Sprague Men Take Part in National Boy Scout Observance - Feb. 7-13

The "Traid" District of the Berkshire Council of The Boy Scouts of America observed Scout week by showing the residents of North Adams and Williamstown what scouting really is.

These are some window displays stressing many phases of Boy Scout work, such as window chucks on the theme of camping, and is designed and arranged by our own Bob Moore, Scoutmaster of Troop No. 42, and Harold Twitchell, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop No. 35. of which Bob Fairbanks is Troop Committee man.

Handicraft Displayed in Store Windows

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Thursday, February 13th will wind up Scout week activities with a District Court of Honor at Dreyer High School in North Adams.

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What Would Lincoln Say Today?

If Lincoln were alive today his thoughts would be profound, his words simple and direct.

He would tell us it takes time to reach great goals. The great Emancipator would observe that much progress has been made since his famous proclamation, but he would say that much remains to be done, not only for the people he set free, but for other racial, religious and social groups.

The martyred President would see that we are living in a new age, but he would say that although progress means change, not all change means progress. He would say that we must learn to use our high place of leadership among the nations with wisdom, firmness and prudence—without once surrendering our basic principles of liberty and justice for all.

We believe Lincoln would remind us in no uncertain terms of the imminently higher standard of living we enjoy in America. We believe he would earnestly urge us to see to it that neither internal strife nor the scheming of foreign politicians destroy this high standard. And finally we believe that Abraham Lincoln would say today that employee and employer should strive together to secure that full production and that maximum efficiency on which our high standard of living and our individual well-being depend—so that we demonstrate to the world the true meaning of Democracy...and so that government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth!

Did You Know That . . .

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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter!"

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Inventive Genius - Benefactor of Mankind

February 11, 1947 brings us the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Thomas Alva Edison, whose greatest fame is usually associated with the incandescent lamp. But the invention was only one of thousands that he perfected during his long and active life. To him many of the industries today owe their beginning. It has been said that one out of every nine persons in the United States is engaged in a business which Edison helped to make possible.

Edison was more than a great scientist and great inventor. He was a great American. Let us pay tribute this year to Thomas Alva Edison on the one hundredth anniversary of his birth. Let us pay honor—not only to an inventive genius, but to a benefactor of his country and of all mankind.

In his last public utterance on June 11, 1931 Mr. Edison said:


Ye Country Editor Says:

"Profits make jobs you can count on..."

As I see it, you can't expect folks to keep meeting payrolls very long if they can't come out with a profit at the end of the year. I mean enough profits to make sure a concern can keep going on ahead. Anyway you figure it, high costs and high taxes and tough competition will keep profits from getting over big. But without real profits a company would soon be without real jobs...On the other hand, when a company is making money a man or woman can be pretty sure that their jobs...or better ones...will be there this year, next year and the year after—and that goes for Sprague Electric...It seems to me there's nothing more important to the prosperity and security of men and women than to have their company earn a reasonable profit year after year...and as long as that is true at Sprague's...then a Sprague job will continue to be a good job to have...and hold onto..."
Sugar Saving Recipes

Just reach for that bottle of corn syrup! It can be the sole sweetener or the base for an elegant frosting or the xylem for many recipes. It can be the sole sweetener for an iced tea that's never been good eating.

Deep Dish Cherry Pie

1 cup (2 sticks) butter
1 cup margarine
1 cup sugar
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups fresh or canned cherries
2 teaspoons almond extract
2 teaspoons lemon juice
2 teaspoons corn syrup
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9-inch deep dish pie plate with pastry. Stir together flour, salt, and baking powder. Cut in butter and margarine with a pastry blender until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add sugar. Stir in milk, lemon juice, and lemon peel. Add cherries and almond extract. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown.

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Camera Conquest At Sunset

The cameraman submitted this silhouette with a show-stopping backdrop of sky clouds. Profiling against them is a spool of electrical cable, swinging out to put another link in a nation's power networks.
Main Office Memos  
By Wailshum

Joan Bryce is getting up in the world. She recently gave a speech (a one-minute one) at a Scottish banquet. (Ask her girl whom she met.)

Doris Sanford was presented with a watch by her co-workers when she left us. We hope you like your new work, Doris.

Ruth Tavelli seems excited this week. Could it be that she was fortunate enough to find an apartment? 

With her store near one of the most discussed subjects is style. It seems that everyone is saying, "What should I buy for Easter this year?" Never mind girls, there's plenty of time yet to worry about Easter Parade.

Edwarz Morin, nephew of Julia Morin of P.A.A. Department and Illiam Cola of A.C. Line.

Births

Sue — Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Filanita are the parents of a son born January 80. "Bill" is employed in Maintenance, and mother is Alice, of the Dry Test Department.

Sue — Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Eaton are the parents of a son born January 2nd at Pilfield. The father is employed in the Machine Shop.

Sue — Mr. and Mrs. William N. Falcon are the parents of a son born December 24th. "Bill" is employed in the Brown Street Maintenance Department.

Sue — A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Chiquet recently. "Carrie" was formerly employed in the Resistor Department.

 Daughter — Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers are the parents of a daughter born January 18, 1947. The mother is the former Ruth Gilbert of R.T.A.

 Daughter — Mr. and Mrs. William Varozzi are the parents of a daughter born January 38. The proud father is "Bill" of the lunch room.

 Daughter — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Green at Plunkett Memorial Hospital, a daughter, Patti Lynn, January 22. Mrs. Green is the former Alice Puppo of the Mira Laboratory.

 Daughter — Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ross are the parents of a daughter born January 27. The mother is Rita, of the Boxing Department.

A. C. Line  
By Lena Vicari

Attention! Elaine Torrins needs a recipe on how to hard boil an egg.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Pizano on their new restaurant. Alice invites us all to stop in and buy a cup of hot dogs.

Our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Andrews, our newly-weds.

Hey, Lil Colo, what's this we hear about you're buying a taxiderm?

Did you wear her out, Larry Bergeron, since taking dancing lessons?

Speedy recovery to Jennie Chaffins from her recent operation.

Della Krol must like her new job — she seems to be wearing her fingers down to the bone.

Congratulations, Bill Mahoney, on your recent appointment.

A little "Christmas", perhaps, but we think it’s a sweetheart of a picture. Maureen Messier, daughter of Mary, of P.A.A. Rolling.

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Dresden doll... Yvonne Ross of
found in the many black and blue
southern miss), has set many of us
gel her with pictures of Florida beaches,
sonic of the younger crowd. A good
one to be treasured—

Joe Zona wasn't so generous with his
artment get to work or to dinner if

Dear Dick Kelly — all day long he
Mary did. “Open the door, Richard.”

The boys of the Dep-
artment get to work or to dinner if
Joe Zona wasn't so generous with his

By Rose Morei

FLASH — Interested in hiring a
woodsman, see Jerry La Roche -

Reasonable rates.

"black wagon."

Rumors are flying. June Bunting

When low in spirit, see Wayne

An ice-skating party was held by
A get-well wish for Lorraine Marceau
A blue ribbon to Grace McConnell

Since Lillian Forbush has had her

"Cob" DeGrenier and Johnny W. . .

"Lil" Trombley at her home, a nice

The “Invite Yourself Club” was
entertained at the homes of Betty
over a year, says his sister

By Dukie Abraham

Johnny Crockset, S/1 spent a

Johnny Kelly for Schenectady

Mr. and Mrs. "Hype"

Lambert — you're

Yo-yo Connie

"Brownie" Lussier. . who seems to be

Esther Vitro. (Is it true, “Patsy"

The basketball team is coming right

It even surprises Mary! !)" But you

A supper party was attended by
A birthday party was held in honor
A newsletter presented Roma Sacco and Roseann
Laughter and Lena Solomon. They

So far, everything has been

This game, girls, was just a

Best of luck to Eric Hannaleck who

We're happy to learn of the arrival

She might have posed for a

Ovens -- Night Shift

Johnny Crockset, S/1 spent a

Billy Kelly started for Schenectady

Ovens -- Day Shift

By Dukie Almsham

A collection was taken up in one

That inoperable tososome has brok-

If you do "Fio" Kondej’s eyes

It's a little ahead of schedule, but

Did you know that on September 11, 1938, Francine (Tunk) Wilson of
Williamstown took first place in jumping class on outside course, and
placed in every event he entered at a horse show in Williamstown? The
horse was owned by his father, Charlie Wilson.
SHIPPING and Carton Stock
By The Gold-Best Twists

So long to Dick Durkee who left the office. Good luck, Dick, we will all miss you.

Franck's "Banjo" Gunn was recently joined by "Cherry" King, one of our favorite songs. Bobby Knox is now coming from in front of school. Dancing in shady and with spirit. And, when Phili says "Oh, my goad, all these shipments!! I will be here several weeks. Don't tell me that. "Knox replies: "Harry, I want you to get out of this."
The boys are now weighing up goods and showing the weights, the figures, the music is playing, the Model Room is making all kind of experiments with various motors, and the telephone keeps ringing. All this work takes us up to 3:00 when this ends a day in the Shipping Room.

W.E. Rollers and Stitches
By Lucinda Stewer

Congratulations, "Red" Garner, on the arrival of her baby daughter, "Red". Brought in chocolates for the girls, and cigars for the men in the office.

Our girls are still raging about their Christmas presents — Celia Joseph and Annabel got a beautiful wrist watch from "the boy friend"; Frances Goodman — her sweet heart ring and chain; Nola — a lovely pearl necklace and all of us enjoyed the chocolates and cigars given us by "Poiley" King. Good luck to Joe, Cullibor, who will study at a trade school in New York.

Mary Volpi — we are still looking for that " showteller" promised.

Our sympathy in Elinor Combs for her recent bereavements.

Congratulations, John Sutro from this department, too.

Maintenance
By C. Lunn

HUSH! HUSH! Our Canary of the Carpenter Shop (Roy "Studly" Campbell) sang more than he sings clipped. I wonder why?
Bill Falmans of the Plumbers' Gang is the proud father of a baby daughter.
 Glad to welcome Henry Richard from Chicago.
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Bill Mathers, formerly of the Painting Crew, has his ups and downs. (He just ran the elevator in Building No. 15.)

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Nadir Myliss

Singing About Our Department: Phyllis Curran — Don't wait too long.
Doris Doris — Five minutes more. Do the Regular — Come on.
Leila H. — Visit the leading Southern snow.
Lulu Belle — Life run be beautiful.
Mary Bury — You got me keeping it confidential.
Agnes Fitzgerald — Tailoring the blues.
Joe Colby — Don't let me turn your back on me.
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Pauline Marie — Along the "greenh" blues.
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Somehow in shamblesland ("Miss in the next issue, folks.")

SPORTS.
Down The Alleys...

"It's howling forms like those that make the old pins fall — and Caesar Magnagola (at book), Peter Krzeminski and John Tomlin demonstrate their particular methods. Watch those curves, "Joe."

Silver Skates '47 Derby Held in Boston

Northern Berkshire Winners
Bring Home Honors

While sport fans were leaving the larger cities in New England and taking special sport trains to the Berkshire section for skiing, our local skaters were leaving Boston, in the first heat at Boston, in the largest skiing derby ever held in Boston Garden. Some $4,000 thrilled fans sat out a colorful afternoon of amateur and pro figure-skating, and came away with glowing accounts of this annual event.

Many of the fans were unable to get into the Garden, and it is a known fact that if accommodations could be sent both local kids into the finals would have witnessed this event.

North Adams Skating Club Participates
North Adams Skating Club went down by train and found that upon their arrival, several events scheduled, were under way. And because of their late arrival at Boston, the event in which Louis Felix was to have participated was already under way. This was a "rotten shame", but with all events scheduled there could be no high in the proceedings. Moreover, the troupe from the Berkshires did not feel too badly as several members forth to "the Girls' Juvenile Race, Rachel Leclair of North Adams won the first heat and the third heat in this race. In the Girls' Midget Race, Nancy Vinier of Fitchfield won both heats and was in the final to become the 1947 Derby Champion of the Girls' Midget Division. In the Boys' Intermediate Race, Leo Patenaude of North Adams placed in the first heat, but was out of the running in the finals.

Local Lads In Fitchfield Heat

In the Boys' Juvenile Race, Robert Rosa of North Adams came in second in the first heat, but was out of the running in the finals. In the Boys' Midget Race, two locals youngsters did themselves proud. Norman Blair and Carl Perry. These boys didn't put a heat, Bobby Dunn came in second on his first run, Norman Blair finished second. This moved both lads into semi-finals which consisted of two heats. In the first heat, Blair came in third, the second heat, Blair was second and in the next heat, Bobby Dunn was also runner-up. This was an eventful day for these lads, and they have a bright future in the future.

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