Prospects of Good Health In Year Ahead

In 1954 the health of the American people has been the best on record, according to the statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Excellent prospects are seen for continued health progress in 1955.

In 1954 the national death rate has dropped to an all time low of 0.2 per 1,000 population, the lowest level ever reached in the United States, according to the statisticians.

The unusually favorable mortality rate in 1954, which is based on death rates for the first three months of the year, reflected in part an absence of any major outbreaks of respiratory disease, it was observed.

"Noteworthy also is the fact that in 1954 there was an increase in the death rate from tuberculosis. There were 10,000 deaths from tuberculosis, and the death rate from tuberculosis reached its highest level during the year, according to the statisticians.

"The death rates from tuberculosis in the United States were twice as high as in 1954," the statisticians report. "This is in a single year mortality from tuberculosis was reduced by approximately 20 percent. As recently as 1951, tuberculosis mortality in the United States was twice as high as it was in 1954."

"Exceptionally favorable also was the drop in the death rate from pneumonia and bronchitis. The death rate from these causes was only 25 per 100,000 in 1954, or one per 4,000 children under five years of age. The preceding year, the early months of 1954, the death rate was 30 per 100,000."

"The death rate from poliomyelitis in 1954 was about the same as in 1953, although there was a rise in the number of cases this year. It is estimated that there will be almost 30,000 cases of poliomyelitis during 1955, compared with about 30,000 in 1954. The results of the large scale vaccination with the new vaccine for poliomyelitis remained to be evaluated.

The reported number of cases of measles and of whooping cough during 1954 was about 30 percent greater than in the year before. However, deaths from conditions, as well as from scarlet fever and diphtheria, remained at a very low level during the year, according to the statisticians.

"There have been no significant changes in the death rate from the major chronic diseases," the statisticians point out. "The cancer mortality for the year has practically unchanged from the year before, while the death rate from cardiovascular renal conditions showed no reduction. Morality from arteriosclerotic heart disease, which includes coronary artery disease, remained at about the same level in the past two years. The death rate from diabetes in 1954 was somewhat lower than in 1953."

The fatal accident situation in our country improved somewhat during the year.

A working display of the Sprague Electric Company’s “Flip-Flops” and Magnetic Shift Registers are shown here at the Sprague Electric Computer Conference which was held in Philadelphia. These machines are used in Electronic Computer applications. Present at the Conference was Mr. Robert C. Sprague, Jr., Chairman of the Field Engineering Department who presented many of Sprague Electric products. Looking on at our exhibit is Miss Jean Riesle of Philadelphia.

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In Year Ahead

Good Health

Management Dinner-Dance

To Be Held January 22

The Management Club of the Sprague Electric Company will hold its annual Management Dinner and Dance on Saturday evening, January 22, at the Pittsburgh Country Club. The Social hour is 6:15 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Music for the evening will be furnished by Marshall’s Orchestra of Boston.

Two Berkshire Street Railway buses have been chartered for transportation to the affair. One will leave from North Adams, and the other from Williamstown. Anyone wishing transportation should contact Courtney W. Flanders.

Social Security Tax Increases For Many

New changes in the Social Security Law means that many persons are paying an increased amount this year for their Old Age and Survivors Insurance.

The law now requires that Social Security payments amount to two per cent of the first $4,200 earned annually by each person covered by the law. In the past, the two per cent tax applied to the first $3,000 of income. The change means that persons whose Social Security payments amount to the first $3,000 will not tax that will continue until they have reached $4,200 of income.

The amount of tax paid by the Company out of its own pocket toward each employee’s Social Security is also increases by the same proportion.

Robert C. Sprague, Jr.

Named Chairman of New RETMA Dept.

Mr. Robert C. Sprague, Jr., Director of Employee and Community Relations of the Company has been named Chairman of the newly established Industrial Relations Department of the Radio-Electronic-Television Manufacturers Association.

As Chairman of the Department, Mr. Sprague will lead an Executive Committee for the Department which consists of himself as Chairman, several Area Representatives, and the Management Group.

Other members may be appointed by Mr. Sprague as the need arises.

Mr. Robert E. Kelley of the Sprague Electric Company of Wisconsin, Inc., Jackson Martindell, President of the Manufacturers Association, was appointed by Mr. Sprague as the need arises.


(This article is based on material supplied by the American Institute of Accountants, a national professional society of certified public accountants.)

Last August you heard such terms as “baby sitter deduction,” “claim more dependents,” and “deduct more for medical bills,” when Congress passed the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Now these terms will have real meaning as you file your income tax return under the new tax law, containing thousands of changes in its 929 pages.

Most of us, fortunately, will find the new tax a little easier. For one thing, a reduction of about 10% in rates took effect in January, 1954, and has been reflected in the amount of tax withheld from pay since then.

But the difference is not just in the rates. The new tax law—passed after the rates were reduced—includes many special adjustments aimed at helping people who particularly need relief.

In referring to the “baby sitter” deduction, the deduction is permitted under certain circumstances only for actual expenses up to $600 for the care of dependents while a mother, widower, or person legally separated person is gainfully employed. But, the broad meaning of that word “dependent” will help many. Certain expenses for care of a child under 12 years who is the taxpayer’s son, daughter, stepson or stepdaughter, or other dependent mentally or physically incapable of caring for himself, are deductible. There are no restrictions as to age or relationship in the latter case. For wives asking the “baby sitter” deduction, they must file a joint return with their husband. The requirement of this joint return does not apply, however, if the husband is not gainfully employed.

Referring to the clause on “claim more dependents”, the people will benefit in two ways. First, one may include a dependent who lived in the taxpayer’s home and received over half of his support from him whether the family relationship is close or not. Also, not wanting to penalize parents for their children’s industry, Uncle Sam now sets no top limit for a son’s or daughter’s earnings. A taxpayer can claim an exemption if he provides for any half the support of a dependent who is either under 18 or a student, regardless of the child’s income. Secondly, the 1954 Code offers relief, also, to children who are supporting parents. When children had provided for more than half of a parent’s support for several years and each had furnished more than 10% of such support, none was able previously to list the parent as a dependent for no one of them provided more than half. Now they can take turns in claiming the exemption.

This year you can also deduct more for medical bills. Medical expenses can be deducted in excess of 3 per cent of the adjusted gross income, as compared with 5 per cent in the past, in listing your medical expenses you can only include medicines and drugs beyond 1 per cent of your income. Maximum permissible medical deductions have been doubled and can now go as high as $5,000 for a single person or married person filing separately; up to $10,000 for married persons filing jointly, or for the head of a house hold.

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The following are our resolutions for the New Year:

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I will

—Uphold the honor and tradition of my Company.
—Cooperate fully with those with whom I am associated.
—Work conscientiously and to the best of my ability on any job for which I am qualified.
—Keep quality foremost in my mind.
—Understand my own job and accept the responsibilities that are required by it.
—Lend a helping hand whenever I am called upon.
—Set a good example for other people in regard to safety effort.

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**Art Mathews' SAFETY SALUTE**

Left to right are: Raymond Dickinson, Eva Fausr, William Pierce, General Foreman, Paul Sanford and Betty Jangrow.

Pictured above are members of the Wire Coating Department of Brown Street which boasts a very fine Safety Record! This department has gone without a lost time accident for twenty six months since October of 1952.

The function of the Wire Coating Department is that of coating copper wire with an organic material - the end product being used for relays, K曲折 Resistor and other Sprague products.

According to Mr. William Pierce, General Foreman of Wire Coating, this process of coating copper wire is very hazardous for it involves heavy lifting, the use of hot fire ovens and the possibility of toxic fumes escaping. Also static and ladders present another danger point, for employees have to use these in order to reach into the ovens.

Too, the machines used are chain driven.

Despite these ever prevalent hazards, those in the Wire Coating Department are able to maintain their Safety Record for there are many precautions which they follow. The women of the department, who operate the machines, wear long slacks and short sleeve blouses. Also they are provided special containers for acids, safety aprons, protective eye glasses and rubber gloves. The men of the department take care of the maintenance end and the repairing of machinery. They are provided the proper tools and constantly check the machinery to ensure safe running order.

Thus, as you may assume, these people abide by the SAFETY RULES set up for them!

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**RECIPE CORNER**

by Frances E. Kordana

**TEA Dainties**

1 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1 egg, beaten
2 cups cake flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
Flavors, food colors

Cream shortening. Add sugar slowly and cream thoroughly, add egg. Sift dry ingredients together and add to the first mixture. Divide dough into as many parts as desired. Place in an uncooked dough. Use all alcohol based flavoring in the proportion of 1 teaspoon for entire recipe.

Oil extracts require only a few drops.

To color the dough add food coloring a drop at a time until the desired shade has been attained. Suggested flavors and color combinations are: almond extract and green, lemon extract and yellow, cinnamon oil and pink.

**SCOTCH SHORTBREAD**

1 cup shortening
1 cup brown sugar
2 cups cake flour

Egg milk.

Cream shortening and sifted sugar together and work into the flour. Chill. Roll out 1/4 inch thick on a pastry cloth. Cut with small fancy cutters and brush tops with a mixture of egg and milk.

Published here is the Tax Withholding Table which shows you the amount of money that the Company has withheld according to Federal Law, from your weekly salary during 1954.

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### Tax Facts

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If you need help, the instructions that come with your tax blanks will describe all these changes and others. Read them carefully and you should have little trouble filling out the forms.

If you have questions, consult your nearest Internal Revenue office. But get there early. The place may be jammed with other puzzled people this year when your neighbors are getting acquainted with the first general revision in the entire history of the federal income tax.

If your problems are complicated, you may need professional help. The Internal Revenue Service has recently urged taxpayers to make sure their advisers are fully qualified.

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**Names In The News**

Fielding Brown, Senior Engineer of the Sprague Electric Company, spoke on "Engineering and Scientific Research" on Saturday afternoon, January 8 at Baxter Hall in Williamstown. He was one of several speakers who gave a talk on graduate school during the Williams College Career Week-end program which was held on January 7 and 8.

Walter W. Clark, Manager of Production Engineering, was elected Chairman of the Technical Committee by the Specialty Capacitor Section of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association at its annual meeting which was held recently.

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**TAX WITHHOLDING TABLE — WEEKLY**

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**FOR SALE**

1946 Oldsmobile, 4 door sedan with hydraulic drive. Radio and heater. New battery and brake shoes, recently overhauled and completely winterized. Will sell for $300.00. Dial MO 1-7039 or 50 at Brown Street plant.

1941 rebuilt Ford MOTOR, complete with accessories. Dial MO 3-3555 anytime after 4 p.m.


Men's ski boots, one year old, in good condition, size 11. Dial Marshall Street 400 after 2:30 p.m. or MO 1-8228 after 5:30 p.m.

One pair of Sampson Women's ski boots, brown, size 6, Practically new, $10.00. Call Alma Marcus at Marshall Street plant, extension 367.

Gas stove with 6 burners, 2 ovens. $15. Good condition. Dial Marshall 440 or Williamsown 1108-R.

**FOR RENT**

6 room cottage with oil heat, new bath, $55.00 per month. Also 4 room apartment with bath and stove heat. $100.00 a month. Both ready for immediate occupancy. Dial MO 3-8666 after 6 p.m.

**WANTED**

Trumpet in good condition and at reasonable price. Dial MO 3-7267 anytime after 5 p.m.

Riders from Adams to Brown or Marshall Street plant. 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Telephone Adams 1637 JK.

8 a.m. Motion Picture Editing Machine. Contact Bob Lamore by dialing 343.


**YOURS FOR THE TAKING**

Piano—standard size. If you would like it contact Doris Williams at the Block Annex, Beaver Street plant or dial Adams 1056.
Men's Bowling League Standing

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Alley Highlights...

Marg Greene and Harold Shore

Bowling is the Number 1 indoor winter sport enjoyed by the men and women of Sprague Electric!

It has been interesting to note various incidents of the Women's Bowling League which meets on Tuesday evenings and the Men's Bowling League which meets on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of each week. The Women's League is composed of ten different teams and the Men's League is composed of twelve.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The two oldest women in the League are Lucy DeParl, I.B.M., and Millie Kearns, Cooderette team. Both women are long time grandmothers and noted figures of their respective teams. Sally Tallarico, Russellettes, an obvious beginner of last season is now hitting the one hundred mark. With the enthusiastic encouragement and cheers of Captains Stef and Stefanopoulos, Metal Mads, and Dot DeGraff, Russellettes, the alleys are kept much alive.

Where have some of these girls been keeping themselves prior to this season? One of the most remarkable is Gerry Maechia, Sprague Keys. Gerry started with an 81.0 average and has steadily climbed to her present 93.14 which is one of the highest reached this season. Christmas may have left most of us tired and rusty but Sidney Morin, Sprague Keys, proved to be otherwise by setting 121 the highest single string score. Joan Blanchette is the Secretary for the League. She records all scores and averages and keeps them in good order.

The Marshall Street plant appears to be the most sport-minded gang in the League. The League is split thus: five teams from Marshall: four from Brown; and one from the Beaver.

MEN'S LEAGUE

The Men's Bowling League meets two nights a week with six teams playing on Wednesday evening and six teams playing on Thursday evening. The League is split thus: five teams from Marshall: four from Brown; and one from the Beaver.

The enthusiasm of the Men's League is stiff and they really mean business. It is each man for his team.

Though married, single, young or old, when the alleys echo S-T-R-I-K-E every strategic effort becomes and is physically and mentally worthwhile!...
Basketball Round-up

By TINY MANCINI

January 4th was the opening day of the Northern Berkshire Basketball League. Pittsfield High, with six returning veterans, is the favored team of the season. Adams, led by Bob Eichorn and Tom Horn will be their chief nemesis. Drury is the favored team of the season.

Drury started off with a fast game and now with its 34-50 defeat which opened the Northern Berkshire Basketball League pennant race.

Drury started off with a fast game having a 13-9 score at the end of the first period. For Adams it was tough shooting, especially by little Tom Horn who dropped in four for four which kept them in the game.

Continuing their hot pace throughout the second period and at one time enjoying a 15 point spread, Adams picked up with a scoring spurt of their own which narrowed the gap at halftime to 26-18.

In the third period, the Blue-Devils kept Adams reeling with their blistering shooting. Walt Dupel and Mark Cramer departed via the personal foul route. Adams, clinging to their most effective attack, eventually scored into a brief lead which Drury tied at 50. With just one minute remaining, Big Charlie Mattimore dunked in the winning basket which was followed by two successful foul shots by Captain Dave Orr.

It was a great team victory for Drury and a heartbreaker for Adams, who despite a lack of height, fought gallantly.

Down The Trail

"To ski upon cold powder snow—yo-ho-ho!" That's all that a man needs to know!

And the above is really true. Ask any dyed-in-the-wood skier and you'll always get the affirmative answer.

Non-skiers usually agree that enthousiasts of this exciting sport are slightly different from normal human beings. They cannot imagine what magnetic force draws an ever increasing number of people to the open slopes.

The only way for these uninformed persons to find out what charm and appeal skiing holds, is to try it themselves.

First of all get the equipment. By going to the stores which you have to go out and spend oodles of money on new boots, skis, etc. Ask around and obtain second hand equipment. Don't buy new until you are sure that you're going to enjoy the sport.

Next, be yourself to a skiing area. In our vicinity, there are many, thank goodness! There are numerous trails and slopes for the beginners and that's where you should go. Get the feeling of skiing. Don't go to the expert trails, practically speaking you will say, "Skiing is for me!" Stay where you belong, where you think your skis are under control.

Once you have advanced and have the basic fundamentals of skiing, and only then, should you attempt the more difficult trails. If you wait until then, you will have confidence in yourself and therefore will not be a hindrance on the mountain.

On this page we have pictures taken at Dutch Hill—the nearest ski area to North Adams.

We are surrounded by some of the most potential ski areas in the East. Take advantage of these opportunities afforded you!
Here are members of the Round Midget Assembly Department of Marshall Street at their Christmas Party which was held at the Red Bird Restaurant in Adams. Shown here are two teams with the best scores: Peggy Daub and Idla Chilson.

Betty Tomtovany was the only lucky deer hunter in our Department. This year she shot a 125-pound doe in Charlestown. How you win, Norma Skorupski’s jingle bells; Dora Gaul ette in pin curls on a day of the party; the Solvessors on Friday, Elizabeth Bouse; Rose Lancto and Clara Cattetti pick up when they go on a shopping spree; George Ross when candy is being passed around; pictures of Kay O’Conner’s grandson; the red noses and gnomes on those who return on lunch time; Clara Perro’s hair cut; it looks cute on you, Clara; Vi Bona’s little monkey; Theresa Burns’s collection of coffee cups; those happy faces when the Christmas bonus was passed out; Idla Chilson after a party. She needed a toothpick to keep her eyes opened after the Christmas cme; Mae Haas was over the moon while rocking Midge Valotta eating her bananas every day; Helen Roe’s cute blouses; the latest fad in earrings? Everyone talking about no one else but J. Wesley Ford convertibles and can still afford to buy; don’t forget the Master of Ceremonies, Mr. James Thomas, who was former-

Marlite Demo received a hope chest and now she is busy getting things to put into it. John Winant took his vacation on the Mississippi River. He talked to us—A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Bob Lamore in the recent loss of his wife.

We had our annual Christmas Party on December 9. It was held at the American Legion in North Adams. We had a grand time and we wish to extend our thanks to those who made all of the arrangements for the party. We also wish to thank Lena Duchene of Cover Assembly in all hope that you will be feelin’ good when you get back with us again. If any one has noticed Helen going to and from the window, they have no need to fear. She hears the wind and snow in her ear. She lives in constant fear that she will not be able to do anything in the morning or at night. Dot Whitehead was in North Adams for New Year’s. She wishes her many friends a Very Happy New Year.

Pictured here is Peggy Daub, seated, head of the word processing in the Round Midget Assembly Department at Marshall Street.

Round Midget Assembly by Frances Kordana

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For three days, Monday the 27th through Wednesday the 29th of December, Jeannette Krzeminski was in a world all over herself. It couldn’t have been because her husband Danny was home on leave, could it, Jeannette? Now we have Marie Roy with the same gleam. Marie’s husband Al was home on leave from Friday the 31st of December through Thursday the 5th of January. FLASH—Japan calling! John Roberts, husband of Florence Harris, “Jo” Lamberti, Irene Dubreuil in the recent loss of his wife. Always thinking of her alma mater, our company held its annual Christmas Party on December 21 at the Taconic Park. Before leaving, Jo received a new beige fur coat, a brown sharkskin coat and a new house-warming. Upon her arrival, Agnes was surprised and thrilled to find that the high school band was there to meet her. If any of you readers care to hear more, just when you finished this is going to be a floor-warming party. Don’t forget to invite all of us, Lidiya! Everyone received a house-warming in a nice time welcoming in the New Year. Hope you too all had a nice time.

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Ceramics by Mildred Mativi

Now that the holiday season is over, everyone can settle down and relax. Our Christmas Party was held at Pete Diinks. Everyone who attended had a very nice time. Congratulations to Ida Gagliotti and Louis Ross, who have been made Supervisors on their time. Welcome to all the new girls in our Department. Hope you will enjoy working with us. . . . Julia Martin and Millie Mativi enjoyed their vacations. Olivia Pellitteri was surprised recently when she was given a house-warming. She received lovely gifts for her new home. . . . The Master of Ceremonies, Mr. James Thomas, who was former-

Employe and Community Relations by Harry Pat Riley

Welcome is extended to Kay Sudliff who joined us recently. Kay is replacing Joe Brossaude who left to work in White Plains, New York. Before leaving, Joe presented Kay with a leather purse, a skin bag and a pair of white skin gloves. All we miss very much but are glad that Kay is here with us. Hope you like working with us Kay, because we like having you here. Our Christmas Party was held on December 21 at the Taconic Park. Robert C. Sprague, Jr., William J. Daniel, I. J. Chilson and Al Purington were there to help us celebrate. Everyone received a present from the General Electric Company. We send our thanks to Mr. Sprague, and to Mr. Nolan. Snook dinners were served, singing and dancing were enjoyed and all in all, a grand time was had by everyone. Santa Claus was very good to all of us this year bringing us just what we wanted. Jane Morris has a real bright sparkler on her third finger, left hand.

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Executive Offices by Susan Cangro

Miss Avery spent Christmas week end in Boston visiting with her family. Mr. and Mrs. John Hartigan spent the Christmas weekend in New York City and on Long Island with their family. Mrs. Andrea Benonie of F. P. Drys visited her daughter 7 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Benonie of F. P. Drys at our North Carolina Plant during the week of December 20. Everyone had a good time and we wish a Happy New Year to everyone.

Dry Tubular Finish by Marge Hauptfleisch

We held our Christmas Party with Department 508 at the American Legion in Adams on December 22. Everyone is still talking about it. We are looking forward to another good time soon and hope for a trip to Bar Harbor. We express our best wishes to Helen LeSage’s son, Rene, who fell in a hole in back of the Dowlin Block and broke his back. He is a student at the University of Massachusetts.

Where is he? Little Bobby Cane and little Bobby Boul are the nickname of the Alice Laviere of the Metal Clad Depart. It seems as though we have all resolved to do a better job in the future. The Department wishes to express its appreciation to the Pitney General Hospital. Beverly’s Christmas was made more cheerful by the load of presents and games. Jane Dufresne and Carol Dellaghelfa were in charge of arrangements.

Cut's and cuddly is Dawn Bonenhe, 7 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Benonie of F. P. Drys in Scarlett who plans to marry John Friberg. Gifts were exchanged. Everyone is ready for another party. It was nice having the girls leaving but we do hope that it won't be long before they are with us again. We have all resolved to do a better job in the future. It seems as though we have all indulged more than we should have in these past few weeks. We welcome our new Desk Clerk, Millie Borstel. We hope you will enjoy working with us.

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Wire Costing by Betty Jangrove

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