Brown Street Employe To Receive Medal Of Honor From The French Government

Most Brown Street employees are acquainted with Gus Fourtou and his foreman large disposition.

During World War I, one of Gus' daughters married a serviceman from the United States and subsequently came to live in this country. This was followed by a visit from another daughter who also married an American. Their letters to the rest of the Fourtou family in France spoke so well of this country that in September of 1949, they came to the United States to make their home. He lived in Camie, a town near Monte Carlo where at different times he owned a drug store and a garage and was also a barber. When he first came to this country, he was greatly hampered by their letters to the rest of the United States and subsequently to make their home. He lived in Camie, a town near Monte Carlo where at different times he owned a drug store and a garage and was also a barber. When he first came to this country, he was greatly hampered by the fact that everything in this country he lived in Winooski, Vermont, where he obtained a barber's license.

At the present time, Gus is going to night school to learn the English language. When he first came to this country, he was greatly hampered by his inability to talk with people, but now he can make himself understood well enough to get along. He was impressed with New York and in general with the fact that everything in this country is in abundance and that we are a very rich country. Contrary to our popular belief, he said Americans are equally as pretty as the French girls in France. Amusements are much the same in both countries except there is not as much automobile riding over there. As might be expected, not as many people in France have cars as in this country and the price of taxis is practically prohibitive.

American tourists are well received in France not only for their extraordi- nary spending of money but because the French people find them generally likable. Gus served in both World Wars. In World War I, he served a part of the time as a bombardier and the remainder as a member of the Alpine troops, a very whose positions are similar to those of guerrilla troops. He received several medals including the Croix De Guerre and was named by the French Minister of War to receive the Medal of Honor which is equivalent to our Congressional Medal of Honor. The latter medal he has not as yet received but he will receive it in Boston within the month.

Drafting in France is by age only. When a person is called, there is no examination. The person immediately goes into the service.

On the subject of our present Korean situation, Gus feels that the Russians are aggressors but there won't be an all-out war for at least two years and at that time the United States will be sufficiently well-armed to win the war. In May, 1950 Gus came to work at the Sprague Electric Company in the Industrial Oil Cover Assembly Department. He is very grateful to the people with whom he works at Brown Street for all their help.

R. C. Sprague Resigns As President of RTMA

Mr. Robert C. Sprague, President of Sprague Electric Company, has resigned as President of the Radio Television Manufacturers Association and will be succeeded by Mr. Glen McDaniel, Vice President of the Radio Corporation of America.

Mr. Sprague had agreed to act as President of RTMA until a full-time paid president could be found. When his resignation becomes effective around the first of April, Mr. Sprague will continue as Chairman of the Board.

Sprague Electric Company Mentioned On Radio Commercial

On February 11, on the radio program "Songs From New England Colleges" sponsored by Monsanto Chemical Company, a commercial was given to the effect that Monsanto uses Sprague Electric capacitors and that Sprague Electric Company is one of the leading industries in New England and is one of the largest and finest manufacturers of capacitors in the world.

G. I. Dividend Checks To Start In April

In April the second special dividend checks on G.I. Insurance will start going out to policyholders, but when you get yours, of course, depend upon the anniversary date on your policy. The amount will depend upon such factors as age, length of time in force and the size of the policy. The dividend will be tax-exempt.

If your anniversary date is January or February, you will receive your check in March. Dividend checks will be sent out two months after the respective anniversary date of your policy. The anniversary date is that month in which the policy was taken out.

If you were the recipient of the first dividend, no formal application has to be made this time.

Policies taken out up to the end of 1949 will be eligible for dividend. Therefore, servicemen who recently volunteered or were drafted will receive small dividends.

Many ex-G.F.'s have not applied for the first dividend and no deadline has been set for applications. However, no application is needed for this second dividend provided you have received the first dividend.

Organization of Plant Fire Brigade

Under the direction of Arthur J. Mathews, steps are being taken to form fire brigades for each of the three Sprague Electric Company North Adams plants. Personnel for the fire brigades will be selected from the various departments in the plants and from the Maintenance men. As soon as they are chosen, they will be instructed in the use of fire fighting equipment. It is hoped that the organization of the fire brigades will be completed and ready to function within a month.

The formation of these brigades will insure the plants of greater protection from fire hazards. In case of an emergency, these groups will be able to control the situation until additional help arrives. The fire brigades are an important part of the stepped-up program of plant protection.

Left to right, Marge Witting, Dot D'Arcangelo, Lorraine Damon, Lois Greene, Vicky Wisowski, Pat Gilmore, Janice Fowler, Clara Shaker, Luddy Mozanti and Mary Gordon.

Looking for a Ride

Clare Therrien who works in the P.A.A. Testing Department at Brown Street would like a ride from North Road to the Brown Street plant for the 6 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. shift.

Please consider others when parking your car in the Company parking lots and park correctly so there will be adequate space for everyone.

Sprague Electric Log Articles

In submitting articles to the Sprague Electric Log, please make sure that all names are spelled correctly.

Write to Them

Roland R. Gagne Sr., Recreation Co. 80 USNHT Newport, Rhode Island

PET. Gerald Hamel R.A. 316 NBE498 Co. A 27th Inf. 45th Div. Camp Polk, Louisiana

PET. Ray Monette 1286/380 USMC Pl. 153 A Co. 1st Rec. Tng. BN. Parris Island, South Carolina

PET. Herbert H. Palmer US5104398 Sr. Btry. 145th FABN. Fort Hood, Texas

John B. Whiteley End3 Beauchamp's Unit No. 1 U.S.N. Amphibian Base Coronado, California

Latest In Basketball Fashions As Previewed By The Sprague Lassies In Their Game With The Lions Club On February 18
Cub Pack 72 was formed by Tom Cullen, Jr., William Piantoni and David Spencer. Standing, Don Vims, Scoutmaster of Troop 42. The boys are from Cub Pack 72. Cub Pack 72 was formed by Tom Cullen and is operated by Edgar.

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"Every Sprague Employee on Assistant Reporter"
**Molded Tubulars—Second Shift**

By Lillian Forbush

We extend a hearty welcome to Peggy Bartlett who is with us after a few months absence.

All our good wishes to Gertrude Schmidt on her birthday.

We are sorry to see Helen Kogan leave us and hope she will enjoy working on the first shift.

Welcome to the new girls on our line. We hope you will like it with us.

Red Sheehan is back after a two-week illness and we are all glad he is feeling better.

Nellie Duford is enjoying her vacation at home in the beautiful state of Vermont.

We have some wonderful women drivers on the second shift. The last snow storm proved that.

**KVA Department**

By Frank Santelli and Eleanor King

We would like to welcome to our department, Mary Ria, Irene Dobrid and Ruth Laperle. Congratulations to Milly Mabon on her eleven years in the KVA Department.

Bill Pasturi’s car was frozen again the other day. Guess you’ll have to get a horse and buggy, Bill.

Michael Poppolo, son of Mrs. Harold Green of Electric Maintenance Test, who is serving on the second shift at the U.S.S. Columbus which is stationed in England.

**Industrial Oils**

By Mary and Ann

We were sorry to hear of Hilda Cento’s mysterious hospitalization. She is doing very nicely.

Marvin Collins is convalescing after her operation.

Glad to report that Evelyn Norton and Millie Garner are back to work.

Bill Pringle is doing very well and will be back with us soon.

Big surprise — Lyda Lewis is back working in our department.

We are watching the horizon for Millie Conroy.

Miss Hall was lucky enough to go to Florida for a winter vacation.

Paul Bourbon had a new car.

Bill Sheldon gave a good performance when he sang for “Bobby Burns Night” accompanied by Ralph Dineen.

Rosalind Vincetelle entertained the girls with a Valentine’s Party. A good time was had by all.

Many happy returns to Agnes Houghton and Betty Roberts who celebrated their birthdays recently.

Congratulations to Marge Ralkey who moved into a new apartment.

Carlos Cusano furnished fish in exchange for their thanks to everyone for their kind sympathy during their recent sorrow.

**Resistor Department**

By Chick and Chuck

The department is going to miss Our Troubles who has moved to Connecticut. She was presented a purse before leaving.

Bill Marrill, who joined the Marine Corp was also given a purse. Best of luck, Bill.

Our department is getting a new paint job and things are looking brighter ever already. With the painters overhead Margaret Gauthier, Theresa Morosco and Vi Gamari took no chances of any stray drops of paint going into their hair. Hoses instead of hair were the style of the day.

Bucky Williams tells of how he had to direct Leonard Rarick to North Adams from Stamford, Vermont. Rarick took the wrong road from Bennington and wound up quite lost in Stamford.

We don’t know where Russell Gunnery gets his stories but they sure are tall ones.

A flashy new shirt on Red Cerwinski the other day provoked Chris Curran to ask if it were waterproof.

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**Our Safety Corner**

**GET HELP FOR HEAVY OR AWKWARD LOADS**

**Maintenance Dept.**

By Audrey Bowen

Albert Bloodin, Pete Solari, Francis Boardin and Albert Roppel, Jr. have joined the Navy. Good luck to you, fellas, and smooth sailing.

Smiles of happy owners of new cars: Dorothy Buzzell in her new Nash and Tom Dion in his new Ford.

We would like to welcome to our department, Regis Lamphour who joined our office force on January 16. We hope you will enjoy your work, Reg. Wallace Daniels is enjoying his new home which he purchased recently in Williamstown. Walt says there is nothing like being a home owner after all these years in apartments.

**Electric Maintenance Test**

By E. B. Ryan

In this our first contribution to the LOG, may we hope to find a welcome mat awaiting our first hesitant steps. We pledge ourselves to follow in the steps worn in the friendly Sprague Electric path that leads us upon an over-wrought world. We shall try to mingle the joyous carefree moments with the serious interludes to help compose a fellowship of friends and memories.

We feel that under the capable guidance of our Jack Fabricius and our supervisor, George DeGrenier, we are putting our shoulders to the Sprague Electric Company wheel of Progress to mingle the joyous carefree moments with the serious interludes to help compose a fellowship of friends and memories.

The Cronin family wish to express their hearty welcome to Peggie Banlet who is with us after a leave of absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Domenic Siciliano, children of Mr. and Mrs. Domenic Siciliano.

**Retail Sales**

By Hit N’ Run

Birthday greetings to Lorena Lavigne who celebrated hers on February 13 and to Aquila King who celebrated hers on Valentine’s Day.

Miss Bressette’s engagement to Harold Sharret, who works in the formation, was recently announced. They will be married on May 5. Our congratulations to both of you.

We all wish a speedy recovery to Otto Parnack who is ill at his home.

We also miss Lorene Lavigne who is taking a two-week leave of absence. Welcome back to Aubrey Boudrin.

Dry Tubular Assembly

By Sparky

We all miss Clair Chubious and wish her the best of luck.

We all miss Chuck DiNapoli who is out for a short time and hope he will hurry back.

Jay Strange recently left for the service and we wish him loads of luck.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mary Bournon whose brother recently died.

Our sympathy is extended to Helen Harrington and her daughter on the recent death of Mrs. Harrington’s granddaughter and Alma Smith’s niece.

Augustine Moreton who came over from France in 1949 and is now employed at the Brown Street plant of the Sprague Electric Co.
The two leaders of Cub Pack 72 are standing at the left, Edgar Remillard and at right Tony Abusi.

Shining Blades

By Charles Felix

The Berkshire Hills' speed skating championships were recently held in Pittsfield with several local youngsters competing. The television set offered perhaps could do if given the opportunity.

The only local youngster to win a prize in the speed skating events was Bobby Dunn who placed second in the 1400 yard juvenile boys' event and third in the 220 yard boys' event. Dunn and Simard did not compete in the first day trials at Pittsfield because of a one day suspension given them because they competed in the Silver Skates Derby in Boston the weekend previous. The matter was cleared up as the youngsters were able to get into the races on Sunday.

The only local skaters to place in the indoor meet were Tony Foster, who placed third in the 700 yard boys' event, and Dick Sinarud also competed in the Pittsfield meet but falls in his trial and fourth in the final. Frank Rose and Dick Sinarud also competed in the indoor meet at Troy, New York where roses were held.

The only local youngsters to place in the championships were I >ick Simard who placed third in the 440 yard juvenile boys' event and Beth Lebel, North American Champion, in the 440 yard juvenile girls' event. Beth Lebel placed fourth in the 220 yard girls' event.

Bobby Dunn who placed second to Beth Lebel in the 220 yard girls' event placed third in the 700 yard girls' event.

The only local youngster to win a championship was Beth Lebel who won the 440 yard girls' event.

Have a Regular Check-up

One sure way to avoid serious trouble is to have a periodic medical examination at least once a year. If the doctor finds you have heart trouble, he will always tell you, because he must depend upon your cooperation.

There are some symptoms, however, which should always be investigated, because they indicate the need of medical attention whether they are due to heart trouble or not. Any discomfort—particularly pain in the chest which is directly related to exertion or excitement; shortness of breath when at rest or exercise which has not caused breathlessness in the past; difficulty with breathing while lying flat in bed; and swelling of feet or ankles are all symptoms that should be promptly investigated.

If you think you have heart disease, see your doctor. If he says your heart is sound after a careful examination, believe him. If he tells you that you have any form of heart disease, do as he says. It is better to have your doctor discover heart trouble in a periodic medical examination than after serious symptoms develop.

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Dr. Brown, whose car Mike was polishing, overheard this conversation. "Fellows," he said, "I know exactly what Mike means and see it in my own work all the time. People who look good and make a neat appearance forget to have a periodic medical examination. I see them only when something goes wrong. Far too many people worry more about outside appearance than inside health."

"As a mechanic," continued the good doctor, "Mike knows how important it is to have a car regularly checked up. Good care inside and out will sometimes add years to the life of a car!"

Soon the conversation touched on heart disease, which Dr. Brown said was the most common cause of death. He remarked that thousand of persons with damaged hearts live happily, comfortable lives because they are cooperating with doctors in giving them hearts a chance. Many who die from heart disease might have lived useful and longer lives with regular care and treatment, he pointed out.

"Remember this," said Dr. Brown, "if you want to drive your car away; the heart is an amazing machine. It's call- ed on to pump from nine to ten tons of blood each day. Mike can tell you that an engine has to be in darn good shape to operate in that fashion 24 hours a day for a lifetime."

Photo I: Closet Lighting

A spacious bedroom closet with built-in drawers and shoe rack is ingeniously lighted to form a complete dressing unit for a man. Mounted in the ceiling just inside the door is a 30-watt fluorescent strip lighting fixture which furnishes general illumination for the closet and light for seeing inside the drawers. This lamp is shielded by the front of the overhead drawers. Illumination for the suit rack comes from a 20-watt fluorescent lamp mounted beneath the overhead drawers, and the shoe rack is illuminated by a single lamp 15-watt fluorescent fixture mounted against the back part of the door beneath the raised translucent plastic shelf. The door of the closet is utilized for a mirror and tie rack, with the lighting concealed beneath two 15-watt deep coves. A 15-watt fluorescent lamp lights the mirror and a miniature 6-watt fluorescent lamp illuminates the ties.

Photo II: Lighted Hobby Or Home Office Alcove

This stamp collection alcove can be built into an extra closet or small space under the eaves of the second floor. The coves extending along the walls conceal one 10-watt and two 15-watt fluorescent lamps for general illumination and dramatic effect, while the standard two-lamp fluorescent ceiling fixture directs additional light down onto the counter, with a minimum of shadows on the working surface.

Photo III: Upstairs Lavatory

This small ground-floor laundry for rinsing lingerie and stockings or for washing diapers can be built into an upstairs hallway or closet to save steps and eliminate the annoyance of wet clothes in the bathroom. A 13-watt miniature fluorescent lamp is concealed beneath each of the three shelves to illuminate the shelf beneath, with the lamp mounted 3" back from the inner edge of a wooden valence. The valence itself is 3" deep.

For lighting the sink, a 100-watt incandescent bulb is recessed into the ceiling. This same type lighting can be extended to a regular first floor or basement laundry.

Photo IV: Lighted Snack Bar

Another suggestion for utilizing a small space is this upstairs snack bar which can be used for a quick bite late in the evening or for preparing a baby's formula. One 40-watt fluorescent lamp is concealed beneath the overhead cabinet to illuminate the counter, and incandescent bulbs are recessed into the ceiling of each side shelf area to highlight the chins on the shelves. The door beneath the counter conceals a small refrigerator and an electric hot plate.
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For the Girls

SPRING INTO SUMMER

FASHION HIGHLIGHTS

That the effect posture has on appearance and attitude is, to say the least, obvious. We are beginning to hear the familiar sound of the rustling skirt and clicking heels. As a result of the higher hemline, it is now possible to see the feet of some women for the first time. This has given rise to a new interest in foot care and hygiene.

Figures Don’t Lie

Many tons of fabric have been used to create the latest fashions, but the figures won’t lie. It’s clear that the trend toward shorter hemlines has not only revolutionized the way women dress, but it has also had a profound impact on the fashion industry as a whole.

The Distaff Side

In the world of fashion, the distaff side has always been the more understated but equally important. The distaff side is responsible for the creative process behind the scenes, from designing and tailoring to sewing and finishing. It’s a file of talent that, in many cases, goes unnoticed but is essential to the success of any fashion house.

If You Make Yourself...

It is important to choose your patterns with care. Although women may enjoy seeing their favorite store, they should also consider their personal preferences and body type. For example, a person with a figure that is too slim may find it difficult to find a dress that fits well. On the other hand, a person with a figure that is too large may find it difficult to find a dress that is not too baggy.

Recipe

Gather round, girls — here are the latest fashions and styles. These outfits are perfect for the spring season and will help you look your best. Enjoy!
Northern Berkshire High School Basketball—Pittsfield High Cops

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