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## Scovill Products In New York Shows

January 10-11, at the Hotel Astor, New York City.

At the annual convention of the B.A.B.A. (Boys' Apparel Buyers Association), a display of GRIPPER Fasteners and GRIPPER Zippers will be featured on cowboy outfits and dungarees.

Buyers of boys' apparel from all over the country will be there to look at the new Spring and Summer lines.

January 15-16-17, at the Hotel Statler in New York City.

Scovill will introduce its No. 4 GRIPPER Zipper for men's trousers at the I. A. C. D. (International Association of Clothing Designers) show. GRIPPER Fasteners for the waist-band application of men's trousers will also be shown.

Leading clothing designers from men's suit manufacturers will attend this convention.

## Waterville Retirement

LEONARD BOROWY, Waterville, was added to the Special Retirement List as of October 12, 1950.

Mr. Borowy was hired in July, 1918. Throughout his years with Scovill, he served as a polisher in the Buff Room of the Waterville Division.

## George Reilly New President Of SERA

Officers, Board Elected at Annual Meeting, December 11



Vice-President  
ALICE GRAVELINE  
D & C Sales



President  
GEORGE REILLY  
Tube Mill



Secretary-Treasurer  
RUTH OSBORNE  
Emp. Activities

### Board of Directors

Joseph Begnal, West Machine  
Jack Carrington, Tube Mill  
Jean Ostroski, Insurance  
Ed DeBisschop, Electrical  
Charles Butler, West Machine  
Jean Gracie, Slide Fastener  
Jim Littlejohn, Factory Acct.  
Don MacIntosh, West Machine  
Erving Honyotski, X-Rod Mill

Theresa Griffin, C.T.O.  
Dan Camerota, Finishing Lab  
Ray Ladden, B & F Prod.

### Alternates

Albert Keene, North Mill  
Sue Guarrera, D & C Sales  
Margaret Fenske, Bulletin  
Muriel Ham, Central File

## Holiday Shutdowns Main Plant

*Christmas* Shutdown—the Main Plant will close at the end of the workday on Friday, Dec. 22, 1950 and will reopen with the start of the first shift on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1950.

*New Year's*—the Main Plant will close at the end of the workday on Friday, Dec. 29, 1950. All offices will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1951.

*Inventory* will be taken on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1951. In departments other than offices, only those employees told individually to report should do so on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1951. The balance of the Plant will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1951.

Any variations in the above schedule will be by individual assignment.

Christmas and New Year's are holidays for which hourly and piece-work employees who qualify according to regulations are paid when they do not work

## Kids' Christmas Party

The Christmas parties, scheduled to be held at Doolittle Hall on December 16 and 17, were bound to be well attended as, at press time, there were 1100 tickets distributed.

The program was to consist of movies, a toy and candy-filled stocking for each child and ice cream.

# Merry Christmas

A year has passed since we were sending out Christmas Greetings, and hoping for a successful New Year. Good fortune, courage and hard work have made the past year a prosperous one for the Company and our employees. The great expenditures made since the war for new buildings and machinery begin to show results. The patience of our stockholders in waiting for returns on their increased investment has been rewarded by a modest increase in dividends.

There can't be much kick about this year's results, but we can see many places where improvements can be made. We will try to make them because we all prosper together. The threat of increased Communist trouble makes it a lot harder to make things go well.

On behalf of the Officers and Directors of the Company, I wish all our people a Very Merry Christmas and success and happiness in the New Year.

*L. P. Sperry*

President



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## Christmas—1950

An annual church festival kept on December 25th in memory of the birth of Christ.

It is celebrated by a particular church service, by special gifts, greetings and hospitality, and in most Christian communities is a legal holiday.

Because of the world strife, it may be that many of our people will not have a Merry Christmas. However, if we will all realize that Christmas is the anniversary of the birth of Christ and offer up our prayers for World Peace, certainly it will not be long before we can in all earnestness again say "Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will".

## Tribute To A Champ!

By Charles Rietyke

Jerry Pomponio is now totally blind. Those of us who know him, remember him as the "Champ"—big bodied, strongly built, swinging his heavy cleaning baskets with the gay abandon of a man sure of his strength, positive of his ability, happy in his work.

Jerry Pomponio smiled most of the time—built his house, raised a family—lived happily until—

In 1947 the lights went dim for Jerry. With agonizing certainty the unrelenting tide of blackness rose—until it finally strangled and engulfed the final faint vision. Jerry Pomponio is now totally blind.

This might have been the end of the trail, except for one thing! Jerry had guts! He fought back! Used to swinging heavy loads, he now learned the delicate movements of weaving and leathercraft. Leather belts and leather bill folds, exquisitely handfashioned by

Jerry and sold at his home at 235 Oak Street will make cherished Christmas presents for many.

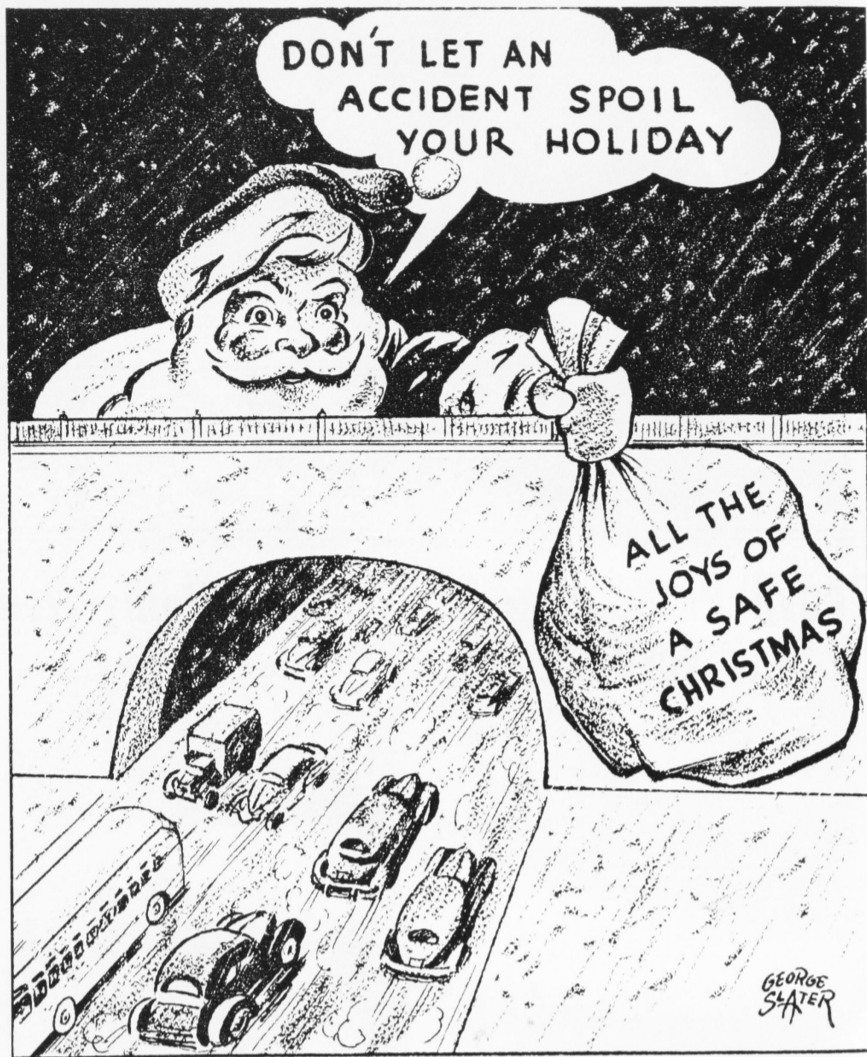
Jerry is winning his long, long battle. It is a far cry from cleaning baskets to leather goods, but Jerry had done it and he can still smile.

To his many friends at Scovill, Jerry lifts his now sightless eyes and says a grateful "Merry Christmas and God bless you all".

Yes, Jerry Pomponio is now totally blind, but he is still the "Champ". Why not drop by and wish him a Merry Christmas, too!

## Rod & Gun Club

The annual meeting and election of officers will be held in the Spencer Block third floor conference room on Tuesday, December 19, at 8 p.m. All members are urged to attend.



By Dom Polo

Three more Rod Mill men are sporting service award pins. DAVE GRIFFIN, JOE DESTEFANO and "yours truly" just passed the 10-year mark.

Sometimes it pays to take a chance, 'eh, JUDY! JUDY BRADSHAW won a Toni doll, recently. To say the least, it was quite apropos this time of year.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to JAMES THOMPSON (of the 1st shift) whose brother was killed in Korea, recently.

Congratulations to GEORGE REILLY who was elected new president of the SERA. GEORGE is of the Tube Mill.

Hoping that everyone has the best holiday ever. Merry Christmas!

## Have A Safe Christmas

Christmas Tree

Remember—when you bring a tree into your house, it is going to dry up and be highly inflammable. It is best to bring in a fresh tree a short time before Christmas and remove it soon after the holidays.

The tree can be kept fresh if you set it up in a pan of water. Cut off the base of the tree at an angle at least one inch above the original cut and keep it standing in water during the entire period it is up, adding water so that it is always above the cut.

The place you select for your tree should be well away from heat and, held against the wall by inconspicuous wires. When smoking, keep away from the tree.

Lighting

The candle for Christmas is still taking its yearly toll of lives and property. Open-flame lighting is entirely out of place unless you set up your candles and lamps well away from trees, window curtains, and burnable decorations. Have a fire extinguisher handy.

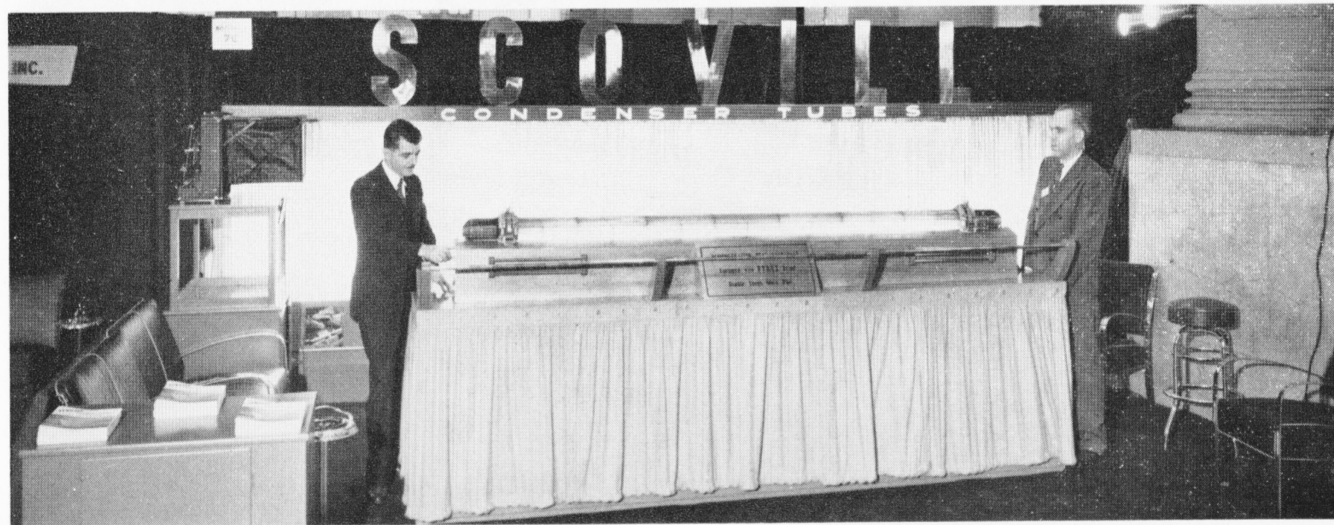
It is important that your Christmas lights be in good condition. A short circuit in worn wiring might be sufficient to start the tree burning. Also, an overloaded circuit is dangerous for fires may start in the walls. Light sets bearing the label of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., have been tested for fire hazard and pronounced safe by experts.

Inflammable Decorations

Use incombustible materials only for decorations. Flameproofed materials can be purchased. Insist on them. Flame-proofing treatment is also available for home use if combustible materials are used.

If your tree catches fire, call the fire department immediately. Have your fire extinguisher handy. As an additional precaution, have the garden hose connected to a faucet within reach of the tree.

## Scovill Glass Model Heat Exchanger At 1950 Power Show



Attendants at the Scovill booth at the recent National Exposition of Power and Mechanical Engineering included: Maurice C. Presley (left), Supervisor—Condenser Tube

Technical Service, and Edward J. Duffy (right) of Metals Research. The exposition was held at the Grand Central Palace in New York from November 27 thru December 2.

Over 30,000 people visited the 1950 Power Show. Tremendous interest was shown by at least 10% of the total visitors (including Engineers, Purchasing Agents and Officials of companies in-

terested in Heat Exchanger applications) at the Scovill booth.

As pictured above, a novel device, consisting of a glass model liquid-to-liquid heat exchanger with colored

fluids, revealed typical flow patterns. This unique demonstration showed lines of fluid flow inside and outside of condenser tubes. Air was entrained to make the flow visible.

# Christmas Shoppers' Lists May Include Scovill-Made Metal Products



Many Scovill-made metal products will find their way on or under the Christmas tree — all handsome and practical gifts. Pictured above are a few of the items which include useful gifts for all members of the family.

For the home or homemaker:—Ash trays, thimbles, skirt markers (all metal parts are Scovill-made), machine oil cans, salt and pepper shakers, aluminum coffee tops, aluminum wrap-around for "Globe Trotter" portable radios, GRIP-

PER Fasteners, and our line of GREEN SPOT garden hose equipment.

For the ladies:—cosmetic containers such as vanities, rouge boxes, lipstick and eyebrow pencil containers, perfume holders, novelty boxes.

For general use:—bill clips, pocket heaterettes, "jiggers", novelty bottle opener-screw driver-key rings, magnetic fly box for the fisherman, typewriter erasure shields and copy holders for the office, hearing aid cases, etc.



**CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C.**

- John R. Bellino
- John L. Byrnes, Jr.
- William W. Haney
- Charles Kamens
- Andrew O'Leary
- John A. Painter
- Ralph Swift, Jr.

**CAMP PICKETT, VA.**

- Edward J. Bell
- David G. Berdan
- Theodore E. Brink
- John Colucci
- Vinal S. Duncan
- Arthur J. Dziezynski
- Victor C. Favara
- John D. Flahive
- William Gangloff
- Roland F. Garant
- Ralph E. Havens
- Timothy F. Keane
- Robert E. Kesson
- Robert M. McCullough
- Alfred F. Madonna
- Francis M. Mullen
- Charles A. Peach
- Francis T. Ryan
- John L. Salvatore
- Arthur G. Shaw

**FT. CAMPBELL, KY.**

- Irving E. Bryant
- Joseph W. Cusson
- Dwight J. Graveline
- Marcel H. Hebert
- Clinton R. Pelkey
- Fred A. Weik

**FT. DEVENS, MASS.**

- Frank J. Addona
- James J. Caron
- Charles J. McCarthy

**FT. DIX, N. J.**

- Joseph A. Bosko
- Joseph P. Canute, Jr.
- Roger J. Cote
- Thomas D. Detlefsen
- Gerald LeBlanc
- Michael Matzkevich
- J. V. Whiteway

**FT. LEONARD WOOD, MO.**

- Franklin Dilger
- John N. Egan
- Wm. D. McCarthy
- Edward W. Pimental
- John D. Shea

**FT. MYER, VA.**

- Albert J. Gomes
- Donald R. Gow

**NEW YORK**

- Daniel Belevetz—FPO
- Edward F. Finn—FPO
- Francis Porto—FPO
- Gino DiNicola—  
Mitchel Air Base
- A. G. Hamel—Brooklyn

**SAN FRANCISCO**

- M. Eliz. Gabriel
- David A. Knauf—FPO
- Fred Schilling—FPO

**WASHINGTON, D. C.**

- Horace F. Burr
- Joseph L. Marks
- Robert G. Minor

- Robert Boisvert
- Camp Gordon, Ga.

- Gilbert L. Botelle
- Newport, R. I.

- Robert L. Brophy
- Great Lakes, Ill.

- John L. Cavanaugh
- Parris Island, S. C.

- Edward F. Clark
- Cherry Point, N. C.

- James H. Cosgriff
- Ft. Jackson, S. C.

- Edward Haddad
- San Antonio, Texas

- Edward Hicock
- Carlisle, Pa.

- Rudolph Manetti
- Arlington, Va.

- Edward J. Mercier
- Chanute Air Base, Ill.

- Charles E. Ney
- Charlestown, S. C.

- Joseph A. Rose
- Ft. Hood, Texas

- Thomas Secula
- Ft. Bragg, N. C.

- Patrick Valletta
- San Antonio, Texas

- Thomas J. Walsh
- Army Cml Center, Md.

- William C. Yarnall
- Camp Rucker, Ala.

- Donald W. Yurtin
- F. E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

**LOCATION UNKNOWN**

- Paul R. Beaudry
- Harry D. Beers
- Louis Bianco
- Walter Blinstrubas
- Matthew Carrafa
- Stanley M. Craig

**LOCATION UNKNOWN**

- Edward J. Delancy
- Raymond A. Ditoto
- William F. Dunn
- John R. Farr
- John J. Fears
- Wallace H. Gallop

- A. J. Giustiniani
- Henry Guerrera
- Thomas A. Insero
- Michael Jamele
- Paul A. Lafreniere
- Roland J. Lagasse

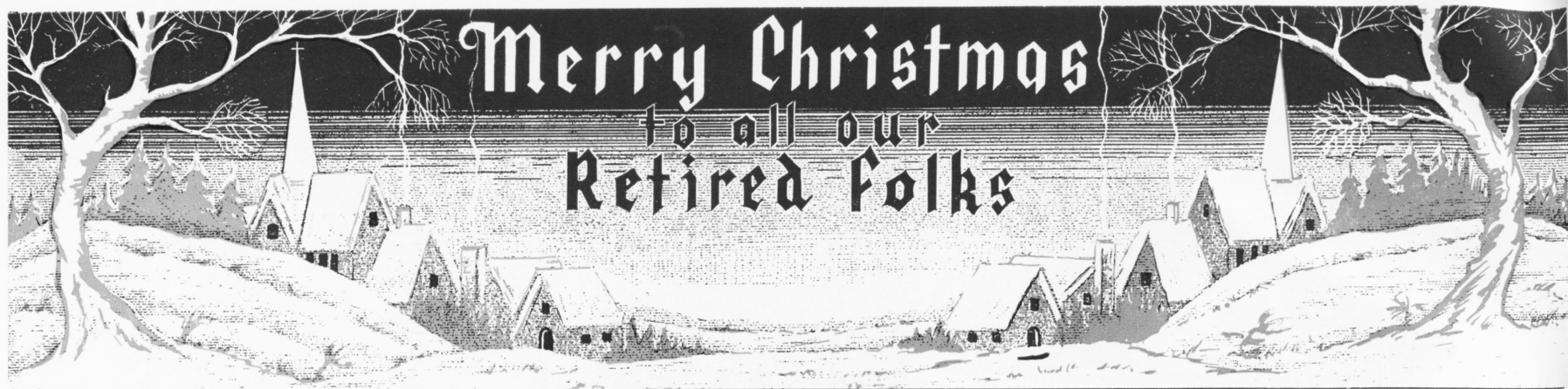
- Edmund G. LaVigne
- Joseph S. Lombardo
- Andrew Lugauskas
- Elinor M. Mattson

- Richard Minervino
- John J. Moher, Jr.
- Donald W. Munger
- Joseph T. Murphy
- David E. Ostrom, Jr.
- Victor Parlapiano

- Roger J. Pelletier
- Leonard M. Posa, Jr.
- Edward H. Redline
- Raymond R. Ruby
- Patsy Salinardi
- Daniel Santoro
- Lawrence P. Sarpas

- Robert M. Scannell
- Albert F. Seigny
- Philip W. Signor

- Frank Stanton
- Jeremiah C. Sullivan
- Richard J. Vichas



## Card Playing

### Pinocle

As of December 7, Bill Mancini's men did well for the evening. They were high with 29,280 points. Erv Honyotski's team was a close second with 29,235.

Anthony Laudate took individual high score for the evening with 4,380 points. Bill Phelan was second, 4,255.

To date, Art Denker's men are leading the tournament with 274,705.

### Cribbage

The second night of play of the second round was held at the SERA Clubhouse on December 12, with the National League leading the tournament by 150 points.

Totals scored by both leagues for the evening were: Nationals—10,318, Americans—10,235.

Individual high score was taken by Phil Fecteau and Earl Odell who totaled 1,462 points.

## Life Out East

By Harry Sheubridge

You could have knocked me over with a breath of Christmas when I heard that a couple of weeks ago DICK SIMPSON of Slide Fastener left the conservatives and got married. That's news that is news! Good health to you both, Mr. and Mrs. S. . . . And before we leave the department, my very charming second shift reporter with the initials L.F. (guess who), tells me that LAURA REYNOLDS is back again after a month's absence due to illness. Your friends are glad to see you back, LAURA. . . . Also, the second shift Christmas party is scheduled for the 22nd. They are not going to be outdone by the first shift party on the 18th. Slide Fastener parties are traditionally successful and this year will be no exception.

A week or two ago, your roving reporter witnessed a near tragedy when HENRY PETERSON and CHET MALON, both of Slide Fastener, nearly became subdivided by an automobile in front of the New Haven Junior College. What I want to know is—did HENRY jump or was he pushed?

As space is limited this week, I am going to jump into reverse from the 1st to the 6th floor and wind up with two items. First, the Sales Office. A few days after the recent hurricane, the Cleveland Office called the ASM Sales Office. ANDY MONAGAN answered and a voice inquired, "How is the big wind?" Quite without thinking, ANDY answered, "I'm fine!" Believe me, nobody laughed louder than ANDY. . . . Finally, I would like to request that if anyone knows how to keep a hammer from moving away from where he put it down last, please communicate with ART ROBERTS in ASM Packing, who is having double hammer trouble.

Happy Holidays, Everybody!

## Classified Ads

### FOR SALE

3 HP single phase electric motor, \$55. Call 5-0004.

3—hot water heaters, very good condition; all parts for the following cars—1937 Studebaker, 1935 Chevrolet, 1934 Chevrolet, reasonable. Call Watertown, 473-W1 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Trailer with hitch, \$35. Call at 227 Porter St., Watertown.

Girl's white tubular ice skates, size 9, used a few times, \$5. Call 5-3405.

9-piece walnut dining room set, \$60; Electro Lux vacuum cleaner, \$15. Call 5-5873.

Boy's figure skates, size 8, good condition, \$5. Call 5-3302 after 6 p.m.

Whitney Steer-O-Matic baby carriage, good condition. Call 5-4749 after 3:30 p.m.

Coldspot refrigerator, reasonably priced. Call 6-0446 from 5 to 6 p.m.

Viking boy's ice skates, size 7; boy's covert-cloth overcoat, size 12 to 14, reasonable. Call 5-6237.

Norge refrigerator, 6 cubic foot, perfect condition. Call Watertown, 876.

Boy's 3-piece gray suit, size 14 (stout); 3 white shirts, and 3 blue shirts, size 14½. Call 5-8419 after 5 p.m.

2 overcoats—small size, excellent condition. Call 5-5884 mornings or after 5 p.m.

Black sealskin coat, size 12, excellent condition, ready for quick sale. Call 3-3745 after 5:15 p.m.

Coolerator. Call 6-1426.

1—3-mull window, 4 over 1, 9' long, 5'1" high over casing; 1—2-mull window, 4 over 1, 6' long, 5'1" high over casing. Call 3-1374 after 5 p.m.

Wooden storm windows—3—28x50½, 6—28x62½, 12—32x62½. Call 5-4766 after 3 p.m. or inquire at 78 Eastwood Ave. Name is Bouchard.

Cast iron, 2-burner Florence oil stove, excellent condition. Call 5-3410.

2 large mama dolls, 3 medium-sized dolls, complete with a maple crib, all in good condition, \$10. Call 6-0270.

Native Christmas trees cut daily. Can be seen at 68 Laval St. Also, large bicycle, tricycle and marble-top table. Call 5-6416.

Norway electric mixer and juice extractor, \$20. Call 5-6570.

Boy's 28" bicycle, good condition. Call Naugatuck, 5959 from 3 to 7 p.m.

## John G. Wilcox Dies

JOHN G. WILCOX, retired, died on December 5, 1950.

Mr. Wilcox was hired in September, 1898 and had 32 years of continuous Company service when he was retired in April, 1930. Always in Receiving and Traffic, he was a foreman in Traffic at the time of his retirement.

## Girls' Club News

By Barbara Gedraitis

### Welcome

A big welcome to the following new members—HELEN HUBBARD PELZER of Slide Fastener and FLORENCE IAPA-LUCHI of Closing.

### Stork Wings

SHIRLEY (COLLINS) KREIDEL, formerly of Mechanical Engineering, joined the ranks of mamas when she presented hubby their first, a girl, Carol Amy, on December 4.

Patrick Shea III arrived on November 15 at the home of FAUSTINA (SULLIVAN) SHEA who formerly worked in Metals Research. The proud father is of North Mill Finishing. Congratulations to the happy parents.

### Engagements

HELEN JACOVICH, Aluminum Finishing, is a very happy girl these days. HELEN received a very lovely engagement ring from August Krisavage. As yet, no date has been set.

### Odds 'n Ends

We're all happy to see MARGARET RIETDYKE back to work in the Central Time Office again.

After vacationing in Washington for an exciting two weeks, MADELYN DUBAUSKAS and ROSE IARRAPINO are back to work.

## Credit Union No. 4

The annual membership meeting of Credit Union No. 4 will be held at Doolittle Hall on Monday, January 22, 1951.

Business for the evening will include election of officers, voting on dividends and all other business. All members are urged to attend.

Brand new Alliance TV antenna rotor, never used. Call 5-4709.

1937 Buick sedan, very clean. Call 4-6605 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Boy's teal gabardine suit, like new, size 14-16, \$12; 2 sport jackets. Call 5-9291.

50-gallon oil drum and stand, \$4 complete; 5 metal venetian blinds, white, size 31, \$12. Call 3-5392 after 3 p.m.

Speed Queen washing machine, 4 years old, good running condition, reasonable. Call 5-9753 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Evergreens — 33 American arborvitae trees, 2 to 3 ft. tall, makes ideal hedge, will sell in 1 lot only, \$70. Call ext. 2140.

Large 3-piece living room set, Stromberg-Carlson radio, kitchen cabinet, other articles, velvet dinner gown, size 9. Call 3-9194 after 5 p.m.

Boy's ice skates, size 2, like new, \$5. Call 5-3984 mornings only or 5-5984.

Andes combination stove, oil and gas, cream and tan, new burners, good condition, reasonable. Call 4-8114.

Brown Newfoundland seal coat, perfect condition. Great value at \$200. Call 5-2463 after 3 p.m.

### WANTED TO BUY

Girl's white shoe skates, size 6 or 6½. Call ext. 617.

Small parlor space heater, potbelly type preferred. Call 5-3405.

Child's tricycle. Call 3-7484.

Boy's 28" bicycle. Call 3-6056.

Flat-top desk, metal filing cabinets, glass display cases. Call 5-9038 after 4 p.m.

Double soapstone set tubs. Call Waterville ext. 316.

Screens and storm windows—32x66½, 28x43, 28x66½. Call 4-7387 after 5 p.m.

Child's pedal car suitable for a 5-year-old child. Call Watertown, 473-W1. 473-W1.

### RENT WANTED

5 unfurnished rooms for 4 adults. Call 5-6622.

### LOST

Leather key case with keys on November 30 along East Main St. Call John Carolan at ext. 2185.

## Terence Murphy Receives 40-Year Award



Terence Murphy, foreman of Buff No. 1, accepts the gold pin with a diamond from President L. P. Sperry. Mr. Murphy completed 40 years of continuous Company service on December 1, 1950. On hand to offer their congratulations and best wishes were General Foreman Joseph McConas, Assistant Factory Superintendent Robert Johnson and Factory Superintendent J. G. Wolff.

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