Mr. R.C. Sprague Appointed to Payroll Savings Committee

It was announced on November 30 that Mr. R.C. Sprague, President of the Sprague Electric Company has been elected a member of the state payroll savings advisory committee. Mr. Sprague's appointment was announced by Mr. W. S. Troubridge of the Boston Savings Bond division of the Treasury Department.

Log Needs Addresses Of Sprague Employees In Armed Forces

At the present time, forty-two employees of the Sprague Electric Company have gone into the armed forces of the United States. We would like to have the addresses of these servicemen in order that we may send them the SPRAUGE LOG. Please send the addresses to the LOG desk.

COMMUNITY LEADERS CONFERENCE Sponsored By Chamber of Commerce

With thirty-five representatives of business, industry in attendance, the North Adams Chamber of Commerce sponsored an Area Community Leaders Conference which was held at the Williams Inn on November 30 and December 1. The Conference was opened by Mr. Courtney W. Flanders, President of the Manufacturers Association on the subject of taxes. The man on Mr. Sprague's desk is C. E. Meiklejohn, Vice President of Wadco Corporation of America and Chairman of the Association's Defense Profits Tax Committee.

Berkshire Orchestra Holds Concert

The Berkshire Community Symphony Orchestra will hold its first concert of this season on December 11, 1950 at Chapin Hall in Williamstown. Mr. Irwin Shainman will conduct the orchestra. Tickets for the concert are $1.20 and may be obtained from the SPRAUGE ELECTRIC LOG desk.

Local Store Hours During Christmas Season

To aid Christmas shoppers, the North Adams retail stores will observe the following hours during the holiday season: Beginning on December 6, stores will remain open all day Wednesday; on Friday and Saturday, December 15 and 16 and on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 20, 21, 22, and 23 the stores will be open until 9 p.m.

There are just thirteen more shopping days until Christmas.

As Ye Sow, So Ye Shall Reap

Waste of anything at anytime is a terrible fact but during a world crisis such as we are now involved in, waste can mean loss of everything for which we have worked and to which we are attached. Waste spelled out means W for War, A for alterations, S for shortages, T for time, and E for efficiency, work, which is necessary to eliminate waste.

Every industry is now faced with the problem of shortages in civilian production due to allocations of aluminum, copper, nickel, cobalt, tin and zinc, thus waste and its elimination problems must receive top priority in the months ahead. Reductions in civilian production means reduction in the purchasable articles you, you and I will always be able to buy, articles we all take for granted in our high standard of American life.

There are not enough of the vital materials available in the United States to have one hundred percent civilian production of goods using these metals and at the same time produce enough for our military needs. The answer, of course, is cut in the amount of metals available for civilian materials.

To maintain our civilian market, every effort must be made to obtain the greatest volume of acceptable articles. Some may think these efforts "peanuts" but in the present crisis, "peanuts" in volume could lick the shortage. As the waste elimination basis of every scrap of material pay its own way, to make himself produce the greatest possible volume of acceptable articles. This knowledge will be of tremendous value when we again return to civilian production.

Many people can do a job and do it well. But we must recognize this knowledge of what he is doing as well as doing it, care for himself and his company, time and effort and materials. In this case, the Biblical saying "As Ye Sow, So Ye Shall Reap" is really applicable.

The annual ten, fifteen, twenty-year service pin dinner was held on November 29 at the Blue Room in the Richmond Hotel. Thirty-eight twenty-year pins, forty-five fifteen-year and eleven ten-year pins were presented to employees of the Sprague Electric Company by Mr. R.C. Sprague, President.

The tables and banquet room were decorated in a festive holiday spirit with a combination of candles, Christmas bells and evergreens. Each lady was given a corsage in keeping with this same holiday theme.

Mr. John D. Washburn, Director of Personnel, who was toastmaster welcomed the employees and their guests on behalf of Sprague Electric Company, Mr. Robert E. Wall, Vice-President of Wall Street Shoe Co. and Mr. Harry Wein, Acting Mayor of North Adams, who were guest speakers, both complimented the Sprague employees on the length of their service with the Company. Mr. R.C. Sprague spoke of the helpfulness of North Adams industries when the Sprague Electric Company was first organized twenty years ago and the wonderful cooperation of the Wall Street Shoe Co. during the war when we were working on gas masks for the Government. Mr. Sprague praised the employees who worked so long and faithfully and helped in the advancement and growth of Sprague Electric. Mr. Sprague also spoke of the future in that shortages of material would reflect the production of civilian goods, however, he said that military contracts would offer the reduction in the production in the articles for civilian use.

Ninety-four service pins were presented by Mr. Sprague to the following people:

TWENTY YEAR PINS

Lars Anderson, Mildred Batchelor, Arthur Basillikoss, John Callahan, Marion Carton, Clayton Collins, Lillian Cof, Helen Conover, Mary Conrad, James Cooper, Yvonne Davis, Mary Daniels, Amelia Dean, Charles Dean, Stanley Dezavice, Thomas Doh, Flora Duquette, Elizabeth Fleury, Arcade Gibeau, Ruth Graves, Ellsworth Griffin and Allen Kous.

Also Dan Kinnell, Leila King, Florence Locuray, Leo Lenoise, A. B. Lingland, Julia Polkin, George F. Perry, Fred Potter, Clarence Pratt, Mary C. Roberts, J. T. Rondouc, Antonimate Sacco, Violet Sore, Dan Shea, Howard Sherman, Lena Simonelli, Alice Solaro, Frances Solaro, George Thibeau, Mary Trias, Roy Trottier, Paul Traudeau and Theresa Virtu.

FIFTEEN YEAR PINS

Jimmy Battice, Clarence Bliss, Cecile Bombardier, Everette Bovier, Karie Bovey, Mary Burro, Norman Chenal, Esther Driscoll, John Fauntlin, John Fortini, Willford Gilbert, Andrew Gignac, Florence Gosselin, William Georgian, Melba Hedin, Lucas Heiry, Beatrix Hill and Peter John.


TEN YEAR PINS

some businessmen think that the state should have control over our economy. Mr. Wise pointed out that collective [illegible] itself that big business is a monopoly, that they make the mistake of thinking that the world's big and monopoly mean the same thing. Public utilities, like power companies and telephone companies, would be ineffective if they were not monopolies, some businessmen thought. The public not only insists on them being monopolies but makes out the rules and regulations under which they operate.

Mr. Wise argued that the government has no right to operate on a wasteful basis than a private individual. "Each community can do its own job in its own way to save money and waste. You can judge your community by what it brings home and what it does with its money." He said every state in the Union is willing to sell the state the choice and [illegible] to the people in attendance asking numerous questions that they are often asked. Mr. Wise directed this portion of the program giving answers and Mr. Wise always has a word for the benefit of the public. The interest and enthusiasm of the whole conference indicated that Mr. Milne and his committee will have a large and willing group with which to work. In the near future it is hoped that speakers and forum groups will be available and chairmen of various school organizations and school groups will take advantage of this opportunity in their program entertainment planning.

**Engagements**

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brown recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Lila Jean to Francis Faxon, Jr. Mr. Simmons is employed in the Paper Rolling Department.

**Births**

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Arnove on November 28. Mr. Arnove is employed in the Factory Department.

**Captain Kay Burns in North Adams**

Captain Kay Burns, formerly of the Sales Office enlisted in the WAC in January, 1943. She served in Europe during the war and re-enlisted when the war was over. She is stationed in England during her leave time is making a tour of the New England states recruiting girls for the WAC. She was at the recruiting office at the North Adams Post Office on November 29 and was visited by several of her friends from here.
Round Midget Assembly

By Cel Shanasan

Welcome to all of the new girls and we hope you will enjoy working with us.

Mary Kinyon is a leave of absence. Harry luck, Mary, we all miss you.

Our recent party at the Country Store was a huge success.

Resistor Dept.

By Chick and Chuck

Lucy Albris is with us again after a few weeks in the hospital.

Guess winter has officially arrived as Vic Guy has started taking his cold tonic.

Mildred DeCose of Pownal had a bit of bad luck recently. Her home was destroyed by fire. The department of their sympathy.

Mary Carnahan went to New York over the Thanksgiving holiday.

A shark shower was recently held for Olive Shepley by her co-workers.

Molded Tubulators - Day Shift

By the Busy Bee

Sue Pollone is enjoying her vacation in New York City and Boston.

Betty Rosen stayed home over her vacation week.

We are glad to see Rachel Garnier with us once more after her operation.

We were sorry to hear about Eleanor Hall's little girl's accident and we wish her a speedy recovery.

K. V. A. Department

By Frank Santelli and Eleanor King

Wonder how Dean Brown got back to North Adams after bringing home his girl to Adams—good thing he is a good estimator.

We extend our sympathy to Joe LeGrain who missed his first auction in twenty years.

Chef LeGrain spent most of his weekend driving back to North Adams from Albany. We know that Chef is a daredevil but this time he was proven wrong.

Eleonor King's new Nash Rambler has pulled through the foul weather very well but she is doubtless glad when if it will start this winter.

Phil Carolino was a presented with a wallet of money as a farewell gift from the gang. He leaves for Germany soon to claim his bride-to-be.

Does anybody know where a boat can be reasonably purchased? If you can contact Millie Malone so she can get to work without her washing suit.

Barbara Cranial is holding up these days. Her husband has gone to Florida. Cheer up, Bar, you soon will be there too.

Now that Millie Malone's son, John, has moved to California to make his home, we are sure that Millie will get the bug too.

Congratulations to Lloyd and Eleanor King on their tenth anniversary November 14.

Molded Tubulators - First Shift

By the Two Eyelets

Happy Anniversary to Bertha Lapan who celebrates hers. December 3.

We wish you many more of them, Jennie.

Congratulations to Beatrice Simmons who moved into her new home a few days ago. Aren't you, Beat, moving from three rooms into six.

Where does Rachael Montana get those lovely big oranges. Won't you.

In the shipping and pleasure trip to New York City. She especially enjoyed the Metropolitan Museum.

Bertha Lapan entertained a group of Eyedet girls at a dinner at her home. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Doris Stone celebrated her third wedding anniversary, and Margaret Perrotta celebrated hers also.

Irene Simon who will soon be married was feted at a shower at the V.F.W. Home recently where she received many gifts.

Industrial Oils

By Ann Haeh

George Groves gave a surprise party for his wife, Helen, recently. Helen was presented many beautiful gifts and lunch and dancing were enjoyed. Especially, Helen would like to thank the Industrial Oil gang for their lovely present.

Bernard Fitzpatrick was honored at a dinner at the Sportsman's Club. After dinner, Jack Shields presented Berrie with a purs and we all wish him the best of luck on his new job.

Private William Pringle, son of Dot Pringle, was home for the holiday. He is stationed at Camp Lejune, North Carolina.

Jim Emery, son of Winnie Emery, enjoyed the holiday with his folks. He attends college in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Congratulations to Millie and John Garner who have bought a new home in Williamstown. Best of luck to you both.

Al Folino and Al Ferrara went to New York for the weekend but were glad to get back home.

Congratulations to Walt Carpenter and his wife, the former Helen Parker, we hope you will be very happy.

There is another mystery in the Industrial Oils. What happened to Louis Ursinette's cat—now you see it? We will organize a scavenger hunt and see what we can do for you, Louis.

Welcome to all the new people in our department, we hope you will like being with us.

Final Soldiers - Day Shift

By the Busy Bee

Marion Andrews' husband is one of the lucky winners of a turkey at Newberry's.

Birthday congratulations are in order for Jennie Bratty. Many more of them, Jennie.

We all ought to watch out, Martha Lewis got her license.

Josephine Cren was presented Thanksgiving dinner at Olney's with his son.

We all wish Theresa Conte the best of luck on her coming marriage.

Have you seen Alice Dagia's portable television set? It is quite a set. It seemed like the old water bucket days were back again. Something new for this generation.

Sue Pollone enjoyed her vacation in New York City and Boston.

Molded Tubulators - Night Shift

By Lilian Forkbus

A Halloween party was held by the girls at which everyone had a good time.

Frank Gentile would look good in the Marine Corps. Thank you, Sandy. What's the matter, Frank, was the shirt too short?

Virginia Thompson makes the most wonderful fudge.

Now that vacations are over, the girls are talking turkey. Would Thanksgiving have anything to do with it?

"Red" Sheehan looks like a million in his new fall suit.

We all miss Mary Sullivan who is out on leave of absence.

I would like to have someone help me with this column.

Retail Sales

By Hil N. Run

Anniversary greetings are sent to Doris Cardenoll who celebrates her fifteenth wedding anniversary on November 14th.

Mike Heath made a handsome usher at the wedding of his cousin from Ireland who was married here recently.

Pete Pataki moved to a new house up on Quincy Street. You sure are lucky, Doris, how do you go about finding houses these days?

Every time there is a wind storm, Sil Marcil's roof gets blown off. But this time he was lucky, the wind rusted and bug to no avail.

Mario Magnani will be hunting next week and we hope he has success in bagging himself a deer. If so, we all expect a nice deer steack.

Helen Morawiec and Lorraine Lavigne are on their vacations this week. They are staying home recuperating from big Thanksgiving dinners.

The new heart throb in the department is Stewart Granger, the tanned fellow in this room were lucky. He is stationed at Camp Lejune, North Carolina.

"Thanks to Sandy" our former co-worker, Bill Richards, who is back. He is dressed in his special attire.

We girls will take up our weekly bowling again this week. Maybe the two weeks rest that we've had will improve our bowling. High single kettles are still held by Sid Vadnais and Lucile Matta with their 101.

A saying that is often heard around the room lately is, 'Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink.'
PRIZE PACKAGE
 Packages — gifts, cards, flowers, and ribbons-are, for many of us, the visible symbol of the gay and festive spirit that is the air—everywhere at Yuletide. Your packages can really be "something to talk about this Christmas." You won't be limited, by the traditional red and green combination, good as that always is, for many new packages, new ribbons and new colors are now available.

A new fluorescent ribbon to be had this year in bright glowing tones, has a special finish which gives a luminous sheen. When used with the new dark papers, or those with a needle-like surface, you will achieve a package that is very 1950 in appearance. There, too, are the latest versions of the glittering tinsels and metallic ribbons; the shiny satins; and timny, printed ones. These, together with our foil papers, lovely plain-colored ones, and others; following the Christmas story in colors, are all designed to help you make your packages extra special.

Choose ribbons that will blend or contrast with your paper. For instance, a moss green ribbon on a gold paper looks very pretty. Add to this a little addition of a touch of flaming tangerine. Cerise and white bows on pale blue paper, for instance, look very well around a dark green package, with scarlet for accents; or lime and brown ribbons on a paper of a coppery tone—indicate some of the many unusual ways in which to use color.

In the case of lovely violets, you must tie them into your bows—either literally or figuratively. A green ribbon tied tightly is not the least bit like any of the foregoing, and it is the very antithesis of any one small group—it is a skill that can be mastered by all of us.

WRAP IT AND TIE IT
 Clear an adequate working space flat, firm and with plenty of elbow room. Assemble all your equipment: scissors, seals, gift, ribbons, paper, bows, and any other trimmings you plan to use. Have all fresh tissue and place it in a box of proper size. If the paper has a pattern, be sure you place the box that the design will be well-spaced on the top. Fold paper over, pull smooth and taut, fold ends neatly and fasten with scotch tape or decorative seals. If box is large, tape two sheets of paper together, and proceed as you would with a single sheet. The seams may be concealed with ribbon. Two different colors, or a printed paper combined with a plain one, will produce a novelty effect.

AND MAKE A BOW
 No matter how you choose to decorate the ribbons around the box (crossed, divided with and between, folded one over the other, etc.), be sure that you always make the folds neatly and tightly, and attached to the box later.

To make a big, bold bow, use ribbon 3" to 5" wide. Pinch gatherers in ribbon about 3" from one end held, bend ends and emptying out of hand, with right hand, make a loop about 2" long, and pinch in gatherers. Continue looping ribbon back, and forth and allways holding finished loops in left hand until you have made enough to give the desired fullness. (The narrower the ribbon, the more loops that will be needed.) Tie tightly through center with wire or ribbonsate. Fluff out loops into a round point, and attach bow to package. About 3" of ribbon is required for a nice full bow.

FOR A TAILORED, TWO TONED TRIMMING
 Use two contrasting ribbons (print and plain, or different colors), each about 3" wide. Loop both sides of ribbons together and lay flat on table. Make a series of loops—keeping the tops of the loops directly over the one below, and a little lower. Keep center flat, do not pinch into groups. Secure thong through center with Scotch tape, and pin flowers, tinsels, or ribbons, etc. on top of the center.

ADDING THE GINGERSNAP
 Little angels, snowmen, animals, etc., may be placed on the package, eyes and nosey of holly or spruce or other green-tucked in with the bow add a seasonal touch. Try tying a soft knot near the end of 4 or 5 extra lengths of ribbon, or a couple of slight folds; tie a knot around the neck, and wrap in paper. Have the desired altered ribbon, and tie the bow as you please.

FOR THE MALE OF THE SPECIES
 Quid the host, if you use hues that fit and tailored. Choose masculine colors in both paper and ribbon—beau's, dark greens, browns, tans, or a rich earth color. Store the package carefully, decorated with pictures typical of sports, or soccer; or it may be trimmed with gadgets indicative of a particularly holy, in casting Fishing Times, a toy gun, miniature camera, a deck of cards, or even bright packages of seeds. For instance, you can induce your offering in the financial page of the local paper, tie with gold ribbon, and decorate with play money—bills and coins.

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ANNUAL SERVICE PIN DINNER

November 29, 1950

The Richmond Hotel

Mr. Robert E. Wall, Vice-President of the Wall Street Shoe Company compliments guests on their long service with Sprague Electric Company.

Some of the many employees and their guests who enjoyed the annual service pin dinner.

Miss Jennie Rattery receives her fifteen year pin.

Top Center picture shows the employees who have been with Sprague Electric twenty years.

In the center picture, Mr. John D. Washburn looks on while Mr. Henry Pappado receives his ten-year pin from Mr. R. C. Sprague.

December 8, 1950

Mr. Harry Wein, Acting Mayor of North Adams, speaks to the group. On his left is Mr. John D. Washburn and on his right is Mr. William J. Nolan.
SPRAGUE ELECTRIC GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Team Standing November 28

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High Ind. Average on Each Team

- Pet. Sigs.
  - N. Popp—Ind. Oils. 89.1 30
  - H. Martel—Metal Clay 91.7 43
  - A. Mason—Sharpies 93.1 40
  - DePolo—Alley Cats 88.9 34
  - M. Wittig—Beaversett 88.4 30
  - Tassone—Independents 87.3 15
  - Anton W. E. Rollers 89.4 33
  - Kawa—Dry Rolling 81.7 33

**SPRAGUE ELECTRIC BOWLING LEAGUE**

- Pet. Sigs.
  - Michael's 89.4 30
  - A. Mason—Sharpies 88.4 30
  - H. Martel—Metal Clad 84.9 30
  - I. Anton—W. E. Rollers 84.9 30
  - Industrial Oils 88.4 30
  - Ind. Oils 88.4 30

**SPRAGUE BASKETBALL: Sprague "Lassies"**

The Sprague "Lassies" lost their opening game of the season to the formidable Professional Drug Girls from Pittsfield in the Shire City. The final score was 69-52, and that does not begin to tell the terrific struggle put up by the locals. Score at half time was only 19-13 and only a belated surge late in the 3rd quarter proved to be the undoing for the Sprague "Lassies." Altogether the showing made the spirit shine; give one the impression that the season ahead should be highly successful. Mary Gordon and Vicky Wisnosiak were the attack leaders for the "Lassies." Sprague "Royals" have organized for the coming year. Acting Coach Wisnowski led the attack for the Sprague "Royals." Sprague employes (males preferred) are needed for the coming year. Acting Coach Wise led the attack for the Sprague "Lassies." Al-"Lassies."; acting Coach Cas Sanecki.

**SPRAGUE ELECTRIC GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM**

At the Holy Name Smoker held on November 17 are left to right, Mr. Sheldon Jones, pitcher for the New York Giants, Reverend Leonard Burke, Mr. Tommy Hendrick of the New York Yankees who was the guest speaker, and Bill Franzer, Vice President of the Holy Name Society.

**SPRAGUE ELECTRIC GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM**

North Bennington at the high school gym and came from behind to win 53-42. In their second outing, the college town lads were defeated by Williams High of the Southern Berkshire Loop by a score of 88-34.

Local St. Joseph High fell before the college town. High Five at the Drury gym. The final score was 45-39. Scaries has a veteran squad and is a general favorite to top the crown in the Southern circuit.

Pittsfield St. Joseph opened its exhibition schedule by beating Lee before an overflow crowd in Pittsfield. Fred Broderick, high scoring full back, is once more a rampaging scorer on the Pittsfield grid. Brown, Bob Petitt, Dave Joe Koczela, Stan Pittsfield in the Shire City. The final score was 69-52.

F-L-A-S-H—"Royals" win opener and former Drury star, was placed at quarter and Pete LeDisser at quarter and Pete DeLisser once more a rampaging scorer on the Hoyas.

**COLEGE FOOTBALL:**

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