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"Uniflare", Industrial Fasteners Shown



This display of our "Uniflare" Tube Fittings and Waterville Division's Industrial Fasteners was exhibited at the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Exposition held in Atlantic City from November 14, to 18. Approximately 25,000 persons attended the exposition at which leading manufacturers of air conditioning and refrigeration parts displayed their products.

Big Government

Those who built the framework of our democracy were farsighted men. The Constitution of the United States was designed to limit the power of the Federal Government over the States and the individual. The Federal Government was intended to be the creature of the people. It was to get its strength from the people.

We have drifted a long way off the course plotted by the architects of our Constitution. Too many of us are looking to Uncle Sam to provide for our needs. We are giving up our independence. We are asking or permitting the planners in Washington to determine our wages, the hours we work, the crops we will grow, the price of our food, and innumerable other activities normally considered as rights of the individual.

We have drifted so far that Mr. James F. Byrnes has raised his voice in angry warning against the trend. Mr. Byrnes cannot be considered reactionary or conservative. He spent his lifetime in both Houses of Congress, in service on the Supreme Court, and as Secretary of State. He was one of the most ardent designers of the New Deal.

This condition we find ourselves in results from the philosophy of something for nothing. Actually we must give for everything we get. Unfortunately, we are giving over control of our lives for the immediate mess of potage. We are on the road to Socialism without understanding that fact. Dictatorship is the same whether arrived at through evolution or revolution.

Our Government is so large; it is so involved in regulating this and controlling that, that its left hand cannot know what its right hand is doing. One concrete plan to combat this growing evil is the report of the Hoover Commission. It merits our support.

Adam C. Curtis
Vice-President

Ideas Worth Cash To Fred Obernier

Fred Obernier, of the Waterville Division, is again the winner of a cash award for his suggestion which aided in the improvement of production.

Second Suggestion To Win

Fred's latest idea was to outline the design and use of a device which would aid in the assembly of washers and screws. Its use is especially effective when tight or undersize washers are encountered.

This suggestion won for Fred a cash award of \$10.00.

Atlanta Office In New Quarters

Starting December 1, 1949, the Atlanta Office will be located at:

1205 Spring Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia.

New Assignments Mills Division

The following notices of appointment have been received from Mr. John J. Hoben, Works Manager of the Mills Division:

Effective November 28, 1949, Joseph Butler has been appointed supervisor in charge of the second shift, Continuous Strip Mill.

Effective November 28, 1949, Dominic Abbondandolo is appointed supervisor at the 2-High Mill, Continuous Strip Mill.

They will report to Mr. Kenneth Tingley, Assistant Superintendent of the Continuous Strip Mill.

Effective December 5, 1949, Howard Kraft is appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Extruded Rod Mill. He will report to Mr. T. F. O'Connell, Superintendent of the Extruded Rod Mill.

Effective January 2, 1950, James F. Shanahan is appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Tube Mill. He will report to Mr. P. F. Moran, Superintendent of the Tube Mill.

1950 Social Security Taxes

Beginning with the first payment of wages in the year 1950 (regardless of when these may have been earned) the Old Age Benefit tax deduction will rise to 1 1/2% in place of the 1% heretofore deducted.

The total taxable wages paid in any one year remain limited to \$3,000 and

the change in tax rate is all that will occur under the present law.

Under the Social Security Act, the employer must match the tax deducted from an employee's pay. Therefore, beginning with January 1, 1950, the employer must also pay 1 1/2% on each employee's wages up to \$3,000.

R. P. I. Students Visit Plant



A group of students from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute visited Scovill recently to get first-hand information concerning Casting Shop procedures and operations of Testing Laboratories. Eighteen students, all members of the junior and senior classes who are majoring in metallurgy, were taken on a tour of the Casting Shop, Scrap Processing and Metals Research Lab.

Above, the two groups guided by Louis Thelin (Metals Research) and Edward B. Goss (Casting Shop) stop in at the X-Rod Mill for a look at the extrusion press. Two other groups of students were escorted by Tom Cronen (Casting Shop) and Wayne Johnson (Metals Research Lab).

Security

There is one class of persons in our society who come close to achieving the aims of some of our most adherent advocates of "government doing everything for us". They have no worries about food, clothing, shelter, heat and light, medical care and often even retirement funds. These people are our convicts. Think of what they had to give up in the way of freedoms and privileges to secure these guarantees. Do we want to do the same? But what happens when everyone is on that program? Who then will pay the tremendous bill?

—R. L. Pollock, in ADD-ventures



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It's Your Federal Government

By Robert L. Johnson

President, Temple University and Chairman Citizens Committee For The Hoover Report

No. 6—What You Can Do About It

If I have been successful in presenting the case, you have a fairly good idea of what a disorderly and wasteful pattern of government we have in this country. But you don't know half of it. I have attempted in this series to inform you of some of the defects in those departments of our Executive Branch which are next to be considered by Congress; and in the order of this series.

I purposely spaced these articles in this way so that you could discuss the measures intelligently when they come before the Congress, in its session opening in January 1950. It also gives you time to communicate with your Congressman if, as I expect, you are disturbed by this vast waste, which is costing you money, and wish to do something about it.

The Hoover Commission

People are daily becoming more aware of the bipartisan Hoover Commission and of the great importance of its work. The Hoover Report, I am convinced, will take its place in history alongside other great and cherished documents which have marked the passage of this country along the road to human betterment. As to the Commission itself, it was unique.

It was unanimously created by the 80th Congress to make a survey of the government, to seek out instances of waste and duplication, and to recommend how savings in costs and more efficient government could be achieved. Politics did not enter into the question in any way. There were six Democrats and six Republicans on the 12-man Commission and Mr. Hoover was made chairman at the suggestion of President Truman himself.

The 19-volume "Hoover Report" is the result. To the everlasting credit of the Commission and the Congress, the first five of the Reorganization bills to be considered have all become law with potential savings of at least \$1.25 billions. It is a remarkable beginning. With your help, at least 80 to 90 per cent of the entire program can be enacted into law. Perhaps all of it.

I should like briefly to review some of the high spots of the articles.

World's Worst Business Man

The first article referred to Uncle Sam as the world's worst business man. I think it is true. If there is anyone in business more confused, I haven't heard of him. Imagine a business house that goes into debt every year on an increasing scale, while going ahead and deliberately piling up other and greater expenses.

Try and see if you can conceive what kind of thinking goes on in a government which spends \$10 in cumbersome paperwork to execute millions of purchase orders for items costing less than \$10. Or in a concern that borrows money from itself and pays itself interest. Or a company which keeps seven different sets of books and still doesn't know where it stands. All these are done by our government.

The Post Office

Then take the Post Office. It does a business of \$1.3 billions a year and goes "in the red" for more than one-third of that amount.

It spends two and one half cents for each of the billions of post cards it sells to you and delivers for one cent. This loss alone amounts to \$45 millions annually.

The Post Office bill will be the next to be taken up by the new Congress.

A Government Career

Then we took up the question of a government career, and found that a job with the government is proving so unattractive that every fourth person working for Uncle Sam voluntarily quits his job each year.

The reason? Low pay and less chance for advancement than in private employment. Also, nearly 50 per cent of applicants who have passed examinations for government jobs quit before they are appointed because of the delays and red tape.

And, it is just as hard to get out as to get in. Red tape and delays are so great that it is practically impossible for the government to discharge an inefficient employee.

Confused Finances

We saw in the fourth article how finances of the government are conducted under formulae dating back to Alexander Hamilton and how there is no place where an overall picture of our financial standing can be found.

Some of the departments, the Post Office for example, do not handle their



own finances and nobody (even the Postmaster General himself) can tell, until the end of the fiscal year, how his department stands!

Veterans Administration

Finally, I took up the subject of waste by the Veterans Administration in the building of hospitals. I think its program is too ambitious.

The Veterans Administration, at the time of the survey, had 6500 empty beds in its existing hospitals and yet it plans, or is building, 89 additional institutions at a cost of \$1.1 billions. This could result in a disservice rather than a benefit to veterans, because there are not enough available doctors and nurses to staff these hospitals when completed.

The Hoover Report points out that the cost of these structures greatly exceeds that of community hospitals, running from \$20,000 to \$51,000 per bed. The average for community hospitals is \$16,000.

No one begrudges the veterans the best care available; but it is significant that last year President Truman lopped \$200 millions off the Administration's budget, declaring that the hospital building program was excessive. Congress, however, restored the item.

There is now a nation-wide movement on foot to see that the Reorganization bills are understood by everyone, and that everyone who will, can be an influence in effecting their passage. It is spear-headed by the non-partisan Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report. This is a voluntary, non-profit group of citizens having 38 active State committees. The Committee wants your cooperation.

Why not join the Citizens Committee in your community, and take part in its activities. We can, together, be the deciding force in the battle for good government, and we, and our children, and children's children, will benefit in better government, reduced taxes and a more normal life.

Training Course



Raymond Alvey graduated on November 20, 1949 as a Toolmaker. He has been assigned to the Button Eyelet Tool Room.



John Brown graduated on November 13, 1949 as a Rivetmaker. He has been assigned to the Waterville Division.



Chester Hoff graduated as a Toolmaker on November 13, 1949. He has been assigned to the ASM Tool Room.



Vito Gizzie graduated on November 13, 1949 as a Toolmaker. He has been assigned to the Button Eyelet Tool Room.

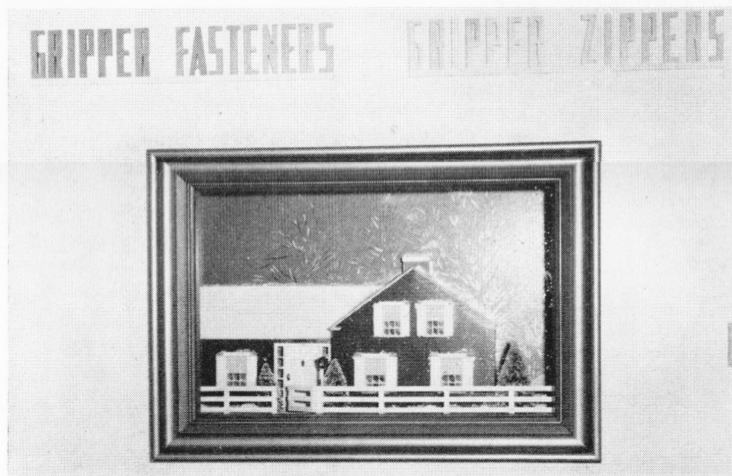
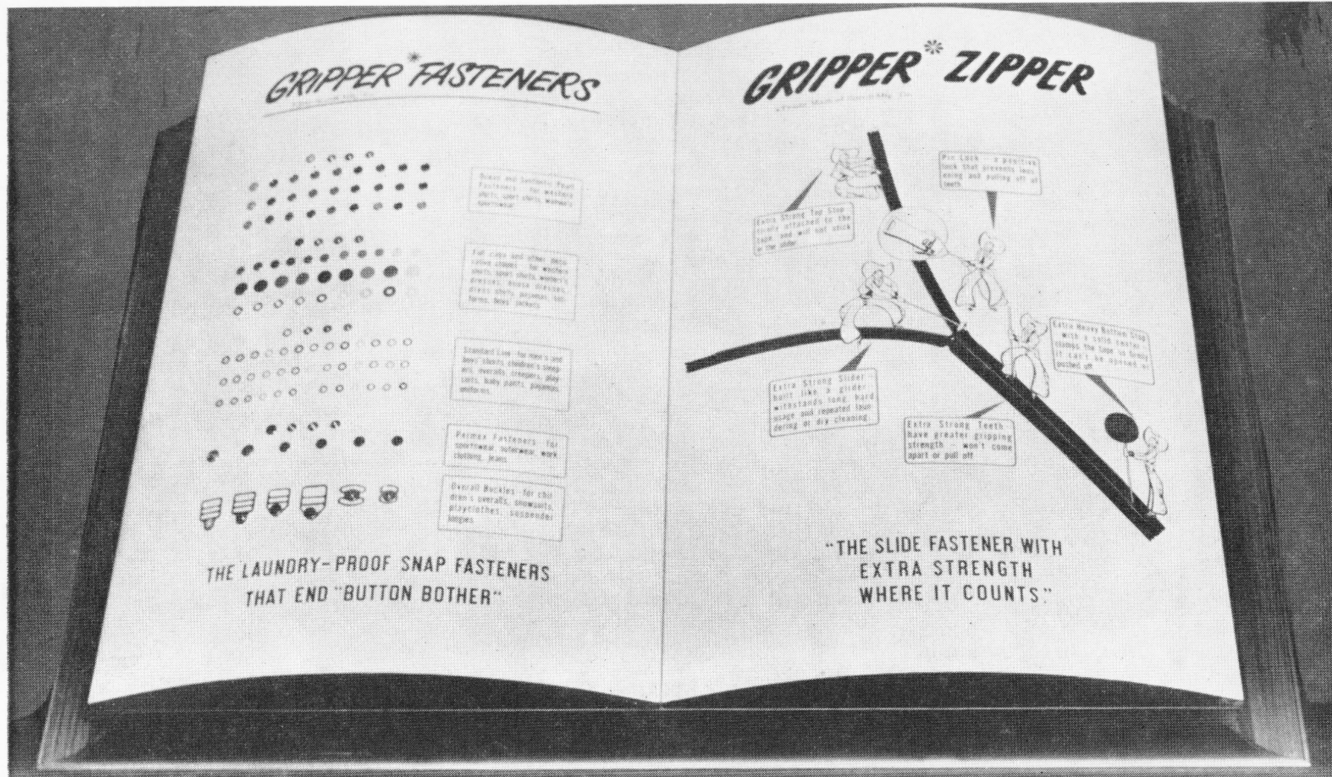


Joseph Vendetti graduated as a Toolmaker on November 6, 1949. He has been assigned to the Button Eyelet Tool.

**WASTE NOT
WANT NOT**

**Kids' Christmas Party
Ticket Deadline - Dec. 9**

Presenting GRIPPER Fasteners and GRIPPER Zippers



Already being produced in substantial quantities and meeting the approval of all users — our new GRIPPER Zipper is being exhibited, together with our GRIPPER Fasteners, at shows of clothing manufacturers to bring to their attention the types available for use on work clothes.

Above:—An open-book display was shown at the Boys' Apparel Buyers' Association exhibition which was held at the Hotel Astor in New York from November 1 to 3.

Left:—This wall picture display was exhibited at the National Heavy Outerwear show in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York from November 14 to 16. With a device set up behind the picture, "snow" was continuously being whirled around the house, drawing the attention of visitors. Samples of GRIPPER Fasteners and GRIPPER Zippers were displayed on a table alongside the picture.

Three Men Die

MARCO PETRUZZI, retired, died on November 25, 1949. He had over 26 years of continuous Company service at the time of his retirement in August, 1945.

ALECK BIEKSA, retired, died on November 27, 1949. He had over 27 years of continuous service here at the time of his retirement in December, 1947.

FRANK SCOZZAFAVA, Drawing Room, died on November 28, 1949. He had a 34-year continuous service record.

Notice

Rod & Gun Club

The Scovill Rod & Gun Club will hold its annual meeting and election of officers on Tuesday, December 20, 1949 at 8 p. m. in the Employment Office Reception Room.

Girls' Club News

By Dora Mori

Wedding Bells

On November 26 ADELIN SCIARRETTA of Buff No. 3 became Mrs. Michael Kulko at St. Lucy's church. Michael is also of Buff No. 3. The best of luck to you both.

A lovely maid of honor was BOBBY BOISVERT of D & C Sales for her gal pal ALMA YARWOOD of Mill Production. The happy affair took place November 26 at St. Michael's church.

Chit Chat

The New York trip on Saturday, November 26, evidently was a big hit according to all reports. A day of shopping (watch for those new Christmas outfits) movies, turkey (oh, yes) dinners and such were enjoyed by the gals.

MADLYN DUBAUSKAS and ROSE IRRAPINO of Cost have become ardent football rooters. MADLYN and ROSE may be found at the Yankee Stadium mostly every weekend. Maybe they're trying out for the team, Hm-m-m!

The lovely gals with the "new look" on their craniums are ALICE GRAVELINE of D & C Sales, MARSHA DZUBAY of Planning, TERRY CHARPENTIER and BARBARA LaFLAMME of Slide Fastener. This malady has spared no department in its dreaded wake. Just joking, gals, you all look very ravishing.

We're very happy to see JOAN BARIL of D & C Sales back in the fold again after an illness of two weeks. Very sorry to hear that RUTH TRUELOVE of Rolling Mill has been hospitalized again. We're all hoping for your speedy and complete recovery, RUTH!

Season's Greetings

A beautiful card from MRS. JOHN H. GOSS brings Season's greetings and best wishes to all Club members, together with her remembrance in our Christmas activities.

We'll be filling stockings for the Children's Christmas Party on Monday, December 12, from 7:30 p. m. on, at the Clubrooms. Come on and help — it'll be fun. If you plan on being there, call MARGARET FENSKE at 2167.

The deadline for the names of those children who will attend the Christmas party is Friday, Dec. 9. The party is Saturday, Dec. 17 from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Membership Christmas party is Monday, December 19.

Classified Ads

For Sale

Furnished Trailer, 3 rooms. Call 3-8118.

1931 Chevrolet pick-up truck, good condition, reasonable. Call 6-0685.

Small bicycle, baby walker, stroller, tricycle, fernery, kerosene water heater, settees, reasonable. Call 5-6416.

Taylor tot, Stroll-n-fold carriage. Call 4-2516.

1937 Chevrolet, heater, good condition, reasonable. Call at 825 East Main St. after 3 p.m.

White bathtub, hot water heater, boiler, lavatory sink. Call 3-4484.

Pedigreed male Boston terrier, 8 months old, reasonable. Call 4-6293.

Hedstrom baby carriage, auto seat, Val-keen walker, good condition; puppies. Call 4-4607.

Box-type camp or farm-service trailer, excellent condition, inside dimensions—62 x 41 x 16. Has carried load of 12 100-lb. sacks of potatoes. Hinged back with chain. When let down, increases floor length to 78". Call 3-0740 or call at 78 Newton Terrace.

Thayer collapsible carriage, Taylor tot, 1936 four-door sedan with radio and heater. Call 5-4173 after 4 p.m.

1937 Oldsmobile sedan, reasonable. Call 5-8146 after 5 p.m.

White gas range, \$25. Call at 163 East Main St., Apartment 29.

Child's maple rolltop desk with swivel chair, good condition, \$15. Call 4-6780 after 6 p.m.

White Florence kitchen range, 4 burners, oil burner. Call ext. 2193 or at 22 Fourth St. after 3 p.m.

Healthy puppies which make lovely gifts for children, 5 weeks old. Call 4-8232.

100-lb. bags of sand delivered, \$1. Call 3-6483.

Two adjoining lots on Morse Ave., 50 x 100 each. Have gas, electricity, sewer, bus service and are near school, \$1000 each if sold separately. Call 3-3723.

30-gallon copper tank, brand new. Call Watertown, 956-W2.

Ride Wanted

From and to Clark Hill Road, Prospect or nearby, 7-4 shift. Call 5-7308 or see Joe Garcia, Btn. Tool Room.

Wanted To Buy

Folding screen suitable for covering with wallpaper or cloth, 3 or 4 sections preferred. Call Ext. 434 or Cheshire 2109.

Rent Wanted

Garage in vicinity of Willow St. and Hillside Ave. Call 5-8146 after 5 p.m.

Blue Cross Briefs

Q:—My dependents' names do not appear on my membership card although I have paid membership fees for them. Are they entitled to benefits?

A:—Yes. Names of Family Members are not listed on the membership card since they are included on the application card on file at the Blue Cross office. In the event of hospitalization, the subscriber's card covers all enrolled family members as well. Be sure all eligible family members are included on your application.

Card Playing

Cribbage

At the end of play on Tuesday, November 29, the American League was leading by 1136 points. Total scores for the League thus far are: American—98,072, National—96,937.

ERV. HONYOTSKI is still high man with 12,692 points.

Individual high score was won by SID SPENDER and CHARLES RIMKUS who totaled 1,413.

Seems as tho PHIL FECTEAU broke ERV. HONYOTSKI's streak of good luck when he failed to play that evening. ERV. and his partners had been taking high score for the past 4 weeks.

Pinocle

As of the 17th, BILL MANCINI's team is leading the tournament with 204,145 points. JOHN MARCH's players have 201,170, and ERV. HONYOTSKI's 200,270.

JOHN MARCH's team was high for that night with 34,810 points. ERV. HONYOTSKI's was second, 32,120, while BILL MANCINI's was last, 29,745.

ED GILBERT, substituting for MIKE MARTONE, was high man with 4,325.



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