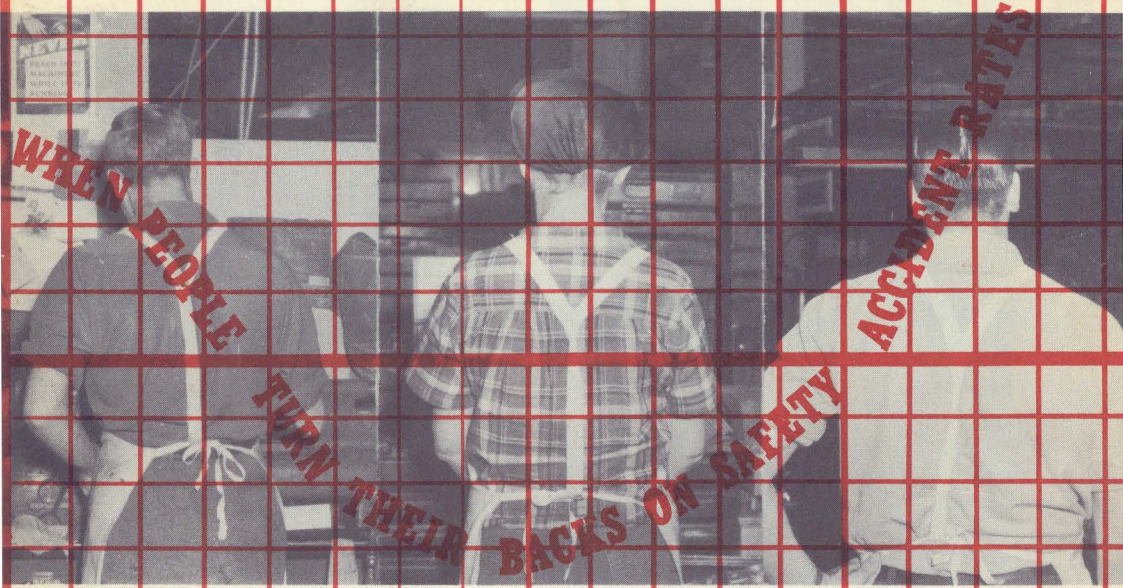


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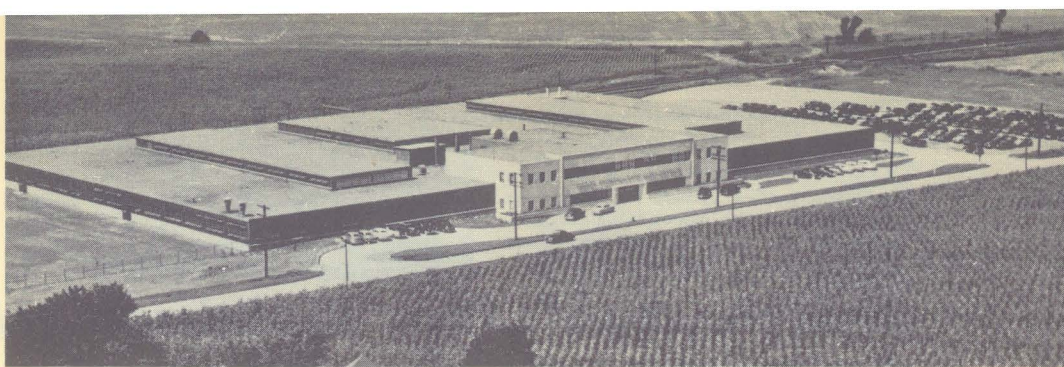
## Behind the Cover

When people turn their backs on safety, accident rates go up!

The above doesn't require much expansion of thought. Like most slogans, it speaks for itself. It means simply that Safety at Scintilla should be considered a personal responsibility by every individual in the plant. And if every Scintillite accepts this important responsibility, 1951 will be one of the safest work years in this Division's history.

In order to do this we need to make full use of all the protective equipment available at Scintilla . . . follow safety regulations and instructions carefully . . . maintain good housekeeping in our various work areas . . . report any unsafe condition . . . and, above all, use plenty of common sense. If we do otherwise, we are — in effect — turning our backs on safety.

Nine Scintillites cooperated to make our annual safety cover possible. And just to show you that they have no intention of turning their backs on safety, here's the way they look from the front.



Above — New Division in the Bendix family is located at Davenport, Iowa.

## New Division Joins Bendix

A brand new Division — named Pioneer-Central — has been added to the growing Bendix Aviation family.

It is located in the heart of the nation's great farm belt, at Davenport, Iowa, and will produce aircraft instruments to help meet increasing military demands for these and other Bendix products.

The new Division — Number 17 for the Corporation — was created through the purchase by Bendix on December 2 of the modern plant and equipment of Victor Animatograph Corporation, 40-year-old Davenport firm known as a manufacturer of high-quality motion picture projectors. Since 1946, Victor has been a subsidiary of Curtiss-Wright Corporation.

Bendix President Malcolm P. Ferguson said in announcing the purchase that the plant would be operated as a new and independent source of instruments for the armed services. He pointed out that it not only is a major addition to the Corporation's productive capacity but represents an important step in the dispersion of Bendix facilities engaged in military production. Bendix now has plants in eight states.

Raymond P. Lansing, Bendix vice-president and group executive who supervises operations of the Eclipse-Pioneer, Scintilla-Magneto, Red Bank and Friez Instruments Divisions, also will have over-all charge of the new Pioneer-Central Division. W. W. Fisher, formerly general manager at Red Bank, has been named general manager of Pioneer-Central. He has been succeeded at Red Bank by Donald M. McGrath, formerly assistant director of sales and service for Eclipse-Pioneer.

In taking possession of the Davenport

plant, Bendix offered immediate employment to most of Victor's employees, numbering about 265. They will form the nucleus of a greatly expanded working force that will be needed by Bendix as soon as additional equipment can be installed.

Announcement of the purchase was greeted enthusiastically by the press of Davenport, and her sister cities of Moline and Rock Island, Ill. The Davenport *Democrat and Leader* said in an editorial:

"Another of the great names of American industry has been added to the list of Davenport manufacturers . . .

"The whole Quad-City community extends an enthusiastic welcome to Bendix. Bendix is a good name in American industry, and this community is a good industrial center. We trust that Bendix will find the local industrial climate good, and will prosper and gradually increase the sphere of its operations here."

Davenport's other daily newspaper, *The Times*, said in part:

"Davenport rejoices in the acquisition of this property and famed institution by one of the major units in the aviation and automotive field . . .

"Davenport and her sister cities most heartily welcome Bendix to the community. We feel assured that as they come to know our people, and the skills of our workers, the new management will join that of the other divisions of great corporations which have located here, in congratulating themselves upon becoming a part of us."

What *they* don't know, won't hurt U.S.

Memories reminiscent of the early nineteen-forties come to mind for members of the Accounting Department as the Scintilla Gun Club building once more becomes their home.



## Today's Events are Reminiscent of

# history repeats

# 51

# 41

Sometimes the cycle is long, sometimes short — but history, nevertheless, has a phenomenal habit of repeating itself.

Consider the present. Today's events, situations and possibilities are not unlike those of the early nineteen-forties. Even to minute details, there are many similarities. Thus, within the brief span of a decade, history once again is repeating itself.

Time has not been standing still either. Today's fighting man, for instance, is — for the most part — the kid brother of our World War II GI. Ten years ago he was still in grade school, studying the geography of far-away places — perhaps, even Korea. Ten years ago he played ball in the vacant lot up the street, delivered the evening paper and hung cowboy pictures over his bed. Today — well, you know the story.

And ten years ago many of our present day Scintillites were checking into the plant for the first time. Then, as now, there was a big job to be done. It is these Scintillites and others — with Scintilla Service Records extending upwards from 10 years — who can picture best,

as pertains to Scintilla, the similarities of today and yester-year.

Particularly for members of the Accounting Department, the past month has been reminiscent of another month in another year. Accounting, it will be remembered, spent most of the World War II years in the Scintilla Gun Club building on River Street, conducting its operations from there. This month members of the Accounting Department again made the move to the River Street location. And to most of them it was like pasting pages back on the calendar, moving the clock back a few years over the past decade.

As this is being written, plans are in

progress for the transfer of other office personnel to quarters on the second floor of the Town Hall. This, too, will sound familiar — for Scintilla also occupied space in that building during the last war.

Other bits of "repeat history" keep coming to mind:

# Early Forties

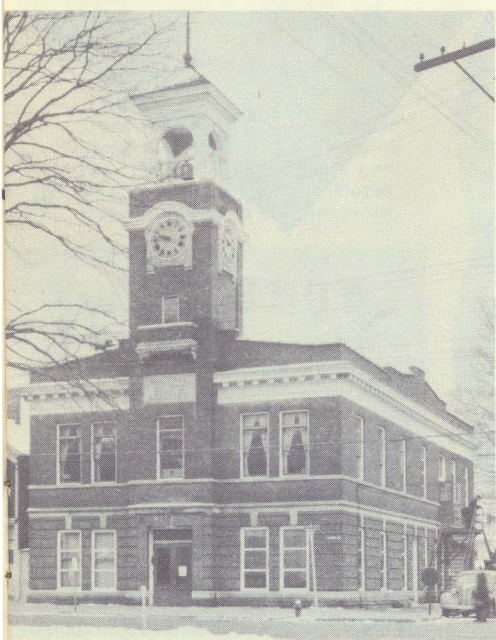
Scintilla is again running big "Help Wanted" ads in area newspapers, and the plant is once more on a three shift basis.

Ride Clubs are again coming into vogue, with more and more people traveling the miles from outlying towns and villages to the plant.

Housing hereabouts is tighter than ever, waiting lists longer.

As we said before, history does repeat itself — this time within a decade. And time is not standing still. All of us are ten years older and ten years wiser — wise enough, we hope, to make this the last time American kids will have to grow up with thoughts of going to war.

Sidney's Village Hall again becomes a part of the Scintilla picture.. Space on the second floor is being occupied by plant office personnel for the second time within a decade.



Arrangements have been made with George D. James, Jr., Certified Analyst, to provide a monthly column of questions and answers pertaining to your Social Security, Group Insurance and personal insurance. Although names will not be used, all questions submitted to Mr. James through THE SCINTILLATOR must be signed. In no case will you be personally approached, unless, of course, you request a personal interview and make your own arrangements outside the plant. All questions will receive an individual answer, and the most interesting ones, or those having general application will be printed in this column each month.

**Q**—How can I find out if my Social Security contributions are being properly credited to my account?

**A**—Write: Social Security Administration, Candler Building, Baltimore 2, Md.; Ask for statement and give them — 1) Your account number, 2) Date of Birth, 3) Name, if changed — give name exactly as printed on your card, and your new name, 4) Address, 5) SIGN your name — Warning: sign your "own" name, fine \$1,000 or 1 year, or both.

**Q**—Will I receive full Social Security benefits at age 65 if I continue to work?

**A**—If you earn more than \$50 per month in a covered occupation, you are not eligible for Social Security income — but after age 75, there are no restrictions.

**Q**—I average \$200 per month wages, have two children. If something happens to me, what does my family get under Social Security?

**A**—Approximately \$195 lump sum, and a monthly income of about \$130 — provided your wife does not work.

**Q**—Can I have my group insurance arranged to pay my family a monthly income — in case of my death — instead of the single lump sum?

**A**—Yes, the new group plan which you now have provides for more flexibility than before, and you can have income arrangements set up for 1 to 20 years.



This month's camera tour began at the inspection bench in the Ceramics Department. We stopped to chat with Merle Brownell and Ann DeMorier (above), who explained a few points concerning the electrical testing of various ceramic parts.

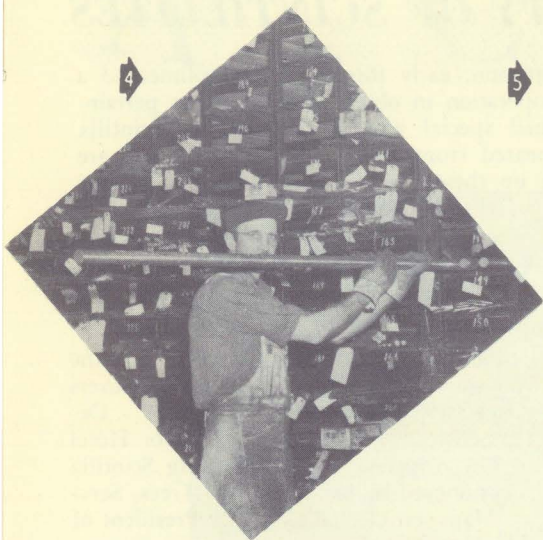
## Viewing the Scintilla Scene

On the way back from Receiving we found Kingsley Ross, Stock Man in Stock CC, putting up an order for Department 38.

Next we walked into the Receiving Office and posed Elloween Straka and Hazel Dyckman for a picture. Elloween and Hazel are the girls who handle all of the Receiving Department's clerical requirements.



**NUMBER TWO  
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TOURS**

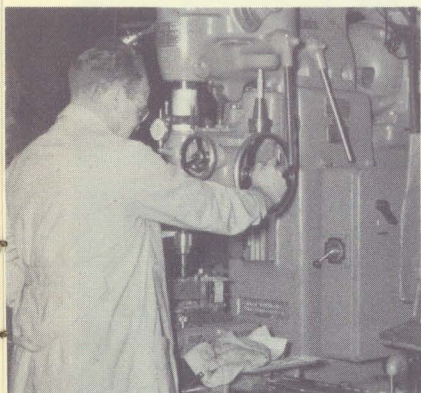


Then we snapped the shutter on Floyd Derr, Dept. 7, who was busy unloading some raw materials. Photo shows Floyd "shelving it" for future use.



More and more, as we tour the Scintilla Scene, we find new machines and equipment everywhere throughout the plant. In Dept. 26 we took this photo of Joe Cooper and Jesse Decker making some adjustments on one of two new Acme Gridley Automatics received in that department. Both machines are single spindle bar type.

Our last stop on this month's tour around the plant was to take a picture of the Tool Room's brand new Pratt & Whitney Jig Borer. Harold Covell is the operator.



Heading back to the office by way of the Tool Room, we found George Baldwin cutting some phenolic stock for Herbert Carlson of Dept. 34.

# CHIEF DICKINSON COMPLIMENTS MAJORITY OF SCINTILLITES

H. O. Dickinson, Chief of Plant Protection, early this month complimented a majority of Scintilla employees for their cooperation in observing regulations pertaining to security-identification badges. He had special words of praise for Scintilla women, remarking that badges have disappeared from nearly all hand bags and are now being worn in plain view. Following up these compliments, however, he was quick to add that a few people still are not wearing badges properly.

Pointing his finger at these Scintillites, Chief Dickinson said that a few employees continue to wear their badges in obscure positions. "Some," he said, "wear their badges under top coats when coming through the gate, while others carry them in their hands." This causes delay in checking identifications, he noted.

Chief Dickinson also stressed the importance of wearing badges in the plant at all times, explaining that the addition of several hundred new people to the payroll in recent months makes it difficult to determine who belongs where and who doesn't. He urged older employees, even though they may be well known throughout the plant, to set an example by wearing their badges according to regulations.

Disregarding security regulations — no matter how unintentional an infraction may be — is, in effect, cooperating with communism, he said. Requesting, through THE SCINTILLATOR, full cooperation on the part of all Scintillites in eliminating infractions of security regulations, Chief Dickinson expressed the thought that all of us should feel proud to wear our Scintilla badge in a prominent position.

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## TO THE COLORS

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Since last June a total of 19 Scintillites have left the plant to enter various branches of the Armed Forces. New additions to the Scintilla Honor Roll include the following:

Roland L. Barratt, Jr.  
Arnold F. Wischhusen  
Douglas M. Bailey  
William B. Wolfendale

Earl Birdsall  
Donald Thorn  
Elmer J. Dann  
Edward S. Dolne

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## L. W. TREES NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMA

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Aviation Distributors and Manufacturers Association was held November 29 - December 1, 1950, at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. At this meeting Scintilla was honored by having L. W. Trees, Service Manager, elected as a Vice-President of the Association.

ADMA is an association of distributors and manufacturers, organized in 1943 for the purpose of promoting the most efficient and economical methods of distributing aviation products.

Scintilla has been a member of ADMA since early in 1948.

L. W. Trees



# A B C --- 1951



## FROM DRAFTING BOARD TO.....

**A B C — 1951:** Currents of Americanism once again are beginning to pulse with renewed vitality as men and women throughout the land get settled in the big job of making our country stronger than has ever before been necessary. Not many Americans will have to be sold on the need for giving this job top priority, for most of us — two world wars and a half later — recognize that peace for a free people is possible only through strength, not weakness.

Despite the fact that gloom prophets have painted a black picture for 1951 and made many dire predictions of things to come, the average Joe Citizen is not wasting any time draping the calendars with crepe. We Americans have worked and fought our way through too many other national emergencies for that. We'll come through this one okay, too!

Sure, things look bad — they always do in times of national emergency — but the fact that Joe Citizen, the fellow who pays the bills and provides the manpower, has been ten jumps ahead of the planning

bureaus is indication enough of a turning point for the good somewhere in the road ahead. The harder we work, the sooner we will reach that turning point.

We are not attempting to sugar-coat the situation facing us today — but when the gloom prophets question our chance of survival as a free nation, we feel that the ability of the American people is being seriously underestimated. Hence the title over this trend of thought: *A B C — 1951*. In other words, *Ability Breeds Confidence!*

And make no mistake about it, we Americans have the ability to handle the job at hand. Therefore, above all, let us work with confidence — for no job, particularly this one, can be successfully completed unless it is undertaken with **CONFIDENCE!**

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Anything *you* say may be used against U.S.

Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave.

— Gen. Omar N. Bradley.

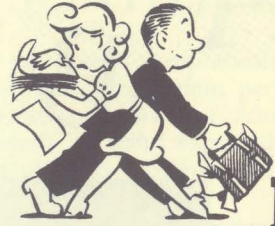
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**A** is for the Ability of an All-American team — Joe Citizens everywhere working together — to fuse together an Alloy of everlasting unity and strength.



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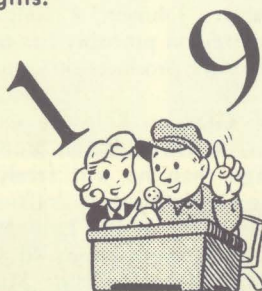
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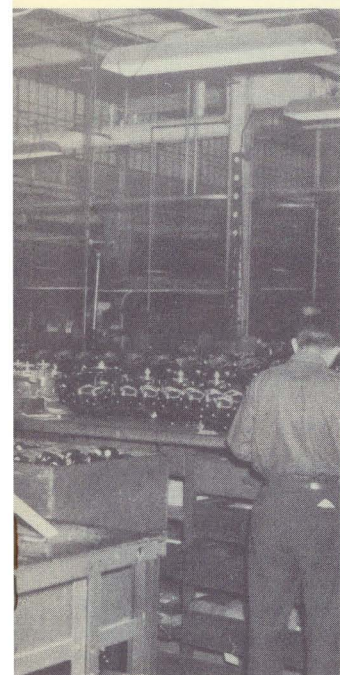
Brains and Bonds  
Continuance of the  
Sings we receive  
the Bill of Rights.

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**C** is for Confidence in our  
Capabilities as a Courageous  
and free people to meet the Challenge  
of world Communism.

## PPING. - - ABILITY BREEDS CONFIDENCE



## SCINTILLA'S MILWAUKEE OFFICE SERVES MIDWEST CUSTOMERS

Largest of all Scintilla sales territories is the Midwest area which includes the states of Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, the Dakotas, Nebraska and the northern half of Kansas. Headquarters are located near Milwaukee at 7829 West Greenfield Avenue, West Allis, Wisconsin.

Within the confines of this territory — and particularly in the vicinity of Milwaukee — are found many of the world's larger builders of reciprocating engines. Production ranges all the way from the large units manufactured by Buda and Waukesha down to the small single and twin cylinder engines of Briggs & Stratton, Clinton, Kohler, Johnson, Champion and Kiekhaefer. In number of units produced, this region probably has no equal. Here again we find general acceptance of Scintilla products on applications where the best in ignition is demanded.

In charge of the Milwaukee office is W. Graydon Roloson, assisted by his secretary — Mrs. Irene Lucht. "Gray" is a native of the Sidney area, having been born in Deposit more years ago than he will freely admit. After ten years with the Scintilla Engineering Department as draftsman and designer, he left in 1946 to become Chief Engineer of the Linn Manufacturing Corporation at Morris. His many friends were happy to welcome him on his return in 1948, and soon afterward he received the Milwaukee assignment. He now makes his home there with his wife and children, David 7 and Wendy 4.

With the current increase in military activity, more customers are being developed and more effort is required on the part of all of us to see that their demands are met promptly and exactly. The Field Office stands between the factory and the customer as an additional guarantee of satisfaction. Whether it be in times of intense activity, normal years, or depression — we, at Scintilla, are determined to give our customers superior products with superior service.

— By Don Garnsey.

## 25-Year Men

We congratulate Walter Herzog (Dept. 8) and Claude Porter (Dept. 11), both of whom recently completed their 25th year of service with Scintilla. As of this writing, it was announced that Mr. Herzog and Mr. Porter would be specially honored at Scintilla's Annual Old Timer Banquet this month. A complete story on these men will be included in the February issue in conjunction with our salute to all Scintilla Old Timers.



Walter Herzog



Claude Porter

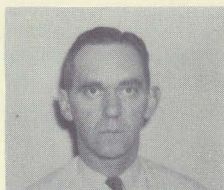
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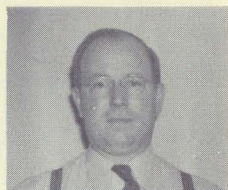
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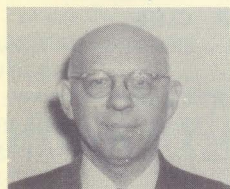
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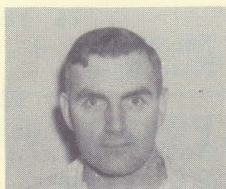
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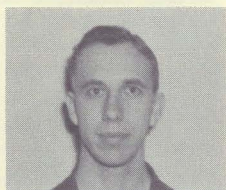
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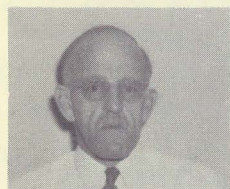
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Recent promotions and appointments have been announced as follows. THE SCINTILLATOR congratulates these men —  
Walt Deuel — Night Supervisor, Departments 13, 32, 37 and 43.

Glen Hoag — Third Shift Foreman, Dept. 32.

Richard Quick — Second Shift Foreman, Dept. 38.

Charles McCarty — Second Shift Foreman, Departments 10 and 11.

C. Wilkins — First Shift Foreman, RF Inspection.

J. Carmichel — Second Shift Foreman, RF Inspection.

G. Rice — First Shift Foreman, Main Inspection Area.

R. Davidson — Second Shift Foreman, Main Inspection Area.

W. Sargent — First Shift Foreman, Dept. 48 Inspection.

R. Graham — First Shift Foreman, Dept. 48 Inspection.

J. Glavich — Second Shift Foreman, Dept. 48 Inspection.

Gary Gray — Supervisor, Production Engineering Coordination.

Arthur Dietrich — Assistant Manager, Subcontracting.

(Continued on Page 17)



Bill Spencer, rounding out more than 21 years of service with Scintilla, receives congratulations and best wishes from Foreman Ray Beams (right) before checking out.

## TWENTY-ONE YEAR MAN CHECKS OUT

"Nobody likes to see a good man go."

The above sums up the way they were feeling in Ray Beams' department on December 30th, the day Bill Spencer checked out. You see, Bill has been a good man around Scintilla for a long time — close to 22 years to be exact. The experience he has picked up in those 21-plus years covers a lot of ground: milling machines, Paint Shop, Oil Room and any number of other duties to which he has been assigned. In later years he has worked on the wash rack.

Although Bill won't be ringing a Scintilla time clock, he doesn't figure on being idle by any means. Woodworking is a hobby with Bill and he has a small shop in the rear of his home on West Main Street. He'll keep busy with his specialty, reworking and refinishing old furniture. We might add that his experience in this line equals his Scintilla service record, for he acquired the woodworking hobby back in 1927.

Bill has lived around Sidney most of his life and, like a number of other early day Scintillites, worked in the Kayser Silk Mill before coming to Scintilla.

# Thirty Advance

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

Joseph Moore, Jr. ....87-1069  
Floyd Root .....91-1303

### 10 YEAR CLUB

Walter Alpi .....28-46  
Arney Benedict .....91-132  
William Connor .....87-329  
John Davidson .....90-399



It is always a pleasure when photos of children in the Scintilla family reach the editor's desk. The two above are the son and daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. John Willcox. The young lady is Mary Rose, age 4; the boy is Jon Clark, 2. Mrs. Willcox, who returned to Scintilla last November, operated an electric truck in the plant during World War II. Most folks knew her then as Mary Rose. At present she is a clerk in Dept. 13.

# in Service Club Standings

Robert Felske .....	31-549	Harold Slater .....	35-1397
Kermit Gregory .....	11-659	George Slawson .....	99-1400
Richard Halbert .....	28-676	Robert Stafford .....	99-1447
Kenneth Hall .....	7-1731	Gerald Terpenning .....	90-1505
Lawrence Howe .....	92-776	Edmund Yenson .....	92-1678
Fred Kulze .....	99-885	<b>5 YEAR CLUB</b>	
Calvin Mugglin .....	37-1088	Elizabeth Cooley .....	99-6003
Maurice Perkins .....	29-1200	Donald Douglas .....	90-478
Velma Riggs .....	99-5595	Edward Jackson .....	17-807
Francis Sabraw .....	4-1329	Gerald Konkle .....	17-877
Mildred Sherman .....	47-5441	William Musley .....	11-2235
Herbert Sines .....	47-1393	Charles Rodgers .....	4-2865
		Henry Wright .....	91-1667

## MONKEY ON SKOOTER HEADS 1950

### PARADE OF ODD INCIDENTS

So you think flying saucers are fantastic? Then just take a look at what the National Safety Council dug up during 1950 in its annual search for odd accidents!

You may have suspected that some accidents are caused by monkey business. But it remained for Alice, a trained chimpanzee, to clinch it. Riding her motor scooter before an enthusiastic crowd at the St. Louis zoo, Alice zipped off the stage in a showy exit, ran down Trainer William Rogers and banged him up, but good.

It is relatively seldom that boats and automobiles run into each other. But it happened at Maysville, Ind., when Emmett Holsapple's motor boat, with the throttle open as it neared shore, leaped out of the White River and crashed into a car parked 20 feet in on dry land.

State Budget Director John H. Bradford of Richmond, Va., has pulled out of some mighty tight squeezes — but none as tight as the collar he tried to button one night in dolling himself up for an important party. Director Bradford fought so fiercely that he had to go to the hospital for emergency treatment of severe finger bruises inflicted by the collar button.

And in Glendale, Calif., ex-City Manager Charles C. McCall has applied for state compensation with the claim that he swiveled so vigorously in his swivel chair that he hurt his back.

In January the towboat *Franklin D. Roosevelt* rammed and damaged a pier on the railroad bridge over the Illinois River near Pekin, Ill. In September another towboat struck the same pier and finished the job of demolishing it. The name of the boat? The *Harry S. Truman*!

And in Yankton, S. D., Farm Reporter George B. German of Radio Station WNAX, enthusiastically supporting National Farm Safety Week, decided to make transcribed interviews on the danger of falls in the farm yard. Arriving at a farm in a driving rain, the safety crusader leaped from his car, slipped in the mud, fell and broke his ankle. By PAUL JONES

### 'DUTCH' BIDWELL WRITES . . .

Hello Gang —

Just a few lines to let you all know that we would like to hear from all of our Scintilla friends. We are down here in what is supposed to be the "sunny" South; at present it is rather cool though hot compared to what you are getting up there.

At present our address is P. F. C. and Mrs. Everett W. Bidwell, General Delivery, New Bern, North Carolina.

We'll write again soon and hope to hear from some of you.

Sincerely,

DUTCH AND RED BIDWELL.



Safety shoes today look like regular dress or street shoes, and weigh only an ounce more. You can order yours through Scintilla's Safety Department Office 40.

## IF THE SHOE FITS

Ever stop to wonder why you have toes? They are really quite remarkable because they help you do the best balancing act of all time in keeping erect a body that is far too tall and heavy for its base. When you stand, they spread out so you won't tip over or rock back and forth. In walking, you extend your toes when you lift your heel, and this prevents you from falling on your face. Then they push your body forward and lift your foot off the ground so you can stride along erect and not on all fours like other members of the animal kingdom.

Yes, you wouldn't be able to stand or walk unaided without your toes. So it's a smart idea to keep them in good working order by protecting them against accidents.

A two-pound weight falling from waist height can break or painfully hurt your toes. Most workers are exposed to such hazards and should wear safety shoes. The one-ounce steel cap inside the tips of these shoes protects the toes if a weight falls on them, or if they should be pinched between two objects.

Despite the fact that they weigh so little, these safety caps have saved thousands of workers from amputations, the usual result of having toes crushed. They will also save you from pain, hospital bills and disability.

Workers have sometimes hesitated to wear safety shoes because they have a mistaken idea such shoes are heavy, or look clumsy. But a safety shoe today weighs only an ounce more than an or-

dinary shoe of similar character. In appearance, you can hardly tell safety shoes from regular dress or street shoes. They come in a wide variety of styles and in several shades of brown and in cordovan as well as black. In addition to the original high-laced safety shoes, there are low-cut dress oxfords and moccasin styles. Several styles are available with oil-resistant or non-slip soles and heels.

Today's smart worker, whose job exposes his toes to danger, wears safety shoes. He knows their good looks conceal that ounce of prevention in the toes that will save him from crippling accidents. You can purchase your safety shoes through Scintilla's Safety Department, now located in Office 40.

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### SCINTILLATOR OFFICE MOVES

#### — NOT ONCE, BUT TWICE

Others may dispute this, but we claim for THE SCINTILLATOR the distinction of being the "moved most often" department in the entire plant.

As a fitting climax to a long series of other moves, last month we moved not once — but twice. Our first move, coming on the heels of the December issue, was into the Ceramics Department where we managed to hold down a small corner. This spot lasted a little better than two weeks.

Move Number 2 came early this month when the moving men rolled desk, typewriter and files into Office 40. Although the folks in Ceramics were "swell" to us, this spot is more conducive to our line of work. And by the way, we're back on our old extension — 465.

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Some people will talk if it kills them, and in these times it might.

Freedom of speech is a privilege; abuse it, and lose it.

# DYING ON JOB NOT ALLOWED.....

Gene Travers, Ceramics group leader, recently brought an interesting bit of "passing" commentary into THE SCINTILLATOR Office. We got quite a kick out of it and believe you will too. It is one of those things that — once started — usually make the rounds in quick order. Gene received it from a friend, who clipped it from a newspaper.

According to the clipping, a Milwaukee firm posted the following notice on a bulletin board:

"It has come to the attention of the management that employees have been dying on the job and either refusing or neglecting to keel over. This practice must stop. Any employees found dead on the job either in an upright or prone position will be immediately dropped from the payroll.

"In the future, if a foreman notices any employee has made no movement for a period of two hours, it will be his duty to investigate. As it will be almost im-

possible to distinguish between death and the natural movement of some employees, foremen are cautioned to make careful investigation.

"Holding a pay check in front of the suspected employee is generally considered an authentic test, but there have been cases reported where the natural instinct has been so deeply embedded that the hand of the employee has made a spasmodic clutch even after *rigor mortis* has set in."

## PROMOTIONS (from Page 13)

Anthony Ruscito — Research Staff Engineer.

William Stevens — Research Staff Engineer.

William F. Schmidt — Supervisor, Dept. 48.

Earl C. Glacken — Foreman, Dept. 48.



Andrew Carnegie was once visited by a Socialist who ranted against the possession of great wealth, and advocated equal distribution.

Carnegie cut the speaker short by asking his secretary for a statement of his holdings, at the same time looking up the figures on world population.

When the statistics were ready, Carnegie figured for a moment. Then he said to his secretary:

"Give this gentleman 16 cents. That's his share of my wealth."

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A totalitarian state is one where everything is compulsory that is not forbidden.

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American industry is capable of producing about 60 per cent more goods today than it was only nine years ago, before Pearl Harbor. That ought to make any dictator, even Stalin, stop and think, considering what happened to Hitler, Tojo, Mussolini and others who made the mistake of underestimating America's industrial might.

What *they* don't know, won't hurt U.S.

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Beware of little expenses. A small leak will sink a great ship.

— Benjamin Franklin.

# BARTER COLUMN

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

**FOR SALE:** Modern, good looking, living room stove — coal and wood. Price \$25.00. J. Geiselmann, Phone Otego 4321.

**FOR RENT:** Two room cottage, two miles from Scintilla. Ideal for couple. Reasonable. Phone 4491.

**FOR SALE:** Kenmore Washing Machine. Reasonably priced. Phone Sidney 3403.

**FOR SALE:** Crossman .22 cal. air pistol, with box of pellets — \$10.00. Also, new 8 mm. Movie Projector with film splicer and roll of film — \$50.00. Both for \$55.00. B. Mathewson, Dept. 82, 157 Johnston Circle.

**FOR SALE:** Thayer Twin Baby Carriage, used very little and is in excellent condition. Price \$30.00. Phone Afton 59773.

**FOR SALE:** Bathinette, \$2.00; Baby Scales, \$2.00; and Kiddy Car, \$2.00. William P. Stevens, 10 Pearl St. East, Phone Sidney 7903.

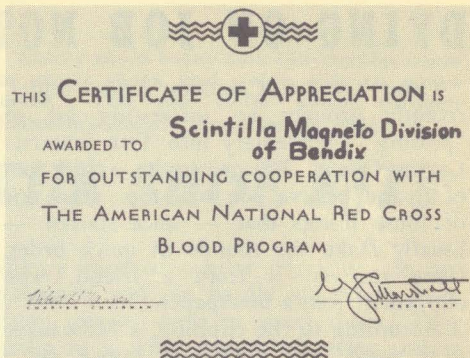
**FOR SALE:** Tricycle, large size. Nearly new. Price \$12.00. Ellery Lent, Phone Otego 4163.

**WANTED:** Small Outboard Motor. Must be in good running condition. Call Sidney 6209. Steve Pollack, Dept. 30

After World War II, the Army tore down a \$16,000,000 camp in Alaska and shipped the lumber hundreds of miles to Seattle, Wash.

After the cargo reached Seattle, a representative of the Department of Interior heard about it. He was looking for lumber. So the Department of Interior acquired the cargo and promptly shipped it back to Alaska!

When the lumber finally reached the spot where the Interior needed it, it was less than 10 miles from the original Army camp.



Thanks to the wholehearted cooperation of Scintilla employees in giving blood to the Red Cross Blood Program, this certificate of appreciation has been presented to the plant.

## CARDS OF THANKS

Dear Friends —

Your thoughtfulness was deeply appreciated. The sunshine basket was beautiful. Thank you for the collection. Also, thanks Harold D., for the beautiful roses. Thank you all.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Terpenning (Terp).

I wish to thank the Scintilla Management, the staff at The Hospital, my doctor and all Scintilla friends — every one — for their many kindnesses. I especially want to thank Departments 41 and 48.

Andy Yarter.

I would like to express my grateful appreciation for the kindness of the employees of the Scintilla plant for their generosity in contributing to the fund for the children and myself at the passing of my beloved husband, Lynn Davis.

Margaret H. Davis,  
1000 Island Park, N. Y.

I wish to thank the employees of Departments 99, 48, 41 and 44 for the gifts and cards sent me during my recent illness.

Mars Hillis, Dept. 99.

I wish to thank my friends and co-workers for the gift received while I was absent from work.

Ronald A. Boyd, Dept. 30.

I wish to thank all my friends who contributed so generously to the collection of money given me; also for the cards sent me during my stay in The Hospital.

Harry Cole.

# COLUMN O' TYPE

*SOMETHING NEW FOR A NEW YEAR* — For a long time we've held fast to the belief that it's not only good policy, but also good luck to launch your plant magazine into a new year with something brand new in the way of features. Well — the year is now 1951, and the "something brand new" is Susie Q, The Scintillator Girl. You'll meet her on the back page of this issue, and as the next few months whiz by, you will find that Susie is a very practical girl — one who can offer, in just a few words, some sound advice that makes good sense. Artist Wendell Bachman, Service Dept., dreamed up Susie's likeable personality.

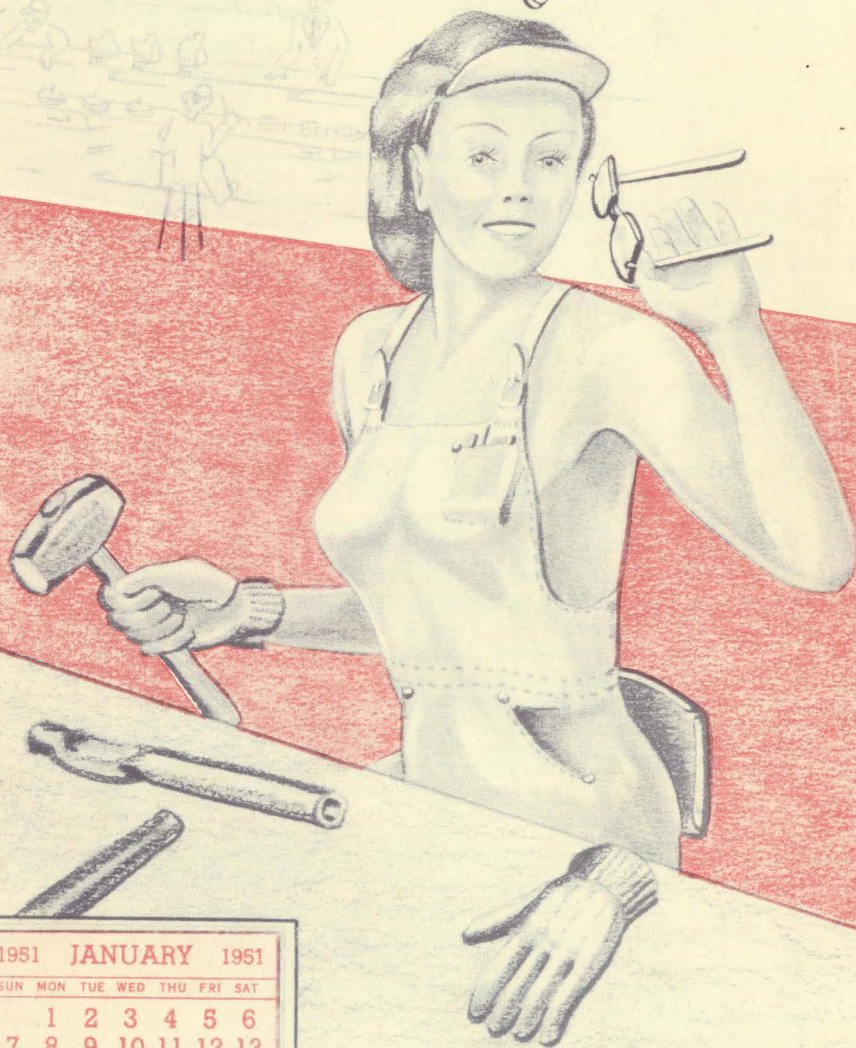
From Bob Wickham, also of the Service Dept., comes the news that some Scintilla wag last month placed a sign reading "Old Facefull" over the drinking fountain at the shop end of the main clock area. Any Scintillite who has ever used this fountain can well appreciate the sign, for it frequently offers a surprise to the uninitiated. As Bob puts it, "Old Facefull is usually overly generous and quite misguided in directing its liquid offering toward your lips and eyes."

While reading a recent issue of the Bendix International *News Reporter*, we were greatly pleased to learn that this Division's Low Tension Ignition was one of the major topics discussed at the Sixth Annual Spark Plug and Ignition Conference in Toledo, Ohio, this fall. The conference was sponsored by the Champion Spark Plug Company. When American Airlines completes conversion of its Pratt & Whitney R-2800 engines to our low tension system, 75% of all U. S. domestic airline R-2800 engines will be equipped with the Low Tension Ignition we make in Sidney. U. S. airlines are joined by 14 major carriers in other countries in their shift to low tension.

Scintilla's 25th anniversary in Sidney received full page treatment in the December, 1950, issue of U. S. AIR SERVICES magazine, edited by Earl N. Findley and published in Washington, D. C. The story appeared under the heading of "Brilliant, Sparkling, Flashing, for 25 Years in Sidney" and touched upon many of the highlights in Scintilla's history of achievement.

The crew of the *Lucky Lady II* — Bendix-Scintilla equipped Boeing B-50 of non-stop 'round the world fame — was recently awarded the National Aeronautics Association's valued MacKay Trophy for the "most meritorious flight" of 1949. Sparked by 28 Bendix-Scintilla magnetos, the U. S. Air Force's *Lucky Lady II* early in 1949 flew 23,452 non-stop miles around the globe in 94 hours of continuous flight. Capt. James G. Gallagher, the pilot, and T/Sgt. Robert G. Davis, the flight engineer, accepted the trophy from Gen. Nathan F. Twining, vice-chief of staff of the Air Force, on behalf of the crew. *Lucky Lady II* will fly no more, however, for a forced landing last summer grounded her permanently. The Air Force is preserving her as a shrine, a fitting tribute to one of the most famous names in the pages of aviation history.

Hope all you Scintillites realize,  
Nothing takes the place of real eyes,  
That—when a chip of metal flies,  
SAFETY GLASSES are better than alibis



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