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## Annual Profit Sharing Reports Being Prepared

It is customary on or before this date to have available for all employees the final figures on Profit Sharing for the preceding year. This year, however, due largely to factors involved in the change from a fiscal year ending October 31st to a calendar year ending December 31st, we have not yet completed the official audit. Instead of preparing just one audit of a 12 month period, they have had to do an additional audit of two months, this latter for the time between November 1, 1954 and January 1, 1955.

Rather than hold up publication of PARADE unreasonably long, we will present the entire and detailed Profit Sharing story in the March issue. Meanwhile, all of you should receive your individual Profit Sharing Statements in the mail before the end of February.

As we previously advised you, payment of the Company contribution to the Corporate Trustee has not been held up because of the accounting delay. The entire estimated amount for the fiscal period ended October 31, 1954 has been paid and any remaining payment due will have been paid by the time you receive your statement.

The parents were objecting to their son's girl friend. "I'm sorry, Dad," said the boy, "but she's the best girl I can get with the car we have."

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When the white man discovered this country Indians were running it. There were no taxes, no debts and the women did all the work.

Take all the yearly paychecks of all the 55 million employees of all the factories, farms and businesses in the United States. Add the annual wages of more than seven million civilian employees on government payrolls plus the pay of more than three million in the armed forces. Throw in extra like all the social security payments by employers. The huge \$209 billion total of all these payments is still about \$70 billion less than the U. S. public debt late in 1954.

Since Uncle Sam is just another name for Joe Q. Taxpayer, the present national debt of nearly \$280 billion suggests that every American owes \$1,729 at his share. The average American now pays \$42.18 in taxes just for the yearly interest on Uncle Sam's I.O.U.'s. In disclosing these fiscal facts of life, the Tax Foundation, a private research organization, points out that the sheer size of the public debt isn't the worst part. When Uncle Sam has to borrow to pay his bills, he encourages inflation. The people who get hurt most by inflation are those

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Life

who are living or planning to live on pensions, on savings, on insurance.

For example, a man who put \$75 into an "E" bond in 1944 got back has scheduled \$100 in 1954, but the \$100 doesn't even repay his original investment. His \$100 in 1954 buys only as much as 65 of his 1944 dollars. Instead of making money, in ten years he has lost 13 cents of every dollar of his original \$75.

This is how inflation burns. The way to avoid this dollar damage is not to stop buying savings bonds but to prevent any more inflation and thus make the bonds worth what they are supposed to be. One way to accomplish this is to stop giving Uncle Sam a blank check for spending purposes.

Once again, when Uncle Sam winds up his financial business for the year next June 30, he expects to be in the hole by nearly \$5 billion. This means Joe's share of the public debt is heading up. But, more important, history shows that so long as Uncle Sam keeps his pocketbook unfastened, inflation is sure to jump out sooner or later and take a few more whacks at the purchasing power of our dollar.

# AWECO PRODUCTS TAKE TO AIR

Two days before Christmas a huge U. S. Army C-46 put down at the St. Joseph County Airport to pick up a special cargo—five tons of Liguasheen abrasive! The story behind this episode proves not one thing but at least three—that every lead is worth following up; that even though a customer does not use our machines he can be sold on certain of our other products; that when the product is good, the customer will go to extreme ends to avail himself of it.

Let's go back a couple of years to the Western Metals Show where our company was an exhibitor. Our booth was visited by personnel from McClellan Field, Sacramento, California. These men were interested in our products although they already had vapor blast units of a competitor which they were using in plating operations.

Several weeks later, George Jeser, Special Liqumattie Engineer, and Davis Taylor, District Manager, San Francisco Office, followed this lead by calling in person at McClellan Field. The result was a new customer for Liguasheen who has purchased abrasive steadily since that time.

So recently, when the folks at McClellan Field were short on abrasive they called to say that they would send their own plane to pick up the shipment at the St. Joseph County Airport. Besides the two pilots they would send along two men to load the 400 boxes into the transport plane. The plane arrived late in the afternoon, and took off soon after completing the transfer of the shipment from our truck to the C-46.

We had planned on getting a picture of the loading operation, but due to a certain misunderstanding of the time schedule we couldn't make it. Your photographer made a trip to the airport, only to find that the speedy crew had completed the job and were preparing to take off.

# New AWECO Directors

At the recent annual meeting of our stockholders three men were elected to AWECO Board of Directors. The new directors are **Ray P. Whitman**, 1st Vice President of Bell Aircraft Corp., Buffalo, New York; **Harold M. Miller**, Vice President of AWECO; **Leslie L. Andrus**, Vice President of AWECO. This trio comes to the Board with a well-balanced background which is not always found among such groups. These men comprise a team with wide experience in research, engineering, sales, finance, business administration and manufacturing.

Mr. Whitman was not always "air minded." As a boy he witnessed Orville Wright crash in an experimental plane and remarked to his father, "This aviation is a foolish business."

As a young man he was a law clerk in the Library of Congress and Supreme Court, but his interests soon turned to drafting. In 1916 he became one of the first draftsmen in the Aviation Section of the Army Signal Corps. During and immediately after World War I he was busily engaged in many new developments in aviation, including the first all-metal bomber for the Army Air Corps and the first all-metal Army observation plane.

In 1924 Whitman was appointed Chief of Inspection for Consolidated Aircraft at Buffalo. Two years later he had advanced himself to Vice President. In 1928 Lawrence D. Bell joined the company. When Consolidated moved to the west coast in 1935, Bell and Whitman worked together to establish Bell Aircraft in Buffalo.

Thus the boy who once observed that aviation was a foolish business grew up to become a co-founder of

one of our great aeronautical industries of the world.

Mr. Miller joined American Foundry Equipment Company as an accountant in 1923, working in the York, Pennsylvania office not far from the farm where he was born. Before making the connection with AFECO he had been a school principal and an instructor in accounting. Later he was working in the Chicago office of the company, but had not been there long until it was closed and operations were consolidated at Mishawaka.

Mr. Miller has held various posts with the company—Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary and Treasurer. He has been Vice President since 1944 and is Administrative Trustee of the AWECO Profit Sharing Trust Fund.



Mr. Miller

Mr. Andrus has been working with the company since 1934, first working in the sales department. In 1937 he was promoted to Sales Manager and in 1941 to Vice President in Charge of Sales. He is a native of Columbus, Ohio, but came to South Bend with his family shortly after birth. He is a graduate of Central High School and holds a degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University.

Mr. Andrus has a broad experience both in the fields of sales and engineering. He was for six years with Sargeant & Lundy, Inc., Chicago, a firm of consulting engineers. He worked for a short time with an architectural firm which was building exhibits for the Chicago World's Fair before coming here.

Mr. Andrus is Chairman of the AWECO Scholarship Committee.



Mr. Whitman

Following are the other members of AWECO Board of Directors, along with their business affiliations:

Albert M. Austin of Austin, Wilhelm & Grant; Chairman, First National Bank, Sparkill, New York; Special Partner, Francis I. duPont & Co.

R. Sherrard Elliott, Jr., Executive Vice President, The Equity Corp.; Director, Bell Aircraft Corp.

Page Hufty, Chairman, Investment Committee, The Equity Corp.; Director, Bell Aircraft Corp.

Elery C. Huntington, Jr., Chairman of The Board, The Equity Corp.; President, The Morris Plan Corp. of America.

David M. Milton, President, The Equity Corp.; Director, International Minerals & Chemical Corp.; Director, Signode Steel Strapping Company.

Verne E. Minich, Founder of our Company and Chairman of The Board.

George Olmsed, Chairman of The Board, Hawkeye-Security Insurance Company; Director, The Equity Corp.

Otto A. Pfaff, our President and General Manager; Director, Signode Steel Strapping Company; Director, Electromore Corp.; Director, St. Joseph Bank & Trust Company, South Bend.

Walter A. Yates, President, Yates-Lehigh Coal Company of Buffalo; Part Owner of Commodore Hotel, New York.

Lawrence D. Bell, President and Chairman of Board, Bell Aircraft Corp.; Director, Equity Corp.; Vice Chairman of AWECO Board of Directors.

Leston P. Pancuf, General Manager, Bell Aircraft Corporation.

Webster B. Todd, Chairman Executive Committee, The Equity Corp.; Director, Bell Aircraft Corp.; Director, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.



Mr. Andrus



Here is the crew of the good ship "AWCO Leadership" in the board room at the beginning of the two day conference. Left to right (standing): Harold Hillman, Bill Stahewsky, Jim Barnes and Ray Mayworth. Seated are Rick Childs, John De Groote, George Pfaff, Frank Fisher and John Jameson.

## Abrasive Engineers Meet

The first Abrasive Engineer Sales Meeting was held in Mishewaka on December 29 and 30. The purpose of this meeting was to provide a means of exchanging ideas on the selling of abrasive products and, at the same time, outline to the men AWECO's program for becoming the leading abrasive producer in the industry.

The program for the meeting included seminars on competitive prod-

ucts, improvements in present products, sales training and sales promotion.

The highlight of the gathering was a luncheon at which Otto A. Pfaff, Bud Rich and Stanley Krzeszewski spoke to the men regarding the progress they have made to date, and our expectations as to the future. Mr. Pfaff emphasized the tremendous opportunity that the abrasive industry holds for all of us here at AWECO.

The same group taken in the shot plant. They were joined by Clyde Conley, Superintendent of Plant No. 2 and Dr. Paul Chen, Metallurgist. Clyde is partially hidden in the rear at left while Paul stands between John De Groote and George Pfaff in front.



## The Passing Parade

A local clergyman, upon hearing that liberalism was creeping into the church, remarked, "If that is true, I hope it will soon strike the contribution box."

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A four-year-old had gotten a terrible sunburn and was beginning to peel. One day his mother heard him mutter as he washed his face: "Only four years old and wearing out already."

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The evening sometimes stops when the honeymoon is over but the billing goes on forever.

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A friend is a person who kneels before he enters, not after he has taken his leave.

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Some people don't have much to say, but you have to listen a long time to find it out.

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A taxi was poking along through the New York rush-hour traffic while the occupant became increasingly impatient. "Listen," he said to the driver, "can't you go any faster?" "Sure," said the driver, "but I ain't allowed to leave the cab."

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Seven men from the lion country of Nigeria, West Africa were visiting in London. They were anxious to go to the zoo so they could see a real, live lion. One of them explained that "lions live in the bush in Africa, and only Englishmen seek them there—we leave them alone."

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A tourist in Washington, D.C., sight-seeing by taxi, spotted the inscription "What Is Past Is Prologue" on a huge public building and asked the cabbie if he knew what it meant. "Sure," came the reply: "That's government talk for 'you ain't seen anything yet!'"

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Gossip is that which goes in both ears and comes out the mouth greatly enlarged.

# Our Field Men Meet

The week of January 10-14 was a busy period for many of our people. During this week approximately 35 District Managers and Sales Engineers of the company came to town for a meeting. The opening session for District Managers was held in our office, with the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday meetings being conducted at Morris Inn. The scene of the final sessions on Friday was the office of Plant No. 1.

Much of the time was spent in the discussion of Wheelabrator equipment now in use in all parts of the country and in Canada — the problems encountered in making the sale, special engineering problems in connection with it and the performance of the machine since installation. All phases of our operations were dealt with during the week — research, engineering, manufacturing, marketing and servicing. Out of this should come a better understanding of the other fellow's job, the net result of which nearly always means better business for all of us.

Those of our personnel and management who expressed any views on the business outlook for this year seemed generally in agreement that there would be an increase over 1954 — perhaps a quite good one.

The men coming to town for this meeting were from these cities where the company maintains offices: Buffalo and New York, New York; Chicago; Birmingham, Alabama; Cincinnati and Cleveland, Ohio; Detroit; Greensboro, North Carolina; Houston, Texas; Los Angeles and San Francisco, California; Milwaukee; Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; St. Louis; Salt Lake City; Seattle; Springfield, Massachusetts; Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

The highlight of the conference was an address by **Mr. Pfaff** on Tuesday evening, January 11. The overall tone of his talk pointed to opportunities for all of us at AWECO. He touched on what has been accomplished in the past and what we may look for in the future if each of us performs his own duties to the best of his ability.

Here are a few of **Mr. Pfaff's** pertinent remarks: "Foreign business development and promoting Wheelabrator throughout the world is making good progress with new sales agents established in South America, Japan, Australia . . . AWECO's position in foreign markets is stronger than at any time . . . we are a long jump ahead of our competitors . . . we are

beginning to give parts business the attention it deserves. We have added to and improved the line of Long-Lyfe parts . . . We are on the way with Wheelabrator Steel Shot . . . we plan to install another electric furnace and associated heat-treat furnaces, also to put up a warehouse . . . we are getting ourselves into the abrasive business with both feet . . . We are doing a much stronger job with U. S. Government business . . . Weak companies are getting weaker and fading

away while strong companies are fighting hard to hold their strength and leadership . . . there is terrific competition for the buyer's dollar . . . I can only assure each of you, whatever your individual place in AWECO's organization is, that management seeks only to use our opportunities for business and grow as a company. You must agree a company grows or withers away . . . I am on the team with you, gentlemen, and I ask for your confidence."



A portion of the Wheelabrator group at one of the Tuesday sessions.

Promoting a case history of a specific Wheelabrator is Bob Bench, Sales Engineer of the Cleveland Office. Seated at table is Bob Orth, Field Sales Manager.



# Off the Reporters' Cuffs

## Foundry Shake Out

*Jack Brinkhoff*

Golf is an expensive hobby. Now this is merely a statement meant in no way to discredit the game.

Take as an example the case of Walt Ostrowski, 1953 City Champion. Over the past few years Walt has become a fairly good golfer and has taken quite a lot of loot in the line of trophies and merchandise. So now what happens? He has to have some place to keep this stuff and that means building an addition to his home.

So he rushes from one lumber company to another for prices on material, burning gallons of gas. He finally decides to buy from one particular company, but in the meantime lumber has gone up two bucks a thousand. Rather than risk any more raises he buys anyway, and so has his lumber.

Next he tries to find someone to lay the blocks for the foundation. But these guys want a young fortune for this kind of work so he does it himself. He gets it done all right but sprains his back, mashes his thumb and kills the grass where the blocks had been placed. So in addition to a doctor bill he has to buy grass seed and fertilizer. Also, having sprained his back, he has to hire a carpenter to do the rest of the work.

Eventually the room is done, but being spanking new and shiny it kinda makes the other rooms look a little dull. Mrs. Ostrowski, therefore, demands that the walls in the other rooms be painted, so Walt grudgingly obliges. Now the walls look so pretty but the woodwork looks dull and dispirited so the "Champ" has to refinish all the woodwork.

Now, Walt is ready to move his rewards for good golfing into their own little room. But while the Kid was redecorating the house, Mrs. Ostrowski and the girls have decided their closets are no longer large enough so they have moved sundry pairs of shoes, hats, bridge prizes and what-have-you into the new room. So it looks like Walt better develop a horrible "hook" or a senseless "slice" so he can save money.

Joe Viscek has done it again! His billfold is missing and anyone seeing a pigskin walking around with a couple of bands and a drivers license

in it, please notify Joe. He will gladly put it back where it belongs.

It's like "Old Settlers Day" around the Foundry with the men who were layed off being called back to work. There is **Don Clark, Shake Out; Don Van Ooteghen, Sand Mixer; Jim Coy, Assembler; Bill Heathen, Utility; Fred Valentine, Swingtable; Jim Leather, Sand Mixer (Nights); Jack Valentine, Inspector (Nights).**

There must have been something in PARADE for December that disingred with the men in Research and Dust & Fume. The day after PARADE came out the boys had withdrawn the "Welcome" mat from the doorstep. Also, if you had pecked in the door, you would have seen one guy with a rope, one with a bucket of tar and another with what looked like the feathers off that goose Vern Valentine won. A number of brushes were also conspicuous in the hands of others. It lookeded though someone was going to get a new coat for Christmas.

## Abrasive Track-Down

*Sid Matofette*

We, the employees of Plant 2, would like to use this small space to thank the staff of PARADE for including us in "Off The Reporters' Cuffs." Some of the items in our column this month may be old news to many of you. We are sorry that we couldn't get it to you sooner, but we have had no reporter in our plant. In the future, however, we will try our best to keep you informed of the happenings in the Shot Plant as soon as possible.

Although the basketball season is well under way it is not too late to have some fun. To keep pace with this fast-moving sport, the AWECO Athletic Association has obtained the Battell School gym for the purpose of providing our working men with a little recreation. Anyone interested should get over to the gym on Monday nights before 8 o'clock. We would like to see more of the folks from Plant 1 out there passing that ball around. How about it, guys?

On Thanksgiving Day, wedding bells were sounded for Golyve Danzy

and Earl Sorsby. Our congratulations and best wishes for their happiness.

Our latest birth statistics show that the stork had a busy November. On the 4th a 7 lb.-7 oz. bundle tagged Gregory Michael, arrived at the George Brandt home. Then, just four days later, Barbara Mary, 8 lbs.-7 ozs. was left for Bob Brockhoff and wife.

It seems that the "new car craze" has hit the Steel Shot Plant. Walter Meade, Shooter, is sporting a Hudson Jet, while Tommy Jamp, Foreman, has been ransoming a '55 Chevrolet. Good safe driving to both of you boys!

Cleus Garley, furnace operator, brought a box of candy to work with him. He said his wife wanted him to pass it around. We don't know whether he doesn't like his wife's cooking, or if he just wanted to show everyone else is a good fudde maker. I believe everyone will agree that Cleus is lucky to have a wife that makes such delicious candy.

Since my dad doesn't feel safe in the car with me behind the wheel I had to make a trip to Ft. Leonard Wood alone. I enjoyed an extra warm weekend with my brother and his family who are living on the base. Because of the 62° temperature down there I hated to start back to Indiana. I really had a wonderful time over the Christmas Holiday, and my only wish is that all of you it with me been along to enjoy it with me.

## Steel Stock

*Ed Johnson*

Wilbur "Blue Eyes" Boyer and Levi Himes went hunting over the Holidays. After shooting up the country, Wilbur discovered he was out of ammunition. He borrowed a couple of shells from Levi and started out again. After tracking a bunny for a mile or so he raised his gun to shoot, but the bunny had the last laugh. Blue Eyes had forgotten to load his gun! Levi says he was so burnt up that he quit for the day—and they both started to look for the nearest coke machine.

Anyone wanting a Toy Collie should talk to George DuBais. Steel Shop Foreman, George is looking for a good home for the mutts and says there is no charge.

Russ Wade really accomplished "tops" in automotive safety. Coming to work he did as follows: 1. Parked in a legal parking zone. 2. Turned off the lights. 3. Set the hand brake. 4.

Locked the doors. One error, however, spoiled all this. He was later called from the job to shut off the motor!

About the party held at the "Big Shears" Christmas Eve: **Bill Doty** brought sugar and cream. **Fred Reals** an enormous amount of cookies and **Paul Driver** furnished the coffee.



Hi, there! Many happy returns of the season—**Gross Income Tax** returns, that is. Things are back to normal, all right. **Santa Claus** (alias C. V. J.) has retired for another year. **Sales and Dust & Fume** had their annual Christmas pot luck dinner—**Parts Service and Billing** had theirs along with a visit from **Santa**—**Accounting and Mail Room** had a Christmas luncheon at L. H. Inn.

The Julianna Club party was a big success, and everybody requested the recipe for the delicious dressing... Ho Hum! The big event of the evening was the Master of Ceremonies, none other than our own **Joe Flury**, Supper clubs, please note! Many thanks to **Management** for the most wonderful of all gifts—the Friday holiday before Christmas and New Year. This reminds us of the New Year's Eve incident;

Another anniversary—

They oughta ban 'em;  
I hope there's head room  
In my bedroom.

—**LUYD ROSENFIELD**

The stork is still in circulation: **George Roper** and wife— a girl; **Heary** and **Marilyn Leuthold**—a girl; **K. Roland** and **Shirley Gregory**— a boy.

**Elsie DeBruyne** and **Catherine Washburn** were the proud recipients of beautiful engagement rings which reminds us of another lament signed, "Desperate":

Margie's engaged to Wilbur;

Shirley's engaged to Freddie.  
And here I am out of high school,  
And not even going steady!

No solitaire on my finger;  
And look at this plain old sweater,  
Not even one fraternity pin,  
Not even a tarnish letter!

Life's passed me by,  
All hope is vain,  
Looks like I'll have  
To be a brat.

—**ETHEL JACOBSEN**

So nice to see the familiar faces of **Carol Goethals**, **Joan Roytek**, **Sadie Brockie** and **Betty Barnette** who helped out during the busy work rush at the end of the year.

Welcome back to **Bessie Smith**— good to see you in Files again. Also welcome to **Weir Alan Rummel** and **Lewis F. Barrett**, Lab. Analysts, and **Janet Mott**, Sales.

If you were wondering what all the activity was during the first part of January it was due to the Sales Meeting when all the men in the field come back to the home office to see how it held up during the past year! It also gave some of us the opportunity to meet them.

Just one more item before we hang up this time. This is a little thought entitled, "15 Words."  
Five most important words: "I am proud of you."  
Four most important words: "What is your opinion?"

Three most important words: "If you please."  
Two most important words: "Thank you."  
Least important word: "I."

### Machine Turnings

*Hildreth Boehlein*

**Louie Braving** was married in December to a lady whom he had known for 35 years. Good luck and lots of happiness to you and yours, **Louie**.

I guess congratulations are in order for **Mattie Washburn**, **Mail Room**, and **Tom Leyes**, **Machine Shop**. **Katie** was given a very pretty diamond by **Tom** for Christmas. Good luck, kids. When asked, "When is the other ring going on?," **Katie** replied, "Let me get over the shock of the first."

**Louie Cookie, Jr.** was elected as a member of the **AWECO Athletic Association Board**. Nice going, **Cookie**.

**Sam Hearrell**, **Machine Shop Superintendent**, is convalescing in his home. He was operated on December 27, and we hope he is back on the job when this is read. We miss your smiling face around here, **Sam**.

Honest, you bowlers of the **Machine Shop**, **Matt Balint** did have to take his dog to the Vet that night he failed to show up to bowl. So don't be too sore at his wife who got the blame for his absence.

**Kenny Sill** retired in January and has taken off for Florida with his

wife, **Pearl**, who formerly worked here. Don't forget to write, **Kenny**, for we will be glad to hear from you. Good luck.

**Greg "Able" Thompson**, **Machine Shop**, came back from **Lakeand, Florida**, bringing with him some treasured tangerines. **Abie** picked these himself, and he reports a good time was had by all.

**Bruce Harkins**, **Stock Room**, returned to work after being off since last November with a back injury.

### Slag and Spatter

*Mildred Gardner*

**Russ Wade** parked his **Chevie**, turned the key, removed it and came in to work. But someone finally told him his motor was still running. **Russ** says that **Chevies** never die, but, like old soldiers, "just fade away."

Forgetting to be sure seems to run in bunches like bananas. The next day after this episode of **Russ** and his car, **Herman Jess** carried some tin cans out toward the garage for his wife. He was on his way to work at the time, so he put the cans down, got into the car, and backed up. The crash told him the garage doors were not automatic. **Herman** says his wife is to blame for giving him the cans to carry out, thus over-burdening his mind. Tsk! Tsk!, **Herman**.

"What a wonderful world it would be if it were made up of men and women whom our women and men could have married before they married whom they did."  
—**HARRY WALSH**, **Omaha, Nebraska**

I believe everyone present at the **Children's Christmas Party** put on by **Local 965**, will agree that the entertainment was equally enjoyed by all ages from 1-year to—how old are you?

The welders again proved they hold their foreman in high esteem. They took up a collection to get him a gift again this Christmas, and I'm sure **George Morin** was as appreciative as the boys were willing to chip in.

"Think twice before you say nothing."  
—**H. T. HUTCHINSON**

### DEAR DEPARTING GUESTS

By **GEORGE STARBUCK GALBRAITH**

To my grateful eye  
How their holes glow,  
Who say Goodby  
Just once and go!

# AWECO Sponsors Hi-Lo Specialty Company



The Hi-Lo group about to begin their business meeting. Standing are AWECO folks, Bud Hornebeck, Phil Jordan and Jim McVay.



Bud Hornebeck examines Baby Sitters' Guide just completed by workers.

Our company, mindful of its civic and community responsibilities, is again sponsoring a Junior Achievement, Inc. group. The current body is known as Hi-Lo Specialty Company.

Lending counsel to these young business people are three AWECO folks: Jim McVay, Accounting, is Business Advisor; Bud Hornebeck, Process Engineering, Production Advisor; Phil Jordan, Sales, Sales Advisor. These men receive no pay for their time or service.

The Hi-Lo Specialty Company meets

every Wednesday night in the old South Bend Watch Factory near John Adams High School. After a short business meeting they go into production on two items which they then place on the market. These products are Baby Sitters' Guides and Telephone Lamps. Both items are worthwhile to have in the home, and if you are interested you may phone Atlantic 7-9877 or stop at 1730 Mishawaka Avenue, South Bend.

On this page are a few shots your editor-photographer got one night recently.



Two young Hi-Loers assemble pages of Guide as Bud Hornebeck questions them.



Two youths work on telephone lamps. The lamps light up when receiver is taken from the hook.



This pair gives final inspection to guide.





## VISITORS IN UNIFORM

Two AWECO boys, now in the service of their country, met here during the Holiday Season. They are Chuck Lemak, formerly of Stationery Room, and Joe Weinkauf, who worked in Stationery Room and Order Entry. Chuck enlisted in the Air Force June 14, 1953, while Joe joined the Navy last October 7.

In August Chuck was raised from rank of A/B to A/C at Sampson Air Force Base, New York where he spent three months of basic training. Then followed three months of technical training at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. By this time Chuck is probably in England where he has been stationed as Classification Specialist. As soon as we learn his address we shall pass it along so you may write to him.

Joe spent 11 weeks in basic training at Great Lakes where he was advanced from Seaman Recruit to Seaman Apprentice. By the time you read this Joe will be located on the West coast. This is his correct address:

Joseph Weinkauf S.A. 470.45.63  
ONC Telmon School  
San Diego, California

It was good to see these lads again, and they wish to extend their best wishes to all those friends they failed to see while here on their visit. Why don't you write to them from time to time?

## In Memoriam

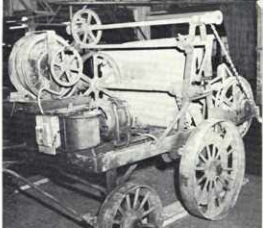
Two of our people were recently saddened by the deaths of ones dear to them. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bernice Madratski, Purchasing, and Elsie De Bruyne, Research. Bernice lost her mother in late December, and Elsie her stepmother in early January.

## "Old Reliable"

Machines, as well as people, find themselves entitled to retirement after a long period of faithful service. The old Sandcutler pictured here is no exception. The fact that it is almost a half century old speaks for the quality of the material and workmanship.

In April, 1947, Dave Logan, District Sales Engineer in our New York office, reported to Al Lenhard, Sales Promotion and Advertising Manager, on an old Sandcutler still in use at the Hajo Corporation, Lansdale, Pennsylvania. Since that time Al has corresponded with the Hajo people in regard to obtaining the machine for a museum piece after it is no longer in use.

Several weeks ago they informed Al that they were closing the Lansdale plant, and that the old Sandcutler was up for sale. The result was that AWECO bought it for a nominal sum. It arrived by truck and will be stored until the day a Company Museum is established.



There was considerable discussion among our veteran employees as to the exact age of the Sandcutler Harry Smith, who came to the company in 1918 said it was before his time, and was probably made about 1911. Ardee Freeman thought it might date back as far as 1906. Dave Logan stated that he thought the machine might have been that old and likely was made in Piqua, Ohio. He knows that it was in use at Lansdale in 1916.

Here are two views of "Old Reliable" just after it had been unloaded on the dock in North Shipping.



## From Receiving Clerk to Supervising Engineer

### HAROLD GARMAN

Harold Garman, Supervising Engineer, Demonstration Department, came to AWECO in May, 1937, after having been employed at the Twin Branch Plant of I & M Electric Company. His first job was receiving clerk in the stock room. He soon was transferred to Experimental Department (now Demonstration). In August of 1941 he was called to active duty with the U. S. Air Force. He returned to his present job in September, 1945.



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Knew  
Him  
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## VIM, VIGOR and a VOLLEY BALL

Wheelabrator quality makes itself felt, not only in business but in such fields as sports. The volley ball team representing St. Joseph's School of Mishawaka is currently tied for first place in the league with St. Adalbert's of South Bend. Daughters of three AWECO people are on the team — Ann Lenhard, daughter of Al Lenhard, Sales Promotion & Advertising Manager; Linda Ostrowski, daughter of Walk Ostrowski, Foundry Foreman; Sharon Van Belleghem, daughter of John Van Belleghem, Steel Shop Welder. Don't go away now — the coach of this classy team is our own Mary Fetter, Mail Room Supervisor, who has acted in this capacity for over five years.

No high school basketball team or their supporters are more enthusiastic or full of pep than these eighth grade girls, who can really make a volley ball do things. At this writing they have not lost a game in the circuit known as Inter-City Catholic Volley Ball League. All games are played during the day on Saturdays at St. Joseph School Hall in Mishawaka.

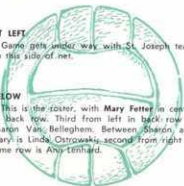
The league is composed of 12 teams representing the following parochial schools: St. Thomas of Elkhardt; Christ The King, Doue Way North; St. Adalbert, St. Patrick, St. Matthew, St. Casimer, St. Stephen, Holy Cross and

### AT LEFT

Ganno gets under way with St. Joseph team on this side of net.

### BELOW

This is the roster, with Mary Fetter in center of back row. Third from left in back row is Sharon Van Belleghem. Between Sharon and Mary is Linda Ostrowski, second from right in same row is Ann Lenhard.



Our Lady of Hungary, all of South Bend; St. Bavo, St. Monica and St. Joseph of Mishawaka.

**BULLETIN:** Mary's team just defeated St. Adalbert so takes the lead in the league.

## From Welder to Welding Foreman

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### GEORGE MORIN

George Morin has been with the company nearly 21 years, having started as a welder in May, 1934. Previously he had worked for Studebaker. George advanced from welder to group leader, then to his present post as Welding Foreman in the Steel Shop.





Friday, January 7, was the last day on the job for Kenny Sitt, Machine Shop. Kenny came with the company in June, 1936. He plans to make his home in Florida, and maybe get on better terms with the fish down that way. His wife, Pearl, says that he was always borrowing her pole when she

needed it most. He won't have to resort to that now, as the folks in the Machine Shop outfitted him with a rod, reel and line. In the picture, Kenny holds up the reel to explain to his buddies that he intends to have a "real" time. Best wishes, Kenny and Pearl!



Everyone who passed through the lobby just prior to Christmas remarked on the beauty of the Poinsettia plants which added a Holiday touch. On the last working day before Christmas names of Julianna Girls were drawn, and the two winners of the plants were Anna Marie Blesbroeck, Engineering, and Doris Schmelz, Dust & Fume. We were able to get a picture of Anna Marie admiring her prize. In true Christmas spirit, however, she presented the plant to the Poor Handmaid Sisters of St. Bavo's Parish.

## People and Events in the News



### Parade Reporter

This is Sid Malchette, new PARADE reporter who will handle the news in Plant 2. Sid is cooperating with us to give the Steel Shot folks some space in PARADE, and we hope all of you out there in turn give him some assis-

stance. The only effort on your part will be to hand him news items as you find them. Sid and I will do the rest. Sid has been here since January, 1953, and is a son of Louise Malchette, Steel Shop.

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Following is a letter received recently by Frank Pedrotty, Special Engineer:

Dear Mr. Pedrotty:

The sophomores of John Adams High School wish to take this opportunity to express their appreciation for your participation in their recent Career Clinic. We know that all sophomores benefited a great deal from the information you gave us them.

This was a new experience for us in the field of guidance, and because of this we would more than welcome any suggestions you might have to improve our program.

Sincerely yours,  
Tom Hawblitzel,  
Session Chairman

## This Month's Cover

One never gets too old to attend to the "little things of life." This is demonstrated by our cover subject, Irving Kyles, South Shipping, who at 76 knows what a valentine is for. He and his wife were married in 1908.

Irv has been with the company 30 years, but has worked on the same premises for 45 years. Between 1910 and 1925 he was employed by a car manufacturer, an auto accessory company and a producer of Diesel engines. These firms all folded, but Irv kept right on working and enjoying life. Don't get the idea either that Irv is young of heart on Valentine Day only — he has a fine philosophy of life, and perhaps that is why every day is a good day for him.



George Dely, Maintenance (Nights) came here in July, 1941. He works as janitor. George previously was employed by the Bremen Clay Loom Foundry. He is married and has five daughters and five sons — also 18 grandchildren. His favorite sport is fishing. George is a member of the Army and Navy Union, U.S.A.



Frank PoR, Steel Shop (Nights) came here in March, 1931. Previously he had worked for Excelsior Plant of Indianapolis. He works here as an "Unloader" of steel. Frank is married and has two children. He says that he has no special spare time interests aside from television.



Joyce Zimmerman, Abrasive Division of Sales Department, worked for Studebaker before coming here in April, 1954. Her chief duties are keeping records of orders and shipments of abrasives. Joyce says she likes to sew and gains considerable of the latter with textiles. She is the director of a 35-vote children's choir.



Walter Bailey, Stock Room (Nights) began working here in April, 1951. Before that he was with Frost Veneer Company, Ashigo, Wisconsin. Walter's job here is filling repair parts orders. He is married and has four children. He says his main hobbies are hunting, fishing, boating and archery.

## AWECO FOLKS on the JOB



Forrest Kinaman, Steel Shop (Nights) has been at AWECO since July, 1948. Before that he had worked for Jack's Tooling Company of South Bend. Forrest works on Semj layout. He is married and has two daughters. His spare time activities are reading, driving and all the sports.



Patricia "Tippy" Blinn came to AWECO in June, 1954. She came here from Morris-town, New Jersey, where she was employed by The Hamann Company. Her job here is Secretary to Key Steele, Petroleum Director. For relaxation Tippy enjoys golfing, bowling and dancing. She is married and has a son, agesix. Tippy is active in P.T.A. work and is a member of Women's Board at Crippled Children's Hospital.



Glenn Palmer, Steel Shop, came here in September, 1950. Before that he was employed by Pontiac Garage, Bloomington, Illinois. Glenn works as an assembler. He is married and has three children. He says his chief amusements are football and swimming. Glenn is a member of the Masonic Lodge of Bloomington. He is also Financial Secretary of Local No. 995 I.A.W.C.I.O.



Luther Woods, Steel Shop, began working at AWECO in October, 1954. Before coming here he was employed by Stewart Warner Company, Chicago. Luther works as an assembler. When asked what his hobby was he beamed. "My two grandsons and fishing."