BOND DRIVE OVER; RED CROSS CAMPAIGN NEXT

The P-51 Mustang Fighter -- one of North America's most deadly combat planes, equipped with four cannons. These planes are in service with U. S. and British RAF.

$80,000, Largest Sum Ever Raised at Sprague's, Expected Before Close of 4th War Loan

With one successful drive practically behind them, employees of Sprague Specialties Company were laying plans for another drive to start in two weeks. The Fourth War Loan drive which ended officially on February 13 but which is being continued unofficially until next Tuesday had raised among Sprague Employees by last Monday morning $87,000 including $49,206.25 in cash purchases of series E bonds. The balance represents bonds purchased during the period to payroll deduction. This represents the largest amount ever raised at Sprague's in any fund-raising drive. It is expected that the total amount will exceed $80,000 by the end of the month. There were also an undetermined but large number of payroll deduction increases which do not appear in the total figures given.

Red Cross Quota Not Yet Set—Generous Response Is Looked For

Campaigns In Quick Succession Not Seen Affecting Response


Right now, when we are all called on to keep up the terrific pace of peak war production, --is a good time to remind every Sprague employee of the great importance of "care" on whatever job he or she is working. No matter how small the part,—no matter how short the amount of time you spend on each separate operation,—it is IMPORTANT that it be done with the utmost care and precision.

QUALITY PLUS ACCURACY CAN WIN BATTLES AND SAVE LIVES

As our quantity goes up, as our speed increases, our quality and accuracy must be maintained. The safety of an aviator or a bombing crew, the lives of the crew of a P. T. boat or submarine could well depend on any one of the thousands of units which go through your hands day after day. That's why NOW - when the demand for MORE and MORE is heard and seen on every side — that each one of us must ALSO make it BETTER and BETTER!

LIVES OF FIGHTING MEN DEPEND ON QUALITY AS WELL AS QUANTITY

OVER GERMANY, ITALY, RABAUL, TRUK, PRODUCTS YOU MAKE MUST MAKE GOOD

The bronze plaque of Sprague men and women in service, on display in the lunch room is most impressive — but the Machine Shop gang wanted something more intimate — something of their own, to represent their department. Mrs. John Walsh cooperated—and you have the Machine Shop Service Flag—every stitch made by hand. The boys are proud of that flag — and for that which it represents. The men as they left the Machine Shop to serve their country — and one, Vincent Pisano has given his life. Andrew F. Gigliotti, Earl Williams and Donald Wyman will make that pledge from the South stationed somewhere in the South. Wm. A. Brown, M.M. 2-c—the Coast Guard, stationed at Morehead City, N. C. Win. A. Brown, M.M. 2-c—Seabee, stationed somewhere in the South.

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The drive will be conducted as in the past with a drive chairman in each division and each department. Per- soned of the drive, it is expected, will be substantially the same as for the War Bond Drive and for the War Chest. The quick succession of fund raising efforts is not seen as affecting the outcome of the Red Cross drive. As one person put it, "it is not expected that it will be necessary to devote much time to an explanation of the good work which the Red Cross is doing and in need of funds to support its war work."

Watch your step! Look where you go! Safety is essential to War Production Effort.

**READ CAREFULLY!**  Better read your Hospitalization booklet over occasionally and pay attention to the regulations. A couple of cases have happened where young persons were no longer covered as dependents and have not taken out their own insurance as employees.  Geo. B. Flood

**GUESS WHAT?**  The Guess-Who Pictures to appear in Special Supplement - - Soon!

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**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

In order that all employees may acquaint themselves with Leave of Absence procedure, and also provide for their Seniority rights, the following rules should be observed:

1. If you know you are going to be out for personal illness, get your leave of absence from Miss Owen at the Dispensary, Beaver Plant before you leave — see her, or call her.

2. If, because of personal illness or illness in the immediate family, you are going to be out for over a week, a Leave of Absence MUST be applied for at the end of the first week of absence.

3. If you are unable to report to work because of illness in the immediate family, you must file a report at the Employment office ONLY.

4. Your seniority is important because: It protects you at times of enemy action. In case of a war emergency, you will be given seniority in the order of your length of service.

5. It is expected that the War Bond Drive, which the response was whole-hearted and absolutely without pressure of any kind. It is believed that the response to the Red Cross drive will be on the same generous scale.
The youngest purchaser of a war bond during the Fourth War Loan Drive at Sprague's steps up and lays his money on the line. John, while his mother looks proudly on.

We as a school are going to support the Boys' War Bond Drive. To the Editor:

Revolution for Victory

I wish to make the point that these men, while their mothers look proudly on, are meeting the call of our Nation to work longer and harder than they ever have before. They have been called upon to furnish products vital to the success of our war effort.

To the Editor:

Mr. Fowler Speaks on the LOG Radio Program

Wartime Planning in Industry - Edw. Goodman

It was recognized early in this war by the Sprague Management, that the changing over from peacetime into war production was of the utmost importance.

As Sprague Specialties Company is called upon to furnish products vital to the success of the war, we have high schools and this thought has been in the minds of all concerned.

Mr. Fowler, who is responsible for the Industrial Oil Division at the Brown Street Plant, wishes to thank Miss Catherine Pappas of the Sprague Radio Committee for her untiring effort in this drive. She has done splendid work, and the whole City is proud of her.
Alfred Summer, seaman 2-c, stationed at Sampson, N. Y. He is the son of Olga of Boxing.

Tennessee Manxuners
Feb. 3, 1944
Dear Miss Owen:

Though I am out here in the woods when many a moonshiner and revenue agent have tangled in the past, and half the time, do not know where the mess truck is, or where the next meal is coming from—the good old fat guy just keeps on coming along to me. It's a great paper and all the half-baked and lousy of Sprague's who contribute their precious time towards meeting the deadline every time it goes to press know all the reason in the world to feel proud of their work.

Although many of the persons I read about are strangers to me, I can see by reading between the lines that the spirit that made Sprague's a good place and firm to be a part of, still functions as strongly as ever. That is one darn good reason this country has been undefeated for such a long span of years.

I miss the old times, bowling—dances—stags parties—and running a round through the departments and hallways of the Plant. And I know that all who left to serve their country feel the same way.

A little bit about the good old Yankee Division, to let you know how we are doing: As you probably know, we have a new C.O., Gen. Paul, a hard headed New Englander who took over last Fall to whip the Y.I., into combat shape,—and I see no reason why we can't—we will be on our way. We have some men here who talk often about it. I think much about the shop, for L. Dust in my hand while-

Sincerely,
Sgt. Lew Quinby

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Anthony Valatta, son of Pauline DiBona of Maintenance, and brother of James and Dominick, all of Brown Street.

Letters of Appreciation

17 February 1944
Dear Sir:

Forgive me for not thanking you sooner for the cigarettes. I received them some time ago. It's so nice to be remembered by friends we had to leave. My work here at the hospital is very interesting, needless to say, however, I do miss Sprague's. I have been receiving the Log regularly and it's like a breath of North Adams. I do appreciate it so.

Thank you all again for your kindness to me.

Sincerely,
Agnes Costello
From former Dispensary Nurse at Brown Street
Now at Bradley Field, Conn.

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Pvt. Edward Jaudeluz of Medical Corps in England. He is the brother of Pauline of Block Test.

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HE Joe:

I received the carton of cigarettes and was very pleased. I wish to express my sincere thanks. I sure would like to be up at Sprague's right now—and I don't mean maybe! Well, someday I'll be back along with many others. If you ever get the chance, say "Hello" to Mary Matthews and Art, to Specks DeGrenier, George Saunders and Jack Washburn, and also my brother Duane. Tell them that instead of Instrument Flying, like I'm supposed to do, I'm usually trying to explain points about Sprague condensers. We sure use a lot of them here. We have some men here who consider the name "Sprague" TOPS. Well, I'll be up there around March.

Until then,
Marshall King.

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A pleasant reunion was held in New Guinea momentarily when Corp. Wm. Roberts, son of Mrs. Madeline Kohute of Mica Finishing, and Sergeant Richard Lucier, U.S.A.M.C., son of Mrs. Helen Johnson, also of Mica Finishing, met while on route to an unknown destination!

Pvt. Norbert Miller, formerly of Block Test, has arrived safely in England.

Ronald Ballou has been promoted to Petty Officer 3-e Torpedoman, with a destroyer escort in the Atlantic fleet.

Pvt. Stewart V. George, U. S. Marine Corps, formerly of the Pating Bay, landed with the Marines on the Jap-infested island of Tarawa and helped win that victory.

Tech. 5th Grade John Fortini has arrived in England according to latest reports.

Donald E. Fitzgerald, son of Doris of B.T.A., has been transferred to Charleston, S. C.

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William R. Roberts—former business manager of Excel, now somewhere in the Pacific.

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Pvt. Harry J. Bontempi of Fitters, recently injured.

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Pfc. Charles E. B. Africa, Charlie for Charles Said, has been in many of the Pacific battles.

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* NEWS and VIEWS from *
In Battle of Tarawa

Co-workers of Pvt. Joseph Valotta are glad to learn that he has come through the terrific battle of Tarawa without mishap. He states in a letter received by his mother Mrs. Pauline DiLorenzo of Maintenance Dept., Brooklyn: ‘I am in the best of health, and alive and still kicking. The Tarawa battle is one I will never forget. . . .

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Pvt. Ralph Deen, brother of Gertrude of Filters and Lena of Mica.

William Dean — somewhere in Africa, brother of Margaret of Block Annex.

Gpl. Wm. Jandran, paratrooper in Italy. He is the brother of Pauline of Block Annex.

Cigarettes Will Be Tobacco In Next Two Shipments Of Sprague Cigarette Fund

Because of frequent requests of the boys in service, the Government has lifted the ban on tobacco for a short period. Therefore, in the next two shipments by the Sprague Cigarette Fund, tobacco will be sent instead of cigarettes. This tobacco will be sent in quarter lb. packages.

To date, the total number of cigarettes sent abroad amounts to 1,660,000, plus 2,000 quarter lb. boxes of tobacco. The number of countries to which these consignments have gone numbers 61, and the number of repeat shipments totals 14.

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Sprague Coach, Manager and 4 Players on Winning Team

In city amateur Basketball League, Academy Five leads Lincoln Aces.

Left to right: Mr. Fred Little, sponsor; Ralph Rolfe, manager; Gerald Hurley, Orson Turner; Coach Bernard Bullett; Willliis Wheelock; Paul Fitzpatrick; Capt. Al Bergegon and Bill Durcher.

Sports

By Ken Russell

Hello Sport fans!—As the bowling season comes down the homestretch again, we have several new points to bring you. And what not. . . .

Greylock is known between chickens, cows, Christmas trees and what not, Agnes will be glad to feed them. She does not fight with gun or knife, but she knows the meaning of peace, and strife.

The Payroll Department, the staff— and all your many, many friends. Johnnie, could it be a sign that hubby, John, is now a Staff Sergeant. We have never seen you once proud, but waiting again to hear about? In case anyone has a strange sound, the Merchant Marines. Best of luck, Johnnie.

My boy! I have loaned to Uncle Sam, and the breath of life you breathe, I'm Just a Little Man, You've Had a Hard Time. She is waiting for you, dear son, to hold you closely, she still yearns. Although you've grown to five feet, she smiles so proudly and says, "He's my boy."

She does not drive the trucks or tanks and the meaning of peace, and strife.

The Log will begin to get more and more news from our Front office reporter. She has new spees, and noth-thing new.

And by the way, "Meach," who is this " buddy" you were with all day? I predict a lot of fireworks this evening. I hope you are required to wear your company badge at all times. Keep 'em sailing, Vincent Pordoni—all the W.E. gang wish you oceans of luck. . . .

By Vi Short

Miss Minnie Hill to Mr. Robert H. Schieffelin, Alabama, on February 14. Minnie worked in the K.V.A. Dept. of the Dustie Bunting to Ensign Fred Frost, February 15 at Pensacola, Florida. Marjorie formerly worked in the Coast Department.

Miss Betty Fresola to Mr. Francis Rice, February 22 at St. Anthony's Bonny. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast and reception were held. Mr. Rice is employed in the Networks Department, and Mr. Rice, formerly of the U.S. Marines is a member of the Mechnical Drafting Department.

Dorothy Dupuy, formerly of Check Inspection, and Edward Mesler, formerly of Block Test were married January 30th in Boston.

Dry Test

By Vi Short

George Thebares deserves congratulations on his purchase of twelve war bonds on the last day of the Fourth Drive. Nice going, George; Buy Armstrong is a fine job on the return trip.

Phyllis Sheehan was quite a sensation with her new hair do.

W.E. Wright was pleased with his slogan award in last month's contest. Little Billy Pierce assisted his Dad in the Repair Department Test; and on this Sunday at the Mohawk Track.

Welcome back to Gregory Alcaro, February 15 at Pensacola, Florida. He is home on a 21 day furlough. Good luck, Johnnie.

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Song With Words
By Frances Carnarvon
When duty calls—all those daddies
Though parting hurts much more than they show—
Here, in the dawn, I look on your bed
Saying as many before me have said:
Dear little son of mine—
You look so sweet, lying there in your bed.
Your soldiers and teddybear close, while you shudder.
No fear for their safety, need your dreams encourner.
"Cause daddy is going to fight no more
There'll be no more war,
You won't have to worry— little son.
Dear little son of mine.
We wish the best of luck.
To our brave son, for a perm-
For a perm-
Checking Along With The Resistors
Winders—Second Chapter
By C. Corsi

We'd better work out Jacka Keating who has been spending the past three months with his husband in California.

Thank you Bill for mailing Kay's V-Mail every day, she really appreciates it.

Who's the girl who spends all her time to cally her husband, stalked, has she lost her letter forever?

Mary Grandis is willing to take her chances and cut her time when she goes to see her husband in the service, but she still has the problem of finding someone to care of her fires and water the plants. Anyone wanting the job, please contact Mary.

The girls from 4th A. say that Kay has finally recovered her health.

Mica Impregnation and More
By Mildred Jennings

Helene Scorne recently spent the week end in Springfield visiting Lilian Barbaile, former employee of Beaver Street Plant.

Several workers of Jessie Vallieres are working on an invention to equip her skin with fencing gear so the next time she takes a jump, there won't be any broken bones—Nevertheless, all express their deepest sympathy, not only for her broken ankle, but for the fact that she has to remain inactive for awhile (and that's for a job.)

Wanted in Mica Finishing
By Betty Borden

Kindly give all donations at Salvage depot corner of River and Holden Streets.

1. Gum with no "snap" for H. D. Art. Games were enjoyed, and after one glance at the refreshments, we promptly forgot our "figures" and set to with gusto. We are wondering just what the Candid Camera snaps will reveal. Helen Fonseca made a swell Photostats. The flying trip she made from the party to notochord Road and back revealed that, and how! Just what did the Indian blanket conceal, Helen? We were fooled by "Pete" Phillips, and "Terry" Gamier with us. It was just like old times.

Bill Berryerly, so busy these days, he didn't have time for even one little story—and, take it from me, that means he is busy.

Mary Kinsey has a new name for her dog, "Spot". Who will call it Mary?

Some little and Marion have had a very busy time of it lately. Never mind, little girls, days bound to come.

BE SURE TO REPORT ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS IF YOU WANT TO BE SURE OF GETTING YOUR 'LOG'!