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## Community Chest

### 100% Participation

In the last issue of *THE BULLETIN* 33 Main Plant departments were listed as having attained 100% participation in the Community Chest campaign through payroll deductions and cash contributions.

The story in that issue concerned the 1950 Campaign only. The departments listed were those which — not already having 100% participation in Community Chest contributions—had a quota to attain in this drive.

Many departments were already signed up 100% for Community Chest payroll deductions and so did not have a quota during the recent drive. These departments were not included in the past issue.

## Our Retired Folks

### Plan Theatre Party

The regular monthly meeting of our Retired Folks' Club is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6. Instead of meeting at the SERA Clubhouse, the group will attend a downtown movie as guests of the SERA and Miss Julia Smith of the State Theater.

The group will meet in front of the State, East Main St., at 1:00 o'clock, rain or shine. Members will receive notices in the usual way.

## Withholding Exemption Certificates Available

Should there be any changes in your withholding exemptions for 1950? If so, don't forget to file a corrected certificate by December 1, 1949 in order that it can be used for the first pay you receive in 1950.

A new Withholding Exemption Certificate (Form W-4) may be obtained at the Employment Office.

## Kids' Christmas Party

### Slated For December 17

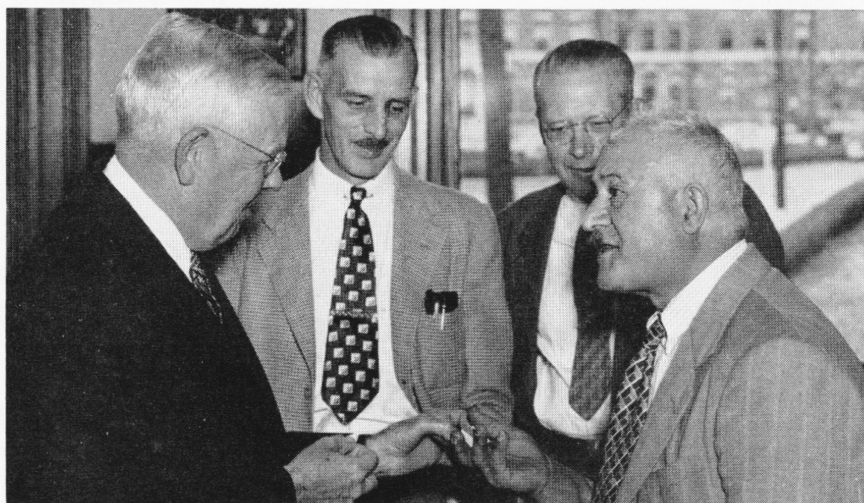
Reservations are now being made for youngsters to attend the Children's Christmas party which will be held at Doolittle Hall on Saturday, December 17, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

All Scovill and neighborhood children, between the ages of two and ten years, are invited to attend the party which is sponsored annually by the Scovill Girls' Club together with the assistance of the SERA and the Scovill Sunshine Fund.

The party last year attracted over 600 children. In order to arrange for a gift for each child attending, parents are urged to get the names of their youngsters in early.

All reservations will have to be in by Friday, December 9. Ruth Osborne, of the Employee Activities Office, is in charge of tickets. They may be picked up at this office at any time. Any member of the Girls' Club Council will accept reservations.

## Two 40-Year Men Receive Awards



Upper photo:—Domenic Dellacamera, North Mill Finishing, accepts the 40-year diamond-studded service pin from President L. P. Sperry as Works Manager J. J. Hoben and Rolling Mill Superintendent Ward Hobbie, Sr. look on.

Lower photo:—Vincenzo LoRusso, of the Japan Room, receives his 40-year award from President Sperry. Factory Superintendent, J. G. Wolff and Assistant Factory Superintendent, R. E. Johnson smile their approval.

## Monopoly

Generally speaking, monopoly is the exclusive control of a commodity or service. Monopoly is against public policy. Uncontrolled monopoly permits excessive prices to the consumer. Public utilities are monopolies in the areas they serve. But they are policed carefully by public commissions to protect the general public. If a public utility wishes to make changes in rates or services rendered, the proposal is aired in a public hearing.

Business generally is subject to laws forbidding monopolistic practices. Because of the publicity given some of the Federal Government's activities against certain companies for monopolistic practices we may have the idea that large size alone is indicative of monopoly. This is not true. Without large size, and the resulting financial strength, much of the expensive and extended research that has resulted in our pre-eminent position in the world could never have been undertaken. Small business and the general public are the direct beneficiaries of such activities of big business. Our high standard of living cannot be maintained by small business alone.

One type of monopoly that is against the public interest has been allowed free rein. The monopolies of industry-wide labor unions such as are in steel, coal, and other basic industries, must be controlled. There is no more excuse for a labor leader to have the power to raise the price of coal to the consumer by X cents a ton, than there is for an Electric Light Company to have the unfettered right to arbitrarily raise the price of electricity. Both activities, when uncontrolled, are against the public interest. Both must be responsible to the public.

Monopolistic practices of labor unions are being investigated by Congress. Let us hope Congress comes up with the answer that will benefit John Q. Public.

*William C. Curtis*  
Vice-President

## "GRIPPER ZIPPER"

### Now In Production

Another new item has been added to the Scovill line of metal closures—the *GRIPPER ZIPPER* — the "slide fastener with extra strength where it counts".

Now being produced in substantial quantities for use in work clothes, the *GRIPPER ZIPPER* will be available shortly to manufacturers of men's and boys' dress clothing; women's and children's apparel, corsets, handbags, leather goods, and others.

In line with Scovill policy, much research has gone into the making of our newest product. Exhaustive studies have been made in repair shops, laundries and dry cleaning establishments to determine the cause of zipper breakage. Suggestions from manufacturers on needed refinements to improve and expedite the manufacture of end products have been incorporated into the new zipper.

The *GRIPPER ZIPPER* was designed as a trouble-free zipper that will outwear the item to which it is attached and, at the same time, give manufacturers a zipper that is easier and more economical to apply.

## Thanksgiving Day

### Main Plant

The Main Plant will close in celebration of Thanksgiving Day at the end of the workday on Wednesday, November 23, 1949. It will reopen with the start of the first shift on Friday, November 25.

Any deviations from the above will be announced by departmental posting.

Pay for the week ending November 20 will be distributed to employees on Friday, November 25. The Pay Station will be open on regular schedule on Friday, November 25.

### Waterville Division

The Waterville Division will also be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

## Two Retirements

### James Johnson

JAMES JOHNSON was added to the Special Retirement List as of September 19, 1949 with a record of thirty-four years of continuous service.

With the Milling & Grinding Department since he came to work on April 12, 1915, he has served as a milling machine operator throughout his years here.

### Ermete Castoni

After completing twenty-nine years of continuous Company service, ERMETE CASTONI, General Stores, has been placed on the Special Retirement List as of October 3, 1949.

First hired on October 19, 1916, Mr. Castoni worked intermittently until his continuous service record started in 1920. Most of his years of employment at Scovill have been spent as a trucker.



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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. 5 - The Veterans Administration

As a patriotic citizen, you will agree that the people of this country, through their government, are under an obligation to the veterans of our wars which they can never discharge spiritually, but which they should do their utmost to meet materially.

In this spirit, the Veterans Administration was created. The Administration is doing its utmost. The question raised by the Hoover Commission is whether it is being done economically and efficiently.

The Hoover Commission was bipartisan in its makeup. It was created by unanimous act of Congress and given the task of delving into the affairs of some 24 problems of government and of making a report to Congress with recommendations for improved efficiency without impairing services. President Truman and former President Herbert Hoover are jointly urging Congress to pass the laws that grew out of the Commission's 19-volume report.

If all these laws are passed, Mr. Hoover has said in a conservative estimate, the annual saving in the cost of government will be at least \$3 billions.

The Report on the operations of the Veterans Administration raises some questions which we cannot afford to ignore.

It discloses the estimate that, whereas there are now about 20,000,000 veterans — in 10 years veterans and their dependents will number 62.5 millions, or 40 per cent of the population, entitled to benefits.

The Veterans Administration will spend \$5.3 billions in fiscal 1950. This is 11 per cent of the federal budget, a sum second only to our defense expenditures.

The Report found greatest cause for concern in the areas of hospital construction, and government life insurance.

At this time the Veterans Administration has planned or is building 89 hospitals for a total cost of \$1.1 billions, some of them in areas where it will be difficult, if not impossible, to obtain doctors, nurses, and technicians to operate them.

This program is being carried out, despite the known shortage of nurses which is being felt by every

hospital in the country. Even in New York City, with numerous schools for nursing, one of its largest hospitals, the New York Hospital, has closed 150 rooms because of this shortage of personnel. The Administration itself has 6500 empty beds for lack of staff.

The cost of Veterans Administration hospitals greatly exceeds the average of \$16,000 per bed paid by voluntary community hospitals. Veterans Administration hospitals cost from \$20,000 up to \$51,000 a bed.

Moreover, the Veterans Administration program conflicts with the Government's policy, under the Hill-Burton Act, of aiding non-federal hospitals in order to establish a sound hospital system for the whole country. Its hospitals will compete with such institutions for scarce personnel.

All this is the result of a lack of any overall plan for hospital construction, the Commission found, and stated:

"The Government is moving into uncalculated obligations without an understanding of their ultimate cost, the lack of professional manpower to discharge them, or the adverse effect upon the hospital system of the country."

The Commission referred to the fact that 100,000 Veterans Hospital beds are being occupied by veterans with non-service connected disabilities. The report does not comment upon the propriety of this, but it scores the method by which it is being accomplished. Congress authorized the agency to hospitalize such cases only when beds were "available." Yet 100,000 beds have been built or authorized just to make room for such cases.

The conclusion of the Commission was that such cases could be more cheaply cared for in non-federal hospitals on a reimbursable basis.

Aware of the need for economy in this field, President Truman ordered cancellation of \$280 millions for unnecessary hospital constructions last year but Congress overruled him and restored this sum to the budget.

According to the findings of the task force, the reason for the marked delay of the Administration in paying death benefits on life insurance

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results from great numbers of basic reports having been mislaid or lost.

The Administration, it showed, consumes an average of 73 days in paying such benefits after receiving proof of death. Private life insurance companies average 15 days. Yet, the report said, the Veterans Administration uses four times as much manpower, per policy, to such claims as the average insurance company.

Criticism was also made of the bureaucratic setup of the agency. There is an excess of staff officers, it stated, and too much red tape.

The task force discovered that there are in use 88 manuals of instructions, 665 kinds of bulletins, and 400 different circulars.

The personnel turnover is very high and replacement expensive.

## ROD MILL TOPICS

By Dom Polo

Lo and behold, we almost had another Frank Sinatra! Recently CHARLIE VAUGHAN visited a popular dining spot in Watertown. Everyone was having a wonderful time when CHARLIE decided it was time for him to take over the vocalist's job. Had it not been for a friend's objections, bet you would have made quite a hit, CHARLIE!

MAYBELLE ATKINSON certainly was happy to see her son, Billy, when he was home on his first leave since joining the Navy. Billy is stationed at Great Lakes.

HERB EASTWOOD is out of the hospital now and recuperating at home. Hope to see you back soon, HERB. We all miss you.

We all extend our deepest sympathy to CLAUDE SMITH on the loss of his brother.

## Home Accidents Rise In Winter

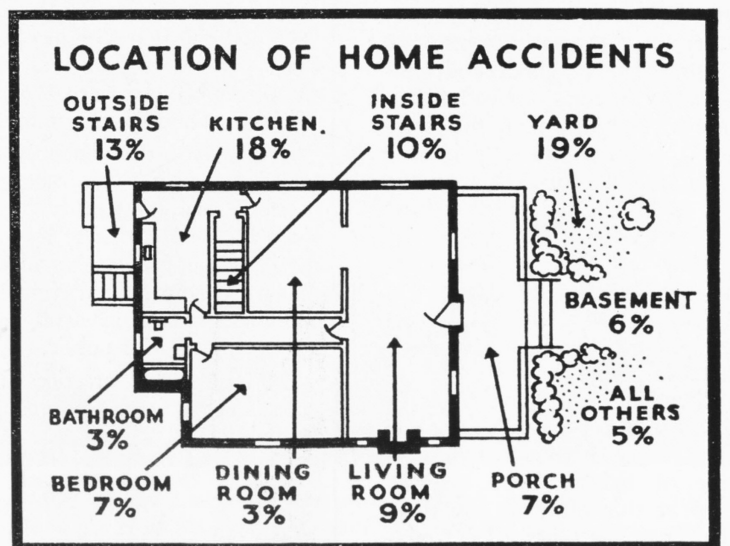
In the diagram below it is shown that outside stairs and yard conditions caused 32% of all home accidents. About one out of three accidents, occurring just outside the home, happen in the winter months when ice and darkness bring new hazards.

Ice can be removed or even prevented from forming by using a little rock salt. Keep it off grass and garden areas. Ashes are better than sand

which has a tendency to blow away and is not very effective. When using ashes, look out for klinkers and lumps of coal which could cause a turned ankle or fall.

Good illumination on outside steps is usually quite easily arranged through a porch light or a spotlight beamed from house to steps.

A hand rail is helpful — especially for children and older folks.



## Service Awards Forty Years



Vincenzo LoRusso  
Japan  
November 12, 1949

## Twenty-Five Years



Frank Vaichaitis  
Waterville  
November 12, 1949

## Ten Years

JOHN ORSO, North Mill, November 7; MARY SPELLMAN, Lacquer Wash, November 8; ARTHUR GILBERT, Lipstick, November 9; JOHN LATVIS, Cutting, November 10.

KATHERINE YOUNG, Press No. 2, and MICHAEL CARPINELLA, Btn. Model Tool, November 13; ELWOOD WHITING, JR., Automobiles, and STANLEY JACOBS, Hydropress, November 14.

Also HUMBERT MUCCI, Millwrights, ROBERT JOHNSON, Jr., General Mfg. Tool, JOHN SUBAITIS, Continuous Strip Mill, CHARLES SYNNOTT, Casting, and BERTIL ANDERSON, ASMD, Nov. 15.

GEORGE REILLY, Tube Mill, and HOOKER STOUTON, Wt'by B & F, November 18; EVERETT THORN, Slide Fastener Tool, November 19; VINCENT LEROY, Wt'by Sales, and ALBERT CARIGNAN, Blacksmiths, November 20.

## Basketball

### Inter-Department

The managers of the Inter-Department Basketball League will meet on Tuesday, November 22, to make arrangements for the coming season.

The league will play as usual on Monday evenings from 7 to 10.

There will be a six-team league which will play two complete rounds for the championship.

If any other department desires entry into the league, contact the Employee Activities Office, ext. 834 immediately.

## Among Scovill's Younger Set



This pretty blonde-haired girl is Virginia Lee Shook who is three years old. Her dad is Harold of the Grip-Per Eyelet Room.



Patricia Anne, four years old, and Mary Jane, two years old, are the lovely daughters of John Famiglietti of the Tin Shop.

## Girls' Club News

By Dora Mori

A hearty welcome to JEANETTE LYNCH, another Watervilleite to join the roster of Girls' Club boosters. Waterville is going to out-do the Main Plant in new members yet!

Involved in wedding preparations is JULIE CAVANAUGH of Waterville. JULIE will become Mrs. Dan O'Leary on November 26 at St. Margaret's Church. The best of luck, ever, JULIE!

It's a boy! October 29 was the day GERTRUDE COLLIGAN CURLEY, formerly of Planning, became a proud mama. Congratulations!

The last of the vacationers—MARY McCORMACK of Packing B, LILLIAN GRADY of Addressograph, CATHERINE McCORMACK of CTO and ANNA GRADY of Electrical fiesta-ed in Mexico for a wonderful two weeks. . . The weather being so ideal, NORA WILLIAMS of Waterville spent part of her vacation at Cape Cod.

I just can't get over that 113 score made by MURIAL HAM of Central File while substituting on our bowling team.

HELEN and HAZEL DUFFY of Advertising and Merchandise Sales respectively have now joined the ranks of "those women drivers".

### Coming Events

Don't forget about the New York Excursion on November 26. Round trip tickets are \$4.60. See LUCILLE PEPIN of B & F Production for information.

The Christmas party for Club members will be held on December 19. A 25¢ grab bag gift is needed.

The Council Christmas supper will be held on December 22.

Pick up your Christmas cards from Barbara LaFlamme at the Clubhouse on Monday, Tuesday and Friday noon hours.

Also, Christmas candy will be sold on Monday and Wednesday noon hours. ANN HUELSTER and I will be ready and waitin'.

## Trim And Knurl

By Betty Young

It's nice to see some of our Trim & Knurlers back to work. ANN HOWARD is with us again while KAY KERR and EVA DELOI are in different depts.

SOPHIE ZEMBRZUSKA, ROSE LAPIO and KITTY STACK have been out sick. Here's to a speedy recovery, girls! Hope that all of you are back soon.

Birthday congratulations to NANCY LEMBO, daughter of Joe, who celebrated hers on Armistice Day. Also, birthday greetings to ALFONSO VELLA's mother. She is 96 years young.

MR. and MRS. HECTOR LaRIVIERE are now the proud grandparents of a baby boy. Nice going, folks!

"RED" CORDELLI and three friends went hunting recently. Among the four of them, they managed to catch one rabbit. You'll have to do better than that, RED. I'm still waiting for that rabbit dinner.

JAMES CLEARY's son, Ken, plays football for Wilby. JIM tells us that he is going to be a great football player. Lots of luck, young Cleary.

## A Scovill Old-Timer---The Dime Bank



Well qualifying as a Scovill "old-timer" is the dime bank pictured above. It has been a product of the Main Plant for almost sixty years — records show dime banks (left and right, insert) and penny banks were made here back in 1890. Above, today's banks are assembled, inspected and packed for shipment in the Assembly Room. Ann Wheelaban is the operator.

Among the many Scovill products which have been produced over a period of years, and are an everyday item to many people, is the "dime bank".

From Company records it is evidenced that these banks were being manufactured here as far back as 1890.

The metals used then were the same as those now used although the method of making the banks has materially improved. The style first produced is not very different from that of today.

Except for the screw which is made of steel — the body, cap and spring are made of brass. This has always been true of dime banks made at Scovill, as has the nickel-plated finish.

The first bank called for burnishing before the nickel-plating. This operation was performed by hand and was pretty costly and slow. About 1915 the burnishing method was abandoned and replaced by a high finishing operation. The latest method of finish is achieved by dipping the parts in a bright acid dip and then rolling them in a tumbling barrel with a special solution to brighten them before nickel-plating. This method produces a higher luster, the finish is stronger and will not scratch. It is also possible to turn out almost ten times as many banks now as when they were burnished.

The early banks had a full-length piercing. This was later eliminated as it was impossible to see the number of dimes in the bottom of the bank since the cap obstructed the view when the bank was put together.

In the top of the bank a hole is pierced and drifted to which the spring is assembled and later tapped to receive the screw. This is a great improvement over the earlier method

## Girls' Basketball

Practice sessions are being held at Doolittle Hall for girls interested in playing basketball, with expectations of having a Scovill team in the city's industrial league.

A call is being issued for additional girls interested in the game. Practice sessions are held on Monday or Wednesday nights. Further information may be had by contacting the Employee Activities Office, phone 834.

when the spring was closed over with an eyelet and soldered to prevent turning while tapping the thread to receive the screw.

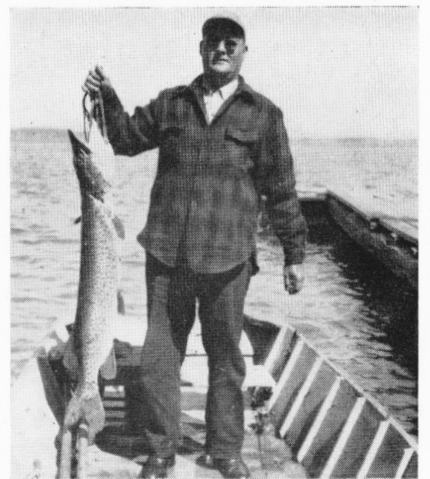
The round-shape bank was produced until 1936 when the customer asked for a different style. An interesting story on the change is that a short time before this, a dime bank appeared on the market which was being manufactured in Japan. It was the same style, metal and finish as the round banks which we were producing. The customer asked for the octagonal-shape bank which was adopted at that time.

The octagonal bank was similar to the original except for the octagonal design body and the position of lettering. It appeared in nickel, and brass in the dipped and lacquered finish. The bottom was nickel-plated and the screw, of steel, was also nickel-plated. This model was used for several years but after World War II, we went back to making the round style.

### Penny Banks

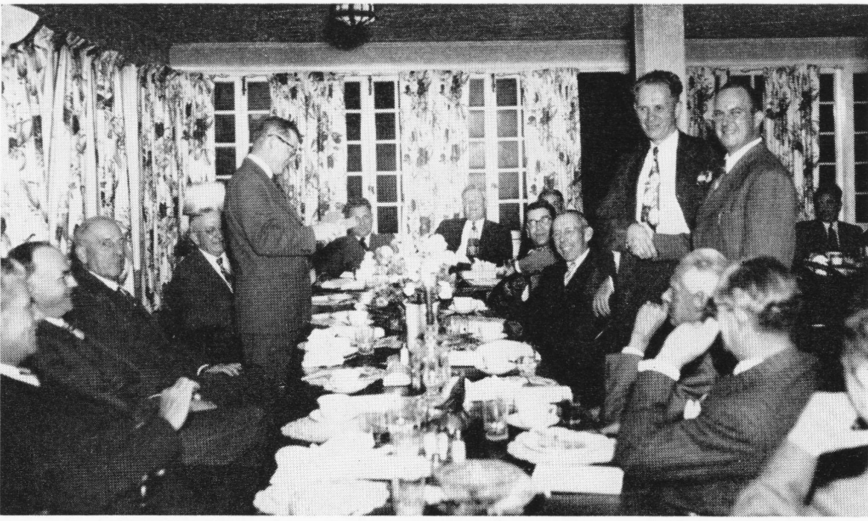
The penny bank has also been a Scovill product. The bank (center, insert in the picture) was similar in style and method of manufacture to the dime bank of the early 1900s, although larger in size. Production on the penny bank seems to have stopped around 1910.

## Fisherman Jim



Jim Porter of Drill & Tap proudly poses with the Muskie he caught in St. Lawrence River. The fish, measuring 46 inches, weighed 28 pounds.

### SERA Fishermen's Annual Banquet



The annual Fishermen's Banquet was held on Thursday evening, November 3, at the Copper Kettle with 120 fishermen attending. Willis H. Machin, standing at left, presented the prizes. John Matulunas and Jim Coffey (right) congratulate each other on sharing honors for the 1949 Championship. A "special" prize was given to John Hubbard. Toastmaster Charles Rietdyke kept the program moving in his usual first class style. Judge Francis T. Reeves and Vice-president Alan C. Curtiss were honored guests. Souvenirs were donated by T. Behan and E. Douville.

### Camera Club Briefs

On Thursday, November 10, the Camera Club held its regular meeting. A lecture and demonstration on titling pictures was given. Pictures of the indoor movies taken at the last meeting were also shown.

Because of Thanksgiving on the 24th, the next meeting will be held on December 1.

At the December 8 meeting, there will be a feature picture on the processing of aluminum.

All Scovill ladies and gentlemen interested in photography are invited to attend the meetings. They are held in the Spencer Block Conference Room at 8 p.m.

### Pinochle Tournament

At the end of play on Thursday, November 10, Erving Honyotski's team had high score for the evening with 33,495 points. John March's team was second, 32,035, and Bill Mancini's was third, 31,825.

As far as the tournament is concerned, Bill Mancini's boys are in the lead with 174,000 points. Erv. Honyotski's lads are second, 168,150, while John March's are last, 166,360.

John Matulunas was high man for the evening with 4,490 points. Neil Granoth had second individual high score, 4,395.

During one hand on October 20, Nelson Thomas held a perfect pinochle hand, a double run of diamonds. He had a total of 5,115 for the night.

### Varsity Basketball

All Scovill men interested in joining the Varsity Basketball Team, coached by Joe Joyce, are invited to practice at Doolittle Hall every Thursday, from 7 to 9 p. m.

For further information, contact the Employee Activities Office, Ext. 834.

### Fishing Notice

The 1949 fishing season at Woodtick will officially close on Sunday, November 27.

### American Leaguers Are Still Leading

The American League is holding its own in the cribbage tournament. As of the 15th of November, they were 788 points ahead of their opponents in the National League. The total number of points scored by the American Leaguers to date is 76,426 and 75,638 by the National League.

High man of the tournament as of that night was Erving Honyotski with 9,960. Next were William McCasland, 9,719; Charles Rimkus, 9,711.

Individual high score was won by Erving Honyotski and Nelson Thomas who totaled 1415 points. This the fourth consecutive week that Erv. Honyotski has held this honor.

### Model Association

The last and final contest of the Model Club was held on Sunday, November 13.

Included in the contest were speed and stunt events. Taking first, second and third places in the speed events were: Gordon Weidinger, Willis Pond and Mike Rahuba in Class B and, Lou Thelin in Class D. Tony Rinaldi, Mike Rahuba and Lou Thelin took first, second and third honors respectively in the stunt event.

The next meeting of the Club will be held at the SERA Clubhouse on Tuesday, December 6. All members are urged to bring their models for a Scale Beauty Contest. Prizes will also be awarded for the year's winners.

### Classified Ads

#### For Sale

Leaving state — must sacrifice at \$13,000. Modern 7-room home with bath and lavatory, screened-in-porch, garage, breezeway, circulating hot water heat, on dead-end street — ideal for children. Call Cheshire 2266 or come out and see it — Flagler Ave., Cheshire.

Lot on Ridgefield Ave., Fairlawn, 50' x 150'. Near bus and school. Call 3-7779. 1937 Chevrolet Sport Coupe—Heater & radio, spotlight, 2 new tires. Price \$75. Call at 201 Willow St. after 3:30 p.m.

Baby stroller in good condition. \$5. Call at 154 Proctor St.

Hedstrom baby carriage in excellent condition. Can be seen at 530 Highland Ave.

Teen-age girl's brown coat, size 14, \$8; Dark Green 2-piece ski suit, size 14, \$5; tennis sneakers, size 9 white; ball-bearing roller skates. Call 6-0125.

Maple knee-hole desk. Call 4-5830. Three-piece living room set with slip covers. Good condition. Call 4-4089.

Glenwood Gas Range—used 1 year, excellent condition. Can be seen at 110 Bridge St., or call 4-5857.

Ten-piece Heywood-Wakefield Dining room suite. Solid maple. Like new, consists of large table, six chairs, buffet, hutch, server, table pads included. \$135. Call 4-7218 after 5:30 p.m.

Florence Living Room stove, oil burner. Call 3-6860 or call at 299 Oak St., 2nd floor, after 6:00 p.m.

Child's Maple rolltop desk with swivel chair. Call 3-4247.

House—8 rooms, 2 baths, hardwood floors, good condition, residential section, reasonable. Call 3-5395.

1941 Nash coach, good condition. Call ext. 345.

1939 Chevrolet — very good condition, new motor. Call 5-7596.

1941 G. E. refrigerator, 6 cu. ft., \$75. Call 3-0225 or 4-8856

Five-shelf bookcase with glass door, solid oak kneehole desk. Call at 38 Beech St.

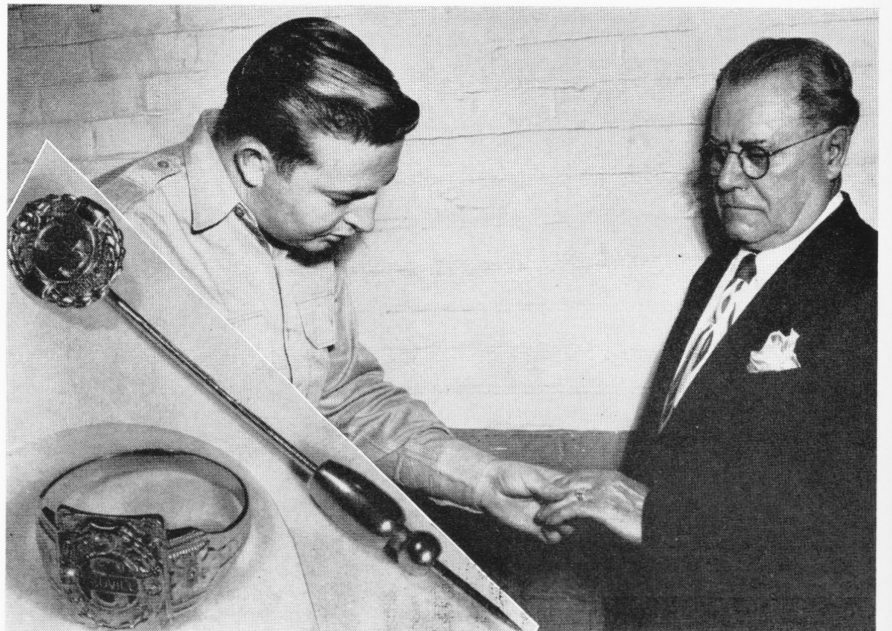
### Girls' Club Holds Fashion Show, Bridge

Approximately 180 persons attended the Fashion Show and Card Party sponsored by the Girls' Club on Wednesday, November 16.

Lucille Pepin, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, was in charge of the event. Ann Huelster was commentator. Models included Angela Cedella, Mary Longo, Dorothy Lucas of the Main Plant; Marjorie Kiernan, Florence McEvoy and Mabel Ottinger of the Waterville Division.

Refreshments were provided by members of the Council.

### Fifty Years Of Service And Proud Of It



Charles Hamel, who completed fifty years of continuous Scovill service on September 6, 1949, proudly shows newcomer James Secula his service award. The 40-year award (with one diamond) which he received in September, 1939 has been made into a stick pin and the 50-year award (with three diamonds) he now wears as a ring. Both men are of the Extruded Rod Mill.

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