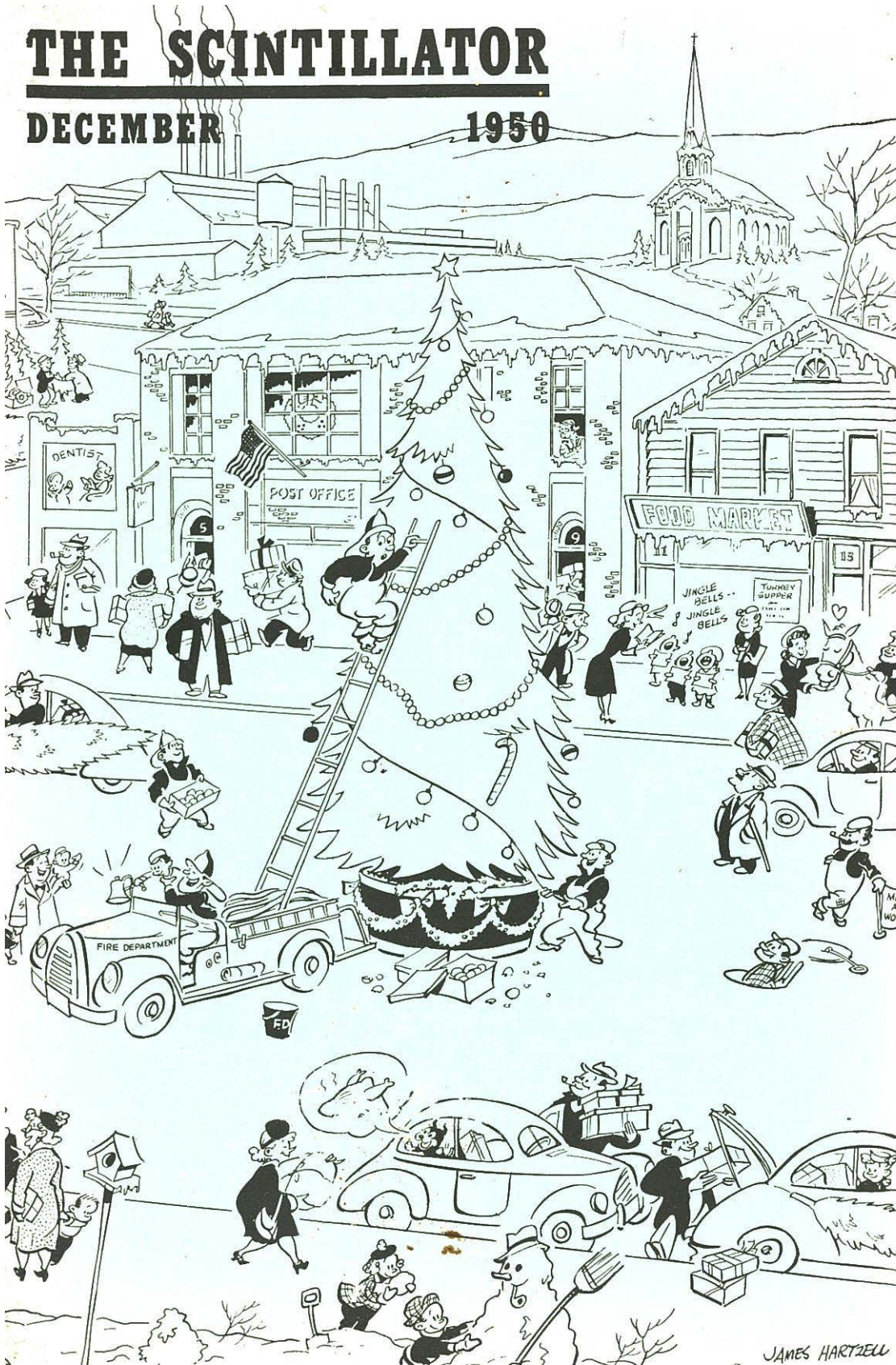


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BEHIND THE COVER

A Community Christmas

Christmas is a community affair!

People of all ages take great pride in the job of properly dressing their town in style for the occasion. And it is always pleasantly surprising to observe the transformation of ordinary streets into colorful lanes of light and happiness. It is equally pleasant to hear the many Christmas sounds that make themselves heard at this time of year; to feel the warmth and friendship this season provides such an abundance of.

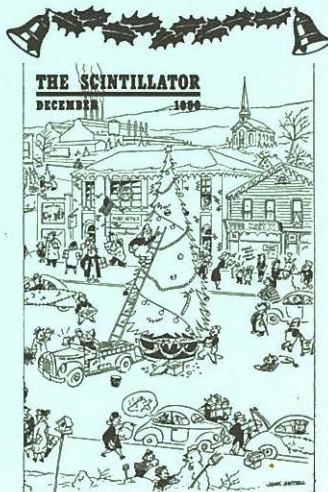
All of this — the things we have come to know and love as Christmas — would not be so, if the Holidays were celebrated in any other manner than by the community as a whole. This month's Scintillator cover carries out

that theme — Christmas as a community affair!

The town on our cover is a make believe town, but it could easily be your town — or any other community in the U. S. A. It is a picture of a community as it really is at Christmas-time, with its stores and shops, its homes, its people, its holiday dress, laughter and light-hearted conversations. Like all towns, its churches and factories have a prominent part in community life. They, too, are pictured in this, the portrait of a Community Christmas.

Where else, we pause to ask, but in America, the land of the free and the fortunate, can Christmas present such a scene of individual happiness, community spirit, and well-

being as that which appears on our cover and in communities — large and small — throughout the Nation?



AUTO INDUSTRY MAKES DETROIT IDEAL LOCATION FOR SCINTILLA FIELD OFFICE

Concentration of the automobile industry in the vicinity of Detroit brought with it a host of other manufacturers in related equipment fields. The natural application of Scintilla products to this field has made Detroit an extremely attractive area from the standpoint of our market potential.

Soon after the close of World War II it became apparent that a closer contact with our customers was desirable if we were to properly serve their interests and develop new outlets. Accordingly, one of our first field offices was located in this great manufacturing center. It has functioned with increasing activity since its establishment. Present headquarters are at Ferndale, a conveniently located suburban district of Detroit. This office is under the supervision of John J. McCarthy. Mrs. Josephine Rizzo and Miss Dolores Bobek handle the secretarial and clerical requirements of the office.

Jack McCarthy joined Scintilla early in the summer of 1948 and, after a brief stay in Sidney, was assigned to his present position. A native of Chester, Pa., he graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He served in the United States Navy until 1945. The intervening years before coming to Scintilla were spent in acquiring a practical background in engineering and accounting. He spent approximately a year in England as a Sales and Technical Representative. He now makes his home in Birmingham, Michigan, with his wife and two children, Robert and Barbara.

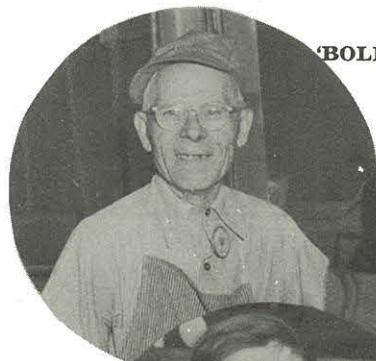
One of the most active phases of the present military program centers around Army Ordnance activities, with engineering headquarters located at the Detroit Arsenal. From this point many projects fan out to include the various suppliers of military vehicles, tanks, trucks and their components. The coordination of this program, involving as it does a multitude of Scintilla products, represents a sizeable task in itself.

In addition, we also find in this area many of our long-standing customers such as Continental Motors, Chris Craft, Hercules and many others. As presently set up, it is referred to as the East Central territory and includes the states of Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama.

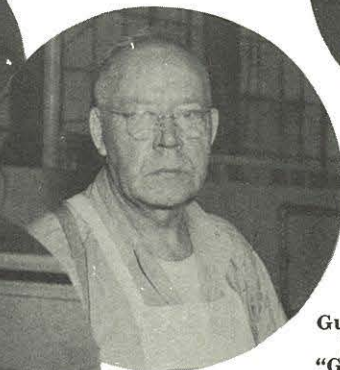
With the Detroit office, we forge one more link in the chain of Scintilla representation which extends the length and breadth of our country, assuring our customers the prompt and personal service which characterizes our organization. In identifying our own interests with those of our customers and cementing this relationship with trained personnel capable of meeting and solving the many problems which are bound to rise, we build for our future mutual welfare.

— By J. D. Garnsey.





Rudolph Pataki
Dept. 12
"BOLDOK KARACSONIUNEP"
Hungary



Anthony Donaloio
Dept. 13
"BUNI NATOLO"
Italy

Gustav Rehn
Dept. 32
"GLAD JUL"
Sweden



Heida Engel
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"FROEHLICHE WEINACHT"
Germany



Manuel Echevarria
Dept. 37
"FELIZES NAVIDADES"
Spain



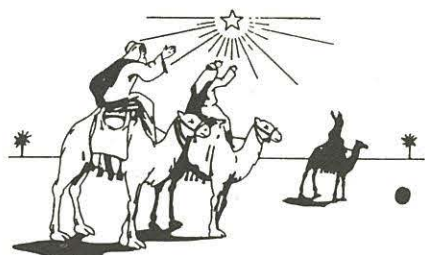
William Volt
Dept. 12
"CHRESTOS ROSDYETSA"
Czechoslovakia



Paul Fust
Dept. 28
"FROLICHE WEIHNACHT"
Switzerland



Rosie A. Aders
Dept. 90
"MERRY CHRISTMAS"
England



.....and a Happy New Year

America's immigrants brought with them many customs from their many native lands. These customs were especially evident at Christmas time, for each country had its own way, or even several ways, for marking this Holy Day.

As in everything else, however, this wide variety of ways for celebrating Christmas gradually settled down to become an American Way. And today, no country in the world can boast of a unified celebration that even approaches ours.

Here Christmas is truly a national as well as a religious holiday. Not only in

Houses of Worship of many denominations — none controlled by the State — but in our factories and shops, our stores and our offices, in our schools and in our streets, everyone joins in celebrating Christmas.

In the intimacy of family parties some of the old world traditions still are carried out, but always with American overtones. In areas that are strongly Scandinavian, you'll still see "Ludfisk" on the holiday menu, but in all probability it will be a prelude to turkey rather than a main dish.

Italian-Americans may prefer their own traditional "dolces" instead of hot mince meat pie, just as others will prefer Yorkshire pudding, and still others will call for crepe suzettes. Here again turkey will prob-

ably be a "must," and the stuffing will be as varied as the desserts. Whatever the variations, however, the spirit in every home will be that of an American Christmas.

At Scintilla, as in all American plants of any size, many nationalities blend together in harmony — each working and cooperating with the others. The man at the next machine, or the girl who sits one desk ahead of you, may be German, Italian, Swiss, English, Dutch, French, Polish, or any one of a dozen other nationalities and descents. It matters little here, for we are all Americans.

For a long time, we have been considering a pictorial feature of this nature, showing representatives of a few of the various nationalities working side by side

at Scintilla. Christmas seems to be an ideal occasion, and the Scintillites pictured greet you with a warm "Merry Christmas" — each in the native tongue of the nationality they represent.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: As much as we would have liked to, we know we have not pictured representatives of all our many nationalities in the plant. A plant-wide search of this nature is a big thing, and we were unable to locate some of you. If we have overlooked your native land, won't you let us know — so that we may do a follow-up story in a future issue?)



WHO?**WHO?****WHO?**

WHO CAN THEY BE?

★ Who, at Scintilla, has been married longest?

★ Who, among us, has the largest family?

★ Who is Scintilla's youngest grandmother?

As the wise, old owl once said — Who? Who? Who? Who can they be? We don't know. Do you? If you do, you can be a big help in *The Scintillator's* "Personality Hunt."

Starting in February, we will be conducting a series of these monthly "personality hunts." All will be aimed at searching out the answers to the above and many other intriguing questions. There's nothing to win, nothing to lose — just a lot of fun to be had by everyone. Each month's "personality hunt" will conclude with a feature story and pictures in *The Scintillator*, so hunt up your candidates now. If you wish, you may submit your own name.

In February we will be searching for the Scintilla man or woman who has been married the longest. In order to allow time for writing the "Personality Hunt" story and obtaining pictures, it will be necessary to close all nominations for February's "Personality of the Month" on January 10th. You may submit your nominations either through the plant mail, or by dialing the editor on Extension 370. Be sure to tell us the exact date of your candidate's marriage, and remember — February's Personality Hunt closes on January 10th.

ENGINEERS BRING TWO PROMINENT SPEAKERS TO SIDNEY

Two prominent speakers, appearing here on separate occasions, were presented to local audiences last month by the Sidney Engineers Club.

They were:

Robert Stanley, President of the Stanley Aviation Corporation, Buffalo.

Ellsworth Green, Jr., executive manager of the Kansas City, Kansas, Chamber of Commerce, and immediate past National Commander of the China-Burma-India Veterans Association.

Mr. Stanley, former national glider champion, was chief test pilot for Bell Aircraft Corporation during World War II, later becoming the first American to fly an XP-Jet. He addressed a dinner meeting of the Engineers Club on November 3rd, and spoke on the subject of "Flight Research Engineering."

Mr. Green, basing his address on impressions gained during recent conferences



Ellsworth Green, Jr Robert Stanley

with numerous world leaders and from observations made while serving in the CBI theater during World War II, spoke in Sidney under the auspices of the Engineers Club on November 17th.

Speaking on the topic "Will We Hear the Alarm Clock?" he cited several steps which he considered advisable to better the situation facing this country.

ON THE WATER FRONT..

By

HI WATERS

The tiny creek that threads its way along the edge of Scintilla's parking lots normally is quite docile. On occasion, however, it has been known to act out of character. Monday, December 4th, was one of these occasions.

Encouraged by steady rain the night before, the creek lifted a muddy head that morning and peeped over its banks for a quick look at the plant. Not satisfied with this—a bold move, indeed, for such a tiny creek—it then proceeded to explore Scintilla's West parking lot with cold, wet fingers.

By mid-morning, its confidence bolstered by the wintery rain that continued to fall, the creek was grasping at the wheels of Scintillites' neatly parked automobiles. Scintilla's guard force and maintenance men went into action at this time, directing the evacuation of all autos to higher levels.

At noontime most of the West parking area was under water. Emptied of its cars, the lot could easily have passed as a small lake. Portions of Scintilla's East parking lot were also occupied by the ambitious, little creek. Later in the day, the onset of colder weather did much to deflate the ego of the creek. No damage resulted—not even a stalled vehicle insofar as we have been able to determine.



Water in Scintilla's West parking lot was hub deep at the time this picture was taken. Most of the cars had already been evacuated to higher levels



We Need to WATCH



OUR WASTELINE

A man does a juggling act with a finished part, tossing a thirty dollar item from one hand to the other as he waits to check a rate. He casually tosses it back into a tote box and at the same time puts a big dent into the part's soft, brass surface. Unknowingly, this man has just helped add more pounds of scrap to Scintilla's *wasteline*.

In another department a woman sets a container down on a bench, not noticing that it overhangs the edge. The container, filled with small parts, balances delicately for a minute or two and then topples into the aisle. Some of the parts are damaged in the fall and, as a result, will end up in the scrap pile.

In still another section of the plant a grinding wheel bites into a rotor and leaves a deep gouge. Somewhere else a distributor block shield is in the process of being scrapped because it has too many dowel pin holes drilled in it.

Whatever the situation or its cause, the end result of all scrap pieces is the same — more bulges in Scintilla's *wasteline*. We need to watch that *wasteline* with greatest care, for scrap pieces are a costly item none of us can afford.

It makes little difference whether a scrap piece results from:

- a lathe operation;
- a milling operation;
- a molding operation;
- or any one of a hundred and one

other things that combine to distend Scintilla's *wasteline*.

A scrap piece always represents a costly investment in waste—*WASTE OF VALUABLE TIME AND WASTE OF VITAL MATERIALS*.

All of us — man or woman, shop worker or office worker, new employee or old

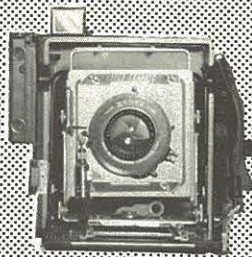
timer — make occasional mistakes. It is important to report mistakes when they occur, for unreported scrap lets the part — as it progresses further in production — get more expensive, and can cause serious delays. The big problem, however, is in keeping these mistakes at a minimum. It is a problem all of us need to tackle together.

Scintilla's *wasteline* is a problem common to all major industries. It is something American workers are going to have to meet head-on in the months ahead, for the task assigned to the American worker is a big one — that of producing to meet all defense needs and at the same time keeping up with the requirements of civilian markets.

Defense needs, of course, will come first, and as more materials are placed on priority lists, civilian markets will be the ones to feel the loss. Workers in nearly all industries will be devoting more of their time to defense production, less to civilian. In view of this, increasing attention will be focused on industrial scrap reduction as a means of making production hours and materials count for full value.

Trimming the national *wasteline* is not going to be an easy job. — but it is a job which must be done, if we are to make our country defensively strong and at the same time maintain our standard of living at a high level. We, at Scintilla, can do our part by starting on our own *wasteline*.

In doing this, let's remember that taking the bulges out of Scintilla's *wasteline* isn't a job for supervisors and foremen alone. It is a job that can be successfully carried out only with the help and cooperation of every man and woman in the plant. We — you and I — all of us, together, can do it!



Viewing the Scintilla Scene

BEGINNING A SERIES OF PLANT-WIDE CAMERA TOURS

Then we peeked through a doorway into the Plating Department, focusing the camera upon Margaret Aitken, Mildred Robbins and Frederick Tanner. Fred, an inspector, explained that he was inspecting the plating on some connector parts. The girls are both members of Dept. 32.



Further along the line we discovered William Payne and Fenton McPherson, also members of Dept. 32. We learned a few things about buffing and polishing from them.

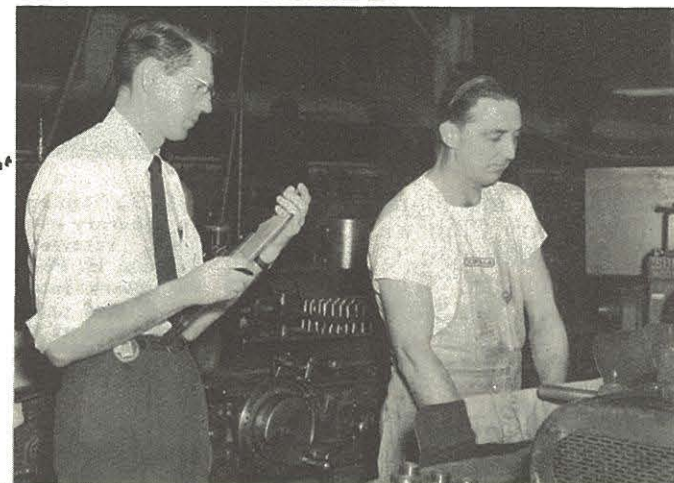


Before leaving Dept. 40, we also became acquainted with Miles Depew and John Winn. Both men were busy assembling Riveting Pole Shoes.

When we reached Dept. 29, we stopped to chat with this trio at the burr bench. They introduced themselves as Fred Ehrhard, Edward Oliver and Clayton Perry.



First stop in this month's camera tour was at desks of Margaret Davy and Mary McMurray, Dept. 7. Both girls, we learned, are Stores Clerks.



Next stop was in Dept. 40 where the Scintillator photographer snapped the shutter on H. R. Frink and Jim Bradon. "Hub", a Time Study Engineer, was making a time study of rough grinding operation being performed by Jim.



Our last stop, on the way back to the office, was in Dept. 37 where we photoed Egie Rumsey and Goldie Fargo. Both were busy inspecting some housings. Thus, this month's plant tour came to an end—but we'll be back in January with more pictures of you and your friends on this, the busy Scintilla Scene.

ROTARY CLUB HONORS G.E. STEINER



Honorary membership in the Sidney Rotary Club was conferred upon Gen. Manager G. E. Steiner early this month. The honor was bestowed on Mr. Steiner in recognition of 25-years of community service devoted to the interests of Sidney.

The ceremony honoring Scintilla's General Manager was conducted by William H. Phelps, past district governor of Rotary International, during the December 1st meeting of the club. Mr. Phelps also is a past president of the Sidney club.

Guests present included three of Mr. Steiner's 25-year associates at Scintilla: W. J. Spengler, Executive Engineer; T. Z. Fagan, Advertising Manager; and E. M. Van Name, Staff Assistant to the General Manager.

IN MEMORIAM.....

We, at Scintilla, were saddened to learn of the recent deaths of Robert O. Brown, Dept. 48, and Lynn Davis, Dept. 25. Both men will be greatly missed by all of their friends and associates at the plant. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the members of their families.

G. E. Steiner (center), recently named an honorary member of the Sidney Rotary Club, receives the congratulations of William H. Phelps, past district governor of Rotary International. Murray Goldshine, vice president of the Sidney club, is pictured at the left.

DIRECTORY CHANGES . . .

If you have had difficulty reaching the editor these past few weeks, it's because they've put us on a new extension. Although our number is listed in the directory as 465, we're temporarily on Extension 370 — so-o-o, whenever you want THE SCINTILLATOR, dial the new number.

Other additions and changes you may wish to make in the plant directory include:

Karl Burki	489
Vern Cornell	249
A. F. Inspection	292
Leonard Acenowr	495
Morris Baxter	424
Joseph Noyes	292
Stock S Office	283
Stock CC Office	470
Al Kelly	470
D. H. Mack	445
D. Bidwell	345
Eugene F. Doster	481
Blueprint Production	399

Wildgrube New 20-Year Man

Recognition of 5, 10, 15 and 20-year service anniversaries with Scintilla is acknowledged each month in this column. The Scintillites listed or pictured have recently become members of the service club under which their names appear. It is an honor to belong to a Scintilla Service Club and these Scintillites — through their years of loyalty and service — have earned the right to wear the service emblem of the club to which they now belong.

15 YEAR CLUB

Clarence Murphy	90-1093
Ralph Walker	27-1585
Lena Wiediman	38-5529

10 YEAR CLUB

Gordon Berger	99-148
William Bruce	14-207
Clayton Buckley	91-217
Willie Castle	13-267
Harold Cheeseman	47-285
Herbert Darling	34-392
Robert Darrow	29-394
Ferris Edwards	82-504
Laurence Estes	47-532
Vincent George	28-611
Lula Harder	38-5199
Jerome Mertz	38-1047
John Nolan	6-1125
Francis Purdy	30-1250
William Schmidt, Jr.	48-1342
Clifford Waldron	11-1581
William Weed	6-1605

5 YEAR CLUB

Erwin Brown	29-2196
Stanley Burnside	48-2215
Pearl Fenton	38-5152
Clarence Furgason	11-2197
Louise Glacken	74-5180
Julia Lambert	87-5285
Robert Nichols	29-2988
Edwin Rogers	91-1295
Albert Robinson	48-1916
Glen Youmans	11-1679



Arnold Wildgrube, 20 Years

HAVE YOU SEEN THEM

The other day we saw some posters on Scintilla's bulletin boards that impressed us very much. You probably have seen them, too. In the foreground is the American flag and under it the message — "Now LET'S ALL BUY BONDS."

Today's headlines give special significance to these posters. Events in Korea show that we must be prepared to give every possible support to our fighting men. We can go a long way toward accomplishing this objective if we buy U. S. Savings Bonds regularly. The money we invest in Savings Bonds helps finance the defense program. It helps keep our nation economically sound.

At home we must avoid the economic collapse, or any semblance of it, so confidently predicted by enemies of our way of life. The regular purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan will help greatly in this task. At the same time we will be providing now for the future security of ourselves and our families.

These are troubled times, but if we follow the American custom of sharing the responsibility we can continue to keep ourselves, our families and our nation strong and free.

As our part, we urge every one of you to sign up on the Payroll Savings Plan today. If you are already buying Savings Bonds through this plan, give serious thought to increasing the amount of your regular investment.

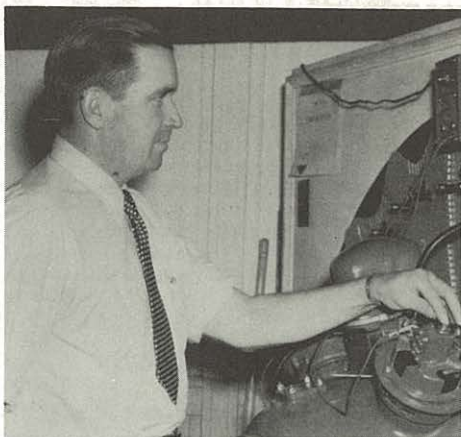




Personnel from E. A. Wildermuth, Inc., Scintilla's distributor in New York City, are pictured above during recent visit here. From l. to r. — Paul Panitz, J. E. Dinner, E. A. Wildermuth and George Wildermuth.

Visitors . . .

Five men recently completed various courses of instruction in the Scintilla Service School. These included Dale Hungerford and Charles R. Gallaway, both of Ethiopian Airlines; 1st Lt. William Hamilton, U. S. Marine Corps; and two Navy men, John R. Britt, ADC, and Calvin Jones, AE2. Photos of the men appear on this page.



Gallaway



Britt

Jones



Hungerford



Hamilton

WHEN YOU 'BUY BENDIX' YOU BUY THE FINEST

Only a few days of Christmas shopping remain on the calendar. Many Scintilla employees, or their friends and neighbors, will be purchasing bicycles for their children this Christmas. All Bendix employees can do their share to help the sale of one of our products by making sure the bicycles they purchase are equipped with "Bendix" Coaster Brakes.

Everyone likes to go bicycling and you will find it twice the fun when your bike is equipped with a "Bendix" Coaster Brake. You can pedal easier, coast longer and stop quicker. And you will get this top performance for a long, long time.

Remember, the coaster brake is the key to your bike's performance. Don't be satisfied with less than the best — insist on a "Bendix" Coaster Brake. Always praise Bendix make products, for there are none finer anywhere.



Here's another set of twin cuties for the Scintilla Family Album. They are the 18-month-old daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Anderson. Terry Lee is on the left, Rox Ann on the right. Their Dad works in Dept. 27.

A Gift for the Family

The finest *family* gift any Scintillite can possibly give this Christmas is a promise to work safely at all times.

It is a gift *only you* can give!

Any Scintilla man or woman who gives such a gift, gives something far more valuable than all of life's material things put together.

Think, at this happy time of year, how important *you* are to your family's happiness, security and comfort. Could they get along as well, or would life mean as much — *without you*?

If your answer is "NO," this gift — the gift *only you* can give — should go at the very top of your Christmas list.

Since our first listing in the October issue of THE SCINTILLATOR, the following Scintillites have entered the armed services of our country:

Kenneth E. Edwards, Dept. 90; John A. Monson, Dept. 91; Donald Cleaver, Dept. 47; David Benjamin, Dept. 44; Everett Bidwell, Dept. 12; Sheldon Grey, Dept. 30; Edwin Sporling, Dept. 47; William Greene, Dept. 99, and Anna Fuller, Dept. 38.



Cpl. Becky Fuller, formerly of Dept. 38, is now stationed at Camp McCoy, Wis., where she is assigned to the Message Center. Photo above was taken while on temporary duty at Ft. Sheridan.

You can't get sugar and furniture out of a maple tree at the same time.



THE CAMERA COVERS 2ND ANNUAL DANCE OF SUPERVISORY FORUM



The Committee





Knudson



Hanley



Jones



Greene



Bartlett



Odone



Gerster



Frank

On the Way Up..



Berger



Herrmann



Reed

Since publication of the November issue of THE SCINTILLATOR, promotions and appointments have been announced as follows:

Giltner J. Knudson — Assistant to the General Manager.

H. W. Hanley — Assistant Factory Manager.

R. Bartlett — Foreman, Second Shift, Dept. 37; Molding and Die Casting.

G. Kenneth Reed — Foreman, Dept. 82.

E. Herrmann — General Supervisor,

Night Shift.

George Jones — Night Supervisor over Depts. 26, 27 and 30.

R. Ward — Night Foreman, Dept. 26.

John Frank — Day Foreman, Dept. 40.

R. Gerster — Night Foreman, Dept. 47.

H. Odone — Night Foreman, Dept. 31.

R. Greene — Day Foreman, Dept. 44.

Gordon Berger — Inspection Foreman, Second Shift.

Stirling Lipp — Inspection Foreman, Third Shift.

BARTER COLUMN



A service for employees of Scintilla Magneto Division, conducted without charge. All articles advertised must be the personal property of the employee. Ads of a commercial nature are not acceptable.

FOR SALE: Reconditioned Electric Refrigerator; new motor, new wiring . . . 6 cu. ft. capacity. Priced for quick sale. N. C. Meagley, Photo Dept., or Lyon Brook Road, R. D. 1, Norwich.

FOR SALE: Gas Stove Working Order, Tanks, Gauges, etc. Price, \$20.00. Clark Darling, Dept. 13, 28 West Main St., Phone Sidney 6343.

FOR SALE: 27-Foot House Trailer with gas stove. In perfect condition. Inquire of Marion Walling, Dept. 38, 28 Spring Street, Afton, N. Y. Phone Afton 7-2133.

FOR SALE: Three A. F. Train Sets, new last Christmas. One never used, others run very little. Also, extra track, one cross-over, one pair remote control switches, and several cars. J. J. Houghtaling, Dept. 11.

WANTED: Three or four unfurnished rooms, suitable for family of three. Family now living in New York City. Contact Fritz Krause, Dept. 12, or write c/o Minnie Kutschker, Unadilla, R. D. 2.

FOR SALE: Boy's Bicycle, in good condition. Inquire of Louise Dickson, Payroll, Phone Sidney 3062.

RIDERS WANTED...

Jack Nelson, Sales Department, has room for four riders daily from Norwich. Jack leaves Norwich for Sidney each morning at 7:15. Interested parties may contact him directly.

Many an argument is sound — just sound, and nothing else.

Opportunity, like lightning, strikes unexpectedly.

America has a score of towns named Waterloo, but it's never met one yet!

CARDS OF THANKS

To the Friends and Employees of Dept. 81:

The family of Carl J. Bender acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expressions of sympathy.

Albert Bender.

We wish to thank all the wonderful people of Scintilla who gave so generously when we were so destitute after the loss of our home.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Earl and sons,
Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lent.

I wish to thank the Scintilla Management for the sunshine basket received during my recent stay in The Hospital; also my friends at Scintilla for their cards and many kindnesses.

Ken Reed.

I wish to thank the boys of the first and second shift in Dept. 30 for the donation they gave me for my boy who is in Binghamton City Hospital with polio.

Harold Brownson.

This is to express our sincere thanks to all of those who contributed money. We are very grateful and appreciate your generosity.

Mrs. Ella Fitzgerald,
Gordon Fitzgerald.

We wish to thank our Scintilla friends and co-workers for the money and gifts received following the loss of our home by fire.

Jim and Marie Ingalls.

We wish to thank all who sent flowers and cards for the many kindnesses during the illness and death of our beloved sister; also the Ambulance Squad, Dr. Burian, the nurses and staff at The Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James Maycock and son.

I wish to thank Dept. 12 for the gift of money sent me and the get well cards. Also, I wish to thank Sidney Lodge 1529 for their lovely get well card.

Virgil Turner, Dept. 12.

COLUMN O' TYPE

Christmas is that wonderful "once a year" state of mind when people begin to act the way they should have been acting all year. It is a time of year for practicing well the gentle arts of human understanding and kindness; a time for making good use of all the vast powers contained within a smile. It is a time for removing any barriers we may have built around ourselves or others; a time for sharing and enjoying the companionship of small children. It is a time for doing all of these things and much more, too. But most of all, Christmas is a time for shaking aside the discouragements of mankind's past frustrations and failures — beginning anew on this day to have faith in the eventual ability of men and women, with God's help and blessing to seek and find PEACE ON EARTH!

The chest x-rays received by 1,892 Scintillites here early in September would have cost \$37,840 had they been paid for at the prevailing rate of \$20.00 each. As it was, however, the Delaware County Tuberculosis and Health Association brought x-ray technicians, equipment and volunteer workers into Scintilla, x-raying free of charge during regular working hours every person who was willing to be checked. Scintillites now have the opportunity to further this excellent work by purchasing and using Christmas Seals this month. The sale of these Christmas Seals represent the Tuberculosis Association's only source of revenue. Income received each year through the Christmas Seal Sale is used to finance free chest x-ray surveys like the one conducted at Scintilla this fall. Buy and use as many Christmas Seals as you possibly can.

Moving into the open air of the country early this fall satisfied a long-time urge on the part of your editor to get a little closer to nature. Our new place of residence is based at the foot of steep, sloping hills and overlooks some quiet backwaters of the Susquehanna. We've already managed to strike up a friendly acquaintanceship with a chipmunk who makes his home under our front steps. Another of the little striped rodents, who lives in the foundation stones of the barn, doesn't quite trust us, as yet, but then we don't have as much contact with him as we do his cousin up at the house. It takes us twice as long to get ready for work, however, for it's become a necessary part of our routine to review — from our kitchen window — the daily maneuvers staged each morning by a couple of wild ducks. We don't know how the coming of ice and snow is going to change things, but we're sure living in the country is going to be one new experience after another — and we'll be looking forward to every one.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM BENDIX PRESIDENT FERGUSON



Malcolm P. Ferguson

To the Men and Women of Bendix Aviation Corporation:

I always welcome the opportunity the Christmas holiday season gives me to extend greetings to all of you and to wish for you the best of health and happiness.

On this occasion, as many of you know, I like to try to pass along some little message, or some personal thought, that I hope will add to our appreciation of our greatest of all festivals.

This year, there are many things I could say to you, but if there is one thought uppermost in my mind, it is that we should be supremely grateful there is a Christmas. Its spirit was never needed more.

Today we are, out of necessity, making preparations once again to defend our country against any emergency. We all hope and pray that this is the best way to insure peace but, in no way, does this lessen the threat to our freedom nor the obligations we have to ourselves, our children and our children's children. It is appropriate that we think of our children's future at this time, for after all, Christmas is a child's day.

There have been nearly two thousand Christmases. Down through these centuries, many menaces to mankind have been defeated, just as we hope the forces of aggression in the world today will be defeated. But Christmas never has been lastingly defeated anywhere. It never will be.

Sincerely,
Malcolm P. Ferguson,
President.
