A Christmas Message

With the close of the year 1956, the Sprague Electric Company has joined the ranks of those few companies which have been able to stay in operation for more than 30 years.

That we have reached this significant milestone is due in no small part to the fine efforts and cooperation of our employees. This spirit will do much, we are sure, to help us continue our leadership in engineering, manufacturing and selling electrical and electronic components in the years ahead.

The year 1956 has been a busy one at Sprague Electric, marked by a high level of production and sales volume, but it has also been a year of increased competition in the industry. This highly competitive climate has meant reduced net profits to your Company.

Through a program of "consolidation", successfully carried out during the year and with the cooperation of our employees, we have been able to improve our operating efficiency in recent months. However, we need to make continued gains in efficiency, as well as to develop and market new products. Among the steps taken during the year was our entry into the manufacture of transistors, and the expansion of our tantalum, magnets, and industrial oil department, steps taken to insure that Sprague Electric will retain its leadership as a manufacturer of basic components.

We have also laid the groundwork for expanding our sales in the important European market through the purchase of a controlling interest in a small capacitor manufacturing company in Marseilles, France.

To you all we extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks for your fine efforts. We wish for all of you and your families, a most Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

Chairman of the Board

December 1956

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC COMPANY


1004th Military Intelligence Needs You!

If you are an Army reserve officer who has just moved to this area, you are invited to join the army reserve training unit holding training sessions in Northern Berkshire, as a means of acquiring credits for retention in the reserves and for ultimate retirement benefits.

The unit is the 1004th Military Intelligence Company which meets on the first Monday evening of a month in Room B of Sexton Hall, the Williams College Library, in Williamstown.

There are two other army reserve units in this area. Companies B of North Adams and Company C of Williamstown, 376th Infantry regiment, 94th (Reserve) Division, but they are elements of a larger organization.

The Judge in the case is appointed by the Chief Justice; the appointment schedule is drawn in December for the following year, so that each Judge knows he will be sitting annually throughout the year. Each Judge has a stenographer who is appointed by the Chief Justice's secretary, and the stays with the Judge until the session is completed.

There are thirty-two Judges for the Superior Court in the State. At the beginning of every season there is an invitation by a member of the church to which the Judge belongs. There are four sessions a year, two criminal sessions; one held in January and one in July. Two civil sessions, one held in April and one in October.

The Judge has the power of excusing a jurist from duty. Illness, occupation, age, position, such as police officer, doctor, clergy, lawyer, etc., are excused. If a jurist is challenged, he will be excused. This is the case in every session.

If a jurist is called to serve, he then has the option to serve the three more years. After a jurist has served his three years, he is not asked to serve for three more years. After a jurist has served his three years, he is not asked to serve for three more years. After a jurist has served his three years, he is not asked to serve for three more years. After a jurist has served his three years, he is not asked to serve for three more years. After a jurist has served his three years, he is not asked to serve for three more years.
Frank Sprague - "who changed the face of virtually every city and town in the nation."

Frank Rossow Brown, Jr. has assembled some 300 pictures and 60,000 words in a new tribute in a mode of presentation which is fast becoming extinct in most parts of the nation, except for scattered museums.

"Trolley Car Treasure", published by McGraw-Hill Book Company is delightful reading but of most interest to it is what it has to say about Frank J. Sprague, inventor, and father of Robert C. Sprague, Chairman of the Board, and Julian K. Sprague, President of the Company.

Frank J. Sprague's name belongs with Edison's and Bell's as one of the wizards who helped usher in the age of electricity. According to the book, he not only "fathered the first practical city-wide trolley system, but also modern subway and elevated trains, automatic train-safety controls and high speed electric elevators."

The principal reason Frank Sprague did not obtain the fame accorded to others was that he did not demand "his name be identified with the products he had made possible."

Mr. Rossow devotes an entire chapter to Frank Sprague, tracing his life from the time he was a sixteen year old mathematical wizard about to enter the class of 1878 at Annapolis. The text covers his tour of duty in the Navy which included six months of "AOWC", later association with Edison at Menlo Park where he met Edison at Menlo Park where he met Edison for the first time. For every month that she delays her retirement after age 62 her benefit will be increased by 5/9 or 1 percent of the full amount.

"WIVES" — a wife of an individual who is receiving old-age insurance benefits may receive a wife's insurance benefit at age 62. The amount is a maximum of $81.40 per month or 75 percent of the primary benefit of the parent if fully insured and who died fully insured is entitled to old-age insurance benefits or who died fully insured is no longer eligible for benefits after reaching the age of 65. Starting next January 1st an individual covered by the Social Security Retirement Act will be eligible to receive the same benefit at age 65, which is 50 percent (maximum of $81.40 per month) of the primary benefit of the parent if living, or 75 percent (maximum of $61.40 per month) of such amount if the parent has died.

"DISABLED WORKER" — starting next July 1st an individual covered by social security who is totally disabled and 50 or older or younger will be eligible to receive disability benefits equal to the old age benefits he would get if he were 65. The maximum amount is $105.50 per month. Before he actually starts receiving payments he must furnish proof of his disability and that it has existed for at least six months and he must accept rehabilitation services or his benefits may be cut off.

"DEPENDENT CHILDREN" — presently a dependent child of an individual entitled to old-age insurance benefits or who died fully insured is no longer eligible for benefits after reaching the age of 18.

The newly enacted Social Security Amendments provide new benefits for disabled individuals. Two classes of persons will be eligible for these new benefits:

- Amended 1957. A child who is age 50 or more and meets the definition of "widow" may receive a "dependent widow's benefit" at age 60. Starting next July 1st an individual covered by the Social Security Retirement Act will be eligible to receive the same benefit at age 65, which is 50 percent (maximum of $81.40 per month) of the primary benefit of the parent if living, or 75 percent (maximum of $61.40 per month) of such amount if the parent has died.

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DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

General Salvage

by Harold Hopen

William Cooper, truck driver, recently took his vacation in Vermont. No luck. William Douglas also had a vacation in Vermont and New Hampshire. He came back empty handed also.

Thomas De Sante spent a week in New York City. He attended some shows. Walter Maynard is going to try to show up the other nimrods in our Dept. by getting a deer in Mass. Hope he has better luck.

Industrial Oil Cover

by Millicent D’Amelio

Congratulations to Barbara Cran dall who received her twenty year pin. Dwight DeSante, Our service man is having trouble these days getting his hand warmer already.

Dell, who received her twenty year pin. Congratulations are also in order to William Douglas. William is looking forward to the hunting season—he wishes a speedy recovery to Kate Field’s sister and to see her little grandson. Enjoy your vacation Mr. Ritter.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Paper Rolling

by Frances Miles

Hi—it’s sure been a long time. Have all our girls and many of our customers missed working with you?...Julie Gatus is planning on spending her vacation visiting her sons-in-law in California and spending some much needed relaxation time in the big apple. She is going to see her oldest son, Jim, and visit with his family. Best of luck Florence.

Network and LCC Lines

by Irene Lady

Welcome back to Rose Walker, Ann O’Dell and Susie DiSanto. Hunting season is upon us again and two of our avid hunters Frances Goloski and Harold Bush tout their gear for another day of the deer pursuit...The reason why Frances Goloski is not hunting is because her son Joe is returning home from Korea to look for a deer for his trophy...We hope we all have good time as we did last year. Nearly everyone we know has a sport hunting lease...We are all very sorry to see Kenny Russell leave us as we certainly enjoyed working with him for the last ten years...Dee Santis is spending her vacation with us...Dee and the girls are certainly going to sell a pretty chipper...Well as the Holiday Season approaches we of the Salvation Army wish a speedy recovery to Kate Field’s sister and to see her little grandson...Enjoy your vacation Mr. Ritter.

Funeral Home...and to see her little grandson. Enjoy your vacation Mr. Ritter.

Goloski, our right hand man is looking very happy fellow. It must be love!

Miscellaneous Paper Finish

by George Xud

Glad to hear Rose Bombardier’s father is well on the road to recovery after recently being hospitalized...We bid a sad farewell to Margaret Accetta, Frances Gayda and Betty McKinley...We are all glad to hear that Blanche Harris’s husband is now out of the hospital...It was so nice to see Dolores Bailey recently...We celebrated our fifteen year members with a gift. Many happy returns of the day and a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Small Orders and Samples

by Millie Govey

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Clairon

by Dot LaBelle

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“Dear Brother:

The success is out! I suspected it all the time! It is needless for you to offer denial. Sometimes when you have acted the cynic I have almost believed that you were sincere, but each time I have recoiled to observe in you something which told me that you underestimated your own influence. There was a general current of the romantic sentiment of the youth and the lover. How can I be in doubt after seizing a little book—ah, love!

“I leave, Sidney, that you would remember me at Christmas. You have always been the soul of thoughtfulness, especially to those of us who understand you. I must confess, however, that I expected you to do the deplorable conventional and send me something heavy and serious. I know it would be a book. All my friends send me books.

That comes of being president of a literary club. But you are the only one, Sidney, who has the rare and kindly judgement to appeal to the woman and to the club president. Because I am interested in a serious literary temperament it need not follow that you must seek for leisure to be overshadowed by the giants of the kingdom of letters. Although I would not dare confess it to Mrs. Pilbok or Mrs. Hatchett, there are times when I like to spend an afternoon with an old-fashioned love story.

“You are a bachelor, Sidney, and as for me, I have long since resigned to catch at the casual mention of ‘old days.’ It was not for us to know the hideousness of love's country, and the选取了 which have been so clear in our favor and in our favor. And yet, Sidney, if you choose to be perfectly candid with each other, I dare say that both of us would confess to having known something about that which we call love. We might confess that we have felt its subtle influence, at times and places, and with a stirring, unutterable, as we detect a draught. We might go so far as to admit that sometimes we perceive in our lovely loves and wonder what might have been and what might have been better after all. If you should find that I am writing like a sentimental school-girl, but you must know that I have been reading your charming little book, and it has come to me as a message from you. Is it not really a confession, Sidney?”

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Filter Development
Coil Winding Room
by Jeannette Cody

Welcome back, Betty. Buttersly, glad to have you—once more. While we're at it, we'd like to wish you a happy birthday and hope you enjoy many more. Stella Reinald-champ was awarded her 20 year company pin last Thursday, and she also won a bottle of champagne as the door prize. She said she was happy and glad. Lucita Delina. Lucy Kenney was the guest of her mother-in-law, Elizabeth Kenney. They had their picture taken at the banquet and let me tell you it's a picture no artist could paint. Rose Pinky is recovering from her coil winder. She is learning and seems to be doing a good job. Keep it up, Rose. You'll make the grade yet.

It seems good to have a little quiet in our room now after all the noise the maintenance men have been making. Maybe someday they will finish the job and we'll be rid of them. Everyone seems to be very busy these days trying to get a little sleep done whenever they have a few spare minutes. No getting away from it, there sure is a lot to do to prepare for Christmas, but we will miss it if we couldn't do these little things. There isn't too much more to say I would like to take this opportunity to wish you one and all a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Prokar and Polyester Impregnation

Written by Jeannette<br>Brassett

Your reporter wishes to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very Happy New Year, and a Happy New Year.

Maintenance
by Judith Kelby

Well it's just around the corner and the old routine after enjoying their Thanksgiving feast. You hope you will still have it for months to come. It should be all worked off by then, how about it boys? How many of you will finish this year and up to now the happy anticipating usually associated with the Christmas holiday, we hope that the feeling will change as the holiday do so will. It is so extant in behalf of myself and co-reporter and the Ceramic Department a wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Executive Offices
by Lai LaCasse

As we are reading this our thoughts will be on Christmas wrappings, tree trimming, Christmas Carols and of course Christmas dinner with all the fixings; however, it is a little bit taxing to write of this, especially of a big Christmas Dinner when we have just gotten over our Thanksgiving holiday. Everyone enjoyed the day of Thanksgiving and managed not to overeat and hope we can manage to do likewise over the Christmas holidays.

Joan Ziter prepared her first turkey dinner and from all reports, we are all busy now counting ways to be invited to Joan for Christmas.

Everyone has agreed that it would be nice to be a little girl or how again then we could receive from Santa Claus the beautiful doll and clothes that Santa is bringing to Fran Therrien's little Jean Ann and for a pattern for Christmas would you like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the office a Merry Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, which they all deserve.

Production Engineering
by Bob Marlin & Joan O'Neil

Mary Jane Boucher and Betty Lebeau were at the camera shop thumbnailing the next page. They have many orders that the girls decided to make a few less, so far as she has completed end result and then they are quite good. The pattern in our department. The girls work on them during the holiday and they have been knitting. They are a very industrious crew and it proved fun for all. Several of us have been attending the home economic course, it has proven very interesting and helpful. Each Tuesday we have additional interest people. Our Christmas party held at the Taconic Tea House proved to be a gala affair.

"Happy New Year!" says little Susan Wood, 1 year old, daughter of Walter, Western Electric, and Katherine Wood, R.N.

Annual Christmas Party
by Esther Holloway & Ella Dunsmore

At Marshall Street, we would like to offer congratulations to Chuck Wilson and Joe Cunon who each bagged a deer this year. We were especially glad for Chuck as this has been his 11th year of hunting and his first deer...

"The boys over in the Lab are planning a party at Heartwell Lodge this year, steak dinner with all the trimmings... At Beaver Street plans were going to be for a party also. This one was held at the Taconic Teahouse on December 8th... Congratulations to Sam Unsworth and Frances O'Neil of the Beaver Street office on their recent engagement... Bill Sakowski, husband of Ethel recently returned from Germany and is now discharged from the Army... Ethel is positively glowing these days... Walt Gould our supervisor recently became a grandfather. Tempura fugu... Note our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Calfy Ross, parents of Bea Piere, who recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary... At Brown Street, Sally Herrington spent the last week of her vacation moving to another house... Our Beaver and Brown Street foreman, Pete Mancuso, has quite a judicial air about him these days. Pete has been on jury duty for the entire month of November... we would like to express our appreciation to Louise Baine who filled in for a few days and give the us the Beaver Street news each month.

Quality Control
by Esther Holloway & Ella Dunsmore

Good Luck to you Wish you all a Happy Birthday wish each and every one of you a very Happy New Year!... P.S. Irene what about the cake???

Retail Sales
by Betty Jaynes

Elaine and John Robbley are a Monkeys kid she had made from a pair of men's socks, she created such a sensation that the girls started to order them from her for gifts for Children's birthday parties. We have many orders, how many orders that the girls decided to make a few less, so far as she has completed end result and then they are quite good. The pattern in our department. The girls work on them during the holiday and they have been knitting. They are a very industrious crew and it proved fun for all. Several of us have been attending the home economic course, it has proven very interesting and helpful. Each Tuesday we have additional interest people. Our Christmas party held at the Taconic Tea House proved to be a gala affair.

"Now when did you find that out?" queries tiny 4 months old Donna Rina Racanski, daughter of Dolly, Sprague Products and Pete, Check Inspection Ceramics. grandfather Pete Sr., Pipe Shop.

Ceramics
by Ida Gigliatti and Lou Cigrillo

We trust everyone had a happy and plentiful Thanksgiving Day, as for myself and most of the other cooks, we have exhausted all of the well known recipes for leftover turkey and glad at the moment to see the last of the old gobblers... Welcome back to Mae Riedman after being hospitalized. We are very glad to see her looking as well and feeling fine again...

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery from her hospita... Laura Martin, and has to Sophie Duda who has been out be-
December 1956

What is it—a new found photo of the "twenties". No—just a group of girls—enjoying some very bumptious entertainment at a recent meeting of the Rosary Sodality of St. Francis Church. The girls are: Avalina King, Dolores Domenichini, Patricia Welch and Barbara King. Brings back memories, doesn’t it?

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC LOG

"Look, Mommy, I’m walking"

by Grace McConnell

Ronnie Dean attended his cousin’s wedding at Claremont, New Hampshire. Minnie Hamlin’s son Leon and came home for Thanksgiving but had to return to the Albany Veterans Hospital where he is a patient. We hope the next time he will be home fully recovered. Hazel Russell had a family reunion at Thanksgiving; her son and daughter came home from Manchester, N.H. and her other son from Dalton, Mass. We wish to tell Yvonne Griffin how much we miss her. She has left after 13 years in Sprague’s to marry a fellow from Springfield. The wedding was held on Thanksgiving day. Best of luck from all of us. Emma Eastman went to Wolboro, N.H. over Thanksgiving where she saw her granddaughter who is 4 months old, for the first time. Welcome back to Norma Morrissey who was away an extended 5 years ago. Emma Vicroi spent Thanksgiving at her daughter’s, Mrs. Frank Gasset at East Hartford, Conn.

Filter Development Dept.

by Julia Dorniers

We wish everyone a happy holiday. We hope Yvette Dubois enjoys her vacation and trip to Bermuda. It sure looks like Christmas with everyone coming in at once on the bus. We hope she has a great little son, Leslie, is redecorating her furniture and the new chair, but Mama didn’t like the color. We hope Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Koszgi and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dubois many more happy anniversaries. They both celebrated their 27th year in November. Ray Colding and Donald Jones were lucky; they both shot a nice deer in New Hampshire.

Flat Midget Assembly

by Conrade Mavus

Now that the Thanksgiving holiday is over, our girls are bored and busy enjoyed by all, everyone is getting excited about Christmas and busy trying to get all their shopping done in time.

BIRTHDAY

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Margaret Perreault

Mary Bus

Hazel Russell

Ruth Arighile

Robert Bartheke

Josephine Piantoni

Vilma Lincoln

Margaret Jobin

Cezel Mikoczeski

Hazel Easkey Jr.

Rose Lanzo

Tommy

Jennifer Kaper

Howard Fix

Carol Barlow

Lillian Gair

Margaret Fitzgerald

Gisella Blake

Mary Pellerin

Betty Baxters

Mildred Waverman

Clara Pero

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