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# TOPICS

HAMILTON WATCH COMPANY



## Hamilton Set To Celebrate Its Diamond Anniversary

Plans are almost complete for the 75th Anniversary observance of the Hamilton Watch Company in May. President Arthur B. Sinkler said that, "While the anniversary of the company actually falls in December of this year, we feel that an early summer celebration is more appropriate."



Fred Waring

Highlight of the observance will be a public concert of Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians under the sponsorship of Hamilton at the Long Park Amphitheater on May 25. At the same time, from May 24-26, more than 150 Hamilton sales representatives will attend a national sales conference here.

The conference, which will be attended by representatives of all Hamilton divisions, will also mark the first time that salesmen have all been together here in six years. The last conference was held in Lancaster in 1961.

"Hamilton," Mr. Sinkler said, "has been a community landmark for 75 years. So many people in the community—fathers and sons—have contributed to the success of the company and earned their livelihood here that we felt that it was appropriate to invite everyone in the community to share in our three-quarter-of-a-century celebration."

Waring, the veteran bandsman and producer, is completing an anniversary observance of his own. This is his 50th year in show business.

### NEW TIMERS

**New Timers:** *Amy Lynette* born to *Alfred L.* (Vantage sales) and *Rebecca Hill* . . . September 11, Baptist Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

*James R. Jr.* born to *James R.* (metals prod.) and *Donna Lee Farmer* . . . October 12, St. Joseph's Hospital.

*Jay Michael* born to *Lee E.* (surv. inspection) and *Carolyn G. Lehman* . . . October 30, Lancaster General Hospital.

*Margaret Jeannette* born to *Nelson F.* (tabulating) and *Margaret C. Craige* . . . December 3, Lancaster General Hospital.

*Wendy Jean* born to *Howard E.* (watch assembly) and *Donna Kissinger* . . . December 12, St. Joseph's Hospital.

*Tim Christopher* born to *George H.* (mil. lab.) and *Ilse M. Ludwig* . . . December 20, St. Joseph's Hospital.

*Andrea Petra* born to *Alexander* (Vantage sales) and *Paula Margrith Caplazi* . . . January 19, Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Texas.

*Deborah Kay* born to *Harry B.* (mach.

shop) and *Barbara A. Froelich* . . . January 23, St. Joseph's Hospital.

### Attention Golfers

Can spring be far behind?

Golfers are being asked to join the HRA team and a schedule including five big tournaments has been announced. HRA members are eligible if they send their names, departments and department phone numbers (with the \$4 entrance fee) to Bob Frey, watch assembly, before March 31.

Indian Springs will be the home course, according to league treasurer Frey. Other officers are Dick Weaver, president; and Curt Seitz and John Schuppert, secretaries.

Teams will be selected in early April. Tournaments will be played at Indian Springs in May; Fairview, June; Ingle-side Manor, July; Green Acres, August; and Blue Mountain, September.

### Skaters Show Enthusiasm

On February 13, H.R.A. sponsored the fifth roller skating party of the year, attended by a record turnout of approximately 430 skaters. A large number of children joined the adults at Overlook for the three hour skating party. A total of eight door prizes was awarded during the evening.

Roller skating is not a new H.R.A. activity, but, according to "Woody" Rathvon, Chairman of the Roller Skating Committee, it has been growing by leaps and bounds every year. The number of parties have been increased this year and crowds have been considerably larger than those of past years.

On March 13, the sixth roller skating party of the year will be held at Overlook. Admission, as always, is free. Participants must pay for rental of skates or take their own.

Plans are being made for one additional skating party sometime during May. Firm details on this and the March 13th party will be posted on bulletin boards at a later date.

### WANT ADS

• For sale 16" Westinghouse table model TV. \$30.00 or make offer. Barbara Schroll, switch-board.

• 29' sailboat, Chesapeake Bay skipjack, good shape, good sails, sleeps 4-5, 14 h.p. o.b. auxiliary, \$1850 or make offer. Dick Charles ext. 213 or 397-0917.

## H.R.A. Announces 1967 Candidates

Every year, during the month of March, H.R.A. members cast their ballots for the candidates of their choice, and this year will be no exception.

After an unusually active and growth-filled year it almost seems that little improvement can be made over the Ellis administration. Each of the candidates, however, has his own ideas of how the organization should operate, and will be anxious to put those ideas to work.

Topping the list for president are: Helen Baehr, inspection, and Jack Brubaker, military products, East Petersburg. Helen is the current vice president under Ray Ellis and Jack is treasurer.



H. Baehr



J. Brubaker



D. Bechtold



R. Roschel



B. Randall



M. Hermann

Butting heads for vice president are: Dolly Bechtold, train and Ronnie Roschel, military products.

The candidates for secretary and assistant secretary are running unopposed, owing to the short terms of office they served after Marie Lawrence, elected secretary in 1967, left the company. Brad Randall, military products, and Mike Hermann, Vantage, vie for the office of assistant treasurer. Jere Neimer, current assistant treasurer, will automatically move into the office of treasurer for the 1967-68 term, as stipulated in the by-laws.

In competition for the five open posts on the board of directors are: Charles Koller, maintenance; Richard Weaver, train; Jack Henderson, military products, East Petersburg; Charles Brinkman, watch assembly; Leo Fregley, watch manufacturing engineering; Jim Stere, timing instruments; Edith Nelson, military products; Eva Herschok, Wallace sales; Elsie Frey, military white room; Theresa Sekula, military products; and Lottie Bechtold, train.

The members of the board of directors, elected to two-year terms of office last year are: Carl Yecker, Lorraine Geib, Nancy Maurer, Dottie Prentice, and Priscilla McKain.

## Ski Report

After a poor start, many intermissions, rain, sleet, ice and occasional periods of "no snow," the Ski Club is about to wind up the season with a less active year than was originally planned.

Those new skiers who did venture onto the slopes, found the sport to be far more enjoyable than they had thought, and are now ardent followers. For the old timers, there just weren't enough trips, several ski safaris are certainly superior to no ski safaris.

This season the Ski Club emblem, delayed for one reason or another for the last two years, will be distributed. The watch on skis is in keeping with the watch in the hair, or around the skin-diver's face mask, Hamilton's newest advertising program. Movies, or "Flicks," in the auditorium didn't fare too well either, there being only three. As the saying goes, however, "next year it'll be better." The film committee is making their selections now for the 1968 season that will be arriving all too soon.

## Hamilton Keeps Time For Explorers

Hamilton has been named the official timekeeper for the Plaisted Polar Expedition which will cross the North Polar Ice Cap this spring.

The 10 man expedition will attempt to reach the North Pole over a surface route from Eureka, Ellesmore Island, in the Canadian Northwest Territories. The last time anyone successfully crossed the ice was when Arctic explorer Robert Peary reached the Pole by dog sled in 1909. Other visits have since been made by plane, dirigible and submarine.

Since accurate navigation is essential to the success of the expedition across the more than 800 trackless miles of ice to the Pole, the group is taking along two specially conditioned Hamilton navigation chronometer watches in padded carrying cases. Designed to meet U. S. Navy Bureau of Ships and Military specifications, these navigation instruments are treated with a special lubricant to assure accurate performance even at 40 degrees below zero.

For navigation purposes, the Greenwich time read off the chronometer is compared to the relative position of the sun in order to establish the longitude of the party. Because precise time readings are required for this navigation, the two chronometers will be checked against each other.

Also each member of the party will wear a Hamilton Aquadate automatic wrist watch. These watches, which feature a completely sealed case and elapsed time indicator, also are specially lubricated to withstand the severe conditions of the Arctic.

According to the expedition navigator, Gerald R. Pitzl, Hamilton chronometers were chosen because, in his aerial navigation experiences with the Marine Corps, "only one name was ever mentioned on the topic of navigation chronometers, the Hamilton."

## MOVING TO NEW ASSIGNMENTS



L. Abel



L. Burross



R. Carvell



D. M. Charles



R. F. Charles



S. A. Gast



B. Hershey



C. L. Huber



J. M. Jack



F. R. Kay



P. Lenox, Jr.



L. Martin



S. Molisak



M. Mowrer, Jr.



N. Nagy



C. Nelson



E. S. Smeriglio



H. M. Smith



G. D. Smythe



G. A. Soeters



R. Stauffer



B. G. Steiner



G. Ulmer



L. Vann, Jr.



J. Weidman III



G. A. White



A. Yancha

**Linda Abel:** M.P. assembly—ordnance assembler I to personnel—personnel clerk

**Lewis Burross:** plate—machine operator to data processing—computer operator

**Ralph Carvell:** plate—hauser profiler to set-up man

**Dolores M. Charles:** metals sales—secretary stenographer to secretary B

**Richard F. Charles:** manager, industrial products publicity to director public relations

**Samuel A. Gast:** watch merchandising—merchandising coordinator to line planning manager

**Barry Hershey:** photoforming—photoformer to photoformer-general

**Charles L. Huber:** machine and tool design—senior designer to design engineer

**John M. Jack:** presentation sales representative to Wallace sales manager-special programs

**F. Roy Kay:** credit—credit assistant to assistant credit manager

**Paul Lenox, Jr.:** machine and tool shop—ap-

prentice machinist to machinist

**Lester Martin:** precision metals—inspector to rolling mill operator

**Stanley Molisak:** watch case tool department—supervisor to tool and equipment engineer

**Melvin Mowrer, Jr.:** automatic—service man to machine and tool shop—apprentice small tool and gage maker

**Naomi Nagy:** advertising—clerk typist to secretary B

**Carl Nelson:** M.P. assembly—ordnance escape-ment and timing adjuster to movement assembly—chronometer assembler and adjuster

**Edward S. Smeriglio:** watch case division—jeweler to assistant supervisor jewelry department

**Henry M. Smith:** Hamilton sales representative to western district sales manager

**G. D. Smythe:** M. P. ordnance engineer to fore-man electric watch assembly

**George A. Soeters:** watch case division—tool

and equipment engineer to supervisor of tool department

**Richard Stauffer:** train—parts inspector to general inspector

**Bruce G. Steiner:** M.P. engineering—sr. electronics technician to leader—electronics technicians

**Gilbert Ulmer:** machine and tool shop—apprentice small tool and gage maker to small tool and gage maker

**Leonard Vann, Jr.:** manufacturing stocks—stock-room clerk to machine and tool shop—apprentice small tool and gage maker

**James Weidman III:** director of public relations to president and general manager Hamilton Watch Company, Ltd., Canada

**George A. White:** M. P. assembly, East Petersburg—group leader to supervisor

**Adrian Yancha:** M. P. contract—contract analyst to contract analysis supervisor

## Plan Now For Vacation Trips

According to H.R.A. officials, there are still a number of vacancies for the HRA sponsored vacation trips—the Bahama Holiday and the Expo '67—New England Trip.

The Bahama Holiday will begin on July 23 with bus transportation to Baltimore and then a chartered flight to the Grand Bahama Island. The price of the trip is \$188.00 which includes airplane fare, hot meals and drinks in flight, two meals daily, complimentary party on the night of arrival, free chaise lounge at the pool side, twin bedrooms with air conditioning and TV, all baggage handling, a mid-week party, a casino cruise from the islands to the Monte Carlo of Americas, and all gratuities and taxes. The return trip to Lancaster will be July 30.

The New England—Expo '67 trip, from July 24 to July 30, will include a sight-seeing jaunt by bus through New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and then on to Montreal. A stop will be made in Boston Cannon Mountain for a gondola ride, St. Johnsbury to see the Maple Museum, Barre, Vermont to visit the marble quarry plus many more additional stops at points of interest.

The highlight of the trip will be Expo '67 in Montreal, Canada. The price of \$179.50 for this trip includes transportation, some fabulous meals at deluxe restaurants, first class accommodations, taxes, tour admissions, and a special farewell luncheon in the Adirondacks on the return home.

Both of these "vacation specials" are open to all members of HRA and their immediate families. For further information, contact Edith Pelen, budget department, ext. 245 or Wally Bork, personnel, ext. 231, or any member of the trip committee.

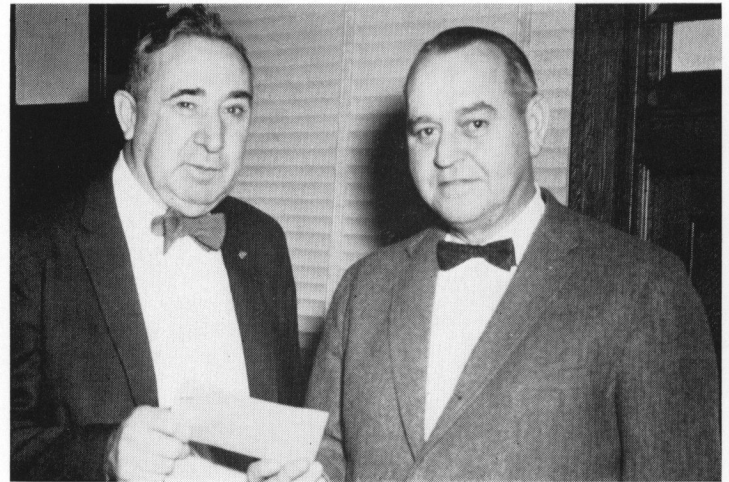
## SWIMMING PARTY

The H.R.A. executive committee recently approved an idea submitted by one of the membership, Bob Bitting, military products, East Petersburg. Bob suggested a spring swimming party at the newly established Golden Acres indoor swimming pool. So there will be one in early April.

### Comin' Up

- March 9—Night Ski Trip
- 12—Ringling Bros. Circus Show—Baltimore
- 13—Rollerskating Party—Overlook
- 24-25-26—Atlantic City Weekend Trip

# WALLACE NEWS



Robert E. McGuire (right), supervisor of the Machine and Hand Die Departments, receives an Eagle award for his excellent cost reducing suggestion of converting old flat promotional dies to full length shaped handle striking dies, from Elson P. Dolliver, vice president.

## Supervisors' Meeting

The supervisory group had a supper meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Wallingford on January 23. The principal part of the program was devoted to the silver division, present and future. Leading the discussions were Arthur J. Killen, Ralph H. Ives and Walter R. Vollhardt.

Others participating in the program were E. P. Barber, assisted by Gene E. Sterner, who gave an up-to-date financial report; and Robert E. McGuire, safety director, and Carl P. Cleaves, insurance representative, who covered the matter of safety in the plant.

## Names in the News

Robert M. Engberg, personnel director, has been re-appointed a director of the Central Connecticut United Fund.

Fred J. Straub, purchasing agent, has been elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Wallingford Chamber of Commerce, replacing Ralph H. Ives.

A biography of William H. Wheeler, employment manager, appears in the current issue of "Who's Who in the Methodist Church."

**NEW PATTERNS:** A son, *Claudio, Jr.*, born to Mr. & Mrs. *Claudio Mejias* on January 23. Claudio works in the hollow ware machine buff department.

A daughter, *Christina Lee*, born to Mr. & Mrs. *Raymond White* on February 9. Ray is a salesman in the Wallace Sales Division.

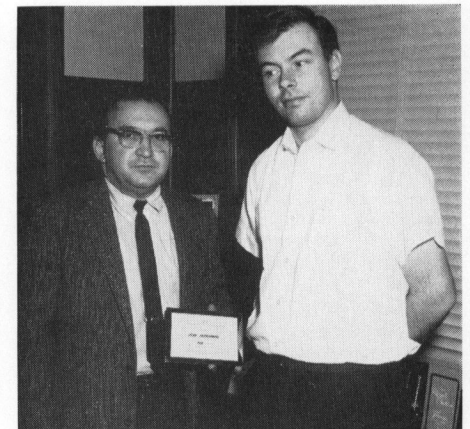
**IN MEMORIAM:**—Sympathy is extended to the families of Edward DuBois (retired—42 years service); Everett Bird (retired—38 years service); and John Bonini (retired—38 years service.)

## Results Announced For Par in '66

The PAR cost reduction program accomplished 109% of its goal in 1966. Three Eagle awards, each for over \$5,000 in savings, were made during the last half of the year which is a good indication that there is still opportunity for major savings in 1967.

The Watch Case Division deserves special recognition as it went from last place in 1965 to first place in 1966.

**WEDDING BELLS** Robert Mucik, soft soldering, was married to Carolyn L. Romano on January 28, at St. Sebastian's Church, Middletown, Connecticut. They are making their home at 113 Westfield Street, Middletown.



Receiving his first PAR award for a cost saving idea is Jean P. Wuischpard, supervisor of the Watch Case Turning Department, from Arthur J. Killen, chairman of the PAR Committee. Jean's idea was a new type sectional tray to prevent chafing of watches during processing.

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**Our Cover:** Artist's caricature shows the maestro, Fred Waring, in action. Waring will present his Pennsylvanians in concert at a May 25 public appearance at Long Park Amphitheater. Hamilton is sponsoring the concert in conjunction with the 75th anniversary observance of the company. Waring, too, is celebrating an anniversary—his 50th year in show business.

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