

# SPARKS

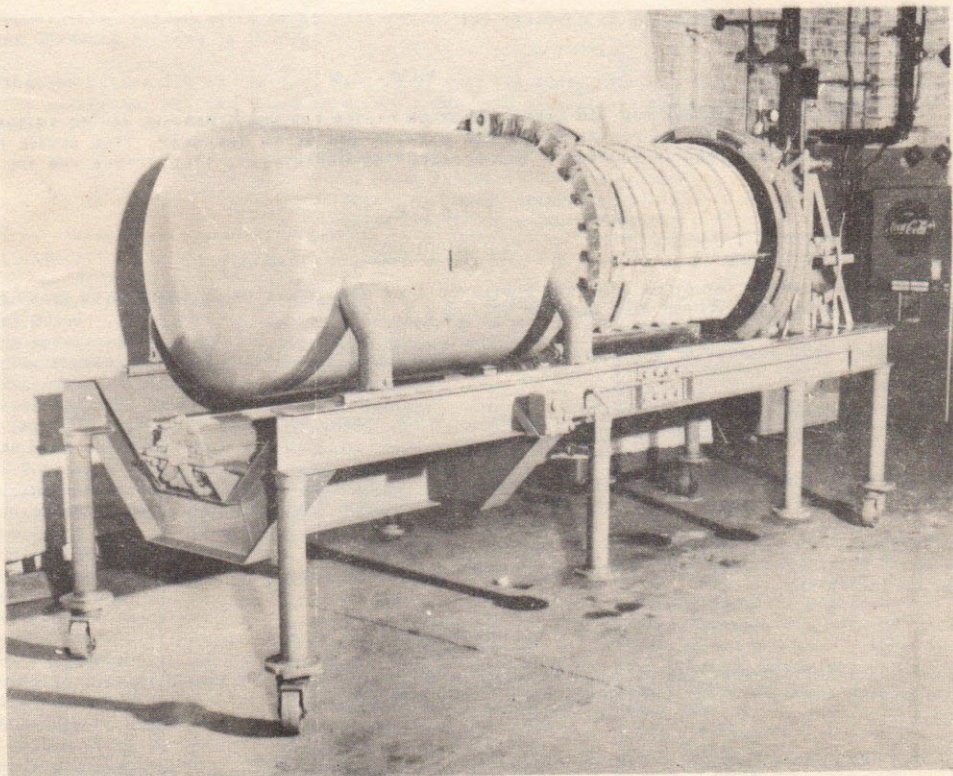
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DEAR SPARKIES:

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FIRST OF ALL, LET ME WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. NOW THAT WE ARE NOT HAVING A CHRISTMAS PARTY, I'M GOING TO MAKE IT MY BUSINESS TO GET AROUND TO HAVE A CHAT WITH EACH ONE OF YOU PERSONALLY ON THE JOB DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

TO BE SURE, AT TIMES IT MAY BE A LITTLE DISAPPOINTING AND, YES, SOMETIMES DOWNRIGHT HEART-BREAKING IN BUSINESS, BUT IN THE MAIN IT IS INTERESTING, STIMULATING AND THRILLING. AND PERHAPS ONE OF THE HAPPIEST FEELINGS OF ALL IS THE ONE THAT COMES TO US ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR--THE FEELING OF THE ASSOCIATION WITH YOUR FELLOW WORKERS, YOUR SUPPLIERS AND YOUR CUSTOMERS. WHEN AT THIS SEASON YOU THINK OF THE CONFIDENCE AND TRUST THAT EXISTS BETWEEN US, THE MANY HOURS OF CONTACT, AND MANY EXCHANGES OF IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES, IT CERTAINLY GIVES YOU A FEELING OF GRATITUDE AND SATISFACTION. IN SHORT IT LEADS YOU TO CONCLUDE THAT MAYBE CHRIST'S COMING TO THE WORLD WASN'T IN VAIN AFTER ALL.

AND TALKING ABOUT SANTA CLAUS, I'M COMMENCING TO THINK AS MY GANG GROWS BIGGER THAT SANTA CLAUS IS A MORE WONDERFUL IDEA FOR MOTHER AND DAD THAN IT IS FOR THE KIDS. THE CHRISTMAS GIVING AROUND THE HOUSE USED TO BE QUITE A SUBTLE THING--"SANTA CLAUS CAN'T AFFORD THAT," OR "THE REIN-DEERS DROPPED DEAD," OR "THAT WAS THE ONLY THING HE HAD LEFT," WAS SO CONVENIENT. BUT, ALAS, IT DOESN'T WORK ANYMORE. NOW YOU BETTER JUST CUT THE MUSTARD OR SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES--THERE'S NO HIDING BEHIND THE WHITE WHISKERS ANYMORE.

AGAIN, GREETINGS.

A.C.K.

P.S. IF YOU SEE SANTA, TELL HIM I'D LIKE A SPARKLER FILTER FOR CHRISTMAS--IF YOU'RE IN THE SALES DEPARTMENT, I'LL SETTLE FOR AN ORDER FOR ONE--IF YOU'RE IN THE SHOP, I'LL SETTLE FOR THE SHIPMENT OF ONE, AND IF YOU'RE IN THE BOOKKEEPING DEPARTMENT, I'LL SETTLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF ONE.

A.C.K.

"AWARDS DINNER"

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE COMPLETED 5 OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE WITH SPARKLER WAS A DINNER MEETING AT THE SWEDISH GLEE CLUB ON NOVEMBER 3, 1956.

FIFTEEN YEAR PINS AWARDED BY THE COMPANY WERE PRESENTED TO E.A. BEAUVAIS, VINCENT LYNFORD AND CHESTER MUNRO.

TEN YEAR PINS WERE RECEIVED BY BILL PFANNENSTILL, LEROY NIJDL, JOE PASSALAUQA, T. R. DOWNES, RICHARD STASTNY, JOSEPH C. SHARBAUGH AND FRANK GAGNON.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WHO RECEIVED FIVE YEAR PINS ARE RAYMOND TROST, CLIFFORD YEAGER, HARRY DAHL, CHARLOTTE CAPULLI, CHARLES GROAT, TOM CHABOWSKI, JOHN GRUBER, DOUGLAS PAISLEY AND EWERT BAARS.

OUR PRESIDENT AND OUR TREASURER GAVE A SHORT RESUME OF PRESENT BUSINESS CONDITIONS AS WELL AS THE PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE. THE EVENING CONCLUDED WITH A MOST INTERESTING ACCOUNT BY JIM YEAGER OF HIS TRAVELS IN AFRICA.

CORRESPONDENCE

OCCASIONALLY AN ANONYMOUS LETTER COMES IN WHICH IS WELCOMED BECAUSE THE WRITER IS NOT TRYING TO DODGE CONSEQUENCES BUT RATHER SEEMS TO SUFFER FROM UNUSUAL MODESTY. WE RECENTLY RECEIVED ONE. WE WERE GLAD TO GET IT. HERE IT IS:

"IT IS VERY GRATIFYING TO SEE THE TRANSFORMATION THAT IS TAKING PLACE AT OUR NORTH CHICAGO PLANT. IT IS A BIG IMPROVEMENT, GETTING TO LOOK MORE AND MORE LIKE A MODERN PLANT. CAN'T HELP BUT EXTEND A "THANK YOU" TO OUR MAINTENANCE CREW WHO HAVE DONE A WONDERFUL JOB".

.....UNKNOWN

THE COVER PICTURE

THIS IS THE FIRST RUBBER LINED MCR FILTER BUILT BY SPARKLER. THIS UNIT INCORPORATES NEW BOTTOM OUT-LET PLATES WITH VIBRATOR CLEAN-OFF AND WILL BE PUT IN OPERATION IN CONNECTION WITH A SPECIAL ELECTROPLATING PROCESS.



EXPORT NEWS

WE THOUGHT THIS PICTURE WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO YOU INASMUCH AS THE GROUP SHOWN HERE HELP TO MANUFACTURE SPARKLER FILTERS IN EUROPE.

THE OCCASION CELEBRATED IS THE DAY, MAY, 1956, THAT THE 400TH SPARKLER FILTER OF EUROPEAN MANUFACTURE LEFT THE AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND PLANT OF WEINER & CO., WHO MANUFACTURE OUR EQUIPMENT IN EUROPE. THE GROUP READING LEFT TO RIGHT:

W. SCHAAR (POLISHER), G. BOUMAN (FITTER),  
 H. J. NUMAN (FITTER), L. W. HOGENDORP  
 (FITTER), F. ERMANS (POLISHER), J.P.L.  
 TIESLINK (CHIEF TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT).

DOUG PAISLEY

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 "CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE CELEBRATED ONE MORE YEAR OF SERVICE WITH SPARKLER"

|                             |                          |                             |
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| CY FINNESTAD - - - 16 YEARS | ED KANIA - - - - 8 YEARS | AYAKO OKUBO - - - - 2 YEARS |
| CHESTER MUNRO - - 15 ""     | ROBERT BROTHERLIN 8 ""   | EDWARD BAWDEN - - - 2 ""    |
| FRANCES WEHREBERG 14 ""     | ROSE DUNLAP - - - 8 ""   | AARON BISHOP - - - 2 ""     |
| GEORGE HOFFMEIER - 13 ""    | MYRTLE BRICK - - - 7 ""  | CHESTER HASNEY - - 2 ""     |
| ERIK PEDERSEN - - 12 ""     | ROY C. BRANNON - - 6 ""  | OTTO J. MILZ - - - 2 ""     |
| JOHN ANDERSON - - 12 ""     | WM. T. BRANNON - - 6 ""  | KING WOODWARD - - - 2 ""    |
| LEWIS BUTTS - - - 12 ""     | MARY COLLINS - - - 6 ""  | HERBERT HABERSTROH - 2 ""   |
| FLORIAN FLORKOWSKI 12 ""    | FRANCIS SERENTSITZ 6 ""  | MARY ANN DUBA - - - 2 ""    |
| MARTIN PELESKA - - 12 ""    | HARRY DEGRAW - - - 6 ""  | BENJAMIN MICHA - - - 1 ""   |
| ARTHUR ZOELICK - 12 ""      | IRENE GAINES - - - 6 ""  | ROBERT HAIRE - - - 1 ""     |
| STANLEY DEGNER - - 11 ""    | JOHN GRUBER - - - 5 ""   | JEROME LEVY - - - - 1 ""    |
| WILLIAM THEIS - - 11 ""     | DOUGLAS PAISLEY - 5 ""   | MARY AHERN - - - - 1 ""     |
| ANTON BLAKE - - - 11 ""     | RAYMOND TROST - - 5 ""   | JOAN BAXTER - - - - 1 ""    |
| JOSEPH KOVACIK - - 11 ""    | CLIFFORD YEAGER - 5 ""   | HELEN BENSON - - - - 1 ""   |
| SIGESMUND LIEPELT 11 ""     | VIVIAN DICKEY - - 4 ""   | FLORENCE BRIER - - - 1 ""   |
| VINCENT LYNFORD - 11 ""     | EDWARD PORTZEN - 4 ""    | MARIAN HARTMAN - - - 1 ""   |
| ARTHUR MONAHAM - - 11 ""    | EDWIN PEGG - - - 4 ""    | BERNIE BURBA - - - - 1 ""   |
| WILLIAM PFINGSTEN 11 ""     | FRANK PHILIPPS - 4 ""    | BILL MERCER - - - - 1 ""    |
| EARL RÖDER - - - 11 ""      | PETER REBICH - - - 4 ""  | JOSEPH PALBICKE, JR. - 1 "" |
| ERIC ANDERSON - - 11 ""     | JOHN WILHELM - - - 4 ""  | HARRY SWANSON - - - - 1 ""  |
| FRANCE GAGNON - - 10 ""     | RAY DRAKE - - - 3 ""     | KENNETH WHEELOCK - - 1 ""   |
| GLENN PFANNENSTILL 10 ""    | HOWARD JOHNSON - - 3 ""  | JAMES BURBA - - - - 1 ""    |
| JOSEPH SHARBAUGH - 10 ""    | WILLIAM MAY - - - 3 ""   | HULBERT CALDWELL - - 1 ""   |
| Fritz BAUMANN - - 9 ""      | CHARLES MILLER - 3 ""    | JAMES CALDWELL - - - 1 ""   |
| FRED WILKENING - 9 ""       | JOHN NAUGHTON - - 3 ""   | GLENN GOODSON - - - - 1 ""  |
| HAROLD LOEFER - - 9 ""      | CHARLES OBORNY - - 3 ""  | JERONIMAS KAVALIUVAS 1 ""   |
| HANK PASSAL - - - 9 ""      | WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM 3 ""  | JOSEPH KELLY - - - - 1 ""   |
| LOWELL EISERMAN - 9 ""      | OTTO R. MILZ - - - 3 ""  | ALVIN MCGILLIVRAY - - 1 ""  |
| R. D. GOBLE - - - 9 ""      | ROY MORRISON - - - 3 ""  | MCKINLEY MILLER - - - 1 ""  |
| WAYNE DETTNER - - 8 ""      | TOM POPULORUM - - 3 ""   | JOHN D. SANDS - - - - 1 ""  |
| CLIFFORD MIROCKO - 8 ""     | LEONARD BOWLES - 3 ""    | GEORGE VANCLEVE - - - 1 ""  |
| JOAN HEINTZ - - - 8 ""      | JOANNE JOHNSON - - 3 ""  | NANCY RACZYNSKI - - - 1 ""  |

## INDUSTRIAL NEWS

DICK STASTNY, EDIBLE OIL SALES DIVISION, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1ST, TOOK OVER AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE HEAVY MORTAR COMPANY OF THE ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD IN WAUKEGAN.

TED WARNING, LATEST ADDITION TO THE INDUSTRIAL SALES DIVISION IS ABLY ASSISTING HERB HABERSTROM IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN. GOOD LUCK TEDI

DORATHY MELLIES, IS OUR NEWEST EMPLOYEE IN INDUSTRIAL SALES DEPARTMENT AND IS GETTING OFF TO A GOOD START AS BILL MERCER'S SECRETARY.

ERIC ANDERSON, INDUSTRIAL SALES MANAGER, HAS BEEN COVERING THE EASTERN HALF OF THE U.S. IN RECENT MONTHS ATTENDING SHOWS, HIRING NEW REPRESENTATIVES AND DRUMMING UP NEW BUSINESS.

ALICE ROUSE, ANOTHER OF INDUSTRIAL SALES NEW FLEDGLINGS IS HANDLING MOST OF DICK STASTNY'S CORRESPONDENCE IN THE EDIBLE OIL DIVISION. WELCOME TO SPARKLER! NOW WE HAVE TWO MEMBERS OF THE ROUSE CLAN.

DON PRICHASON HAS BEEN ON THE WING THIS PAST YEAR COVERING THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTING EDIBLE OIL. HE HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A FLORIDA SOJOURN AND IS LEAVING FOR TEXAS SHORTLY.

JIM YEAGER, "JUNGLE JIM", RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A TWO YEAR STAY IN AFRICA WHERE HE REPRESENTED SPARKLER'S EXPORT DEPARTMENT. WHILE THERE, HE VISITED MANY REMOTE REGIONS AND BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH MANY TRIBAL CUSTOMS. LISTENING TO HIS EXPERIENCES WITH ANIMALS AND DISEASES, BOTH OF WHICH ARE PREVALENT IN AFRICA, WOULD CONVINCE MOST OF US THAT THE U.S.A. IS A PRETTY GOOD PLACE AFTER ALL. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK JIM FOR THE SOUVENIRS WHICH HE BROUGHT BACK FOR THE GIRLS INCLUDING THE CHRISTMAS CARDS WHICH HE FOUND IN JERUSALEM. JIM YEAGER IS NOW REPRESENTING THE INDUSTRIAL DIVISION IN THE CHICAGO AREA.

SOUTHWESTERN ENGINEERING AND EQUIPMENT IS PROUDLY ANNOUNCING THAT IT NOW HAS TWO PILOTS TO FLY THEIR AIRPLANE AROUND ITS' VAST TERRITORY. FRED HARMON TOLD THE WRITER THAT HE NOW HAS HIS LICENSE AND HAS ALREADY ACCUMULATED 250 HOURS OF FLIGHT TIME.

CLAUDE MILLS IS NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SALES OF FUEL OIL FILTERS IN ADDITION TO GASOLINE FILTERS.

MR. BURHANS OF THE BURHANS-SHARPE COMPANY, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, PAID US A SHORT VISIT RECENTLY ON HIS WAY TO THE CHEMICAL SHOW IN CLEVELAND. HE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE OUR SHOP AND MEET OUR SALES FORCE BEFORE HE LEFT. BURHANS-SHARPE REPRESENT THE INDUSTRIAL SALES DIVISION IN THE GREAT NORTHWEST.

JERRY LEVY, INDUSTRIAL SALES CALIFORNIA REPRESENTATIVE, PAID US A WHIRLWIND VISIT ON A RECENT BUSINESS TRIP. WHILE TALKING ABOUT THE SMOG IN LOS ANGELES HE SAID STEPS WERE BEING TAKEN TO ELIMINATE THE HAZARD. INDUSTRIAL SMOKE STACKS ARE USING PRECIPITRONS AND REGISTERED AUTOMOBILES MUST HAVE A DEVICE WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THE TAIL PIPE TO NEUTRALIZE THE CARBON MONOXIDE GAS.

FRED KRACKLAUER AND HIS NEW "PLATERS PAL" HAVE MADE THEIR DEBUT AND BASED ON THE NUMBER OF INQUIRIES AND ORDERS WE ARE GETTING, THIS FILTER SEEMS TO HAVE CAUGHT THE EYE OF THE PLATING INDUSTRY.

CATHERINE LECHNER, OUR NEW SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR, IS DOING A FINE JOB OF HANDLING OUR BOARD WHICH ON OCCASION GETS PRETTY WELL SNARLED UP WITH TRAFFIC. SHE WILL BE RELIEVING DELORES RODGERS SHORTLY, WHO IS LOOKING FORWARD TO BECOMING A MAMMA.

BILL MERCER

"BUSINESS EXECUTIVES ARE GLAD THE OFFICE CHRISTMAS PARTY IS PASSING OUT. THAT HAS BEEN THE TROUBLE WITH TOO MANY EMPLOYEES". .....

### MATERIAL CONTROL NEWS

IT HAS BEEN SOME TIME SINCE WE GOT TOGETHER WITH OUR NEWS AND LOTS OF WATER HAS "GONE UNDER THE BRIDGE" AS THE OLD SAYING GOES, BUT BACK AGAIN WITH NEWS FROM JOE LIESENFELT AND HIS HAREM. EVERYONE KNOWS JOE HAS ANOTHER "BUNDLE OF JOY" AT HIS HOUSE, BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU HE IS DOING NICELY AND THE BABY FOOD IS GOING FAST. CHRISTMAS IS COMING JOE, MAYBE SANTA WILL ADD A FEW JARS IN A STOCKING.

WE KNOW IT ISN'T NEWS NOW BUT WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO HAVE NORMA BACK TO WORK WITH US PERMANENTLY. SHE HAS BOUGHT A NEW HOME AND SHE SAYS IT TAKES MONEY TO PUT THE FURNISHINGS IN. "GOOD LUCK" TO YOU NORMA AND TO YOUR FAMILY AND WELCOME BACK! WE KNOW HOW THRILLED YOU MUST BE.

THYRA MARSCH HAS JOINED THE TEACHERS' STAFF AT DIAMOND LAKE METHODIST CHURCH. SHE IS TEACHING THE FOURTH GRADERS. WE WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS WITH OUR FUTURE CITIZENS.

MATERIAL CONTROL NEWS CONTINUED:

FLORENCE BRIER HAS BEEN SINGING AT A NUMBER OF EASTERN STAR CHAPTERS THIS PAST SUMMER. BETWEEN THIS AND KEEPING HER HOME AND GROUNDS IN PERFECT CONDITION THIS LADY PROVES SHE HAS ENERGY PLUS! EVEN I AM NOT ONE FOR BABY SITTING UNTIL 5:00 A.M.

IT SEEMS JOANNE KEEPS SO QUIET SHE NEVER MAKES NEWS OR HEADLINES, BUT REALLY BEHIND ALL THAT QUIETNESS A NEW HOME IS DEVELOPING. SHE REALLY GETS EXCITED WHEN SHE STARTS TALKING ABOUT IT. ALL HER BIG WORRIES ARE YET TO COME, BUT WE KNOW SHE IS GOING TO ENJOY HELPING BILL, HER HUSBAND, HAMMER, SAW AND PIECE TOGETHER ALL THE THINGS THAT GO INTO BUILDING A NEW HOME.

WELL, THAT LEAVES ONLY MYSELF AND I HAVE DONE NOTHING TO MAKE HEADLINES EITHER. MY FAMILY AND I WENT TO THE DEEP SOUTH FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS, AND WE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED OURSELVES. SPEAKING OF HOLIDAYS, I KNOW WE WILL MISS OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY THIS YEAR BUT I THINK I CAN SPEAK FOR ALL IN THIS DEPARTMENT THAT WE ARE SO HAPPY OVER MR. KRACKLAUER'S DECISION TO GIVE US CHRISTMAS EVE INSTEAD. WE WISH ALL OF YOU AND YOURS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

HELEN BENSON

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT NEWS

MEMBERS OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME ROENE LUCAS AS SECRETARY AND "GAL FRIDAY". ROENE LIVES IN NORTH CHICAGO AND WORKED IN WAUKEGAN PRIOR TO JOINING SPARKLER.

MEMBERS OF THE PURCHASING AGENTS ASSOCIATION WERE TAKEN ON A TOUR OF ABBOTT LABORATORIES IN SEPTEMBER. AFTER A VERY INSTRUCTIVE TRIP THROUGH THEIR PLANT, THE GROUP MET IN THE ABBOTT CAFETERIA FOR LUNCH. IRENE GAINES AND MARIE MUSSARED BOTH ENJOYED THIS PLANT VISIT VERY MUCH.

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, WHEN AMERICAN STEEL AND WIRE HAD THEIR OPEN HOUSE, SOME OF US HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TOUR THEIR PLANT. WE SAW HOW WIRE WAS PROCESSED AND MADE.

AFTER VISITING THEIR PLANT, I'M CERTAIN OF ONE THING. I HAVE A LOT MORE RESPECT FOR A PIECE OF BALING WIRE THAN I HAD BEFORE.

"HAS THIS EVER  
OCCURRED TO YOU?  
|GLOOS ARE ICICLES  
BUILT FOR TWO".

TODAY'S FORMULA FOR SUCCESS: "RISE EARLY, WORK LATE, AND DISCOVER URANIUM".

"OUR TEMPER GETS US INTO TROUBLE AND OUR PRIDE KEEPS US THERE".

TOM BUTTERA

WATER DIVISION NEWS

JESSE GEHRING'S HUSBAND HAS RECEIVED HIS GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS FROM UNCLE SAM AND HAS DECIDED TO TAKE A "KHAKI" VACATION WITH UNCLE SAM'S ARMY. JESSE IS LEAVING HER JOB AND PLANS TO FOLLOW HER DOUGHBOY AROUND THE WORLD. MERRY CHRISTMAS, JESSE!

DAN BALDWIN ALONG WITH TWO OTHER LEADERS IN THE SWIMMING POOL INDUSTRY HAVE STARTED A NATIONAL SWIMMING POOL INSTITUTE. THIS MONTH THEY HELD THEIR FIRST CONVENTION IN CHICAGO AND HAD A TURN OUT OF AROUND 320. LEADERS IN THE SWIMMING POOL INDUSTRY FROM FLORIDA TO CALIFORNIA WERE PRESENT. THEY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR. MR. BALDWIN WAS ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. THE PURPOSE OF THE INSTITUTE IS TO CREATE AND UPHOLD STANDARDS IN THE INDUSTRY.

BERNIE BURBA'S WIFE PRESENTED HIM WITH A 5 LB., 15 OUNCE BABY GIRL. MOTHER, BABY AND BERNIE GETTING ALONG SWELL!!

THE LARGEST WATER FILTER WE HAVE BUILT IS BEING SHIPPED THIS MONTH TO THE WILLOW SPRINGS' ILLINOIS SWIMMING POOL. THE FILTER IS AN HCV 640. DUE TO THE SIZE OF THE FILTER WE HAVE HEARD REMARKS AROUND THE SHOP THAT INSTEAD OF PUTTING THAT FILTER ON A POOL THEY SHOULD MERELY PUT A POOL PAL ON THE FILTER AND USE THE FILTER FOR A POOL!

SINCE OUR LAST PUBLICATION WE HAVE DEVELOPED A NEW TYPE VACUUM FILTER FOR SWIMMING POOL APPLICATION. THIS FILTER IS CALLED OUR WAIKIKI MODEL. WAIKIKI MEANING SPROUTING CLEAR WATER. THE FILTER IS BUILDING THE REPUTATION AS BEING THE MOST EFFICIENT, ECONOMICAL AND SIMPLEST TO OPERATE OF ALL THE FILTERS IN THE INDUSTRY.

## A WORD FROM THE TREASURER

THE SIX MONTHS COMING TO A CLOSE DECEMBER 31, 1956, SHOWS A HEALTHY ADVANCE IN ALL PHASES OF OUR OPERATION. SHIPMENTS FOR THIS PERIOD HAVE BEEN GOOD AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN EVEN BETTER SIX MONTHS OF SHIPMENTS IN THE LAST HALF OF THE FISCAL YEAR. THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN ORDERS RECEIVED FROM THE SALES DIVISIONS AND, BY ALL INDICATIONS, THIS WILL IMPROVE TWO-FOLD IN THE LAST HALF OF THE YEAR.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF REASONS FOR BETTER SHIPMENTS AND MORE ORDERS:

1. BETTER COOPERATION EXISTING BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS, WHICH BRINGS WITH IT PRIDE IN THE WORK BEING DONE AND A KEENER APPRECIATION OF THE PROBLEMS OF THOSE WITH WHOM WE WORK. THIS IN TURN CREATES A DESIRE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL TO TRY TO HELP IRON OUT THE PROBLEMS OF OTHERS, WHICH OF COURSE, IS ONE OF THE MAIN INTERESTS OF SPARKLER AS A WHOLE.
2. GREATER EFFICIENCY BROUGHT ABOUT BY MORE FAMILIARITY WITH THE MANUFACTURING OF THE PRODUCT, AND THE FACILITIES BOTH BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT.
3. A DETERMINATION ON THE PART OF ALL THOSE WORKING FOR SPARKLER THAT WE WILL PRODUCE THE BEST PRODUCT, THAT WE WILL TAKE EVERY ACTIVE AND PROGRESSIVE MEANS OF CONVINCING THE CUSTOMER OF HIS NEED FOR OUR PRODUCT AND, FINALLY, UPON RECEIPT OF THE ORDER, THAT WE WILL DELIVER IT PROMPTLY AND OFFER THE SERVICE WE WOULD EXPECT IF WE WERE THE CUSTOMER.

THUS, WE WISH TO CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS OF THE SPARKLER FAMILY ON THE IMPROVEMENT THEY HAVE SHOWN, AND TO EXPRESS THE SINCERE HOPE THAT THESE CONDITIONS WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE, THEREBY MAKING SPARKLER A STRONGER AND BETTER COMPANY.

IN CLOSING, WE WISH EVERYONE AND THEIR FAMILIES A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

THOMAS R. DOWNES

## PRODUCTION NEWS

OVERHEARD IN ASSEMBLY DEPARTMENT, NORTH CHICAGO. "HOW COME THAT DRILL IS SMOKING SO MUCH? IT MUST BE DULL". SMART REPLY. "WHEN ITS SMOKING WE KNOW MAN IS BEARING DOWN ON HIS WORK". COULD BE!!!!

CALDWELL IN TESTING DEPARTMENT MUST HAVE IT MADE. SOMEONE IS ALWAYS IN THE TEST BOOTH HELPING OUT. KEEP YOUR EYE ON THOSE GUYS CALDWELL, THEY WANT THAT POSITION YOU HAVE, ESPECIALLY AFTER YOU TOLD THEM THEY COULD DRINK ALL THE WATER THEY WANTED.

LONNIE "BIG BEAGLE MAN" HAS ONE BUT HAS ANOTHER ON THE WAY (BEAGLE THAT IS) IS FINDING TROUBLE FEEDING ANIMALS. SO A FEW OF HIS FRIENDS DECIDED TO HELP OUT. YOU OUGHTA SEE THE PILE OF TURKEY BONES AFTER THANKSGIVING THAT HE GOT. QUESTION IS, "WHO IS GETTING THE MEAT PART"?

HAROLD'S NEW "OATSNIOBILE" IS RUNNING FINE SINCE HE HAD AN ENGLISH CARBURATOR PUT ON. ANY FOGGY OR DAMP DAY, "CAR NO GO". WHEN IT WOULD START, PISTONS SOUNDED LIKE THEY WANTED TO CHANGE PARTS. BUT VALVES MUST BE IN THE WAY. HANK'S CHEV. DID CHANGE PARTS - ASK HIM ABOUT THIS.

LONNIE COMES TO ATTENTION EVERY TIME CAPT. STASTNY OF NATIONAL GUARD FAME GETS ON THE PHONE. ALL THE OLD VETERANS TELL HIM HOW FAR BEHIND THE LINES IN THE OFFICERS' CLUB THESE CAPTAINS STAY, BUT YOUNG PRIVATE ESLINGER WON'T BELIEVE ANY OF US. I CAN HEAR OLD CAPT. SAYING, "CHARGE MEN", AND IN THE SAME BREATH PUT A HEAD ON THAT BEER. US OFFICERS HAVE TO KEEP OUR COURAGE UP.

WE HOPE TO HAVE MORE AT OUR NEXT PRESS DATE.

HANK PASSAL

## MUNDELEIN SHOP NEWS

JOHNNIE BRIMINGHAM IS THE PROUD FATHER OF A GIRL BORN NOVEMBER 27TH AND RAY AMUNDSON BECAME THE FATHER OF A BOY ON SEPTEMBER 17TH. CONGRATULATIONS!

EARLY IN NOVEMBER ROY NIJDL, CHARLIE MILLER AND TOM BRANNON TOOK OFF FOR A HUNTING TRIP TO THE SOUTHERN PART OF ILLINOIS. THE TRIP WAS SAID TO BE SUCCESSFUL BUT NO ONE CAN FIND OUT HOW MANY RABBITS, QUAIL, ETC. WERE BAGGED.

FRANK SERENTSITZ

## NEWS FROM ENGINEERING

M.C.R. ONE SQUARE FOOT FILTER. ABOUT 1½ YEARS AGO WE SECURED ALUMINUM CASTINGS WHICH WERE MACHINED TO REPRESENT TANK AND COVER OF THE PASSALQUA QUICK OPENING LOCKING RING. THESE WERE USED FOR SALESMEN'S DEMONSTRATORS AND HAD QUITE AN APPEAL. FROM THESE THE THOUGHT WAS CARRIED FURTHER, THAN AN ACTUAL MINIATURE M. C. R. THAT COULD BE OPERATED IN A LABORATORY UNDER PRESSURE REQUIRED WHILE FILTERING, THAT THE QUICK OPENING MECHANISM COULD BE INSPECTED, THAT THE MEDIA USED WOULD BE THE SAME AS IN LARGER FILTERS, CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE AN ADVANTAGE OVER PHOTOGRAPHS OR PRINTED COPY. ALSO, WOULD MAKE A FINE SHOW PIECE ALONGSIDE OF THE 1000 Sq. Ft. M.C.R. AT ANY EXHIBITION.

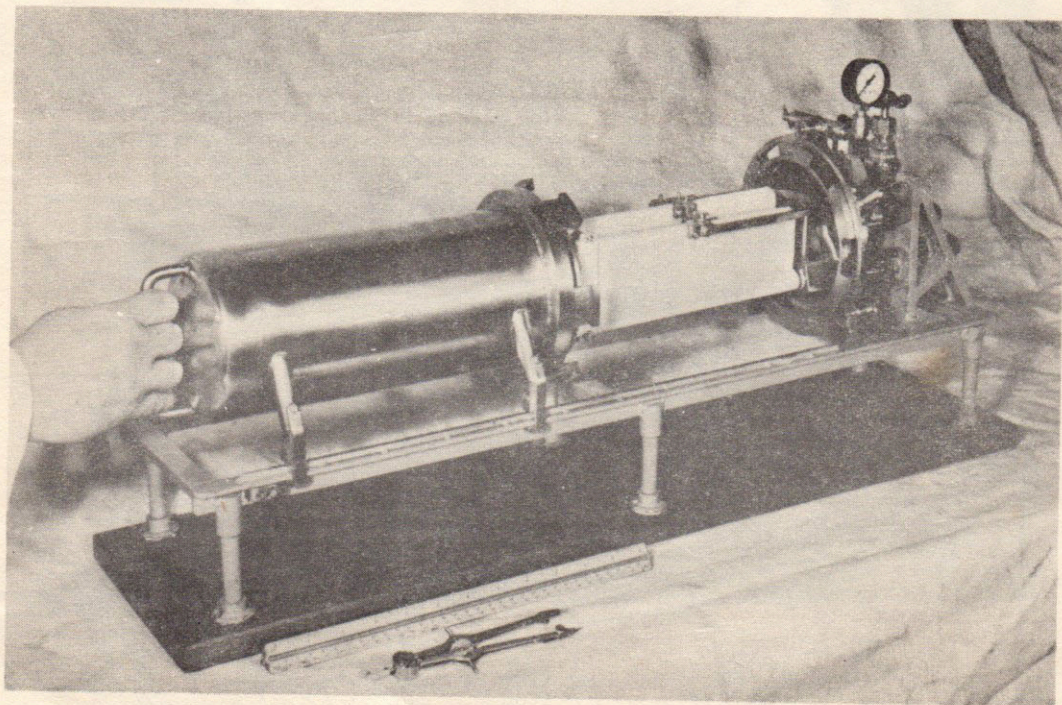
THIS THOUGHT WAS INCUBATED BY A NUMBER OF PENCIL SKETCHES SUBMITTED TO OUR TOOL ROOM FOREMAN, WILLIAM (BILL) THEIS, WHO STARTED THE MAKING OF THE PARTS IN-BETWEEN MAJOR TOOL AND DIE OPERATIONS, A GOOD MANY OF THE PARTS WERE OF SCRAP MATERIALS OR CUT-OFFS.

THIS LITTLE FILTER WAS STARTED ABOUT 1 YEAR AGO. ABOUT 45 DAYS AGO, THE FINISHED UNIT WAS SET UP IN THE TESTING BOOTH AND OPERATED AT 30 LB. PRESSURE, THE CLARITY OF LIQUID WAS SPARKLING. THE CAKE WAS EXCEPTIONALLY SMOOTH, THE RESULTS PERFECT.

YOU WILL NOTE THE SCALE AND COMPASS IN THE PICTURE FOR COMPARATIVE SIZE. NOTE THE DETAIL OF THE LOCKING RING, THE "O" RING, THE RECTANGULAR PLATES, THE BASE AND RAILS FOR BECAUSE OF ITS SIZE ALL PARTS HAD TO BE EXCEPTIONALLY ACCURATE. THE UNIT REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A CRAFTSMAN. INCIDENTALLY, THIS FILTER WILL OPERATE AT 60 LB. PRESSURE WHICH IS THE SAME AS OUR LARGE FILTERS.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE UNIT IS GOING TO BE USED DOWN IN TEXAS WHERE EVERYTHING THEY BUILD IS THE BIGGEST. HAVING THIS UNIT DOWN THERE THEY WILL USE NOT ONLY THE SMALLEST RETRACTABLE QUICK OPENING TANK BUT THE MIGHTIEST.

ED GRESENS



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## "COST QUOTES"

CHRISTMAS SEASON FINDS US IN THE USUAL WELTER OF LISTS, RIBBON, PACKAGES, CHURCH BAZAARS, AND WRAPPING PAPER, SECRETS, EXCHANGES, STICKERS, CARDS, WREATHS, CAROLS, BELLS TREES, SCOTCH TAPE AND "WHY - DOESN'T - MY - ORDER - COME?" THERE JUST AREN'T ENOUGH DAYS AND NIGHTS IN A WEEK BUT WHAT MIRACLES OF ACHIEVEMENT ARE GOING TO TAKE PLACE IN THAT BLISSFULLY LONG WEEK END BEFORE CHRISTMAS!!

MARGE ARNOLD OF THE ROCHESTER PAPER COMPANY VISITED US AGAIN LAST WEEK. IRENE GAINES OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, MARIE MUSSARED, MARY ANN DUBA AND VIVIAN DICKEY ENTERTAINED HER AND MRS. THORA PFISTER OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN WITH A DINNER AT KUNGSHOLM IN CHICAGO. THE SMORGASBORD, FOR WHICH KUNGSHOLM IS NOTED, WAS MADE EVEN MORE ENJOYABLE BY THE DELIGHTFUL SWEDISH HUMOR OF OUR WAITRESS, WHO CONDUCTED A SCANDINAVIAN CONVERSATION WITH MRS. PFISTER WITH ENGLISH SUB-TITLES FOR THE REST OF US. IN THE KUNGSHOLM MINIATURE GRAND OPERA THEATRE WE ENJOYED A PRESENTATION OF CARMEN.

IF YOU NOTICE THE LARGE AMOUNT OF UNFILED PRINTS ETC., IN OUR OFFICE YOU MAY LIKE TO KNOW THE REASON. AFTER A FACE-TO-FACE ENCOUNTER WITH TWO MICE, MARY ANN IS AFRAID TO OPEN ANY OF THE FILE DRAWERS, EVEN THOUGH "BRING-EM-BACK-ALIVE-OR DEAD" DICKEY TRAPPED BOTH SPECIMENS.

ON THE SAME DAY THAT A WEATHER FORECASTER PREDICTED "CLOUD AND COLDY WEATHER", PURCHASING DEPARTMENT TRIED TO BUY "5/8" SQUARE BRESTED ASBRAITOS" AND THE COST DEPARTMENT ACQUIRED A CLACTUS PANT WITH FOOSH HIKS" ON IT. DR. SPOONER MAKE ROOM FOR IRENE, MARY ANN AND VIVIAN.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE.

MARIE, MARY ANN AND VIVIAN

