Getting Up In The World

Berkshire Symphony In Annual Spring Concert

Music lovers and those interested in music will have an opportunity to hear the Berkshire Community Symphony Orchestra in its annual spring concert on May 17, at 8:15 in Chapin Hall, Williamstown. This concert will be the last one directed by Mr. Joaquin Nin-Culmell of Williams College until the fall of 1949. He is taking a year's leave of absence to become Visiting Professor of Music at the University of California next year.

The Berkshire Symphony Orchestra is truly a community project since it represents a combination of the Sprague Electric and the Williams College Orchestras plus many other musicians from surrounding towns. The musicians hold various degrees of musical knowledge — some professional, some semi-professional and some amateur.

The high degree of attendance at rehearsals is attributed to the fact that transportation is paid for out of concert funds. There are no paid players from outside to fill any gaps; in other words, the group is self-sufficient. They are building up a library of good music and a supply of instruments which they lend to interested persons; orchestra members are available for instruction in these instruments. They always play from original transcriptions — not revamped copies. Their major objective is to "make music" in the form of a concert, the pleasure derived from the twelve rehearsals required for each concert being the motivating force behind them.

The Berkshire Community Symphony Orchestra, which is sponsored by Sprague Electric Company, has recently been admitted to membership in the American Symphony Orchestra League.

The League is an organization composed of the leading community symphony orchestras of the United States. The National Association of Civic Orchestras was founded in 1943 for the purpose of bringing into closer relationship the orchestra conductors, their presidents and business managers. It offers a liaison service between orchestras and professional management for promotion of young talent and a clearing center service for orchestras and conductors.

The Berkshire Symphony Orchestra has been cited in the INTER-ORCHESTRA BULLETIN, published by the League, as being one of the outstanding community symphonies in New England and represents a fine example of good music sponsored by industry.

Many of us are about Music as we are about Art. We know when we like a thing but we do not know why. The following explanation of what a symphony orchestra really is may help us to find ourselves:

"A Symphony Orchestra is a combination of four groups of instruments — the strings, the wood-wind, the brass and the battery. All of the instruments have their turn as soloists, but, in general, the strings, wood-wind, brass each form a choir for complete harmony, corresponding to the registers of singing voices. The Viola (strings bowed) are the chorus, the general foundation of the Orchestra, multiplied in the parts to balance the weight of the wind instruments: First Violins, soprano; Second Violins, mezzo-soprano; Violas, alto and tenor; Violons, baritone and bass; Double basses, bass. The Wood-Wind contribute tone "color" or variety: Flute, clarinet, soprano; Piccolo, flûte soprano; Oboe, lyric soprano; English Horn alto and tenor; Clarinet, dramatic soprano, alto and tenor; Bassoon and Bass Clarinet, baritone and bass. The Brass sustain the harmony and furnish power: Trumpet, soprano; French Horn, alto and bassoon; Tenorone, tenor and

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RULES OF CONTEST

1. Weight — dressed, leaving on head and tail.
2. All fish must be weighed on official scales at your respective Plant in the presence of one of the judges.

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Fishing Contest Opens

Well, at last your edit is announcing another fishing contest to officially begin with the printing of this issue of the Log, May 15th. You must forgive us for the delay because we have usually found ourselves only on the other end of a fishing pole as far as fish are concerned.

The rules governing the contest will be very similar to those of last year, as well the prizes. However, we are going to repeat all the information just in case we have some new "Isaac Walton" among the employees.

The contest will run until October 31, 1948, and the judges will be Fred Powers at Brown Street, Bob Boyer at Marshall Street, and Bill Brundage at the Beaver Street Plant.

To enter your catch in this contest, have your fish weighed and measured by one of these three Plant judges, and at the time you will fill out an entry blank stating when the fish was caught, kind of fish used, time of day, weather, etc. This latter information will be compiled at the end of the season and should be both interesting, and of great benefit to any new fishermen.

The prizes, as we said, will be poles, reels, line, landing nets, etc. They will be awarded at the end of the season to winners in each class.

Class of Fish

We are adding one additional class of fish, the white perch, this year which will mean there will be ten kinds of fish that will be eligible for entry. The list is as follows:

Togue — brook or native, brown and rainbow.
Bass — large mouth, small mouth Pickered
Northern Pike
Perch — white and yellow Bullheads

The contract for this work is let to H. R. Helmerick of Indianapolis, Indiana, and the job is being done by L. O. Wilkie and Everett Noll. Mr. Wilkie who has been doing this kind of work since he was thirteen years old is from Indiana, is married and takes his wife with him from job to job. Mr. Noll is from Boston, and has been engaged in this work for four years.

This is dangerous work in which every move counts. As we can see by the picture, there is no railing on the staging and neither man wears a safety belt or rope. A cable 1/2 of an inch in diameter and 65 feet long with wooden block spacers is put around the chimney and tightened at the ladder with a turnbuckle. Then the brackets which have a hook on them are hung on the cable and the boards which are 7 feet long, 10 inches wide and 1 inch thick are placed on top of the brackets. They are then tied or lashed to the brackets and cable by a rope which is attached at all times to the bracket.

A second cable is used to help the men go further up the chimney when they have finished the work they are able to reach. Two spare brackets are on hand and are used when they ascend to a higher level. These are used to start a new staging. All mortar is mixed and all work of getting it up and that of moving the staging is done by just two men.

It takes about thirty minutes to move the staging from one level to another and about three moves are made a day — a distance of 21 to 23 feet up. The 10 foot ladders are all interlocking and are wired to the lightning rod cable.
Marshall Music

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Machine Shop

By Nick Rickardello

April 15th marked the opening day of fishing for the fortunate anglers, George Scarbo caught seven beauties and Bill Messier claims the limit.

Ray Magelli decided to try his luck at a nearby brook during his lunch hour. All went well for a while until the silence was broken by a huge splash. For a moment it sounded like an avalanche. A friendly worker had dropped a bugger into the brook. Ray decided to call off the fishing.

On April 21st, William Barber from North Remington, a former co-worker, visited the shop, and on April 22nd, Arthur Rowland of Blackinton, another former co-worker stopped in.

We all hope for a speedy recovery for your Dad, Ray.

Mickey Kozea at the Clarkshag

rassic Shots of Some Spragueites--Left to right: Geri Fields of Molded Tubulars; Mary Lou Roedel, daughter of Kit of Resistors; Frances Marie Downs, daughter of Angie of Industrial Oils; By Marge and Millie Leary.

Can Shop

By H. Trombley

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The Supper Club held its second social and dinner party recently at Fort Massachusetts. During the evening officers were elected as follows: President, Lily Ahlman; Secretary, Sophie Will and Treasurer, Norma Davenport.

Lily Ahlman recently spent a weekend in New York City.

"Dodie" Godfrey looked so charming recently as a stint of honor for her aunt.

Dry Tubular Assembly

By Maury and Marie

We welcome Rita Johnson back to work after a year’s leave of absence. Good to see you back, Rita.

Ann Roy will surely think she is something when that new kitchen is completed. Are we right, Ann?

We understand that in June Isabel Hindman will be California bound. What shame you out there, Belle?

Millie Cliffon has been honored at three showers recently and has received many beautiful and useful gifts for her future home.

What is wrong with fishing this year, Julie Linwood? Is there a license application anywhere?

We welcome Liz Blair into our Department. It is nice to have you here, Liz.

Engineering Specs

By Hiral Goodale and Dot Macannoc

The gentleman behind that bright shiny new face is Mr. Clark and, from the broad smile he’s wearing, we don’t think he is unhappy about it.

An item which you may soon see in the engagements column has to do with that beautiful new diamond ring Doty Macannoc is wearing. Yes, she is wearing it on that important finger today.

Elaine Godrich spends some of his evenings now singing in Williamsport.

Speaking of our song birds, did you know Barbara Carpenter sang herself into a picture when the representative for CALLING ALL GIRLS magazine visited Berkshire Hills Junior College at Great Barrington.

Doris Langer spent a weekend shopping and visiting in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Several of the girls enjoyed a Monday night supper at the Fort.

F. P. Assembly

By Emma Massaconi

Congratulations to Ruth Peterham on her Eleventh wedding anniversary.

May you have many more of them, Ruth.

And congratulations to Carolyn Cardy on her birthday. May you have many more of them.

We welcome to our department, Mrs. Hamilton, Stella Charbonneau and Marie Cuzzo.

Sadie, didn’t your mother tell you you’d have days like this? Bye, bye, Blackbird, Mickey! Come on, girls, get in the groove.

Our deepest and most sincere sympathy to Mary Roberts on the loss of her husband.

F. P. Drys

By Florence Harris

Pearl Dubreuil spent last weekend in Springfield. By all reports and indications she had a marvelous time.

Terry Worthington visited relatives in Canada for a few days.

The F. P.’s seem to have gone car mindless lately. The new, proud possessors are John Fieve, Norman Remillard and Youme Griffin.

Jack Faustini, our prospective bridegroom, described what a real razzing was the morning he was late for work.

Our man of the month, Lewis Cronin, will be a twenty-year man next month.

Lewis Cronin, supervisor of the Industrial Oil Division at Brown Street, is our twenty-year man for this month. When Lew started working for Sprague’s on May 25, 1929, they were only seventeen people employed by the Company in Quincy. One of those seventeen proved to be an important person in the Cronin family because Lew married her.

The Cronins have three children: Alice, Elizabeth, and James. Their household is apparently one of those self-fulfilled households we read about in story books. Lew says they all leave home about the same time in the morning, the children for school and the older Cronins for the Brown Street Plant. Since the children get home first in the afternoon, dinner is usually pretty well under way by the time father and mother arrive.

Lew was born in South Natick, Massachusetts but has traveled all over the country. His wife is from Nova Scotia, and they have had several trips up there where the fishing is good. Incidentally, hunting and fishing are the things Lew likes to do outside of work which he says is always interesting and never monotonous because every day brings some change such as a new design or model.

He smiled when he said it so we know that he enjoys it.

Before going to Industrial Oil, Lew was in charge of the Improvising Department at Beaver Street.

Payroll and Cost

By Betty Alderman

We at last had the chocolate cake Eunice promised even if we did have to go up and get it. The cake was delicious but — where did you get that frosting? Shelly — What a cross you turned out to be! ! ! What a party! When do we get together again?

From Brown Street comes a report that Helen Attafu is to start off on a vacation. Of course we hope that she has time to finish her leave-taking in that time.

We want to wish Evelyn Therrier and Helen Ciepiela a happy birthday greetings.

Paper Ignition Assembly

By Esther Driscoll

We’re glad to have Margaret Fitzgerald back with us after her recent absence.

Welcome to Dorothy Smith — we hope you enjoy working with us.

Dorothy Marlowe recently became a grandmother. Her daughter, Pat Lampisi, gave birth to a daughter recently. Pat was also a former worker in our department.

Alice Kawa celebrated her first marriage anniversary Monday, May 5th. We hope you have many more happy ones, Alice.

Odzia Contois is a very busy man these days, with moving into his home being handled with making extensive repairs, he never has much time to spare.

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Pink Sherman tells me he caught a nice trout in Heartfield’s creek on Sunday. May 5th. (Pinkie insists they are legal.)

Larry Daignault says he’ll be glad when the housecleaning at home is done. He says that point myself.

Walt Rogowski has a kick telling about his children trying out their luck on the local radio programs.
Baseball

As the last goes to press, we have just heard rumors about the details of the Softball League which will open on Sunday, May 3rd. We have the rough details which we shall pass on to you at this time, but there may be a few minor changes after the meeting of the Committee.

There will be two teams from each plant, and one from Maintenance, which means a total of four teams. The company has been fortunate again in preventing the Walker Field in Wrensell which it is reported to be in very good shape. These teams will play Monday and Wednesday, so as not to conflict with the local city league.

The field will be open to departmental teams on the other evenings, and arrangements can be made for challenge matches by calling Tank Wilson or some member of the Committee. The members of the Committee are as follows: George Roy, C. Nurey, G. Scacino, R. McPherson, K. Russell, and P. Manevitz.

Predictions

These are the predictions of the American and National League Baseball standings as predicted by Frank Santelli of the K.V.A.

American League  National League

1. New York          1. New York
2. Cleveland         2. Boston
4. Detroit           4. Brooklyn
5. Philadelphia      5. Cincinnati
7. Chicago           7. Cleveland
8. St. Louis         8. Philadelphia

If there are others who would like to submit their predictions please contact your sports editor.

The New tax reductions went into effect for your first paycheck in May. However, if your husband or wife is over 65 or is blind, you may be entitled to additional exemptions. You are also entitled to additional exemptions if you are over 65. Please notify the Personnel Department in either case and we will see that an adjustment is made on your pay check.

At Recent Scout-o-Rama

Left to right, standing: Robert King, Dominick Pappas, Donald Bunting, Donald Viera, (stock clerk at Beaver). Sitting: Frederick Rotolo, George Senseal (son of George of Formation) and Frankie King (brother of Robert.)

Fishing

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3. Lenth will be the determining factor if two entries weigh the same.

4. Fish caught in states other than Massachusetts are eligible.

We shall try to keep you posted about the entries as they come in, so you will know whether or not your catch will qualify. To get you in the mood for more fishing we are printing a picture of Bill Fierro of the K.V.A. House at Marshall Street with a beautiful catch of fish. Good luck to all you fishermen!

SPRAGUE BOWLERS

The Sprague Bowling League brought a successful as well as financial season to a close at some 75 bowlers and guests enjoyed a turkey dinner held at Wenzel's farm in Adams.

Paul Fern, who is employed in the Sales Office, was our teammaster and did a swell job. Maybe Paul doesn't bowl but he knows how to pitch strikes with his wisty honor. Swarmed at the head table were Harry Abour, I.C.W. No. 2 Union President, who passed out the prizes for Team Strikes; R. C. Sprague, Jr., who spoke briefly; Francis "Tank" Wilson, who represented the Leg and who was instrumental in procuring the trophy. However, he was unable to present the trophy as it was still enroute at the time but made up somewhat with his chauzy jokes. Mr. R. C. Sprague was a principal speaker and his wit and humor made big with the fellows. His brother J. E. Sprague followed and thus completed the Sprague Family Picture. His remarks kept the party really alive and may I say at this time that the league was really pleased to have the entire family attend. Our officers at the head table completed this group and they were—President—George Scarbo; Vice-President—Nick Richards; Secretary—Ken Russell; and Treasurer—Lou Silliano.

After the speakers were finished, prizes for the past season were distributed and the boys really whooped it up when various members bravely came forth to receive their rewards. Joe Lipa belonged the spoils, for this lad just about copped everything. Joe had the high individual average, the high single, high triple, and the most strikes. He certainly was the outstanding bowler in our league. Our hats are off once more to our oldest bowler in the league who can still show his heels to the greater majority of the younger fellows—I mean John Tolmie who once more did himself proud for not only was he on the winning team but his scores were a big factor in the victory. His average was 96.8.

Recognized in the hall and called on for bowers were—Al Horriff, Log Photographer; Armond Trexler, Central Alloys Proprietor; Clancy Stender, Former Secretary of the League, and Fred Tusmin, who showed Motion Pictures as the concluding part of our festivities.

Missing at our shindig was Mr. E. L. Ward, who had previous obligations to fill and Jack Washburn was confined to his home because of illness. Jack has always been present at all Sprague Sport activities, and his absence was keenly felt by the entire organization.

New officers were elected for the coming year. They are as follows: President—Joe Lipa; Vice-President—"Pinky" Sherman; Secretary—Berrie Fitzpatrick; and Treasurer—John Tolmie.

At this time and speaking on behalf of the Men's Bowling League I would like to thank all who sided in again having a successful season. To the Sprague Management and Log for the Banquet and Trophy; to the I. C. W., No. 2 for its generous donations for prizes and to the unflinching efforts of the Officers and Members—Thanks a Million.

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