A Merry Christmas to One and All and a VICTORIOUS New Year!

Male Chorus Is Formed

A group of Sprague employees met at the Richmond Hotel on December 15th, for the purpose of forming a male chorus. The group elected a temporary Committee composed of Robert Shoe-maker, Lawrence Haskins, Paul Beling-er and Arthur Bell, to carry on the affairs of this group until a more permanent organization is formed. The Committee wishes to invite all men of the Sprague Company who are interested in singing and enjoy music to participate, in this choral group, for the mutual benefit of all. With favorable response to such an organization, the Committee is planning to give two concerts a year. Any man interested, is urged to contact the above mentioned Committee before the January meeting is held.

Slogan Winners For November

Slogan awards went to the following employees for the best slogans submitted and judged, in the November Slogan Contest. Mrs. Coristine Atco-ino was winner for the Brown Street plant; Mr. John Garmer for the Marshall Street plant, and Mr. C. B. Fairchild for the Beaver Street plant.

Review of The Radio Log

The radio program for December 14th was featured by a talk by Mr. Stanley Denoyan about the Company's Credit Union. Mr. Denoyan spoke convincingly about the rapid growth of the Credit Union, the service it extends to its members, its sound financial standing, and urged Sprague employees to make use of its facilities, but not to minimize them. Mr. Ray Calvi of Beaver Plant was the Star Reporter who introduced Pvt. Francis Newsham — A view from the Employment Office window.

Sprague Christmas and Benefit Fund Completes Six Years

Report For 1943

As you know, the purpose of this organization is the assistance and encour-agement of Sprague employees and their families — both here on the production line, and overseas at war — those who have suffered sickness and hardship at home, and those who are carrying our cause against the enemy.

For the past six years, the Committee has produced a benefit performance, the proceeds of which have gone into its general fund. Distribution of these monies to employees whose names have been submitted for consideration, is controlled by the whole Committee. As usual, this year, Christmas baskets were assembled for families, who in the judgment of the Committee, would not be able otherwise to enjoy the Spirit of the day.

Other cases of special hardship — sickness or loss of property by fire or flood — are considered each year. These also are voted upon by the Committee and assistance offered on the merits of each case.

(See REPORT page 2)
November Slogan Winners

As promised in the last issue of the LOG, we are printing the 25 best slogans selected from those submitted in November. The November crop was a bumper crop, and took considerable reading to cut it down to the best twenty-five. Here they are. After the publication of the December winners, all LOG readers will have a chance to act as judges and pick their own favorites.

Members of Sprague's employ:
Help in victories; our boys enjoy.

- John Red Garner

Remember Pearl Harbor — Sprague's do!
- J. E. W. Wright

Sprague's Products Put the Punch in Powerful, Precision Bombing.
- Earl Williams

Sprague's Army and Navy "E" symbols
Excellence in War Production.
- Frances Zaloga

With Star Spangled Rhythm
Sprague's machines work with em.
- Vicky Cifone

Spraguettes...one and all, join the call... for victory!
- Betty Roll Branden

Come on, let's go!
- To beat the foe... at Sprague's.
- Valda Davoss

The Axis fear
Their doom near —
Sealed in Sprague condensers.
- Clotilde Astorino

Sprague's production flowing fast —
Assures our enemies THEY cannot last.
- Joyce Creamer

With Sprague's in the lead —
How can the enemy succeed?
- Mrs. Mall Roy

We've sure to win
If all pitch in — at Sprague's.
- Clotilde Astorino

Let Sprague Production Roll —
On to Victory is our goal.
- Mary Tanni

Sprague workers are trained
To keep Victory on the beam.
- Mary Lepeta

Accidents, roll out destruction
Safety, rolls out Production — "Sprague's."
- Kay Coris

The Sprague way —
Production today — Victory tomorrow.
- Clotilde Astorino

Sprague's products -- on time
Help to smash the Axis line.
- John Red Garner

Sprague's devices in our planes
Give the Axis many pains.
- John Red Garner

Victory for the Allies
With Sprague's Supplies.
- Eamonn Manson

Sprague Products out to win --
Watch out! Tokyo and Berlin!
- Michael Cirillo

Sprague's workers on the job
Will mop up Hitler's mob.
- Edie Brauns

Sprague condensers are the best --
At Tokyo they stood the test.
- Rita DiSaviti

Less "Ease" -- More "E's" -- at Sprague's.
- Chas. B. Fairchild

Sprague's can earn another star --
Keeping Production up to par.
- Doris Pinkerton

Wear the "E" with pride,
Sprague production can turn the tide.
- Doris Pinkerton

Fighting Forts -- near and far,
Need Sprague's radio and radar.
- Chas. B. Fairchild

Opportunity to Earn High School Credits

North Adams Evening School
To Start January 3, 1944

Six places will be opened to fill the present day needs of those interested, and the opportunity to secure credits is offered to the many young men and women now in industry who would like to complete their high school education.

Fifteen Courses To Be Offered At Drury High School

List of Courses to be offered if ten or more register:

(1) Cooking
(2) Bookkeeping
(3) Conversational Spanish
(4) Americanization
(5) Mechanical Drawing
(6) Blue Print Reading
(7) Mathematics-Algebra & Trigonometry
(8) Principles of Automotive Mechanics
(9) Typewriting
(10) Business Arithmetic
(11) High School English
(12) Commercial Accounting

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This letter is a warning! It has to do with chewing gum — rather — gum chewing. You know there's a right and wrong way to gum and if you break the rules you are in the same boat as the man who fails to send a Christmas card to his mother-in-law.

According to Hepworth Sttech-gate's new volume, "What Every Girl Should Know", or "Down the Home Stretch of Gum-Chewing", there are the following approved and unapproved methods:

APPROVED: 1. "The Truck-Away Method"—This is a very good method in which the man, after a few seconds until it forms a soft, round ball which is then deposited between the gums and cheek, where it remains until the chewer feels the jamp for a head side and cheek which can be done behind a powder puff or in the crowded privacy of the "Ladies Room". 2. "The New Roll Method"—This is the most refined yet satisfying system of all in which the end is slowly and gently squared between the molars and then lifted gently across the mouth by the tongue and deposited on the lower left molars and gently squared again — and on - back and forth! The time taken to transfer the end from one side to the other prevents "Stonerogger's" snapp and slows up the chewing generally.

UNAPPROVED: 1. "La Conqa"—This is the method used by those who are nervous and yet "get rhythm". It goes like this: chew, chew, chew, square, chew, chew, chew, square, chew, chew, square — and so on — back and forth! The time taken to transfer the end from one side to the other prevents "Stonerogger's" snapp and slows up the chewing generally.

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Merry Christmas

Special Children's Picture Section - Sprague Victory Log

December 25, 1943

The Editors of the LOG dedicate this picture section to the children. Our earliest memories of Christmas go back to our own childhood days. As we grow older, our fondest recollections of Christmas are still those scenes in which the happy central figures are little children. To all the children of the Sprague Specialties Family -- a very merry Christmas!

To Robert E. Filiault, son of Emile, of Sample -- a Merry Christmas!

To Danny Dobbert, son of Jane of Paper Assembly -- a Merry Christmas!

To Clare Ann Bassie, sister of Josephine of Dry Test -- a Merry Christmas!

To Sandra Joyce Maynard, whose father Walter is Receiving Clerk at Brown St., we wish a Merry Christmas!

To David, son of Yvonne Simon formerly of Paper Rolling -- Merry Christmas!

To Clare Ann Bassie, sister of Josephine of Dry Test -- a Merry Christmas!

Let us keep bright the spirit of Christmas for those brave men and women away from home and overseas in the Armed Forces, fighting so that Peace may come again on earth, -- and so that these children, -- and all children, -- may keep on gaily shouting: "Merry Christmas!" and a . . .

Happy New Year
"'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house . . .

As Tiny Tim Would Say . . .

"A Merry Christmas to us all, my dears, God bless us." Which all the family reechoed. "God bless us every one!" said Tiny Tim the last of all.

_A Christmas Carol_ - Charles Dickens

To Jean Marguerite Gurney, daughter of Rena of Gas Mask -- a Merry Christmas!

To Dewey Maurice Caron, son of Art -- Brown Street and grandson of Maurice, Maintenance, Beaver Street -- a Merry Christmas!

Wishing Patricia Ann Jones, daughter of Virginia of Final Inspection a Merry Christmas!

To Bonnie Wimett, daughter of Isabella of P.A.--Merry Christmas!

To Joanne Kustra, little granddaughter of Joe Mackesy of Marshall Street, we wish a Merry Christmas!

Answers to Santa Says: Guess Who!

(A) Rita Zanette; (B) Nello-Zanette; (C) James Wright; (D) Paul Fitpatrick; (E) Alice Mulvaney; (F) Wilma Hill; (G) Stephanie Szwek; (H) Viola Leveque; (I) Nellie of Bath Tub Assembly, (J) Nellie of Soldering, and of Ralph of Block Test -- a Merry Christmas!

Not a creature was stirring . . . not even a mouse"
"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care..."

We wish Beverly Ann, daughter of Harriet Fortin of Boxing -- a Merry Christmas!

To Beverly Jane Koch, daughter of Roma of Boxing. -- a Merry Christmas!

To little Judith Ann Brooks, whose mother is Phyllis of Paper Assembly, and whose father is in Service, we wish a Merry Christmas!

To Richard L. Lewis, grandson of Helen Jordan of Mica -- a Merry Christmas!

We wish Sandra Lee, daughter of Phyllis Rarick of Boxing -- a Merry Christmas!

To Richard, son of Mary Wellespeak of B.T.A. -- a Merry Christmas!

To Miss June Dupont, daughter of Almaud of Mica and Telesphore of Maintenance, we wish a Merry Christmas!

Wishing Elaine Lebert, daughter of Gerald of Planning and Equipment Dept. -- a Merry Christmas!

To Kathleen Ann Desnoyers, daughter of Ann T. of Block Test -- a Merry Christmas!

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"Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus -- asleep on the hay."

— A Christmas Carol for Children

In hopes that Saint Nicholas soon would be there...
Yes, Merry Christmas to ALL -- for all of us are children at heart! Today, more than ever, let us strive to keep alive those traditions of the centuries ... of Peace on Earth, and Good Will Toward Men!

To Billy and Mary Ann Dingus, whose mother Lillian was formerly employed in Block Test -- a Merry Christmas!

To Nancy and David Knox, a Merry Christmas! Their daddy is Jimmy of Shipping.

To Paul (left) and Dickie (right), sons of Mrs. Yvonne Ross of KVA, a Merry Christmas!

These Sprague workers were children at a previous Christmas; Top row: B-Bo:z, C-Ovens, E-Western Electric, A-Retail Sales. Lower row: F-Another Western Electric worker, I-Bathtub Assembly, H-Paper Assembly, D-Now in service, formerly Section Pickup Dept., and G- is in Paper Assembly.

Wishing Scout Michael Melchiori son of Dominica of KVA -- a Merry Christmas!

Happy New Year
To Every Sprague Worker
In Service

Merry Christmas
and a VICTORIOUS New Year!

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as we publish the Christmas issue of the Sprague Victory Log. May Providence watch over each and every one of you in the service of your country, — give you the courage and strength to carry bravely and honorably on, — and bring you safe home again to your home up here in the heart of the Northern Berkshires!

We know that they will be very much appreciated and will be given to those members of their Department who are now in the Armed Forces. The Block Test sent presents to: Pfc. Dominick Esposito, Pfc. Roger Vincent, Cpl. Henry Lescarbeau, Pvt. Norbert Miller, Pvt. Wm. Beliveau, Seaman James Mills, Seaman Vincent Bartholdi, Pfc. Edward Gelineau, Pvt. Stanley Matulisin.

The Committee which made arrangements for the gifts were: Helen Bradshaw, Arlene Chaloukas, Josephine DePaci and Barbara Bailey.

Black Test Remembers Fellow Workers Now In Service

"We hope they have a very Merry Christmas!" is the sincere thought of every member of the Black Test Department, who sent Christmas gifts to those members of their Department who are now in the Armed Forces. The Black Test sent presents to: Pfc. Dominic Esposito, Pfc. Roger Vincent, Cpl. Henry Lescarbeau, Pvt. Norbert Miller, Pvt. Wm. Beliveau, Seaman James Mills, Seaman Vincent Bartholdi, Pvt. Edward Gelineau, Pvt. Stanley Matulisin.

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Dear Miss Owen,


Ruth

Snapped On Broadway

Seaman Eric Hansneek, now in the Dry Dock Dept., with his wife, Ruth — Check Inspector.

Sprague Cigarettes Appreciated

Army Service Forces
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Miss Owen,

Please convey the sincere appreciation of the Commanding General, Seattle Port of Embarkation and the military personnel who will receive the cigarettes, to the members of your organization, who are responsible for the gift of Camel cigarettes made to these soldiers.

We also wish to extend the thanks of this section and the Special Service Officer, O.S.I., for the donation and assurance you will do everything possible to carry out your wishes in sending the cigarettes where you have specified. We know that they will be very much appreciated and will be invaluable in contributing toward a more pleasant experience for our men overseas.

Very sincerely yours,

O. Donatza
2nd Lt., Q.M.C. Asst. Svc. Officer, O.S.I.

Jo Rozi, Petty Officer 3-c of V.S. Navy, is home on furlough. Rozi formerly worked in Electric and Chemical Control Department.

Fran Crosier's Husband Gets Citation For Meritorious Conduct Under Fire

The many friends of Red Crosier, and his wife, Fran of Beaver Payroll, are happy to learn of the citation awarded him for outstanding service aboard his ship, the Buchanan. The citation reads:

"For outstanding performance of duty as a member of the Engineer's Force of the United States Ship Buchanan from the date of commissioning, 21 March, 1942, to 15 September, 1943. Operating continuously in a combat area, under difficult and hazardous conditions, the Buchanan has successfully engaged the enemy on many occasions and steamed over one-hundred thousand miles without breakdown of the engineering plant. Crosier's conduct under fire was above par and creditable on each occasion of action, and his high sense of responsibility added very greatly in maintaining Buchanan's high standards of engineering efficiency and reliability."

Floyd H. T. Myhre
Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Navy
Commanding U. S. S. Buchanan

Seaman Earl Russell enjoys Radio Program and Victory Log

December 8, 1943

I want to tell you how much I enjoyed being on the Radio program and also to thank you for the lovely gift. I was a bit nervous at first, but everyone being so kind and friendly, I really didn't mind at all. I received the Log regularly and when I read it, it seems almost as though I were back in the Plant again, just like I used to be. I'll be dropping in again sometime to say "hello," so until then thanks much.

I am sincerely yours,

Earl H. Russell
U. S. Navy

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO SPRAGUE SPECIALTIES CO. and all our friends from:

Pet.
Clifford Domenichini
Shreveport, La.

Pet.
Charles Venza and Ruth
Madison, Wis.

Cpl.
Calvin Albertine
Camp Butner, N.C.

Pfc.
Roger Garner
Camp Edwards, Mass.

Pet.
"Mike" Girouard
Camp Ellis, III.

ARMS AND ARMOR

NEW YORK CITY

HENRY LEACROUSEM — temporarily discharged from service and now working in Stock room.

Nephew of Mrs. John Miller Trained Under Our Own Bill Arnold

Mrs. John Miller of Miea Department recently received a letter from her nephew Lt. John Givens, stationed in Atlanta, Ga., in which he enclosed a clipping about Lt. Commander W. F. Arnold. Lt. Givens received his instruction under Lt. Commander Arnold. The article reads: William French Arnold, better known as "shorty" was designated a Naval Aviator in December, 1925, being among the first to undergo training for Naval Aviators after World War I. He was promoted to rank of Lieutenant in '36, and promoted to rank of Lieutenant Commander in 1940. "Shorty" Arnold graduated from M.I. T. in 1925 and was employed by the Sprague Specialties Company as a sales engineer prior to his recall to active duty.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. John Miller

BACK THE ATTACK
with WAR BONDS!

Dropping down to say...

Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year
from
Paratrooper Bill Leisure

Bill Arnold Says Sprague Products Giving 100% Service on the Fighting Front

United States Pacific Fleet
Carrier Aircraft Serv. Unit
December 9, 1943

Dear Folks:

Would greatly appreciate your aiding the Log editor of my change of address so I won't miss out on the local gossip and news of the Plant. It is still Lieut-Commdr. but the new location is Casu No. 1, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

I am now in a position where I can see a great deal of Sprague material in the work turned out by our old friends and customers. The boys here, tell me it's just 100%, so you can be proud of the quality as well as the quantity of work you are delivering to the Navy. My job here as skipper is a very interesting one and I feel we are a most important link in present operations. Have seen a great many Boston and Pittsburgh boys, but so far, none from North Adams or Williamson.

Best regards,

Bill Arnold

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A SPRAGUE WORKER

How fine it is each night to say, I was a "Sprague Worker" today — I'll do my best, in every way, — To end this strife, without delay, —

The Sprague Way!

Nellie McCutchan, Mice Finishing

Keep up the good work in safety — it means Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 1944.

Art Maloney
Christmas 1943

Under the sky of darkness, a witness of battle and pain.

An American soldier standing guard over his rifle.

He shifted the gun on his shoulder, a tear glistened in his eye. As he smiled to his only companions, the twinkling stars in the sky.

He scanned the snowy landscape, and the trees so tall and fair. He felt the spirit of Christmas in the frosty winter air.

Away from home and friends, and those lost, he was a symbol of faith and hope, a vision of beloved faces filled his heart with cheer.

The about twinkling stars with their radiant, holy light.

Were lighting in the darkness, a path of truth and light.

He gazed on the star-studded village nestled in the valley below and thought of that other village, two thousand years ago.

Now, here on a sell-same mission, driving evil from the world.

To bring a glorious victory to our country and our loved ones...

The symbol of a nation that has thrived in liberty.

When the time is right, if so the need would be.

All night he paced the ground by shining stars, town crowded with light.

Shall gain now hope—and peace! and love and liberty!

Mariana Brown, Enginnering

Sprague Specialties Victory Log

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Partepone, Mrs. Partepone is the former Frances D. West of Industrial Oil, Married September 18th. Mr. Partepone is not employed here.

A Preview Christmas Party

Miss Mamie Farinon was the guest of honor at a preview (or whatever you like) Christmas party recently, given by the ladies of her department, it was a wonderful party anyway. When she came back from lunch, there was her machine gorgeously decorated in ribbons and such. Mamie received among other things; one cough drop, left-over potato chips, one stick of gum, five pennies, one piece of cherry candy and one doll pickles!

Christmas Eve

A son, December 16th to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Srivs. Mrs. Srivs is in the Shipping Department. A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brundige. The mother, Isabelle, was formerly in the Shipping Department, and Bill is in Maintenance.

Almost Walked Home

Joe DeGrenier of Dry Rolling almost walked home from work, almost too.

When Joe retired from a week end in Albany, he was seated in a rear coach. The train pulled up at the North Adams station, but since that rear car was pretty far back, Joe thought the train would pull up a little nearer so he could get out without too much walking. The engineer thought differently, and started on. Joe made four funs, hailed the conductor and ex-plicated the situation. The conductor told Joe to calm down and everything would be all right. — And the train rolled on.

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