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## The Red Cross

There has been much criticism directed against the Red Cross since the flood. We believe it has not been justified.

The Red Cross was one of the first agencies to distribute food and clothing to flood victims. It got housing for many who lost theirs.

Now when rehabilitation is in order, it is helping many cases of need, but only such cases.

Of course it has rules for giving. If you gave to the "flood bank"—wouldn't you expect careful supervision of the financial aid to be given?

It is to be expected that those who were devastated are impatient for aid. But by and large they will be better off if they get aid through regular procedures.

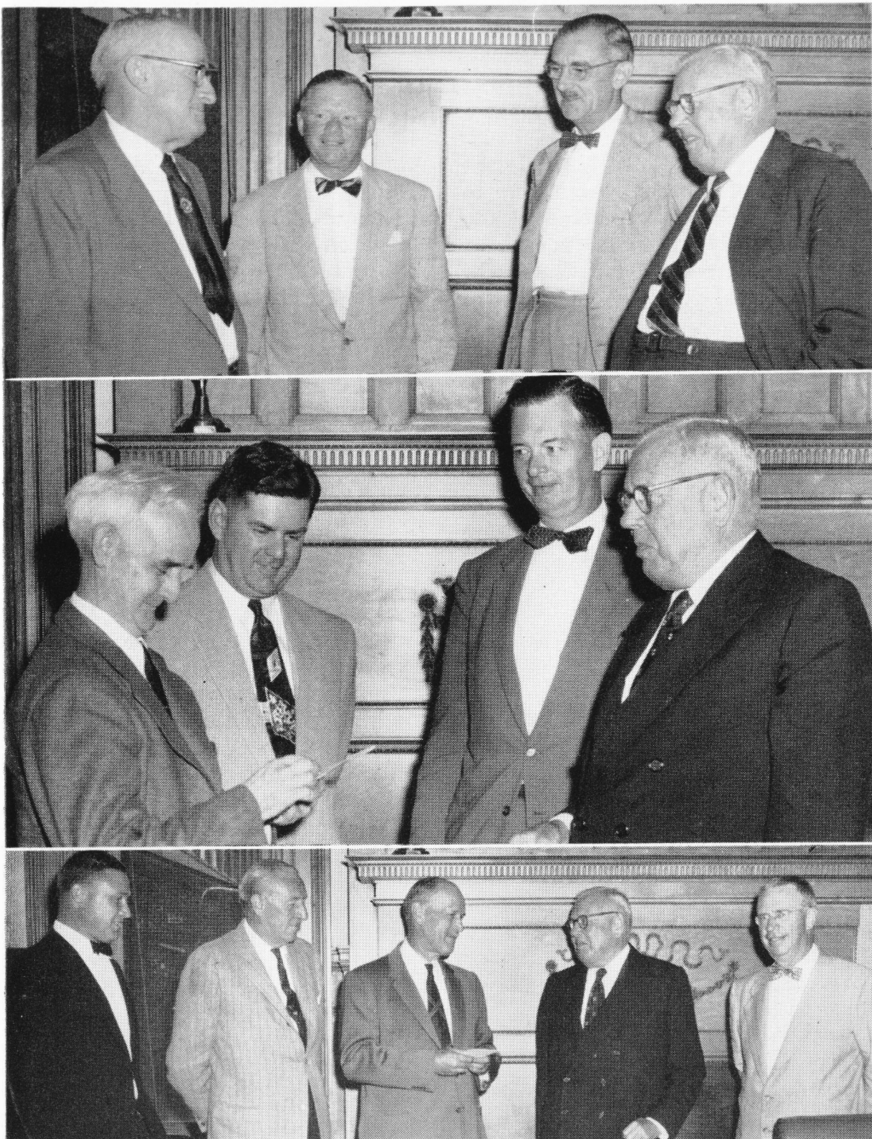
The Red Cross has proven itself before—and it most certainly will now. What agency could do better than the Internationally-loved American Red Cross?

*Adam C. Curtis*  
Vice-President

## GREEN SPOT, SPRINKLEMIST Promotion



## Three Receive Service Awards



President L. P. Sperry recently presented three service awards as follows: Top photo:—A 50-year award to Joseph R. Wolff, Estimating (extreme left). On hand for the occasion were: Supt. of Tool & Devel. Depts. W. H. Machin, Sr., Vice-President H. W. Wild and Mr. Sperry.

Center:—Michael V. Briody, West Mach., received a 40-year award, with Foreman William Rosevear, Chief Maint. Eng. T. W. Colina looking on.

Earle T. Ford, Asst. Secy. and Manager of Timekeeping and Payroll, a 40-year award. In photo:—Treas. and Gen. Counsel M. L. Sperry 2nd, Exec. Vice-Pres. W. M. Goss, Mr. Ford, Mr. Sperry, Asst. Treas., Compt. I. L. Coulter.

This new GREEN SPOT counter display unit, to be featured in the 1956 GREEN SPOT PROGRAM for wholesalers and retailers, gives retailers a compact, self-service unit containing a small quantity of best-sellers in the line.

On August 27, the Merchandise Division held its annual sales meeting on the GREEN SPOT and SPRINKLEMIST lines in Indianapolis, Indiana. The 1956 sales, advertising and promotional programs for the two lines were presented to the 26 GREEN SPOT and SPRINKLEMIST representatives attending.

S. M. Main, Sales Manager of the Merchandise Division, welcomed the men to the meeting and J. N. Hathaway, Sales Promotion Manager, presented the sales and promotional programs.

Highlights of the 1956 sales program are new GREEN SPOT and SPRINKLEMIST counter display units which hold a small quantity of best-selling items, a 10-sprinkler and 3-sprinkler package that offers dealers extra profits and several new items in the line, including a two-arm sprinkler and a pistol-grip nozzle.

Mr. Hathaway also showed the salesmen two color movies, both of which were recently made on the GREEN SPOT line. One of the movies, called "Water Magic", will be distributed to TV stations and to garden and other club groups. It tells in an amusing and interesting manner how to water lawns and gardens. Mr. Elliott Reed, of our Advertising Agency, Needham, Louis & Brorby, told the men how the film will be used to get the GREEN SPOT name

and product before millions of consumers.

The second movie is believed to be one of the first, if not the first, movies ever made for the purpose of presenting a manufacturers' sales program to wholesalers and their salesmen. Both Messrs. Main and Hathaway appear in the movie, presenting the GREEN SPOT story.

Mr. Jack Walsh, of the National Retail Hardware Association, outlined the growth of hardware stores in recent years and told what the newest trends in merchandising are. He showed how the GREEN SPOT program fits the demands of modern merchandising.

Mr. G. Kenneth Thornton, Advertising Manager, told the men that GREEN SPOT would run four-color ads in The Saturday Evening Post, Better Homes & Gardens and Sunset magazines as well as a heavy schedule in trade publications.

Others in attendance at the meeting from Waterbury were George L. DeMore, Merchandise Division, and James A. Bayard, Advertising Dept.

## Roger W. Hall Named Manager, Atlanta Office

Effective September 19, 1955, the Atlanta Office will operate as an independent office. The territory to be serviced by this office includes: Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee west of a line from Cleveland through Livingston, and Kentucky west and south of a line from Tompkinsville to Horse Cave to Uniontown.

Vice-President P. E. Fenton has announced the assignment of Roger W. Hall to the Atlanta Office where he will function in the capacity of District Sales Manager and will be responsible for the development of the potentials and prospects assigned to this office.

## Standard Time To Start October 30

For the first time, this year Connecticut joins with other New England states in officially ending Daylight Saving Time at the end of October.

Eastern Standard Time will go into effect at 2:01 a.m. on Sunday, October 30, in accordance with act passed by the State Legislature.





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## Twenty Years of Social Security

The Social Security Act was signed on August 14, 1935. At that time, about 1 worker in 10 was covered by any retirement system and about 1 worker in 20 by a public retirement program. Today, 9 out of 10 are covered under Social Security. Let's make a few other comparisons to see how Old Age and Survivors Insurance have developed to meet family needs in the 20 years that this Act has been law.

Under the original social security law — only people employed in commerce and industry could build up benefits.

The 1950 and 1954 Amendments extended coverage to:—most self-employed people in business and on farms and in certain professions; hired farm workers and domestic workers; employees of most non-profit organizations; some employees of Federal, State and local governments.

The protection of the law is also now available to ministers and members of religious orders, and credit is given for service in the armed forces of the United States.

Monthly payments were made in August, 1955, in the Waterbury area, to over 10,000 persons in a total of \$588,000:—

5,900 retired workers received .....	\$415,000
1,570 wives and dependent husbands .....	58,700
940 children .....	41,360
335 mothers (widows under 65 with minor children) ..	14,700
1,260 widows, widowers and dependent parents .....	58,320

At the end of 1954, the average monthly payment to a retired worker with no dependents receiving benefits was about \$56.50; for a retired aged couple, about \$98.50; and for aged widows, \$46.

Payments are higher to those who have more recently come on the rolls and whose benefits are based on the earnings after 1950 of workers who were eligible to have years of low earnings dropped in figuring benefits. Among these, the average benefits are:

Retired worker, alone .....	\$ 76.00
Aged couple .....	128.00
Widow .....	65.00
Widow with 2 minor children .....	180.00

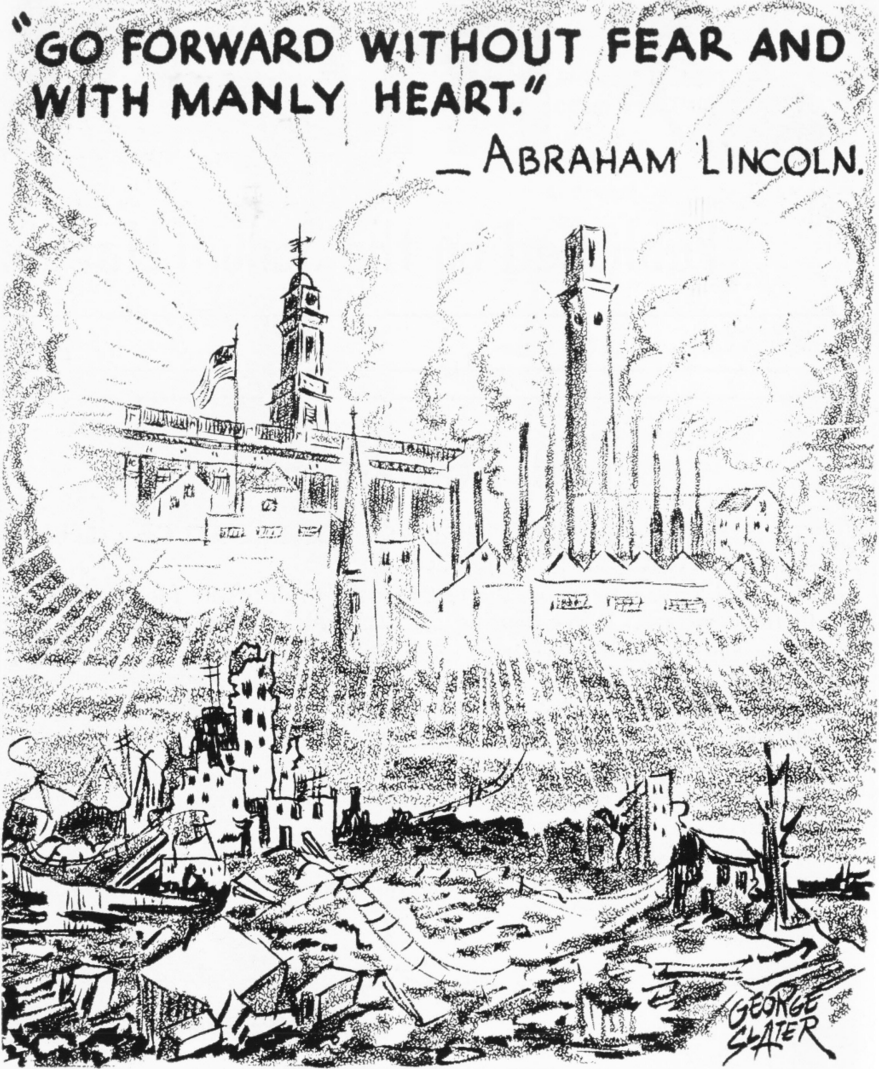
When the 1954 amendments are fully effective, a retired worker may qualify for benefits as high as \$108.50 monthly; total family payments can now be \$200; lump-sum payments when an insured worker dies now range from \$90 to \$255.

The booklet, "Twenty Years of Social Security" gives an easy-to-read presentation of Social Security — its past, present and prospects for the future. It is available at the Bulletin Office, Spencer Block.

## Handle With Care

There are many types of protection gloves to fit every job imaginable, but there is *no* glove—no matter how heavy—that guarantees protection from razor-edged metal if it is grasped tightly in the hand and allowed to slip.

This hazard may be controlled by holding the metal properly, using good gloves or other hand protections, and being sure that sharp edges are not allowed to slide in the hand.



## Abdominal Pain

By Robert W. Butler, M. D.

That's a man-sized subject about which many lengthy and ponderous books have been written, taking in a field which ranges from the good old-fashioned green apple bellyache to the vilest kind of cancers. From time to time here we'll discuss some of the more frequently occurring kinds — the things you hear about frequently, the things many of you have had.

Perhaps one of the best known and most troublesome of them all is appendicitis. Actually it's double-barreled troublesome; troublesome for you and troublesome many times for the doctor in making a diagnosis, since the symptoms and signs it produces may vary tremendously from case to case. There are reasons for this. The appendix is a worm-like portion of the intestine which is attached at the junction of the large and small bowel. Except for this attachment it lies more or less free in the abdominal cavity. The tip may point over toward the middle of the abdomen, up toward the gall bladder, down toward the urinary bladder or it may lie in behind the bowel to which it is attached. It can therefore, when it becomes inflamed ("itis" by the way, merely means inflammation) produce symptoms like those of inflammation in the other organ or organs with which it is in contact or which have branches of the same nerves going to them. This little worm when it becomes inflamed can produce symptoms which are similar to those of almost any disease which occurs within the abdomen!

Early diagnosis and removal of an appendix which is inflamed is of the utmost importance, since the only safe place for one which is acting up is in the bucket! You have a perfect right to try to make the diagnosis — after all, whose appendix is it? But don't try to do it alone and above all, don't try to treat it. We all know too many people who tried to do those things and lived to regret it. Some didn't.

The diagnosis may not be an easy one for your doctor to make, so don't make his problem more difficult by delay or self-treatment—his problem is your problem. Any abdominal pain which persists for more than a few hours at most warrants more expert attention than you can give it. Don't try to blame something you have recently eaten (as almost all patients who are stricken do) and pass off your pain and vomiting as "indigestion". It may not be and delay may be serious.

There are two things you may do safely if you suspect you are a victim: 1. *Stop eating.* That may not be difficult, since you may not have much appetite anyway. 2. *Take an enema.* That should be luke-warm tap water only—no soap, since you should take no other kind without a doctor's order.

Never at any time before a doctor's examination take a *cathartic*. Why, in this day and age when practically everybody can read and when there has been so much publicity given to the danger of cathartics in the presence of abdominal pain people persist in taking them, is the one-hundred-and-twenty-eight-dollar question. Possibly it's because of the little known fact that the pain and vomiting of appendicitis are often preceded a day or two by a change in the normal bowel habit; sometimes by mild diarrhea, sometimes by constipation. That's not much of an excuse for anyone who can read, but it will have to do until a less ridiculous one comes along.

So let your doctor have a look. If it's acting up, get it in the bucket and you'll be home in a week!

## Pinochle

The pinochle tournament will begin Thursday, October 6, at the Girls' Club. A luncheon will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by card playing.

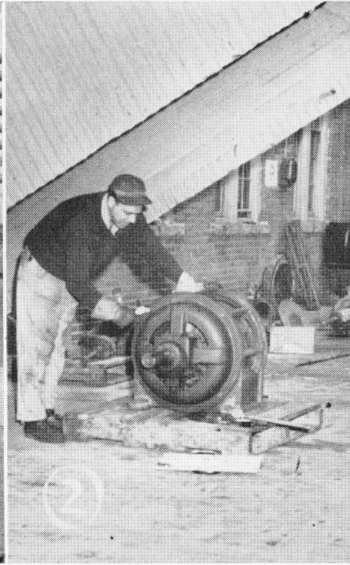


## Clean-Up Time For Flood Damaged Material and Equipment

Following the flood of August 19, 1955, many companies in the disaster area found their sheet metals, rods, coils, tubes, wire, etc. covered with silt and mud. With their own plants inoperable, several accepted Scovill's offer to clean or salvage their flooded equipment. These included our own

Waterville and Oakville divisions, other customers and competitors.

The first step in cleaning all material received was to turn a fire hose on the items to take the top grime off. Then they were put through the proper procedures needed for cleaning each particular article.



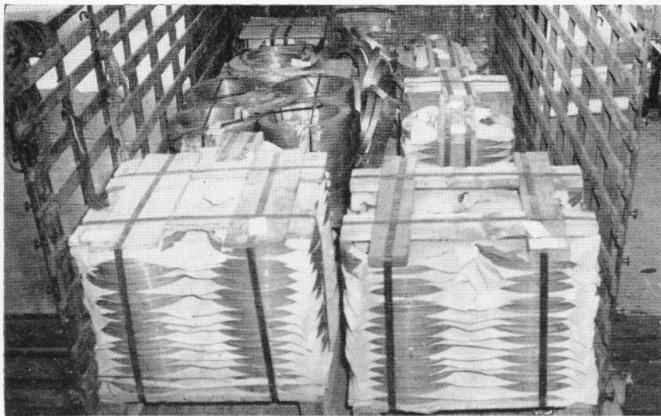
### Waterville Division Motors Are Cleaned

Over 300 different types of units were received from our Waterville Division to be cleaned and repaired. For approximately four weeks, a special place was provided on the 1st floor of Building 22 to have these motors put back into running condition.

(1) Roger Pronovost, apprentice electrician, fixes a bench grinder and will then attempt to repair the other types of motors around him.

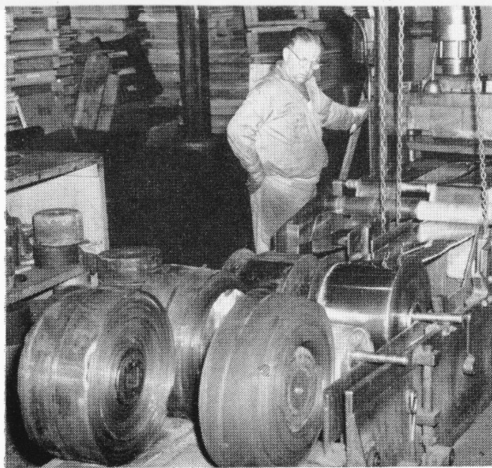
(2) Constantine Faro, electrician, dismantles a 40 h.p. motor in order to clean the interior of it.

(3) Victor Gould, electrician, works on a large motor starter.

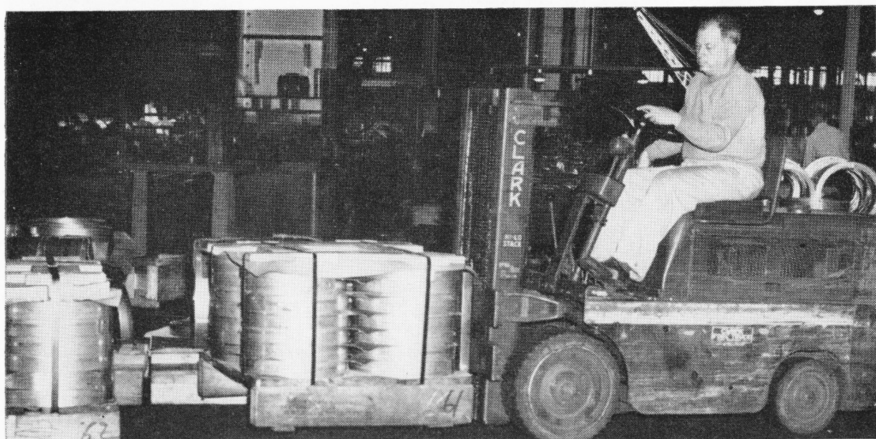


Left:—A truck load of coils received from a customer is delivered at the North Mill to be cleaned.

Right:—Here are 10,000 lbs. of tubes stacked up and ready to be cleaned for our Waterville Division.



Left:—Albert St. Jean, North Mill, checks flood-damaged coils as they are put through the Goodman Pickling Machine. Right:—The Sawdust Dry Out Machine is being used to clean metal for our customers. Working on this job are (left to right) Charles Surgener, Aldric Normandin and Domenic Lanzara.



Carl Longo sets down a load of coils that have been cleaned for a customer. The coils are ready to be put on a truck and shipped back.

## Flood Relief Fund

Heartfelt sympathy can rarely be figured in dollars and cents, but here is one time when an actual accounting of the generosity of small groups of people can be recorded.

### Branch Offices

Chicago Office—A check covering donations by employees was sent in by Mr. W. Edward Ashwell, Assistant to the Sales Manager of the Zipper Div.

Los Angeles and San Francisco—District Manager K. M. Reid reported employees' contributions were being sent in for Flood Relief.

### Schrader Div. (Brooklyn)

Within 48 hours after the Red Cross made an appeal for emergency Flood Relief Funds to Mr. S. T. Williams, General Manager of the Schrader Div. (Brooklyn, New York) the Schrader employees had contributed half of the more than \$2,770. turned over to the Red Cross Relief Fund.

The balance of this outstanding contribution was made by the Company matching dollar for dollar, the contributions made by the employees.

## Woodtick Lifeguards

There were many, many acts of heroism performed during the flood, some of which will never become known.

Of particular interest to Scovillites who enjoyed the facilities at Woodtick this past summer is the fact that two of the lifeguards — Chuck Andrews and Tom Phelan (both age 17) procured boats and, from early morning until the waters subsided, rescued many people from flooded homes.

## St. Mary's Hospital

September 7, 1955

Mr. Leavenworth P. Sperry, President  
The Scovill Manufacturing Company  
Waterbury, Connecticut,

Dear Mr. Sperry,

It is very difficult to express the gratitude we feel for Scovill's for the very wonderful assistance given us during the flood.

Actually, I think it was not until your two men appeared that fateful Friday morning to see what they could do, that we began to appreciate how tragically things were to develop.

The men who came, and I think their names were Rogers, were most gracious and kind. However, we did not realize how efficient they were until later in the day when the work of extending the power began. We would have been terribly crippled without electricity. Lack of water and gas were frightful enough.

St. Mary's is most grateful for the spirit of Scovill's which prompted the offer to help; we are grateful for the engineers who made the proper connections feasible, and to the men who actually put the work into operation.

As a hospital you know we must always be ready to serve, everyone at all times. However, we shall always feel that in serving Scovill's we are serving good neighbors — good friends for whom we have great personal regard.

I should like you to know that the Sisters in their prayers for the many people who have thought of us during this disaster will remember especially the fine people from Scovill's who were so good to us.

Very truly yours,  
SISTER MARY (signed)  
Sister M. Visitation  
Administrator



# Softball Champs

The SERA Interdepartment Softball League had its playoffs on Monday, September 12. Gen. Trng. #2 defeated Drafting 13 to 3 to take the league championship for the 1955 season.

It was a scoreless game until the 5th inning when long balls hit by Tony Jacovich, Bill Armour and Joe Bernal of Gen. Trng. broke the tie.

Among the highlights of the game—Roland Parizo of the Drafting team hit the longest home run seen in the league this year.

The championship team went to New York on Saturday, September 17, to see a baseball game between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees. They will also have a banquet in their honor at a later date.

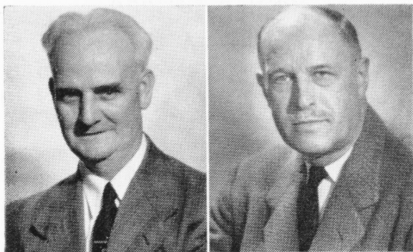
# Service Awards

## Fifty Years



Francis D. Allman  
Button Eyelet  
September 15, 1955

## Forty Years



Michael V. Briody West Machine  
Sept. 10, 1955  
Earle T. Ford Payroll Office  
Sept. 10, 1955

## Twenty-Five Years



Frederick W. Davidson  
Cont. Strip Mill  
September 12, 1955

## Ten Years

Sept. 6—Averyll B. Bradshaw, Telephone; Josephine C. Rein, Mailing & Filing; Sept. 7—Lena M. Pagnoni, Shipping Clerks; Sept. 9—Eugenie R. Ashe, Cont. Strip Mill; Sept. 10—Paul H. Dunn, N. Y.; Sept. 11—Andrew C. Wink, East Mach.; Sept. 14—Frank Didzевичius, Steam Dept.; Sept. 17—Frank R. Fino, Box Shop.

# The Girls' Club Offers A Helping Hand



The Scovill Girls' Club is doing all it can to help flood stricken victims. Here are Margaret Snowden, Milling and Grinding, Mary Jarosz, Press II and Betty Doyle, Mailing and Filing Office, sorting out clothes which were donated by Scovillites for fellow-workers in the disaster area. Besides the clothes, the Girls' Club collected furniture and other household necessities.

# Classified Ads

## For Sale

1937 Ford dump truck, good body, hoist and motor, \$125. Call 4-8295, ask for Fred.

Grey and white Glenwood combination oil and gas range, chrome pipes, oil drums, excellent condition, \$65; blue wing chair, custom made slip covers, \$27; wing chair, \$15. Call 5-5303 after 5 p.m.

Apt. size 4 burner gas stove. Call 4-8593.

Two lots, 50' x 150' each, off Berkeley Ave., near school and bus. Phone 3-7779 or call at 465 Wolcott St., Waterbury.

1951 two-door sedan Chevrolet, clean, good condition, \$800. Call 3-8716.

Storm sash and screens to match with hardware, bronze wire: 11—30x59", 4—30x55", 2—29x56", 2—22x39"; new screens: 30x52", 28x51". Call 3-6056.

Lot on Traverse St., high elevation, all city improvements except sidewalk. Call 6-5943 or 3-0093.

White Philco refrigerator, 6 ft. high. \$50. Call 5-8505.

Kerosene hot water heater; furnace, good condition. Call 6-9146 after 6 p.m.

Two American Flyer Trains including: diesel streamliner, steam engine with passenger and freight cars, electric switches, electric billboard, animated station, complete village, many extra cars and accessories, all mounted on table, excellent condition, \$125 for complete outfit. Call 3-1555.

# Two Succumb

THEODORE J. HAMEL, retired, died on September 4, 1955.

Mr. Hamel first came to Scovill in January, 1929, and had a continuous service record since July, 1930. He was always a blacksmith in the Blacksmith Shop until he was forced to leave due to illness. Mr. Hamel was retired in January, 1949.

SVEN NILSON, retired, died on September 5, 1955.

Mr. Nilson was hired in November, 1917, and had a continuous service record of over 30 years. Except for a short period in the Rod Mill, Mr. Nilson was always a tool hardener in the Hardening Room until his retirement in June, 1949.

# "Scoops" From Zippers

By Louise Foell

We bow our heads in prayer and give thanks—although many Slide Fastener employees were afflicted by the recent flood we gratefully learned none suffered the loss of loved ones.

Now it can be told! Slide Fastener also had a few heroes in the flood. It was called to my attention that Don Taylor and Joe Letwinch should be right up in front when the medals are given out.

Girls seen at the various canteens were: Lucy Castagna, Bette Roraback, Helen Andreamo and Dolores Barkauskas.

To all Conn. Light & Power workers and their helpers from Consolidated Edison, N. Y., plus men from power plants in Mass., Vt., N.H., R.I., etc.: If you missed the welcome from 112-3 bldg. on Friday, Sept. 2, it was a big thank you from all of us for the splendid work you did in the restoration of our much missed gas.

Anne Napiello's daughter Angela was a very beautiful bride on August 27, when she became Mrs. Richard Russo.

Marie Martineau and Sadie Phelan are back and looking better than ever.

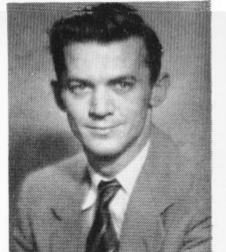
Birthday greetings to Maureen Breen and Anne Nadeau. The cake was enjoyed by all and the girls loved their gifts.

Sympathy is extended to Jerry Cepelak and his family on the loss of his mother.

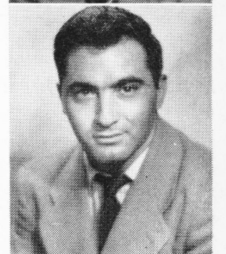
Eddie Hicoek, Sl. Fast., Toolroom, is the proud papa of a baby boy, Martin Charles, and the new grandpa is Martin Lawlor of the Tool Office.

# Training Course

The following apprentices have completed their training and received assignments as follows:



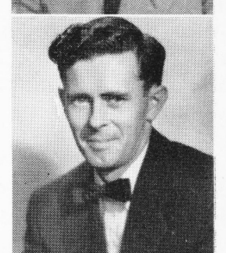
George Becker  
Toolmaker  
Electric Shell Tool



Frank Ciccio  
Toolmaker  
Screw Mach. Tool



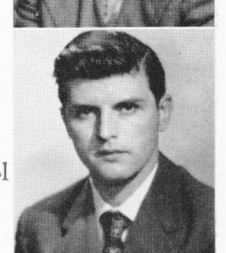
Clarence Fischer  
Toolmaker  
Mfg. Eyelet Tool



Edward Iles  
Electrician  
Elec. Maintenance



Roland Parizo  
Toolmaker  
Press #2 Tool



William Verrastro  
Toolmaker  
Gripper Eyelet Tool

One-family house, 1727 Thomaston Ave. (had been in flood). Highest offer takes it. Move it or tear it down. Sealed bids will be accepted up to October 1, 1955. Send to: Arthur Taylor, Real Estate Dept., Waterbury Division, Scovill Mfg. Co.

New canning jars, screw and snap type tops: 11½ doz. quart jars and 2½ doz pint jars. Call 5-7930.

Two showcases, good condition. Call 6-5370 after 6 p.m.

Seasoned hardwood, furnace and fireplace. Call 4-7000.

Woman's roller skates with case, size 7½, used twice. Call 4-9738 after 6 p.m. Ask for Mary Egan.

## Wanted To Buy

Hospital bed. Call 5-0071.

# Girls' Club News

By Ruth Tourangeau

A new work year for the Girls' Club is about to begin. With plans for the card parties, Chinese auctions, a fashion show, our annual kiddie's parties and many other activities. We will more than welcome ideas from both members and non-members as to activities or events they think might interest some of our people. We have some 300 active members in our Club in Waterville, Oakville and Waterbury divisions. Surely with the cooperation of all, we could make this a most successful year. Just tell the council what you'd like to do! If we can, we will certainly arrange it.

The Girls' Club Bowling League got under way on Thursday, Sept. 8 at Sena's. There are still openings if you wish to bowl as a regular — or if you would like to organize your own team, you still may. If you do not want to make it a steady thing, but would like to sub once in a while, contact either Shirley Schierer, Connector, or Lauretta Clark, Waterville.

Our very deepest sympathy to Jean Carlin on the recent loss of her father.

Ann Brennan and Yours Truly had a preview of the movie film of our vacation in Bermuda in August. The emoting by Juanita in her farewells at the boat is superb! They can't decide whether or not to show them to anyone else—news spreads so easily and Hollywood's gain would be our loss. What would we do without Juanita?

Toys Toys Toys! We're still looking for them so let's get busy!

Margaret Snowden reports there will be a weekend trip to New York. The Ice Follies on September 24 and Bronx Zoo on the 25th. Contact her if interested.

Some little known facts about our Club: Did you know that the beginning of the Girls' Club was the organization of the Hiawatha Club—either late in 1915 or in the spring of 1916? This group consisted of 12 girls from the Fuze Dept., who began with just social gatherings at each other's homes. A suggestion was made to expand and unite with girls in other departments in an organized attempt to provide good wholesome diversions for these girls. Within three weeks, the Hiawatha Club was reorganized into the Scovill Girls' Club with a membership of over 50.

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