FIRE WEEK

The week of October 4 - 10 has been proclaimed by President Truman and Governors of the several states as FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.

It was exactly seventy-seven years ago this week - October 8, 1871 that Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over the lantern in a Chicago barn and started the famous Chicago Fire which is now an item in our history books. At that time, Chicago had a population of 386,641 and it was a commercial center of great importance. The fire broke out near the lumber district on the west side, leaped the river to the south and finally to the north side. It burned over an area of 31 miles, destroyed 17,450 buildings and property valued at $196,000,000, made at least 100,000 homeless and killed 250 people. It burned for 25 hours.

11,000 Americans will die in fires this year and twice that number will be badly burned, according to the estimates of the National Fire Protection Association. At the current rate of burning, nearly $2,000,000 worth of valuable goods will go up in smoke each day of the year. Somewhere in this land of ours a preventable fire occurs every 20 seconds right around the clock.

The Association lists the principal causes of fires in the following order: first, Defective Heating; second, Misuse of Electrical Equipment; third, Defective Housing Equipment; fourth, Careless Handling of Flammable Liquids. Most fires occur in: first, Dwellings; second, Motor Vehicles; third, Stores and Shops; fourth, Apartments and Boarding Houses.

We hear and read about the big fires, but there are many small fires that never make the papers. Some of these occur in industry where production is hampered because of them. It is a good idea to check at the end of the work day to be sure that inflammable liquids are in proper containers, that there are no matches left in the pockets of work clothes, that soldering irons and all production equipment are turned off and that all oily or soiled rags are put away in their proper places. By taking reasonable care, we can help prevent the preventable fire that breaks out every 20 seconds.

The following Alphabetical advice is for our protection:

Put out lighted matches and cigarettes before disposal.
Replace electric cords when worn or frayed.
Eliminate rubbish and unnecessary combustibles.
Vertical openings in buildings must be cut off to prevent spread of fire.
Educate school children in simple fire prevention.
Never smoke in bed.
Train everyone on what to do when fire breaks out.

Flameproof decorations in all public places.
Inspect frequently all places where fire may occur.
Replace wooden shingle roofs with fire-resistant roofings.
Examine and maintain all fire appliances.
Safeguard all heating equipment from surrounding combustibles.

Mr. Ernest L. Ward has announced the promotion of Mr. William C. Carlston from the Production Engineering Department to succeed Mr. James Fitzgerald in the Sales Office handling customers' accounts.

Mr. Carlston was first employed here as a draftsman in Mr. Burke's department in 1941. In 1942 he was promoted to Production Engineering where he has worked since then. He is married and has three children: Susan Barbara, Billy and Gerry Ann. They make their home at 34 Marietta Street.

PROMOTION ANNOUNCED

IN PRODUCTION

NEW MERCURY BATTERY IN PRODUCTION

Used Principally in Hearing Aids

The Company has completed and put in operation facilities for manufacturing mercury batteries. The mercury battery principle has long been known, however its successful design and production like many other devices resulted from the accelerated pressures and technical requirements of World War II. With the development and extensive use of portable electronic communications equipment, better, smaller and longer life batteries were urgently needed by the armed forces.

The old style dry batteries don't retain their strength in the field as those used in flashlights and portable radios served fairly well, but under tropical conditions of heat and humidity, and where long storage and transport were encountered, these batteries if not useless upon arrival, failed after short use. The mercury battery filled these requirements so well that millions were produced and played their part in our victory, especially in the Pacific.

The successful wartime use and apparent advantages of the mercury battery led to investigation of peace time applications and a modified design which could compete with conventional batteries.

The mercury batteries which we are beginning to produce are manufactured in a somewhat similar form by another company and are sold principally for use in hearing aids. An increasing number of people are being helped in hearing today by hearing aids and the market appears to be growing. The batteries, in addition to being a id with the original unit, are also sold in large-size use for replacement purposes. One of the principal advantages which the mercury cell holds over the ordinary dry battery is its smaller size and weight in relation to the comparative life of the batteries resulting in fewer changes per week. The mercury batteries also have more uniform performance and practically indefinite shelf or storage life thus assuring fresh cells at all times.

The new battery plant is located in Building 4 at Marshall Street. Larry Haskins is foreman of the department and the production engineer is Walter Schroeder.

All personnel connected with this new project are looking forward enthusiastically to a successful manufacturing division. Operations are beginning on a modest basis, but it is expected that the battery department will eventually employ approximately 100 people.
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Zebek on their recent achievements.
We hope they like their new work.
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Keno; Brothers-in-law Jim Dolan of Plating Department and General Downey of Impregnating.

Falling for a pretty girl is one thing but falling on a slippery floor is quite
another. We know a guy who couldn’t take it. He's got up off a puddle of oil.
One day he slipped on some oil, hit the floor hard and passed out. After
a week in the hospital and a week’s res at home, he came back to work on
his new new car in his eye.

"How come you keep things so neat nowadays?" asked the foreman, watch-
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"I learned the hard way," said the man.
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By E. T. Leech, Editor, The Pittsburgh Press

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Mrs. Marion Caron, formerly of the Sample Department, is now with us again. We
welcome our newcomers, Alice Severson and Gerald O'Grady.

We are going to miss Shirley Dolbert
when she leaves to be married on October 16. Our best wishes go with
her.

Santa Claus — Olympia Dremieric — Orange, Mass. Lettera Murie — At home. Some-
one made a remark about a baby-

sitter. About what?


Huy Goodale — At home.

Our sympathy to Delaphaine Grant
on the death of her father.

F. P. Assembly
By Emma Massoneir

Welcome to our department, Ray

Crews. We hope you will keeping up with us.

Our Sports Announcer is Wilfred

Rondeau. He sure gave out with the
old baseball talk.

The Roy Rogers of the F. P. De-
partment and Evelyn Jones surely are
tricky on a horse.

Siva! You can teach Leah a few tricks.

You crimpers should go see your


dctors. That's so (is supposed to be being) sounds bad. You need
something!

First it was Doris Cannedy; now it's
Emma Reardon who is taking driving
lessons.

Well, by the time this is read, the
Yankees will have won the pennant and
the World Series. We've had a lot
good clean arguing about the teams.
Don't feel too bad, you Red Sox fans.

Your team may come through some-
thing you like sometime.

Grace Roberts has been getting a few
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Paper Rollings
By Rubba-Rubba

Happy birthday greetings to Kath-

ryn Toodey and Lenna Solomon.
Welcome to the new workers: Lucy
Ciampa, Beatrice Marsh, Millie O'Grady and Dorothy Knau.

Congratulations to "Tom" Dupuis
who recently was married to Roger
Bourget.

Cell Rocha spent the holiday week
end in Gloucester, Mass.

Emi Montagna and Mary Troia
spent their vacations in Miami, Florida.

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"Entry Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

Published by the SPRAGUE ELECTRIC CO., North Adams, Mass.
No experience or expense necessary to make these colorful dolls—just a pair of socks and a well-stocked scrap bag. The Mammy doll is tied out in flowers, and she has a hat of white apron and kerchief. Pagliacci has a half-striped, halfplain suit and big cone hat with pompon trim. Features are embroidered. Doll making is an old craft and a delightful one because of the pleasure it gives. I almost as much fun to play with these dolls as it is to make them.

Misc. Paper Finish

By Velma Lincoln

This brings us to the finish of the workings in our department: Josephine Mastalisz-Pittsfield and Albany. She also helped on her new home, and we know she likes blue.


Gertrude Hall found a present for her mother so she was very busy making. She also did get around in spite of that.

By Ceil Risch

Don Tranah who was employed in Industrial Oil before leaving for the University of New Hampshire last week.

MISCORRILLANCE DRYSDTS—DTS

By Ool Rinch

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P.A.A. MIDGET ASSEMB. DEPT.

By Vickie La More

We always welcome all new girls in our department and hope they like it.

We are glad you are feeling better, Josie Gasparri, and that you are back to work with us.

Jeanette Bourgeois will be out on a two weeks’ vacation. Have a good time, Jeanette.

Mrs. Drysdale left to go back to her old job at the Beaver Plant. We hope her daughter gets well soon.

Mrs. Shand was given birthday gifts from the girls in our department. The news that has not been entered is because of the shortage of space in the LOG.

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P.A.A. ROLLING

By Rits Siciliano

A hearty welcome to all the new girls from all of us.

Anne Visioli is standing up well under the terrific strain of being initiated into the Rollers Club. Anne is certainly a wonderful sport.

We all wondered why Ellen McCarthy was so concerned about her watch until the story leaked out.

At a party held at Helen Currie’s summer camp in Cheshire, Ellen and Laddie Meranti were enjoying a canoe ride when the canoe tipped over near the shore. Both girls were fully dressed and Ellen had a hairdo. To make the story short, turkish towels were used so in evidence for the rest of the evening; Ellen’s watch could be seen drying in the breeze. All reports are that Millie Scerbo is convalescing quickly at her home after a recent appendectomy. Hope you will be back to us soon, Millie.

Julia Amona certainly took the whole department by surprise when she showed up with Mike Haddad. Best of luck to you, Julia, from the whole gang.

Laddie Meranti’s favorite story is the one about the two Scotchmen, N. J and Wit, who had a bet of a quarter as to who could stay under the water the longest. They both drowned.

The girls on Eyelets have a lot of fun. They all seem to do a good job and enjoy themselves.

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Bertha Shugar and “Peg” Campsall are with us again after an extended leave of absence. It’s good to have them back.

It must be tough for a youngster like Rich DiLozario to be working with all these women. He calls it “slutty clothes”! Mr., my, Richard, don’t let us get you down.

Mrs. Drysdale has been enjoying a fishing trip to find Betty Busby and Ruth Richmond on top of Betty’s house if you call on them. They are holding a new record. You know what the saying is, girls—Jack of all trades.

Rachael Montagna is having a tough job getting a good counter. It seems the Police Department has had here since children’s Day and Rachard hasn’t been able to get one that counts accurately. Cheer up, Rachael. The girls will gladly help you count.

Ralph Kleiner has been going around with that boat of defeat ever since the Red Sox lost. There is still another year, Ralph.

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SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Colleges

Now that the Fall campaign is in full swing, it is time to take a swing at the various sections of the country.

East:
The Eastern states are home to some of the finest college football teams. Penn State, State, and Penn, each have a strong claim in winning this major title. With the addition of Penn State to the Eastern landscape, it seems like any team could win. However, I believe Penn State will emerge as the champion in the East. Their offense is top-notch, and their defense is solid.

Midwest:
The Midwest is a tough region to call. Michigan is always a contender, but they have struggled in recent years. Notre Dame, on the other hand, is always a force to be reckoned with. I predict that Notre Dame will emerge as the champion in the Midwest.

South:
The South is a region that is always competitive. Florida is a top team, but Georgia and Alabama are also in the mix. I think Alabama will emerge as the champion in the South.

West:
The West is always a tough region to call. Oregon and UCLA are both top teams, but I think Stanford will emerge as the champion in the West.

PITCHERS

The championship game between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees is sure to be a classic. The Red Sox have a strong pitching rotation, with Scherbrock, Buturla, and Robertson all pitching well. The Yankees have a solid bullpen, with Warden and Williams leading the way. I predict that the Red Sox will emerge as the champion in the championship game.