NEWS FROM SPRAGUE ELECTRIC

EMPLEES IN SERVICE

Last month, a letter was received from James Smith, Jr., who is now in the Navy and stationed in Trinidad. When Jimmy was at Sprague Electric, he was a Supervisor in Miscellaneous Dry Rolling 16G 24 Assembly. Jimmy writes that he is in charge of the correspondence section of the Administration Department which handles all of the official and unofficial coming on and going off the base, station orders, memorandums, etc. Recreation facilities on the base are excellent, including bowling alleys, pool tables, a swimming pool, beaches, and an enlisted men’s club.

Marion’s address is: Marion Beazie S. R. U. S. N. 900 0 84W. Bldg. 711 Recruit Training (W) U. S. S. N. C. Great Lakes, Illinois Co. 14-51

We have more addresses of boys now in the service who were employed at Sprague Electric. They are always anxious to receive news from home, so if you know them, or work in the department where they were employed, drop them a line, you can be sure it will be appreciated.

Pvt. Raymond Bonville 1600th ATW Hq. Sq. Wesover AFB Wesover, Maryland

Seaman Apprentice Ronald S. Gos. 419 88-S. U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School U. S. Naval Hospital Class 17 Bainbridge, Maryland

Pvt. Joseph LaFrance 13014111 P. O. Co. 4th Rec. Training Battalion Davis Island, South Carolina

Ft. Donald J. O’Brien AF 11195894 2236th AFRTC Sanford Field Camp Taylor Sta. P. O. 21 Louisville 13, Kentucky

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Jack Washburn conducts a session on Union Agreements as part of the specialized training course. From left to right: Bernard Fitzpatrick, Ernest Jones, Clarence Baker, Richard Couttier, James Toppie, Leon Beverly, Jack Washburn, Courtney Flanders, Leonard L. Lewis, Vernon King, Charles Mulsacky, and Arthur Molleur.

DIAL SYSTEM INSTALLED IN TWO PLANTS

On Tuesday, July 24, the plugs were pulled out of the switchboard at Marshall Street, and the Marshall and Brown Street plants were automatically on the dial system.

Previous to the installation of the dial system, the switchboard at Marshall Street had been a one-position board. Business on the main operating switchboard at Marshall Street increased so much, however, that one operator could not handle all of the calls. It was necessary to establish a two-position board. In changing to a two-position board, the Company took occasion to install modern equipment and put in the dial system connecting the Marshall and Brown Street plants.

There are numerous tie lines between Brown and Marshall, and Marshall and Beaver, and while at the present the main toll business is handled at the Beaver Street plant, provisions have been made to transfer it to Marshall Street when the administration building is ready. Night service has been installed in the Marshall Street Gatehouse. It is intended that ultimately Marshall Street will be the headquarters for the main telephone office for the Company.

This dial system requires that those who use it become familiar with the instructions included in the booklet of listings which has been issued. Also, when using the dial system, it is necessary to be accurate in the numbers you dial. It is believed that as soon as people are familiar with the new installation, it will be a great improvement.

Orders were placed last year by the Company for the new telephone equipment. The receipt and installation of the system took approximately seven months.

The intricate mechanism pictured above controls the functioning of the dial system.
Hints for a Happy Holiday

Vacations can be a hazard — to health and wealth. Pay-check losses due to sunburn alone total nearly 8,000,000 days each summer. Follow these simple rules, and you'll double your fun while you cut the cost.

1. Take it easy. There's more fun to come — don't crowd everything into the first few days.
2. Disinfect minor cuts and scratches immediately. A first aid kit is the painting of the new cafeteria at Marshall Street.
3. Avoid the unnecessary sunburn that spoils the fun. Sun filters approved by the American Medical Association guarantee a tan and prevent burning.
4. Use sense about swimming. Wait three to five days before swimming again.
5. Look before you leap — especially in the woods and country. Learn to distinguish the poison oak and ivy that grows in the woods and country.
7. Drink only tested water — or else boil it.
8. Exercise with discretion. Seven to eight miles a day is plenty for most people.

Peter Jobin, Foreman of General Maintenance-Construction Gang, is the man who makes sure that local roads are in good repair and that new buildings are occupied by new departments. Mr. Jobin likes to fish for trout and go deer hunting in Brown, Beaver, and Marshall. Pete's current "hot" job is the painting of the new cafeteria at Marshall Street.

Farewell Party

On Thursday evening, July 26, Bertha DeCoteau was given a farewell party by the girls from the various offices at the Brown Street plant. A dinner party was held at the Country Club in Chicopee, and Friends, Elizabeth Hamilton and Mrs. DeCoteau, presented with a corsage of roses and a Fruit Automatic Toaster. Mrs. DeCoteau is now at the Marshall Street switchboard after serving nine faithful years as the telephone operator at Brown Street.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Flaherty have announced the engagement of their daughter, Alice Ann, to Pvt. Edward J. Lyons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gamarce. Miss Flaherty is employed in Filter Assembly. Pvt. Lyons, who formerly was employed in Dry Tubular Assembly, is now stationed at Camp Claibourn.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ottenrath announced the engagement of Miss Ella Ann, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. John M. Flaherty, to Pvt. Donald Ottenrath. Miss Ottenrath is employed in the Molding Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams announced the engagement of Miss Dorothy N. Cady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Cady, to Pvt. John H. Atkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Atkinson. Miss Cady is employed in the Machine Shop.

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They had a narrow escape while fishing from a boat named "Judy." Welcome to the Shipping Department. JULIETTE LEE, DEANNA DICK CROKICK, AGNES BOLUS, and DELFINA REGALM.

Network and Filter by Mae and Marie

We wish ROZ VINELETTE, MARY UNIS, MILES HEATH, ELEANOR DESANTY, MARGARET CASEY, MARY FOOTE, and M. O'NEIL have returned from their vacations and are sunburned and rested. VIRGIE MORIN and HELEN UNIS still are in Vergennes, Vermont.

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MARTHA CLARK has returned home from the hospital. Get well soon, Martha. We all miss you. A daughter was horn to MR. and MRS. STANLEY RADON last week. Congratulations!

JIMMY TODD spent his vacation in Canada and at nearby carnivals. A dinner was held at the 18th St. Hotel in honor of MILLY MARCHEGINI by some of her friends. The reception was held by Gladys Kirkpatrick.

agi VINELETTE spent their third vacation on Lake Champlain.

DON PINTER is spending his vacation in South Carolina for a week of deep-sea fishing. He has returned from his vacation in his usual cheerful frame of mind.

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Industrial Oil Rolling

RUBY HUBBARD flew to Michigan on her vacation to attend the wedding of her son, Ace H. Vacation news: LEVA NICOLA went to Brittany and Montreal. EDMUND MASON vacationed in Connecticut and Rhode Island. MARGUERITE WILSON spent her vacation in Michigan, and ALBERTO VARGAS traveled to Florida. ELMERIA SWEENEY went to Florida. JACKIE HILL and JOHN SMITH flew to Montreal and Ontario. JOHN SMITH hope you like it with us, John.

Wire Coating

by Corena Tatro and Betty Bagnew

We have GERMANE MINUE, PHILIP GUTTRES, and DORIS STONE to our department. Hope you have here with you will be a lovely and pleasant one.

HELEN BURDICK and PEG DINNER spent a week in New York.

EARLE WASHBURN has returned from his vacation. We welcome Jack and his wife back to our department. He spent his vacation in New Hampshire at Alton Bay. Eight days a week, inform us she now has a driver's license. Watch out for that blue Chevrolet from now on. She was gone for more than a week last week. He likes being back here. His cooking will taste good to Ed.

Beaver Street

Upper Offices

To John and Sue

Congratulations to DONALD CADY and his wife, the former BARBARA CARPENTER, on the birth of their daughter, Deborah Jean, on July 28.

Unfortunately, BILL CAMPELLI has another car, only this one is a new Ford in a nice shade of baby blue. We never knew he had such a car. We all wish him good luck and hope it will come to work in next.

We would like to welcome MARY WOLF and EMILIO SILLOOLY to the Product Control Office. Hope you like it with us.

We have just heard the good news, MIDGE PATENAUE. Now are you going to go back to school before you start your new job? We wish you good luck. We all wish you all vacation and meat balls, and we wish you the best of luck.

Metal Clay (Days)

by Therese and Ethel

EDITH NOEL, vacationed at Lake Erie with her family and friends.

MARGORIE STEPHENSKI enjoyed her vacation. She is back home now.

RUTH HARTZMANN recently celebrated her birthday. Welcome back to GERT BOWEN. Her new baby has been out sick. It’s good having you back, Gert.

MARGO S. has recently joined us. She has just had a baby. Congratulations.

Welcome to back PAT KENYON and her family who have recently joined us.

Bath Assembly

by D. Landry

Vacations are still in full swing in our department. In case you ever see a girl in Metal Clad, don’t kiss her. She is just learning to paint. It’s nice to see her now.

RAY HUNICKE vacationed in Vermont. CHARLES RYAN is spending his vacation at home and at his dairy bar in Clarksville nights.

MISCELLANEOUS PAPER FINISH ASSEMBLY

by Marie-Rose LaFlamme

Vacations are still in full swing in our department. IDA FORWELL is spending her vacation in Camp Lejeune, Virginia with her daughter, and out and about. She then will visit Florida. She has spent one week in New Hampshire. MARY CATLAFERMO is spending her vacation in New Jersey. FRANCIS MESSINA spent a week at Hampton Beach, New Hampshire and the second week in New York and Boston. ALICE NICHOLS spent her vacation at home.

Hope you have faith in the future.

LEONARD GAGNE has become a grandfather, (so he says). His cat had four kittens while he was enjoying his vacation at home. He certainly is proud of her but can’t tell us what kind of kittens they are. We are anxious to see pictures of them. What do you say, Len, don’t keep them all to yourself.

RUTH HARRIS celebrated her birthday on July 18 and her wedding anniversary on July 29. Congratulations, Ruth.

We extend our sincere sympathy to CHESTER JOHNSTON on the death of his father-in-law.

Block Annex

by Della Keating

A speedy recovery to SHIRLEY BOOTH who is in the Adams Hospital. It is nice having ILA DEMARCO back after her recent illness.

Good luck to PHILLY LAFAYNE in her new home.

The following people are enjoying their vacations: RAYMOND BLAIR-New York, BUNNY PIERCE nde-Lake Erie, VIOLE DELISLE-Cutchogue, HAZEL MARTIN-Canada, JEAN COWAN-New York City, MARIE OLIVER-Bellows Falls, Vermont, CELIA ESPONITO-Myrtle Beach, EMMIE KEMP-Eden, MINNIE GRACE-Myrtle Beach, Augusta, Maine.

Good luck to KENNETH CHEESBRO and JIMMY DEAN.

PRODUCTION ENGINEERING

by Doris Langer

Welcome to TONY PESSOLANO and PAULA KRYZwick who have just joined us.

Recent vacations were FRANK CROSEL, JOE O'BRIEN, FRANK MELITO, ETHEL CATTOCCI, and ETHEL MASON.

Last week, we all enjoyed our vacation at Fort Massachusetts where the honored guests were ETHEL PIERLO and BETTE WORTHINGTON. Ethel is leaving to join her husband in Pittsburgh and Bette is being married on September 15.

BARB CADY, a former coworker, and PAUL CROSEL were married last week.

We extend our sympathy to FLORENCE GOSELIN on the recent death of her sister, Anna Beaudoin.
MELTED CHEESE TOASTWICHES

If high food prices are making menu planning more difficult for you, here’s a suggestion — make sandwiches for low-cost luncheons and suppers. They go together without any fuss, and at the same time you’ll find enriched breads are just about the most economical food you can buy. Beige, sandwiches of all kinds and shapes and sizes are food all Americans like.

Melted cheese toastwiches are sandwich with an inviting summer look. Use almost any desired filling for the toastwich and garnish with a strip of bacon.

CHERRY BREAD

2 cups sifted enriched flour 1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon baking powder 2 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 cup sugar 1 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup chopped cherries 1 cup sugar
1 cup cherry juice or water 1 egg
1 cup chopped nuts

Sift together flour, salt, baking powder and soda. Cream together shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg, mixing well. Add cherries. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture alternately with cherry juice or water. Fold in nuts. Bake in greased pan, 4 1/2 x 8 inches, in moderate oven (375° F.) 1 1/4 hours. Makes 1 loaf, 4 x 8 inches.

A hot cheese sauce and crisp bacon make the delicious topping for these toastwiches filled with green pepper rings.

FASHION NEWS

An important summer wardrobe ingredient — the sheath dress — Simplicity Printed Pattern 8252. It comes in misses' sizes 12 to 20, 30c.

Whether you swim like a duck or just bask on the beach, this outfit made with Simplicity Printed Pattern 8252 will come in handy. It is sized for misses and women, 12 to 20, 30c.

For the finishing touches to your vacation wardrobe, don’t forget to bring along a cardigan, preferably in a pastel shade, to wear over your dresses on a chilly night. It is easy to pack and so much easier to carry than a summer coat. Oh, by the way, don’t want to put a damper on your vacation but don’t forget to bring a raincoat. We hope you won’t need it, but just in case a practical one can be bought in an easy-to-pack case.

Now that you are assembled (make a count list a week ahead of time when you aren’t so excited), remember that if you have too much for one small suitcase you will be better off with two small suitcases you can carry than with one large one you can’t lift. Porter’s are not always on the spot. Don’t forget your tickets and do have a wonderful time — and maybe I’ll see you there!

Right:

Daryl Lee Roy won a popularity contest sponsored by the Eastern Star and was crowned King. He won a miniature loving cup, a Mickey Mouse wrist watch, and had his picture taken. The three-year-old youngster’s mother, Ethel, is employed in Metal Clad Tubular Finish.

Left:

Six-year-old Teddy Stasiowski is the son of Antonette Stasiowski of North Adams, is employed in Metal Clad Tubular Finish and the nephews of Josephine Lamarre and Alice Star and was crowned King. He won a Mickey Mouse wrist watch, and had his picture taken. Their father is Thomas, sixteen, and Jimmy, four, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Paquin. Their father is Thomas, sixteen, and Jimmy, four, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Paquin.

The cowboy is three-year-old Relief Scheian. His mother and father both work at Sprague Electric: Joyce in Metal Clad Tubular Assembly and Brownie in Industrial Oil Impregnation.
SPORTS

Little League Baseball

The All-Stars, the pick of the Little League players here in the city, were beaten by the Pittsfield Little League players in regional playoffs. However, the little lads from this area were true sportsmen on the field and only a very unusual triple play deprived our spirited youngsters from tying, and maybe winning, this important ball game. WMNB graciously took time to present a play-by-play account of the game. Jimmy Urquhart and Bucky Baldwin did their usual grand job of describing this first Little League play-off encounter.

The Kiwanis Team is leading in second-half games at this time. Some mighty fine games have been witnessed by grand crowds each evening. Johnny Allen, catcher for the Kiwanis, wicking a big bat with six circuit drives by grand crowds each evening. Johnny Allen, catcher for the Kiwanis, will be seen locally. We all hope that the team this year and deserve much better home support than they are receiving. Many local fans speak highly of this club and the feeling with certain high league officials is that if the patronage does not zoom to the balance of the season, the Shire City will be left without professional baseball when another season rolls along. So, fans, give this fine club the support it needs and keep professional baseball in the Berkshires.

Softball

At this writing, the Corner Cafe softball aggregation has won 26 straight games over its opponents throughout the Berkshires. By downing the Adams Merchants, the charges of George "Gook" Benoit have earned the right to defend this area in the State Softball Tournament which will be conducted in Greenfield this year. However, the team voted to forsake the chance for state honors and have sent an entry into the tournament to be conducted in Chicopee. The "Corner" this year has one of the finest teams to be seen locally. We all hope that the coming tourney will be a successful one for this outstanding team. Traditionally, the odds are against them I say this because in years gone by a team from this area with a fine record has found the going tough when they have faced teams from the other end of the state. Again we say the citizens of both Mother Town and North Adams are to be congratulated on the enthusiasm and backing which they have given to both Little Leagues.

Corner Cafe Softball Averages

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Joe Roberts of Warehouses caught this lake trout in Cressman, Canada. It is 32 inches long and weighs 12 pounds.

Semi-Pro Baseball

The Blue Haven Nine and the Williamstown Legion continue to play winning ball, although the leader nine has tasted defeat three times since last we wrote our column. Defeats were suffered at the hands of the Brass Rail of Pittsfield, the Rounders, Hawks, and most recently the Stockbridge Indians. Incidentally, this latter club has won 17 ball games. In the game with the Blue Haven Nine, they won, 7-5, even though they were out-hit. Five costly errors caused the downfall of the locals, and a belated rally in the last inning just missed with the tying runs on the bases. Probably by the time this issue is off the press, the series between the Blue Haven and the Williamstown Legion will be started.

Major Leagues

American League

The New York Yankees are out in front at this time by the narrow margin of one game over the deadlocked Cleveland Indians and Boston Red Sox. The earlier pace-setters, the Chicago White Sox, have begun to fade in this titanic struggle and are now six full games off the pace. The Yankees have been the fine pitching shown by Raschi, Lopat, and Reynolds. For the Indians, the pitching of Bobby Feller, who is having a great season, and the long-ball hitting of Larry Doby and Al Rosen has been outstanding. The Red Sox can thank their present lofty position to Clyde "Chучh" Vollmer, as he has been recently nicknamed, for the truly amazing stickwork of this outfielder has been nothing short of phenomenal. His big bat has won at least a half dozen big games and his circuit drives have been most opportune.

Recently, young Charlie Maxwell has broken into the headlines for he has hit three pinch-hit home runs, his latest against the Browns with the sacks hard-

National League

The Brooklyn Dodgers are making a shambles of the Senior Loop as they sport a 10-game lead at this date. The second-place New York Giants are the surprising team. Gil Hodges of the Dodgers has darkened off in his bid for new home-run honors, but is still leading both leagues with 31 to date. The Phillies have surged into the contending first division but are some 14 games off the pace.

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Joe Roberts of Warehouses caught this lake trout in Cressman, Canada. It is 32 inches long and weighs 12 pounds.

Semi-Pro Baseball

The Blue Haven Nine and the Williamstown Legion continue to play winning ball, although the leader nine has tasted defeat three times since last we wrote our column. Defeats were suffered at the hands of the Brass Rail of Pittsfield, the Rounders, Hawks, and most recently the Stockbridge Indians. Incidentally, this latter club has won 17 ball games. In the game with the Blue Haven Nine, they won, 7-5, even though they were out-hit. Five costly errors caused the downfall of the locals, and a belated rally in the last inning just missed with the tying runs on the bases. Probably by the time this issue is off the press, the series between the Blue Haven and the Williamstown Legion will be started.

Major Leagues

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The New York Yankees are out in front at this time by the narrow margin of one game over the deadlocked Cleveland Indians and Boston Red Sox. The earlier pace-setters, the Chicago White Sox, have begun to fade in this titanic struggle and are now six full games off the pace. The Yankees have been the fine pitching shown by Raschi, Lopat, and Reynolds. For the Indians, the pitching of Bobby Feller, who is having a great season, and the long-ball hitting of Larry Doby and Al Rosen has been outstanding. The Red Sox can thank their present lofty position to Clyde "Clutch" Vollmer, as he has been recently nicknamed, for the truly amazing stickwork of this outfielder has been nothing short of phenomenal. His big bat has won at least a half dozen big games and his circuit drives have been most opportune.

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