WHAT DOES AMERICANISM MEAN TO YOU?

Can You Explain What You Mean By The American Way?

Ask anybody in North Adams and the Northern Berkshires what is meant by AMERICANISM. You may get a somewhat different answer from each person you ask, but back of the words will be that same basic meaning. Here you don’t have to explain AMERICANISM and what it stands for, because North Adams and the Northern Berkshires demonstrated it completely during the last war.

In the timberlands of Wisconsin fifty years ago, the people were still pioneering woodsmen. As the timberlands were cut over, they built homes, churches, and schools, and out there today is a small college which started as an academy. Practically every graduate has worked his way 100 per cent. For years the new students would enter the freshman class with $3.00 or less in their pockets. Today hundreds of these students have become important men and women in every walk of life. They got their education the hard way. They built their homes the hard way. They served their country the hard way, the American Way.

One of these graduates, who served on General Eisenhower’s staff, delivered the principal address at this small college last June. After describing Europe as he had seen it during the war and since the war, he described his more recent experience in Russia where he talked with people of all types. He said “I could talk until midnight telling you about Russia and its grim, uncompromising life. Things we in America take for granted—the movies, taxis, a seat on the train, 5 and 10 cent meals—people there in Russia have no concept of such things.”

RECALLING POND MEMORIES FOR THE MACHINE SHOP

WELCOME TO ... WILLIAM M. ADAMS

We are glad to welcome William McMillan Adams to the staff of the Sprague Electric Company. Mr. Adams will be in charge of export activities. Formerly associated with the United States Rubber Company, a former president of the New York Triangle Safety Glass Company and previously managing director of Fortum & Mason, New York, an off-shoot of the famous London store of the same name, Mr. Adams has had a distinguished military as well as business career.

He was born in Paris of American parents and was educated at Eton College and Cambridge university in England where he majored in mechanical engineering. One of the 500 survivors of the torpedoing of the Lusitania in which 1,500 lives were lost during the early days of World War I, Mr. Adams later served in France with the American army Signal corps and during the early days of World War I

Socha's Saga Highlights “One World”

Born in the States, Served in Polish Army and Marries English Girl

Bronislaus Socha employed in the Improving Department of Industrial Oil is a fine example of friendly international relations. Of Polish extraction, Bronislaus is an American born. His mother died while he was an infant and as a baby, he was sent back to Poland to be brought up by his grandparents. Here he received his schooling. These wise grandparents, sensing that there would be a world-wide conflict, insisted that Bronislaus come back to America. He returned to Adams and without a job, first joined the C.C.C., then later entered the employ of the Sprague Electric Company in 1941. He had been with us but three months, when he felt that his duty was to aid Poland and went to Canada to join the Free Polish army. He was shipped over seas in the full of 44 and served with this contingent seven months.

Transferred to U. S. Army

Because this could not speak Polish he transferred to the regular Polish army and spent the next two years with this group. Meanwhile the United States entered the war — and when the bomb’s name came up in the draft, and

The Machine Shop gang as they appeared in 1937, was the nucleus of the present Shop — a swell crowd, then and now. Center three; James Martin of Detroit is the son of Charles of Maintenance; Dominic Scerbo of Pittsfield; Schuyler Dean (barely visible); Hill Landry, now in St. Louis; Herbert Clark in Maine; John Murray Sr., deceased (John Murray Jr. now works in the Machine Shop); Silverl Martin; Charles McCann (Vocational Director at Derry); Harry Cassidy; William Bello; Thomas Francies; and foreman T. J. Roodean, present head of Machine Shop. A.B. Lindquist, present foreman, was absent when snapshot was taken.
MEANING OF AMERICANISM

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"Our safety corner"... BULLETIN and RUSSELL

The Inter-Plant Softball League will wind up its first competitive season with the staging of an elimination tournament, starting July 25th and with the final game scheduled for August 25th. The following games will be played, with all games starting at 6:00 P.M. at the Sprague electric field in Blackinton. Post-season game victories in their respective brackets are the

WHAT?!

No Bathing Beauties

Here is it, the height of the summer and vacation season, and no pictures of dusting beauties have come to the Leagle.—And Sprague girls can top that any day. What to do? What to do!... We must have something until the Leagle can be cooled off. What is it? What to do!... We will publish the story of the Bathrubashadi with appropriate accompanying picture. Hope you like it.

RATHBRUSHADIO

As we all know, the male of the species is all the nearer in the bathroom. He can sing in his best treble voice, every conceivable operatic air, but you can never be sure that he can whistle, taking advantage of the bathroom facilities.

Woman, however, is handicapped. Research engineers have found that her voice does not suit bathroom acoustics.

To rectify this insufficiency, I have incorporated with the usual bathrubadi a small radio as illustrated. You appreciate that this type of radio—\textendash;which gets submerged under water and is splattered with soap—must be absolutely waterproof. There is no difficulty about that nowadays. Emerson radio built a submersible receiver for the Marines during the war, as you will remember.

The brush has a small battery-operated set. While mildly scrubbing her back she listens to her soap-opera, in privacy, having herself a fine tune at the same time.
**SPRAGUE ELECTRIC LOG**

**Beaver News**

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<td>By Rose Righi</td>
<td>Vacations are in full swing, and were enjoyed by the following: Irven Jones—painted old New York, red.鼙qi and leaves his alarm clock. The little girl in the center is Connie Masek, niece of &quot;Jo.&quot;</td>
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<td>By Tree Mosquitoes</td>
<td>A ballet supper for Rich Brown was held Monday, July 14th, at Fort Massauchusett. Ruth received a beautiful thank you gift. Thanks go to Mr. Merton in aid to put Rich to Ruth until all of us had arrived. (For a while, we wondered if our guest of honor wore out in an appearance at all!) It was grand seeing our former co-work er, Ida Lovet, again, and learning that she is helping out this summer at the Girl Scout camp. A fine time was had by all. Congratulations on the birth of a son to our former co-worker, Irene Koechbel. Our reporter, Priscilla Northup, is enjoying a vacation at home. Emrie Kuehner is also enjoying her vacation.</td>
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Brown Street Briefs

PAA. Soldering — By Jo and Rue

Although you may need a microscope to find us, we are still here, alive and kicking — emphasis on the kicking! Has anyone been aware of the romance budding in the heart of a certain solderer? Shakes of Shakespeare! Romeo and Juliet in reverse — balance and all. Mary and Lena Simonsill went to New York for their vacations, and had a wonderful time. Mary Buro and Angie Cardimino have been vacationing — lucky girls!

Anna Vigna now can rest nights. — Mr. and Mrs. Aldor Cardinal are the parents of a son born July 17 at the North Adams hospital. The baby is employed in the Maintenance Department.

Leona McGee —— A trip around the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lewis to Peter Cardimino has been announced.

PAA. Inspection

Engagements

The engagement of Miss Edna Ann Lewis to Peter Cardimino has been announced. The wedding is planned for August 9. Edna is employed in the PAA Department.

Miss Theresa Giroux of Boxing has announced her engagement to Joseph Pinsonnault, Jr. The wedding will take place September 13.

Miss Ethelene Smith will wed Francis Romeo on August 23rd at St. Francis church. Eleanor is employed in the PAA, Rolling Department.

Miss Eleanor Mac Jones of the F. P. Department has announced her engagement to Rafe Racette of the Dry Tubular Assembly.

Miss Jeanette Bouvier has announced her engagement to Adolf Heideman, Jr., of the Networks Laboratory. No date has been set for the wedding.

Midsummer Marriages

Miss Sally Lightfoot became Mrs. Jesse Allison, July 5th at Redbank, N. J. At the wedding were Messrs. L. M. Meckler — Sprague PF Capacitor representative, N. J.; C. F. O'Neill — Sprague Sales; P. R. Alger, Sprague Electric Sales; Mrs. Henry Kershaw (bride's mother); Mrs. R. E. Gootee (bride's sister); Mrs. Jesse Allison and Jesse M. Allison, Rev. Roger Squire Messers, W. S. Trinkle, representative for Sprague Products and Sprague Electric, and C. W. Janton, assistant to Mr. Trinkle. The best man, Mr. Stuart H. Sims is not shown in picture.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Davignon, married May 17, 1947. The bride is the former Norma Cardinal of Dry Tubular Assembly.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Valieres, married March 1, 1947. The bride is the former Dorothy Carean of PAA Department and Paul was formerly employed in Stiching.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moir, married August 21, 1947. The bride's name is the former Dorothy (iarceau of Stiefler's Sag)...