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New Branch Office In Jackson, Miss.

On or about March 3, 1952, a branch office for the Button & Fastener and Zipper divisions is being opened in Jackson, Mississippi, in order to better service our many customers in that area. It is under the jurisdiction of Mr. D. W. Copeland, District Sales Manager, in Greensboro, N. C.

In charge of the office is John F. Ensminger. Formerly a salesman in our Atlanta territory, John is the son of Fred Ensminger of our Engineering Dept. and the son-in-law of Victor Hedberg, Screw Machine Products Division Sales Manager.

Civic Orchestra Needs Your Support

The Waterbury Civic Orchestra is having financial difficulties which have been caused by lack of community support.

This is a fine musical organization and we do not want to lose it. Their final concert of the season will be held on March 26, 1952, and it deserves a sell-out.

The Employee Activities Office will have "Advanced Sale" tickets. Adult prices are \$1.50, \$2.00; students, half price, 75¢ and \$1.00.

Let us all give full support to this worthwhile community project.

Scovill Display Wins BABA Award



Sales Promotion Manager of the B & F Division William R. Spearrin (left) accepts a certificate of merit for our display at the Boys' Apparel Buyers' Association Convention from TV's "Henry Aldrich".

The award was given to Scovill for the best Supplier's exhibit at the trade show held at the Hotel New Yorker, January 9 and 10.

The display titled, "There Are Scovill Closures In Your Future", featured a cowboy model riding a rocket to the moon.

Blood Mobile Unit At Doolittle Hall On Tuesday, March 11



Members of the Employees' Blood Donor Program Committee representing departments involved in the March 11th visit of the Blood Mobile Unit are (seated, left to right):—Erv Honyotski, Bob Erwin, Joe Kiernan, Chair-

man Jack Carrington, Charles Stickney, Bob Pryor, Jim Brislin; (standing) Charles Richards, Dan Smith, Ward Hobbie, Jr., Jim Abromaitis and Harry Vienneau. Absent are: Ed DeBisschop, Herb Eastwood and Vic Palladino.

The second visit of the Blood Mobile Unit to the Scovill Main Plant is scheduled for March 11. It will be set up at Doolittle Hall for employee-volunteers of that section of the plant drawn to contribute during March. The quota is 200 units.

The Committee is confident this group of employees will top the donations by employees in the first section which gave on December 7, 1951. That group donated 173 units.

Employees who are being contacted for this March 11th date are those in the following departments:—Casting Shop and Hydro Press; Rod, Tube

and Strip mills; Steam; Salvage; Metals Research; East Machine; East Electrical; Plant Protection, and about 170 office people.

Pledge cards and information sheets are being distributed in these departments. The pledge cards must be returned no later than Friday, March 7. Reminders will be sent to all pledgers on Monday, March 10.

Due to the work schedule in this section of the plant, the hours between 4 and 5 p.m. will be the most difficult to schedule. If you can arrange to give blood at this time, please indicate so on your pledge card.

Girls' Club Reports On 1951 Christmas Activities

The Christmas Activities report of the Girls' Club shows this past season to have been the busiest and largest on record.

Again this year, two parties were held for 1200 children. Toys, entertainment and refreshments were provided at a cost of \$462.99.

Other expenses included:—\$749.09 for 51 Christmas dinners; \$436.77 for sweaters for 136 needy children; \$191.88 for gifts for 53 retired and sick members.

Expenses totaled \$1840.73.

Receipts toward the cost of these activities included: individual contributions, \$11.00; Scovill Sunshine Fund, \$200.00; SERA, \$150.00; the remainder being made up by the Girls' Club with the assistance of all employees who purchased Christmas cards and candy from the Club.

Two Retirements

Anne Wheelahan

Anne Wheelahan, Assembling, retired from active Scovill service on February 18, 1952.

Miss Wheelahan recently completed 35 years of continuous Company service. At the time of her retirement, she was a bench assembler in the Assembling Department.

William Parsons

William Parsons, East Machine, has been added to the Special Retirement List as of March 3, 1952.

Mr. Parsons was hired on July 3, 1916, and has a continuous service record since that date. He has served as a machinist in East Machine since 1930, and has also been employed in the Rolling and Rod mills.

The Union Shop

What is the Union Shop? It means compulsory membership in a union as a condition of employment after a waiting period.

Why do unions want the Union Shop? Probably the underlying reasons are the promotion of a monopoly of labor, security for the leaders of unions, and more direct and exacting control over "rank and file".

Why is the Union Shop wrong?

No individual should be required to support any private organization in order to remain employed. If it is right that individuals must belong to a union in order to work, is it not equally right that membership in a specific church or political party might be a condition of employment?

The Union Shop promotes labor monopoly. Monopoly is against the public interest. Whether monopoly be in the hands of labor leaders or industrial leaders, its ultimate effect is to enrich those controlling the monopoly at the expense of the public.

The Union Shop removes any real threat to union leadership that is in power. In a union shop the "rank and file" has little that he can do against the leadership of his union, regardless of what that leadership does. If an individual protests by failing to support his leaders by paying dues, he loses his job.

Democracy is presumed to be run by a majority. But it also protects the rights of the minority. The Union Shop removes the rights of minorities.

There are many sound arguments against the Union Shop. It cannot be denied that the Union Shop liquidates many of the rights of individuals. When such rights are given up, or are taken away, others are lost as surely as night follows day. The people of Italy, Germany, Russia and, more lately Britain, have found this out.

Alan C. Curtis
Vice-President



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Civilian Defense

To show the need for a strong national civil defense NOW, a nation-wide tour of three "Alert America" convoys has started. One of these convoys will appear in Waterbury, at the State Armory, for a three-day visit commencing Wednesday, March 19th.

The exhibit, free to the public, will be open as follows:

March 19—8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

March 20 and 21—1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Some of the Elements of the Exhibit

1. Peacetime uses of atomic energy in industry, agriculture, transportation and medicine.
2. Atomic warfare, the major threat to our national security.
3. Diorama of what one bomb could do to a typical city without Civil Defense.

Let everyone who can attend this exhibit and let all of us get behind Civil Defense — and it may one day save our lives.

New Power Skid Puller for Mfg. Div.

A new electric skid puller is on trial in the Manufacturing Division. It eliminates the manual pulling of skid loads of work which is sometimes a source of strains.

The motor unit weighs 1400 pounds and has a top speed of from 4 to 5 miles per hour. Excellent brakes make stopping easy and prompt.

While the device is a time saver and makes the job easier to do, it

quires alertness of both its operator and pedestrians. Each must be alert for the other. Neither can safely assume the right of way.

For the complete success of this new vehicle, all persons operating it and those working in the areas where it is used should use care and respect for each other. Additional power pullers are on order for other areas where the same precautions should be followed.



Beatrice Reynolds slows up as she comes to an open doorway to be on the alert for the possible sudden appearance of a newly-acquired electric skid puller which John Duigan operates above. John has also slowed up to watch for pedestrians before he makes the turn into the hallway.

THAT MAN IS HERE AGAIN!



"Motor Manners"

Editor's Note: The following information is based on material furnished by the Connecticut Safety Commission.

What does the public think about courtesy and the observance of accepted safety rules on the highway? What, in the opinion of the people, constitutes good driving? A public opinion survey conducted in 1946 sought the answers to such questions. Results indicate a widespread feeling among the people that good driving is more than strict adherence to regulations. The good driver's actions indicate a respect for his own life and, above all, for the lives of others.

A list of the public's pet peeves concerning the actions of other drivers shows that a tip-of-the-hat goes to the driver who is also considerate of others. Annoyances specifically mentioned by those questioned were: failure to give hand signals, failure to dim lights, driving in the wrong lane, cutting in and out of traffic, unnecessary blowing of horn, reckless passing, speeding, disregarding traffic laws, crowding other cars, stopping suddenly. Yet, one person out of five recognized that even the best driver is apt, at some time, to overlook or disregard a rule of courtesy and safe driving.

Because a moment of recklessness, haste, thoughtlessness or anger can cause death and destruction, the public

must be constantly reminded to mind their motor manners at all times. And above all, motor manners must be made a vital subject lifted far above the ordinary concept of "courtesy for courtesy's sake."

The public must recognize motor manners as a means of:—

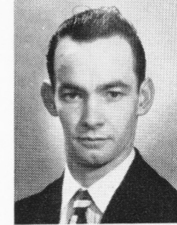
1. Saving money through avoiding the costs of an accident and through decreased insurance premiums because of the accident free record of the community;
2. More pleasure and physical comfort through the freedom from annoyance and anger while walking and driving; and
3. The very means of keeping one's self and family alive to walk and drive another day.

Drive as though your life depended upon it. Actually, your life really does depend upon how you and others drive on publicways.

Training Course



Allan Couch graduated as a Machinist on Feb. 17, 1952. He's been assigned to East Machine.



Robert Martin graduated on Feb. 10, 1952 as a Toolmaker. He's assigned to Hot Forge Tool.



Victor Sweet graduated as a Toolmaker on Feb. 24, 1952. He's assigned to Hot Forge Tool.

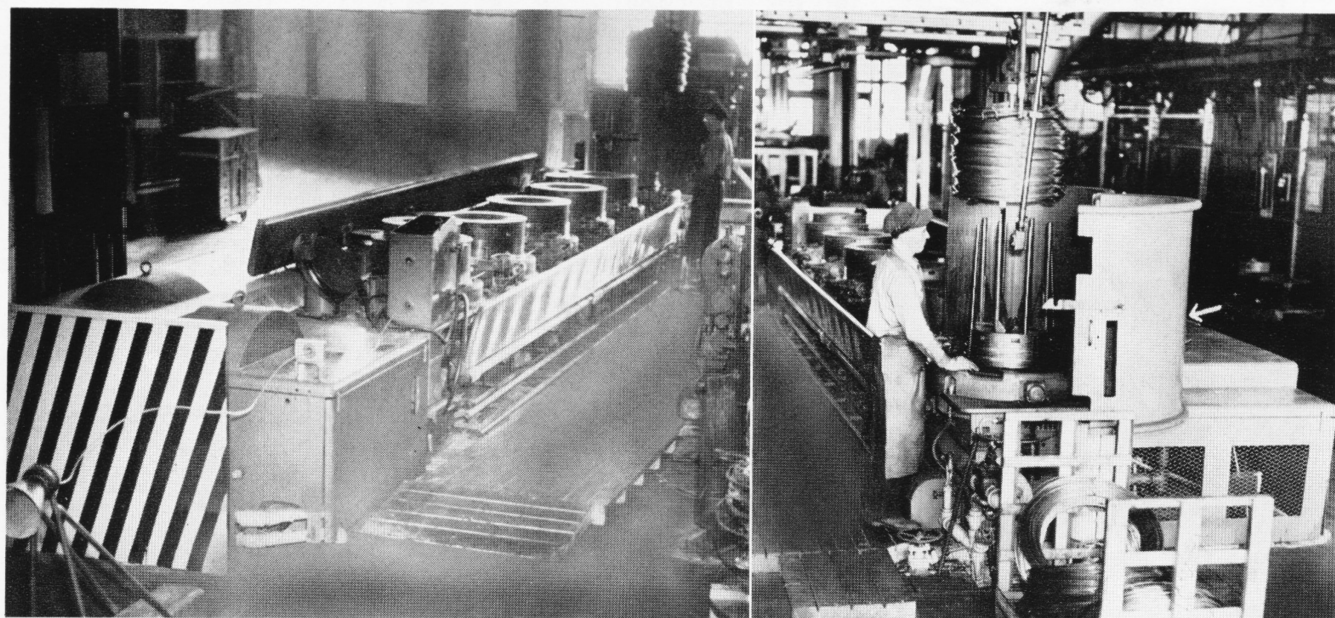
Pinochle Doings

Erv Honyotski's men had high score on February 21, when they totaled 26,340 points. Bill Mancini's team was second with 24,690 and Art Denker's was last with 24,060.

Total team scores as of the 21st were: Honyotski—262,820, Mancini—252,570, Denker—252,090.

Individual high score for that evening was taken by Erv Honyotski who had 4,460 points. Bill Mancini was runnerup with 4,255.

New Vaughn Machine Installed In Wire Mill



Left photo, the Wire Mill's new Vaughn 6/7 Motoblox drawing machine. As a safety factor, the sliding door on the finishing block (right—note arrow) is kept closed

during the drawing operation and opened when the coil of wire is ready to be removed from the block by a crane. Nicholas Stack is the operator.

For the past three months, a new Vaughn 6/7 Motoblox wire drawing machine has been in operation in the Wire Mill. Approximately 35 feet long and 8 feet wide, it is equipped with six blocks and seven dies for drawing brass, copper, nickel silver and phosphor-bronze as coarse wire in sizes down to .090 with a range of speeds from 900 to 1800 feet per minute.

Aluminum may also be drawn but, so far, it is still in the experimental stage in the mill.

The Vaughn is a truly continuous machine. Flexibility of speed is obtained as each block is equipped with a separate direct-current motor. This permits the drawing of large size wire at low speeds as well as the smaller sizes at much faster speeds.

After a die has been in service for a long period of time, the speed is automatically corrected on the Vaughn if a die wears oversize.

Both air and water are used for cooling during the drawing operation. The interior of the block is sprayed with water to remove heat from the coils on the block while an air blast directly on the wire also aids in cooling.

This machine has unusual safety features. A snarl switch, located on the floor, stops the machine in case of a snarl or tangle in the wire going to the first die. If the wire breaks on any block or runs out, the electrical control will shut down the machine automatically. All safety switches are connected into a dynamic braking circuit for quick stopping whenever an emergency arises. All rotating parts are close to the top of the machine and wire follows a flat path.

Slow starting and controlled threading speeds, operated by a foot treadle, permit the operator to start wire through the die without serious point-breakage.

Wire running from block to block with the same curvature and in the same plane makes it possible for the Vaughn to operate smoothly. Tendency to scrape the wire is eliminated and chances of scratching dies is greatly reduced.

The Vaughn is one of the most modern drawing machines on the market for coarse wire drawing. The purchase of this machine is another instance of Scovill keeping up with modern equipment.



The annual pre-season fishing banquet is scheduled to be held at Doolittle Hall on April 17, at 6:30 p.m. Part of the evening's entertainment will consist of sporting movies. For tickets, contact any club officer. Members—let's have our usual big turnout.

Ten-Year Awards

DIEGO TOMASIELLO, Waterville, Feb. 19; HAROLD JONES, Rod Mill, Feb. 21; ALEXANDRE BRIERE, Steam, Feb. 22; HENRY STROKALAITIS, Slide Fastener Tool, Feb. 23; FRANK LUDDY, West Machine, CARL SANDBLOM, Hot Forge Tool, ALPHONSE ROY, Gripper Eyelet Tool, Feb. 24.

ARCANGELO PENNONI, West Machine, LUIZ FERREIRA, Casting Shop, JOHN CARBON, Tinsmiths, VICTORIA DANIELS, Closing, Feb. 25; BENNY ITRI, Casting Shop, EDWARD ZUKAUSKAS, General Mfg. Tool, Feb. 26; RUTH OSBORNE, Employee Relations, ROLLIN CROSE, Waterville, Feb. 28.

JOHN MULKERN, Strip Mill, March 1; JOHN COBBOL, B&F Design, JOSEPHINE PERRY, Credit Office, MARY DE SANTIS, West Machine, LYMAN FROST, Packing B, VINCENT SIMONS, Plating, PETER PICA, Millwrights, March 2; JOHN CAREY, General Stores, March 3.

Girls' Club News

By Shirley Kilborn

Club Activities

Our last Card Party and Chinese auction was a big success and we are planning another one for March 12. If you missed the first one, be sure to attend this one.

Ruth Tourangeau, of Planning, was one of the lucky winners at the Feb. 13 party—she won the 11-lb., 14-oz. pre-cooked ham donated by Oliver Bros. The tea set, contributed by Grieve, Bisset & Holland, was also a beauty.

As this issue went to press, a good attendance seemed assured for our Leap Year Dance at the Clubrooms on that special date—Feb. 29th.

Our annual meeting will be coming up before you know it. The Nominating Committee to line up a slate of Council members for the next term are: Chairman Margaret Fenske, Betty Affeldt, Jean Fredin, Lena Garofalo and Nina Ciarcia. If you are approached to be named as a candidate, we do hope you'll accept.

Welcome New Members

A hearty welcome to Anna Lertz, Mary Ann Picard, both of Solder, and Regina Di-Donato of Slide Fastener. Regina assisted in the filling of Christmas stockings and also baked a cake for the girls this past December.

Odds 'n Ends

Dora Mori and Irene Rosato are spending their nights packing. They are Florida bound the last two weeks of March. We know you'll have a swell time.

New York sights and the play, "Carmen", was enjoyed by Helen Slager, Catherine Heary, Virginia Dollan, Julia McManus, Angie Mikulskis and Bess O'Dea, East Plant.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Jack Harty (Pinky) of Purchasing is out ill. Take care of yourself Pink, and hurry back.

Service Awards

Fifty Years



Richard Davies
Waterville
March 2, 1952

Twenty-Five Years



Alice Scalzo
Waterville
Feb. 20, 1952



Cristofaro Fappiano
Waterville
Feb. 28, 1952



Mildred Rockwell
Providence Office
March 1, 1952

Lathan Malone

Blanking & Draw. Tl., Feb. 28, 1952

Homer Derouin

Slide Fastener Tool, March 2, 1952

Card Party And Chinese Auction Sponsored By Girls' Club



A Chinese Auction was a well-received added attraction at the card party held in the clubrooms on Feb. 13. Special prizes were awarded, during the evening.

An 11-lb., 14 oz. ham (donated by Oliver Bros.) was taken by Ruth Tourangeau, and a luncheon set (donated by Grieve, Bisset & Holland), went to Marie DiMasso.

Scrap Savers Outvoted



George Goss, Manufacturing Div. representative on the Scovill Scrap Drive Committee, reports that the Tool divisions are very definitely in on the scrap hunt. Above, Tom Dowling (center), assisted by Mike Solomita and Carlton Pickett, sorts over obsolete tools which have been released as scrap.

Four Succumb

WALTER WICKHAM, Electrical, died on February 17, 1952.

Mr. Wickham was hired in 1942 and had a continuous service record since February 18, 1943. Except for a short period in Chucking, he had spent most of his time in Electrical as an electrician.

KAZIMERAS ZILUNAS, retired, died on February 22, 1952.

Mr. Zilunas was hired in 1911 and worked intermittently until his continuous service record started in 1922. When he retired from active service, on July 1, 1947, he was a scrap separator in the Casting Shop.

JOHN ANDRIKIS, retired, died on February 23, 1952.

Mr. Andrikis had almost twenty-nine years of continuous Scovill service when he was retired on January 1 of this year. Always in the North Mill, he was a productive helper when forced to leave due to illness.

MICHAEL MARTONE, retired, died on February 24, 1952.

Mr. Martone first came to Scovill in 1915, but due to several periods away from the plant, his continuous service record began in 1922. Always in AS MD, he was a line supervisor—tool-setter at his retirement, July 15, 1946.

Chess Tournament

The chess men completed their seventh night of play on February 21st and Joe Sakalas continued to "show 'em how". He can proudly boast of a 7-0 score.

Second and third place winners are Al Ayotte and Val Bernier who have scores of 4-1 and 4-2 respectively.

Yankee cellars and attics are apt to contain as much discarded equipment as is found in the living quarters. This, in smaller proportion, may apply to industrial firms. Today we realize that such items occupy room for which rent must be paid and records maintained, as well as other hidden expense.

Scovill is going through its tool vaults and scanning records of every set of tools. There has been turned up many "old timers"—probably the result of someone's sweat and worry years ago and a real progressive accomplishment. But, alas, it is of no use in '52—so, it's "out with the old to make room for the new".

Inter-Dept. Basketball

The Special Training team (winners of the first round) captured the championship for this season when they defeated the winners of the second round, the Strip Mill boys, in the play-off on February 18.

Training Topics

By Charlie Martin

Art Dziezynski is moving up fast—from the third floor to the fourth. The truth of the matter is that he has transferred draft boards. He has left Rene Reuter's Drafting Room and is now in Chucking. Jim Mullen will take over the job of making a draftsman of Art.

Yolande Diamond has a nickname that tickles us. We promised we wouldn't divulge it but didn't promise we wouldn't hand out clues. If you like to pull strings, say one of the syllables of her first name twice.

Albert LeDuc entered the Machine-Tool Specialist course recently and started his benchworking career with Jim McCormick in GT #1. Al comes from Town Plot, is married, and was in the army over a year.

Germain Deshaies also wants to be a benchwork specialist and he has started with Jerry Mooney. We would say he had a pretty good start with that nickname, wouldn't you, Mr. Mooney?

Classified Ads

For Sale

Four-piece walnut bedroom set, practically new, reasonable. Call 5-1822.

Glenwood combination gas and oil range with a twin oven, six months old, excellent condition; two rugs—9 x 12, 11 x 15; Maytag washer with enamel square tub, practically new, reasonable. Call 3-0035 after 6 p.m.

Practically new Sonotone for extreme case of deafness—has new set of batteries. Call 3-0372.

Girls' coats, size 14; dresses, size 12-14; boy's skates, size 7. Call 5-3237.

Gray and white Roseland combination stove in excellent condition, chrome pipes, \$75. Call 3-7146 before 6 p.m. or 5-3405 after 6 p.m.

Apartment size gas stove, refrigerator, white enamel kitchen oil heater complete with oil can and stove pipe. Call 3-6276.

Life Out East

By Harry Skewbridge

Just for the fun of it, see how many of the Seven Dwarfs you can name. Amazing how easy it is to forget, isn't it? But let's not forget Valentine's Day, Leap Year and Pat Mullen of ASMD. They all add up to a left-handed compliment. I'm talking about the sparkle plenty that makes a girl come to work without gloves on when the temperature is down around zero. Ask Jack Kelley, he'll tell you all about it. He's the lucky guy, you know.

I'm a little confused by the reports that the Sl. Fast. Prod. Office had to call in an electrician for Ruth Breuer. What happened? Did she have to be wired for sound, or was she grounded for being too X-static? Whatever it was, I know the whole office was shocked at her actions. And before we leave the office, let me whisper the question that is on everyone's lips, "Who was the sinister character who left an apple and an orange on Margaret Murray's desk?" Remember "The Lonely One" on TV?

Sl. Fast., 2nd shift is back in the news again. My gal Friday says "Hi and Welcome" to the new girls and a special greeting to Maureen Breen who was out sick. She says that Betty Fitzpatrick got engaged and it's some rock! And to you, Marge Spears, a gentle hint. The girls want to know how long they must wait for those homemade cream puffs. Before we leave Sl. Fast., I would like to chime in with just about everybody on the 2nd shift in wishing Jimmy Farrington the best of luck in his new job.

Finally, my roving reporter, who tells me he knows things about some of you readers that he doesn't even dare tell himself, wants to know how Jesse of Sanitation manages to keep the floors so neat and clean when somebody is always stealing his broom. Jesse says it's a trade secret which he will not divulge until he has completed his book called, "Behind the Brass Curtain".

Hotpoint washing machine, baby's crib with spring. Call 4-0335.

Two bed springs, three-burner gas range, ice box. Call 3-8039.

Mahogany full-size bed with spring, \$10; lady's black coat with Persian lamb collar, size 38-40, \$3; rug pad, size 8 x 7, good condition, \$3. Call 6-0270.

Monitor apartment size washing machine, 6 months old, cost \$80, will sell for \$35. Call 6-2432.

50 x 100 corner lot on Mill Plain St. and Twinning Ave., \$550. Call 3-5392 after 4 p.m.

Rabbit hutches, reasonable. Call 2-2384.

New Perfection oil stove with five burners, built-in oven—ideal for cottage. Call 5-5650.

1928 Fordson tractor, wood saw, \$150 for both; four heating stoves, \$20; 3 h.p. gasoline engine, \$30; heavy wood for building; 1935 Chevrolet sedan in good running condition, \$75; cabinet saw for 1 1/2 h.p. engine, \$75; good watch dog and dog house, \$25. Will deliver anywhere in city free. Call at 13 Shelley St. or 5-4111.

Green Dresden china clock; wall clock which strikes every half hour; electric wall clock; banjo clock. Call at 11 Fourth St., (off Bank St.) 2nd floor.

WANTED TO BUY

3 or 3 1/2 cubic foot cement mixer. Call 5-6510.

Rent Wanted

Quiet, middle-aged couple would like three to five rooms. Call 5-0014 or 5-9015.

Ride Wanted

From Woodbury for 3-11 shift. Call Woodbury 327-5.

From Anna Avenue for 3-11 shift. Call Ext. 2218.

Other

Will care for children at my home on William St. (off E. Main) during the day while parents work. Call 6-2720 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

The Old Brick House

By J. V. MacDonald

(Ed's Note:—This poem comes to us from St. Mary's hospital, where "Mac" is resting for a spell, dated Feb. 15, 1952, 5:00 a.m.)

There's a red brick house which has stood for years

On the other side of the hill. When the winds blow shrill it whistles like mad—

In the sun it is beautifully still.

And its country lane and its aged red barn

Lend it all that it needs to be quaint. And in winter snows its tired old gate Make a picture an artist would paint.

Though all of these in their wonderful hush

Were I artist, would lead me to dare— What would really inspire my humble brush

Is that those whom I love are there!

1952 Rod & Gun Club Officers



Serving as officers of the Rod & Gun Club for the current term are President John Hubbard of Employee Relations (seated) and, (standing, left to right) Secretary Ladden of Button & Fastener Production, Vice-president Ed DeBisschop of Electrical and Treasurer Jim Littlejohn of Factory Accounting.

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