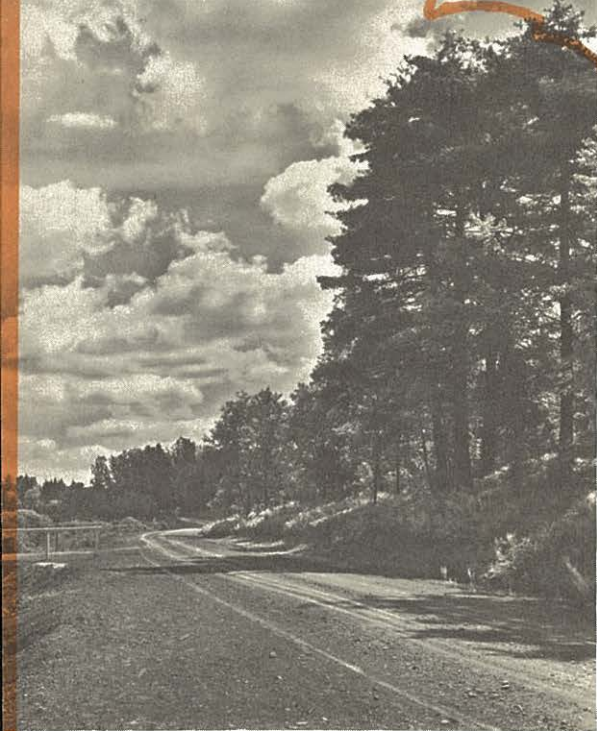




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This country lane wandered lazily past the plant in Scintilla's earlier days. Just in case you don't recognize the locale, it's Delaware Street.

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BEHIND THE COVER

Early day Scintillites — as we, today, must ever be — were "GEARED FOR THE FUTURE." They, pioneers in an infant industry, worked long and hard — with few tools and not enough machinery — to do a job and do it right. Evidence as to the success of their venture, undertaken in the last half of the twenties, is at hand wherever the eye may look.

Today, in shop and office, nearly a hundred of these men and women are still working at a Scintilla machine, bench or desk. All of us in the organization are

proud of this large "Old Timer" group, and it is to them — and those "Old Timers" no longer with us — that we dedicate this issue of THE SCINTILLATOR.

This month's cover is intended to symbolize our theme, "THE OLD TIMER — GEARED FOR THE FUTURE." Glenn Fical, who appears on the cover, was chosen to represent all of our Scintilla "Old Timers." A group leader in the Assembly Department, Glenn was the first of the production group to celebrate his 25th anniversary with Scintilla.

POST STORY FEATURES SCINTILLA AND SIDNEY

The Scintilla - Sidney article written by Wesley Price, Associate Editor of *The Saturday Evening Post*, appears in the March 3rd edition of the *Post*. The article, titled "The Village We Can't Do With-

out," was written by Mr. Price following a week-long stay in Sidney early last fall. Mr. Price is one of America's most outstanding magazine writers. He specializes in articles pertaining to the aviation field.

NOTED JOURNALIST SPEAKER AT OLD TIMER BANQUET

Four New Members Inducted into Twenty-five Year Club



With the exception of Herman Hanni, unable to attend because of illness, all members of Scintilla's Twenty-five Year Club were present at the banquet. Group includes (standing from l. to r.) Ralph Cumber, E. M. VanName, Walter Herzog, Jim Belden, Harold Seeley and Claude Porter; seated, Glen Fical, G. E. Steiner, T. Z. Fagan and Walter Spengler.

Scintilla's Fourth Annual Old Timers Banquet, held Saturday evening, January 27th, in the Victory Restaurant's Rose Room, was highlighted by the induction of four new members into the Division's exclusive Twenty-five Year Club. The new members, bringing the Club's total to eleven, are Walter Herzog, tool coordinator; James Belden, Assembly Department group leader; Harold Seeley, experimental model and test equipment maker, and Claude Porter, tool maker. The new 25-year men were honored with the presentation of watches from the Division, the presentations being made by Advertising Manager Thomas Z. Fagan following commendatory remarks by George E. Steiner, General Manager. Each of the four men also received a box of roses for his wife.

Other wearers of the diamond-studded service award emblem, symbol of 25 years' service with Scintilla, who were present at the banquet included Mr. Fagan, Mr. Steiner, Walter Spengler, Executive Engineer; Everett M. VanName, Staff Assistant to the General Manager; Ralph Cumber, Tool Crib Foreman, and Glenn Fical, Assembly Department group leader.

Herman Hanni, formerly General Manager and first of the group to celebrate 25 years of service with Scintilla, was unable to attend due to illness. Upon mention of his name, Mr. Hanni received a rising ovation.

Special recognition was also centered upon two father and son teams in the Old Timers Club — Harry and Claude Porter, and Thomas and Ray Hatt. Retired members in the old timer ranks also received a share of the atten-

tion. These include Miss Emily Brooks, Richard Dodge, Walt Miener, Harry Porter, Louis Wilbur, William Spencer, David Bowermaster, Harvey Fuller, George Brooks and Harry M. Walton, Sr., all of whom have served 20 years or more with Scintilla.

Harry Daniels was presented with a 20-year service award emblem and inducted into that division of the Old Timers Club.

More than a hundred "Old Timers" and their guests attended the Club's fourth annual dinner meeting, hearing a keynote address given by Louis P. Lochner, Chief of the Associated Press Bureau in Berlin from 1924 to 1942. Mr. Lochner, a Pulitzer Prize Winner in journalism, has a wide and varied background, qualifying him to speak with personal knowledge of

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TABLE HOPPING WITH THE CAMERA AT
Scintilla's
4th Annual Old Timer Banquet





Louis P. Lochner





Combined service record of these two father and son teams exceeds 90 years. Top photo — Tom and Ray Hatt; bottom — Claude and Harry Porter.

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every European country. The author of a number of books, his "Goebbels Diaries" was a Book of the Month Club selection in 1947. More recently he has had "Fritz Kreisler," a biography, published by MacMillan.

Mr. Lochner told the group that it was his fervent belief that, alongside our military preparations there should, first, go a diplomatic preparation of which the American public is apprised before irrevocable commitments have been made.

Continuing, he said that a far greater attempt should be made to win over to us the peoples, on the one hand, of the countries still occupied by us, and, on the other hand, of Soviet Russia and her satellites.

"Never again," the speaker emphasized, "must we fall into the tragic error which underlies the 'Unconditional Surrender' theory whereby both the people and the rulers of defeated countries are placed in the same category of disgrace and culpability. Instead, we should revert to the Wilsonian doctrine of bringing about a cleavage between enslaved peoples and their all-powerful masters."

Mr. Lochner said that the Hitler regime, when it finally collapsed, would not have fallen so completely to pieces had not the morale of the German people been so definitely undermined by foreign broadcasts.

Why not try the same tactics with Russia,

he asked, suggesting, however, that we couple with factual reporting the constant assurance that we are friends of the Russian people and are only fighting their inhumane regime.

"That was our psychological error in our psychological warfare against Germany," he said. "We offered no hope to those who opposed Hitler on the inside. 'Unconditional Surrender' made no distinction between friend and foe of the regime."

In conclusion, he urged that, while not letting up in our other preparations to avert war, we step up our efforts to win the hearts of the enslaved Russian and satellite people.

William Campbell, Assistant Service Manager, was toastmaster. Group singing was led by Roland L. Barratt, Sr.



Membership in Scintilla's Old Timer Club is now above the 100 mark. The latest Old Timer Roster, as of February 1, 1951, lists a total of 103 names, ten of whom are retired. Eleven "newcomers" joined the old timer ranks during the past year, and the 25-year group increased to 11.

The complete Old Timer Roster follows:

25 YEARS OR MORE — Thomas Z. Fagan, Dept. 1; Glenn Fical, Dept. 42; Harold Seeley, Dept. 92; Walter Spengler, Dept. 90; George E. Steiner, Dept. 1; Everett M. VanName, Dept. 1; Claude Porter, Dept. 11; James Belden, Dept. 42; Ralph Cumber, Dept. 10; Walter Herzog, Dept. 8, and Herman Hanni.

20 YEARS OR MORE — Gottlieb Ack-eret, Sr., Dept. 28; Kenneth Aitken, Dept. 1; August Asplund, Dept. 11; Alfred Bagnall, Dept. 27; Harold Baker, Dept. 3; Hobart Barnes, Dept. 28; Roland Barratt, Sr., Dept. 11; John Beyen, Dept. 3.

Theodore Beyen, Dept. 3; William Beyen, Dept. 5; Archie Bristol, Dept. 42; Earl Brundage, Dept. 30; Clifford Bush, Dept. 34; Earl Case, Dept. 42; LaVerne Chase, Dept. 39; Melvin Chestney, Dept. 70; Verne Cornell, Dept. 34.

Mario DeSalvo, Dept. 11; Guy Fitch, Dept. 12; Rudolph Frederick, Dept. 30; Robert Graham, Dept. 87; James Greene, Dept. 3; Raymond Hatt, Dept. 26; Walter Hediger, Dept. 5; Erling Hellan, Dept. 32; Albert Herdeker, Dept. 92.

Alvin Hoegger, Dept. 5; Arthur Hoegger, Dept. 11; Edward Jacobson, Dept. 99; Everett Jewell, Dept. 42; Herman Keller, Dept. 2; Warren Kishbaugh, Dept. 5; Carl Kuebler, Dept. 2; Grace Kuen, Dept. 70; Ellery Lent, Dept. 34.

Julian MacDonald, Dept. 31; James McGregor, Dept. 12; Christopher McRae, Dept. 29; George Marnell, Dept. 83; Claude Murphy, Dept. 27; Frank Norman, Dept.

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guest columnist: arnold wildgrube

memories



I remember when, as a young lad, I worked on an adjoining farm for \$10.00 per month, board and washing. And in the Spring I went to work as an apprentice in the Gorham General Machine Shops in Oneonta — ten hours per day and six days per week for \$3.00. However, I paid only \$4.00 for board and room per week. A shirt or pair of overalls cost fifty cents, six pair of socks for a quarter. A silent moving picture show, including an illustrated slide song, cost only \$.05 for an hour and a half of entertainment without any previews or advertising. A round trip excursion to Cooperstown for \$.50 and \$.35 for a trip around Otsego Lake on the steamer *Deerslayer*.

I left the machine shop to go into the telephone industry. I worked as installer, local and long distance trouble shooter, and as wire chief for the Otsego Home Telephone Company at Cooperstown. There was no installation charge then — the company was too glad to get subscribers and, as I recall, the service cost the subscriber \$1. per month.

Later I was employed by the D. & H. as electrician and electrical supervisor, in the meantime establishing myself in a business of making motorcycle and bicycle repairs and sales. I pioneered in radio at Oneonta, having the third broadcast receiver in the city, and retailed radio sets and parts. When the then-new Duco Finish replaced the old varnish finishes, I became interested in refinishing and, after taking a training course with DuPont's distributor in New York City, opened an Authorized DuPont Duco Service Station in Oneonta.

One afternoon, in 1926, a stranger blew in, explaining he had noticed the DuPont Duco sign. He had a box of small parts he wished to have finished in Duco. I learned he was Mr. T. Z. Fagan from Sidney and the parts were the outer parts of a new magneto which I later learned to know as the VAG9D. Mr. Fagan explained that he was anxious to have — as usual — as good a job as possible as soon as possible; that it was a sample magneto which he was in a hurry to take to Washington to show to the U. S. Navy Bureau of Aeronautics.

I finished the parts with a standard Duco finish and he took them away. The next I heard from the Sidney firm was when they brought in some half dozen sets of magneto parts for the same finish as the one Mr. Fagan had had done. They wanted an estimate of what price I could give them on lots of 50 to 100. The next that I heard from them, they sent "Skinny" Fitzgerald to buy a gallon each of the finishing materials — explaining that the company had an order for 100 or 200 mags from the U. S. Government and they had decided to buy a paint spray gun and do their own finishing.

That was about the last I heard from my Sidney customer until in 1929 when I came here to work. In the later years I very often think of the strides Scintilla has made from the single magneto which our very good friend, Mr. Tom Fagan, brought to Oneonta to have Duco finished, to the present output of the Scintilla paint department under the supervision of my good friend, Al Sobers, who — incidentally — learned the rudiments of the finishing trade at the "Authorized DuPont Duco Service Station" in Oneonta.



As a lad, Arnold Wildgrube (above) worked on an adjoining farm for \$10.00 a month, board and washing.

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90; Harry Osborne, Dept. 70; Paul Pitell, Dept. 1; Rene Pittet, Dept. 3.

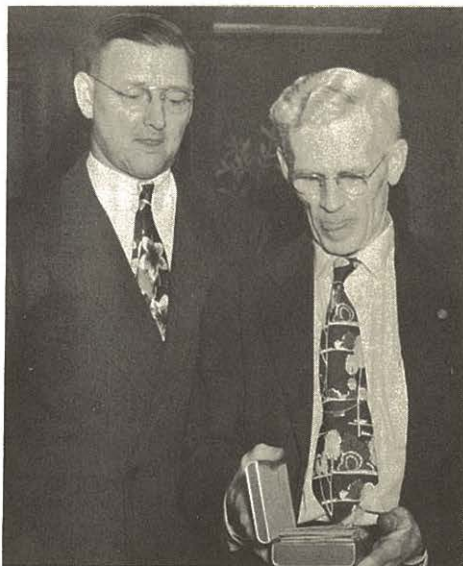
Olive Rex, Dept. 38; Gottfried Riesen, Sr., Dept. 18; Charles H. Sherman, Dept. 15; William Topping, Dept. 92; Lester Trees, Dept. 87; Gerald Walker, Dept. 87; Mary Weeks, Dept. 70; Anton Weiss, Dept. 11; Frederica Wild, Dept. 1.

Bernard Wyss, Dept. 11; Charles Brooks, Dept. 31; Louis Dimicco, Dept. 42; Lee Benedict, Dept. 5; Ernest Foree, Dept. 34; Herman Winkler, Dept. 2; Thomas Hatt, Dept. 12; Tullio Tognola, Dept. 91; Andrew Yarter, Dept. 48.

John Bussey, Dept. 42; Louis Clayton, Dept. 11; Eva Hilary, Dept. 99; George Terwilliger, Dept. 92; Keryl Campbell, Dept. 70; Gilbert Cottrell, Dept. 1; C. E. Libby, Dept. 72; Joseph Caffee, Dept. 5; Albert Bruetsch, Dept. 3; Frank Bure, Dept. 27.

Robert Courtney, Dept. 99; Harry Daniels, Dept. 70; Albert DeChard, Dept. 80; H. C. Kinch, Dept. 70; G. W. Mangs, Dept. 11; Walter Michel, Dept. 2; Ferdinand Nohl, Dept. 8; Harold Pendorf, Dept. 92; Ivis Soules, Dept. 39, and Arnold Wildgrube, Dept. 12.

RETIRED—David Bowermaster, Emily Brooks, George Brooks, Richard Dodge, Harvey Muller, Walter Meiner, Harry Porter, Harry Walton, Sr., Lewis Wilber and William Spencer.



A dinner given Harold Seeley by fellow members of the Experimental Dept., in recognition of his 25th anniversary with Scintilla, produced this pictorial record of the long - to - be - remembered event.

DIRECTORY CHANGES . . .

Please make the following extension changes and additions in your copy of the Plant Telephone Directory:

Mr. F. Koetteritz	442
Mr. C. Dwight	370
Mrs. Hannah Patchin	358
Mrs. Verna Cornell	423
Mr. G. Knudson	250
Mr. Keith Wrigley	273



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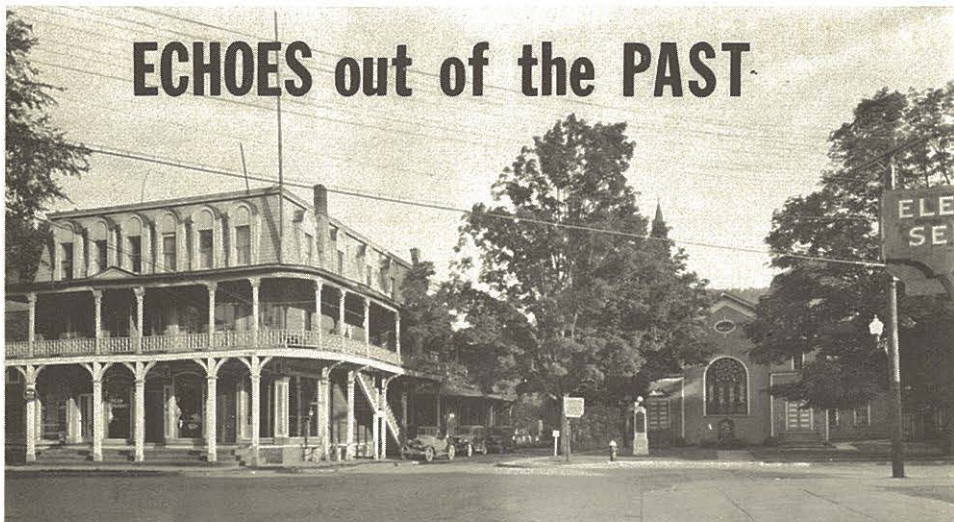
18th Annual
**EASTER SEAL
APPEAL . . .**

Feb. 25 to Mar. 25



Engineering students from the State Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences, Binghamton, visited Scintilla on January 22, 1951, and were conducted on a general tour of the plant by Tullio Tognola, Chief Research Engineer; B. D. Cooke, Senior Research Engineer, and Howard Lawrence, Laboratory Technician. In addition to the three Scintilla representatives pictured at the left, members of the above group include William L. Burgin, Meredith Bull, Jr., Theodore L. Rounds, Charles Kenyon, Irvin C. Simser and Howard Dingman.

ECHOES out of the PAST



Newcomers to Sidney and Scintilla will recognize the Congregational Church easily enough, but will probably draw a blank on the rest of this picture. The old hotel has long since become a part of Sidney's past, and Main Street now cuts through a part of the old hotel property — straight across the river to form a junction with Route 7. The monument in front of the church now stands in the park where the hotel used to be. Narrow roadway in this photo used to cut behind the church to the old Kayser Silk Mill.



Twenty-six years ago, life in America moved in a colorful pattern — a curious and exciting mixture of a few remnants from the horse and buggy days spiced with the vanguard of today's great automotive fleet. The year was 1925 and the Nation was in the midst of one of its many transition periods.

Al Smith was Governor, Calvin Coolidge our 30th President. Jack Dempsey, having taken boxing's most coveted title from Jess Willard in 1919, reigned on the heavyweight throne. Babe Ruth hit 25 home runs that year, and people were reading Edna Ferber's novel, *So Big*. The average man voiced his opinions on the Government just as loudly as he does nowadays. He paid no income tax.

Trolleys clanged over steel rails in most of the larger cities, and a town's main street was usually paved with brick. Many still looked upon the automobile with varying degrees of suspicion. Roads, for the most part, were of dirt and turned into oozing rivers of mud every spring. A motorist measured his gas with a stick.

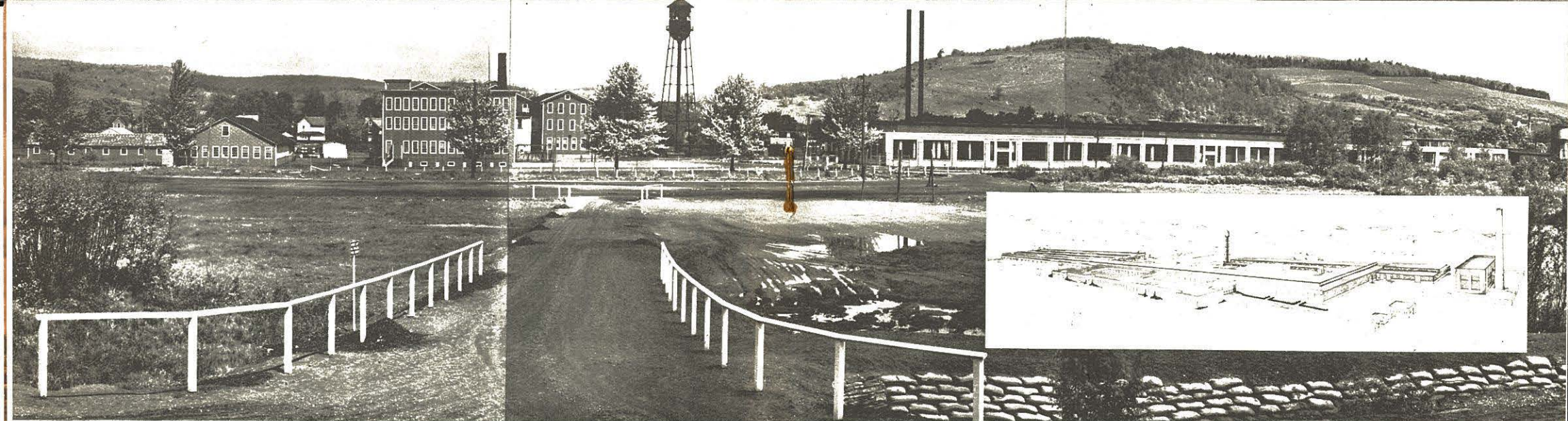
People bought ice cut from ponds. On a Sunday afternoon they would often make

ice cream in a hand freezer. The first talking pictures were still a year away, and a maze of wires criss-crossed the roof of nearly every business section. It was only proper that a young man, before marrying the girl of his choice, should first seek the blessings of her father. Folks, as they still do, talked about "the good old days."

It was in an atmosphere such as this that Herman Hanni, George Steiner, Tom Fagan and Walter Spengler came to Sidney, bringing with them a name (Scintilla) which had already won prominence in the comparatively new field of aviation. The industry — then in its romper stage — was just beginning to unfold a few of its unlimited possibilities. The people of Sidney, as well as elsewhere, started taking more than a passing interest in the flying machine.

Even then, however, the skeptics were many, and none but the most fervent of our air-minded citizenry dared predict aviation's dominating role over the course of events leading to the present. And as it is often the case, these few were right. Today the "magic carpet" given to the

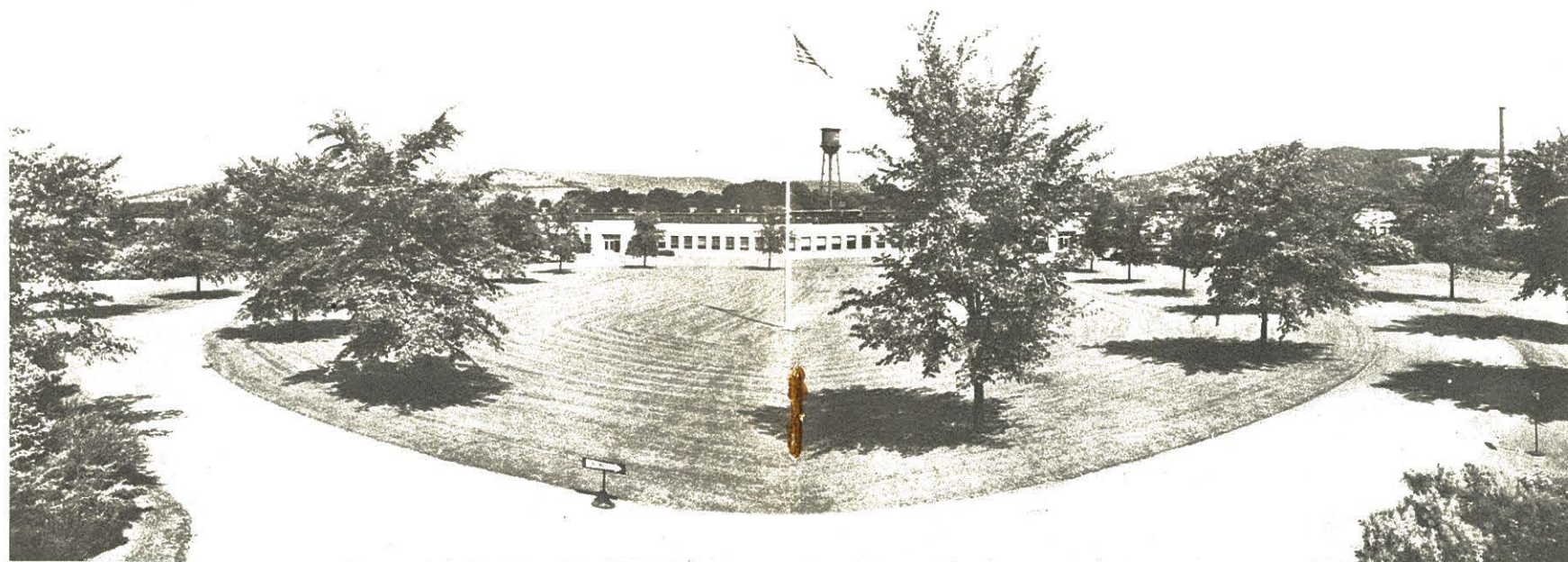
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THEN AND NOW PHOTOS SHOW DISTANCE WE'VE TRAVELED ON ROAD OF PROGRESS

Photo above, taken in the early thirties, shows sharp contrast between the old and the new. Earliest phase of Scintilla's expansion into modern, one-story, brick buildings began in 1928. Later phases, accomplished in several steps, extended plant south to Campground Street, eliminating completely — during the early days of World War II — the old, wooden buildings. Foreground area in the above picture is a far cry from today's land-

scaped grounds and circular drive (see photo below). Both photos, the old and the new, were taken from approximately the same location. Architect's drawing (see inset on above photo) shows how plant expansion was routed around old buildings. These, the last vestiges of the old Scintilla factory, later gave way to further modernization, another brick unit being erected in their place.



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world by the Wrights and many other pioneers, including our early day Scintillites, is a winged giant — ever ready to serve our needs in time of peace, or war.

Because of the airplane, life for all of us today is far different than that of a quarter-century ago. Progress, of course, moved slowly in the early years, but each tiny step forward in the aviation field meant a step forward for Scintilla. Likewise, each new step taken by Scintilla through the years has meant new progress for the field as a whole. For many a year — and it will continue to be thus — Scintilla and the aviation field have been inter-dependent, one upon the other.

Scintilla's earliest operations in Sidney — late in 1925 — were carried out in the garage of its predecessors, The Hatfield Motor Car Company. Messrs. Hanni, Steiner, Spengler and Fagan had gathered about them a handful of men who began turning out magnetos at the rate of 10 to 15 per month. In the meantime, the main buildings — originally constructed in 1892 as a sash and blind factory — were renovated and early day Scintillites soon after transferred their work to these.

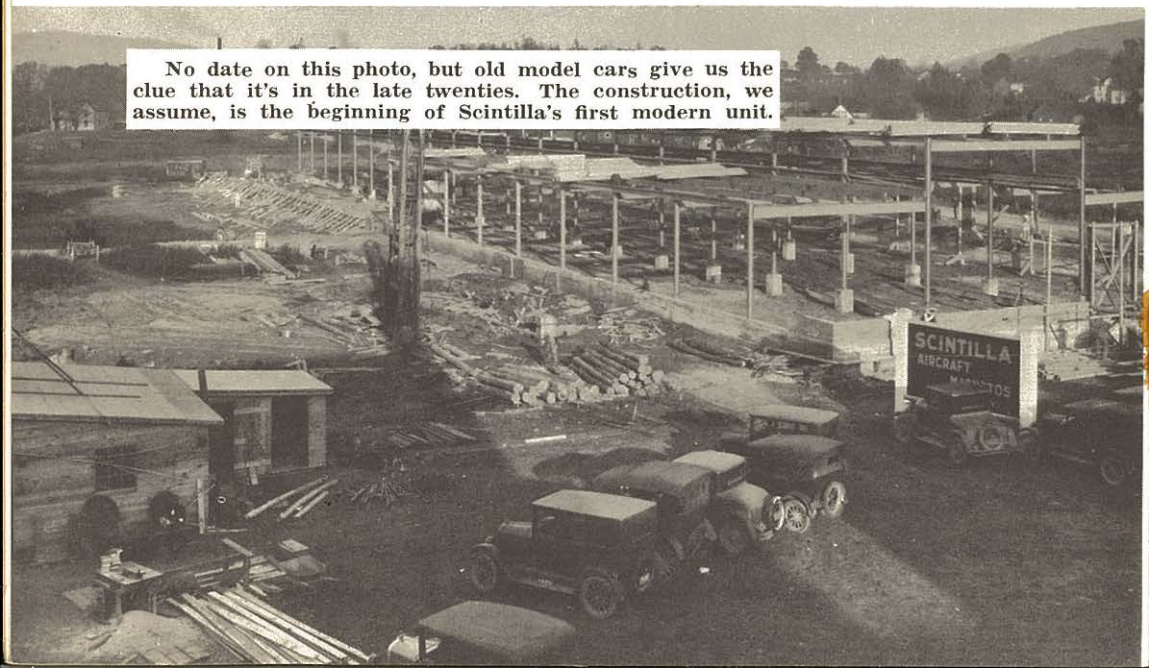
Scintilla's expansion began as early as 1928, when the first modern, brick unit



was constructed. About the same time the old buildings were covered with green shingles.

In 1929 Scintilla became a subsidiary of Bendix Aviation Corporation and in later years, as a Division of Bendix, has continued to expand greatly in size and scope.

No date on this photo, but old model cars give us the clue that it's in the late twenties. The construction, we assume, is the beginning of Scintilla's first modern unit.





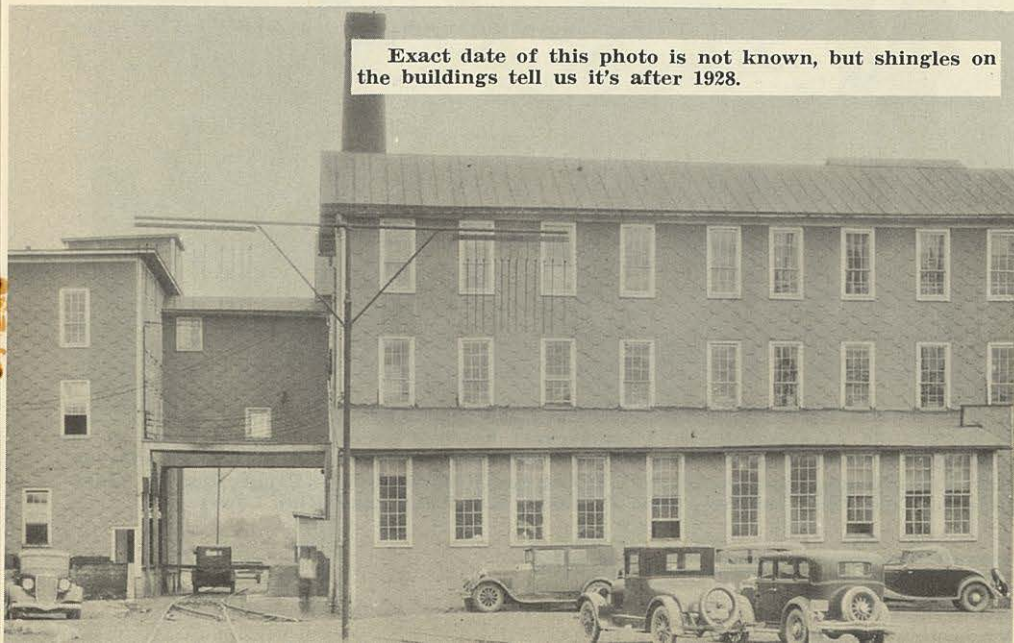
Fireman's Block Dance on Main Street was photoed by Harry Earl on the evening of August 16, 1923. Note marquee of Smalley's Theatre, left of center.

The old buildings did not completely disappear until after 1940. "But even though they have passed from the scene forever," one Scintilla "Old Timer" told us, "we can still see the old buildings as clearly as though they were still with us."

The rapid growth of Scintilla in Sidney

has shaped up into a number of distinct phases, several of which are illustrated by the photos accompanying this article. And as another "Old Timer" put it: "We have come a long way since the old days. Yet, twenty-five or twenty-six years isn't such a long time — when you look back."

Exact date of this photo is not known, but shingles on the buildings tell us it's after 1928.



EDITOR'S NOTE: The old, familiar places are forever subject to change, but every yesterday has a cherished filing place in someone's treasure chest of memories. These are the recollections of a few of our Scintilla "Old Timers" who, during the middle and late twenties, were at the beginning of a great adventure. Our only regret, in assembling this material of Scintilla and the long ago, is that lack of time permitted us to contact only a portion of the "Old Timer" group. We acknowledge, with thanks, the help received from Roland L. Barratt, Sr., C. E. Libby, Guy Fitch, E. M. VanName, Arnold Wildgrube, Earl Brundage, Louis Dimicco, Archie Bristol, Thomas Z. Fagan, Art Hoegger, August Asplund, Bernard Wyss, Tom Hatt, Al Bagnall, Frank Bure, Robert Courtney, Harold Pendorf, Al Herdeker, Bill Topping, Ellery Lent, Jerry Walker, J. MacDonald, Jim Belden, Walter Herzog, and many others, each of whom did so much to aid us with our work on this issue.

We Remember

Scintilla's "Old Timers," the folks with the 20- and 25-year emblems in their coat lapels, have some mighty interesting tales to tell. What's more, they're eager to tell them. Interested? Well, keep reading . . .

We have a lot of problems on tap today, but no overhead belts to contend with. Any "Old Timer" will tell you about the trouble they used to have with the belts on the first floor machines. This was in the old wooden buildings, of course, and the belts kept tightening up — drove them to distraction until they realized that the floor was sinking lower and lower. Ken Payne and his gang did a quick shoring job, thus putting an end to this difficulty.

They used to load a Warner & Swasey ma-

chine from the outside — through a hole in the wall. The room was too crowded to have the bar stock overhang in the shop. Good weather or bad, they went out-of-doors to load the machine.

Whenever a train rattled by the old buildings, you had to watch your step. Otherwise, if you happened to be on a finish cut, you'd end up with a nice groove in the piece. Your only choice was to stop the machine until the train passed. And it was a catastrophe to have over 5% scrap. Nobody could afford to make scrap in those days.

Viewing today's "miles of files" brought to mind, for one "Old Timer," the first of Scintilla's main office files. These were contained in a four drawer, oak cabinet. A classy, nine



In the old days Scintilla had some great baseball teams. This is a photo of the 1928 team. From l. to r. — Herb Sommerville, manager; Louie Dimicco, J. MacDonald, Ray Hatt, Austin "Rubber Gloves" Tibbet and Bud Andrews. Front Row — "Zook" Lafrano, Cole, "Zip" DeSalvo, Gene Palombo, Ron Knapp and Mike Lowry.

piece, mahogany stained suite — including two cabinets — was to be a later acquisition.

An elevator ride in the old building was quite an adventure. It shook, quivered and groaned all the way to the third. Boxing and wrestling bouts used to be held on the top floor. Before they put green shingles on the old buildings to keep out the wind and cold, it was necessary to wear everything but the kitchen stove to keep warm on a cold day.

Scintilla at one time hired an old horse, which the Maintenance crew used for drawing sand, hauling away rubbish and carting lumber.

the Day

All the Company had for transportation at the time was a Model T Ford.

When it came to moving machinery, 25 or 30 men at a time would hook onto a rope and drag the machine to its new location. Those were the days when there wasn't a motorized machine in the whole plant.

Some of our "Old Timers," during Scintilla's early years in Sidney, kept busy making moving picture machines. They worked on this sub-contract a couple of years until the movie machine company finally failed. Scintilla was left with a lot of the machines on hand and they were stored in the attic of the old building for a long time. Quite a few reels of film were kept on hand for testing purposes, and many a noon hour passed swiftly for the men and women who gathered to watch early Charley Chaplin and Mickey Mouse comedies parade across the screen.

One "Old Timer" after another told us of the good times they had fishing, hunting and skating in the area where much of our present plant stands. For instance, Archie Bristol (Assembly Dept.) fondly remembers catching pickerel and bullheads with a twenty-five cent cane pole right where he is now working every day. Lou Dimicco, also a member of the Assembly Dept., recalls hunting ducks and trapping muskrats on his way into the plant.

Tom Fagan had a 12-cylinder Packard with gadgets on the spark plugs and dash. They would flicker and flash with each spark.

The first department to move from the old building into the first, new brick factory was the Rotor Department. The moving took place from Saturday noon to Monday, which happened to be New Year's Day. It snowed Friday night and early Saturday, so Ken Payne made some skids. The machinery was mounted on them,

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On September 28, 1929, Jimmie Doolittle flew the Guggenheim Fund Plane (a Chance Vought "Corsair"), used in connection with fog flying experiments, to Sidney for installation of a Rome wire harness and radio shield. The above Scintillites made the installation, at the same time checking over two Scintilla VAG9D mags. From l. to r. — Warren Kishbaugh, August Asplund, Al Herdecker, Al Jacobs, Robert Graham and Jerry Walker.



A baseball game in progress on the Scintilla Ball Diamond (late twenties).



River and Main Streets, Sidney, in late twenties. Old Central House on the corner has since been replaced by a service station.

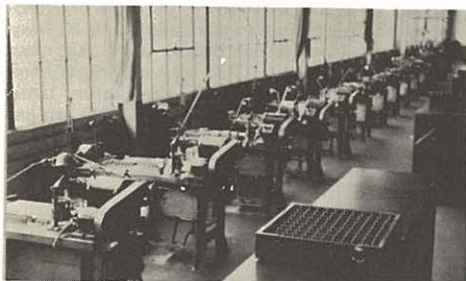
**Scintilla's "Old Timers" Probe Their Memories
And Come Up with Some Mighty Interesting Tales**

WE REMEMBER

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Main Street, Sidney, in 1925



Present quarters of Scintilla's Personnel Department were originally occupied by these coil winding machines.



Taken on a picnic in the late twenties by Walter Herzog, photo above includes Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hanni, Mrs. Hanni's sister and Mrs. Herzog.



Several of our present day Scintillites were members of the Sidney Glider Club which was going strong in the early thirties. Photo shows Club's glider over the airport.

attached to a Reo truck and skidded through the snow. The date: Jan. 1, 1929.

Walter Herzog remembers his first winter in Sidney quite well. There was close to three feet of snow (1926). With the exception of one or two, all of the roads were dirt.

The winter after the first brick building was completed, some of the fellows used to drive their cars right inside the building and park them there to keep warm.

The circus and carnival grounds were located in the area of Scintilla's present main office and front lawn, and there were no houses south of the plant. Al Bagnall used to hunt rabbits all the way up through where the present Pine View Terrace and Overlook development is now.

Scintilla had some great ball teams in those days. The diamond was situated where a portion of the front grounds now extend, left field being in the approximate area of our South Gate. J. MacDonald, Dept. 31, tells of a very peculiar incident that happened on the field:

"It was the first game of the 1929 season and we thought we were fortunate in obtaining the services of a supposedly ex-Big Leaguer — a second baseman named Ludwig, formerly with the New York Giants and the Cincinnati Reds.

"The first opposing batsman reached first base. On the first pitch to the next batter, the runner on first set sail for second. The catcher, "Zip" DeSalvo, threw to the bag from which Ludwig yelled me away, hollering 'I'll take it! I'll take it!'

"A split second later he did take it — right between the eyes, knocking him colder than a stone. It seems he forgot, all too soon, his Big League experience. He turned in his uniform the next day, thus ending his Big League and semi-pro career."

Not many of the "Old Timers" around here will ever forget the day Leon Brink flew his American Eaglet in from Syracuse to get the mags checked. He misinterpreted instructions as to where the Sidney landing field was located and landed, instead, on the ball diamond. He ended up in the swamp, but no damage was done. A few of the fellows helped turn the plane around and he took off — just clearing the bleachers. Brink made a second landing, this time at the airport, and received prompt attention from Jerry Walker who checked his mags.

These are only a few of the many incidents — some little, some big — that have been a part of the Scintilla scene in years past. We invite similar contributions along these lines for use in future issues of THE SCINTILLATOR. Before bringing this to a close, however, we promised one "Old Timer" that we'd make a note of the fact that Benny Wyss used to do some fine yodeling at the Christmas parties in the old building. We imagine Benny is still a pretty fair yodeler.

H. Daniels New 20-Year Man

Harry Daniels (right) receives a hearty welcome into Scintilla's Old Timer Club from General Manager G. E. Steiner. Harry was presented with a 20-year Service Award Emblem at Old Timers Banquet.



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

Milo McGinnis12-973

10 YEAR CLUB

Virgil Braisland91-186

Edward Crowley6-368



Although most of our thoughts are now focused toward spring, we couldn't pass up these Christmas photos of Mr. and Mrs. Jack DeTemple's two boys. Jack, a member of the Tool Room, says the dog was almost as fascinated by the coming of Santa as the youngsters, which the top photo seems to indicate.

Eunice Dickerson	10-5124
James Dow	47-481
Ralph Doyle	6-484
John Glavich	99-626
Floyd Griswold	29-664
Melvin Griswold	6-665
Henry Hawver	81-709
Glenn Hoyt	29-778
Charles Knapp	47-1967
Donald Reed	90-1260
Kenneth Reinhard	37-1267
Clarence Say	29-1337
Laurence Shields	42-1379
Charles Thomas	99-1509
John Tyne	91-1541

5 YEAR CLUB

George Burgess	99-2918
Jacob Fromm	26-2230
Wilmar Nash	5-1109
Kenneth Ostrander	34-2187
Harold Reeve	17-1266
Ivan Wilson	31-2231
Donald Wood	29-2608
Arthur Christophersen	28-292

SUGGESTION AWARDS

A total of \$50.00 was awarded to seven Scintilla employees in January for ideas submitted through the plant's Suggestion System. The awards were made as follows:

Katherine Robinson, Dept. 35	\$5.00
Kenneth Lounsbury, Dept. 26	5.00
Steven Pollock, Dept. 30	5.00
Roland L. Jenner, Dept. 11	20.00
Alvin C. Lord, Dept. 26	5.00
E. Raoul Ihrrie, Dept. 26	5.00
Herman W. Haynes, Dept. 26	5.00

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: Two 6:00-6:50 x 19 tires and tubes. "Red" Payne, Dept. 37, Second Shift. Phone 2455.

FOR SALE: New, modern 5-room house with bath. Poured concrete foundation, large lot, lawn and shrubs. Has forced hot air heat, all copper tubing. Contact Herbert Sines, 55 Delaware St., Sidney.

FOR SALE: Modern 6-room house with bath, two car garage and $\frac{3}{4}$ acre land. Located in Rockwells Mills. Phone Mt. Upton 2378.

FOR SALE: Twenty-five minutes from Scintilla — two family house, one family house or building lot; one acre of land with each. George Haase, Dept. 34, Bainbridge, N. Y.

FOR SALE: Plastic magnifying lens for television set. Makes a large picture out of a small one. Like new, substantial reduction. Phone Sidney 3311.

FOR SALE: Used 88 gallon Clark electric water heater. Phone Sidney 3701.

FOR SALE: One Pair of Skiis, with poles. Price, \$10.00. Phone Sidney 3701.

FOR SALE: Combination Indoor Swing and Car Set for Baby. Used very little, like new. Call after 6 o'clock, 106 River Street, Sidney.

WANTED: Several Rear Aperture (peep) Sights for .22 cal. rifles. Must be in working condition, adaptable and inexpensive. For Junior Rifle Club use. Wendell Bachman, Service Dept., phone Unadilla 2432.

FOR SALE: 35 Acre River Farm, two miles from Bainbridge. Inquire of Harry L. Perry, phone Bainbridge 4573.

American Red Cross membership has averaged 37,614,000 annually for the last 10 years.

Last year the Red Cross Motor Service drove 8,882,100 miles, or 355 times around the world.

CARDS OF THANKS

We wish to thank all of our Scintilla friends for their many kindnesses following the death of our son, Jon Athan.

Fay and Shirley Billings.

I wish to thank my many friends for the collection given me, and also express my sincere appreciation to the Management for the beautiful flowers they sent to me at The Hospital.

Cornad Lyman, Dept. 42.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Scintilla Management for the flowers received during my stay in the Lourdes Hospital; also my friends for their cards and gifts.

Joe Brackley.

I wish to thank Dr. Burian, Dr. Gelder and the nurses of the Sidney Hospital Staff for their excellent care; also the Scintilla Management and Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Davis for their sunshine baskets; also my friends and neighbors for the cards sent to me during my recent illness. Thank you one and all.

Sebe Paddleford, Dept. 13.

I wish to thank The Management for the flowers received during my recent illness in The Hospital.

Norman Windsor, Dept. 11.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to The Management and employees of Scintilla for their many acts of kindness in our great sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Obie Makley and Family.

I wish to thank my fellow employees in Dept. 30 and other Scintilla friends for their kind remembrance following my automobile accident.

Tony Schrader.

We wish to thank the Scintilla Management, the doctors, nurses and Staff of The Hospital; and all our friends at Scintilla for the wonderful care and friendship given us during our stay in the hospital. Words cannot express our gratitude for such wholehearted expressions of real friendship.

Steve and John Egnaczak.

COLUMN O' TYPE

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Following through with our "Old Timer" theme, we asked Guy Fitch (Maintenance) to guest-write this month's "Column o' Type." As you read further, you will find that Guy has done an excellent job in winding up this special issue of "The Scintillator." We want to thank him and all of the Scintilla "Old Timers" for their time and help in making this issue possible.)



Some time in the summer of 1928 I lost my job in the Novelty Factory at Walton. After a number of months at odd jobs — and hardly that — my wife suggested I try the Scintilla at Sidney. I do not remember the date, but Autumn colors were at their best the first day we drove the trusty Model T over the hill. At that time the "Hello" girl (a cute, little blonde) was also the Personnel Department. For my information, she showed me a stack of applications about a foot thick, but urged me to make one out anyway, which I did — and thereby, incidentally, changed history for myself and family.

Just as I was leaving the young lady called me back and said perhaps I had better wait and see Mr. Payne. He had said something that morning about wanting a man skilled in the use of wood working machines. After an interview, Mr. Kenneth Payne informed me he could put me to work as soon as a carload of shafting arrived. It was then overdue, but did not show up until near mid-December. I saw Ken on the 14th and he told me I could go to work on the 17th. He could promise me work until April 1st.

Most of that winter was spent making tool cupboards and work benches. I think we made nearly 80 benches. Also, we made hundreds of wooden shop boxes. During the summer we dug ditches; carted sand and dirt to fill mud holes and depressions. We moved and set up machinery in the new brick unit and did dozens of other details. Mr. Wright, living in the vicinity, owned a good work horse which Ken hired often in case of need.



I have now been with the Scintilla more than twenty-two years — always in the Maintenance Dept. In the main they have been happy years — the work has never gotten monotonous and the other members of the department are the biggest hearted, friendly fellows one could ask to be associated with. I used to think it was something to look forward to with pleasure to be able to retire from work. Now that that time is fast approaching, I am not so happy about it.

I would like to add my appreciation and admiration of the way Scintilla treats the aging and handicapped. They not only hire men and women with graying hair and crippled limbs — they reward old timers in a way that makes them feel they amount to something and are appreciated. I believe this policy has created a solid core of loyalty and will continue to do so through the years to come.

I am amazed at the phenomenal growth of the plant during the years I have been here. At one time there were less than 300 on the payroll and I could call most of them by their first names. Now I see men wearing 10 year pins and I don't know who they are.

When the steel was going up for the last unit, I was doing some work along the railroad fence. An old man walked along the track and stopped to remark that he was born in Sidney, and — as a boy — had trapped muskrats and caught bullheads where the building was now going up. He said "I never dreamed of anything like this and I still can't believe it." I have seen most of it happen and, indeed, had a part in it. I feel much the same way.

— Guy Fitch.



Guy Fitch is mighty proud of this four generation picture.

From l. to r. — Guy; Elizabeth Miller, his oldest daughter; Valerie Miller, his great-granddaughter, and Don Miller, his grandson.

