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Color Television

Television set owners who have been growing impatient for color pictures in the home will be interested in the following information and recommendations published by the Radio Manufacturers' Association:

1. RMA recommends that color television be made available at the earliest practicable date consistent with the establishment of sound standards.

2. RMA urges the Federal Communications Commission not to approve final standards until adequate field and practical home tests—which have not yet been made—establish their soundness so that the public may buy with the assurance that the system is permanent and that further experimentation will not be done at their expense. Pending adequate testing, RMA does not recommend any particular system.

3. RMA urges that such color television be based on the compatible principle by which programs transmitted in color may be received in black-and-white on the millions of receivers now in public use without degrading the quality below that of present pictures. RMA is confident that the combined knowledge and ability of the industry as a whole can produce a set of standards for a compatible color system of equal quality to present black-and-white.

As far back as 1928 color pictures were transmitted experimentally, in laboratories, and the Federal Communications Commission has been conducting hearings for some time now trying to establish specific and general standards for color television. As a result of these hearings, RMA points out that:

(1) Is research in color television sufficiently advanced to offer commercial color broadcasts to the public? (2) Shall color, when approved by the FCC and offered to the public, be broadcast on a basis that will permit set owners to get black-and-white pictures from color broadcasts without any change in their existing receivers and without any reduction in the quality of the present pictures. RMA is confident that the combined knowledge and ability of the industry as a whole can produce a set of standards for a compatible color system of equal quality to present black-and-white.

HAD YOU THOUGHT—YOUR HEADACHE MEANS JOBS?

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In the same instance, people who are in need of immediate help and residual assistance come to the Red Cross for that assistance. The Red Cross acts in situations where the emergency is such that it cannot be handled any other way.

That is why this money is needed and how it will be spent.

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1950 RED CROSS DRIVE OPENS WITH $16,250 GOAL

Various Services Reviewed

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RED CROSS

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vision. In this way, the children help foster world friendship and tolerance.

Safety Service: We are all familiar with the amusing programs, First Aid Stations, ski patrols and Accident Prevention training sponsored by the Red Cross. Safety Service seeks to reduce our accident rate by training, and thus to take the care of ourselves and others in emergency.

Blood Program: This program needs little explanation to the average Sprague employee. Our part in making this program successful in this vicinity has been commendable, and we can see that we are right in there pitching.

This brief summary of the various Red Cross Services serves to remind us of the valuable work done by Red Cross all over the county and shows us where our contributions go when we contribute each year.

Our solicitation this year will follow the routine of former years except that those employees who are members of the Sprague Electric Benefit Fund will not be solicited. Those who do not have membership in the Fund will be given an opportunity to contribute to the Fund.

Remember the services supplied by Red Cross and GIVE!

Thomas J. Francis

The employees of Sprague Electric extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Thomas J. Francis of the Machine Shop who died at his home on February 24, following an extended illness.

A native of England, Mr. Francis came to this country some forty years ago and had been employed at Sprague's since 1936. He was a member of the local chapter of the Lafayette Lodge of Masons.

The family of Thomas J. Francis are survived by his wife, and seven children.

RIDE WANTED

If someone living in the vicinity of Chester Street wants a rider for the T&A shift at Brown Street, call the LOG desk. We have the package for you.

"If we can prevent the government from waging wars, the tax payers of the world, under the pretense of caring for them, will they be happy?"
—Thomas Jefferson

Management Club Panel Discussion

A three-point working policy was agreed upon by the Sprague Electric Management Club in a panel discussion held at the Richmond Hotel on March 1.

The discussion was led by Jack Washburn, Personnel Manager, with Larry Richards, Foreman of Molding Tabulators at Brown Street.

Of the three points, quality, quantity, and dependability (which includes attendance), the third provided the basis for most consideration. It was stressed that even though an employee meets the first two requirements, all is lost if he works only three or four days a week since the fifth day might be the one when all employees are needed to meet a cash requirement.

In discussing the causes of absenteeism, the panel took into consideration the justifiable excuses such as sickness of the employee or someone in the family. The latter point is particularly important for the women who, in most cases, are not the sole earners in the family and who feel the responsibility connected with a sick child or someone else who depends on them for physical help during sickness. All agreed that absenteeism without a legitimate excuse is a bad habit which undermines the efficiency of the worker and the Company for which he works.

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Tom Francis—Edict

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Weddings

GAMACHE-SULLIVAN

Mrs. Leah C. Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hickey of Clarksburg, was married to George Gamache of Clarksburg on February 24 in the First Congregational Church. The bride is employed in the F. P. Assembly at Beaver Street.

Births

SOX, Thomas ORIN, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward ORIN on February 23. The mother is Cerelia of the Pilot Plant, Brown Street.

SON, Walter Edward, to Mr. and Mrs. William Kaczowski on February 18. The father is employed in Main Office.

"The need for economy in government would require guards against excess of haphazard spending, out of government. Their conclusions would certainly emphasize the truth that: 'More and more bureaus, more and more taxes, fewer and fewer producers; the final result is financial collapse and the end of freedom.'"
—Gen. Dwight D. (Ike) Eisenhower
There are two supervisors in DTQ, Bill and one of them is a woman. Leda King, who will receive her twenty-year pin in September, has been a Supervisor for nineteen years. Leda says she came to Sprague's when there was no such thing as an employment office so she was hired right at the gate. Bill likes handling people, assembling, and checking and leaving the wire on the machine. He has other outdoor interests in boating which he indulges in as often as he can get a lake and boat combined. He plans to have his own boat again too long before and to spend many good weekends on the water of some nearby lake or river.

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Recent birthday celebrants were Lorraine Lavigne and Avaline King. Recent birthday celebrants were Lorraine Lavigne and Avaline King. The welcome mat was recently put down for lunch: Don't let Donald spy them another.

The president of the Western Electric Department which does everything except rubber and broadcasting, under Bill's direction, centrifuge, age, these capacitors. Fifty-seven employes, miscellaneous drys, DTQ, is that man.

The Richmond Theatre has lost one of its price getters, Miss Nellie Mancini, who will receive her fourth wedding anniversary on February 23. Nellie has been hobbling around with a sprained ankle she got while falling down a flight of stairs. We hope she will be back on her feet soon.

Eleanor spent a weekend in Boston recently and had fun taking in the sights and scenery, although too bad the weekends don't last longer.

A note to the Irish? March 17 is just around the corner — don't forget your green.

We are glad to hear that Rose Webster is back from the hospital and getting along so well.

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**SPORTS**

**Sprague Electric Girls’ Bowling**

League (as of Feb. 28)

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**High School Tournaments:**

The senior year was made memorable by the high school champions, Social and Cultural Division of Larger High Schools. The team won the championship by defeating their arch-rival Williams. In the final match, the team scored 9-12, with the “Blue Devils” taking the title.

**Circuit with a record of 9 wins and 1 loss.**

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**Inspectors 8-13**

**High Team Average**

**J. Roy -Dry Rolling.. 85.6**

**High Ind. Single -Inspectors 527**

**High Ind. Triple—R. Sherman 1384**

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**High Ind. Average on Each Team**

**H. Martel -P. Ignition. 90.2**

**M. Wohler—Ind 89.1**

**E. Stack—D.T.Q 90.2**

**Low Ind. Single—I. Lowe 37**

**Low Ind. Triple—I. Lowe 37**

**Most Strikes—I. Lowe 37**

**END OF THIRD ROUND**

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**Most Strikes**

| F. Santelli | 16   |
| J. Ghidotti | 16   |
| J. Upp     | 16   |
| W. Richars | 16   |
| J. Morin   | 16   |
| W. Hugoski | 16   |
| J. Totline | 16   |

**THE SQUARE RING**

Sugar Ray Robinson who holds the light heavyweight championship and also rates as the best man of the group. His fighting ability is still in a class by itself. Robinson was good for the boy who just beat Kid Gavilan.

Now that the Light heavyweight championship is back in the United States, the battle between Joe Maxey over Freddie Mills. Archie Moore and Leonard Morrow will be after Maxey. Archie Moore would win over the two.

Ray Robinson is anxious to get a title match with Jack LaMotta.

Sandie Saddler is also waiting for a rematch with Willie Pep.

Bilko Grahame comes from the same stable as Rocky Graziano.

**Pro Drugs**

- B. P. F. 1
- P. Gilmore, R. 0 1 0 0
- V. Wisnowski, R. 6 3 1 0
- K. Meneghini, R. 1 0 1 0
- J. LaPierre, R. 0 0 0 0
- F. Perenick, R. 0 0 0 0
- D. Damon, R. 0 0 0 0
- M. Wittig, R. 0 0 0 0
- J. Roy, R. 0 0 0 0
- M. Mello, R. 0 0 0 0

**Kenny Russell**

- B. P. F. 1
- P. Gilmore, R. 0 1 0 0
- V. Wisnowski, R. 6 3 1 0
- J. LaPierre, R. 0 0 0 0
- K. Meneghini, R. 1 0 1 0
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**ATHOL TEAM BEATEN BY SPRAGUE LASSIES**

Miss Wisnowski Features for Local Team. Scoring Total of 20 Points

The Sprague Lassies took a trip to Athol last evening and posted a 23-29 win over the V.W.C.A. of that town, taking the American championship, to in on honors. The home team led, 17-13, but the team from this city took command soon after interception. Miss Wisnowski led the attack which placed the Sprague Lassies in front, 22-19, at the end of the quarter. Miss Wisnowski's shooting the featured the contest as she collected points for the winners and was high scorer for both teams.

The summary:

**Sprague Lassies**

- B. P. F. 1
- P. Gilmore, R. 0 1 0 0
- V. Wisnowski, R. 6 3 1 0
- J. LaPierre, R. 0 0 0 0
- K. Meneghini, R. 1 0 1 0
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**Total**

- 11 7 29

**Athol W.Y.C.A.**

- B. P. F. 1
- P. Gilmore, R. 0 1 0 0
- V. Wisnowski, R. 6 3 1 0
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**Total**

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**Officials:** Peters, DesMarais.