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Greetings

As we enter the traditional period of Good Fellowship I wish, on behalf of the Officers and Directors of Scovill, to extend to each of you our sincere wishes that you have a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

During this happy season let us not forget a word of prayer for those who may be less fortunate than are we.

As 1955 wanes, I believe we can look forward to 1956 with optimism. I wish you well.

President

Put Christ Back Into Christmas

By Harry Shewbridge

Merry Christmas! What an empty phrase when we read the newspaper. It's difficult to imagine a morning or evening edition not carrying front page accounts of adult or teenage crimes.

Don't you sometimes catch yourself wondering, as you read the paper, why there is so much crime, what is the cause of such widespread juvenile delinquency? What would you say to the police if they told you that your son or daughter had been arrested for delinquency? Would you say, as they do in the television plays, "I gave him everything I could afford?"

Certainly we can all afford to be good Christians and imitators of Christ. Remember the two sayings that go so well together. "As the twig is bent,

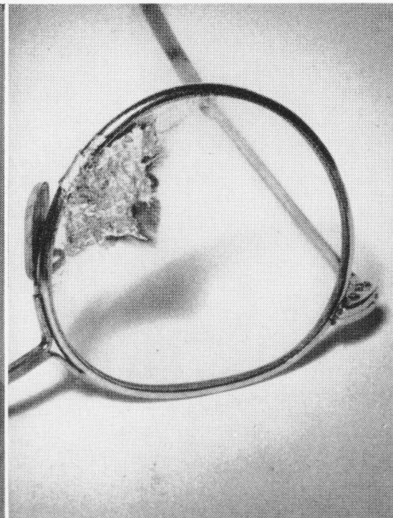
so grows the tree", and "We grow old too soon and wise too late"?

Our example sets the pattern for our youths. Don't think for a moment that our sons and daughters don't notice us ignoring the speed laws, our intolerance of our neighbors, our prejudices and petty moral laxities.

Don't blame the teenagers for following our example, even though they may exaggerate it. Rather let us set an example that is worth following. Let us be good Christians.

Let us put Christ back into our everyday living, not just in December or at Christmas, but in every day of the year. Let us be the shining examples and watch our children follow us along the very same path.

A Happier Christmas For Shygyr



"Christmas will be a happier one for me this year — thanks to my safety glasses," says Shygyr Ibrahim. "This burn on my cheek is nothing compared to a burn of my eye which could have meant the loss of all or part of my vision."

Shygyr sustained a second degree burn of his right cheek when, on Nov. 23rd, a new man was charging a fur-

nace with scrap. A "blob" of molten metal splashed up and struck the right lens of his safety glasses and cheek.



Christmas Shopping

By Robert W. Butler, M. D.

This has only indirect effect on your health. It does have that, however, because the parent of an ill or injured child is always sick of mind or sick of heart; and what follows could help prevent just that.

About a year ago the Connecticut State Health Department distributed a leaflet containing excellent advice regarding intelligent shopping for the youngsters — here it is:

Safety In Santa's Sack

"Hand to Mouth"—up to 2 years

Avoid small toys which may be swallowed . . . flammable objects . . . toys with small removable parts . . . poisonous paint on any object . . . stuffed animals with glass or button eyes.

Use sturdy rattles . . . brightly colored objects hung in view . . . rubber or washable squeak toys, stuffed dolls or animals . . . large, soft colored balls . . . blocks with rounded corners . . . push-and-pull toys with strings or rounded handles . . . nests of objects.

Explorative—2 to 3 years

Avoid things with sharp or rough edges . . . objects with removable parts . . . poisonous paint or decorations . . . marbles . . . beads . . . coins.

Use sand box with bucket, shovel and spoon . . . peg board . . . wooden animals . . . cars and wagons to push around . . . tip-proof kiddie cars and tricycles . . . large crayons . . . low rocking horse . . . small chair and table.

"Let's Pretend"—3 to 4 years

Avoid toys which are too heavy for child's strength . . . poorly made objects which may come apart, break or splinter . . . sharp or cutting toys . . . highly flammable costumes . . . electrical toys.

Use small broom and carpet sweeper . . . toy telephone . . . dolls with simple wrap-around clothing . . . doll buggies and furniture . . . dishes . . . miniature garden tools . . . trucks and tractors . . . drum . . . costume clothes . . . building blocks.

Beginning of Creative

—4 to 6 years

Avoid shooting or target toys which will endanger eyes . . . ill-balanced mobile toys (tricycles, wagons, etc.) . . . poisonous painting sets . . . pinching or cutting objects.

Use blackboard and dustless chalk . . . simple construction sets . . . paints and paint books . . . doll house and furniture . . . small sport equipment . . . skipping rope . . . wash tub and board . . . paper doll sets with blunt end scissors . . . costumes . . . modelling clay.

Beginning of Dexterity

—6 to 8 years

Avoid non-approved electrical toys . . . things too large or complicated for child's strength and ability . . . sharp edged tools . . . poorly made skates . . . conductive kites . . . shooting toys.

Use carpenter bench and well-made, lightweight tools . . . sled . . . construction sets . . . roller skates . . . kites . . . equipment for playing store, bank, filling station, etc. . . playground equipment . . . puzzles and games . . . sewing materials . . . dolls and doll equipment.

Specialization of tastes and skills

—8 and older

Avoid air rifles, chemistry sets, dart games, bows and arrows, dangerous tools and electrical toys unless used under parental supervision . . . motor scooters . . . non-approved electrical toys.

Use hobby materials, arts and crafts, photography, coin and stamp collections, puppet shows . . . musical instruments . . . gym and sports equipment . . . model and construction building sets . . . electric train with Underwriters' Laboratories approval . . . bicycle . . . science sets.

Let's think about these suggestions and the kids will have a safe as well as a Merry Christmas.

"Holiday Special"

BLOODMOBILE

Wed., Dec. 21 — 1 to 5:30 p. m.

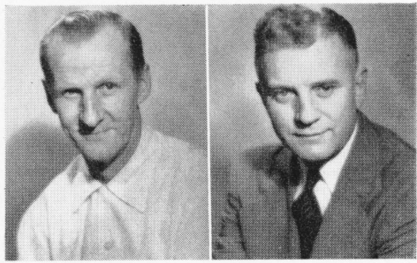
at DOOLITTLE HALL

Will You Be There?



Alton Klobedanz, East Machine
Joseph Keating, Carpenter Shop
George Fuller, Gripper Eyelet Tool

Service Awards Twenty-Five Years



Gordon Mitchell Tube Mill
Dec. 16, 1955

Edward Paige Tube Mill
Dec. 18, 1955

Marie Iagrossi
Buff #3
December 15, 1955

Louis F. Savino
Milling and Grinding
December 19, 1955

Ten Years

December 17—**Edmund F. Bryk**, Slide Fastener Tool; **Ernest B. Lawton, Jr.**, Screw Products Sales.

Waterville Foremen

The annual banquet is to be held in February. Final arrangements will be made at the January meeting which will be held on the 10th instead of the 3rd, due to the holidays.

At the Dec. meeting Joe Muckle, assisted by Bill Johnson and Dave Hanley, provided color slides of the August 19th flood; a grab bag and refreshments were served.

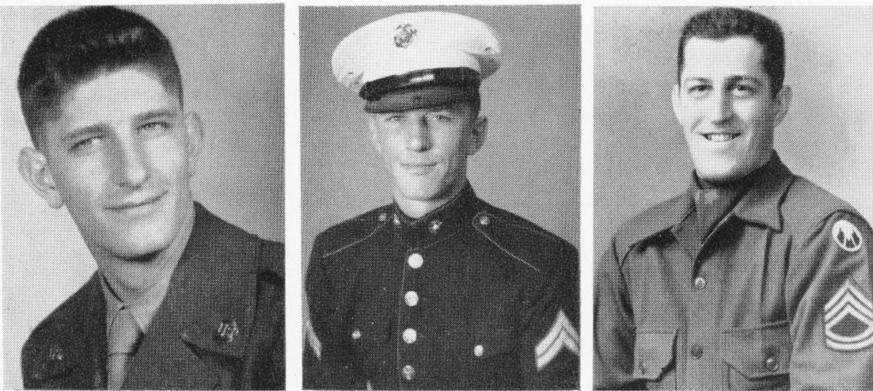
New Assignments Comptroller's Dept.

Announced by Assistant Comptroller **George H. Wadsworth**.

Effective December 5, 1955, **Lewis E. Carrington** has been appointed Chief General Accountant, in charge of the General Accounting Office. He will report to **Walter L. Wood**, Assistant Secretary.

Effective December 5, 1955, **Lloyd F. George** has been appointed Chief Factory Accountant. He will be in charge of the Factory Accounting Office, reporting to Asst. Comptroller.

Military Careers For The Sporbert Boys



Sons of **Emil C. Sporbert, Sr.**, East Power House. Left to right:—**Cpl. George** who is with the 189th Engineers at Camp Belvoir, Va.; **Staff Sgt. Emil, Jr.**, Recruiting Sgt. for the Marines in Waterbury; and **Sgt. First Class Edward**, squad leader of a military police detachment at West Point, New York.

Mr. Sporbert can justly be proud of the ambitions and military records of his four sons. George served 21 months in Alaska before going to Camp Belvoir; Emil, Jr. saw 22 months of fighting in Korea with the 1st Marine Div.; and Edward spent 16 months in the Korean campaign.

Sgt. First Class Edward has served in every aspect of police work at West Point since assigned there in 1946—after his tour of duty in Korea, he returned to West Point. One of his most prized possessions is a letter of appre-

"Scoops" From Zippers

By Louise Foell

Santa's visit to **Mario Santopietro**, Wire Form, came early this year with a brand new blue and white Chevy.

Anna Daddona's Christmas list includes another member, a brand new grandchild born on December 3rd.

Francis Kerner, son of **Anna Mary**, Assembly, reported for military duty on December 7th.

Hello from all of Slide Fastener to **Lucy Castagna** who is out on sick leave.

Grace Paznokas and family went to Maryland over the weekend to watch their sailor son, **Pete**, pass in review. He graduated from boot training at the naval base in Bainbridge, Md.

I hear that when it comes to lobster and spaghetti **Anne Romano** and **Edith Carolan** are tops. Ask the packing girls!

A proud papa these days is **Al Schultz**, whose eldest daughter is doing very well at Wilby High School. Keep up the good work, **Sally**.

Mary Kisonas, her husband and a few friends had a gala weekend in New York doing the town before the holidays.

Christmas Safety Hints

Let's make this Christmas a happy one to remember. By following a few safety rules, you can make certain no accidents will mar the day because of carelessness.

1. Don't use lighted candles on the Christmas tree or with other decorations. Place the tree away from fireplace or other locations where it is exposed to sparks or strong heat.

2. Keep base of tree in water or wet sand and fill the water-containing holder daily. Remove dry tree from premises immediately after holidays.

3. Don't attach too many light strings to one outlet; be sure insulation is not worn or sockets loose. A blown fuse is the signal of a dangerous overload. Never use a penny in the fuse socket.

4. Have a basket handy for disposal of gift wrappings and keep them away from heat.

5. Use flame resistant icicles and tinsel; be sure the snow around the tree will not burn.

6. Don't hang metal foil icicles over wire or tree lights.

Oil House Boys Visit Ralph Roberts



Ralph H. Roberts (extreme left) was pleasantly surprised recently when the entire group of men from the Oil House got together and decided to pay him a visit. The boys found the "Boss", who retired from active service on January 1, 1955, much improved after his illness and in excellent spirits.

Pictured at the party were: first row:—**Mr. Roberts**, **Marshall Steele**, **Bud Coley**, **Ernie Harrison**, **Joe Ciarleglio** and **Mario Paulone**. Second row:—**Tony DiMaria**, **Dan DiVirgilio**, **Merland Avery**, **Milton Wyrick**, **Bill Henderson** and **Harry Behr**. Standing:—**Romeo DiStiso** and **Concezio Tarullo**. **Harold Stotts** was behind the camera.

Rod & Gun Club

"Oh my" said Santa Claus as he wearily pulled off his heavy boots and moved closer to the fire. "Sometimes I get so downhearted I could almost quit—all day long, all night long, nothing but children, children, children. Not that that makes me tired, for I sure love 'em all, but lately it is always the same story, 'Santa, give me this! Santa give me that!'" It seems to me the whole world, children and grownups alike, have a bad case of the "gimmies"! What's the matter with everybody? Have they forgotten what Christmas really is?"

For a few minutes Santa sat quiet, his tired eyes staring at the flickering flames. "I wish sometimes I were back in the beginning" he continued, "I really do. You know the name Santa Claus is but a secondary name, for actually my name is Saint Nicholas, Bishop of the city of Myra in the province of Lycia. Yes, a real Saint!" The old man's eyes began to sparkle, "And Christmas was exactly what the name indicates—it was Christ's Mass, celebrated in honor of his birthday for, although so many people seem to have forgotten it, Christmas is Christ's birthday and people celebrate Christmas as a Christian holy day!"

He slowly shook his head and his whiskers shimmered in the fire light. "How I wish I could say that today", he mused aloud. "Would it not be wonderful if everyone would put first things first and celebrate the holy day of Christmas the right way, by honoring Him whose birthday started all this? Would it be possible for the children and grownups alike to put Christ back into Christmas? What a wonderful Christmas that would be! And then I could really say from the bottom of my heart 'Merry Christmas, everyone, a very merry and blessed Christmas!'"

The Rod and Gun Club joins Santa in wishing you and your family not only a very pleasant and enjoyable Christmas season but, also a very prosperous and happy new year.

Pinochle Tournament

Scores for the evening of December 8 put **Matulunas'** team out front with 28,545 points. **Mancini's** team with 28,040 points was a close second and **Laudate's** team was third with 26,525 points.

To date in the tournament, **Laudate's** boys are ahead with 262,060 points, followed by **Matulunas'** boys with 251,375 points and **Mancini's** team with 244,555 points is a competing third.

Individual high scores for the evening went to **Archie Hollywood** with 4,135 points and **Neil Granoth** with 3,970 pts.

Girls' Club News

By Teresa Ryan

Happy birthday greetings to **Peggy Fox**, Elec. Anneal; **Barbara Gedraitis**, Mfg. Timekeeping Clerks; **Marian Thompson** Planning; and **Anna Wisnaukas**, Elec. Shell.

Pre-Christmas parties were held by Merchandise Stores on the 14th and the Cost Office Bowling League on the 15th. The Girls' Club Council Members are having their's tonight.

Jeannette Duplaise wishes to thank the following girls for filling Christmas stockings for the Kiddies' Party: **Juanita Adlessio**, **Betty Affeldt**, **Edith Carolan**, **Betty Colbassani**, **Mary Conti**, **Hazel Didsbury**, **Mary Murphy**, **Bertha Paoloni**, **Lena Pisani**, **Chloe Read**, **Mary Rocco**, **Ann Romano**, **Teresa Ryan**, **Evelyn Smoil**, **Margaret Snowden**, **Ruth Tourangeau**, **Agnes Towne**, **Viola Valaitis** and **Mary Winton**. We hope all hands are healed and petal soft by Christmas.

Betty Doyle spent Thanksgiving day in the hospital after a bad accident on a slippery road the day before. She is coming along nicely and we hope that she will rejoin us soon.

The Girls' Club wishes to extend to all its members and friends a very happy, cheerful and safe Christmas holiday.

Thank You From Lucy

Lucy Kelly, Mailing, wishes to thank her many friends and co-workers for all their wonderful cards and other remembrances during her illness. She's coming along fine and hopes to be seeing all her friends again real soon.

"I Got Rhythm"



This dancing beauty is **Maureen Breen**, 12-year old daughter of **Maureen**, Payroll. She is also the niece of **Gerald Costello**, Slide Fast. Wire Form and **Edward Costello**, Electrical Dept.

Platt Bros. Men Say "Thank You"



Jeannette Duplaise, Chairlady of the Children's Christmas Party, accepts a check from Leaman Harvey, Superintendent of the Platt Bros. and Co., to be used in connection with the Girls' Club annually-sponsored event.

Several Platt Bros. men have been rolling zinc in the North Mill since their own plant was demolished in the August 19th flood. Recently they decided to express their appreciation for the "wonderful cooperation, help and friendliness the guys in the Mill have given us during our time here in Scovill." Their method was to contribute toward the Children's Party.

The men from Platt Bros. are (pictured, left to right): John Braun, Walter Bullis, Jr., James Sullivan, Harvey Payne, and Louis Voisvert. In the front row are: Miss Duplaise, Mr. Harvey and Tom O'Connell, Superintendent of the North Rolling Mill.

New E.R. Bldg. Opens

Monday, December 19, 1955, marked the official opening of the new hospital and Employee Relations building on East Main Street.

The hospital, which extends along the Hayden St. entrance, on the first floor, is one of the most modern and fully equipped hospitals in industry. Entrance to the hospital, from within the plant, is opposite the Hayden St. gate, as is a special ambulance entrance. Entrance from the outside is through the main entrance on East Main Street.

Also on the first floor are the Employment, Group Insurance and Blue Cross offices, and the pay station.

The second floor of the building houses the various offices of Employee and Labor Relations, Training, apprentice class rooms, conference rooms and THE BULLETIN.

Located in the basement are the telephone switchboard, offices of the Plant Protection Dept., Health & Safety Dept. and Safety Store; record vaults and rest rooms.

An inside entrance to the new building is through a covered bridge which connects the structure at the second floor level to the Button Eyelet Dept. in Building 54.

Five Succumb

FRANCIS SULLIVAN, retired, died on December 6, 1955.

Mr. Sullivan came to the Waterville Div. in August, 1933, and had a continuous service record of over 21 years. He had served in the Buff Room for 10 years, then went to the Blacksmith Shop as a Blacksmith-helper until retiring in January, 1955.

THEODORE E. CRUESS, retired, died on December 11, 1955.

Mr. Cruess first came to Scovill in October, 1916, and had over 32 years of continuous service when he retired April 25, 1949. Mr. Cruess served in various departments until 1945, when he went to the Attaching Machine Dept. as a Tool Crib Attendant.

MARCO WABUDA, retired, died on December 11, 1955.

Mr. Wabuda was first hired in February, 1917, and had a continuous service record since July, 1918. Always in the East Machine Dept., he was serving as an oiler-mill maintenance when retired September 17, 1945.

JEREMIAH CARROLL, retired, died on December 12, 1955.

Mr. Carroll had a continuous service record of over 32 years, beginning when he first came to Scovill in 1916. Always in the Wire Mill, Mr. Carroll was a serviceman when he was retired July 5, 1948.

MARY ELLEN McCORMACK, Shipping Clerk Dept., died on December 12, 1955.

Miss McCormack had a continuous service record since May, 1929. She had worked in several other departments until 1940, when she went to Packing B. At the time of her death, she was Asst. Stock Selector.

Holiday Shutdown Waterbury Div.

CHRISTMAS — The Waterbury Division will close for Christmas at the end of the work day on Friday, Dec. 23, 1955, and will reopen at the start of the first shift on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

Employees scheduled to work on Saturday, Dec. 24, will be notified individually or by departmental notice.

NEW YEAR'S DAY—The Waterbury Division will close for New Year's Day at the end of the work day on Friday, Dec. 30, 1955 and will reopen at the start of the first shift on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1956.

Employees scheduled to work on Saturday, Dec. 31, will be notified individually or by departmental notice.

Inventory

MANUFACTURING DEPARTMENTS — Inventory will be taken in Manufacturing Depts. only on Friday, Dec. 30, 1955. In these departments only those employees notified individually or by departmental notice should report for work on Friday, Dec. 30, 1955. Employees not scheduled on Friday, Dec. 30, will be paid at the new pay station on that day.

MILLS DEPARTMENTS — Inventory will be taken in the Mills Depts. on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1956. In these departments only those employees notified individually or by department notice are to report for work on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

ALL OTHER DEPARTMENTS — Employees are scheduled to work on Friday, Dec. 30, 1955, and Jan. 3, 1956 unless notified to the contrary.

Waterville Div.

CHRISTMAS — The Waterville Division will close at the end of the second shift, at 11:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 23, 1955 and will reopen for the first shift, at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1955.

INVENTORY — will be taken on Friday, Dec. 30, 1955.

NEW YEAR'S DAY — This division will close at the end of the second shift, at 11:00 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 29, 1955, and will reopen at the start of the first shift, at 7:00 a.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1956.

Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2 (because Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Sunday) are holidays for which hourly and piecework employees who qualify are paid when they do not work.

Classified Ads For Sale

Roper gas stove with gas heater, three years old, excellent condition. Call 3-7546 after 5 p.m.

A.B.C. wringer type square washing machine, \$20. Call at 116 Farrington Ave.

26" girl's bicycle, \$18. Call Watertown CRestwood 4-3146.

Black Alpaca overcoat, size 38, like new, \$20. Call 6-0092.

1955 Kenmore washing machine. Call 6-6800 or 4-3839.

Glenwood stove, 4 & 4, 2 ovens. Call 5-7341.

Six sturdy Windsor dining chairs, portable electric oven, other items. Call 3-2883.

2-piece living room set with slipcovers, \$50; Universal gas and gas stove, almost new, \$125. Call 4-5359.

Mercury electric cabinet type sewing machine, brand new; black seal fur coat, size 38-40; brown fur coat, size 36-38. Call 4-1710 Saturday and Sunday.

Buesher alto saxophone, \$125; Martin Freres clarinet, almost new, \$85. Call 4-0811.

Eleven 1/2" and six 3/4" brass pipes. Call Cheshire BRowning 2-4340 after 5 p.m.

Florence pot burner stove, good condition. Call at 150 Seymour St., Waterbury.

1942 yellow Chrysler with 4 brand new tires, very good condition. Call 4-4213.

Home drafting table, 23 x 31", adjustable both ways, like new. Call 4-5775.

Slingerton white pearl complete drum outfit; Conn trumpet, excellent condition. Call CR 4-1717 after 4 p.m.

Boy's hockey skates, size 7, practically new. Call CR 4-3516 after 6 p.m.

1941 Frigidaire, 6 cu. ft., perfect condition. Phone 6-3394 or call at 138 Madison St.

Two pair girls' white shoe roller skates, size 7 and 7 1/2, good condition. Call 6-6367 between 3-9 p.m.

Bach trumpet with mutes and case. A good buy for someone who wants to make a lot of noise. Call ext. 726.

Wanted To Buy

Playpen in good condition. Call Naugatuck PARK 9-7262.

6'3" or 6'6" skis with steel edges, bindings and poles. Must be in good condition, safe, foolproof. Call ext. 726.

Rent Wanted

3 or 4 unfurnished rooms for two adults and child. Call ext. 855.

Junior Stamp Exhibit DOOLITTLE HALL

Sunday, January 22, 1956

1:00 to 6:00 p. m.

Open to Scovill children and grandchildren only — Applications available at the Employee Activities Office.

Top Golfers of Friday Nighter's League



Winners of the 1955 trophies for the Friday Niter's Golf League recently received their "Oscars". Exchanging congratulations, they are (left to right): Alfred Bronsard, Ralph Orsini, John Carey and Alfred Bakutis.

Al Bronsard accepted the trophy for 2nd place team (Al Bakutis was his teammate); Ralph Orsini won low net honors with 26 points; John Carey ac-

cepted the trophy for 1st place team prize (his teammate was Al Andrews); Al Bakutis also took the trophy for low gross of 38 points.

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