CARE TO SEND SOAP ABROAD

CARE, the non-profit agency known to millions for its humanitarian aid to Europe's needy, has announced the opening of a unique nationwide campaign in which Americans, at no cost to themselves, can provide sorely needed soap for European children.

Pointing out that "many European kids have literally never seen a cake of soap," Paul Comly French, CARE's Executive Director, declared at the organization's New York headquarters that the drive would help alleviate the extreme scarcity. During a recent European tour he found that the need for soap caused "a most pressing health problem to children, new mothers and their babies."

The CARE soap campaign provides that for every two SWAN soap wrappers sent to CARE, Boston 1, Mass., CARE will guarantee delivery of a bar of Swan soap to needy children overseas. Lever Brothers of Cambridge, Mass., has agreed to donate the soap to CARE for this purpose. The soap will be distributed to orphanages, DP camps, schools, hospitals and in families where soap has not been available for many years.

If any of you is interested in contributing wrappers to this drive and if you do not belong to a church group or other organization which is supporting it, give your wrappers to the LOG reporter in your department and the LOG editor will see that they reach CARE before the drive closes.

SOCIAL SECURITY WAGE CREDIT CHECK URGED

You have probably heard the term "wage credits" but didn't know just exactly what was meant. The term "wage credits" means the wages which are reported to the Social Security Administration for each employee and credited to his social security account. A yearly check-up is definitely to the advantage of every employee, to make sure that he has received credit for all his taxable wages. The Social Security Administration furnishes "wage credit inquiry cards" on which an employee may ask for a statement of his wage credits. A supply of these cards are available at all field offices of the Administration.

The wage credit inquiry card asks information necessary to identify the account; therefore it must show the employee's name and address, account number, and, for identification, date of birth. On one side the card is addressed to the Social Security Administration and needs only a one-cent stamp for postage. It can be mailed in a sealed envelope if desired, however, under first-class postage.

Requests for statements of wage credits can, of course, be made on any post card, or by letter addressed to the Social Security Administration, Coster Building, Baltimore 2, Maryland. Such a request should give the employee's full name, address, account number and date of birth in order to identify his account. A reply to a request is usually sent within 10 days.

If an employee should find that the wage credit statement furnished him by the Administration is not in accordance with his own record of wages, he should report this to the Social Security Administration. This must be done within 4 years after the wages paid or no correction will be made.

In order that his social security account may be corrected, the employee will be asked to furnish necessary information. He must give the name, address, and kind of business of any employer from whom he received wages not credited or inaccurate credits to his account. He must state the kind of work he did, how long he was employed, and the amount of wages he received. The Social Security Administration will then forward the inquiry to the particular employer who may add the necessary credits and inform the employee of the result.

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As we proceed down the corridor on the first floor past the offices of the Director of Research and Engineering and the Chief Engineer, we come first to the Organic Laboratory where they are engaged mainly in developing new dielectric and insulating materials.

In the far corner of this lab, we find the all important glass blowing section, which supplies all the laboratories with almost anything they request in the way of glass apparatus.

Across the hall from the Organic Lab we enter the Life Test Laboratory, where extensive life test facilities are maintained to evaluate special production units for which production test equipment is not available and for the new products which are continually forthcoming from the Research Laboratories. Judging from the amount of heat in here, we might just as well be in a Turkish bath if it weren't evident that the occupants have some clothes on; then on looking around us it becomes apparent that the heat is issuing from the large ovens for high temperature DC and AC continuous tests.

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Bill Stackpole speaks to the crowd on Main Street during the visit of the Covered Wagon to North Adams early in June.

Edward Lamarre crowns Annette Boudreau Queen of the Drury Prom at the Masonic Temple on June 10. Annette is a secretary in the Sales Office. At far left is Margaret Eastman and at the right, Joan Andrews and Barbara Slade.

ENGINEERING RESEARCH ACTIVITIES REVIEWED

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It’s a man’s world all right. Just look at the difference in these descriptive words and phrases:

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“If a woman doesn’t marry, she is an ‘old maid.’”

“When it’s his night out, he’s ‘out with the boys.’”

“When it’s her night out, she’s at a ‘lady’s party.’”

“What he buys at the office is ‘mail.’”

“What she buys at a bridge party is ‘gossip.’”

“If he runs the family, he is ‘head of the House.’”

“If she rules the roost, she ‘wears the pants of the family.’”

“I am a ‘determined husband.’”

“If she sticks to him, she is an ‘attentive husband.’”

“In middle age he is in the ‘prime of life’ or ‘at the peak of his career.’”

“While at the same age she is ‘in her spring.’”

“Don’t misapply the part about pursuing happiness” was his warning.

“Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter”

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Pursuit of Happiness

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Let’s remember that our gift of blood may save a life and that this is our chance to serve a cause in which we are all have a definite stake — the cause of suffering humanity. Since the Bloodmobile is now the only way of building up a reserve supply of whole blood and plasma in the hospitals throughout the country, it is important that we make and keep our appointments.

GIVE THAT SOMEONE MAY LIVE
It's all in fun, but it will be a fight to the bitter end!

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1. The matches will take place in the morning and afternoon of Saturday, June 25.
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3. The singles matches will begin at 10 a.m.; the doubles matches will begin at 2:30 p.m.

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RESEARCH ENGINEERING
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Directly across the hall from the Physical Laboratory are the wide open spaces of the Analytical Laboratory. One principal function of this laboratory is the analysis of raw materials for production purposes, for example, the glues used in electrodes, condensers, and gasket materials for sealant. Let's stand a moment behind our Analytical chemist while she weighs a tiny piece of insulating material for work of this type. An air conditioned room (the temperature in here these days is about 70°F, but even that seems cool) is included to permit exact control of conditions during measurements.

One section of the laboratory is located at the Brown Street Plant near the tubular production facilities in order to simplify coordination of engineering and production activities. Our last stop in the new building is the Electrical Laboratory where work is directed to the engineering control and development of improved products of a number of types. (Oops, be careful. That's step on that long length of full stretched along the floor. That's a capacitor that has been unwound to facilitate checking the design.) Among the products of special interest to this lab are large paper condensers, such as the KVA and round oil cell paper and mica networks; filters; special high voltage designs (the high voltage glass tube coupling condenser); the development of improved filter, pulse and other capacitors. That cage at the end of the lab does not have small monkeys in it; that's where the high frequency equipment is housed and it is lined with copper screen to reduce external interference.

While the above tour took us only through the "new" building, we can overlook our labs in other parts of the Marshall Street Plant nor our labs at the Beaver and Brown Street Plants, which are all parts of the Research and Engineering Department.

Directly across the hall from the Analytical Laboratory, is the Wire Coating and Resistor Laboratory. This laboratory is engaged in research, development and engineering work corresponding to the type of operation and processing encountered on production equipment. We mustn't linger here, however, if we don't want to be completely covered with a coat of white powder.

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OUR SAFETY CORNER

**A lovely setting for a June wedding party. Instructions for making the tablecloth may be had at the Beaver Street Dispensary.**

**SPRAGUE ELECTRIC LOG**

**June 25, 1949**
HAY FEVER HINTS

1. Try to build up your resistance to respiratory infections by healthful living habits. Your physician may prescribe special dietary measures or other treatment for keeping in good condition.

2. Have early treatment. It may help to prevent complications.

3. Stay indoors as much as possible in the hay fever season. There is less pollen indoors.

4. Keep your bedroom windows closed during the hay fever season. A night open a window in an adjoining room. If it is necessary to open one in the bedroom, use a pollen filter, or cover the window with a piece of heavy damptened fabric, like sheeting.

5. Avoid drafts, wind, and long exposure to cold, raw air.

6. Do not travel through the country.

7. Avoid anything that is irritating to the nose, the throat, and the lungs—for example, inhaling dust, smoke, or strong fumes.

8. Try to avoid emotional stress. It may only make you worse.

Your Children. Since hay fever is likely to run in families, it is wise for parents who have this disorder to give their children special protection. See that they have prompt medical care for respiratory ailments and that infections of the nose, the throat, and the lungs are controlled. Avoid exposing them unnecessarily to ragweed.

One of the most recent methods of trapping household dust which causes all kinds of symptoms in those allergic to it, is a special oil compound known as Dust-Seal which you sprinkle into rugs, bedding and other socalled furnishing fabrics.

The compound, reported on by Dr. Arthur F. Coca, honorary fellow of the American College of Allergists, promises dramatic relief for persons with asthma, hives, perennial hay fever, gastro-intestinal disturbances, bronchial and nervousness caused by house dust. While Dust-Seal is no substitute for medication where the allergy is caused by more than one agent, doctors who have tried it agree that elimination of that may help in many cases.

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Williams College Sports

We recently received a letter from John J., Director of Athletics at Williams, in which he clearly stated that Williams has been given a new lease on life with serious changes and plans. With a new system installed in Football, Coach Watters and his assistants, after a year of experimenting and building, are ready for big things when the Fall season rolls around. A new electric clock will be installed at West Benfield for the benefit of all. This will give the coaches and players, as well as the fans, a better chance to follow the plays and the game. The "M" T. will be used instead of the single wing and a wide open type game will be the result. At last Fall's meeting of the quarterly Board of School we could see the progress as each week rolled by, and we know that fans in this area will be delighted with the brand of football soon. An opportunity to all fans to see all of the House Games, as well as those played by Williams has been offered by the College. These season tickets will entitle the holder to see three house games, excluding the one with Amherst, for $5.00. This price is included so we can see what a saving this season ticket can be to the individual. The regular price would amount to $6.50.

Pittsfield Wins Coveted State Baseball Title

Pittsfield's baseball team brought glory to the Berkshire's by taking the State Title in the Boston Braves field, defeating Brockton 5-4. Pittsfield won this laurel by first taking the Brockton lads uninvited, being shut out, Clinton, and Cabbage in turn the Western Massachusetts Crown. From there, they journeyed to Boston and took the Brockton lads into camp for the fight.

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