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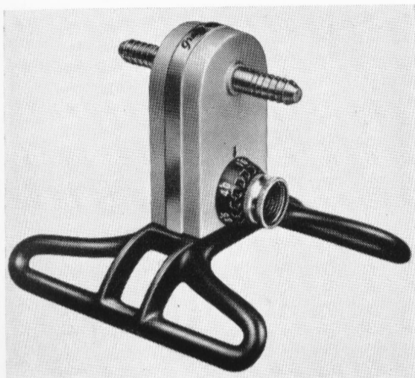
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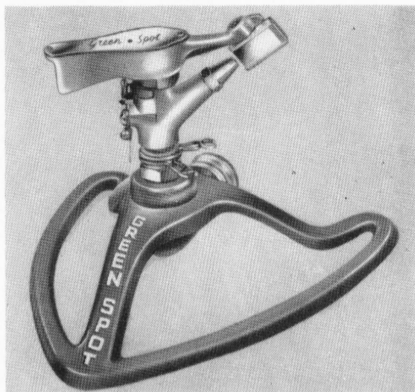
## Two New Items In GREEN SPOT Line



*The Waterite*

These two new sprinklers have been added to the 1954 GREEN SPOT line of garden hose accessories.

The *Waterite* is a new compact type of sprinkler which waters rectangular areas rather than the conventional circular pattern. Its water pattern follows the normal areas of lawns and gardens. A dial adjusts the coverage on small areas of 12 feet by 15 feet (180 square feet) up to areas 35 feet by 40 feet (1,400 square feet). Its new construction assures uniform watering of the area to be covered by eliminating the lag at the end of the sweep, which causes overwatering and puddling.



*The Rainger*

The *Rainger* is versatile as it is unusual. It can be used on small home plots as well as large lawn areas, and can be adjusted to water a specific part of a circle or all of a circle up to 100 feet in diameter. It is available with or without a base and, when used without a base, can be connected to permanent underground water lines.

## Branch Office Changes

Mr. Paul E. Fenton, vice president, has announced the moving of two branch offices to new locations. The changes to new and larger quarters were necessary to help take care of Scovill's expanding business in the South.

### Baltimore, Maryland

This office has moved to new quarters at 2420 North Charles St. in Baltimore, as of March 1, 1954.

### Jackson, Miss.

As of March 1, 1954, this branch office is located at 2715 North State St., Jackson 6, Miss. PO Box 4574.

## Our Jobs Depend On Quality

When we go into a store to purchase an item, we want to get the best possible product we can for our money. We compare the items we want for durability, appearance, workmanship, utility and all those other factors which mean "quality". We reject items which don't meet the requirements we have established.

Similarly, our customers continually evaluate the products we ship to them. When products are shipped out that do not meet the established requirements, they are returned. This is costly from two points of view. First, we may lose a valued customer, and second, it is a waste of manpower, material and money.

If we will apply the same critical standards to our production efforts that we do to our purchasing habits, we can help make our jobs more secure by maintaining our reputation of making quality goods at lower costs. Careless workmanship is, in the long run, the most costly method for everyone concerned.

Vice-President

## Scovill President On N. I. C. B. Board

Mr. L. P. Sperry was re-elected a board member of the National Industrial Conference Board for a term of one year, at the Board's 347th meeting held in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, recently.

Mr. Sperry has been active in the work of the Board since 1945, when he was elected a board member.

The Conference Board, founded in 1916, is an independent and nonprofit institution for business and industrial fact finding through scientific research. In terms of every-day usefulness, the Board is a source of facts and figures bearing on all aspects of economic life and business operation.

The work of the Board is made possible through the support of more than 3,300 subscribing associates including

business organizations, trade associations, government bureaus, labor unions, libraries, individuals and colleges and universities.

## Group Life Insurance Employee Deductions

No deductions have been made from the pay of employees for Group Life Insurance coverage for the months of December, January or February, in accordance with the Company-Union agreement whereby employees share in the Group Life Insurance refund.

The refund, being returned in the form of suspension of payments, will be exhausted during the month of March so a partial deduction will be made this month.

## New Assignments

### Manufacturing Division

Announced by Factory Superintendent J. G. Wolff:

Effective February 22, 1954, Donald Spellman has been appointed an assistant foreman of extra shift activities of Press II, Lipstick and Lacquer Rooms, working with the foremen of these departments.

### Mills Division

Announced by Works Manager John J. Hoben; the following appointments are effective as of February 22, 1954:

Charles Norton has been appointed Foreman of the North Rolling Mill, second shift, reporting to Superintendent T. F. O'Connell.

William Tinney has been appointed Foreman of the Rolls Division, North Rolling Mill, second shift. He will report to Foreman Charles Norton.

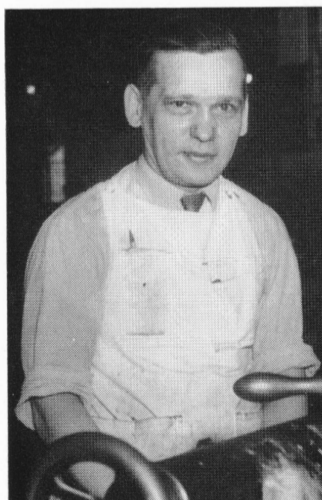
Dennis Shanahan has been appointed Foreman of the Finishing Division, North Rolling Mill. He will report to Foreman Alfred Smith.

### Traffic Dept.

Announced by Mr. J. B. Griffin, Superintendent of Traffic:

Effective February 8, 1954, Alfred J. Ayotte, Jr. has been appointed Foreman of the Merchandise Section of the Main Plant Warehouse, reporting to Assistant Superintendent of Traffic William J. Morrison.

## Fourteen Employees Cash In On Ideas During February



\$50.00  
George Butwill  
Press II



\$25.00  
Angelo Grasso  
Press II



\$25.00  
Henry Wilcken  
Casting



\$25.00  
Joseph Persio  
Casting

### \$15.00

Anthony Venslovas, Hot Forge  
Wilfred Vanasse, Pipe Shop  
George Butwill, Press II  
Rocco Morano, Attach. Mach.  
John Zurils, Strip Mill

### \$10.00

Jerry DiPietro, Jr., West. Mach.  
Julia Shegda, Slide Fastener  
Clarence Fruin, Millwrights  
Russell Davis, Millwrights

### Waterville Div.

Aldorigo Scopino, toolsetter on roll thread machines, Dept. 745, received \$30.00 for his suggestion submitted to the Waterville Production Drive Committee.



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## File Before You Forget

Federal income taxes are due in less than two weeks. If you have not sent in your return, there is no time like the present to sit down and complete the necessary forms. When filing, don't forget to enclose your W-2 form, and if you have a tax refund coming to you, write "refund" on the face of the envelope. This latter procedure helps insure prompt processing of your return.

Taxes have always been the basis for grumbling on the part of those who have to pay them. We in the United States may feel we are called upon to pay a heavy tax, but, when compared with tax systems of most other countries, it is not too bad. There is one thing to remember. So long as we call upon the Federal government to provide us with services and financial aids, we shall have to pay for them. The only way the government can get money to continue the programs we demand is by taxation.

### Bowling Sweepstakes

The SERA bowling tournament will be held this Saturday at Sena's Recreation Center on North Main Street, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

These sweepstakes consist of a mixed group of bowlers in four classifications for A, B, C and D-average bowlers. Class A is for bowlers with an average of 110 and over, Class B—103 to 109 inclusive, Class C—96 to 102, inclusive and Class D — 95 and under.

Three prizes for each of the classes will be awarded. In case of a tie, prizes will be divided proportionately. However, an individual may collect only one prize — the one in the highest category.

If you plan to participate in the tournament and do not have an entry blank, call the Employee Activities Office at ext. 834 or you may get one at Sena's on Saturday.

Jean Ostroski, Ruth Peterson and Al Kean are in charge of the event.

### Pinochle Tournament

Scores for the evening of February 18 put John Matulunas' team at the top with 35,900 points; Bill Mancini's team came in second with 34,985 points and Erv Honyotski's team was third with 33,690 points.

To date, Bill Mancini's team is leading the tournament with 162,700 points; John Matulunas' men have a total of 162,225 points; Erv Honyotski's 160,555.

Individual high scores for the evening went to Archie Hollywood with 4,520 points; Erv Honyotski with 4,390.

### Safety Shoe Store

Safety shoes on sale at the Safety Shoe Store in Building 61-A (behind the Spencer Block) every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If those days are inconvenient, call the Safety Office at ext. 888 and make an appointment.

## Take The Safe Way Over That Conveyor

Crane trailer Albert LeBlanc (right) finds the new conveyor crossing bridge a safe and quick route over a busy conveyor in the Strip Mill.

Built by the Tin and Welding Shops, this type of crossing bridge makes it possible for both pedestrian and conveyor traffic to flow safely without interruption.

There are many conveyors in the plant and several types of crossings. For your own safety, it is important that you use these crossings.

Crossing conveyors on the rollers or frames can lead to serious falls—or injury if you get caught by material moving on the conveyor, which can happen. Take the safe way.



## Itch And Wheeze

By Robert W. Butler, M. D.

We're still talking about allergy; this time about a couple of conditions which know no season. They're yours any time of the day or year after you've been exposed to one or more of your particular allergens.

Ever had hives? If so, you are thoroughly familiar with the meaning of the word itch! It comes most frequently from foods, often also from drugs, and occasionally from dusts and pollens of the type which produce hay fever. Seasonal fruits and vegetables, nuts, shell fish, eggs, milk, wheat and pork are the foods most often responsible for those big welts which make you wish your finger nails were an inch longer. Ordinarily the condition will clear up in a few days and controlling the itch during that period is the main requirement of treatment. Since the hives appear within hours of eating the wrong food, keep a list of all foods eaten and compare it with a similar list at the time of the next attack, and you may discover the offender and prevent future attacks. It may well be something which you've eaten for years before with no trouble, so be suspicious of them all.

The itch of hives is nothing compared to the wheeze of bronchial asthma, another allergic disease which causes a great deal of suffering. Like all the other allergies, it usually has a family background. The disease itself is not inherited, but the tendency to it is, and it seems to "run in families." The allergy which pulls the trigger and starts an attack may be pollen, dust, food, drugs, or the germ which may be in the system of a person who has a cold or bronchitis. It may come on gradually (usually the case when caused by a germ) or suddenly after exposure to one of the substances which is inhaled or swallowed; and it may last an hour or two, or for several days.

The disease produces a narrowing of the small air tubes and air spaces in the lungs which makes breathing extremely difficult and causes wheezing which may be heard several feet away. The patient has difficulty getting air into his lungs and then much greater difficulty getting rid of it. Breathing becomes hard, exhausting work.

The prescription for this disease is too involved to discuss here, but expert attention is certainly necessary. No one but the doctor is able to determine whether the patient has bronchial asthma or some other condition which may be more serious while producing the same symptoms. If the doctor prescribes a remedy advertised in the newspapers or magazines, take it — otherwise don't.

## Family Album



Louis Steponaitis, Jr. age six, shown in his trainman's uniform, hopes that one of these days he'll be wearing the uniform of an engineer for the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad. His dad, Louis, Sr. works in Hot Forge Tool.

## Service Awards

### Twenty-Five Years



John J. Larkin  
Blanking  
February 18, 1954



Joseph Daddona  
Trucking  
February 20, 1954



Peter J. Lusky  
Gen. Mfg. Tool  
February 22, 1954



John J. Meehan  
Aluminum Finish  
February 26, 1954



Frank E. Honyotski  
North Mill Finish  
February 27, 1954

Otto A. Radke  
Mfg. Eyelet Tool, February 18, 1954

Theodore F. Johnson  
Waterville, February 25, 1954

James Sullivan  
Steam Dept., March 1, 1954

### Ten Years

Feb. 16—Lillian Whiting, Press 2; Feb. 19—Michele Mucci, Hot Forge; Feb. 25—Margaret Brown, Sanitation; Feb. 27—Paul Ruffer, Chucking.

## Dangerous Stuff

By Walter J. Racicot

A Manchester Connecticut fatality was news in the "Hartford Courant" recently.

It reported that carbon tetrachloride fumes inhaled while cleaning a coat caused the death of a resident of that city.

"The man used between two and three quarts of the fluid to clean a soiled coat in the tightly closed basement of his home.

"Overcome by the fumes, he was taken to the hospital but doctors were unable to overcome the effects of the poison."

Using carbon tetrachloride for cleaning clothes is a common practice, and this highly toxic material is sold in retail stores under trade names that are misleading. Before buying a spot remover or cleanser, look at the label and if it doesn't give the chemical name or formula, make inquiries about it. Better read and heed and inquire, than be an obituary notice in the local press.

## Fishing Notes

By Jim Littlejohn

On Monday, February 15, the first part of the 1954 Restocking program took place when 500 pounds of Bullheads were put into Woodtick—sizes 6" to 13".

Brown Trout are expected to be put in in early April and arrangements are to have the trout arrive at Woodtick some Sunday forenoon, so that employees and their families can see the fish for themselves.

Watch THE BULLETIN for future information.

## Life Out East

By Harry Shewbridge

I think I should start out this issue with a "memo" on Johnny Carolan. I guess most everybody in 109, 112, and neighboring buildings has had dealings with Johnny in his capacity as Treasurer of Credit Union #4. He is one of those rare individuals who has a million friends and no enemies. Well, our Johnny has been in the hospital suffering from some undetermined infection. He was a pretty sick guy for a few days and he, at least, for a while, didn't think he was going to pull through. However, with the aid of prayer and penicillin, he did, and is now rapidly recuperating. I, along with many others, visited him and listened to his story of pain. It is quite a story to hear, believe me. But that is all in the past now, and although he is at the moment still in the hospital, he is on the mend. Let's hope that this will be the end of sickness for him for a long, long time to come.

Another man of many friends is Dennis Shanahan. After twenty-three years in the Rod Mill he has been transferred to the North Mill. Coming straight from the Rod Mill is the word. "We're gonna miss Denny." Good luck on your next assignment.

Then there is the story about young Ed Brown of the Engineering Department. Ed has a big heavy cat and Ed's cat has a big boyfriend. One night, in a moment of gay abandon, the two cats tore a hole in the roof of Ed's convertible. The insurance adjuster said he's heard about cats on a tin roof, but never before on a canvass top. This story is no masterpiece but it sure is fresh off the canvass.

P.S. Golf news already. Charlie Vaughn, Joe Dorso, Rusty Williams, Harold Desco-teaux, all from Rod Mill were enjoying a foursome at Meadowbrook in Hamden, Saturday February 20. Came the sixth hole, and Rusty took out his No. 4 iron (188 yard hole). With vim and vigor he swung and away sailed the ball. Unfortunately it hooked and hit the highway. Like the proverbial scared rabbit, it took off down the highway and as it passed the 400-yard mark, a couple of neighborhood youngsters ran out and grabbed it. Too bad they did as it would have made New Haven under its own power. Take heed, you potential golfers and have respect for Rusty's powerful No. 4 iron.

## New "Payoffpak" Shipping Container



Here is the new "Payoffpak" container which our mills division is using to ship copper-base-alloy wire.

The wire can be seen entering a wire forming machine from container.

The old type conventional wire reel may be seen in the upper right background.

Scovill is the first brass company to use the Continental Can Company's "Payoffpak" container to package copper-base-alloy wire for shipment.

This new container holds about 300 pounds of brass wire, compared to the approximately 35 pounds of the older type conventional wire reel. In the lighter gauge wire, this is equivalent to 411,000 feet or more than 77 miles of wire.

The wire shipped in the new container ranges in diameters from .016"

to .060", inclusive in any temper except soft. Outside dimensions of the container are 30 3/4" in height and 20 3/4" in diameter.

The new container gives wire formers many new advantages. One advantage is long production runs as each continuous coil is about eight times longer than the present ones. It also reduces handling to machines, and the material is kept clean as the container protects the wire from dust, dirt and other foreign substances. Storage facilities are also improved.



The annual banquet will be held at Doolittle Alley Hall on Thursday, April 8. The committee is making arrangements to have a fine program of sports movies.

The club has donated \$100 towards the purchase of large Brown Trout to be put in Woodtick early April.

Have you got your 1954 membership card?

## Cribbage Doings

As of February 23, the National League is leading the tournament by 174 points. Their total score is 123,606, while the Americans have a 123,432 total.

Evening scores for the 23rd were: Americans—5,442, Nationals—5,349. Bill Strokalis and Erv Honyotski took individual high that night when they totaled 1,459.

The annual home-and-home contest with Chase this year will be held on March 9, at the Chase Country Club. Chase players will be the guests of Scovill in a return match on March 16 at the Girls' Clubhouse.

## Retired Folks Hear Dr. Butler At February Meeting

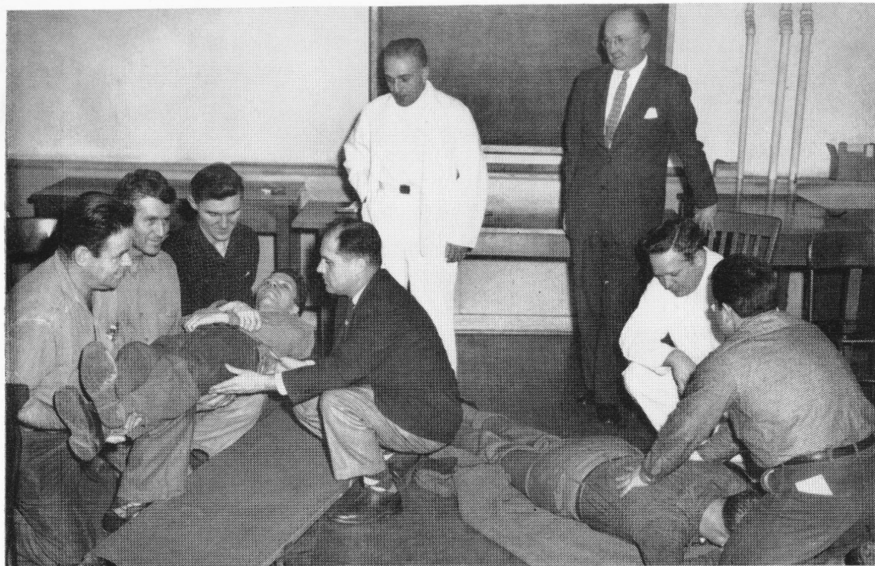


Approximately 45 members attended the February 9th meeting of the Retired Folks' Club which was held in the Girls' Clubhouse. Dr. Robert W. Butler, Scovill Medical Director, was guest speaker. He discussed the physical

and mental aspects of adjustment to retirement. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

The next meeting of the Club will be held on Tuesday, March 9. Regular notices will be sent to members.

# First Aid Classes Being Held Weekly



Scovill Medical Director Dr. Robert W. Butler looks on as instructors Harry George and Harry Grover supervise the proper techniques of stretcher work (left) and artificial respiration (right). The course was prepared by Dr. Butler and is being taken by men of the Manufacturing, Mills and Maintenance Departments. These men were chosen for their location and shift and are attending one-hour sessions for four weeks to complete the course.

## Classified Ads

### FOR SALE

Mahogany glass-top coffee table, two antique gold barrel-back pull-up chairs, like new. Call 5-4360.

1947 Chevrolet, two-door sedan, recent paint job (blue), new valve job, low mileage, one owner, very good condition. Call Cheshire 2959.

Two polar tread tires, two regular tires, one tube, 6.50 x 16. Call 3-8918.

Florence combination gas and oil kitchen stove, white, good condition. Call 6-2021.



By Juanita Addessio

We have a few new members to welcome to the Girls' Club. They include: Ruth McCarthy of Employment, Elizabeth McCarthy, Anna Lazesky, Catherine Bowes and Beatrice LaPlante all of Lipstick, and Antoinette Nigro of Mfg. Time. By the way, Antoinette is one of the girls who dressed a doll for the Christmas baskets. We're always happy to add new members to our list and, by the way, if every member would enlist a new member, we'd have a good sized group to attend our Club affairs.

We're going to have a White Elephant sale on Saturday, April 3 (all day). In case you didn't know, a White Elephant sale is something you donate which you no longer want around the house but it might be something someone else will want. There will be cartons at all the Guard houses for your donations. Remember, this is a White Elephant sale and not a rummage sale — no old clothes, please.

The Club's 35th annual banquet, which is the big affair of the year, is almost here. It is scheduled to be held on Sunday, May 2. Be sure to put that in your date book as a "must".

Alice Baker (Mrs. John J.), formerly of the Tool Office and a former council member, became a mother for the first time recently. She had a baby boy who will be called James. Alice lives at 10503 Scott Avenue, Whittier, California.

1949 Maytag washing machine in good condition, \$40; two parakeets, one is dark blue, the other is light blue, both are females, cage, feed and birds for \$15. Call 3-8298 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

7/8 silver blue muskrat in excellent condition, reasonable. Call 3-5387 after 5 p.m.

Coleman oil fired floor furnace, 50,000 b.t.u. capacity, excellent condition. Will heat four to five rooms. Price \$45. Call ext. 563.

Electric Hawaiian guitar with amp, in perfect condition, \$85. Call 6-3997.

1938 Plymouth with 1948 motor, 1939 LaSalle, wooden beams for building. Make an offer. Call at 13 Shelley St. or 5-4111.

Blue winter coat, princess style with real beaver collar, \$25. Original cost \$175. Size 38-40. Call 6-3382 mornings or after 6 p.m.

### WANTED TO BUY

26" girl's bicycle in good condition. Call 4-1096 after 6 p.m. or ext. 577 from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

### OTHER

Rubbish removed, chain saw work, lots cleared of trees, etc., odd trucking jobs. Call 3-1271.

Five-room house for rent, lease or sale . . . or will take in two or three boarders. If house is sold, no down-payment necessary. Payments will be easy. Call 5-4111, or at 13 Shelley St.

### RENT WANTED

Room with board for gentleman — preferably near Scovill. Call 6-6579 after 4 p.m.

## New York Exhibit

Scovill is exhibiting GRIPPER Zippers for men's trousers and GRIPPER Fasteners for trouser waist bands at the convention of the International Assoc. of Garment Manufacturers.

The convention which is being attended by manufacturers of men's clothing, is being held at the Hotel New Yorker, Feb. 28-Mar. 3.

## Local Industrial Fire Prevention Conference

Mr. William McChesney, Scovill Safety and Fire Engineer, is serving on the Fire Prevention Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, which is sponsoring an Industrial Fire Prevention Conference to be held on Wednesday, March 10, at 8 p.m. at the Assembly Room in the Elton Hotel.

The conference will feature an address by Edward J. Weaving, Supervisor of Plant Protection at the Nautaguck Chemical Company, and a panel discussion of the problems of Fire Protection in Industry.

Arrangements have been made to show exhibits on fire extinguishers, alarm boxes, fire sprinkler systems, and lightning rods. Exhibitors will have representatives present to demonstrate their products and answer questions concerning fire safety.

The conference is free and everyone interested is invited to attend.

## "Scoops" From Zippers

By Louise Foell

We're little late on this item but it's still good news. Cliff Aspinall is now with the Safety Department where he is going to do fire prevention work. We're all happy for him and wish him luck.

Slide Fastener sick list includes—Dolores Barkauskas, Marge Dunn's husband and Edith Carolan's husband, John. A speedy recovery to all.

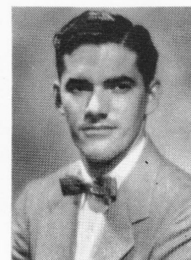
Pete Tartaglia became the proud father of a daughter (Pamela Rose), who was born on January 20. Pete passed out the usual cigars and candy.

Helen Andreano has been sporting a beautiful new green Bel-Air. It's a nifty car with a lovely owner.

Bill Crochetiere heard from Nick Ermidis, formerly of Slide Fastener. Nick is attending the University of Tennessee. He sends his regards to all.

Mary Scott and her sister, Katherine Causey, (a former Scovillite) both celebrated their birthdays on February 8 in the "big city". In addition, Mary was pleasantly surprised by her co-workers with a huge birthday cake.

## Training Course



Gerald Leblanc graduated as Tool-maker on February 21, 1954. He's been assigned to Gen. Training Tool.

## Two Succumb

Word has been received of the death of ARTHUR WALTER, Manufacturing Tool, who died on Dec. 30, 1953.

Mr. Walter was hired on September 12, 1938, which was also his continuous service record date. Always in Manufacturing Tool, he was serving as a die sinker when he died.

JOHN COSTELLO, retired, died on February 16, 1954.

Mr. Costello came to Scovill in September, 1883, and was retired on January 23, 1922. He had been an employee of the Wire Mill where he served as shape wire tandem operator.

## Spring Cabaret Dance

Saturday, March 20, 1954, is the date set for the Spring Cabaret Dance to be held at Doolittle Hall, sponsored by the SERA.

Joe Rock's orchestra will provide music for dancing from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Tickets are available at the SERA Office or from any of the committee members.

John Mitchell, Mfg. Trucking, is Chairman of the activity. Ticket Committee: John Capone, Louise Foell, Vinnie Manzoli, Peg Sanchi, Tony Jacovich and Al Northrop. Arrangement Committee: Bill Armour, Al Kean and Frank Mirto. Refreshments: Ralph Daddessio and Nick Guerrero.

## SWERA Factory Bowling League



These Waterville Keglers may be seen in action at the Grand Bowling Alleys on Wednesday evenings from seven to nine o'clock.

They are (top photo, seated, left to right): Fran Szczepanski, Nick Orsini, Jackie Baker and Sal Bernacchi. Standing are: Joe Squires, Mike Buczak, Bill Bosso, Ray Caffrey and Sam Laudate. Bottom photo, seated: Bennie Sauer, Charlie Mackey and Charles Campi. Standing are: Frank Loffredo, Henry Herren, Ray Caffrey, Carmen DeRita, Roland Grenier and Gabe Riccio.

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