It's Your Service!

Yes, the Metropolitan Visiting Nurse Service is YOUR service, if you are insured through the Metropolitan Group Insurance Plan which is made available to Sprague employees.

This is an extra privilege made available here in North Adams through your group insurance protection. This is an effective way to help you in safeguarding your health — and to eat the time you might lose from work because of illness or accident.

The Metropolitan Visiting Nurse Service is a friendly service given right in your own home. This Visiting Nurse will give skilled bedside care under orders of attending physicians, and will teach members of your family to take care of you between visits. She is qualified through long and careful training to render valuable assistance. If you need her services, call her or have your doctor, or family do so.

How to Call the Nurse:

Telephone the local Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's Office — North Adams, 980.

LAST OF THE SNOW SCENES

Janis Mae Sceurlo proudly displays the snow man she "sculped." Janis is the granddaughter of Viola Savage of the F. P. Drys.

Younger Generation Take to the Air

It is no longer news when some Sprague employee is heard over the air from one of our local stations. That happens quite frequently. But now, the younger generation, not to be outdone by their elders, are also making air debuts. Such is the case of Cynthia Jane Crosier, 11 year old daughter of Fred Crosier of the Engineering Specification Department, and Donald Filiault, 11 year old son of "Mac" Filiault of Sample Laboratory, Marshall Plant.

Cynthia and Donald have been on the air the last two Saturdays over WNMH — and expect to continue for several future Saturdays. Cynthia plays the piano, and Donald sings — and from the standpoint of this listener, both do remarkably fine job.

1947 Annual Report of Sprague Electric Company

Basic Operating Figures and President's Report Summarized

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**BROWN STREET BRIEFS**

Resistors—Night Shift
By Vickie LaMore

We welcome all the new girls... and we've got to see Mildred Borsell back to work.

The two daughters of Ann St. Cyr vince St. Luke's Hospital, Pittsfield training class.

The girls is our department employed hearing their voices on records.

Allan Caron included the girls in our room to spend Sunday afternoon at her home, where they shared a brush demon- tration.

We are glad to learn that Irene LaMore's son, Francis, is home from the hospital.

Helen Boucher is on a diet... Could she do it for her Pyne?... Nye, like Evelyn King in her new outfit.

**PAAR. Rolling**

By R. Siciliano

A surprise birthday party was held for Mrs. Messner, one noon hour, to which Mary received several lovely gifts. Tissie Belface acted as hostess. Welcome to all the night shift girls. It seems like times to have VP Dupuis working in our boat.

Helen Scarfone was given a surprise shower at her home in honor of her approaching marriage on April 3rd to Walter Gallina of Adams. Helen re- ceived lovely gifts for her home.

Spring is surely on its way. You can see it in our Department. Giulia Gattuso, Tessie Belleau, Mary Beauchamp, Martina and the Coy's this time; it's Bernice Stackpole and Hazel L'Euyer.

**Up-do vs. Up-down**

Up-do vs. Up-down: Ann Heath's hair style caused much comment; "Agg" Houghton says it takes ten years off Ann while Bernie Stackpole, being an expert stylist in the new look and such, says she needs only a mop and toothbrush to finish the look.

The limp being sported by Evelyn Morton is not due to one leg being shorter than the other. Oh, well! We'll let her tell us all about it herself.

St. Patrick's Day was observed by our red Irish, namely: Ann Heath, Bernie Fitzpatrick and Helen Uni.

Welcome back, Al Folino. We are all glad to see you.

Bill Sheldon did a beautiful job of singing on the air, Sunday.

**PAAR. Wrap, and Dip Solder**

By "Little Lulu"

Favorite songs of our co-workers are: Marie DeMarois—"Oh, Johnny," Kaylyn Shennan—"I'm a Little Petunia in an Onion Patch" Mary Anna Truscott—"Mr. Pickwick's Pardon"

Peggy Danb—"Dear Soon""Ruth Trincheri—"Jealous" Peg Danb's baby sister made her lunch recently, consisting of one slice of bread and rice crumbles! Good thing you were not very hungry, Peg.

The Navy is full of surprises—and one was pulled on Marie DeMarois when her friend came home on an unexpected 48 hour liberty.

What has the Pine Tree Club got, to keep Mary Anne Truscott down there so often?

**Sprague Electric To Fly Army-Navy "E" Flag Second Annual Observance**

The U. S. War Department has designated April 6th as Army-Navy "E" Day, to commemorate the efforts of American industry for the part played in winning World War II. Those industries which were awarded an American "E" pennant will display that pennant again on April 6th.

In accordance, Sprague Electric Company will proudly display the "E" pennant awarded them for their excellence of performance in meeting production goals and standards during those war years. The Army-Navy "E" was awarded to the company and its employees not once but five consecutive times, during that period when materials were at a premium—while men and women worked un- stintingly to produce goods so badly needed by our Armed Forces.

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**BEAVER STREET REPORTERS**


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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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**Maintenance**

By Little Lulu

Attention, all music lovers! George "Nightingales," Coodey, who has been taking singing lessons, is now available for parties and banquets. His fee—

Bill Falcon, now known as the "Coca Cola Kid," has taken the pledge and is now on that precious waterwagon.

What would Paul Belanger and Carl Varzini say if Miss DeMattey—their one and only—cure all.

Ray Shields says that, since he gave up drinking for Lent, he has more ashes than peaches before ever.

You always had, Ray. When Floriano Mazzina was paged recently, everyone in the department believed he was drinking; at the other end, they say "Rip." Maybe, it's a gimmick to get the other end to go ripping the phone so we can answer the telephone.

"Rip" says, "Yes, I'm all through with women because a certain girl from the Restoroom department stood me up.

John Ross is going around with a red face these days because some of the boys overheard him proposing to his girl friend over the phone the other morning.

"I've decided to make a steady recovery to Joe Schneider who is six sick. Hurry back, Joe; the boys are practically lost without you."

James F. Rondou, son of Jean-


Prokar Dept.

By Carol Bellard

"Boy Dreams"

Get ready to go to New York even if she has to go alone.

Marian Duepont—to get an intro-

duction to Cary Grant.

Margaret Vail—to have that little bangout.

Jen Haley—to find an "ideal" man.

"Terry" Pinnis— to see the Can-

Shop move to Brown Street.

Agnes Baker—to do that home in-

Ce, Viail—to wear her new outfit on Easter Sunday.

Elroy Smith—to see the "Big Dippie."

Marceline Point—to see Roy Rogers in "Judge Roy Roundup."

Margaret Deansault—to meet the owner of the "Studebaker.

"Dolphy" Piers—to see those things in her cedar chest.

Doris Tyler—to wear her new gown, with an orchid, to the Easter Monday Ball.

Carol Bellard—to receive more phone calls.

Les LaPier—to travel to Arizona."

"Bill" Hargreaves—to see Dolly Parton.

Jennie Shepard—to learn some new jokes.

"Jackie" Miller—to get her mind away from Clarkberg for a day. (Now, if we didn't do all this daydreaming, wouldn't Oliver Ledge be better off?)

We're all happy to see "Billo" Belanger back after her recent visit to Florida.

We wish a speedy recovery to Olym-
No Television, No Baby Sitting
Chicago baby sisters are reported passing up all homes not equipped with a television set.

Payroll and Cost
By Betty Alderman
Welcome are in store for Evelyn Therion, Robert L. Biese, Frank Sorel and Donald Holley. We do hope you'll like it here.

Fairwill to Priscilla Nordrup and Joan Whitney. Both girls have been transferred and we do hope they'll like their respective departments.

A good luck to Bernadette Choquette who has accepted a position elsewhere.

Have you noticed the smile "Tommy" has been sporting lately? Could it be because he worked visited the Thompson residence and presented them with a bouncing baby girl? Congratulations Tommy and Annabelle!

Has anyone noticed the "new look" glasses parading about the office? There's more in store—a "Gibson Girl" hair-do and a new wardrobe. Oh, to be a millionaire like that girl in COST!

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Our Holland Friend

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(Barbara Sherman, daughter of Ralph of the Machinist Shop, has been corresponden with a little Dutch girl of Rhenen, Holland. The following is the letter and picture of Alie von Dobderen, who "English is very good, we think."

My dear Barbara,

I received your letter where you asked me if I wanted to correspond with you. I find it very nice. I can't write and speak English so very good, but my oldest sister is helping me. I am fifteen years old, I am ten and I am tall (1.67m). I am sitting in the second class of the gram school learning French, German and English. I find it very fine to correspond with you—for that is very good for my language. I have one sister of twenty-one years and one brother of nineteen years. I am very glad, of course, a father and mother. I am sending a photo of myself. I hope you like it. I am called Alie van Dobderen, and I hope that you write soon back.

Many regards,

from Alie

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Paper Rolling Boasts Three Sister Team

Three sisters working in one Department is our latest team of distinction at Sprague's. The girls are Yvette, Jeanine and Therese Contois of the Paper Rolling Department, Beaver Plant. Their father, Osias, is also employed at the Beaver in the Mist, Paper Finishing Department.

The Contois family arrived in North Adams from Lachine (near Montreal), Canada, a few months ago. When the family decided to move to the States, Osias spent two months in Massassuette deciding where he would locate—the town being between North Adams and Holyoke. He finally decided on North Adams because it was a smaller, cheaper and more friendly place. This was the second time Osias had been in the States—the first dates back to 1925 when he visited in Troy, Michigan, and there met and married his wife. The couple then returned to Lachine.

When asked how they like their new home and surroundings, the Contois family are very enthusiastic in their praise. Yvette said, "Oh, we like the States—everyone is friendly, especially here at Sprague's. The girls are so nice and ready to help when things go wrong."

Jeanine thinks our winters are wonderful. "We have more snow in Canada," she tells us, "but it's really colder there—although the humidity here makes it seem colder here."

All the Contois speak English fluently, though they spoke French in Canada. Therese says they had some English school in Canada, "but we picked it up in a lot, too." They find our way of attaching several meanings to one word a little confusing, "but people are good at understanding for us," she added.

It is easy to understand why their co-workers like the Contois family. Their friendly smiles and really good humor inspire friendly responses. And though we can't say we understand the French, we do say in English, "You're glad you've come, and Good Luck to all of you in your new home!"
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Miniature Molded Tubular Capacitors
In addition to the molded tubulars mentioned above, which are reasonably competitive in price with standard paper tubulars, our Research Department also developed an extremely small tubular capacitor of advanced design, which will have many uses in military and commercial equipment. These units have a diameter as small as three-sixteenths of an inch and a plastic molded exterior which gives them the highest humidity resistance yet attained in units of this general type. Tooling for the manufacture of these capacitors, which did not begin until late in 1946, was completed before the close of the year. Substantial orders have been received for use in government and commercial equipment, and shipments are already an important part of our total sales.

Small Batteries
Another major program undertaken in 1947 was the purchase of equipment and the setting up of facilities for the manufacture of small mercury-oxide batteries under a license from Samuel Ruben, the inventor, through the F. R. Malkey Company, which is currently producing a similar unit. These batteries will find extensive use in igniting aids and in other electric and electronic devices where size is an important factor. The requirements for these sets are almost too small to begin in a small way, but production is expected to increase during the year.

Television
There are many new electronic devices reaching the market which are substantial users of capacitors. Some of these television sets offer by far the greatest promise for the electronic industry because of the rapid increase in the number of television transmitting stations that have been placed in operation, the areas opened to these new and exciting means of communication are increasing. Television sets require many times more capacitors than ordinary radio sets. Furthermore the requirements of these sets are more severe and, generally speaking, a higher quality unit is required, even in the moderately priced sets. It is anticipated that television will play an increasing role in the marketing of capacitors, not only to manufacturers of television sets but also to less substantial users of capacitors, but of all the research and engineering facilities in the industry.

General
In 1947, as in 1946, we spent substantial amounts on plant improvements for our primary and secondary production and for new products. Although the first half of the year did not involve as extensive a program, our aggressive research and marketing policies, together with substantial expenditures for improvements can be expected in any normal business year. This policy, matched with continued good labor relations, should assure the company a strong position in its field in 1948.

The loyal cooperation of the company's entire personnel during the past year is sincerely appreciated. We ended the year in first-class physical and financial condition. With the continuation of our aggressive research and merchandising policy implies that substantial requirements of these sets are more likely to increase during the future. Television was curtailed during the second and late in September, was completed just before the close of the year. Substantial orders have been placed in operation, production is expected to increase during 1948, and substantial users of capacitors, but of all of our research and engineering activities in one central building was accomplished. Here, we believe, are the largest, most complete, and extensive research and engineering facilities in the industry.

Penman!
There are presently some 2,200 people working in the company's plants. Throughout the year we continue to find satisfactory relations with the two independent local unions who represent our factory and all employees respectively, and had no lost time from production and no serious strikes.

New Arrivals
A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson on March 12th in the North Adams Hospital. The father works in the Payroll Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dion announce the birth of a daughter. The father is employed in the Machine Shop.


Yours truly,
C. Kockmam
President

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC LOG

Sports . . . . Kenny Russell

PAA Wins Inter-Plant Basketball Championship

The Sprague Inter-Plant Basketball League finished its 1947-48 season Wednesday, March 17, at the local YMCA with the Office Team, winner of the first half-play-off, toying with the YMCA, winners of the second half-play-off. It was a championship game and both teams fielded their strongest teams for this contest. There was no price for sportsmanship—little to lather—no one was portrayed by either team. The game started out as a low scoring affair and after a hard fought first half the Office led 14-11. In the second half, the officials relaxed their firm hold on the game, and the tempo of the scoring stepped up as well as the tempo of the players. Blocks and tactics were made by both sides that would have pleased the heart of Frank Leidy had the boys been performing for Notre Dame on the gridiron. At other times you could have mistaken the court for a short recoup on the Louis-Walcott fight; still at other times it looked like a group of boys in a mad scramble for pennies on the floor. But, nevertheless, during this series of flashbacks the PAA found time to concentrate on making enough baskets to catch the Office.

With three minutes to go the score was tied 28-28. Here the PAA staged a great offensive and forced the Office to a standstill. In fact, at this point the tied Office Team would have settled for its swivel into the last second of the game, in fact, at this point the tied Office Team would have settled for its swivel into the last second of the game.

The Pittsfield Drug Team of the Shire City defeated our local lassies in the regional playoffs. Pittsfield participated in the National Girls' Basketball Tournament at St. Louis where they were overwhelmed by the Nashville Generals by the one-sided score of 60-11. The high scoring Miss Kirby scored seven of her team's points. However, in behalf of the Pittsfield, Gals, may I point out that they were connected with new rules governing tournament play. In the National the girls played the game of basketball as the men. This being the first time the Shire City Gals were bewitched by the fast breaking attack where all hands were allowed to take part in the scoring. The Sprague lassies are about to bring down the curtain on a very successful season and, with a little more experience, will undoubtedly bring glory to this section of the Berkshires in the near future. To all the members of the team, its coaches and everyone else connected with the organization, I may extend my congratulations on a new and successful venture.

K. Russell