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Robert C. Sprague

Robert C. Sprague has been elected to the board of directors of the United-Carder Fastener Corporation, Cambridge, Massachusetts. This firm produces fasteners for apparel, home furnishings and industrial use. United-Carder Fastener Corporation is the parent corporation of the Cinch Company in Chicago.

Red Cross Safety Instructor and First-Aid Attendant

Pete Mancuso, Red Cross Instructor and Tom Beal, First-Aid Attendant, instructing at one of their recent meetings.

Seventh Annual LOG Fishing Contest to Open April 15

Yes, this is the seventh, Sprague Electric LOG Fishing Contest. Eleven prizes worth ten dollars each will be given to the winners.

The fishing contest will open April 15, 1953 and will close September 16, 1953. We don't care what fishing hole you catch your fish in, just so long as you really catch it! Every employee is eligible to enter the contest, take your fish to the judge in your plant who will weigh and measure it and provide you with an entry blank.

If you won last year, enter again and if you entered last year, try again.

So, if you won or lost, enter this year. Those who never entered this contest, try it. Who knows, you might be the winner!

The following are the rules regulating the contest:

1. The judges will be: George LaBombar and Bob Bloyer at Marshall Street; Fran Brazeau, Beaver Street; Ralph Blood, Brown Street and Arthur George at the Bennington Wire Coating Department.

2. The classes of fish eligible for the contest are:

   a. BASS—large mouth, small mouth

   b. PICKEREL

   c. NORTHERN PIKE

   d. WALLEYE

   e. PERCH

   f. BULLHEAD

   g. TROUT—brook, brown, rainbow

3. All fish must be weighed on official scales at your respective plant in the presence of one of the judges.

4. No fish entered must conform to the state regulations regarding the length.

5. All fish must be weighed on official scales at your respective plant in the presence of one of the judges. Weight means dressed, that is, leaving on the head and tail.

6. The length will be the determining factor if two fish in the same class weigh the same amount.

7. Fish caught in states other than Massachusetts or Vermont will be eligible.

8. To enter your catch, see the judge in your plant and fill out the official entry blank which he will give you.

Again this year, Lake Trout will not be eligible as an entry.

North Adams Lions FIlM FESTIVAL

Saw yourself in the movies APRIL 28th and 29th DRURY AUDITORIUM Flashblips of Films taken in 1940 will be shown with scenes of today SEE the recent Police-Firemen Basketball Game—Aerial Views of City—Cooming Easter Parade—All In SPECTACULAR COLOR

SERVICEMEN ADDRESSES

Perry William Sweet US 3121502 Co. H. 41st Infantry Regiment Ft. Dix, New Jersey

Donald Erdoski 4362873 CTNS Bks. 1 Atlanta N.C. USNRS Columbia Pike

Arthur J. Mathews

Arthur J. Mathews, Safety Director, has been named a member of the Veterans Of Safety. This certificate certifies that Mr. Mathews has submitted satisfactory evidence that he has been actively identified with the "Safety Engineering Profession" over fifteen years and has qualified as an active member of this organization.

Sprague Electric... with its headquarters in New York State, the Boston section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers".

"A.E.E. Meeting to be Held in Boston April 29"

The Boston section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers will host the North Eastern District which is the A.E.E. convention this year. The meeting will be the golden anniversary of the Boston section, which was organized Feb. 13, 1913.

The North Eastern District includes all the New England states and New York State, outside the Metropolitan area. There are 5,000 members of the A.E.E. in this district.

Plans are being made for technical sessions, entertainment and inspection trips to points of interest in Boston and vicinity. One trip will include a tour of the Boston Museum of Science, where inventions of Prof. Elihu Thomson will be on display. Prof. Thomson was one of the founders of the Boston Section, A.I.E.E.

On Thursday, April 30, C.A. Powell—lecturer—Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a past president of A.I.E.E., will deliver the Prof. Elihu Thomson 100th Anniversary Memorial lecture as well as preside at the meeting where Dr. Karl T. Compton, chairman of the technical program, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will speak on "Nuclear Energy and Peace." In addition to these talks, Mr. H. H. Ralston, director of Reactor Development, Atomic Energy Commission, will deliver a "Progress Report on Atomic Power." Technical sessions will deal with microwave relaying, communications transistors, voltage regulation, power system communications, magnetic amplifiers, industrial power distribution, high voltage transmission and distribution and productive maintenance for industry. Conference on the textile industry and industrial process control also are scheduled.

Fred Windover

Fred Windover's next step is to obtain a private license enabling you to take passengers for pleasure flights.

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Greylock Flying Club is the largest in New England.

Sprague Electric employees who are members of this club are: William Clifford, Centrefuge Department; George Joseph, Stock Receiving; William Moran, Library and Engineering; Francis Carmichael, Equipment. Former members were William S. Tefft, John T. Simerman and Roger Carter, Research and Engineering.

At the present time the club is divided into three classes: beginners, every consideration is given to them; intermediate where the student learns to fly, and the advanced, in which the student learns to fly and use of aircraft. The club also has the right to purchase and operate aircraft and teaching flights.

"One of the commonest injuries in private flying is a fractured wrist. Thousands of students and private pilots ground themselves every year, not because they were hurt, but because they run out of dough." This is where other clubs including the Greylock Flying Club of North Adams, Massachusetts, with ships hanged at Harriman Airport, came into being. Black Mountain Air Corp., the Greylock Flying Club, Inc. was legally organized and established its present location on Customers Reef in North Adams. This reef is the subject of interest in private flying; to promote the safety of the public and of the particulars in flying airplanes by providing proper instruction in flying and in the regulations and rules necessary to practice flight and use of aircraft.

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Robert C. Sprague was re-elected a director in our Company and made chairman of the board. Mr. Sprague is president of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts and the former president of the LePage Radio Television Manufacturers' Association of America.

R E S A C L U B

RESA Club

Granted Charter

RESA Club was granted a charter by the Scientific Research Society of America. The charter was presented to the Sprague group by Dr. Philip M. Morse, professor of physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an In- stalling Officer of the National Research Organization. In his talk, Dr. Morse stressed the fact that the primary object of the RESA organization is "the encouragement of original investigation in science, pure and applied.

The present officers of the RESA Club are Dr. Sydney D. Ross, president; Dr. Stanley D. Viscover, vice-president, and Dr. Preston Robinson, secretary-treasurer. The club plans to maintain quarters and airport facilities for aeronautics regulations. Also they will be taken on tours of airports and movies will be shown.

RESA Club

Granted Charter

RESA Club was granted a charter by the Scientific Research Society of America (S.R.S.A.) on March 15, 1953. RESA, the Research Students' Association, is a group of airminded high school students in the New England area. There are at present five RESA clubs: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Vermont. The club also has the right to purchase and operate aircraft and teaching flights.

The club was held in the scenic Berkshires and nestled at the foot of Mt. Greylock, has accommodated all types of ships including P-51 Mustangs, D.C.T.'s Twin Beech crafts, Bonanza and Cessnas. This airport, only one hour's drive from Boston, is without doubt, the most active of its size in New England. Its magnificent location overlooking the Berkshire range, sits in an east west macadam runway 2,850' long, which holds its monthly meetings the first Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. and has a total of thirty members.

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CAFE COD

Time to Listen...

by Betty Barcomb

There is a rap on the seashore.
Dreams are coming and going.
Like the high tide of the Ocean,
Filling my heart with joy, 
Expectation and happiness.

There is a silence on the seashore.
Where water and sky unite;
Old Salt paints colorful sunsets
With bright red reflections.
While still the sea is dreaming.

There is a peace on the seashore.
Only Nature talks.
The evil moonlight
Shines above the dark water
Forming fantastic shadows!

July, 1931
Leomar A. Tatarczuk
Dry Tubular Finish

FACING A NEW WORLD

Do you know what it means
To face a New World?
To leave behind you
Your old country?
To relinquish memories
Of a well loved country?

Do you know what it means
To change your customs.
As from an old dress to a new
All is young and fascinating!
People are even speaking
A strange language;
Will fortune smile on you?
No one knows;
Destiny alone guards the secret!

February, 1931
Leomar A. Tatarczuk
Dry Tubular Finish

Ever Try a Dude Ranch Vacation?

Have you ever thought about finding
a vacation spot where you could
get down to the grass roots and find
America as it was in the era before neon signs,
crowded highways and billboards.

You can find that vacation spot by visiting
the dude ranch country, points
of interest in the Betonier Homestead Gardens Magazine.
Dude ranch vacations
toñt be expensive. A work-a-day
typical western dude ranch will average
from $60 to $80 per person.

Don't think that all dude ranches are
cheerful tourist promotions.
Stress is still being raised on the hoof.
There are safe-clubs of the west that are
still unspoiled, so if you want to get a
firsthand knowledge of what the west is really like,
you'll come home with a
liberal education.

For all of America's fast paced
industrialization, the cowboy's west still
exists, though blazing six-guns have been
deprecated by inter-ranch softball games.
Here you can sit on a corral fence
and watch the working routine of
a cowboy's life that has changed little
since the days of the Old West.

Rendell Allard and Rendell's mother and Rendell Allard.

Since World War II has ended, we have
many interesting stories from those
who have suffered in Europe during their prime.
Rendell Allard, who is employed in the Micks Depart-
ment, Brown Street, has told me a few
unfortunate incidents which happened to
her mother, father and brother and
many other families at that time.

Her brother, Roger, was in a Concentration Camp for two years.
He was mistreated due to the fact that he
would not give the Germans any in-
formation. Prior to this Roger helped
many of our soldiers to escape from the German soldiers.
Machine guns were placed on top of school buildings
not far from Rendell's home.
At that time, Rendell and her parents
had to seek shelter in the cellar for
three months. Her father made ciga-
rettes from rhubarb leaves. Rendell
was fortunate to own a bicycle, and many times she had to ride fifty or sixty miles to buy buttar or flour for her mother.

She was born in Vernon, Belgium.
Rendell met her husband, Sylvio, in 1941 and they were married in 1945.
At the present time, her parents and
brother are still over there and hope
that someday they may join one an-
other. Rendell and her husband and
son, Robert, who is six years old, are
living in North Adams. Robert can
speak German, French and English very
difficult. While employed in the Navy, Rendell wears a size 42 dress and a 37 size shoe. However, here in America
she wears a size 9 dress and a 3½ size shoe.

Each day we should pray and thank
God that we are fortunate to be living
in America.

Rendell's mother and father.

Cutting Corners

Keep some table salt in a wide-
mouthed container to make tea-pot
handle mending or mending broken
and quick.
When a dish in the oven runs over,
pour salt and a little cinnamon over the
burned food. This minimizes the burn-
ning.

Robert Allard and Rendell's mother and Rendell Allard.

To mend small holes in linoleum melt
a bit of wax crayon the same color as
the pattern and pour it in the hole.

For rayons and fine wools that
require hand mending, use a short-
handled plunger. The suction of the
rubber cup cools the dirt without harm
them to the fabric.

A few drops of cologne sprinkled on
your ironing board cover when you
are ironing blouses and handkerchiefs
will give them a delightful fragrance.

To keep buttons from falling out of
blouses that button down the back, re-
move all the buttons and insert a strip
of bias tape of the same color as the
blouse inside the facing. Then sew
the buttons back on.

SAFETY CORNER

Asmall hole in a curtain is
an easy thing to mend.

When carrying bundles or other
material always be sure you
can see where you are going.
Otherwise you may trip over
an unseen object, make a mis-
tap or slip on an oil spot.
When the load gets so bulky
that your vision is restricted,
grip it or use a head truck.

Safely:

Always get first aid

Improper treatment of an eye
injury can result in permanent
injuries. Always go to the place
dispensary or trained first aid
attendant for treatment.

Do not neglect that small

Editorial

Since President Eisenhower took office, many people have been in favor of putting pressure on the Federal Government to reduce taxes regardless of what the results might be. The catch in this program is that if taxes were to be reduced before deficit spending is ended, there would be no real reduction in taxes. This may sound complicated, but the complication disappears when we analyze the nature of deficit spending.

Deficit spending is Government spending of money "manufactured" especially for this purpose by the Federal Reserve to finance Government expenditures. This process is politely called "Government bank borrowing," but its true name is inflation.

The evil of inflation stems from the fact that when this extra money is put into circulation, it puts pressure on the Federal Reserve to reduce the money supply thereby diluting the purchasing power of all money.

Deficit spending money is "manufactured" for the Federal Government by commercial checking banks by a process that does not need to be explored for the purpose of this article: suffice it to say that the Government washes up by a checking account which it can use to pay bills, and the bank sends up with it an interest bearing I. O. U. which it can use to buy up its assets. This process is properly called "Government bank borrowing," but its true name is inflation.

The evil of inflation stems from the fact that when this extra money is added, no extra goods and services are added. As a result, there is an enlarged money supply competing for an unchanged supply of goods and services.

In the normal course of events, when the deficit spending money is spent, the price of all goods and services goes up. That is what has been happening to prices in the United States since 1949. The high prices have been blamed on the Government but they have been blamed on the Government.

Now, let's suppose that your taxes are lowered and you now have $100 more in cash than you did last year. Let's also suppose that the Government had to add $100 to the money supply on account of having reduced your taxes.

Under normal circumstances this would mean that your cost of living would go up $100 and you would be able to buy no more than you could have bought without the extra $100. And on top of this the Government would have contracted an interest-bearing debt that must be both serviced and paid back out of your future taxes. So your tax reduction was not really a reduction: in fact, you paid the tax anyway, and to make matters worse, you, as a taxpayer now owe $100 more than you did before and have to pay the interest to boot.

The only way to really reduce taxes is to reduce Government spending.
Robert Estes, grandson of Bell Dow, of Small Order Assembly. Robert is shown on a tractor received as a Christmas gift from his father who made it from odd parts in a period of ten weeks. The tractor actually operates by gas and is equipped to do farm chores. Babby is seven years old. He enjoys working his tractor around "The Willows", his home in Williams-town.

Ken and Lillian Russell, daughter of "Zink" Gamari, of Helix Street. The girls work in the Navy Room, Brown Street.

A group of Wire Coating employees, third shift, at Heartwell-ville Lodge recently.

Words Of Wisdom

The art of making friends is never to be mastered. Rather it assumes a gentle mastery over him who has it. He counts that day lost in which he becomes more aware of the spigot than the)$*.

Above: Arthur J. Mathews, Safety Director (standing) heads one of his monthly Safety Educational Programs for supervisors at the Marshall Street Employee Relations Conference Room. The program consists of four meetings at Marshall Street, three at Brown Street, three at Beaver Street and our branch plants. During these meetings various sound slides are shown, followed by a quiz period, thus ending with a discussion session. The purpose of these programs is to educate our supervisors, acquaint them with safety hazards and to make a safer place to work.

The Art of Making Friends

I know a man— I can scarcely say I know him. Few people do— who had the Midas touch. Everything he touched turned to gold. He found himself with prosperous enterprises, a lavish home—served of them in fact, an ocean-going yacht, a retinue of servants—but no friends. He hungered for friends, laid traps for them, only to find that friends and friendships were things his money could not buy.

Of all the arts, the art of making friends is at once the simplest, the most satisfying and most rewarding. The reward is in the art itself, in the process rather than its fruit.

The art defies definition. There is but one rule that I am sure of, and that is this: The only way to make friends is to be one.

The essence of the art is guilelessness. You must make your friend feel the warmth of your treatment—of your touch of friendliness.

Synthetic friendliness is like fool's gold. It fools nobody. I knew another man—a man with a wonderful smile. He turned his smile on and off like water from a spigot. In time you became more aware of the spigot than you were of the smile.

Perhaps there's another rule: You must not lose the touch of friendliness. It is this: The only way to make friends is to be one.

The art of making friends is never to be mastered. Rather it assumes a gentle mastery over him who has it. He counts that day lost in which he becomes more aware of the spigot than the spigot itself.

Every man who expresses an honest thought is a soldier in the army of intellectual liberty.
Bathtub Assembly (Ba'Cony)

By Marie-Rose LaFlamme

Spring is really in the air. Every one has an urge to be out in the fresh air. For some this means a trip to Pennsylvania. Agnes O'Grady spent a weekend in New Jersey doing some shopping with her husband. Jeannette Oleskiewicz went to Albany to do her Easter shopping. Josie Sikorski is a true Adams fan. She spent the week-end in Boston to cheer her team on to victory. Though they didn't win the game, Josie had a wonderful time except for a minor throat disorder. Wonder why? Betty Spring is very handsomely hearted because her little lord died Friday. Hope you will be able to telephone her soon, Betty. Can anyone make time now faster? If so, please contact Frances Roy. She is patiently awaiting the twentieth of May so she can see her son, Billy, who is in the Navy. We are all noting for you, Fran, that it is not too late to take a little kiddie on the side. If anyone wants their car washed, just ask Mildred Walden. She is our official car wash woman and we promise her not to take it out on a muddy road after, or she won't do the job. Nancy had just cleaned her car when her father borrowed it for a few minutes and went on a farm to see a friend of his. Result was. Nancy had to wash the car over.

Mish. Paper Finish

By Gert Noel

Newcomers to our department are: Rita Hewitt and Lawrence Lewis. . . The Personnel Department enjoy...
Mary Jane visited her son who is stationed at Ft. Dix, New Jersey. Her daughter-in-law also went to visit her with her. Gladabelle Ross visited her son, for the near future (when the fishing season opens) the LOG is having a fishing contest. I hope one of you fellow employees wins. I know for a fact that Sam Vince is going to be with her son who is only ten months old. Beatrice Catotti, April 14. Both are with the Ceramic Department.

Decorating Tips For Summer Bedrooms

With the first hints of warmer weather, most homemakers have a strong urge to do a bit of redecorating. With the fresh breeze of outdoors, even on a limited budget, it’s possible to transform your home decor with a complete change of decor.

A few tips from the Cannon Home Decorating Institute may help to start you on summertime redecoration. How you carry out these ideas depends on your own taste, your type of home, and the amount you have to spend.

First, alter your throughput spring cleaning. Remove heavy draperies, your warm rugs and some pictures, bri-ke-a-brac and small objects that seem to belong in winter. Keep the surfaces of bureaus, chests and tables free and polished, so you have more free hours to enjoy the outdoors.

Second, build your cool summertime decor around a fresh, colorful bedspread. You’ll find a wide variety of woven cotton spreads—in gay plaid, florals, or new weave-like textures that will remind you of grandmother’s counterpane. They come in cool, soft pastels some with delectable ruffled edges and rounded corners.

For additional switch-about possibilities, make a round-necked sleeveless dress (Simplicity Printed Pattern 8939) in pretty pastel and team it with a light-weighted blouse (Simplicity Printed Pattern 3941). This can be a real change-of-costume for shopping in the village or even a hot car or train ride, when you’ll appreciate a non-crushable ensemble. The patterns come in misses’ sizes, cost 25c each.

Sewing the Simplicity Way is actually simple, because every pattern piece is printed to show you what it is, where it goes on the fabric and matches point out exactly where each piece joins its mate.

The information on the back of each pattern gives guidelines for sewing on fabric, thread, fasteners, ribbon or trimmings.

Terry cloth will be a boon to you in warm weather, because it’s cool and absorbent. It will also be a boon to your budget, since it saves ironing and dry cleaning expenses.

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Sports

Baseball

The Major Leaguers are in the torrid Grape-Fruit Swing and this is the time when they try to show their wares with the dream of missing no thing.

Records in this Spring Exhibition really do not count for much as the conditions are not like those in the regular season, but their players quite a bit to get a better line on their ability.

According to the reports that are told by the top sports writers of the country we get a fairly good line on the Chicago Cubs, the Boston Red Sox fans but please understand us, we are only repeating what we have received from the experts of the sports world.

The reason for the Dodgers rating is that the team at fielding is solid and that is the question mark. However the acquiring of Rassie Meyers made a better factor.

The Giants are in the same position as far as pitching is concerned. Too many good men have to fight over the order and backs can spell the team in a pinch.

The Cardinals are not a young ball club. Many of their moves this past season were done in the main core, namely Stu Miller should have a fine season.

In the American League everyone calls the N. Y. Yankees the team to beat.

It is not for us to say of course it all depends on how well Rassie, Lopat, and Reynolds go this season. Reynolds was the only thing the Yanks had to truss to annex 20 games last season.

Mickey Mantle and his big bat can cause a lot of trouble. His friend, the late Phil Rizzuto who says he is ready for the full run.

Cleveland will again be a serious contender but loose fielding which spoiled the whole season may once again become their Waterloo.

They have the pitching and the speed but it needs a little more spirit and dash.

The Philadelphia A’s and the Chicago White Sox will be hearing marching in of any of the other clubs fanatics. those clubs have the potential stuff to flip right by and cup the pennant.

For all of the Red Sox fans the news is only hopeful. The slogan at the end of the season will be ‘Wait Til Next Year’. But the more the fans of the Boston Red Sox fans have the necessary experience. He flatly predicts a flag for Boston for the early part of the season. It should be a hot one.

The Chicago White Sox will be catching up in the next few months. As far as pitchers go there are too many. One of them is Mr. Manager Buckley Harris surprised all last season and may really make life miserable for the contenders.

Basketball

Late News (And We Mean Old News) And Sad News

Bring out your smalls for Pittsfield and Adams High Schools. Pittsfield after two blizzards gets the title by downing Adams High twice. Billy Boy would have a difficult time heart’s skill or her devotion to the unsweetened chocolate with butter.

Chocolate Pie Crust is a brand new enamel. Not only does the enamel milk and sugar, press the mixture into surface dusts or wipes clean with the way are the reward of the homemaker of lining with paper.

FOR LINING BUREAU DRAWERS

Chocolate Sundae Sauce

2 squares unsweetened chocolate 3 tablespoons sugar

cup water

1 cup sugar

Dash of salt

Combine chocolate and water in small saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook gently 4 minutes, stirring constantly. Add sugar and salt and boil 4 minutes longer, stirring constantly.

Pour over vanilla ice cream in Choco-
late Coconut Crust just before serving. Makes 1 cup sauce.

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2 squares unsweetened chocolate 2 tablespoons sugar

2 tablespoons hot milk or water cup sifted confections’ sugar

cup shredded coconut, cut, toasted or plain

Melt chocolate and butter in top of double boiler, stirring until blended. Combine milk and sugar. Add to chocolate mixture, stirring well. Add coconut and mix well. Spread on bottom and sides of greased 9 inch pie pan. Chill until firm. To serve, fill crust with ice cream, pudding or chiffon-type pie filling.

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