The Operating Story In 1954

Here, in tabular form, is the story of your Company’s operating record for the year 1954. You will note that the total revenues we received during the period was $42,549,021, which is smaller than that reported for 1953.

Once again the largest single item of cost to the Company is reflected in the wages and salaries paid to our employees during 1954—a figure in excess of 17 million dollars. The table below shows the various other items of cost which your Company must meet in order to do business.

Of particular significance is the large sum of nearly 2 million dollars which Sprague Electric has reinvested in plant expansion, equipment, and working capital to keep us in the lead of our fast-moving industry and to provide us all with greater job stability and opportunity.

Total Income $42,549,021

Paid for Raw Materials, power, fuel and other purchased items and services 16,435,013

Available for the balance of the needs of the business and used as follows: 26,114,008

Wages and Salaries 17,100,169

Taxes 4,497,263

Wear and Tear and Amortization 1,060,252

Interest on Borrowed Money 122,416

Dividends to Stockholders 1,346,862

Reinvested in Plant Expansion, inventories, Working Capital and other needs of the business 1,986,546

Employment Averaged 5,000 During 1954

Average weekly employment at Sprague Electric during 1954 was approximately 5,000, according to the annual report. This figure is slightly less than the average figure for the year 1953, and reflects the lower level of business activity prevailing generally throughout the industry during much of the year. The incidence of employees with long service at Sprague Electric continued to grow during the year, and the ranks of the Quarter Century Club increased from eight to 12.

Additionally, we now have with us 163 employees with more than 20 years of service; 914 employees with 15 or more years; 917 employees with 10 or more years; and a large group of 1,687 employees who have marked their fifth anniversary of service to the Company. Among the highlights of the year in the field of Employes and Community Relations, the annual report notes, were several Open House and Family Day events held last summer and fall, and the continued expansion of our employee training programs.

Research Work Expanded in 1954

Expansion aimed at maintaining Sprague Electric’s leadership was the keynote of activities in our research and development facilities during 1954. During the year the scope and competence of the Research and Engineering Division was again enhanced by the addition of new personnel. We now have more than 200 persons in Research and Engineering as such, while 250 additional technically trained personnel are engaged in the functions of specifications engineering, drafting, quality control and machine design.

Two of the chief aims of research and engineering in the components field have been, first, to develop miniaturized components without sacrificing performance and, second, to provide more dependable components with little, if any, increase in size or weight. Recently there has been added an additional goal—the development of components and materials which lend themselves to automatic or semi-automatic methods in the assembly of electronic end equipment.

Although operations generally were on a slightly reduced level from the previous period, the year 1954 was another in a long succession of satisfactory business years for the Company.

Total Income—the livelihood of the business—registered $42,549,021 during 1954 reflecting a moderate decline from the $46,929,212 which was reported during the record sales year of 1953.

The year as a whole was one of sound progress and preparation for the future. As in the past, good teamwork on the part of employees was an important ingredient in the year’s results.

Speaking for the Company, Messrs. Robert C. Sprague, Chairman of the Board and Treasurer; and Julian K. Sprague, President, have extended to the entire organization their grateful thanks and appreciation.

New Branches Active In 1954

Your Company made additional long strides in 1954 in the field of product diversification. Activities were stepped up at our several new branch manufacturing plants, with the aim of providing increased facilities throughout the Company for new products, greater opportunity for all and to better meet the challenge of a dynamic industry.

Our new plant for the manufacture of dry electrolytic capacitors in Ashe County, North Carolina, was completed in the spring of 1954. This plant was built in anticipation of a substantially larger demand for electrolytic capacitors by the makers of color television sets.

It began operating for training purposes in May and since October has been shipping capacitors direct to customers.

The leased plant of the Sprague Caribe Company at Ponce, Puerto Rico, also began operating during the year, producing molded plastic tubular capacitors for the radio-television industry.

Color television, it is anticipated, will require between two and three times as many components as black and white sets.

Nearing completion at the present time is the Company’s newest facility, a small plant in Venice, California, a suburb of Los Angeles, which will produce special components for the aircraft industry and will also house the Company’s West Coast sales office, stock rooms and a developmental laboratory. Ample land is available to meet the needs of the growing West Coast electronics industry.

They additionally have expressed in the firm’s Annual Report their conviction that the continuing efforts of the entire Sprague team will maintain and improve the Company’s position in the dynamic industries we serve.

The annual financial report states that income before Federal income taxes in 1954, reflecting somewhat lower average prices as well as increased expenses, amounted to $6,660,968, a reduction from the $9,604,981 profit registered for 1953.

As a result of materially reduced Federal income tax requirements, net profit after taxes for the year was $3,333,308. This compares with $2,888,281 in 1953. Figures for both years are subject to renegotiation.

The Company’s sales to the important radio-television market last year were moderately lower than in 1953, while sales of products for military applications approximated the 1953 level.

Intensely competitive conditions throughout the industry made necessary some price reductions which could not be entirely offset by cost reductions. At the same time, increased expenditures for new product development, as well as for the increasingly stringent engineering requirements in many new areas of commercial and military applications for Sprague components, resulted in somewhat higher operating expenses.

The management of your Company believes that such expenditures are necessary and essential to insure our further growth in the expanding electronic industry.

As a result of your Company’s technical leadership, a number of new markets are already beginning to open up. These new markets appear to offer unusual potentials for sustained growth over a period of many years to come, and hold the promise of greater job stability and opportunity.

The Company suffered a severe loss in the firm’s Annual Report its conventional stock. The entire Sprague team will maintain and improve the Company’s position in the dynamic industries we serve. The annual financial report states that income before Federal income taxes in 1954, reflecting somewhat lower average prices as well as increased expenses, amounted to $6,660,968, a reduction from the $9,604,981 profit registered for 1953. The annual financial report states that income before Federal income taxes in 1954, reflecting somewhat lower average prices as well as increased expenses, amounted to $6,660,968, a reduction from the $9,604,981 profit registered for 1953.
**New Products Portend Future Growth**

In addition to our new components for computers (whose story is related in the columns at the right,) Sprague Electric brought to fruition intensive development work on several products lines in 1954.

Among the more outstanding of these new investments in the future growth of our Company are:

- In the field of color television, a new series of high-voltage ceramic capacitors encapsulated in resin was introduced during the year for application in the various circuits of color receivers.
- Spramag® high-voltage resistors are another new line suited to color television sets and other cathode-ray equipment.
- For use with transistors, the Company's line of Tantalex® tantalum electrolytic capacitors, first introduced in 1953, was expanded to include ultra miniature units of unusual stability.
- These units are well suited for use in transistor hearing aids and military amplifiers where their small size is important. These units, measuring only one-eighth by five-sixteenths of an inch, are the smallest electrolytic capacitors made.
- Still another type of high-quality miniature Tantalex units was designed for telephone applications such as long-distance direct dialing and automatic billing systems. Hermetically sealed Tantalex units to withstand wide variations in temperature and severe vibration were also added to the line.

For general-purpose alternating current applications, the Clirnol® line of rugged leak-proof capacitors was introduced.

This outline of a generalized airplane is intended to suggest the electronic tube and component requirements of a large military airplane, although no one actual plane would precisely correspond to this outline in terms of sales, development and job opportunity for the employes of the Company.

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**Why as Much as Half the Cost of a Modern Military Airplane Is Represented by Its Electronic Equipment**

**FLIGHT PLANNING**

- Automatic flight plan computer: electronic tac computer.
- Typical Requirements:
  - Tubs: 2,000
  - Capacitors and resistors: 20,000

**NAVIGATION**

- Approach indicators, electronic landing system, glide slope receiver, radio compass, gyro compass.
- Typical Requirements:
  - Tubs: 800
  - Capacitors and resistors: 8,000

**MIDDLE DIRECTION**

- Missile control radio.
- Typical Requirements:
  - Tubs: 1,000
  - Capacitors and resistors: 30,000

**OBSERVATION**

- Identification friend or foe radar, search radar, fire control, search radar, radio compass, radar target locators.
- Typical Requirements:
  - Tubs: 3,000
  - Capacitors and resistors: 60,000

Electrolytic component requirements vary with the application, but in the case of opportunistic spares:

- Capacitors and resistors available.

**GUN FIRE CONTROL**

- Radar fire control, motor turret control.
- Typical Requirements:
  - Tubs: 200
  - Capacitors and resistors: 4,000

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

- Universal camera control.
- Typical Requirements:
  - Tubs: 100
  - Capacitors and resistors: 1,500

**PLANE POWER AND CONTROL**

- Motors for compressors, pumps, control systems, mechanical actuators, hydraulics, jet ignition systems.
- Typical Requirements:
  - Tubs: 200
  - Capacitors and resistors: 1,500

**COMMUNICATION**

- By radio to and from ground and other airplanes.
- Typical Requirements:
  - Tubs: 200
  - Capacitors and resistors: 1,500

Sprague, as one of the largest manufacturers of components, is a major supplier of capacitors, resistors and filters used in military aircraft.
March 1955

Sprague Electric
Active In
Engineer’s Week

While the average person views engineers inирука with a ‘What’s in it for me’ mentality, perhaps one should consider his neighborhood engineer as just another of the lunch-bucket brigade. To acquaint the public with the importance of engineering to everyday life, and to interest young persons in making engineering their career, the National Society of Professional Engineers sponsored a National Engineer’s Week from February 20th to February 26th.

The local chapters of the various engineering societies participated in the observance. At the offices of the James Lilly Company, North Adams issued a proclamation. The proclamation pointed out the contributions to the engineering field to the comfort, health, safety, and general living standard of our country. Some local industries contributed displays to illustrate the great technical advances in the fields of construction, communication, transportation, sanitation, manufacturing, mining, chemistry and power, which are due in large measure to the skill, resourcefulness and devotion of engineers. One display was placed in the North Adams Public Library, another was placed in the Pittsfield High School.

by Herbert Hafner

It, upon entering the General Sal-

gage Building at Brown Street some-
day, you are greeted with a friendly

and a big hello, it may well be

Hafner, (better known as Hal).

He’ll show you ‘round the building and

tell you the interesting story of how all

the waste from the production lines is

sent for reuse.

Hafner has been with the General Sal-
gage Department ever since it was

originated by Charles Wilson. He was

appointed Supervisor of the Depart-

ment on March 23, 1953. And he has

been a faithful LOG reporter since

July of that same year.

In talking with Hal, we find that he’s

a very busy man outside of work, too,

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tioned above have resulted in an ever
increasing need for new engineers. At
the present time we are training 25,000
a year as compared with 60,000
a year in Russia. It is necessary, there-
fore, to interest an increasing number
of young people in the engineering profes-
sion.

Our nation is going places and
to do same, we spend about nine
billion dollars a year for auto vacations,
another was placed in the Boston Bank
for the balance of 1957. Mr. Sprague
also has been designated as Deputy
Chairman of the Board of the Boston
Bank.

The Boston Federal Reserve Bank is
one of 12 throughout the United States.
Each Bank has nine Directors, who are
responsible for the conduct of the Reserve
Bank in the public interest, though
subject to the supervision of the Board
of Governors in Washington, D.C.

Each of the 12 Banks is designed to
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nation-wide banking and credit policies.

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dertaken for the government, both
at the Federal and State level.

Arthur G. Connolly

The new Director is a member of the
Delaware State Board of Bar Examin-
ers and was formerly Executive As-
sistant Director of Patents for E. I.
du Pont de Nemours and Company. A
native of Boston, Massachusetts, he is
a graduate of the Massachusetts In-
stitute of Technology and the Harvard
Law School.

Mr. Connolly is a member of the bars
of Delaware, Massachusetts, and the
District of Columbia. He is also a
member of the American Bar Associa-
tion, the Delaware State Bar Asso-
ciation, the New York Patent Law
Association, and the Philadelphia Pat-
ent Law Association.

A nation of people going places and
enjoying it, with the time and where-
fulness to do so, we spend about nine
billion dollars a year for auto vacations,
the American Automobile Association
estimates. This includes all expenses,
such as gas, oil, hotels, meals, etc. And
the travel agencies, car-renters, rail-
roads, airlines and buses are doing
right well, too.

R. C. Sprague

Given Reserve Bank Post

Because it never rains but it pours,
Mr. Connolly will fill the un-
expected left by the resignation of
James Lilly

Election of Arthur G. Connolly, of
Wilmington, Delaware, to the Board of
Directors of the Sprague Electric
Company has been announced by
Robert C. Sprague, Chairman of the
Board. Mr. Connolly will fill the un-
expected term at the late George B.
Dow.

Senior partner in patent work in the
electronics field, Mr. Connolly has an
intimate knowledge of activities in the
electronics industry.

Another important government as-
signment has been the naming of
Robert C. Sprague, Founder, Chairman
of the Board and Treasurer. Mr. Sprague
has been named a Chairman of the
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. The
appointment is effective immediately
and runs to December 31, 1957. Mr.
Sprague also has been designated as
Deputy Chairman of the Board of the
Boston Bank for the balance of 1955.

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Happy Birthday!

February 2 — Isabelle Richardson 6—Eleanor Abusi 23—Rita English 11—Marie Roy
8—Lena Kerr 6—Margaret Bernard 6—Eleanore Abusi
2—Millie Kawa 2—Norma LaBrie 6—Alice Moncecchi
2—Rita Kawa 22—Jeanne Murphy 6—Margaret Bernard
12—Helen Goodermote 21—Lillian Adams 6—Alice Moncecchi
14—Jerry Gamari 11—Olympia Catelotti 6—Mildred Lepak
16—Charles Lincoln 16—Rocco Vigna 7—Nancy Gould
18—Albert Giroux 17—Lorraine Demo 7—Nancy Gould
20—Jennie Garceau 17—Jan LaPrairie 6—Eleanor Lepak
22—Ronald Morse 18—Dorothy Uphart 11—Olympia Catelotti
23—Robert Sheehan 20—Jeanne Murray 9—Ida Scaia
23—George Remillard 23—Joanne Aragose 9—Kenneth Martin
24—Josephine Aragose 23—Ronald Morse 6—Leonard Lavenol
24—Joanne Aragose 23—George Remillard 8—Lena Kerr
25—Dolly Girouk 22—Robert Sheehan 6—Alice Moncecchi
25—Tony Sabba 20—Jeanne Murray 6—Eleanor Lepak
25—Terry Adams

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In connection with National Engineer’s Week, a TV Panel Discussion
was held over station WMGT on Friday Evening, February 25th, bringing
guests from fields in such as Bruce Crane, Governor’s Councilor and President
of Crane and Company; Robert L. Gibson, Vice President and General Manager of
Chemical and Metallurgical Division of General Electric; Robert C. Sprague, Founder,
Chairman of the Board and Treasurer of the Company; and, William S.
Ginn, General Manager, Transformer Division of General Electric.

Second Annual LOG
Fishing Contest

Calling All Fishermen. The Ninth
Annual LOG Fishing Contest will be
commencing soon. Gather your gear
so that you’ll be ready on opening day.
The Massachusetts season opens April
16, the New York season on April 9
and the Vermont season on May 1.
Prizes this season will again include
twelve gift certificates—one for each of
the classes—and each certificate will be
worth $100 in merchandise at a North
Adams sporting goods store. In addi-
tion, there will be a blind prize. Judges
will again be from the three sporting
goods stores in North Adams. The
season, will run through the third week
in October. Closing date on October 15.
Rules of the contest will be the same as
those of last year’s contest.

So we repeat, Calling All Fishermen.
The time is drawing near.

The Unexpected

by John Davis, Assistant Editor.

Submitted for the LOG’s Feature Story Contest.

It all started that day in mid-July.
I was fighting for my very life. Many

times before I had felt the stinging
bites of the cold steel in my jaw, but
each time I had managed to free myself.
This time I knew that there was no
hope. I was fighting for my very life. Many

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each time I had managed to free myself.
This time I knew that there was no
hope.
I was just a fingering and I recall
the hazards of life as they were in this
river. Of how I had to be ever on
the alert for larger members of my

own family who would just as soon
deavor me as to look at me. I recall how it
felt as I reached up into the insect. With
gaping jaws, I had taken him into my
mouth only to find that he was arti-

cial and I had spit him out none to
soon. Then there was that horrible
day when I was caught in a land locked
pool, and, in desperation to leap
over an almost unsurmountable barrier
to get back to the fresh free running
water. I had managed to survive all
these things—and many more, but now
all this was behind me. I was being
dragged closer and closer to shore. I
must not be taken! I must make one
last desperate bid to make myself free.
So, I dove with all my might to the
depths, and I made a bid for the bottom
of the pool, and, after maniacally
struggling for some time, I made
to the river. And he gently slipped me
back into the water. Yes, I really know
the hazards of life in this river.

Herbert Hafner

for his home in Clarkesburg he and
Mrs. Hafner raise rabbits, a flock of
chickens, dogs—and even have a Polly
Parrot who has a vocabulary of sev-
enty-five words. (None of these being
swear words).

He raises and breeds Flemish Giant
Rabbits for market. At present he has
one weighing twenty-one pounds. He
has experimented with and perfect-

ed a strain which when ten weeks
old are dressed for market and weigh
two and a half pounds.

His hobby is fishing which you
probably already know, for last year he
won a prize in the LOG’s Annual Fishing
Contest. That’s off to a swell guy!
Paper Impregnation and Small Order Metal Clad
by Agnes Fitzgerald and Jane Paradise

Welcome to our new co-workers, Patricia LeBlanc and Evelyn Fletcher. We are glad to see Avis Hitchcock back on board for another year.当 the virus bug is around, we have to stay extra vigorous! If anyone has a cold or the flu, please notify the nurse for meditation and prayer.

Barbara clothes have been returned to us. We hope that you will be feeling well soon!!

Tina, Tina, Tina.

Dear Tina,

This is to let you know that we are going to be away for a few days. I hope that you will be able to manage without us.

Yours truly,

Patricia LeBlanc

Mica Department
by Ruth Bass and Sam Vince

We're the luckiest department going. We get the nicest people as co-workers. We refer, of course, to the newest Mica additions, Hazel Goddard, Betty Santa and Barbara Parent. The "Red Carpet" was spread last week to welcome back Bill Sweet, just discharged from the Army. Seems like old times to listen to the quiet one with his dry humor always on tap. This long, lean, laconic "yeardale" is a favorite of everyone. One of the brightest faces is missing these days, and it is truly missed. Elaine Lahontan, the atmosphere just isn't the same without your chuckle. Harry back. Our congratulations to Elizabeth Rey and Kenneth Gurney who will be married on April 30. Last Sunday, the ladies' committee went to Delavan to admire the tall buildings, but was glad to get back home. We still have Pat Boni to help. We are all back from the hospital and hope to be feeling well soon.

Industrial Oils Cover Assembly
by Isabel Withrow

Lettie Perris has returned from her two week trip to the southern states. While in Florida, Lettie and her husband went by plane. They enjoyed flying very much. Lettie has been enjoying her job in this department. She is always helpful and willing to help anyone. We all wish Pat Boni well and hope she is recovering quickly.

K VA Stockroom
by Steve Samia

Well to start off with, all of us in the stockroom are very glad to hear that Del Brozino's wife is in the hospital and has been doing well. She is to be discharged in a few days. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Vicky Bissell is a proud grand- daughter of Mrs. Davis Millatte, who works on the night shift in the Metal Clad Department. She wants to know what hair dresser he goes to... in a recent interview with the local newspaper. Vicky is a man of just 24 years of age and is married (sorry girls) and has one child. Ralph is a good natured fellow and if he could be of help to his fellow employees--just call on him. He is a very steady worker and very seldom misses a day at work. He looks like Alan Ladd.

Industrial Oil Rolling
by Erminia Sweeney

Vicky Bissell is a proud grand- daughter of Mrs. Davis Millatte, who works back after a bout with the "bug". The girls got together and we had a superb gathering of several of the girls. Ann Waling is back after a bout with the bug. Congratulations to Francis Paton, who was employed in Engineering and also to him and his son on winning honors at the recent ski jumping meet in New Hampshire.

Blanche Newlands, her son and husband also have had the virus. We extend our sympathies to Hazel Bass in the recent death of her father, John Bass.
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General Salvage by Herbert Hafner

Antonio Canino has returned to work after spending some time at the North Adams Hospital. He is feeling well again. Douglas Ostrander's wife, La- one, is at the North Adams Hospital recovering from a major operation. Hope she will be returning home soon.

Our sympathies are extended to Frank Jones in the recent loss of his sister, Sarah.

Network Dept. by Mae O'Neill and Irene Pidgeon

One of the nicest girls in the Net- works Department has left us and is now working in the Filter Department at the Marshall Street plant. We sure will miss her and hope you your new job. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new LOG representative who will now be my "partner" in crime. Rose Walczak is a proud grandmother of a new baby girl. Welcome back to Evelyn Martin who has been out on vacation. Now that our good friend and spirit lady Peggy Greene is no longer with us, I will try to keep you all informed on the latest events.

The most outstanding event of this quar- ter was when one of the high bowlers of the company broke the old 7 string. What happened Dan? Work it out before bowling! Cheer up, the girls have had bad ones too.

shown here are Lucy (age 1) and Mathew (age 3) Peterson, children of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Peterson. Richard is an engineer in Test Equipment.

Industrial Oils Final Assembly by Charles Felix

The welcome mat goes out this month to two young men from the Armed Forces. Griffin Davis is back with the gang again after two and one half years in the U. S. Navy. John was working for Al Gunst in the stockroom when he joined the navy. He said, "I think it's great to be on dry land again." Welcome back to both of you from the whole gang.

Everyone is happy to see Beanie Para- due back at work after her operation.

Other than that news. Who had to take the week off recently due to illness. The reason for that extra happy look on Germaine Maliveau these days is be- cause her daughter Charlotte was chosen for the D.A.R. Good Citizen award at the Adams High School. We're hoping that she'll also win the Good Citizen state award. Spring is in the air and Louie Lillie is getting ready to set out his strawberry plants. A good crop and Louis will be smoking cigars again. Smoking of cigars, Tom Doyle has given up cigarettes for Lent and has joined the cigar smokers club. His partner, John Carey is pres- ident of the club. We are sorry to lose Harry Logan but wish him the best of luck on his new job upstairs. Get a staff and we extended to Donald Jones who is recovering from a recent operation.

Molded Tubular Section Solder by Amilis Kaza

It is nice to see Gert La Sounin and Rose Gretner back at work. They have been out with the virus. If while at work just keep listening you'll find the different conversations among the people most interesting. We are very surprised to see the variations in general. The most popular topic is Food! Comparing the meals they prepare for supper or week ends, different recipes and so on. Now, the news that each read in the papers or heard the night before. Luckily, we have an ardent reader of the papers. She is no other than Alice Bard and she is ready and eager to convey the latest. Lately the trend is towards dieting—each counting the calories they have consumed and the weight lost, Believe me, the results have been very satisfactory. Alice Bard, Mary Goodmer and Ruth Richmond sure do have will power. It shows, girls! Then we have the "dreamers," no one enthralled! Here and there you hear—Oh! I wish I had a million dollars, then the elaboration of where and how it would be spent, OH! How I wish I could go to Florida or California. This too was heard frequently, especially because we haven't decided where to go on vacation this year. We are not sure if we are going to Florida or California. This year we are going to see some of the old girls coming back. The welcome mat is extended to Vera Davie and Sue Follans. Rena Brannard is among the proud television owners. She can now get in on the soap opera dis- cussions. Dora Barnes has been out sick with a cold. Take care of yourself, Dora and hurry back! Florence Clements has been trying out all the jobs on the line; have you found the job for you as yet? . . . Sylvia Beaudin recently spent a week end in Beverly, Mass. visiting her daughter and family . . . Irene Serventi is in a hurry for Spring so that she can get back to Savoy and start her planting. Mel- wood Downs has been given the title "The pest of the line".

Our sincerest sympathies are ex- tended to Ida Cimone on the recent loss of her husband.

Pulse Transformers by Alice Green and Lena Karr

Cora Morandi enjoyed the Ice Follies in Boston on February 20. Mary Sweeney has been counting the days and hoping for good weather so that she can spend the week end of March 12 in Fairfield, Connecticut with her daughter and family. Marlene Clarke's husband is due to be dis- charged from service at the end of the week of April . . . It's so nice having you back. Helen Wanger, we did miss you! Washington's Birthday was celebrated by a limited few who put their book on calendars aside and en- joyed themselves on pizza, cake, pie and candy. No mention yet of the pounds that were gained. Louise Fosur is back with us after being out with the virus two weeks.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Ida Cimone in the recent death of her husband.

Paper Rolling by Mary Messier

Gladys Moreski and Mabel Ther- saft are back to work after spending two wonderful weeks in Florida. While there, they visited several points of interest. We thank them both very much for the grapefruit and oranges that were shipped to our department while they were away. Rose Bard enter- tained a group of girls at her home re- cently. We had a lovely time, Rose.

The Hermansen family, Lee, Jean, Jim and Mary Ellen, spent a week's vaca- tion in Las Vegas, Nevada with the 96th Maintenance group. John Brookes has returned after four years in the U. S. Navy. John was working for Al Gunst in the stockroom when he joined the navy. He said, "It's great to be on dry land again." Welcome back to both of you from the whole gang . . . Everyone is happy to see Beanie Para- due back at work after her operation.

When Georgia Mae Joy is absent there's news. Who had to take the week off recently due to illness. The reason for that extra happy look on Germaine Maliveau these days is be- cause her daughter Charlotte was chosen for the D.A.R. Good Citizen award at the Adams High School. We're hoping that she'll also win the Good Citizen state award. Spring is in the air and Louie Lillie is getting ready to set out his strawberry plants. A good crop and Louis will be smoking cigars again. Smoking of cigars, Tom Doyle has given up cigarettes for Lent and has joined the cigar smokers club. His partner, John Carey is pres- ident of the club. We are sorry to lose Leo Fillo who has joined the staff in the Tabulating Department. We don't want to lose him but Leo can really play that big "ball fiddle." The Pay- roll Tabulating and Factory Account- ing Departments extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Louis R. Larsen on the recent death of her mother . . . Ruth Yatter, Carol Cooper, "JU" Lambert, Agnes McDonough and your reporter enjoyed seeing the Ice Follies at the Boston Garden on February 28. From all reports, a grand time was had by all. Phyllis Welch has returned to work being joined by the girl in the department who you back "Phyl!" . . . The Supper Club group is looking forward to the day when they can sit around a round table. The group has gathered. Now the girls haven't yet decided if we should charter a bus or not. We're concentrating on a lovely and busy girl now that the wedding date approaches. You'd better hurry Shirley, April 6 is the deadline.

Filters by Marjorie Richer and Betty Fleury

Hello again! You certainly can tell Spring is coming by the "Spring Clean- ing" that is going on in this depart- ment. The Filters will be a wonderful place to work in when it's all done. Another sign of Spring is noticeable. All we hear is "Fishing season opens soon." Songs currently popular in the
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Employe and Community Relations

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Sales Office

by Jane Delisle

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Shown here is Robert E. Mazzanini, two month old son of Emiliano and Toina Mazzani. Toina formally worked in the F. P. Owens Department.

Field Engineering

by Christine Andrews

Barbara Lohrbeck was hostess at a dull farewell dinner at Heartwell Lodge, March 2 for Virginia Wilson and Peggy Rondot who were both stenotypes to Dr. Lohrbeck’s office. Virginia sailed on March 7 on the United States for Germany to join her soldier husband. Her gift was a purse of money. Peggy is now a dental assistant in Williams-town and her gift was a stunning avacado calfskin handbag and white pig-skin gloves. While we were enjoying our party a young blazer ragged out outside but when we returned to Nick Adams, nary a snowflake had fallen. No wonder our Stardustees are such highly desirable humans. They are very literal people, too, when on a sign the most literal people, too, when on a sign that means... Jo Noel’s daughter, Patty, was admitted to Shriners Children’s Hospital for Surgery. Her therapy treatments will be extensive and she will be there some months. I am sure all of us here in the Labs who know Patty and admire her courage and lovely personality will want to send her cards and messages of cheer to help her get well. Patty’s address is 516 Carew Street, Springfield, Mass.

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Jane Meriden, Connecticut. Stafford and Ivis Lewis are the proud owners of a beautiful new home in South Hadley. We wonder who will get the first scratch on the foyer. Now that the baby is with us for home. Mary Scia will be very happy. It doesn't take long does it, Mary? Have Don and Mary been busy with the baby. We will miss you Mary. We all wish you the very best. We hope you get back to your old routine as a secretary. We wish you every success.

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We understand that Jack Silvia and Lillian Boyer is having quite a time with his sincerity. We had rushed through a particular order, because the question mark was on the order. "E" For Excellence

May we nominate a Sprague personal- ity for a "Bell" because of his excellent effervescence. We don't know him personally, but during World War II and another . . . .

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Basketball Roundup... by TINY MANCINI

Adams High, in quest of its first championship since 1952, ran into two straight upsets recently, both at the hands of a Pittsfield team. Thinking they had the title all wrapped up, the Berkshire League were rudely upset by both Pittsfield Teams, thus forcing the League into a playoff for the second straight year. Last year, Pittsfield High defeated Drury in a playoff to win the title.

Playing the good neighbor role, the Foxes dealt Adams a 61-37 defeat which not only broke Adams eight game winning streak but ignited St. Joseph’s to a 63-52 upset victory over the Hurricanes. Adams has now lost five straight games at the Pittsfield Armory. Their last win was in the middle of the ‘52 season when they defeated St. Joseph’s in a playoff.

If second string player could be singled out for individual honor it is Billy Gardiner, a St. Joseph’s Freshman center. Besides helping to hold Bob Eichorn, Adams ace scorer, to a measly 9 points, he scored 29 points himself—a truly great performance!

ODDS AND ENDS
Pittsfield’s sudden surge back to a leading power in the Northern Berkshire League after a very dismal first half season showing, could be traced to the return of Chris Gibson to his early season form. Chris missed most of the first half due to a virus attack and didn’t recover until the start of the second half. The Foxes raced through the second half unaided, winning six straight games. Chris, besides playing a tremendous floor game, found time to score double figures in all six games. In five of them he ended up as Pittsfield’s leading scorer. This is the main reason for the Foxes sudden reversal of form!

Here is an interesting fact: Three of the best players in the Northern Berkshire League are Fred LaFave, Bob Eichorn and Billy Gardiner. These boys could undoubtedly play regularly with any team in Western Massachusetts.

Tom Horn, one of Adams guards, just doesn’t seem to tire. Tom finishes each game just as strong as when he started. If there was an award for the best conditioned athlete, Tom would get one vote!

Drury could boast of the circuit top rebounder in their sophomore guard Johnny Allen. John leads his own club in rebound and rates among the best in the Northern Berkshire League.

For the first time in many seasons, St. Joseph’s of North Adams has earned the respect of the League in the Northern Berkshire League. Despite their 2-10 record, St. Joseph’s has one of the smoothest teams in the League. Their passing and spirit has been the talk of the circuit. In Chuck Radcliffe and Brent Marlow they can boast two outstanding ballplayers. Lack of height is their downfall. Regardless of this fact, they still made all their opposition hustle. Imagine St. Joseph’s with Fred LaFave! They would have been a red hot pennant contender!!

Drury, suffering their poorest season in many years, can look forward to better days. Next year, Mark Cameron and Johnny Allen, along with a group of capable reserves will be returning for another season of varsity ball. Adams has Eichorn, Horn and Clark for next year. The rest of the circuit will be hard hit by graduation.

Tom Horn of Adams, Red Navin of Pittsfield and George Gallagher of St. Joseph’s are three of the classiest ball-handlers and set-up men in the Northern Berkshire League. Each has the assignment of setting up their team plays plus they are depend- on for high scoring. When it comes to defense they are all pillars of strength.

Who’s Who?
First Place Tie—St. Joseph’s (Pittsfield) and Adams High
Best Offense Team—Adams
Best Defense Team—Pittsfield
Biggest Upset—St. Joseph’s North Adams defeating Pittsfield 38-37
Longest Winning Streak—Adams 8 straight
Longest Losing Streak—St. Joseph’s North Adams 10 Straight
Biggest Disappointment—Pittsfield, 1st half showing
Comeback of the year—Pittsfield

Robert Potter, Assistant Manager of Training for Sprague Electric is shown attending a basketball game. With him is G. C. Sprague Jr., Vice President of Sprague Electric. In the background is Sprague Electric's Associate Director of Personnel, E. J. Osgood.

John Hartigan, Head of Expense Costs Department, greets Mr. Gerald T. Gardner of the Greeley Faculty. Second from left is Mrs. Gardner, Greeley Faculty and Miss Barbara Losher and Louis DiStaso of the Drury Faculty who will accompany Drury students when they go to Greeley.

The tour was arranged by the Employee and Community Relations Dept.

30 Greeley, Colorado High students and 30 Drury students were taken on a guided tour throughout the Marshall Street plant on March 15th, as part of the Greeley students’ week visit to North Adams under the student exchange program.

Pitted against two of the varsity All-Stars of the Berkshire League are Francis Noel, Drury; Barbara Crocker, Drury, George Rosen,...