Berkshire Symphony

First Concert Nov. 29th

The Berkshire Community Symphony will present the first concert of the 1945-46 season at Chapin Hall, Williams College, on Monday evening, November 29th, at 8:30 P.M. Mr. Jay C. Rosenberg of Pittsfield, Director of the former Stanley Club Orchestra, will conduct in the absence of Professor J. Nin Cawthall who is serving a visiting professorship at the University of California for one year. The Orchestra, of 65 musicians, will present a very entertaining program of music ranging from the works of old masters to the present contemporary American composers. The program will consist of Handel's "Sonata in F," Liadow's "Eight Russian Folk Songs," Goldmark's "Sakuntala," excerpts of Randall Thompson's "Second Symphony," and one of Handel's "Trumpet Cantos".

The Berkshire Community Symphony is extraordinary in the fact that the instrumentation for a full size symphony is complete in that it has been unnecessary to hire professional musicians from larger cities. The Orchestra has been rehearsing at the North Adams State Teacher's College since September 15th in preparation for the coming concert. Tickets may be obtained by addressing an inquiry to the Berkshire Community Symphony, Box 308, North Adams, Massachusetts.

H. O. Barschdorf
Manager-Secretary

ARMSLICE DAY SALUTE

John St. Cyr, son of Anne of Molded Tubulars, gives us this appropriate Armistice Day picture.

CUTTING THE TAPE

At the Opening of the Airport. Left to right: Robert Teeple, President of the local council; Dr. Bosston, Mrs. Harriman and Mr. Barrow.

Harriman Airport Opens
Robert Teeple Makes Opening Speech

Sunday, October 31, the sun shone bright on the old Stevens landing strip. There was no fog, no smog. The airliners stayed away, but the people of North Adams didn't. They came in droves and were glad.

The day began with a bang when Mr. Harriman, with a pair of silver shears, cut the tape, and the first official take-off raced down the runway.

Robert Teeple made such an enthusiastic opening speech that, when the speaker took acrobatically off, we thought that he was flying. But no — our investigator found him still at the speaker's stand.

Harriman was acquainted with the Rangers, a squadron of army planes, led by Lieutenant Colonel Herbert Orr, buzzed and strafed till the Hoosac Valley rang. We thought it the best local airshow since the Japanese flying disks last appeared at Clarence Pratt's Rowe Ranch.

Sunday was open house for flyers from other airports. Those who flew in were served complimentary breakfasts at Fort Massachusetts, with the Mount Greylock Unit of A.O.P.A. serving as host. John Jamaica provided transportation for the flyer innies, and his Nantucket spent a good three hours running the shuttle route between the Airport and the old log fort.

There was a little of the carnival spirit and atmosphere Sunday. But something else more sober and more convincing shone through. North Adams had passed another milestone, and the crowd was strangely aware that the old road had taken a new bend.

The Hoosac Tunnel, the Mohawk Trail, these are highlights in North Berkshire communications. And the municipal Airport, begun in a modest but intensely earnest way, makes a third and lasting barrier in the barriers that nature has placed about this city.

The North Adams Airport is a reality. That reality is the accomplishment of the planning of determined men. Their planning has required more than imagination, more than capital, more than mental skill and physical energy; it has required faith.

Let us help them carry on a job well begun.

Lawrence Hobkins

FIFTEEN-TWENTY YEAR EMPLOYEES DINNER

Representative Heselton, Mayor Bowes, James E. Wall, R. C. Sprague Speakers

More than 250 people attended the Fifteen-Twenty Year Dinner held at the Richmond Hotel on November 1, to honor the old-time employees of Sprague Electric Company. Pins were awarded to nine 20 year employees who have been with the company since its founding, and to 114 employees with at least fifteen years service.

The Blue Room was colorfully decorated in blue and gold, the colors of the fifteen-year pins; yellow flowers and blue candles carried the color theme to each of the twenty-three tables. Large colored reproductions of the pins of both groups hung above the head table which included Messrs. R. C. Sprague, J. K. Sprague, Ernest Ward, William Nolan, G. R. Flood, John Washburn, James E. Wall, Mayor Bowes, Dr. Preston Robinson and Representative John W. Heselton.

After the roast beef dinner, Mr. Washburn, Director of Personnel and Master of Ceremonies, introduced all those at the head table who were not making speeches and then presented a twenty-year pin to our president, R. C. Sprague who, in turn, presented the other pins as the names were read by Mr. Washburn.

Mr. Sprague spoke of the Company's place in the community — stressing the importance of our success to the community — and expressed appreciation for the cooperation of all employees through the years.

Representative Heselton compared our standards of living with those in England and Argentina and attributed the high living standard of the United States to the cooperation of workers and management. He cited the continuing responsibility of industry as the key to further success of our prosperity.

Mr. Wall talked about his company's association with Sprague's during World War II when the Wall Street Shoe Company held sub-contracts on work for gas masks. He referred to his first contact with Sprague Electric Company when it came to North Adams 18 years ago; then he did not realize it would become the city's largest industry, employing between 45 and 50 percent of all personal employees in this area.

Mayor Bowes dealt with the importance of Sprague's to this section. In spite of the reports of industry leaving New England, he said, the aggressive spirit and ingenuity shown by Sprague's assure us that New England can continue to compete with other sections of the country.

TWENTY YEAR GROUP

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SPRAGUE ELECTRIC LOG

From the Sidelines - - -
THE TWENTY-YEAR-DINNER

By Rita Siciliano

The Theme Song for the evening - Old Familiar Faces.

Everyone arrived O.K.; all the ladies' curls stayed intact, coping with the rainy weather.

Speaking of the men and their hair-do; some bold, some grey, no toupees after all it is 15 and 20 years.

Graves - thoughtful husbands.

Mr. R. C. Sprague, more distinguished after 30 years in North Adams - hard work.

The married ones were the fortunate ones; they could bring their spouses.

The tables were beautiful; flower galore. Pompous in various colors.

Mr. James Wall was with us, as honored guest.

Our handsome Mayor; his honor, James Bowes, at the head table.

State Representative, John W. Hesselton honored us with his presence.

"All" Horrall having trouble dodge- ing the waitresses in the process of taking pictures.

Reminiscing galore all evening, even to our starting rate of pay, 26 cents an hour. What a long way we have come.

A lot of laughs at table No. 10; Hank Gamari seated there.

DINNER

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Those receiving twenty-year pins were: R. C. Sprague, Julius K. Sprague, William Nolan, Henry Anderson, Mary Avery, Harry Kalkoff, Lewis A. Cronin, Ernest Purpura and Samuel Darmstader who could not be present.

Of the 15-year-employes 124 were present at the dinner to receive pins.

Julia Abraham, Susan Bishop, Elizabeth Bogus, Joan Bryce, Esther Driscoll, Phyllis Dunn, Mary Daniels, Mario Magnani, Emma Veinotte, Solari, George Theberge and Mary Antonio Cassidy, Helen Connors, Rita Ford Bellows, Patricia Bontempi, Antoinette Sacco, George Walter Rohane, T. J. Rondeau, Anna Mendell, Frederick McLeod, James Knox, Gerald Lebert, Leo James Bowes, at the head table.

Mr. James Wall was with us; an elegant toast master, his address - which was wonderful - informed us of the fact that in the past 112 Years, there have been six generations of the Sprague family in our city.

LANE.

Our Mayor delivered a very inspir- ing speech.

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Our Safety Corner

It's Time To Check!

CELTIC LITERATURE COURSE

A fifteen-lesson course in Celtic Literature is offered by the Division of University Extension of the Massachusetts Department of Education. It will meet one evening each week. Mrs. Dorothy Hughes Smith of Williamstown will conduct the course, which will consist of lectures, readings, and legend-tellings in English from the Irish, Scottish, Welsh and Breton literatures.

The emphasis will be upon the earliest Celtic literature group, the epic, legends and poems of Ireland. Mrs. Smith's master's thesis for Dr. J. P. Turkebuck at the University of California in 1960 is entitled, "Celtic Studies in Mythology and Folklore."

Myths and legends of ancient Ireland were preserved for later cultures through oral and literary traditions and the practical activities in manuscript illumination and the early medieval Irish church. The course will include studies from The Book of Invasions, Midé and Etain, Tales of Cuchulain, Tales of Fion, the Annals of the Four Masters, and plays and poems from modern Irish literature.

Studies comparing themes and forms in Celtic literature with similar themes and forms in classical and modern European literature, will be undertaken by qualified students.

The course is offered for graduate and undergraduate credit of two semester hours with a fee of $11.00. The fee for those who audit is $10.00.

An electric French fryer, described as the first unit of its kind for the U.S., is announced. It is designed to heat three pounds of oil to a French-frying temperature of 380 degrees in 15 minutes.

A new reef to gather up the excess scum on your electrical appliances or lamps is only 3½ inches in diameter and little over an inch high. It can be placed in service for any electrical device without disconnecting the cord.
Highlights of the Fifteen-Twenty Year Dinner

Photos by Al Horsfall
BAGGAGE COUNTER

FOR SALE—Electro-Voice (Professional Type) crystal microphone and Cardoc Model 950. Cost new $37.50; used twice. Will sell for $25.00. Ideal for public address or amateur radio. Box 101, LOG.

FOR SALE—Lawn mower — no longer used but very useful, 15 inch blades, $6.00. Another lawnmower, Good service all season, 12 inch blades, $6.00. The two for $10.00. Box 102, LOG.

FOR SALE—Shevel. Long handled, round mouth, good condition. $1.00. Ask Mrs. T. Young.

FOR SALE—Girl's red-green check overcoat, 1/2 size. $15.00. Excellent condition. Size 8. Ask Mrs. A. Greene.

PICTURES—Individually or groups whose pictures are taken at Single Pets. Cost for the LOG may have copies of same by calling him at Marshall Street. He would appreciate the opportunity of taking weddings, parties and baby pictures.
BROWN STREET

PA A Midget Assem. Dept.

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

Mr. Cheneil has returned from his vacation, and would have enjoyed it more if the weather had been colder.

Angie Nasin’s has returned from the House of Mercy Hospital in Pittsfield, Mass. Her condition is much improved. He was a victim of an auto accident in which he received chest injuries.

Avelia Shand is coming along nicely, after undergoing a minor operation. The gang admires your pluck and courage, Shand.

Glad to see Ora Lefarge and Dot Suntine back again. Keep your chin up, Ora.

Best wishes; Ruth Lackey, who was married this summer.

The girls have given her a blanket on this occasion. Thank you, Ruth, for the nice box of chocolates.

VICKIE LE MORE

PA A Rolling

By Rita Siciliano

Waistled: First class Optimist, Patient: Jim Fitzgerald.

I promised Jim I wouldn’t tell the first time it happened, but when it happened again! Well, it’s just too good to keep.

Can you picture approximately sixty girls roaring with laughter and Jim running, and I mean running, out of the LADIES ROOM.

Best of luck to Kay Belviso, who had a hurried call to the North Adams hospital. Hurry and get well, Kay. Our model worker—Jo Crawford.

Are all you bosses listening? Jo doesn’t call.

Our Boss “AL” is getting his daily mixture.

This is better than usual, Anne Mullen is back from her vacation and has “AI” on the run.

Sweet Contentment—Vi Noel, you got a good one for married folks.

Betsy Jordan back to work all smiles after a honeymoon at Niagara Falls.

What’s the big attraction up in Heurwoodville? Rose Passit?! I’m sure that it isn’t the honeymoon or scenery. Please won’t you give us a tip. Don’t tell me you are taking skiing lessons so early! Oh, if you should get hurt, there’s always a nurse handy—our own Priscilla Douglas who has been giving us lectures since she started the Nurses Aide Class six weeks ago. Do hope she will make the grade.

As for Nita Creciunchin, “Guess what,” They do try to guess, but in the end, “It’s a secret.”

We all welcome back Romeo Soro. “It’s swell to have you with us again. Please Helen Moxness, do hurry and come back to work next to me.

We all wish your mother a speedy recovery.

INDUSTRIAL OIL

Ann Heath

A gala Halloween Party was held at the White Oaks Men’s Club on Friday, October 22, by the Industrial Oil Department. The hall was beautifully decorated with yellow and black streamers, candles and pumpkins. The boys and girls were picturesque in their colorful costumes. Frank Santeau looked like Max West in his long, yellow ears and green gown. Al Giniati is in that Hawaiian outfit! And Lou Vicente would have made the bowser bellies green with envy could he have seen them. Everybody looked “out of this world,” but then it wouldn’t be a Hallowe’en party if folk didn’t look different from the way we know them.

Frank Santulli and Bob Holmes entertained us with songs which were very good. At Giniati wore into his best Halloween monkey suit. Lou Vicente danced in clumbsia. I didn’t quite get the name of the dance Lou Vicente did but we might call it the Halloween HOP.

Anyway, it was something new, folks! Games were played and dancing was enjoyed. The broom dance was the most popular of all. Myles Heath just loved dancing with the broom and perhaps he was too slow to grab himself a partner. Lunch was served, and we all went out on our merry way, hoping for another party real soon.

Resistors -- Night Shift

By Jean Bleh

We all remember Rella Bleh— a swell guy. He is training at Great Lakes, lI.

The cutest girl on the night shift, Baby Face (Rita) Langlois is a wonderful pal.

We all know when we hear that voice so sweet and realize for another one, then see Willie Maxon running out that she has done it again.

The favorite song of the color code is “Hop, Hop, Bunny-Bunny” — vocal song byillian Grande. Nice work, Lib.

MAINTENANCE

Little Lulu

Burt Davis, Paul Belanger and Charlie Oake are back from their eventual trip to Barre, Vt. According to Burt, three of his corn-fed bellies of Barre explicitly—delightful, de-fisculous and de-lovely.

Charlie Dean is going to buy a motor bike with the money the insurance company gives him on his Model-A Ford which was wrecked recently.

Bill Folkan bought a new set of wrenches and makes his helper, Buddy Bernardi, sour gloves whenever he uses them.

John Paul King is now known as the hostess king of Williamsport.

What has happened to thehash Waw Santilli we used to know? How has he changed? Could it be the new mustache he is sporting or is it marriage?

They say it is really comical to watch Tony Woloski beat the five clock deadline whenever he goes to a movie.

Now that Bill Rivers is on speaking terms once again with Lulu, I guess it’s safe to mention him again in this column. Watch for the next issue, Muddy Waters.

They all say that John Rossi gets very peevd if his name is not mentioned in the column. Okay, Smirn.

WIRE CLOTH

By Corena Tatro

Although our hearts are filled with sadness for the mothers and families of our war heroes being brought home, we can say nothing to comfort them as words seem so little at a time like this. We offer our humble respects to the family of James Smith, brother of Margaret Durnin.

Betty Jangrow spent a day in New York, saw much of the new book and had a lot of laughs. The best part of that trip, Betty, was the candy you brought us.

It’s knitting time again and the knitting needles are working overtime. Lucile Miller is knitting a sweater, Helen Burdick is making mittens, and Helen Fonte is making scarfs. It’s a nice pastime and a thrifty one. It’s fun to watch a ball of wool grow in a nice warm garment even though it’s only an old sock.

Eva Faour spent a weekend in Boston recently. Do we folks get around!

RESISTORS

By Delia Kesting

A happy anniversary to Betty Retberters, Alma Sweeney, Mary LaDame, Viola Gamari and Jeanne Plite.

We all welcome Betty Vigna, Daisy Major, Sue Galipeau, Ora Norens and Ann Spagnola to the department—also Laura Beneiti.

The new short hair style looks chic on Stella Leje, Alice Huddard, Mary LaDame, Stella Beauchamp, Lucy Abiou, Margaret Cutler and Kit Rockel.

Since the work in our department picked up, the winners look like busy bees making larger profits.

Agnes Flemington and your reporter have the honor of receiving invitations to the fifteen-twenty year dinner.

K. V. A. Final Assembly

Kathleen Modena

Tune Songs of ‘KVA:

Vivian Shaw—“Sleepy Time Gal”

John Shane—“Oh, How I Hate To Get Up In The Morning”

Dot Dupuis—“Sometime He’ll Come Along”

Kenn Boswell—“Don’t You Do Right?”

Marie Barbour—“When The Levees Come The Bricks”

Jean Galloway—“He’s In The Army Now”

Eddy says he is going in the Army—that is if they won’t cut his pants away.

Melzina is now known as the “Carmel Kid.”

WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Census Bureau figures show that nearly one million women in the United States are in business for themselves at the present time. They knit, crochet, cook, babysit, make cigars. They sell tooth brushes, real estate, patent medicine and insurance. They run restaurants, bowling alleys, trucking and clothing enterprises. They are proprietors, managers or officers in 442 of 551 types of jobs classified by the Government. One Connecticut woman made a big success selling homemade bread and is now shipping it to all parts of the United States.

Left to right: Dianne Marchio, eight-month-old daughter of Alice of Paper Rolling. Guests at shower given for Evelyn Gageant at the home of Irene Chimpana. Seated: Laura Cardinal, Arleen Chadluff, Eunice Swartzier, Evelyn Gageant (guest of honor) Betty Alderman, Mildred Ottman, Bertha Deacon (standing) Irene Choudin, Ruth Atella, Ruth Yarter. Center panel: Mary Ann Romeo, daughter of Jennie of Molded Tubulars. She is heard on Saturdays at 10 A.M. on the Children’s Hour. Left to right: Helen Altella, Irene Chouinard, Bertha Decoteau, Mildred Ottman. At the piano, Evelyn Gageant. Standing: Helen Atella, Irene Chouinard, Bertha Deacon, Mildred Ottman.

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SPRAUGE ELECTRIC LOG
Hoists hopes on team number 1 and L. Virelette on team number 6. Both work in KVA at Brown Street.

**Sports...**

**Football**

Druhy Captures Northern Berkshire Football Crown for Second Consecutive Year

Druhy hit his decisive 30-0 victory over Adams for the second straight year has taken the crown. In captaining the title Druhy defeated in the area—Pittsfield St. Joseph 23-0; Pittsfield 13-0; Bennington 6-0; and Adams 11-0. Not one team in Northern Berkshire was able to cross the “Blue Devil” goal line.

Druhy, this season has had veterans (seniors that is) in the lineup with not too many sophomores and juniors. By the cardinal attack, began to build with this squad will hold fastness to the Alumni Medal.

It must be said that Druhy, after a slow and disastrous start came along nicely by mid-season and with victories over its arch rivals made the season a successful one.

**College**

A valiant never-say-die crew from Williams went down before the onslaught of a powerful Wesleyan eleven by the tune of 28-7. The final score does not show the closeness of the game at the half, the Mounties had gone 7-0 against the Ephmen and they had that lead to the half.

Druhy has low temperatures in this time of year which can damage the archer’s tackle. Ouse bow stands up better than hemisphere; arrows with plastic fittings disintegrate in the extreme cold.

**Old Style**

How hunters who wish to try their skill must check in and out each day at the main entrance near Suncook. Equipment is strictly prescribed: bows must have a pull of at least fifty pounds; arrows must have broad heads; at least seven-eights of an inch wide; hunting may not begin more than thirty minutes before sunrise or end later than thirty minutes after sunset.

The area was open to hunters last year, and one deer (a doe) was the only one killed. This was partly because of the small number of archers who came out and partly because of the difficulties of bow hunting.

**Aviation**

On October 31st before a vast throng of people the Harriman Airport at the Greenock Field was officially opened. It was without a doubt a thrilling spectacle and fortunately one enjoyed on a beautiful mild Fall afternoon. Some 40 planes were on the field including an amphibian that we could not help but snap with our camera. Many a local flier was able to get a glimpse in a snapped up biplane that had everyone on the ground ohhing and ahhing throughout the performance. Another local flier, Robert O’Ree led an army formation of six through a series of maneuvers, that showed the precision training that has Army standards maintain.

Mrs. Lottie Harriman for whom the airport was named was one of the many speakers and she personally cut the tape that made the airport an official one. As the Northwestern part of the field is a beautiful new hangar with all of the latest gadgets and this was commented on by many spectators.

During the unveiling proceedings the Boy Rangers Drum Corp put its own stamp on precision drill show.

A new electric steam-iron with a three-bar dial control can be used for dry ironing by the flip of a switch.

**The Square Ring**

Joe Biski who is to fight Ezzard Charles in an elimination contest knocked out Willie Brown in four rounds. Charles is keeping in condition by going ten rounds and de-feating Jimmie Bivins.

Leonard Morrow who is coming a light heavyweight was up in a battle with Bob Foxworth.

Bill Daly, who is a sensation in the middleweight class, took a decision over Mike Conroy.

Tommy Bell knocked out Mickey Doyle in two rounds and also won a decision over Doc Ralff, Tommy fights in the 147 class.

Tony Falco another lightweight beat Sammy Walker to a ten round decision.

Anton Raadik, 160 middleweight class won the unanimous decision of Al Red Priest. Raadik’s management is now seeking to match Anton with middleweight champion, Marcel Corn- den. In the last meeting of the two Raadik scored four rounds in the tenth round to lose a decision. Marcel was ahead on points in the earlier rounds.

Charlie Fusari, Northern welter- weight champ, knocked out Tippy Larkin, a veteran in the ring, in the sixth round. Fusari has promised a shot at the title of King Roy Robin- son.

While Mike Jacobs the king of the boxing game leaves New York for a trip to Miami, Harry Markson, Bronx sportman, will be the managing director of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club. The club will be two match makers in scheduling their fights.

Did you ever stop to consider that when a heavyweight title is at stake the two contestants go in training several months prior to the match. While the contestants of the other seven title holders are always fighting and seem to be ready when called to defend their title.

**Sprague Electric Log**

Kenny Russell

**See Next Log**

**For Fishing Contest Winners**

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