Interests of "Ham" Operators Considered

The Radio Manufacturers Association has been interested in the work of radio amateurs for a long time, and at their meeting in late January, the Parts Division of this Association organized the Amateur Activities Section. The objectives of this new Section are to standardize equipment and parts, and to support legislation favorable to radio amateurs. The Section will act in full cooperation with the American Radio Relay League.

In addressing the Section, Mr. W. J. Haligan, president of Hallicrafters Company and recently appointed by Mr. R. C. Sprague, Chairman of the RMA Parts Division to head up this new activity, stated that radio amateurs participate in the only hobby known to require a government license, and their members represent a tremendous backlog of skilled personnel.

Outgrowth of Amateur Work

The broadcasting industry itself was an outgrowth of amateur operation. KDKA, the first broadcast station, was originally an amateur station belonging to an engineer of Western Union. The first broadcast listeners were amateurs—naturally, since no one else had any receiving equipment.

Also, many technical developments of the radio industry are the direct outgrowth of amateur work. Important examples:

1. Discovery of practical value of short waves.
2. Introduction of low-loss coils, etc.

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Presidents, Poets, Inventors, Editors and Generals

Names make news and it would almost seem that months make men. February, at least, has played a heavy role in American history. Take, for example, George Washington, "Father of His Country," and Abraham Lincoln, "The Great Emancipator." Men whose portraits may be found on the walls in the homes of humble citizens in almost every country in the world. To people abroad, and to us here, they stand for that never-ceasing, universal search for human freedom and political liberty.

Buffalo Bill and Horace Greeley

Other Presidents of the United States who were born in February are William Harrison and Millard Fillmore. General Tecumseh Sherman said what is now only too well known: "War is Hell!" Horace Greeley, famous newspaper editor, recently asked Mr. Louis Shuey of Application Engineering Department, his definition of a capacitor. He said the function of a capacitor in a radio circuit is much like the hairprong of a watch. This intrigued your editor, and so we asked Mr. Shuey if he would give us a story on the capacitor from the Engineer's point of view. Here it is. We are calling it Chapter I in a series of articles entitled "What Is a Capacitor?"

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Here Is The Room You Furnished

Look! Scrutinize closely the pictures of The Sprague Electric Music Room at the Lovell General Hospital, Fort Devens, Mass. Observe the furnishings of this room, which you and your good people, have made possible by your many contributions.

The Committee is very happy to be able to print and thereby show what the employees of the Sprague Electric Company have accomplished, and may well be proud of.

It is not necessary to say that many hours are spent and enjoyed by (Continued on page 4)

Can Radar Contact with Moon Be Applied to Home Radio?

The significance of the Signal Corps' recent contact with the moon by radar on January 10th, lies in the fact that this was the first time scientists could determine that a very high frequency radio wave, sent out from the earth, could penetrate the electrically charged atmosphere which encircles the earth 25 miles above the earth's surface and extends some 240 miles. Herefore, they had never projected radio waves

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The Music Room at Lovell General Hospital, completely furnished by Sprague employees—even to the Stromberg-Carlson radios.

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In the field of science and invention the name of Thomas Alva Edison stands pre-eminent, the "father of February to the American Nation," to use the words of a former president of the United States. Edison was born on February 11, 1847, and it is said that he was born in Late Murrytown, New Jersey, the son of a blacksmith who had been a soldier in the Civil War. He was the second child of his parents, and the youngest of his five children. His father was a farmer, and his mother was a teacher.

Edison was a child of the second month, and his parents were poor. His father died when he was a baby, and his mother was left to raise him alone. Edison was a sickly child, and his mother took him to doctors and hospitals, hoping to find a cure for his illness. But no cure was found, and Edison continued to suffer from a variety of ailments throughout his life.

Edison was a smart child, and he loved to read and learn. His mother taught him at home, and he was a good student. But he was also a mischievous child, and he often got into trouble. He was expelled from school several times, and he was even sent to prison for a short time.

Edison was a natural born inventor, and he loved to tinker with machinery. At the age of 12, he built his first telegraph, and he was soon selling it to local businesses. He also invented a number of other devices, including the electric battery, the phonograph, and the motion picture camera.

Edison was a prolific inventor, and he patented hundreds of inventions during his lifetime. He was a man of many talents, and he was a master of many trades. He was a writer, a musician, a sculptor, and an artist. He was also a great philanthropist, and he donated millions of dollars to charities and universities.

Edison was a man of great integrity, and he was known for his honesty and integrity. He was a man of great courage, and he was not afraid to take on difficult challenges. He was a man of great vision, and he was always looking for new ways to improve the world.

Edison was a man of many contradictions. He was both a genius and a charlatan, a man of great talent and a man of great weakness. But he was a man who left his mark on the world, and his legacy lives on to this day.

In conclusion, Thomas Alva Edison was a man of many talents and achievements. He was a great inventor, a great writer, a great musician, and a great philanthropist. He was a man of great integrity, a man of great courage, and a man of great vision. He was a man who left his mark on the world, and his legacy lives on to this day.
MOVING AROUND THE SPORTS WORLD WITH KENNY RUSSELL

Local Events
Skiing in Pittsfield - Joe Hahn won the Invitation High School Skiing meet at Pittsfield. The Berkshire School finished second and our local Drury High School, coached by Ken Clark, of the Berkshire faculty, came in third in the meet, the highest placing for the school in recent years.

Skiing - Pittsfield was the scene of some thrilling slaking events, run off at the Clapp Hill field. Miss Mary Mahone and Rachel Le Clair of the local skiing club acquired themselves well and both copped prizes in their respective divisions.

Retail Sales Dept.

by Carpenter, Bullett and Russell

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC VICTORY LOG

Sports

by Carpenter, Bullett and Russell

CAPTAINS

Captain Francis Sniecillo of Drury shakes hands with Everett Uni of St. Joe, before the contest.

Photo by Edward Marshall

Now, now, we are referring to skating - a sport for all ages. According to the Drafting Department shows how to make a perfect turn.

IMPRESSIVE RECORD FOR ST. ANTHONY'S

The St. Anthony's Crusaders, Notre Dame leading semi-pro team has completed an excellent record for winning 10 out of 12 contests. Their most notable triumph came a week ago when they defeated the Pittsfield Boys Club Alumni on the latter's home court by the score of 54-43. Georgia Champagne was the fair-haired boy in this tussle as he upset the nets with a beautiful set shot from outside with only 19 seconds of play remaining to win the game. He also fellows the score by pouring 19 points in the second half.

The Toronto "Black Bears" are the leading candidates for the Stanley Cup winners as they are at present occupied by the Detroit "Red Wings". These men are being seriously pressed by last year's Stanley Cup winners, the Toronto "Maple Leafs". But the present position of the New York "Rangers" brings up the cellar position.

By Blanche Prendergast

To Pick All Northern Berkshire Team
As has been our custom of the past several years, we again will pick our choices for the Mythical All-Northern Berkshire Basketball Team. To be published in next issue.

Basketball Jottings... The win-

nings of the Northern Berkshire league title will go to High School Invitational Tournament which will be held in Springfield during the early part of the season. It is representative to be either Drury or Adams, or both. Few fans however think that either of these schools will fare in tournament play as well as the latter team, which won all the way to the finals in the New England tourney before losing a heart breaking 39-20 decision to Hillhouse High of New Haven. There has been only two schools ever to win the Northern Berkshire title without suffering at least one defeat. One was the Drury team of 1941, and the other was the 1944-45 Adams High team. It has been quite some time since a St. Berk-shire school has turned the Berkshire throne away. Captain Everett Uni and his St. Joe's mates have completed their season. Uni, playing with a broken thumb, in the early part of the season, was back in the middle of the league competition which must be some kind of a record. Clarkie Dinneen and James Jones former St. Joe and Drury athletes made their debuts with the Norwich basketball team in the St. Mike's game. The latter team won, but Jones and Dinneen made it clear that they are serious possibilities for their respective schools in the final tourney play as well as the latter team. Our local Drury High team finished second and our local Drury High team defeated the Norwich club. Jones had 12 points, Roesen 5 blocked playing a stellar floor game. The famous Renaissance basketball team defeated the Drury team, 36-24. Tom Adams, Feb. 13th. The Rens put on a chess exhibition which delighted the fans for the better part of the evening. Incidentally this same Ren team was defeated twice by the Tony Celtics in games played at the Town Armory. You fans, who enjoy good basketball should take a trip to New York some Wednesday and see the club in action. It will be more than worth your trouble.

PERFECT FORM -

by Byrdie Bullett

Two Sprague doctors have the distinction of being able to give aid in an emergency case, since employees of this plant were typed for blood donations from the North Adams Hospital for persons to give blood for a particular type. Lieutenant Charles Hooper of Sprague, and George Lubben of Drafting Department returned a positive. A pint of blood was given by each of the fellows. Two other Sprague employees appeared in the emergency call, but since they had given blood quite recently, it was deemed wise not to call upon them.

We have two singers in our Depart- ment, the Retail Sales. Can the harmonies? Something that we all should hear is Doris Parson and Marian Rodman raising their sweet voices in "In a Little Spanish Town,"..."I shot a waltz at the river"...

by Little Iodine

Something to see is Alice Malloy and Blackie Palmer, and the boss, "Are you sure there aren't fitties in that box?" Yes, folks, you can count on it. If you are a grain, your boss won't be a 'just seller.'

ENGAGEMENTS

Mikkelsen - Podemski: The engagements of Miss Elizabeth Mikkelson of Lyndeboro, Long Island, N. Y., to Seanan I. Class Lou. J. Podemski, USNR has been announced. No date has been set for the wedding. Seanaan Podemski, formerly employed in the Impregnating Department, and our Safety Corner...Wedding bells will ring out in June at Miss Cyrilla Irene Chippon of the Barksdale Department and Edward H. Vards.

Myer - St. John; Miss Ruth T. Myer, formerly employed in the Department and "A friend...in need is a friend indeed."...That is why we call the Retail Sales Department and Edward H. Vardas.

By Blanche Prendergast: Engagement of Miss Josephine Wroblewski to Adam Porsch, has been announced. No date has been set for the wedding. Adam is employed in the Dry Forma-

tional Department.

Our Safety Corner

No Place Like Florida: for a Vaca-

tion, says Jimmy Knox, who has just returned from a grand tour down there.

Retail Sales Dept.

by Little Iodine

It's good to read about the entertainers back again — she is "still waiting for the train to come in", and as we all can see, the entertainment at the performance is the Rita Zanett appeared with a gleam in her eye -- which one was she. Rita -- number eight or ten? Her boy friends never seem to know names.

by Byrdie Bullett

Sprague Doctors Blood Donor Call

by Carpenter, Bullett and Russell

Keep Stairs Free From Obstructions
Recipe of the Month

Gertrude Hall of the Tubalor Assembly Department comes forth this month with a recipe for the folks who do not have to count their calories.

James F. Macine

Syrup

Syrup, with a cold water ice cream, is a favorite with the folks in the Tubalor Department. It's a great way to cool off on a hot summer day.

Susan Hill

Tubalor Assembly

By Gertrude Hall

But Blanchard, a neighborhood from her native state, called her first patient her dog. Both patient and Doc are doing nicely, thank you.

We have definite proof that Spring is really SPRING, as the 17th of April is a day when people notice that they can wear less clothes without feeling cold.

When you come in, eyes half closed and look for the time, that's the electricians plugging away, not a herd of cattle — only us gals trying to race the boys. In the evening, the carpenters hammering and pounding, you feel that way about you, Ralph. We hope you have a grand vacation and hope you have a good one.

Ralph Blanchard

To Ralph Blanchard

By Vi

We have a new job at Brown Street — we wish you all the best.

Barbara Brown

To Mr. and Mrs. James F. Mancine, whose daughter, Margaret (Peg) McCann, secretary to the Personnel Department, has been transferred to the Employment Office.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of the late John Murray, a former employee of the Factory, who was transferred to the Employment Office.

The guest of honor has been honorably discharged from the armed forces after serving forty-one months. Seventeen of which were with the 444th Bombardment Group, overseas.

Among the guests were other veterans, friends of Odda, and the family of the late James F. Mancine.
**BLOCK TEST TO PRODUCE A PLAY**

By Barbara King

When members of Block Test put on a play, I'm sure this is the way it will all end:

Her sister

Rose Harrington

swell seeing you, Arlene—you haven't

mentioned hers on February 17th Elizabeth

nounced.

Linda Brown

Our deepest sympathy is extended to

Charles in his death.

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