



# THE BULLETIN



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## Fun, Isn't It?



*What a world of difference in safety today's children enjoy compared to the ice skating dangers many Scovillites can remember. At Hamilton Park, where these children were snapped skating, or any of the half-dozen public skating sites, little danger exists now from breaking through thin ice or being injured in wild capers. Parents' minds can rest a lot easier when they know their children are skating at a place guarded from dangers.*

## V. A. Approves Scovill Training Courses Overrules Decision Of State Apprenticeship Council

More than welcome news came to 200 ex-G.I.'s in the Training Course, January 14, when head of the Veterans' Administration, General Omar Bradley, notified the Company that all sections of the General Training Course requiring 4,000 hours and more had been approved. The decision, gained after more than a year and a half of day by day negotiations, means that veterans in approved courses may get cash benefits from the government in addition to their Scovill pay.

Also included in the Veterans' Administration approval of 12 trades under Public Law 346 was permission to grant veterans benefits retroactive to August 15, 1946. Trades covered in the approval were toolmakers, machinists, draftsmen, electricians, tool hardeners, carpenters, welders, tinsmiths, steam fitters, blacksmiths, millwrights and rivet makers.

### Negotiations Began In 1945

First negotiations on the part of the Company to get its courses approved by the State Apprenticeship Council started in July 1945, but approval was not received from the tri-partite council because of various technicalities. In late 1946, the Council decisively turned down the Company's request for course approval. Two reasons were given. First, because the Company would not register its courses under the State Council and secondly, because the Company would not accept quotas whereby the number of those in training would be arbitrarily limited without consideration for the needs of the industry.

Once the State Council's rejection was received on December 2, 1946, the case was referred to General Bradley.

The Company took the position that the question of ratios should not be considered in connection with determining adequate training standards and again, that the law does not require registration with the Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council. General Bradley apparently agreed with the Company in approving the program.

### Veterans' Benefits

Any veteran who elects to accept subsistence allowance benefits under Public Law 346, as amended, is entitled to receive the difference between the total amount which he received from Scovill each month, and the amount which he would receive at the minimum rate of the occupation for which he is being trained. Benefits will not exceed \$65 a month for a trainee without dependents or \$90 per month for a trainee with dependents, including regular holidays and leave not exceeding 30 days in a calendar year. In no event will combined earnings and benefits exceed \$175 a month in the first case or \$200 per month for a trainee with dependents.

Veterans who have entered the course since January 1946 have been advised to file their application with the Veterans' Administration for a course in training or education. (Form 1950.)

Those Scovill veterans who have already filed a Form 1950 should have received a Form 1953, Certificate of Eligibility and Entitlement, which indicates the exact period during which the veteran is entitled to benefits.

Besides 200 veterans now covered by Public Law 346, twenty-four disabled veterans have been receiving benefits for some time under Public Law 16.

## ABOUT THIS AND THAT

Jim Toolmaker and Jack Grinder were talking things over.

Jim: You know, I'm getting tired of the way things are going. I suppose that we have to expect it after a war — but it don't make sense.

Jack: What's biting you?

Jim: Well, look at last year. Instead of getting down to work, we had all those strikes. They spoiled the whole year. And a lot of things we need were never made. Then, besides losing all that pay during the strike, even with the increased wages we got, we couldn't buy as much after the strike as we did before.

Jack: You're right there, and now they're talking about more wages and higher prices.

Jim: I don't wonder Congress is working on new labor laws. The people are fed up. They want new rules.

Jack: Funny the union bosses don't read the election returns. They know things have to change. If they would get together with Congress they'd be better off. They think they're kings and they forget there aren't many kings left in the world.

Jim: It's about time we got back to the good old days. People were all friendly. We didn't have so much money — but it bought more. Now, you don't know whether a fellow's your friend or if he's just filling you full of bunk so he can get something out of you.

Jack: Yea—and look at this portal to portal pay racket. Someone is sure getting taken in there. Say, if some of these crazy suits pay off — who pays the bill?

Jim: The same ones who pay for everything. Prices will just go up some more and you and I and everyone else will pay. Guess it's like those puppet shows — someone pulls the strings and we dance.

## Whistles To Blow "No School" Call - - Again

Once again the Scovill whistles will herald the call of "No School."

Four long blasts at 7:30 A.M. will mean "No morning sessions for all grades." No long blasts at 11:30 A.M. means one session for grades 4-5-6-7-8 which will close at 1 A.M. Kindergarten, grades 1-2-3 to be dismissed at the regular time. Four long blasts at 12:40 P.M. will herald the call of "No afternoon sessions for all grades."

## Meet The Senator



State Senator Martin Sullivan, Manufacturing Inspection and Process Engineering, this past week started his first term with the Connecticut General Assembly. Senator Sullivan was appointed to four committees — Claims, Public Personnel, Incorporations and Penal Institutions.

## Industrial Improvement Committee Election

On January 31st, an election will be held in each department to elect all Industrial Improvement Room Committees and following is the procedure to be upheld during the election.

Employees in each department will nominate candidates for election. Any person volunteering for service on his Industrial Improvement Room Committee may become a candidate for election by notifying his present Committee Chairman. Any members wishing to serve again may be nominated for reelection.

All nominations will be posted on Industrial Improvement Bulletin Boards not later than January 28th, and a duplicate list should be sent to the Improvement Drive Office on the same day. Any number of candidates may be nominated from a department.

Elections will be conducted by the timekeeper and the Chairman of the present Industrial Improvement Room Committee with the assistance of the Foreman. Candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected to their Committee.

The counting of the ballots should be conducted by the timekeeper and a representative of the present Room Committee.

For every member on each committee there should be an alternate. These alternates will be selected from the runners-up in the election.

Each department will elect three candidates and three alternates except the Lipstick Department which will elect three candidates and three alter-

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## Gleanings Around The Plant

By Russ Hickman

After cake, cola, cards, good wishes, likeness cartoons and what not, from swell guys and gals at our birthday party, we finish up proceedings with a chorus from an old English song:

We all came in the world with nothing  
No clothes to wear  
When we die, just bear in mind  
All our money we must leave behind  
Finish up the same as we began  
Without the slightest doubt,  
We all came in the world with nothing  
And we can't take anything out.  
(To which somebody present added,  
"There's many a true word spoken from the chest.")

A hearty welcome back is extended to ERLIS CASE, Stores, by his many friends who met and dealt with him when he was working in the big hardware store across from Hayden Street gate.

One of the finest dancers seen at the Veterans' Ball in Cheshire was EARL NORTHROP, General Manufacturing Sales. Very expert at picking 'em up and layin' 'em down.

An unsolved January problem which perhaps a Fresh Air Fund could help out — "Shut that window or I'll freeze to death." "Open that window or I'll suffocate."

JOHN DAILEY, ASMD, cannot understand why when bowling in the Inter-Department League he consistently loses to his opponent by one lone pin and figures if anybody can cut things as thin as that with him, then he ought to be in the sandwich business.

### In Mill Production Office

JIMMY SMITH sat in his chair,  
But couldn't see the joke;  
He turned round to speak to SQUIRES  
Crash! bang! the darn thing broke.  
ED FITZPATRICK helped JIM up,  
They laughed to beat the band,  
But JIMMY has our sympathy—  
Next day he had to stand!

Discussing literature and books with ED STEVENS, Cost Office, he said, "I've read Shakespeare, Dickens and Sinclair Lewis. I have also red socks that the girls in the Cost Office have favorably commented on."

AL SCHAFF, Plant Layout Engineers, enjoyed his vacation in Miami and had tales from the tropics on his return. However, he is non-committal as to whether Florida grows bigger oranges and grapefruits than California. Also which of all states produces the biggest lemons is still the \$64 question.

Another all-around athlete to whom we extend a "welcome back to our

Scovill family" is JOHN CASEY, North Rolling Mill. JOHN was active in basketball, softball and other sports until Uncle Sam gave him the signal—he was wanted to help lick the opposition.

A loyal follower of SERA Industrial basketball tussles, JACK CARRINGTON, Tube Mill, never misses a game. His prediction is, "Our Scovill team will yet land on top of the heap."

## Rod Mill Topics

By Alvina K. Greve

JULIUS ZRAVATHAWECZ is going social on us. He and his family recently attended the inauguration up at the Capitol in Hartford as the guests of Congressman MARTIN SULLIVAN, who was inaugurated as a Senator from Waterbury. JULIUS said it was quite an event and he met many distinguished people there. Following the inauguration was the Governor's Ball which JULIUS described as a huge affair.

When it comes to riddles, PHIL (WINSTED) ROY is the champ. Not a single day passes without him coming in with a new one, and who do you suppose he springs it on first — none other than MIKE CONGERO!

CHARLIE VAUGHAN has become bored with all this ice and snow up North, so he boarded his private plane and lit off for Miami. We certainly all do envy you, CHARLIE. Have a good rest and a good time—that is if it is possible to do both.

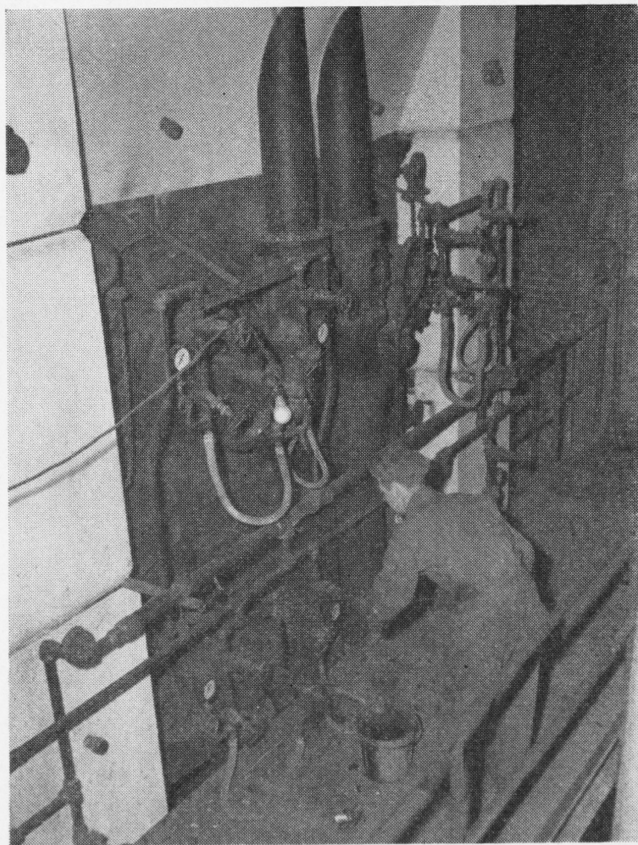
My humble apologies to JIM FRYER for saying his bowling score was 78 when it is 98. I'll see that I won't do such a thing again.

All eyes have been turned toward BERT DILLON since he started sporting that bright and I mean bright red sweater. You know what they say about men who wear red sweaters, BERT!

FRANK FAZI took the step before the final step when he slipped the sparkler on his fiancée's finger. No date has been set for the wedding but congratulations to the both of you. Incidentally, FRANK told the boys that he would be only too happy to tell them the time as he never tires of looking at the lovely watch his future wife gave him for Christmas.

Heard that TOM FITZGERALD doesn't mind the ride up from New Haven each day as he sleeps all the way to Waterbury. That's a fine thing, TOM! Should think that you would like to keep the driver company.

## Putting New Boiler Through Its Paces



Although the new West Power house will not go into full operation for another month, various tests are being run to determine step by step efficiency.

Ed Connelly of the Power House staff is shown firing the boiler. Only a small part of the boiler can be seen for, with its 150,000 pound per hour steam capacity, it occupies a large part of the Power House.

Using either pulverized coal or oil, the new equipment will furnish a large share of the 400,000 pounds of steam needed to supply electric power and industrial steam.

## Motive Behind Teen-Age Dances

Confidence, Social Graces, Tolerance Come With Dancing



What's this? No stag line? And Arthur Murray isn't teaching dancing there? No sir, there never is a stag line at any of the Waterbury Girls' Club social dancing classes for grammar school teen-agers at the Center, Wednesdays. And even though the youngsters are picking up all sorts of dance steps to recorded music (it just sends ya), dancing is actually just an "attention-getter" for bigger things in life—young American lives.

With attention riveted on mastering the intricacies of the polka and rhumba, lessons in social graces, good manners and tolerance are nevertheless absorbed with ease, according to their instructor, Miss Wynn Taylor, former movie-theatrical dancer and dance tutor.

"They're doing very well," she commented, "in fact, they never want to go home when dismissed. It's wonderful to work with children like these." Citing the Scovill neighborhood class as "one of my best," she said nearly 700 children are taught the same in classes weekly throughout the city.

Strictly eight-graders, but of different nationalities, religions and various environment levels, they are learning a shade of confidence, tolerance and community spirit that would

shame elders. The "hit or miss" of experience would take years to give what they learn in the social groups in a few brief months.

"In another year," said Miss Taylor, "they'll be in high school, socially balanced individuals, able to meet and get along with all types of people. When a youngster gets to high school and is unable to dance or meet people easily, he becomes awkward, ill at ease, and may develop an inferiority complex that will have a decided effect on his later life. But the youngsters who are attending these classes won't have any such difficulties from what I can see."

Now learning the "Lindy" and jitterbugging dance steps, the one-step fox trot, polka, and waltz are already in the teen-agers bag of knowledge. The free classes are held every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 until 5 P.M. and are for the children of the neighborhood.

## Stamp Collectors Form Club, Name Officers

Over 20 stamp collecting enthusiasts, meeting in the Spencer Building January 8, set up rules and aims for functioning as a monthly meeting club and elected Oren B. Maxim of Button and Fastener Sales as their first president. Distributed at the meeting were over 2,000 Scovill postcards bearing rare cancellation marks and several stamp collections were exhibited by Scovillites.

To meet on the second Wednesday of every month, the new group will hold auctions, exhibits and swap sessions. Named as vice-president of the group was Donald Mower, Tool Room 1, while John Fleming, of Button Fastener Production, was elected treasurer and Eleanor Falwell became the first secretary.

A collection of British Colonies and Dominion stamps was exhibited by Donald Mower while Oren Maxim showed his collection of stamps issued by foreign countries honoring the United States Constitution. The next meet will be in the Spencer Building, February 12, at 8:00 P.M.

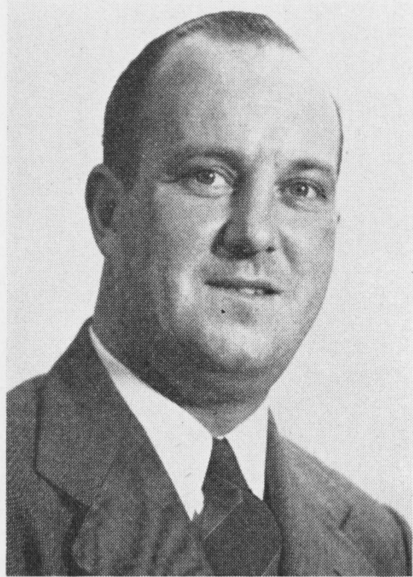
## Variety Film Bill At January 22 Forum

Besides presenting four of the best sporting movies of the year that were filmed by RKO-Pathé News, Phillips B. Nichols' program on "Movie-Making From an Expert's Viewpoint" looms as one of the top forums of the Foreman's winter season. With admission free and open to all male Scovillites seating preparations are being made to handle a capacity crowd, starting at 8 p. m.

Best sporting picture of the year, from the point of news-making value and "upset" facts, will be the films covering the play by play action of the 1946 Army-Navy game. The three other films will feature fishing, hunting and skiing.

Mr. Nichols, manager of RKO-Pathé's commercial department will give an "inside view" on the making of home movies as well as newsreels and Hollywood pictures. Free to all, beer and sandwiches will be served after the question and answer period.

## Full House Expected At Big SERA Smoker



Chairman Jim Coffey

Backed by a full evening of variety entertainment—five stellar boxing bouts, movies of five heavyweight title fights, story-telling, card playing, refreshments, events still being planned—the February 11 "smoker" at the Center promises to draw a capacity audience.

Smoker Chairman, Jim Coffey, of Planning said, "and that isn't all either. By the night of the smoker, we may have a few more attractions. As the schedule is set up so far," explained Jim, "movies of the first Louis-Conn title fight will start at eight followed by movies of other fights; Louis-Baer, Louis-Schmeling and the Baer-Schmeling fight. If available, pictures of the recent Graziano-Zale battle will be shown."

Bob Steele, who cheers many Waterville folks via WTIC's "Morning Watch" will be master of ceremonies. Among those recently signed to fight will be Charlie Eagle, local heavyweight. Featured in the bouts will be Pat Conti and Bobby Hicks in a three round battle, while Joe DelGado will oppose Bobby Tucker. Former New England lightweight champion, Benny Singleton, will appear against Kenny James.

Admission for the smoker has been set at one dollar and will include free beer, soda and coffee. Card playing will start once the bouts and entertainment are completed. Local fight tickets will be given as door prizes.

## Ten-Year Service Awards Presented To Six

John Capino, Jr., North Mill, as of January 13; August Petriet, Jr., Button Tool Room, as of January 14; Norman F. Raeburn, Tube Mill, as of January 18; Harold E. Hole, Mill Sales, as of January 18; William Mancini and Francis W. Levesque, Waterville, as of January 13 and 16.

## Training Course

The following have been assigned to the General Training Course during the week of January 13:

A returned Scovill veteran, Leonard Fasano, has been reinstated in the Course and is now working in the General Training Room, as is Joseph Sieminski another veteran of World War II. Also assigned to the Training Course is Arthur Johnson working in A.S.M.D.

## Scovill "Sport Shorts"

By Jim Luddy

### Cards

The Repair Department increased its hold on first place by taking 17 games from Hot Forge and the Lacquer team jumped into second spot. While it was taking 16 from Button Tool, Tool 1 was taking on 12 from Waterville. The Dip Room jumped up a notch, two of its two-man teams taking 8 out of 9 from their Millwright opponents. The Blanking Room also moved up a notch taking 18 games.

The records show: Repair, 97; Lacquer, 88; Tool 1, 86; Blanking, 82; Hot Forge and Waterville, 78; Dip, 72; Millwrights, 68; Button Tool, 53; and West Machine, 35.

Top teams for the night were Petro and Sparzo and White and Riley, representing the Dip Room, both taking 8 out of 9 games.

### Inter-Department Basketball

By virtue of its victory over the Office team, the Tube Mill stayed abreast of the West Machine for the first place honors. This was the last game of the first round and a playoff will decide the victors of the round. The Tube Mill outscored the collar workers, 29-20. Joe Griffin threw in 5 hoops, his 10 points being tops for the team. His teammate, Lew Carrington, got 9. Bill Dacey's 6 points were tops for his team.

In the only other game played January 13, the Waterville "five" defeated the Buff Room, 34-17. Lou Chestone tallied 7 points for the victorious SWERA, Tomb getting 9 for the Buffers. The West Machine won by forfeit.

### SERA Jr. Basketball League

In the opening games of the second round the East End Hearts took the measure of the Pied Pipers, the SERA Jrs. downed the Hawks and the Spartans defeated the Mohawks.

The East End Hearts took the measure of the Pied Pipers by the one-sided score of 46-18. Bartis, of the Hearts, ran away with scoring honors with 17, Ippolito, of the Pied Pipers, scored 12 points for the losers.

The SERA Jrs. took a close game from the Hawks, 26-19, Carmody and Reardon shared high scoring honors for the SERA Jrs. with 6 each, Quadrato getting 7 for the losing Hawks.

The Spartans continued their winning ways by outscoring the Mohawks, 23-11. Johnson's 10 points were tops for his team, Atkinson scoring 6 for the defeated Mohawks.

The Spartans won the first round hands down going undefeated throughout. The SERA Jrs. were runner-ups losing only 2 to the Spartans.

### Rifle

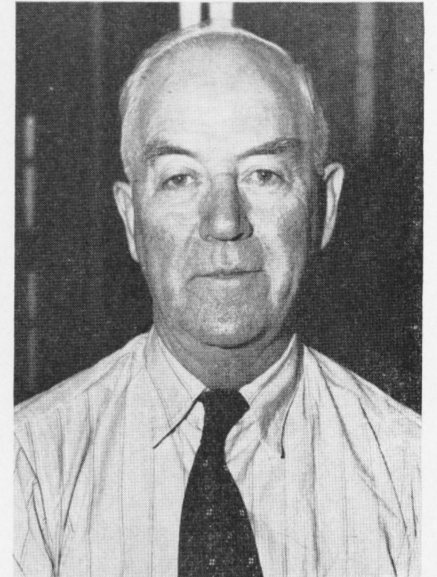
The Scovill varsity rifle team defeated the Chase "shooters" on Wednesday,

## Planners Behind The Coming Smoker



Behind the scenes, but adding a wide range of opinions for full variety in the coming smoker to be held at the Center, February 11, is the above Plant-wide committee. Searching out boxing talent, planning refreshments, taking care of the many odd details takes a lot of effort, but the boys are going "all out" to make the smoker the most successful offering in years.

## Rivet Die Toolmaker With Scovill 25 Years



Edward Tierney

EDWARD TIERNEY, rivet die toolmaker in the Rivet Die Department of the Waterville Division, marked his twenty-fifth year of continuous service with Scovill on Thursday, January 16, and was scheduled to receive his gold pin on that date.

Born in Waterbury on October 26, 1884, Ed first came to work for Scovill in the Main Plant on January 8, 1906 in Brass Finish 2 remaining there until August 14, 1920. He returned again on October 25, 1921 to the Pulmotor Department as a milling machine operator, transferred after a short time to Trim and Knurl as a toolsetter and on July 22, 1922 became a rivet die maker in Tool and Machine, Screw and Rivet Section. Ed transferred to the Waterville Division on April 5, 1942 to his present position.

Married, Ed is the stepfather of two boys—John and George.

Just spending his time quietly these days, Ed is, however, a confirmed baseball fan and is rather proud of the fact that around 1910 he played amateur baseball in the Junior League with the Quaker AC's. He was their captain and played left field.

## Money Begins To Move In All Credit Unions

For the first time in several years, funds of the Main Plant and Waterville Division Credit Unions are in a state of flux. James Bruno, Credit Union No. 1, stated that a total of 624 loans was made in 1946 totaling \$77,500. However, due either to the tightening of money, rise in living costs or holiday preparation, loans have increased in size and number since October 1946.

"We've had no trouble with any loans this year," explained John Carolan of No. 4 "in fact, only \$350 has been defaulted on loans in eight years and over \$400,000 was loaned out. There has been a change, however. Accounts and money were stagnant in wartime and with more money changing hands we hope to give 1.8 per cent interest on deposits."

A 50 per cent increase in loans and a 20 per cent increase in deposits was noted by Andrew Minicucci of No. 3. Ray Kozen, Waterville, reported the same true of Waterville; loans and deposits increased.



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Dear Dad:

Somehow, Dad, the postman, "the man who never fails to make his appointed rounds" was a bit late with your letter of January 2. But that part is trivial. It was one letter that has had a greater effect on me than all other letters combined. You'll have to bear with me if I lapse off into the "deep yonder." It wasn't so much what was said in the letter, but what it was about. Just your speaking of New Year's resolutions got me to thinking.

You know, for the past six years that we've been writing each other, I've been keeping carbon copies of the letters in my desk. So when I dug into them I found a letter written two years ago in which I outlined to you my resolutions. I laughed out loud at them. It brought me back to the time when I was trying to find out my weak points and bad habits and had put them down as resolutions. You must remember the letter.

Then as I read them, all fine resolutions destined to break bad habits, it ceased to be funny. Not one of the faults have I worked on. They were just a day's thoughts, gathered together like a patchwork quilt, forgotten after I sent a copy of the letter to you. The resolutions meant nothing.

As far as I can see, most of us, when we try to start the new year off right, get filled up to the neck with ideas of self-improvement, make so many resolutions that we're beaten before we start. And yet I know that if I could cut out a few of my failings, I'd be a lot better off. What I'm getting at is, why should any of us go wholehog? Why can't we all line up our failings and take them one at a time?

Here's what I'm going to do now because it's never too late to start. I'm going to take my worst "bad habit" and work on it until I can lead it around like a dog on a chain. It will take time, but someday it will be beaten. I know it can be done, for once before I concentrated on a small fault and it was no time before it disappeared into thin air. That bad habit has never come back and that's why I'm sure they all can be beaten one by one, that is, if I fight them with all possible vigor.

What I'm really getting at, Dad, is that I'm like everybody else—failure is something unwanted in life. And of a certainty, one resolution firmly kept is better than dozens left to gather dust.

Think that's good reasoning, Dad? Right now I'm waiting for an answer to see what you think.

All my best, Dad,  
Jim

## A. S. M. D. Jottings

Second Shift  
By Bill Phelan

We have a definite date at last for JOHN SITKIEWICZ's marriage to LORNA BROWN. It's Saturday, February 8, and not so far off now, JOHN.

We've got a Crosby in our midst but we don't hear much crooning from him. His crooning should have that slight Maine twang which, I doubt, would help.

Those eleven bushels of herring WALTER got at the shore last week won't last long if he keeps bringing them in to those two hungry wolves who eat with him.

Somebody ought to tell BUDDIE the easy way to turn on his car headlights. His way is to open and slam his hood down. Almost as simple but not quite as convenient.

By the way, THOMAS DEELEY is still looking for a rent so if you hear of anything, how about a tip?

I could also use a few tips to help this column along. So if you have something—let me know.

## "Robert Burns" Subject Of Scovill Speaker



"Robert Burns, Poet, Lover and Prophet," a theme with a distinct inclination for Scots, but of interest to all who have

read the many works of the famed poet, will be the subject of the speech of Robert Currie, Trim and Knurl, at the Second Congregational Church's Sunday Noon Club, January 26, at 10 A.M.

Open to all who wish to attend, the program will feature the singing of many of the better-known Robert Burns' songs by Mr. Currie and the church quartette.



## Anywhere, Buttons Are Sure To Go

Strange Tales Come From Scovill Made Texas Navy Buttons

Anywhere a person goes, buttons are sure to go, that is, if he sticks to the conventional and wears clothes. Of all the items that have carried the Scovill name world-wide, buttons lead, and are no less romantic in spite of their common use. As buttons are small, Texas is big, leaving a wide range for history to spin truth stranger than fiction.

Texas shared with Louisiana the distinction of having been under many different flags—Spain, Mexico, Texas Republic and the United States. In 1836, right after Texas declared its independence, orders came to Scovill for Navy buttons, an anchor and wreath design emblazoning the words, "Texas Navy." Then its Army came into being and along with it orders for specially designed buttons covering its Artillery, Rifle or "Light Infantry."

In most ways the "Texas Navy" sounded close to a joke, but it was far from that to the people a century ago who undertook navigation in the Gulf. Sometimes there were only two ships, but the exploits of the sailors have made romantically descriptive history. They successfully blockaded Mexico's eastern ports, fought and captured British and other blockade runners, established a working alliance with the insurgent province of Yucatan, and kept the flag of independence flying over Texas under colorful, adventurous Sam Houston.

Hardly ever did the Navy exceed four ships. Its guns totalled 28 at the start and increased to 50. Bloodthirsty and adventurous are mere words to describe the sailors, never above mutiny. Actually, Scovill buttons were decorating as lively a lot of buccaneers as America has seen. The sailors occupied towns, exacted money tribute, stormed forts, even clasped hands with a French admiral who was performing some military negotiations of his own on behalf of French claims against Mexico.

But no matter how small a button may be, Scovill buttons have been worn in six wars, made big history during America's existence. Fourteen various buttons were made for the Texas Army and Navy. Today 11 are in the Scovill collection and perhaps with the aid of thousands of avid button collectors, the group may be completed.

## Christmas Joys



Here are Carolyn and Anthony John Diogostine under their Christmas tree, obviously well-pleased with the toys that Santa brought them for Christmas. Dad, Tony, is in the North Mill.

## Button Tool News

By Mary and Frances

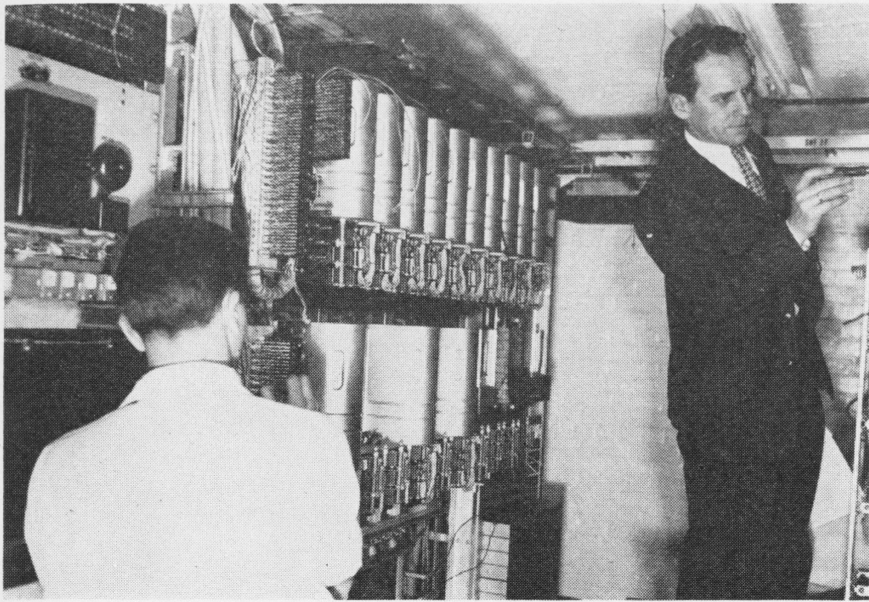
Happy birthday to JEAN MARGUARD who was a year older on January 14th.

Congratulations to MR. and MRS. JOSEPH KAILUKAITIS who are the proud parents of a daughter, SHEILA, born January 7th.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to EDWARD LAWSON on the recent death of his mother and to BENJAMIN MILBRANDT on the loss of his father.

Happy birthday to MARY MURPHY who celebrated another birthday on January 19th.

## Ready To Join Hand In Communications



Splicing, wiring and waxing thousands of tiny wires is no easy task, moreso when you have to make sure the right wires are joined together. That is just the task that has been going on in the Waterville Division for the past few months and within a few weeks, Waterville, the Main Plant and Oakville will be operating on a completely automatic dial communication system. Western Electric foreman, William Folger, was snapped with the inevitable head phones as he was testing connections to insure proper operation.

## Trim And Knurl

By Jack Driscoll

JAMES RAYBALL of Process Engineering and LEW VEILLEUX are recuperating at their homes for the last few weeks. We're hoping for a quick recovery for two swell guys.

SAM DAWSON, professional bartender, is trying to figure out his income tax for himself and his better half — sort of a "joint" form.

ED FLANNIGAN had a ticket put on his jalopy recently. He lost no time paying it as he didn't want to get thrown in the "sneezers."

BILL HANLEY calls all barrooms "counterfeit saloons." They must be the ones folks can't pass.

The department has been saddened at the death of ART GARLICK, former toolmaker, who recently passed away in Florida.

MARY HARTNETT stood up in the train from Bridgeport recently. A very stout man said to her, "When I get up you can sit down." MARY replied, "When you get up we can all sit down."

DAN (CABBAGE) SULLIVAN says prices are so high in the New York restaurants that the waiters tip the customers.

JOE McCALL, recent Army man, says Venice is a swell place but for one thing — the sewers are all stopped up.

JOE LAMBO, toolsetter, has a favorite song which he sings, "I Close My Eyes." LEW RAGOZZINO duets with a beautiful tenor and OZZIE MEYER brings in the bass.

## Rod and Gun Election Set For January 21

With plans for the coming year due to come up at their annual meeting, January 21, Scovill Rod and Gun Club members will have another job to accomplish in electing a new slate of officers. According to John Hubbard and Irving Fagan, of the Club's nominating committee, plans are for a "clean sweep" in 1947 and the hopes that "new blood" will step in and take over the running of the organization.

Heartily agreeing with this policy, many-times president James Littlejohn commented, "I'll be only too happy to see a completely new slate come into office. After all, the present officers have been with the club for a long time and if new blood comes in, there may be many changes for the better. All members have been asked to attend the meeting which will be held in the Employment Office reception room at 8 P.M.

## How's Your I.Q. To-day? Five Right For Expert

1. There is (a) 1-1/2, (b) 3, (c) 5 per cent tin in a tin can.
2. (a) 600, (b) 200, (c) 400 trees are used by the average American in a lifetime for furniture, paper, pencils, etc.
3. It is said that less than (a) 19, (b) 1, (c) 28 per cent of our people know the words of the Star-Spangled Banner.
4. The (a) Red Sea, (b) Black Sea, (c) Dead Sea is so rich in mineral salts that it can supply some of these materials in quantity enough to meet world needs.
5. The V for Victory symbol was used first in the (a) Crimean War, (b) World War 1, (c) Moor-Spanish war, 1492.

Answers: 1-a, 2-c, 3-b, 4-c, 5-c.

## Social Security Account Cards Now Available

Several Scovillites, in contacting the local Social Security Board with regards to learning exactly how much they have paid into their account, have been notified that the records are not available there. The local Board, however, informed THE BULLETIN that this is true of all branch offices, but they will furnish a form card to be filled out by all seeking account information that can be mailed to the accounting division.

Form postcards for this purpose are also on hand in the Employment Office and may be had upon request. If a card is not used, Scovillites seeking an exact accounting should send the following information to the Social Security Administration, Chandler Building, Baltimore 2, Maryland: full name, home address, birthday and Social Security number.

Social Security is now ten years old, the number of years needed to qualify. Those who have earned at least \$50 for every quarter year for the past ten years, have paid on same into their account and are now guaranteed a lifetime pension at the age of 65—even though they never pay another cent into their account. Pensions are paid on a sliding scale and the more paid in, the more is received in the end.

## "The Bowling Ball"

By Jim Luddy

### Scovill vs. Barnes

The Scovill varsity teams played host to the Wallace Barnes teams last Saturday at Sena's alleys. The outcome was virtually the same as the last time they bowled; the Scovill ladies made a clean sweep from the W-B ladies, and the W-B men made a clean sweep from the Scovill men.

For the ladies, Peg Moriarty took high single honors with her 133, Jean Ostroski had high three with 348.

On the male side, Marty Byrne showed the best form, getting 137 and 373 for high single and high three, respectively.

Our hats are doffed to Louise Jones for her 124 string and to one "Pat" Cistulli for his 140 string and to one Mr. Engels and one Mr. Robbins for their consistent good bowling that sparked their team to victory.

A lunch was enjoyed by the Scovill topplers and their guests which was followed by dancing.

### Men's IRA Team

The Scovill men's team fell prey to the French Manufacturing Company Thursday, January 9, losing two games to them. One thing about our Scovill team—when they lose, they do it the hard way. They lost the second game, 561 to 559, 2 pins difference. They lost the last game, 549 to 548, 1 pin!

Cam Klobedanz was "king pin" for the night in the high single department with 135; "Duke" Montville had high three with 363. The Chase "5" leads the league; Scovill and the American Brass are tied for second place, five games out of the top spot.

### Girls' IRA Team

The Scovill ladies remained motionless in their standing last week in that they and the second place team, the Waterbury Farrel Foundry, both took two games from their opponents. Last week Scovill's opponent was Chase.

Peg Moriarty, who hit 100 or better every string, took top honors in both the single string and high three departments with her 120 and 324. The ladies now boast the exceptionally good record of 46 wins, 8 losses.

### Men's Inter-Department League

West Machine and the Tube Mill are battling it out for top honors in the Men's Inter-department Bowling League. The Tube Mill gained a game on the Machiners by virtue of its sweep of 3 points from General

Training, while West Machine took only 2 from the Plating Room. Electrical also climbed up a game, taking 3 from the Chucking Department. The top three are: West Machine, 36 and 15; Tube Mill, 34 and 17; and Electrical, 33 and 18.

Moneta of the North Mill Rolls stole the whole show last week for bowling honors getting 146 for high single and 378 for high three, which ain't Hay, Hey!

### Girls' Inter-Department League

The Assembly Room ladies continued their "hot" streak, taking 4 from Packing Scale last Thursday. Button Eyelet pulled ahead of Vanities by taking 3 points from them.

The top three show: Assembly 51 and 9; Button Eyelet, 41 and 19; and Vanities, 34 and 26.

Edith Le Beau of Assembly had high single for the night, Marie Donnelly grabbing high three for the night with 117, 107 and 94—for a total of 318. This league bowls every Thursday evening at Sena's.

## Girls' Club Bowling

Following are the 100 and over bowlers in the Girls' Club league for the night of Tuesday, January 14:

Jean Ostroski, 135-116-115; Ann Drago, 124-105; Barbara Neville, 121; Ruth Osborne, 117-109; Rosamond Tavano, 116; Madalyn Dubauskas, 109-105-101; Dot Espelin, 106; Ellen MacLelland, 104.

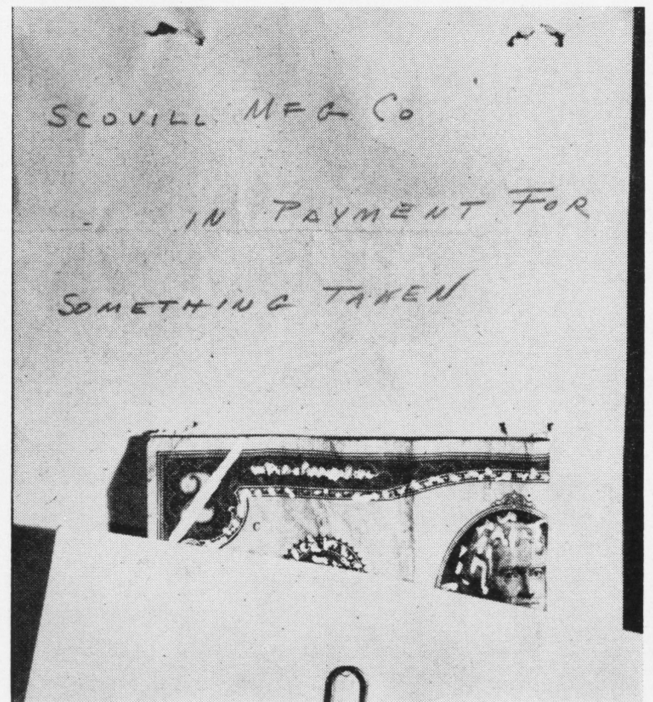
Also Blanche Marino, 104; Betty Kernan, 103; Martha Ratushny, 103; Adele Kuzmick, 103; Lillian O'Meara, 101; Adele Yakulevich, 100 and Shirley Ehrhardt, 100.

## Three-Plant Phone Hookup Ready Soon

At the present time, Western Electric workmen are making all possible haste to complete installation of automatic dial equipment in the Waterville Division. On January 25, according to David S. Moreland, in charge of Scovill communications, Waterville's manual system will be taken over by a completely automatic system. From that point on, all local calls of the Main Plant, Waterville and Oakville will be automatic.

## Conscience Fund

Through the mails to the office of Harry Wayne, Real Estate, and general sales headquarters for sundry new and surplus Scovill goods, came this anonymous letter last week. Very perplexing, he said. Probably no one will ever know what the two dollars pays for, except the sender, but it's fair logic to believe that if the conscience-stricken person went far enough to send it in to Mr. Wayne, two dollars no doubt fully pays for the article taken.





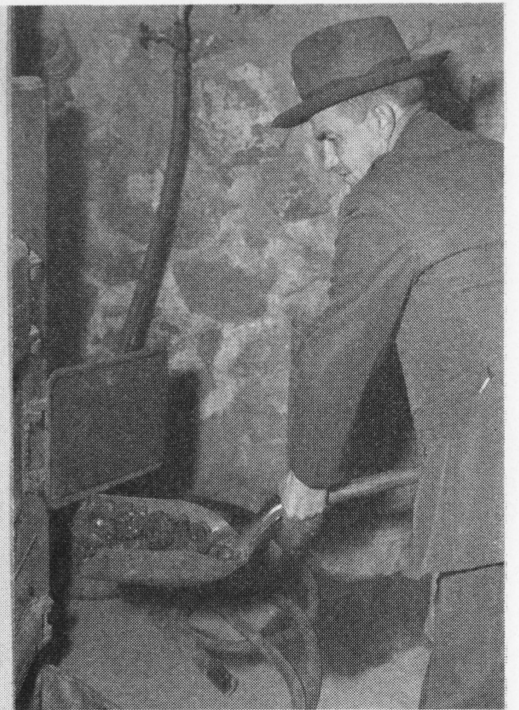
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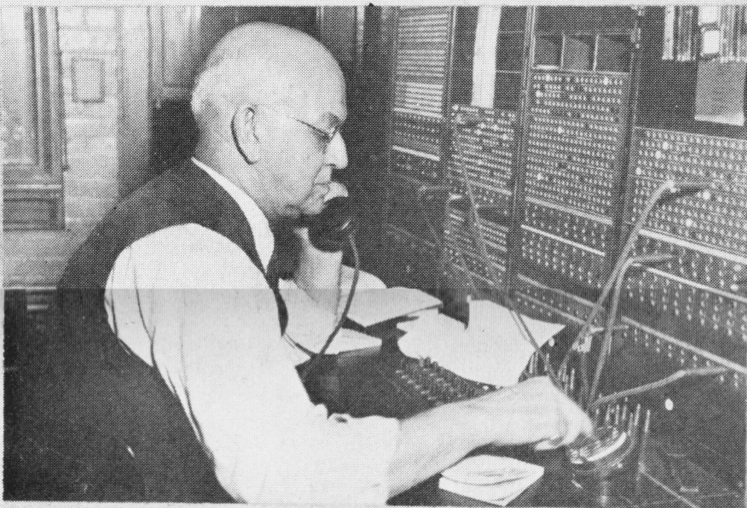
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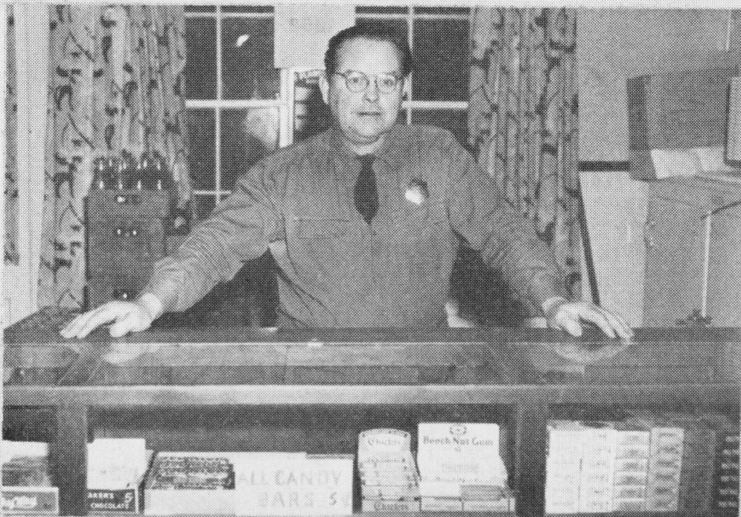
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... PREVENTING INTERNAL TRAFFIC TIE-UPS



**TERRY MACKIN**  
... VARIOUS RECREATION TASKS AT THE CENTER

**JACK PHELAN**  
... DIRECTING TRAFFIC PLANTWIDE FROM MAIN OFFICE

# Girls' Club News

By Ethel M. Johnson

We've done it again, only this time it's an announcement of another wedding which took place recently. It's our RITA O'NEILL of the Cost Office to LAWRENCE JODOIN. Our very best wishes to you both.

## Happy Birthday

A happy birthday was celebrated on the 13th by EDITH TRUELOVE, Waterville, and will be celebrated on the 22nd by FLORINDA GREGUOLI and AGNES LADDEN; DOROTHY DADDONA, 23rd; SUE GUARRERA, 24th; ARLENE BAUDER, 25th; and EILEEN HAGGERTY, the 26th. On the 27th we have ETHEL WINSHIP and then on the 29th, well we'll tell you about that next week.

## Spring Hop

Yes, as you probably already know, our Spring Dance will be the day after Valentine's Day — February 15th at the Elton. Tickets will be, of course, limited and so that's why we're giving you advance information. If you haven't already told a Council Member to be sure and reserve several tickets for you do so now and warn the boyfriend or husband to keep that night open. And let's give our gowns a once-over to be sure we'll be ready for that night as it is always a gala affair and we always have a grand time. Get your couples together now. Only \$3.60 a couple and tickets are limited. Remember that!

## New Members

We're very pleased indeed to welcome the following new members from Waterville.

Hôpè you get in on the Waterville night at the Club rooms and make good usage of our very lovely rooms. Here they are: ANGELA OVERTON, ELIZABETH ROSATO, LILLIAN MacMULLEN, ANNA BERCIER, MARIE SONIER, ANGELINE CAIRELLI, MARJORIE SEERY, HELEN CARPENTIER, HELEN D'ANGELO, FRANCES CARRINGTON, NORA CURLEY.

Also LILLIAN GAUDINO, ANGELINE MASSI, MARY HOPKINS, RITA JOY and GENEVIEVE PENEVICH. From our Main Plant Chucking Department we welcome MARGARET KING, MARGARET MORIARTY, ROSE BROOKER and CARMELA VELLA. From Central Time we have GERTRUDE DE CAPOBIANCO, MARIE GUERRERA, JEAN O'DONNELL, TINA BRANGEL, MARY FITZPATRICK and MARGARET COUGHLIN. From the Oakville Division we have another new member—ALICE PEACH. Welcome, ALICE, and how about a few more Oakville members so perhaps you can have an Oakville get-together sometime at the Club rooms.

# The Woman's Corner

## Canned Shrimp Comes Hot Or Cold



Some like it hot, some like it cold — everybody likes canned shrimp some way, any time of year. In the background is a hot shrimp casserole, hearty and nutritious, ideal for cold weather eating; in the foreground is shrimp-potato salad, grand for lunch or for buffet-entertaining. Either way you take your shrimp, you can take them right from the can to the table, for they're ready to eat the minute the lid is off.

### Peanut Palette

Your choice of the color of your peanut butter varies according to where you live. If you live on the East Coast you are apt to take your peanut butter in rich dark brown. The farther West you live the lighter tones you are likely to choose in this favorite spread—West Coasters preferring their peanut butter a very light tan. Whatever the shade, here are a few suggestions that look especially tempting:

**Peanut Candy Sundae**—Melt any peanut candy in double boiler. Add enough water to make a sauce consistency. Use as sauce for chocolate, coffee, maple or vanilla ice cream.

**Peanut Brittle Grahamers**—Lay broken pieces of peanut brittle on top of graham crackers. Pop them into the oven until the brittle melts.

### Hearty Shrimp Casserole

- 1/2 or 1 8-oz. package macaronettes or elbow macaroni
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 2-1/4 cups canned tomatoes (1 No. 2 can)
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup canned shrimp (1 No. 1 can)
- 1/2 cup grated American cheese.

Cook macaronettes or elbow macaroni in boiling salted water until tender; drain. Saute sliced onions in butter until slightly browned, add tomatoes, chopped green pepper, salt and pepper and simmer 15 minutes. Add canned shrimp and macaronettes. Place in casserole and sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 30 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

### Shrimp Potato Salad

- 2 cups canned shrimp (2 No. 1 can)
- 3 cups diced cooked potatoes
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup French dressing
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- Salad greens
- Radish roses

Combine thoroughly shrimp, potatoes, celery, green pepper and onion. Add French dressing, lemon juice and salt; chill. Just before serving, moisten with mayonnaise. Serve on large platter or in salad bowl on bed of salad greens. Garnish with radish roses and carrot daisies. Makes 6 servings.

## Some Tips On Storing In The Refrigerator

Don't wash eggs before storing them in the refrigerator. It wipes off natural protective film which keeps out air and odors, keeps them fresh longer.

Opened canned goods may be stored in the original cans in the refrigerator without harm to flavor, appearance or nutritive content. But cover them well to prevent absorption of other flavors and odors.

Ice cubes can be frozen more quickly in the compartment of your refrigerator if the tray bottom or freezing surface is wet when the tray is placed in the freezing compartment.

The best way to prolong the freshness of bread is to wrap it carefully, then store it in your refrigerator.

If you want to wait a few days before ironing a freshly dampened blouse, mildew can be prevented if you wrap it in a square of ordinary rubber sheeting and place the bundle in the refrigerator.

To keep your beverage from becoming diluted but maintain its frosty cold, freeze cubes of the beverage in the ice cube container of your refrigerator, then add the cubes to the drink just before serving.

To prevent cheese from getting moldy, wrap it in a piece of cheesecloth which has been dampened with vinegar. Then place in a covered container in the refrigerator. Occasionally moisten the cloth with vinegar.

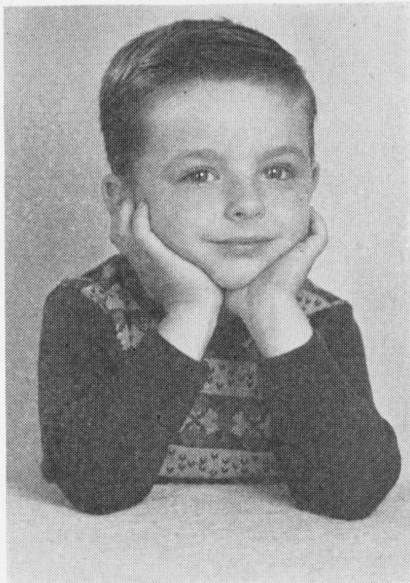
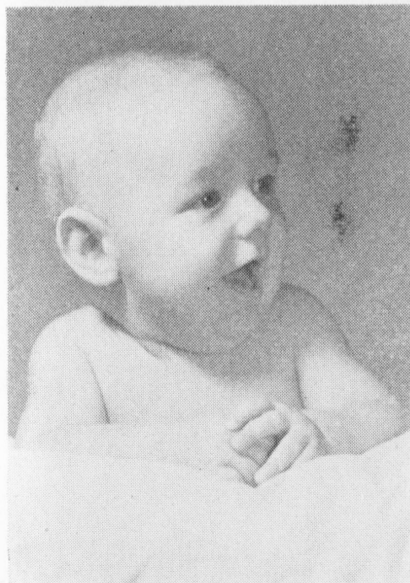
After shaping the dough for your refrigerator cookies into a long roll, wrap it in wax paper and store it in the refrigerator. Remove for baking whenever desired.

## Buttons Dress Up This Basic Black



A row of pastel-tinted button originals across the base of a square neckline gives effective color accent to a basic black dress. A band around her neck, matching buttons made into earrings and a plume in her hair make her lovely enough for any party. The buttons, which are the main decorative note of this costume, are B. G. E. Originales.

## Bob Martin's Two Sons

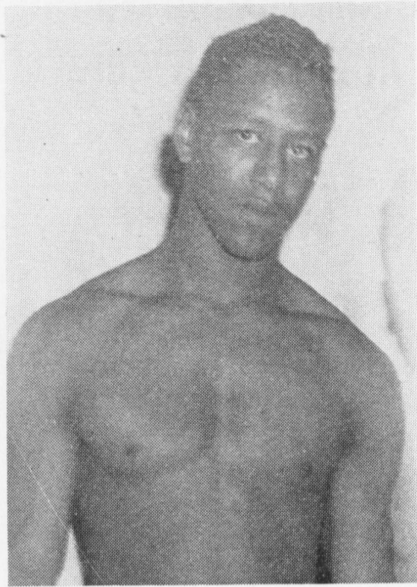


Chubby seven-months old Bruce and good-looking four-year old Robert are the children of Robert Martin in the Shipping Room of the Extruded Rod Mill. Their grandmother, Flora Martin, is in Trim and Knurl. The above picture of Robert won him the fourth national and first local prize in the 12th National Children's Photograph Contest held under the auspices of the National Association of Department Store Studios during August and September of 1946.

## Nets For Neatness

A neat and well kept hairdo is definitely an asset to any girl's appearance. A net is in good taste for working or for dating, especially in this windy weather. Remember, the neat look is the fashion favorite this year.

## To Appear On Smoker Boxing Program



Kenny James, above, local light heavyweight boxer and former Scovillite, will appear at the Center, February 11, against Benny Singleton, former New England champion. Four other star bouts have been arranged for the smoker m.c'ed by WTIC's Bob Steele.

## Scovill Foremen Down Chase In Cribbage

The Chase Foremen played host to the Scovill Foremen on Tuesday, January 14, at the Chase Country Club at which time Scovill outscored them at Cribbage. Scovill garnered 9,280 points against Chase's 9,162. High scorers for the evening were Earl Odell and Harry Weiss with 904 points. Before the evening's play began, the Chase Foremen treated to a fine dinner, so on Tuesday, January 21, the Scovill Foremen will reciprocate with a return match and dinner at the Foremen's Club.

## Future Bride Given Shower



A shower was given in honor of Connie Greco on Thursday night, January 9, at Melody Lane, by all her friends from the Billing Office. Connie has set Thursday, January 23, as the date of her wedding and Jerry Bonvisuto is the lucky man. Connie received china wedding gifts. The couple will be married at Our Lady of Lourdes, at 9:00 A.M.

## Classified Ads

### For Sale

1939 Ford pick-up. Call Southington 439-J1.

Porcelain finish Copeland refrigerator, \$100. Call 3-0344 after 4 P.M.

Two Flexible-Flyer sleds, \$5; victrola, \$5. Call 5-7162.

Blue winter coat with white lynx collar, size 12-14. Call 4-0874 between 11-2:30 P.M.

Complete acetylene cutting and welding outfit, with gauges, hoses, rod and extra pipes. Call 5-2537 after 6 P.M.

1941 convertible Buick with radio and heater, good condition. Call 3-6074 after 3:30 P.M.

1936 Packard sedan, in good condition. Call 4-8694.

Two white French angora sweaters, sizes 34-36, never been used, reasonable; oil heater, 9" burner, practically new, reasonable. Call 4-1227 after 6 P.M.

Two-burner parlor stove; 2 store counters; 1 electric clock, suitable for store neon lighting. Call at 486 North Main Street, top floor, left.

1936 Oldsmobile sedan, good tires, motor and upholstery. A very good buy. Call 4-9518 after 7:30 A.M.

Piano in good condition. Call 3-0679 after 6 P.M.

Two 2-piece black dresses, sizes 16-18, worn once, \$5; men's shoe skates, sizes 8 and 7-1/2, \$4 each. Women's shoe skates, size 6, \$2; brown tie shoe, rubber sole and heel, never worn, size 4-1/2, \$3. Call Watertown 851.

Combination G.E. radio; combination sink; 2 small marble top tables. Call at 342 Baldwin Street, 1-6 P.M.

Late model parlor heater, coal burning, walnut finish. Call at 429 Baldwin street, second floor.

Maple double bed, new; folding iron cot. Call 3-6346.

Boy's clothes; lady's black coat with fur collar, size 14; girls' coats, sizes 8-12. Call 5-3237.

Late model Apex Refrigerator, completely overhauled. Call 4-8675 between 12-1 P.M. or after 5 P.M.

### Wanted To Buy

120 bass accordion. Call 3-5579 after 4 P.M.

Registered Sannon buck goat. Call Watertown 851.

### Rent Wanted

Veteran and wife desire 2, 3 or 4 furnished or unfurnished rooms. Working couple. Call extension 2306 between 8-5 P.M. or 4-3786 after 5 P.M.

Three or 4 rooms for 3 adults. Highest references available. Call 4-3381.

## Industrial Improvement Committee Election

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nates on each floor. The North Mill, General Training, A.S.M.D. and Casting Departments will elect five candidates and five alternates.

Employees may vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies on their Room Committee. Candidates may be from any shift.

New committees when elected will serve for at least one year, starting February 1, 1947.

As soon as new committees are formed, they should elect a Chairman.

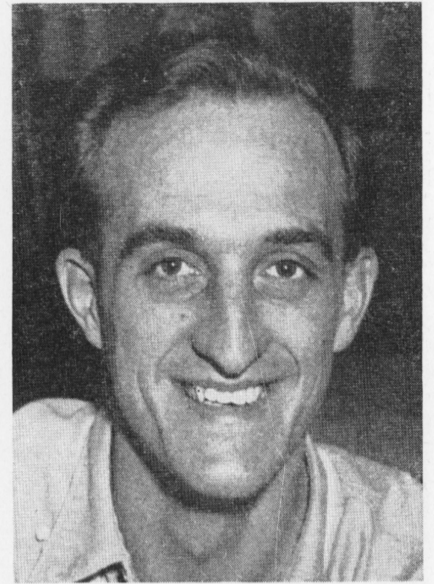
Members of the Industrial Improvement Committee and their alternates will be drawn by lot from a listing of the Chairmen of the Room Committees. Four committeemen and four alternates will be drawn from each of the following Company Divisions: Mills, Manufacturing Departments, Tool Departments, and Service and Maintenance Departments.

## Attention, Sport Fans

The following information is for your benefit in the event that your favorite sport is being played and you would like to participate. You are welcome to join any of the following: MEN'S INTER-DEPARTMENT BASKETBALL at the SERA Center every Monday evening; VARSITY BASKETBALL (men's), dates unpredictable; VARSITY BASKETBALL (ladies) every Tuesday evening at the Bunker Hill gym; VARSITY VOLLEYBALL (men) every Friday evening at the Crosby High gym; MEN'S INTER-DEPARTMENT SET-BACK LEAGUE every Friday evening at the SERA Center; CHESS GROUP (men and ladies) at the Foremen's Club every Wednesday evening; BAD-MINTON (men and ladies) every Wednesday night at the SERA Center and practice sessions every Thursday evening at the SERA Center; ARCHERY (men and ladies) every Thursday evening at the SERA Center; SKEET (men and ladies) every Sunday afternoon at the Scovill Woodtick Range; RIFLE (men and ladies) every Monday evening at the Scovill indoor rifle range at Woodtick.

Any Scovillite interested in playing any of the aforementioned sports can contact the Recreation Office — you are welcome to do so. These facilities are yours—use them. By the way, if you don't care to participate, come out and witness the events — you are welcome at all of them.

## Ex-Marine Leads All Scovill Shooters



Harold Slocum

He became an expert with the rifle while serving with the Marines in the South Pacific campaign. Returning to civilian life and hastening towards the completion of his training course, he decided not to lose the ability to place a bullet where he wanted it.

So Harold Slocum of General Training joined the Scovill Rifle team. Today he is the top shooter with an overall shooting average of 181, recently scored 190 out of a possible 200 points.

That 190 figure may mean little by itself but broken down it means this: he scored 50 out of a possible 50 points in a prone position, another perfect 50 for sitting, 45 out of 50 for kneeling and 45 out of 50 shooting off hand style for a total of 190. He shoots an average of two matches a week in the Industrial Recreation Association league.

## Former Utility Man Stricken With Attack

Umberto Carboni, former utility man in the Chucking Department, died Wednesday, January 8, of a heart attack.

Born in Italy on August 22, 1882, Mr. Carboni had come to the United States in November, 1907 and had lived for five years at Narragansett Pier, Rhode Island before coming to Waterbury.

Mr. Carboni came to work for Scovill on January 20, 1943 and had worked intermittently in the Chucking Department until October 8, 1944 at which time he left because of illness.

Private funeral services were held on Monday, January 13, at the Maiorano Funeral home and burial was in New Pine Grove cemetery.

## Basketball Team To Meet Heminway Corp.

Heminway Corp. will be the next opponent of the SERA Girls' Basketball team when the two companies meet in an IRA game this Tuesday, January 21, at the Bunker Hill school gym. Playing time will start at 7 P.M. All are welcomed to attend.

Roy Murphy, coach of the Girls' basketball team, has called another practice session for this coming Friday, January 24, at the SERA Center and would like all girls to be on hand by 5:15 P.M.

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