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BOWLING BANQUET

Both the Girls’ and the Men’s Bowling teams celebrated the end of the season with their annual banquets during the latter part of April and the first part of May.

On April 26, sixty-three bowling members and guests gathered for the girls’ banquet at the Clarksburg Sportsmen’s Club. Jack Washburn acted as Master of Ceremonies and, as usual, contributed a great deal to the festivities with his genial good humor and ready wit.

The first speaker was Louis Vincellette, a member of the ICW Grievance Committee, who responded as only Lou can. Bernie Fitzpatrick presented the strike prizes which were donated by the Union. George Gieno, manager of the cafeteria, took a bow in response to the team’s appreciation for his efforts for the bowlers, and to reward them for so doing. Dow Walling, incidentally, is a well-known cartoonist who draws for a newspaper syndicate artist whose name is Jimmy and Burrhead.

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Those 1950 graduates of Drury High School whose fathers or mothers work at the Sprague Electric Company are eligible to file application for the Sprague Electric Scholarship which has been established this year. This scholarship will be awarded each year to a member of the graduating class whose father or father works at Sprague Electric and who meets requirements for the award.

After this year, the application must be dated and submitted between April 1 and May 1 of the senior year. In furtherance of education, the applicant must major in such courses as will pertain to eventual work in one of the type of the Sprague Electric Company. When we stop to think of the variety of work carried on in our three plants, we can see that this means a whole world of interest from secretarial training, as provided in many junior colleges, to chemistry, employe relations, physics, engineering, industrial nursing and many other general or professional fields.

We suggest that any boy or girl who is interested in applying for this award talks with Mr. Raymond Royal, Director of Guidance at Drury High School.

MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Keep your eyes on the “Berkshire Hills Motorcycle Club.” It’s really going places. Still in an organizing stage it already boasts a membership of 46, the largest in Western Mass. Among its members are several Sprague employees: Marie Lemieux, Harry Paeder, Terry Barham, Fred Miller, Arthur Langlois, Rita Langlois, Smith, Cecilia Johnson, and Florence Cusick.

Contrary to popular belief, motorcycling is not just a sport for speed-crazed youths and its enthusiasts are not limited in number. It is a more serious matter that the club members are family men, whose wives share their enjoyment. In order to discourage “cowboy” driving, the club has passed a ruling levying fines on members who violate traffic laws.

The clubhouse is located on Harrison Road in Clarksburg. The recreational area includes Joe Lina’s wonderful volley ball court and a swimming pool. It is expected that through the summer months a fantastic little area will be used by members and their families can find relaxation or exercise and enjoy the country air.

At the weekly meetings plans will be made for trips to events in surrounding areas and also to participate in local parades. There will be prominent local men as guest speakers and usually a social gathering following the business meeting.

Jimmy and Burrhead

Honored

Dow Walling, the artist who draws Jimmy and Burrhead, was honored recently at the weekly meeting of the “Berkshire Hills Motorcycle Club.” The artist, who draws for a newspaper syndicate artist whose name is Jimmy and Burrhead, has received a gold medal and cash award for “outstanding achievement in bringing about a better understanding of the American way of life.” The award was presented by Don Belding, President of the Freedom Foundation which is a non-profit, non-sectarian and non-political organization dedicated to the simple principle that Freedom belongs to all the people; that only by the thoughts and acts of their everyday lives can the American people preserve and extend their freedom. To this end Freedom Foundation acts to encourage all citizens to “speak up for Freedom” and to reward them for so doing. Dow Walling, incidentally, is a well-known newspaper syndicate artist whose “Shoats” is a high-ranking favorite as Sunday comics pages.

This Mother's Day might well be considered as a day of thought for all mothers to take an accounting of the manner in which they are discharging their duties to their children. While presents and flowers are nice, and we all love them, let's not forget over the symbols of affection our children give us. If we have any extra time after our household tasks are done, let's think:

Are we teaching our children to observe the Golden Rule which is, after all, a fundamental rule of society. Are we teaching them to discharge any and all duties for which they have taken responsibility? Are we encouraging them to be thrift? Are we reminding them that honesty and integrity are more important than riches ill-gained — that the truly independent man or woman is the one who can think and act for himself? (That kind of man or woman never needs to follow any charge any and all duties for which they have taken responsibility? that they must not go through life expecting something for nothing?)

The purpose of this department which is located in four buildings down at Marshall Street is to keep the production line supplied with all materials needed for turning out the various components made in all departments. 15,000 different items are received, stored and dispensed by Warehouse and Tracking. Twenty-six men and two girls operate this complicated set-up which sends trucks out to all plants on a scheduled run as well as making special deliveries when the need arises. Four trips to Beaver and Brown each day keep a continuous flow of material going into the machines. The result is steady production which is located in four buildings down at the Sprague Electric and who shares responsibility with Bob Boyer whose picture we will run next time.

George Roy, one of the foremen of Warehouse and Tracking.

The man whose picture appears above is only one-half of the foremen team which keeps the wheels of Warehouse and Tracking turning. He is George Roy, who has been Foreman of that department for eight of the thirteen years he has been at Sprague Electric and who shares responsibility with Bob Boyer whose picture we will run next time.

George says that one of the things he likes best about his job is that it never gets boring. As a middle man, he has to please everyone and he tries to do it. We can understand why he's never bored. The business of finding the "walk around" way to George's office provided an interesting morning for the editor who was completely intimidated by the elevator openings in the building.

George Roy.

The man selected a $500 horse, paid it, ordered it delivered to his third floor apartment, ordered it shot and placed in his bathtub. When asked the reason for his strange actions, he replied, "My name is Joe. Every night my roommate comes in and asks, 'What's your name Joe?' I never knew anything. But tonight I'll tell him about a dead horse in the bathroom!"

"How many brothers have you?"
"Only one."
"Somebody's lying. Your sister told me SHE had two."
"Sulfured the refrigerator because it was General Electric."
"I cooked a sponge cake for you darling," said the young bride, puckering for a kiss, "but it didn't turn out right. I think the greater went into the wrong kind of sponges."
The Bowling Season Ended With The Annual Banquets And Awarding Of Strike Prizes.

The Log Photographer Caught These Pictures During His Rounds. The Girls' Runner-up Is Top Right.

Good sportsmanship encourages good fellowship.

Good fellowship encourages good friendship.

Good friendship encourages good teamwork.

Good teamwork means good production.
Crispy muffins and flaky biscuits make a delicious accompaniment for any salad meal or for tea when you're weary.

MUFFINS
2 cups sifted enriched flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons sugar
1 egg
1 cup milk
2 tablespoons melted shortening

Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Beat egg, add milk and melted shortening. Add liquid to flour mixture stirring only until flour is moistened. Fill greased muffin pans half full. Bake in hot oven (425 degrees F.) 20 minutes. Makes 16 to 18 small (1-1/2 inch) muffins.

12 medium (2-inch) muffins.
8 large (3-inch) muffins.

BUTTER SCOTCH BISCUITS
2 cups flour
2 heaping teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons shortening
1 cup sugar

Roll out 1 inch thick. Then make 1 tablespoon shortening and 3/4 cup of brown sugar. Roll together and spread over the biscuit dough. Fold over lengthwise and cut 1 inch thick. Bake in hot oven (425 degrees) for twenty minutes. Muffin tins are best for baking. Makes 1 dozen biscuits which are delicious too.

Submitted by Ann Heath

Upper Offices
By Flo and Sue
Your reporter is very lonely this month because her good pal is convalescing at home following a recent operation. All the Upper Offices wish to Southgate a speedy recovery—and I mean it. Flo the gang really misses you.

FLASH!! Welcome to Betty Francis who started working in the Sales Engineering Office on March 20. We have heard via the grapevine that Betty is a high honor student at Drury High where she is still attending classes part time. She was recently elected to Pro Merito Society and is the salutatorian for the Class of 1950 at Drury. Congratulations, Betty, and we hope you like your work here very much.

Farewells were in order Friday, April 15, when Mr. Burke’s office was transferred to Marshall Street. We expect to be hearing about our good friend, Ralph, Dick, etc., in Marshall Music.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boisjolie who are the proud parents of a lovely baby girl. The chocolate Ralph proudly around were wonderful—and do I smell cigar smoke?

MISC. PAPER FINISH
By Velma Linsen
You can count on Velma to give you the straight scoop on the radio. In our department, we had “Our Mrs. Kenny.” For sometime she has had a glint in her Irish-blue eyes. Now we know what it was. She left us to work nights at the Brown Street Plant. All we can say is—she is a grand person and we miss her very much.

Mary Zito is still out on sick leave, but we hope to see her back soon May very soon. We all miss you, Mary.

Mildred Sniezek had her second year of married bliss. Congratulations, Mickey.

Leonard is the new boy in our department. He’s from Reedsboro, Vt., and an awful tease.

Frances Gayda is back from California. She enjoyed her trip but couldn’t make it to Toni’s, Greely. She lives in Adams.

Josephine Macalaid had a grand time at the bowling team banquet. She was on the Tiger Cat Team, and is proud of it, too, even though they did lose. She said, “We tried to stay on top but just couldn’t.”

PRODUCT ENGINEERING
By Fran Malto
We are happy to have Betty Worsham working with us and we hope she is going to enjoy being in the department.

Our deepest sympathy is with Ann Kearns whose father died recently.

DILORENZO- THOMAS
Miss Lorraine M. Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cosme Wolezek, was married to Albert Dilorrenzo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale DiLorenzo, on April 29 in St. Francis’ Church. The groom works in F. P. Assembly.

CZUBRYT- ZOLTEK
Miss Josephine W. Zoltek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Zoltek, and Walter J. Czubryt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Czubryt, were married on April 22 in St. Stanislaus Koska Church. The bride is in the Battery Department at Marshall Street.

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Miss Vivian Theresa Delise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Delise, became the bride of Richard J. Maynard, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Maynard, on April 22 in Notre Dame Church. They are at home at 80 Prospect Street. Both the bride and groom work in F. P. Assembly

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Paper Rolling
By Hubba Hubba
Ethel Gillman attended the Senior Retreat at the Lowell State Teachers College. Her daughter, a senior majoring in music at the college, was one of the performers. She sang songs in four different languages.

Travel news is picking up with the coming of spring. Eva Lecerbuart spent a week in Canada recently. Eats Montagnac and Lena Solomon spent a weekend in New York City and Roseanna Vigna journeyed to Vermont, Mass. for a weekend.

A welcome to Claire Fitzpatrick—chef to have you back, Claire.

A few paper rollers had a little party the other day to honor Rusty Marcil who is to be married on May 15. We wish you all the luck in the world, Rusty.

WEDDINGS

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DTQ Miscellaneous Drys
By Gail Riech
Our deepest sympathy goes to Lilian Bingham on the death of her father.

Congratulations to the winners of the women's and men's bowling teams.

We welcome all the newcomers to the department and hope they enjoy working with us.

Flash Rachel is always telling us how he has a Toni. Then he catches her making an appointment with the hairdresser. They don't give Toni's, Flash.

Imagine Rose Coyne's embarrassment when she gave vinegar instead of maple syrup to her family for French toast.

Hazel Currinjke thinks she's a pretty good girl. She's always talking about going to Heaven. The next time, don't forget to get your round trip ticket so you can make it work on Mondays.

Lynn Boudreau, granddaughter of Vi Leveque of P.A.A. Soldering.

Marie Esposito, eleven year-old daughter of Anita of Metal Clad Assembly at Beaver Street. Danny Esposito, four year-old son of Anita Esposito. Judith Trombley, granddaughter of Lil Trombley of Paper Rolling. Sergeant Peter Francis Esposito, son of Anita.

The Molded Tubulars Girls’ Quarter Club Supper at the Clarksburg Sportsmen’s Club on April 2.
TO PRESENT POPS CONCERT, MAY 28-29

WOOD-WIND SECTION

Percussion Section

CelloS And Basses

Violins and Violas

Director Consults Score

Brass Section

PAA Rolling

By Lottie and Dottie

This month's nomination for the best natural girl in the department goes to Vi Noel. (We always say that you had a kind face, Vi.)

Every time Ellen McCarthy goes to New York City for the weekend, we love to hear her tell about the plays and screen personalities she sees.

Who does Helen Carter wear diamonds on Saturday morning? costume only on Saturday morning?

Vi McClelland, Carol Atwell is trotting singing C'est Ci Bon.

We always told you that Noel.

her impersonation of Maurice Chevalier was a kind lace,

nature girl in the department goes to barrels.

Is that right, Joe? We never heard her laugh all day.

It's a boy! The proud grandmother is Agnes Houghton.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Houghton. It's a boy! The proud grandmother is Agnes Houghton of Small Orders.

Ethel McLagen and Lil Thomas (who
to Albany be sure to look around for her
most call them Neptune's Daughters
and they will be back with us soon.

Why does Helen Leocie wear dun-
up at Rev's. Everyone had a good time at our party at P.B. Arthur Murray had nothing on our girls, Cord Southard.

We wish Romey a happy birthday with many happy returns.

Congratulations to Carol Atwell on her approaching marriage to Charles Raskin. The date is July first.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Roy Chibbs on the recent death of her father.

Welcome to all the new people in the department.

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Wire Coating

By Corneila Tatro

Would I be telling tales out of school if I were to mention that Ethel Weatherby has a birthday coming up this month? Happy Birthday, Ellie.

We were sorry to hear that Carol and Nancy Leonie and Carol Burdick had been ill. But they enjoyed seeing all the other boys and girls in school.

Helen Foote says that if anyone goes to Miami be sure to look around for her in a green beret which she lost. It's in a bad way since she has too many and only one earring.

Norman and Lucille Miller celebrated their wedding anniversary on April 21. Best wishes to you both.

We are happy to hear that Louise Ross is on the mend again.

Molded Tubulars

By Elsie and John

BIG MYSTERY! Why do people build garages when they don't own a car? All right, Vi McClelland, out with the news! Are you right in assuming you're going to buy a car?

For the up-to-the-minute dope on TV programs John Davis and Carl Hirt.

It seems that whenever Art Van Nicolson, Joe Murdock, Elise Hines and John Davis get together on Thursday night for a little session of cards, it's always John who comes in with the biggest smile.

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Harriet Herman to the department.

Traffic cop: "Use your mirror! Use your mirror!"

Woman motorist: "My goodness! Who is it? I've pushed and pulled everything in the car."

Too many people are like buttons — they always pop ping off at the wrong time.

Matt: "Really? I'm worried about Junior's arithmetic. He told me that 7 and 4 make 12."

Pete: "Well, I think that's good for a little shaver — he only missed it by 2."

Molded Tubular Soldering and Waxing PAA

By M. Bux and R. Samis

Let's begin by welcoming two new members to our department. They are Norma Simon and Marie Bourdon.

Greetings to Lil Thomas who celebrated her birthday on May 2.

An outstanding group in the department is the new swimming group now attending the Y. Even though they are just learning, one could almost call them Neptune's Daughters and class them with the fish. We wish them all the best.

Ethel McLagen and Lil Thomas (who are just learning—Star fish.

Gold fish.

Peggy Dush (for her speed) Parp, Yours Truly must stay off the list. There's no fun in this game.

Good luck to Lorraine Dore who moved into her new home recently.

New television owners are Pat Domonget and Olympia Gajda. Expect visiting relatives, ladies. We'll be around to see the wrestling matches and Xerox Book.

Births

SON to Mr. and Mrs. William Houghton on April 27. The father is in the Sandwich Department.

SON to Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Parker on April 30. The father works in Methods Department.

Minister: "Is your grandfather at home?"

Junior: "I don't want him."

Minister: "You haven't seen him?"

Junior: "When's your grammar?"

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Claude L Atwell have announced the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Jane, to Richard P. Stickney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Stickney. Richard works in Tabulating. Barbara has a brother, Richard. Barbara and Richard are planning a wedding for May 29. We'll see you there!

Mrs. Edward A. Caldwell has announced the engagement of her daughter, Barbara Anne, to James H. Thayer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Thayer of Readsboro, Vt. The wedding will take place in June. Barbara is a teacher.

Mrs. Minnie Armell has announced the engagement of her daughter, Carole George, of P.A.A. Rolling, to Charles R. Burdick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burdick. The wedding will take place in July.
**SPORTS**

The runners-up in the Men’s Bowling are the KVA Team; Standing, Louis Vinellette, Harry Shore, Bernard Fitzpatrick, Frank Santelli, James Kopping, August Boucher, Kenny Russell.

**BOWLING LEAGUE RECORDS**

Winners 1st Round D.T.Q. — 14-7
Winners 2nd Round Molders — 15-6
Winners 3rd Round KVA. — 16-5
Winners 4th Round Dry Rolling — 16-5

**ROLL OFF**

Molders, Champ 15-15
KVA. — 145-13
D.T.Q. — 148-13
Dry Rolling — 139-13

**HIGH AVERAGES**

J. Lipa, D.T.Q. — 102.1
D. Saunders, Dry Rolling — 101.03
J. Chib Uni, Molders — 100.0
J. Tobinci, Inspectors — 99.88
W. Woods, D.T.Q. — 99.82
R. Nuvem, Can Shop — 99.50
W. Fortini, Can Shop — 98.60
A. Boucher, KVA. — 97.20
F. Santelli, KVA. — 96.50
A. Shaker, Dry Rolling — 95.20
High Team Single, F. P. Drys 126
High Ind. Single, Mary Lelebre 124
High Ind. Triplet, V. Wisniowski 326
High Ind. Triple, Alley Cats 193
High Team Single, Paper Ignition 389
Most Strikes, Dot D’Angeolo 389
Low Ind. Single, Ina Lowe 37
Low Ind. Triple, Lova Lowe 161
Treasure, Vicky Wisniowski Secretary, Marge Witting

**SPRAGUE ELECTRIC GIRLS’ BOWLING LEAGUE**

Individual and Team Prizes: Bowling (all 84 strings)
High Average, Hazel Martel 92.8
High Ind. Single, Mary Lelebre 124
High Ind. Triplet, V. Wisniowski 326
High Ind. Triple, Alley Cats 193
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**UNION PRIZES**

Highest Average on Each Team
90.8 Clara Shaker, Beaverettes
90.7 Margaret Wolber, Independents
89.7 Isabelle Witherow, Ind. Oils
88.1 Dot DePaoli, Alley Cats
87.6 Helen Foley, Paper Ignition
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88.1 Dot DePaoli, Alley Cats
87.6 Helen Foley, Paper Ignition
89.7 Margaret Wohler, Independents

**PRIZES FOR TEAM STANDINGS**

Team: Winn Loser
Beaverettes, Clara Shaker 51 30
Paper Ign., Hazel Martel 52 32
Ind. Oils, Nancy Pappko 51 33
Alley Cats, D. DePoli 51 33
Western Ecles, D. Hartman 43 41
Indepedente, E. Perr 37 47
Dry Rolling, E. LaFonte 35 59
D.T.Q., Ecle Rode 31 63

**HIGH STRIKES**

J. Chib Uni, Molders — 23
J. Tobinci, Inspectors — 23
S. Ziaja, F. P. Drys — 21
A. Shaker, Dry Rolling — 21

**SOFTBALL**

On May 21, the City Soft Ball League will get underway for another season. Six teams will comprise the league. They are Beukins Boys Club (Defending Champions), Trentino Clubs, Sprague Electric, American Legion, Hayden Oil and Clark McIntyre.

**FISHING CONTEST**

We are not telling anybody the size of the fish entered in the contest from now on. In fact, we’re wondering why we were ever so slow-witted as to think that was the way to handle a fishing contest. Of course, it’s fun but it means we don’t get as many entries and we don’t like that. When we think that we missed getting Walt Schreuder’s catch just because we had already announced a trout larger than any that caught that wonderful day, we could cry! So this is for this time:

**ARMED FORCES WEEK**

May 13 - 21

Our "E" persona will be displayed.

**FISHING CONTEST**

David Legdon, cousin of Susan Bishop of Sales Engineering with his opening day catch. Time: 5:30 a.m.

Judge: "Why did you shoot your husband with a bow and arrow?"
Woman: "I didn’t want to wake the children."