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## Famous N. Y. Sun Editorial is Christmas Classic

Childhood, its complexity and disillusionments led an eight-year-old girl to address a child's query to the old New York Sun, asking . . . "Is there a Santa Claus?" The little girl's letter was turned over to Francis Pharcellus Church who wrote the reply which has since become an American classic. Looking back over our shoulder, we reprint, "Is There a Santa Claus?", in this month's Scintillator as it appeared in the New York Sun, December 21, 1897.

*"Dear Editor---I am 8 years old.  
Some of my little friends say there is  
no Santa Claus.  
Papa says, 'If you see it in the Sun  
it's so.'  
Please tell me the truth . . . is there a  
Santa Claus?"*

*Virginia O'Hanlon  
115 West Ninety-fifth Street"*

### "Is There A Santa Claus?"

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptic age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the bound-

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# **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

## **from Bendix President Ferguson**

To All Members of the Bendix Family:

This is the first time that I have had the privilege, as president, of sending Christmas greetings to every member of the Bendix organization. There are many of us who have been in the family all our business lives, so that the arrival of the new holiday season revives memories that go back to the time when Bendix was still looking ahead to the remarkable growth it has had in recent years.

Because of that growth, we now have many thousands of men and women with us who are sharing our responsibilities and helping to build and to sell finer Bendix products to dozens of different industries, and to millions throughout the world who use the products which bear the various time-honored trade names of the corporation.

A year ago we looked forward to the first full peacetime year, after the victorious ending of a war which had drained the energies of our country and had created tremendous reconversion problems. No one who had participated in the wartime experiences of Bendix was unmindful of these problems.

I want to pay a tribute to the organization as a whole for the efforts that it has made to solve these problems during 1946. I wish it were possible for me to tell each one of you some of the outstanding jobs that have been done to improve the corporation's position, in the face of great difficulties. It is no secret, of course, that any corporation attempting to place its house in order for normal peacetime business was greatly handicapped by many conditions that were beyond its own control. This past year has been more unsettled than we all hoped it would be. But in my opinion we have learned lessons from that experience.

Most important, we have learned that we must use our own resourcefulness in trying to reach our goals despite unexpected difficulties. The future of each one of us is bound up with the overall successful operation of our corporation. It would be fine if every condition were favorable to it. That would make our jobs easier. But each new day's headlines remind us of the complicated pattern of industrial life in this country, just as much in peacetime as in wartime. We can hope that some of the more serious problems that now confront us will be solved. I am encouraged to believe that they will be, because so many men and women are feeling keenly the cost of the misunderstandings and disagreements that have held back the return of American industry to a full production basis.

If the difficulties we have encountered during the past year were to a large extent unexpected, involving many shortages which prevented us from achieving the production schedules we had planned, they have, as I have indicated, strengthened our resourcefulness and that is something that

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## **Christmas Greetings from Bendix President** *(from Page 3)*

we should not minimize. We must always be a problem-solving organization. Our sales volume to a great extent depends upon our solving problems for our customers; designing products which will do a better job for them.

Our fundamental problem, as a corporation, is to see to it that our products and our service are so good that we will continue to find customers who are happy to do business with Bendix. If it were possible for me to do so, I would like also to send the warmest Christmas greetings to every customer who is helping to swell the total of Bendix sales. These customers are the greatest factor in the success of our business. We must never forget that satisfying their needs is what makes Bendix thrive.

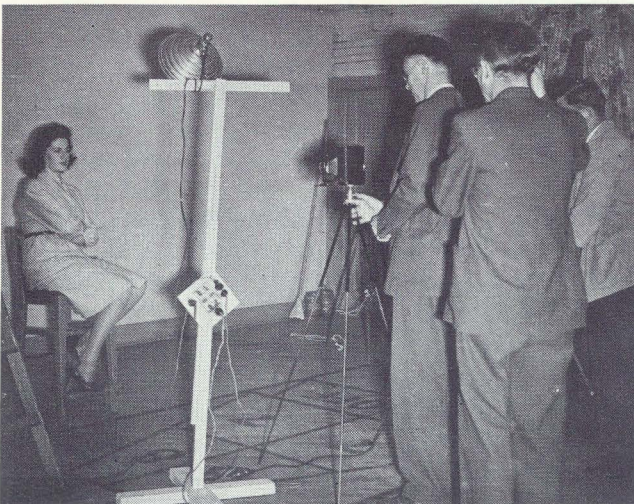
Faith and hope have always characterized the Christmas season, but it seems to me that this year, more than ever before, they fill our hearts. A great many men of good will are working hard to bring order out of the chaos of a postwar world. It is not permitted for each one of us to play a part in the great decisions which may influence our lives to the end of our days. But we all can appreciate that the stability of our own country is the foundation stone upon which the hopes of millions of people rest. And each of us can play a part in assuring this stability, because it is made up of hundreds of thousands of little successes which merge into the forward progress of America. We can advance this progress by doing our daily jobs as well as we possibly can.

I want to extend my appreciation to every man and woman in the organization who has aided the progress of Bendix during the year that is closing. And I pledge my best efforts in helping to guide the progress of Bendix through the year ahead.

May you and your loved ones have the best Christmas ever and good health and happiness throughout the new year.

With best wishes,

MALCOLM P. FERGUSON



*Left view shows members of the Camera Club at work. Armed with props, tripods and bright lights, they prepare to "shoot" the pretty model, seated at left.*



# FAMOUS N. Y. SUN EDITORIAL *(from Page 2)*

less world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus? Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

## W. G. Wicks Named Director of Community Center



W. G. Wicks

W. G. Wicks, who has been associated with the Red Cross in this area for the past 18 months, has been named Director of the Community Center. His appointment to succeed Eleanor Pogue, acting director, became effective on December 1st.

Mr. Wicks is familiar with all phases of public and private social work, having been associated with the Y.M.C.A. nearly 20 years. He has operated boys' camps during the summer months and was in charge of one of the first travel camps in the United States. At one time he was associated with the New York State Department of Public Welfare.

He attended Springfield College and is a veteran of World War I.

*The morning that the blase man was told of the birth of his first grandchild, a friend inquired how it felt to be a grandfather.*

*"I don't object to being a grandfather," said he, "but I can't say I feel so good about being married to a grandmother!"*





*Scintilla products were viewed by thousands at the National Aircraft Show, held early in November at Cleveland. The Scintilla display was a part of the general exhibit sponsored by Bendix Aviation Corporation.*

## **Appointment of S. R. Kent as Assistant Sales Manager Announced**

Appointment of S. R. Kent as Assistant Sales Manager became effective on December 1st.

Mr. Kent was born in Wallingford, Conn., and upon graduation from high school worked as a draftsman for the Bell Telephone Laboratories in New York City. He left Bell to enter Columbia University where he was a Pulitzer Prize Scholar for four years, receiving his B.S. degree from the Columbia School of Engineering. While at Columbia he also rowed on the crew.

He was employed as an engineer at the Caterpillar Tractor Company in Peoria, Ill., for two years, and later became associated with Wright Aeronautical Corporation. While he was with Wright Aeronautical he worked first in the Engineering Dept. and then in Sales Engineering for a total of six years.

In 1945 he was Engineering Advisor to the 20th Air Force Headquarters on

Guam, working with Col. C. S. Irvine, Chief of Supply and Maintenance, and

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*S. R. Kent, Assistant Sales Manager*



# Meet Your Foremen



*John M. Bussey*

An Assembly foreman on the 2nd shift, John M. Bussey has worked continuously for Scintilla since 1928. He was born June 14, 1905 at Lew Beach, N. Y. and attended high school at Livingston Manor.

John has clerked in a hardware store and once worked in a butcher shop. Since he started work at Scintilla he has always worked in the Assembly Department. During the war he was a foreman up until V-J Day. He was reappointed foreman on November 1, 1946.

John has lived in Unadilla one day longer than he has worked at Scintilla. He has two children . . . John, 16, and Jean, 20. John is a student at Unadilla High School and Jean will graduate from Elmira College next June. A scholarship holder, Jean is taking five languages and hopes to obtain a position as an interpreter or an airline hostess between the United States and South America.

John's interest in hunting and fishing is evidenced by his membership in four Rod and Gun Clubs. He also enjoys boating during the summer months and trains a keen eye on the World Series each year.

# Meet Your Supervisors

Eddie Carkuff, Supervisor of Purchased Parts Inspection, could rightly be called a native son of Sidney although he was born in Burke, South Dakota. The family moved to Sidney when he was two years old. Eddie likes to tell the story of how he was born during the Homestead Act. His Mother's name was drawn in a lottery and she was awarded a 360 acre tract on the Rosebud Indian Reservation where Eddie was born on May 30, 1917.



*Edward P. Carkuff*

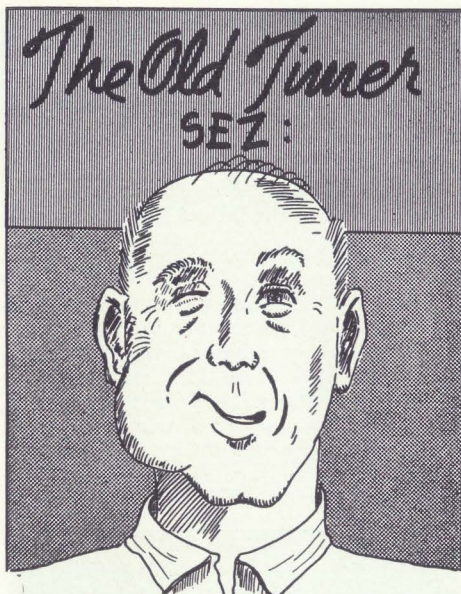
He graduated from Sidney Central School in 1933 and went to work for Scintilla. He left Scintilla to enter the University of Alabama where he worked toward a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. During summer vacations he returned to Sidney to work at Scintilla.

Leaving college in 1939, he went to work for the A. S. Campbell Machine Co. in Boston, where he was an inspector. He later did the same type of work at Wright Aeronautical.

In the fall of 1940 he returned to Scintilla as an inspector and was transferred to the Inspection Office in 1941. During

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Seems like every time a body turns around now days it's to rip another page off the old calandar hangin' aside the kitchen kubbard. And finally, afore you know what's happnin', you wake up and find a brand New Year is starin' you smack in the face.

Funny thing about New Years is that most folks like to start things off with a bang, 'n that's the way they like to see the New Year come in. Seems kinda crazy-like to me . . . tearin' around the nite before, mebbe endin' up in the hospital afore they's done. You'd think they'd rather be restin' up for that duck dinner on the followin' day.

Now lots o' folks like to write out long lists of reselutions for the New Year, jest fer the sake of tryin' that new pen out that they been keepin' hid in their pocket since Christmas. To me it seems as if the only worthwhile reselution in the whole bunch is a reselution not to make any more reselutions. Leastwise if folks can't keep the ones they do make, they might as well not make any at all. Take me, fer instance, if I reckeleck ritely, last year I broke the whole durn world's record fer breakin' New Year's reselutions.

Now that we're headin' into the New Year, might be a good idee if we took a good, long look backwards 'n sort o' took stock of ourselves. No siree, wouldn't be a bad idee at all if we jest kinda asked ourselves, casual like, if we've been putting the best that's in us into all our efforts.

Lots o' us kinda get a lazylike streak in us once in awhile, 'n I'm not claimin' any exceptions fer myself. I know lots o' times when I've started somethin', only to put off finishin' it till tomorrow . . . and chances are I'd never get around to it again till I might as well have forgotten the whole durn thing.

Another big fault o' mine, 'n probly one o' yours too, is gettin' around to doin' a job that needs doin'. Take the first part o' last month now, when the weather was nice 'n mellow . . . durned if I didn't plan on gettin' the old house all set fer the first blast o' winter. I got started on gettin' the tools together 'n then stopped to take a squint at somethin' I missed in the nite before's paper. First thing you know I'd turned the radio on 'n the Syracuse-Colgate game was jest commencin' . . . say now, do you folks know, I never did get around to fixin' the place up, leastwise that same day. It warnt till Old Man Winter was already commencin' to pounce on us and maul us around a bit that I finally got around to fixin' the things that needed fixin'. Right then 'n there I wished I'd drug myself away from the easy chair jest a wee bit sooner.

I allus like the New Year, though, cause the way I figure things, it gives us a chance to start kerrectin' some o' our mistakes. It ain't every day that you get a brand New Year so you can start things out right again.

Then too, I allus get a big kick out o' all the brand new calandars, lookin' all bright and shiney up there on the wall. They sorta make the old wall paper look a durn site older than it really is, but it's worth it jest to brighten the place up a bit.

## Kent (from Page 6)

Operational Engineering. As a result of this association, Mr. Kent was with the crew of the B-29 "Dreamboat" a year ago when it broke three national and international speed records.

Mr. Kent is married and has one daughter, born while he was overseas. One of his main concerns, at the present time, is finding living quarters for his family, either in or near Sidney.

*A lie can travel around the world and back again while the truth is lacing up its boots.*



# JOE JERK . . . . . *He's a hazard at work*



## Carkuff (from Page 7)

the war years he held a number of positions such as vendor liaison, and Inspection Personnel Administrator. At one time he was also Assistant to Carl Lindenmeyr, conducting orientation classes in the Training and Wage Administration Department.

Following V-J Day he was made Foreman of Purchased Parts Inspection, being appointed as Supervisor of that department on November 1st, 1946.

Eddie lives three miles East of Sidney between here and Unadilla, and is the father of two children.

## THE COVER

DEAR SANTA—Patty Covell, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Covell, Norwich, diligently pores over the task of listing all the goodies she hopes Santa will leave in her stocking Christmas morning. Her father works on the 2nd shift in the Tool Room.



# Oil for the Machines of Scintilla

Oil for the machines of Scintilla is vital to the Company's role in America's greatest epic . . . Industry at Work. The steady hum and throb of pulsing motors, the turning of wheels, the meshing of gears, and the sound of tools biting into metals are expressive of Scintilla at work. The machines speak, demanding oil at the rate of 1,000 gallons a month . . . and they get it.

Yes, oil is vital to Scintilla, and the Oil Room is a vital link in our production chain. For it is through the Oil Room, functioning under the foremanship of Ray Beames, that distribution of oil is made, upon receipt of requisitions, to all parts of the plant.

The wide variety of machining operations in the plant necessitates our maintaining a supply of oils for numerous uses. It is also quite important that great care be exercised to make certain that the right oil is furnished for each job. In some cases it is necessary to blend oils to fit the particular job for which an oil is required. When such an occasion arises, it is customary for Mr. Beames to consult with the machine foreman. They study the machine operations involved and determine the results to be achieved through the operations. By working together they arrive at a decision as to the proper oil blend required for the job. Likewise, all departmental requisitions for oil are carefully checked to insure the right oil for every job.

A variety of oils is being utilized at Scintilla for a wide range of uses. For all practical purposes it's best to take them one by one, rather than by groups. A large quantity of cutting oil is used in operations throughout the plant; its use as a coolant for the cutting tool is invaluable. It is of great importance that the oil be of the correct mixture for the cutting tools, because either too heavy or too light an oil may dull the tool or cause it to burn.

Blending oils in order to get the correct grade is accomplished by mixing a heavy oil with a lighter oil or vice versa, as the case may be. For an especially tough job the cutting oil is blended with a sulphur base (seldom more than 2 or 3 per cent sulphur). A heat treated steel, for example, would require an oil with a heavier sulphur base than would be necessary in machining steel which has not been heat-treated.

Few Scintillites realize the savings in oil made possible through extensive use

of soluble oils. Mixed in proportions of as high as 100 gallons of water to 1 gallon of oil, depending on the job it is to be used for, soluble oil is combined with a rust preventive and a water softener. The rust preventive is of great value in protecting machinery from rust over a period of time. Also of great value, the water softener softens the water so that all small particles of steel from grinding operations immediately go to the bottom of the machine's sump tank. The soluble oil is then drawn out until the tank is drained down to the chips. These chips are then removed and cleaned thoroughly, and the oil is pumped back into the machine with enough new oil added to fill the tank.

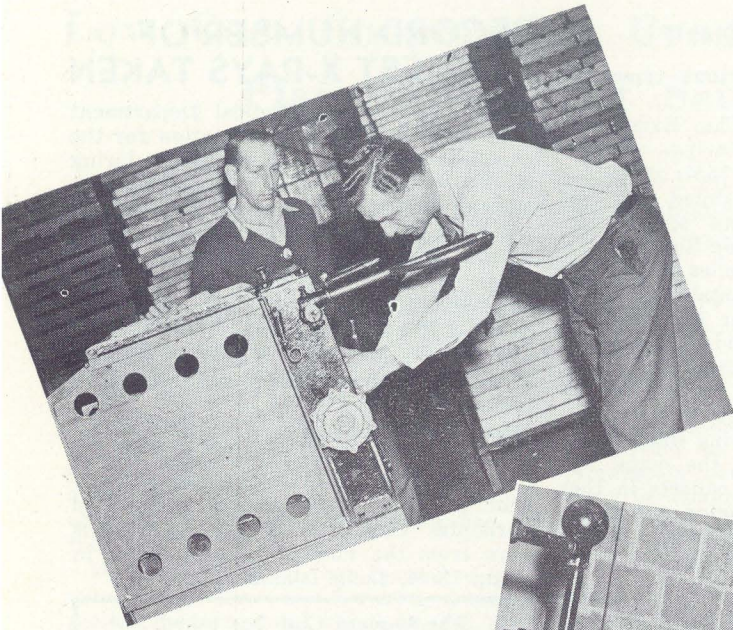
The soluble oil being used in the plant at the present time is especially helpful to longer grinding wheel life and in keeping it cleaner. Since this soluble oil, when used with rust preventive and water softener, will not turn rancid over a period of two or three months, a change is necessary only when the oil becomes saturated with metal particles which tend to act as an abrasive, thereby rendering the oil unsuitable for further use. When an oil change does become necessary, the used soluble oil is drawn out into a sump tank, taken to the scrap dock and pumped into scrap barrels. It is then taken to the dump where disposal is made. Due to the fact that only a small amount of oil would be obtained by reclamation, soluble oils are not put through the reclaiming process.

Paraffin Oil, similar to mineral oil, is used in working with aluminum and magnesium on light cutting and drilling jobs.

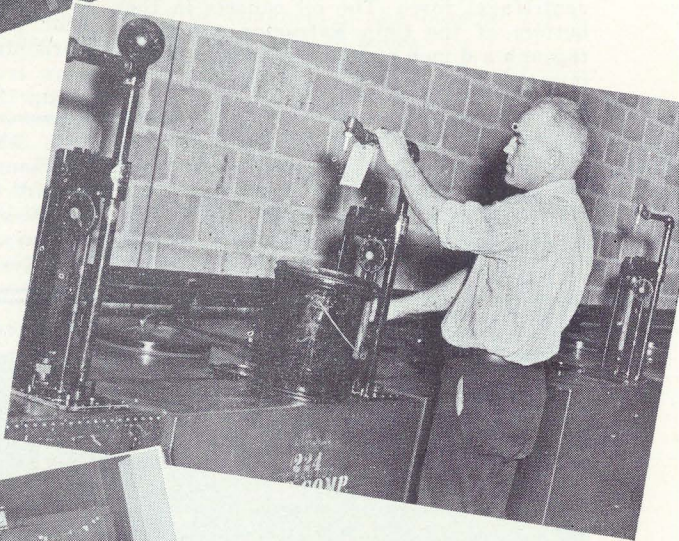
Use of Hydraulic Oils is necessary in machines which have a hydraulic system. It comes in three grades, one of which is used in molding presses, under extreme heat and pressure. On a three shift basis, most hydraulic oil is good for a period of 4 to 5 months.

One principal machine oil is used in the plant on all machines. Its use is limited  
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*Ray Beames, Oil Room foreman, checks the mechanism on one of the electric trucks, used for delivering oil in the plant. Harlow Brundage, left, is the operator.*



*Howard Sager prepares to pump oil from one of the storage tanks.*



*John Crandall lowers a hopper of metal shavings and chips into the Chip Extractor. The hopper will be spun inside the Chip Extractor for 10 minutes, during which time the oil will be separated from the metal by centrifugal force.*



## The Oil Room *(from Page 10)*

to the lubrication of various types of machinery.

Through the use of a Chip Extractor, which operates on the principal of centrifugal force, more than 75% of all oil used in the shop is reclaimed for use again. Metal shavings and scraps are brought to the Oil Extraction Room where they are separated into piles according to classes of metal. Each metal is, in turn, placed into a large hopper and lowered into the Chip Extractor. Lids fasten over the top, after which the machine is run at a high speed, causing the hopper to revolve rapidly. Each hopper is spun for a period of 10 minutes, during which time the oil is separated from the metal by centrifugal force. The oil collects in the bottom of the Chip Extractor and runs through a 6 inch pipe into a pump, thence into the storage tank.

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*Love is like an onion  
You taste it with delight,  
And when it's gone you wonder,  
Whatever made you bite.*

## RECORD NUMBER OF CHEST X-RAYS TAKEN

The Staff of the Medical Department have expressed their appreciation for the excellent cooperation of everyone during the two day Chest X-Ray program last month.

Miss Martha Dwyer, Supervising Nurse of the Medical Department, reports that a record number of X-Rays were taken, and that 1939 of our 2300 employees, were X-Rayed. This averaged 200 per hour. She said that a record was established when 480 X-Rays were taken in two hours.

Sponsorship of the program was by the Delaware Tuberculosis and Public Health Association, a service made possible by your purchase of Christmas Seals and Christmas Seal Bonds. The technicians were from the Powers X-Ray Service in Glenn Cove, Long Island.

The Camera Club has asked The Scintillator to announce that there will be no meeting of the Club on December 31st because of the holidays. Next meeting will be the last Tuesday in January.

*Interior view of the Oil Room, showing storage tanks and oil drums.*





# Low Cost Cooperative Group Insurance

## Plan Feature of Scintilla

Operation of a co-operative Group Insurance Plan at Scintilla offers insurance to employees at the lowest possible rate. Scintilla employees are covered by Group Insurance which is underwritten by The Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut.

Although it is not generally known, Scintilla contributes a substantial amount of the premium cost of the Group Insurance Plan. On this basis, each employee contributes only a small sum per week which is deducted periodically from his pay. Rates increase as an employee becomes older, but Scintilla assumes all additional costs in increased rates to enable the employee to have insurance at the same low rate.

Most people agree that insurance is a nice thing to have, but few of us actually realize the extent to which we are covered. A survey of a cross section of the shop indicated that most of us aren't up to date on the benefits we are entitled to under Group Insurance. Most policies are filed away in the safe deposit box without a careful reading, causing many workers to lose benefits they are otherwise entitled to. Careful reading of your policy may save you the loss of such benefits as may become available to you through sickness or accident.

Few persons realize their policy contains two separate clauses . . . a Life clause and an Accidental Death and Dismemberment clause. In other words, if a person suffers dismemberment, as specified in his policy, he not only is entitled to the principal sum for Accidental Death and Dismemberment, but also to the principal sum covered by the Life Benefit clause. Each employee should consult his policy to determine his maximum and minimum coverages.

Other benefits covered by Company Group Insurance include:

1. Weekly Benefit (Accidents occurring away from work, and Sickness). Under this coverage, the employee is eligible to receive \$15.00 per week after the first week of disability for as long as 26 consecutive weeks.

2. Hospital Daily Indemnity in the amount of \$4.00 per day for each employee up to 70 days for any one period of disability, as specified in the policy.

3. Surgical Fee Benefits in the maximum amount covered by the "Schedule of Operations."

4. Special Fees such as operating room expenses, laboratory fees, anesthesia, etc., up to a maximum of \$20.00.

In order to become eligible for hospitalization benefits, however, a person must be confined in the hospital for a period of at least 18 hours.

New employees have three months plus a grace period of thirty days in which to apply for Group Insurance. In order to become eligible for participation in the Group Insurance Plan each employee must sign an application for insurance. If an application for insurance is signed during the first three months of employment, the insurance becomes effective three months from the date of hire. However, if an employee is absent from work on this date, his insurance coverage does not begin until the next day on which he appears at work.

Insurance applied for during the thirty day grace period automatically becomes effective as of that date. After the eligible period of three months and thirty day grace period have passed, an employee may become eligible for Group Insurance by passing a medical examination. Upon approval of the medical examination by The Travelers Insurance Company, his insurance becomes effective on the date the medical report is approved.

The importance of changing beneficiaries was stressed in the November issue of The Scintillator. This must be accomplished by filling out a written request on forms furnished by the Insurance Company. These forms are available at the First Aid Department, and must be filed with the First Aid Department along with your policy for proper indorsement.

Provision is also made in event of Permanent Total Disability. If an employee becomes wholly disabled before reaching

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Christmas Greetings . . . . . from Ax-Ax



## PICKED UP IN PASSING . . .

● With some folks already sharpening their wits and pencils in anticipation of a long list of New Year's resolutions, it occurs to us that the people who make the pens guaranteed to write for 15 years, are in position to break into a wide open market.

● This issue marks the start of a new feature, "Candidly Yours," complete with pics. You'll be meeting the Inquiring Photographer around the shop so don't forget to wear your smile. Suitable questions for this column may be addressed to the Editor of The Scintillator.

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## Candidly Yours . . .

On a quick trip through the shop your Inquiring Photographer peeked through the lens at six former service men and women, asking them to compare this Christmas with Christmas, 1944. This is what they have to say:



Alma E. Lieb, an Inspector in the Coil and Condenser Department, was stationed at Wright Field as a WAC. She says, "Two years ago? Anything at Christmas will be better than that."

Theodore Martin, who served overseas with the U. S. Army, works in Department 39. "I was in a box car just outside Paris, eating K rations. This Christmas will be a lot better . . . being home."



Donald S. Johnson served overseas with the U. S. Army and is now working in the Molding Machining Department. Don says, "It ought to be a better Christmas than the one we spent in France." He

was a gunner in an Ack-Ack battalion near Verdun.

Wilford Van Pelt was "dug in" just above Nancy at this time two years ago. "This Christmas will be 300% better. I'll be home!" He works as an Inspector in the Molding Department.



Richard J. Arrandale, a worker in the Sundry Department, is a former Marine. His Christmas in 1944 was spent at sea. "This Christmas will be much nicer," he said.

Mary R. Sutton, also a former member of the WAC, comments that she spent Christmas 1944 at the post. She adds, "This Christmas is going to top it by far if I have anything to do about it." Mary is an Inspector in the Commercial Department.



## EASE UP IN THE FREEZE-UP . . .

Sixty-five per cent of all traffic accidents in four typical snow-belt states last winter occurred on snowy and icy road surfaces. In many of the snow-belt states, more than 25 per cent of year-round traffic accidents happened on such surfaces.

The National Safety Council, in launching its annual campaign for safe winter driving, cited the fact that winter hazards annually cause an increase in death rates varying from 24 to 53 per cent higher than the summer rates in the

northern half of the nation.

Engineering studies made by the committee on winter driving hazards show that principal causes of high winter accident rates are inadequate traction and poor visibility. Both of these factors can be controlled to some extent, the Council pointed out.

The committee made the following suggestions to drivers in its campaign to cut the winter accident toll:

1. When starting out, get the "feel" of

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# It's A Woman's World



Mrs. Alice Story, Dept. 35, and Mrs. Mildred Herron, Dept. 38, step into this month's page for the women with a couple of tempting suggestions for putting over Christmas Day, 1946, with an added degree of success.

Ideal for snacks both before and after the Christmas dinner, Mrs. Story suggests a batch of Date and Apricot Christmas Cookies, easily made by following her recipe.

- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup melted butter or oleomargarine
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 2 cups quick oats
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

## Filling

- $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. dates cut up (1 cup)
- 1 can apricots. Drain ( $3\frac{1}{2}$  cups)
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons water

Boil filling 3 minutes until thickened. Press half of mixture, previously prepared, into a greased baking pan. Add filling and cover with remainder of mixture. Bake for  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour, cool and cut into squares.



*Mrs. Story*

A Christmas Salad is also offered by Mrs. Story: "Peel a honeydew melon, cut off the top far enough down so that the inside can be scraped out. Fill with cooled red jello and chill over night in an upright position. Cut in slices and serve on a lettuce leaf with dressing."

And from Mrs. Herron a tip for getting an extra bit of fun out of Christmas Day:

"A very interesting way of receiving packages at Christmas, when there are several present, is to leave one package under the tree for each one. Then, with this package, leave a note telling where to look for the next one . . . perhaps under the bed, behind the sofa or maybe just a note, telling where to look next. In this way everyone is hunting for their packages at the same time."



*Mrs. Herron*



## PICKED UP IN PASSING *(from Page 14)*

- Bob Graham, Service Repair Supervisor, provided a special problem for the technicians during Chest X-Rays last month. Adjustments on the machine dropped several feet with the technicians holding their breath as the last notch clicked by.
- A familiar personality returned to Personnel last month in the person of Mrs. Dorothy Swick. Dot is an old hand at Personnel, having worked here from Sept., 1944, to Dec., 1945.
- Also completing a cycle, Mrs. Ann Orton is back in the Training Department. Ann formerly worked in the Training Department, later as an instructor in the Coil Department and then as a Group Leader on the K-Magneto line. She returned to Training last month.
- Cigars from Bo Barrett of Tool Design. Bo is the proud father of a 6 pound baby girl, born Nov. 20th.
- Your contributions help make this column what it is. Every department is news to us, so help keep us tuned in on the news. Address your news bits to the Editor of The Scintillator.
- Lois Norton, Personnel, is down on Cupid's Calendar as a Christmas bride. By the time this issue comes off the press, Lois will probably be a Mrs.! Lucky Guy is Clifton McLachlan.
- A copy of one of Ernest T. Seton's books on wildlife to Nimrods Dick Lawrence Russ Elander and Dick Riker, who followed what appeared to be deer tracks for several miles. You guessed it . . . they ended up in a flock of sheep.

## CAPT. EVANS RETIRES

Completion of more than 43 years' service in the U. S. Navy last month terminated an active career for Capt. J. S. Evans, former Inspector of Naval Material for the Schenectady District. Capt. Evans is a familiar figure at Scintilla where his Navy duties linked him with the growth of the Company from its early days in Sidney. Capt. Evans inspected the first Scintilla magnetos for the Navy in the late 1920s. He was also one of the speakers on the Army and Navy "E" Day program at Scintilla in May, 1944.

Capt. Evans began an active career in the Navy when he received his appointment to the Naval Academy on June 13, 1903, after winning a competitive examination. He completed his academic work

at Annapolis in 1906 and was assigned to the "USS Maine."

Capt. Evans was later ordered to the "Decatur," commanded by the man who is now known to the world as Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz. He also served on the "Mohican" and the "Charleston." It was during this period that he was appointed an ensign. He was promoted to lieutenant (j. g.) in 1911, receiving a promotion to lieutenant in 1914. Promotions to lieutenant commander and commander followed, and in August, 1932, he was ordered to Pearl Harbor. As manager of the navy yard at Pearl Harbor, he was promoted to captain.

Captain Evans' tours of duty have included many interesting experiences, and he has served aboard a number of ships.

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*Final chapter of an active naval career was concluded for Capt. J. S. Evans, Naval Inspector, last month at the Naval Supply Depot, Scotia, N. Y. Capt. Evans is shown at extreme left. Holding the microphone is Lt. Comdr. C. W. Pearles (Ret.), former Security Officer under Capt. Evans.*







*IN MEMORIAM—Kenneth Fitzgerald, Dept. 11, accepts a memorial plaque honoring Sgt. Carl E. Daniels, from Robert B. Baker, Dept. 32. At left is shown a close-up view of the plaque.*

## **CAPT. EVANS** (from Page 17)

His duties as a naval inspector have covered nearly 18 years.

Upon his retirement, Capt. Evans was honored last month at a celebration held in the Officers' Club at the Naval Supply Depot, Scotia, N. Y. Master of Ceremonies was Lt. Comdr. D. O. DuBois. Lt. Comdr. C. W. Pearles (Ret.) was the principal speaker. Lt. Comdr. Pearles, who was Security Officer under Capt. Evans during the war, is also well known at Scintilla.

Capt. Evans is being succeeded by Capt. Brooks.

## **Group Insurance** (from Page 13)

his 60th birthday through bodily injuries or disease, and is unable to engage in any employment or occupation during the rest of his life, no further deductions will be made. The amount of his life insurance will be paid to him in a fixed number of installments.

## **Memorial Plaque Presented**

Presentation of a hand carved plaque as a memorial to Sergeant Carl E. Daniels was made recently by Robert B. Baker, Dept. 32, to Kenneth Fitzgerald. Captain of the Cartwright Hook and Ladder Company. Sergeant Daniels, who was a member of the Cartwright Hook and Ladder Co., was lost in flight over Europe on August 12, 1944.

Prior to his entry into the service, Sergeant Daniels was a Scintilla employee. Captain Fitzgerald accepted the plaque in behalf of his company. During dedication ceremonies this month the plaque was hung in the Hook and Ladder Room.

Work on the plaque was started by Mr. Baker last July. Working with a small knife, wood chisel and file, he fitted two pieces of cherry wood together and carved out the emblem of the 8th Air Force. The plaque was finished with linseed oil and a plate was placed between the outspread wings of the Air Force emblem.



# Arts and Crafts Club in Second Season

## Barter Column

FOR SALE: A good buy in a home. Well located in residential section, near school, churches and stores. Furnace, 8 rooms, 2 baths, some hardwood floors . . . large corner lot. Priced right for immediate sale and possession. 42 Bridge Street. Phone Sidney 5351.

FOR SALE: Girl's bicycle in good condition. Clifford Tuttle, 244 Johnston Circle, Sidney.

FOR SALE: New glaya-paca winter coat. Junior Miss Size 11, purchased at Stern Brothers in New York. Wrinkle-proof and weather-proof. As the owner does not live in town, this coat may be seen at Decker and Johnson's, Division Street, Sidney. A. C. Lord, Dept. 26, first shift.

FOR SALE: Man's bicycle. Inquire R. Tanner, 11-119, or dial Sidney 5772.

FOR SALE: 1 pair leather field boots, size 9. Excellent condition, worn only a few times. Inquire Howard Witter, 88-3 (Repair Dept.).

WANTED: 2 prs. of skis, 5 ft. and 7½ ft. Ed. Murphy, Extension 248 or phone Morris 27F111.

FOR SALE: Blonde cocker spaniel. Kenneth W. Hall, 42-11.

FOR SALE: "Lark" trumpet, gold bell, silver plated. Complete with case. Good condition. Milton Menhennett, 11-28, first shift. Or phone 98M, Deposit, N. Y.

*"At any rate," said the auctioneer, "mine is a business that a woman can't take up."*

*"Nonsense," put in the strong-minded lady.*

*"A woman would make as good an auctioneer as any man!"*

*"Would she?" retorted the other. "You try and imagine an unmarried lady standing up before a crowd and saying, 'Now, gentlemen, all I want is an offer'."*

Bernard Mathewson, Dept. 82, proudly exhibits a six point buck, shot November 27, 1946 on Dingman Hill in Chenango County. Dressed weight was 155 pounds. This is the only deer photo received in response to our request.

Two years ago a small group of artists formed a club for the purpose of furthering interest in the various arts and crafts. Now in its second season, with a membership of over thirty men and women, the Arts and Crafts Club is considered one of the most active organizations of its kind in the Southern Tier.

Usually working as a group, composed of both beginners and experienced artists, the club has among its members professionals who can act in an advisory capacity in all phases of its activities. The club is welcoming new members, with the assurance that beginners may feel free to join without feeling out of place.

The work of the club is roughly divided into two classifications—1. Painting and sketching from still life and live models, using oils, water colors, charcoal, pastels and other media. 2. Linoleum block cutting, clay modeling, carving, leather working and other allied crafts.

Exhibits are held periodically at the Community Center, offering the public an opportunity to view the work of the group. The club also has been represented at various exhibits in New York, Albany and Binghamton.

Regular meetings are held at the Community Center every other Monday evening. Persons desiring to join the Arts and Crafts Club are invited to contact any of the following officers: Jos. F. Bazata, President; Rolland M. Purdy, Secretary; Mrs. Edward Kleiner, Treasurer, or Mrs. L. W. Cook, Publicity Member.







**MOTORETTE** — Novel mode of transportation is demonstrated by Mr. and Mrs. A. Kirkgaard. The Kirkgaards decided on the "Motorette" in favor of running the risk on a "lemon" in the used car market. Winter front was designed by a neighbor.

## MOTORETTE HITS NEW HIGH IN ATOMIC AGE

American ingenuity reached a new high recently with the local debut of a three wheeled "Motorette." Described by its owners, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kirkgaard of Masonville, as a cross between a motorcycle and a small automobile, it glides smoothly over the road at a top speed of 35 m.p.h.

Mrs. Kirkgaard, secretary to W. J. O'Sullivan, proclaims it as the answer to the American housewife's afternoon shopping problem. She explained that it contains a large compartment for parcels under the seat.

Operating in one speed, it averages 80 miles to a gallon and uses a tea cup of oil over the same distance. The mechanism of the "Motorette" is simple to operate in that it contains only the starter and brake, with steering apparatus similar to that being used on the larger transport planes.

Mr. Kirkgaard uses his "Motorette" daily in commuting between Sidney and Unadilla where he is employed by the "Unadilla Times." He decided to purchase the "Motorette" after seeing it demonstrated in Greene.

Only unfortunate feature of the "Motorette" is that it does not contain a Scintilla Magneto.

*Hotel clerk: Why don't you scrape the mud off your shoes before you come in?*

*Backwoodsman: What shoes?*

## EASE UP . . . (from Page 15)

the road by trying your brakes while driving slowly and when no other vehicles are near.

2. On wet, snowy or icy roads, reduce your speed so that you can stop in time if faced with an emergency. Remember, you may find icy spots on bridges or shaded sections of an otherwise clear road surface.

3. When you have to stop, apply brakes lightly and intermittently. Jamming on brakes may lock them and throw the car into a dangerous skid.

4. Keep windshield and windows clear of snow and ice outside, and fog and frost inside.

5. Use tire chains on ice and snow. They may reduce braking distances as much as 40 or 50 per cent, and provide needed "go" traction. They are no "cure-all" but they are indispensable under severe snow and ice conditions.

6. Although synthetic rubber tires are now equal to natural rubber in wear and breaking ability on dry concrete, they do not provide as good stop-and-go traction on snow and ice. Use greater precaution with them.

*A man will always go to bat for a girl with good curves.*

*Man has conquered almost every dangerous thing in nature—except human nature.*