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The Ford Settlement

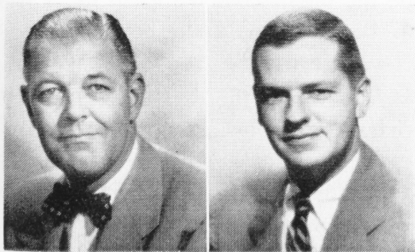
It is claimed by Mr. Walter Reuther, President of UAW-CIO, that the settlement with Ford Motor Company is about \$.20 per hour. This could result in an increase in car prices. People will continue buying cars no doubt. The price of automobiles has increased substantially over the last few years, and more are being sold today than ever before.

Should a similar increase be added to costs of industry in the Naugatuck Valley, it is very likely that a good many jobs will be lost. Under present circumstances, many items are produced in the valley at little or no profit. The only excuses for continuing to make them are to maintain an organization and to absorb some overhead.

While people will pay most any price for a car — they will not do so for many of the items that furnish thousands of jobs in the valley. If valley companies cannot sell their products — they will stop making them. And there go the jobs. When production jobs stop, so do those of the skilled trades.

William C. Curtis
Vice-President

New Sales Office For Cincinnati



A. G. Bischof

R. Bertollette

the Company to expand its service in this area.

Mr. A. G. Bischof, District Sales Manager for the Button & Fastener Division in Chicago since 1947, will establish this office and will be Cincinnati District Sales Manager for both the Button & Fastener and Zipper Divisions. Before his appointment as District Sales Manager of the Chicago Office, Mr. Bischof worked in various sales capacities since joining the New York sales force in 1931.

Mr. Reed Bertollette will assume charge of the Button & Fastener Division in Chicago as District Sales Manager. Mr. Bertollette joined Scovill in 1946. After completing the Sales Training program, he went to the Greensboro Office in 1949 where he has been since that time.

A District Sales Office for the Button & Fastener and Zipper Divisions will be opened soon in Cincinnati, O.

These divisions have maintained a service office under the direction of the Chicago Office for a number of years. The demand for the products of these divisions in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky during recent years has led

Two Receive 40-Year Awards



Top photo:—William F. McCasland, Sr., East Mach., examines the 40-year pin presented to him by President L. P. Sperry (extreme right). Looking on are Gen. Foreman N. H. Crochet and Chief Maintenance Eng. T. W. Colina.

Bottom photo:—Harry Rosevear, Pipe Shop, proudly shows Chief Maintenance Engineer Thomas W. Colina and Foreman Norman Nelson the 40-year continuous service award and pin he received from President L. P. Sperry.

Local Unemployment Compensation Staff Members Tour Mills



Thirteen members of the local branch of the Unemployment Compensation Dept., Employment Security Div. of the Conn. Labor Office were recent visitors to the Main Plant.

The Waterbury Office Manager William Davison and Scovill Employment Manager J. Nelson Bridges made the arrangements. Mr. Bridges introduced Vice-President A. C. Curtiss, who spoke to the group in the Display Room.

Following the tour through the Rod Mill, part of the Tube Mill, the 1st floor of the Continuous Casting machine and the Continuous Strip Mill, a luncheon was served at the Girls' Club.

John Fogarty and Louis Willard served as guides through the Mills Division.

Blood Mobile Unit At Waterville Div.

Waterville Division employees were outstanding in their response to give a unit of blood in the drive, recently conducted for the residents of the Waterville area. Of the 118 pints of blood collected on this day, 80 were from the Waterville Division employees.

The Mobile Unit was set up in the Waterville Division's old Foundry building on Thomaston Avenue.

Individual canvassing was carried on throughout the departments with Assistant Plant Manager Thurston S. Merriman supervising the project. Union stewards William Sidella of the Drill and Tap Dept. and Joseph Cronkhite of the Tool Room did an exceptional job of canvassing and by getting an unusually large percentage of their departments to give.

Through the cooperation of the town of Waterville and the Waterville Division of Scovill Mfg., the bloodmobile was a fine success.



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School's Out

Children are — or soon will be — out of school. However, school children won't stop learning new things, and someone has to take over the job of teaching. Who?

Mother and dad will be in the teacher's seat, for vacation days bring idle time — idle time means plenty of idle hands. Idle hands have ways of getting into trouble — unless parents do a job of teaching youngsters everyday welfare and safety.

Academic studies have been erased from the youngster's schedule but not the urgency of teaching them the safer ways of life. If this is overlooked many children may not get back to the academics in the fall.

It's sheer comfort to parents when they know their children are in playgrounds under capable supervisors. A boon to Scovill parents is the Woodtick Recreation Area, which is one of the best supervised play areas in the state. But what about the children who are roaming the streets, on the loose in the country, or swimming in any old pond or creek?

Children have ways of making fun and thrills—dare-devil stunts that grow from simple leapfrog to who knows what in "stump-the-leader." Then there are the dangerous habits that would turn parents' hair gray if they knew what was going on. Dangers are always on hand when idle hands seek something to do.

Children learn easiest by association — they mimic adult actions on almost any count. Parents who do not set a good example are leading their own children to danger.

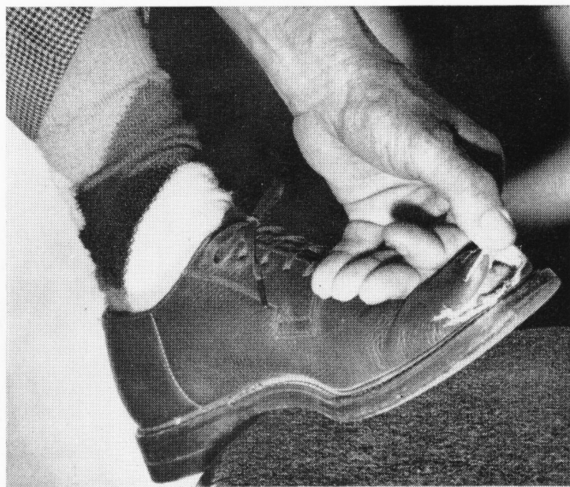
Secondly, they learn by carefully thought-out and easily understood instructions. These are always necessary, for parents cannot be with their children all the time. By first gaining the child's confidence, the parents can explain to him in simple terms the dangers in a good many unsafe situations. It's difficult, but it's the only way parents can be reasonably assured that their children will act safely when they are out of sight.

Watch Out For That Rotary Mower

Carelessness and rotary type lawn mowers don't mix, as demonstrated by one of our employees.

He was standing in front of his rotary mower when he pulled the starter cord. Because the machine was so light in weight, it began to move forward and rolled onto his foot.

Result, the blade sliced through his heavy-weight leather shoe. Only through good fortune did the blade miss his toes.



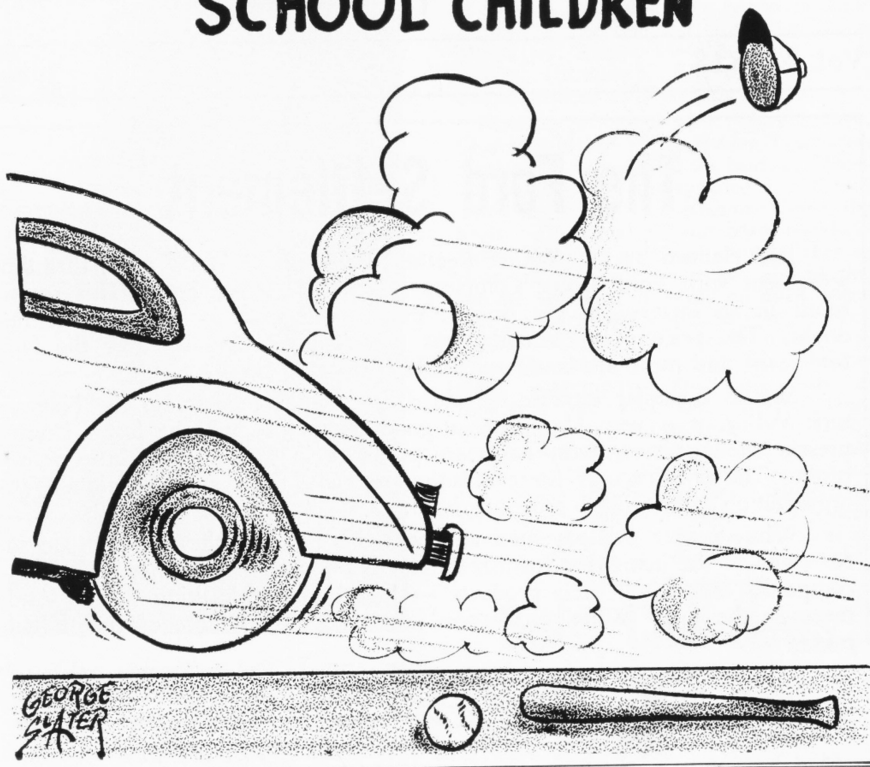
The inevitable grass cutting season is here. This chore has been made much easier through the invention of many different types of mowers—hand and power operated. One of these is the rotary type lawn mower. This mower is meant as a machine of convenience, making the job both easier and faster—but if improperly used, or not shown the proper respect due any power machine, it may be destructive.

Here are some safety tips for rotary type lawn mower users:

1. Never get in front of one or permit anyone else to do so.
2. Never try to spin a stuck blade with the motor running.
3. Never tip the machine up to inspect the blade with the motor running.
4. Don't let children operate mowers without keeping a watchful eye on them.
5. Keep pets away from mowers in operation.
6. Let a specialist do the repairs.

SCHOOL'S OUT!

WATCH OUT FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN



So What's Low?

By Robert W. Butler, M. D.

There are many answers to that question, none of which we're interested in right now. It's something like asking "How high is up?" Almost any answer could be either right or wrong.

And so it is with Blood Pressure. Just what is low blood pressure anyway? There is no single answer to that question, because it varies with the individual. You have a blood pressure which is as normal for you as your disposition (let's hope *both* are good;) and for you that normal pressure may be 100 or 150. It doesn't by any means have to be 100 plus your age.

The general problem of blood pressure is too involved to discuss here, so we'll leave it by reminding you that your doctor gets two figures when he takes your pressure, one greater than the other. The high figure (that's the one we usually hear when people talk about blood pressure) should rarely be above 150 and the lower figure which should rarely be higher than 90. The doctor is equally interested in the difference between the two; and this or the low figure may well be more important than the one which is of greatest concern to the patient.

To get back to low blood pressure, we can say in general that your pressure is low only if it is 20 or more points lower than is normal for *you*. Actually then, if your reading is 110, it may be ideal — perhaps it has never been higher — while at 130 it could be low if your normal is 150. If you have seen your doctor as often as you should he knows what is normal for you and what isn't.

Let's suppose, to quote familiar words, that you "feel tired and fagged out all the time," that you "have no energy," that you're "just as tired in the morning as at bed time" and that you can "hardly drag yourself into work." Don't blame your blood pressure because it's 108. It just might

be the reason, but it's more likely not to be; and you'd do better to look elsewhere for the trouble.

A few of the healthiest, pepiest characters I know are in their 70's and their pressures are in the 'teens! If *your* figure is low you're lucky—you'll live longer. Why not find out about it? You know how to do it!

True low blood pressure is a symptom, and *not* a disease. Don't forget that, because it demands attention to determine what's causing it and medication to eliminate the cause. It should be only a temporary condition, and since it is a pretty poor excuse for feeling poorly, don't offer it — get after it and get it up!

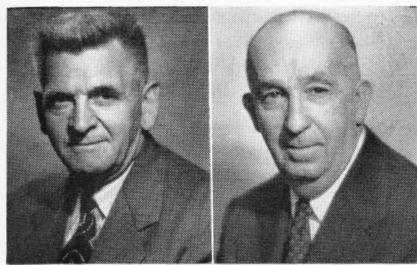
Family Album



Little Raymond, son of Raymond S. Szczepanski, Slide Fastener Tool Room, seems to be having quite a conversation with someone — can it be Grandfather Peter Szczepanski of the North Mill or maybe Uncle Casimir Szczepanski of Slide Fastener Chain Room?

Service Awards

Forty Years



James Schaff
Electrical Office
June 15, 1955

James R. Shea
A.S.M.D.
June 16, 1955

William H. Rosevear
Pipe Shop
June 7, 1955

Twenty-Five Years



Joseph F. White
Blank & Draw Tool
June 20, 1955

Arthur G. Roy
Waterville
June 12, 1955

William R. Frink
Waterville
June 13, 1955

Ten Years

June 11—Alfred E. Busby, Electric Test Lab.; Irene B. Cavanaugh, Mfg. Room Clerks; June 14—Helen A. White, Employee Relations; June 17—Mae L. Burns, Lipstick; June 20—Edward R. Punter, Hot Forge.

Credit Unions Schedule During Vacation Shutdown

The schedule of the Credit Unions during the shutdown (July 3-17) was announced as follows:

Credit Union #1 will be open Tuesday, July 5, and Wednesday, July 6, 12 noon - 4:30 p.m. It will close for the remaining days of the shutdown, July 7 - 17.

Credit Unions #2, #3 and #4 will close during the shutdown. No loans will be issued or withdrawals granted. Business will resume on Monday, July 18.

Waterville Foremen

The June 7th meeting of the Waterville Foremen's Association was in the form of a dinner meeting held at the Thomaston House in Thomaston.

The business session was preceded by a delicious dinner of roast beef and turkey. On behalf of the Association, newly-appointed Assistant Plant Manager Thurston Merriman presented gifts to Donald MacKellar (recently married) and James A. Hollywood (to be married later this month).

The dinner and business type of meeting made a big hit with most of the members and it may be we'll be having more of such meetings.

Girls' Club News

By Teresa Ryan

Somewhere along the line, someone goofed in my last column. With apologies to Anna Burbee and Pauline Semple, here are the items as they should have read:

Anna Burbee and hubby, Cliff, motored to Maine over Mother's Day.

Joyan Semple, daughter of Pauline (Closing Room) starred in Barbara Hyland's Dance Revue held recently.

Adele Yakulevich, Slide Fast. timekeeper, who is engaged to Steve Sharka, Blacksmith Shop, was given a personal shower recently, at the home of Laura Denton Chucking. Guests were—Ann Moody, Slide Fast.; Helen (Pillis) Stanley, formerly of Payroll; Lillian Deal, formerly of Slide Fast.; Julia Santopietto, Press 1; Irene Carey, Chucking, and Mary Kaschak, Oakville. The unsuspected talent revealed in choreography by Helen added enormously to the success of the evening.

Best of luck to Alice Korbusieski and Alvin Turner (Packing B) who were married over Memorial Day weekend. Also to Florence Rein, Slide Fast. timekeeper, and George Meyers, who were married on June 18. They plan to make their home in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Anna Romano, Slide Fast., is all smiles these days. Daughter Marlena graduates from Waterbury Catholic High this month and plans to enter the Congregation de Notre Dame to become a nun this summer.

Barbara Thompson (mother's Marian, Planning Dept.) graduates from Crosby this month and is entering Waterbury Hospital School of Nursing. Barbara received her letter at Crosby and has been a member of the Honor Society for two years.

Sporting suntans received at Atlantic City over the Memorial Day weekend are Edith Carolan and Anna Romano of Slide Fast.

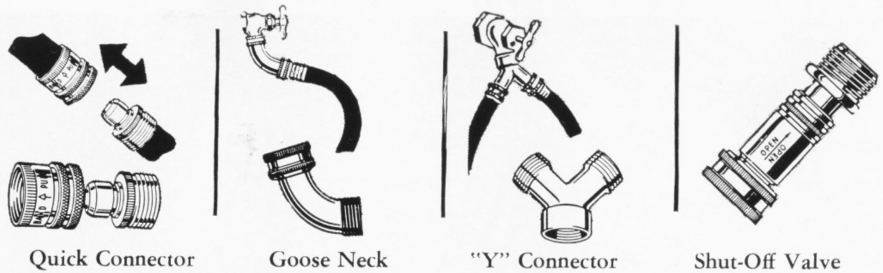
Welcome back to Sophie Stankus, Connector. Gertrude Northway, also of Connector, is out ill. Get well soon, Gert.

B & F Sales Office bid a fond farewell to Penny Reilly recently, with a small party and beautiful bathinette. Madeline FitzPatrick was welcomed in B&F Sales, replacing Penny.

Ann Brennan, B&F Sales, is really proud of sister Mary, whose picture appeared in the paper recently. Mary's special qualifications have her listed in "Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities".

Evelyn Shugdinis, Cont. Mfg. Div., is walking around with the most beautiful Florida tan and reports she had a "super" time on her vacation.

"GREEN SPOT" Accessories



Have you noticed how many lawns this year already have that burned-up, mid-August look? A five word report from the Weather Bureau tells us why: "Driest Spring in 50 years".

Many homeowners, not being in the habit of watering their lawns and gardens so early in the year, have neglected to get out their sprinklers and provide that much needed moisture that nature has failed to give us.

But it's still not too late. You can bring that lawn back to its fresh, cool green look — and keep it that way all summer long — by watering at regular intervals with a lawn sprinkler. Once a week is usually often enough (unless a good soaking rain does the job for you), but be sure to leave the sprinklers on for a couple of hours in each spot so the water soaks down deep — a good 6 inches. Keep up this regular watering all summer and you'll have a beauty of a lawn.

Right here at Scovill we make a line of hose accessories that homeowners all over the country are finding is the answer to making this kind of

watering job easier. It is, of course, the GREEN SPOT line. Besides our well-known rotating sprinklers, like the GREEN SPOT Weather-Matic, Waterite and Two-Arm Adjustable (a full page ad on these items was carried in the June 11 issue of the Saturday Evening Post) the GREEN SPOT line also contains stationary sprinklers, nozzles, flower sprays and all kinds of menders for repairing both rubber and plastic hoses.

In addition to these basic items, the GREEN SPOT line also contains some special items that save both time and tempers. Pictured above are 4 of these articles that take the curse out of watering:

1. The QUICK CONNECTOR is a snap-on coupler that eliminates threading your hose to your faucet. Just snap it on, snap it off with the GREEN SPOT Quick Connector. Also for use between lengths of hose and on your sprinkler.

2. The GOOSE NECK swivels back and forth so your hose is never subjected to those damaging sharp bends at the faucet. Then, too, the Goose Neck brings the connection out where it's easy to get at without acrobatic contortions and skinning of knuckles.

3. The "Y" CONNECTOR turns one outlet into two so you can water two places at once. Or you can put it at the end of a length of hose and run two additional lengths from there.

4. The SHUT-OFF VALVE is the newest of these convenience items. It's a quick, easy way to turn the water off and on without having to go back to the faucet. Use between lengths of hose or at the hose end of your soil soaker so you can shut it off when you want to move it. Perfect for use with car mops, too!

If you want some good advice on watering lawns, drop in at the Employee Activities Office and get a copy of "How To Water Your Lawn — Right", a booklet that was especially prepared for GREEN SPOT. You'll also find this booklet at hardware, garden supply and department stores, where GREEN SPOT products are sold.

Blue Cross Membership Card Ideal Travel Companion

Planning a trip during the shutdown or any time during the summer? If you are, be sure to take along your Blue Cross membership card. No one likes to think his vacation can be spoiled by sickness or an accident, but it does happen—so it's better to be safe than sorry.

Your Blue Cross membership is good in any approved general hospital in the world. If you or a member of your family needs hospital treatment out of state, ask the hospital to wire Connecticut Blue Cross Collect — be sure they include your membership number in the wire. Blue Cross will promptly establish credit for benefits. If you prefer, you can pay the bill and mail your receipted copy to Blue Cross. A check will then go directly to you. Either way, you'll find you're entitled to broad Blue Cross benefits in out-of-state hospitals.

Bertha Needham Feted On Retirement



Bertha Needham, who retired recently with 31 years of continuous service, was honored by her friends and co-workers in the Central File and Mailing Departments. Outstanding in the gifts presented to Miss Needham was a large wood-carved figure 31, with 31 silver dollars pasted on it, representing her 31 years of continuous service.

Scovill Kids' Day Camp

If you haven't sent in an application for your youngsters (6-12 years) and would like to have them attend the Day Camp at Woodtick this summer, fill in this application blank and return it to the Employee Activities Office.

To: EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES OFFICE

I would be interested in sending my child children to the Day Camp.

Name of Child

Age Sex

Employee's Name

Phone Number

Home Address

Department

I would expect to send my child to the Day Camp for weeks.

Scovill Products On Display At Capitol Building



Above is Scovill's contribution to Governor Ribicoff's invitation to participate in an exhibit at the state Capitol showing various products turned out by Conn. industries. Our display, which has an attention-commanding space on the first floor, features a replica of the Company's

old casting shop with a life-size model representing the workman who did the first brass casting, plus products of the Main Plant, Oakville and Waterville divisions. The products displayed show the comparison between items manufactured in the early 1800's and present-day items.

Three Succumb

WILLIAM H. HILL, retired, died on June 4, 1955.

Mr. Hill had a continuous service record of over 41 years beginning in 1912 when he first came to Scovill. He was engaged in sales work in the Main Plant from 1914 until 1942, at which time he went to Waterville. Mr. Hill was Manager of Industrial Fastener Sales at the Waterville Division when he retired in January, 1954.

HUBERT H. ELLIOTT, Automatic Screw, died on June 10, 1955.

Mr. Elliott first came to Scovill in March, 1941, and had a continuous service record of over 14 years. Always in Automatic Screw, he was serving as a floorman-scaleman when he was forced to leave due to illness in February, 1955.

CONCETTA BIONDI, Drawing Room, died on June 14, 1955.

Mrs. Biondi first came to Scovill in 1915 but, due to periods out of the plant, her continuous service record began in May, 1941. She had been serving as a Track Feed Edging Machine Operator in the Drawing Room since November, 1954.

Fishing Notes

A certain gentleman who works in ASMD but who, for the sake of propriety, shall remain nameless, was seen last week carefully treading his way through the downtown canyons carrying, of all things, an armful of spitting, fighting tom cat! And hereby hangs the tail:

Our friend had a couple of fishing rods, recently used, standing in the corner. The fish hooks had not been removed. The family cat, sniffing around as usual, smelled the agreeable affluvia of piscatorial remains, emanating from the hooks. Yes, you guessed it! Not only one but two hooks right smack in pussy's puss!

No steel head trout fought more bravely nor more gamely than the cat. The vet removed the hooks after the cat took the gas, as did our friend's wife. Moral:—some guys still don't know the difference between a cat and a catfish!

Just so you won't make a trip in vain —Rod & Gun Club meetings have been discontinued for June, July and August. Reason? Everybody's gone fishing!

Notices will soon be in the mail with regard to the fishing competitions. Be sure and get your applications in EARLY!

President Ed DeBisschop and party (which includes Hayden Street's most popular guard, the guy with the perpetual smile — Joe Goggins) are fishing BIG TIME in Moosehead Lake! Clean out your freezers, boys, Ed took his trailer with him.

Final date—Rod & Gun Club Clambake —Saturday, August 20, at Woodtick. More details later.

Associate Passes

With the vacation shutdown coming up, don't forget to fill in those application blanks for the associate passes to the Woodtick swimming and recreation area, if you have not already done so. Don't deprive your family of many fun-filled days at Woodtick because of forgetfulness.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE

2-piece living room set, color rust brown, \$30. Call 4-6455 after 6 p.m.

Storm sashes, \$3; screens, \$2; with hardware: 11—30" x 59, 4—30" x 55, 1—30" x 52, 2—29" x 56, 2—24" x 51, 1—28" x 47, 2—22" x 39. Call 3-6056.

28" boy's bicycle, black with white trim, good condition, \$15. Call 6-0125.

Four 760-15 whitewall Goodyear tires, good condition. Call 6-5973 after 3:30 p.m.

1950 Studebaker 4-door Champion, good condition, \$400. Phone 5-4855 after 5 p.m. or call at 235 Oak St. after 6 p.m.

Eclipse Little Giant power mower, Model #20, good running condition, \$20. Call 5-3772.

White Glenwood combination stove, gas and gas, 2½ years old. Call 4-4250 between 5 and 7 p.m.

8-pc. walnut dining room set and table pads, \$100. Phone PArk 9-7262 or call at 319 Quinn St., Naugatuck.

Three rolls of Fox fencing, heavy gauge, 5' high, 150' to a roll, reasonable; Massey-Harris mower on rubber wheels, 6' bar. Call 3-7202 after 3 p.m.

1948 Studebaker. Call 4-4560.

Evinrude motor. Call 6-9205.

30 gal. Permaglass water heater, safety valve, like new, \$100; 30 gal. glass lined water heater, safety valve, \$100; Oil and gas combination kitchen stove, 3 years old, chrome pipe, good condition, \$65. Call 4-4425.

Florence pot burner, used 1 year. Call 4-7916.

1950 Plymouth, 4-door. Call 3-6549 after 4 p.m.

White combination gas and oil stove, 2 ovens, slightly used, \$100. Call 5-4120.

Bengal range, combination gas and oil (4 & 4), electric automatic pump, 275 gal. oil tank with gauge, brand new. Call 4-5321.

Martin 40 outboard motor, excellent condition. Call 3-0712 after 5 p.m.

Lot 50 x 120' on Lake Winnemau waterfront, Watertown, fieldstone on property for building. Call 4-7380.

Spring lamb, nice pet for children, \$20; large bag of feed. Call 5-6017 mornings.

Hot Point electric stove, excellent condition. Call 3-9048 after 4 p.m.

Cherry poster bed, spring, excellent condition; 2-pair beige living room drapes. Call 3-4032.

Florence combination (4 & 4) stove, chrome pipes, 2 oil drums, excellent condition. Call 6-2504.

Two show cases, good condition. Call 4-8738.

Walnut wardrobe; Storkline crib spring; 2 bureaus; Motorola car radio; 1-set signal lights. Call 4-7763.

FOR RENT

Apartment, 2 unfurnished rooms, private entrance, bath, heat, hot water, stove, refrigerator, blinds. Call 6-0691 after 6 p.m.

WANTED TO BUY

Cement mixer for ½ bag or smaller, electric motor or hand-driven. Call 5-5654.

Child's Jungle Jim outfit. Call Cheshire, BRowning 2-8525.

FOUND

Key-ring with 5 keys found in Wire Mill. Call Ext. 345.

Eyeglasses, tortoise-shell rim found in elevator pit, 52 hallway. Call Ext. 345.

Small sum of money, owner may claim by identifying amount. Call 5-2091.

"Scoops" From Zippers

By Louise Foell

Anna May Kerner and husband have returned from a trip to Washington, D. C. where they attended the graduation exercises at Georgetown University. Frank, Jr. was a graduate.

Peg Belliveau and family celebrated a 17th wedding anniversary, recently, with dinner at the Yankee Silversmith in Wallingford. They also saw the show "Guys and Dolls" at the Oakdale Theater. Many more happy years to a nice couple.

Ethel Lockhart's son, Bob, has finished his training at Sampson, N. Y. and is home on leave before going to his new assignment at the Air Force Academy in Colorado.

Welcome back to Bessie Ashton who is now in Slide Fastener Tool Room. Also good luck to Donna Reynolds Grassler who has been transferred to the Tool Room.

Helen Matherson celebrated her birthday on June 4. Her co-workers presented her a cake and gifts.

Sue Ricci is looking very cute these days with a new hairdo.

Jerry Costello is the father of a new daughter, Patricia Catherine. Uncle Ed works in the Electrical Dept. and Aunt Maureen is timekeeper in Wire Form.

Frank Greaney is also a new papa. Helen Mary was born on June 3.

I have often heard of chicken in the basket, but if you want chicken in the bag see Jimmy Cummings for the details. He says its delicious.



Constantine DeVito, Gen. Mfg. Tool

Pay Station Schedule

Weeks Ending July 3, 10, and 17, 1955

On the Friday before the shutdown and during the shutdown, the Pay Station will be open at the following times only:

Friday	July 1	—	12:00 Noon to 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday	July 5	—	2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Friday	July 8	—	1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Monday	July 11	—	2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Friday	July 15	—	2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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