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New Assignments Announced

General Manager



Arthur P. Hickcox

Mr. William M. Goss, Executive Vice President, has issued notice of the following appointments:

As of January 12, 1955, Arthur P. Hickcox, Vice President of the Company, has been appointed General Manager of all Main Plant operations, reporting to the President and Executive Vice President.

As of that date, Mr. Hickcox has relinquished his position as Director of Purchases and that position will be filled by Lewis F. Cobb, who will report to Mr. Hickcox.

Steam Dept.

Announced by Mr. M. L. Sperry, Vice-President in charge of Engineering.

Effective January 1, 1955, Charles K. Stickney has been appointed Chief Power Plant Engineer. He will report to Chief Maintenance Engineer T. W. Colina.

Effective January 1, 1955, Thomas P. Healey has been appointed Assistant Chief Power Plant Engineer, reporting to Mr. Stickney.

1955 Auto Markers

Current auto registrations expire at midnight, February 28. The Employee Activities Office will pick up your registration if you are unable to get down to the Motor Vehicle Office.

This service is available up to Thursday, February 3. After that date, due to the pressure of business at the windows, the Motor Vehicle Office cannot extend this service.

If you will sign the application which is attached to your present registration and bring it (properly filled out) to the Employee Activities Office—Spencer Block, 1st floor—together with the required fee, your markers will be picked up for you.

The State Motor Vehicle Commissioner has announced that mail applications will be accepted until Saturday, February 5.

Comptroller's Depts.

Announced by Comptroller Ivan L. Coulter:

Effective January 1, 1955, Richard B. Harding has been appointed Credit Manager, in charge of all credit matters relating to Main Plant Manufacturing and Mill Divisions, and the Waterville Division.

Effective January 1, 1955, Arthur W. Lee has been appointed Assistant Credit Manager and, in the absence of Mr. Harding, he will have authority to pass on credit matters relating to the above divisions.

Effective January 1, 1955, Lloyd F. George has been appointed Chief Accountant in charge of Dept. 602 to be known as the General Accounting Office. This division will now include General Accounting, Cashier's Office, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable and the balance of the Billing Dept. not transferred to Tabulating. He will report to Assistant Secretary Walter L. Wood.

Manufacturing Division

Announced by General Production Manager C. A. Burnett:

Effective January 3, 1955, Clarence W. Keller has been appointed Supervisor of Manufacturing Store Records Dept. He will report to the General Production Manager.

Traffic Div.

Announced by Superintendent of Traffic J. B. Griffin.

Effective January 3, 1955, Fred A. Brown, as Assistant to the Traffic Superintendent, has been assigned supervisory responsibility for the Warehouse operations to include Merchandise Section, Button and Fastener Section, Shipping Section and Receiving Section. He will report to the Superintendent of Traffic.

James Dwyer has been appointed expeditor—truck and rail shipments. He will expedite mill and manufacturing shipments from the Main Plant, and will report to the Superintendent of Traffic.

A. Cestaro Retires

AUGUST CESTARO, Buff 1, was retired from active service as of January 10, 1955.

Mr. Cestaro came to Scovill in September, 1902, and his 52 years of continuous service have been in the Buff Rooms. He served as a buffer and toolsetter intermittently until shortly after World War 2 when he was appointed working supervisor. He was forced to leave in October, 1954, due to illness.

Willis Mitchell Awarded 40-Year Pin



President L. P. Sperry presented the 40-year continuous service award to Willis Mitchell of the West Machine Room, on December 28, 1954. On hand for the occasion were (left to right): Foreman William Rosevear, Mr. Mitchell, Chief Maintenance Engineer Tom Colina and Mr. Sperry.

What About 1955?

We all hope 1955 will live up to the favorable predictions of the country's top economic forecasters. All indications point to an upward trend in general business conditions. The past year saw a reversal of the post Korean economic upswing. Business activity slowed for a reappraisal of its present and future prospects. The result is a continuing move forward. This is a challenge to all of us.

For over 150 years Scovill has been serving both the industrial and consumer fields, meeting the exacting requirements that these customers have demanded of us. We have built up a tradition of craftsmanship in metals that kept the Company going through war and peace, boom and depression times.

Never have competitive conditions been more keen. New companies, new methods and new materials have sharpened the competitive knife. If we are to hold our position in the industry, it falls on all of us to produce the best product we know how, at as low a cost as possible. With everyone's cooperation we should maintain and improve our business.

Alan C. Curtis
Vice President



Award of Merit

presented to

The Employees of

Scovill Manufacturing Company

in recognition of outstanding cooperation and achievement in the 1955 Federated Funds Torch Drive for reaching 100% of Quota.

Louis J. Schuster
General Chairman
Ralph Osborne
President



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Be Prepared For The Worst

So far this winter the weather has generally been favorable. With a couple of exceptions driving conditions have been good. But the worst of the winter season is still to come. If one believes in the predictions of the Farmer's Almanac, and there are a goodly number of people who do, we are in for several bad periods of winter storms.

Such a prediction has a good chance of coming true. Accordingly, it would be well now to recheck your car's condition, if it is necessary for you to drive in bad weather. A big assist in driving through snow is tires with good tread, especially snow tires. Chains should be checked too. It is a good idea to keep a box of sand and a small shovel in the trunk of your car for emergencies. Recheck the anti-freeze in your radiator; some of it may have evaporated and a sudden drop in temperature could ruin your motor.

But most important of all are your driving habits. Your car will only do what you want it to do.

Girls' Club News

By Juanita Addressio

A certain club member had a *Sprinkle* the other night and received some lovely things for her brand new hore chest. It turned out to be a real terrific party. I felt pretty good about it all too, 'cause I feel like I helped with my newly acquired talent for making Whiskey Sours. (Thanks to the teachings of Tony Opalak.) Well, everyone told me they were dee-li-cious!!! Now, watch the column in the coming months for more news on the above — no, not the sours!

Also hear that *Adele Yakulevich* of the Cutting Room has said that big YES and is wearing a lovely engagement ring. The lucky guy is Steve Sharka. Lots of luck to you both!

Clara Commerford of Addressograph was feted at a retirement party December 30, at D'Angelo's by her fellow workers. Certainly sorry to lose *Clara*, but hope the future holds new and exciting things for her. Retiring could be like starting a new life.

Faith Torsani is back in the Billing Office. Her husband, with the Army in Labrador, was home on leave and they spent some of their time in picturesque Bermuda.

Watch for the notices on the SERA Cabaret Dance, which will be held soon. Remember what a wonderful time everyone

had at the Girls' Club Cabaret — and how hard tickets were to get! They were such a big help making our dance a success — now is our chance to pitch in and help them.

Our very deepest sympathy to *Nellie* (Payroll) and *Angie* (Lipstick) *LoRusso* on the recent loss of their mother. Some of the girls can realize how great a loss this is — although we didn't know her too well we did meet her a few times, and then, *Nell* and *Ang* always had so much to tell about her. She was a wonderfully wise person with a parable for every situation.

In Appreciation

I wish to take this opportunity to thank my friends in Factory Accounting, Cost Office and other offices at the Main Plant for their kindness to me on my retirement. And to all employees who gave me their cooperation during my thirty-odd years in Scovill — my sincere thanks!

Jim Littlejohn

Looking For Trouble?

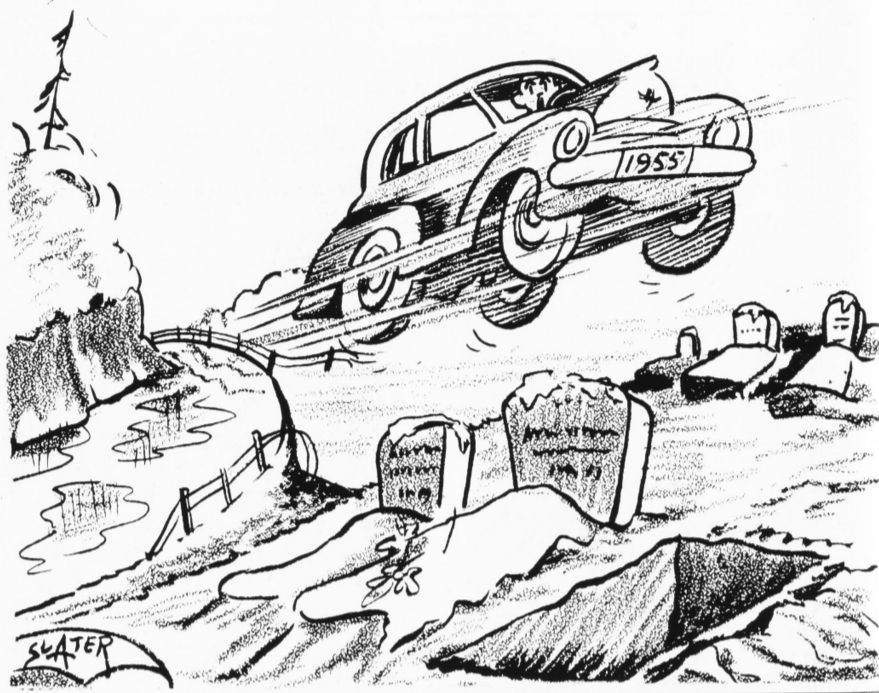
These days, with the latest in automatic automobile transmissions, it is easy enough to run over yourself. Just put the shift lever in drive or low, raise the hood, stand in front of the car (as shown in the picture at the right) and flip the throttle lever with your hand.

All joking aside though, this has happened, but not (that we know of) to any of our employees.

To avoid this situation never leave the shift lever in drive or low, and always have the emergency brake on tight when the car is stopped.



IT'S LATER THAN.. ..YOU THINK!



Smother It!

By Robert W. Butler, M. D.

All coughs and sneezes should be smothered. You should smother yours, and if you happen to be around someone who doesn't smother *his*, you'd better run.

The one and only sure thing about this column is that once a year you're going to read something about the common cold—at least it'll be here for you to read if you wish. Frankly we're not very optimistic about the results, but it just could be that if we're around here another 40 or 50 years, one or more of your grandchildren might be impressed enough to save himself some grief!

Statistics, somehow or other, don't impress people very much but these certainly *should*:

DAYS LOST ANNUALLY BY BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY ALONE (Just in this country and just due to common colds):

180,000,000—that's millions.

DOLLARS LOST IN WAGES AND PRODUCTION:

\$4,000,000,000—that's billions.

and they call it the "common" cold! It's common only because so many get it—it's mighty uncommon in cost and discomfort. Know how many people spent the day sneezing and shaking at home today? About 250,000! They'd make a city 2 1-2 times the size of Waterbury—and what a miserable city that would be! That's 250,000 days' pay too—and most of the chill and spill could have been prevented.

Try a few precautions this Winter and see if you can't save yourself some trouble and expense. The culprit responsible for the cold is a virus (or a germ, or a bug, if you wish) and since the nose, throat or chest of the person who has the cold is full of 'em, and since they're all ready to jump on you,

1. Keep away from 'em.
2. Avoid crowds as much as possible. At this season of the year there's

no crowd which doesn't have several sneezers.

3. Be sure that your diet is well balanced *every day*; and that your sleep is adequate (at least 8 hours) *every night*.

4. Keep out of eating and drinking places where they don't do a thorough job of cleaning dishes, glasses, and silver — and too many of 'em *don't!*

5. Don't get chilled — sudden changes from warm to cold lower resistance and make you fair game for the bug. 75 degrees to 25 degrees in a second or two is 40 degrees too much; and just going from one building to another in your shirtsleeves means you're really asking for it!

6. Keep the house well ventilated, but no drafts. The air should not be hot, nor should it be too dry. Put some water around: a kettle or two on the stove, humidifiers on the radiators, pans of water in the bedroom, etc. — none of which are any good unless you keep 'em filled!

7. You wouldn't kiss the baby if you had a cold, would you? All right then — don't kiss your mother either.

Try these things sometime. You can't tell — you might save yourself a lot of money and misery.

"Scoops" From Zippers

By Louise Foell

Our first grandmother for the year is *Rose Yarosis*. Mr. and Mrs. William Amodeo are the proud parents of their first child, a son. Mrs. Amodeo is the daughter of *Rose Yarosis*. *Katherine McEvoy*, a former S.F. employee, now in Hot Forge, is also a New Year's grandmother.

Anna Romano and *Edith Carolan* have returned from a marvelous Florida vacation. Had a grand trip and came back looking as brown as a berry.

Alberta Simmons was a bridesmaid on New Year's Eve. Her gown of satin and tulle with matching hat was a "shocking pink."

One of the saddest deaths in S.F. was that of *Robert Krank*, General Training #1. *Kasper Krank*, father of Robert, works in Wire Form.

Departments And Co-Workers Pay Tribute To Retiring Employees

Below are photos of a few of the many gatherings in the plant, and outside, which were held to pay tribute and bid fond farewell to employees who

retired from active service on January 1, 1955. The best of health and many happy years of retirement are wished for all from all Scovillites.



The Cutting Room honored four of their employees who retired: Michael Polo, William Donahue, Isidore Hennes and Leonard Bates (standing behind the table, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th from the left).



Repair Room paid tribute to four retirees also. Seated left to right are: Foreman Harvey Krantz and retirees George Reiger, John Simons, Armand Brechbubler and Michele Fontana.



Mary Mehegan and Jim Littlejohn (center, front row) of Factory Accounting. Mrs. Littlejohn was on hand for the occasion.



Harry Brinton (second left) of Button Eyelet Tool, and Jennie Flynn (center) Timekeeper of Button Eyelet.



Clara Commerford (center) of the Addressograph Dept.



Charles Hamel (fifth from left) of the Rod Mill.



Joseph Chincarello (in dark suit behind sign) of General Stores.



Fred Lasher (seated, far end of table) of Press No. 1.



Frank Frey (directly behind the table), of Mfg. Stores Record.



Frederick Frenzel (behind table) of Connector.

Scovill Sets "First" On Wall Street



Scovill is the first industrial corporation listed on the New York Stock Exchange to pay at least one dividend a year for the past hundred years.

Officers of the company visited the trading floor on January 4. (left to right): Nathan C. Bernstein, of the Exchange member firm of Gaines & Co., who is a specialist in Scovill stock; Scovill officers: president L. P. Sperry, treasurer and general counsel Mark L. Sperry, 2nd, and executive vice president William M. Goss; and G. Keith Funston, President, New York Stock Exchange.

Rod & Gun Club

By Charlie Rietyke

Following the Christmas holidays Jim Littlejohn arrived at the office visibly bruised. To quiet all present and future speculation, we herewith report the facts as phoned in by a reliable eye witness; the story of "Jim's Battle with 'Rosie' the Tom Cat!"

'T was the day after Christmas, and all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

For the cat had departed and the mice were asleep

And so was friend Jim. 'Fact, his snoring was deep!

Along came high noon—"What an odd noise was that!"

"Someone on the back porch." Jim reached for his gat!

He rushed to the back door — made a grab for his hat—

Yanked open the door — and there was the cat!

"Begone, ye foul beast, or I'll give you my boot!"

Jim snarled at the cat, "Begone or I'll shoot."

The cat snarled right back and spit at friend Jim

Which was a mistake; for you can't spit at him!

Jim went for the cat; the cat went for Jim

There was screaming and yelling and growling quite grim.

And when the dust lifted, the cat was nowhere

And Jim, dazed and damaged, climbed back up the stairs.

His forehead was bleeding, his right eye, a sight

He looked in the mirror and muttered "good night!"

And that's how friend Jim, (they make 'em no finer)

Received from the cat a peach of a shiner.

A word of advice, Jim, from friends and appraisers

"It's better to get your shiners at 'Nasers!'"

Annual Golf Clinic

Preparations are underway for the annual Golf Clinic scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, at Doolittle Hall. Complete details will be given in an early issue.

Jim Brislin, of the Scovill Men's Golf League, is chairman of the event. Committee members include: Jim Coffey, Ray Driscoll, Wayne Johnson, Tom O'Connell, Ed Sabis, Al Smith, Charles Vaughn and Paul Wislocki.

Inter-Dept. Basketball

Standings as of January 10

	Won	Lost
Truckers	4	1
General Training	4	1
Oakville	1	3
Gripper Eyelet	0	4

Pinochle Tournament

The final game of the first round was completed on December 30. Team standings are as follows; Honyotski—391,980; Mancini — 382,025; Matulunas — 380,810. Individual high scores for the first round were taken by Erv Honyotski with 4,315 points and John Manfredi with 4,215.

Team scores for the evening of January 6 were: Matulunas — 33,930; Mancini — 33,300; Honyotski — 31,625. Individual high score of 4,260 was taken by James Pelosi. Henry Janowski was runnerup with 4,225 points.



Saverio Forgiome, Gripper Eyelet Tool Room.

Seven Succumb

CHARLES E. BOGAERT, retired, died on December 30, 1954.

Mr. Bogaert came to Scovill on July 15, 1893, and had a continuous service record since November of that year. Always in the Blanking Room, he was serving as foreman when he retired on September 17, 1945.

JOHN F. COLLINS, retired, died on December 30, 1954.

Mr. Collins came to Scovill on November 15, 1904, and had a continuous service record since October 12, 1933. Most of his years at Scovill were spent in the Buff Rooms, and at the time of his retirement, he was a supervisor in Buff II.

ROBERT KRANK, General Training No. 1, died on January 1, 1955.

Mr. Krank came to Scovill on April 27, 1953, which was also his continuous service date. He was a member of the General Training Course at the time of his death.

HENRY T. PETERSON, Chucking Tool, died on January 9, 1955.

Mr. Peterson came to Scovill on November 25, 1940, which was also his continuous service date. He had been serving as foreman in Chucking Tool and Chucking Machine and Hand Screw Machine operations.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE

Late model 1952 4-door Chevrolet, 4 new tubeless tires, A-1 condition. Call 6-1604.

White metal cabinet, about 8' high, very wide, double door, almost new, \$13; Oxford gray suit for medium sized man, about a 31" waist, 29" leg, worn only twice, \$15; 2 suits, light gray, cocoa brown, \$4; dark brown gabardine, \$6, all same size; man's camel hair coat, almost new, \$10; very large chain drive tricycle, \$15. Call 6-5973 after 3:45 p.m.

Storm windows and screens, 2 years old, 5 sets, size 24 x 43, \$4 each set. Call 4-0014.

Studio couch, like new, 3 loose pillows with slip covers, \$40. Call 5-7261 or at 579 Wolcott St., 1st floor.

Florence parlor stove, 7" burner, chrome pipe, floor pad. Call 6-6731 between 5-7 p.m.

White combination Bengal deluxe stove, like new, burners used 1 year, chrome pipe, \$125. Call 5-3405.

1941 Buick 4-door sedan (R.M.), good tires, clean, running condition, R & H, \$70. Can be seen at the Aviglinanese Athletic Club yard. Call 6-5701 between 5-6 p.m.

1949 Nash, radio, heater, bed, good running condition, \$400. May be seen at 219 Congress Ave., or call 3-3403.

Baby's bathtub, \$1; bathroom sink, \$2; 30" kitchen sink, \$3; tricycle, \$5; Boy's 26" bike, \$15; all excellent condition; old Victorian chairs; rocker; picture; white Perfection oil range with oven, very economical. Call 5-6416.

Studio couch with springs. Call 3-2729 after 6 p.m.

Mahogany buffet, reasonable. Call 3-8833 after 5:30 p.m.

Florence parlor stove, reasonable. Call 3-5941 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Kitchen set: drop leaf table, four chairs, very reasonable. Call 3-8638.

Found

Man's watch found in Main Office; black rosary beads found out in East Plant. Call ext. 345.

For Rent

Three rooms, semi-furnished, hot water, newly decorated. Call 3-6296 between 9 and 9 p.m.

FELICE NAPOLITANO, retired, died on January 10, 1955.

Mr. Napolitano came to Scovill on August 21, 1908, which was also his continuous service date. Except for a short period in the Valve Room, he has always been in the Buff Room. He was serving as a buffer in Buff II when he retired in 1937.

MRS. MARY O'BRIEN, retired, died on January 11, 1955.

Mrs. O'Brien came to Scovill in May, 1917, and was retired in January, 1942 with a continuous service record of almost 25 years. She was a bench operator in Lipstick when retiring.

VINCENZO FLOCCO, retired, died on January 11, 1955.

Mr. Flocco was first hired in to Scovill in October, 1916. He was retired in July, 1951, with a service record of over 26 years. He was serving as a locker room attendant in North Mill Finish when he retired.

Life Out East

By Harry Shewbridge

As we all well know, many of our senior fellow employees have retired as of the first of the year. One of those who has a host of friends and will be long missed is *Marthe Buchs*. Her fellow employees in the Automatic Screw Machine Dept. held a farewell party in her honor at Waverly Inn.

Marthe was employed by the Company for 37 years and was liked by everyone who knew her. Her friends presented her with a purse and some luggage. *Marthe*, you see, is planning on a trip to Switzerland in the very near future.

And now for my swan song. This will come as a surprise to some and a relief to others, but this, dear readers, is my last bit of writing for awhile. News, believe it or not, is hard to get. It takes sweat, blood and tears to drag everyday items of interest out where they can be printed. Using the usual alibi, I must say that, due to the pressure of business, I will be unable to spend enough time to provide a column of personal notes worthy of THE BULLETIN. Sad, but it's true. So long and thanks for your interest.

Service Awards

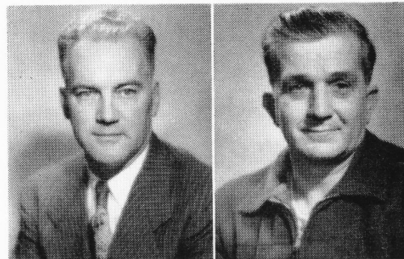
Fifty Years

Louis S. Merriman

Waterville

January 15, 1955

Twenty-Five Years



Howard R. Kraft

Salvatore A. Triano

No. Mill Off.
Jan. 10, 1955

Dip Room
Jan. 11, 1955

Raymond G. McGuire

Wire Mill

Jan. 10, 1955

Ten Years

January 8—Shirley Dovidaitis, Gen. Stores Office; Elsie Finnemore, Planning; Canio Pace, Hot Forge Tool; January 9—Rocco Morano, Button Attach. Mach; January 16—John Strachan, Electrical Maint.