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AMERICAN WHEELABRATOR & EQUIPMENT CORPORATION

December 10, 1953.

MISHAWAKA, IND.

Northern Trust Company, Corporate Trustee  
American Wheelabrator & Equipment Corporation  
Employees' Savings & Profit Sharing Trust

\$ 326,852.00

PAY TO THE  
ORDER OF

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AMERICAN WHEELABRATOR & EQUIPMENT CORPORATION

To THE NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY  
CHICAGO

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*W. J. Ford*

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

# AWECO Profit-Sharing



## Congratulations from President Pfaff

I have just been advised by the auditors that the earnings under the AWECO Savings and Profit Sharing Trust for the past year (12 months ended October 31, 1953) amount to \$328,852.00. This sum will be paid promptly to the Corporate Trustee, Northern Trust Company, Chicago for the exclusive benefit of employee participants in the trust.

The 1953 Profit-Sharing earnings are exceptionally good considering all the business circumstances we had to deal with and I hasten to congratulate each and every employee for this fine accomplishment. It is especially significant and pleasing that the steel shot operations in Plant 2 helped importantly to make the year a successful one.

There have been negative forecasts about the future of business, some of them rather pessimistic, but the AWECO management does not share such views. We think AWECO's opportunities are as great, even greater, than they have ever been.

The statement I made at the beginning of the past year applies just as much to our new business year that began November 1, 1953. For that reason I am quoting the statement substituting only the year 1954 for 1953:

"I wish it were possible to look into a crystal ball and see what kind of a year AWECO should have in 1954 or that I could rely on the course business may take and in whether the trend will be continued inflation or deflation.

"The only success philosophy I know is to always, every day, do the best you can with what you have and make the most of your opportunities. That philosophy, adopted by the AWECO organization for 1954 and always, will assure us of satisfaction with our accomplishments and with the figures at the close of 1954 and every year.

"In AWECO we have many opportunities to broaden our sights and to use our talents. Keeping busy and continuing our healthy growth are only natural results that come from recognizing our opportunities and turning them into more business and more profits which, with the help of all of you, we shall certainly continue to try to do in 1954."

With the partnership incentive provided by the AWECO Trust to help ourselves by helping the Company, I am confident that AWECO's future will continue to please all of us.

My appreciation to all for their loyalty and another excellent performance and with sincere good wishes to you and your dear ones for Christmas and New Year, I am

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "O. Pfaff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

President

# Trust Fund Nears 2 1/3 Millions

## As Our Union President Sees It . . .

As one who has worked with you in the plant, and has represented you as President of our Local, I would like to comment briefly on the Employees' Savings and Profit-Sharing Fund as it relates to us individually and as an organization. Having been a part of this plan since the beginning, I feel that I can speak with some measure of experience and authority.

What do we want of our Profit-Sharing Plan? The replies would be in various terms, no two of them alike, but the chances are that they would bear on SECURITY when we are no longer on the job. We all realize that security is something that comes as a result of sacrifice over the years, and is a worthy goal as long as it does not mean the giving up of personal liberties. What we can expect from our plan at AWECO is the type of security which hides no 'jokers' in the deck.

We can't lose with this setup, but how great we want our reward to be at the end of the year depends largely upon us. That's why it is only being smart to back up our own futures by saving the full 3% of our wages, and in a way, we are giving ourselves an hourly pay boost when we do this. If you've never thought of it in this light before, just take the total of this year's credit on your account and break it down into the hours you worked. The result will show that you actually had a better rate than you thought. To those of us who have participated 'all the way,' it means a lot. This is our (every person at AMERICAN) plan, so why not get the most out of it.

*Frank D. Miles*

FRANK D. MILES, President  
Local No. 895 UAW-CIO

### ON THE COVER

The folks on the cover are Adelia 'Dief' Camarero, Sales; Al Van Uoo Avyle, Cost; Howard Shafer, Machine Shop, Del and Al have been participants of AWECO Profit-Sharing since the plan was instituted in 1947. Howard has not participated as long as the others, but he did see the wisdom of leaving his account intact while away in military service.



ARTHUR ANDERSEN & CO.

190 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET  
CHICAGO 3

October 1, 1953

American Wheelbarrow & Equipment Corporation  
Mishawaka, Indiana

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with your request, we have made a determination of the amount contributed to or to be contributed by the company for the year ended October 31, 1953, to the Employees' Savings and Profit-Sharing Trust Fund as provided by the Trust Agreement.

The amount so determined is \$ 2,652,800.

The foregoing determination was made as part of our examination of the financial statements of American Wheelbarrow & Equipment Corporation (a Nebraska corporation) for the year ended October 31, 1953. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

As soon as possible after completion of the Trust audit, we will forward the financial statements of the Trust as of October 31, 1953, together with individual statements of participants' balances.

Very truly yours,

*Arthur Andersen & Co.*

# AMERICAN Parade

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Joseph Flory, Editor

## What is YOUR Goal?

To many of us a goal is something to be associated only with a sport, such as football or hockey, and nothing else. But if we don't have another goal in mind, we'll never be able to explore life to its fullest, nor to develop our own possibilities to a maximum. When we have a task we want to accomplish, or any purpose at all, we form a mental picture of the thing desired. This is called an ideal or a goal.

When the architect builds a house he draws his plans which the workmen follow. This ideal or goal is the son's plan upon the trestleboard. Where there is no ideal, there is no development, no progress, no attainment; the person drifts and usually degenerates—just as a workman without a disposing plan could make no house, but only a heap of stones.

When an orchestra plays it follows the score of the composer. The ideal is the soul's score. Without it the soul is disordered, torn, and unhappy; just as there would be only wild discord if every musician in that orchestra played as he pleased, without considering the others.

The sailor never reaches the North Star. Yet, without the North Star he could never come to port. When the ship leaves port the captain knows where he wants to go. To the soul the ideal is as the ship's destination. Most people that never arrive, fail because they have no goal. They sail aimlessly. They mistake motion for progress, and often this motion is in a circle.

Set a goal. We should determine what is most worth while to us in the whole world. Whether we reach that goal or not, the fact that we strike toward it, making every faculty, every deed and dream, bend toward one objective, will give symmetry, unity and force to our own personalities.

We may never reach our goals; they may keep floating on and on ahead of us, just out of reach, but if we persist, there will be a deep satisfaction that we gave it all we had—and that striving in itself is the attainment of some sort of goal, is it not?

## ALONG THE AISLE

If you ride the bus to and from work you are familiar with one or more of these individuals — if you don't, that is just one less problem for you to combat each day. Among the more interesting (and most vexing) riders you meet are the "seal grabbers." This is no small trick; and it may take years to perfect the fine

points. These disposition-spoilers might be classed as follows:

**AISLE SITTER** — This one usually can hold a seat for great lengths of time merely by positioning himself on the aisle. When someone finally asks if the next seat is taken he raises himself painfully and moves awkwardly into the aisle rather than moving toward the window. This will confuse the other person so much that rather than climb over he moves on.

**GERM CARRIER** — This expert, when he sees someone approaching, reaches for his handkerchief just in time to smother a tremendous sneeze. He then blows his nose violently as long as necessary. This is usually a sure fire winner which will drive away the most desperate seat seeker.

**WAITING FOR A FRIEND** — This type will all but throw his neck out of joint looking back for an imaginary friend for whom the seat is supposedly being held. This method has been known to be effective for surprising lengths of time.

Then there is the package planter, the window raiser, the seat squancer, the newspaper stretcher — and the stogie smoker who torments you daily with either an EL ROPO or a LA CUSPIDORA.

## From Shop Worker to Special Tool Maker



ALFRED MOORE

In June, 1926, a young fellow came over from Dudge Manufacturing Company to work in our Machine Shop. His name is Alfred Moore, but the boys all call him Uncle. He has worked on various jobs on many machines over the years. He is now a Special Tool Maker. Alfred is the father of Virginia Yoder, Sales Department.

We  
Knew  
Him  
When

# KEEP HIM SINGING

## Help Fight TB



buy and use  
**CHRISTMAS  
SEALS**

# AWECO *Show* BUSINESS



Shown here are various shots of our booth.

Our company was among 462 industrial exhibitors at the 35th National Metal Exposition held from October 19th to 23rd in the huge Cleveland Public Auditorium. Our booth was among the larger ones, being 24' x 60'. It is estimated that more than 50,000 attended the affair.

Six pieces of our equipment were on hand. In actual operation were a 20" x 27" Wheelabrator Tumbler, a skew roll conveyor machine, a No. 6 Model 70-A Dustube and a Model 43 Liquamatte. A 3-wheel car-type room with 88" table was exhibited with a large weldment placed on the work table. The Dustube exhibit consisted of an animated flow diagram of the Lincoln Foundry cupola fume job. This diagram was connected with a cut-away model of a full-sized No. 5 Model 112 KD Dustube, with stairs leading to the filtering compartment.

The 43 Liquamatte was complete with work car and table, power rinse tank, and heater unit. It had a special door on the left side with window and washer mechanism so that interested persons could observe the blasting operations. Wheelabrator Steel Shot was used in our equipment, and samples of blast cleaned products were placed about the booth.



# Off the Reporters' Cuffs

## Office Memos

*Carol Staffeldt*

The annual Julianna Club Christmas Party was held at the Shrine Club in South Bend on December 9th, with nearly 100 girls attending. Swiss steak was served and dinner music was furnished by Dick Stevens, Bognering, and Eugene Van Parcel. The girls took part in group singing and were entertained by George Davis Dance Studio. There was a small gift for each girl. The affair, a huge success, was planned and executed by the following committee:

General Chairman: Del Laarucci.  
Reservations: Pat Planchaert, Chairman; Ruth Rohleder, Jean Vergea, Nado Ward, Jean Spear, Delores Girardin, Barbara Peck.  
Decorations and Favors: Eileen Fray, Chairman; Juanita Young, Mary Helen Driver, Betty Sprague, Mury Minja.

Entertainment: Dorothy East, Chairman; Anna Marie Biesbroeck, Alno Hoemmer.

Publicity: Carol Staffeldt, Chairman; Mary Jo Heros, Elsie Van Der Herden.

Reception: Julia Baugher, Pat Stoecklin, et al.

The stork is still flying over AWECO. Jean Hutchison, formerly of Billing, gave birth to a girl October 19th. John Wolf, Accounting, now has a fourth son, born October 10th. Congratulations to the proud parents.

We would like to express our thanks to a grand fellow who serves us in his own way — our "Candy Man" who calls here Mondays and Thursdays — and has for 18 years.

Your Rambling Reporter,  
Carol.

## Carbon Copies

*Jan Spear*

It seems as if every thing is happening in Purchasing.

Catherine Guidi left November 4th to await the arrival of their first tax exemption. The Julianna Club presented her with a play pen.

Congratulations go to Harold Books, Director of Purchases, who has a new grandson born October 29th to his daughter, Ruth Marie and Walter Schlegel.

New Personalities: Marie Lehman and Marilyn Suitor-Petz, Purchasing; Sara B. Swank, Downstair Engineering.

Ray Leuthold is now known as the Gary Moore of Engineering.

Process Engineering wished June Koonis "Bon Voyage" on her two weeks vacation to Florida and Cuba.

Congratulations to Louis Campbell, Sales, and his wife. They now have a boy to share things around the Campbell home with their two daughters. The little fellow, Douglas James, came along on November 4, registering in at 7 lbs. 13 oz.

## Machine Turnings

*Lena M. Turner*

A couple of amusing definitions came my way the other day. If you've ever argued about man versus woman (and who hasn't) you may like this: Woman — a creature who can weave through a grocery aisle 18 inches wide without brushing a single balanced tomato can, and then drive home and knock both doors off a 15-ft. garage. Man — a guy who can spot a trim ankle three blocks away while driving down a busy street at high noon, but won't notice, in wide open country, a whistling locomotive the size of a school house.

Alfred Verbeke has an interesting hobby. He spends his spare time making model boats, trains and airplanes, most of which he gives to friends.

Our hats off to the AWECO Ladies Bowling Team. They won three games one night from the second highest team in the league.

Redarman Seaman Chas. Metzger, son of John Metzger, visited friends in the shop recently. He was home on a

10-day furlough before returning to his ship, the USS Hazelwood DD531, anchored in Boston Harbor.

An 8½ pound boy arrived Sunday morning, November 1st at the home of Mrs. and Casimir Truchowski. They named him Robert.

Overheard on the aisle: "Whatcha-gotta package?"

"Sbook"

"Whaasalmavit!"  
"Siddikhanari fullonains — Gonnogetapleedog — gottagetana-imferin."

Translated it goes like this: "What have you got in the package?"  
"It's a book."

"What's the name of it?"

"It's a dictionary full of names. Going to get a police dog — got to get a name for him."

Wouldn't you like to know what they named the dog?"

Judging from the stain on Keemy Maier's hands, he must have harvested at least 100 bushels of Black Walnuts.

Charles Doty had his drivers license revoked but he shouldn't worry too much. They say that he was going so fast when contacted by the officers that he can easily qualify for a pilot's license.

## Foundry Shake Out

*Jack Spruff*

A shining example of why some men never get ahead in life, recently happened on the floor of the Foundry while a heat was being poured. Wals Ostrowski was fitting hither, thither and you amongst the molds when the tail of his white coat caught fire and was blazing merrily along before it was discovered. Now with fire extinguishers all over the place not a one-guisher is used. Think what a field day those guys could have had if they had grabbed those things and let Wall have it. Brother, those Golden Opportunities happen but once in a life time!

P.F.C. Louis Duddy, 2nd Amphibious Truck Co., Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, is no longer P.F.C. but number 1012 in the Foundry and a grinder. Louis who recently completed a 2 year hitch in this outfit came back to work October 28. While in service he spent a two month training period in Porto Rico. This was fine, wonderful climate and beautiful scenery, but

then to make up for this nice trip he was sent to Labrador for another two months. This came in October and was rough, cold and stormy. Louie saw a number of buddies lost when during some of the landings in rough water they were thrown into the water when their "Ducks" overturned and they were frozen before they could be rescued. But now Louie is back and everyone in the Foundry is very glad to welcome him.

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Two new men have joined the valuable personnel of the Foundry and will soon be making the dollars roll into that Trust Fund with their work. They are Win Peiffer and Paul Nasse. Paul is a son-in-law of Harvey Schlarb and also a brother-in-law to Levi Sutton, which means if you start an argument with Harvey, you have to whip all his in-laws.

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Old "Chief Pontiac" Mikesell recently pulled one of those brilliant remarks which should go down in history. He said that when he was working piece work, it was unsafe to come any closer than five feet to him because the radiation of the energy that he was expending could very well do the damage of the heat waves from an atomic explosion. Tie that one if you can.

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How are you going to write anything about guys like Byron Williams, Larry Cunn, William Karnes or Don Clark? They do their work, they start no arguments, they just quietly come and go, and you keep watching for just one little opening so you can get something on them and it just don't happen. After all, once a month you have to write something. At least their names are in here this month.

## New Faces

### Factory

Harry Arney, Ted T. Banacks, Bernard A. Byrd, John A. Casey, William R. Cramer, Louis L. Dowdy, Russell E. Fisher, Kenneth E. Frick, Howard R. Gilmer, Charles M. Mormance, Donald J. Moyers, John A. Neely, Charles H. Newcomer, Walter L. Peiffer, Charles Reihl, Paul H. Savage, Robert L. Shuey, George W. Smith, Jack E. Stratford, Ivan D. Whitaker, Philip H. Woodworth.

### Miscellaneous

Freda E. Jacobs, Richard H. Johnson, Kendall M. Oglivie, Betty J. Stover, Maribyn J. Subarewitz, Catherine L. Washburn.

## People and Events in the News



George Jones, Market Research Engineer, registered great surprise recently when he found himself "set up in business." He is not certain who the "angel" is that has taken such an interest in him, but he suspects that it is not one but several folks of the Advertising Department.

The most reliable story we have is this: As you might know, George, being a good engineer, really "engineered" a deal not long ago in which he peddled off the Plymouth Convertible, which he now admits had a top speed of 60 mph. At the same time he became the owner of a Buick, and the resulting exuberance he felt at completing the trick, just couldn't be held within his heart — it spread all over his face. Some kind soul, noting this, envisioned the utter delight of this young man should he ever become the owner of not one vehicle, but a fleet of them. He lost no time in soliciting financial aid from others so he could do something for the enduring happiness of the young engineer.

If you take a look at George in this picture, you'll read in his face that he has some hot bargains lined up for whoever comes along. We're sorry that you can't read the placards alongside the cars and trucks in his showroom, but George will be happy to "explain" them if you contact him.

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**SHADES OF CONAN DOYLE** — We all know that Charles Benham, District Manager of our Springfield, Massachusetts Sales Office, is still going strong, but when and if he decides to turn his talents elsewhere he will still be in demand. Let's allow Charlie to give us the story in his own words. Here is the letter which he sent in recently:

"A series of safe robberies in northern Connecticut all without a

clue — the last one between Springfield and Hartford. A small amount of metal abrasive was found in front of the safe and the Connecticut State Police decided it must be someone who worked in a foundry or forge shop cleaning room, and my name was given to them as being familiar with all types of abrasives and users — so they asked me to determine the type of abrasive, a list of plants that might be using it, etc. I am glad to be of assistance —."

At this writing, Charlie Chan Sherlock Holmes Benham has not favored us with a conclusive report, but we would say to the State Police, "Be patient — this AWECO Kid has his bifocals wet blasted, his nose to the abrasive, and his gun loaded with S-780 Wheelabrator Steel Shot."



Marcus "Kanny" Brown, Steel Division Engineer, took leave of us recently to take up other duties. Kanny is now associated with another former AWECO man, Sherrill Deputy, in the operation of the Godfrey Conveyor Company, Elkhart. Kanny came here in February, 1952, and in that short time made a host of friends who regretted his departure. We all wish him the best in his new venture, and good hunting with that pistol which fellow workers presented to him.

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John Burlinbaum, District Service Engineer recently assigned to our Springfield, Massachusetts office, is really thankful for being able to be on the job. John escaped injury or possible death not long ago when the Waterbury Inn, Waterbury, Vermont, was destroyed by a flash fire. Fortunately there were not many guests in the inn, however four persons lost their lives in the fire.

# YOUR Christmas

## TRAGIC OR JOYOUS?

We have all been sobered at reading such lines as those in our news paper: "The child was badly burned—" or "Somehow her dress had caught fire—"

These things happened last year. They happened the year before. They will happen this year and the next if we allow them to, out of our simple carelessness.

We are referring to the Christmas Tree which catches fire, often at the height of the holiday celebration with our loved ones gathered about. Christmas Trees burn fiercely because they are filled with highly combustible substances such as pitch and resin. What can we do to see that tragedy does not strike during this happy season? The National Board of Fire Underwriters offers suggestions which will go far in preventing the usual tree fire.

It is best to choose a small tree, because it is less dangerous than a

larger one. Keep the tree outdoors and don't set it up until a couple of days before Christmas. Place it in the roughest part of the house, away from fireplaces and radiators, and don't let it block any exit. Stand it in water or use a live tree planted in a tub of earth. Never use cotton or paper for the decoration on or around the tree. It is wise not to put electric trains directly under the tree.

Use only electric lights and see that the wires are not frayed. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning lights on and off. Don't plug or unplug them beneath the tree. Throw away all gift wrappings as soon as the presents have been opened. Do not leave lights burning when no one is home. If needles near the lights turn brown move the lights, and when they start to fall it's time to discard the tree. A few minutes spent in simple precaution may prevent years of regret.

## The Passing Parade

Oliver Wendell Holmes, the poet, was small of stature. Once when he attended a meeting he was found in a group of tall men which made his size all the more conspicuous. One of them somewhat wags-bly remarked, "Well, Dr. Holmes, I think you must feel rather small among all these big fellows." Holmes answered, "Yes, I do — I feel just like a dime among a lot of pennies."

Refinement has been described as the ability to yawn without opening the mouth.

Once there was a peasant with a troubled conscience who went to a monk for advice, saying he had circulated a vile story about another, only to find it was not true. "If you wish to make peace with your conscience," said the monk, "you must fill a bag with chicken down, go through every doorway in the village and drop into each of them a fluffy feather." The peasant did as he was told, then came back to the monk and said he had atoned for his folly. "Not yet," replied the monk, "You must now return and gather up every feather you have dropped." "But the wind must have blown them all away," protested the peasant. "Yes, my son," said the monk, "and so it is with evil words. They are easily dropped, but no matter how hard you try, you can never get them back."

Doubtfully the young mother examined the toy, "Isn't this rather complicated for a small child?" she asked the clerk. "Madam," he replied, "it's an educational toy, designed to adjust a child to living in the world today. Anyway he puts it together it is wrong."

If ordered two dozen roses to be sent to his beloved on her 24th birthday. The card read, "A rose for every precious year of your life." Then, because the buyer was one of his best customers, the florist threw in an extra dozen.

If you've been wondering why you haven't been dealt a Royal Flush in one of your Poker games, the reason may be that your chances are only one in 648,741 — and you Cribbage fans, do you know the odds against being dealt a perfect hand, a 29? It is one chance in 218,579.



Our Liqueamate Division has solved a special problem for Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Gadsden, Alabama. They are using one of our machines to clean round rods,  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8" and knurled on each end. These are actually the spindles which pick the cotton from the bolls. The problem presented to us was to remove scale the entire length of the rod as well as in the flutes. The production requirement was 2,000 rods per hour.

This special Liqueamate handles the pieces in a "straight through" flow so that the end first fed to the machine is the end first to leave, thus overcoming the necessity of sorting after cleaning.

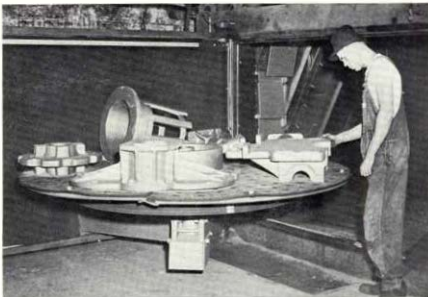
The individual rods are fed into the pinch rolls at one end of the machine

and are guided by hardened steel tubes held in place by WR metal discs or guides. Each rod, as it moves between the pinch rolls, pushes the rods ahead of it on through the unit at a constant and predetermined rate.

As the rods pass through the cabinet, they are blasted by 12 guns which are mounted in a holding fixture, three guns to a fixture, spaced at 120°. The fixtures are placed at 30° to each other, thus assuring complete coverage. Each gun has a  $\frac{1}{8}$ " air jet and a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " Hestum nozzle. One spare guide or disc, with three guns, is provided in the cabinet. Each gun has its own individual air control valve. These valves are supplied so that any or all guns can be individually set as to angle and position of the air jet in the gun.



# Wheelabrator Heavy Castings



Typical castings cleaned by this company.

The Electric Steel Castings Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, is enjoying highly satisfactory results with our 86" Wheelabrator Swing Table in the cleaning of castings, some of them weighing as much as 3,000 pounds. These castings are cleaned twice, before and after the annealing process. This company produces about 200 tons of castings monthly, but since each piece is cleaned twice, the total cleaning production is 400 tons.

The Wheelabrator Swing Table has replaced the practice of cleaning in an airblast room, which method required two workmen on each shift or four per day. This airblast room was unable to handle the necessary production. The Swing Table has reduced necessary labor to two persons per day, which means a 50% savings in labor.

Cleaning time for an average load of green castings is 5 minutes, while the annealed pieces are cleaned in 2 minutes. The Swing Table has vastly improved surface cleanliness of the metal. An increase in grinding wheel life has been experienced because of the sand-free condition of the green castings. Inspection is now rapid and thorough and defects are immediately apparent so that no expensive machining operations are performed on defective pieces.

This machine is special in one respect. It has three Wheelabrator units instead of the two wheels on standard tables of this size. This third wheel was added to insure thorough cleaning of cored hubs on sprockets and wheels, since a considerable amount of their production consists of this type of work.

"credit" side of the community ledger. We must acknowledge one "debit" which we have tried to ignore for too long a time—our own health security. In short, our present hospital facilities are woefully inadequate to take care of the constant and pressing demands made upon them. Temporary and makeshift methods will no longer serve our expanding community.

If you seriously doubt the urgency of this appeal please consider the following indisputable facts: . . . one out of seven in this area will need the service of a hospital within the next 12 months with no assurance of being immediately admitted . . . according to the Indiana State Board of Health, there should be five beds per each 1,000 people. In this community we have only two and four-tenths beds per 1,000 . . . because of our inadequate facilities, your health insurance does not guarantee admission to a hospital.

The machinery has been set up to raise sufficient funds—funds which will lift our hospitals from an antiquated status to one commensurate with other phases of our community life. Whether this machinery runs smoothly is entirely up to us—the men and women who will be the operators at the controls.

St. Joseph County Hospital Development, Inc. has been organized to operate with a minimum of expense—the greater portion of it to be done on a non-pay basis by citizens who realize and are willing to face the critical situation. Plans call for the enlargement of the two South Bend hospitals, St. Joseph and Memorial, and the construction of a new nurses' home at the latter. Since facilities are adequate at St. Joseph Hospital, Mishawaka, no funds will be allocated to that institution.

Although the general public will not be contacted until next Spring, it would be well for all of us to start thinking about this project which will require a large sum of money. In that way we can have our own individual plans completed as to how we can best arrange to meet our obligation.

If you still think this project is not necessary just visit one of our hospitals. Take a look at the problems of congestion—the impact one gets seeing skilled surgical teams pressed for elbow room as they deftly fight minutes to save lives—the flap of your heart as you notice the two-year-old enclosed in a "frog" cast. These are your hospitals and mine. Look to them when you need help—but support them when they need you.

## Your CHALLENGE and Mine

Mishawaka, South Bend and St. Joseph County rate high among thousands of American communities in most respects. The vision, courage, and energy which have sparked our tremendous growth, identify our area as the leading industrial, financial, and medical center of Northern In-

diana. We are a blend of many nationalities and races. We reside in a region of many churches and fine homes, nationally established industries, thriving business and progressive agriculture. Our culture is demonstrated by our leadership in the field of education.

Yet, despite all these entries on the

# Spares and Strikes . . . .

Bowling is in full swing for the "Guys and Gals" who comprise the various AWECO teams. Our men members of American Bowling Congress, compete in the Intra-Plant League at Rose Recreation on Tuesday nights. The women bowl in the City "B" League, also at Rose, on Friday nights. To see and enjoy "dowling as you like it," drop around on either or both of these nights during the season.



## A 26-Year Veteran



## NEWS and VIEWS of AWECO PRODUCTS

First of all, we owe an apology to John Kirkpatrick, Steel Shop Assembly. Due to a mistake in the records, John was awarded no publicity in *PAWEE* on the anniversary of his 25th year with the company. We were under the impression that he came here in December 1928, whereas in reality the date was November 19, 1927.

John was no youngster when he came here, being 50 years old at the time. He spent two years in the Machine Shop before transferring to the Steel Shop where he worked under the late Nick Byers. This veteran says he has no plans made for retiring, though he is now 76. John lost his wife almost two years ago, and says he would rather work than stay home where it is lonely. He and his wife had no children of their own but they reared a girl who grew up, worked at AWECO for some time, and later became Mrs. Andy Federnow.

John is a friendly fellow always ready to cooperate with a fellow worker. He says that he built the first abrasive separator in the shop, and he is now considered a specialist on problems pertaining to those units.

As we chatted, John painted for me a mental picture of his past. He has lived in Osceola longer than any other resident still living . . . used to be a horse trader and never had any trouble with any of them until he got hold of a Western pony who seemed

to gain a devilish delight in leading John a merry chase around and around the pasture before a halter could be slipped on him. One day John loaded his shot gun and peppered the animal "just enough to sting him good" and there was no more trouble.

John told of the days when he was on a temporary layoff from AWECO and acted as fireman of a piledriver during the building of the bridge on the Elkhart-St. Joseph County Line . . . how he worked as signalman on a tramway during the construction of Hen Island Dam . . . of his work at Dodge Manufacturing Company for 12 years.

John says some of his more interesting experiences came from his work with the old Northern Indiana Inter-urban Lines whose tracks once passed along what is now our North parking lot. He was once head man of their car barns at night . . . was special trouble shooter for the company at Elkhart . . . related how the Northern Indiana used to run special chartered "funeral cars" for groups who had no other means of transportation to get to such affairs.

John says he has worked here longer than for any other company, and wants to "stay around" as long as he can be helpful—"because it is just like home to me now."

## From Shipping Clerk to Traffic Manager

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### BILL CROWELL

Bill Crowell joined the company in July, 1921, first working as a clerk in shipping and production. He moved from one job to another until being promoted to his present post of Traffic Manager.



The Arnold Schwinn Company of Chicago is using one of our 27" x 36" WATB units to clean various heat treated bicycle parts such as small bearing races, approximately 1" in diameter up to some frame sections which are 4 x 8 x 3/4.

Buck Motor Division of GMC, Flint, Michigan, is having success with our equipment in deburring work. In use is a No. 1 A Multi-Table with eight 18" tables and a No. 6 Model 70-A D/C. The pieces cleaned are Dynalow parts—pump converters, turbine converters, stator assemblies. The abrasive used is apricot pits.

Her Majesty's Royal Canadian Navy Dockyard Foundry at Halifax, N. S. cleans ship's chain with a 66" W/A Swing Table. They are using S-330 Wheelabrator Steel Shot for abrasive. The chain cleaned varies from 3/8" to 2 1/2", while the links vary from 1" to 1' in length. The chain is degreased before Wheelabrating.

The Sangamo Electric Company, Springfield, Illinois, is deburring plastic parts used in the manufacture of electric meters. Our 20" x 27" WATB has eliminated hand deburring.

One of our No. 3 Multi-Tables with four 48" tables for cleaning plow mold boards in flat and assemblies, is in operation at Plant No. 1 of the Oliver Corporation, South Bend.

The City of Battle Creek, Michigan is using a No. 2-C Suction Blast Cabinet for cleaning water meters.

The Dalton Foundry, Warsaw, Indiana, uses a 72" Swing Table for large malleable castings for Caterpillar and Seeger refrigerators.

The Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Company, Detroit, is using a Wheelabrator Multi-Table having six 26" diameter tables, and a No. 8 Model 70-A D/C. The steel castings cleaned are jet engine spacer rings and sprockets approximately 17 to 24 1/2" in diameter.

The Bascor Manufacturing Company of Indianapolis, Indiana, is cleaning 75 and 76mm shells at the rate of 240 per hour. These shells are cleaned on the inside only. Our equipment at this firm consists of a heavy duty pressure blast shell cleaning machine and a No. 3-R Model 112 KD D/C.



Sadie Brackin, a Wee Bonnie Lassie, does steno-graphic work for Gust & Funn. She came here to work in June, 1951. Before that she was employed by Thomas Taylor Company, Glasgow, Scotland, makers of bowling balls—not the type we are familiar with, but stout used in outdoor bowling. She and her husband are both from Scotland, and are members of the British-American Club here. Sadie likes to dance, go to movies and to theater, and when occasion permits, to embroider.



Serafin Romano, Steel Shop, has been here since October, 1942. Before that he was employed in construction work by Calpave Realty Company. He is married and has three sons and two daughters, all married. Serafin says his chief interest in spare time is algebra. He trains them, too, and is himself a great lover of this sport.



Dick Mackenburg, draftsman in Upstairs Engineering, has been at AWECO since September, 1955 shortly after graduation from Alhambra High School. He is married and has one son. Dick says he is just an "average guy" who likes sports of all kinds and outdoor activities. He is especially interested in chess and belonged at one time to a club composed of like individuals.



Wilma Schmidt has worked in General Files since October, 1952. She formerly was employed by South Bend Lath Works. Wilma is married and is the mother of two daughters, 10 and 13. Her family is her chief interest off the job, but she does find time to devote a portion of her spare hours to dancing, golfing, swimming and football.

## AWECO FOLKS on the JOB



Mary Geble, Billing Department Head, is another of our people who has worked here twice, the last time since February, 1942. She is married and has a two-age son and daughter, both of whom have been employed in part time work here. Mary says she likes all "the usual activities" such as movies, TV, sports and dancing. Her special interests are photography, and building up a collection of dogs. We don't believe she means the live variety.



Hector Sheehan, Machine Shop, came here from Ball-Band in February, 1935. He is married and has two daughters. He likes reading, fishing, drawing and painting. Hector is also quite active in church work and spends considerable time in Biblical Research. He says, "When I get home any time left to my wife and I like to take some long strolls along roads to see a unusual natural scenery."



Clarence Hamnell works in the Foundry as core miller. He came here in July, 1942 from the Tri Valley Carving Company, Modesto, California. He is married and has one son. Clarence is strictly an outdoor type when it comes to hobbies, his one exception being T.V. He does about work, gardening—also hunting, trapping and fishing. He says he would like to do these things often but can't because his "feds" with Fred Bishop, Parade Reporter, take much of his time.



Camiel Bonne, Steel Shop Assembly, came to our company in August, 1955, having been previously with Ball-Band. He is married and has two married sons. His activities off the job are varied. Camiel puts it this way: "My hobbies are sharpening my scissors and knives and reading detective stories—also like to watch T.V., play Euchre, and buy the groceries for the family."