SIX AWARDS GO TO LOG’S LUCKY FISHERMEN

Softball Team Closes Year With Bang-Up Banquet

By Kenny Russell
Clarkeburg Sportsmen’s Club -- Scene of October 29th Affair

The Sprague Softball Team had a final send-off for the 1947 season with a dinner at the Sportsmen’s Club, Clarkeburg, Wednesday, October 29th. Jack Wavelength was Master of Ceremonies and Bob Sprague, Jr. spoke on behalf of the Sprague Electric Company. After a delicious steak dinner, during which Al Horsfall and Yours Truly snapped pictures all over the place, our Master of Ceremonies proceeded to “corn” his meat by speaking on softball, giving plenty of praise to the boys who were playing under the Sprague banner.

Bob Sprague, Jr. said that it was a pleasure to back the Sprague Athletic organizations, since they played for the community spirit existing between the American Occupied Zone of Germany and the United States. The B.P.O.E. have expressed their appreciation in the person of 2 and 16.

The North Adams Lodge, No. 487, Exalted Ruler of Elks, and James Knox-Traffic Manager of Sprague Electric Company. This aid helped materially in making the drive the success that it was. In the accompanying picture is a candid shot of the Softball Team at their first banquet at the Sportsmen’s Club, October 29.

Sprague’s Aid in Shipping Overseas Gifts

Additional evidence of the close community spirit existing between the Sprague Electric Company and various charitable agencies in North Adams, is shown in the recent project of the local Lodge of Elks of North Adams, in which they shipped two tons of clothing, toys, and hard candy to the American Occupied Zone of Germany for 120,000 children between the ages of 2 and 16.

The Sprague Electric Company, assisted in this project by donating the shipping cartons, while the shipping charges were defrayed by Harry Kallker, President of Sprague Products Company. This aid helped materially in making the drive the success that it was. In the accompanying picture is the Committee in charge of the drive, including our own Traffic Manager, Jim Knox. The B.P.O.E. have expressed their appreciation in the following letter:

October 23, 1947

Sprague Electric Company

The North Adams Lodge, No. 487 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks wishes to take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks for your donation of material and supplies to aid our recent drive for the suffering children of Europe in the American Occupied Zone. Your generous response and aid has helped immensely to brighten Christmas Day for many a young heart — some of whom do not realize that such a day exists.

Our drive was a huge success and this community should well be proud of their charity, and you of your share in it.

Very truly yours,
John Michaels, Exalted Ruler

Extra Prize For Woman’s Entry . . . Marshall Plant Cops Majority Of Prizes . . . Fishing Season Poor During Period Of Contest

WINNERS

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Information gleaned from the expert anglers of the Sprague Plants, and from other disciples of Isaac Walton, points to a generally poor fishing season throughout New England. This season got off to an exceptionally slow start, due to high waters and cold weather. This condition prevailed for more than a month during a period when normally, the waters in the brooks and streams recede and the weather warms up. Lake fishing on the whole was far from satisfactory. Fishermen returning from their favorite haunts in Maine, Vermont, at Lake Champlain, and at the more accessible spots within driving distance of North Adams were considerably disappointed. Many theories have been advanced as to the reason for the generally poor conditions, but as yet no one seems to know exactly why this was so.

However, the employees here at Sprague Electric were able to lure or catch some very fine specimens which they submitted as entries in the Log Fishing Contest. You will note that there were no entries in the Brook Trout or native class. It is hoped that there will be such entries in future contests, since the native or brook trout species is probably the most “fished-for” of any fish here in this area.

The six winners in the Plants were: Ness Roberts of the Can Shop, Charles Lincoln of Networks Lab., Bob Boyer of Marshall Shipping, Russ Chenuil, formerly of the Marshall Laboratory, Frank Chilson of Marshall Inspection and Bill Brundige of the Beaver Sales Office. Alice Sensel of Clark Inspection was given a special award as being the only woman to enter a fish, a fine 12" perch, just one inch shorter than the winning entry in that class.

Prizes won consisted of True Temper Fishing Tackles.

Log Social Committee
Donates Funds For Babies of Greece

Berkshire Branch of “Save the Children Federation” Writes Public Letter of Appreciation

Chairman Log Social Committee
Dear Mrs. Mathews,

Will you convey to the employees of Sprague Electric Company the sincere thanks of the Northern Branch of the “Save the Children Federation” for their generous donation of $150 presented at the Annual Meeting on October 23rd at Williamstown, Mass.

As you clearly explained to us, this contribution is to be used for the purchase of layettes for infants of Greece. This gesture, coming from the Sprague employees is one which will be of tremendous help in purchasing warm clothing for innocent little victims of a war-torn country — one which is desperately in need of help at this time.

The Sprague employees have been outstanding in their generosity in supporting worthy causes, not only in this country, but in foreign lands as well; and this has brought them many expressions of thanks from Head quarters and from the people of the countries they have aided.

Yours very sincerely,
Wm. J. Cartwright, Treas.
No. Berkshire Branch—“Save the Children Federation”

Electricity is helping the deaf child to improve his speech. A new machine contained in a table cabinet may be substituted for the exhausting process of speech improvement for the deaf by lip-reading.

Here are the winners, with their prizes: Charlie Lincoln, Bob Boyer, Frank Chilson, “Ness” Roberts and Bill Brundige.
**LET GEORGE DO IT!**

Most everyone I know thinks the world is in a mess. They think that trends in our country are wrong, that we are threatened with dark days, unless things are changed. They feel there is more frustration and anxiety now than at any time during the war. They are waiting for George to remedy it.

**WHO IS GEORGE?**

George is you and I -- and others like us who have contributed to this problem by our lack of personal responsibility. Unless we quit waiting for George to save the country and get back to fundamental responsibilities, then the thing that matters most -- including Freedom -- are not going to be saved. The problem doesn't belong to George. It belongs to you and me.

**NOVEMBER 11 -- ARMISTICE DAY**

And it is fitting and proper that we consider this problem, now, in the light of the sacrifices made by two groups of boys who fought two wars within the last thirty years so that those principles of Democracy and Freedom, and the right to work, and the right to exercise our duties as citizens should not be taken from us. Yes, the future of America depends pretty much upon whether you and I make America's future our business.

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**OBSERVES 19TH YEAR WITH COMPANY**

Ernie Purpura

Ernie Purpura first started working for Sprague Electric at Quincy, Massachusetts. He had graduated from High School that spring, and after a summer's vacation, applied for work, and was promptly accepted.

His first job was in the Can Shop where he worked for Henry Anderson. Ernie had taken evening courses in drafting at Franklin Union, Boston, while he was still in High School, and in 1929 was transferred to the Drafting Department of the Company. He moved to North Adams with the Company when that transfer was made, and has handled the work of Precision Engineering Drafting since 1930. Over that period of years, he has had an active part in drafting specifications and drawings required for all products produced by the Company, from the original model of Sprague model compass, to the many hundreds of items now manufactured.

Out of the office, you will find Ernie indulging in hunting or fishing, and he is active on our softball and bowling teams. He is a fanatical model airplane enthusiast, and is a leading figure of the local Black Hawk Model Airplane Club, whose members range in age from 7 to 37 years. He is keenly interested in the work of the Y.M.C.A., and has been an enthusiastic worker for that organization for the past fifteen years. He is now reaching a group of pre-teenagers at the "YV", this project attempts to do for pre-teenagers what "Teen Town", "Blaze-haven" and Catholic Youth Center are doing for older boys. Ernie includes sports-activities and crafts...and Sprague Electric personnel are sure that, with Ernie Purpura as the teacher, the new undertaking will be successful!

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**FISHING CONTEST**

(Continued from page 1)

"American Challenge" casting rods for the winners of the Perch, Pickerel and large-mouth Bass; Bremoss casting reel for the small-mouth Bass; a "Dry" Fly sleeveless jacket, a braided nylon line for spinning reel and assorted "Brown Trout" tackle, and a consolation prize of a Deluxe Langley fishing reel for the woman's prize.

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**THREE GENERATIONS**

Mary and Frank Scebro, with their grandchildren Janice and Frank Jr. 

Technical Sergeant Albert D. Scebro of Mary of Resistors, and brother of Romeo of P.A.A. Department has chosen the Army as a career. He served seven years with the Army Air Corps, and recently has been transferred to a mission to Alaska. During World War II, he served in the South Pacific for 33 months. A younger brother, Raymond, also was in the conflict, being stationed at Panama. Albert's dad has just returned from California to New York, and recently he visited his son, prior to his last departure for Alaska.

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**Beaver News**

By Connie Urbano

Sorry to learn that Perry Pinson's husband has to operate on a kidney this week... Harry and I wish welcome back to Sunny Wilk... Glad to see you.

Finances O'Neil solved the housing shortage, when she recently purchased a two-family dwelling. Congratulations on becoming a new landlord!

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**Paper Rolling**

By Hilda Hobbs

Lena Solomon, Cell Rokita and Evelyn Tover returned from New York with lots to tell our readers. They saw Perry Como in the flesh -- what a man!..."Gun" Gattuso is looking for more tall ball for Olympia Dionne (alias Mrs. Van Dyke) pouter. That other doll, Polly, she took out long enough to make the boys chow down a lace border around it.

Wander if Mary Dziuga takes a lunch on those airplane rides? Clear the way, everybody. Helen Hemingway just received her driving license. (If we only had rubber hedrons and telephone poles!)... Rosanna Vigna and "Gun" Gattuso make a good comedy team -- wouldn't they? Hollywood could discover them.

There should be a lot of comfortable huddles this winter, judging from the number of sweaters being knitted by Department wives.

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**Mary and Frank Scebro, with their grandchildren Janice and Frank Jr.**

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**BANNERS FOR BULLETIN**

Our congratulations go to our heroic Bulletin who did such a wonderful job of broadcasting the two Drury games over station W.K.O.B. With that enthusiasm, Bert Lee and Red Barcelona are telling us that they are better watchers. It's wonderful to hear our own employee doing such a professional job. And further honor goes to the Drury boys and to their parents (many of whom are also Sprague employees). It was through the sheer grit and determination of the Drury ladies that they have come off victorious as the Berkshire Football Champions.

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**A. G. Lime -- Night Shift**

By "Willie" Maxwell

Hello Folks:

Night shift, a good enough season has returned. And do we have with our three "Marys"-Vojta, Herrigan and Chalifoux. Sometimes the cowboy gets to playing Indian (Out of character)... E. Gould is our little boy with a "hubba hubba" girl friend.

Our supervisor, Carl Pierce, never gets called anything but "Al." Our Monday night, bonus workers, Ray Whipple is here!

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**Main Office Memos**

By "Whodunit"

Mary Roberts was at a Hallowe'en party at her home on Braddock Avenue where goblins were played and songs sung, and Don Bouwens, as usual, furnished a few laughs for the crowd. Lighted birthday cake was presented Shirley Thorns in honor of her 33rd birthday. Shirley blew all the candles out with one blow but forgot to make a wish. A delicious hunch prepared by Mary and "Jo" Bryce was soon consumed by all. The party reluctantly broke up in the wee hours of the morning.

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**Wedding Bells**

Catto-Donadeau -- Miss Cecile Catto became the bride of Stanley Tanro, Saturday, November 1 at St. John Bosco chapel, Stanford. The bride is employed in the Dry Rolling Department.

Hewitt-Marin -- Miss Nellie Veronica Marin was united in marriage to John Edward Hewitt in St. Francis rectory, November 1st. Nellie is employed in the P.A.A. Dept.

Cennamara-Fierientino -- Miss Mary Fierientino became the bride of Alfred Cennamara at St. Anthony's church, November 1st. The bride is employed in the P.A.A. Rolling Dept.

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A. C. Line

By Yi Short

Members of Company K from Spec- 
trum Electric Company, Donald Cag- 
ne and Joe Duprenant were called 
out to the scene of the fire at 
October Mountain and assisted in 
getting the fire under control. 
They worked quite nicely, and by 
two a.m. they had things under 
control.

We have taken particular notice 
lately of the new choppers sported by 
Percy Bordwin recently spent a week 
end in Canada. Bet you had a good 
time, eh, Percy?

The crooning voice of Red Johnson 
is quite a treat these mornings. Who 
knows, maybe we’ll hear him on the 
radio. (Red, how’s your finger?)

All our men are going around ask-
ing, ‘Could it be? Is it possible?' What 
do you think? ‘Haven’t you found an 
answer, yet, followed?’

Al Harvey is looking for a buyer for 
his Parkard’s nice radio . . . nice heater 
—and boy, if that car could talk!

Question: How long will it take for 
Norm Remillard to overhaul his car? 
It’s taken four weeks, so far.

Brown Street Briefs

I. O. Final Assembly

By G. Joy and E. Harrington

Casy’s, our elevator operator says 
when his time comes to depart this 
world, he wants to go to his namesake 
Casey Jones (at the throttle).

When Company K men were called 
out to battle the fire on October Mt., 
Bill Mathews was willing to help one 
way or another. So he took some of 
the men from the Beaver Street Plant 
and the Armyary in the truck.

Resistors—Night Shift

‘Vickie’ LaMore

Beatrice Audilon, Betty Fletcher 
and our foreman, Bill Pierce, are en-
joying their annual vacations.

Are Van Scoenborn, can’t you find 
work for Betty Fletcher?

Betty Berger’s son, Donald, was 
called from High School to help fight 
the forest fire. He is a member of 
Co. K., M.N.G.

Cela Shanahan, did you wear the 
$100,000 ring that was?

Mrs. Scorbo received a letter from 
her son, Sgt. Frank Scorbo, from 
Alaska. He expects to be there six 
months. He said, ‘the weather is 
very cold, not to worry as Uncle Sam 
provides me with plenty of warm clothes.

Donna Scullin was given a surprise 
birthday party at her home— 
Among her gifts was a diamond ring. 
Thanks, Don, for bringing in the 
chocolates. We also thank all the 
other girls for the good things to eat 
that they bring in at different times.

Dorothy Therrien was called out 
early Thursday night. Were you afraid 
of the handle?

We welcome all new comers — Hope 
you like us.

What Goes Up, Has to Come Down! · · ·

No longer will drivers of heavy trucks need to ponder about clearance for the overhead tunnel at the Marshall Plant. The tunnel has been torn down. Picture at right shows the process in the passage of being demolished.

Prokar Dept.

By L. Lulu

We’d like to welcome all the new 
girls in the Prokar department and 
hope they like their surroundings.

Gert Fields is finally going to move 
into her new apartment. She will 
like getting up at 4:39 A.M. and mill-
ing ‘Betsy’, her cow—that beautiful 
creature.

Irene Kouopka recently went 
to Schenectady with her husband to 
a Radio Ham-Fest. However, she did 
not win anything. Better luck next 
time, Irene.

There’s a certain fellow in the De-
partment who must be getting 
married. ‘Burkes’ Him. He was conjuring 
the girls with the delicious food he 
serves there. We wonder! 
Who is the whizbang in the depart-
ment? Everyone a fellow cousin 
walks into the room she wihes the 
whole World will hear it. Why, 
the same when he is married, Gert?

Johnny Smith certainly goes wild 
with every work he has. But he’s 
always smiling!

Molded Tubulars—2nd Shift

By Gladys Kirkpatrick

Congratulations to new Aunt 
Mildred of 1.0. Rolling.

Mary Frances Varoshci, niece 
of Albert of P.A.A.’s, and of Theresa 
Doss of Retail Sale.

Births

A daughter was born to Mr. and 
Mrs. Dominic Messina on October 6. 
The mother is Agnes, of the Boxing 
Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Conroy are 
the parents of a daughter, born October 6. 
The mother is Mildred of L. O. Rolling.
Marshall Music

Shipping Room
by Gold Dust Twins

Loaves of luck in your new positions, Marcel Roberts and Marie-rose Insier. We all miss you.

Ernest Beliveau is now employed in the Proctor Department. The Ship-
ing Department was never so quiet. We miss your entertaining. (Singing: "Imagining you in our lives").

Welcome back to work, Phyllis Charrand and Claire Mancini. Claire was formerly employed in the Brown Street Shipping Room.

Roving Reporter "lfs"
Bob Boyer—
didn't smash his lips at 5 P.M. George Roy—ever did get real mad.

GR-GR—RRR.

Bill Bart—was late for work.

Joe Roberts—
didn't sing a certain little song. Eddie was—wasn't so quiet. Reggie Fanebi—
didn't away as he walked. Jimmy Folino—
Joyce was sociable.

"Spud" Twehage—
really did show some-speed.

Maintenance
By Umbriago

Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Mazurini celebrated their 80th wedding an-
niversary on October 23rd. Angelo's "gang" presented him with a corn-
pipe.

Shirley King became "Mrs. Therrien on October 25th. The boys of Maint-
ance presented her with a ver de silver and a purse of money.

Ray Shields is seen flashing a new face of part of — and a bargain, he say—
large and roomy and will wear well.

If you want to buy, or sell anything—
mostly buy—see Charlie Wilson of our Salvage Department. Our Skipper of Sprague has an eye for business.

Steve John Rosse purchased a truck, we find him thumbing his way to work every morning. By the way, did you ever get it started, John?

Some class to that bow tie (red with dots) which Charlie Dean is sporting.

Robert Barresi of Maintenance Ten has a good few lessons for fires... ask anyone in Blackinton.

FAMED VT FUSE USED IN FOREST FIRE BOMBING

The electronic VT fuse, usually of a fusee face, one of the deadliest of war weapons perfected by the electronic manufactur-
ing industry, is being tried out on another arch-enemy—fire.

The experiments are being conducted near Missoula, Mont., in the Lolo National Forest by the U. S. Forest Service and Army Air Forces, using planes and 100-gallon water tanks as "bombs". The tanks are equipped with proximity fuses which explode them at the exact altitude for the greatest effect.

One plan can carry as many as 200 of the devices.

In tests on small fires, the fighters report the water-consumption combina-
tion surprisingly effective.

SPRINGS

Drury Wins County Football Crown

Drury won the Berkshire High School Football crown by defeating Adams High 26-7. Previously, Drury had trimmed Pittsfield 20-7. For a little over a half of the game an under-
dog, out-manned, but not out-spirited, Adams eleven kept Drury pretty well backed up in its own territory. But early in the third period, Drury broke on a pretty pass play.— Casper-
son to Kelsey who rared 55 yards down the field for a score. From this point, Drury began to roll. After Drury scored twice more to make the count 20-7, Adams put together its only touchdown play on a beautiful pass Ursilhardt to Belliveau, for about 60 yards. With the score 26-7, Drury put on one more drive, scoring 30-7. Just before the final whistle, "Red" Haley, Drury center, accepted an Adams' pass and raced 35 yards, just to have the play nullified through a holding penalty against Blue Devils. The entire team played great ball. And for Adams, we must also limit the play of Ray Bishop, back, who, tho' injured in the second quarter while he was in the lineup, Adams did have an offense.

Girls' Bowling Teams Go Into Action

Shooting down the Alleys, Kay Darling of Dry Rolling De-
partment, and Joan Hall, assistant of the Prokor Department.

Joe Kosila, brilliant St. Stanis-
laus back, on way to touchdown in the Crusader-Saints game which ended in a 7-7 tie.

CRUSADERS AND THE SAINTS

The Crusaders and the St. Stanislaus have played 5-5 games and will clash again in the near future. The Crusaders nearly got their first defeat at the hands of the strung Lebanon Lion outfit. The popularity of the Saints and Crusaders will assure a gate of at least 4,000 persons in their next game.

Incidentally, it is worth mentioning that Bernie Bullet, our co-
scribes writer has been doing a magnificent job in amplying the play-by-play account of the Crusader's home games. Also, Bernie has given the Berkshire fans a vivid, colorful, play-by-play account of the Drury-Pitfield and Drury- Adams games from station W.K.O.B. His indefatigable energy and gives the impression of being a professional announcer. This Sports Department is owing for him.

Next Issue, Look for All Northern Berkshire Football "Honor Roll"