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MINSTREL, NOV. 8-9 AT  
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## Hamilton's 1948 Annual Report Wins "Oscar" Of Industry Award For Excellence

The Hamilton Watch Company will be the recipient of a bronze "Oscar of Industry" award for the best 1948 annual report of the watches and clocks industry, according to the final rating of an independent board of judges for the Financial World Annual Report Survey.

The bronze trophy will be presented to President R. M. Kant on behalf of the Company at the Annual Awards Banquet in the Grand Ballroom of New York's Hotel Statler today.

More than 4,500 corporations' annual reports were submitted in this national survey, and these were judged in one hundred classifications for "Best of Industry" awards. In the "watches and clocks" category Elgin National Watch Co. was runnerup, while General Time Instruments (New York City) took third place.

The jury who made the final

selections was under the chairmanship of Dr. Lewis Haney, professor of economics at New York University. He was assisted by Dr. Glenn Griswold, publisher of Public Relations News; Sylvia F. Porter, financial editor of the New York Post; Elmer Walzer, United Press financial editor; Dr. B. Bernard Greidinger, C.P.A.; Paul Carlyle, typographer and Peter Helck, artist.

Weston Smith, executive vice-president of Financial World and originator of the annual report surveys, will present the "Oscar of Industry" trophies at the Annual Awards Banquet, which will be attended by more than 1,000 business and financial executives from all over the country.

Hamilton's 1948 annual report, a 20-page, 8 1/4" x 10 3/4", four color booklet of charts, figures, facts and photographs, was issued to all Hamilton employees early this year.

## Everything In Readiness For The Hamilton Minstrel Show On Nov. 8-9 At YMCA Auditorium

Things are in readiness for Hamilton's Modern Minstrel, an HRA sponsored show, to be held on November 8-9 at the YMCA auditorium.

With a combined cast of over 100 employees, and featuring the Hamilton chorus and orchestra, the program will include six chorus numbers with orchestral accompaniment, four comic skits, two dance routines, four solo numbers, selections by the German Band, and fifteen minutes of introductory music by the orchestra, preceding the show.

The chorus will be heard in "Showboat Scenario," "Swanee," "Liza Jane," "Dry Bones," "Country Style" and "Malaguena."

The four solo numbers to be sung during the show will be, "Only Make Believe" by Julia Heida (Stocks & Stores), "River Chant" by Bill Gassman (Works Lab.), "You Are Love" by Evelyn Doersom, (Assembly "A") and "Why Do I Love You" by Nancy Brown (Time Study).

In the realm of comedy, Jerry Bitzer (Sm. Tool) as the patient, and Paul Gassman as the patient,

will present, "Dr. Cut M. Upp". Ruth Newcomer (Case) and Wally Bork (Process Eng.) are featured in "Scrambled Courtship". Herb Roberts (Prod. Dispatch) will be the principal in the "Henpecked Coon" skit, while Paul Harnish (Balance) and Bill Bennett will be featured in "Atlantic City (1900)".

Two tap routines will feature the dance portion of the show, with the Noray Sisters (Nora Jackson & Jeanette Sherick) in one act and Harnish & Bennett in the other.

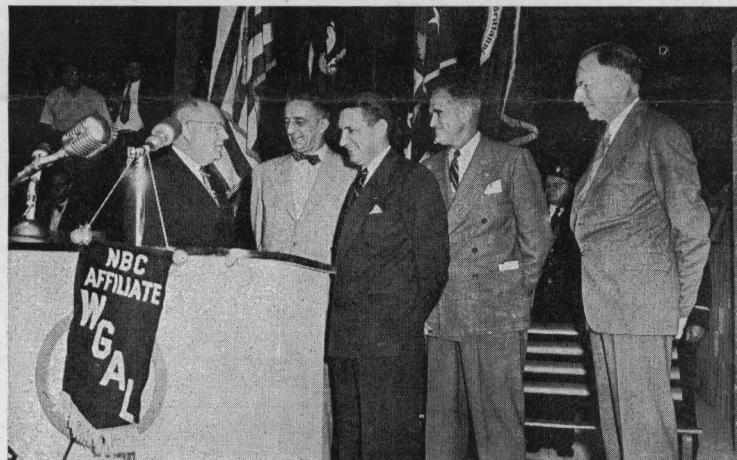
The German Band composed of: Bill Hartman (Traffic), Ira Fickes, Jr. (Casing), Charley Habecker (Balance) and George Luttenberger, all members of the orchestra, will come on with several selections as their spot in the show.

Fifteen minutes before curtain time, the Hamilton 25 piece concert orchestra will play the Così Fan Tutte overture by Mozart, and the Petite Suite by Gluck.

The minstrel, billed as two hours of old fashioned fun in the mod-

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## Harry E. Blythe, Pres. R. M. Kant, Dr. T. A. Distler and Lt. Gov. D. B. Strickler Speak At Research Laboratory Cornerstone Ceremonies Held Sept. 22



(Top) Portion of the crowd gathered for the cornerstone ceremony listening to Dr. Theodore A. Distler's opening address.

(Left) Gathered around the speakers' stand after the ceremony are (l to r) Dr. Distler, president of Franklin & Marshall College, President R. M. Kant, Lt. Gov. Daniel B. Strickler, Harry E. Blythe, chief of the Office of Production Planning of the U. S. Munitions Board, and G. P. Luckey, vice-president in Charge of Mfg.

(Right) Mr. Blythe lays the cornerstone for the new \$750,000 Research Laboratory. Holding the chain is John A. Lehman, one of the construction workers.

Thursday, September 22, 1949 was a memorable day in the history of the Hamilton Watch Company. It marked the laying of the cornerstone of the new \$750,000 Research and Engineering Laboratory on Wheatland Avenue.

Speeches geared to a National defense scenario and the necessity of meeting needs in precision instruments, prompting the construction of this modern Research Laboratory were given by Harry E. Blythe, Chief of the Office of Production Planning of the Munitions Board, Washington, D. C., and President R. M. Kant during the half hour ceremony broadcast over WGAL and witnessed by 400, including company officials, retired Hamiltonians and employees.

The significance of the speeches given by Mr. Blythe and President Kant became even more important several hours after the cornerstone ceremonies when the press and radio revealed President Truman had confirmed the ex-

Soviet Union.

In his address, Mr. Blythe said, "No one wants another war, but we must be conscious of the insidious dangers that confront us ... We won two World Wars because we were given time to mobilize the great industrial strength of our country—no one expects that we will have that much time again."

President Kant stated, "The decision to expand—and to do it at this time—was influenced by a knowledge that precision timepieces are as indispensable to modern warfare as guns and planes; it is influenced by a knowledge that our country has a timepiece industry that is substantially too small to meet the peacetime needs of the United States, and is painfully, critically, and dangerously too small for any wartime emergency requirement. Every one of us wishes that there were no longer any threat at all of future war. Unfortunately, we all know this is a goal that has not been reached, and until it is,

this nation must be prepared for any eventuality."

The placing of mementos in a copper box which later was placed into the cornerstone was done by Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania, Daniel B. Strickler, Commanding General of the 28th Division Pennsylvania National Guards. Lt. Gov. Strickler placed in the copper box a hermetically sealed plicofilm bag containing samples of every grade of watch movement and watch part that Hamilton is making at the present time. Fourteen completely assembled movements, including various dials and hands—in all a total of 1,920 different watch parts which required the specialized skills of 2,700 employees to produce. He also placed in the box a microfilm record of Hamilton's history including its impressive record of service to our Armed Forces during World War II and a packet containing a detailed account of the cornerstone laying ceremony.

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Thirty-four members of the Hamilton Chorus in Minstrel dress for the Nov. 8-9 shows.



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*It's Your Federal Government*

By Robert L. Johnson

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## No. 2 OUR \$500 MILLION POST OFFICE LOSS

If you feel concerned, as who does not in these days, over the vast increase in the cost of your government, and wonder about the reasons for it, you don't have to look beyond the U. S. Post Office for an object lesson in antiquated management, costly methods, and obsolete equipment.

As one of the world's biggest business enterprises with an overturn of \$1.3 billions a year, it is the world's outstanding example of how business should not be conducted.

Naturally no private business could be so run that it showed an annual deficit. This year the Post Office will go "in the red" for about half a billion dollars. This is one-sixth of the staggering sum of \$3 billions which, according to the Report of the Hoover Commission, our government is wasting every year.

Nor could any private business survive if most of its key management men were changed periodically with changing political fortunes. And certainly no enterprise could succeed in this day of modern business equipment which adhered, as the Post Office does, to obsolete and crippling methods of work by hand in the sorting, stamping, checking and otherwise keeping track of 37 billion pieces of mail each year.

This condition of the Post Office is nothing new. It has been going on for a century or more. In fact there has been no basic change in its organizational structure since 1836.

The first recorded instance of anybody criticizing the management and methods was in 1889 when John Wanamaker, the Philadelphia merchant, was made Postmaster General. After looking over his department, Mr. Wanamaker went to President Benjamin Harrison with a revolutionary proposal. He told the President that he would contract to take over the Post Office as a private venture, put it under strict business rules of management, and show a profit to government as well as to himself.

This offer was not accepted but it is notable that 60 years later the bipartisan Hoover Commission, which was unanimously created by Congress to investigate government spending and waste, after a year's investigation of various departments, made a similar suggestion. It was that application of business principles to the Post Office would save hundreds of millions of dollars. It could save \$140 millions at once, the Commission pointed out, by modernizing the organization, methods and equipment. An additional \$114 millions could be saved by fixing new rates on certain items.

The Post Office employees are doing a good job under adverse conditions. They are operating a huge business.

Its revenues are \$1.3 billions a year. It employs 500,000 people. It operates 42,000 branches and maintains 24,000 buildings. It has a fleet of 10,000 vehicles, of which the average age is 15½ years. It transports and delivers 37 billion pieces of mail each year and conducts 800 million other transactions in money orders, etc. And it runs a savings "bank" with 4 million depositors with total accounts of \$3.4 billions.

That certainly looks like good business. But here is the other side of the picture:

The Post Office sells you, and delivers for one cent, a postal card which costs it two and one half cents to print and deliver. This loss in a year amounts to \$45 millions. It carries 1.6 billion pieces of mail free. It pays huge subsidies to large users of mail and to airplane, steamship and other carriers. It has no control over its own accounting and cannot tell you what its financial condition is within eight months of date.

Moreover, because of its outmoded methods of work, and meagre opportunities for advancement, it has a tremendous turnover of personnel. Its control is so centralized in Washington that its 42,000 postmasters have little to say about the conduct of their branches and none about their finances. Postmasters are politically appointed.

The Hoover Commission suggested drastic changes to improve these conditions. First, it would take the Department out of politics. It would have postmasters appointed from the service on merit, simplify the 900-page book of regulations which is their guide, do away with hidden subsidies, and adjust the rates to meet the expenses.

There are three bills now before Congress to effect these changes. They are next in order on the Congressional calendar. It is time for you, if you are anxious to see these improvements, to write to your Senators and Congressmen and urge their support of these bills. It will mean money in your pocket.

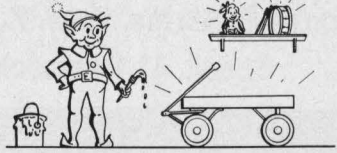
The Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report, a nonpartisan, voluntary group nation-wide in scope, was organized to carry on an educational campaign following the expiration of the Hoover Commission on June 12. It was suggested by President Truman in order that the work of the Commission might be kept before the public during the progress of the Reorganization bills through Congress.

The directorate of the committee indicates its nonpartisan nature. On the board are leaders in agriculture, business, education, labor, and veterans and women's groups without regard to party or other affiliations.



## LET'S HELP SANTA

Boxes have been placed at the four factory entrances to receive your discarded toys which will be reconditioned and distributed to needy children at Christmas Time.



## H. T. Davenport Speaks At Oct. HMA Meeting

Howard T. Davenport, 25 years with the Bell Telephone Company, gave an interesting talk and demonstration at the Hamilton Management Association meeting on Monday evening, Oct. 17 before 200 members in the Auditorium.

He took for his subject, "Highways of Communication" and was assisted in his talk and demonstration by H. Dave Opplinger, Bell Laboratory technical assistant from the Harrisburg branch. It required Mr. Opplinger four hours to set up the equipment for Mr. Davenport's talk and demonstration.

Mr. Davenport, who held several managerial positions and who has been in charge of information work, technical displays and exhibits during his career with the Bell Company, held the interest of his HRA audience throughout his talk. For the past six months, Mr. Davenport has spent considerable time in the American Telephone & Telegraph Laboratories condensing his highly technical demonstration and talk into words that the person with normal scientific intelligence could understand.

His demonstration included tests in the hearing range of individuals, talking through the paper cup of an ice cream dish, and the effect expansion and contraction have on telephone cable.

H. L. Wigham, manager of the Lancaster Office of the Bell Telephone Company, who was to be the guest at the meeting, was unable to attend because of business.

Mr. Davenport was introduced to the HMA audience by Frank Christoffel (Office Manager).



## REPORT ALL INJURIES

The company maintains a first aid room for the treatment of minor injuries. If you are injured in any way on your job, report it to your department head immediately. He will give you a first aid slip authorizing treatment by the nurse.



## Joe Walkaround

## IT SEZ HERE!

Is it true Dick Schober (Material Sales) is taking a night course in smoke signaling prior to his attempt to hike the Appalachian Trail? ...He might contact Chief Walt Cummings of the Production Control tribe who has hoofed and photographed quite a few miles of the trail before he ditched the reservation for civilian life. ...Slim Schoenberger (Maintenance) collects old coins, while Ed Hendrix (Material Sales) collects rocks—the throwing not the \$\$\$ kind.

Lois Reese, daughter of Clarence Reese (Purchasing), is new in Personnel Research. ...Joe Halbig (Guard) informs us that Chester (Nova Scotia) Bostick, the Yard Engineer, choked a petunia in a woodpile on Sunday, Sept. 18. ...Uoo, how brutal! ...Mac McCauley, WGAL program director, used to be an errand boy in the Plate Dept. ...Ray Erisman (Maintenance) flubbed his signals and came to work on the morn of Sept. 28 with two different shoes on.

Don't look now, but Frankie Foose (Finishing), an ex-local ballplayer of the Evers to Tinkers to Chance vintage, is being fitted for size for a spot in Baseball's Hall of Fame, or rather Fame, pardon me! ...Gene Barber (Prod. Con.) is the latest to join the ranks of the armchair quarterbacks. ...He just bought himself a TV set. ...Walt Geisler started in Dealer Service on Sept. 20. ...Walt's an ex-GI out of Newark. ...Harvey Law (Traffic) has given up bowling until they eliminate the gutters.

Bob (OU) Welsh (Dealer Service) informed his lawyers that Dick (FM) Vaughan (Cost Analysis) owes him a frog skin (\$1.00) as the result of a tennis grudge victory recently. ...Welsh says if the Gorgeous George of Newton, N. J., doesn't pay up, he'll take his half nelson away from him. ...Doris Benson (Personnel) was 23 on Sept. 22. ...Thanks for the candy, Benny. ...Dave Messersmith, the Speed Riggs of the Watch Research Dept., sold enough food at the Sept. W. R. picnic to earn his letter.

Charley Leonard, who retired from the Company on April 1, 1948 after 45 years, paid his pals in Finishing a visit on Sept. 22. ...Our spies tell us that Bill Marks (Automatic), who has an oil burner in his cellar, unconsciously ordered five tons of coal the other week. ...When the dawn set in around Bill's ears he rushed to his nearest telephone and cancelled his mistake. ...Quick, Hester, back up the wagon.

One Saturday, a few weeks before the end of the season, Roy Kendig (Train) found himself in Shibe Park with a couple of kids coming up and asking him, "Please, Mr. Mack, may we have your autograph?" ...Which prompted one of his department mates to say, "He might as well be Mack, he's been trying to run the A's for a long time." ...For our dough one of the finest recordings spinning these days is the Andrews Sisters' version of, "I Can Dream, Can't I?", with Frankie Lane's "Lucky Old Sun" our second pick, while for show money we'll take Thin Man Sinatra's "Don't Cry Joe".

And speaking of recordings, it won't be too long any more before the disc jocks will be dusting off and playing Bing Crosby's "White Christmas". ...The scripts for the Hamilton Minstrel have been purchased from Denison & Company of Chicago. ...That was a duzle of a necktie Beef Drybred (Plate) had on the other day. ...It looked like he was wearing his scrambled eggs around his neck. ...In fact, with a little bacon on hand, he could have eaten the cravat.

Did you ever catch the size of that pipe Harry Shetter (Cafeteria) smokes? If he removed the bowl, he could use the stem for a bat. ...Our favorite football player, Andy Andrews (Plate) sez if the opposition don't stop beltin' him in the belly, he's gonna start collecting teeth for a hobby. ...Ralph Mentzer (Machine Exp.) bought a cigar the other day and pulled a long hunk of rope out of the end of it. ...It reached the stage where Ralph was afraid to smoke it for fear a rabbit would pop out. ...

You'll be interested to know that Wally Bork (Process Eng.) has picked S.M.U. to beat Notre Dame on Dec. 3 in Dallas. ...According to our spies, Flat Steel uses ingenuity to tumble burrs off some of its parts. ...Bob Hope's definition of television is a pip. ...Scoop snoot says, "Television is a smog with knobs." ...Speaking of video, if Charley Debus, Jr., (Plate) ever decided to get on television they'd have to make the screen wider to get his shoulders in. ...We understand that Bill Hartman (Traffic), the Tommy Dorsey of the eighties, played several tear jerking trombone solos at Perc (Finishing) Hackenberger's birthday party on Satdee, Sept. 24.

Sam Rohrer (Personnel) reached the parking lot the other morning with his bow tie dangling, untied down his chest. Since he couldn't tie it, he jumped in his car, went back home and had his wife tie it for him. ...Pax Gifford (Crystallography) is now a country gentleman since he moved out Media Heights way. ...Sez in order to make it official he thinks he'll spring for a station wagon, wear a tweed coat, buy an Irish setter and smoke a pipe.

Wyn Davis (Dir. of Planning) spent a recent week's vacation down in Atlantic City. ...Caught Georgie Stidham, the local jockey, in operation at the A.C. racing strip. ...He sez the kid's a comer. ...Sally Madonna (Plate) complained of a sore index finger on her right hand the other evening after bowling. ...Her pals finally let her in on the secret that she was using the wrong finger in the holes of the ball. ...Sally checked her memory and admitted they were correct.

They thought Bill Carey (Prod. Con.) was nuts when he was giving Penn State and six points against Villanova on Sept. 24. ...But when the game was over and the count found Villanova in front by 27-6, they wanted to know how he did it. ...He told them he had a pre-game communique from Rome. ...Another television addict is Len Kissinger (Service). ...As this is written, Len has a set in on trial and by the time this line actually reaches you, he probably will have bought the set.

Shirley Hearter (Personnel Res.) and Edith Truxal (Adv.) are the wives of a couple of F & M students, and both live in East Hall on the college campus. ...Elvie Silvius (Asst. Sales Mgr. in Charge of Special Sales) was in the stands at West Point to see the Army bump Penn State on Oct. 1.



# — CHOP TALK —

## • SHORT & SWEET •

Lou Meder, who used to work in T. & C. but who is now a member of your Uncle Samuel's Navy, was home on a recent leave and wishes to be remembered to his friends here at the factory....Now that Pitt is coming up the grid ladder again, Marcia Hughes (Project Sec.) is all smiles....Why.....Silly, boy, she hails from the Smokey City....Ruth Van Horn, wife of John Van Horn (Watch Res.), is a lecturer in organic chemistry at F. & M....She is a graduate of U.C.L.A. and Penn State.

The costume material for the Nov. 8-9 Hamilton Minstrel was purchased by Anna Mae Snader (Sec. to G. P. Luckey), while all of the costumes (and there are 34) were made by Abe (Flat Steel) Longenderfer's sister, Mrs. John McClarigan.....George Clor (Plate) handed Henny Starr (Machine Shop) a baby boy cigar the other day....Come, Come, fellows, who's kiddin' who?...The thermometer outside the Personnel Dept. window showed 107 degrees in the sun on the noontime of Oct. 10.

If you live in the country and you drive to and from work, how about the pheasants strutting proudly about the fields?...Wait until the first day of hunting season and you won't see a single bird.....They're smart....Nellie Schober (First Aid) admitted she got so excited watching a game of the World Series on TV that she chewed up her coat and was munchin' on her hat when she decided it was time to come to work for the 3 P. M. shift.

The cigarette can outside the West Tower entrance caught fire the other morning and what a smudge pot that was until it was watered down....No damage, just a lot of smoke and coughs....When Bob (Plate) King was a pro fighter, he went under the name of Young Tommy Dugan....Of course, he didn't go by that name very long because he only had one fight and then dropped the curtains on his ring career....Reason, some other guy dropped his curtains for him.

That lawn sweeper Chester (Nova Scotia) Bostick uses for cleaning up the leaves on the campus is a pretty slick piece of invention....The principle to its manipulation is a reverse brush that swishes the leaves into a canvas container....When the container fills up, Chet dumps the leaves on a pile and then starts on his way again....Harry "Fuzz" Schaller (Damaskeening) got his signals crossed on a cup of coffee the other afternoon by pouring the milk into the ash tray and drinking his slug of mud straight....When Sally Rothermel (Spec. Assem.) laughs, her eyes rain....Ken McMillen (Damaskeening) hit a deer with his car a couple of years ago on the Millersville Pike.

Perry Como's "Dreamer's Holiday" should add to the ex-barber's bankroll....Lefty Fritsch (Display) says he never figured he'd be lucky enough to be one half of a doubles team that won the HRA 1949 Quoit Doubles Championship....But he was along with his partner Lew Rynier (Dial)....Fred Hauer (Prod. Supv.) tried converting Hamilton baseball fans into the Yankee fold during the World Series, but his sales talk wasn't good enough to convince even one believer.

Rapid Robert Raver (Budget) wishes to announce that he will give all followers of the Lafayette football team, including Ken McMurtie (Fact. Rates & Cost Stds.), a break by being present at several of the Leopards' remaining grid games....This in itself should be as good as a shot in the arm to Clipper Smith and his young men from Easton....If you don't think Mollie King (Plate) takes her football seriously, just ask Erla Witmer (Plate)....Bags Broome (Machine Shop) is a candidate for school director on the Democratic ticket at the Nov. 8 election.

We wish to apologize to Carl Krentz (Screw Mfg.) and Tom Morgan (Bal. & Hspg.) for unintentionally omitting their names in the National Guard (front page) story in the Sept. issue....Since there is nothing in the Personnel Dept. files indicating whether or not employees are members of the Guard, their names were omitted.....Again, we want to apologize....In order to keep the records straight, Carl has been a member of the Guard since 1941....He's connected with the Motor Division of the 103rd Medical outfit, while Tom is a member of the 103rd Medical Headquarters outfit, being in the Guard for about a year and a half.

## GIVE THEM A BREAK !

Let's say you own a property near the Factory on Rider, South West End, Marietta or Wheatland avenues!

This being Fall, leaves are cluttering up your sidewalk and gutter. Your wife has time during the day to sweep up the leaves. She can sweep the ones on the pavement, but she can't get to the leaves in the gutter because there are three or four cars parked in front of your home.

Let's carry this situation into the remainder of the year. In the Winter, there's snow to be shoveled. You usually throw the snow out into the gutter or the street. But how are you going to do it if there are cars parked in front of your home? On warm Spring and Summer mornings and afternoons your wife would like to clean the sidewalk with the hose but she's afraid for fear of splashing water all over the cars parked in front of your home.

Then there's the time when the coalman comes to deliver coal, but he can't drive his truck in front of your house because of the cars parked there. Or maybe you just bought some new furniture and the van comes to deliver it, but it can't park in front of your house because of these cars.

What would you do about somebody's car parked in front of your place from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M. every day during the work year?

Would you like it? Or would you put up a squawk if you knew parking provisions were made for these people whose cars are parked in front of your residence every day?

You know by now who we're referring to. The people who own homes on Rider, South West End, Marietta and Wheatland avenues have been very lenient and patient in putting up with Hamilton employees parking cars in front of their homes, always hoping the next day finds these cars parked in the company's parking lot.

Let's give these folks a break by putting our cars in the Hamilton Parking Lot provided by the company. If you were the owner of a nearby property, you'd want the same courtesy extended to you.

## HAMILTONS TO THE CHAMPIONS



The U. S. Air Forces conducted its own World Series in New York's Polo Grounds recently. There were 13 teams in the competition, including clubs from England, Germany, Okinawa and Alaska, who were flown to Mitchell Field, New York, to participate in the Air Forces World Wide eight day double elimination tournament. The winner of the tourney was the Bolling Field Flyers, Washington, D. C. The Bolling team defeated the Lowry Field nine of Denver, Colorado, by a 3-2 count in the finals to cop the title. The winners are shown above holding the Neil model Hamilton watches presented to them by Lt. General Ennis C. Whitehead, Commanding General of the Continental Air Command.

## Three Cornered Items

The nursery news this month at Hamilton involves three little gals vs one big guy.

Jake Lapp (Traffic) became the proud Pop of the only boy in the outfit. The hefty little geezer's name is John Richard, and he tipped the scales at 6 lbs. 11 ozs. when he entered the world at the General Hospital on Sept. 29.

On Sept. 23, Bob Frymyer (Traffic) went up on his roof top and announced to the world that his wife had just presented him with a 7 lbs. 5 oz. daughter by the name of Diane Louise at St. Joe's Hospital.

The Small Tool Dept., claimed two pappies. Ken Staab's wife presented the old man with a 7 lbs. 3 oz. daughter named Linda Ann on Sept. 6. The little gal was born at St. Joe's.

While Ken was passing out the cigars, his pal, Leo Kilhefner, who works one aisle in front of Ken in the Small Tool wing, was sweating it out. But on Oct. 11, Leo had his day when his ever lovin' Missus presented Leo with little Martha Ann, a 7 lbs. 13 oz. bouncer in the General Hospital.

For Jake, Bob, Ken and Leo, it was their first experience in the role of Pappy.

## FOR SALE

Remington portable typewriter and case, two years old. In good condition. Will sell for \$65.00. If interested phone 42009 or 34734.

One pair of girl's Chicago roller skates. In excellent condition. The size is 6½. The price is \$10.00. If you are interested contact Don Wilson (Balance Staff).

If you are interested in buying a case of No. 22 flash bulbs for \$15.00, contact Bill Garden (Finishing).

## Middle Aisle Notes

October 22 was a big day in the life of Nancy Andrews (Finishing). She became Mrs. Roy Myer on that date at the Eden Grace Evangelical & Reformed Church. After a honeymoon to Niagara Falls, the couple are now residing in Leola.

Two Hamiltonians middle aisled it on Oct. 16, when Wanda Dawn Weaver (B & F.S.) became Mrs. Johnnie Miller at the Centerville U. B. Church. Johnnie works in the Traffic department.

## 1949 SOFTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPS



The Timing & Casing softball team, champs of the HRA Men's Inter-Departmental Softball League for 1949, received trophies for their winning efforts on Oct. 14. T & C won the crown with two out of three victories in the finals over the Machine Shop club. Front Row (L to R): Red Shanabrook, league president, Pete Yeagley, captain, Ed Gardner, Mike Valudes, and Garth Hacker. Second Row (L to R): Gil Warner, coach, Harry Reisinger, Whitey Tout, Dick Williams, Ellie Stoll and Dick Tshudy, manager of the team, and president of the HRA. Back Row (L to R): Harry King, Paul Stauffer, Harvey Shomo and Bob Williams. Missing when this picture was taken were: Jim Ault, Bill Bradley, Charley Strockbine, Tom Stock, Clyde and Red Burkman.

## Minstrel Show

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ern manner, is under the direction of Abram Longenderfer (Flat Steel).

Thirty-four members of the cast will be in blackface and costumes.

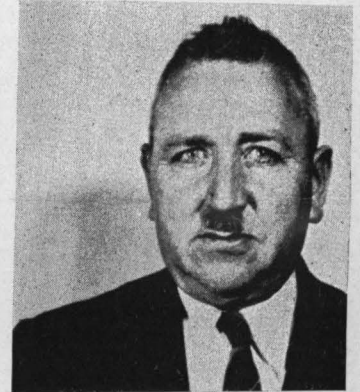
If you haven't already purchased your tickets for the show you may do so by contacting any member of the orchestra or chorus or by coming to the Personnel Department. All HRA members will be admitted for 25 cents while tickets to others cost 50 cents.

In an effort to smooth out the program, the chorus and orchestra had one dress rehearsal at the Y on Oct. 25 with a second planned for Nov. 7, the night before the opening show. Director Longenderfer was satisfied with the Oct. 25 rehearsal, but in an effort to get the cast as sharp as possible he booked the second rehearsal.

## LOUIS DUBOIS DIES IN DENVER ACCIDENT

Louis Dubois, who retired from Hamilton on October 24, 1946 after 12½ years with the Company, died Sunday, October 9 as the result of a 16-foot fall down an elevator shaft at the American Academy School of Horology, Denver, Colorado, where he was Dean.

According to the Rocky Mountain News, Mr. Dubois and his wife were going to the fourth floor offices of the school where he had some paper work to com-



Louis Dubois

plete. The lobby of the school was dark and Mr. Dubois had trouble finding the keyhole to the elevator doors. He got them open and stepped in. The car was on a higher floor. He fell 16 feet to the metal and concrete floor of the shaft.

Mr. Dubois died in the police ambulance enroute to the Denver General Hospital. He evidently had fallen on his head, suffering a skull fracture, according to the attending police surgeon.

"Louie", as he was affectionately known by his friends at Hamilton, worked in the Model Shop during his employment here. During the war he did final finishing inspecting of the detent assemblies on all Marine Chronometers.

Mr. Dubois is survived by his wife, Berthe, and one son, John, who formerly worked in the Watch Design and the Research Departments at Hamilton.

## FLASH

If you haven't purchased your tickets for the Hamilton Minstrel on Nov. 8-9 at the YMCA, you can do so by contacting any member of the chorus or orchestra or by coming to the Personnel Dept.

There are still tickets available. The way the situation shapes up, Wednesday night (Nov. 9) appears to be the big night. Plenty of seats are available for the Tuesday (Nov. 8) performance.



## Cornerstone

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Lt. Gov. Strickler said, "I doubt there is another industry in the country which could assemble samples of all its products and contain them in such a small precious package."

The Master of Ceremonies for the occasion was Dr. Theodore A. Distler, President of Franklin & Marshall College. Dr. Distler traced the history of local watch-making since two men by the names of Adams and Perry came to Lancaster in 1874, got the backing of a group of local business men, and erected a small watch factory. New capital was pumped into the venture, he related, until the present Hamilton Watch Company emerged in 1892.

President Kant informed the audience that the National Security Resources Board has classified the timepiece manufacturing industry as one of the four most critical in the nation.

"It is no exaggeration," said President Kant, "to say that without time, ships and planes cannot navigate; gunfire and troop movements cannot be coordinated. During the last war, the facilities of this small industry were immediately drafted for production of instruments that had to be designed, engineered and manufactured, and that could not be produced by any other industry in the world, except possibly the watch industry of Switzerland."

In referring to the argument going on about Swiss watch imports, in which it is proposed that a ceiling be placed on cheaper Swiss watches to protect American firms, President Kant had this to say, "The American Watch Industry is an efficient industry, but we are not unmindful of our Swiss competitors. Through 75 years they have adapted and attempted to improve on each American innovation in the mass production of watches. During the past 15 years, certain types of American watches have entirely disappeared from the market because of this condition. The lower-priced 7-jewel watches are no longer being manufactured in the United States, and the production of the lower cost 15 jewel timepieces has been slowly shrinking until it has almost disappeared. Our company has been in a relatively good position because we have always specialized in higher-quality timepieces, and over a period of nearly 60 years has built a reputation for quality that has permitted the mass production of fine timepieces in a quantity that is not duplicated any place in the world. As long as economic conditions in the United States permit a continuation of this mass production, we should be able to compete domestically in our field of higher quality, higher priced timepieces. Any shrinking in the demand for this type of timepiece will have an immediate unfavorable effect on domestic costs that will not be duplicated in the cost of the importer's product. I am confident that the seriousness of this situation will be recognized by our government, and that as a defense measure a correction of the present unfair situation will be made."

"The inadequate size of the American Watch Industry," he

continued, "is a national problem. The defense needs of our nation, which must be recognized, require a doubling and trebling of its size. This can only develop, in my opinion, through a system of taxes on watch imports that are adequate to compensate for the differential that exists between the cost of labor in the two countries. Such a method of taxation would provide additional badly-needed revenue for the government, and it would establish an equality of competitive opportunity that would be eminently fair and thoroughly American."

After Lt. Gov. Strickler had placed the mementos in the copper box, the box was placed in the cornerstone to the left of the Wheatland Avenue entrance. Mr. Blythe scooped up a trowelful of mortar and placed it under the cornerstone. The stone was then lowered by a pulley into its permanent niche in the wall of the building.

Throughout the ceremonies, the Lancaster Post No. 34 American Legion color guard stood at attention behind the speakers' platform. The affair was brought to a close with the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

## Let's Fill Up The Toy Baskets For The Needy Kids, and Make 'Em Happy

Slowly but surely the four baskets located in the reception lobby of the new office building, the lobby of the East and West Towers, and outside the Guard House in the rear of the factory, are being filled with used toys for the HRA CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE FOR NEEDY CHILDREN.

Let's keep those toys rolling in. Fill up the baskets and make the poor kids grin from ear to ear on Christmas morn. They won't know you're their Santa Claus, but so what! The Lord will—and after all, that's what counts. It gives your heart a lift on Christmas Day when you feel inside the satisfaction that you gave some little guy or gal a lot of fun that he wouldn't have known had you passed the Christmas toy basket without putting some plaything in.

Don't worry about what condition the toys are in. The HRA will take care of all the repair work needed on them. Keep those baskets loaded to the gills.

Thus far the collection in the toy baskets include mechanical cows, turtles, horses and sheep, crayoning books, baseballs, doll strollers, trucks, horns, a Charley McCarthy drum, doll coaches, etc.

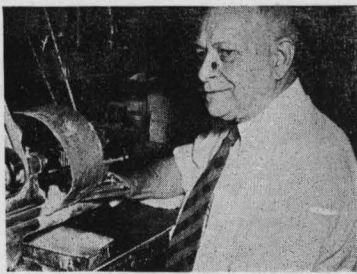
When a sufficient amount of toys are collected and repaired, ready for distribution, the HRA will ask you to submit names of needy families in your neighborhood whose kiddies need these toys for a happy Christmas. The HRA will also contact the Salvation Army, the Elks, and the Home Branch of the Welfare Association for more names of needy families.

The HRA will need some help in repairing and painting these toys so that they will be in ship-shape for distribution.

If you are interested in lending several hours of your time as a repairman or a painter, kindly contact Ken Weeks, (Personnel) as soon as possible.

The Toy Drive will be on until a sufficient amount of toys have been collected for distribution to the kids. In all probability, the Drive will last until the end of November, so you still have time to bring in your used toys.

## Charley Schlossman, Ed Wolpert & Blaine Parker Retire After Combined Total Of 84 Yrs., 11 Mos.



Charley Schlossman

September 30 marked the end of the line at Hamilton for Charles J. Schlossman (Flat Steel) and Edward L. Wolpert (Dial), while October 11 was the retirement date of C. Blaine Parker (Inspection), after a combined total of 84 years, 11 months of faithful service with the Company.

Schlossman retired from Flat Steel after 44 years, 7 months. Parker said so long to his mates after 30 years as an inspector in Flat Steel, while Wolpert was employed in Dial for 10 years, 4 months.

Operating at one time or another practically every machine in the Flat Steel Department, Charley concentrated his efforts mostly on polishing, an art he mastered.

The employees in Flat Steel presented him with a gift of \$45 when he retired. As for his future, he says he'll take a few days of vacation and then look for another job.

Charlie has been married for 35 years and has one daughter. While he admits he used to bowl and doesn't care to discuss his ability, he has no present interest in any particular sport.

He started at Hamilton on November 27, 1901, and left the company several times but came back. He admits he enjoyed working here where he made many friendships.

From sailor to trolley conductor to watchmaker is the colorful career of Blaine Parker, an inspector in Flat Steel for 30 years.

Blaine, who started at Hamilton on March 19, 1917, is presently in ill health. On the day of his retirement several members of the Inspection Department went to his home, 734 Manor Street, and presented him with a money booklet containing \$73.00 in one dollar bills, a gift from the members of Blaine's department.

Blaine is interested in all sports with the exception of baseball. At one time in his career, he was a top bowler, but due to his health during the past few years he has given up the kegling sport but has maintained plenty of interest in it.

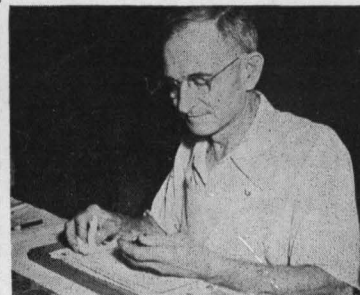
Blaine was a well-liked member of the Inspection group. During World War I, he was a member of Uncle Sam's Navy from 1904-08. When he got out of the Navy he took a trolley conductor's job in York from 1908-10. Then he worked for a contractor as a carpenter from 1910 to 1915. From 1915 to 1917 he worked at Follmer & Clogg and then followed with his watch career at Hamilton.

Blaine is married and the father of two children.

Ed Wolpert was a well-liked employee in Dial. Russ Kuhns, foreman of the department, considered Ed, "a well-liked, steady employee."

To show their appreciation, the employees in Dial presented Ed with a wallet containing \$75 when he retired on Sept. 30th.

Ed, whose wife, Celia, works in



Ed Wolpert



Blaine Parker

Dick, is job boss in Balance & Flat Steel, with another son, Eugene, employed in Timing & Casing, figures he'll do some repair work around his home, 626 Second Street.

Actually, Ed started working in Dial in 1912 and left in 1914. He worked as caretaker for four years for a local family, and was employed as fireman at Follmer & Clogg, and the Manor Silk Company for a total of eight years. He returned to Hamilton in 1941 and worked on the enameling job in Dial until his retirement. Eddie lists flowers as his hobby and intends to work with them now that he has sufficient time on his hands.

### GOOD GUESS

Mrs. Helen Long, housewife, 142 College Ave., Lancaster, received an Edna model Hamilton for guessing closest to the exact number of gold screws that could be made from the metal in a screw 100 diameters larger, which was part of the Hamilton exhibit at the "Industry on Parade" show at the Armory Oct. 18-21. The exact number was 804,424. Mrs. Long's guess was 806,112—just 1,688 over the correct answer.

## JOTS & DOTS

Frederic Lehmann, Pierre Morf and Hugh Vaucher, three new Hamilton employees, are Swiss born. Morf is employed in Watch Design, Lehmann works in Equipment & Tool Design, while Vaucher is a member of the Process Engineering Dept.

Virginia Allison, formerly of Automatic, is now working in the Screw Mfg. Dept. Now that the series is over, Frank Remley (Mech. Plan.) goes around twisting people's arms if they speak ill of Joe DiMaggio. Joe Gegg (Prod. Con. Supt.) tells about Babe Herman, the old Dodger slugger. Joe sez there was an awning painted on an ad on the right field fence in Ebbets Field. Every time Babe would get close to the awning he'd duck his head under it.

Clarence Reese (Purchasing) informs us that two of the most thrilling football games he ever witnessed was the Penn State-Penn game last year and the Princeton-Penn game this season. Most of the employees like the traffic lights out in front of the factory. It assures them real protection in crossing the highway safely.

Johnnie Diffenderfer (Maint.) tells us he had an 82% average for correct grid winners last year. He likes to add that he was just 2% behind the top grid picker, Dick Dunkle, the Atlantic expert. After Army bumped Michigan on Oct. 8, the papers the following Tuesday morning came out with Notre Dame as the No. 1 team of the nation. Charley Koller, Jr. (Maintenance) couldn't figure out how they got that way.

Charley Markert (Plate) is one guy who figures all the angles on a sport before he picks a winner. Charley knows his sports. Bow ties and Dick Slaugh (Hd. Watchmaker) go well together. Charley Bradley (Balance) sez he'd rather fish than hunt any day. He says he'd probably like hunting if he ever got interested in it.

In rounding into shape the Hamilton Minstrel, the chorus spent 26 hours in rehearsals. These 26 hours were split into 13 rehearsals of two hours each. As far as the toughest chorus number in the Minstrel is concerned it is "Malaguena," never before attempted by a local chorus. It is strictly an orchestral number with Abe Longenderfer whipping up a special arrangement for the chorus.



With the traffic lights in operation (Oct. 10), the employees who use the West Tower entrance in coming to and going from work are accustoming themselves to the observance of the lights which were erected by the Lancaster Township Supervisors for the employees' safety. Please obey these lights at all times and do not jaywalk.

**PREPARE  
FOR  
TOMORROW  
TODAY  
JOIN YOUR  
CREDIT UNION**



## SPORTS SHOP

### TWO CENTS WORTH

Dick Weaver (Dial) is assistant trainer for the McCaskey H. S. football team this season....The former Lancaster High end is helping Dr. George Gerlach....On Sept. 27 both the St. Louis Cardinals and the Brooklyn Dodgers in the National League, and the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees in the American circuit were even, with the same number of wins, the same number of losses....The Red Sox and Cardinals were the same number of games in front (one), and all had the same number of games to play (four)....That identical set-up may never happen again.

Professional wrestling has its Gorgeous George, while the Traffic Department has its Glamorous Glenn Imber, the original Denver Dandy....In the stands at Mico Stadium, West Point, on October 1 to see Army second half Penn State to death by a 42-7 count were Hamiltonians, Abe Burkhardt, Charley Funk, Hen Dorwart, Jay Miller, Jack Harrison, Paul Bransby and Johnnie Rill, all of Service, Ken Kellenberger (Material Sales), Paul Brodhecker (Plate) and Ed Breen, Catty Sowers, Charley Glouner, all of the Machine Shop....Frank Bashore, former McCaskey H. S. footballer, who matriculated to West Point and made the squad in his second year, is no longer out for the grid sport....Frankie, so the story goes, suffered a severe hip injury in spring drills and was advised to give up football for good....But in order to keep his hand in the game, he was selected as one of the Cadets' grid managers.

We'll take Eddie Sawyer of the Phillies for our 1949 manager of the year....Eddie took a young bunch of ball players and had them in the thick of it throughout the National League season....Eddie did a terrific job for our money....Bob Reese (Parts Stock) is of the opinion that 1951 is the year the Phillies will win the National League flag.

Back in the April issue of **TIMELY TOPICS** this column stuck its beak on the wire and picked Cleveland to repeat in the American League and Boston to do likewise in the National circuit....We were definitely wrong on both counts....We had Brooklyn to finish third and the Yankees to wind-up fourth....Brother, how wrong can you be?

With the 1949 baseball season in mothballs, here's the way we line up American and National All Star teams from performances over the past campaign.

American League	Position	National League
Tommy Henrich, New York	1st Base	Gil Hodges, Brooklyn
Bobby Doerr, Boston	2nd Base	Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn
Bob Dillinger, St. Louis	Shortstop	Red Schoendienst, St. Louis
George Kell, Detroit	3rd Base	Bob Elliott, Boston
Dom DiMaggio, Boston	Outfield	Enos Slaughter, St. Louis
Joe DiMaggio, New York	Outfield	Stan Musial, St. Louis
Ted Williams, Boston	Outfield	Ralph Kiner, Pittsburgh
Birdie Tebbetts, Boston	Catcher	Roy Campanella, Brooklyn
Alex Kellner, Philadelphia	Pitcher	Warren Spahn, Boston
Mel Parnell, Boston	Pitcher	Howie Pollet, St. Louis
Ellis Kinder, Boston	Pitcher	Ken Heintzelman, Phila.
Bob Lemon, Cleveland	Pitcher	Preacher Roe, Brooklyn
Vic Raschi, New York	Pitcher	Don Newcombe, Brooklyn

Unquestionably, Joe Page is our relief pitcher choice in the American circuit team, while Jim Konstanty of the Phillies gets the nod in the National team....Eddie Sawyer of the Phillies would be our choice for the National League team manager, while Joe McCarthy of Boston could handle the American circuit outfit. We select George Kell as the American League team's captain, while Stan Musial could captain the National Leaguers.

Well now that the hockey season is on, Hamiltonians are discussing the possibilities of the Hershey Bears finishing on top with Bob (Plate) King leading all conversations on the matter....With winter coming on and the golf pros heading for the warmer climes, Austin Fulk (Prod. Performance) wonders if little Ben Hogan will be strong enough to start his climb back to the top....With Tom Floyd out and Herman Mancini in as commissioner of amateur boxing in Lancaster County, we're anxious to see how the new set-up will react....The trouble with Tom was that he was too honest for his own good.

Here are a few nifty November numbers we give you for consideration....Alabama to nose Georgia Tech....Southern Methodist to beat Arkansas....Stanford over California....Columbia over Dartmouth....Villanova by not much over Georgetown....Ohio State over Illinois....Army over Navy....F. & M. over Western Maryland....North Carolina over Duke....Rice over Baylor....Our apologies to Carl Yecker (Eng. Services)....We stated in Sept. TT that Gene Barbor (Prod. Con.) beat him, 6-0, 6-0, when it should have been 6-1, 9-7....Hope this replaces some of your lost prestige, Yeck!

There's one break the 3 to 11 shifters got during the world series, that being the chance to catch at least 6 innings on outside TV before they punched in....If you listened to the 6:45 P. M. and 7:15 P. M. news broadcasts during the series you had a chance to hear both sides of the Dodgers-Yankees setto....Rogers Hornsby handled the Dodgers side, while Lefty Gomez went for the Yanks....They were both good and gave you a bit of the inside on both teams.

Roy Kendig (Balance Staff) is a Phillies rooter and makes no bones about it....He was in Shibe Park, Sunday afternoon, Oct. 2, when the Sawyersmen dropped that 9-7 ball game to the Dodgers, that gave the Bums the National League flag....George Dommel (Spec. Assem.) saw the 2nd, 3rd and 4th games of the World Series in the Yankee Stadium and Ebbets Field....George it seems reserves one week of his vacation every year to go to the series no matter in what major league city the games are held....If he wouldn't have made it this season, he still would have been O. K., since he has a TV set and could have seen the whole thing any way....The Men's Inter-Departmental basketball league this coming season will operate on the Edward Hand Junior High floor.

### Fritsch-Rynier Quoit Combo Win '49 Doubles

George "Lefty" Fritsch (Display) combined talents with Lew Rynier (Dial) to win the 1949 HRA Men's Quoit Doubles Championship by defeating Ken McMillen (Damask.) and Frank Hoffman (B. & F. S.) by scores of 21-14, 21-18, 21-20.

The Fritsch-Rynier combo pitched hot quoits throughout the tourney. In winning from the McMillen-Hoffman team they had to go all out to turn the trick.

For Fritsch, it was his first HRA tourney, while for Lew it was the second time since 1947 that he has been one half of a team that gained the finals. In '47, Rynier teamed with Bob King (Plate) to drop the championship to Bill Strickland (retired) and McMillen.

Concerning the McMillen and Hoffman twosome, it was the first time that Frank ever reached the finals, but McMillen has been one half of a finals team for three consecutive years. In 1947, he teamed with Strickland to win the title. He duplicated the feat with Joe Butson (Damask.) in 1948, and this year, while he and Hoffman were beaten, it marked his third appearance in the doubles finals.

Lefty & Lew worked their way into the title with early victories over Frank Finger (Bal. & Hspg.) & Earl Brinkman (Heat Treating) 21-4, 21-7, Charley Williams (Maintenance) & Fred Gerfin (Damask.) 21-10, 21-10, Ray Erisman (Maintenance) & Russ Kuhns (Dial) 21-11, 21-15.

Ken and Frank, before bowing to Fritsch and Rynier, defeated Bud Hoin (Plate) & Dick Mellinger (Watch Research) 21-6, 21-5, Lloyd Mowrer (Damask.) & Hen Schneider (Dial) 21-5, 21-17, Warren Overly (Parts Stock) & Jim Mable (Machine Shop) 21-17, 18-21, 21-6.

In other matches, the team of Overly and Mable beat Charley Snader (Damask.) & Bill Slaugh (retired) 21-3, 21-5, Slim Schoenberger (Maintenance) & Bob Reese (Parts Stock) 18-21, 21-4, 21-4.

Ray Erisman & Russ Kuhns beat Ted Schmidt (Train) & Norm Lenhart (Heat Treating) 21-18, 21-8, Bob Pennybaker (Finishing) & Johnnie Fry (Works Lab.) 21-15, 21-5.

Hen Schneider & Lloyd Mowrer defeated Johnnie Springer (Plate) & Joe Butson, 12-21, 21-20, 21-8.

Pennybaker & Fry beat Art Urban (Dial & Material) & Adam Brinkman (Maintenance) 9-21, 21-13, 21-12. Williams & Gerfin beat Harry Mentzer (B. & F. S.) & Bob Ursprung (Dial) 18-21, 21-12, 21-14.

There were 16 teams entered in this year's tourney with 15 matches involving 36 games being played. Joe Butson was the tourney chairman and through his efforts one of the largest and smoothly conducted tournaments in the history of quoits at Hamilton resulted.

This year's tourney featured many close battles with Butson being called from the sidelines many times to measure close quoits and make decisions. The teams competing were well matched, despite the fact that the names were drawn from a hat to form the combinations in the competition.

The early matches were contested in the best two out of three games, while the finals were the best three out of five games.

While most of the early matches were won by teams taking two straight from their opponents, no less than five of these matches went the full three games.

### Adam Brinkman Defeats His Brother Earl To Win 1949 HRA Men's Quoit Singles Title



Adam Brinkman, the singles champ, pitches his way to victory over his brother Earl.

Brushing aside five opponents, Adam Brinkman (Maintenance) won the 1949 HRA Men's Quoit Singles crown.

The finals were strictly a family affair with Adam defeating his brother Earl of the Heat Treating Department by scores of 21-7, 21-13, 21-14 in a best three-out-of-five match played at noon Sept. 27 in the No. 2 boxes behind the factory.

This was the first time either of the Brinkman brothers reached the finals. To get into the select spot, both rose to the occasion against stiff opposition.

Adam, on the way up, defeated Lew Rynier (Dial) in the semi-finals 21-20, 12-21, 21-20. He beat Bud Hoin (Plate) 2-21, 21-18, 21-8 to gain the quarter-finals. In the first two rounds he beat Fred Gerfin (Damask.) 21-10, 21-19, and John Springer (Plate) 21-14, 21-10.

Earl was more the giant killer in his way to the finals, knocking off two former HRA titleholders. He defeated last year's champ, Jim Mable (Machine Shop) 21-8, 13-21, 21-0 in the second round, and then bumped two-time (1946-47) champ, Lloyd Mowrer (Damask.) in the semi-final round by counts of 18-21, 21-12, 21-12. Earl defeated Russ Kuhns (Dial) in the quarter-finals 21-15, 12-21, 21-10, and in the opening round he eliminated Al Hunselman (Damask.) 21-10, 19-21, 21-7.

Despite his loss in the finals, Earl picked up a prize for the runnerup honors.

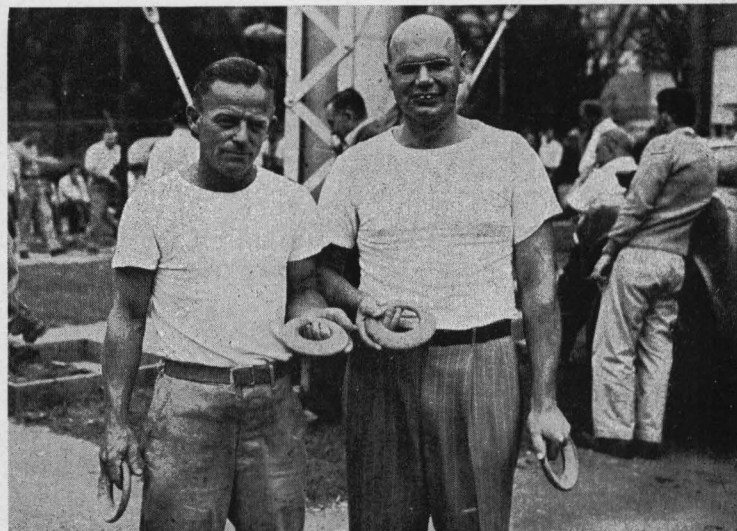
This was a close, well-played tourney with 32 starting in the competition and 80 games being

played during the two weeks of action. Excluding the finals, 17 of the 30 matches went the full three games before the winners were decided.

In other matches played, semi-finalist Rynier beat Norm Lenhart (Insp.) 21-3, 0-21, 21-12, Ken McMillen (Damask.) 21-10, 21-16, Bob Pennybaker (Finishing) 21-6, 21-13. The other semi-finalist, Mowrer, scored victories over Joe Butson (Damask.) 16-21, 21-16, 21-16, Ted Schmidt (Train) 21-10, 21-16, and Marlin Kreider (Chem-Met.) 21-1, 19-21, 21-10.

Lenhart beat Johnnie Fry (Works Lab.) 21-19, 16-21, 21-16, and Charley Snader (Damask.) 21-5, 21-12. Bud Hoin won from Frank Hoffman (Flt. St.) 21-16, 17-21, 21-12, and Dick Royer (Maintenance) 21-0, 21-0 (forfeit). Fred Gerfin won by forfeit from Galen Beck (Stocks & Stores) 21-0, 21-0.

Butson defeated Charley Williams (Maintenance) 21-4, 21-18, Art Urban (Dial & Mat'l Stores) 21-15, 21-9. Williams bumped Dick Mellinger (Watch Res.) 21-7, 12-21, 21-3. Russ Kuhns won from Bill Slaugh (Retired) 21-3, 5-21, 21-7, Paul Brown (Maintenance) 21-0, 21-0 (forfeit). Bill Slaugh opened with a 21-0, 21-0 forfeit from Bob Heenan (Frt. Jewel.). Jim Mable beat Slim Schoenberger (Machine Shop) 21-6, 19-21, 21-10. Frank Hoffman beat Bob Reese (Parts Stock) 21-12, 6-21, 21-16. Johnnie Fry defeated Harry Mentzer (B. & F. S.) 21-9, 7-21, 21-7. Ken McMillen won from Bill Overly (Parts Stock) 21-5, 17-21, 21-6.



The doubles champs—Lefty Fritsch and Lew Rynier.



# THE BALANCE DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES THE HEART—BEATS FOR ALL HAMILTONS

The balance wheel is the beating heart of a Hamilton watch—a heart that beats 300 times per minute or 432,000 times per day. Some balance wheels are less than a quarter of an inch in diameter and are formed to an accuracy measuring in ten thousandths of an inch. They are adjusted by sixteen tiny screws, each not much larger than a grain of dust.

While the balance wheel is the beating heart of the watch, when it combines with the balance assembly it becomes the governor that controls the timekeeping.

The Balance Department with its 77 employees (59 females, 18 males) and its many different machines is the manufacturing center of all Hamilton balance wheels, some eight different sizes in number.

The machine operations performed on balance wheels are, facing, shaving, drilling, finish face of arm of balance, recessing, reaming, rough rim turning, profiling, finish rim turning, counter-sinking, etc., while the eight hand operations include, chamfering, filing, cornering on balance wheels, brushing, reaming, finishing inside of balance wheels, and inserting screws in balance wheels.

The closest tolerance that prevails is in the shaving operation on the center hole of the balance wheel which is performed on a small bench lathe. The diameter of the hole must be held to 1/10,000th of an inch.

With the Balance Department's large daily production, the employees of the cleaning section handle approximately 120,000 wheels daily as they come through for cleaning after the various operations.

Balance is under the supervision of A. M. Groff, section superintendent, with Charley Bradley, a Hamiltonian for 20 years, as

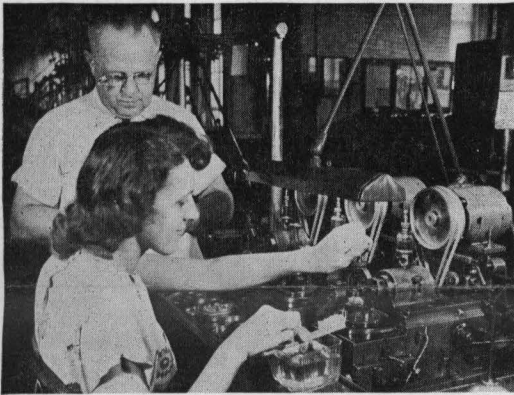
the foreman. The department's five job bosses are: Bob Kauffman, John Sanders, Andy Showers, Dick Wolpert and Walt Levering. The set-up man is Howard Levering.

All of Balance's work is issued by Production Control via a manufacturing order. When the order is received in the department, a requisition is made out by Ira Mann, shop planner, and sent to Parts Stock where the material is released to the Balance Department.

When Balance receives the parts, Shop Planner Mann schedules the work in cooperation with the five job bosses and the set-up man who put the work on the machines, set-up the machines and instruct and supervise the operators who complete the jobs. This procedure is followed until parts are ready for delivery to Parts Stock as finished work.

The Balance Department has eight employees who have been with Hamilton for 20 or more years, with two of this number being here over 30 years. The list includes, John Sanders, 35 years; Louis Ernst, 31½ years; Andy Showers, 29 years; Charley Habecker, 25 years; Maud Ressler, 24 years; Dorothy Keiser, 22 years; Anna Brunthal, 21 years; and Foreman Bradley, 20 years.

In the nine pictures below taken by Ned Aurand (Chem-Met) for TIMELY TOPICS, the major operations in the Balance Department are featured.



1 Mildred Hornberger is shown drilling balance wheel screw holes, while Job Boss John Sanders, a Hamiltonian for 35 years, checks the work. The drill used on this operation is .011 of an inch in diameter.



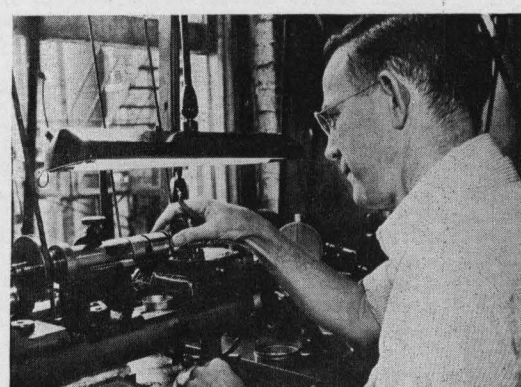
2 Grace Yeager, Betty Lincoln and Dot Doulan are tapping balance wheel screw holes on tapping machines. There are eight employees on this particular operation.



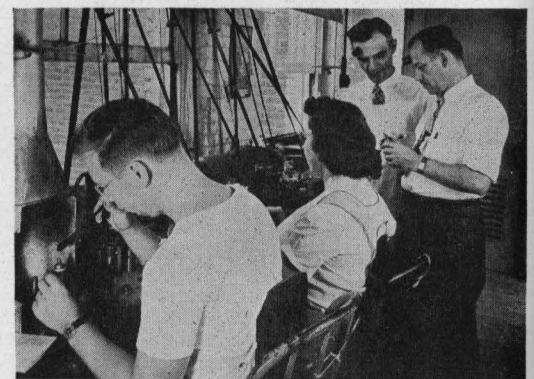
3 With Walter Levering, job boss, watching the operation, Edna Diller is shown profiling the inside of a balance wheel rim on a semi-automatic machine.



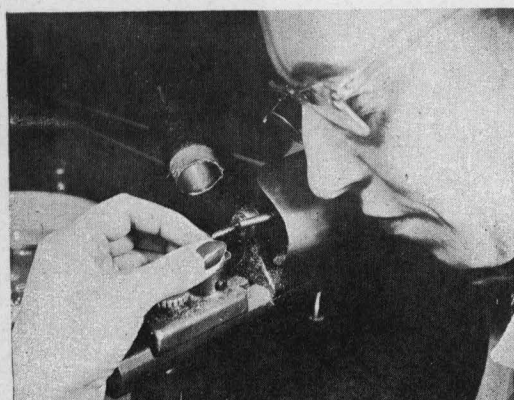
4 Charley Habecker, 25 years with the Company, is filing the inside of a balance wheel rim. This is one of the eight hand operations performed in the Department.



5 Louis Ernst, a Hamiltonian for 31½ years, is shown finish facing the arm of the balance wheel.



6 With Charley Bradley, foreman, and a Hamiltonian for 20 years, and Job Boss Bob Kauffman standing in the background doing some operational checking, Jim Cunningham and Suie Bear are shown performing the finish rim turning of balance wheel operation.

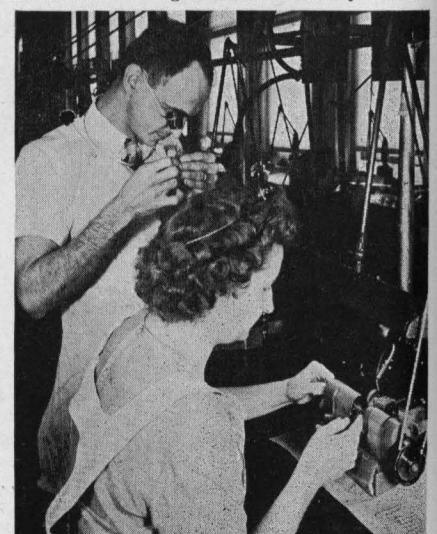


7 Here is a close-up shot of Dot Keiser counter-sinking the balance wheel screw holes. Dot has been with the Company for 22 years.



8 Catherine Smith, using a large magnifying glass, is inserting tiny gold screws in balance wheels, while Andy Showers, job boss and a Hamiltonian for 29 years, inspects Catherine's work.

Verna Wile is shown turning the outside diameter and bevel of balance upper end stone caps. Dick Wolpert, job boss, checks a piece of work.



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