George Megerian Tells Management Club of Rocket Research

The Sprague Electric Management Club at its regular meeting on December 5 had the pleasure of having Mr. George Megerian, an authority on rockets, address the group.

Mr. Megerian, who spoke on "Rocket Research in the U.S.A." was introduced by the retiring Program Chairman, Harold Brafman. The guest speaker described the activity of American rocket research scientists during World War II with special emphasis on the work done with captured Nazi Buzz and V-2 bombs and equipment. He illustrated this part of his speech with a captured German film showing German scientists at work with the type of bombs with which England was bombarded during the war.

Mr. Megerian went on to describe the first experiments which were held at White Sands, New Mexico. The results of these experiments were shown in a colored film, part of which had been taken by photo equipment attached to the rocket itself. Mr. Megerian was coordinator of the Project Hermes which was connected with the firing of German V-2 rockets at the White Sands, New Mexico development for the Army Ordnance Department.

Mr. Megerian has been connected with rocket research at the General Electric Company since the end of the last war. Presently, he is the Secretary of the National Rocket Committee, a group of leading American rocket scientists meeting every two or three months to coordinate rocket research.

The Sprague Electric Management Club was fortunate to have Mr. Megerian as a speaker and see the films he showed as much of this material was, until very recently, highly restricted for security reasons. It was of special interest to our Management Committee because much electrical and electronic equipment was used in the development of the rockets.

After Mr. Megerian had finished, he answered questions from the group. Many of the questions were disapproved, however, because often Mr. Megerian could not give information for security reasons.

This interesting and informative meeting was held at the Richmond Hotel was attended by 132 people, 84 of the members of the Sprague Electric Management Club, 56 guests, 17 Sprague Electric Supervisors, and 2 members of the Western Association of Foremen's Club of the Sprague Electric Company of Buffalo, New York. Mr. Aaron Bowser and Mr. Charles Rae were guests from Sylvania.

At this meeting, Ralph Boisjolie, incoming President, presented a certificate of merit to the retiring President, Raymond Calvi.

Social Security Check-Up May Save You Money

Saltonstall to Speak Here, Sponsored by Local C. of C.

On December 18, the people of this area will have an opportunity to hear Lloyd, non-partisan, non-political discussions by the Hon. Leverett Saltonstall and Mr. Russell C. Harrington. The Legislative Committee of the North Adams Chamber of Commerce, Ernest Rosasco, Chairman, has arranged to have these two capable speakers come to North Adams.

The Honorable Leverett Saltonstall, a member of the Appropriations and Armed Service Committee, will speak on "What's Happening in Washington". This talk should be interesting and enlightening for voters.

Mr. Russell C. Harrington of Providence, R.I., is Resident Partner of Ernst & Ernst, Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Harrington is a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Committee on Government Ex-

Robert C. Sprague and Ernest L. Ward Address Supervisors at Dinner Meeting

The regular monthly supervisors’ discussion group meeting was held as a dinner meeting at the Clarksburg Country Club on December 3. A social hour preceded the dinner.

Mr. Robert C. Sprague and Mr. Ernest L. Ward were the guest speakers at the affair. The Training Advisory Committee was represented by Messrs. Carroll Killen, Samuel S. McClure, William J. Nolan, Fred H. Potter, and Mr. Robert C. Sprague, Jr., Robert S. Teeple and John D. Washburn. Mr. Ward also is a member of this Committee.

The dinner meeting was held for the two-fold purpose of giving the Sprague Electric supervisors an opportunity to get acquainted with each other and with the Training Advisory Committee, and of giving Mr. Sprague and Mr. Ward an opportunity to address all the Company supervisors in one group. It is planned to continue this dinner meeting as an annual affair for it is the only occasion on which the ten different supervisory discussion groups representing the three North Adams plants have to get together at one time. Also at this gathering, the supervisors and their executives have an opportunity to discuss problems.

Mr. Robert C. Sprague, Assistant to the Secretary of Sprague Electric, attended the meeting.

After the dinner and the speeches, the movie "By Jupiter" was shown.

Ernest L. Ward was a guest speaker at the Supervisors’ December meeting.

Have you had your yearly check-up? No, not a medical check-up, but a Social Security check-up.

This check-up with the Social Security Administration is a very important one because, if the Administration’s record of your wages is not in accord with your own record and the error stands for four years, then, nothing can be done about it. So unless you find out yearly if the records are correct, when the time comes for you to take advantage of your Social Security you may not receive as much money as you had been counting on.

In an organization as large as the Social Security Administration, there are bound to be some mistakes made. The wage credits (wages which are reported to the Social Security Administration for each employ and credited to his social security account) accounted to your name may be less than you and your employer actually have paid in. By dropping a postcard in the mail addressed to the Social Security Administration, Candler Building, Baltimore, 2, Maryland, you

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**Supervisors Hold Annual Dinner Meeting**

**Natural Gas Change-Over**

The North Adams Adams, Massachusetts, area right now are in the middle of the conversion from manufactured gas to natural gas. Adams, District 1, has been converted, Williamstown, and the State Road (part of North Adams) were changed over on December 14 and 15, and the Church Street section will be converted on December 17 and 18.

The housewife probably has many questions in mind about the use of natural gas. If you have questions or problems, call North Adams 1088 or Enterprise 6078.

A crew of about 350 conversion men will adjust all your gas appliances for the new gas.

The housewife will not have to worry about making cooking adjustments. Although the new gas is hotter than manufactured gas, you only use half as much. The burners will be adjusted accordingly. The housewife will have to get used to the different appearance of the flames. Natural gas gives a soft, rather diffused flame as compared to the hard flame with a pointed blue tip of the manufactured gas.

Many people have the mistaken notion that their natural gas is dangerous. Actually, it is non-toxic. To further protect you, an odor will be added to the otherwise odorless natural gas so it can be detected if a burner is left on by mistake.

This conversion eventually will be very advantageous to the users of gas. Labor costs and the cost of the fuel cannot allow manufactured gas to be sold any cheaper. But some day natural gas will cost less money. Also, it will be needed for heating.

The Northern Berkshire Gas Company is making every effort to make the conversion with a minimum of inconvenience to its gas customers. The Districts have been and will be notified as to when the conversion will take place. If you do not plan to be at home on this day, make arrangements so the conversion crew will be able to enter your house. There is definitely no danger of loss of property.

**Network and Filter Development Section**

We wish Beatrice Marsh good luck in her new department. We welcome Edna Panczar to our department and hope she likes it here.

Dorothy Gay has returned from her vacation. She had a good rest at home.

**Salmon Stall To Speak Here** (Continued from page 3)
Ceramics

by Ida Gigliotti

Thanksgiving has come and gone and we are humbly grateful for the opportunity of living in this great country where each and every one of us enjoy so many privileges. It's really something for which to be thankful.

Greetings and salutations from Ceramics to Isabella Richardson, Mertie Murphy, Leona Roach, Norma Dargie, Homer Babeau, and Clifford Dubaine who are new co-workers.

We went to visit Virginia Gregory to see her new home. She has a beautiful place, all shiny and new. Virginia is a retired bride and her husband is in the Navy. Lillian Schwartz, another co-worker, was there and we had a great time reminiscing with her. Virginia served a delicious lunch and diets went out the window, for who was going to worry about calories that one night. We must have frightened Ernie Gregory into staying away for the evening, I can't say I blame him, just the thought of so much female company would be enough to frighten the bravest of men.

As the Christmas season approaches, we are beginning to pack up. Our rest periods are full of Christmas spirit. Our plans are incomplete as yet, but isn't it exciting? Parties are always such fun whether you are young or old.

Clara Bourdon's new home is beautiful and from her beaming face when she shows you around, she has the feeling of pride and joy in her lovely home.

The Ceramics Department extends to all their friends' best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Test Equipment Engineering

by R. Ryan

"Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy..." (Luke 1:10-11). This is our present generation of "wise men" peering into the swirling mists of ancient prophecy. It is the first chapter of the New Testament: "The word of God came to Mary..." (Luke 1:26). We have found no better gift to offer than the will to love God and to heed the words of the shepherd: "Peace on earth to men of good will."

The stars which shine to the eyes of a child that is still small are and should be a wonderful gift to behold. If we could but reclaim the innocence of our childhood and put a little feeling back into eyes of love and faith something far greater than ourselves. But we are afraid as we all grow up we shall prefer our gifts to have made our children happy, that the day is for them alone, but we must know their happiness is in itself the priceless gift to us. That Christmas can be for all adults. May joy and peace pervade your hearts this coming Christmas day and may health, wealth, and prosperity belong to each and every one of you in the glorious year to come.

Our final vacations for the year were Charlie Lincoln who was unsuccessful in his attempt to bag a doe in Southington, Vt.—congratulations Charlie, and, well, there's always next year; and Eddie Blaker who visited relatives in Danbury, Conn. where he spent the Thanksgiving holiday. Another long vacation was Norma Locurci who was the guest of her mother in Providence, R. I., and who made good use of her time by doing a bit of holiday shopping.

Ed Llampier has joined the Ceramics Department by his recent purchase of a car. Many happy miles, Ed, and no troubles with this one.

Three in the department are going to Mary Canton to celebrate on December 12, to Mary Mazza on December 19, and to Bob Bapstling on December 33. May your birthdays be happy ones and farewells of many, many more to come.

December 15, 1951

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The popular song-sings the praises of June in January, but a few days ago John Pietro found little June in December. Right outside the lunch room at Marshall Street, pushing their way triumphantly through the dead December sod, several dandelion blossoms were found by John. It is the dandelion's mission to blow in the spring of the year, but hopes springs eternal, and a few days of sunshine and mild weather was enough to urge these golden-yellow flowers into premature bloom.

DuPont Room

by Virg Blondin

We are glad to see Norma Dargie back with us after her two-month absence.

Walter Eates is spending his week of vacation deer hunting. Good luck, Walter.

Marshall Street Rolling

by Choo-Choo

Bebe Keiller knitted a pair of socks in no time flat. She surely will be well dressed when Bebe.

Welcome back, Al Volpi.

The supervisors in our department recently completed a tour of the Brown street plant. Flor. Pete Andognini, of Fort Jackson, was a recent visitor in the department. Pete formerly was employed by Brown.

Allie Bates spent his vacation moving his new home in Adams. Best of luck, Allie.

John Chadwell leisurely is making himself a clothes closet.

Larry Byers went on a space trip to use by making a hobby horse and a joy toy for his children.

I wish, to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Filters

by Ginger

Birthday greetings to Pat Klime, Marjorie Valetta, and Elsie Sumner. We hope Marjorie Richer, Betty Davis, and Irene Davis like their new jobs.

John Davis went deer hunting, but he got was sore feet. Better luck next time, John.

Martha Lewis and Florence Green are going into the junk business. If you have anything you want wanted, just call on them. They guarantee first-class jobs.

Alice Lyon was back with us again after her leave of absence. Alice's husband is on his way to the far East. Gladys Griffin's work station is now in the corner where she is all by herself. Do you get lonesome, Gladys?

Margaret Ashworth has a job on her hands trying to keep all of us "idee" in line.

We hope the new girls like working with us.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mabel O'Grady on the death of her husband.

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JUNE IN DECEMBER

(Special issue for December)

The December 5 Management Club meeting was held at the Rich- mond Hotel. A number of invited guests were in attendance.


Birthday greetings to Betty Malho- ney who celebrated her birthday on November 30. She was presented with a beautifully decorated cake by the girls working on the Heat Seal line.

Lots of luck to Maria Grandi who has left us to take another position in the Export Division. Claire Mancine and Caroline Moser have enjoyed vacations recently. Anyone who has a shoulder to please don't hesitate to come to us.

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Brown Street News

Miscellaneous

Resistor Assembly

by Anon. Rita and Blanche

We would like to apologize to Tommi Brooks for the error in spelling her name. But she was a good sport and laughed about the whole thing.

Laura Sarpet and Joan Tri- machi spent a week end in Pittsfield shopping for party ideas as they both had parties for their mothers on December 8. Greetings to Mrs. Sar- pet and Mrs. Tri-machi from all of us. Christmas will soon be with us and (Continued on page 4)

Stay Safe for Christmas - Riding a "Jeep" May Land You in a Heap

Wrong

At left, John Buchanan, riding, and Jack Hafner, driving, demonstrate how NOT to use a "jeep". Riding is done in an unsafe manner, which John is doing, leads to many bad accidents. In this precarious position, the rider may lose his balance, fall, and have his ankles or legs seriously injured by being run over by the "jeep". At right, Jack Hafner shows the correct use of the "jeep". The "No Rider" rule is being obeyed and there is enough clearance between the floor and the fork of the "jeep" to allow for this. The bravest of men.

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Day Shift
by Spot Spofford
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Al Mander returned to the first shift after a few months of service on
the night shift. Fortunately, the McLein family, Harriet and George,
Harriet is employed as a wire-coater, and George, the solution maker. The
McLeins reside in Portland. Both are great football fans. Why? They
have two sons, Nick and Henry, on the Senthi Varsity Football Squad.
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With a gun and with Walter, Charlie hunted the deer.
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**Honorable Mention**

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Tadlock—Roger Haverly, Chicopee; George Sensus, Classical; Fred Orlisk, West Springfield; Frank Krypell, Adams

Guard—Ray March, Cathedral; Bob Teshan, Greenfield

Centers—Jim Carrwright, Cathedral; Red Skinner, Holyoke

Backs—Jim Budrowe and Charlie Harris, Greenfield; Ronnie Bush and Norm Trutchuck, Drury; Chuck Garvities, Pittsfield; Don Hallett, Classical; Joe Stefaneff, Holyoke; Les Plumb, West Springfield; Billy Gouet and Dick Hall, Agawam; Red Kowalcy and George Kelleher, Westfield

Art Vancouve, Chicopee; Cht Bury and Paul Trestrail, Adams

**Lassies Defeat Merchanteens**

by Mary Gordon

On December 2, the Sprague Lassies traveled to Holyoke to play a preliminary game against the Lenox Merchanteens. In their third start of the season the Lassies emerged victorious with a score of 30-16.

The Merchanteens are a newly organized club and although they did lose to the Lassies it was a scappy game throughout.

Miss Janice Fowler was high scorer for the Lassies with seven baskets, totaling 14 points and Miss Lahart scored 12 points for the Merchanteens.

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**Williams’ Captain Salmon**

On Little All-American

Captain Salmon who played guard on the Williams Football team has been named to the Little All-American Team.

Honorable Mentions went to Bill Callaghan, Paul Cramer, John Kohn, and Tom Downey of Williams. Bob Katesky, an end for St. Michael’s and former Drury star, also was included in the honors.

My friend was feeling very hale. He was worrying because he had just lost 110 pounds. She was a blonde.

The shoemaker was explaining to a complaining customer the reason for the poor quality of his soles. “All the good leather,” he said, “is going into stocks.”

**This Is Sno’ Time To Do It**

By D. Landry

Nellie Brough enjoyed her annual vacation at home recently. We envy Marguerite Fletcher’s trip to Santa Monica and the wonder-ful opportunity she had for Christmas shopping on Fifth Avenue.

Nancy Bridges recently enjoyed a day of shopping in Allsany.

Happy birthday greetings to Rosa Vazzanese and Bill Armbruster. Bill isn’t quite sure himself just which day (Continued on page 4)

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**High School Basketball Launched Into Season**

by Kenny Russell

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In their second game, Drury was downed by the Williams freshmen, 44-34. In this game at Lowell Gym in Williamsonstown, the Drury lads did all right against the freshmen and were held to only 3 points at intermission.

However, the third quarted found the College boys pulling away to a com-fortable load which was maintained throughout the remainder of the game. For Drury, the scoring was evenly divided with all hands contributing to the total.

In a return game at the loco Antrey, the Williams "Frosh" scammed the "Blue Devils", 61-34.

Adams High has won all three starts in the game against Lenox, 58-36, Ben-sington, 62-39, and Williams High without too much trouble.

Adams looks as the team to beat in the Western Berkshire. Veteran Captai

Curt Bury is flanked by Jack Cervi, a senior who has come on this season and is proving to be a very prolific scorer.

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In their second game, Drury was downed by the Williams freshmen, 44-34. In this game at Lowell Gym in Williamsonstown, the Drury lads did all right against the freshmen and were held to only 3 points at intermission.

However, the third quarted found the College boys pulling away to a com-fortable load which was maintained throughout the remainder of the game. For Drury, the scoring was evenly divided with all hands contributing to the total.

In a return game at the loco Antrey, the Williams "Frosh" scammed the "Blue Devils", 61-34.

Adams High has won all three starts in the game against Lenox, 58-36, Ben-sington, 62-39, and Williams High without too much trouble.

Adams looks as the team to beat in the Western Berkshire. Veteran Captai

Curt Bury is flanked by Jack Cervi, a senior who has come on this season and is proving to be a very prolific scorer.

Pitfield High with a fairly new picture started an early season up against a dressing the pride of Southern Berk-shires, Lee High, and very convincingly, 42-12.

Pittsfield St. Joseph has shown plenty of offense by scoring an easy win over Lenox.

Dighton Tol is a dark horse and has shown up well in early exhibition games. Schalick has expanded on their lom out in subbing the Paper Town Five.

Williams has a veteran array and has looked very good early in the season. The team played two thrilling games with Williams High, splitting the contests.

The local St. Joseph quintet looms as the third threat in the southern Berkshire play. The boys are big and already have won 3 ball games and have shown a lot. Nick Cervi, a former Williams high, has the team on edge and "rarin' to go."

The regular schedule begins after the holidays.
An Open Letter To Santa Claus
Dear Santa Claus:

I know your eyes are not as young as they used to be when I was a little boy and I hear your heart is a bit whiter now than it was then. I still remember when I tried to keep awake so I could talk to you and maybe feel your hand upon my head. Somehow, though, the sandman always seemed to get there just before you came, so I always thought you were in their hearts and your spirit would always seem to get there just before you came, so I always thought you were there.

It was not until I had gotten much older and it was after you had stopped bringing me toys for Christmas that I realized I had seen you but had not recognized you. In fact, I had seen you many times and did not know it. One day, it came to me all of a sudden that Christ-

mas was not the only time you came to visit us. I finally figured out that most of the time you hid yourself in the hearts of many people. Sometimes these people did not know you were there, and then, all of a sudden, they found you there in their hearts and your spirit would work through their whole being and burst out like the sun on a cloudy day. They would do something to help someone out and most of the time they did not have to be asked. But me, I always felt that because you did not have a white beard, red suit, or twinkling eyes that it wasn’t you. Now I know better. Santa, I know you’re down among us all the time hunting for people who have room inside them to let you in.

This Christmas, Santa, is going to be a hard one for many families, for the mothers, fathers, husbands, brothers, sons, and sisters who have been separated because of war. Today all over the world, in the hearts of many nations is bitterness, fear, hatred, and greed. Because of this, there is not much room for you, Santa, so I am going to ask you to favor—this year, instead of coming to see me, take the time you might give me and see if you can’t find a room in Koren where men’s heads are bent over some map of a country torn by strife.

When you find this spot, Santa, maybe you’ll find one man who has a little room left in his heart for you and for the world.

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Twinkle Little “St. Ol” by MARY GORDON

And don’t we all like to “Twinkle” around the holidays? Even if we don’t dress up very often during the year, at Christmas time everyone has occasion to slip into a dreamy party dress. One way to cut down on expenses during the Christmas season is to “sew your own.” There’s just time to whip up a brand new dress for the holidays on your sewing machine. If your calendar calls for a real formal, combine shiny satin and organza to make Simplicity Printed Pattern 3751, with a cuffed bodice top, filmy stole, and matching overskirt as shown. You can invest the money you save by making your own formal in an extra special Christmas present for your favorite person.

A holiday tuxedo which is both practical and pretty is shown. A simple veil goes over the head with very little trouble to attach. One of the most practical and pretty is a velveteen favorite person. A simple veil goes over the head with a cuffed bodice top, filmy stole, and matching overskirt as shown. You can invest the money you save by making your own formal in an extra special Christmas present for your favorite person.

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