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## Results Of The Year 1952

1952 sales of \$94,282,288 were 20% less than the 1951 sales of \$118,484,161. Net earnings of \$2,620,068 were 53% less than the 1951 earnings of \$5,566,825.

All of us are familiar with some of the reasons for the drop in sales and the even greater decline in earnings. It has been estimated that we lost about 20 million dollars in sales because of the strike. However, it is interesting to note that our sales in the first six months of 1952 were lower than in 1951. Many of our customers overstocked in 1951 and stopped buying in 1952 to work off the stocks. Part of the drop was due to Government restrictions on the use of materials and allocations thereof. We also know that while controls were holding down our prices, many of our costs of production were rising, thereby making reduced sales less profitable.

Prospects for 1953 and the future years are encouraging. The demand for our varied lines of products should be at a high level. We are looking forward to a period of uninterrupted production, unhampered by Government restrictions on the use of materials and with a reasonable relationship between selling prices and costs of production. We spent, starting in 1940 through last year, \$55,415,856 on new and improved plant facilities, mostly machinery.

Our products are well diversified and of high quality, our customers express their satisfaction by continuing to order from us, and our employees are able and conscientious. Such assets cannot help but inspire us with pride and confidence in the future.

*L. P. Sperry*  
President

## Financial Summary

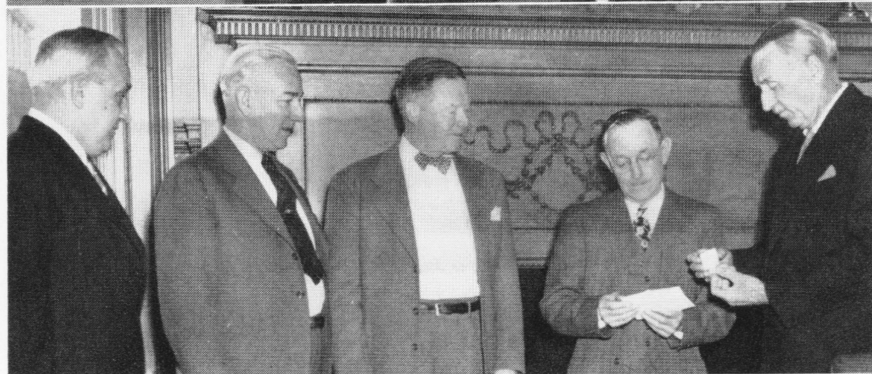
		1952		1951	
WE RECEIVED:					
From Our Customers	\$94,282,288	99.7%	\$118,484,161	99.8%	
From Other Sources	280,764	.3	272,121	.2	
Total	\$94,563,052	100.0	\$118,756,282	100.0	
WE SPENT:					
For Payroll Costs	\$38,780,761	41.0	\$ 43,650,640	36.7	
For Raw Materials and Other Supplies	45,896,526	48.5	53,863,982	45.4	
For Wear and Tear on Buildings and Equip.	3,537,969	3.8	3,137,603	2.6	
For Federal, State and Local Taxes	3,520,376	3.7	12,329,579	10.4	
For Interest and Other Charges	207,352	.2	207,653	.2	
Total	\$91,942,984	97.2	\$113,189,457	95.3	
LEAVING EARNINGS OF	\$ 2,620,068	2.8	\$ 5,566,825	4.7	

## Scovill Closures Displayed In New York



Our new GRIPPER Zipper for men's trousers and slacks and the regular line of B & F closures were exhibited at the fourth annual suppliers exhibit of the Int'l. Assn. of Garment Manufacturers and Associated Pants Manufacturers of America, held at the Hotel New Yorker, New York, recently.

## Two 40-Year Awards Presented Recently



Executive Vice-President William M. Goss recently presented awards to two employees with 40 years of continuous Scovill service each.

Top: Ralph Roberts, Foreman of the Oil House, accepts his 40-year award with Vice-President A. P. Hickcox in attendance.

Bottom: John Thompson of Electric Shell Tool accepts his award. On hand for the occasion were: Foreman Henry W. Kamens, General Foreman Leon H. Maysbaw and Tool & Development Superintendent Willis H. Machin.

## New Assignments

### Mills Division

Announced by John J. Hoben, Works Manager of the Mills Division:

Effective March 2, 1953, Edward B. Goss has been appointed Coordinator of Aluminum program for the Mills Division. Responsible for Mill schedules, procedures, and production control, he will work with the Mill Production Office, production departments and our Technical Service as is necessary. He will report to Mr. J. P. Cusack, Manager of the Mill Production Office.

### Tool Division

Announced by Mr. W. H. Machin, Sr., Superintendent of Tool and Products Development Departments:

Effective March 2, 1953, John F. McAree has been appointed Foreman of Dept. 356, Attaching Machines. He will report to Gen. Foreman R. V. Havican.

## Retroactive Pay

Retroactive pay for Scovill bargaining unit employees for the period from November 3, 1952 through February 8, 1953, will be included with their pay received during the week ending March 22, 1953.

Hourly-paid employees will receive three cents an hour and incentive-paid employees will receive five cents per hour for hours worked in this fourteen-week period. Since February 9, these increases have been included in each week's earnings.

The retroactive pay had previously been held up waiting approval of the Wage Stabilization Board. Upon termination of wage controls by President Eisenhower on February 6, these increases were put into effect.

Applicable increases and retroactive payments are being made to employees on all other payrolls.

## Good Friday Shutdown

### Main Plant

The Main Plant will close for Good Friday at 7:00 a.m. on April 3, and will reopen at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, April 6.

Employees regularly paid on Friday will be paid on Thursday, Apr. 2.

Any deviation from the above schedule will be announced by individual departments.

### Waterville Division

The Waterville Division will close for Good Friday at 11:00 p.m., on Thursday, April 2, and will reopen at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, April 6.





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## Foundation Stones

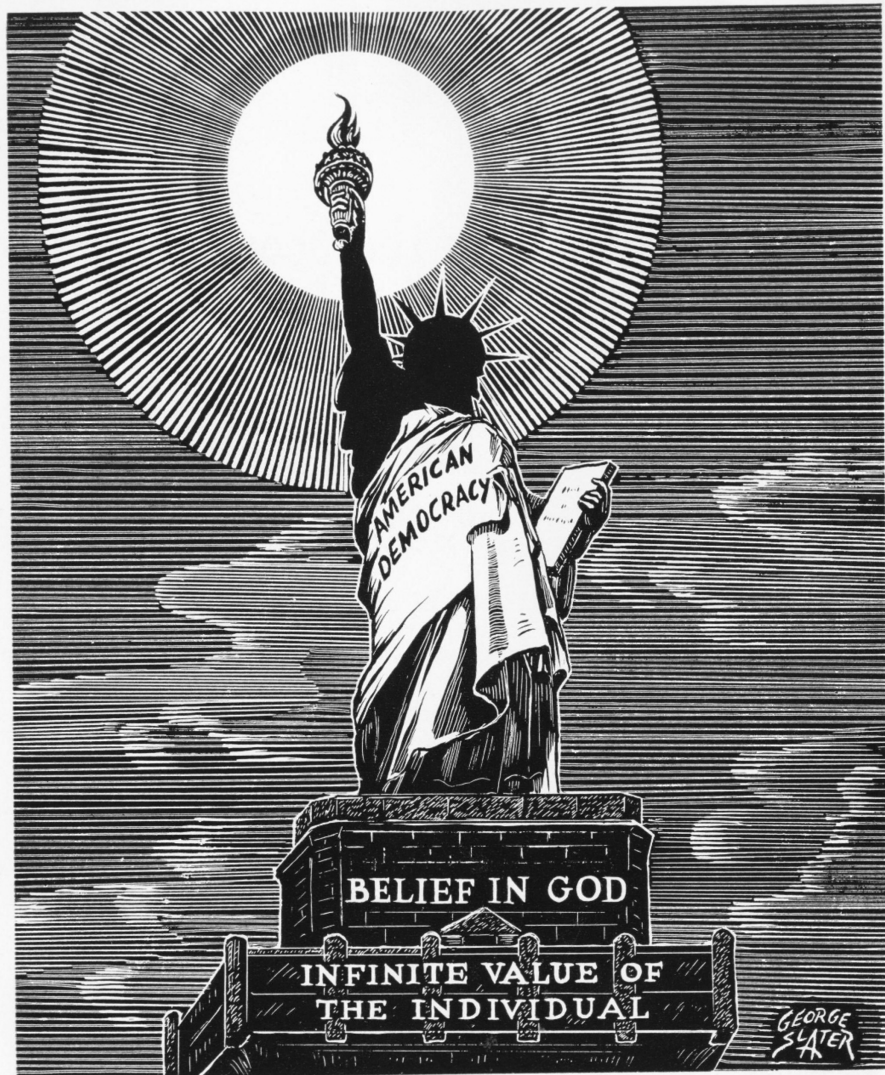
America was founded upon a religious and not a temporal base.

This is not a personal opinion but a historic fact. The reading of the Declaration of Independence and other political statements by our pioneers bears out this fact. These pioneers wanted a government that recognized the individual as a co-Creator.

The world conflict of today should make people think. The real difference between the people of the United States and Russia is that we differ morally and religiously. Russian leaders say God is a hoax, and they expel from the Communist Party those who use such words as mercy, kindness, sympathy and justice.

America believes in God and in the sympathy of Christ, and now is the time to renew the beacon light of liberty.

Here is our opportunity to assume undisputed world leadership, and we must not fail.



## Scovill Eyes - 1952

By Walter J. Racicot

During 1952 the Main Plant did not have a single serious eye injury.

There were 569 reported eye cases. Only 4 lost-time cases, totaling 19 days, and no lost vision. Isn't that wonderful?

Compare the following figures for 1952 and 1951 on eye accidents. Notice the improvement which is good.

	1952	1951
Depts. showing improvement	45	38
Depts. showing increase	15	21
Depts. showing no change	7	9
Depts. showing no cases	5	3

Supervision, safety committees and every eye-protection-conscious person in the Main Plant deserves an orchid for helping to keep down the seriousness and incidence of eye injuries.

Let's all keep up the good job done in '52 by greater efforts to prevent eye injuries in 1953. This can be done by *Teamwork*, and wearing the eye protection provided by Scovill, the best available.



Louis Guarda, Gen. Trng. #1  
Kenneth McQuade, Chucking  
James Venditti, ASMD  
Ronald Wisnie, Gen. Trng. #1

## Pinochle Tournament

The final game of the first round was completed on February 26. Team standings were as follows: Honyotski-248,340, Matulunas-248,275, Mancini-245,835.

The first night of play of the second round took place on March 5. Team scores for that evening were: Mancini-27,120, Matulunas-25,690, Honyotski-24,360.

Individual high score of 4,510 was taken by Archie Hollywood. Paul Everett was in second place with a score of 4,330.

## From Our Family Album



Introducing the Christolini twins who were born in St. Mary's Hospital on January 14, 1953. They are Charles (left) and Jo-Ann (right). Jack Troisi, of the Lacquer Room, is the proud grandfather. Their parents, Philomena and Charles, are former employees of the Lacquer Room.

## One To A Customer

By Robert W. Butler, M. D.

You can get by after a fashion with one eye, one ear, one arm, one lung, one kidney, or one leg — because you start out in life with two of each. In these days of medical progress you can even get by without your stomach — and you have only one of those; but no one has yet discovered a way of getting by without a heart.

In the last article we mentioned the word DEWP and said not to be one. Now a DEWP is one who is asking for heart trouble because of any one of several bad habits. He is one who:

1. Drinks too much
2. Eats too much
3. Works or worries too much
4. Plays too much

Overdrinking requires no comment.

Overeating may be fun, but it may also be fatal. If you eat more than your body requires for fuel, it is deposited in the tissues as fat. Unfortunately, it's not like trying to get too much gas in the tank — it won't run over the side! Every extra pound of fat you have represents about 1/2 mile of extra blood vessels. Just think of the effect of that on the pump which is pushing blood through those vessels 24,000 times a day. It's a marvelous mechanism, and it will put up with that kind of abuse for perhaps 5, or even 35 years — but, sooner or later, it will talk back — and then it's too late. Take off the excess baggage now!

Overwork is no good, either. If you have some heavy work to do at home, or grass to cut, or snow to shovel, rest before you start it, and don't rush to finish it — rest for a few minutes once in a while while you're doing the job. The job will last a little longer, but so will you.

Overworry never did anyone any good as far as we've been able to learn but it can do a lot of harm to the worryer, and others as well. If you worry too much you should first be honest with yourself and admit that you do

worry, and what you worry about. Then either eliminate the cause or, if that's impossible, change your attitude toward the problem. Easy to say, hard to do, but very important, and what you finally have to do anyway. Why not do it in the very beginning?

Overplay has cut down many a good man in his 40's — and younger. Don't try to crowd a month's recreation into a day or a weekend. Exercise is good for you, but too much of a good thing can kill you. Quit when you're tired — or sooner!

If you're consistently guilty of any of these excesses, you're a DEWP. Let's change our ways and live longer!



Q: Why is it important to notify Blue Cross if a son or daughter under age 19 gets married?

A: Members under age 19 who marry are no longer eligible for coverage under parents' contracts. Notify Blue Cross so that arrangements can be made for continued coverage on a husband-wife contract.

## Cribbage Doings

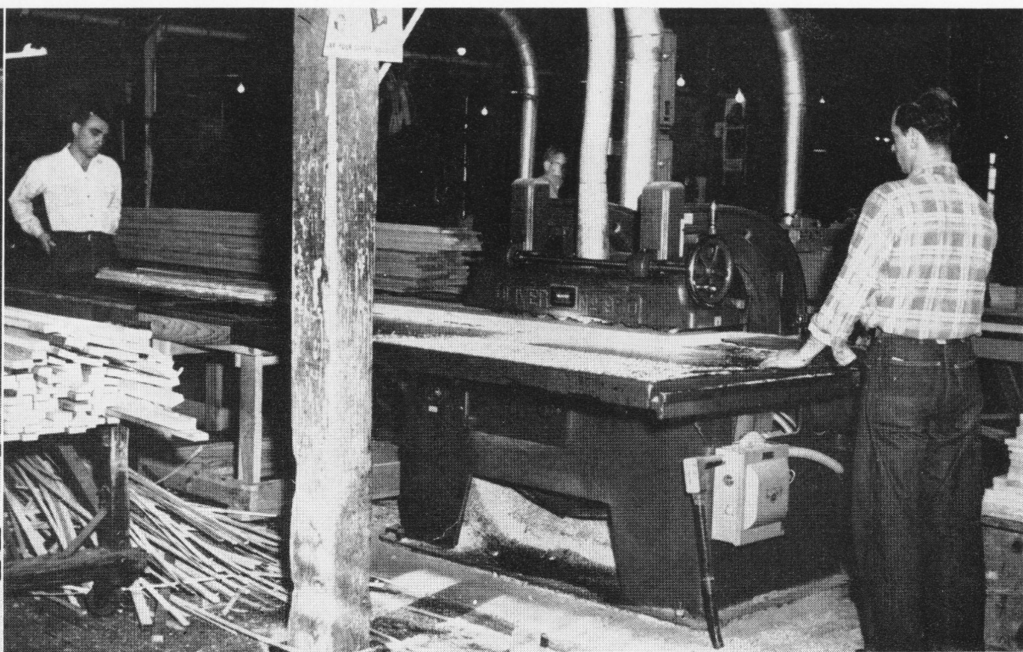
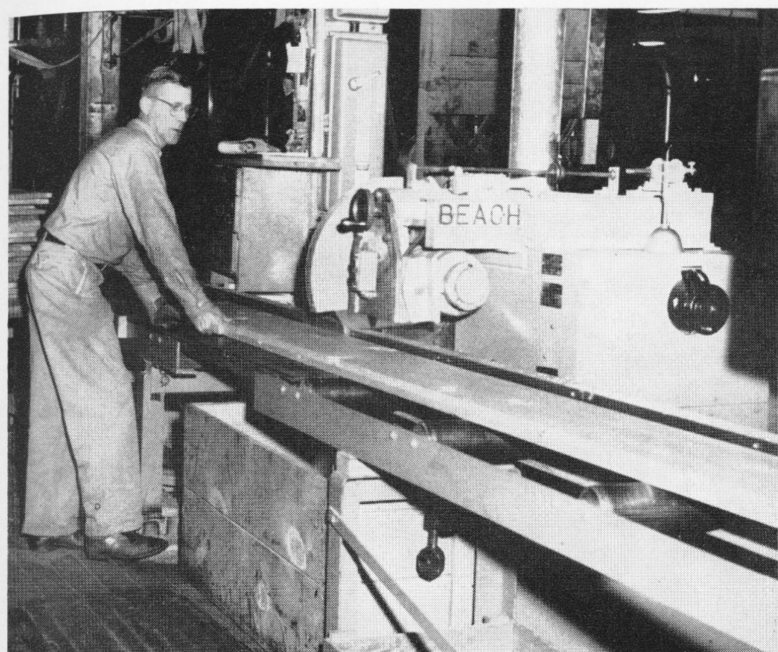
As of March 10, the American League was leading by 165 points. Scores for that evening were: American — 5,485, National — 5,127.

Individual high was taken by Syd Spender and Bill Strokalis who totaled 1,510.

The annual home-and-home contest with the Chase group this year will be held on March 24, at the Chase Country Club. Chase players will be guests of Scovill in a return match on March 31 at our Clubhouse.



## The Latest In Power Saws Installed in the Box Shop



The buzzing sounds of "cutting up" have speeded up in our Box Shop since the installation of four of the newest types of saws in that department.

Nelson Geer (left photo) adjusts a board to be cut to length on the new

Beach Cut-off Saw. After this operation, boards are ripped to specified widths on the Oliver Rip Saw (right photo). That's Johnnie Latina (left) and Tommie Napomicenso (right) running a board through this machine.

The Box Shop is located in the East Plant, in a building all its own. However, most of the output of this department is evident in all sections of the plant — they turn out all wood shipping boxes for the mills and all skids used throughout the plant.

This department cuts-to-length and rips about 2,500,000 board-feet of lumber yearly (enough to build 1,200 five-room houses). Even the sawdust which this Box Shop accumulates is put to work — it is sent to Building 112 where it is used as an oil absorbing substance.

To meet the increasing demands for their products, the Box Shop has installed four new machines — the latest in saws, which make the work much lighter for the men. The two most recently installed are motor-driven Beach cut-off saws which cut boards to specified lengths. They have been in operation approximately a month. The other two are motor-driven, belt-fed Oliver Rip Saws which rip boards down to specified widths. These were installed in 1951.

The Beach cut-off is equipped with a cast iron, box-type ram on which the saw is mounted. This new principle of mounting assures straightline action throughout the length of a cutting stroke. The length and speed of the stroke are adjustable. They are operated by a foot switch.

The saw has a sixteen-foot steel conveyor table on each side which conveys boards to and from the saw. Boards are placed on one of these conveyors, are squared and cut to length at the saw. Then they are sent down the other conveyor from which they are taken to the bench to be run on the Oliver Rip Saw.

The Oliver Rip Saw can rip boards (which the Box Shop uses for making boxes) much faster than the former method of pushing the board through by hand.

This machine is a one-piece welded steel construction which houses electrical equipment and encloses all running parts below the table top. This keeps the chain clean from sawdust and shavings and provides dustproof compartments for the chain, saw and electrical controls.

The Oliver is equipped with a 10 HP motor, mounted directly on a ball bearing saw arbor and a four-speed

motor built in directly with a totally enclosed lubricating feed system.

Blowers are attached to all four machines which draw sawdust into a separator. Each morning this sawdust is removed and sent to Building 112.

After all pieces have been cut to specifications on these machines, they are taken to another part of the Box Shop where they are made into boxes for use in the mills or into skids. Boxes for the manufacturing departments and Waterville Division are bought on the outside in shook form and are assembled in the Box Shop on nailing machines.

### Scoops From Zipper

By Louise Foell

We're sorry to hear that Gladys Sabot (Tool Room) is ill and we're happy to have Eleanor McBride (Assembly) back again after being out ill.

Anne Nadeau (Wire Forming) spent a delightful weekend with her son, Ronald, who is in the Navy in Bainbridge, Md. Ronald is formerly of Slide Fastener.

Heard that Joan Oliver (Assembly) has been very lucky lately. For further details, ask Joan. She'll tell you all about it.

Robert Huckins (Tool Room) just returned from a Cuban cruise with the Navy Reserves.

Our sincere sympathy to Anne Stanley (Tool Room) who lost her brother recently.

That dusky gray 1953 Chevie you see in the parking lot belongs to Roland Bou-tot (Shipping). Happy motoring, Roland.

It was a seven-pound girl who was named Joann. Candy and cigars were enjoyed by all. Sal Pitino (Shipping) is the proud father.

Welcome to Helen Butler who is now on days in Assembly.

Tickets have been selling fast in Slide Fastener for "Beauty—Top to Toe". Everyone in Bldg. 112 will be dazzled by the beautiful gals. We'll all be wearing dark glasses.



At the March 17 meeting, your officers and committee will make final arrangements for the April 14 meeting at which sport movies will be shown. It will be held at Woodtick.

A few of the boys are still braving the weather at the skeet field. It has been reported that Roy Fumire is ahead of Lee Reid and Irv Fagan. Keep up the good work, Roy.

### Fishing Notes

By Jim Littlejohn

As the opening date of the 1953 fishing season draws near, anglers are looking over their equipment. From all reports, new rods and reels will be in full force. It is expected that spinning outfits will be in the majority.

Heard that Chris Delaney is after the 1953 championship and will test his Japanese rod on trout. Good luck, Chris.

Employees are awaiting the restocking program which is sponsored by SERA.



### Ten-Year Service Awards

March 5—Dorothy Mellon, Annealing; March 8—Charles Johnson, Mailing; March 9—Dennis Mollica, ASMD; March 11—Emanuele Petino, Strip Mill.

March 12—Francis Hackett, Works Mgrs. Office, James Hughes, ASMD; March 15—Margaret Kellner and Joseph Ruggiero, both of ASMD, Concetta Perugini, Hot Forge.

### Service Awards

Forty Years



John Thompson  
Electric Shell Tool  
March 6, 1953

Twenty-Five Years



Romil Roberge  
Hot Forge  
March 3, 1953



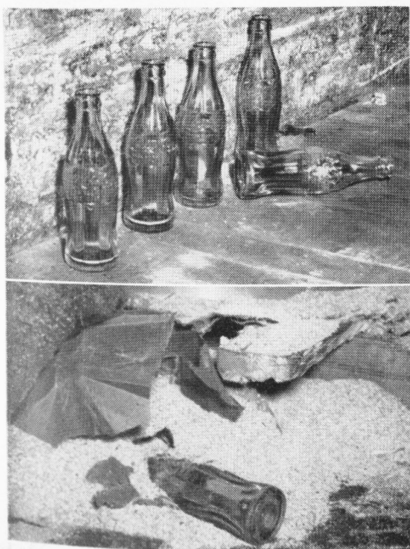
Amilija Kripaitis  
Connector  
March 5, 1953



Frederick Frenzel  
Connector  
March 15, 1953

Joseph Archambault  
Milling & Grinding, March 6, 1953

### A New Hazard - Control It



Soft drink machines are around the plant — 68 of them. This means thousands of bottles to be used and returned to the supplier every week. Bottles used but not returned to the proper racks create a new hazard.

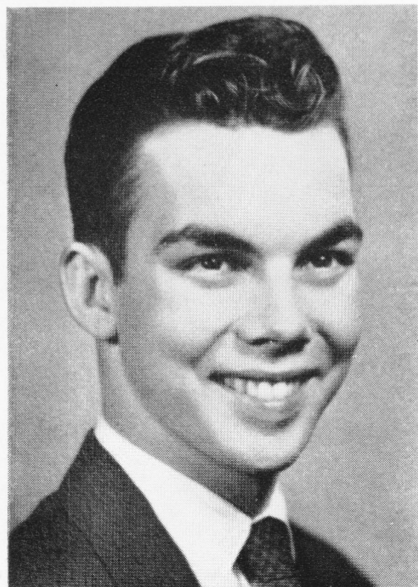
Left: These pictures, taken around the plant, show how bottles on the loose can cause trouble.

Bottles on shelves may fall off and break—or hit someone below. Bottles on the floor may be run over by trucks, or tripped on.

These habits can be stopped by using the conveniently located racks. Don't let this new service become an accident breeder. Get the bottles back to the racks promptly.



## Wilby President



James Francis Sullivan

Jim Sullivan was recently elected president of the Wilby senior class. He is also president of the Wilby Key Club, chairman of the senior prom and president of the Student Council.

After graduating in June, he will leave for Bainbridge, Maryland. He is an apprentice seaman in the Navy Reserve.

His dad is James of the East Power House and his sister, Margaret McCarthy, is an employee of the East Plant Mill Offices.

## Bowling Sweepstakes

Almost 150 employees participated in the 10th annual SERA Bowling Sweepstakes at Sena's Recreation Center on Saturday, February 28. Winners in the four classes were:

### Class A

High Three—\$25.—Tom Chapman  
2nd High Three—\$15.—  
Don MacIntosh  
High Single—\$5.—John McAree

### Class B

High Three—\$25.—Phil Ercoli  
2nd High Three—\$15.—  
Rocco Summa  
High Single—\$5.—Jean Ostroski

### Class C

High Three—\$25.—John Hamel  
2nd High Three—\$15.—  
Stan Jacovich  
High Single—\$5.—Tom O'Dea

### Class D

High Three—\$25.—Vic Bartosiewicz  
2nd High Three—\$15.—  
Pegi Conway  
High Single—\$5.—Frank Mirto

The Committee in charge of the tournament consisted of Jean Ostroski and Ruth Osborne, Co-chairmen and Albert Kean.

## Michael Day Dies

MICHAEL DAY, retired, died on February 25, 1953.

Mr. Day was hired on January 23, 1895, and had a continuous service record since that date. When he retired on October 14, 1946, he was serving as a supervisor in Buff #2.

## Classified Ads

These ads are published as a free service to Scovill employees. They are to be submitted in writing or brought in to the Bulletin Office. Telephone calls cannot be accepted. Ads must bear employee's name, department and check number.

### FOR SALE

Four settubs, \$10 each; three kitchen sinks, \$5 each. Call 5-1960 after 5 p.m.

Large lots in Wolcott on Catering Road—five minutes from center. Call 4-4322 after 5 p.m.

1941 eight cylinder Pontiac club coupe, reasonable. Call 3-7145.

Upright player piano in good condition, \$15. Call 3-4579.

Storkline baby carriage, like new, cost \$75, will sell for \$35. Call 3-3358.

1935 Chevrolet sedan in good running condition; wood sawing machine; 1938 Plymouth with 1948 engine; large cabinet saw; scrap wood for burning and wood for building; 1931 Stuart truck chassis; 15 rabbits; hunting dog; make your own offer. Call at 13 Shelley St. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Life Out East

By Harry Shewbridge

The other day while snooping for news Out East in the mills, I asked the age old question, "what's new?" The answer: "oh, just another day with the usual quota of visitors." Then I got nosey, and so learned this is a typical picture of a typical day out yonder in them thar mills.

Lew Curtis, the great marathon runner from Mill Production, seen dashing to and fro. Lew, by the way, has been known to beat the factory bus from one plant to the other. John Mellon, Planning, trying to "make time" in the mills. Now, what did they mean by that? Jim Griffin, Traffic, checking to make sure Scovill products go out on schedule. John Hubbard, Personnel, escorting new employees to their new jobs. Ben Blake, Engineering, drawing up plans for new industrial methods. Ray Driscoll, Mill Production, on his way out with a batch of mill tickets and schedules. Webb O'Neill, Cost Office, checking into the "costs." Harold Hole, Mill Sales, making sure the merchandise is moving. All this and regular "Out East" employees too.

Speaking of them there easterners, several of them are wondering how one J. Carrington, Tube Mill, and the Major League night ball game are going to get together this year, now that he is working on the second shift.

Then too, they tell me that some people knit socks, some knit sweaters, but "Tipper" McGrath, Wire Mill, knits his eyebrows. This was whispered to me in all confidence. Tipper knows the answers to so many questions that he is seriously considering playing the quiz program circuit.

And now to 109 and 112 building for a couple of quickies. They say there's a very nice person in ASMD Sales and her name is Virginia Powell. Virginia is new around these parts.

Don Garrick, East Planning, had himself another birthday cake on March 2. It was a nice cake and the number of candles is none of your business.

In the same office, Jack Pyatt bought himself a new hat. If you meet him when he's wearing it, don't be upset if he doesn't see you right away. Just keep talking; he'll locate you.

Finally, and the Lord help me if I don't get this in, a special bowling match. The losers are to buy the winners a dinner with trimmings at the Weatherhane. The team captains are Eddie Jose of Slide Fastener and Danny Nardozzi of #18 Elevator. Danny's team mate will be Eddie's helper, Armand Aruelli, and Eddie's team mate will be Eddie Reed, Danny's helper. Barbara Ross will coach the two Eddies and Julie McManus will coach their opponents. What I want to know is, who's got enough nerve to keep score?

Practically new accordion which cost \$1100—will sell for \$650. Owner has other interests. Call 4-3615 after 2:30 p.m.

Ten cords of dry, hard wood which is cut in 12" pieces; 1941 Diamond T two-ton truck, \$225; 1938 four-door Oldsmobile sedan, \$100. Call 5-5908 from 3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Solid maple dinette set with four chairs, complete with glass top, perfect condition. Call 3-6296 after 6 p.m.

Frigidaire in excellent condition, large size, \$40. Call 2-1642 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

White Glenwood stove with two ovens and four gas burners, Florence parlor stove with 12" burner, 1952 Chevrolet with radio and heater, 1941 Oldsmobile with Hydromatic Drive, radio and heater. Call 4-1887.

Refrigerator with top freezer chest, less than six months old, \$125. Call 3-7168.

12' factory built canvas-covered car-top boat, reasonable. See Dick Scadden at Lake Winnemau, Watertown after 4 p.m.

Pair of boy's roller Derby skates, size 7 1/2. Call 5-7137 after 5 p.m.

New England Maid combination gas and oil stove with coveralls, almost new. Call 3-5715.

.250-3,000 Model 99 Savage rifle and other rifles, reasonable. Call 6-4346.

### WANTED TO BUY

Girl's 26" bicycle. Call 4-6813.

### RIDE WANTED

To and from Building 112 and Cheshire Road as far as Blackie's for the 3-11 shift. Contact Janice Brouillette in Dept. 91 or call 5-7703 before 1:15 p.m.

### OTHER

Carrot colored cat and two kittens. The mother is an A-1 hunter and has a good disposition. Call 3-3570 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### RENT WANTED

Three-room unfurnished apartment on the first floor for middle-aged woman. Call 5-8457.

### Group Insurance Claims

Employees who are absent due to disability are asked to see that the Group Insurance Office is notified promptly. Any delay in reporting such absence may hold up payment of disability benefits.

It is the responsibility of each employee when he is absent due to illness or accident to get word to the Group Insurance Office by phone (Factory Extension 865) or letter promptly.

## Carol Burke With Coronet Magazine



Carol Burke

The February and March, 1953, issues of Coronet Magazine carry true-life articles written by Carol Burke, daughter of Scovill Comptroller William F. Burke.

A graduate of St. Margaret's School and Wellesley College, Carol spent a year in England as a Fullbright student. She studied English literature at the Universities of Bristol and Cambridge.

Upon returning to the United States, Carol joined the Coronet staff in New York. The first article published under her own name, "Hello Man in Braille" appeared in the February issue. Since the article appeared in Coronet, C. Rodney Demarest's story has been told by the United Press and over the radio (he appeared as guest of Mary Lee Taylor on Station WTIC).

Her second article, "Riddle of the Rider", appears in the March issue. This little-known chapter in the life of Samuel T. Coleridge came to Carol's attention while she was doing research work in England.

## Suggestion Awards

Six Main Plant employees received the following awards during the month of February:

**\$75.00**

Nelson D. Smith, Rod Mill.

**\$25.00**

Joseph Ciarcia, Attach. Mach.

**\$10.00**

Iva Carolan, Slide Fast.  
Joseph Ciarcia, Attach. Mach.  
Jo Ann Devino, Lipstick  
Stephen Sitar, West Machine.

## Stag And Doe Variety Show



Jack Lavalle, who is affiliated with the New York Giants, was master of ceremonies at the Stag and Doe, held on February 27, at Doolittle Hall with about 450 attending. The Harmony Kings played selections; there were judo, wrestling and boxing exhibitions and a lady humorist, Mrs. Kenneth Hubbard. Dancing to Tommy Thomas' orchestra followed and refreshments were served.

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