



# THE BULLETIN



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## Appointees Named To New Posts In Plant

Effective January 1 Mr. E. L. Wolff is relieved of his duties as Acting Superintendent of the Casting Shop. He will then devote full time as Superintendent of Casting Shop Engineering and Developing.

Mr. Francis Connelly is appointed Superintendent of the Casting Shop.

Mr. Walter France is placed in charge of the Mills Division Technical Service and Development Department. The above named will report to J. J. Hoben.

Mr. Lewis E. Thelin is appointed Metallurgical Service Engineer, reporting to Mr. Walter France.

As of January 2, 1946, Maurice Liston is appointed an Assistant to the Sales Manager — Mill Products Division.

Effective December 24, 1945, George Venter was appointed Foreman of the Forge Shop Tool and Maintenance Department. He will report to Fred Boucher.

## Greetings, Folks . . . How Are You ?



"Hi Folks, Happy New Year." Even though young Frederick Nees can't speak himself, he can sure show how untroubled and easy going one should be for the start of 1946. Sixteen months old and weighing over forty pounds, the youngster is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nees, Frost Road.

## Ordnance Chief Lauds Scovill Employees

A letter which paid glowing praise to the Scovill concern and its employees, for maintaining a long standing reputation for quality, volume and reliability, was received by Scovill President L. P. Sperry, December 17, from Lt. General L. H. Campbell, Chief of Ordnance, U. S. A. The entire letter carried a high tone of commendation as it read:—

"It must be gratifying to you to know that you and your entire organization, men and women, have maintained your long standing reputation for quality, volume and reliability throughout the entire war effort. As a low cost producer of basic material and complicated devices, you have established yourself as a major supplier of the Ordnance program. Your production of Fuzes, Primers and Cartridge cases has been exceptional.

May I extend my personal congratulations and those of the Ordnance Department to you and your entire organization on a task well done."

## Like Icy Sword Of Damocles



Just as Dionysius seated the constant flatterer Damocles at the banquet table with a sword suspended by a single hair over his head, these icicles constantly endanger people's lives today. Take a few minutes to knock them down and you, your friends and family will be safer.

## SERA At Top In State Recreation Groups

SERA President Tom Dillon, in extending the best wishes of the officers and the Board of Directors to all Scovillites for the New Year, stated that the SERA is now recognized as one of the foremost recreational groups in Connecticut. The success rests with the employees alone, for the active participation of thousands of employees will show that it is reaching all quarters.

Born of the war year and now ready to face 1946 with no restrictions or rationing, the SERA can go as far as it wants. Its limits rest with the employees alone. National recreational magazines now publish many of the recreational ideas that have started with the SERA and points out the group as original and highly active.

For 1946, president Dillon stated that the SERA will continue to act as a clearing house for all employee recreational ideas, but more and more employees should use the extensive facilities now on hand. Mass use by employees, he said, shows appreciation and the sky's the limit for 1946.

## Income Tax Shows Drop For 1946

For their first week's pay of 1946, Scovillites on the average will notice that a smaller income tax will be withheld from their pay as compared to 1945 income tax withholdings. Many of the smaller wage earners will find most of their tax wiped out, while the average wage earners will find their withholding tax reduced to a fair extent.

Considering \$50 an average weekly pay for many of the mills, factory and some of the other office workers, and that they support a wife and one child, the tax withholding this year will be \$3.20 weekly. In 1945, the same people would have been paying \$4.40 weekly. This 1946 listing amounts to a savings of \$1.20 per week.

An "easy as pie" withholding tax table on page 5 covers any employee who receives from \$10 to \$200 a week. For easy computation, all weekly payment is figured at the start; regular earnings, bonuses, overtime, etc. before social security, or any other deductions are taken out. By running over to the column designating the number of dependents, the tax is computed at once. The full tax chart can be found on page five.





Dear Sir:

This letter is to inform you that I have been receiving *THE BULLETIN* regularly since I have been in the service. And I appreciate it very much. Every time I get it, it makes me feel as if I'm back in Scovill, where I hope I will be when I get out of service.

Louis Biolo, F 2/c  
Curtis Bay, Baltimore

Dear Ed:

Just a note to everybody to say hello. I have been getting *THE BULLETIN* regularly. I have over half of the ship's crew and officers reading it — the crew of 487 with 50 officers.

I have been on every island in the Pacific — well, most of them. My first hot spot was Leyte, but then I was on Okinawa where it got real hot on April 7, 1945. Also been in Yokohama, Otia and Tokyo, Japan. We were one of the first A.P.A. ships to anchor in Yokohama, and brought home the first bunch of Marines and Navy discharged men from Tintsin, China. We sail tomorrow (December 8) from San Diego for Yokohama, Japan and expect to arrive there Christmas Eve.

Carmine Polzella, S 1/c  
U.S.S. Kittson

Dear Sir:

Just a few lines to let you know that I was transferred to another LST and would appreciate it very much if you'll take notice of my changed address, so I won't miss a copy of *THE BULLETIN*.

I was ashore the other day in Yokohama and to my surprise I saw a lot of Scovillites working there. I also notice, here in Japan, that the Japanese people are wearing a lot of Scovill buttons on their jackets.

Would like to say hello to the folks in Milling and Grinding. I used to work on the 7-11 shift — that was back in '42.

Mike Chrostowski, F 1/c  
Yokohama, Japan.

## Planning Office Christmas Party



About twenty members of the Planning Department made merry at their Christmas party held on Tuesday night, December 18. They sat down to a delicious turkey dinner prepared for them by Edward Flood, cook for the Scovill Foremen's Club. As is the custom with most all Christmas parties, they had a grab bag which usually produces some surprising articles.

## 'Open House' Dances Start January 20

To provide more community spirit and to get all Scovill employees better acquainted with each other, a series of Sunday evening "Open House" dances will start at the Center January 20 according to the Recreation Office. The dances will be free to all who come and an orchestra is being arranged for.

In getting all the employees better acquainted with each other, dancing will not be the main item on the list for the "Open House." The evenings will be what the employees want—a few dances—a snack at the bar—"bull sessions" in the lounge—a few games in the playroom or anything the most people get the most out of.

With a better community spirit on hand, the new year should bring closer relations among all Scovill units and employees and better use will be made of the extensive facilities on hand.

## Girls' Club Aid Reaches Many People

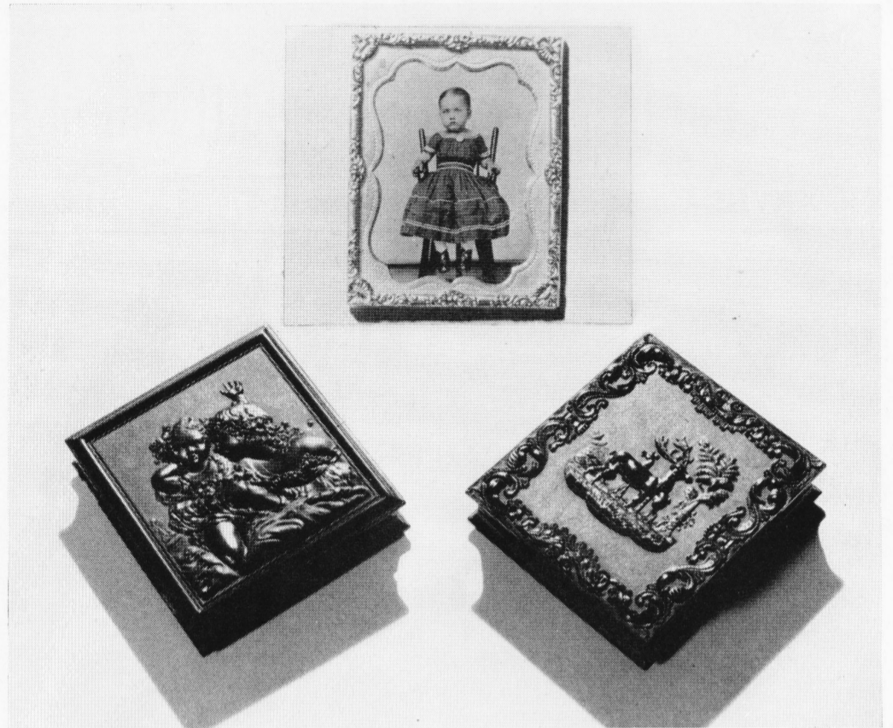
In the overall picture of the Girls' Club Christmas activities and charitable efforts, nearly \$1,000 was spent to meet the Children's Party expenses at the Center, Christmas dinners for needy families, clothing and toys for needy children, gifts to women pensioners and the Girls' Club members now in service. However, the full story of their work will not be ready until February 1946.

Aided by cash from the Scovill Memorial Fund, the Foremen, the SERA and profits from sale of Christmas cards and toys, and individuals, the girls managed to touch many with the spirit of Christmas, especially the needier ones.

Thirty-seven Christmas dinners for needy folks were made up by the girls and delivered by the Foremen. Thirty-three women pensioners received gifts. One WAC, two Marine women, and seven WAVES were presented money gifts for the holidays.

## Picture Cases Tell More Than Pictures

Story-Telling Cases Add Story To Grim, Austere Daguerreotypes



Above are a few of the hundred-odd photo cases made by Scovill out of wood dust, shellac and coloring. Heat-pressed and highly ornate, the case finished the family story. The little miss in the center died right after her picture was taken. Her case showed an angel carrying a child to heaven—expressing family feelings fully.

In the days long ago, in the days when a family was "daguerreotyped" unsmiling, austere and stiff as a ramrod, it took more than a picture to tell the thousand words needed. That is perhaps one of the remote but direct reasons why Scovill entered the field of physical plastics to supplement its complete supplying of the brass frames and copper plates used by photographers in those days.

A daguerreotyper made a rich part of his profit on frames and cases, not pictures. So when Mom and Pop and the family had their faces recorded for posterity, the pictures went into

the family Bible and album or a Scovill case.

Cases, as pictured above, were needed in those days. The picture didn't always tell a full story. In those days it took time to expose a plate and the family sat for long unsmiling minutes watching for the "birdie" that never appeared. That's why over a hundred individual cases were needed to tell the family story.

They selected a case then as a love-sick youth selects a Valentine for his best girl. The rim and prim miss in the above photo died a few weeks after she was daguerreotyped. The family put her picture in a Scovill case—one with an angel carrying a child to heaven escorted by cherubims and seraphims.

Nature-lovers sought cases with flora and fauna; bride and groom went big for the entwining hearts; the mother and daughter wanted the old Greek design of a cherubic child in her mother's arms.

That's why Scovill took wood dust, shellac and coloring and hot-pressed out these cases by the thousands for grandma and grandpop. That's why now you can see some of the gentler things they felt, even though the grim faces didn't reveal it as so then.

## Treasury Urges Scovill Continue Payroll Plan Bond Sales To Continue By Payroll Deductions

According to all information on hand, the payroll deduction plan of buying Bonds will continue after the Victory Loan Drive has ended. A telegram from Secretary of the Treasury, Fred Vinson to L. P. Sperry, Scovill President, further urges that Scovillites continue to buy Bonds after the drive has ended. The telegram read as follows:—

"The publicity accorded the Victory Loan Drive has been so intense that it has overshadowed several Treasury statements concerning the continuance of the savings bond program on a regular basis following the Victory Loan Drive.

I hope I can enlist your assistance in conveying the idea to all Bond purchasers that savings Bonds will continue on sale through the regular methods of purchase including the payroll savings plan.

I should like to ask that you encourage the continuation of Bond purchases by your employees by payroll deduction and that your corporation continue to act as an official United States Issuing agent for for series "E" Bonds."

Fred M. Vinson,  
Secretary of the Treasury

## Scovill Hoopsters Take On Chase January 9

The Scovill SERA basketball team will play its first IRA League game on Wednesday, January 9, at the Anderson School gym. Their opponent will be the Chase five.

Girls on the SERA team this year are: Irene Parker, Agnes Sangialosi, Blanche Marino, Bertha Arsenault, Stacia Butnor Evelyn Hyland, Evelyn Roberge, Ruth Osborne and Rose Morse. Howie Kraft, foreman of the East Rolling Mill and on the Men's SERA basketball team, is coach; Flo Reynolds, of the Recreation Office, is the team's manager.

Teams in the IRA Basketball League are Benrus, United States Rubber, United States Time Corporation, Chase Brass and Copper, and Scovill.

## 75 Men To Open Card Your Red Cross Session January 11 Must Carry On

To date, over 75 men have signed for the "men only" card tournament to be held at the Center, January 11, at 7:30 P. M. The employees who met in the Recreation Office last week decided that prizes will be given at the end of each night's play and that all prizes, refreshments and other entertainment will come out of the small entry fee.

Pinocle, bridge and setback will be the setup for the first evening's play at the Center. The continuance of the tournament will be decided by the players at the end of the first session. Whether it will run weekly, monthly or more frequently will be decided by the players.

All men are invited to join the card play and may make application at the Recreation Office.

## Tube Mill News

By Joe Phelan

JOHN MARAGES and ANDREW LUCIEWICZ, two ex-servicemen, are now working at the Hydro Press.

The Tube Mill basketball team is off to a fine start by winning its first two games.

EUGENE SHEEHAN, a former Tube-Millite, has returned to work in the Mill.

This is the kind of weather that ARTHUR BLEWITT likes — he can try out his new skis.

The Tube Mill boasts of two brother combinations, HAROLD BIRCHALL, saw operator and JAMES BIRCHALL, checker; ANTHONY PALLADINO, Shipping Room, and VICTOR PALLADINO, bench operator.

WALTER MASSE and CHARLIE SEMETAS are going to wait until the warm weather before they take another fishing trip.

CECIL ADAMSKI, a former checker in the Mill, received a Christmas present that she really wanted. Her husband just came back from the service.

TONY, the crane operator of number twenty crane, and his trailer, JOE claim that they can beat any two men in the Mill at setback.

Comes the new year 1946 and there will still be thousands of men and women in service—Army of occupation men and those waiting for discharges. And these thousands will still need the Red Cross clubs, snack bars, and recreation centers. They will continue to rely upon the friendliness of understanding Red Cross workers.

At home the veterans and their dependents will be asking aid of the Red Cross in unraveling the tangling problems that slow down their reconversion to normal life.

What are hospitals without the Red Cross to relieve the long-weary hours of monotony? Spiritual and entertaining aid are as vital as medical aid. The Red Cross will be there.

It took years to bomb many of the Europeans out of their home, same with the people in the Pacific. It will take more years to bring them back to normal. The Red Cross will be there with the aid and a never-empty hand.

That's why we can't let the Red Cross down now, isn't it?

## Trim And Knurl

By Jack Driscoll

Congrats to all the "birthdays" and thanks to those lovely people for the Christmas cards.

JOE KELLY, back from the South Pacific, says he was guarding Jap prisoners and are they awful! He'd love to run their little fingers through the pencil sharpener.

HAROLD STAPLETON has a new one about Dick Tracy putting on his "longies" —he'll get "Itchy" now.

One of the girls in the department wears a Scotch plaid dress and BOB CURRIE says it reminds him of the Bonnie heather.

BILL BROWN says the food shortage is still on; things are so bad on the farm that the sparrows have to kneel down to pick up their corn.

## 25 And 40-Year Men Receive Awards Mike Fontana, James Kenny Observe Continuous Service Anniversaries

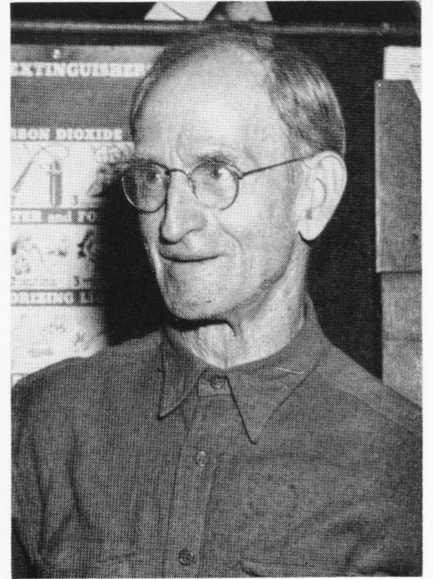


Michele Fontana

MICHELE FONTANA, repairman in the Repair Department, marked his anniversary for twenty-five years of continuous service on Tuesday, December 25.

Mike was born in Italy, October 26, 1882 and arrived in the United States in 1906. Two years later on July 29, 1909 he was hired in the Casting Shop; in 1917 he went to work as an elevator man and on December 18, 1922 he was hired in Burner No. 2. Through the years he also worked in Lipstick, Repair, Radio and on September 2, 1945 went back to Repair.

Michele is single and lives on Meriden Road with his brother, Anthony, his only relative in the United States.



James Kenny

His family of two more brothers and two sisters is living in Italy.

These snowy winter nights, Mike likes nothing better than to stay cozily indoors with the radio for company. Once in a while he ventures out to a movie. In the long summer evenings, Mike tends to a little garden which he raises at his home.

JAMES KENNY, caretaker of the North Mill Finishing locker room, saw the completion of forty years of continuous service on Friday, December 28, and was scheduled to receive his pin on that date.

Jim was born in Kilkenny, Ireland on November 27, 1877. He arrived on America's shores in 1903. Two years later on January 9, 1905 found Jim working in the North Mill on the pickle tubs. He left Scovill in May of 1912 and was rehired April 28, 1913 back to the Mill where he worked through the years as an annealer, sweeper and finally caretaker of the locker room.

Mr. Kenny is married and has six children — Sergeant William stationed in the Azores; Sergeant John, at Corregidor; Corporal Joseph, on his way home from service in the Pacific; Edward in high school; Catherine, a nurse; and another daughter, Margaret, in high school.

Jim, passes his time away after working hours beating himself at solitaire; during baseball season, you'll find him glued to the radio.

## In A Hurry

If you miss your favorite department news in this issue, blame it on the fact that we were in an awful hurry meeting special deadlines for this issue of *THE BULLETIN*. Printers and engravers absolutely refused to work on December 25th — and so did we.

## Ten-Year Service Awards

The following employees have received their ten-year silver service pins for continuous service:

William J. Emonz, Cutting; Marion Kimbauer, Chicago Office; and Fred L. Platt, Button Eyelet Tool, as of December 23; Susie Daddona, Press #2, and William Ollis, Dip, as of December 24; Arthur Graveline, Tin Shop; Antonio Guerrera, Casting; and James Lombardo, North Mill; as of December 26; Rose A. Lamontagne, Chucking, as of December 27.

## Retired Christmas Eve...After Thirty Years



God and Jimmy Sammon have been taking good care of school children and Scovillites while they cross the street near the Spencer Building, but Jimmy ended his 30 years stay on the police force, December 24. Only one child of the many under Jim's care at that post has ever been struck by a car. Seven years under the retirement age at present, Jim feels that thirty years is long enough to spend being a policeman.

During the war years 1915 to 1918 while a supernumerary, Jim was a member of the Scovill constabulary. Still fond of Scovillites, Jim's favorite crosswalk caution to Scovill office girls: "That light isn't a Christmas tree, it changes color." His retirement was effective November 18, but he elected to aid in holiday work.

## Scovill Phone Use Equals Nearby Towns One Of The Largest Industrial Phone Users In The State

Despite the fact that the Scovill Main Plant, Oakville and Waterville Divisions cover but a hundred acres, the combined Plants now have nearly as many telephones as there are in Cheshire, Thomaston or Canaan.

According to the latest figures from the Telephone Department, Scovill now has 1140 phones to 1158 for Cheshire, 1445 for Thomaston and 1088 for Canaan. Scovill ranks near the top in state industrial telephone users.

Relative to phone figures that were released by the local telephone exchange, Remington Arms Company of Bridgeport, Pratt and Whitney of Hartford, and Scovill are top industrial users.

With some 2,500 Waterbury families, which include many Scovillites, waiting for phones, Mr. Robert H. Pratt, local telephone manager, stated that another 1,700 phones will be available by March 1, 1946. At present, 17 men, including 10 local ex-servicemen, are installing 13 tons of new central dial equipment in the Waterbury exchange.

Advance wiring is now being started in most applicants' homes, except for the actual telephone instrument. When the central equipment is fully installed, a few minutes work will complete connections. The local telephone concern also hopes to take care of all applications that were registered prior to November 1, 1945, during the coming spring.



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## Our Sincerity In Responsibility

With 1946 now upon us, we face our first full year of peacetime work, a year filled with oceans of optimism and potential prosperity. The brass industry is highly competitive — there are other fish in the ocean with us — but the efficient skills that thousands of Scovill employees have learned will keep Scovill on top for 1946 and beyond if we use them wisely.

As a leader in the industry, Scovill productive capacities are practically limitless. The efficiency of our employees has been widely known. 143 years of Scovill brass production in Waterbury gives it ample background. Wars have come and gone. Wars — six or more of them have sharpened Scovill ingenuity. That efficient ingenuity has reached out to hit every enemy — it has reached out to provide for every American and many in foreign lands, goods for a better life.

Salesmen have been and are now being trained. They are on the road selling Scovill goods. We must see to it that their promises of delivery are faithfully kept to assure our profitable competitive position. A goods-hungry populace wants value at a reasonable price. If we don't give it to them, our competitors will.

When we produce more in less time at a lower cost, then we outdo our competitors. This comes with efficiency. Every employee must work efficiently himself and must promote rather than detract from the efficiency of others.

Some 35,000 people—Scovill employees and their families — are dependent upon the success of Scovill. As a major part of the community, Scovill's continued success — or failure — in the competitive market is keenly felt in all quarters.

A great responsibility rests squarely on the shoulders of each Scovill employee. His own prosperity, that of the community, and to a surprisingly large extent, the prosperity of the nation, is balanced precariously on the sincerity with which he accepts that responsibility.

Let us all resolve to make efficiency our New Year's watchword.

## Navy Photographer Returns To Scovill

As Photographer's Mate, Took Invasion Action Scenes  
In European And Pacific Theaters



Bob Minor, PM 1/c

After three and a half years of sea duty with the famed cruiser Boise, Photographer's Mate Bob Minor has returned to the less arduous duty in the Scovill city. Where the subjects were once shore invasions, beachheads, aerial reconnaissance and photographs for map making, the scenes of Scovill are now receiving his full attention.

Serving in two theaters of operations, Bob was in on the invasions of Africa, Sicily and Italy; later to the southwest Pacific where he was still with the cruiser Boise when it passed the high spot of its career at Cape Esperance, near Guadalcanal in 1942.

The baby picture on page one was the result of several hours "just wait-in'," but speaks volumes for his subject and camera knowledge.



## Social Medicine . . . Foremen's Topic

Local And State Medics To Discuss Its Meaning To The Public

Open discussion of medicine legislation and the provisions of the present Wagner, Murray, Dingell bill that will provide medical care for the nation will be under discussion at the next educational forum of the Scovill Foremen's Club. The January 10 meeting at the Center will have Doctor James Miller, Chairman of the Council of the State Medical Society, as guest speaker. The Center forum will begin at eight-thirty.

The Wagner, Murray, Dingell bill incorporates many of the social medical legislation factors asked for by President Truman and other national figures. The Bill has created heated discussion between medical men and legislators throughout the nation.

Doctor Miller will air many points of the bill to the audience in discussions with Doctors R. J. Hinchey and S. E. Fabricant of the Scovill Hospital staff.

Dr. Harold Curran, Clinic Chief of Scovill Hospital, will introduce Doctor Miller. A question and answer program has been set for the end of the discussion time. Doughnuts and coffee will also be served to the guests and the meeting is open to the public at large and all interested in the socialized medicine program.

## Training Course

The following have been assigned to the General Training Course during the week of December 17: Thomas O'Dea, Tool Room #1; Elmer Nodine, ASMD; John Bilokon, Robert Seymour, Edmund Bryk, General Training Room.

## January Filled With Entertainment Dates

January for Scovillites will be a busy month according to the Recreation Office calendar with each week holding several major events.

January 3—Inter-department basketball meeting to reorganize. Several teams have dropped out, calling for new setup.

January 7—Meeting of Girls' Club, Foremen, SERA, to plan Scovill-wide Hobby Show figured for March.

January 9—Meeting of all Scovill bowling managers, team captains and league officials.

January 10—Socialized medicine discussion at Center, 8:30 P. M. Gives promise of good entertainment and liberal talk-over of Wagner, Murray, Dingell medical bill.

January 11—First "men only" card party at Center.

January 14—Fate of Drum Corps will be decided at this meeting. Scheduled for Recreation Office.

January 20—First "Open House" dance—a Sunday night affair free to all with music for dancing.

## Rosemary



Rosemary Francis is the 21 months old daughter of "Chick" Toletti, employed in the Electrical Department. Grandfather Vincent Guarini, is employed in the Trucking Department.



# Happy New Year



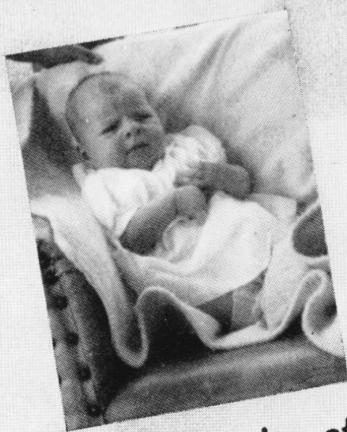
Beverly Ann Raimo  
17 Months



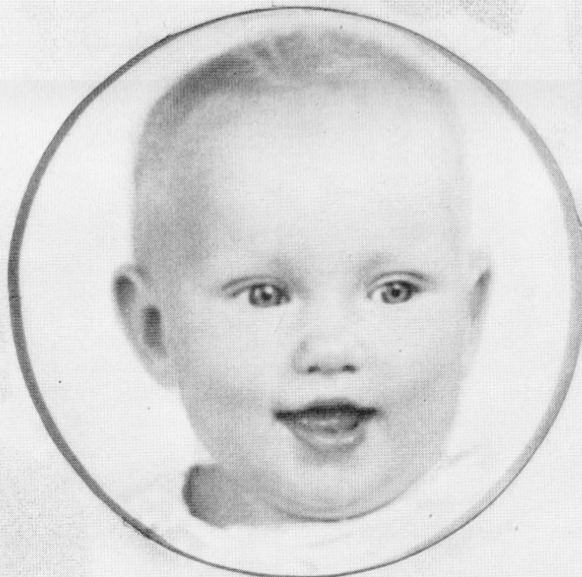
J. Richard Reichenbach  
10 Months



Peter Galullo  
1 Year



Josephine Sylvestro  
3 Months



Diane Marie Abromaitis  
11 Months



John Michael Jaeger  
11 Months



Thomas R. Pawlowski  
1 Year



Beverly Hay  
2 Months



Ruth Ellen Foley  
1 Year



By Mary Minervini

Happy New Year to everybody! Let's ring out the old and ring in the new with zest. It's been a long, long, time since we've been able to put our hearts into our New Year celebrations, so let's make the most of it.

It's been an eventful year for the S.G.C. We were presented our lovely new Club Rooms, and since those doors were flung open, literally thousands of feet have crossed the threshold (some have kept on crossing and recrossing them). We're proud of our Club and we don't mind admitting it. Since this Council took over, we've tried to make it a very full calendar, and in reviewing the year, we hope we've succeeded in pleasing our members. So, just in passing, do you recall . . .

#### May

Our annual banquet at the Elton — the walls of the ballroom fairly bulging with approximately three hundred members and guests attending. Revlon's Dynamite became the S.G.C. favorite shade almost overnight — guess why?

#### June

Our Outgoing-Incoming Council Dinner at Waverly, initiating Jane Peck into her duties as Chairman of Entertainment. Bet she knows all about it now.

#### July

That's when we had our hot-dog roast at Woodtick. Just think, girls, it was a hot day and that swim was just the thing to cool us off. What's the temperature today?

#### August

It was too darn hot to do anything, so we didn't.

#### September

Scene . . . Chase Country Club. Event . . . The Clambake. If you were there, I don't have to remind you of that luscious menu. The food tasted all the better because we ignored the silver. Our fingers did duty along that line. Only eight more months 'till the next one.

#### October

A real dress-up affair . . . our bridge party with fashions by Foresters. Our models got their pictures in the papers, they were that good. Fifty tables in play . . . well attended by members and friends.

#### November

Our thirtieth birthday, and we celebrated it with Open House and an afternoon tea. All the council members were supposed to "pour," taking turns, but SHIRLEY COLLINS and I were "stuck" behind the teapot for practically the whole afternoon, but it was fun. It was quite an event being on our best behaviour all afternoon, but we did it.

#### December

This is when we shone!! The Girls had their own Christmas party at the Club Rooms, complete with tree, buffet lunch, and JANE PECK doubling as Santa. About 80 members showed up with their appetites and grab bag gifts.

Our Kiddies party at the SERA Center . . . with over 650 children attending. The party was complete with ice cream, cookies, candy, gifts, movies and Santa. Some grand cases of laryngitis reported the next day—wonder why? Our Council Christmas supper at the Club Rooms. The only complaint was that of no-second-helpings. Delivery of our Christmas dinners a few days before the Big Day, plus toys and clothing for the kiddies. We found out the truth about that saying, "It's more blessed to give than to receive." In connection with our Christmas activities, we'd like to thank the Foremen's Association and the S.E.R.A. for their contributions to our efforts in money, time, work and good will.

#### Future Events

And here's a peek into the future. Still in the offing, our lecture in January; a Valentine Dance (in February of all months); another card party in March; and the big surprise, I hope, a semi-formal dance in April, our Spring dance. Then comes May with our Annual Banquet, and this council bows out. Again, Happy New Year, girls.

## The Woman's Corner

### Safe And Sane Shopping

How To Judge Real Quality In A Dress

Have you ever gone on a dress "buying spree" . . . and then had your wonderful bargains turn out to be duds after a few wearings? This, say the experts, was because you were fooled by appearances and didn't pay enough attention to the things that count.

Your next shopping trip can be a happy experience if you learn to look for quality. By this we don't mean that you must buy an expensive dress. You can often find outstanding quality in an inexpensive one. It's merely a matter of learning how to recognize the factors that make a dress worth while. Learn to examine three things in every garment you buy—



Reminiscent of the gay nineties is this pert young striped rayon taff-suit. It features a sprightly peplum and mirrored buttons.

#### Fabric, Fit, Workmanship

The first thing to look for is a serviceable fabric. The best way to know that the fabric will give satisfactory wear is to be guided by informative labels. They give you exact information about the fabric, based on laboratory tests it has passed for shrinkage, strength, washability or dry cleaning ability and other qualities.

You want your clothes to fit well, not just because they look better that way, but also because they wear better when they are not too tight or too loose. Here are some standards of good fit that you can follow:

Be sure that the shoulders and neckline lie flat without wrinkles or bulges. The shoulders seam to lie

#### Blow, Thou Winter Wind

The declining thermometer, chilly blasts and all those new-year's heighos can make your skin woefully rough-looking and dull. A one-minute mask treatment is the best—the swiftest—answer. Arm yourself with two jars, one cold cream, one vanishing cream. Thoroughly cleanse your face with the cold cream and tissue it off. Now smooth on a thick layer of cool, white vanishing cream, omitting the area round your eyes. Tissue off after a minute; the look and feel of your skin will be smooth, refreshed and radiant.

about 1/4 inch back of the center of your shoulder and be absolutely straight from neckline to sleeve seam. Watch the padding, too, for the amount of padding can affect the entire appearance of a costume.

Be sure the dress is not too tight or too loose at bustline, waist, and over the hipline. The grain should be absolutely straight, on sleeve, blouse and skirt (unless it's a bias-cut skirt) so that the dress will hang correctly and keep the fit.

#### Examine Both Inside And Out

See that the buttonholes are carefully finished — for often a detail like this may be a "give-away" of the type of workmanship in the entire dress. Check the placket and all outside stitching for neatness. Make sure all trimmings on washable dresses are color fast.

Examine the seam finishings to be sure they won't ravel or pull out. Be sure the appropriate type of seam is used. For example, a pinked seam will be quite satisfactory on a firmly woven fabric while it will be necessary to have a bound seam on a more loosely woven fabric. See that seam binding is used on the hemline, at the waistline and at the shoulder for firmness and neatness. The hemline should be at least two inches deep.

### Tart Buffet Supper For New Years

Here's a simple, yet delicious supper buffet to spread before your New Year's day guests. Not only is it tart and appetizing enough for celebrants wishing only an evening meal, but shrimp is substituted for those who might have tired of left-over turkey.

Tall red or white candles on the buffet lend a festive note and place glossy poinsettia flowers or plants — truly in the holiday spirit. A ring of rice, filled with red shrimp creole, will be the center of attraction and carry out the color theme.

#### New Year's Buffet Supper Menu

Cranberry Juice Cocktail

Shrimp Creole\*

Green Salad with Tart French and Roquefort Dressing

Lemon Meringue Pie Coffee

#### Shrimp Creole

Melt in skillet, 2 tbsp. shortening. Add, 2 tbsp. chopped green peppers, 1 tbsp. grated onion. Cook over low heat until soft and lightly browned. Add, stirring until blended, 2 tbsp. flour, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/8 tsp. pepper, 1/2 tsp. dry mustard. Slowly add, 1 cup canned tomatoes and cook over low heat until thickened, stirring constantly. Stir a little of hot mixture into, 1 slightly beaten egg. Stir this egg mixture into remaining tomato mixture and continue cooking over very low heat, stirring constantly. Add, 1/4 cup cream or milk, 2 cups shrimp (which have been cleaned and drained). Serve with hot fluffy rice. Make sauce first and add shrimp just prior to serving.

### Hand-Knit Twosome For Happy Hands And Feet



Cold winds may blow, but our knitting-wise girl has warm extremities. These hand-knit mittens and anklets keep fingers and toes happy throughout the winter. They are patterned with novel ribbed stitches which makes knitting these quick-to-make items doubly interesting. A two-ounce ball of sports yarn is enough for either pair, mittens or socks, in small, medium or large sizes.

A direction leaflet for knitting these warm accessories and a matching set of pullover and cardigan is available to you by calling or writing The Bulletin Office.

### Lorraine Ayotte Becomes Bride Of Francis Meier



Lorraine Ayotte, daughter of George L. of the Repair Department, became the bride of Francis J. Meier, of Lincolnwood, Illinois on Saturday, December 1. The ceremony was performed at St. Francis Church.

The bridal party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Meier, Hermaline Phelan, of the Mailing Department, with Rita O'Donnell; George Norman and Ralph Phelan, recently discharged veterans; Mrs. Doris Smith, Lorraine's aunt, and John F. Meier, Grand Rapids, Michigan, brother of the groom.

Mingling among the wedding guests were quite a few Scovillites. Helen Duffy, of Advertising Sales, was present with her mother and brother; Mary Yankauskas, matron of the Girls' Club; and Joe Ayotte, Manufacturing Superintendent's Office.

# News From The Waterville Division

Reporter—Ray

A recent Christmas party held by the factory bowling league was a huge success. Highlight of the evening was the battle of harmony singing. One group led by the tool room golden tenor GEORGE ZORN and the other led by the ever popular baritone JOE NARDOZZI.

Some one who had not seen HOWARD MANTON around the plant and saw him at the party wanted to know what his job was. They wanted to know what he was: a WAAF air raid warden and not taken off the roof now that the war is over.

JOHN BRODERICK got knocked for a loss from old man "grippe." Shake it off, JOHN, and get back in the groove.

"JACKIE" IANNANTOUNI is a happy dad now that his son is home from the service for good. JACK says it is great.

FRED MARANO ex-service man from the tool room began bowling in the factory league and came up with a 135 game and a 339 set. A good man to bowl with and not against.

Reporter—Shirley

Good thing everybody doesn't go by "finders keepers, losers weepers," what say, JOE?

Best wishes to LORETTA CLARK and ELEANOR SEIDEL who received lovely diamonds from FRANK and RAY. Congrats to the lucky fellows.

We welcome LAURETTE back to the office again, if only for a short time.

A Merry Christmas was had by all from all reports given Wednesday.

On The Side

Scovill Waterville welcomes back returned veterans BERNIE SAUER, TOM RURKOWSKI, BILL STOLFI, who are back at the job again.

Reporter—Beebe

LIBBY K. and PEGGY were quite happy over the gift they received from ALICE EGGLESON, our WAVE and they expect her home for New Year's day.

The Carrolls are really celebrating Christmas. Both of the boys are home.

We are sorry to hear that ETHEL SHEIL'S husband is so ill but we hope he will be better by the New Year.

EILEEN GARDNER has received word that her nephew GEORGE will be home for the New Year. It has been a long, long time.

We are glad to hear that LORETTA SEPANSKA is back feeling well again. We missed you, LORETTA.

The Christmas office party was a great success. Most of the gang managed to get there despite the terrible storm, and we wish to welcome the newest member of the order and billing department MADELINE FITZPATRICK. We hope you like us.

We know that the new arrival in PERCY McMULLEN'S house is the 4th red-head and LIL is his sister.

## Two-Day Holiday For Many

New Year's Day will be celebrated with many Scovillites getting a two-day holiday. On Monday, December 31, the mills and the factory will be closed for inventory and the offices and service groups work. New Year's Day, the entire Plant will be closed, opening Wednesday, January 2, at 7:00 A. M.

## Two Men Put On Retired List Effective Today

Effective today, December 31, William L. Lathrop, General Service, and James Hamilton, Blanking Room, are placed on the retirement list.

WILLIAM LATHROP, native of Mobile, Alabama, came to work in Scovill, October 8, 1894, in the Billing Office. Through the years he also worked in the Cutting Room, in the Manufacturing Department, in the Shipping Department and on November 13, 1931 he began work for the stores as a clerk.

JAMES HAMILTON, who was born in County Cavan, Ireland, was hired into Scovill in May, 1889. His job was always in the Blanking Room, and his service there was continuous except for a leave in 1896 and another in 1908, when he returned to Ireland for a visit. His job at the time of his retirement was that of a press operator.

## Snow Storm Didn't Daunt Choral Club



The raging snow storm Waterbury witnessed Wednesday, December 19th, didn't daunt the Choral Club from holding its dance at the SERA Center, though it may account for the few people attending. Nevertheless, the singers ran through various numbers for their audience and all in all the dancers enjoyed themselves and got home safely through the deepening snow.

# A Tale Of The Pigs' Tails

Carpenter Builds Smokehouse "For Ham"; Gets Surprise



How Louis Boroch, of the Carpenter Shop, happened to receive two real pigs' tails complete with knife and fork for ready eating was told last week when he dropped in to THE BULLETIN for a short chat. And as Louis related, it went like this:—

"Yeah, three weeks ago, I went out to Wolcott to build a smokehouse for that guy Charlie Winters. You know him—he runs the Pipe Shop out east. Well, Charlie had two pigs he was going to have slaughtered, so he needs the smokehouse.

"Well, anyway, we slap the smokehouse together and then Charlie and

I fix things up. I'm supposed to get a ham off of one of the pigs and a few pork chops. Charlie says OK.

"But you know what that guy does. Two, three weeks go by since the pigs were slaughtered and I don't hear from Charlie. Then one day I get home from work and my wife hands me a package, all nicely tied up, plenty of stamps. When I saw no name on the outside, I open it up to see who it is from and then we come to Christmas wrappings."

"Well, my wife and I don't know who it is from, so we take off the Christmas paper, and there are two pigs' tails. Yeah, one from the momma pig and one from the papa pig.

"Whadda think of that guy Winters, I say to my wife? She says, 'Well, that's all the ham you're gonna get from Charlie.' Yeah, he even put in a knife and fork with the tails."

P. S. Charlie still ducks Louis when he sees him about the Plant.

## Almost 500 Veterans Returned To Scovill

Veterans of World War II have joined the Scovill ranks in increasing numbers during 1945 and the year 1946 gives promise that they will play a larger part in aiding peacetime production. On the whole, some of the veterans are now in positions new to them, disliking a return to jobs that they held prior to service.

As of December 16, 495 veterans were at work in the Scovill Main Plant—344 were with the concern before entering service and the remainder are non-Scovill veterans. Thirty-five per cent of the 344 Scovill vets have already requested new positions and received a better position in their own view.

640 veterans have been hired to date, while 387 have terminated their service. The breakdown of the 387 reveal some problems of civilian readjustment.

Reasons why some of the veterans terminated their service apparently ran the gamut. A couple of men re-enlisted; others returned to school. A share of the 387 men were soldiers on furlough, some vets left for medical reasons, and some left without stating a reason. Covering the field, some also entered new fields outside. A share of this broken service figure now includes men who have returned to new positions with Scovill.

The over-all picture indicates the definite existence of an adjustment problem, but the return of many veterans who had once left their jobs shows that the men themselves are rapidly making whatever adjustment they need. That fact should be an encouragement to the many other men the new year will see back on the job.

## Classified Ads

For Sale

1936 Ford Coach, in good condition. Call 3-5677.

Ash sifter. Call 4-3235.

Boy's tubular ice skates, size 4. Call 4-2741.

Lynn oil burner. Call at 644 East Main Street, top floor.

Ernemann-Dresden camera with Ernotar lens and Ernemann shutter, 1 Sec. to 1/200. Call extension 573.

Pet black Cocker Spaniel, male, two years old, excellent pedigree, house broken; also new dog house. Call 3-1270.

Portable bar with stand, 24 inches by 18 inches, chromium and leather. Call 4-9384 after 6 P. M.

Wanted To Buy

Girl's white tubular shoe skates, size 6. Call 4-7687.

Tenants Wanted

Two men to share heated room, central location. Call 3-8132.

Ride Wanted

From Seymour, for first shift, 7 A. M. Call Seymour 432 or extension 2102.

Lost

Sum of money around West Plant. Call Plant Protection, extension 345.

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