Here's The Score
On Benefits Of Social Security

How's your Social Security? Do you realize that with each paycheck you are building your credit for a government retirement pension after you reach 65 and also are buying yourself an inexpensive form of life insurance?

The Berkshire Field Office of the Social Security Administration points out that most persons have, at least rather vague notion of how the government security system operates.

While most of us realize that the system provides retirement benefits, very few know the facts about survivors' insurance. How's the system, in general, operates? As you know, a specified amount is withheld from your weekly paychecks, and is credited toward your account. The Company, out of its own pocket, also contributes for you an amount equal to that withheld.

Should an insured wage earner die, there is a good chance that his or her survivors will be eligible for insurance payments from the Social Security fund. On the basis of "currently" insured status, certain types of payments are payable. These include children's benefits, mothers' benefits, and lump-sum death payments.

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Climb On Suggestion System Bandwagon

There's a parcel of cash waiting to reward your good ideas for improvements in our methods, operations and products. Your Suggestion System wants ideas—and will pay handsome cash awards for those which are adopted. Any worthwhile idea relating to the business of the Company is eligible for consideration.

Get a Suggestion System blank from your Foreman or Department Head, fill it out, and submit it to: Secretary, Suggestion System, Marshall Street plant.

Good suggestions improve our business, make our jobs more secure—and put cash in your pocket!

Warning: Learn To Swim The Safe Way
by Pete Mancuso

With warm weather here again the old swimming pool is once more a center of activity. Here are several safety rules you should remember and follow:

1. Before swimming, wait at least an hour and a half after eating a meal.
2. Always swim where there is a lifeguard present.
3. Never swim alone. Use a beach or pool, never swim in the open sea.
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Sprague Scholarship Award

Donald H. Sherman, standing in cap and gown, receives from Ernest L. Ward, Executive Vice President in charge of manufacturing operations, the certificate emblematic of the Sprague Electric Scholarship Award. Presentation of the honor was made at Drury High School class night here last month. Donald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard F. Sherman. His father is a department head in Production Engineering.

Anthony Ruscito, left, and Andrew Kariotis, right, have recently joined the Engineering Staff of the Company. Mr. Ruscito is with the North Adams office, while Mr. Kariotis is affiliated with our Washington, D.C., office.

Francis Bourdon's Five-Pound Brown Trout Tops LOG Fishing Derby Entries

A frenzied flurry in the Brown Trout division—with the lead shifting hands twice—plus whopping entries in the Bass and Northern Pike classes, have made the past month a banner one for the LOG fishing contest.

Spagnoles anglers have had their sights set on Brown Trout this season, as evidenced by the larger catches being entered. With three huge specimens entered during June, the lead now goes to a five-pound beauty, one of the biggest taken locally in many years.

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Anthony J. Ruscito and Andrew S. Kariotis have recently joined the Field Engineering staff of the Company. Mr. Ruscito will be with the North Adams office of the Department, while Mr. Kariotis will work from Washington.

Appointment of Mr. Ruscito to the staff was announced last month by Neil W. Walsh, Vice President in charge of Sales. Widely known in the electronics industry, Mr. Ruscito formerly was sales manager for United Mineral and Chemicals Corporation of New York.

He also has been with Scintilla Magneto Division of Bendix Aviation Corporation at Sidney, N.Y., as a chief project engineer. The holder of several patents in the capacitor field, Mr. Ruscito is a member of Subcommittee D-9 of the American Society for Testing Materials.

In addition, he is chairman of the Subcommittee on High Temperature Electrical Properties of Mica. A native of Utica, N.Y., Mr. Ruscito is a graduate of Hamilton College and holds a master's degree from New York State Teachers College.

Mr. Kariotis joins the staff of the Field Engineering offices of the Company in Washington, where he will be engaged in government contract work on electronic components.

Mr. Kariotis is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he was a member of the engineering staff, and has served three years in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Hot Weather Tips
From Safety Director

Do you realize that a person can lose as much as 12 quarts of water through perspiration during eight hours of hard work?

Hot weather brings up the age-old problem of excessive fatigue from high water loss and Safety Director Arthur J. Mathews passes on these tips:

1. Drink water frequently. Two to three quarts a day is the minimum requirement even on hot days.
2. Keep cool water available at all times.
3. Wear light-colored clothing.
4. Use sunscreen on exposed areas.
5. Avoid strenuous activity during the hottest part of the day.
6. Eat a balanced diet.
7. Get plenty of rest.
8. Use shade when possible.
10. Drink plenty of fluids.
The next time you go shopping, take note of how you look for quality. Then, as you go about your daily work on the job, remember that jobs depend on sales. And when competition gets stiff—quality has a great deal to do with the volume of sales.

Keep your quality standards up!
Robert C. Sprague, left, Chairman of the Board and Treasurer, receives the Radio-Electronics Division Manufacturers Association Medal of Honor at ceremonies held last month during the group's 30th annual banquet in Chicago. Mr. Sprague has just ended his term as Chairman of the Board of the industry association. Glen McNamara, president of the group, makes the medal presentation. Mr. Sprague was saluted by RETMA for his outstanding contributions to the industry during the past three years.

Know Your FOREMAN...

In the Molding Room Office on Brown Street, you will find a gentleman known as "Red" in charge. "Red," called that because of the color of his hair, is actually Leonard Lewitt, head Molding and this month's featured Foreman.

Born in England, Red moved to Canada when he was young and later came south to the United States. Shortly after arriving in the U.S. he joined the regular Army and served for approximately five years. He was stationed here in North Adams for a period of eight months, and later came back to make it his permanent home.

Mr. Lewitt came to Sprague Electric in 1936 and began in the Mica room on Beaver Street; then went into the Industrial Oils department on Beaver Street; then into the Industrial Oils department on Beaver Street.

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Your reporter for you to meet this month is attractive Mrs. Audrea Bowen who is employed in Building No. 17, Maintenance, at the Marshall Street plant.

Audrea will celebrate her fourth anniversary with the Company September 13. She keeps busy at her job, keeping time records, typing receiving records and answering the busy phone.

She has been on the LOG staff for two years. Although she is pressed for time, Audrea always manages to send in her contribution. And we must add it is a difficult task to cover all the different departments in the Maintenance field.

Audrea was born in El Dorado, Arkansas. She graduated from the Marshall High School and Harding College in Searcy, Arkansas, majoring in Home Economics. Audrea taught economics for three years in North Little Rock and later attended and graduated from Druggie's Business School. After this she taught Commercial work for three years. Her last position before moving East was with the government, as Home Management Supervisor.

Thirteen years ago Audrea drove east with a friend who was driving to Boston. They had a month's vacation from work, giving them plenty of time to travel and stop at different cities. Leaving Boston and coming over the Mohawk Trail they stayed overnight at the Richmond Hotel. It was on this trip that Audrea met her husband. She and Fred were married several months later and she moved to New England. Today they own their home in Pomona, Vermont.

Having taught home economics extensively, Audrea considers home furnishings, gardening, recipes and cooking as her hobbies. Audrea doesn't participate in many outdoor sports but enjoys watching others.

Audrea and her husband have traveled several times to Arkansas where they visited their many friends. Those of you who know Audrea personally can now gather why she has that southern-drawl which is most becoming!

She has had many happy years living in New England and working with the Company.

Audrea is sincere in trying to obtain more news from you men in Maintenance. When you have any info for the LOG, why not dial Audrea, extension 40, and give her the scoop!
Bennington News
By Mildred Marchegianis
Lt. Col. and Mrs. Eugene F. Shook and two daughters from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, spent a week at the home of Mrs. Shook's brother, John E. Sears. A son was born recently to Storeman 3d c and Mrs. Harold Buback at West Point Hospital. The new baby is a grandson of Mr. Joseph Fello. Miss Jeannette E. Langlois, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Langlois, 208 West Main Street, became the bride of Anthony Joseph Pello, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pello, 247 Depot Street, May 1, at St. Francis de Sales Church. The wedding was performed by Father Fitzgerald the performing ceremony.
Mr. and Mrs. George E. sunshine's, N.Y., visited her sister, truly, recently. Miss Patricia Ann Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Fisher, graduated from St. Joseph's Business School, June 20. Miss Fisher is a medical secretary in the office of Dr. J. P. Hammond. Holidays have started at Bennington, with Harry Fisher being the lucky person at this setting. Mildred Marchegianis, husband and son and daughter in-law, have returned from Elmlora, N.Y., where they were caught by the sudden death of her uncle, Charles E. Decker.

Fourth of July Fun

Little Robert Peck, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Peck of Williamstown, flies his muscles for clown William Bullet at the annual Lions Club Fourth of July celebration in Williamstown last week. Robert, along with his sister and older brothers, was judged best-costumed in the kiddies' parade. Robert's father is a Supervisor in Engineer in Research and Engineering.

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Sugary Syrup. Such a delectable batch of sugar that the name is over. First comes the Spaghetti Party the Sublimer had at Midge Valotta's house. Despite the rainy weather, everyone had a wonderful time divvying into dishes of delectable Italian Syrup. Such a happy crowd of sugar-fans, the party is over. We would like to welcome Barbara Barbara back to work. She returned from spending some time with her husband who came home from Korea. We understand she now stays at 740. Here’s wishing Thelma Skorupski and Midge Valotta are the lucky ones, they are just beginning their lay off period. Hope your vacation is grand. Don’t let your vacation miss your cheery laughter. Vacation time is here again and the list seems to be endless. Delfina Rego is back after enjoying herself while Irene Kominka. Helen Roe, Norman Skorupski and Midge Valotta are the lucky ones, they are just beginning their lay off period. Have a nice time and don’t forget to come back girls. Pauline Dupuis should use paper cups. She cut her finger and has a glass and a glass required two stitches. Watch it Pauline.

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Look at them dig in! LOG staff members really responded to the good hamburgers and hot dogs, salads and trimmings at the 1954 picnic held June 24 at Taconic Park in Williamstown.

Isabelle Fuller, Florence Lang and Isabelle Withrow look like the picnic just suits them to a “T”, Taconic Park’s Mike Nicholas, in the background, gets ready to refill the plates.

Back for seconds—or was it thirds—were Marge Hauptfleisch and Mary Odell, two of the Marshall 8 meat plant’s best-known report-

ers.

spent a week vacationing in Connecti-

icut. Fred Crozier spent his vacation in Wareham. Lyle Blanchard spent his two weeks vacation at home. Joe O’Brien and his wife went to Lake George for the 4th. Lorraine Audette spent the weekend of July 4th in New-

burgh, N.Y.

Sympathy is extended to Benjamin Banulis upon the death of his father who passed away June 10.

Paper Rolling (Day Shift) by Rusty and Dusty

Vacation time is here again and one of the first to enjoy hers was Eva King. Eva spent a week traveling to different states and cities and visiting places of interest. Alice Granger recently visited

er her daughter at a Novitiate in Mon-

treal, Canada. Rene Livsey certainly made a pretty matron of honor at the wedding of her sister, Theresa, who was married June 5. Welcome back to Rose Gansiano, Francis Miles, Claire Sencal, Laurinita Scott, Agnes Fosser, Pat Harding and Betty Alderman. It’s nice having you back with us.

Dot Trinarchi will be missed by the department. Hope to see you soon.

Dot Esther Shea recently visited the New England States with her husband, Charles, who was home on a 30 day leave from the Air Force. Over the Fourth, Rene Livsey visited the Cat-

skill Game Farm and received some-

thing to remember! Rene got a little too close to a male and got kicked. Ethel Gilmour visited Shaftsbury; Eva Mangano at the Cape in Fairhaven; Ellie Ramo at Scituate; Mary Valerie at Stamford and Mary Trova visited New York. Besie Turgon and her two children are at home in Westerly. For the last week of the Fourth, Dora Mancuso and Art Van Steembarg raced at the State Line Sunday night.

John Henry and Charlotte are the

children of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Martin. The father is the proprietor of Martin’s Service Station and their mother, Anita, is on the night shift at Brown Street.

Miss Diane Marie LeSage is the 4 year old granddaughter of Ora LeSage of Metal Clad at Beaver Street. Diane is pictured as she was at a recent procession at St. An-

thony’s Church.

Sales Office by the Snoopers

Well, vacation time has arrived once more and many of our employees have left for their summer vacation. Lorie Smith and family are enjoying a week at Lake George. Shirley Silv-

en visited her aunt in Taunton, Mass. Carol Burdick traveled to Green Lake, Wisconsin. Sylvia Baroza and Rita English stayed at home. Paul Fern

also spent a relaxing week at home. Fran Gatto and Herma Orlowski spent the Fourth at July 4th week end at Cape Cod. We hope you had a very nice time. We all wish a speedy recovery to Kay Barson, who recently underwent a foot operation. Welcome back from Europe and Patricio “China” Angeli who are working with us again until they resume their studies in the fall. Joan Blanchette and husband spent the weekend of the Fourth in Saybrook, Conn.

Sympathy to Shirley Silva on the death of her father.

Flat Midget Assembly

It seems everyone in the room en-

joyed the Fourth of July weekend. Some went on trips, picnics or others just stayed at home and rested. . . We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Ida Brooks husband was in a recent accident. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

We also heard that Lillian Trombley’s

son, Gerald, and Carmela Mancuso’s father were both in the hospital re-

cently. Wishing you both a quick recovery.

This is the season when Hazel Lillie enjoys her flower garden. She makes others happy by preparing them beau-
	iful bouquets. We want to know to really appreciate them very much.

Eva Greenland received a telegram when the crossed paths to the field day ev-

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Molded Tubular Section Assembly
by Tillie

No ladies and gentlemen, the circular isn't in town. It's just me, Tillie, trying to look different. They say a woman who can't change is a woman who can't be changed. I'm a woman. Our Alice Bard got lost again, this time in her own home. She got her head twisting and changed her furniture around in her bedroom—while asleep the phone rang. Alice got up and couldn't find her way out. She tried the window first, eventually found the door. Alice, how does it feel to get lost? Vincent Mancini spent his vacation landscaping around his home. That man, there isn't anything he can't do! A handy man to have around the house, I'd say! Lorenzo Dono, Alda O'Neill and Ruth Richard are spending a weekend in New York. A very good job was done by Flo Lang and Isabel Withrow.

Vacation time is here and most of us will be heading for beaches, going on picnics and what not. Evelyn Labbetti has her vacation all planned out. She's found a girl Caro Golden to watch her. Evelyn Labbetti is a traveler, Vivian Nadzow will supply the yarn, and Marie Ducharme will supply the entertainment. Such a talented group. Your reporter and Ralph Burdick are planning to spend our vacation in Maine. Ralph is quite familiar with the Potato State, having been there on a field trip there last of his life. We should have a wonderful time. Al, Bert, Pat Horam spent Sunday at Shores Restaurant in Springfield. Incidentally, the trip was a birthday present for his wife. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Howard Donovan on the loss of his father. Mrs. Kelly is back at work after spending two weeks vacation in Florida visiting her son, Richard, at Fort Walton, and James, at Miami. The trip was made by plane. The air lines have a new Swedish supervisor in Mrs. Kelly, who advocates that flying is the only means of travelling by Flo Lang and Isabel Withrow.

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Cooler News by Martha Clark

Vacationers: Margaret Wohler, Celie Kennedy, Louise Brophy, Lee Bliss, Karen Turek, Bernice Plante, Marion Bernat, Easlyn Jones, Laura Busy, Virginia Haddad, Donna Deutermann, and Jeanette Trelo. Some destinations are unknown, others to the lakes or beaches, but all for a certain purpose — to learn that Marguerite Walsh will be spending her vacation in the hospital. We expect to enjoy a wonderful trip as the retired Miner and all of their families are feeling better after their hospital trip. Short hair-do's are taking over the familiar style in New York, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Sherman Bloodworth, and Jeanette Trelo enjoy the comforts of their short hair. Fran Delisle spent the holiday weekend camping at Old Orchard Beach. Shirley Bloodworth spent her holiday weekend visiting relatives in Canada. Dot Bostren visited relatives in Reading.玛瑟 Smelma Bussaill's daughter, Marion Green and family from Omaha, Nebrasra are visiting her for two weeks. Marion formerly worked in the Navy Reserve Department.

Industrial Oil Stacking by Ann Heath

Vacations:
- Mildred Roarden — Hampden Beach, Roseno Corozzino is enjoying her vacation in Vineyard Haven, Martha Clark
- Mrs. George Green — Old Orchard Beach, Amelia Deutermann and family spent the Fourth of July weekend at Lake George, N.Y.
- Mildred Reardon — Lake Sunapee, New Hampshire.
- Helen Shaw, had a baby boy on June 17, Mr. & Mrs. Wilton Shaw, is proud of that beautiful catch. The rugged mountain stream came tumbling down over the jagged rocks and landed at the bottom with a tremendous roar. For a long moment I stayed in the same position pondering the thought of fighting my way up through those rapids. I previously had come some 15 miles up this turbulent river and had enjoyed all the wonders of nature on the way.

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