Sprague Products Takes Tournament Playoff

What to Do When Your Canoe or Boat Overturns

How often do we read about persons drowning because the boat or canoe they were in has overturned? When a canoe or boat capsizes or fills with water, the situation is not as dangerous as it appears — whether one can swim or not.

If such an accident happens to you, keep cool and remember that canoes and boats are usually built of wood, and the buoyancy of this material, together with the construction of the craft will keep it from sinking, unless, of course, the craft is old and waterlogged.

If the craft is a boat, cling to the upturned bottom. If a canoe, hold on to the edge of the stem, and with one hand paddle or use your legs to kick your way to the shore.

In the case of two persons and an overturned canoe, they should be on opposite sides of the canoe, and holding on to each other's wrists across the keel or bottom of the craft. Wires should be held, rather than hands clasped, since there is the possibility of two persons and an overturned canoe being thrown overboard, while holding hands clasped, since there is the possibility of the bow or stern of the craft being underwater.

Top Honors for Men

In Company K

The local National Guard returned from its annual encampment at Camp Edwards with more than their share of honors. They proudly brought back the Gold Merit commendation (highest award given by the 104th to any of its units): the basket ball trophy; and with three Honors Top Honors for Men with Three Honors the University of Connecticut, Don Roy and John Skorupski. -

Blowing Bubbles of Glass

Of the many and varied processes undertaken at Sprague Electric, perhaps one of the most interesting is that of blowing glass. Mathew Nazewski of the Organic Chemical Laboratory at the Marshall Street Plant is an expert in this line. He conducted this reporter to a small room equipped with a glass blowing furnace, with several controls of heat, and containing many lengths of glass tubing of various sizes. Here, he proceeded to heat a length of glass tubing to the correct temperature, finally blowing a bubble of glass, knocked it off and pointed - there was a small round hole in the tube into which he fitted another small glass tube and joined them together through the process of heating. "I'm working on a liquid and gas trap," he explained, "which is part of a vacuum pump assembly." He worked dextrously and quickly, turning the heated glass round and round, shaping it as he proceeded.

Log Starts Tenth Year With This Issue

The first issue of the Sprague LOG was published in August 1938. Naturally we shall celebrate next year with a big birthday cake and ten candles. This year, however, we wish to extend a very sincere word of appreciation to all those who have helped this past year to make the Sprague LOG a continued success.

The LOG does not try to compete with national magazines, metropolitan newspapers or the highly esteemed North Adams Transcript in its reporting of the news, local or international. It does try with your help to give you some of the latest doings in plant activities, sports, departmental news and civic events in which Sprague employees play a part. As far as is possible in getting out a sizeable issue on time twice each month, the LOG tries to comply with the wishes of the employees. All these blows were struck by Players' products.

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LOG STARTS TENTH YEAR

Live up to its slogan in the Sprague employees' publication "BY SPRAGUE EMPLOYEES AND FOR SPRAGUE EMPLOYEES."

As far as I know, this is the way—-if you have ideas that you think would improve the LOG and make it more interesting and helpful to Sprague employees why not think them over carefully and send them in? The Editors will consider them carefully and put them into effect if it seems desirable. Once again, thank you all for your splendid cooperation, and remember, our second slogan which you will find on page two of each issue, "Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

FAST FINISH IN TOURNAMENT SETS NEW PACE

Congratulations to the winners and the runners up! That photo finish in the Sprague Products Log last Tuesday evening gives us a splendid ending for this year's tournament over the favored Machine Shop stawtges gives the word on what to expect in future Sprague sports. The old spirit of competition will no longer be as the former Inter-departmental plant or contests with outside teams will find Sprague players going all out to win. Good sportsmanship always,—but full of the old fight and never say die till the last man is out!)

Blowing Bubbles . . . . . Of Glass

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at various angles over the flame, and gently blowing into the tubes as he annealed them together.

"How long have you been blowing glass?" "About 17 years," was his reply. "And where did you first study the art?" "Stamford, Conn.", he replied. I started working with my father, who was a glass blower, and then went to work for Mr. Stearns, who had a glass blowing shop. He taught me the art of glass blowing, and helped me develop my skills.

Mat Nazzewski came to work at Sprague Electric in 1938, in the Can Shop, then later worked for the Laboratory Department. In 1936 he was transferred to the Beaver Street Laboratory. Mat states that he is familiar with all the Sprague Plants, since he has worked in all the laboratories at one time or another.

After working hours, Mat tinkerers around in his own well-equipped laboratory at home, making "do-dads of all kinds," as he calls them. Also, he has been very busy these summer days, remodeling buildings at his camp above Stamford, Vt.

NO BROOK TROUT ENTRY FOR LOG CONTEST

The trout season in Massachusetts officially closed on Thursday, July 31. The season as a whole was a very successful one for all anglers because of rain and high water. The finny families were fat supplied with food and so were not tempted by the lures of our Isaac Meas, but nowhere to go. Moral: the fish will take the bait.

Out of the LOG Creel

August 9, 1947

Walt Schroeder-Runner-Up in Annual Golf Tournament

One of our newest employees, Walter Schroeder of the Marshall Street Laboratory, who joined the Sprague organization last April, hung up a fine record when he reached the finals in the Annual Invitation Golf Tournament of the North Adams Country Club at North Adams, August 3. The winner, Steve Nutivaag, a veteran and former collegiate, had to come from behind to catch Walt and finally take the close match 3 and 2 in the 16th green.

Walt went out in 37 to Steve's 40 but Steve overhauled him on the in-coming nine playing even 4's for a neat score of 72. Walt's net was 69, while Steve's was 72. Walt had 5 birdies and 13 pars for his round.

This Tournament is an annual event and Walt did not do as well as expected.

Walt has been defeated in the regular schedule of events but Walt is a good golfer and will be back next year.

Walt has been given an award for his suggestion relative to expediting shipments in his Department.

Bill Grogan's Suggestion Wins Award

Mr. William Grogan of the Shipping Department has been given an award for his suggestion relative to expediting shipments in his Department.

Bill knows the various departments of the Sprague Plants, having come to the Company in 1936. He has had experience in the Erie Rolling, the Wey Assembly, the Micra and the Improving Departments. In 1942 he transferred to the Brown Street plant, and later that year, entered the Sprague Division at Beaver Street where he has remained ever since. Last year, his suggestion recently was trans-ferred to his Department and with it, a handsome plaque with the famous saying of the most successful man in the world. The plaque is a copy of the famous "Do it yourself" by K. Russell.
Dear Mrs. Ford,

How do you do? Here in Rhode Island, we are very well. First I'll thank you very much for the fine things you sent us last week. We got a piece of chocolate, a piece of soap, a comb, a toothbrush and toothpaste. We were very glad with this. These things may not be very dear in America, but to us they are a great necessity.

I won't receive anything more from you now, for I want to succeed and have left school. I go in for my examination the 23rd of July. It was very fine to receive something from America. I also got the dress, a skirt, a rug.

Next time, when I write you, I'll choose a picture of myself. Now, Mrs., I'll close my letter. I must also thank you from my mother, O. Mrs., do you know a nice girl or boy who wants to correspond with me.

Goodbye — and many regards from
Susan Smit

Another Letter
From our School
At Hollen, Holland

July 4, 1947

Dry Tubular Assembly
By "Connie" and "Sonnie"

Miss Frances Pappas became Mrs. Jane Morrison on Saturday, August 3. The best of luck to you, Fran.

Shower

A shower was held at the Corner Cafe in honor of Frances Pappas. A good time was enjoyed by all, and Fran received appropriate gifts.

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New Fall

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By Esther Desrois

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**Wedding Bells**

Mr. and Mrs. Oliva Trumbely, married March 8th at St. Anthony's church. The bride is the former Venicia Follino of the Resistor Department. The groom is a World War II veteran of four years service.

Mr. and Mrs. Virginia Righi, married June 20th at St. Anthony's church. Their flower girl was Miss Agnes Righi, sister of the groom. The bride is the former Rose Moresi of the F. P. Dyes, and is the LOG reporter for her Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ciocriarnea, married May 24th at St. Stanislaus church, Adams. The bride is the former Edna Lavariere of Minneap. Paper Finish Department.

O'Ti ren-Papio — Miss Frances Mary Pappio became the bride of Francis Thomas O'Ti ren, August 2, at St. Anthony's church. The bride is employed in the Dry Tubular Assembly Department, and the groom was formerly employed in the Sample Labo ratory.

Glosker-Demo — Miss Claire Rosalie Demo and Walter Stanislaus Glosker were married at Notre Dame church in a double ring ceremony, August 2. Both the bride and her husband are employed in the Dry Rolling Department.

Moros-Bordwin—Miss Jane Bryant Rorbin was united in marriage to Clifford Lambert Morse on August 2 at St. Francis church. June is employed in the Main Office, and Clifford is employed in the Stockroom Department.

**Maintenance—Brown**

Correction:

"Buck" Bernardi, and not William, got Hotchkiss Bold from out of bed last winter, when sneeze in a ditch was reported in the column. Annoyed to "Bucky" Williams—we wouldn't want to be included to Hotchkis, either.

John (Stitcher) Rossi has tell a little Irish girl—now her going around singing "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." Those in the know say Tony Wodolki gave a neck to his Rocky Mountain girl. If true, Tony will not be one of our eligible hachokes much longer, girls. A little playboy was born recently to Mrs. Al (Playboy) Cardinal. Congratulations, folks.

Kay Sheils spent two weeks at her brother's lodge at Lake Ontario. Mr. Cardinal says he can't give any more swimming lessons, girls, because all his time is tied up now, crossing ladders to his baby son.

Charlie Dean is on vacation. He spent his time trying to get his boat out of Barber's Pond. John Ross and Al Cardinal are going into the repair business nights and week ends, so if anyone has an oil job contact them.

Ask Art Davis what the matter is when a hydraulic press fails to go up and down.

**PA A. Rolling**

By Rita Sciallino

Our sympathy is extended to Joseph Ferrarivich and family on the loss of their teacher, Frank.

Geri LaFountain, in describing her new car, says it has "doors on both sides." Was it the excitement of the new possession—or the humidity, Geri. The only car I know which has doors on one side, is a side car on a motorcycle.

Vacation Land

Tony Lavigne—Naragassett Pier, R. I. Janet Fencer—Montreal, Canada Julia Ameen—Boston, Mass. Stella Belanger—Hampton Beach, N. H. Tillie Meuell—Atlantic City, N. J. Frances Scott—West Virginia and Key West Beach, N. Y. Isabelle Lyons, Montreal, Canada and New Rochelle, N. Y. Laddie Merrett, Helen and Mary Koeck, Lizen Benot, Pauline Ferrari and Kaye Ghidotti at Atlantic City and by car. As and we go to press, Helen Scaran, Ann and Mary Malden and your reporter are at Hampton Beach, N. H.

**PA A. Soldering**

By "Jo" and "Ros".

Look what happened while the "Boss" was on his vacation! He had thirteen girls when he left—and they have multiplied! The days of peace and quiet are over—Sadie Mairone, Ruth Durant and Mary Ann Trotter are with us again!

Mary Burns is back from her vacation. How's Mary? Mary.

We all knew Perry Como was a good crooner and all that, but he must be out of this world. Lena Simonelli has heard a very good thing and morning since she has seen Perry in person while on vacation.

That Budding Romance of a fore mentioned life is growing brighter (if not brighter) than ever. Romeo—come down from that balcony, Juliette awaits thee!

**Wire Coating**

By Corina Tatro

We're glad to have Harold Peters back after his illness and sorry that he was ill.

Earle Walsheen enjoyed a fine vacation up in New Hampshire.

Carl Hanley says if there is anything he likes—its static on his radio, especially when he is listening to the ball games.

Have you noticed that sad expression on Al Perk's face—and just after he had returned from a dance?

**Molded Tubulars**

Night Shift

By Gladys Kirkpatrick

Introducing our personnel: Alice Burdick, Josephine Lamara, Rita Polin, Maria Susan and Lindalyn Hackett, Nicky Terris, Mrs. Cortney, Mary Libardi of PA A. Roll- ing, Yvonne Rose, Josephine Campe- delli of the A. C. Dey's; Helen Boyle, Besie Brown, Myrtle Crockell, Eloise Lewis of Owners, Flower Davis, Rose Grenier, Anna Fox, Jane Doherty, Christine Puglise, Raphaill Trimarchi, Helen Gagnon, Jennie Piccioni, Maria DiPanci, Frances Affleck of PA A, Rachael Montagna, Gladys Kirk- patrick of Bosing; Philomena Erricetto, Angelina Romania of Black Times. These girls are now making our day even more on the right side.

**Anniversary**

We would like to wish the twenty-fourth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Crockell, parents of Mary of our Department. May your joy increase.

We are praying for the speedy recov- ery of "Willy" Maxwell's son, Bruce. Bruce was seriously injured playing baseball, while vacationing in Fitch- burg, Mass. Eloise Lewis and Helen Boyle are on sick leave.

Congratulations to our boss, Romeo Lewis, who presented his niece with another son while he was on maneuvers with Company K.

Speedy recovery for Francis Rorby's little daughter, Peggie Ann. What's this we hear about "Pep" Campbelli finishing her vacation at McKy's, after spending a week at Nantasket and along the coast?

Yvonne Rose was the youngest girl in our Department when "Pep" present her with a bottle of beer, brought all the way from Nantasket Beach.

You'll be hearing from us again...