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## Financial Summary

	1949		1948	
	Total	Per \$ of Sales	Total	Per \$ of Sales
SALES OF PRODUCTS .....	\$74,704,236	\$1.00	\$80,617,513	\$1.00
<b>COSTS AND EXPENSES</b>				
Materials and miscellaneous .....	33,741,999	45.2c	35,719,273	44.3c
*Payroll and related costs .....	33,699,019	45.1c	35,863,985	44.6c
Provision for depreciation .....	2,628,672	3.5c	2,351,686	2.9c
Taxes, except Social Security .....	2,759,127	3.7c	3,632,758	4.5c
Interest on borrowed money .....	158,381	.2c	27,032	—
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>72,987,198</b>	<b>97.7c</b>	<b>77,594,734</b>	<b>96.3c</b>
<b>EARNINGS</b>				
Sales less costs and expenses .....	1,717,038	2.3c	3,022,779	3.7c
Other income .....	199,089	.3c	235,867	.3c
<b>Total Earnings</b> .....	<b>1,916,127</b>	<b>2.6c</b>	<b>3,258,646</b>	<b>4.0c</b>
Less dividends paid on preferred stock .....	485,854	.7c	354,205	.4c
Balance for common stock .....	\$ 1,430,273	1.9c	\$ 2,904,441	3.6c
Earnings per share of common stock	\$1.20		\$2.43	
Dividends paid per share " " "	\$2.00		\$2.00	

\* Also includes payments to retired employees, income taxes withheld, social security taxes, and certain insurance costs for employee benefits that are related to payroll, all as paid without adjustments.

## The American Red Cross

By General George C. Marshall

A strong Red Cross means a stronger America.

With its host of volunteers the Red Cross brings relief to the victims of disaster — gives comfort to the hospitalized soldier and veteran — helps relieve the anxieties of the serviceman and his family — provides, in many communities, life-giving blood to the sick and injured.

Each year the millions who need help and the millions who want to help are brought together through the Red Cross.

This voluntary effort in behalf of our neighbors strengthens the fibers of democracy.

So, I ask you to respond to the call for help this year as you have always responded before — with a kind and generous heart.

## Our Operations For 1949

The results for the year 1949 compared with 1948 for the entire Scovill Manufacturing Company are shown on this page.

Our sales were nearly six million dollars (\$6,000,000) less in 1949. The payroll took a larger part of the cost of goods than in 1948. For each dollar of sales in 1949, there was left for improvements and dividends two and three-tenths cents (\$.02-3/10) whereas in 1948, three and seven-tenths (\$.03-7/10) was left. In each year three-tenths of a cent (\$.003/10) was made on things not related to sales. Neither of these profits gives enough for a safe margin, and indeed last year it was not enough to pay the regular dividend on the Common Stock of fifty cents per share quarterly.

Although there was a bad slump in the middle of 1949 things have improved and, while we don't pretend to be able to foresee the future, a reasonable amount of business is indicated for the next few months.

President

## Group Insurance Plan

Change In Class Number Also Changes Benefits

When joining the Group Insurance Program, each employee is placed in a certain class according to his basic earnings, as explained in the "Schedule of Insurance" listed on Pages 6 and 7 of the Insurance Booklet.

The amount of weekly benefits each member is entitled to is based on this classification and his dependency status. This amount appears on the Certificate of Insurance issued to employees when enrolled in the plan.

An employee's class will be reviewed at such times as seem necessary. Should the employee's rate of earnings be changed (as the result of such a review) so that it places him in a different class, his benefits also change.

When such a change is made, the Insurance Office will issue a Certificate Rider or new policy as notification to the employee.

It is important that any rider be attached to the individual's Certificate of Insurance immediately upon receipt.

## Retirement

FRANCESCO MAZZEI, of the Waterville Division Buff Room, has been added to the Special Retirement List as of February 1, 1950.

Mr. Mazzei first came to Scovill in June, 1922, and has been with the Buff Room throughout his years of Company service.

## Scovill Represented At 1950 Chicago Purchasing Agents Show



Illustrated, at the left, is Scovill's attractive booth at the 16th Products Show of the Purchasing Agents Association of Chicago. The show was held on February 14-15-16, 1950 at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago. Booths of over 100 exhibitors were visited by over 12,000 interested persons.

The Scovill booth represented the combined efforts of Mr. A. B. Woodward, Manager of Mill Products Sales, and Mr. H. G. Dunn, Manager of Manufacturing Divisions Sales, both of our new Chicago Mill Depot.

The Mill Products Division featured Scovill's new Continuous-Cast Strip and Sheet Brass and also Cartridge Brass Cold-Heading Wire; while our Manufacturing Divisions featured representative fabricated and assembled items made at the Main Plant as well as at other divisions.

In a joint statement on results of the show, Messrs. Woodward and Dunn said, "A constant stream of literally hundreds of interested visitors came to see the displays of our Mill Products and Manufacturing Divisions. We feel that very valuable contacts were established for our entire Chicago sales force."



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## Forty-Two And One Half Billion Dollars

### U.S. Government Budget For The Next Fiscal Year

Do any of us realize how much \$42,500,000,000.00 is?

We are all going to have to raise part of it any minute now to pay the costs of running the most complex organization in history — the United States Government.

Many of our representatives in Congress believe that our government can be operated in the next fiscal year for \$37,000,000,000.00. However, our government will not operate in the next fiscal year for \$37,000,000,000.00, and maybe not for \$42,500,000,000.00 unless our representatives in Congress have our support of the Hoover report.

The Hoover Committee was bipartisan and if their recommendations for economy in government are all carried out, \$4,000,000,000.00 can be saved in government operating expense.

If each had 42½ billions of dollars and wanted to spend it, it would take us 1,950 years spending \$60,000.00 each 24-hour day. The amount of money it will take to operate our government for the next fiscal year is estimated at \$42,500,000,000.00.

It is time for action. Let us all write to our representatives in Congress today and ask their enthusiastic support of the Hoover report in its entirety.

### Rod & Gun Club News

The Rod & Gun Club banquet will be held at Doolittle Hall on Thursday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m.

Speeches, if any, will be short. Five of the latest Field & Stream sports movies will be shown.

Tickets, which are \$2.50 each, may be obtained from any of the following committee members: Ed DeBisschop, Irving Fagan, Joe Balfe, Lee Reid, Fred Ensminger, James Littlejohn, William Soden or Charles Semetas.

### Trim & Knurl

By Betty Young

TOM McCARTHY is in the hospital. All your friends in T & K wish you a speedy recovery and hope you are back with us soon, TOM!

PHILOMENA LARIVIERE celebrated her birthday recently. Congratulations, PHIL!

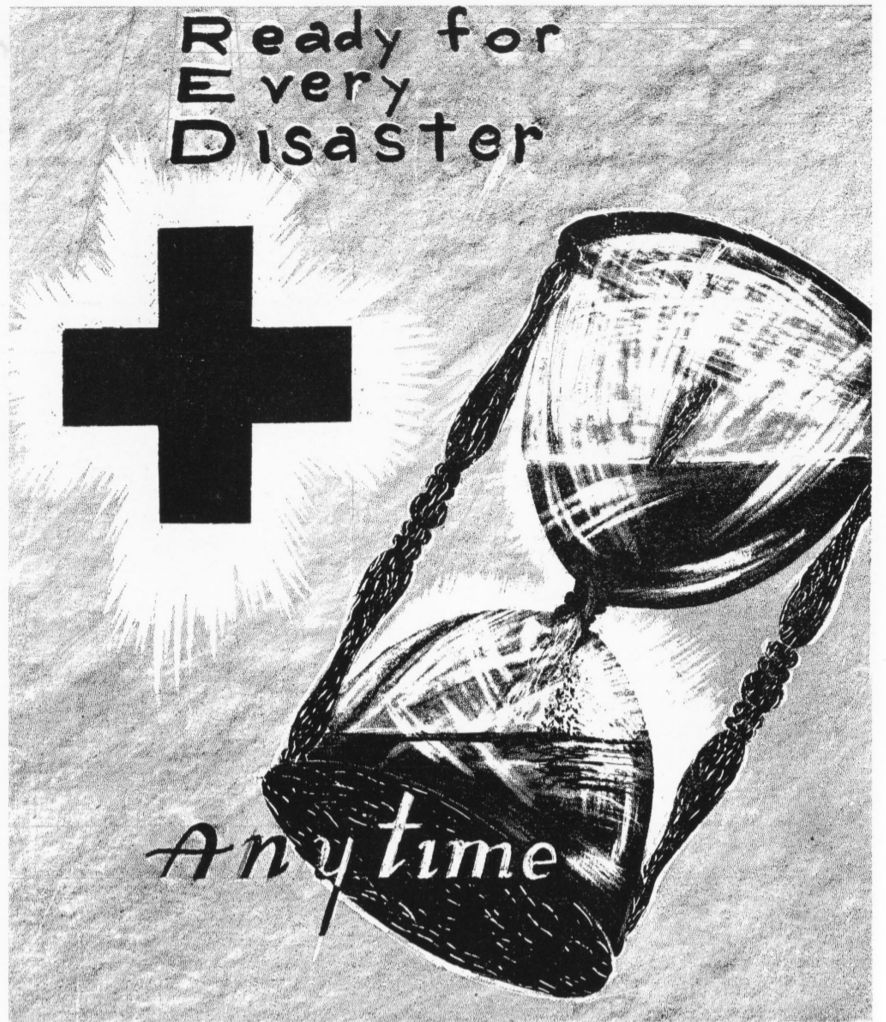
Hope that CLARA DUNN's daughter, Shirley, is feeling better. She spent several days in the hospital.

KITTY STACK is right proud of her cousin in Australia. He's captain of a basketball team there and doing well.

### For Safety's Sake--Keep It Clear



Blocking fire doors creates a dangerous condition. These doors are made so that they automatically close if fire occurs on either side. They are made to resist fires for several hours. They will protect life as well as property should a fire occur, but not when blocked by skid loads as above.



### Home Fires - Causes, Preventive Measures

In the last issue of *THE BULLETIN*, the selection of a fire extinguisher for home use was discussed. While it's a good idea to have some sort of emergency fire fighting equipment at home, another even better idea is to plan how to avoid home fires.

Here is a brief review of common causes of home fires:

*Smoking and matches are the cause of many home fires, yet they are easily prevented.*

Matches should be kept away from children and only safety matches should be around.

"Strike anywhere" matches can be trouble-makers. Have plenty of ash trays around and cultivate careful smoking habits.

*Don't* smoke in the garage, barn or attic. If you value your life, *don't* smoke in bed.

*Misused or defective electrical equipment is always near the top of home fire causes.*

It is possible to go into almost any home and find bad electrical conditions which are likely to cause a serious fire.

These are usually overloaded circuits, worn lamp cords, improperly extended or poorly done jobs, plugged fuses, or equipment such as electric irons or heaters left on unintentionally. These conditions can usually be spotted by the head of the house whether it be Mr. or Mrs.

*Defective heating equipment becomes a menace in the winter and makes dramatic headlines.*

Defective oil heaters, unapproved equipment, defective or over-heated chimneys and flues and neglected oil burners stand out as causes.

Too many people think they know their equipment is alright or that they know how to fix it and their errors lead to trouble. If other people don't rate you as an expert on heating equipment, you aren't.

*Don't* kid yourself or your family. Better get someone who has an established reputation and have him check up and do what may be necessary to make things safe.

Here are some other things you *should not do*:

*Don't* have flammable cleaners or gasoline around the house.

*Don't* put ashes in wooden or cardboard boxes. (Some do!)

*Don't* keep a bonfire of trash in the cellar or attic.

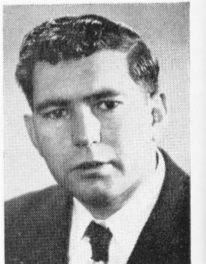
*Don't* overheat fireplaces or chimneys.

*Don't* let sparks from trash fires or chimneys fall on dry wood shingle roofs.

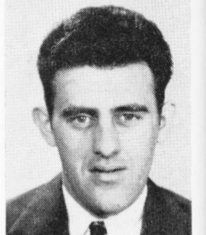
*Don't* even think a deadly home fire cannot happen to you.

### Training Course

John Bilokon graduated on February 26, 1950 as a Toolmaker. He has been assigned to the Blanking Tool Room.



Patsy Salinardi graduated as a Tinsmith on February 12, 1950. He has been assigned to the Tin Shop.



1949 Income Tax Returns  
 Deadline - March 15

### It's Off To Wisconsin For Jim Vance



Approximately sixty of his co-workers and friends gathered at the SERA Clubhouse on Thursday, February 23, to wish Jim Vance well in his transfer to our Hamilton Beach Company Division at Racine, Wisconsin.

In connection with his visitations in an auditing capacity at that division, Jim (seated, front center, with Mrs. Vance) has been instrumental in the development of better internal control and standard procedures. For the present, his work will relate to a continuation thereof and the coordination of effort in their installation and operation.

### Temporary Annulment Of Passenger Service On The N. Y., N. H. and H. R. R.

Occasioned By The Coal Shortage

Effective Monday, February 27, 1950, in compliance with the provisions of Service Orders 845 and 846 issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission, the following trains have been removed temporarily on the Naugatuck Valley Branch:

#### Week Days

- Train #443—Leaving Waterbury for Bridgeport.....9:58 a.m.
- #445—Leaving Waterbury for Bridgeport.....1:15 p.m.
- #458—Leaving Bridgeport for Waterbury.....1:49 p.m.
- #460—Leaving Bridgeport for Waterbury.....9:24 p.m.
- #446—Leaving Waterbury for Hartford.....7:55 a.m.
- #157—Leaving Hartford for Waterbury.....3:50 p.m.

#### Trains still in effect between Waterbury and New York

#### Week Days

- #439—Leaving Waterbury .....6:52 a.m.
- #153—Leaving Waterbury .....8:00 a.m.
- #157—Leaving Waterbury .....5:11 p.m.
- #465—Leaving Waterbury .....9:59 p.m.
- #150—Leaving New York .....8:00 a.m.
- #158—Leaving New York .....4:23 p.m.
- #472—Leaving New York .....6:00 p.m.

Note:—Train leaving New York at 12:30 p.m. and at 8:02 p.m. will have no connection from Bridgeport to Waterbury.

### Girls' Club Holds Valentine Dance In Club Rooms



The Girls' Club annual Valentine dance was held in the Club Rooms on Saturday, February 18. The first semi-formal dance to be held at the Clubhouse, the affair was indeed a special event for Club members.

Playing to a capacity crowd, Tommy Thomas' Orchestra furnished music for dancing from 9 until 1.

Surrounding pictures show several groups of dancers and a couple of the tables which were set up in the dining room and in the game room.

Proving the Clubhouse to be an ideal spot for just such activities, the dance is felt by the Committee to be the forerunner of many more dances to be held there in the future. Lucille Pepin, Chairlady of the Entertainment Committee, was in charge of the event.

### Bowling Sweepstakes

SERA's Annual Bowling Sweepstakes will be held Saturday, March 25 at Sena's Recreation Center.

The committee has worked out details for a very attractive bowling tournament. Watch for the entry blanks to be distributed throughout the plants and get your entry in early.

The tournament is a mixed affair with three classes. Bowlers with 109 and better averages will make up Class A; 98 to 108 bowlers, Class B; 97 and under, Class C.

### IRA Rifle

Scovill has wound up two rounds of IRA competition and are tied for second place with the Waterbury Companies. Getting off to a poor start at the beginning of the season, they soon got into stride and now have a good chance to clinch second place in the third round.

SERA has a team at Winchester's in New Haven for the 19th annual State Championship Gallery Rifle Team Match. It will be held on the weekend of March 17-18-19.

On Sunday, March 26, IRA will hold an individual championship match for shooters in IRA member industries in Waterbury.



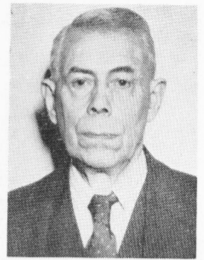
### Ten-Year Service Awards

Walter Veillette, Btn. Eyelet, February 23; William Beard, Chucking Tool, February 26; John Wioncek, Btn. Tool, John McGill, Millwright, and Edward O'Reilly, Trucking, February 27.

George Nix, Jr., Press No. 2, Frederick Muccino, Lacquer Wash, March 1; Manuel Teixeira, No. Mill Rolls, and Anna Walluck, Assembly, Mar. 5.

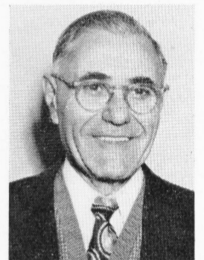
### Service Awards

#### Fifty Years



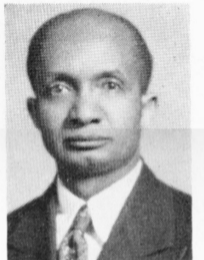
Giuseppe Nocera  
Waterville  
February 26, 1950

#### Forty Years

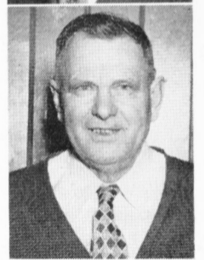


John Domnelly  
Waterville  
March 1, 1950

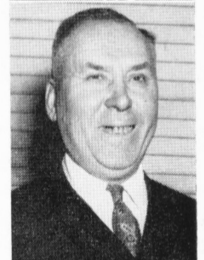
#### Twenty-Five Years



Mark Bacote  
No. Mill Fin.  
February 27, 1950



Henry Zmyewski  
Casting  
February 23, 1950



Adolph Curtis  
No. Mill Rolls  
March 2, 1950



Robert Lamontagne  
Tube Mill  
March 3, 1950



Pietro Vaccarello  
Waterville  
March 4, 1950

### Rod Mill Topics

By Dom Polo

XAVIER RUDAITIS is the proud father of a baby daughter, Mary Ann, who was born on February 11. She weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz. The happy mother is STELLA RUDAITIS formerly of the Connector Room.

We're all proud of ERV HONY-OTSKI who is quite a cribbage player. ERV had the highest individual score at the end of the tournament.

# The Auto Accessories Show In New York



This attractive display was designed by our Art Department for exhibit at the 23rd annual convention of the Automotive Accessories Manufacturers of America, held at Grand Central Palace, New York, February 6-10.

Together with auto accessories such as suction cup ash trays, seat cover pins, lube spouts, etc., our GREEN SPOT line of Garden Hose Equipment was featured. Scovill representatives at the exhibit included: S. M. Main, George DeMore, William Nelson and Robert Hamilton of our Merchandise Sales Division; and James Bayard of our Advertising Department.

# Pinochle Tournament

Captain	Feb. 23	Total
Erv Honyotski .....	31,825	203,860
Bill Mancini .....	35,320	203,195
John March .....	32,085	195,920
Individual High—Peter Arots	4,660	
John Carolan	4,590	

The first home and home contest this year will be held on March 21 at the Chase Country Club where Scovill will meet their Chase opponents.

The Chase men will play the SERA team at the SERA Clubhouse on March 28. Both contests will be preceded by dinner.

# Girls' Club News

By Dora Mori

## Welcome

A great big welcome to the following new members: JEAN RUCCIO and GEORGIANNA LAMAUREUX of Slide Fastener, JUDY SABO of Extruded Rod, BERTHA ROUSSEAU of Closing, and JOAN OLCOTT of Mailing. We hope to become acquainted with all of you at our next event!

## Engagements and Weddings

February 13 certainly wasn't an unlucky day for MARY SHANAHAN of Billing. She received a lovely diamond from Bernard Marshalka. MARY and Bernard are planning a summer wedding.

Another lovely summer bride will be HERMILINE PHELAN of Slide Fastener. HERMILINE will become Mrs. George Pollard on June 10 at St. Francis Church.

## Congratulations

MARIE KYLE COCHRANE, formerly of Mill Production, became a mama on February 20. It's their first, and it's a girl.

## Chit Chat

The Florida Chamber of Commerce has done more than well by our club members. DOROTHY LASKY of Mill Production and JOSEPHINE PERRY of Credit are two of the most recent members to go for that Florida sun.

LENA GARAFOLA of the Tube Mill and some friends certainly enjoyed seeing the play "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" in New York City recently.

We are all very sorry to hear that JOSEPHINE CIANCIOLO of Electronic Sales is at home ill again. The club members join me in wishing you a speedy and complete recovery, JO!

There seems to be no doubt that all who attended the Valentine Formal at the Clubhouse on February 18 had an enjoyable time. They are all clamoring for another one real soon!

Just a little reminder — don't forget our Fashion Show (chapeaux to be featured) and Card Party on March 13. Refreshments, prizes and a wonderful time assured!

# Classified Ads

## FOR SALE

Underwood portable typewriter in good condition. Call 4-3646.

Two white kitchen sinks, 18" x 28". Two antique rope beds. Call 3-8423 after 5 p.m.

Over 50 pieces of Jet Pearl Pattern dinner set and other odd dishes, price \$5.00. Call 3-6961.

Lady's white Johnson figure skates, worn twice. Original price \$17.00, will sell for \$7.00, size 7. Call 3-5524.

Taylor-Tot, practically new, price \$6.00. Call Ext. 2258.

Solid Oak round dining room table, 3 extra leaves; Mahogany finish, metal Simmons bed and spring; Portable oil stove; 35-gal. oil drum with faucet and stand. Call 4-7144.

Quiet May oil burner, 1/4 h.p. motor, 60 cycle with aquastat control, in very good condition. Call 5-3737.

Mouton fur coat, practically new, reasonable. Call 3-3614.

White Glenwood gas range, almost new; Electric Broiler, Waffle iron. Call Watertown 1779-W.

Child's maple roll-top desk with three drawers, in good condition, price \$10.00. Call 4-0811.

White red-trimmed Hoosier kitchen cabinet, in excellent condition; boy's Irish Mail, gear propelled, like new; portable record player. Call 4-0642 after 6 p.m.

## FOR RENT

Store in residential district, near school and other stores, heated, very reasonable. Call 3-4336.

## OTHER

Baby sitter available anytime after 2 o'clock. Call 3-6787.

# Cribbage Doings

The last night of this season's play of the Cribbage Tournament was held on February 21, 1950 at the SERA Clubhouse.

The American League is the winner of the 1949-1950 tournament by 370 points and they scored a total of 227,-552. The National League had 227,-282 points.

First three individual winners for the season are: Erv Honyotski—29,-182, Bill Strokalis—28,952 and Paul Delage—28,841. Looks as though Ed Meafski claims last place "honors" with 27,964 points.

On March 7, the SERA cribbage men will meet their Chase opponents at the Chase Country Club in the annual home and home contest. The Chase men will be the guests of the SERA players at the SERA Clubhouse on March 14.

The annual cribbage banquet will be held at the Chase Country Club on March 18 at 6 p.m. Erv Honyotski will be master of ceremonies.

# Three Men Die

## Napoleon Kirouac

NAPOLEON (KING) KIROUAC, retired, died on February 16, 1950.

Mr. Kirouac first came to Scovill in November, 1916 but, due to several periods away from the plant, his continuous service record started in 1920. Practically all of his years here were spent in the Casting Shop as a lineman and supervisor. Mr. Kirouac retired on January 2, 1944.

## Purcell Knox

PURCELL KNOX, of the Waterville Division Buff Room, died on February 23, 1950.

Mr. Knox first came to Scovill in June, 1921 and had served the Company continuously for over twenty-five years when ill health forced him to leave. Most of his years of service were with the Buff Room in that division.

## Thomas Reynolds

THOMAS REYNOLDS, retired, died on March 1, 1950.

Mr. Reynolds had served Scovill continuously for thirty-eight years when he was retired on January 17, 1943. He had always been connected with the Tool Division and was a toolmaker in Tool Room #1 at the time of his retirement.

# Life Out East

By Harry Shewbridge

Now that they are selling television sets for 99¢ each, I might be able to join the TV owners' ranks—or does my last name have to start with "M" or "N" like MATULUNAS, MOELLER, NARDOZZI or NEVINS?

Just for the record, the two young ladies suspected of stealing a cherished Stetson from its owner on the 5th floor are being falsely suspected. They had no part in the theft (regardless of what they think of the above mentioned hat!)

And for the benefit of those who have been concerned over the STOVEKEN (ASMD) water shortage, I am glad to report that the rains came and all is WELL again.

They tell me that during the recent cold spell, ELMER BARNES manufactured enough ice to keep the first floor cool all summer. I'm sure he would appreciate it if those people who use the outside door near his office would close it.

At the moment I am writing this, a new arrival is expected in the PETERSON family. MRS. HENRY PETERSON, JR., whose husband works in Slide Fastener Tool, is at St. Mary's Hospital—at home, nervously pacing the floor, are the father, grandfather and the great-grandfather. Hope we get the news before press time. Flash—a baby girl, over 7 lbs., was born on Thursday afternoon, February 23. Congratulations, boys, and an orchid to the proud mother.

Competition is becoming keen in Slide Fastener on the third floor. ROSARIO PITINO is growing a mustache. Of course, it's a little down-on-the-mouth right now but when it's full grown, let's see which is the prettier, black or silver-gray.

# Men Studying Quality Control



Eighteen men are taking a 30-hour course on Quality Control by Statistical Methods. The classes are being held twice weekly in the Spencer Block Conference Room. "Guns" Baldwin is the instructor.

Members of the class are (left to right):—Jesse Barratt, Harry Weiss, Ray Murphy, Bill Sullivan, Bill Lucian, Bob Goss, A. N. Rowland, Don Kornreich, Jack Goepel, Stan Timmerman, Les Hawley, Tom O'Connell, Jr., John O'Brien, Norm Clark and John Cowperthwait. Instructor "Guns" Baldwin is standing. Absent members are: Norm Schaffer, John Humphrey and Bill Walcott.

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