



# THE BULLETIN



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## Figuring Out Two Days' Time



The Central Time Office staff was busy last week figuring the two-days' time which Scovill employees of the Bargaining Unit had coming to them. Everybody hopes these girls will soon again be figuring full time for our full crew at work.

### Pay Loss To Date

(Estimated)

\$180,000	for wk. ending	2/9/46
270,000	" " "	2/16/46
270,000	" " "	2/23/46

\$720,000 Total

## Couple Celebrate 50th Wedding Date

It was open house day at the Ernest Robinson's last Sunday, when the couple celebrated their fiftieth year of married life, with a large gathering of relatives and friends. It was fifty years ago February 26, when the couple stood before the late Reverend John G. Davenport of the Second Congregational Church at the old Morris Alcott home on the Wolcott Road.

The couple's two daughters, Mrs. George F. Benson and Mrs. George W. Belcher, along with their families and the families of the two sons, Lewis and Ernest, Jr. were on hand at the Belcher's Mill Plain home. The couple have three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Robinson, with Scovill since 1893, passed his fiftieth year of continuous service with Scovill in 1943. Always in the Tool Room, Ernie is now in Cutting Tool with Martin Hollywood.

## Center Activities Becoming Informal

The SERA Center is evolving into an informal recreation spot these days, no doubt due to increased use due to the strike-bound plants. Spectators have increased at the scheduled athletic events, but on the other hand most of the idle folks have steered away from group activities. In any event, the Center is fulfilling its purpose—recreation or relaxation for all employees.

The Lounge is filled daily with small groups who use the chance meetings with other visitors to discuss the future of the world or events of the day. Table tennis and pool, plus other unorganized games, are open to all in the Game Room. All Scovillites and friends have the full use of the Center at their disposal now. Any newly formed group that wishes to stage an event may have the use of the Center by contacting Fred Wilson, Coordinator of Employee Activities.

Busses run on schedule from the center of town. There is plenty of parking space on Hamilton Avenue. Use the Center!

## The Government's Wage-Price Policy

The strike against steel producers has been settled. Employees received \$.18-1/2 per hour increase and the steel producers will receive \$5.00 per ton more for steel they sell. Eventually the cost of living will rise as a result of the settlement. The steelworkers were on strike for about four weeks. Before the strike the Steel Corporation had offered a \$.15 per hour wage increase. So the steel strike gained the steelworkers \$.03-1/2 per hour; in 40 hours that is \$1.40 per week. For each week the steel workers were on strike they will have to work 32-1/2 weeks to make up their loss. If the strike were exactly four weeks long, they must work 4 times 32-1/2 weeks or 130 weeks to recover their loss of pay while striking. 130 weeks is 2 years, 6 months.

But the steel strike is not completely settled. Those fabricating companies that must now pay more for their steel are not yet authorized to increase their prices, even though they must pay more for their raw material. So these fabricating companies cannot afford to pay higher wages, and the strike continues at their plants. Last estimate is that the Government's wage-price settlement in steel will put only about half the strikers back to work.

And now about Brass. At the time this is written there is no guarantee that Brass prices will be raised to take care of even present costs, let alone an addition to take care of a wage increase. So Scovill mill workers are on the street waiting for Government action. But even though there is authorized a sufficient increase in the price of Brass Mill Products to allow the mills to meet present costs and to pay an additional wage increase, this will not take care of the Manufacturing

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## "Bill" Hine, Retired, Active To Last



At the age of 89, despite the fact that he had been retired since 1923, William H. Hine still drove his own car, pursued as a hobby the button die and toolmaking art that he had learned in Scovill which he entered as a young man of 28. "Bill," to the last, did all he could to further the Henry J. Sperry Eyelet Association, a statewide group interested in die tools, attending his final convention in September, 1945. His death February 13 was the result of an accident at his Thomaston home in October, 1945.

One son, Burton, is Chief of the Scovill Fire Department and Charles is foreman of Store 7. A granddaughter, Mrs. Dorothy K. Merkle also survives him. He was a member of Ansan-tawae Encampment of Odd Fellows. Scovill representatives at his funeral were Fred Reutter, Philip Reutter, Willis Machin and Earl Holihan. Fred Lawrence of Ansonia, John Lamb, Hartford and Mr. Beaumont of Plainville attended as Eyelet Association representatives.

## Vacation Pay And The Strike

For each full week of vacation hourly and piecework employees are entitled to in 1946 they will receive 2% of their total earnings during continuous service from June 3, 1945 to June 1, 1946.

Each week not worked will reduce the amount of vacation pay. Should the strike last eight weeks, then, on the average it will reduce the pay for each vacation week an employee is entitled to by about \$9.00.

## Empty Envelope!



It will take time enough now to make up for the strike losses. It's a shame to make things any worse.

It's all gone, indeed, for thousands of Scovill people who depend on their job for their living . . . and their families depend upon them. Empty pay envelopes mean heavy hearts.

The butcher, the baker and the landlord—they all need their money and we need their services.

## Good Brass, Ready And Waiting, Wait---



In the loud stillness of the North Mill stand these truckloads of brass, stopped by the strike as they rolled on their way to be used in numerous manufactured articles. Good brass—the world's best—is Waterbury. Three fourths of Waterbury's industry is brass plus capable and efficient workmanship that makes it famous throughout the world, now idle famousness.

**ARMY NAVY THE BULLETIN SCOVILL**

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**Millwright Passes**



One of the youngest men in the Millwright Department, John George was just 23 when he passed away. He has a brother Joseph in the Electrical Department and a sister, Sarah Lubesky, in Packing "B."

**Scovillite Draws Perfect Crib Hand**

He held three fives and a jack in his hand. The remaining five spot in the same suit as his jack turned up on top of the deck. He didn't know how much it counted. He called the experts via telephone. According to Hoyle, he had drawn the perfect cribbage hand—a hand that comes once in a lifetime to few players.

It was Gene Charest, assistant foreman of the Radio Room, who held the perfect hand while playing cribbage with a few friends at his home.

The count totalled 29 points, the most that can be garnered in a single hand. The expert? Joe Brenneis, who has tallied cribbage scores almost every week for years at the Foremen's Club and other tournaments.

**Scovill Girls Keep Date With Blind Soldiers**



Just before these Scovill girls departed by bus to keep a date with the blind soldiers at the Avon Old Farms rehabilitation center at Avon, they smilingly posed for THE BULLETIN. Sixty-six girls attended the Valentine dance which was staged by the Camp and Hospital Unit of the Red Cross. Gertrude Swirda was in charge of the Scovill, Chase and Telephone girls.

**The Government's Wage-Price Policy**

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Department and the Waterville Division. From the information we get, an increase in the price of Brass Mill Products will not allow the users of those products to increase their prices. The granting of wage increases in the Manufacturing Department and Waterville Division without such price relief would be economically unsound.

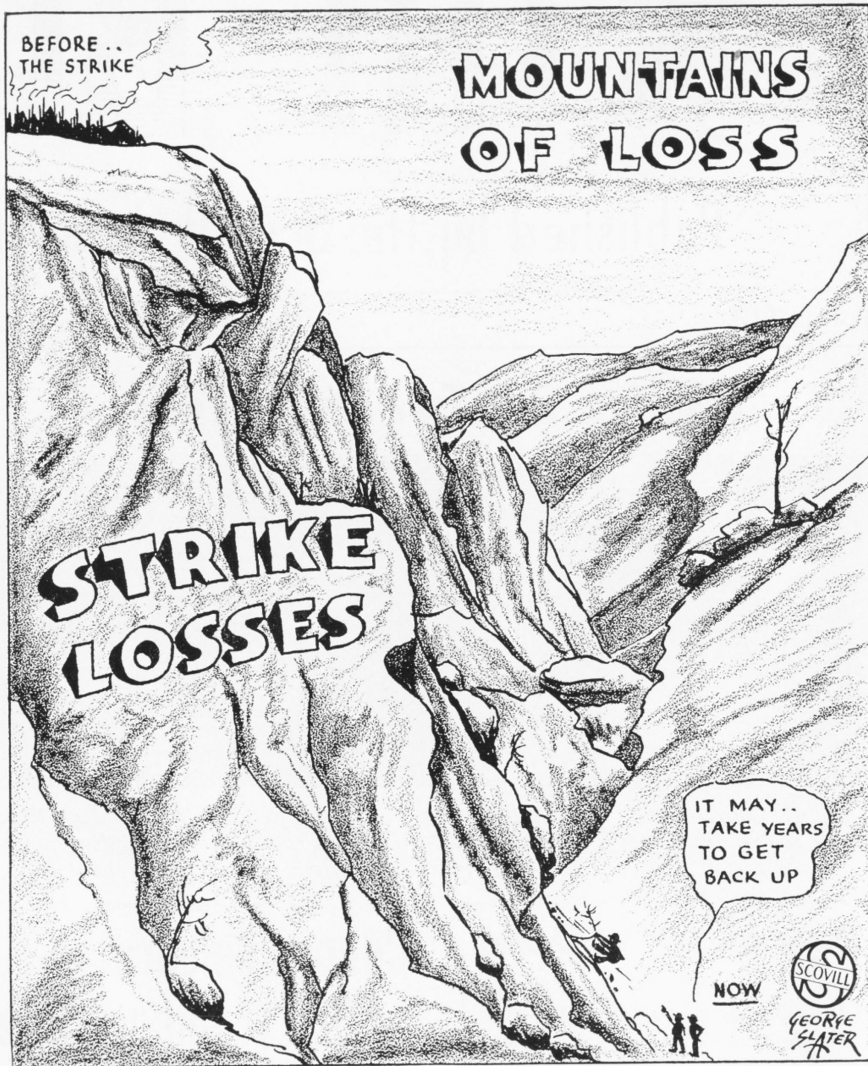
In the meantime, Scovill workers are needlessly sinking farther and farther in the financial hole. The sensible thing to do would be to call off the strike. A wage increase is coming. The question is, when? Scovill employees could have been working with 10% more in their pay envelopes, instead of loafing, had the Company's offer of February 4th been accepted.

**Candidates, Dance, Girls' Club Topics**

At the regular meeting of the Scovill Girls' Club Council February 18, a nominating committee was appointed to prepare a slate of candidates for the 1946 slate of officers.

Working together on selections are Ethel Johnson of Mill Sales, Margaret Fenske, Bulletin Office, Lucy Guarrera, Drug and Cosmetics, Jane Peck, B & F Sales, and Jean Ostrowski of Special Training.

Initial details for a semi-formal dance to be held in April were discussed at the meeting and it was decided to hold the annual meeting in March, date to be announced later.



**Pinsters' Scramble**

Interdepartment League—Tin Shop Men lead Extruded Rod by four points; Assembly Girls lead Special Training by four points. Marie Veneziano, CTO, is top girl with 98.16 average; Art Taylor is top man with 108.55.

IRA League—SERA Girls lead Chase by 6 games; SERA Men hold third place in tough competition.

SERA Men and Girls' teams beat Trumbull Electric in an intercity match on February 15 for the second time this season.

**Jitterbug No Barrier To Blind Soldiers Local Girls Partners At Dance**

How ably the blind soldiers at the Avon Old Farms rehabilitation center danced with their partners from the Scovill, Chase and Telephone companies at their Valentine dance February 12 at Avon was realistically expressed by several of the girls, "They must have danced by radar."

The dance which was sponsored by the Camp and Hospital Unit of the Red Cross gave several of the blind soldiers a chance to get in on some fast jitterbugging, but many were content to pace along at conventional strides. The soldiers were enthusiastic in their appreciation, chorusing that it was the best time ever for them and encored, "Let's make them weekly."

An unnamed New York industrialist provided corsages for the sixty-six Waterbury girls and a box of candy apiece for all of the soldiers. Ten local colored girls of the group provided partners for many of the blind colored soldiers also going through rehabilitation paces at Avon. Gertrude Swirda of the Production Drive Office was mistress of ceremonies.

The soldiers rewarded the girls with glowing praise and a household expression of the evening, "This really makes me want to go on living."

**1946 Markers Needed Before This Friday**

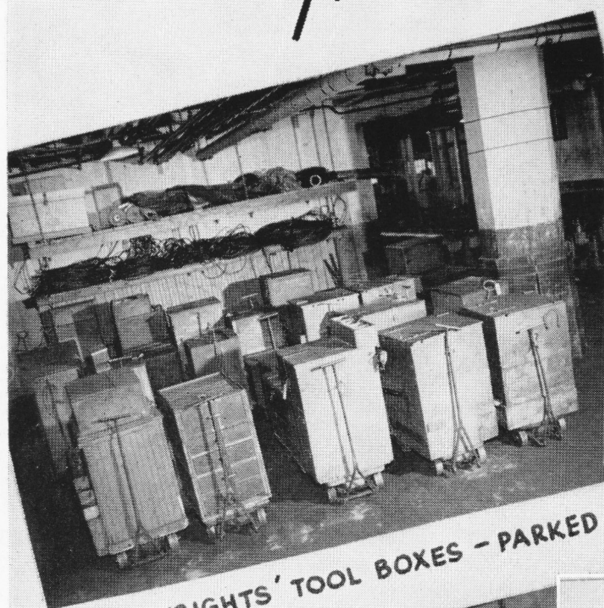
In a few days, all Connecticut registered vehicles driven on the highways must bear 1946 marker inserts, the local Motor Vehicle Office warned. As of midnight, February 28, all 1945 inserts will expire. The office also added that no further mail orders will be accepted from car owners who expect new markers back by the needed March 1 date.

**Short Date Dress**

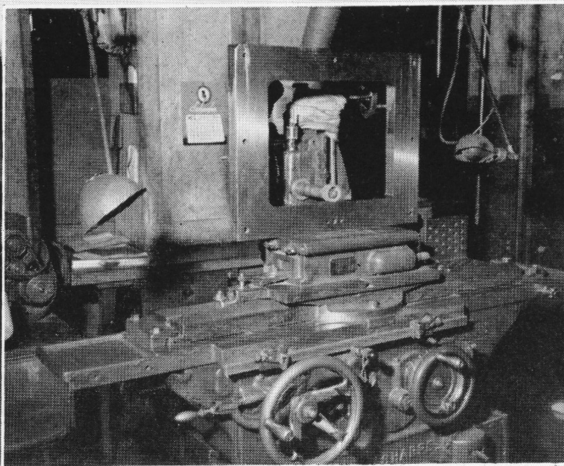


Combining brilliant Roman stripes with black makes a short dine-and-dance dress that is utterly feminine and meets any informal date. Glitter costumes for any occasion and any budget may be had by the simple means of sewing them at home. New items for the feminine wardrobe should be made with an eye to how they fit in with the rest of your clothes. THE BULLETIN has a new leaflet, "Color Guide To Exciting Wardrobe Combinations" which tells about new color fashions and how to have a varied wardrobe from a few pieces. They're free at THE BULLETIN. Write in to-day or just telephone.

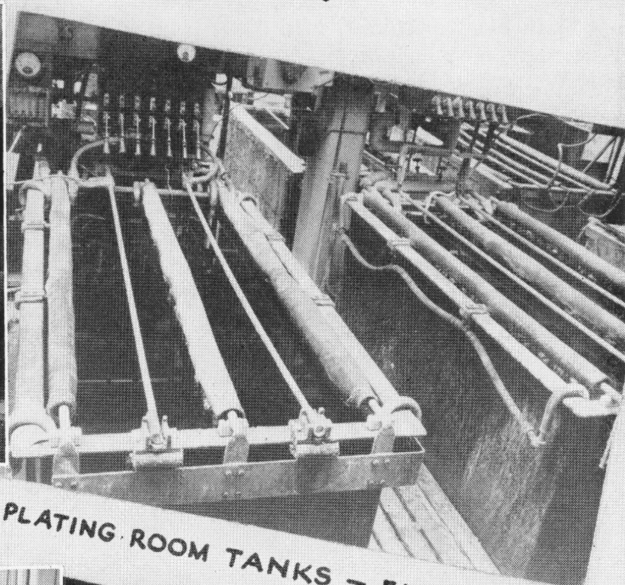
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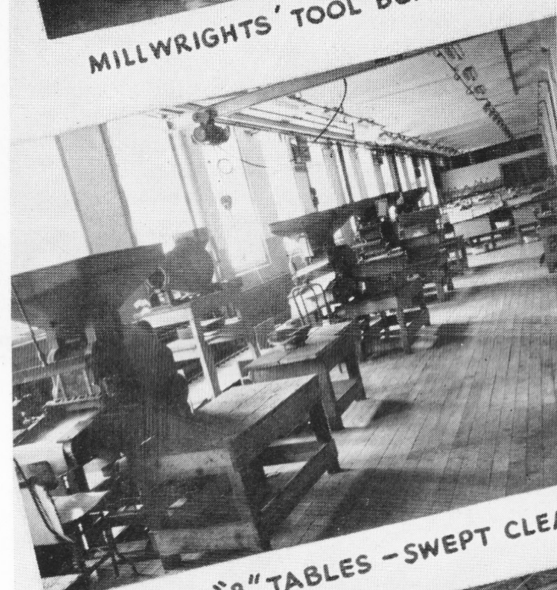
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GRINDING ROOM MACHINES - STILL



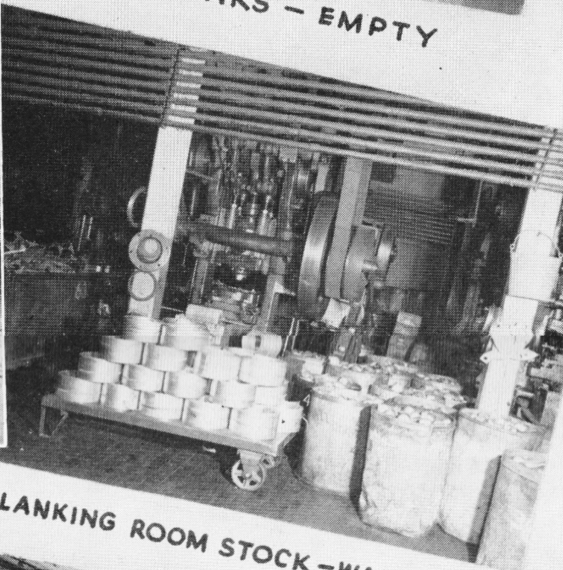
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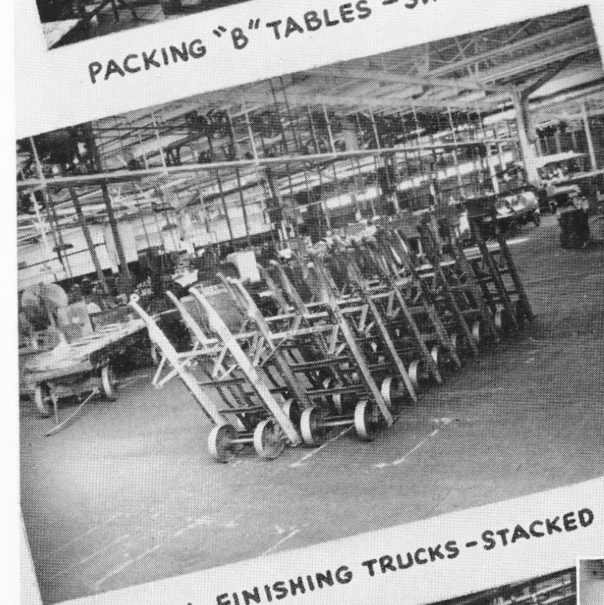
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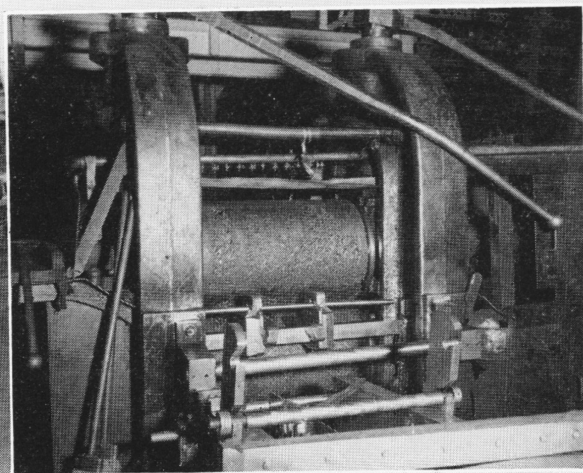
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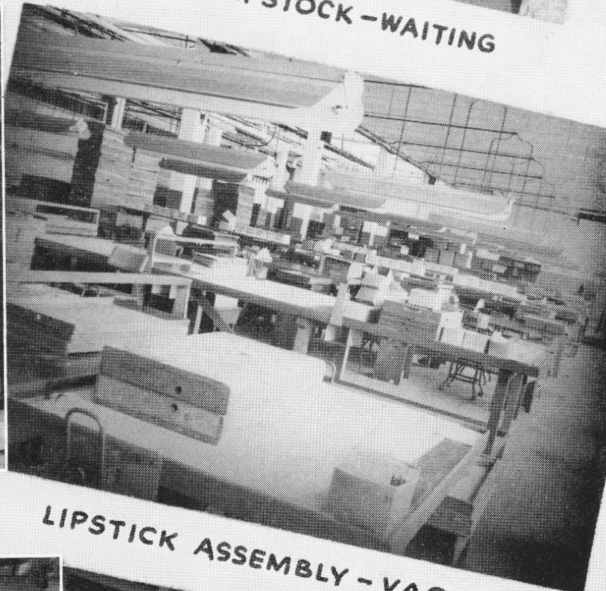
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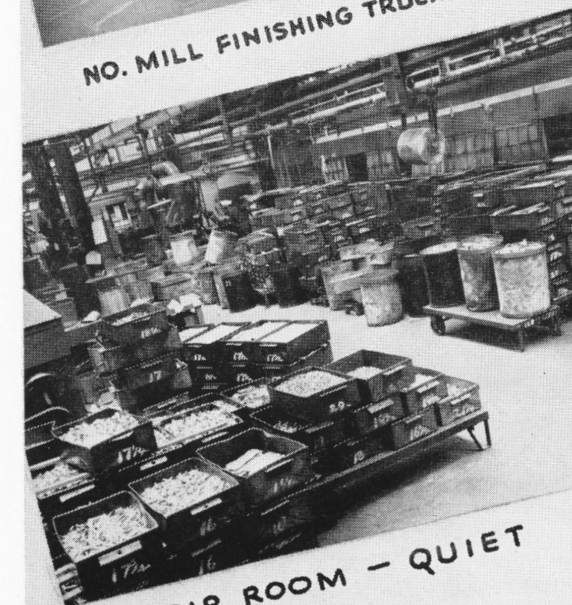
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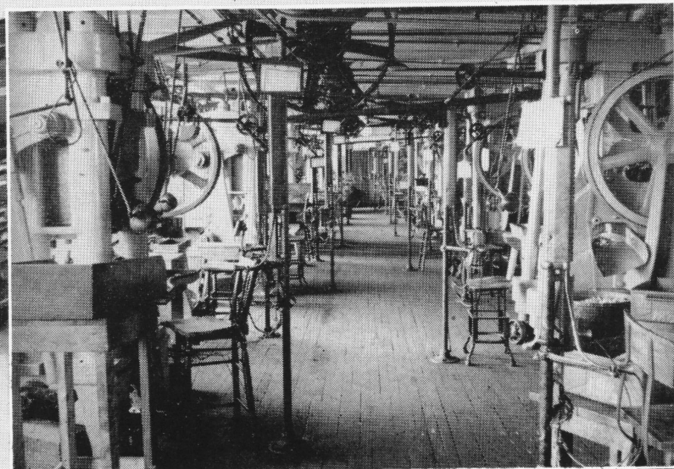
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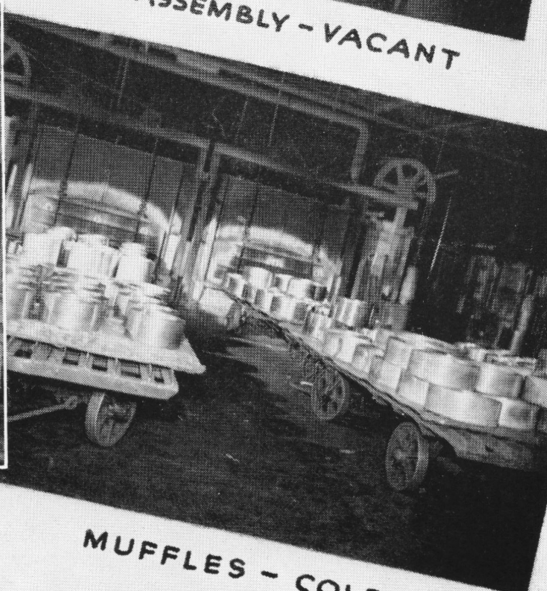
LIPSTICK ASSEMBLY - VACANT



DIP ROOM - QUIET



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MUFFLES - COLD

# ISN'T GETTING DONE

# Three Veteran Scovill Employees Succumb

Death made recent claim for three veteran Scovill employees: Robert Calkins, Process Engineer in the Main Plant, who succumbed to a long illness on February 16; Thomas McAvoy, retired Main Plant machinist, who died on February 6, and Jean Hebert, retired Waterville Division employee, who passed away on February 1.

ROBERT SHORE CALKINS, connected with the Scovill firm since he was 14 years old, passed away February 16 at

St. Mary's Hospital. A process engineer and chief inspector at the time of his death, Mr. Calkins covered a myriad of occupations in his 36 years with Scovill. A concert singer of repute, he was the first president of the Mendelsohn Chorus and for 25 years sung with many church choirs as a soloist.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marion Gladys Garlick Calkins; one son, Robert Dayton; two brothers, Harley and Henry and one sister, Edith K. Calkins of this city. He was buried in Riverside cemetery. Active Scovill pallbearers were Leon Mayshaw, Clarence Kellar, Henry Holihan, Gunnar Schlander, William Sutton and Arthur Lusher.

THOMAS McAVOY, whose continuous service record ran from June 7, 1883 to his retirement on May 21, 1931, spent his whole Scovill career in the Tool Division of the Main Plant. At the time of his retirement he was a machinist in West Machine.

Born in County Galway in Ireland in 1861, Mr. McAvoy came to America at the age of 23. He was one of the founders of St. Francis Xavier Church, a resident of the Washington Hill section of Waterbury for 57 years until five years ago when he went to live with his son Thomas, Jr. on Plaza Ave. Surviving him besides his son are two daughters, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

JEAN BAPTISTE HEBERT, 66, retired foreman of the Waterville Division, died at his home on Meriden Road February 4. Born in Canada, Jean came to Waterbury 58 years ago. Survived by his wife, Mrs. Florida Marie Hebert, Jean has a host of relatives in Canada. Honorary pallbearers from Scovill were William Foley, Neil Graunth, Henry Montambault and Fred Senior.

## Photo Assignment?



Looking trim and fit after several months in the Navy, Herb Mahony recently paid a visit to the Photo Lab. Herb, who took many of THE BULLETIN'S pictures, is hoping for a photography assignment when he returns to his present station at Bainbridge, Maryland.

# Power Model Enthusiasts Form SERA Club

### To Build Boats, Cars, Planes -- Maybe Even "Jets"



The Power Model Club charter members look over a few of the engines that will go into future craft. Members are George Millett, Joe Abromaitis, Art Remfer, Vic Sabalaukas, Steve Triantafillos, Casimer Pernerevski, William Kliewa and Andrew Lynch. George Millet is the Club's president.

Launching the newest designs of aeronautical craft into the air — power by rubber bands or super duper five-cylinder, two-horsepower, thimble-sized engines — is the aim of the Scovill Power Model Club, recently formed under the SERA's heading. Eight members, all close adherents of model flying, wrote a formative charter and elected George Millett, ASMD, to head the group.

With the primary interests of the group the study of powered model planes, expansion plans cover the complete study and breakdown of any type of craft running under the same power as the planes. There is wide similarity in the mechanical problems of power boats and midjet automobiles, so the

group plans to take all under the same heading.

Some of the members design their own craft; others follow set patterns. The future may even bring forth study of "jet" type craft.

The Reidville area has been hailed by the group as the ideal spot for a clubhouse, providing a level tract of land for auto racing and plane flying besides having a small pond nearby for the use of those interested in power model boats.

A welcome has been extended to any rubber band adherents. Most of the members once started with the same type of power, but have advanced to the 1/5 and 1/6 horsepower engines or even a five cylinder power plant that weighs but a few ounces. The information and instruction that the original members can offer will be of great assistance to all newcomers.

The club is open to all Scovillites and their children over fourteen. Group purchasing of craft materials will make them available at reduced prices, keeping the costs to all members at a low figure.

Club members expect to crack up a few planes during the initial stages, but they say it's all in the game. The actual planes are low-priced and the engines are usually fully salvageable despite destruction of the model in a crackup.

The greatest cost is the hours spent in construction, but the rewards cover a varied field. Theory of flight, aircraft construction, knowledge of engines and primary aerodynamics all come with the added enjoyment of watching a self-made craft become airborne.

The club will meet the second and third Sundays of every month at the Center with meetings due to start at 2 P. M.

# Scovill Foremen Enjoy 32nd Annual Banquet At Temple Hall



With 275 guests attending instead of an expected 550, this year's version of the Foremen's Association banquet went off with room for enjoyment. The dinner was excellent and a New York entertainment troupe featuring a female magician, a one-man band and other variety acts added to the success of the annual affair. William Wells, Wire Mill, was chairman of the affair.

## ASMD-Tube Mill Probable Department Finalists

With the Tube Mill taking three out of three games in the second round of the Scovill Inter-Department Basketball league, it looks as though they will make the championship playoffs against the ASMD, winners of the first round.

In the first round, the ASMD aggregate finished the five game series with five wins but have lost one game to date in the second round. Who will play in the championship match was to be decided February 25 in the final game of the Inter-Department series.

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