INTER-PLANT SOFTBALL OFF TO BANNER START

Flag Day -- June 14

Here is our favorite picture of Old Glory waving triumphantly over the Nation's Capital.

How To Treat Father On Father's Day

Don't wake him up with a raucous " — BREAKFAST — READY!"

Bring it upstairs and tiptoe out!

Give him a LARGE glass of orange juice and TWO humps of ice.

Let him have the shower when he wants it — not before or after the hot water is used up.

Wait until Monday to tell him about that leak in the roof.

Let him wear his (*) slippers and bathrobe ALL DAY LONG — if he wishes.

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MACHINE SHOP AND BROWN ST. MAINTENANCE OUT IN FRONT

Ten Sprague Inter-plant softball teams have taken the lid off the summer softball slug-fest, and the season is off to a whirlwind start in spite of the rainy weather. More than 200 Sprague employees are actively participating and many more are interested spectators. 3-5 games are scheduled every week and interest is at a fever-pitch.

by Bernie Bulletin

With President R. C. Sprague throwing out the first pitch, the Sprague Electric Inter-plant Softball League got off to a banner start on the night of May 30th, when the Machine Shop and Can Shop tangled with the former winning 28-23. Judging from the final score, it is the correspondent's observation that perhaps Mr. Sprague should have kept right on pitching! Immediately following this game, it was necessary to buy a new home plate as the one used in the game was worn out by the 31 runs which were chased across the plate.

Getting over too many serious veins, the League has uncovered a few old timers who have set the pace for the younger players. Jack Waddick had a triple and home in successive games; Harold Haffman, a game winning three; and Ted Dolan against the Office; Ted Dinkin came through with four hits for the Can Shop; Audrey Brown unloaded a couple of bumpers in the Machine Shop's annihilating of the Can Shop (incidentally just nine years ago, Brownie was one of the best outfielders in the city, while playing with the crack Incurvation Baseball Team). The above mentioned individual efforts are but a few of the many fine performances that have cropped up thus far in the new League.

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At Radio Parts Show In Chicago

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC LOG

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Twice within thirty years, because we tried to live among the family of nations with inadequate defenses, we were ruthlessly attacked. Mankind has not yet come to that stage of civilization where survival of the fittest, elimination of the helpless, is not a ruling force.

At adequate Naval Reserve does not create a threat to peace. Rather, it becomes an insurance for that peace. And America will not be attacked, as we have been attacked in the past, if we try to live among the family of nations with inadequate defenses, we

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“Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter.”

U.S. Naval Reserve Seeks Additional Members

The Naval Reserve now needs each man upon its rolls. Men who are, and want to remain, civilians, but also want to keep in touch with the Navy and want to take advantage of the educational opportunities, and the social life of the Naval Reserve.

There are Naval Reserve Training Centers in many localities and more are being built or planned. The Centers are not for recruitment. They provide training in almost every phase of the Navy. Radar, sonar, radio, and electronics will be taught. Military maneuvers, fire control, damage control, and even the soft problem of stress attack problems are studied in weekly courses.

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC LOOT

Suggestion Award Winner

John Fable of the PAA Rolling Department, has given us the following:

John has been in some rather hard pulling, and naturally known a lot about that process. John went into the U. S. Army in 1942, was discharged from service in December of 1945; and has not been in touch with Sprague Electric, until now. John is now in the PAA Rolling Department at the Brown Street Plant, ever since.

Berkshire Orchestra Leader On Tour

Professor Lenox Colman, music Director of Berkshire Music Center, will lead the Berkshire Music Center Orchestra on a tour of the United States in the near future. The orchestra will give concerts in some of the larger cities of the West during the month of March. The tour will be a great help to the orchestra, as it will enable them to reach a wider public.

Never Mind The Weather!

After some of the special Spring days that we have had here in North Adams during the last two months, a fine day is really something pretty special. However, in spite of the weather, we have plenty to be happy about. How would you like to live in England and read this advertisement in your daily paper?

Britain’s New Slogan

“We are the people of Britain. Together we must face the fact that we have been attacked in the past, if we try to live among the family of nations with inadequate defenses, we

Do You Know

The Meaning Of These Words

Engagements

Miss Rose Moresi of the F. P. Drys, whose wedding to the Right of Readbooks has been announced, will be married June 26 at St. Anthony’s church.

Miss June Bordwin of the Main Office has announced her engagement to Clifford Morse of Stockroom, Marshall Street. No wedding date has been set.

Miss Joan Mary Lewitt of the Sales Office has announced her engagement to John W. Nason. No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Claire Anderson of the Paper Office has announced her engagement to Jack Smith. Miss Anderson has announced her engagement to Mr. Smith. No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Mary Lown of the Sales Office has announced her engagement to Michael O’Hara of the Sales Office. No date has been set for the wedding.

Here are some more words, having to do with electricity and electronics. This winds up the alphabet—but we may think of a few more.

Unit

Wavelength

Universal

Wax

Valence

Wire

Value

Wireless

Voltage

N x-ray

Watt

--- V e Country Editor

You’ve Got to Plow Back!

you can’t take ALL the goodness out of the soil and expect to grow those raising bumper crops. You have to plow back some closer, millet, rye or other fresh growth so as to keep the soil healthy and fit to produce new and better crops.

That’s the way it is in business, too. You have to manage so that after all your other necessary heavy expenses and taxes you still have money to plow back for machinery, tools, buildings, improvements in your plants and products. If you don’t allow for these operating and capital expenditures your business will soon dry up. It has to have nourishment and cultivation the same as the soil.

Yes, sir, it’s been the American Way ever since the early settler days. If you are going to produce products that can meet the competition of price and the competition of quality—you’ve got to plow back!

--- Ye Country Editor

of ALL the Country—All the Way from North Adams, Mass. to San Diego, Cal.,
Wedding Bells

Mr. and Mrs. Americo Zerneri, married May 19th at St. Stanislaus church. The bride is the former Stacia Prejsnar of Boxing Department.

Benedetti - Paradise — Miss Lois Catherine Paradise became the bride of Raymond Beneck, May 10th at St. Stans church. The bride is employed in the Sales Department.

Dupree - Dupree — Miss Lucine Dupree was married to Ernest Michel Dupee, May 10th at St. Mary's church, Champlain, N. Y. The groom is employed in the Wire Coaling Department.

Williams - Goumas — Miss Mary Goumas of the same Department became the bride of Ernest Williams, June 14th at St. Anthony's church. The young couple were married at St. Francis church, on May 19th.

Michael Garami ready to breeze a fast one over the plate. He is the two and a half year old son of Jerry, of the Machine Shop.

Maintenance

By Little Lady

Warning to John Russ and Tony Woloksi: Better stop making a play for the same girl — one of you may get hurt.

George Goddy forgot his food choppers the other A.M., but Art Carone came to the rescue and speeded George back home to get them.

At Cardinal spent Memorial week end in Connecticut.

Approaching Marriages

Tony Woloksi is waiting for the week of July 4th. “Watch (Loves) Sutherland is waiting for the tenant living in his vacate to see he can tie the knot; and John Rossi is waiting for a girl to say “Yes.”

Charlie Dem has all the necessary (car, books, grapples and so forth) to make another try at salvaging his boat which was sunk last year and lies at the bottom of Barfie’s Pond. We hope you succeed before summer is over. (Incidentally, we wonder if Charlie will plant potatoes this year. Oh, my aching back! And Charlie Woloksi should get his alarm clock ready for that event.)

For the last several weeks, Matthew (Casey) Brady has gone fishing, but his catch so far, has been minnows. What do you care, Casey, you can almost always catch a minnow!

Although Bertha Descoteau, our greeter, has gone fishing, yet, her catch so far, has been minnows. What do you care, Casey, you can almost always catch a minnow!

Undoubtedly the slowest thing moving in molasses. A small cupful requires 3 minutes, 41 seconds to travel a foot, compared with 4 seconds for water, milk or kerosene. The check was made with the “Viscosimeter” pictured here. It was designed by an electrical manufacturing company for research work with gums, oils, paints, enamels, rubber, etc. The time required for the liquid to flow from the small incolp cup provides a measure of its viscosity or resistance to flow.
Machine Shop
By John Walsh

It was noticeable that quite a number of the boys came to work, following the first softball games, complaining of all kinds of aches and pains. Without a doubt, fishing too long too take it?

John's attention to Frant Remillred on being a proud papa. (All the babies: popped right off his shirt.) And the equally proud mother is the former Shirley Legere, of the Can Shop. Bill Schink and "Packo." Little spent the week end fishing in Vermont, where they caught plenty of fish as they claimed.

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Formation Dept.

By J. Shea

Bill Davis has returned from his honeymoon, which is looking fine. Says he would look even better if he could only finish decorating the new apartment.

Lousie Pedernine and wife spent the long week end over the holiday in Lebanon, N. H. He was much impressed by the beautiful Eagles Home there. Louise recently was initiated into the local Alcy.

Since Franklin "Sonny" Williams was married, recently, single men are hard to find in the Department, and of the few left, most of them are engaged. Also, the only free and unencumbered eligible bachelor, Valence "Jim" Pincunatt has been making many phone calls concerning weddings!!

Betty Bogin won our pool again—to the tune of twenty bucks, and had a good time up in the Department. What Against? Betty makes a practice of winning the "pay-day" pool.

FLASH—Louise Haley intends to spend these nice summer evenings sitting on her front porch enjoying the fresh air.

Joe Pevold has invented a new system for playing the horses—come on. Joe, give the fellows a break and let them in on a "good thing."

A stag party was held at the Clark's bedroom at the headquarters for Sonny Williams who became a married man on June 7. The boys, George Senecal, and Marie of Ceremonies and presented "Sonny" with a purse of money.

A chicken and "good thing." Arranged for with a purse of money.

Several of our co-workers can tell some of the biggest fish stories going—In fact, he does so well that he actually believes himself—Don't you, Jack Sullivan?

What’s the matter with the anglers in the Office?

Dry Rolling

By "Shorty", Carr and Ruth

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The Department extends sincere sympathy to Geraldine Bedard on the loss of her brother.

Congratulations to Mrs. Darling and the best of luck to her new son. Our pity to poor John who frowns at household chores—but what a house wife she’ll make with all this experience.

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Maureen spent a few days in the Adairkins recently.

Joe Davis is quite a fisherman—be caused a trout 18 inches long—but had him tell you about the 17 inch one that got away?

The weather will be gorgeous, this summer, we fear, since Williams College is closed and it won’t be back in action for another 6 weeks.

We were sorry to see you leave, Gert Devy, as our check inspector, but we welcome Marie Del Pantoro as our new inspector.

Why has it taken Millie Clifton so long to bring in that cheese cake? Does she have to wait until her little brothers takes it for her?

Centrifuge

By Walt O’Dell

Harvey Valliere is going in training for boxing. Hear you are doing a little boxing on the side—but aren’t you too old for that sport, Harvey?

We know you are driving a cab, Buddie, but it’s not necessary to yell: "Do you want a taxi?"

One of our co-workers can tell some of the biggest fish stories going—In fact, he does so well that he actually believes himself—Don’t you, Jack Sullivan?

Look’s as though the fellow with the "samsonite" case has asked our advice about "Dazz, dust everything...", we right, Oliver?

What Happen’d If: Ernie Fouts—didn’t dress.

Jesse Sullivan—could tell us how to order Lawrence Weld—weren’t so sly.

Harry Embly—didn’t chew.


Equipment Specs

By Hazel Goodale

Greetings to Mrs. Bourdon. We’re glad to see you back from your honeymoon looking so happy. How goes the household-keeping, Jeanette?

We extend a welcome to Bill Newcome who comes to this Department from the F.P. Line. We hope you like the change, Bill.

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SPORTS

Official Entry in LOG Fishing Contest
Kenny Russell has submitted a horned bullhead as an entry in the LOG Fishing Contest. This bullhead was caught at South Pond on May 24th. It measured 12 and 1/4 inches long and weighed 11 ounces. Kenny uses a night crawler for lure.

Inter-Plant Softball Ringing the Bell for Interest and Excitement

The hardest working individual in this new league, Tank Wilson, the Athletic Director, has scheduled all the games, lined the fields, carried the bases and lams to and from the field, and also has supervised the general running of the League. Tank has many excellent assistants, foremost of whom is Mike Pierce who supervised and latched the lacrosse goal and the new field with the help of Charlie Eean and others. All in all, the whole League is going over great and has trained most of a month with a goal in mind and that gives his ballplayers a good target to throw at. We'll have more information for you later.

More Marshall Music

(Continued from page 5)

Right in the glare for Wotsp Rogerski, that time...how about it, Cliff Domarribhni?

FISH TALK

by Ken Russell

With weather conditions as they have been, fishing has been good. “Doc” Estes has again caught one of those oddities—a “bell-bender,” a fish about 12 inches long with red and black feather-like dusters along its sides. The Hudson river seems to be the home of this unusual looking creature.

SAY, fellow anglers, did you know that Drury has returned and Drury soundly trounced his arch-rival—Adams—by shut-outs both days. Hank Serre twirled a brilliant complete game, the first time he has limited the Mother-team to only one hit.

So far this season, the Cornish Wire Works in the Etch house at Marshall Street has been the big winner of the season, having won all of its games and the Inter-Plant Softball League is going over great. Thanks to Charlie Dean and others. All in all, the League is going over great and has trained most of a month with a goal in mind and that gives his ballplayers a good target to throw at. We'll have more information for you later.

Notes on the Softball Teams

On the evening of May 29, I went over to the Sprague cafeteria and saw Blackington and watched the Foremen and Can Shop teams play a game. On the following night I was at the “Big Three” from Building No. 13 playing softball in the Big Three area and when I saw Perley King take his place at first base, I knew that he had no intention of quitting and that we would have a good game.

Inter-Plant Softball Highlights

Did you ever see Joe El Maglione play center field? Not if the next time the office team plays, a look at Bill Varesco, that centerfielder who always has “TKD” on his badge. No one can make those sparkle in center field and it’s the “great Joe”, playing the way for the office’s victory over the B.A.A. and the Sprague Foremen.

Varesco also found time to throw the ball, and we hope that in the near future, he’ll have more time to show you proof of his fishing ability to beat most of our fellow male anglers. (We’ll have more about him later.)

Looking like Frank Morandini flattered that one out!

Baseball Chatter

The Greycliff nine is definitely top class in the Northern Berkshire Twilight League even though the Crusaders have yet to beaten. The team from the west end is well balanced and will be a tough club to defeat. Congratulations to the Sprague’s “Big Three” from Building No. 13 playing softball in the Big Three area and when I saw Perley King take his place at first base, I knew that he had no intention of quitting and that we would have a good game.

T.D. & Rollers

(Former W. E. Rollers)

Due to the fact that we have lost our former reporter, I will make an effort to take their place until a new one is found. Do ask Tony Morino about those square circles he came across while fishing.

Phyllis King, in finding puddles in her chair, claims it’s highly uncomfortable besides being accused of going back to daytrips.

Perley King took a week’s vacation but refuses to say why. Has the glow in his eyes anything to do with it?

Joe Lipa and “Silver” Legere have been too quiet recently. (Too bad the Goodale case came to an end and there are no more discussions.)

Sorry to have Lexel Noel leave us, but we wish you good luck in Arizona.

Better not have so many of those “Palomino”s at one time, Annia Wolpuch, or you’ll be a nervous wreck! (Now why can’t Yours Truly find a man like that?)

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The Brown Street boys wish to go on record as issuing a challenge to all horseshoe players. They will take on the P.A.M. For contact—check with either Charlie Dean or Orrie Roy.