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## HAMILTON RIDES WITH A YOUNG CASEY JONES

A Hamilton watch is a highly important item in the railroad industry. Known as "The Watch of Railroad Accuracy," the Hamilton timepiece is used by approximately 78 per cent of all railroaders whose jobs depend on "getting in on time."

A Hamilton railroad watch was never in the hands of a more proud possessor than on July 23 when little Tommy Sigsworth, a 13 year old "Casey Jones" who lives near Elyria, Ohio, made his "guest" run in the cab of the swift Fifth Avenue Special, a crack New York Central steam locomotive, for a 100 mile dash from Toledo to Linndale, Ohio.

The watch Tommy carried was purchased in 1906 by his grandfather, John C. Sigsworth, who was a fireman on the New York Central for two years. In turn the watch, whose movement number is 310616, was handed down to Tommy's dad, John H. Sigsworth, who in turn gave it to Tommy prior to his trip.

The story of Tommy's ride is a boyhood dream come true tale. It all started when Tommy was four years old. His home is located several hundred yards from the New York Central tracks. Tommy got his dad to rig up a cord on his bed so he could turn his bedroom light on and off. He turned it on and off so many times every night that its blinking attracted the attention of passing train crews.

It wasn't long before word got around among the railroad men to watch for the signals from "the kid who lives in the white house about seven miles east of Elyria on the south side of the track." When they saw his light, they tooted their whistles and Tommy's delight was undecipherable. In the day time he waved at the engineers.

In the ensuing years of this unusual friendship, Tommy posted a bulletin board in his room and listed all passing trains. When a train was behind schedule, he telephoned the Elyria depot that it would be a little late.

The story about Tommy reached Frank Judd, western publicity representative of the New York Central. Judd visited the Sigsworth home and put the "trip" proposition to Tommy. The lad told him that he'd go.

When the Interstate Express arrived at Elyria early on the morning of July 23, Tommy and Judd and several others were waiting to board the train. A fine dinner in the diner appealed to Tommy.

On arrival at Toledo, Judd opened a paper bag and took out Tommy's railroad clothing, consisting of a railroad's cap, overalls, red bandana and gloves which all cost Tom \$3.00. This did not include his Boy Scout shoes. Just before he started his dad gave him his grandfather's Hamilton railroad watch. He had it securely anchored with a heavy shoe string to his overalls.

Tommy got in a little practice on old 5289, a switch engine, in the Toledo yards.

Then came the big event, the trip he had been waiting for. Tom swung aboard the cab of the sleek Chicago to New York Fifth Avenue Special and took his place beside Engineer Harry T. Hines. For 108 miles un-



Tommy Sigsworth, standing on the cab platform of the Fifth Avenue Special, a crack New York Central locomotive, checks his Hamilton with Engineer Harry T. Hines and finds the trip from Toledo to Linndale, Ohio, was made on time—Hamilton time.

til the train reached Linndale at the outskirts of Cleveland, he assisted Engineer Hines and fireman M. A. Schmude, like a veteran.

His face lit up like a Christmas tree as the engine speeded on its way. "He blew the whistle for crossings like he'd been sitting in the cab for fifty years," said Hines.

When the train passed his home he gave a half dozen good toots. "We saw his mother waving her white apron and his father waving h's arms," concluded Hines.

"I hung on pretty tight when we first started," said Tommy. "A big locomotive doesn't ride exactly like a parlor car. But it was swell. That's what I'm going to do when I get big."

When Tommy arrived at Linndale, he pulled out his Hamilton and checked the running time from Toledo with Engineer Hines. The Fifth Avenue Special made it on time—Hamilton time.

## REDUCTION IN PRICE FOR HRA DANCERS

Reduction in prices—up to fifty cents per person—are available to Hamilton Recreation Association members on all dances this coming fall and winter at the Maple Grove Ballroom, the local home of all the top bands of the country.

This is an HRA privilege made possible through the cooperation of Wilbur Smith, manager of the ballroom.

The opening dance of the season was booked for September 28th, featuring piano playing Skitch Henderson and his orchestra.

A lineup of bands following the Henderson aggregation who will play for dancing at the Grove, include: Oct. 5, Randy Brooks; Oct. 12, Billy Butterfield; Oct. 19, Glen Gray; Oct. 26, Sunny Dunham; Nov. 2, Charley Barnett. All the above bands can be heard for the HRA price of \$1.35 per person.

## 125 MEMBERS ATTEND ANNUAL HMA PICNIC

"One of the most successful Hamilton Management picnics ever held," is the way the 125 members who attended the August 16th affair at Wheatland Park expressed themselves after a pleasant day.

Along with the 125 members attending were nine retired Hamilton employees.

The food prepared by Paul Rodgers (Cafeteria) was Grade A. It featured barbecues, ham, pork and beef.

In the way of entertainment there were: cards, swimming, a dart throwing at watermelons contest and a quoit tournament which was won by E. L. Mester (Section Supt.) and Harold Quickel (Works Lab.) who defeated Jinx Ganse (Insp.) and Joe Centini (Equip. & Tool Des.).

The picnic was in charge of the Social-Recreational Committee, a combined unit, consisting of: Ken Weeks (Personnel) chairman, W. W. MacIntyre (Machine), Paul Rodgers (Cafeteria), Robert Gunder (Adv.), Casper Markert (Plate), Frank Christoffel (Management), Harold Schafer (Spec. Mfg.), Ephraim Fornoff (T. & C.), John Ganse (Insp.) and William Marks (Automatic).

## SOMETHING NEW

If enough Hamilton employees are interested, a class in Dutch design painting will be added as a prospective HRA activity. A qualified instructor would be secured to teach a course on this subject. Employees interested in a course of this nature contact



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## RETIREMENT PLAN REVISED

### COMMUNITY DRIVE STARTS NEXT WEEK

Goal for City & County  
Set at \$361,963 for '47

The 1947 Lancaster County Community Chest Drive starts at Hamilton within the next week.

Always near the top among the industrial organizations in this worthy cause, Hamilton employees are again called upon to contribute to the Drive which this year will benefit 18 community agencies instead of 16 as in 1946.

The two new agencies to share in the chest are: the Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital and the Guidance Clinic. The other 16 agencies to benefit from the Drive are:

Association for the Blind  
Boys' Club of Lancaster  
Boy Scouts  
Community Service Association  
Crispus Attucks Recreation Assoc.  
Day Nursery  
Girl Scouts  
Lancaster Recreation Association  
Lancaster County Society  
Crippled Children  
Rossmore Sanatorium  
St. Joseph's Hospital  
Salvation Army  
Shelter Home  
Social Service Exchange  
Visiting Nurse Association  
Y. W. C. A.

This is the 23rd year for the Welfare Federation (now Community Chest). It was organized for the purpose of raising funds necessary for operation of all member agencies through one appeal—doing away with multiplicity of drives and serving the community more economically.

The campaign goal for 1947 for the City and County is \$361,963.00. All contributions are deductible for income tax purposes.

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### Company Will Pay Cost Of Increased Benefits

In a notice released to all Hamilton employees on September 16, President Calvin M. Kendig announced a revision in the Cooperative Retirement Annuity Plan to provide greatly increased benefits for all employees as they retire.

Effective at once, the Retirement benefits provided by each employee's contributions are increased by one-third. The Company will pay the entire cost of these added benefits, not only for 1947 and succeeding years, but also retroactively for July 1, 1940, when the Plan went into effect. The improved benefits will involve substantial payments by Hamilton to the Insurance Company in 1947 and in subsequent years.

In addition to the increased benefits there will be other favorable changes in the Plan. In the near future all Hamilton employees will receive a revised booklet and other information which will explain fully what these changes mean to them.

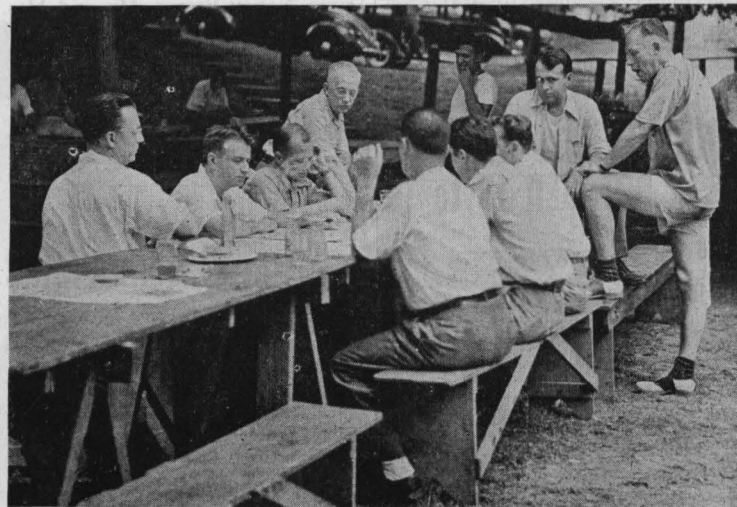
The Company expresses its appreciation to its Board of Directors for its favorable action on the plan.

The Officers and Management of the Hamilton Watch Company also expressed their appreciation to the Officers of the Hamilton Watch Workers' Union for their cooperation during the preparation and development of this plan.

## WANTED

Old Hamilton watches with movement serial numbers smaller than 350,000. Must have just "HAMILTON" lettered on original dial.

If you have any of these watches in your possession or you know anyone who has any of them, contact Murray W. Gould (Patent Atty.).



At one of the Wheatland Park banquet tables a few of the HMA boys were whoopin' it up with the flying pasteboards. The picnic camouflage in this set up is perfect. The bobby soxer on the right in the abbreviated clothing is Sam Rohrer (Personnel). Naturally, "Deacon" Harold Herr (Service Office) holds down the left end spot in this game.



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LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA—SEPTEMBER 29, 1947

## WHY A COMMUNITY CHEST

Very few persons today would be living in Lancaster County if health facilities, character-building services, and recreational programs and opportunities were not being supplied to the citizens of the community. It has become a habit with us to take these things for granted and if they were suddenly withdrawn, the economic and social life of this county would be seriously affected.

Many of the employees here at Hamilton can remember when each agency now under the Community Chest held a separate drive for funds. Each month of the year there was one or, in some cases, three drives for funds. We are no longer bothered by the constant solicitation for funds, in fact, here at Hamilton, the employees are only individually solicited once for the drive—The Community Chest.

The Community Chest, by combining eighteen appeals into one annual campaign, saves time and expense by avoiding duplication and overlapping of services. A committee of representative citizens review the budgets of each agency thus assuring economy of operation.

The question is often asked as to what a personal contribution to the Community Chest should be. This is a most important question since, as citizens of Lancaster, all of us feel we want to carry our fair share of the services rendered. Small gifts are not disparaged by the Chest but every one is asked to realize what a small gift, say \$2.00, means—just 4 cents per week toward the support of 18 agencies. If these agencies came with separate appeals, the chances are you might give to each, an amount equal to the above or greater.

This year, larger funds are needed since two new agencies are in the Chest—Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital and the Guidance Clinic—and the operating expense of all the agencies has increased considerably over last year.

The employees at Hamilton have always responded generously to the Chest's appeal. The Industrial Division is suggesting a contribution of a day's pay from each employee. The quota assigned to Hamilton and other industries will help assure the continuing work of all the agencies in the Community Chest.

PENNSYLVANIA WEEK  
OCTOBER 13 to 19

"Pennsylvania Week 1947" (Oct. 13-19) is part of a carefully-planned, vitally-important campaign to promote Pennsylvania by making the great rank and file of its citizens, young and old, completely conscious of the unparalleled volume and variety of the Commonwealth's industrial, agricultural, natural, economic and man-power resources.

Here are a few vitally important facts and figures on our state:—Pennsylvania outproduces every other state in fifty major industries—has one-tenth of all the manufacturing employment and pay rolls of all states. Pennsylvania alone is a bigger market than some whole nations. Within a radius of 500 miles

is gathered 62% of the population of the United States, 68% of all manufacturing industries, 80% of the industrial workers and 81% of the industrial pay roll.

Pennsylvania has more farms than all England and Wales.

Pennsylvania has an abundance of raw material resources and produces more power than any other state.

Pennsylvania is bountifully supplied with fish and game . . . trout streams are well stocked, forests abound with deer, small game and pheasants—even bear.

Pennsylvania is beautiful . . . with her mountains, forests and streams.

We here at Hamilton can play a big part in promoting Pennsylvania. Let's tell more people about our great state during "Pennsylvania Week 1947."

BUCHMILLER'S SITE  
OF FINISHING OUTING

With 65 employees on hand the Finishing Department held its corn and doggie roast at Buchmiller's Park on August 22.

The feature attraction of the affair was a softball game between the Finishers and the Bankers and the honors wound up in a tie.

DIALERS PICNIC  
AT MILLERSVILLE

Thirty-five members of the Dial Department had a nifty little corn and doggie roast on the evening of August 21 at Frances Burkhart's farm in Millersville.

MUSIC FEATURES  
PLANNING PICNIC

The Planning Division went big league and had music and dancing at their September 13 picnic at Wheatland Park.

Those in attendance were: Wyn Davis, Nancy Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kutz, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stuepfle, Mr. and Mrs. Les Kachel and son, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Roberts, Arlene Hoff, Bill Carey, Julia Heida, Freda Dearolf and friend, Joe Gegg and Dot Neidamyer and husband.

PERSONNEL DEPT.  
HOLDS ANNUAL PICNIC

On Saturday afternoon, Sept. 13, the Personnel Department held its annual picnic at "Preston's summer reservation" at Blossom Hill with 21 persons in attendance.

Those in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Luckey, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Manby, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rohrer, Mr. and Mrs. John Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Al Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Frey, Mr. and Mrs. George Bable, Peggy Morrison, Pat Weisman, Anna Mae Snader, Marcia Hughes and Ken Weeks.

## COMMUNITY DRIVE

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The major question of all contributors to a Drive of this nature is, what benefits do I receive? The answer is (1) Each agency can devote every day of the year to its health and welfare program without spending time and energy raising funds. (2) Those using the services of the agencies receive direct benefits. (3) The Drive combines 18 appeals into one and assures wise and economical handling of funds—duplications and gaps in health and welfare work are avoided. (4) "Everybody Benefits"—when a homeless child is given a home—when family life is steadied and strengthened—when community health is protected and improved—when boys and girls turn from the streets to wholesome recreation, delinquency goes down—crime is prevented and you and your family are safer.

This year the citizens, functioning as Welfare's Board, has suggested as a guide for industrial plants, the giving of at least a day's pay by each employee.

HAMILTON IS A PLANT  
OF MANY WINDOWS

Believe it or not but it would take two painters working 75% of the 7½ months yearly painting season, approximately four years to complete the painting of all the sash work around the panes of glass in all the windows of the Hamilton Company offices and factory.

TIMELY TOPICS through the cooperation of the Maintenance Department and prompted by watching Hen Simpson and Dick Harnish, the sash painters from the Maintenance section working on the job, delved into the blueprint figures on the approximate number of windows in the Hamilton Watch Company plant, excluding the Barr Lot property. Along with these figures, further research gave the total number of panes of glass in the total number of windows.

The figures secured are amazing! Counting both the wooden sashed windows and the steel framed bays in Building No. 1 and No. 9, there are approximately 1692 windows over the entire plant. The total number glass panes in these 1692 windows is 24,062.

A painter's year here at Hamilton, for outside work, runs from the beginning of April to mid-November or 7½ months. In the case of regular sash painters, Simpson and Harnish, they paint windows for approximately 5½ months. The remaining two months are spent on paint work inside the factory.

On an average day, the team of two painters can do eight windows each. This depends a great deal on the condition of a window. If it needs a putty job or repair work, the average figure drops. On the other hand, Dick and Hen have done as high as twenty windows each per day when the going was smooth and no repairs were needed.

The weather is a determining factor in outdoor painting. A break from the weatherman means 40 hours per week of sash work. Rainy spells cut down outside working hours and thus add to the number of days to complete the entire job.

While Harnish and Simpson handle the major portion of the sash painting and all of the scaffolding work, help at various times is supplied by Ira Dombach, Harvey Witmer and Lyman Foults, all members of the Maintenance Department.

Hamilton is indeed a plant of windows with exposure to the four

## Joe Walkaround

ALONG THE BEAT: Braggin' will getcha nowhere . . . Take for "sample" CHET PAES (Traffic) . . . He was poppin' his top about the size of the pickles he grows in his East Lampeter garden . . . CHET said: "They're so big, they're growin' outin' the road . . ." A few days later CHET received an envelope containing two cucumbers and a note from the Highway Department requesting him to keep the pickles down to the normal size of the enclosed cucumbers thus preventing the automobiles from detouring around his residence . . . CHET now has his pickles smoking cigarettes to stunt their growth in an effort to keep them "inbounds" . . . Understand CLAYT ERISSMAN (Service) and FRANK REMLEY (Prod. Con.), who live aside of each other on MAPLE AVE., were out in the back yard gunning for a rat the other evening . . . The next morning DICK VAUGHAN (Cost Analyst), who lives two doors away, went out to the wood pile at the end of his yard and found a dead rabbit lying there . . . DICK figures CLAYT and FRANK should be old enough to tell the difference between a rat and a rabbit and have manners enough to keep "hot" goods of this nature on their own side of the hedge . . . In rebuttal FRANK and CLAYT, who profess to be as honest as some Boy Scouts, say that if VAUGHAN kept his wood piled in order, logs wouldn't fall down and konk a defenseless rabbit on the button rendering it null and void . . . HARRY HOVIS (Works Lab.) has a pet phrase which he uses with most sentences . . . It is: "This cockeyed . . ." For example: "This cockeyed weather" or "This cockeyed machine," etc., etc. . . . BETTE RILL (Exp. Sales) added a new touch to waiting for buses during her vacation . . . She does it the easy on the eyes way by decking out in shorts . . . HELEN STRAWBRIDGE (Sales) spent her recent vacation in Virginia visiting her brother . . . Saw a recent picture of BOB PRESTON (Personnel) wearing a MAE WEST life preserver at the HMA picnic . . . He looked like a snake charmer . . . Understand JULIA HEIDA (Prod. Con.) has a new nickname . . . It's BOOM BOOM . . . Ever hear of driving with the heater on in the summer time? . . . LOWELL HALLIGAN (Sales Merch'd Mgr.), RUDY KANT (V. P. in Charge of Pub. Rel.) and BILL HARTMAN (Traffic) didn't either, but there wasn't anything they could do about it because the heater was broken and New York is a long haul from Lancaster . . . Understand that recent party that ROLAND BITZER (Assem. Res.) tossed for the Assembly Research team that dropped the Inter-Departmental softball title to BILL SOROKO'S Finishing team, was a pip . . . It featured the dynamic voice of DICK SLAUGH (Foreman of Assem. Res.), who handled several choruses in BING CROSBY fashion with gestures . . . HUGH AIKEN (Comptroller's Office) wants to know when they're going to serve scrambled eggs and toast for breakfast in the Cafeteria . . .

Aside to KEN McMILLEN (Damaskeneering): You were correct . . . That 130 pound tuna was a "borrowed" one that GENER WILEY and ABE LONGENDERFER (Flt. St.) posed aside of for that picture that's circulating around . . . The facts in the case are that only CHRIS STECKERVETZ and CHARLEY DIETRICH (Flt. St.) caught a bonita and a blue fish to keep the August 9 date at Brielle, N. J., from a complete no hit affair . . . Other Flat Steel members on the good ship "MYSTERY" were: EL WILLIAMS and WILLIS ERB . . . KATHRYN MARANTZ (Cafeteria) vacationed at Atlantic City and came back with a sunburned pair of gams . . . PAUL SEIBEL (Sales) calls a slot machine, "a one armed bandit" . . . Some kind soul gave WALT DUFFENHOFER (Maintenance) a quart bottle labeled "Apple Juice" . . . WALT decided to put it into the cafeteria refrigerator for a few days to cool it sufficiently for a warm day when it would really taste good . . . Came that day and WALT was just getting ready to pour the contents down his hatch when his nose pointed like a bird dog's tail and flagged him down . . . WALT discovered that the "Apple Juice" turned out to be boiled linseed oil and, brother, did the second commandment take a beating then . . . HARRY MILLER (Cafeteria) sez his best bet these warm days is Rolling Rock to win with Big Sweitzer second . . . Since he took to reading his horoscope, JACK LEAMAN (Purchasing) sez things are looking up . . . Understand MORELL SMITH (Training Section) is now known as "THE BIG SLEEP" . . . GILDA MESZAROS is the new employee in the FEDERAL CREDIT UNION office . . . DICK RINEHART (Adv.) isn't wearing his blond muzzie anymore . . . DICK said: "They say every guy should grow a muzzie in his lifetime. I grew one, it frightened me, so I shaved it off"

DICK YOUNG (Friction Jew'l) during a recent electrical storm sat for hours in the kitchen of his home in Rothsville by candlelight . . . Deciding it was time to go to bed, he passed the refrigerator on his way upstairs . . . He opened the refrigerator door and found that the light inside lit . . . Then he went to the light in the kitchen and found that the electrical storm had nothing to do with the darkness, but rather the light bulb was burned out . . . In the June issue of the STANDARD OILER, house magazine of the Standard Oil Company of California and affiliated companies, the inside back cover page pictures a selection of five HAMILTON watches which over a thousand 30 year or more Standard of California employees will have their choice of receiving as awards for their faithful service to that company . . . This is another of the many companies throughout America who are giving HAMILTONS as awards to their employees who have completed long years of faithful service . . . MARY MARABELLA (Plate) was washing her clothes the other day and grabbed a jar of mayonnaise by mistake and poured it into the tub with the clothing . . . We understand that now everytime MARY eats a salad her dress stands at attention . . . That Bell Telephone picture that was shown to a number of employees in the factory is paying off because at least ten departments are following through with the simple courtesy rules depicted in the picture . . . BEN HUMMEL (Watch Design) and ERNIE DRESCHER (Supt. Prod. Eng.) report their new offsprings to be good sleepers with few late waltz hour sessions necessary . . . JOANNE BIXBY is the new gal in the Personnel Research section replacing MARY LEFEVER, who now lives in Bethlehem, where her husband is going to Lehigh . . . We took a picture of a beautiful white bird with brown spots on it up in the Plate Dept. the other noon-time . . . The bird was on its way south and decided to pay its annual visit to the Plate employees . . . The only rub comes when we tell you that the picture we took didn't pan out . . . Those signs on the Cafeteria tables requesting employees to carry their empty dishes to the dish window when they have finished eating, doesn't seem to be paying off because many employees still forget to answer the signs' request.



## ● SPORTS SHORTS ●

**HATS OFF:** Man for man there were better teams in the City and County Softball League than the Hamilton Watch nine. But when the chips were down the Watchmen were tough. That's why they finished second in the final circuit standings.

What made them tough was their scrap and hustle. Bob Braner (Spring Rm.), who managed the team through the season, instilled the spirit because he's been around baseball and softball long enough to know that a hustling team can offset its lack of top notch ability by a lot of "guts."

Now don't misunderstand. The Watchmen had plenty of natural ability. It was spread over nine men, not one of them being an outstanding star as was the case with one or two other teams in the circuit.

The Watchmen were easy to handle. They listened to instructions and to the best of their abilities they carried them out.

The City and County League was a powerhouse circuit. In a number of games the Watchmen looked ragged but their spirit never allowed them to become discouraged.

This piece isn't intended to make the Watchmen look like champs, because they weren't. Anderson's took down those honors. This item is merely intended to show what a bunch of ordinary "Joes" can do with scrap and determination. No one can dispute the statement that manager Braner didn't get the most out of his players. They liked the guy. They went all out for him. Couple the two and you have the answer of how the Watchmen got into the league playoffs with Anderson's.

A championship can't be written off for the Watchmen. It would be swell if it could. But this much is certain, the 1947 Hamilton team packed more "moxie" than any other club to represent the factory since softball was first included on the Hamilton sports schedule.

**A BALL PLAYER'S PLAYER:** The last guy who would want anything said about him in print is George Dommel (Spec. Assem.). His play as a member of the Hamilton Watch nine has been so valuable during the season that whether George likes it or not, he warrants space in this column.

He was used in the roles of catcher and first baseman. He handled either assignment with plenty of class. As a hitter he was respected material because he had a good eye. He clipped a nifty .358 in the 20 City & County Softball League games to lead his team in the hitting department.

Behind the plate he handled Red Fitzgerald and Don Cameron like a veteran. He had a good arm, a good head and plenty of chatter. He knew the opposing batters like a book which was a big lift to his battery mates.

George's ability was rewarded at the two day City & County Softball tourney held the latter part of the season at Maple Grove when he was awarded the Curt Spangler Trophy as the outstanding player in the tourney. The day after the award was announced, George said: "I was just lucky. That's all."

His mates think otherwise. They class him as a ball player's player. That's a top recognition on any man's team.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** If the Men were unable to win a championship, Red Shanabrook's Hamilton Girls' team brought home the bacon on a platter in the Girls' Industrial League softball title.

It was the first time the Hamilton colors floated on top in this circuit. It was a well earned title with Hamilton and RCA battling for the leadership right down to the wire.

In the two games played between Hamilton and RCA each team garnered a victory over the other. They stood deadlocked for first place until Hubley came along and put Hamilton in undisputed first place with an upset victory over RCA.

Shanabrook, who was handling the managerial reins for the first time this season, had the Hamilton team playing steady, heady ball throughout the campaign. Actually, as in the case of the Men's team, there were no outstanding stars. It was strictly a team, anxious to play winning ball and carrying out that desire with determination and hustle.

The big siege gun in the hitting department was Jeanne Graeff (Jew'l Set.), whose booming bat blasted a hefty .583 in 11 games.

Congratulations, gals, you brought home the laurels in fine style.

**NOTES TO YOU:** MILLIE HEAPS (Planning) is an ardent softball fan . . . she has to be because her husband pitched and played first base for the EL CAPITAN team in the CITY & COUNTY SOFTBALL LEAGUE . . . PAUL RODGERS (Cafeteria) sez his favorite football team this fall is the BETHLEHEM BULLDOGS, a minor league professional club . . . And if you want to know why it's because J. BIRNEY CRUM, the ALLENTOWN H. S. mentor, is on the BULLDOGS' coaching staff . . . Don't be too surprised if TOM FLOYD, F. & M. trainer, handles a similar job with one of the teams to represent the UNITED STATES in the Olympic Games in ENGLAND in 1948 . . . According to CARL YECKER (Watch Des.) the tennis courts in the BARR LOT will soon be converted into volleyball courts for noon time recreation . . . DICK VAUGHAN (Cost Analyst) is writing a story on UNCLE CHARLEY MAYSER, retired wrestling coach at F. & M., for a grappling mag . . . ROXY FORGIONE, local boxing promoter, is looking around for an indoor spot to hold his fall and winter shows . . . And it won't be the Army . . . Speaking of ROXY, reports have it that he will also run shows in York this fall and winter . . . RED DANZ (Finishing), president of the St. Joe's Catholic Club, sez the amateur mitt slingers will return for action at the Hill auditorium shortly . . . PAUL DESCH, who worked for a short time in the PRESS DEPT. this summer, is back in school and ought to make a first string end berth on JOHNNIE FISCHER'S Milersville State Teachers' eleven . . . JOE BUTSON (Damask.), who ran the HAMILTON quoit tournament, says the championships drew more entries this year than ever before . . . BILL CAREY (Prod. Con.) was a spectator at the DAVIS CUP matches between AUSTRALIA and the UNITED STATES at the WEST SIDE TENNIS CLUB, FOREST HILLS, N. Y., on August 31 . . . Whether they know it or not AKRON, a member of the CITY & COUNTY JUNIOR circuit, had a top notch rooter in ANNA MAE SNADER (Personnel) . . . ANNA MAE likes her baseball . . . We took some Grade A raspberry dessert from a couple of guys for our grid predictions in the last issue . . . We still hold on our selections.

## T. T. PICKS WINNERS OF TOP GRID TIFFS

Francis Wallace, an ex-Notre Damer who wrote a very interesting round-up on the 1947 "Pigskin Preview" in the Saturday Evening Post recently, came out near the conclusion of his story with what he figures will be the most important games of the present season. He selected his winners.

We figure Mr. Wallace won't object too highly if we take the same games and do our selecting. So here goes. With apologies to no one, including Mr. Wallace, we pick:

Oct. 4—Texas over N. Carolina  
Oct. 4—Georgia over L.S.U.  
Oct. 4—Yale over Cornell  
Oct. 4—Michigan over Stanford  
Oct. 11—Texas over Oklahoma  
Oct. 11—Army over Illinois  
Oct. 11—Yale over Columbia  
Oct. 11—Ohio State over S. California  
Oct. 18—Oklahoma over Kansas  
Oct. 18—Alabama over Tennessee  
Oct. 25—Texas over Rice

Nov. 1—N. Carolina over Tennessee  
Nov. 1—U.C.L.A. over Oregon State  
Nov. 1—Michigan over Illinois  
Nov. 1—Notre Dame over Navy  
Nov. 8—Notre Dame over Army  
Nov. 8—Rice over Arkansas  
Nov. 15—Army over Pennsylvania  
Nov. 15—Illinois over Ohio State  
Nov. 22—Michigan over Ohio State  
Nov. 22—S. California over U.C.L.A.  
Nov. 22—Yale over Harvard  
Nov. 29—Army over Navy  
Nov. 29—Georgia Tech over Georgia

## SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY



Southern hospitality is as real as rain. That's the opinion shared by four members of the Automatic Department, who enjoyed four days of it on the Billingsley Plantation in Tallassee, Alabama, during their recent vacation. The four members watching a real southern mammy churning butter are: (L. to R.): Glenn Erb, George Gible, George Hullihen and Wayne Schwebel. The mammy, who works as a maid for Mr. and Mrs. Homer Billingsley, owners of the plantation, is the mother of 18 children.

During the war, George Hullihen, who was stationed at Montgomery, Alabama, struck up a friendship with Mr. and Mrs. Billingsley and they invited him to visit them one day when the war was over. George remembered the invitation and this year along with Erb, Gible, and Schwebel, they decided to tour the south and drop in on the Billingsleys. The southern family treated the boys like kings. During their trip they covered some 2500 miles by machine.

## HOLD DOGGIE ROAST

The Watch Design and Engineering Services Sections entertained their families and friends at a corn and doggie roast on Friday evening, August 22 at Williamson Park.

Games of all sorts were played, providing an entertaining evening.

Those in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Manby, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Griffith and son, Mr. and Mrs. John Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Lefever, Mr. and Mrs. L. Sherr and son, Mr. and Mrs. H. Detwiler, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Aston, Phyllis Gardner, Betty Rice, Dorothy Yuninger, Jeanne Kauffman, Jay Patton, Jeffery Taylor, Richard Slaugh, Ben Hummel, John Dubois, Francis Meyer, Carl Yecker, Donald Diller, Ken Derr, Louis Brethauer and Johnnie Hodgson.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOR SALE**—Lawson Apartment Sofa, \$70.00. ABC-O-matic Washer (1942 model) \$125.00. Both items are in good condition. Contact Timely Topics, Box 500.

**MUSICAL TRIO**—Brighten up your picnics with music. The Sunset Trio is available for picnics now. Contact Timely Topics, Box 501.

**WANTED**—Lady to care for sick person during hours of 9:30 A. M. to 12:00 Noon Sundays. Apply Timely Topics, Box 502.

## SOFTBALL FINALISTS



The winners of the recent Hamilton Men's Inter-Departmental Softball League was Bill Soroko's Finishing team, who defeated the Assembly Research nine in two out of three games by scores of 13-2, 1-3 and 9-5. The Finishing team, pictured above, finished on top during the actual playing season and then bumped the Assembly Research club in the playoffs. Front Row (L. to R.): Red Shanabrook, Chet Groff, Bill Bradley, George Hess and Bill McCrea. Back Row: Hen Huber, Jack Sullivan, Bill Soroko, Dick Keene, Ken Shenk and Jack Sherick, president of the league.



Harry Whitmyer's Assembly Research club, who dropped the finals to Finishing (L. to R.) showing: Eugene Harmes, Jim McElroy, Howard McClain and Bill Stewart. The back row: Earl Schrum, Chet Witmer, Lloyd Sherick.





(Above) The Watchmen's pitching chores were done by Red Bauer, Red Fitzgerald and Don Cameron.

(Below) The backstopping duties were divided between Charley Peters and George Dommel.

## BARBER WINS 1947 HRA TENNIS CROWN

Gene Barber (Prod. Con.), a former Franklin and Marshall college tennis star, is the HRA Men's Singles tennis champ for 1947.

The ex-Diplomat net captain defeated the veteran Murray Gould (Pat. Atty.) by scores of 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 8-6 to annex the title.

The Barber-Gould match was a well played final with Gene having the shots and stamina to defeat the 1946 champ.

To reach the finals Barber won by default from Nick Malamatis (Prod. Disp.) in the first round and followed with triumphs over Ken Aston (Watch Des.), 6-0, 6-3, and Carl Yecker (Watch Des.), 6-2, 7-5.

Gould reached the finals with victories over Woody Stetter (Assem. Res.), 6-1, 6-1, Bob Welsh (Adv.), 6-1, 6-1 and Earl Eshleman (Sm. Tl.), 6-2, 6-3.

Sixteen entries constituted the field of competition in the singles championship. They were, excluding the players mentioned above, as follows: Jack Leaman (Purchasing), Bob "Boat Builder" Raver (Budget), Dave Williams (Eng. Services), Dave Huber (Stds.), Ralph Henry (Met. Proc.), Harry Hovis (Works Lab.), Harold Quickel (Works Lab.), and Red Danz (Fin.).



Ever hear of a guy catchin' fish in his sleep. Norm Nissley (Maint.) pictured above did. Norm hooked a 13 pound rock fish to wind up with the biggest catch on the recent trip to Rock Hall, Maryland, made by Norm, Dick Palmer, Mac MacGregor and Dick Rummel all of the Maintenance Department.

The group pulled a total of five rock fish from the waters of the Chesapeake Bay.



## MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM HAD SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Hamilton Watch nine of the City & County Softball League concluded its 1947 season with 25 victories and 16 defeats.

Bob Braner's team dropped two games in a row to Anderson's by scores of 6-2 and 3-2 in the finals for the City & County League championship after finishing the regular 21 game campaign in second place with 15 victories against six defeats.

In tournament games, playoff tussles and outside-the-league competition, the Watch nine won ten and dropped ten.

Looking over the full 41 game season, the campaign can be written into the books as successful because without the aid of any "stars" the Hamilton team surprised the pre-season predictors, who had them ticketed as a second division outfit, when in reality they pushed the Lancaster Maples all the way for first place honors and scored a number of upsets over the so-called "hot teams."

Manager Braner, who was well liked by all of his players, handed full credit to all of the boys for their spirited play throughout the season. "We had a bunch of boys who wanted to play ball," Bob said. "Now that the season is over I know there wasn't a player on the team who didn't give all he had to win. We took our defeats, but the teams who beat us knew they were in a battle right down to the wire. The boys had a lot of zip and hustle whether we won or lost and they were easy to handle because they were willing to take instructions."

The top pitcher on the team was Red Fitzgerald (Press). He won 16 and lost eight and he worked in four other contests. Hamilton's other regular fliker was a "borrowed" potato chip salesman, Don Cameron, who won eight games and lost six. Hack Elmer (Machine Shop) tossed two games and recorded a win and a loss. Red Bauer (Machine Shop), regular short stop, pitched in a few games but didn't receive credit for a single win or loss.

The top hitter on the team through the regular 21 game league season was George Dommel (Spec. Assem.), first baseman and catcher, who hit at a neat .358 clip.

The team's roster consisted of: Charley Witmer (Fin.), first base; Charley Gehr (Sm. Tl.), captain and second base; Bauer, shortstop; Bogie Emerich, third base; Woody Stetter (Spec. Assem.), left field; Harold

The Hamilton Watch Nine finished the Regular City & County Softball League campaign in second place and then dropped two games in a row to Anderson's in the playoff finals. Front Row (L. to R.): Bobby Smith (Machine Shop), Red Fitzgerald (Press), Red Bauer (Machine Shop), Bogie Emerich and Charley Peters (Press). Second Row: Paul Hershey (Trg. Section), George Dommel (Spec. Assem.), Don Cameron, Charley Gehr (Sm. Tool) and Woody Stetter (Spec. Assem.). Third Row: Harold Fiester (Machine Shop), Jinx Ganse (Insp.), Charley Witmer (Fin.), "Happy" Heaps and Bob Braner (Spg. Room).

Fiester (Machine Shop), center field, and Bob Smith (Machine Shop), right field. The catching chores were handled by Dommel, Charley Peters (Press) and Vern Hilt (Machine Shop). The pitching staff consisted of Fitzgerald, Cameron, Elmer and Bauer.

The individual batting averages of the Hamilton players for the regular 21 game loop season are as follows:

Player	G	AB	H	Pct.
Dommel	20	53	19	.358
Witmer	6	17	6	.353
Bauer	19	50	20	.339
Gehr	20	65	20	.308
Fitzgerald	13	36	11	.306
Stetter	15	46	14	.304
Fiester	18	53	15	.283
Hershey	9	18	5	.278
Cameron	8	17	4	.235
Smith	17	47	11	.234
Emerich	17	48	11	.229
Hilt	14	40	7	.175
Peters	7	19	2	.105

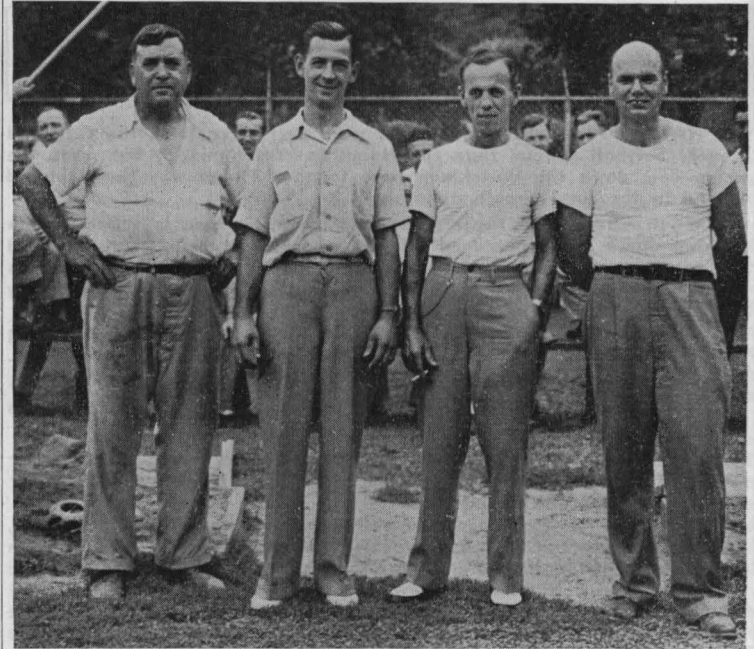
## 1947 GCIS LEAGUE CHAMPS



The 1947 champions of the Girls' City Industrial Softball League are Red Shanabrook's Hamilton Watch Girls' team, who topped the loop with seven victories and one defeat.

Pictured above, front row (L. to R.): Betty Forrey (Automatic), Joyce Schasker (T. & C.), Alice Johnson (Dial), Lois Jansen (Case Office), Martha Kreider (Automatic), Ruth Reeser (Bal. St.) and Betty Goodhart (Bal. & Hspg. Assem.). Back row (L. to R.): Hen Huber (Fin.), Asst. Mgr., Betty Plourde (Dial), Frances Burkhardt (Dial), Beatrice Hershey (Case Office), Gloria Hillyard (Assem. Res.), Barbara Christensen (Automatic), Jeanne Graeff (Jewel Set.), Julia Heida (Dial-Mat'l St.) and Red Shanabrook (Fin.), manager. Missing when this picture was taken was Jackie Hoehn (Watch Res.).

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(Above) The doubles finalists for HRA quito honors were: (L. to R.): Bill Strickland (Maintenance) and Ken McMillen (Damask.) who beat Bobby King (Plate) and Lew Rynier (Dial).

(Below) In the singles battle it was Lloyd Mowrer (Damask.) against Dick Weaver (Dial). Mowrer successfully defended his title but only after a tough five game battle.

## CHAMPIONS CROWNED IN QUITO TOURNEY

Sharp Shootin' Lloyd Mowrer (Damask.) successfully defended his HRA quito singles championship by defeating Dick Weaver (Dial) by scores of 21-0, 12-21, 21-4, 11-21, 21-8 to annex the 1947 title.

Lloyd, who won his first title in 1946 when he defeated Wally Bork (Prod. Con.), had to go all out to win from Weaver.

The HRA doubles title went to the team of Ken McMillen (Damask.) and Bill Strickland (Maintenance), who bumped the defending champions Bob King (Plate) and Lew Rynier (Dial) by scores of 21-8, 21-15, 21-16.

To reach the finals in the singles, Mowrer defeated Russ Kuhns (Dial) 21-4, 5-21, 21-3, Joe Butson (Damask.) 21-6, 21-17, 21-7, Earl Brinkman (Heat Treat.) 21-10, 21-12, and in the opening round he drew a bye.

Weaver worked his way into the finals with victories over Charley Hickey (Flt. St.) 21-1, 21-11, Aldus Hanselman (Damask.) 20-21, 21-7, 21-15, Norman Lenhart (Heat Treat.) 21-16, 21-16, and in the opening round he drew a bye.

The doubles combine of McMillen-Strickland battled its way through the competition with victories over Dick Mellinger (Model Shop) and Earl Brinkman (Heat Treat.) 21-2, 21-4, Fred Gerfin (Damask.) and Carl Nelson (Insp.) 21-12, 21-9, Bill Butson (Damask.) and Dick Weaver (Dial) 21-10, 21-11.

The Rynier-King team went through Aldus Hanselman (Damask.) and Harry Schoenberger (Maint.) 21-8, 15-21, 21-5, Charley Hickey (Flt. St.) and Jim DiNisio (Plate) 21-20, 21-15, Lloyd Mowrer (Damask.) and Hammond Datesman (Mach. Shop) 21-15, 21-12.

The 1947 quito tournament drew more entries than any past tourney. There were 29 tossers in the singles and 16 teams competed in the doubles. The interest was keen and the play was close in practically all of the matches.

## PINS AWARDED

Small pins were awarded to the Finishing Men's softball team, the championship Girls' softball nine, the HRA singles and doubles quito champions and the HRA singles and doubles tennis champs. These pins were mementoes for the honors won.

and full credit for the success, according to coach Shanabrook, goes to the entire team whose spirit and cooperation were tops throughout the campaign.

It was a ding-dong battle all the way with Hamilton taking the title away from RCA, who last season copped the race.

Excluding the final game, the individual batting averages for 12 games are as follows:

Player	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Graeff	11	36	14	21	.583
Burkhart	6	18	4	10	.556
Forrey	13	52	17	26	.500
Plourde	8	29	8	14	.483
Jansen	13	49	14	22	.449
Kreider	13	41	11	18	.439
Reeser	7	19	9	8	.421
Johnson	10	37	7	15	.405
Heida	8	20	5	8	.400
Schasker	12	46	15	18	.391
Christensen	8	16	4	6	.375
Hershey	13	28	7	10	.357
Goodhart	11	38	8	12	.316
Hoehn	9	19	3	4	.211
Dennis	3	3	2	0	.000