Victor Vareschi Wins $100 Award For Top Suggestion

Six new cash awards—including a big check for $100 to Victor Vareschi of Centrifuge Department—have been bestowed recently on Top Thinking employees by the Suggestion System Committee.

Included among the winners, besides Mr. Vareschi, are Vito Navarro, Robert Hamilton, Ruth Haskins, John E. Murphy and Albert Barbuto, all of whom turned their good ideas for improvements into solid cash.

Victor’s $100 award, which is top money among 1954 Suggestion System awards, came about for his ingenious method of eliminating wrinkles in foil on the electric etching machine.

Proving that it doesn’t take an involved or major suggestion to garner a top award money, Victor worked out a means of eliminating wrinkles by the simple expedient of placing Scotch tape on the machine’s rollers.

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Mr. Barbuto, who is with the Machine Shop, received a $10 award for a suggestion which modifies the face cutter on rolling machines.

For Top Suggestion—Staff Photo

Mr. Vareschi, Centrifuge Department

Victor Vareschi, Chairman of the Board and President, has evoked highest praise recently from President Eisenhower for his top-secret report to the President of the United States. The President referred it to the National Security Council for action. As a matter of interest the President has appointed Mr. Sprague as a special consultant to the National Security Council to work on this problem.

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Let’s Make a Date!

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC

FAMILY DAY

SEPTEMBER 18

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1954

Dear Mr. Sprague:

I did not write you at the conclusion of the meeting of the National Security Council on July 1 because I understood that you were to return for the Council meeting on July 29.

Now it is certainly fully time for me to thank you very sincerely for the services which you have thus far rendered to the Council in connection with the field of Continental Defense.

When you and Senator Saltonstall called on me in the spring with your report to the Armed Services’ Subcommittee, I quickly appreciated how rich was the knowledge you had acquired in this field during your six months of preparatory work. Your report was an extraordinary compendium of accurate observation and integrated understanding of a highly complicated subject. The assistance which you have given to the Council, and its Planning Board, during June and July deserves our sincere appreciation. I think you must have sensed at the meetings the Council’s interest in what you had to say.

When the next periodic progress reports are due in December, I shall hope you will be available to return as consultant in this field where you have acquired so thorough and profound a knowledge.

This letter takes with it my personal thanks for the contribution to your country which these services have represented.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Robert C. Sprague

74 Bulkley Street

Williamstown, Massachusetts

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Within a short time, invitations to attend Family Day will be sent to the homes of all employees. Along with these will be a reply card, on which you will be asked to state whether you will attend and how many others will be with you. It is requested that these cards be returned by Sept. 5th.

In each of the plants, there will be a well-marked central tour with many special stops. All tours will be marked plainly by signs. These tours will give visitors a glimpse of virtually all production, office and laboratories. A token working force will be on hand in all departments to give visitors an idea of the functions and operations of individual rooms, and to give a picture of the work done by the Research and Engineering personnel.

There will be displays in the Marshall Street Cafeteria of company products, safety methods and devices. A display by the Employer and Community Relations Department, including Publications, Training, Flight operations, will also be set up in the Cafeteria.

Before passing out the main gate of the building, each visitor will receive a summary of his trip through the Company. A new booklet, dealing comprehensively with the history and development of the Sprague Electric Company will be given to each visitor as a memento of the occasion.

Along the tour, there will be several designated rest areas where visitors may sit and relax and have a smoke if they wish. The central tour will pass through the cafeteria in each plant where refreshments will be served to persons attending. It is expected that the Sprague Family Day will be held on September 18 with several thousand guests.

In Fishing Derby

Adolph "Jimmy" Zabik

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Your job means a lot more than the work you do. It also includes talking with your fellow workers, earning your living, developing your skills, following company rules, perhaps getting a promotion.

To you, things may seem even more important than turning out the work. And they are important.

If, however, enough competition develops, the LOG once again will include those qualifying for $10 certificate prizes.

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**Emploee and Community Relations**

by Mary Pat Riley

Welcome is extended to Lidya Augustke who joined us recently. We hope you enjoy working with us as much as we enjoy having you here.

**Vacationeers**

Vacationeers are: Iris Jensen, Long Island; Rick and Bonnie, Indiana; Marie Bonnou, Sagamore River in Canada; Al Boyer, Camp Drum; Dean Helden, at home; yours truly, New Hampshire. Pat Luntier has taken an extended leave to be with his husband who recently returned from France. They will make their home in Arizona. Sam Campbell is working in the department. No kidding Sam, where do you get all your vigor?

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**Material Control**

by Florence Clough

It was no longer to Bob Russell, who has transferred to the Cost Department. Hope you will enjoy your work there. Caroline Moser has been added to our office staff. We hope you will enjoy working with us.

**Vacations**

by Cecile Trudeau

Vacations: Caroline Moser spent her vacation doing some work around her new home. She has a new car, and you can guess what color it is! You guessed it, green! A new Chevrolet, and very nice looking too. Charlie is still having trouble driving it, but he is always trying to put his feet on the clutch! POWERGLIDE. Well, everyone is doing it. Getting their license, I mean. Another one of our group, Jimmy O'Neil, received his license last week. Good luck, Jimmy, and just watch out for the personnel from this department. We bruise very easily. Jimmy has also purchased a 1951 black Ford.

**Shipping**

by Cecile Trudeau

Alfred Bourdon has returned to work after two weeks of training with the National Guard at Pine Camp, N. Y. Vacations: Caroline Moser spent her vacation at home. Gerald Cronin went to Glenns Falls, N. Y. to visit his sister. Louis Tressa spent his vacation resting at home. Andrew Ross is spending his vacation on the Cape. William Sharpen went to Hampton Beach, N. H. June Pringle enjoyed her time off at Hyannis on the Cape. Claire Macine and June Rock spent their vacation at Lake George.

**Flat Midget Assembly**

by Carmela Mancuso

Laura Benett and Isabelle Carluccio are both enjoying their vacation. Carol Bushy and Carmela Mancuso are both back from their vacation. Carol spent a few days at Old Orchard Beach, and the rest of their vacation resting at home. Carmela spent a week at Southbridge at her sister's house, also a few days visiting her other sister who lives at Westerly, R.I., where her cousin, Rita, is also back after her vacation which she spent at home resting. Speedy recovery is expected to Corrine Simon who recently underwent surgery. Corrine is at home now convalescing. We are all wondering how Bobbie Johnson is coming along. It is hoped that she will be discharged soon.

**Executive Offices**

by Susan Cancro

Doris Harpin spent a week on her vacation at Hampton Beach and had a very nice time. Her nice tan is proof to us that the weather was marvelous.

Sally Hillard spent the week of August 2 at South Chatham on the Cape. Also, her brother Jack, formerly employed in RAJE is due back from Korea this month. August will be a happy month for the Hillard family.

Miss Avery spent a week of her vacation at Cape Cod. Mr. and Mrs. John Harrington are spending a week at Truro on the Cape. Cape Cod is being well inhabited by Sprague-sten.

Bennie Hargrove spent a week vacation at Wells, Maine. Had a nice time. Welcome to Donald Rockwell, who is a new member of Mr. Piko's Cost Accounting Department. Hope you like working with us.

**Maintenance Bldg. No. 17**

by Audrey Bowen

The main topic in these days in the maintenance department center around vacations, with detailed descriptions of happy days and nights too good to last, and daydreams of those about to take off to the open road with maps in hands or visions of restful backyards. The following are among the fortunate ones who will forget clocks (alarm and time) for the next two weeks: Earl Sherman, Peter John, William Faron, Charles Deane, Everett Brown, Wallace LaFite, Arthur Caron, Albert Barriere, Wallace Daniels, Thomas Quintin, Forrest Sherman, A. Garraud, L. Bedard, Robert Burdeick, Francis Favel and Caroline Post. Dorothy St. Hilare and her daughter. Susan, accompanied by Marian Beattie and Janet Buzzell, motored to California during the last two weeks and is now spending the summer in London, Conn. for a weekend on the beach. Their sun tans confirm their reports of perfect weather for both the beach and swimming. Clayton Hynes and Raymond Shields are enjoying their vacations at Lake George, N. Y. They have a lodge. Robert Perry, formerly employed in the plumbing department, has been sent to the Marine Corps. Robert has been on leave the past three weeks and paid a short visit with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Perry retired to California prior to being sent to Japan for duty. Richard LaFlamme has returned from his vacation to the Army and has resumed work with the carpenters in Building 17. Dick was home only a week and will be spending some time in Japan. Welcome back to the fold, Dick! Walter Burr reports a wonderful week at Wellfleet, Mass. on Cape Cod. After a fishing trip during a sudden squall, Walter had to...
dependent on Old Sol to dry his clothes. My father doesn’t work for the stockroom, we don’t worry about drivers to and from the hospital. Our night shift has experienced several long delays in delivery due to road closures. We all forgot our diets on her trip to Canada; Harry Rondeau, Lake Pleasant, New York; and Corena Tatro and husband, Ed, spent twenty weeks in the sunny state with her horses typical American! When we finally reached shore. While descending a hill, Marie slipped and fell on her elbow and bruised it slightly but not enough to be noticed.

Crop, Bang. I’m back again with another round up of news from our topic: survey room. Vacations, have you “Pet Sitting Troubles”? Well, just take your Peta to the Chillon Farm and Idas. We are all terrific shot at a news story if you want you, don’t you Idas? Kay O’Connor is sitting on top of “Mocking Bird” all day. We are glad she enjoys it as much as we do. I hope she doesn’t try to rob someone if she gets the chance.

Josephine Deen, Helen Gould, Paul Siciliano is spending her vacation in New Hampshire. But before we make that trip, Harold, Al and I have decided that we need to try something new. We’re thinking about trying to “Under The Shade of the Old Apple Tree”, Kay, it’s our favorite place to go. We have been going there for years. Our next destination will be a beach house, because them’s what a little birdie are glad to see.

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chose to spend her two weeks at home this year, for it was
most enjoyable for her. Bernard, her husband, was on an 18-day
tour of France and Russia and the family enjoyed the
changes. July 14 in the
States... Helen Cutler
traveled to her cottage at Cheshire
Lake and returned to St. Anne’s, Quebec. Viola Dupuis
enjoyed her vacation at Lake George. Theresa Janallo, Jr., Petrovich, Rosanna
Frasconi, Frances Bianco, Isabella
Lyons and Mary Messier enjoyed just
being at home.

Mica Mutterings
by Sam Vine

We would like to welcome to our
department Beatrice Merani, Angela
Lewis, Shirley Maxwell and Katharine
Herold. Four of the seven mica
section girls have returned from
Power Transformers. Beatrice and Angela are working on the stacking
of mica sections and Shirley and
Katharine are punching mica. There
have been a couple of rocks seen in our
mica sections recently. If there are
rocks that get by, I mean diamonds! They belong to
Madge Melton who became engaged
to stage Co., Joseph S. Dono-
hini, who is in the air force and is stationed at Washington D.C. Mary
O’Shaughnessy has become engaged to Fred Pink-
all of the engineering department at Shipyard. Wilfred B. P. Rose are also engaged
Suzanne is the daughter of Mrs. Betty
Kearns, Alda Ariazi, Kate Patterson.
Everyone is glad to have our boss,
Rocco Vigna, back with us after being
away so long. We wish you all
have a good time. From vacation time,
most of us have been working some
weekends. Just laying around home,
while others have been taking some
long trips. Janet Haas is home after
two weeks to vacation in Alabama.
Eleanor has a brother there whom she
misses and is happy to see her
next month. She is flying to San
Diego, California, to visit relatives.
Bass and family are visiting her
sisters in Indiana to see her. Don’t
don’t you lose your way! Jerry Garri
will be spending most of his vacation
in Fenway Park and Yankee Stadium.
Without doubt, he’ll have his son
Mike with him. Mike is quite a
baseball player. He plays in the Little Lea-
ague and is doing a good job. Jerry will be
returning to his home in Westfield,
Alda Ariazi, Kate Patterson, Charlotte
Haas, at Lake St. Catherine,
Vt.; Helen Unis, Canada, Boston,
Mass., New York, Ruth Findic, at
home and Reni Maroni, at home.

Kenny Russell has found out that kids
are due to be out for two weeks. The Fresh Air Fund kids
were to enjoy the pond and
sit on the swing. It was a
good day for them. Mr. Novak is still on sick leave.
Liz Sattler is sporting a special brand of pigtails that
ask her about it! Happy birthday to
Margaret Wohler.

P.A.A. Rolling
by Mary Mesier

We are happy to have Gladys Mod-
ck back with us after an extended
illness. Many of us have had our
vacations and have come back to
work looking forward to our next one. A few
friends, attended the Red Sox–White
Sox game in Boston, July 25. Arlene
Ewa was a visitor at Gunn. While
her husband was on maneuvers.
Claire Pettibone will be out for two
weeks to visit her brother-in-law
in training in North Carolina. Floyd
is a member of the Marine
Reserves. Everyone is looking forward
eagerly to their summer vacations.
	Special Products Dept.
by Nina Underwood
Thelma Barlier and family spent

thier vacation at Drury High School in June. She will attend
Barnabesh School of Nursing in
Fitchburg this fall.

Vacations are still in full
swings. Some of those who
enjoyed their vacations were Gladys
Chase, Ashbury B, N.J.; Jane Roy,
Ashbury B, N.J.; Dolores DePiero,
R.I., Ethel Gilman, 80/Orchard Beach,
Maine, Eva King, Stinson Lake, N.Y.,
Verna Folino, Stinson Lake, N.Y.,
Lillie Lofts, Cape Cod, Carrie Mur-
ach, at home, Tina Varechi, working
out home and Celia Marzian.
Mary Troia and husband
Sam were given a bon voyage party at
the home of their mother. They
received many gifts and a wonderful
time was had by all. Mary and Sam are now on a
tour of Europe . Tille Millerd and
Valzba should read signs before
they enter doorways. Your faces sure
looked red when you came out!
Welcome back to Marion Falcon
and Shirley Martin. Glad to see you
here, Joe Switczak was presented
her birthday cake by the Day Testers
on his birthday. How many candles
did you count, Joe? A speedy recovery
to Lucy Banas’ daughter, Edna, who
recently underwent an operation at
the North Adams Hospital.

Bathing Beauty
by Jessie Maczynski

Vacationers: Pauline Mucaen, at
home; Flora Nitchling, at Lake Cham-
plain; Jeff Barry, our supervisor,
looking around; Mildred Bathway,
Messisquoi Bay, Montreal, and
Hampton Beach; our LOG re-
porter, Jeanie Meyeczynski and her
husband at the Thousand Islands, N.Y.;
Dora Landry, our former LOG report-
er is convalescing after a serious operation
at her daughter’s home in Cleveland. We
hope you are recovering fast.

Mica Finish
by Gertrude Noel

Vacationers: Lillian Peck, Phila-
delphia; Theresa Carafusa, Brant Lake,
N.Y.; Frank Major, home; Curt Noek,
Samson, N.Y. and home; Art Spencer,
Windsor, N.Y. and Wilfred P. Rose also
are engaged.
Dora Landry, our former LOG reporter,
is fine after her recent operation, and a
complete recovery Margaret Wohler
required 7 stitches. She received it
by Erminia Sweeney

Twain’s "the chief end of man is to enjoy himself"

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95 years old is holding her great,
great-grandfather, Robert Dempsey, Jr., 9 months old. His father is Capt.
Robert Dempsey. Setted on the left is Robert’s great-great-grandfather,
Mrs. Theodore Burns and his grandmother, Mrs. Mary E. Demp-
sey.
FOR SALE

Furnace, hot water, with shower. Will heat nine rooms. Also 1 hot water tank and Hot-air stove, reasonable. Joseph Barrieu, dial M3-37180 or call Automatic Rolling, 3 to 11 shift.

Black and white gas stove with top. Contact Magge Perfect, dial M3 3-7678.

One combination door—34x60—lock and venetian blind all for $5. Dial M3 4-9691.

Toastmaster, automatic pop-up toaster $2.90. Universal dial control iron $2.90. Falmaster electric, 8 cup percolator, chrome-plated, $3.50. hand hair clippers, $1.25. typewriter table, $4.50. All items in good condition. Call Marshall St. Plant, extension 351.

Girl's black ice skates, size 5. Very good condition. Will sell for $5.00. Dial M3 3-6241 after 5 p.m.

Four white wall (U.S. Royal) tires, 1954 style (non-screech) 7.10/15. Driven 4-9493.

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One combination door—34x80—lock and Venetian blind all for $5. Dial MO 5-2846.

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