Sprague Electric Employees Take Active Part In City Government

Fred B. Windsor -- President of North Adams City Council

The new president of the North Adams city council for 1947 is Fred B. Windsor of the Sales Department, who is serving the second year of his first term on the council. He has already appointed the chairman of the eight standing committees and among them is the re-appointment of Robert S. Teeple as chairman of the Finance Committee.

Robert S. Teeple -- Reappointed Chairman of Finance Committee

Robert S. Teeple, Factory Manager, who established a line reputation in conducting the affairs of the Finance Committee during the past year, will continue his re-appointment as Chairman of this important committee.

Leo Lemoino -- Member of Claims and Salaries Committee

Another appointment of interest to Sprague employees was that of Foreman Leo Lemoino, to the Claims and Salaries Committee of which he formerly was the chairman.

Sprague employees may justly be proud that these fellow employees take such an active part in our civic affairs and give so much of their interest and effort to the service of our city.

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Sleet storms in January permit Mother Nature to decorate the woodlands in rainground of sparkling beauty.

OUTLOOK IN ELECTRICAL FIELD FOR 1947

CALLED OPTIMISTIC

Adequate Material Supply
And All-Out Production
Can Avert Depression

A survey completed last week and released for publication by the National Electrical Manufacturers Association shows that the majority of manufacturers believe that any depression or substantial recession in business can be avoided in 1947, although such a turn of events had earlier been predicted in several parts of the country. As pointed out by Mr. R. S. Edwards, president of the Association, the demand for heavy equipment is especially strong with "real" backlogs which should carry the manufacturers of apparatus well through 1947 at capacity production, but the optimistic outlook for 1947 could well be darkened by possible major labor disturbances and material shortages.

MATERIAL SHORTAGES STILL A PROBLEM

The survey showed that while shortages of raw materials constituted one of the principal factors in retarding 1946 production, the availability of copper, steel, lead, castings, nickel, cotton and plastics may show some improvement in 1947. It was also pointed out that man-hour production gains in 1946 had come chiefly from technological developments and improved machinery. This it was felt would continue in 1947, particularly if work stoppages occur which throw the economic machine out of balance, affect the supply of materials and component parts all along the line, and thus slow down the production of consumer goods and their appearance on retail store shelves. Such a situation would tend to keep consumer retail prices high and might well develop a real consumer buyers' strike which could bring about a depression.

COOPERATION 1947 KEYNOTE

The consensus of opinion, however, among the electrical manufacturers, is that a depression or even a temporary recession can be averted if labor and management cooperate to the fullest extent and thus permit the bright hopes now evident in the 1947 picture to dominate.

NATIONAL DEFENSE ALWAYS IMPORTANT
cause the American people have joined
the March of Dimes.

strike

What is known is that polio
will fall, but no one can pick out in advance
the communities which will be hit.

predictable maladies. No one knows
necessary for prosperity, every home-neighbor and every world-neighbor

"If we can he sure why it is that American wage earners and farmer.*
"For 20 years 1 have had a great personal interest in studying tht
-If people everywhere could understand and achieve the conditions
Anita Wojnicki, Mary Daniels, Emma Mutart, Erminia Sweeney and Eddie

Miss Evelyn R. Therrien has an-

The engagement of Miss Mary
Miss Ruth Jane Brown of the Pay-

The engagement of Miss Madeline
Miss Madeline Witherow and Mr. William

The engagement of Miss Jane Martin became the bride of Mr. Joseph

The engagement of Miss Madeline Witherow and Mr. William

The engagement of Miss Ethel Myrtle Collins was united in marriage to

The engagement of Miss Mary Alberta Zona to Mr. Henry Edward

The engagement of Miss Mary

Miss Elizabeth Collette; Robert Reardon of Day Test with Miss Ann Kearns of the Engineering Office; Chock

Vivacly of Stock and Receiving with Miss Virginia Peters; Miss Frances Pappas with Francis "Colly"

O'Brien of Sample Laboratory and Miss Loreta Segalla with Ted Macos of the Payroll Office.

By A. Horstall

The Upper Offices

By "De" and "Fla"
Welcome to the new member of the Upper Offices, Dick Stillman. Glad to have you with us, Dick. Another welcome to: The Time Study Department which has moved upstairs. Glad to see that empty space filled in by you folks, and of course, we miss the Leg person at the same time.

And wishing everyone a very pros-

F. P. Ovens

By Us All

Our Department accepted an in-

tion to a Christmas party at

in his version of "Monette"
(dare-I good, too); Helen O'Connell and Florence Clementi harmonizing Christmas cards (Congratulations, you two. It was good); and Evelyn Lambert sang "Silent Night". Period! Everyone left right after—but a good time was had by all.

The Ovens foreman, Charles Stuift was given a wrist watch, and we are pleased that you liked your gift, Charlie.

This part of the Poist family is still a bit young to work at Sprague's: Rita (10), Henry (8), Charles (5) and Sandra (3). Father Louis works in

Brown Street Maintenance, and sisters "Dolly" and Marceline in D.T.Q.; and brother Louis in Mice. Dlys.
Ovens

By “Dulcie” Abraham
Chevis Lambert’s Christmas present to Helen O’Connell was a beautiful diamond ring. Our best wishes to both of you.

We are happy to have Blanche Chavarry back with us after several weeks’ leave of absence.

A Christmas party was held at Morrissey’s for the Ovens Department. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Allan, William Sullivan, Austin Bogger, Beatrice Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Petitt, Don Breuner, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, Dave Trombley, Don Meria, Ed Clark, Florence Clement, Esther Volpi, John Ponsenius, Chas Lambert, Helen O’Connell, Charles Shipp and Lila Beekman.

We heard that Santa was very kind to Fred King who was presented with a 16 gauge radio. Have fun with it, Fred.

Boxing Dept. -- Night Shift

By Gladys Kirkpatrick
My brother-in-law, Mr. James Payton—what took Ernest Faustini’s lunch? Bill Roberts is an absent-minded fellow. We hope he is doing alright during the deer hunting season.

Charles Sherman went hunting and was quitefos about this one appearance, saw a rabbit and decided he might as well have the rabbit. And while Charles was chasing the chills in his gun, the rabbit decided to run down and wait for Charlie to shoot. --Mighty accommodating, wouldn’t you say?

Bob Buncher and Bill Roberts—two of a kind—Pile to the old.

And so until next edition—Farewell.

Tubular Assembly

By Gertrude Hall
I wish to thank everyone for their cooperation in making our Christmas luncheon something to be long remembered. Frank Mann, and all other employees who received gifts expressed appreciation. Frank displayed a good sense of humor when his grilling present turned out to be a pair of smugglers.

After the beaver holidays, we are settling back to our regular routine. Some of us feel a bit worse for wear and wear—but we had lots of fun.

Maud Wakoa spent an enjoyable Christmas vacation at the home of her mother-in-law in Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

Machine Shop

By Trombley, Walbridge and Remillard
Since these write-ups have appeared in the Log, you should see the admittance the boys display for another one. You can always get a helping hand from the men and guidance from the helpers. All disagreements are thrashed out and settled to suit the persons involved.

That the spirit of good fellowship prevalent in the Machine Shop is exemplified in the following Roy Magull, also plays taxi for some of the fellows. Fred refinined to accept money for their rides. To show their appreciation, the fellows presented Ray with a new met for his car. “Just a small way to say thanks to a swell guy!”

Tuffy” Rooman could have had all the money in the world, but would personally seal those silver dollars to those ever eluding—evne our “Department of Sanitation” was willing to sweep up twice in the same day.

Now train-caller for the Northern Narrow Gauge: “Bust Brained” Jerry Gangol.

Conversation Overheard:
“Boom Blown” Blammert: I was always taught in school to mind my own business.

Schuyler Down: Well, I can see your point of view, but I still did you much good.

Personalities

A weird extra notes for our “Hank” (Hank Haible) Hallmark. Our Andy Gigliotti is much sought after now as an after-dinner speaker. Our “Leo” received a beautiful bottle of apple orchard for Christmas. Our “Bubba” has lived in North Adams, Mass., and been with the Weak three weeks, and already wants to speak for him. His father was born in Florida.

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Dry Running

By Ann, "Shorty" and Ruth
Have you seen any little white buttons lying around? Well, return them to Art Mol lows—they popped off his shirt. Art, the proud father of two boys, now has a daughter, Diana Noel.

Some around the Department—With Gladys with a water gun—wet, isn’t it, girls?

Some of the new girls in the Machine Shop presents to their wife.

Flora McGlannan announced her engagement to Bob Bibb at Christmas dinner.

What’s this? Sprague’s is now a Bonnie Shoppe! Oh no, but Jeanette didn’t get to wash her hair last night, and Shirly did it at midnight for her.

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Sprague Electric Log

Bullett, Russell

Skating Championship Held in North Adams

The New England Skating Championship was conducted in North Adams at the new skating rink at Noel Field. There has been a little difficulty in organizing a competition, but hopefully this should be a minor adjustment. On the 12th of January (Sunday), the Grand Opening of the rink was made. An intricate plan has been developed by the Skating Club inasmuch. Murray Felix, that ever-energetic man of the Holidays, has been quite active, skating in Greylock, North Adams and Pittsfield. He certainly prays the Pittsfield scene will attract the business of the Berkshire people. The snow is over 1000 on the Common and neighboring hills. Louis would like to skate a little every day, instead of weekend only, as he feels that this form of exercise helps him in the game of tennis that he is learning. We wish everyone success in this sport.

Names or Nouns? russell only writes about ice fishing, but actually does it. On Sunday, January 5, he and George Scarpellini caught two nice specimens, and were rewarded with some fine pickerel. While out on this trip, they reported that the Berkshires would be all right, as far as snow was concerned. The latter follows the occurred in the former's catch!

19th century Tomatoes attended the Ice Castles in Boston the past week and reports that "it was a wonderful 21 hours of entertainment. They would like to congratulate the entire Sprague Log Gang "A Happy New Year." They do not have any other comments at this time."

Dancing

An Impression of Dancing by One Who Likes it

Dancing is a hobby to some—while to others it is a profession. For those who enjoy this pastime, it is a means of expressing the way they feel. Least of all, should we forget the messengers and their demand for jitterbugging and boogie woogie. They like to employ this modern, half-zeroid rhythmical movements of the body. There's nothing but better than that music and "cutting the rug" (and that isn't with a pair of scissors), do you dig me, my friend?

As for those who enjoy the more subtle dances, there are the old favorites, with two-tenantes and various others. These truly relax. In other words, they give the personality of a person, some grace, getting the right tempo, and feeling the rhythm and flow of the top dancer. Just imagine dancing to our favorite song with the right "some" and your hands in your pockets, mental feeling which sets our hearts a-flutter. As for any of this, there is no doubt there is no one who disagrees with me—or is there?

Pete Wright