Two Plants Receive Nat'l. Safety Awards

Two North Adams plants of the Sprague Electric Company recently received safety awards from the National Safety Council. The highest industrial award in the nation, the AWARD OF HONOR was achieved by the Special Components Division, Union Street Plant, for completing 4,265,583 accident-free man hours from July 1, 1960 through December 31, 1966. The second highest industrial award, the AWARD OF MERIT, was granted to the Beaver Street Plant. For the period from July 31, 1965 to December 31, 1966, this plant operated a total of 1,573,738 hours without a disabling injury which resulted in lost time.

A letter received by the Company from the National Safety Council stated in part, "Both plants have established an outstanding occupational safety record—a true indication of the management-labor cooperation in the field of accident prevention."

 Formal presentation of the awards was made at the National Safety Awards Banquet on May 2 in Springfield by Howard Pyle, President of the National Safety Council. Present to receive the awards at that time for the Company were John D. Washburn, Corporate Director of Industrial Relations and Anthony N. Sacco, Corporate Safety Supervisor.

Mr. Sacco, in relaying the congratulations to Harold F. White, Corporate Safety Supervisor, presented the National Safety Council's Award of Honor to Harold F. White, SCD Plant Manager. Present to witness the award on behalf of all employees were Beatrice Gibeau (4th right) and Gertrude Deso. Also present were: Peter Wol, Jr. (2nd left); Kenneth Casperson, (4th left); Robert D. Smith, Division Manager; and James Nicol.

1st Quarter Report Shows Slight Decline From Previous Year

Net sales of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries for the three months ending March 31, 1967 were essentially unchanged from the same period in 1966, amounting to $35,242,703 against $35,098,134. Net profit after taxes was $1,525,160 against $1,907,475.

Net profit per share was $0.45 on the 3,558,138 shares outstanding at March 31 (adjusted for the 2-for-1 stock split effective April 10, 1967) compared to $0.59 on the 3,259,446 shares (similarly adjusted) at March 31, 1966. On the basis of the shares actually outstanding prior to the split, net profit amounted to $0.91 versus $1.17 a year earlier.

According to Robert C. Sprague, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, the decline in net profit resulted from "continuing heavy startup expenses at our new integrated circuit plant in Worcester, Massachusetts" and "the failure of our shipments to increase at the expected rate in a period of adjustment in general business conditions." Mr. Sprague said that downturn of consumer purchases of home goods, such as color television, air-conditioning, and automobiles during the winter and early spring resulted in curtailed production on the part of the end equipment manufacturers to whom Consolidated subsidiaries for the quarter amounted to $34,633,750 against $35,166,158. Net profit after income taxes amounted to $1,475,160 against $1,907,475.

Mr. Sprague intends to retire on June 1, 1967, after serving 30 years with the Company. He will continue as a Director of the Company.

Mr. Sprague is succeeded as Chairman of the Board by Mr. Robert C. Sprague, President of the Company since 1942.

G. Killen Named VP Marketing & Sales

Announcement of the election of Neal W. Welch to the new post of Executive Vice President was made jointly by Robert C. Sprague, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, and Ernest L. Ward, President.

In conjunction with Mr. Welch's promotion, Carroll G. Killen, formerly Vice President, Industrial and Military Sales, has been named Vice President, Marketing and Sales.

In his new position, Mr. Welch, who was formerly Senior Vice President, Marketing and Sales, will assume responsibility for all manufacturing, engineering and sales and marketing activities of the Company in the United States and will also continue to be responsible for all non-U.S. sales and marketing.

Mr. Welch joined the Company as an Accountant in 1932 and transferred to the Sales Department in 1935, becoming Director of Sales in 1952. He was named Vice President in charge of Sales in 1955 and in 1960 was named Senior Vice President. He has been a Director of the Company since 1961.

A graduate of Bentley School of Accounting and Finance in Boston, Mr. Welch has been a Director of the Company since 1961.

Dearborn Group Gets Zero Defects Award

One of the top awards in the electronics industry, the Zero Defects Award, was presented to Dearborn Electronics Inc., a subsidiary of Sprague Electric Company, in a plant-wide ceremony. The Bendix Corporation Navigation and Control Division Excellent Service Award was accepted by Eamonn D.A. Geoghegan, Vice President and General Manager, from Harold Keates, Bendix Purchasing Agent.

Mr. Geoghegan introduced Walter J. Rohane, Manufacturing Manager; Charles T. Little, Marketing Manager; Douglas J. Smith, Quality Assurance Manager; and James F. Davis, Customer Service Manager, and thanked them and the 200 Dearborn employees attending the ceremony for making the award possible.

At Beaver Street, Factory Manager John M. Puppolo accepted the Award of Merit presented by Mr. Sacco. Witnessing the ceremony were Group Leaders Mary Troia (3rd left) and Anna Lamoureux; and Superintendents Charles Mulcahy, Alfred Bergeron and Daniel Mannhimi. Both awards represent an outstanding effort on the behalf of all employees to achieve such an outstanding record.

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Retirement

By DR. WILLIAM G. HECKS
Corporate Medical Director

With more and more people reaching retirement age and with the increased interest in retirement, Dr. William G. Heeks of our Medical Department has abstracted the following message from “Today’s Health,” February 1967.

Many approach this station in life with apprehension, and even dread, when actually it should be anticipated as a time for a richer and fuller life provided some thoughtful preparation and planning precede its arrival. This planning should extend over a period certainly of months and possibly years.

An individual approaching retirement is faced with certain changes associated with the new status; a change in employment and income, in the family pattern and living arrangements, and in the off job activities. You may find temporary enjoyment in going fishing or completing a few pet projects you have been thinking about, but for the long term, happiness will be commensurate with the detail of preparation you have made.

First, estimate your income. For the majority, basic income will be derived from social security and pension although a fortunate few will have supplementary interest and dividend sources. Second, budget your income. The amount of money coming in is a reality and you must live with it. In any event, the retiree should not take any debts into retirement. Obligations such as installment purchases, mortgages, or other indebtedness requiring periodic payments should be fully settled beforehand. Third, if retirement income is not enough, plans must be made to supplement it. More and more employers are realizing the value of older workers and more part-time work is being made available.

Whatever one’s plans for retirement, health is most important. If you do not have regular medical check-ups, at least have a good one prior to retiring. No amount of financial security can substitute for good health.

Above all, a retiree should not be a shirker. Many groups and clubs are available providing opportunity for indulging in hobbies and other specific interests. Lend a helping hand to Red Cross, Salvation Army, hospitals, charitable fund drives, your church or lodge. To paraphrase the late President Kennedy, don’t ask what others can do for you but what you can do for others.

Prior to retirement, an employe is an asset and a productive member of society; you should continue to be.

Zero Defects

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The Award, sponsored by the Bendix Zero Defects program, goes recognizes outstanding vendors and subcontractors of Bendix.

The ceremony was conducted by Frank Meaney, Bendix Zero Defects coordinator, who spoke on the Zero Defects philosophy and introduced John McLaughlin, Bendix Chief Inspector of fabrication. Mr. McLaughlin spoke on the quality performance of Dearborn Electronics.

The event was covered by two television stations and was viewed over the local stations twice that evening— at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Dearborn Electronics, Inc. was selected from several thousand vendors and subcontractors who serve the Bendix facilities in Teterboro, New Jersey. The selection was based on such criteria as quality and volume of work, schedules, cooperation, length of service, and type of service performed.

An aerospace electronic firm, Dearborn Electronics, Inc., manufactures for Bendix both high and ultra-high capacitors. These capacitors are used in the Bendix automatic flight control systems for the USAF’s C-141 cargo carrier and the Bendix all-weather landing system for Boeing 707 and 720 commercial transports.

Employees of Dearborn Electronics, Inc. in Orlando, Florida gathered to witness the Zero Defects Award presentation. The inset photo shows Eamonn D. A. Geoghegan, Dearborn Vice President, as he accepted the plaque presented by Bendix Purchasing Agent Harold Keates.

The appointment of three new managers for the Sprague Products Company, distributors’ supply subsidiary of the Sprague Electric Company, was recently announced by R. W. Woodbury, Assistant to the President.

Allyn M. Bascom has assumed the duties of the newly created post of Manager, Consumer Components; Kenneth A. Blanchard has been named to the new post of Manager, Industrial Components; and Archie J. Lopresto has filled the new post of Manager, Customer Services.

Mr. Bascom, who has been connected with Sprague Products in various marketing capacities since 1955, will be in charge of marketing and merchandising replacement components for television, radio, and allied fields.

Mr. Blanchard, who was formerly a radio engineer with the Armed Forces Radio Network in Germany, studied at the New Hampshire Technical Institute and is a graduate of DeVry Technical Institute in Chicago.

He is a native of Aetworth, New Hampshire, and is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Glenn N. Bascom of that town. He is married to the former Elizabeth Frizzell of Charleston, New Hampshire. Mr. Bascom, his wife, and their three children reside at Luce Road, Williamstown, Massachusetts.

Mr. Blanchard had previously been a Sales Coordinator for the Sprague Products company. In his new post, he will be responsible for the direction of the marketing of Sprague industrial electronic components through the Company’s broad network of industrial electronic distributors in the United States.

Mr. Blanchard is a veteran Sprague Products marketing executive, having been with the Company in various sales engineering and marketing posts since 1950. He is a graduate of Bentley College, Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. Blanchard is the son of Mrs. Leon Blanchard and the late Mr. Blanchard of North Adams. He and his wife, the former Janice Gleason, and their four children reside at River Road, Clarksburg, Massachusetts. Mr. Blanchard is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ray E. Gleason of Clarksburg.

Mr. Lopresto has been an Account Manager for Sprague Products since 1957. Before joining Sprague Products, he was Sales Manager of the Orianna Metal Products Corporation of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and previously, he had been Purchasing Agent for the Cornish Wire Company, Williamstown, Massachusetts for 10 years.

Mr. Lopresto is the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lopresto of Williamstown and a graduate of the Williamstown High School. He and his wife, the former Hazel Orell, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Orell, and their four children make their home at Luce Road, Williamstown.

D. Rowe Product Specialist at SCD

Donald J. Rowe has joined the Sprague Electric Company as Senior Product Specialist for magnetic components in the Company’s Special Components Division headquartered at North Adams, it was announced by Carroll G. Killen, Vice President, Marketing and Sales.

Mr. Rowe comes to Sprague from the General Electric Company where he had been employed in various engineering and marketing posts for the past 15 years, most recently with the GE Components Sales Operation at Davenport, Iowa.

Mr. Rowe is a graduate of the State University of Iowa, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce. He engaged in graduate studies both at the State University of Iowa and Loyola University.

Mr. Rowe’s wife is the former Darlene Vance of Milton, Iowa. They, and their six children, will make their home in Williamstown.
G. W. Kinkle Joins Wichita Falls Group

George W. Kinkle has joined the Sprague Electric Company as Materials Manager for the Wichita Falls operation. Announcement of his appointment was made recently by Philip M. Atton, Director of Purchases.

Mr. Kinkle received his B.B.A. degree from Southern Methodist University in Marketing and Accounting. He also attended subsequent Purchasing courses at Lamar Tech, Beaumont, Texas, and is affiliated with the National Association of Purchasing Agents. He has over ten years of purchasing experience and some background in previous employment. He has owned and operated a number of silent public education programs.

Licensing Agreement With P. R. Mallory

Sprague Electric Company has licensed P. R. Mallory and Company, Inc., of Indianapolis, Indiana, under Sprague's tantalum capacitor patents. It was announced by Robert C. Sprague, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Sprague stated that similar licenses on tantalum capacitors have been granted by Sprague Electric to virtually every American manufacturer and several Japanese manufacturers of capacitors.

At the same time, G. Barron Mallory, President of the P. R. Mallory and Company, Inc., said that Sprague Electric had been granted a license under Mallory's wet electrolytic capacitor patents.

Both Sprague and Mallory said that there were similar satisfactory resolutions of the differences between their companies and that the patent litigation instituted by Mallory in the U. S. District Court in Indianapolis, Indiana, had been dismissed.

R. C. Sprague, Jr. To Serve on Pollution Control Foundation

Robert C. Sprague, Jr., Senior Vice President, Corporate Relations, has been appointed a Trustee of the National Pollution Control Foundation, Inc., a tax exempt educational and research organization for the purpose of combating environmental pollution of all types—air, water, soil, noise and the resulting effects on health, pleasant living, wild life and natural beauty.

The Foundation is composed of over 125 Trustees and Advisory Council members and includes industrialists, businessmen, bankers, brokers, educators and civic leaders. The group will attack the problems of pollution in a positive, non-critical manner to provide a total approach to the pressing problem of pollution.

As time progresses additional trustees and Advisory Council members will be recruited from all states and business and professional interests. They will develop a factual, non-finger pointing public education program.

Frederick Thompson Named IR Counsel

The appointment of Frederick T. Thompson as Sprague Electric Industrial Relations Counsel was announced recently by Roy J. Brant, Corporate Labor Relations Manager. A native of North Adams and the son of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Thompson, Middle Road, Clarksburg. Mr. Thompson comes to Sprague Electric from private law practice with the firm of Rooney & Rooney in Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. Thompson graduated from Drury High School in 1958 and in 1962 received his bachelor of arts degree from Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas. In 1965 he received the degree of juris doctor from Washburn Law School, Topeka, Kansas. While studying at Washburn, Mr. Thompson served as an assistant professor at the University and also as assistant football coach. Following graduation he joined the Kansas Corporation Commission as an assistant general counsel. In 1966 he left the Commission to join Rooney & Rooney.

North Adams YMCA Honors R. C. Sprague As "Man of the Year" At Annual Dinner

Robert C. Sprague, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, was named "YMCA Man of the Year" at the 1st annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association of Northern Berkshire at the YMCA.

In presenting the award, Bruce R. Carver, Treasurer of Sprague Electric and past President of the YMCA Board of Directors, commended the company for its interest in community, church and civic affairs. "Credit for this fact goes largely to Mr. Sprague, who... has led the company... in service to the community." Sprague stated that similar licenses on tantalum capacitors have been granted by Sprague Electric's consistent financial support of area service institutions.

Mr. Sprague is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy and holds a Master's Degree from North Carolina State University in Marketing and Account- ing.

A. Dean Promoted To Superintendent

Amedee Dean has been named Production Superintendent of the CRR Department at the Nashua Plant. The announcement was recently made by Wendyl A. Reis, Ceramic Plant Manager.

Mr. Dean has been associated with the Sprague Electric Company since 1959 serving as Foreman and General Foreman. He was the initial winner of the Nashua Sprague Scholarship Award in 1954. He worked as a summer employee from 1954 to 1957, while attending college. Mr. Dean is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin with a B.A. degree in Liberal Arts. He will complete credits towards his Master's degree from the Northwestern University in 1968. He is also a member of the Society for the Advancement of Management.
NEWS FROM VANDALIA, OHIO & TORONTO, CANADA

TORONTO
by Ellen Robinson

A big hello again to all with just a little news from Toronto, Canada. Luba has left us to await the snark and we wish her the very best. Happy to see Mary Doucette recovered from her illness and back in the Test Department. Congratulations go to Joan (Impragnation) and Helena (Assembly) on their engagements. It looks like lots of wedding bells will ring this Fall... It’s difficult to recognize several girls while they are walking ahead of you in the Plant these days. With so much dieting and slimming down going on, figures are sure changing. Don’t overdo it, girls, or the writer will be jealous at not having any willpower herself...

We welcome Jack Gourlay, our new Comptroller, and Ross McLean who has joined the Tantallon Department... Well, Summer is just ahead and all kinds of holiday plans are being made. We hope Marlene makes it to Florida in her new 1967 Cougar, and those who are returning to their home towns in Great Britain and Europe do enjoy their visit. In all, a happy Summer to everyone.

VANDALIA
by Joan Roberts

All of us in Vandalia are enjoying the beautiful Spring weather, and many of the activities involved in this season... Our welcome mat is out to: Sharon Brown, Wanda Oaks, Mary Carter, Virgie Britton, Filter Makers, Sue Berry - Quality Control Department, Norman Lane - Drafting Department, and Richard Parrish - Shipping and Receiving Clerk.

We are also real happy to have all the employes back with us once again after their sick leaves...

Since the last LOG issue, we have had two bowling parties. Joe Delgado and Mary Walter were both proud trophy winners with their series of 670 and 618, with handicap. Barbara Hussong and Olga Kuhse had lots of fun, even though they were awarded the booby prizes...

Congratulations to Gloria Staios who is proudly wearing a sparkling diamond ring and has announced that her wedding day will be August 20th. Naomi Golf and her husband, Eric, celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary last month. Naomi was presented a brand new set of rings by her hubby.

John Raney has qualified for the role of a father as he and his wife, Louise, are the happy parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Kristin, born on March 2. Ruth Tucker and Irene Morgan were all smiles after receiving the news that they both had been awarded new grandsons... Marine Private John M. Gambill, son of Frances Gambill, has completed his four weeks of individual combat training at the Marine Corps Base in Camp Pendleton, California. Army Private E2 Jon A. Koppin, son of Thelma Koppin, has completed his basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He is now enrolled in Radio Training School. Army Private E2 Robert Brown, husband of Linda Brown, has completed his basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky and is now enrolled in Radio Specialist School at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

The parking lot is really gleaming with all the employes sporting new cars. Those lucky new car owners are: Marcella Landenburg, Bill Edwards, Vicki Pflum, Ruth Tucker, Lorena Smith, Floyd Fogle, Mike Grienes, Ronald Frank, Darcas Mitchell, and Bob Kling... The first to enjoy vacation time this year was Janet Staley who visited Playa Del Rey, California and other places of interest in the Wonderful West... A dinner-shower was given to Joyce Tucker by the office gals, as Joyce left this month on a leave of absence to await the arrival of her second child... A warm welcome to Claudia Kimmell, who will be her replacement during this time... Lorena Smith is really getting quite involved in her bowling games and has found the proper way to get a strike. Her technique is to fall down with the ball and it never fails! This could be rather hard on a person!... The needles were striking and the yarn rolling for the office girls this past month. Lynn Mullins, Joyce Tucker, Gloria Staios and Janet Staley were really working the needles over as they were learning this new hobby of knitting. Sue Berry was the composed teacher.

Sharon Brown is sure up in the air about her boyfriend. He received his pilot’s license this past month and Sharon is chief navigator... Who would be so lucky but Ruth Irvin to be able to dine at the Lookout House Restaurant in Covington, Kentucky with furs and all. Janet Staley really looked like an Indian one Monday morning. Is the sun really worth it, Jan?... That is all until Summer. Hope everyone has a wonderful and safe vacation and don’t let those hot summer days get you down!

Safety Awards

Plant Manager, SCD, presented him with the AWARD OF HONOR for the Union Street Plant. Mr. White stated that he was very proud of the employes for meriting this honor and hoped they would continue their habits of safety.

The presentation of the AWARD OF MERIT was also made by Mr. Sacco to John M. Puppolo who accepted it for the Beaver Street employes. Mr. Puppolo expressed his thanks to the National Safety Council and his desire that the employes would continue to work and play safely.

Welch & Killen

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Massachusetts, Mr. Welch is a native of North Adams and is married to the former Harriet Flood of this city. They have two children, Mrs. Peter Esposti of North Adams and Mrs. James Maxymillian of Dalton, Massachusetts, and two grandchildren.

Mr. Killen has been with the Company since 1947. Prior to assuming his present duties, he served in various capacities including Application Engineer, Chief Application Engineer, and Manager of Field Engineering. In 1960 he was named Vice President, Industrial and Military Sales.

A native of Providence, Louisiana, Mr. Killen is a graduate of Louisiana Northwestern State College and did graduate work at Louisiana State University.

Before joining Sprague Electric, he was associated with the Magnolia Petroleum Company where he served as a Computer. Subsequently, he was a Section Chief with the U.S. Army Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories, a Branch Chief with the Watson Laboratories, and a First Lieutenant with the Air Force.

Mr. Killen is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. He is married to the former Clara Butler and they have three children. Mr. & Mrs. Killen make their home in Bennington, Vermont.

Bowling Party Prize Winners

Front row: (left to right) Bob Smith, Marcella Landenburg and Barbara Hussong.

Back row: Bill Deaton, Dorothy Deaton, Larry Brown, Karl Brown, Shirley Gaerke, and Joe Delgado.

These smiling youngsters are Teresa Ann and Gary Lee Britton, children of Virgie Britton.

Randy Mullins and Greg Mullins are the handsome sons of our own Lynn Mullins.

All prepared for the local ice recital when she had her picture taken was adorable Jacquelynn Sue Berry, daughter of Sue Berry.
**TANTALUM RECAPTURES TITLE BY DEFEATING TRANSISTORS 75 TO 59**

The Sixth Annual Tantalum vs Transistor Basketball Game was held on Monday, March 13, 1967, at the Concord Community Center. The Tantalum Team emerged victorious, by a score of 75 to 59, thus regaining the title which they had lost for the first time the year before. Both teams played very well, but the second period proved to be disastrous for the Transistor Team. The game began with both teams seemingly equally matched with a first quarter score of 18 to 16 in favor of the Tantalum five. The second quarter seemed to be following a similar pattern until the final minutes, when Tom Yasewicz, the Tantalum Team opened up a 45 to 30 lead. They out scored their opponents 27 to 14 in this period. During the third and fourth periods the Transistor Team attempted to make up the deficit but it proved to be too big a lead. At the end of the third period, the score was 54 to 42 and the final score was 75 to 59.

The high scorer for the game was Dennis Steward with 19 points, 7 field goals and 5 foul shots. He was followed by Al Roy who had 17 points, 7 field goals and 3 foul shots. Both of the high scorers were members of the Tantalum Team. Next in scoring were three Transistor members, Dave Yelton and Bruce Gray both with 13 points and Tom Plante with 12.

The referees for the Sixth Annual Tantalum vs Transistor game were Andy Amsal and Andy Amsal, Jr. So, under the management of Harry Littlefield, the Tantalum Tigers triumphed over the Transistor Terrors managed by Tom Smith.

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**Golf League Getting Underway**

At a meeting held in March, officers for this year's Sprague Men's Golf League were elected. President of this year's League is Ken Crosby with George Shelton as Secretary-Treasurer. The Board of Directors include Tom Yasewicz, Eliot Clemons and Norm Robinson. The League will be playing at the Plassaua Valley Country Club again this year with a sixteen week season scheduled commencing in early May, in addition to a Field Day and challenges from other Sprague Plants.

There has been a good turnout so far, enough for eight frames of four members each plus substitutes. Anyone who is interested in joining the League should contact George Shelton.

**ANNUAL LOG REPORTERS BANQUET HELD**

The Annual Log Reporter's Banquet was held on March 16, at the Brick Tower Motor Inn. Over forty reporters and guests were in attendance for the occasion and everyone enjoyed the delicious meal.

A good time was enjoyed by all with some rehearsing songs for the forthcoming Sprague Annual Benefit Show, The Roaring 20's, while others danced to the music of a portable stereo set.

**Sprague Welcomes Thomas LaCava**

N. Thomas LaCava joined the Sprague Electric Company at the Concord Plant on February 15, 1967, as a Process Engineer in the Planar Batch Area reporting to Andre Pellerin.

Mr. LaCava, who was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, received his high school education at Concord Senior High School, graduating in 1962. After matriculating at the University of New Hampshire from 1962 until 1966, he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering.

Prior to joining Sprague Electric, he was employed by the New England Telephone Company as a Supervisor Assistant. Mr. LaCava is a member of IEEE and of the Merriam Valley Ski Club.

**Sprague Members of YMCA Industrial Management Club Make Presentation**

The YMCA Industrial Management Club enjoyed a presentation by its members from the Sprague Electric Company on February 16. Prior to the guest speaker, the members of the YMCA Club had the opportunity to view several displays made by the Sprague Electric members. They depicted the various products that are being manufactured at the Concord plant. One display from the Material Prep area was shown at the start of the process. By methods of a pictorial presentation, the etching processes were shown as were the other processes involved in producing the SPAT (Silicon Precision Alloy Transistor).

A Hermetic Seal display compiled by Bruce Luckenbach showed steps taken to manufacture stems and flapprocks in packaging our transistor and integrated circuits. These steps include assembly, fusing, inspection and testing and were depicted by means of raw materials, pictures and the finished product.

Members of the Club circulated among the displays asking questions at random and enjoying the opportunity to learn more about industry in their area.

**Richard P. Boyd Promoted to Foreman**

Richard P. Boyd was recently promoted to Foreman on the second shift in the new Epoxy Transistor Area reporting to Ralph Spencer, General Foreman of Transistor Production and Epoxy Transistor.

Dick, a native of Pittsfield, is a graduate of Pittsfield High School, Pittsfield, New Hampshire.

He joined the Concord Plant of the Sprague Electric Company in November 1959 as a Lead Attacher Controlman "B" after serving four years in the United States Navy. Dick also worked as Lead Attacher Controlman "A" and Group Leader in the Transistor Production area prior to his recent promotion.
**DEPARTMENTAL NEWS**

**Tantalum**  
_by Virginiawickford_

A banquet was held recently for all reporters at the Brick Tower Motel. A good time was had by all.

Cindy Rule and Marie Gaskell have been enjoying skiing this winter.

Jessie Annis amuses some of us gals on our afternoon break with the goings on of her little poodle "Bridgett". When her mistress is away, she sure will play.

Paul Venne is back on first shift again. (To stay he hopes)

Rena Preve is feeling much better after a stay in the hospital. Her newly married daughter is now settled down in her new homeland, Prince Edward Island, and has already been home to visit.

June Florence had a wonderful trip to Florida and looks forward to a return sometime soon.

Sandy Barton has been transferred from second shift to first. Welcome to our little group, Sandy. Marty Schoenfeld has been transferred to Transistors and Dale Trenntafel has left us to accept employment elsewhere. Good Luck to both of you.

We wish to remind Bob Leinhard that the parking lot is for parking cars – not bunched!

We're all looking forward to spring. Maybe by the time this goes to press, our yards will be free from snow, we will have thawed out, the birds will be singing and everyone will be in better spirits. Let's hope!

**2nd Shift Tantalum**  
_by Esther Perron_

Paul LeClair has been receiving congratulations on his recent promotion to Group Leader.

During the past weeks, quite a few girls have been leaving us and we miss them all. Among those who have left are second shift gang are Eva Gerard, Joyce Johnson, Kay Crawford, Maggie Hollaron, Linda Readon, Connie Perron, Paula Pelletier, Eileen Duquette. We also miss Bandy Barton who has transferred to first shift.

On sick leave is Mona Cole. We hope you have a very speedy recovery, Mona, and hurry back to us. Also on leave is Donna Audet, but for a different reason. On February 15, 1967, she presented her husband with Phillip II.

Best wishes go out to Don Lodge and Jeanne Chase who recently announced their engagement.

Evelyn Baine has been elected to represent us at Problem Panel meetings.

We all want to welcome Irene Nowell. She has just returned from leave. Now that the warm weather is starting, she probably wishes her leave was just beginning.

and is originally from North Dakota, is doing a fine job in the silicon crystal grinding room. Also, a replacement for Top Piane in the chemical prep area is Martin Schoenfeld from Pittsfield. Let's welcome Wayne and Martin to Dept. 4751.

Dee Wood has proudly announced the engagement of her daughter, Lisa, to SP/4 Leonard Coombs from Massachusetts. Mr. Coombs is presently stationed at Fort Aberdeen, Maryland.

Don Sessions and his family have been skiing on the ski slopes this past winter. Hope there aren't any broken bones!

Bertha Barlow has invested in a new car. I guess the old blue Buick just wouldn't go anymore.

Sandra Lachey is patiently counting the days until her husband returns from Vietnam.

For myself, I've been pretty busy working on our new house. I'll keep you posted next issue.

**Tantalum QAR**  
_by Nancy Verrille_

First, "Thank You" to those responsible for the banquet recently held at the Brick Tower Motel for us reporters.

On March 11, 1967, the only real nice day we had all month, Wayne Hall and Lucille Heino said their "I do's". It turned out to be a perfect day for a wedding and Lucy looked beautiful. Things didn't really get off to a very good start because when they got home from their honeymoon, someone had had a grand time "fixing" up their apartment for uncomfortable living. Light bulbs were put in the refrigerator, sheets got tied in knots. Oh well, it's all in fun!

We again have new faces in the QAR Department. Janice Sheppard has replaced Marjorie LaMarre in X-Ray. Nice to have you with us, Janice.

Nancy Magoon has become our "Girl Friday" for a few months while Carol Russell and I are on leave. Wedding bells will be ringing in June for Nancy.

Carol still has us wondering when the stork will visit. Won't be long now.

Rick Morrill has a new car and I understand that he spends all his spare time polishing it. Trying to wear it out, Rick?

Still no news from the Check Inspection Department. What gives girls?

Al and Gerry have steady bets on Gerry's bowling. Lately Gerry has been losing more than he's been winning. Every Tuesday he has to take a ribbing from Al; but don't let him get the upper hand, Gerry, after all, Al talks a good game, but has anyone seen him bowl lately?

In the same department, no news for now, see you in the summer.

**Transistor Preparation**  
_by Bob Fife_

There are a couple of new faces in Material Preparation. Wayne Jensen, who makes his home in Deerfield and is originally from North Dakota, is doing a fine job in the silicon crystal grinding room. Also, a replacement for Top Piane in the chemical prep area is Martin Schoenfeld from Pittsfield. Let's welcome Wayne and Martin to Dept. 4751.

Dee Wood has proudly announced the engagement of her daughter, Lisa, to SP/4 Leonard Coombs from Massachusetts. Mr. Coombs is presently stationed at Fort Aberdeen, Maryland.

Don Sessions and his family have been skiing on the ski slopes this past winter. Hope there aren't any broken bones!

Bertha Barlow has invested in a new car. I guess the old blue Buick just wouldn't go anymore.

Sandra Lachey is patiently counting the days until her husband returns from Vietnam.

For myself, I've been pretty busy working on our new house. I'll keep you posted next issue.

**Tantalum Preparation**  
_by Albinia Morse_

A surprise shower was held in honor of Deede Cantara at Angelo's on March 13, 1967. She was present with many gifts and everyone had a delightful evening. Those who were at the shower were Barbara McClintock, Anne Towle, Louise Roers, Doris Berwick, Susan Supry, Lillian Luoma, Albinia Morse.

We would like to extend a warm and happy welcome to our new floorboy, Brad Goodine.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nolin on February 22, 1967. They have named her Anne Nowell. She has just returned from Vietnam.

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Concord Service General
by Laura Brand

Some new faces added — some old ones gone. New is Nancy Brady, Scheduling, taking Shirley Russo's old desk. Lois Dow, Purchasing Clerk, has left to stay home and take care of her little girl and Ruth Dandy is leaving this week for the same reason (only three). So far, no new faces for the replacement of these two girls.

As of this writing most of the men are absent. All have taken off for the IEEF Show. (No secretaries included) ... Don't know but it is better to stay behind in a nice peaceful office.

There seems to be a kick on dogs. Everyone it seems has a new puppy (or old mutt). Sandra Phillips, Brenda King, Connie Coleman to name a few. Also, the same old kick on diets. On diets - Arlene Matalantis and Brenda King. Off diets - Andy Ansaldo. (He figures girls don't love skinny guys).

Guess that is all from the front for this trip.

Finishing
by Hector Emond

On March 16, 1967, a banquet was held at the Brick Tower Motel for the "LOG" reporters. It was a complete success. The meal was fine and dancing followed, making it a most enjoyable evening.

There's a new girl in our department and we wish to extend a warm welcome to her. She is Muriel Caldwell of Pembroke. Glad to have you on the team, Muriel.

Dean Lampron was given a party when he left Sprague. The people in the department presented him with a gift of money, and everyone enjoyed the cake. We'll all miss you, Dean, and everyone wishes you the best.

We received a letter recently from Pauline Labrecque. We were all very sorry to hear about her misfortune, but we were overjoyed to see the letter was written by her left hand! This girl has a lot of spirit and courage and we send her our all our best wishes.

On Thursday, March 16, 1967, Dana Ornday became the father of a little girl. She weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and is doing fine. She was given the name Cathy Lynn. Congratulations, Dana! !

Transistor Prod. (3rd Shift)
by Aris Small

Only five days until the first day of spring and we are digging out from another snow storm. It has been pretty bad traveling for the last six weeks for those of us who drive from some distance. I begin to feel that hibernation has a lot in its favor. Two degrees below zero this morning.

On January 17, Jim Guertin became a proud Papa. He has a daughter named Ann Michelle. Jim's many friends on third shift started a bank account for the new baby. By the time this goes to print, Jim will be on first shift. We are sorry to lose him but do wish him well on the new job. Matthew Hodgins from second shift has come to third shift to take Jim's place. We hope he likes us and his new job.

We want to welcome Phyllis Weeks to our shift also. She replaces Annette Richfield in Process Control. Annette is another one we have lost to first shift. Do you miss those night owl hours, Annette? Good luck to you.

We were glad to see Gerald Smith back from Arizona. What a nice tan he has. He will soon lose it in our snowy weather!

Paul Foote also left us for a better job on first shift. We are glad to hear you are happy with the new job and new hours, Paul.

Our shift has some enthusiastic skidoo owners. I hear tell you can get saddle sores on those things! How about that, Lillian?

If you think you see Rita Muenier in two places at once, don't be alarmed. She has an identical twin sister working in another department. I understand there have been a few merry mix-ups lately!

We wish to extend our sympathy to Evelyn Bosiak on the loss of her father.

Many reasons have been advanced, but in our industry it is generally felt an overstocking of components has occurred by our customers and a correction period is underway. Certainly, the computer industry, military requirements, and other industrial uses show no real sign of weakness.

While we are concerned about the present necessity for reduced hours, some layoffs, and slowing down some of our expansion programs, we feel basically our position is strong and any setback will only be temporary. We have real confidence in the future of our product lines. The components we make are very essential in the newer technologies and will continue to be required at an increasing rate. We have new efficient equipment, new families of products, increased capacities, and our aim is to obtain a larger share of the market.

Your Company has the greatest confidence in the Concord plant and its employees. We know that after this period of readjustment our position will be stronger than ever.

R. L. Panitch

High Reliability
by Blanche Prescott

The writers for the “LOG” had a very nice banquet at the Brick Tower Motel and it was enjoyed tremendously by all.

Jean Crowell left our department to go into the candle business and I'm sure we all wish her luck. We miss her good nature and her smile.

One of these days when your lights go out,
Don't just sit around and pout;
Pick up the phone to Joanie dial,
Order her candles and be in style.

From Your Manager's Desk

After a period of several years of very high production activity, in which all of us have contributed much to the growth of our product lines, we find ourselves faced with a very sudden decline in incoming orders and consequently in production requirements.

This business slowdown is not just in our industry, but appears to be general throughout most areas of business.

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Sherm Stevens and his wife welcomed a new baby boy on March 20, 1967. The stork didn't bring that one, it must have been the Easter Bunny.

Yours Truly was very pleased to receive a letter from the Navy Department that her son, Joseph, had been chosen out of 200 candidates for the Petty Officer of the month at Pensacola, Florida.

I have run out of news, so until next time, see ya!
Final Test
by Loretta Wright

By the time this issue is out we should be having warmer weather. Easter will be over and we'll all be looking forward to vacations. My daughter, Donna, will be showing her American Saddlebred this year for the first time. I hope she does as well with her as she has done with her pony. While I'm on the subject of animals, Thelma Shaw tells me her cat fell in her barn and broke its leg. The vet had to pin its leg and put it in a cast.

Helen Drew is back with us. She has a beautiful baby boy who was born March 4th and weighed 9 lbs. and 4 oz. She named him Duane D. Drew.

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Two Scholarships Available In Nursing

The Company recently announced a second nursing scholarship to be awarded to an area student beginning this year. This makes a total of seven Sprague Electric scholarships available to area graduates.

The new nursing scholarship will be for $400 and will be given to a June graduate who will pursue a three-year course leading to an R.N. degree. Preference will be given to children of Sprague employes. The other $400 nursing scholarship is available to any graduate living within a 25-mile radius of North Adams.

In addition, the Company offers five other scholarships – three to children of employes, an Engineering Scholarship and a Co-operative Engineering Scholarship.

The Sprague Electric Company was host to the State Chairman of the Cancer Crusade for 1967, Bruce Harriman, when he made his annual tour through Northern Berkshire on Tuesday, April 18.

While at the Company, Mr. Harriman met with Roland C. Sprague, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer and a director of the American Cancer Society. Visiting with Mr. Harriman were James Cleary, General Chairman for the North Adams Cancer Crusade; Shosh P. Ashkar, North Adams Industrial Business Chairman; and Mrs. John N. Mushovic, American Cancer Society Area Director.

Do you have an idea? What, in your mind, at Sprague Electric seems to be a waste of materials, or space, or effort, or money?... If you were paying the bills, how would you go about reducing that waste?

Many of your co-workers have asked themselves these questions and have been rewarded for their answers.

During the past two months, Eugene LaBelle’s suggestion to eliminate items on the weekly Material Control inventory sheets that have shown no activity for a period of six months won him the tidy sum of $355.

In the Dry Rolling Department, Joseph Allard and Walter O’Neill shared a suggestion to improve the rolling process on the mandrel in the dry rolling operation. Each suggestor was awarded $232 for this accepted improvement. Joe and Walter also submitted another suggestion to have samples cut by employes in the Rolling Department. This brought them an additional $225 each.

Meantime, from the Machine Shop, Joseph Lora’s thoughts were on the Tantalum Formation Department. He received an award of $267 for his improved method of punching tantalum discs from band stock.

Lawrence Bishop of Centrifuge received a sizable award for his idea of using a dual wheel with spaced blades between the crushing wheels when crushing F.P. sections. This suggestion was approved for $217. And then an idea for a tool which punches and blanks the clamps one at a time made Frank Morandi of the Can Shop richer by $90.

Besides these thoughtful people, another 22 contributors received a total of $490 for their suggestions.

Three employes from the SCD Transformer Assembly Department were winners of awards – Florence DeMarisco received a $15 check for her improved method of assembling certain units while Ida Cimoneetti and Mary Roy each received $15 for their improved method of cleaning 31270 units.

Three more winners from Union Street included Gerilyn Martin and Carol Bolt from SCD Magnetic Production who shared an award of $30 for an improvement in the dip soldering process by the use of two cards, and Walter Burns, SCD Magnetic Coil winding, whose idea...
SCD LABS

by Joan Myers

Interview with Gunther Hombrucker

Gunther Hombrucker comes from Freiburg, a city which is located in the famous Black Forest of Germany, and is here on an 18-month training program. He was previously employed in our Sales Office in Germany and is now working in the Engineering Department at Union Street. Gunther received his B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering at Konstanz College, located on the biggest lake in Germany. He also has to his credit a course in Cost Finding and Control completed at R.P.I. as part of his taking an English Composition course at North Adams State College. When asked if the United States was as he expected it to be, Gunther replied that he was somewhat disappointed at first, but the longer he stays, the better he likes it. In other words, “the streets are not paved with gold”. He felt that the working conditions were much the same here as in Germany, but the educational opportunities are greater. He approves very much of the Sprague policy of helping the employees in their educational endeavors. Gunther and his wife, Elisabeth (called Bambi – ask Gunther why), and their two children, Markus - 26 months, Una - 3 months, reside in Williamstown. Both Gunther and Bambi were very impressed and grateful for the help their friends and neighbors gave them when Una was born. Skiing, snorkeling and swimming take up most of Gunther’s spare time. Last year he added tennis to his agenda of sports. Traveling rates high on his list of favorite things to do. His travels in this past year have taken him to Provincetown, Cape Cod, Washington, D.C., Niagara Falls, Haiti and even to Venezuela.

Magnetic Finish

by Marion Sherman

At long last – Spring – we hope. Wonder what happened to our weather prophet, Ginger Lancia. She slipped up a bit and didn’t penal us about that lovely snowstorm in April and we all got caught with our coats off. . . Our Easter Bunny was Maude Convery who brought us a delicious cake baked and decorated by her mother . . . Carol Daignault enjoyed her visitor from the stork. She received a college for the Easter recess. . . Good luck to Marion Davis – got all your fishing gear ready? It’s that time, you know . . . March and April vacationers are Jean Forgette, Nellie Hewitt and Bill Hooks.

has recovered nicely from a bout with tonsillitis. Wonder if he gorged . . . What was Jean Ferris doing on her knees in the lunch area? Praying for more work, Jeanie? No wonder “Danny” Hier and John Gallese are losing weight. It’s all those trips to the top floor. . . Marion Davis – got all your fishing gear ready? It’s that time, you know . . . March and April vacationers are Jean Forgette, Nellie Hewitt and Bill Hooks.

Story of this Wedding Cake

by Cara Ryan

It was a sunny day last summer when Mary Dottavio decided to make a wedding cake for one of her coworkers who is now Phyllis Goddard. Mary lives at 128 Waconah Street, Pittsfield. She is married to Guido Dottavio and they have two children, Deborah 12 and Michael 9 years of age. Mary has been employed at the Sprague Electric Company for one and a half years. She works at the Union Street Plant and her Foreman is William Tisdale. Mary has made many, many beautiful cakes for different occasions here at Union Street but the most beautiful one was Phyllis’ wedding cake.

It might interest you to know just how much time, work and material are required to make such a cake. This cake had four tiers – they ranged from a sixteen inch square to a fourteen inch, a ten inch, and a six inch round layers. It took four hours to bake the first layer – that is the sixteen inch, three hours for the fourteen inch, two hours for the ten inch and one-half hour for the six inch – making a total of nine and one-half hours baking time. It requires a very low baking temperature of 275 degrees where the time, work and material are utilized in the baking of such a cake. Mary used nineteen boxes of cake mix.

After baking came the art of decorating. There were twenty-four boxes of confectioner’s sugar, twelve pounds of Crisco and three and one-half dozen eggs besides vanilla and milk used in preparing the icing. Next came the coloring. She used yellow for roses and green for leaves. All sides of the cake were decorated with the yellow roses and green leaves with white scroll work in between. It was indeed a masterpiece when finished. This cake was given to Phyllis as a wedding gift – some gift, I would say.

Mary does this kind of work as a hobby. She learned about cake baking and decorating at Joanne’s Bakery. It is never too much work for Mary to whip up a cake and decorate it for her co-workers birthdays, holidays or any other occasion which might arise.

We are very proud of Mary and hope she will be with us for a long, long time. We sure love her cakes.

CHECK INSPECTION

by Dorothy DeGraff

Predictions forthcoming for Spring: Carl Cellana will finally pick a winning team in baseball. Dot Millis and Alberta Brady will be our fashion models for the coming months.

Dave Mattimore and Kenny Meyers will star in motorcycle shows. Cordelia Deso’s “Butterball” will be entered in a cat show and get a blue ribbon.

Jack Grady will have a month’s vacation paid for by Carl Cellana – I bet!

Gerry Brown and Ken Kleinier will be in charge of a nursery – family style.

A healthy future for John Hillard who was in the hospital with pneumonia several months ago. Also, to each and everyone – Happy Vacation!!

BUSY BEAVER

News

I hope everyone is all over their Spring Fever. Spring cleaning time is well underway and snowblowers and shovels are being replaced with lawn mowers and golf clubs . . . This LOG story will have to go to George Maxwell who seems to have made all the news this time. First, a speedy recovery from your recent gall bladder operation. You are looking good, George. Stick to the doctor’s orders and you’ll be on the golf course before you know it. And now about your retirement, George. By the time this LOG comes out, the party will be over. It was held on April 29th at the Victory Street Hall in Adams. Everyone who attended had a real good time. Pat Roy and Marie Maguire were very impressed and grateful for the help their friends and neighbors gave them when Una was born. Skiing, snorkeling and swimming take up most of Gunther’s spare time. Last year he added tennis to his agenda of sports. Traveling rates high on his list of favorite things to do. His travels in this past year have taken him to Provincetown, Cape Cod, Washington, D.C., Niagara Falls, Haiti and even to Venezuela.

MISCELLANEOUS

by Doris Richards

Well, here it is LOG time again and the snow is gone! (for the most part we hope). Spring is finally in the air and we are looking forward to vacation time . . . Our department is booming as usual and we have loads of new people working with us – among the latest of whom are Donald Fortin and Art Spencer as Group Leaders. It’s nice to have Art back with us again – and you can stand us, Art . . . I saw Yvonne Day, a continued on page 5A, col 1
Five and a half year old Theresa Stone is the grown-up looking daughter of Nancy Stone, Filter Department Clerk.

Pretty Diane Cantoni will graduate from Drury High School in June. She is the daughter of Theresa Cantoni, Clorinol Department.

This attractive miss is Ethel Lewis, niece of Jim Lewis, Check Inspection. Ethel lives in El Monte, California.

Although she was only three months old when this picture was taken, little Julie Ann, granddaughter of Helen Harrington of Miscellaneous Papers, was real interested in the cameraman.

Sonia, 19 months, and Scott, 4 months, are the very attractive children of Ralph McWirt of Test Equipment.

Little Lisa Ann Anello was only 4 months old on New Year's Eve, but she stayed up for the festivities. Her mother is Dolores Anello of Clorinol.

Little Mark Slater, son of Peg Slater of Test Equipment, was all ready for bed when he posed for this picture.

This picture of Michael Burnett and his little girl friend was taken back in 1950. Michael is the nephew of Yvonne Daunais and Pat LeBeau.

Frank Fortini, of Maintenance, snapped this picture of his daughter Rose as she was ready to leave for the McCann School Christmas Ball.

Thomas Boudreau, son of Mary of Tantalum Finish, will graduate from St. Joseph's High School in June and plans to attend State College.
Sandy and Jim Daunais were married last November. Jim is the son of Yvonne Daunais of Paper Rolling.

Meet young Williams Jennings, Jr. He is the bright-eyed son of Bill Jennings of Heat Seal Department.

Lou Palmer, a former Union Street employee, now lives in Baldwin Park, California. She is a stepdaughter of Doris Richards, of Beaver Street. Lou sent us this picture of her family: husband, Dick, and children Barb, Lynn and Dickie.

Little Lori Lorenzo is the granddaughter of Angelo Mastroianni of Maintenance. Her mother, the former Bernadette Mastroianni, was a Sprague Electric employee prior to her marriage.

Pamela Anne McAllister was all excited about having her picture taken. She is the daughter of Ellen McAllister of Sprague Products.

All set to start on a trip is little Michael Schmidt, grandson of Gertrude Schmidt of Brown Street.

Ken Williams, of Sandia, Brown Street, would like us to meet his smiling family. Back row: Joanne, Mary and Carol. Front: Kenneth, Jr. and Christine.

Little John Nicholas Daub is the son of John Daub of the Research and Development Center. His maternal grandmother is Florence Fulginiti, Brown Street. His paternal grandfather is John H. Daub, Tantalum.

DiAnne and Richard (Ricky) Jones are the bright-eyed children of Ann Jones of Beaver Street. They are the grandchildren of Aldem Jones, of the Etch House, and Arthur LaCross, of Ceramics.
Tash just came back from one. Lingering awhile on "memory's track". Sincere greeting we would send. Heim is also on sick leave and Julie Mary. You are missed. Joan Man-

from surgery performed at Chelsea Daigneault, Lots of luck in all you do -- this George. Going golfing, races and such— Goodness knows, that your friends will receive in Vietnam. We wish him patient at Plunkett Memorial. And your wife will fix your favorite dish. Two of our co-workers have sons in Sprague's. She

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recently resigned co-worker, and she wished to be remembered to all her many friends in Sprague's. She looks wonderful and is really enjoying her home these days. A speedy recovery is wished to Angelab Schofielder who has been out since an automobile accident quite some time ago. We miss you, Annabel. Try to come back soon. Also, best wishes to Theresa Vono who has been quite ill. Marlene McLen said "I do" a few weeks ago and is now Mrs. Norman Miller. Best wishes to both of you... We are also going to have our "bridal" before too long. Patricia Lester and Patricia Short will both be married before the next LOG news comes due.

Florence Lincoln, when you come to our department, you'll see your daughter, Doris, please try to open the door by the handle — not the door catch — it's much easier...

Two of our co-workers have sons in Vietnam -- Ellie May Roy and Gladys Hurley — we'll be rooting and praying for them right along with you girls... It's nice having Lee Cimoneuti back with us after a few weeks leave... Guess this is all for now thanks to the new LOG Bulletin are kept up to date on most of the other items.

To George Maxwell by Doris Richards

Sincere greeting we would send. Leaving us, you'll leave behind Outstanding memories of one-real kind. Never complaining, but doing your best. Going from meter to meter to test. Goodness knows, that your friends will enjoy the memories you did instill Of things you'd plan or like to do, Of things you'd plan or like to do,

Many years ahead we'll wish And your wife will fix your favorite dish. Xta little chores she'll find, We hope you will find peace of mind. Everyday, may you look and see your Lingering awash on "memory's track". Lots of luck in all you do — this George. Is our wish for you.

METAL CLAD by Susan Pollone

We like the weekly news Bulletin but we don't think it will replace the LOG... My nephew, Sp 4 Raymond Pollone has returned from Vietnam after completing his tour of duty. He spent a week at home before reporting to Ft. Bragg, North Caro-

A former employee in the Paper Rolling Department at Beaver Street, Seaman John H. Marlowe is now serving his country at Whiting Field, Milton, Florida. He is the son of Dorothy Marlowe, Metallized Paper Finish Department, Beaver Street.

APPENDIX

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Misc. Dry Test and Ship
by Emily Wodzka and Ella Genei

Early vacations: Marie Paeser, Zita Pedrin and Ella Genei spent two glorious and unforgettable weeks in sunny Florida. Including a trip left by car on St. Patrick’s Day which happened to be Ella’s birthday. All three spotted green tinted “mumm” covers which stopped in some restaurant along the way and Zita and Marie presented Ella with a birthday cake and gift. They motor- ed down the East coast to Miami, over to St. Petersburgh, through the orange groves and back...Doug Ostrander spent his vacation at home. We would like to wish a speedy recovery to his wife who had an extensive stay in the North Adams Hospital recently.

Mary Maselli, after a week’s vaca- tion spent housecleaning, will return to a different department. We wish you luck on your new job...There are several capable scavengers in our department. They are Dot Wilkes, Mary Zajac and Stella Zieminski. All three attended night classes at the Junior High School in Adams. Upon completion of their advanced course, they received certificates. Congratulations!! They’ll be going into tailoring next season. Erna Crowningfield, Ann Marie Dominique, Kay Roberts and Don Tatro left our department to take other jobs. Erna has gone to Beaver Street, Ann Marie to Brown, Kay to Cascade and Don Tatro to Maintenance, Marshall. We’ll miss you!! Lots of luck in your new undertakings... Both Ella Genei (and Emily W.) mislaid the Log of the Bowling Ball which was very unfortunate!! I should say!! The weather couldn’t have been worse!! !! We’re very happy that the Bowling Banquet which is the highlight of the Bowling season is in May!! Weather shouldn’t be any problem then!!

Bits of Wisdom... A good reputa- tion helps attract a woman. Sincerity is the mainstay of any man’s life... Take time to reflect—a habit is good if you rule it, bad if it rules you...A man may be the architect of his fortune, but he is also the designer of his misfortune...That’s all, there ain’t no more toothaches, we hope. . . A man Fortin is home from the hospital whom he has not seen in 12 years. He received a picture of his niece, Ethel, and his other son, Victor, Jr., in the future. Perhaps if they are lucky, Anne Ruth Harris and her sons have four daughters and a grandson. Their parents are employes at the Beaver Street. Mr. and Mrs. Millard Jones of 26 Myers Avenue was held Saturday, February 11 at the Victory Street Hall in Adams by their children. About 110 friends and relatives attended the affair. The couple received a centerpiece of 25 beautiful red roses and 25 fan shaped one dollar bills with a silver bell and fernery. Mrs. Jones also received a white orchid corsage and her husband a red rose boutonniere. They also received many gifts and a purse of money. A hot roast beef supper was served and the “Twilighters” played for dancing. Mr. and Mrs. Jones were married in Notre Dame Church February 14, 1942 by Reverend Father LaPointe. They have for daughters and a grandson. The daughters are Mrs. Robert Mckie of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Miss Madeleine Jones, Mrs. Timothy Shea and Miss Jennifer Lyn Jones. The little grandson is James Patrick Shea. They have four daughters and a grandson. Their parents are employes at the Beaver Street.

Farewell to Francis (Tank) Wilson who has left us for Corporate Industrial Relations. Good luck on your new job... A dinner party was held at the Wilson Residence in Charlestown for Mr. and Mrs. Van Steenburg, Industrial Relations, Brown Street, and Rose Worthington, Industrial Relations, Beaver Street. Beer and wine were served to Miss Sullivan who will be getting married on July 1st to Ken Raina... On May 3rd a party was given by Glen LePage who is going on maternity leave. Much happiness to Francis, Glen to Gwen and to the new arrival.

Sprode Products
by Joe Beckith

Spring vacation time is time to go to Sprode Products. The warm gentle days have caused our girls to bloom like Spring flowers... Daisy jewelry is very much in evidence as Mary King and Kay Connors show off their pretty collection... It is rumored that daisies won’t tell, but Flo Szymanski and Mary Krzeminski will and at a date they will be having a wedding at St. Stanislaus Parish Center. Perhaps if they are lucky, Anne Weyers will make some of her famous perenue... Cherry blossoms which bloom in Washington, D.C. had a chance to meet Pat Scott and Jo Ann Volpe, the Sprode travelers... Ceil Wilk and Leda Dematrick each deserve a little of the valley, beauty, for the beautiful clothes the girls have been making. It must be nice to be beautiful... A big bouquet of welcome to Mary Biskupski is our new Operations Manager here in Sprode Products... Here’s hoping you all have a swinging Spring.

Sprodeo Inventory Control
by Peggy Brule

Judy McDonald is lonesome these days. Her fiancé, Arthur Eastman has gone to Missouri for his six months Army training with the Bennington National Guard. On his return home there will be wedding bells for Judy...Mary Jane Harvey and Donald Baran will also take their marriage vows this summer... Lois Phelan is looking forward to the warm weather...
so she can go fishing in the streams in Savoy. Get some trout for us, Lois. . . . Martha Lasher will take her first airplane ride soon, a jet no less, to Rochester, New York to take care of her grandchildren when her daughter, Marilyn, has her third child. Marilyn, a registered nurse, is the wife of Dr. William Oldmast, anesthetist, at the Geneese Hospital in Rochester, New York. . . . Sadly missed is Sandy Wroblewski who is working in the office of our Plant Manager now. A few more months and we will be joining you, Sandy. . . . From all reports the programming for inventory has been completed for the computer by the end of the year. . . . The May excursion to New York City will be May 27th and 28th. For reservations call 662-2652 or 662-8670.

FP OVERS

by Rose LeBoan

Vacation time is here again. Josephine Gaspard spent two weeks in New York City and had a wonderful time. . . . Claire Rivard spent one week at home but was sick most of the time. Glad you’re feeling better, Claire. . . . We have two new employes in our department. Welcome to Marie Guarino and Vicky Pitroff. We welcome back our Foreman, Bernie Belding, who has been on sick leave. Also out sick are George Beverly and Anne Peterson. We hope to have you back real soon. . . . Marilyn Maxymowych says she is expecting a new baby in Rhode Island. The weather wasn’t too good, but she had a nice time. . . . Hope to have more news next time.

Filter Rolling Dept.

by Ruth Haskins and Evelyn Jones

Isn’t it nice that winter is finally behind us? This nice weather brings out all the vacation and gardening plans. The last week in May will be vacation for Evelyn Jones. That will be the time to plant the garden and take the first deep-sea fishing trip. . . . In February Dorothy Lowe and her husband flew to Coronado, California to visit their son, Lt. Edward Lowe, and his wife. While there they visited the observatory at Mt. Calmar. They took a boat sightseeing trip around the harbor at San Diego and a sightseeing trip to Tijuana, Mexico, which included some shopping. . . . Welcome to David McLain who joined us recently. The members of the Dinner Club had an enjoyable time at The Springs. . . . We have our own Secret Agent, Dolores Davis, whose number is 00100. . . . Spring has brought the usual rash of diets to fight the “ Easter belly.” Strawberries, grapefruit are the menu for a few weeks. . . . Our former utility man, Harry Harwood, is now in Vietnam. If any of his friends would like to drop him a card, his address is Pvt. Harry Harwood – RA 21336807 – Co. C, 2nd Bu. 34th Armor, A.P.O. San Francisco, California 96266. Let’s all try and drop a line to cheer him up. Happy vacationing!

High Quality

by Mina Rivard

Now that summer is around the corner more girls will be well on their way to hair styles. Betty Elias looks real nice with her new style. Helen Hafner sure looks classy with her new Ford. . . . Girls, if you need an extra pair of teeth see Helen Leeming. . . . Edith Jandran entered Pittfield General Hospital April 16 for surgery. Good luck, Edith. . . . Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Low. Their wedding anniversary was on May 23, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Oparowski – 20 years on May 10. . . . A party was held at the New Haven Restaurant in observance of the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. David Vergilio.

Suggestions

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to use an outer cover made from scrap wire in place of potting compound to allow easier removal of cores from the jig won him a check for $15. . . . The Machine Shop was well represented in the winners’ circle. Fred Baker walked away with two awards. He suggested an improved way of repairing tanks in the Tantalum Formation Department for which he received $40 and also an improved method of repairing the Mylar shrinking machine in the Machine Shop. An award of $25 was voted for this suggestion.

Others from the Machine Shop who received awards were Thomas Dobbert, Victor Lampiasi and John Garner. Thomas Dobbert received an award of $25 for his suggestion to put two small plates on a grooving tool which will flatten the mat as the grooving operation is performed. Victor Lampiasi and John Garner each received a $15 check for their combined effort in suggesting a more economical way of replacing the hanger supports in the Formation Department.

Still in the Formation Department, Arthur Hewitt’s idea to control the heat on the Mylar shrinking machine, each received a check for $30 for their suggestion, which was voted an award of $15.

Suggestions had to be rejected because they were not adaptable or would not result in cost, material or effort savings. However, if you feel you have a good idea, submit your suggestions. Every suggestion is reviewed by the Committee and accepted ideas mean extra money for YOU.

TRADING POST

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9-Room House. Central Heat (oil-stream) combination windows and doors, fully insulated, fire detector system, 1/2 baths, full cement cellar. 5-minutes to Marshall Street Plant, extra lot. For Quick Sale $7500. Inquire 23 Warren Street, North Adams or call 663-8097 after 5 p.m.

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A total of 14 suggestions were date filed for further investigation and study. Nine ideas will be on the agenda for review next month, one will be studied for two months and two will be under investigation for three months, and two will be evaluated at the end of six months. Some suggestions had to be rejected because they were not adaptable or would not result in cost, material or effort savings. However, if you feel you have a good idea, submit your suggestions. Every suggestion is reviewed by the Committee and accepted ideas mean extra money for YOU.

Afrad of Lightning?

If lightning gives you the shivers, just clip this note, and carry it with you to read by the light of the next flashlight that come your way: “Only three persons in every million are struck by lightning each year.”

English As She Is

English is that funny tongue, Rimming words spelled like among. Writing food and good with blood, Yet there’s could and would and mud. Why not said and paid with fade? Adding fed and real with maid. Further on we come to heard; Hafner sure looks classy with her new Ford. . . . Girls, if you need an extra pair of teeth see Helen Leeming. Figure comb, then tomb and bomb; Should we now be done with son and fun? Writing food and good with blood, Yet there’s could and would and mud. Why not said and paid with fade? Adding fed and real with maid. Further on we come to heard; Hafner sure looks classy with her new Ford. . . . Girls, if you need an extra pair of teeth see Helen Leeming.
Historic Moments In Baseball

STAN MUSIAL - July 1962 - Musial broke Mel Ott's N.L. record of 1,860 RBIs with a home run off Don Drysdale of the Dodgers at Busch Stadium.

BOB FELLER - Pitched his third no-hitter against Detroit, July 1, 1951.

CARL WEILMAN of the St. Louis Browns struck out six times in a fifteen inning game against the Washington Senators, July 25, 1913.

JIMMY FOXX - Red Sox slugger, received six base-on-balls in six trips to the batter's box - June 16, 1938.

BILL GRAY - Washington Senator's pitcher on August 28, 1919 walked eight men in one inning (the second) in a game against the White Sox - seven walks were consecutive.

JOE DIMAGGIO started his game hitting record in Chicago, May 15, 1941. It ended 56 games later in Cleveland.

TY COBB made six hits including three homers and a double in six trips to the plate May 5, 1925. 

JOE ADCOCK - then of the Milwaukee Braves, hit four home runs and a double in a game against the Brooklyn Dodgers on July 31, 1954. On June 3, 1932, LOU GEHRIG hit four consecutive home runs in one nine inning game (the first, fourth, fifth and seventh innings).

WILLIAM "WAMBY" WAMB-GANNS, second baseman for the Cleveland Indians executed the only unassisted triple play in the World Series History on October 10, 1920.

MICKEY MANTLE, New York Yankee centerfielder, hit a home run a phenomenal 565 feet against the Washington Senators in a day game, April 17, 1953.

On September 30, 1927 BABE RUTH hit his 60th home run of the season against left hander, Tom Zachary, Washington Senators, at Yankee Stadium.

BOBBY THOMPSON hit a home run for New York Giants in the final inning of the third and deciding playoff game with Brooklyn to win the game and the pennant on October 3, 1951.

CHRISTY MATHEWSON of the New York Giants shut out the Philadelphia A's on six hits to win his third shutout in the World Series on October 14, 1905.

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The Sprague Women's Golf League will begin their season on Monday, June 5 at the North Adams Country Club. Play will begin at 5 p.m. every Monday evening for the duration of the 10 week season. The League consists of five teams and the same rules apply as in previous seasons. Alternates will "tee off" right behind the regulars every week for practice.

Women are becoming more aware that golf is not merely a man's game. The fresh air and exercise - not to mention the enjoyment of the game - are very beneficial to your health. If you are interested in becoming an alternate, please contact Pat Roy, or Helen Kawa.

Annual Banquets For All Bowling Leagues

Winter bowling leagues, for both ten-pin and candle-pin, have completed their seasons and their members enjoyed the usual year-end banquet.

Men bowlers and members of the Valley ball team guests at a Men's Winter Sports Banquet held on May 11 at Taconic Park Restaurant. Trophies and awards were plentiful and it is reported a good time was had by all.

The women bowlers enjoyed their annual banquet on May 18 with the usual large contingent of both candle-pin and ten pin bowlers present. Following the awards program dancing was enjoyed by bowlers and guests.

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Joseph Lora demonstrates his improved method for punching tantalum discs from band stock to Machine Shop Superintendent, William Norman. This idea was worth $267 and will amount in an appreciable savings in scrap.

Eugene LaBelle of Purchasing, top Suggestion Award winner, is congratulated by James Oldham, Department Head, as he received his award. Eugene was presented a check for $355 for his suggestion to eliminate inactive items on inventory sheets.
EXPERIMENTAL CPC's PRODUCED IN GRAFTON

Our C.P.C. Laboratory under the direction of Bert Marks is taking shape at a rapid pace. New equipment of all kinds is being installed while Bert Marks, Don Bird, George Fischer and Paula Webb are working on samples. Pictured above is an experimental C.P.C. amplifier and its equivalent in discrete components. The device contains 12 resistors, six capacitors and three transistors. The circuit and packaging were developed by Don Bird and George Fischer. A dime illustrates the size of the complete unit compared to the separate component parts necessary to build a similar circuit.

George J. Fischer Joins C.P.C. Staff

George J. Fischer has joined the C.P.C. Engineering staff as a Junior Engineer working for Bert Marks. He will be involved in the design and development of the C.P.C. product line. A native of Wisconsin, George attended schools in Milwaukee and is currently attending the Milwaukee School of Engineering. He served three years in the United States Army as an electronics instructor.

Prior to joining Sprague, Mr. Fischer was employed by the Central Lab Division of Globe Union as a supervisor technician in the manufacturing of electronic component parts.

Mr. Fischer is married to the former Janet Ihde and they are the parents of a son, Timothy. Mr. and Mrs. Fischer make their home in Milwaukee.

Bales and Hanson Named Group Leaders In Screening & Mica

Mr. Hanson is a native of Wisconsin and attended local schools in the Milwaukee area. He is married to the former Elaine Mancl and they reside in Grafton.

Allen Bales and James Hanson recently joined Sprague as Group Leaders of Screening and Mica respectively. Allen comes to us from Barton TV Service in West Bend where he was employed in the radio and TV repair business. A native of Campbellsport, Wisconsin Mr. Bales attended local schools there.

His interests include outdoor sports and stereo music. He is engaged to Sue Butzlaff and they plan a fall wedding.

James Hanson

C. W. Flanders Holds Training Sessions

Recently Courtney W. Flanders, Manager of Corporate Training, visited Grafton. Mr. Flanders travels extensively for Sprague Electric Company giving management training lessons at all Sprague locations in this country.

During his visit to Grafton he gave a slide presentation showing the growth of the Company from Robert C. Sprague's home workshop forty years ago through the twenty-five plants now in existence. In conjunction with this he held group leader and foreman training lessons in management.

Sprague's companywide policy of educational sponsorship, and management training is designed to help employees keep up with the ever increasing changes in today's technology.
From Your
Industrial Relations
Manager's Desk

By the time you read this article a new supply of revised employe handbooks should be available in the Industrial Relations Department. The new handbooks are unique more for their resemblance to the old books than for the changes that have been made.

The new handbooks update our vacation and holiday schedule as well as other benefit improvements that you have been notified of over the past two years since the last handbook was printed.

If you haven’t read your employe handbook recently, I would encourage you to do so. This small book makes promises and guarantees that are as solid and firm as you will find anywhere. It covers all aspects of your employment and establishes the ground rules by which you and the Company will work together. It also points out what you can expect by way of benefits, personnel treatment, and working conditions.

In addition, it preserves and recognizes your status as an intelligent individual with the desire, and opportunity to discuss freely and openly with anyone you choose, your job, its problems and subsequent solutions.

You are encouraged to pick up a copy of your new employe handbook, read it, discuss it, question it, use it as it was intended.

Andrew J. Doore

INFLATION HURTS

Since inflation affects everyone where it hurts - in the pocketbook - everyone has a vital stake in doing something about it.

Fiscal policy can and should play its part in controlling inflation, but the principal effort must be on the side of reducing government spending rather than on increasing taxes. This, of course, is easier said than done. But, if we are to control inflation effectively and reduce the pressure on the credit markets, there is no substitute for a substantial cut in government spending.

Tax increases hold back the growth in productive capacity and efficiency which, ultimately, is strongest defense against inflation. Tax increases may reduce the government’s need for borrowed funds but that desirable effect is likely to be partly offset by increased borrowing on the part of the taxpayer, especially the business taxpayer.

This is not to say that tax increases are a completely ineffective way of applying fiscal policy to inflation control or that the nation may not eventually have to turn to this line of action. But, dollar for dollar, so much more can be achieved by government expenditure reduction than by higher taxes that the first and major effort should be to slash spending. This may not be the easiest approach but it can be the most fruitful one.

In reducing, or at least controlling the growth of, federal spending the Congress and the Administration have wide scope for action. It is a source of serious concern that since 1964 federal outlays for purposes other than national defense have risen twice again as fast in percentage terms as the national output of real goods and services. Neither the increasing cost of conducting military operations in Vietnam, nor the fact that our economy has been pressed against the ceiling of its productive potential, seems to have restrained the rising tide of civilian spending by the federal government over the past two years.

Even if control of inflation were not the objective, a cut in federal spending would be a most worthy goal.

Diane Burmesch became engaged to Ronald Biever on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1967 at St. Peter's Church at Port Washington, Wisconsin. Presented in marriage by her father, Joyce wore a taffeta dress with long sweep, empire waistline, panelled front of brocaded lace with pearls, long sleeves, scoop neck and a train of taffeta. Her head piece was an illusion silk fingertip veil with a petal headpiece trimmed with aurora borealis beads. Dinner and reception for about 500 guests was held from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Belgium Community Center. The newlyweds are living at 124 E. Walters, Port Washington, Wisconsin.

Ice Fishing In Wisconsin

Many of us may think of fishing as a sport for lazy summer days. For the diehard fishermen of Wisconsin, this is a year round sport where the methods change as the seasons do.

The ice fishermen from Sprague of Wisconsin include Joe Heisl, George Mantey, Lester Williams, Hugh Putnam, Dick Hadler, Gene Reis and Dick Nemitz. Les Williams is the undisputed champ with his 12-pound 36-inch northern pike. Although Hugh Putnam can tell a good story about the one that got away, Joe Heisl has come up with a novel method of preserving the heads of these prize fish caught through the ice. He is decorating the wall of his camp with them to remind his summer visitors of the cold days and BIG fish of the previous winters.

Diane Burmesch

Les Williams holds a prize catch

Monica Schulze

Congratulations to Monica Schulze who became engaged on her birthday day to Mike Jelfeeries. Monica has been with Sprague now for almost a year and works for Gene Beimling in QAR. Mike is employed at Doerr Electric Cedarburg, Wisconsin. No definite wedding plans have been made to this date. Congratulations to both of them.

Mrs. James Buchholz

Joyce Ansay, daughter of Rose Ansay of the Shipping Department was married to James Buchholz on February 4, 1967 at St. Peter's Church at Port Washington, Wisconsin. Presented in marriage by her father, Joyce wore a taffeta dress with long empire waistline, panelled front of brocaded lace with pearls, long sleeves, scoop neck and a train of taffeta. Her head piece was an illusion silk fingertip veil with a petal headpiece trimmed with aurora borealis beads. Dinner and reception for about 500 guests was held from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Belgium Community Center. The newlyweds are living at 124 E. Walters, Port Washington, Wisconsin.

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ASSEMBLY NEWS

by Hilda Horn

Once again it is news time.

I am glad to report that all the girls and guys at the Assembly Department are doing fine except for a few colds-no complaints.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wegner on the birth of Diane Marie. Her arrival was a little late but mother and daughter are doing fine and Mildred told me she will be back real soon.

Luella Gressler is getting better by the day. Her leg cast is off and she will be back real soon.

Good season.

Hi!

Guess it’s that time again, but not much to report.

Lois Hilgendorf enjoyed her last few weekends at the very famous Alpine Valley Ski Resort for ski lessons. She does very well, but with the spring seasons right around the corner, she has to try again next season. Good Luck . . .

Betty Nicolaus enjoyed a wonderful weekend celebration at the home of Mrs. Ceciele Nicolaus. There were many relatives, including her mother Mrs. Emma Beirlen of Grafon, her daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kaul of Grafon, Mr. and Mrs. James Volz of Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. Seth Liebenstein of Grafon, a sister to Betty, and Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Johnson and a niece, a family from Columbus, Wisconsin.

Speaking of celebrations, I had a birthday party for my husband in February, some of the guests were training students and their wives from the Philippines Islands. They all enjoyed a real German-American "Gemutlichkeit." That’s all for now, and keep the news coming.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

by Elaine Payath

Hi!

Guess it’s that time again, but not much to report.

LaVern Kuglen is on leave and we hope she is enjoying her rest at home and will be back soon.

We’re all glad to see Elmer back pushing the broom again after his bout with the flu.

Congratulations to Delila Maz-

emke whose bowling team ended up in first place.

Everyone is busy this time of the year—the women housecleaning, the men busy checking all their fishing equipment and planning their fishing trip after the big ones. Hope everyone has fun planning their vacation. It’s not too far away.

Guess that’s all for now. See you next time.

OFFICE NEWS

by Donna Ballbach

Birthday congratulations are in order for Nola Wegner, Joanne Bohn and Monica Schulze. Wishing all of you many-many more birthdays.

Say, how about that beautiful new car Janice is driving??? Janice how about taxi service for a few of us unlucky no-car people?

Why does Rosemary wear boots and then step in mud and water up to her knees? Sounds like a lot of good clean fun . . .

Janet P. must be eating spinach, she broke her directional stick right off the stirring column the other day. Sure you’ve got a headache Janet but don’t take it out on your poor directional stick.

Shirley next time try a triple backwards flip—you just might do it and suffer the consequences the next day.

Tell us all about the scenery in Cedarburg, Nola? Are you sure that chain around your neck isn’t too heavy?

Sure hope Beth takes skating lessons next year! Those different colored socks were real cute and a very good idea to cover a cast.

Gertie — do you always wear a bib when you eat spaghetti?? Ahem—

Joanne, Mary and Linda are forming a new office club. Mothers-To-Be-In-The-Next-Few-Months. Sure hope they are knitting little booties, sweaters and things.

Les are you sure those aren’t fish stories you are telling us even though you showed us the proof plus let us smell it.

Alma are you sure you know how to dance well enough to make a living?

Arlene just how much celebrating did you do on January 24th. Was that a big enough sign hung above your desk wishing you a happy 21st birthday.

We sure hope that Darlene enjoys her new home way back in the corner in the Shipping Department. Is it quiet enough back there Darlene?

On March 21, 1967 a surprise baby shower was given to Linda Buyze who left us at the end of March. Approximately 17 office gals went out to eat at the Country Inn in Knellsville for the occasion.

For the new arrival we gave Linda an infant car seat. Best of luck to her and her future new arrival.

SCREENING NEWS

by Donna Winget

Time again to report the news.

First, I would like to welcome Allen Bales to the Screening Department from Campbellsport, Wisconsin. Allen is a Screening Group Leader and works for Joe Heisl.

Allen is a graduate of Kewaskum High School, Kewaskum, Wisconsin. Congratulations also to Allen who became engaged to Sue Blutzafl. Sue is also a graduate of Kewaskum High School and is employed at the Wessler Engineering Company, West Bend, Wisconsin. They plan on being married in November of this year. Best of luck to you Allen and we all hope you enjoy working for Sprague of Wisconsin.

Sue Blutzafl

I would like to welcome Alois Loehr back to work. She was off since the middle of December with a case of pneumonia. It is good to have you back to work again.

We sure hope you like your new job Les Williams. Don’t work too hard.

Well, I guess that is all the news for now. Happy birthday and anniversary congratulations to everyone who is celebrating now.

Nothing to say, so I will close for now.

SCREENING NEWS

by Rita Helm

Spring has arrived again and we are shelving ourselves out of a late snowstorm.

A warm welcome to all the new members of the Mica Department.

Congratulations to John and De- lores Klingberg on the arrival of a new baby girl named Peggy Ellen. There couldn’t be a nicer birthday gift for John on March 14. They now have two girls.

Jeanette is very happy. She’ll be seeing her son after four years. He is flying here from Las Vegas, Nevada. He will be spending four or five days with her and the family.

Congratulations to Judy and Paul Bria on the arrival of a new baby girl, Kim Lisa on March 12. Judy
An Interesting Hobby

Ethel Huettel of the Screening Department has an interesting hobby for her spare time. Shown in the picture is a rabbit that Ethel made. The body of the rabbit is a gallon bleach bottle with a hole cut out of the center of the bottle. The other parts that make up the rabbit are a special kit which Ethel bought. She also has made a duck like this.

Ethel told me that it takes her one good afternoon to complete one rabbit. It really is appropriate for Easter.

ENGLISH AS SHE IS

English is that funny tongue,
Rimming words spelled like among.
Writing food and good with blood,
Yet there's could and would among.

Why not said and paid with fade,
Adding fed and read with maid?
Further on we come to heard;
Here, not heard, is just the word.

Cow, with low; how with row;
Now and blow; bow and foe.
Figure comb, then tomb and bomb;
Pick on roam, then loom and calm.

Be now done with son and fun;
English has me quite undone.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

When Using Portable Power Tools

Accidents can happen fast with these portable electric tools so keep these important safety precautions in mind:

✓ Make sure the tool is grounded and equipped with a “dead man” control or pressure switch.
✓ Never stand in water or use an electric tool where there are flammable gases or vapors, unless tool is especially designed for such use.
✓ Check tools before you use them. Look for things like damaged cords and defective plugs. Report unsafe tools. Do not use them.
✓ Run extension cords where they will not be harmed by plant vehicles.
✓ If tools are not kept by the storekeeper, keep in a cool dry place with extension cords loosely coiled.
G. MARKAKIS, REGIONAL PRODUCT SPECIALIST

George E. Markakis

George E. Markakis has joined the Sprague Electric Company as a Regional Product Specialist, it was announced recently by Robert Means, Marketing Manager for the Company’s Resistor Division in Nashua, New Hampshire. Mr. Markakis will make his headquarters at the Camden, New Jersey office of the Sprague Electric Company.

Mr. Markakis comes to Sprague Electric from Black and Decker Manufacturing Company of Towson, Maryland where he was an Engineer and Buyer. Previously, he was a Components Engineer with the Avionics Division of Bendix Radio Division, Bendix Corporation, Towson, Maryland.

Mr. Markakis received the B.S.E.E. degree from West Virginia Institute of Technology. He is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

A. Wilkinson Assumes Duties In Vandalia

Andy Wilkinson has been named Assistant Industrial Relations Manager of the Vandalia, Ohio Plant. In his new assignment, he will assume many of the responsibilities of Joe G. Delgado who has been assigned as Industrial Relations Manager of the Visalia, California Plant in addition to his present position as Industrial Relations Manager for Vandalia.

Mr. Delgado will make his headquarters in Visalia.

Mr. Wilkinson joined the Sprague Electric Company at its Worcester operations shortly after completing a two and one half year tour of duty with the U. S. Army in Germany. While in the Armed Forces, he served with the U. S. Army in Germany.

Prohaska To Handle Marketing For New Silicon Transistors

David Prohaska

David Prohaska has joined the Sprague Electric Company's Semiconductor Division to manage the Company’s marketing program for its new Econolite plastic-encapsulated silicon transistors, it was announced by Albert B. Dall, Marketing Manager.

Mr. Prohaska will make his headquarters at Sprague Electric's plant in Concord, New Hampshire where the new transistors are being made.

A 1953 graduate of Purdue University, Mr. Prohaska was formerly product marketing manager for silicon transistors at General Instrument Corporation. He originally entered semiconductor marketing in 1958 when he joined Texas Instruments as a sales engineer in Chicago, later transferring to that company’s home office in Dallas in a product marketing capacity. He also served as assistant marketing manager for Rayflex Division of Phillips-Eckardt Electronic Corporation.

Mr. Prohaska is the son of Mr. Daniel J. Prohaska of Whiting, Indiana. He is married to the former Helen Schultz of Evanston, Illinois. Mr. & Mrs. Prohaska and their two children are making their home at Hopkinton, New Hampshire.

F. Thompson

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Mr. Thompson was admitted to practice before district and supreme courts of Kansas and before Federal district and circuit courts. He is a member of the Topeka, the Kansas, and the American Bar Associations.

While in Topeka, Mr. Thompson was active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce and served on their board of directors. In June 1966 he was voted Jaycee of the Month. An avid sports enthusiast, he won the Midwest Handball Doubles Championship and the Topeka Singles Championship in 1966. He was also active in YMCA activities.

Trumbull, Connecticut Sales Office Opens With Andrew Loeffler As Manager

Sprague Electric Company has opened a district sales office in Trumbull, Connecticut in order to better service its customers in the electronic and electrical manufacturing industry in the Nutmeg state. This office will be part of the eastern sales region under the direction of Robert Peters.

Andrew A. Loeffler, formerly a member of the Company’s New York Sales Engineering staff with account responsibility for Connecticut, has been named district manager and will be in charge of the new office at 935 White Plains Road, Trumbull.

Mr. Loeffler is a graduate of Pace College where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Marketing. He was, for many years, a member of the sales engineering staff of the Cornell-Dubilier Electric Division of Federal Pacific Electric Corporation.

Mr. Loeffler is a resident of Trumbull, Connecticut.

Programmed Learning...Safety Series No. 1A

A person has been injured and goes into a state of shock. He could die within minutes. What do you do?

READ THIS FIRST: You are about to teach yourself what to do in a potentially dangerous situation. Shrink as it may seem, you will score 100% in this test, even though you may not have known the answers before! This is called “programmed learning” and is a most modern, startling way of learning information and retaining it for future use. Then turn the paper over for the answer. Then go on to question #2 which appears next to the answer for question #1, etc. We won’t wish you good luck. You won’t need it!
William Cooper Honored At Annual Dinner For 10-Year Accident-Free Driving Record

The annual Sprague Electric truck driver's dinner was held at Green Mountain Restaurant, Pownal, Vermont. Attending as guests of the Company were truck drivers, spare drivers and all inplant forklift drivers and spares. Nine truck drivers were honored for their accident-free driving records ranging from two to ten years as were all inplant forklift drivers. Heading the award list was truck driver William Cooper who received a $50 U.S. Savings Bond for his 10-year safe driving record.

During the record year, which extends from February 1, 1966 to January 31, 1967, four truck drivers were all inplant forklift drivers and all inplant forklift drivers were of a minor nature and did not cause personal injury. The frequency rate of 3.5 was far above the 1965 completely accident-free record. Since the truck driver's safety program was inaugurated in 1956, only two other years have had a 3.0 frequency rate for the 11 years is a low 1.7, and has never involved a personal injury.

Presentation of awards was made by John D. Washburn, Corporate Director of Industrial Relations, assisted by Anthony N. Sacco, Corporate Safety Supervisor. Drivers receiving awards in addition to Mr. Cooper were: Eight years of accident-free driving, Walter Maynard; seven years, Edward Bourdon and Clifford Morse; six years, George Shortleff; three years, George MacDonald and Henry Knight; and two years, James Harvey and Calvin Ritcher.

Speaking to the group, Mr. Sacco noted that Sprague trucks traveled 121,647 miles during 1966 and were on the road 20,000 hours. He stressed the need for alertness at all times and asked the driver's cooperation to improve our record during 1967.

Area Students Tour North Adams Office, Manufacturing and Research Facilities

Industrial Relations personnel served as guides for students from three area schools when they toured the Sprague Electric Company Marshall Street Plant during the past few weeks.

The Emma Willard School of Troy, New York was represented by approximately 120 members of the Junior Class and a few of their faculty when they visited the Company; 42 Juniors and Seniors of the Mt. Greylock Regional High School Business Education Department were the guests of Sprague Electric and two weeks later the Company was host to over 40 Adams High School Seniors.

The girls from the Emma Willard School started arriving by bus in groups of 40 at 10:30 a.m. in the Building 9 Conference Room. The girls were divided into groups of ten and were conducted on tours through either the Filter or Tantalum manufacturing area, Data Processing and the Research & Development Center.

The Adams Memorial High School Seniors followed much the same procedure when they received their first hand glimpse of the business world.

The students, accompanied by teachers, Mrs. Elisa Gazzagna and Mrs. Donna Magnuson, and Guidance Counselor, Robert Flynn, arrived at 10 a.m. by chartered bus and were greeted by Martin W. Hughes, Brown Street Industrial Relations Manager. The group was escorted to the Building 9 Conference Room where Mr. Hughes introduced Marion G. Caron, Employment Manager, who spoke about the opportunities at Sprague Electric and about the application procedure.

The students were then divided into groups for tours of office and production areas. Girls interested in office opportunities toured the Sales Office, Payroll, Data Processing and Accounting. The boys concentrated on manufacturing areas, Quality Assurance and Reliability and the Research and Development Center.

C. Flanders Attends Training Conference

Courtney W. Flanders, Sprague Electric Company Manager of Corporate Training, attended the 23rd annual Conference of the American Society of Training and Development at the War Memorial Building, Prudential Center, Boston. The Massachusetts Chapter of the Society was the host of the Conference of approximately 2300 Training and Management Development Directors from the United States and 23 foreign countries.

Mr. Flanders, a former Vice President of the host chapter, was the general chairman of the 21 Special Industry group meetings that constituted the program on Tuesday, May 9 involving 447 speakers in 60 concurrent sessions. The keynote address "Penetrating the Manpower Barrier" was presented by John W. Macoy, Jr., Chairman, U. S. Civil Service Commission.
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Martin Tanner Joins Sprague Products As Operations Manager

Fred A. Windover II Accepts Position As Attorney In Legal Department

Management Club Life Memberships

Staff Sgt. Leonard E. Lewitt, son of Leonard Lewitt of Western Electric and Mabel of Subminiature Assembly, has re-enlisted in the U. S. Army. He was sworn in by Captain Walter Kuehn, Jr. while on active duty in Vietnam.

Martin Tanner has joined the Sprague Products Company as Manager of Operations, it was announced recently by R. W. Woodbury, assistant to the President. Sprague Products Company is the distributors' supply subsidiary for Sprague Electric Company.

Mr. Tanner comes to Sprague Products from the International Business Machines Corporation, Springfield, Massachusetts where he was Marketing Representative for Western Massachusetts.

Mr. Tanner was previously with the Distribution Transformer Department of the General Electric Company at Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He is a graduate of Bucknell University with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Finance.

A native of Hackensack, New Jersey, Mr. Tanner is married to the former Barbara Lou Bauer of Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Mr. & Mrs. Tanner and their three children expect to make their home in Williams town later this summer, moving from Wilbraham, Massachusetts.

Fred A. Windover II has joined the Sprague Electric Company as an Attorney in the Legal Department.

Mr. Windover, a native of North Adams, is a graduate of Drury High School where he was the recipient of a Sprague Scholarship. In 1960 he graduated with honors from Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, with a B.A. degree in Economics, and in 1965 received a law degree from Duke University School of Law. In Durham, North Carolina. During his final year at Duke, Mr. Windover also served as Director of Crofts Business College in Durham.

After graduation, he was associated with the Florida Capital Corporation Royal Utilities, Inc. in Palm Beach, Florida for two years. There he held the position of Attorney, Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Windover is a member of the Florida Bar and the American Bar Association. He has also been admitted to practice before the Tax Court of the United States.

Both Mr. Windover's parents have been associated with the Sprague Electric Company. His mother, the former Honorita Collins, was employed in the original Sprague Specialties Company when it was located in Quincy, Massachusetts, and moved to North Adams when the Company relocated here. His father, Fred B. Windover, has been an Account Manager with the Company for many years.

During the summers from 1955 to 1960, Mr. Windover II was employed in various departments of the Company including Shipping, KVA and Quality Control.

Mr. Windover is married to the former Joan McClelland of Briggsville, Massachusetts and they have three children.

R. Epperly Assumes New Duties in CIR

An Airman of the Sprague Electric Company, Epperly has been associated with Sprague Specialties Company since August 1964 and has served as Flight Training Manager since December 1965. In his new position he will be involved in the full range of Industrial Relations activities at the corporate staff level and, in addition, will have supervisory responsibility for the Company's Aviation Department.

A native of Webb, Oklahoma, Mr. Epperly attended Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi and the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. He is a veteran of 21 years of active duty in the U.S. Naval Reserve having retired in the grade of Commander.
Sports Highlights . . . .

Sprague Electric Participates In Northern Berkshire Industry Night

Sprague Electric Company participated in the second annual Northern Berkshire Industry Night which was co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Greater North Adams and the Williams College Center for Development Economics.

The event was conceived last year as a means of bringing together two groups of men with mutual interests: the Industrial executives of the area, many of whom represent organizations with foreign interests, and the 20 Fellows at the Center who hold various financial or governmental positions in their native lands.

The Sprague Electric Company exhibit included a product display of various types of components and also an electric map that indicated in lights the locations and color pictures of the Sprague Plants throughout the United States.

The Company was particularly interested in this type of program since through its wholly owned subsidiaries, Sprague World Trade and Sprague International, Sprague Electric is represented in all major foreign markets. Established to market all products made by Sprague Electric, this assignment is one of the most interesting and difficult in the Company.

Interesting in that borders do exist and the needs and desires of the people in foreign countries may be unique; and difficult because of the existence of national preferences and tariff barriers. In addition, the salesmen are thousands of miles, in many cases, from where the product is manufactured. This poses the additional problems of communication and distribution particularly when specialized components are required.

At the informal exchange of economics information between the business executives and the foreign graduate students, questions revolved around tax incentives, the role of education and the natural resources available. It was the consensus that there was a correlation in many areas of the economic problems of Northern Berkshire and those of the emerging countries represented by the Fellows.

Sprague Electric non-USA Operations and Offices are located in Ponce, Puerto Rico; Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Milan, Italy; Renaix, Belgium; Alpuyeca, Mexico; and Hong Kong.

In addition, the Company maintains non-USA Sales Offices in England, France, Switzerland and West Germany.

Top picture: Second half volley ball champs were the Dallas Cowboys captained by Joe Moreau (far right). Other team members are: (left to right) Ernie Urfer, Bill Andrews, Bill King and Bill Manson.

Center picture: The SCD team emerged victorious in the Men’s Ten Pin League. Posing for their “official” portrait were: (left to right) Terry White, Bob Welch, Frank Marmillo, Frank Maxymilian and Bill Andrews.

Bottom picture: First place honors in the Men’s Independent League went to the Shipping team. From left to right they are: Stan Pasierbiak, Robert Burr, Bill Fortini, Harold Tourjee and Phil Collins, Captain.

At the recent Northern Berkshire Industry Night, Robert C. Sprague, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, (center) explained part of the Sprague Electric display to two interested students from India, Devki Nandan Prasad (left) and Vishwanath Shenai (right) are two of the 20 Fellows studying for a year at the Williams College Center for Development Economics. All of the men hold various financial and governmental positions in their native lands.