Clotilde Astorino Captures Prize in First “Sparky Joe” Contest

Softball Team Members Feted at End-of-Season Banquet

The Sprague Electric Softball Team enjoyed a banquet at Peary Hall on October 20 as guests of the Company.

Ricky Rafferty, WNAW sports commentator, and Dale Long, former Adinal High sports star and class A minor league baseball player, were the guests of honor and principal speakers for the evening. Other guests who were called on to say a few words were Trumblellam William Phelps were Eric Carson, Bob Sprague, Jr., Fred Foster, Bill Nolan, Jack Washburn, Vern Diecker, Manager of the Merchants, the winning City team, Hank Gamari, chief umpire of the City League, Art Van Sluys and Flash Eves, coaches of the Sprague Electric Softball Team, and Ave Saini, manager.

The Electrics were also shown in the Beaver Street Cafeterias. Our Hands” which shows how we got what we have in this country, what our hands won as a single accident.

Mr. Barschdorf, who is Manager of the Merchants, looks with pride to Sprague Electric for its many contributions to the future. In this modern age of television, radio, guided missiles, atomic energy, etc., new opportunities are created for advanced experiments and work. We are living in a pace-setting era in which the field of electronics is one of the most important and most promising. Sprague Electric has become one of the largest and leading manufacturers of electric-electronic parts.

The humble origin of Sprague Electric in radio tone control in 1926 was in the Quincy, Massachusetts home of its founder and president, Mr. R. C. Sprague, and his wife, whom to a good share of credit must be given as an interested wife and helpful companion. Other original members are Miss Molly Avery, a very loyal, efficient secretary who recently completed twenty-five years with the Company; and Mr. J. K. Sprague, brother of the president — all of whom are still with Sprague Electric sharing the hard-earned, well-deserved honors which this Company receives as an outstanding manufacturer of electri-electronic parts for government and civilian use.

An experiment proved successful and work increased by “loops and bounds”, larger quarters were sought for this newly-chafing organization. The fortunate city chosen was North Adams, Massachusetts. We look with extreme interest has been reached 45, but the directors hope to have the enrollment pass the 50 mark. The young musicians come from Adams, Bennington, Pittsfield, North Adams, Hoosick Falls, and Williamstown. The group already has received many contributions from parents and extreme interest has been shown.

Mr. Harry Barschdorf, of the Network and Filter Laboratory, urges any Sprague Electric employee who wishes his or her child to benefit from the rich musical experience to be gained as a member of the Berkshire Community Junior Symphony to call him at 301.
Beverly Andrews is the 12-year-old daughter of Marion Andrews of Final Soldering.

Judy’s mother, Lucille Matran, works in Retail Sales, and her father, Vincent, works in Molded Tubular Section Sidler.

Lillian Babcock is the 12-year-old daughter of Theresa Trombley of Final Soldering. Judy’s mother, Lucille Martin, works in Retail Sales.

Marie Cicchetti is taking lessons from Marlene Allen.

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Which one is Charlotte? Which one is Louise? The 1-year-old twin daughters of Sandy Seleur of Molded Tubulars (Second Shift).

Little Anne Trombley is the daughter of Therese Trombley of Resistors and the granddaughter of Alice Cantons of Final Soldering.
**Marshall St. News**

**Test Equipment Engineering**

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**Accounting**

by the Magees

Vacations are still in order. Joan and Katie Bryant enjoyed a wonderful vacation in New York City. Baby girl, Jean Landry is guest of honor at a kitchen shower. This coming month should become Mrs. Robert Trihold. Election discussions are getting to be most interesting and enlightening in this department. Perhaps all women know for whom they are going to vote and are just waiting for November 4.

**Machine Department**

by Betty Benczak

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**Dry Tubular Finish**

by Marge Hauptleisch

Congratulations to Verna Hurlbut and Bernard Lord who were married recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hurlbut in Adams. They both work in this department.

Congratulations to Isabelle Mazinik on the birth of a son.

Pete Kieck at the end of the week insinuated that Bill Hurl but worked hard all fall which occurred while playing football.

**Filters**

by Ginger and Richer

Birthday greetings to Marjorie Gryniewski, Pauline Percival, Eddie Bassett, and Margaret Isherwood. We hope you have many, many more. Mary Foley spent the week end in New York visiting her daughter, Nancy, who is going to school there. Claire Dumas is going to Blue Business College nights and she really likes it.

Mac Stratton, who has been on a leave of absence, is back with us again.

It is nice having Marjorie McConnel back with us after her leave. Her smile face certainly brightens the department.

Recently, Ray Bridle flew to Kansas for a week end.

We wish speedy recovery to our co-worker, Antoinette Bombardier, who underwent an operation at the North Adams Hospital. Hurry back, Toni, we all miss you.

**Flat Midget Assembly (Nights)**

by Ar and Le

Anniversary congratulations to Irene West, 29 years, Bert Bold, 15 years, Milton Tilton, 37 years, and Mary Tassone. Birthday best wishes to Frieda Tall, Danie Rogers, and Lena Roy.

**Machine Shop**

by John and Nick

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Henion and Grand Percival on their 25th anniversary which was celebrated October 12. They recently moved from their home in Belpre, Ohio to a new home in Williamstown.

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**Networking and Filter Development**

by Julia Derminer

We wish Gladys Duble and her husband a happy anniversary. Gladys received a beautiful watch from her husband and a necklace, earrings, and a bracelet from her children.

Welcome to Lyle Holtz, Ernest Combs, and Rita Blais.

**Paper Rolling**

by Larry Hirsch

We wish a speedy recovery to Ervin Blied on hisappendicitis. Our sympathy to Margery Wohlgemuth, Jr., who is recovering from an operation. Clad in the best of luck. Eileen is leaving to go to New York visiting her daughter, Nancy, who is going to school there. Claire Dumas is going to Blue Business College nights and she really likes it.

**Factory**

by Ed

Fred Hochett, has returned from his vacation and it is good to see his sunny smile and hear his witty remarks again.

Best wishes for a fast and complete recovery to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carstoi of their 33rd wedding anniversary, October 12.

Our deepest sympathy to James Modena's family upon the death of Helen Modena, a former employee. Our deepest sympathy to Lawrence movies and his new glasses.

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1. At what specific hour does your pay week begin?
   a. 12:01 a.m. Monday
   b. 12:01 a.m. Tuesday
   c. 12:01 p.m. Sunday
   d. 12:01 p.m. Saturday

2. Failure to report for work for a certain number of days without properly notifying the Company and without a valid excuse for not notifying will result in the loss of seniority or discharge. How many days do you have in which to report?
   a. 1
   b. 5
   c. 3
   d. 7

3. In 1951, the Sprague Electric Company's income increased about 26% over 1950. Did the Company profit in 1951 as compared to 1950—?
   a. go up considerably
   b. stay even
   c. go up a little
   d. go down

4. How much pay does a Sprague Electric Company Director receive annually as a member of the Board of Directors?
   a. 0 to $100
   b. $6,000 to $13,500
   c. $1,500 to $1,750
   d. $17,500 to $35,000


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Irene 'n Lee

Welcome to Janine Donin, a newcomer to the Purchasing Department. Shirley Davis spent the week end at Atlantic City where she attended the Syrian Convention.

We received a card from Eleanor Gigliotti; she is now in Chicago for a few days.

Alice Fisk and her husband, Chuck, recently celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary.

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Small Order $ by Mary Bernard and Nini Sacco

Fran Morse had a wonderful time attending a wedding in Montreal, Canada.

Cina Bushika and Phyllis Charm have returned from New York City. Our boss, Mac Filippio, just returned from a week’s vacation. He said he had a good time.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Heelan on the birth of a son, Steven Craig.

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About 3 days out of 10 you work for the government!

Study this calendar. And give some thought to the black spots.

If you work for wages or salary, you probably worked that many days just to pay taxes.

The explanation is below.

Look at September.

That month last month you probably worked 21 days.

Seven of these days, or one out of three, you didn’t work for your family or to pay for a new car or to pay off a mortgage, or to buy things you need or want for yourself.

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