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## An Easter Message

For every American, Easter 1947 bears a tremendous potential significance.

Predictions have it that merchandise receipts will reach a new high because of the number of Easter bonnets and complicated Spring ensembles that will cross the counters. Thousands are vowed to forego some favorite pleasure during the Lenten season. Clergymen probably are spending hours in preparation for sermons powerful enough to give their twice-a-year congregations religion enough to last until next Christmas.

But the real significance of Easter 1947 goes much deeper than that. Into a world cursed by insecurity, it brings a solution to our gnawing fears. No one denies that we are afraid; in the face of so many nervous breakdowns, so many people running frantically to cry on the psychoanalyst's comforting shoulder, so many anxiously reading books in search of a shred of hope, we cannot deny it.

That is the beautiful part about Easter—it points the way to security and hope. The Man who defeated death 1900 years ago on the first Easter quietly tells those who believe in Him, "Come unto me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. . . ."

What does it mean to believe in Christ? It involves more than mental assent to his deity and redemptive work for mankind. It means something that our rebel wills forever shrink from—bowing before Him as Lord. For only then can His sure hands set the wrinkled pattern of our lives right.

What is there to fear at this Easter season? We can have the security we so desperately crave if we will give God what He asks. He asks complete trust and obedience.

If we will give Him this, Easter 1947 will have real meaning for us, for we will share in His triumph and with Him begin a new life.

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## HOW SAFE are our airlines?

How safe are our airlines? According to the Air Transport Association of America it is considerably safer for a person to travel by scheduled airline airplanes than to drive the same distance in his own automobile. Bold, glaring headlines announce the tragedy of a big airplane accident . . . an airplane crash is news . . . but the cold statistics, involving many millions of miles of routine operation, never make the news. Consequently the American public is left to judge the safety of air travel entirely from first impressions, gained from the front page of the morning paper.

The real truth is that scheduled airlines in 1946 established the best safety record in the history of domestic operation. Measured on the basis of passenger fatalities per 100 million passenger miles, the fatality rate in 1946 was 1.2, as compared with 2.17 in 1945 and 3.05 in 1940. The number of revenue passenger miles flown in 1946 was double that of 1945 and nearly six times as great as it was in 1940. Yet the fatality rate for the scheduled airlines has dropped considerably.

If statistics seem hard to grasp, take the example given by E. S. Land, President of the Air Transport Association of America, in a statement before the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee: "It might be easier to conceive of the scheduled airlines' performance in domestic service during the past year by saying that they picked up the entire population of New York City plus Yonkers, Newark and Jersey City, and set them down in Chicago, suffering 73 passenger fatalities while doing so. Or to put it another way—the scheduled airlines flew their airplanes 3,200 times around the world for each fatal accident."

Additional evidence of the down-trend of passenger death rates on scheduled airlines is the recognition of insurance companies in liberalizing the issuance of life insurance to persons contemplating travel on these lines. It is important to consider such recognition in regard to the safety of air transportation because insurance companies make a complete appraisal of what their risk will be before writing any insurance. Insurance companies long ago eliminated the practice of excepting death in scheduled air transportation, and a person can travel in scheduled air transport without any danger of invalidating his life insurance.

## Engineers' Club to Present Westinghouse Research Scientist

Under the auspices of the Sidney Engineers' Club, Dr. Phillips Thomas, of the Westinghouse Research Laboratories, will present an interesting, scientific program of "Adventures in Research" at the high school on Tuesday evening, April 1st. A. L. Coats, President of the Engineers' Club, has announced that the program will be open to the general public, free of charge. The program will begin at 8:00 o'clock.

Dr. Thomas was born in Granville, Ohio, and graduated from Ohio State University in 1904 with the degree of Bachelor of Science; he also holds the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Princeton University. He has been a valued member of the staff of the Westinghouse Research Laboratories for over 30 years, participating in radio development and allied problems.

"Adventures in Research" is more than a lecture. Dr. Thomas demonstrates important new discoveries, including radar equipment. This and many other demonstrations highlight Dr. Thomas' lecture on the progress of science.



*Robert Lee Tanner, 4-year old son of Robert Tanner, and his dog, Mitzie, are constant companions. Mitzie, a 6-year old Chow, seems perfectly agreeable to the idea of pulling young Robert around on his sled. Bobbie's dad works in the Tool Room on the 2nd shift.*

However, the airlines are not satisfied with this record, and in order to continue improvement they will spend vast amounts of time, effort and money. In 1947 they will spend approximately \$1,000,000 on safety improvements for bettering their 1946 record.

The American public is the judge as to whether our airlines are safe. More or less it is a question of statistics against headlines.



# AAF Tool and Gage Conferences Held Here

Completion of two Army Air Forces Tool and Gage Conferences, held at Scintilla this month, recently was announced by John A. Engl, Tool and Gage Instructor, who formerly was stationed at Scintilla as an Army Air Force Inspector.

The conferences were held by authority of AAF Headquarters, Wright Field, and were under the direct supervision of Lt. Col. Frank E. Hoffman, Chief of the Boston Procurement Field Office. The conference (Continued on Page 5)



*Above—Members of AAF Tool and Gage Conference, conducted at Scintilla from February 24th to March 7th. Seated 1. to r.—Harold H. Nisley, Aircooled Motors Inc.; Harry T. Wyatt, Chief, Inspection Branch, Boston AAFPFO; Lt. Col. Frank E. Hoffman, Chief, Boston AAFPFO; John A. Engl, Tool and Gage Instructor; Royal Z. Peck, Chief, Inspection Branch, Rochester; Bruce W. Woolard, Scintilla Magneto Division. Standing 1. to r.—Walter C. Wagner, Jr., General Electric Co.; Frithiof A. Carlson, American Bosch Corp.; Kenneth Longtemps, New Departure Div.; Herbert A. Gibson, Scintilla Magneto Division; William N. Felton, General Electric Co.; Tuffield DeGone, Pratt & Whitney Aircraft; Bert H. Jossem, Eastman Kodak Co.*

*Below—Members of AAF Tool and Gage Conference, conducted at Scintilla from March 10th to March 21st. Seated 1. to r.—Dominic Romeo, Chandler Evans Corp.; W. A. McCrane, Tool and Gage Coordinator, Boston AAFPFO; John A. Engl, Tool and Gage Instructor; William D. Earith, Rochester Products; Michael Cullinan, Link Aviation Devices; Clark W. Perkins, General Electric Co. Standing 1. to r.—A. W. DeChard, Sales Manager, Scintilla Magneto Division; Harry T. Wyatt, Chief, Inspection Branch, Boston AAFPFO; John Sheldon, Scintilla Magneto Division; R. A. Bettinger, Aircooled Motors; Elmer G. Edwards, Scintilla Magneto Division; William Young, General Electric Co.; Frederick J. Gabel, Eastman Kodak Co.; Elmer Showers, Jr., General Electric Co.*





## F. B. Esty is Honored at Farewell Party

More than 50 fellow employees of F. B. Esty, Experimental Shop Manager, were present at a farewell dinner party held in his honor at Long River Inn in Unadilla on March 6th. Mr. Esty left this month to accept a position with Kiekhaefer Corp., manufacturers of the Mercury outboard motor which is sparked by the Scintilla K-magneto.

Acting as toastmaster, W. J. Spengler, Executive Engineer, introduced J. R. Frei who gave a brief history of Mr. Esty's 12 years with Scintilla. Other members of the Engineering Department who were called upon for speeches took the opportunity of poking good natured fun at Mr. Esty. After the speeches had been concluded Mr. Spengler presented the guest of honor with a 17-jewel Elgin watch on behalf of the Engineering Department. Engraving on the back included Mr. Esty's initials, the date and the words, "Scintilla Engineering Department."

William Pross has been named to the position vacated by Mr. Esty.

## AAF CONFERENCE (from Page 4)

ference included classes in the use of precision measuring equipment, tools, and gages.

Very interesting and instructive talks were given by Mr. O. W. Hitchcock, Scintilla Quality Manager, on "Statistical Quality Control," and Mr. E. D. Faatz, Scintilla Engineer, on "Measurement and Inspection of Gears."

Expressing his appreciation for the excellent cooperation given by Scintilla during the conferences, Mr. Engl said that Scintilla is considered as one of the best controlled tool and gage plants in the district.

He explained that the Tool and Gage Conferences were similar to the course of instruction given AAF inspectors at Wright Field. One of the reasons why Scintilla was chosen for the conferences is that we are equipped with the latest types of precision measurement and inspection equipment.

Several Scintilla men attended the conferences.

*The thing that keeps man broke is not the wolf at the door, but the silver fox in the window.*

## Scintilla Portraits

The Scintilla spotlight this month comes to rest on a familiar figure around the plant. George W. Darrin, Scintilla's Chief of Police, has been a member of the police force since its organization, and at one time had as many as 40 men under him or the force.



He was born on November 12, 1895, in Walton where he attended the public schools. Two years of his life were spent "lumbering" near Cooperstown and in Montgomery County.

He also worked at Remington Arms for a short period before entering the army in World War I. During his World War I service he was a member of the 1st Pioneer Infantry Division, serving in France. George still claims that the most memorable event in his life was sailing into New York Harbor in 1919, and catching sight of the Statue of Liberty. He was in Sick Bay at the time of his return from France, but he says that he left his bunk long enough for a good, long look.

After his discharge from the army George returned to Remington Arms where he worked for two years. He then worked for the Dairymen's League and later for Sheffields, totaling 10 years in these occupations.

He first came to Sidney in 1931, and went to work at Scintilla in 1933 as a machine operator. However, in 1939 he was assigned to an outside post at the gate where he worked until his assignment to the police force. His main sports are hunting, fishing and bowling. Although few people realize it, George is a big help at Scintillator time each month. He assumes the responsibility of distributing The Scintillator in the business district every month.

*Novice, at bridge party: You're an expert at bridge, Mr. Jones. How would you have played that last hand of mine?*

*Mr. Jones: Under an assumed name.*



# • THE MAD HATTER

... or why men get gray

With the cooperation of The Rosalyn Specialty Shoppe and Fred Smith, The Scintillator is able to present this month a picture story entitled, "The Mad Hatter."

Fred does a thorough job of mimicking the exasperated husband who decides that this year he'll be the one to pick his wife's new Easter chapeau. The scene takes place in the Rosalyn Shoppe where Fred finds, to his dismay, there is considerable difference between a hat bar and the kind that comes equipped with a brass rail at the bottom.

"I'll take a look at that Coffin Grey Lid on the top rack," Fred told the millinery salesgirl, "and let me see that layer cake affair in a lighter color, preferably a Cake Batter Cream."

1. "Hmmm, on me it looks good, but on her —never!"



2. "Pardon me while I primp a bit . . . oh, you, kid!"



"The aqua looks extremely nice on you, sir," the salesgirl persuaded.

But Fred wasn't to be persuaded so easily. "Yeah, but I don't particularly care for hats with coil springs sticking out all over the top," he replied. "What's the price on that Pasture Green model

## THE COVER

IN MY EASTER BONNET—

Fred Smith, Dept. 6, goes Tom Breneman-ish on us to show what happens when a mere male follows the routine of the ladies in tracking down that Easter Bonnet. For the outcome of his dilemma, see photos and account on these two pages.

with the antenna running out of the side?"

"That's not an antenna, sir," the salesgirl said with a pained expression. "That happens to be a tail feather from a rare species of bird known as the Arctic Blue Goose."

"Now I'm getting the bird," Fred remarked as he picked up another odd looking creation.

"No! No! Sir," the salesgirl inter-  
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3. "Wonder what bird they plucked this from?"





# Guess Who



Although they may not admit it, the above photos are of Lou Graney, East Guard House, and Pete Daniels, Molding Dept. We would guess that the photos are at least several years old.

## The Mad Hatter (from Page 6)

rupted, "that's a purse you're trying on. Our hats are all on this side of the counter, and besides you could never get those purse strings under your chin."

Walking along the counter with the salesgirl at his heels Fred murmured, "This one looks like a recap, but the tread is getting kinda worn. And this big one with the hollyhocks on it is strictly an invitation to the birds and bees. But wait, what's this . . . that one over there with the Coffee Cup Stain around the side."

"That's a vase, sir," the salesgirl

4. "But, Miss Cummings, I want something that at least looks like a hat."



## Scintillator to Publish Special Memorial Issue

Plans for a Memorial Day-Veterans' Issue of The Scintillator are being shaped at the present time by members of the staff. A tentative publication date has been set for May 29th, but in order to do a thorough job it will be necessary to commence work immediately.

We hope to be able to present a pictorial record of Scintilla veterans while they were serving our nation on the battlefronts of the world. However, in order to complete this work we need the co-operation of all Scintilla veterans in furnishing us with snapshots of overseas scenes. All photographs will be returned in good condition.

Submit as many photos as you like. We will judge their merits, and publish as many as possible.

Send your photographs in now!



A narrow mind and a wide mouth usually go together.

added, "it would break the first time you dropped it."

"Listen, lady," Fred loudly proclaimed, "I've had just about everything on from a Stoker Black Cap to a Boston Beanie, and I still haven't seen a hat. Let's just call the whole thing off. The next time I go out hat shopping I intend to . . ."

A sense of duty to our readers forbids our printing any more of Fred's remarks on the subject of hats. But a picture is worth a thousand words . . . so take a glance at the accompanying photos, and you'll see what happens when a man goes in search of second story adornment for his wife.

5. "Hasn't anyone here got an aspirin?"





# Buying Is Our Business

(Ed. Note: Everyone has had a taste of trying to track down scarce items for the table these days, as well as locating spare parts for an old car that can't be replaced by a new one. Just imagine your troubles in the buying market multiplied a hundred thousand times and you will have some idea of the big job the Purchasing Department is handling at the present time. Mr. Clarence L. Kessler, Chief Buyer of Raw Materials, gives a good account of the functions of the Purchasing Department in the following article. Mr. Kessler served his apprenticeship in the subcontracting department during the early days of the war, and has the responsibility for the procurement of castings and all metals. He also handles special assignments for Mr. Bekker, as well as difficult expediting problems.)

There probably is no manufacturing concern in the country that uses a wider variety of highly specialized materials than Scintilla, and although purchasing is normally defined as "buying," we at Scintilla define it as procurement. This definition covers not only determining and locating a source, but also the placing of an order at a fair price for the proper quality and the "follow-up" to insure delivery of the required material at the right time.

Upon receipt of a requisition it is reviewed by the Purchasing Department to determine whether sufficient lead time is allowed for procurement under normal conditions. If so, a routine order is issued to one of the regular sources of supply. However, if the lead time is short or should the part or material be one for which we have no established source, our buyers immediately get busy on the telephone and make whatever arrangements may be necessary.

Enameled copper magnet wire has been one of our most troublesome items. For several months there has been a great demand for an extremely fine wire, only .0025" in diameter over the insulation. There are 52,200 feet of wire in a pound . . . or nearly ten miles of wire. A large accumulation of unfilled orders

permitted only a trickle of wire to come through to us. How to obtain copper wire was the question.

We finally ended up by buying some surplus wire of a larger diameter than we wanted and having it stripped of its insulation, after which it was redrawn and enameled for our use. It is pretty discouraging to be grappling with schedules involving millions of dollars and the continued employment of many people to find that you can't produce, "for want of a nail," as the saying goes.

Rush orders are common in our business. We do find a measure of satisfaction in our ability to meet these emergencies, but cannot take pride in that sort of procurement, because the costs involved do not look good in the year end audit of the Purchasing Department.

Our Purchasing Department is headed by Alex Bekker, Purchasing Agent. Mr. Bekker's fifteen years at Scintilla were preceded by twenty years of export buying. The vast experience accumulated through the years, plus his many friendships in the trade, have been invaluable in the procurement of scarce materials.

Jack Bornstein, Assistant Purchasing Agent, directs the activities of the department, and is chief buyer of finished parts and supplies. His experience of nearly twelve years with Scintilla enables him to name the source, price and description of practically any one of the many thousands of items we buy.

Rose Pondolino, secretary to Mr. Bekker, also does stenographic work for Mr. Bornstein and Mr. Kessler. Lewis R. Johnson buys and expedites delivery of

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Mr. Alex Bekker, Purchasing Agent, has been with Scintilla 15 years. Before coming to Scintilla he was an export buyer for 20 years.



**Members of the  
Purchasing  
Department  
fill an  
important job  
at Scintilla**



● *Left to right: Elsie Sisson, Maude Miles and Esther Gay.*



● *Left to right: John McElroy, A. Doris Taylor, Fred Stewart, Carl Hall, A. F. Smith and Roger Snedaker.*



● *Above—Left to right: Lewis R. Johnson, Louise Wheeler, Janet Odell and Eleanore Stone.*

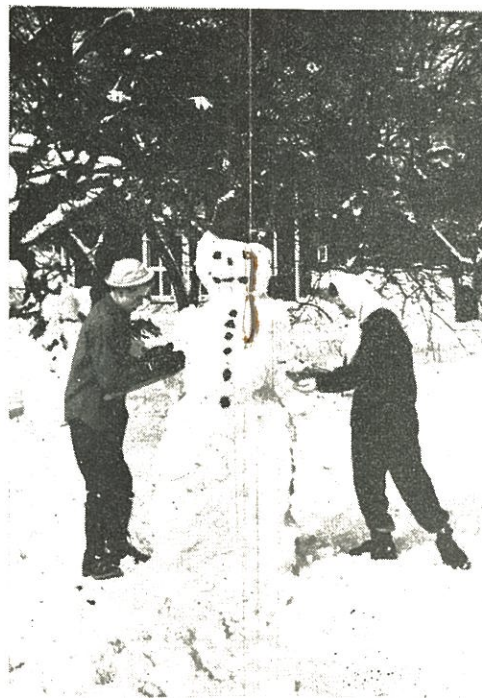
● *Below—Left to right: Mr. Bornstein, Mr. Kesler and Rose Pondolfino.*



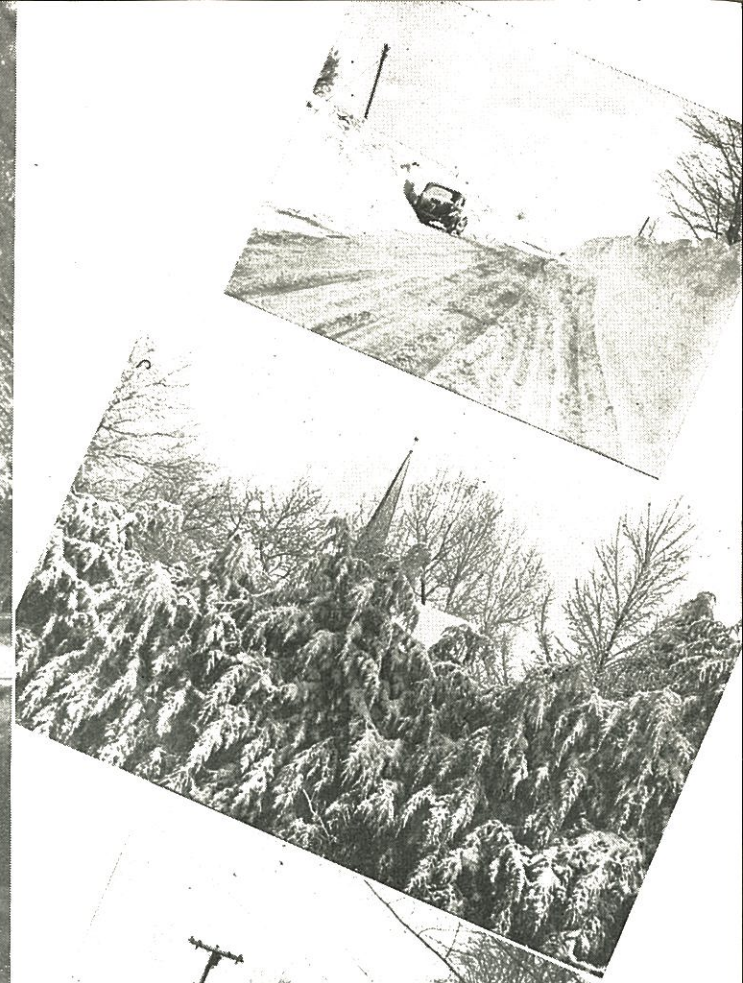




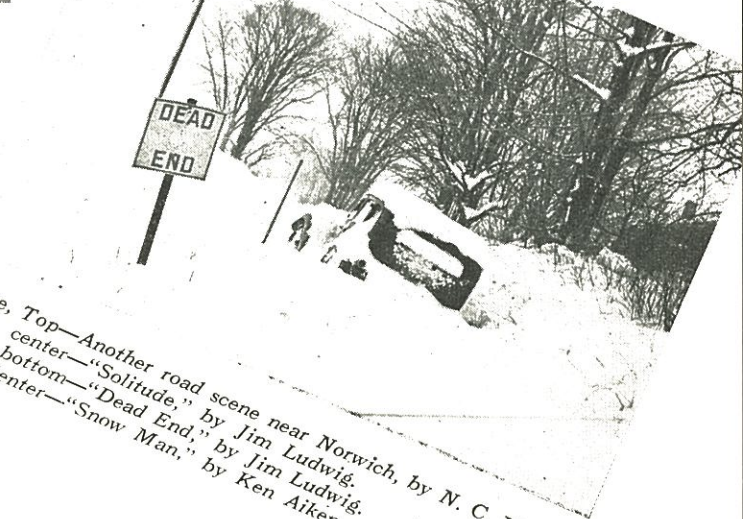
Above, top—Road scene near Norwich by N. C. Meagley.  
 Above, center—"Avenue of Snow," by Jim Ludwig.  
 Above, bottom—"Winter Wonderland," by Jim Ludwig.  
 Upper Center—"Street-Light Magic," by Howard Wood.



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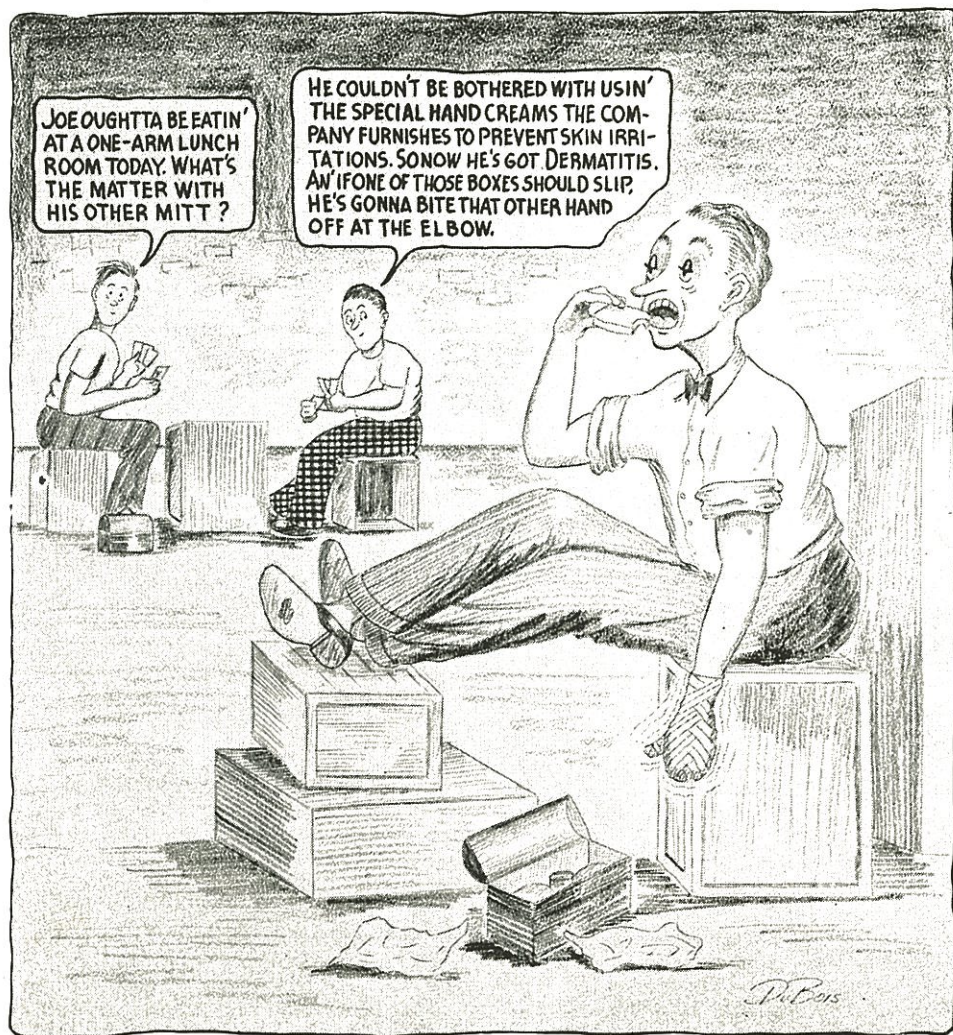
Above, Top—Another road scene near Norwich, by N. C. Meagley.  
 Above, center—"Solitude," by Jim Ludwig.  
 Above, bottom—"Dead End," by Jim Ludwig.  
 Lower Center—"Snow Man," by Ken Aiken.



**PIX"**



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



## **PURCHASING** (from Page 8)

supplies. Carl E. Hall handles the expediting of finished parts, and is assisted by A. Doris Taylor who maintains the Kardex records covering these materials. A. F. Smith does the follow-up work to insure delivery on schedule of raw materials. He is assisted by John B. McElroy.

We have divided the industrial area of the United States into four zones. We have an outside expeditor in each of these

zones who makes regular calls on the suppliers to insure that our orders are receiving proper attention. These outside expeditors include Francis J. Sabraw, A. W. Pine, Roger L. Snedaker and Fred R. Stewart.

The necessary detail work of the Purchasing Department is capably handled by the following staff: Maude Miles, Elsie Sisson, Louise Wheeler, Esther Gay, Eleanor Stone and Janet Odell.



# Meet Your Supervisors

Our Supervisor of the Month, Richard C. Linderman, was born in Archbald, Pa. on October 17, 1911. Attending high school in Johnson City, N. Y., he left school to travel around the country on structural



*Richard C. Linderman*

steel jobs. He worked at this for a year.

He then accepted employment at the Johnson City Flat Iron Company where he worked for six months. He left the iron company for a position at Ansco in Binghamton where he learned a trade, and it was while working at Ansco that he was given an opportunity to attend a technical school. At the same time he also attended night school on his own, studying mathematics and drafting.

Dick came to Scintilla in March, 1934, and was assigned to the Experimental Room. He was then transferred to the Tool Room, later becoming a rate setter and a layout man in successive order. His appointment as a night supervisor came in June 1940. In 1944 he was transferred to the day shift, and at the present time he is supervisor of coils and condensers.

Dick is an avid reader, and lists hunting and fishing as his main sports interests. He lives at 30 Ritton Street, and doesn't mind telling you that he is the proud father of two small daughters.

# Meet Your Foremen

Formerly a member of the New York State National Guard, Maintenance Foreman Austin Dart is a native of Sidney where he was born December 19, 1898. His full name reads Marshall Austin Dart, and around the shop he answers to both his first and middle names. Austin claims that about half the people address him by his middle name while the other half call him "Marshall."

He attended high school in Oneonta, and then went to work at General Electric in Schenectady. He later worked for the D. & H. Railroad, and before coming to Scintilla he was engaged in construction work.

Austin came to Scintilla on July 15, 1931, and has been in maintenance as an electrician ever since. He was appointed foreman in 1942.



*Marshall A. Dart*

Hunting and fishing are high on his list of sports, and his principal hobby of boat building follows these same lines. Austin is a resident of Otego, and has three children.

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*America has some fine old ruins. Many of them may be seen at night clubs.*

*Many people think they are painfully over-worked just because it takes them all day to do a three-hour job.*



## *They Explore a Hidden World!*

# Scintilla's Cave Hunters . . .

The exploration of narrow tunnels, twisted passageways and subterranean lakes . . . hundreds of feet beneath the surface of the earth . . . may sound ominous to many of our readers, but to several Scintillites it offers a fascinating hobby. And although they admit that it is hard, tiring work, Don Palmer, Lou Segall, Ray White and Bill Lewis readily testify that cave exploring is a thrilling sport.

At the present time they comprise an informal group, but in the future they hope to attract enough attention to be able to organize a local Grotto in affiliation with the National Speleological Society. Local chapters of the Society are known as grottos, and are usually composed of members who explore caves for the sport of it. However, a second group in the Society is made up of scientists, interested in cave exploration for purposes of research.

On a recent trip to Ball's Cave near Schoharie, N. Y., the group attempted to determine the relative size and depth of a lake, reported to be as large as the underground lake at Howe Caverns. However, they found the water level several feet higher than it was on a previous trip, and were unable to pass through the channel at the entrance of the lake.

Since then the group has learned of 12 different caves which are waiting to be explored. For the past two years the group has been making field trips on an average of every three months, but this summer they hope to make the trips more frequently. Their primary interest is in exploring caves which have not been



*Above—Entrance to Ball's Cave, Schoharie, N. Y. leads into the first chamber which is sometimes called The Mud Room. Ball's Cave is honeycombed with channels, tunnels and chambers. The cave also has an underground lake.*

commercialized.

Some of the equipment being used by the group includes rubber life rafts, flashlights, floodlights, rope ladders, candles, maps, thermometers, hip boots and digging implements. However, by organizing into a formal group they will have more resources available for acquiring other necessary equipment such as miners'

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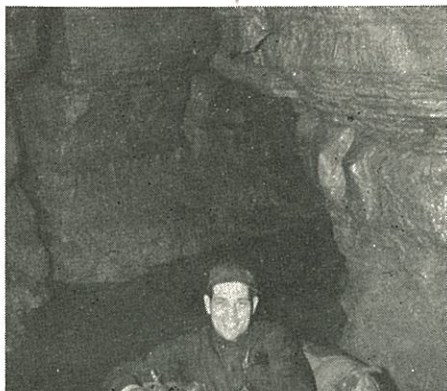


*Above—Taken on the way to the cave, the photo shows members of the cave hunters group. L. to r.—Lou Segall, Ray White and Bill Lewis. The picture was snapped by Don Palmer.*



## CAVE HUNTERS *(from Page 14)*

lamps and water repellent clothing. Anyone interested in joining the group is invited to contact any of the above members.



*Above — Bill Lewis, Engineering Dept., poses in The Mud Room. The chamber receives its name from the deposits of mud which range from three inches to several feet in depth. Walking about is hazardous.*



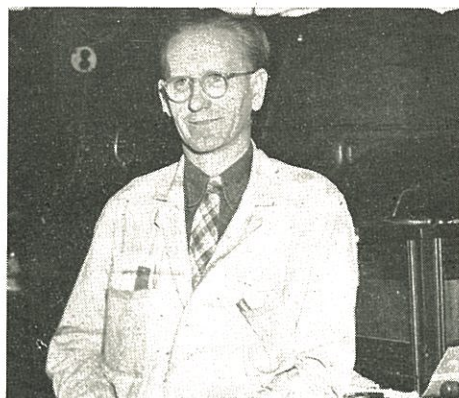
*Above—Although they do not appear clearly in the photo, three bats are shown, hanging from the ceiling of the cave. In this particular chamber more than 50 bats were observed.*

### Card of Thanks

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to the members of Departments 12 and 13, and my other friends for their kindness when our home was burned recently.

Clifford Hess, 12-737

## Our Reporters



*Robert Stafford*

Anyone with aspirations of becoming a life guard should first contact Bob Stafford, Scintillator scribe in Dept. 99, for a recital of his experiences. Bob, who was a life guard on the New Jersey seashore for three seasons, also made a specialty of raising Irish Setters at one time.

Off the record he confided to us that he quit raising setters because "they ate too much." At the present time he contents himself with one Cocker Spaniel, son of Champion Holmeric of Brookville and Champion Ozark Diana.

A family man, Bob is the father of two girls . . . age 5 and 3 years old. Bob was born in Cortland on June 14, 1906, and attended high school in Kearny, N. J. He also attended night school to learn the printing trade, and went to linotype school at a factory in Brooklyn. With a total of more than 15 years in the printing business, he is well versed in the mechanical angles of a publication.

As Deputy Sheriff, Bob is a part of the "long arm of the law" in Morris where he lives. He is also a member of the Morris Fire Department, and has been a volunteer fireman for more than 10 years. His principal hobby is photography which he is developing into an interesting sideline business. Bob helped organize the Scintilla Camera Club, and is vice-president of the club at the present time.

He likes hunting, guns, boats and swimming, but turns his nose up at onions. He also has a strong dislike for drunken drivers . . . his duties as a deputy bring him into contact with these more often than the average person.



## FORUM HEARS ADDRESS ON INDUSTRIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Regular monthly meeting of the Scintilla Foremen's Forum was held on the evening of March 10th, at The Unadilla House.

Arthur Cumm, acting chairman, introduced the speakers of the evening, J. D. Titman and Sidney Allen. Mr. Titman and Mr. Allen are both associated with Ansco in Binghamton. Mr. Titman spoke briefly, introducing Mr. Allen who spoke on the subject of "Photography Within Industry." Two films on the applications of photography to industry were also shown.



Above photo represents a day's catch at Sandy Pond by the boys from Dept. 26. Small fry were discarded in the basket. L. to r.—Willie Clapper, Lynn Simmons, Phil Cooper, Chuck Fisk and Ray Hatt.

"You're charged with throwing your mother-in-law out of the window. Guilty or not guilty?"

"Guilty, your honor. I did it without thinking."

"That's no excuse—you might have hit somebody on the head."



George Vandermark, Dept. 92, displays his prize winning buck. Shot November 17th near Sidney Center, George's 7-pointer weighed 184 pounds. Entered in the Sidney Center Rod and Gun Club's deer contest, the deer took two prizes . . . one for being the heaviest buck, and another for having the largest "rack."

### Special to Trout Fishermen!

We're counting on you to supply us with a number of good prints for publication in the April issue of *The Scintillator*. This year make it a point to share your first day's catch with our other readers by sending your photos to The Editor, Scintillator Office. All prints must reach us by April 12th. Please write your name and department number on the backs of all photos.

Every time a conceited man sees a mirror, he feels it needs looking into.

Some people are like blotters—soak it all in, backwards.

Before you flare up at anyone's faults, take time to count ten—ten of your own.



# Picked Up in Passing . . .

● Our Salute of the Month goes to the optimist (an optimist is an optometrist who looks at the world through rose colored glasses) who predicted that Spring would arrive on the tail end of a jet propelled March blizzard . . . we heard it in the washroom the other day.

● And roses to the quipster who remarked, on St. Patrick's Day, "The grass is always greener on Murphy's side of the fence."

● THE \$64 QUESTION: "Has anyone found out how things are in Glocca Mora?" The other day, just for a gag, we addressed a letter to Glocca Mora in an attempt to determine how things were. We received a reply too . . . it read, "Fine! How are things in Sidney?"

● Too many Kelleys on the bank's books were responsible for putting Charlie Kelley (Tool Room) on an aspirin diet. Charlie wrote a check to a local merchant, covering it with the required deposit in his checking account. Much to his embarrassment, it bounced right back at him. However, investigation disclosed that the bank had inadvertently credited his deposit to a different Kelley, leaving Charlie out in the cold.

● NEWS ITEM: "Hotel rooms in New York City now available without reservations." This should be of special interest to any Indians who find inconvenient the practice of carrying their reservation around with them. Speaking of Indians, we know a former Indian Chief who has just completed his training at a Barber College . . . now he gets good money for "scalping" his customers.

● Thinking of others who are well suited to their respective professions, we are reminded of a Morg(ue) Burywell who became an undertaker, an I. O. Yoo who is a Chinese gambler, and a Rose Takemoff, formerly a follies girl.

● SCOOP FROM DEPT. 100—Since the last Scintillator proclaimed Griffin and Gibson as "Stoneless farmers, first class," your reporter has been kept busy trying to answer the all important question, "Who is going to do the work?" . . . Paul Carney recently attended a meeting of Industrial X-ray Technicians in New York. How about it, Paul? Did anything develop? . . . Dept. 100 has missed Lucille Parker for the past few weeks. Lucy has been among the shut-ins, but is now back at work.

● CLIPPINGS FROM DEPTS. 5 AND 8: "Little Rose" Dart checked out on Friday, the 28th. On Friday, the 21st, we had a farewell party for her at The Unadilla House. We had a wonderful time—steak dinner and dancing with about 22 in attendance. Mr. Keller presented Rose with a combination grill and waffle iron on behalf of the gang. It was also announced that Miss Freda Phillips was to take Rose's place, working for Mr. Keller . . . Fred Bauknecht was snowed in for a week, but is back with us again . . . Layout Department has changed around again with desks all over the place—we have decided to put casters on our desks so that they will move easier . . . Rosalie Murphy has left us temporarily, and Mrs. Ruth Hutchinson has taken her place, working for Mr. Herzog . . . Also Miss Maxine Cronauer has joined Layout Department. Welcome, girls! . . . Bob Smith, our Methods Man, has found a new way to play pinochle—dealing from the bottom of the deck.

● NOTES FROM INSPECTION—Glenn Rice celebrated 15 years of married life on March 15th. He says the secret is to let your wife think she is boss. Oh Yeah! . . . We are glad to hear that Lou Wilber is home after a stay at The Sidney Hospital . . . Anne Young, Lew Light and Bernice Tremlett seem to like parking in the parking lot after work . . . Fred Kulze didn't show up for work for two days—he says he was snowed in . . . Nellie Pratt is on the sick list . . . Lou Freidenstine's new cocker spaniel puppy threatens to take her affections from her horse . . . Have you noticed the change in poise in some of the girls? They are attending the Charm School at the Community Center . . . Cliff Pratt's chest sticks out more than usual these days. He's driving a new Chrysler "New Yorker" . . . Max Miller recently was reelected Captain of the McDonald Hose Co. of Sidney.

● SHIPPING ROOM NEWS—The shipping room "Wire Snatchers" held their 2nd and last annual dinner-dance at The Unadilla House a few Fridays ago. Henry Hover emceed the floor show, Gaston Isliker (The Craters' Crosby) crooned some torchy French songs and Hep Cat Roy Boggs and his Gaters furnished the musical background for the guitar and fiddle duet by solid senders John Coddington and Otis Norton. Ralph Green

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## Candidly Yours . . .

The problem of juvenile delinquency is becoming harder to solve each day throughout the entire United States. In order to determine what Scintillites thought should be done in regard to the matter, Your Inquiring Photographer asked this question: "What do you think should be done to solve the problem of juvenile delinquency in the United States?"



Ruth VanVoorhis, Dept. 80: "I think that if some of the parents spent more time with their children and less time in social activities, the child would take more interest in home life than in grouping with other

children who also don't have anything to do with their spare time. If children find an interesting hobby which would aid them in a future profession I believe that they wouldn't find the time to get into trouble."



Victor Foster, Dept. 99: "I think that all children should be off the streets at a certain hour each night. It then would be the responsibility of the parents to see that they complied with the restrictions."



Mary Hoffman, Engineering Dept.: "Well, I think the parents can do quite a bit toward eliminating juvenile delinquency. I don't feel that it is up to the teachers or any particular group entirely."



Emory MacFarlane, Dept. 40: "I don't believe you can force kids to be good. You would have to attract their attention to something constructive such as basketball or baseball."

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didn't show up—said his milking machine broke down so he wasn't there when Art Fargo Sr. "set em up" for the whole gang. While Walt Miller was busily winning at poker, Clayton Baker and Frank Stidd promoted good will with the kitchen crew. Mert Hibbard broke things up by leaving to milk his cows. Everyone assured Harry Hazlett and themselves that they had a bang up time . . . Anyone looking for classy housecleaners, come to the Shipping Room and see the miracle Herb and Jack Somerville did to the place. Even the stuffed eagle got his wings dusted. In the process Herb came across a notice of an important foreman's meeting in Mr. Hanni's office on October 17, 1927! Did you ever get there, Herb? . . . Lucky Harry went wild one day, and took a chance on a camera. It cost him a whole penny and the penny brought him the prize.

☛ **PERSONNEL JOTTINGS**—Wanda Timer going around with that "don't ask me how I got the patch over my eye" look . . . E. M. Van Name back from Florida with a nice tan and a sizable batch of snap shots to boot . . . Liz Spencer "wearin' the green" on St. Pat's day . . . H. L. Cook and Anne Orton waging a full scale war against the mice in the file cabinets . . . Lois McLachlan snowed in during the big storm . . . Bob Decker dropping in for the latest story . . . Sybil Harrison keeping busy in the "Inner Sanctum" . . . Bob Snowdon wearing those nice ties every day . . . and the crew in the lower office keeping busy, we guess—we can't see from this position.

☛ **ORCHIDS AND ROSE BUDS TO** Earl Briggs, Dept. 11, and Jean Fleming who were married on March 23rd. Ditto on the above to Ivan Yale, Dept. 38, and Ruth Davies who also were married last month.

☛ And last but not least we take this opportunity to welcome three new department reporters to The Scintillator. They are Doris Oliver, Depts. 5 and 8; William Kucharek, Engineering; and Bob Tanner, Tool Room, 2nd shift.





*Above—Members of the Maintenance Department honor Guy Fitch on the occasion of his 70th birthday. Front row, l. to r.—F. Acker, Ivan Cole, T. Hatt, H. Anthony, Walt Meiner, Mr. Fitch, Charles Brush, E. A. Lucker and A. Dart. Second row—R. Lee, O. Rogers, H. Turner, A. Wildgrube, A. Fargo, M. Elwood, M. Curtis, L. Davis, J. Badeau and Orlow Reed. Back row—J. Gill, K. Hendrickson, K. Parker, R. Robinson, S. Scutt, R. Allen, G. Holden, K. Lashaway, R. Chartier, H. Somerville, C. Ashton, R. Pataki, C. Pierson and M. McGinnis.*

## Guy Fitch Honored on Birthday

More than 35 co-workers in the Maintenance Department recently honored Guy Fitch on the occasion of his 70th birthday. Mr. Fitch, who was 70 on the 2nd of this month, has worked at Scintilla nearly 19 years.

The party was held during the noon hour on March 4th, and came as a complete surprise to Mr. Fitch. Speaking

about his years of employment at Scintilla, he later said, "I have acquired a feeling of loyalty and almost a love for Scintilla. My years here have been as pleasant as anyone could expect working hours to be. I have always said that you can't find a better group of men anywhere in America than in the Maintenance Department at Scintilla."

Mr. Fitch was presented with a gift of money and also a birthday cake.



*Presentation of a birthday gift, on behalf of the Maintenance Dept., is made by Milo McGinnis, left; and Walt Meiner, center; to Guy Fitch.*

*When all the affairs of life are said and done, there is more said than done.*

*Many a man would reach greater height if he had greater depth.*

*You don't have to be crazy to take chances, but it helps.*

*If you want to improve a pinch of salt, drop it on a hunk of steak.*



# BARTER COLUMN

**FOUND:** On February 21st, between time clocks and main gate, man's wrist watch with army identifications on the back. Owner may have same by proving property. Mrs. Shirly Hoyt, Dept. 38, 1st shift.

**FOR SALE:** 24 power telescope, in good condition, with sun shield and dust covers. Price, \$25.00. Also have dining room suite, including buffet, table and six chairs which have been used, but are in good condition. Table has five extension leaves to seat 10 or 12 people. Francis Smith, 35 Smith Street, or phone 4245.

**FOR SALE:** Used Emerson cabinet model radio, in good condition. R. L. Elliott, Materials Laboratory.

**WANTED:** Old rifles, prior to World War I. Am particularly interested in military rifles. See Bob Wharton, Dept. 6, or call Sidney 3415.

**WANTED:** In Sidney, 5 or 6 room

house or apartment. Ann Hale, telephone 5279.

**LOST:** Lady's Bulova wrist watch with gold wrist band. Pearl Fenton, Dept. 38.

**FOR SALE:** Boy's Victory Bicycle, in good condition. Price, \$18.00. R. E. Smith, Dept. 8.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE:** "Elwood" 5"x7" Photo Enlarger, in good condition. Less lens, \$25.00. Suitable lens available if desired. K. A. Aiken, Dept. 96.

**FOR SALE:** L. C. Smith Corona portable typewriter. May be seen in the Mail Room. Price, \$42.50. H. Provenzon.

**FOR SALE:** Iver Johnson .32 S. W. Revolver, 3" barrel. Inquire Uhorchak, Dept. 38.

**FOR SALE:** Used davenport, English Club style, brown. L. R. Johnson, Purchasing Dept., or 260 Bird Avenue, Sidney.

*A mother who wishes  
Her daughters were wedded,  
Is oft called "the mater."  
Good title? You said it!*

## Candidly Yours (from Page 18)



Leonard C. Wart, Dept. 11: "I've always thought that more could be done in the home as far as giving children something to do with their time is concerned."

Gertrude LaMarr, Inspector in Dept. 39: "Give them more interests and more places to go to. I also believe that there should be more interested parents."



*An interesting operation is observed in the photo, left, of a Die Sinker in the Tool Room, cutting an expanding die for use in making the harness tubing of the Wasp Major Harness. Operator of the Die Sinker is Charles Winchester.*

