New Pressure on Home Front

Now comes the real ALL-OUT. And the reason why we must expect this is the new SPEED of the war. High pressure on so many fronts means higher pressure than ever on the Home Front. We are not saying this just to boost morale. On every hand the signals are set. Weeding out the heads of Government Bureaus, reading the daily press and the periodicals, listening to the radio, studying the war news, brings us to this one conclusion. The More-Speed, All-Out, Non-Stop Hard-Fighting months are right ahead. Let’s give ‘em all we’ve got!

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WAR FUND -- COMMUNITY CHEST TYPICAL OF AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE AND LIBERTY

The approaching campaign, October 1-8, deserves the sympathy and extra-generous support of every single member of the Sprague Organization. The Community Chest is a most significant feature of our American Way of Life. It is the word “Cooperation” translated into social action. It is the operation of the Golden Rule under modern conditions. What we would all like to do personally,—to minister to the sick, the invalided, the unfortunate,—to provide places of recreation for children during the youth,—to help others in emergency,—to care for the aged and infirm,—in a word, to do those things which our hearts and minds and our religion all teach us in right. . . . all these things we, today, in the busy rush of war or peace have never had time nor in most cases the dollars to give.

GIVE TILL IT HELPS

So it is that the American Cooperative Spirit comes to the rescue and provides a way in which we can do the next best thing. We can “gang up” our dollars and put them to work through the many social agencies. And there is no need to repeat that this time the need is greater than ever.

If we could say more we would; but this is a case for deeds, not words. For the Committee, for the Community, for your neighbors and friends,—yes, even for yourself,—if it should come your turn, which God forbid,—give and give again. GIVE TILL IT HELPS!

Buying War Bonds Is Good Business From Every Angle

There are plenty of practical, hard-headed reasons (if you need them) for buying War Bonds and saving Bonds. If the government can’t get the money to wage a winning war through this method it will have to do it through artificial credits. This will raise prices terribly when the war is over. It will cost us much more in 5 years to come than the cost of the bonds now. By lending the money now, we keep prices down, we get our money back anyway, and get it back at a time when we can spend it for things we will want and can get — when the war is finally over and peacetime products are again on the market. To buy war bonds today and every day serves a two-fold purpose — selfish and unselfish. War bonds are a swell buy any way you dope it out.

BACK’EM UP WITH WAR BONDS!

Our Flag

I like our flag high up in the air. It has such lovely colors, so dainty and so fair.

Do you remember the lady who made our flag so true And our lovely colors Red, White and Blue?

You will see it over in England You will see it in Peru You will see it in Germany For we’re going to win there, too.

We are going to have it flying in the air and on the sea. Beverly, with a burst of flame There our lovely flag will be.

In Japan our flag will wave; What a blessing that will be. ‘Twill be waving there forever Just wait and you will see.

GLADYS OAKLEY, G.A.S. Agent

Back with the Attack — BUY WAR BONDS!

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SUGGESTION AWARDS

Mrs. Nettie Anglo of Sample Room received her award for suggesting a method of preventing the foil sticking to the mandrel.

SPORTS EDITOR: Walter Carpenter

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GET SET FOR THE REAL “ALL-OUT!”

Cold Logic Demands That We Do

There seems to be an impression in some quarters that the collapse of Italy means the time for relaxation is at hand. An appraisal of the enemy situation and the contrary. Instead of the government relaxing its pressure, the next few months are going to see things stepped up on the home-front,—Way UP! This means all along the line,—gas, food, taxes, manpower, war production quotas, and scores of other problems in our daily way of life.

Numbers

Everyone needs to know the men in their lives. For example, in Leon Richard’s room and the girls up here even if it is cold and windy.

THAT’S RIGHT! Kennedy Hill with his daughter, Betty, is the new Baseball Team Manager. Beverly’s mother, Beatrix, works in the Impregnating Dept.
Dear Jack:

I am addressing this letter to you and hoping that you are in the best of health. I wish to thank whoever is responsible for sending me the Sprague Log. For the past few months I have been receiving it very steadily and I hope you will keep on sending it. It helps you to keep tabs on a lot of your friends who are in the service and also on the department that I worked in. I was very happy to be part of the Resistor and Bowling Dept, as I know how much they are doing towards this war.

About 5 months ago I walked through the Resistor Dept at Brown St. and believe me I was surprised to see how much it had expanded and the new machinery in the place. I have also heard that it has expanded much more and is now in full swing. With the people in back of it 100%, I'm sure that in no time at all we will be back home for good. Although there is a lot of hard work ahead and it will take all of us to finish this job.

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SPORTS
By Walt Carpenter

Old Timers vs. Twilight League All Stars

The second game between the Old Timers and the All Stars, played Sunday, Sept. 11 at North's Field, resulted in a victory for the All Stars. This was a benefit game with the proceeds going to Jimmy Priece who was injured in the play-off between the Waste of Italy team and McKinley Square team. The total amount collected from ticket sales and contributions, including former friends of Jimmy who are now in the service and could not attend the game, shows the esteem which the boys all feel for Jimmy. It also shows the fine sportsmanship of the fellows in the service who gave to this worthy cause. Good luck and a speedy recovery for Jimmy is wished by everyone.

The score of the game was 5 to 1 and though it does not appear closely contested, was well played, and is a feature which should be held annually in any community. Congratulations should be in order to Mr. George D.旧 and all the Old Timers, the All Stars, and the members of the league who made the game possible, and to John DeNegro, coach, for the hard work and spirit displayed in making the game possible.

According to the financial statement, a total of $76.55 was collected. The ticket committee, headed by John Puppalo should also be extended thanks.

This is the last game of the year, so now we will turn our thought to football and bowling.

Many of the spectators missed the grand old man of baseball, Cline Finkle, of Williamstown who did not play in the second contest but was at top form in the first one.

SPRAGUE SPECIALTIES VICTORY LOG

Last Minute News Flash

(Continued from page 1)

The program will be broadcast from the Blue Room of the Richmood Hotel. Admission will be by invitation and on a first-come-first-served basis. There will be a grand prize of $25 in radio, and the first ten names drawn from the hat will receive a year's subscription to your favorite magazine. The contest will be open to all Sprague employees, and the winners will be announced at the next meeting. The program will begin at 12:30 p.m., and all employees are requested to attend.

S P R A G U E  R A D I O  L O G

Built Around Sprague Workers, Their Families, Other North Adams Citizens

So folks, the Log welcomes you and urges you to listen to it on Oct. 12 at 5:35. Just a warning, too, friends, don't forget to show Jack Benny, Bob Hope and the rest how to do their job. The Log just believes, that with the employees' paper of a concern like Sprague, our all workers can have a little more about who we all are and what we make and do. And get some of the Log news a little quicker and snapshot the headlines before the deadline stars that will make our Fan Mail Department the envy of every other company.

PROGRAM TO BE CONDUCTED IN PROFESSIONAL MANNER

The talent and speakers on the Sprague Radio Log will be almost entirely home folks so we shall be especially anxious to welcome Sprague folks in service who may be home on furlough. It is planned to keep the tone of the program a high, but entertaining plane. As it is all good radio, it will be strictly taboo; silence, except for necessary applause (laughter and grunts), will be observed. We shall have a two-way telephone connection with the Pittsfield Control Room of WBBR in order to assure good volume control and that all words are said as nearly perfect as possible.

NOTE THE DATE: OCT. 12

So put it down in your little memo book. Don't miss the Sprague Radio Log. Naturally we shall not be able to use right away all the star talent that is present in so large an organization as this. But if you are interested, the best way will be to listen in. Then, when you have an idea of the program, and the type of features it will be looking for—your name and department and description of the form of entertainment (instrumental, vocal, comedy, serial, monologue dialogue and so forth) to The Production Dept. of the Sprague Radio Log. It is Hollywood, many may be called, but few chosen. Many of those who will take part in the programs will be selected on a competitive basis, or as a reward for various accomplishments as Sprague workers, or as loyal and helpful members of their community. As it will be necessary to plan and develop the large part of each program some time in advance, it will not be possible to introduce additional material at the last minute.

NO SIGNING OFF

Because now boms sweep clean, and because it is always poor policy to shoot all your ammunition in the first volley, don't be surprised if the first program is not a three ring circus. In fact it will probably be just the opposite. Rather than to spread our wings and reach the sun in the first 30 minutes, the Log will introduce itself to the public, and... but now after all, why should we let our radio listeners or readers in now on the good things in store for them every Tuesday this fall and winter? Our motto, folks, is "Tune in Tuesday!"

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HELP CUT JOB ABSENCES

"Victory depends on everyone, everyday!" Time lost from your work puts a brake on American Victory.

No matter what your job, stay on it every minute you can. Under war conditions, this is often tough—but war is never easy.

Help your community gear itself for war. If you're a store official, banker, or professional man, consider staying open some evenings so workers won't have to take time off.

Remember, teamwork will lick absenteeism. Make time work for us—not our enemies.
To clean out the scrap pile nice and
tidy.
Fellows love to roam,
When work is done —
Always helping the girls out.

Sawing wood, for their furnace to light.

If he ever gets caught he will never be,
Found working for the Sprague Com-
pany.

A MODERN DEMOTHESES

Mr. Harold “Kit” Carson, who
recently completed a course in Elocu-
tion (Public Speaking) at Sprague’s,
is steadily rising in the ranks of “Famous Speakers”. On
September 16, he left for Boston to deliver an
address at Horticultural Hall. His
subject was “Morning Glories.”

Eileen and Billy Harris, children of Wire Coating, and of
Florance of Resistors.

WHO WAS IT?

Who stole the beak on the house-
wren?
Who stole my dime, the day before?
(Who?)

Who stole the walnut that hailed a few
hours last night.

Sewing wool, for their furnace to light.
Who saw it that was so mean.
To clean out the scrap pile nice and
tidy.

June and Bernard Barnhart,
whose mother, June, works in
Paper Rolling. Their father was
a former Sprague guard.

THE BETTER WAY

By Joe Macksey

P — reverence
R — erects none
O — upright high
D — day’s work done
C — good color supervision
C — cooperation too
T — taught smartly
I — instructions helpful
O — orderly completed
N — new one begun

Angela Sebastino of Mica Dept.,
is spending a week's vacation in
Springfield.

Miss Minnie Geddes is spending her vacation in Providence, R. I.
Rose Pacori of the Filter Dept. spent the week of August 7 to 23,
Hampton Beach, N. H. What a tan she has displayed on her return.
Joe Morello of Silver Mica spent his vacation in New York.

Miss Kay Hoyt, Payroll, Brown Street, is spending her vacation at
Worchester. She is riding horseback daily, and is happy to be able to
indulge this hobby of hers.

Freckes” Millard is Honored

When the workers for Frecks found
out he had a birthday, did they cele-
brate in a big way! They gave him a
big spaghetti dinner, at the plant,
decorated the place with colorful gladioli,
and presented him with a gift. Frecks is assembly supervisor
on the Assembly Line, in Mica Dept.

MARRIAGE

Dedication

Donald is a good boy.
Always helping the girls out.
Working hard from morning till night
Doing his best to help the fight.
When work is done —
Fellows love to rant,
But you will always find “Ded” on
his way home.

VICTORY DEPENDS ON
EVERYONE, EVERYDAY

STAY ON YOUR JOB—DON’T loose time!

“Marshall Street “Memors

Miss Rita Siciliano has returned to
spruce up her spending vacation in
Boston.

Casner Zienlink, Gus Mink, and his
wife, Phyllis spent their vacation in
Baltimore and New York City. Sounds
like a second honeymoon, Cassie!

Maud Sullivan of Gas Mask spent
a vacation in New York City. If we
know Maud, she had a grand time.

For Miss Mary answers Sid (see last
Issue).

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“Daddy” is Jim of the Cost Depart-
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Half A Million Cigarettes From Sprague Workers To Boys Overseas

Through our weekly collections we have sent over a half million cigarettes to the boys. It is satisfying, indeed, to know that our small contributions can mount to such a large total.

Notwithstanding the refusal for September 17 was $9.00 less than the previous collection, we had a sufficient balance on hand to enable us to consign 5,000 packages to the armed forces. To refresh the memory of those contributing, we list the countries to which cigarettes have been shipped:

- Also, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Egypt, Gilbert Islands, North Africa, Munda and Eritrea.

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Sprague Employees Play Important Part In Bach Choral

Metropolitan Training Evidenced, Larry Madison and Robert Shoemaker Take Solo Parts

One of the major musical events in North Adams was the presentation of Mozart's "Requiem Mass" by members of the Bach Chorus of North Adams. The performance was on Tuesday evening, September 14, at Drury High School.

The chorus sang to an appreciative audience which fully recognized the finish and quality of the rendition. Since many Sprague employees are represented in the Bach Choral, it can well be said that the same meticulous precision went into the efforts of the chorus as goes into the fabrication of a Sprague product.

Our own Larry Madison and Robert Shoemaker were the soloists for the male voices, while Margaret Hill and Natalie Gordon (not employed here) were the women soloists. Larry and Robert were splendid in form; Larry's rich voice with its careful placement showed its best in the difficult music he sang, while Robert gave a sympathetic interpretation to his part, his voice blending beautifully with Miss Gordon's.

Director Robert Barrow of Williamstown, through his patience and skill of direction, brought out the full beauty of the music, which his chorus admirably followed and interpreted. It had the fineness of any Metropolitan organization, the North Adams audience being most appreciative of the music, which his chorus admirably followed and interpreted.

One of these kids now is a GUESS WHO in Paper Rolling.

SPRAGUE WAR PRODUCTION

CASH PRIZE each month for best slogan received in each plant. Contest continues until Dec. 31.

LOG to publish 25 best slogans received each month.

5 best received in each plant each month will be made into colorful signs with your name and posted.

RULES VERY SIMPLE

1. Each slogan must contain the word "Sprague".
2. Each slogan must not be over 10 words.
3. Each slogan must try to help our war production effort.
4. Each slogan must bear your name, plant, dept. and date.
5. Not more than five slogans each month per person.
6. All slogans must be mailed to "The LOG Editor".

All September Slogans due before October 1.

NOTE: —Everybody connected with the Sprague organization in any way is eligible. Judges' committees will be composed of well-known North Adams citizens, and will not know the names of contestants when judging slogans.

GUESS WHO - This Week

GUESS WHO — works in filters on the second shift.

Slogan Contest Keeps On Hurrying

Still Time for September Slogans

It's easy to make up Sprague Slogans. Just take your pen or pencil. Add about five minutes, a dash of wit, a dash of sentiment, two ounces of midnight oil (if Mr. Ickes will let you), a little ginger and a lot of stuff, and top it all off with plenty of punch and heartfelt American patriotism... and these you have the recipe for a Winner Try it. See the rules for the Contest on this page.

GUESS WHO - This Week

Answer will be found on page 2

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Lots of Fun! Help Boost War Production! Write it Tonight!