Covered Wagon To Visit North Adams

In June For Opportunity Drive

On June 3, 4 and 5 North Adams will be visited by one of the forty-eight covered wagons which left Independence, Missouri on May 16, to cover the country in the Opportunity Bond Drive. This drive is on from May 16 through June 30 and is featuring the Gold Rush days as the symbol of opportunity. The Treasury Department has chosen the covered wagon as the identifying emblem of the Savings Bonds Opportunity Drive. To this generation of Americans, accustomed to high speeds, good roads and a general ease in travelling, the covered wagon typifies an age in which a trip West was filled with adventure and with the opportunity to make a fortune. The LOG couldn’t resist the temptation to print some old pictures in our files because we have any tie-in with the gold rush of 1849 but because we do feel that we all need to be reminded every now and then of the passage of time. We are inclined to sit back and say we will do things tomorrow without stopping to think that tomorrow does come and that results left from one tomorrow to another without being kept might as well not be made.

The following account of the Gold Rush shows us how those people took advantage of their opportunity in spite of hardships and inconveniences. Until 1848, California belonged to Mexico. By the time James Marshall discovered gold in 1848, the Oregon Trail was a much-traveled highway from what was then the western part of the United States to the Pacific Coast. Many immigrants had gone out then and had stayed even though the Mexican government had not made them feel particularly welcome. When the discovery came, the Mexican War was just ending. The hard times of the 40’s had filled the East with mortgages and people were looking for ways out of their financial difficulties. The news did not go out here early in the game but, when President Polk talked of it in his message to Congress on December 3, 1848, the rush began.

California could be reached by three principal routes, Cape Horn, Panama or overland. For New Englanders the sea route was the natural one. Ships were numerous and wagon even more so. Stock companies were organized and, within nine months, 549 vessels arrived at San Francisco from all over the world, but more than half of them were from the Atlantic seaboard. It was not possible for all the eager souls to go by sea—it was too expensive—so many of them went by covered wagon to seek their fortune in the west. Every man with red blood in his veins wanted to go to California. Wild stories about enormous wealth gleaned in a few hours came out of the

This model Covered Wagon, symbol of the Opportunity Bond Drive, was made by Al Horsfall and his son.

CAUTIOUS DRIVING STRESSED FOR WORK AND PLAY

Cooperation With Traffic Police

Urged at Sprague Electric

Those fresh, white lines in the middle of the road at the Beaver and Brown Street Plans are a sure sign that Spring Safety is being practiced at Sprague Electric. Each year these lines are renewed in the effort to help all pedestrians and motorists the mark to avoid accidents.

We are asked to use particular caution in going in and coming out of the parking lots. The traffic police men, Edmund Hincks, Norman Remillard, and Vernon Decoster are here for your protection, and cooperation on our part will eliminate accidents during the rush hours.

Along the line of accident prevention, the Street and Traffic Safety Lighting Bureau has asked us to release the following warning about night driving:

"Don’t make the mistake of thinking you can be safer in night traffic just because the traffic is lighter. That mistake may prove fatal. Actually night traffic is much more dangerous than daylight, even though only a third as many vehicles are operating. Proof of this lies in studies just completed." The Bureau points out that, taking into account the number of fatal accidents, night driving is 40 per cent more dangerous than day driving. The chief cause of the higher fatality rate at night is inadequate visibility due to insufficient light. The lack of light makes it impossible for drivers and pedestrians to see fatal dangers in time to save themselves.

City traffic is particularly dangerous at night; two-thirds of urban fatal accidents occur after dark.

The North Adams police report that, from January 1 to May 22, the local number of night accidents is 99. In these accidents, fifteen persons were injured and one killed. They ask us to remember three important things when we are at the wheel of our automobile:

1. Courtey. The courteous person is not quite so likely to have an accident because he is inclined to give and take in consideration for the other drivers.

2. Signs. Signs are put up for a purpose. If we obey them, we will find the road clear ahead when our turn comes to "GO".

3. Speed. Excessive speed is a contributing factor in most negligence cases. It’s much easier to take it slowly and really get where we are going than to rush along the highway and make nervous wrecks of ourselves by having "close calls," which may well result in the "last call".

We should remember that, when the state grants us a license to drive a motor vehicle, it is not saying "Now, go out and drive as hard and fast as you can. You're really good." They are saying "You have managed to pass the minimum requirements for driving an automobile. We permit you to drive as long as you show your ability. We ask you to keep within the confines of our laws so that we may all travel happily and safely along the highways." Let's remember that, when we walk or drive, we must be alert and cautious. And let's be just a little more so at night.
SPRAGUE ELECTRIC LOG
May 28, 1949

Stag Party For Ken Russell
A stag party was given at the Clarkesburg Sportsmen’s Club on May 19 in honor of Ken Russell whose marriage to Miss Eillian Campbell will take place on Saturday, May 28. Fred Wondrafer was the Master of Ceremonies and the committee in charge of arrangements was composed of John Smith, Derick Roos, Jack Sheldrick and Nick Carter. Kenney was presented with a beautiful piece of luggagel Eillian works in Bower Street and Kenny is Foreman of the Industrial OH Final and Cover Assembly and is the Sports Editor of the LOG.

Opportunity Drive
6000 brochures have already been used. We wish to extend an invitation to all those in the company and their families to support this drive. We hope that every Sprague Electric employee will contribute his share to the success of this drive.

MEMORIAL DAY
The observance of Memorial Day has a deeper meaning than the mere bowing of heads in renewed grief for those who gave their lives for our liberties and freedoms. There is a long range fight we must wage in the memory of those who have been killed in war — a fight to achieve the world they died to maintain in a world where men and women may live at peace, a world in which they may love, work and build for the future without fear. Only by accepting that challenge can we make valid the sacrifice of those who have died on battle fields.

War has created a pattern for meeting this challenge. In time of war we tend to subordinate and subordinate our personal ambitions, prejudices and preferences in one concentrated cooperative effort for the common good and a mutual cause. Teamwork and willingness to make individual sacrifices for the greater benefit of all solve problems that would be insoluble by individual effort. Women have died to bring freedom and peace for the generations to follow. The restive dead at Hunker Hill, Gettysburg, and San Juan Hill, would not yield to similar tactics. Only by working as hard for the common good and a mutual cause.

In the peace time world, there is no problem in personal or business relations, national economy, or international harmony which would not yield to similar tactics. Only by working as hard for peace as we do for war can we truly keep faith with those who lie buried on the battle fields.

And, since there is no gain without effort, there is also no gain without proper amounts. Those who survived the hardships, privation and danger.

Digging in the fords and graves was not easy. Many had not thought they would have to work for gold. They had expected to find it floating on the surface of the waters on top of the earth. They were inclined to work too hard under the pressure of excitement. Many times they worked in water up to their waists with the mud stuck between the boots. Cattle went lost because grain was low and water was scarce. cholera struck the human population and many of them did not have the chance to build an improved condition. The life was hard but, at the end of the journey, lay opportunity so those who could plodded on.

MILITARY and their families is here. Will we be certain financial security for ourselves or will we put it off until some other time. We must take advantage of the Forty-Niner opportunity, while we can still do so. They would work hard for gold and they would have to work for gold; those who could plodded on. They would have to work hard for gold; they would have to work for gold. They would have to work for gold. They would have to work for gold.

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LOOK FOR THE STORY
Every so often, when the LOG calls for a story about a particular job or reply is, “There isn’t any story.” The job is all there is to it. Nothing could be further from the truth; it would seem that folks like ourselves whose business it is to look for the story about everything.

In the first place, if there were no story behind our jobs, there would be no jobs because there would have never been a need for them. Because our jobs are necessary, we are paid for doing them, and we are paid for doing them, they are important in that they help form the whole which is Sprague Electric Company. And, since it is they are part of the whole, there is no way for us to avoid our importance in contributing to the advancement of the company.

Now those stories behind our jobs were created for us, but the stories alone our jobs are, in many instances, what we want to make sure. Certainly, conditions don’t just happen nor employees grow on trees. Maybe if we let’s remember that every job in all the three plants is important and let’s look for the story about our particular jobs. We may be amazed at the color we will find.

R. M. A. Silver Anniversary
In Chicago
R. C. Sprague and R. C. Sprague, Jr., are among those who returned from Chicago where they attended the Silver Anniversary of the Radio Manufacturers’ Association. R. C. Sprague is a member of the Board of Directors of RMA and R.C. Sprague, Jr., serves on the Industrial Relations Committee. They attended various meetings and took part in different activities of the RMA’s anniversary session.

Others from Sprague Electric who attended the convention were: William Nolan, William Adams, Neil Welch, Harry Koller, John Leedham, Sidney Chertok, Sam Darmstader, Alin Oel- rand and J. J. Kalman, Chicago Representatives; Thomas Hunter, Sales Representative of the Herbe Corporation and Milton Ehlers, President of Herbe.

Millie Letalien of Miscellaneous Paper Assembly; Fred Bosman, son of Alice Wright of Miscellaneous Paper Assembly; Margarette Walsh of Industrial Oil Rolling with her great grandson, John S. Purvis; Dick Sarks, nephew of Genevieve Muriel of F. P. Dry; Chuck Lincoln, son of Velma of Miscellaneous Paper Finish and Charles of Maintenance Test at Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Montgomery who were married on February 28. Vivian works in KVA.
Industrial Oil Rolling
By Helen Leisure

Hondy, friends. Are you going fishing? Want a spell and I will join you. Prop your fishing lures in the corner, put down your can of worms and let's chat a while about what has been going on for the last two weeks. It appears that things are picking up.

At our going round the block again. We are glad to see Evelyn Jones, Ed Manson, and Jo Nefick. Take a look at what was just encountered in some other than Maggie Wohler. You just made it in time for the LOG. Now we can sing, "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here!"

By the way, Jo Nefick is really happy, and we are happy with her, about finally finding an apartment. We are glad because we had heard that Jo had gotten so desperate that she had imagined about a four-room phobia she had heard about. Good luck with your new home, Jo and Joe. We'll be down for tea and crumpets.

Anne was desperately lonesome for her lovely voice and entertains us often with songs.

North Adams has been a hard-to-get-item in England; she found food to be both rich and plentiful. North Adams was a welcome haven after having seen the specter of shopping for clothes which had been a four-room apartment. Then returned to America on the S.S. America. Anne came to North Adams following the attack at the American Air Field at Moleseford. Later, she was transferred to London where she passed a course in meteorology. While attending a dance at the American Air Field at Moleseford, Anne met Corporal Anthony Sacue who was sent to Africa and then home for discharge. Then Anthony was a Sergeant, was discharged from the service in 1946 after four years of service.

She and Tony kept up a correspondence in the face of distance and separation, and he went back to England where they were married. They returned to America on the S.S. Argentina three months later.

Anne's reactions to this country were mixed. She thrived at the prospect of shopping for clothes which had been a hard-to-get-item in England; she was amazed at the great number of automobiles being driven there; she found food to be both rich and abundant. North Adams was a welcome haven after having seen the specter of shopping for clothes which had been a hard-to-get-item in England; she found food to be both rich and plentiful.

Plastic Finishing Dept.
By Marion B. Corson

Vacations from this department have been: Alice Maselli, Margaret Sala, and George Simon. Helen Union is in training for high diving. We hear that her first attempt was far from successful — she practised on a ladder. She didn't know she was supposed to land on her feet.

Eleanor Bechard just loves sun burh. She went home one Friday with snowy white skin and came back on Monday quite black. We do hope she bleaches out one of these days.

Industrial Oils
By Ann Heath

Our slogan in Industrial Oils is "Let your hair down once in a while and have a good time." Mona Haley took us at our word and "cut a rug" at a wedding last Saturday. She is now wearing a blue bow to hold her hair up. Winnie Emery went to a dance in Readsboro Saturday night and didn't go home until the wee small hours. Incidentally, the party was at Lauraine Oakes who was showered with some beautiful gifts.

Resistors
By Victor Gay

Any one having news for the LOG is requested to get in touch with this reporter who has taken the place of Bella Keating as reporter for the Resistor Department.

The ladies in our department are becoming quite self reliant. This became obvious when Margaret Cutler raised herself up on the window sill the other day and, using all of her feminine strength, managed to raise the window alone. Good work, Marguerite.

John Morirke is taking an electric course which means that all those having mysterious problems to solve can let him know.

Earle Washburn of Brown Street Wire Coating who celebrated his seventy-first birthday on May 19. The cake was made by Paul Dureck, fourteen-year-old son of Helen of Wire Coating.

By the way Avilla Maxwell is raising corn in her garden. Willie, we all love you, especially when the corn is ready to eat.

Joseph Mazin, our ice cream kid, believes that one cone a day keeps the doctor away.

Girls, have you ever asked Edna Williams if she loves submarines? Wish "yours truly" her answer is "Yes."
We'd like to welcome Eugene Bannister to our department. Gene's wife, Lila, was a former co-worker. We hope you like it here, Gene.

Now that weather is here, Helen, Della, Battie, Laverne, Tere and the rest of the girls went up to the brook after work to get a picnic. Did you have fun?

Everyone is taking vacations. Ann Keough plans to spend a week in Atlantic City with friends and then go on to Hampton Beach for a week with Laurance Deloitt, Bob Carpenter is going to turn her vacation into a honeymoon, and Doris Langer plans to go to Benson to see a few days. Taxi Courier wants to go to Hampton, too. Good vacationing, girls.

Misc. Paper Finish

By Val Passonsault

Upper Offices

By Flo and Sue

Our sincere congratulations to Marion Matney and Fran Gatto on their recent achievements in Gregg School. We certainly were two speed freaks in our mile. Nor that Charlie Ryan has opened his Dairy Bar again you are apt to see an advertisement everywhere. HHH! HHH! Hooray! That's the way we all feel about the new color scheme. But we want to know the name of the ones who were around when the bonfires were getting four and five bottles of Coke with only one nickel. We wish Bill Campbell's little boy enjoyed the holidays at the recent school. Wait until he gets walking around, Bill, you'll really have your hands full.

We noticed quite a few walking by our doors with a sunburn. Perhaps we should run a contest to see who gets the best tan first.

Dry Rolling

By Ruth Keiley

It's pretty much the same as Dopy Rolling with one very important thing. The vacuum list, to date, is: Mary Scott and Lil Houghton enjoyed their outing at home. Art Molloy is enjoying a work at home and expects to do a lot camping over the week end.

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Calling all men interested in buying a good car. Mrs. Matney has one for sale and what a car! It goes fifty miles on a quart of oil. All interested persons are urged to write her at Dry Roll any time.

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English Tea Cake

1 package yeast, compressed or dry 
1 cup scalded milk 
1 cup shortening 
1 cup sugar 
1 egg or 2 egg yolks 
1 teaspoon salt 
1 cup currants 
1 cup sifted enriched flour (about) 
2 tablespoons sugar 
Confectioners Sugar icing 
Pecans

Sow yeast in milk which has been cooled to lukewarm. Add shortening, sugar, egg, salt, currants, and enough flour to make a dough that will form a soft ball. Beat until smooth. Let rise until doubled. Stir down and fill into greased pans, seven by 11 inches, fill pan about one-half to three-fourths full. Sprinkle sugar over the batter. Let rise until puffy. Bake in moderate hot oven (400 degrees F.) 25 to 30 minutes. Ice with Confectioners' Sugar icing. Decorate with pecans. Makes one tea cake.

INSECT - PLANT PESTS COSTLY

Our country once practiced everything in the way of progress to human immigrants, and most of our agriculture rests upon plants and animals that have been imparted. But these are some importations, intentional or accidental, that have become nuisances or at least nuisances.

Many years ago a well-meaning person introduced the English apple-scapet to fight the insects in an eastern city park. The sparrow now occupies the park. The sparrow possesses the entire United States and makes life difficult for many native species of birds. Yet, just a few years ago, the English starling was introduced and is a real pest in many cities.

The water heathbird was admired by someone, and it was thought a nice thing to introduce it to our inland waters of the South. Now look at some of our Florida rivers and decide whether or not that was a wise introduction. One of the secrets of this time is whether or not some of the boys returning from service in the South Pacific will be able to smuggle through some mogoose peas. That animal is hurtful from our shores as much as it is likely to get out of hand and become a pest.

Insect pests introduced from abroad seem to spread with remarkable rapidity due to the fact that their natural enemies are not brought along with them. With increased airplane travel there is danger from this source. That is why planes are so thoroughly fumigated before arrival. Plants and fruits from abroad are also fumigated to kill insect pests that they may carry.

The cost of such measures is fully warranted in the public interest.

For scorching lines rub a cut onion over the spot and then give the linen a washing. The cold water will remove the scorch.住宅的玻璃又将旧的

Choose Your Color

The proper color can do much to enhance the eye appeal of your clothes. In choosing the proper color keep in mind the complexion of your skin and the color of your eyes.

If your skin tones are creamy to yellow, colors like red, orange, and blue will show best before you give a rosiot tint to your skin. Play up such colors as green, which will de-emphasize the yellow tone; avoid such colors as purple which emphasize the yellow. If your skin is rosy or ruddy, wear colors containing yellow or violet which will play down the red. Avoid a color like green which emphasizes the reddish tone of your skin.

In matching the shade of your eyes, keep in mind the truth that vivid colors make dark eyes appear darker. Light colors make light eyes appear lighter and that blue, gray and green eyes change color easily by re-reflecting the color worn.

When buying clothes don’t forget that different fabric textures change the tones of colors. The same color will look different in a transparent fabric than in a non-transparent one and this is also true in dull and shiny fabrics. Black, brown, navy blue or dark green are the best colors around which to form a wardrobe.

When you point your finger at someone else, always remember that you have three pointing at yourself.

CIRCUS PARTY

May is circus month so why not have circus parties for the children when birthdays roll around? A gay circus centerpiece, animal cookies with a game tucked inside them, ice cream and a circus theme for the backdrop and some pretty decorations make a “big-top” party.

For the animal game cookies: Into a buttered mixing bowl, measure 2 cups whole wheat flour, 2 cups light or dark corn flakes, mixing until well coated with sweet chocolate over hot but not boiling water. Add 4 cups whole wheat flakes, mixing until well coated with chocolate. Spread in shallow greased pan to one-fourth inch thickness, and when cool, cut into heart or other desired shapes. Use two of the shapes for each little guest, put them together with vanilla ice cream, sandwich style, and write each child’s name on top with white icing.
Sports.

SHINING BLADES

The National Indoor Speed Skating Championships were held recently at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Among the winners of championships were a couple of skaters well-known to local skaters. K. Lebel of Lake Placid took laurels in the middleweight class while Edgar Dunn Bevver won the senior men's title. Lebel will be remembered by local fans for his victories over Bobbi Dunn, J.P. Gill and Alberta Wood. During the past winter, Lebel and Dunn skated in several meets and while Dunn never defeated Lebel, he was always within inches of him at the finish. A couple of their races ended in what was described as "Blanket finishes".

Edgar Dunn will be remembered by those who witnessed the Western New Englanders at Noon Field back in 1946. He was just another skater then, but the North American Champion today.

Alex Goguen of Pittsfield placed third in the 300-yard event at Colorado Springs. Goguen won top honors in Adams back in 1942 when the Western New Englanders were held at Windsor Lake.

While Pittsfield has announced that they are after the North American championship for 1950, a little heart turned away in a news story of the Championships of Colorado states that the 1950 Championships will be held in Detroit. Guess Pittsfield will have to try again perhaps in 1951.

Charles Felix

Fishing Contest

The first entry in the Fishing Contest is from Carl Perry of Marshall Street. Maintenance: Brown Trout, one pound six ounces, 154 inches long. caught May 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Hancock Brook with Garden Hackle.

Night baseball is talked of as being a new wrinkle. According to Jocko six ounces, 30 inches long, caught and was also third in the mile. Cioguen the first night baseball game was played in Brook with Garden Hackle. Won to honors in North Adams back in 1946.

The home games of the Pittsfield College Baseball Team has been just a mediocre one this year. At times the Pittsfield looked like a promising ball club and then, after disqualifying a exhibition of our National Pastime, they looked back from a college outfit.