Management Club

On January 10th, another Sprague Management Club Dinner Meeting took place in the Hub Restaurant. Almost fifty members of the Club were able to be present to hear a very interesting talk by Dr. Grover C. Beardsley, President of the North Adams State Teachers College.

Union Officers Installed

On Tuesday, January 18th, the Independent Conductor Workers Union No. 2 of the Sprague Electric Company held their monthly meeting at which time they inducted their new officers. Those officers installed were: John J. Walsh, president; Bernard Fitzpatrick, vice-president; Robert Davison, treasurer; Isabel Ivy Hyland, secretary; Mrs. Marion Connors, Mrs. Helen Estes and Mrs. Blanche Tarro, stewards; Bargaining Committee: Williams Stackpole, chairman; John Sullivan, James Shea, William Curran, Ernest Risch and Louis Vincelette. Sergeant-at-Arms: Donald Berry.

The Union also voted at that time to contribute $50 to Infantile Paralysis Campaign Fund that is being conducted throughout North Adams at this time.

Community Nursing Service Starts Class

The Community Nursing Service, one of our Community Chest Agencies, has started a class for expectant mothers. Anyone interested is asked to call North Adams 3893-M for complete information.

If enough mothers interested in infant supervision will be enrolled, classes will be started later.

GARDEN CHORES

About this time every year, we receive the new Spring Seed catalogues, and I know from personal experience that many happy evenings can be spent pursuing them, and making plans for the warmer months to come. However, there are a few activities for the ardent gardener even during the winter months, and for them we are listing a few chores that can be accomplished in January.

1. As the sun gets warmer, move your plants back out of very sunny windows or pull your blinds down during part of the afternoon.

2. For healthy house plants keep the humidity indoors as high as possible by placing pans of water on or near your radiators.

3. The water used on African violets should always be of room temperature or warmer.

4. Inspect your stored bulbs, particularly dahlias and gladioli which can develop disease now. Cut away any bad tissue and dust surfaces with sulphur.

5. While outdoor gardening activities are at a standstill, take advantage of this time to repair garden tools and other garden accessories.

6. Clean and repair seed flats and pans in preparation for starting seeds indoors.

Management Dinner And Dance

Plans are now complete for the Management Dinner and Dance which will be held Saturday, January 29th, at the Richmond Hotel in North Adams. Invitations have been sent to approximately 150 employees and their wives, and the affair promises to be a gala occasion. Music will be furnished by Al Trudel's Orchestra. Don't forget, Saturday, November 29th, at 6:30 p.m.

Television Future Bright

(Editors Note: The following article was written by Mr. R. C. Sprague for the RADIO AND TELEVISION WEEKLY in the December 29th issue.)

Tremendous Market Is Envisioned For Television Receivers and Parts

This past year the customary approach, when speaking of the business outlook, has been to start off with a carefully-couched word of caution. Certainly that puts the pessimist on safer ground, if for no other reason than that it puts him a bit closer accord with the law of economic averages.

Sooner or later supply will begin to meet demand, and there will be a decline from the high peak along which business has traveled for almost a decade. No doubt the man who can guess when this will happen, and to what extent, will be well rewarded.

In general, however, two facts remain of paramount importance, and both of them are to the good. We must recognize that the average American has been educated to a higher standard of living than he enjoyed, say, ten years ago, and that means much higher per capita demand for goods than ever before.

In the second place, there is still a big pent-up secondary demand for goods that will quickly spring into action if and when prices show signs of softening. Millions of people still want many things, although perhaps not badly enough to buy them at what they consider "high" prices. Let prices decrease even slightly, and this secondary market will not only provide a good cushion against depression but tend to put the general economic situation on a more even keel.

Those of us in the radio and electronic industry can consider ourselves extremely fortunate, as we stand on the threshold of a vast television market. After many hectic years, after several false starts, and after overcoming various seemingly insurmountable technical difficulties, this latest adjunct to our business "has really arrived" in a big way. Moreover, when one has accomplished during the past few years is only a prelude to profitable years ahead. Television transmitter facilities are being made available through many parts of the nation, and our proposed telecast hook-up is becoming a reality.

What does this mean to you in the distributing end of the business, and to us in the manufacturing end? A market that calls for more component parts is on the horizon.

Promotions in Management Personnel Announced

Two New Foremen, and a Temporary Replacement

Several changes have been made recently in the management personnel at the various Plants, and we would like to announce them at this time.

Mr. John O'Leary has been made Foreman of the Molder Tubular Solder Department at Brown Street. Jack came to work for the Company first in 1936 in the Paper Ignition Department. Since that time he has worked in the Mica and Ceramic departments, and when he returned here in 1946 he was put in charge of the new Ceramics Department or Plant at Marshall Street.

Mr. Meiklejohn, who recently took over the management of the Nashua plant while Fielding Simmons was out at Hercules Corporation in Milwaukee, was in service in the Army Air Corps, and when he returned he was promoted to the Methods Department.

Mr. Meiklejohn first came to the Sprague Electric Company in 1935, and worked in the Miscellaneous Paper Assembly Department. In 1937 he was transferred to Office Personnel, in Time Study. For three years he was in service in the Army Air Corps, and when he returned he was promoted to the Methods Department.

Mr. Ward has also announced that Francis "Tank" Wilson Foreman of the new Ceramics Department or Plant at Marshall Street, is to the Methods Department, Miscellaneous Paper Assembly, and most recently has been supervisor in the Department he now will be Foreman of. Jack is unmarried, and makes his home at 6 Wheeler Avenue, North Adams. Mr. Ward has also announced that Francis "Tank" Wilson Foreman of the new Ceramics Department or Plant at Marshall Street.
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Television Future Bright (Continued from Page 1) parts than we ever envisioned in radio—more tubes—more capacities, more resistors—better test equipment—quali- ty parts that call for better electrical characteristics and longer life—all vital to the proper operation of television receivers.

There is no saturation of a market here, and no possibility of it for some time yet. Television is not without its prob- lems, and its responsibilities. To many facsimiles of components and com- pleted equipment alike, technical de- pendability and careful pricing will assure maximum public acceptance and confidence. To distributors, it means a re-evaluation of their facilities in terms of increased capital assets, adequate stocks, and stock control, a willingness to major on important lines of manufacturers who warrant their wholesaler’s co-operation, and a readjustment of business and credit methods to permit proper handling of parts that are more costly than those which they have been accustomed to deal with in the past.

For members of the service pro- fession it demands new techniques, new equipment, new business methods, and above all, careful training in the more complex, more precise job of keeping television receivers in proper working order. All of us are pioneers in an ever-growing electronic industry, and if I may take the liberty of a prediction, I believe that within five years we will have from 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 television receivers in operation. The use of television receivers is, of course, naturally more familiar, will run into the hundreds of millions — think what the service business will mean to you. Let us all prepare to handle this tremendous business by co-operation, friendly business relationships and engineering progress — we at Sprague have adopted this basic policy.

Employees Drawn As Jurors Two employees of the Sprague Elec- tric Company were recently drawn as jurors by the Charlestown selectmen for duty in Superior Court in Pittsfield. These men are Lawrence Bishop of the Ovens Department and Earl Sher- man who works in Maintenance.

Brown Street

Resistors -- Navy Line By Blanche Tatro Here is your new reporter taking over for Walter who is now back in his old department. We all miss you, Mary. Jerry is still going strong in Resistors. Florida Slima’s sweater for her daughter, Fatty; Rita The- berge’s a new batch of Unit Resistors with our good friends. You know, Jerry, if we don’t get more snow, Jerry Blanchette knitted a sweater and Ellen Gregory knitted regular socks. Berta Salavantis knitted a sweater for her brother, Billie. Nice going, Bert, but try not to pick up so many extra sticks on the way. Stela Leja knitted a sweater—a sort of head start on her next Christmas presents. Yours truly finished a pair of stocks.

A surprise baby shower was held at noon for Della Keating by the Resistors gang. Best of luck, Della, we all miss you.

Prokar Dept. By Carol Bellard We are sorry to see of the girls who were here that day now we can all be together again.

Say, Ajie Bywater, let’s get the big idea out of our head. Can you imagine, during the flood Ajie was so worried about her family in Troy she wanted to get home to make sure everything there was okay. She knew the phone connections were impossible, so she threatened to ride a log home! It’s okay to worry, Ajie, but there is a way out of it all. There are stars in Polly’s eyes and bells in her ears because the wedding day is getting closer. There are few of us here but I will try to dig up something to let you know we still love you.

Wire Coating By Betty Jangrow We wonder what Helen Burdick had on her mind when she brought an empty spo0l to be checked the other afternoon.

Early Washburne and Correa Tatro won the pool recently. Lucky people! Our room has the 1949 Look. The old router which extended the length of the room has been replaced with a new one.

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Molded Tubulars -- Night Shift By Jean Elleh We are all wishing Mary William’s quick recovery. She’s in the North Adams Hospital. Hurry and get well, Mary. We miss you.


"Sally Harrington — "I’ll Be with You for the Handful". "Beatrice Asskin — "Boy of Mine". "Alice Burdick — "Somebody Slew Me Rose-colored Glasses". "Jeanic Elleh — "You Love So Much It Hurts Me". "Lilliana Grande — "I’m Sending you a Big Bouquet of Roses". "Rita Longo — "Little Girl"

BIRTHS Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Moreau of 23 Irving Avenue are the proud parents of a daughter — Mary Jean 12th. Mrs. Moreau is Dorothy of our P.A.A. Rolling Department.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Pratt of 1599 Massachusetts Avenue who are the parents of a son born January 13th. The proud father works in our P.A.A. Rolling Dept.

PAAL Midget Adseem. Dept. By Vickie LaMore We are always glad to welcome new girls into our department, and we all wish the ones who leave, and hope they will be back soon.

The committee who have been tran- sferred to their new jobs seem to like the new work very much. Annie Arlitt will be back for several weeks because of ill health. The girls who have sent a girl just to let her know how much they miss her.

We’ll be all listening to in WNNR on Sunday afternoon at 5:15 to hear our own Doris Tyler singing on her radio program.

We are very glad to hear that Dela Granoff is much improved after her recent bout with pneumonia.

We’ll be looking forward to seeing Our LeSage’s permanent. It’s kind of early for the Easter Parade, but a little present for Christmas. What’s the idea, Dela?

Marshall Street

D. T. O. By Cell Risch Our Christmas Party was held at Florence’s Garden. Soke were sung by Minnie Popolaski accompanied at the piano by Marie Lemieux. Those who attended the party were Agnes Fitz- ertald, Celine Potter, Lucy Depatie, Lillian Bingham, Mary Walden, Dolores R. Jose, Ceil Roch, Minnie Popolaski, Lottie Ferraro, Joe Collins, Phyllis Charron, Millie Rivers, Gena Cellano, and also Marie Lemieux who took a picture of the group which appears elsewhere in the LOG.

Cheer up, Minnie Popolaski you’ll soon be with us. The measles only last a short while. Lillian Bingham spent a weekend in Boston.

Confessions of a Good Cook Roast winter-weary appetites with these new roodity tricks suggested by Better Homes & Gardens magazine. For this we recommend a black pea, or duck as is easy as it is delicious. As a starter pour canned orange juice onto a thick ham slice for baking. For lunch cooked sweet potato halves around any spring, sprinkle them with brown sugar. And for dinner pineapple juices on both ham and lamb.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gagant, married October 25, 1948. The bride is the former Evelyn Therrien of the Payroll Department, Brown Street, and the bridegroom is Louis Gagant of the Engineering Dept., Beaver Street.

WEDDINGS

Miss Dorothy M. Wilbur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Wilbur of 5 Alger Street, was recently married to Graveline Charles Sherman of 16 Friend Street, son of Mrs. Josephine Sherman and the late Mr. Sherman. Dorothy is employed in Mr. Porter's Office at Brown Street.

Miss Helen Hope Roucan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Roucan of 18 Elm Street, was married on January 8th to Corp. Alfred Bourdon of 36 Ashland Street. Helen works in the Payroll Department, Brown Street. Helen LeSage walked into the next department, decided she liked it there, so Helen doesn't work with us anymore.

Happy Birthday to Elizabeth Kenny and Velma Lincoln, and how the years do fly!

Frances Gouda says she's not afraid of "spooks". She thinks nothing of walking through the cemetery night and morning—to work, of course.

Dry Tubular Finish

Mr. H. LeSage and Miss F. Faustini

We want to welcome all the new people in our department: Helen LeSage, Celia Wegrzyn, Lillian Williams, Eva Foy, Lillian Blair, Yvonne Ross, and Ruth Landry. We all hope that they enjoy working with us, as much as we enjoy having them here.

We all wish Mary Veinotte a speedy recovery and hope that she will be back to work soon. We miss her very much.

Everyone had such a good time at our Christmas Party that we are all looking forward to a Valentine Party.

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THE SQUARE RING

The Ring Ratings for the year 1948 are:

Joe Louis — Heavyweight

Babe Ruth — Middleweight

Jackie Robinson — Color

The lag on the list is: Joe Louis, 40 points.

Kenny Russell was the Johnny-on-the-spot who took the picture. November 9th.

The Symphony Orchestra was in the Senior Men’s Choir.

The Ladies’ Choir will meet Wednesday, January 20, at 7:30.

The Student Council is planning a dance for February 12.

The Debate Team will meet Thursday, January 21, at 3:30.

The Science Club will meet Friday, January 22, at 1:30.

The Junior High School Band will meet Tuesday, January 18, at 7:30.

The Junior High School Orchestra will meet Wednesday, January 19, at 8:00.

The High School Band will meet Thursday, January 20, at 4:00.

The High School Orchestra will meet Friday, January 21, at 3:30.

The Junior High School Chorus will meet Tuesday, January 18, at 7:30.

The High School Chorus will meet Wednesday, January 19, at 8:00.

The Junior High School Drama Club will meet Tuesday, January 18, at 2:00.

The High School Drama Club will meet Thursday, January 20, at 2:00.

The Junior High School Drama Club will meet Wednesday, January 19, at 8:00.

The High School Drama Club will meet Friday, January 21, at 3:30.

The Junior High School Dramatics will meet Tuesday, January 18, at 7:30.

The High School Dramatics will meet Thursday, January 20, at 8:00.

The Junior High School Debating will meet Tuesday, January 18, at 7:30.

The High School Debating will meet Thursday, January 20, at 8:00.

The Junior High School Forensics will meet Tuesday, January 18, at 7:30.

The High School Forensics will meet Thursday, January 20, at 8:00.

The Junior High School Speech will meet Tuesday, January 18, at 7:30.

The High School Speech will meet Thursday, January 20, at 8:00.

The Junior High School Public Speaking will meet Tuesday, January 18, at 7:30.

The High School Public Speaking will meet Thursday, January 20, at 8:00.

The Junior High School Rhetoric will meet Tuesday, January 18, at 7:30.

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The Junior High School Dialectics will meet Tuesday, January 18, at 7:30.

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The Junior High School Logic will meet Tuesday, January 18, at 7:30.

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The Junior High School Critical Thinking will meet Tuesday, January 18, at 7:30.

The High School Critical Thinking will meet Thursday, January 20, at 8:00.

The Junior High School Analytical Thinking will meet Tuesday, January 18, at 7:30.

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The Junior High School Creative Thinking will meet Tuesday, January 18, at 7:30.

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