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Automation

This word is being read and heard more and more. Some have attached an evil meaning to it. What does it actually mean?

Actually, it is another word to indicate the process that has been going on since the early history of mankind. We used to know it as mechanization. But because the adaptation of electronics to control mechanical operations is more spectacular, a new word was coined. The whole object is to remove the physical burden from the human being by substituting the controlled machine.

Some have said that automation will throw people out of work. History proves the opposite. Anything that increases the productivity of the individual means lower cost and larger markets. These two factors mean more jobs. Probably the most spectacular example of this is the automobile industry, where the use of the machine has multiplied many, many times the number of employees needed to produce automobiles.

The late Philip Murray said when addressing the C.I.O. as its president in 1951—"I do not know of a single, solitary instance where a great technological gain has taken place in the United States of America that it has actually thrown people out of work. I do not know of it, I am not aware of it, because the industrial revolution that has taken place in the United States in the past 25 years has brought into the employment field an additional 20 million people."

Alan C. Curtiss
Vice President

Fourteen Retire From Active Service

The following have retired from active service as of April 1, 1955.

FRANK S. ABBONDANDOLO, Chucking has a continuous service record of over 44 years. When retiring he was serving as a cleaning machine operator.

ARTHUR L. MRZ, Hardening Room, has a continuous service record of over 39 years. He was foreman of the Tool Hardening Room when retiring.

NICOLA BECCIA, Attaching Machines, has a continuous service record of 13.6 years. He served as a painter of button-attaching machines.

GEORGE T. MULVILLE, Blanking, has a continuous service record of over 46 years. He has always been in the Blanking Room as press operator.

STANISLAUS S. BOROCH, Carpenter Shop, has a continuous service record since November, 1912. Always in the Carpenter Shop, he was work supervisor when retiring.

CARMELO RANDAZZA, Sanitation, has a continuous service record of 10.1 years. Since 1947, he has served as a maintenance man.

ELWYN T. BRADLEY, Safety and Health Dept., has a continuous service record as of July, 1918. He has been a fire inspector since 1943.

CLARENCE A. RANGER, Tool Room, No. 1, has a continuous service record of over 35 years. Always with the Tool Div., he has been a toolmaker since 1947.

JOHN CIULLO, Plating, has a service record of over 48 years. He was serving as a plater when illness forced him to leave in October, 1954.

FIORANGELO COLELLA, Dip Room, has a continuous service record of over 35 years. He has served as a dipper since 1925.

HARRIE DEWS, Attaching Machines, has a continuous service record since January, 1918. Always with the Tool Division, he was a work supervisor when retiring.

RUFUS W. HEWITT, Electrical, has a continuous service record of 14.5 years. He has been serving as a maintenance electrician.

DOMENICO LAVORGNA, Chucking, has a continuous service record of over 36 years. He was serving as a hand screw machine operator.

NICOLA LAVORGNA, Yard Dept., has a continuous service record of 13.6 years. He has been with the Yard Dept. since 1941.

Scovill Host To School Officials



Twenty-four Superintendents of schools and supervisors of elementary education, who serve 78 small towns of Connecticut, visited Scovill recently with the view of gaining greater understanding of the place the metals industries hold in the economy of our State.

The tour was part of the program designed to assist the educators in modifying their school curricula to help pupils toward greater understanding of economic factors and toward readiness for taking part in industrial employment.

The group toured the Casting Shop and the Continuous Strip Mill. Following lunch at the Scovill Girls' Club, the party moved on to the Main Office display room where Scovill executives spoke to them. Vice President

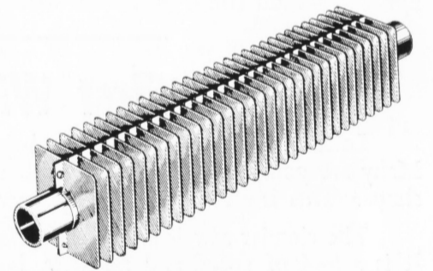
C. P. Goss spoke on the Company's history, giving interesting statistics; Treasurer M. L. Sperry, 2nd talked about financial matters, emphasizing the 1954 annual report; and Training Director C. A. DuBois discussed our training programs.

Also present were: Vice President and General Manager A. P. Hickcox, Assistant Works Manager A. W. Schaff, Employment Manager J. N. Bridges and Employee Relations Manager J. M. Burrall.

Heet-Fins Big Hit At Armory Show

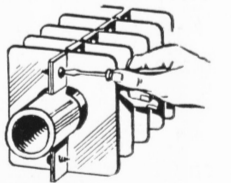
Heet-Fins, a product of our Waterville Div., were exhibited at the recent "Do-It-Yourself" Exposition at the State Armory and the reception from the public to this new item was outstanding.

Heet-Fins are steel radiator sections that are slipped individually around any standard steam or hot water pipe—a quick, easy and inexpensive way to make a hot radiator of any steam or



hot water pipe, thus giving 7 times more heat in those chilly spots in the home, basement or garage.

They may be installed without disturbing or rearranging present pipes. Two "fins" are fastened securely by two screws, thereby building up a radiator of any desired length. They are spaced one-half inch apart when attached to a pipe. Forty-eight fins are required to make a two-foot radiator.



Regardless of pipe diameter, all Heet-Fins are three or four inches square, the hole for the pipe varying in size. They are adaptable for both pipe and tubing.

Waterville Div. proudly states Heet-Fins are the "hottest items" that ever hit the do-it-yourself market.

Employees interested in getting Heet-Fins for use in their own homes, may purchase them at the Employee Activities Office, Spencer Block, 1st floor.

James Waters Receives 50-Year Award



James P. Waters, Production Dept., accepts the 50-year Service Award from S. G. Gaillard, Jr., Waterville Vice President and General Manager.

Looking on with approval are: (left) Production Supervisor C. D. Maccellar and (extreme right) Plant Manager L. G. Robinson.



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People, Prayer And Peace

By W. Harry Shewbridge

As you read this, whether in the factory or in your home, you are privileged to be living in the greatest country on the face of the earth. But as you enjoy your peace and comfort, to whatever degree it might be, pause for a minute and think just how self-sufficient you are. Realize for a moment how dependent your life is on your family, your neighbors, and thousands of people whom you have never seen.

Sometimes we are apt to lose sight of the fact that our successes and achievements are never really all our own. To successfully live in peace with our neighbor and to prosper in our endeavors can only be accomplished when we place our dependence in God and His help. Our forefathers were so sure of this that they proudly engraved on our coins "In God we trust". The result, a mighty and peaceful nation.

With this thought in mind, half a dozen citizens of Mantivoc and Appleton, Wisconsin started the "National Pray for Peace Week" movement. The purpose, both simple and tremendous, is to get all God loving people to use the Holy Season of Easter to re-pledge our faith in God and to pray for peace. When we join in this program, we truly find "Hope Reborn".

In four short years this non-sectarian movement has spread throughout the United States and as far away as Singapore, Malaya. Churches, schools, chambers of commerce, civic groups, national magazines, radio and T.V. stations have united in promoting the movement. In our own factory as well as in the stores of Waterbury we see posters and signs urging everyone to participate. Let us all join Him in the Peace Effort and at least during Holy Week strike at Communism with a weapon against which there is no defense—the power of prayer.

Safety First With Circular Saws

Leisure hours these days are being turned to "Do-It-Yourself" programs. Many are going all-out in their enthusiasm and setting up and equipping work shops. This is all very fine—if proper precautions are taken.

The circular saw is a tool which is being used in home wood-working shops. It is a tool of speed and neatness, but it may also be a tool of destruction if improperly used.

Improper use of this saw causes many of the serious accidents in wood-working shops—both in industry and at home. These accidents are usually caused by:

1. Lack of guard over the saw blade.
2. Improper use of guard.
3. Failure to keep the blade sharp and properly set.
4. Using the saw on jobs for which it was not intended.

One of the most important rules concerning this saw is the proper position of the hands. The operator should at all times keep his hands well away from the blade. If a small piece of the wood binds or "kicks" while being cut, a finger two or three inches away from the blade can be easily thrown into the blade, result—loss of finger or fingers.

To do a job properly, speedily and safely keep the tool in tip-top condition at all times and follow the simple safety rules.



Harry Skrapolsky, of North Mill Finishing, uses a circular saw which is properly guarded. Notice the safety glasses and position of his hands.



The Greatest Fear

By Robert W. Butler, M. D.

That is a subject which could provoke a great deal of argument. What is the greatest fear? Fire? Flood? Famine? Each of us probably has his own pet list of phobias, and on it some are greater than others; but it's my particular theory that the greatest fear of most of us is fear of the unknown.

Fires or floods we can either fight or run from (and keep pretty busy doing it); but how can you fight the unknown? Or just where do you run?

What's the most important of all your strictly personal possessions? And what's your greatest fear with respect to it? These two questions are certainly important enough to rate an answer.

The most important single asset which you as an individual possess, is your good health! Without it you are either seriously handicapped or eliminated — at least as far as the ordinary joys of living and accomplishments are concerned, to say nothing of the possible loss of all your other possessions. I doubt that anyone will take issue with that answer, especially those who, unfortunately, are not feeling too well at the moment.

What's the greatest fear you have with respect to your health? Probably the answer to that is cancer.

You've seen and heard so much about it in the newspapers and magazines, on radio, television, and in the publicity given the drives for funds to fight this killer, that America has become cancer-conscious. Cancerphobia is a new American disease.

A hue and cry has arisen that all this publicity has frightened us all to death. To that criticism there's a pretty good answer. Do you feel that frightening ten people is worth while if the life of one of them is saved? Before you answer that question, let's assume that the one—is you.

And why are the ten afraid? The greatest fear again: the fear of the unknown. And why, again, is this unknown? Because they (or we) don't

take advantage of the many facilities available to us to make the unknown known.

Tremendous progress has been made every year in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer; but the all important factor to date has been, and is, an early diagnosis. How many of you have had something abnormal, stewed in your own juice for weeks and months and then seen your doctor? When you learned that your trouble was not cancer, you realized how foolish your weeks and months of mental anguish had been! But did you learn anything? Will you go sooner the next time?

Look over this list:

1. Any sore that does not heal.
2. A lump or thickening in the breast or elsewhere.
3. Any unusual bleeding or discharge.
4. Any change in a wart or mole.
5. Persistent indigestion or difficulty in swallowing.
6. Persistent hoarseness or cough.
7. Any change in normal bowel habits.

— if you have any of these symptoms, get your examination right now! It may save your life. You just could be the one, you know, and at least you could save yourself the weeks and months of anguish caused by the greatest Fear of them all: the fear of the unknown!



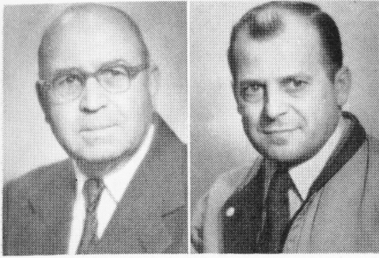
Robert Lockhart, General Training Room No. 1.

Service Awards

Forty Years

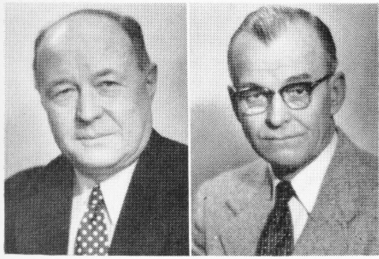
Edwin Watson
Contract Mfg. Sales
March 25, 1955

Twenty-Five Years



Pasquale Iadarola
Waterville
March 24, 1955

Onofrio A. Marinaro
Trim & Knurl
March 25, 1955



Joseph Petito
Tube Mill
March 26, 1955

Fred Ensminger
Engineering
April 3, 1955

Ten Years

March 23—Charlie P. Knight, Jr.,
Continuous Strip Mill; March 29—
Anne M. Wittig, Chicago—Mfg.



By Juanita Addessio

Special greetings to two of our favorite members—Mrs. E. O. Goss who will celebrate her 85th birthday today, and Mrs. Carrie Bowne (retired) who will be 91 years young on April 8th!

What are you doing Monday night, April 18? That's the night the Girls' Club Council assumes a "new look"; elections of the new Council takes place. Who does this electing? Why, you, of course! At the moment there is a Nominating Committee, headed by Agnes Towne, scouting up girls interested in being in the front row of the Club. Each Club member has the right to vote for the people she believes would do the best job. Do you know girls with carloads of ideas who might like to put them to work? Contact Agnes. On the other hand you can just come along to the meeting and nominate from the floor. I believe as Girls' Club members you have a duty to be at this open meeting. Find out what the Club really does, where your dues go. It's interesting and quite an education to find what big things a small group can do. And, too, it's rewarding to find that you're part of it all.

The Employment Office and the Cost Office Bowling League are bidding 'fond adieu' to Helen Palen. Helen is being married April 16 to Robert Roth at the Bunker Hill Congregational Church and they will live out of town. Her friends in the Employment Office and the Cost Office Bowling League gave her a surprise party on Monday, March 21, and it was such a surprise she wanted to go home to dress up for it.

Congratulations to Nina Lago on the recent visit from the stork. He brought a baby girl with name tag marked "Nancy Ann".

Vacation season is almost here so here's a reminder about the Florida Trip during the plant shutdown. Reservations are limited. There will also be a Canadian Trip at the same time. So don't sit at home. Just get up and go.

I'll be seeing you at the Cabaret Dance on April 16. Don't forget the tickets are hard to get so get your crowd together early.

Scovillites Enjoy Various Sports Events



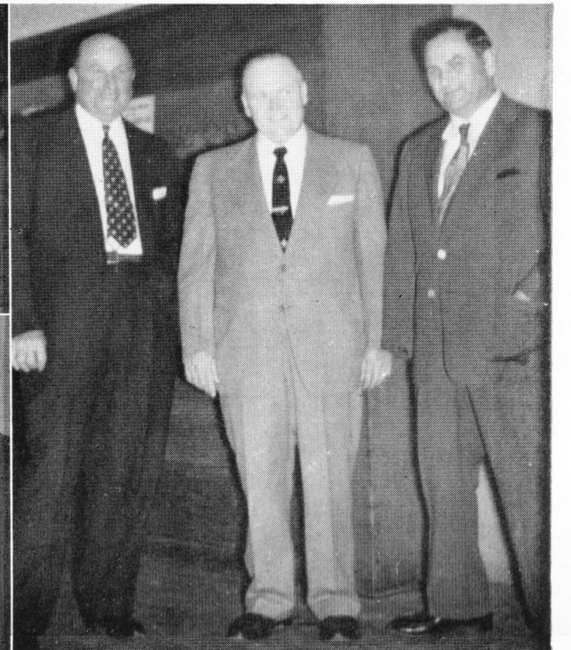
THE 11TH ANNUAL BOWLING SWEEPSTAKE took place on March 19 at the Spillway Bowling Center. Top honor was copped by Joe D'Amico with 415 for high three in the class A field. High three in class B went to Phil Ercoli with 389; class C to Bill Blacker with 353; Erving

Honyotski, Sr. with 349 in class D. The Girls' Special high three event in class C went to Pat Richards with 303. (right photo—seated) Pat Richards and Ruth Peterson (standing) Jean Ostroski, Dot Budris, Joe D'Amico (winner of top honors) and Al Kean.



THE SERA 8TH ANNUAL GOLF CLINIC held on March 15 at Doolittle Hall, featured Jimmy Nichols, famous one-armed golf pro. He lectured and demonstrated techniques of better golf. Among the 360 people who gathered for the event was Joseph Bracken, well-known golf pro of

Municipal Club. The committee included: Chairman Jim Brislin, Jim Coffey, Ray Driscoll, Wayne Johnson, Paul Koslowski, Tom O'Connell, Ed Sabis, Al Smith and Charlie Vaughan. (right photo) Joe Bracken, Jim Brislin and Jimmy Nichols renew acquaintance.



RESTOCKING AT WOODTICK. More than 80 automobiles caused a major parking problem at Woodtick for the trout restocking on Sunday, March 20. Close to four hundred buggy-eyed sportsmen gasped their amazement as netful after netful of fighting trout were deposited into the



lake to provide thrill fishing for Scovill anglers during the coming season. More than three hundred trout, up to two feet long, were added to the piscatorial population of Woodtick Lake. (Get that flyrod ready, boys, it won't be long now!).

Rod And Gun Club Banquet

The committee has announced that tickets for the Spring Dinner Party at Doolittle Hall on Thursday, April

14, are moving fast. If you haven't got yours yet, you better call your contact man now! It's going to be an out-

standing event; good food (a'la Wilson), top flight sporting movies, door-prizes. The best ever! Don't miss it!

Carl Sandblom Builds "Special" Home

One of the features which make Carl Sandblom's new home "special" is this wider doorway which makes it possible for handicapped daughter Caroline to enter and leave rooms with ease.

The house has been built to include any and everything that could be a convenience to Caroline who is confined to a wheelchair which she can manipulate only through the motion of her feet. Other features include:—no threshold strips between rooms and the furniture placed so that she has much more freedom of movement.



The Second Annual "Do-It-Yourself" exposition, March 15 to 19 at the State Armory, attracted many hobbyists of all ages throughout the Waterbury area. This idea has attracted almost everyone's attention lately — giving people the desire to "Do-It-Yourself". To Carl G. Sandblom of Hot Forge, however, this is not a new idea. Carl has been "Doing-It-Himself" for quite a few years now. His latest effort, a fireplace, was entered

and captured one of the prizes at the Armory.

Together with his wife, Carl designed, built and decorated his entire home on Mill Street in Naugatuck. Doing the work on weekends, holidays and evenings after work, it took almost five years to complete the house enough to be lived in.

The reason Mr. and Mrs. Sandblom attempted this project was one of the best in the world—the love of parents for their daughter, Caroline. Caroline who is 18 years old has been afflicted with Cerebral Palsy since birth.

Also included in the house is a small ramp between the front door and the porch which is extra large so that Caroline can be outdoors even in rainy weather if it is warm enough. The same type of ramp is between the back door and terrace which is made of cement for smoother traveling. Carl claims this is one of the best features of the house for the summer time because practically all their time is spent out on the terrace. Though confined to the house in the winter time, Caroline gets a breath-taking view of the outdoors through the huge picture window in the living room and, because the house is built on a hill, the view is really beautiful.

This certainly shows the patience, understanding and originality of loving parents who want, as all parents do, the best for their child.

"Scoops" From Zippers

By Louise Foell

Stephen Brittain, son of Ruth Brittain, Slide Fastener Assembling, has entered the New York State Ranger School at Wana-kera, New York. Good luck in your new venture, Steve.

Sympathy card to Lydia Carrasquillo. Lydia's grandfather passed away on March 18, at Biascochea Hospital, San Juan, Puerto Rico. He was Gregoio Correa.

Happy to announce two births: Ruth Brittain is the proud grandmother of Laura Ruth Rausch born March 16. Fred Koch has a second son, Mark Steven, born March 25.

Edward R. Pesino, Salvage, is being married April 30, to Florence DiMilla.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE

Kenmore vacuum sweeper, all attachments complete, used very little. \$15. Call 5-2433 after 3 p.m.

Brown Superflame pot burner parlor stove. Call 5-7015.

1948 Pontiac station wagon, radio, heater. Call 5-2076 after 3:30 p.m.

White Fairmount stove, combination, 4 gas and 2 oil burners, 2 oil tanks, chrome pipe. Call at 1274 Thomaston Ave. or phone 4-0450.

Nine-piece Mahogany dining room suite, good condition; 2-door metal wardrobe, large, excellent condition. Call 5-5258.

9 x 12 Whittal rug, \$20; 9x12 Ozite rug pad, \$8; Dresser with mirror, \$3; Brass bed, link spring, \$30; twin beds, both \$10; three kitchen chairs, \$1 each. Call 4-3869.

Four-room house off Hamilton Ave., hot air heat, 52-gal. hot water heater, storm windows, screens, custom made venetian blinds, tile bath. Call 4-8232.

Three-piece living room suite, \$25; Admiral radio and phonograph combination, walnut, needs repair, \$10; Girl's white shoe roller skates, \$5. Call 4-7687.

Refrigerator, 6 cu. ft. and white Glendale combination stove, both for \$60. Call 6-3253.

Tape recorder, practically new. Call 5-7357, 10 a.m.-12 noon, 5-9 p.m.

Zenith television, 12 1/2" screen, table model, good condition, \$25; Drop-leaf mahogany table, good condition, \$15. Call 4-3909.

Servel gas refrigerator, small, good condition. Call 3-4446 or 3-6387.

Two English setters, A.K.C. registered, 5 months old. Call Cheshire 2-8311.

Emerson radio and automatic record player, table model, very good condition, \$50. Call 8-2995 after 5 p.m.

Small upright Milton piano, good condition. Call Waterville Ext. 208 or 3-0243 after 5 p.m.

Maple twin bed \$18; baby feeding table, chrome \$8; Hedstrom stroller \$9; car bed \$2; folding gate \$2. Call 3-6372.

Double daffodil bulbs with blossoms, 50¢ doz; Forsythia bushes, 25¢ each; 30" sink \$3; pot burner oil stove \$5; tricycle; 26" English bike; 16" bike. Call 5-6416.

Grey and white combination oil and gas Glenwood stove, oil drum, chrome pipe, \$70. Call 5-5303 after 5 p.m. or anytime Saturday and Sunday.

3-family house 5, 5 and 4 rooms. Call at 221 Walnut St. or phone 4-2266.

Hedstrom stroller, like new, original price \$30, will sell for \$15. Call 4-4008.

Lot, 66' x 136', Beech St., sewers, gas, etc. Call 4-8074.

One-family house, six rooms, 50' x 100' lot, Mill Plain section. \$11,500. Call 3-6779 mornings or evenings.

WANTED

Barbells and iron dumbbells. Call 3-7202 after 3 p.m.

Ride from Piedmont St. at Baldwin to Metals Research Dept. Ambrose St. gate, 7 to 3 shift. Call ext. 612.

FOR RENT

Furnished room in East end section, garage, telephone, television, near bus line. Call 6-0558.

WANTED TO BUY

38 or 40-foot extension ladder, good condition; 24-inch lawn water roller. Call 5-4863.

OTHER

Light moving and rubbish removal. Call 5-9371.

Woman available as baby sitter. Call 3-6854.

Z. Evanishin Dies

Zahary Evanishin, Repair Dept., died on March 23, 1955.

Mr. Evanishin first came to Scovill in August of 1916 and had a continuous service record of over 33 years. He had worked in the North Mill until 1942 at which time he went to the Repair Dept. He was serving as a springmaker in that department when illness forced him to leave in September, 1954.

Training Course



Philip Sirignano graduated as a machinist on March 20, 1955.

He has been assigned to the East Machine Room.

Chase-Scovill Pinochle

The 1955 home-and-home games were played between the Scovill and Chase pinochle players on Tuesday, March 15, at the Chase Country Club and Tuesday, March 22, at the Scovill Girls' Club.

The Scovill team won the first round with a score of 82,330 points to Chase's 71,930 points. Individual high score for the evening went to Erving Honyotski and Charles Stein with 7,805 points.

Emerging victorious in the second round was the Scovill team with a score of 79,330 points, beating the 73,595 points made by the Chase team. Individual high score was taken by Philip Napolitano and Charles Ruffini with 7,760 points.

Both teams enjoyed the evenings which began with a cocktail hour and dinner followed by fine card playing.

Inter-Dept. Basketball League Champs

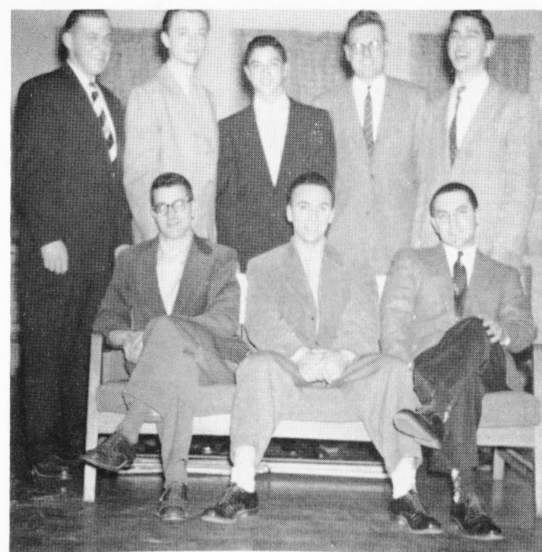
The SERA honored the Truckers, champions of the Inter-Dept. Basketball League, at a banquet held on March 16, at the Girls' Club.

The Truckers won both rounds of the league schedule and as a result became champions without a playoff of the 14-team league.

The players who made up the squad are: (seated left to right) Al Macharelli, Rip Guerrera and Tony Cugno.

(Standing) Dick Kruse, Buck Titov, Mike Izzi, Pete Dowling and Nick Fusco.

(Absent) Karl Czapor, Rolly Hamel, Bill Armour and Red Aurelli.



A/2C Norman Johnson, son of James Johnson, North Mill, entered the Air Force in 1952. He is now serving as a clerk in Japan. Norman is also the nephew of David Holmes, North Mill and Moses Holmes, Wire Mill.

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