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HAMILTON HOST TO 450 A.O.A. MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Address By Pres. Kant, Re-election Of Directors & Officers Highlights Of Stockholders Meeting

An address by President R. M. Kant, election of directors and company officers, along with the creation of a new office—assistant secretary and assistant comptroller—were the highlights of the annual Hamilton stockholders meeting on Tuesday afternoon, April 11 in the board of directors room on the fourth floor of the new office building.

The board of directors re-elected and their terms are: (Three years): C. J. Backstrand, J. W. B. Bausman, Jr., Col. J. Hale Steinman and C. G. Watt. (Two years): Frank C. Beckwith, C. M. Kendig, Frank K. Sener and William Shand. (One year): Lowell F. Halligan, R. M. Kant, G. P. Luckey and Charles C. Smith.

The board of directors at its meeting re-elected these company officers: C. M. Kendig, chairman of the board; R. M. Kant, president; Charles C. Smith, vice-president in charge of finances, and secretary; G. P. Luckey, vice-president in charge of manufacturing; L. F. Halligan, vice-president and sales manager; H. R. Lawrence, treasurer, and R. B. Thompson comptroller.

A new office was created, that of assistant secretary and assistant comptroller. Roland Raver was selected to fill it. Raver has been with Hamilton since 1935 except for a five months hitch with the Merchant Marine from June to November of 1943 when he returned to the Budget Department.

President Kant in his address to the company's stockholders said that it is difficult to forecast prospects for 1950. He asserted that the watch industry is "plagued with a continued epidemic of distress sales of off-brand imported watches of doubtful quality."

He said the company's production for 1950 is "scheduled at a figure somewhat less than anticipated sales, for it is our aim to end the year 1950 with a smaller inventory of finished watches than we had at the end of 1949."

Despite the post-war adjustment period, President Kant said, "there never was a prior period when the acceptance of Hamilton watches was better with the consumer or the trade."

He asserted, "it will be our constant aim to continue bettering this position."

Stockholders made a change in the method of electing directors. Instead of electing a full board yearly, one third of the board will be named each year. To accomplish this change, four of the 12 directors named on April 11 will serve a full term of three years, four two years and four one year. As the terms of each group expire, the members will be named for full three year terms. In the case of a vacancy on the board, the directors will appoint a successor to complete the unexpired term.

Stockholders of the company ap-

proved a resolution empowering the board of directors to increase the indebtedness of the company to a maximum of \$3,500,000 at their discretion. It was explained that there are no immediate plans for such action but that the power was given the directors so that changing conditions could be met with facility.

The seasonal pattern of watch sales, it was pointed out, often requires the accumulation of a considerable inventory both of raw materials and of finished product and this, coupled with the increased dollar value of such inventories, was considered as one reason for the resolution.

Musical Jamboree May 2 McCaskey Auditorium

A Musical Jubilee — "For the Heart From the Heart"—featuring the combined chorus groups of Hamilton, R.C.A. and Armstrong's, the proceeds to go to the Lancaster Heart Haven will be held on May 2 at 8:15 p. m. in the McCaskey High School auditorium.

The combined chorus of 150 mixed voices will be accompanied by a combined semi-concert orchestra of 40 musicians. Both will be under the direction of Abram Longenderfer (Hamilton) assisted by Mrs. Lucille Messner (RCA) and Harold Shaar (Armstrong's).

The program will consist of seven chorus numbers, six individual acts, and two selections by the orchestra.

Tickets for the concert are presently on sale. Hamilton employees may purchase them from members of the Chorus or Personnel Office. The admission will be \$1.00 tax included. Patrons tickets are \$1.50 tax included.

The chorus numbers will include "Swiss Skiing Song", "Rangers' Song", "A Roving", "Dry Bones", "Country Style", "Battle Hymn of the Republic", and "The Hallelujah Chorus".

The individual acts will include: The Noray Sisters (Janet Sherick and Nora Jackson), dance routine; Paul Harnish (Hamilton), two comedy acts; Marianne Weicksel (Armstrong's), solo; and Nine Lovely Ladies (three from each Co.), "Green Cathedral".

The two numbers by the orchestra will be, "Oklahoma" and "Malaguena".

Advance sale on tickets has been moving right along indicating a large audience will be on hand for this one performance.

The three companies' choruses and the combined orchestra have spent some six weeks in rehearsals for the show.

There will be 21 usherettes for the evening, 7 from each company.

Philadelphia A. O. A. Post Holds First Meeting Outside Quaker City With Maj. Gen. E. L. Ford, Maj. Gen. R. C. Coupland And George P. Luckey As Principal Speakers In Auditorium Of Hamilton's New Research & Engineering Laboratory On April 5



On the stage of the Hamilton Watch Company auditorium the principals gathered for the American Ordnance Association meeting on April 5. Front Row (L to R): E. G. Budd, Jr., Maj. Gen. R. C. Coupland, President R. M. Kant, Major G. M. Barnes, Maj. Gen. E. L. Ford, G. P. Luckey, Admiral J. A. Snackenber, Lt. Gov. Daniel B. Strickler and C. Jared Ingersoll. Second Row: Dr. Theodore A. Distler, Gen. E. E. MacMorland, Harry E. Blythe, Col. H. F. Sykes, Maj. Gen. R. L. Maxwell and Col. E. M. Tally. Third Row: Paul Zens, Ralph Goetzenberger, H. W. Gadsen, Col. W. E. Becker, Col. E. M. Serrem, C. J. Backstrand, H. S. Lewis and A. J. Seiler. Fourth Row: D. Y. Smith, Col. H. P. Erwin, Col. T. K. Vincent, A. W. Gilmer, F. C. Hough and Gen. B. O. Lewis.

The Hamilton Watch Company was host to 450 members and guests of the Philadelphia Post of the American Ordnance Association, including top flight Armed Forces armament and ordnance representatives, at a tour, meeting and dinner on April 5.

The Association's semi-annual meeting which was held in the auditorium of the Hamilton Watch Company carried the theme, "Industrial Mobilization". The government's plans for industrial mobilization in the event of an international emergency and reviewed steps already taken in the interest of national security were discussed by the principal speakers.

The producers or potential producers of Armed Forces ordnance heard the country's procurement policies outlined by Major General E. L. Ford, ordnance chief, United States Army; Major General Richard B. Coupland, armament director, United States Air Force; and George P. Luckey, vice-president in charge of manufacturing of the Hamilton Watch Company. Both Major Generals Ford and Coupland are from Washington, D. C.

Preceding the meeting a tour of the factory was conducted with the 450 A.O.A. members and guests split into groups of twenty with a female employee guide and a male attendant with each group. The groups visited 21 stations throughout the factory. Three of

these stations were rest stops. The other 18 stations each had a display of an enlarged plastic part, representing the particular watch part manufactured in that particular department. At 15 of these stations there were 2½ minute recordings which explained the operations of the particular part viewed. This eliminated any explanation by the guides or attendants.

The tour operated on a time basis with four minutes allowed at each station.

The departments and sections visited on the tour were: Press, Small Tool, Jig Boring, Train, Automatic, Heat Treating, Plate, Balance Wheel, Balance Staff, Dial, Escape, Balance & Hair-spring Assembly, Standards, Assembly "B", Specialties Manufacturing & Assembly, Timing Room, Screw Manufacturing, and Jewel Manufacturing.

Complete satisfaction, and in some cases amazement, were registered by the members and guests who enjoyed the tour, what they saw, and the thorough manner in which a mass tour of this nature was conducted.

President R. M. Kant welcomed the group in the auditorium.

The meeting was conducted by Major General G. M. Barnes, United States Army (retired), president of the Philadelphia Post American Ordnance Association,

who introduced the principal speakers.

Major General Ford spoke on "The Role of Army Ordnance in National Defense". Major General Coupland took for his subject, "Industrial Support For Air Armament", while Mr. Luckey spoke on, "The American Jeweled Watch Industry in National Defense".

Excerpts from Mr. Luckey's speech appear on Page 6 of this issue.)

Major General Ford reminded his audience that the principals of industrial mobilization, between the First and Second World Wars "is just as good today as then in acquainting industry of its job if we went to war." General Ford indicated that the Army does not intend to launch a full fledged procurement program until the Armed Services "evaluates its need through research and development."

Out of the research laboratories and the testing fields, he said, are coming new ideas. He specifically referred to an intense tank program and new developments in anti-aircraft artillery.

He pointed out that the government has kept 32 of the ordnance plants it constructed during the war on a "standby" basis. "I believe we can get them into full production in six months."

General Coupland told the indus-

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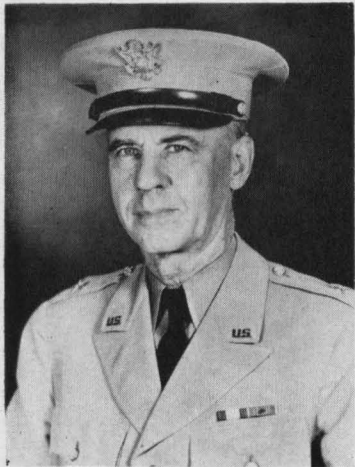
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Hamilton Host To Philadelphia A.O.A. Post

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Maj. Gen. E. L. Ford



George P. Luckey



Maj. Gen. R. C. Coupland

trialists that it is in the field of electrical and electronic controls that they will probably play their biggest part.

"We are in a continued state of readiness," General Coupland said, and added: "The merit of increasing production capacity as against stockpiling seems obvious."

G. M. Barnes paid tribute to the wartime achievements of the Hamilton Watch Company, particularly its designing and production of marine chronometers and the production of mechanical time fuses.

He pointed out that the meeting here was the first ever held by the post outside of Philadelphia and "we are practically dedicating this new building. The meeting of the post is the first use made of the new Research and Engineering Laboratory."

Among the guests introduced to the members of the A.O.A. from the stage of the auditorium were: C. J. Backstrand, executive vice-president of the Armstrong Cork Company, and a member of the Hamilton Board of Directors; Col. W. E. Becker, commanding officer Frankford Arsenal; Harry E. Blythe, office of Production Planning, Munitions Board, Washington, D. C., who laid the cornerstone of the Research & Engineering Laboratory on Sept. 22, 1949.

Edward G. Budd, Jr., president of the Budd Company, Philadelphia; Dr. Theodore A. Distler, president of Franklin & Marshall College; Col. H. P. Erwin, Riggs National Bank, Washington, D. C.; H. W. Gladsden, vice-president,

Sharpe & Dome, Philadelphia; A. W. Gilmer, attorney, Philadelphia; R. L. Goetzenberger, vice-president Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company; F. C. Hough, Ammunitions Branch, United States Naval Ordnance, Washington, D. C.

C. Jared Ingersoll, War Chief, Philadelphia Ordnance District; General B. O. Lewis, staff consultant, American Ordnance Association; H. S. Lewis, president, Parish Steel Company, Reading; Howard Petersen, executive vice-president Fidelity - Philadelphia Trust Company, and former assistant Secretary of War.

Col. A. J. Seiler, president Main Belting Company, Philadelphia; Col. E. M. Serrem, commanding officer, Philadelphia Ordnance District; Major Gen. R. L. Maxwell, vice-president American Machine and Foundry Company; Col. J. P. Harris, Picatinny Arsenal; Rear Admiral J. A. Snackenber, deputy chief Naval Ordnance; Lieut. Gov. Daniel B. Strickler, Lancaster.

Major Gen. E. E. MacMorland, Aberdeen, Md., Proving Grounds; Col. Thomas K. Vincent, executive officer, Aberdeen, Md., Proving Grounds; and Col. E. M. Tally, Munitions Board, Washington, D. C.

Following the tour and meeting a dinner for all the members and guests was held on the first floor of the Research & Engineering Laboratory. The dinner was served by the Shopf Catering Service. Entertainment was furnished by

the Hamilton Chorus who sang three songs.

The Hamilton committee in charge of all the arrangements for the tour, meeting and dinner consisted of: General Chairman, F. A. Christoffel; Committee Chairmen, H. C. Dobbs and M. N. Rivenburg; The committeemen were: D. C. Connor, E. W. Drescher, R. B. Mentzer, A. B. Sinkler, R. J. Gunder, R. B. Rinehart, E. Van Haaf, M. B. Conklin, R. A. Preston, R. M. Dietz, G. K. Weeks, W. Geisler, A. Mathews and R. E. Welsh.

HRA To Sponsor Cabaret Dance At Arcadia

The second cabaret dance of the 1950 season will be held by the HRA at the Arcadia Ballroom on West Orange Street on Friday evening, May 26 from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m.

The dance will be under the co-chairmanship of Bob Ferguson (Stocks & Stores) and Dot Mumma (Process Engineering).

There will be spot dance prizes awarded during the evening.

Monnie Wike and his orchestra with Eddie Humpf (Material Stores) at the piano will furnish the music.

Each HRA member and one guest will pay 25 cents each. Others will pay \$1.00 per person, \$1.50 per couple.

At the first dance of the season held on March 3 at the Stevens House, 250 couples attended. Plan to attend and make the May 26th event the biggest dance of the season.

Card Party

Tonight at 8:15 p. m., the HRA will sponsor a card party in the Company cafeteria. HRA members and one guest will be admitted free. All others will pay 25 cents. Prizes will be given. Bridge, pinoche and 500 will be played.

Please use the Wheatland Avenue entrance. Sandwiches, coffee and ice cream will be on sale in the Cafeteria.

The co-chairmen of the party are: Dave Messersmith (Watch Research) and Dick Dietz (Watch

BIRTHS

Steve Bevilacqua (Eng. Records) and Harold Brown (Plate) are the two chest beaters who make the column this month. Steve's wife, Shirley, who used to work in Statistics, presented the old man with Nancy Kay, 5 lbs. 14½ ozs., at St. Joe's on March 28. The same day Hal's wife, Doris, who used to work in Train, presented him with Barbara Jane, 7 lbs. 2 ozs., at the General.

Joe Walkaround

APRIL SHOWERS

Ben Hummel, who is now associate editor of Machine Design mag, may be back at Hamilton one day real soon to do a story on some phase of the Company for his boss, Colin Carmichael. The mag that Ben works for is one of four technical periodicals published by the Penton Publishing Company out of Cleveland. Ken McMillen (Damaskeening) was elected president of the Millersville Recreation Association for 1950-51 on March 20th. Harry Shetter, who made many friends in his six months as manager of the Cafeteria, is now manager of the Hotel Weber.

Gene Wiley (B. & F. S.), an expert at the art of not knowing how to put up a TV aerial, finally bought a set after months of trying them all. Ken Kreider, WGAL announcer, is of opinion that television will never sideline radio. Bob Nikolaus (Plate) returned to work on March 20 after an operation that kept him out of action for several weeks. Nice to see you back again, Roberto! R. J. Gunder (Sales Promotion Mgr.) recently returned from a three weeks' business trip to the West Coast.

Old acquaintances were renewed in mid-Feb. when General "Ike" Eisenhower and Herb Roberts (Prod. Dispatch), who soldiered together in World War I, chinned about bygone experiences. General "Ike" spoke at F & M and Herb talked to him after his lecture. Herb said the General has a terrific memory. Jonas Chandler (Maintenance) can't figure out why they give you a fork to eat pie a la mode. He wants to know what you're supposed to do with the ice cream that melts in your plate? Well, dear Dorothy Dix, what are you supposed to do with it?

Shirley Hearter, who used to work in Personnel Research, is now the mamma of a baby son. The bouncer's name is William Roy Hearter, Jr., born March 17 in Harrisburg Polyclinic Hospital. For a treatment instead of a treat, try listening to Charley (Train) Miller singing "Mule Train". Ken Aston (Watch Design) is still eating spinach from his '49 garden. The call of the seed catalogues has caught up with Chet Connor (Process Eng.) as he heads for the great outdoors with his shovel and hoe. We notice Art Groff (Section Supt.) is studying the road maps thoroughly these days. Evidently gettin' ready for vacation.

In Hamilton's new color movie, "What Makes A Fine Watch Fine?", which was two years in the making, not once is the name Hamilton mentioned in the narration. This was done so the picture could be shown to high school audiences and civic groups without any advertisement on the part of the Company. The name Hamilton appears on the watches in the picture just enough to let the audience know the name of the Company who makes them. It has been very cleverly handled.

Some guy after watching pro wrestling on TV, handed an idea over to Dick Vaughan (Cost Analyst). This guy figured that a wrestler with a Pennsylvania Dutch accent wearing a flat black hat and a beard, could be billed as, "Aaron the Mighty Plowboy". The guy wants Dick to be "Aaron". Kinda miss the old factory whistle since it was taken down from its perch atop the Boiler House. Never heard whether they're gonna put a new one up or repair the old one. Sam (Personnel) Rohrer had a birthday on April 1. Ted Franklin (Asst. Sales Mgr. in Charge of Adm. Sales) returned to work on March 24 after a week's battle with the flu.

Murray Gould (Pat. Atty.), the old racquet welder, is getting the tennis urge. He contacted Ken Weeks (Personnel) on March 21 to have the nets put up for some early practice. John Montague immediately upon installation as Cafe Mgr., put the bread and butter in a small plate, added bacon and eggs to the breakfast menu, and served sundaes as an added feature to the noontime dessert section. Have you noticed the new Bob (Plate) King with teeth? The kid's a charmer now.

Back when he was a young guy, Bob Waddell (Dir. of Adv.) was a publicity agent in New York. That was prior to World War I. When he came back, he located in Lancaster as a newsie on the city desk of the Intell. A guy who makes you feel sorry for yourself for tellin' him a joke is Bob Wilson (Sales). Of course, what makes the deal rougher is that he waits until you leave the room before he actually does laugh. Uoo, how vulgar! For a good argument to cut in on any time they get together, have a listen to Roy Kendig (Bal. Staff) and Ken Trees (Insp.). Roy can't seem to put across the point that he's more youthful than Ken.

The slide rule is one of the chief instruments of operation used by the Factory Rates and Cost Standards Section. Paul Kutz, the section's supt., admits his guys and gals have adopted, "Slippin' Around" as their theme song. Now that he's a father for the third time, the boys are calling Pax Gifford (Crystallography), "Pappy". Quality is the keynote of the Quality Control Section. If you don't think so you should have grabbed a gander at the seven posters on the windows and door of the dept.

Red Danz (Finishing) wanted to substitute the picture of him shaking hands with Frank Leahy, Notre Dame coach, for the one we used of him in the pictorial story of Finishing in March T.T. Charley (Assem. D) Witmer's 11 year old son joined the Scouts recently. He's a member of the "Weeping Eagles" patrol. After watching Mae Weston and Elviry Snodgrass, the muscular femmes, put on their wrestling skit at Maple Grove on March 22, Edna Seiple (Purchasing) figures she'll stick to typing. Dave Kitch (Maintenance) had a muzzie with the fuzz about as high as the grass on a golf green.

Ruth Stapleford is new in Advertising. Freddie Wiegand (B. & F. S.), we understand, would rather fish than eat. The 26 female guides who led the American Ordnance Association groups on tours thru the factory on April 5th, were coached and instructed for their job by Al Mathews (Training Supv.) and Chet Connor (Process Eng.). Harry Herr (Maintenance) is back on the job after a recent auto accident. Two recent returnees from similar operations are John Foose (Sect. Supt.) and Doc Hergenrother (Screw Mfg.). Bobby Burk (Train) is back after a recent scrap with the flu. Bob Johnson (Sales) admits he's not the A's former outfielder.

1950 Hamilton Vacation July 7 to 24

According to an announcement released by President R. M. Kant on March 24th, copies of which were placed on all bulletin boards throughout the factory and the Main Office Building, the 1950 vacation will be from the night of July 7 to the morning of July 24th.

Arrangements through foremen should be made for additional time by those employees who qualify for more than two weeks vacation.

Vacation checks will be issued on Thursday, July 6th, 1950. The weekly checks normally paid on July 10th, 1950, will be paid on July 7th, 1950.

The complete details of the 1950 vacation policy for employees in the unit are listed in article 9 of the agreement between the Company and the Hamilton Watch Workers' Union.

Random Notes On The American Ordnance Association Meeting

The A.O.A. factory tour with Hamilton's female guides dressed in black skirts and neat white blouses, and looking like a million bucks, got underway at 1:30 p. m. sharp.

Accompanying each group of the twenty that toured thru the day were Hamilton male attendants, whose job it was to turn on the recording machines at each of the "live" stations.

The female guides were well schooled in their duties. Each one of them spent about 15 individual hours of instruction with Al Mathews (Training Supv.) and D. C. Connor (Proc. Eng.), the two men in charge of this detail.

The guides were: Joyce Rhen, Lois Reese, Patricia Hale, Pauline Hayes, Marie Caldwell, Mary Ronan, Dorothea Hain, Barbara Ann Miller, Mildred Heaps, Arlene Hoff, Bertha Deibler, Nancy Norbury, Betty Bassett, Jo Lowry, Nancy Brown, Mary Jane Hecker, Mae Evans, Mary McMurtrie, Irene Peters, Doris Snyder, Irene Harnish, Helen Harmon, Betty Rice, and Lois Kemrer.

Of this group, Nancy Brown, Dotty Mumma, Mae Evans and Mary Jane Hecker drew cloak room assignments and they did a swell job.

The registrar group in the lobby of the new Research & Engineering Laboratory was composed of: Kitty Vogel, Nellie Tragesser, Suzanne Gramm and Marcia Hughes. They had a busy day and handled all situations like veterans.

The group of male attendants who accompanied the tour groups were: Bill Dinges, W. O. Binkley, Mel Beck, Bill Carey, Gene Barber, Johnnie Dudley, Al Pickel, R. J. Cohen, Hank Kirkpatrick, Tom Stump, Paul Zorger, Sam Bard, F. J. Guest, Bill Stuenkel, Harry Detwiler, Frank Byorick, Lou Brethauer, J. H. Landvater, Bob Ferguson, Ken McMurtrie, H. B. Thompson, Wally Bork, Ed Fechter and Ed Myers.

Actually, there were 21 stations on the circle tour. Three stations, 7, 14 and 21, were listed as rest stations. The older members of the A.O.A. group enjoyed these three spots.

The elapsed time spent at each of the 18 stations, including the three rest stops, was four minutes. The girl guides each carried a Lux long ring minute minder which they set for four minutes at each station. When the time was up the alarm rang and off went the group to the next station along the way.

During the tour, the guides and attendants answered no questions asked by the A.O.A. members. If the members had any questions to ask they were requested to jot them down in a special booklet each member received at the outset of the tour. When the tour was concluded these questions were answered by the technical information center composed of: Art Sinkler, Dick Slaugh, Ed Shubrooks, Ralph Mentzer, E. W. Drescher, Chet Connor and E. Van Haften.

The voice on the recordings at the various station displays belonged to Jay Sims, former news commentator for WOR. Sims at the present time is the narrator for MGM newsreels and is also the announcer on the Lucky Strike

Hit Parade. In the free lance field he narrates for industrial films. The copy for the recordings was written by M. N. Rivenburg (Adv. Prod. Mgr.). The narration on each record was 2½ minutes in length.

The 18 walnut cabinets for the record players along with the birch backboards for the displays were made at the Benfer Cabinet Shop in Milton, Pa. Due to a shortage of help at the Milton plant and with time a vital element, Jack Conklin, Johnnie Kennett and Mike Troop, all of the Display Section along with Cloyd Dobbs (Sect. Supt.), a committee head for the tour, went to Milton for a few days and pitched in and helped to speed the building of the material.

The success of the A.O.A. tour, meeting and dinner was a combined operations job with every employee at Hamilton playing a part whether he or she knew it or not. Maintenance handled the electrical work and the rough work outside and inside the new Research & Engineering Lab. The Display Shop and many departments throughout the factory contributed in the success of the displays. The guides and attendants from the office and factory worked hard and efficiently. The registrars in the new Research Lab contributed valuable work. The arrangements and scheduling for the big event was capably handled by F. A. Christoffel and his committees. The Guards were on their toes throughout the day. The Hamilton Chorus supplied that added touch of necessary entertainment at the dinner. Harry Longenecker in the Print Shop handled the embosograph sign work. Timely Topics wishes to personally thank Ned Aurand for taking many of the A.O.A. pictures in this issue. Again we say, it was a combined operations job that made the event successful.

At the conclusion of the tour, when the A.O.A. members, and guests had an opportunity to relax, high compliments were passed Hamilton's way on the cleanliness of the factory, the efficient way the tour was conducted, the friendliness of all the employees, the clever way the management handled the explanation via recording at the various stations. There wasn't one gripe. The tour bored no one. While many of the members were tired when they completed their walk, they did not complain but rather were amazed at what they saw.

The A.O.A. meeting had good local press coverage. Editors John Carter (New Era), Tom Barber (Sunday News) and Earl Keyser (Intell) attended the dinner. Reporters Charles Fitzkee of the Intell and Jerry Conn of the New Era were on hand to cover the affair. Cameraman Dick Reinhold of the Intell took a few pictures, one of them appearing in the morning, April 6th Intell along with a detailed story.

The two free lance cameramen who operated during the afternoon were Frank Aerrigo and Walter Dean. Dean was on hand with his wide lens camera to shoot the formal picture of the principal speaker on the stage, while Aerrigo drifted through the factory taking informal shots during the tour.

While April 5 started out cloudy and rainy, the weatherman came through with sunshine in the afternoon. But despite the change in elements, the Maintenance Dept.

had things prepared for any occasion. They put up piped archways leading from the East Tower into the new Laboratory over which was hung 250 feet of canvas. While it didn't have the big league look of some New York hotel canopies, it served the same purpose with no one getting wet.

About the middle of the afternoon, Cal Allison (Engraving) kindly notified Al Mathews who was in charge of the guides, that something went wrong with the recording on Station No. 2 (Jig Boring) and that he took care of the situation by quickly substituting another record. "What did you put on?" Al wanted to know. "If I knew you were comin' I'da baked a cake," replied Cal.

Lowell Halligan Announces Four New Members Added To Hamilton Watch Sales Force On April 1



Jim Funk, Bob Johnson, Bob Braner and Bud Wallace

Lowell Halligan, vice-president and sales manager, announced the addition of four new employees to the Hamilton sales force. Three of the members will be added to the field force, while the fourth will assist E. B. Silvius, in special sales.

The fieldmen are: Robert M. Johnson, James R. Funk and Leroy E. Wallace. Robert L. Braner, transferred from the Balance & Hairspring section with 12 years of company service behind him, will work in the special sales department.

The three fieldmen, all veterans with wide experience in the jewelry and watchmaking field, will be assigned to areas on the West Coast and in the Middle Atlantic States.

Robert M. Johnson, who attended Bradley University where he studied watchmaking, will represent Hamilton in Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah and part of Nevada. Johnson, a native of Rugby, North Dakota, served his watchmaker's apprenticeship with his father and for a time they operated a jewelry store together in Puyallup, Washington. He has also held other positions as salesman and watch buyer in several jewelry stores since 1941. Johnson is married, has two children, Sandra, 10, and Dee De, 4, and resides in Tacoma, Washington. During his high school and college days, Bob played football and basketball and had a number of leads in college plays.

James Funk, who earned his degree

Who made the earth, the sea, the sky,
Who watches over you and I?
'Tis God Almighty, heavenly King,
His praises always will I sing.
His loving hand will guide me
O'er hills both large and steep,
His loving hand caresses me
At evening when I sleep.
When troubles loom before me
And the earth seems dark and drear,
He calls to me, "Come here my child,"
And whispers in my ear:
"Be brave my dear and always smile
While o'er this earth you roam,
You'll not be in this world for long,
For soon I'll call you home.
Then all your cares will vanish
And no sorrow will be thine,
You wonder why I'm kind to you,
You see, my child, you're Mine."

Florence McGeehan
Legal Department

CHOP TALK

A number of weeks ago when it was cold out and there was ice on the quarry floor at Maple Grove, the Happy Heat Treater, Amos Hougendobler, went skating with a group of the boys... Amos was cutting a batch of fancy capers on the blades when all of a sudden in rounding a curve a piece of newspaper blew over his puss and he crashed into the rocks... He whammed his head and scratched his features... Like a felled fighter, Amos stayed down for the nine count... Then rising slowly, he grabbed the middle rope and was on his feet again... Shaking his knot, he staggered back into circulation. It was the greatest exhibition of courage since little Eva crossed the ice in Uncle Tom's Cabin.

With July coming up fast, Golden Boy Tom McFadden (Maintenance) seems to be adding weight instead of shedding it for his ensuing mat engagement for the championship of the Maintenance Dept. with Gorgeous Walt Duttonhofer... Duttie says nothing about his opponent's spare blubber... He's as quiet as a cage of roaring lions about it... However, his manager, Ed Schwar, intends to take the case before the Pennsylvania Wrestling Commission and find out if it's legal for an Army surplus tank to compete against as human a human as his man, Duttie.

If you wanna know anything about Joe DiMaggio, including his particular brand of hair oil, or what kind of powder he puts under his arms, etc., contact Mauro Sax (Assembly A)... The ex-Stevens Trader has adopted old banana nose for his patron saint... We understand Bill Hartman, the Tommy Dorsey of the Traffic Dept., almost dislocated his trombone tryin' to make good for the vets at the Lebanon Hospital when the Hamilton chorus and ork put on its minstrel show in Baloney Town on March 24th.

Art Benson (Watch Research) says he likes pro wrestling at Maple Grove but not on rainy nites like March 22... Art started watching pro grunting back down the years out in St. Louis... Those two cats with the colored corduroy zoot caps who truck around the premises daily are Johnnie Kennett and Mike Troop of the Display section... The two rug cutters purchased their hair warmers up Milton, Pa., way recently.

Art Sinkler (Dir. of Quality) came to work in his car the other noon... When he went home at 5 p. m. he forgot it... About two hours later he came in the West Tower entrance, smiled, and continued thru to the back of the factory where he jumped in his car and drove away... Candyman Joe Butson (Damaskening), the guy who bows when he pitches quoits, has a democratic way of arguing points away from Dick Mellinger (Watch Research) when the two pitch from the same hole as opponents in doubles.

A couple of paragraphs back we were talking about the gal wrestlers... It seems like the guy who runs lady wrestling in the U.S. is Billy Wolfe, a character out of Wheatland, Missouri... Al Schacheman (Sales) was on the flu list a couple of weeks ago... The phone business is so thriving during the noon hour rest period that a new booth has been installed in the West Tower lobby... Maybe you didn't know that the time microscope, developed and patented by Hamilton in 1930, was the forerunner of all audio and visual rapid timing devices in use today... Nellie Schober (Nurse) has a way of figuring out a doctor's signature when nobody else can identify it... It's amazin'.

Frank Ganse, 61, Job Boss, Died April 11

Frank H. Ganse, 61, a job boss in the Plate Department, with the company for 40 years 10 months, died at his home, 253 North Marshall Street, on Tuesday, April 11, after four months' illness.

He was born in Lancaster on August 28, 1888, a son of the late Francis and Mary Lutz Ganse.

Frank started working at Hamilton on May 28, 1906. During his career here he worked in the Jewel, Dial and Plate departments. At the time of his death he was a



Frank H. Ganse

job boss in charge of Hauser profiling in the Plate Department.

He was highly interested in sports, competing in baseball, basketball and bowling in his young years.

He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, the Holy Name Society, Loyal Order of Moose, and Foresters of America No. 125.

Besides his wife, Agnes L. McGonigle Ganse, he is survived by two daughters: Agnes E., wife of David L. Mowery, this city, and Rita M., (Train Dept. employee) at home; two sons: Frank B., and Clement W., both of this city; six grandchildren, and a sister, Harriet Hornberger.

Frank was buried from St. Anthony's Catholic Church on April 14. The interment was made in St. Mary's Catholic cemetery. The six pallbearers were: A. M. Groff, H. M. Swisher, Jay Mueller, Fred Chambers, Lloyd Arnold and Herbert Albright, all of the Plate Department.

R. M. Dietz New Supv. Of Watch Design Section

Richard M. Dietz was appointed supervisor of the Watch Design Section on April 1. He replaced Benjamin L. Hummel, who resigned, according to an announcement



Richard M. Dietz

by G. P. Luckey, vice-president in charge of manufacturing.

Hummel left the Company to accept a post as associate editor of Machine Design magazine out of Cleveland.

Dietz prior to becoming supervisor of Watch Design, was a project engineer in the Watch Research Department.

Candidates For 1950-51 HWMA Election Before Management Group

The slate of candidates for election to posts of the Hamilton Management Association for 1950-51 were presented to association members by the nominating committee at the April 24th meeting held in the auditorium of the new Research & Engineering Laboratory.

The list of candidates are as follows:

For president: Rowland Bitzer (Friction Jeweling) and Ralph Mentzer (Asst. Supt.).

For 1st vice-president: Bob Wenzel (Assembly "B") and Bill Sterling (Process Planning).

For 2nd vice-president: Horace Smith (Assembly "A") and Samuel Evans (Balance Staff).

For secretary: Sam Rohrer (Personnel) and Al Mathews (Training Supv.).

For treasurer: Morrell Smith (Budget) and Fred Walzl (Accounting).

Board of Directors (1 year term), three to be elected: Vic Fridinger (Dial), Russ Markert (Train), Marvin Thomas (Balance Staff), Robert Kauffman (Flat Steel), Earl Koser (Insp.) and Bill Marks (Automatic).

Two year group: (two to be elected): Harold Quickel (Works Lab.), Herbert Swisher (Plate), Maurice Shearer (Automatic) and Lester Erb (Insp.).

Three year group: (two to be elected): R. M. Kant (President), Frank Christoffel (Office Mgr.), Chet Connor (Process Planning) and F. Hauer, Sr., (Mgr. of Mfg.).

Announcement of officers elected will be made at the May meeting.

The nominating committee who selected the above candidates was composed of: H. C. Dobbs (Sect. Supt.) and HMA president; A. B. Sinkler (Dir. of Quality), A. J. Kleiner (Train), S. B. Rohrer (Personnel) and M. H. Ryder (Quality Control).

While the release of the slate of candidates was the big news of the meeting, a very interesting illustrated discussion was given by M. F. Manby (Dir. of Engineering) who spoke on the subject of "Alloy Mainsprings".

(Since T.T. went to press a week before this meeting, we are unable to give you any excerpts from Mr. Manby's talk, but in the May issue we will do so.)

Assembly 'B' Wins 49-50 H.R.A. Basketball Crown

An underdog Assembly "B" club that finished second during the regular league season rose to the occasion when the chips were on the wire by smacking down Production Control in two straight games in the playoffs to win the 1949-50 HRA Men's Basketball League championship.

The Assembly "B" outfit coached by Skip Weaver had it when it counted. Beaten three times during the league season, the Assembly outfit collected its cunning in these two payoff games and won both from the foul line.

Taking the first fray by a 32-23 count and following a week later with a 25-23 squeeze, the "B" Men dropped 19 out of 33 fouls in the two frays to windup with the title.

Production Control, the defending champions, couldn't get going. They dropped only eight of 22 fouls in the two frays which is in the neighborhood of 36%.

Top man in the scoring department for "B" was Sonny Wolfer. Sonny dunked 18 points into the can in the first fray and followed with eight more in the second tilt to run his total to 26 for the two games.

But while Sonny was the top scorer it was the accurate foul

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R. J. Gunder Principal Speaker At Dubois Memorial Ceremony At Denver, Colorado



The Louis Dubois Memorial was unveiled in Denver, Colo., at the American Academy of Horology on March 16. (L to R): Ralph G. Mainos, secretary and past-president of the Beta Chapter of the Psi Delta Omega fraternity, Jack Mercer, first appointed guardian of the memorial chronometer, R. J. Gunder (Sales Promotion Mgr.), principal speaker, and Orville R. Hagans, president and founder of the Academy.

R. J. Gunder (Sales Promotion Mgr.) was the principal speaker at the unveiling ceremony of the Louis Dubois Memorial held on March 16th at the American Academy of Horology, Denver, Colorado.

Amid 300 friends and distinguished guests of the Dubois family, a memorial was erected in honor of Louis Dubois, late dean of the Academy, who died from injuries received in a fall down an elevator shaft at the Academy on March 8, 1949. Mr. Dubois was a Hamiltonian for 12½ years, retiring October 24, 1946. He worked in the Model Shop.

The memorial, which was sponsored by the Beta chapter of the Psi Delta Omega national watchmakers fraternity, is constructed of a solid walnut base with a selected grain panel rising 8 feet on which is mounted a bronze tablet with a bust portrait of Mr. Dubois. The inscription reads: "A great man of our time whose accomplishments enriched the lives of his fellowmen and brought honor to all in the horological profession." Encased on a pedestal directly below the plaque is a marine chronometer contributed to the memorial by the Hamilton Watch Company.

Presentation of the memorial was made by J. R. McFarland, president of the Beta chapter of Psi Delta Omega, and was received by John Dubois, son of the late dean and horological engineer at the Academy. John formerly worked in Hamilton's Watch Design Section.

In his speech, Mr. Gunder referred to Mr. Dubois as a "master craftsman and as one who transmitted principles into a reality." Mr. Gunder pointed out that while the memorial dedicated to Mr. Dubois was a large one, there were thousands and thousands of little memorials all over the world being dedicated to him. "Little memorials in bits of technical knowledge," Mr. Gunder said, "have been planted in the minds and hearts of his students and those who knew him personally; little memorials in timepieces which have in them something which was made better because of this man; little memorials everywhere, which long after the name of Louis Dubois is forgotten, will go on paying tribute to him."

Other speakers were: Orville R. Hagans, president and founder of the American Academy, and Tod New, director of the school.

TO THE BEST SPEAKER, THE BEST WATCH



(Left): E. M. Bell, president of the Trinidad-Las Animas County Colorado Chamber of Commerce, presenting a Lady Hamilton to Miss Ann Pinkney, Trinidad High School senior, recently one of the four national winners in the "I Speak of Democracy" contest. Looking on is R. B. Mertz, principal of the Trinidad High School. The award was made to Miss Pinkney after a ten days' trip to Washington, D. C., Pinkney were guests of the National and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

JOTS & DOTS

"Don't forget to tell 'em," says Willie (The Bush) Nolan of the Print Shop, "that me and me gal won a prize at the HRA dance in March down there at the Stevens House."... John Foose (Sect. Supt) lookin' as fit as a fiddle after his recent operation in the General Hospital... Irv Bragg (Service) is back to work after eight weeks on the sidelines, six of 'em spent at the Osteopathic Hospital, recuperating from a back injury.

Screenie Welsh is back in the Dial dept. again after a brief absence... Kitty Vogel (Eng. Services), who used to do a lot of flying, still retains her pilot's license... Libby Douglas, who used to work in Production Dispatch, left the Company on March 24th... Frank Kozicki (Prod. Con.) vacationed in Europe recently... One of his stops was at the Vatican in Rome.

They're callin' Ned Aurand (Chem.-Met.) "Click" because he clicked the shutter on his camera seven times at the March 27th HMA meeting in the new auditorium of the Research & Engineering Lab without the flash bulb going off.

The boys in the Heat Treating are walking around with cotton in their ears since Amos Hougendobler rolled that 511 back in late March... Al Marks says, "We can't let the bum know he's good or he'll get big headed. So we just stick cotton in our ears and let him chop."

Whip Law (Traffic) was lookin' at some of the ads in Hamilton's spring and graduation national advertising campaign and formed the opinion that the artist who does the drawing of the dames knows his femmes... Jerry Boucher, who used to work in Specialties Assembly, now operates as head watchmaker for a watch and jewelry store in Media, Pa.

That was a grand gesture on the part of the Hamilton Chorus to offer their services at the American Ordnance Association meeting and dinner on April 5... The Chorus sang three numbers on the entertainment program in the evening... With the first warm day of spring (March 28), off came the coats, up went the sleeves, and into each employees' life some spring fever fell.

Harold Andersen (Specialties Assembly) sailed from New York to his native Denmark on April 4 to see his relatives... He'll be back here on May 25... Art Schneider (Works Lab.) wants to know what makes the fans think the A's and Phillies won't cop the marbles this year?... You can say for Clair Shenk (Bal. & Hspg. Assembly) that the Boston Red Sox will win the 1950 American League pennant... He thinks he'll settle for the New York Giants in the National circuit.

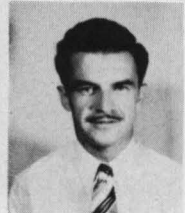
Bob Braner (Bal. & Hspg. Assembly) has been transferred into the special sales section... He'll work with Elvie Silvius... Joe Brooks (Quality Control) was talkin' to Skipper Wise like a father in the Dixie Room in the Plate Dept. on March 29... Skipper was recently transferred from Specialties Assembly into the Quality Control Dept.

It used to be that Ken Derr (Eng. Services) did water color paintings of the wooden bridges of Lancaster County, but since his marriage back in Oct., Ken now has switched to refinishing furniture around the house... The bridge painting bug has caught up with Charley Sheldon (Eng. Services), who water colored eight pictures thus far and expects to do the complete number of 30 throughout the county... There is a possibility that some day, Charley may exhibit his complete bridge series.

Sport Shop: - By Gym Nasium

Boston And Brooklyn Choice Of Employees In Brief I Congrats To HRA Basketball Committee For Running Successful Season

We couldn't figure the justice angle in Adolph Rupp, U. of Kentucky mentor, being picked as "The Basketball Coach of the Year" when Nat Holman took his sophomore personneled C.C.N.Y. team into two National tourneys and came away with the first grand-slam ever recorded by a collegiate quintet.... How wrong can you be?... It just goes to show what happens when an award of this nature is made before the complete season is over.... The M.S.T.C. tennis squad used the Barr Lot courts for early season drills.... The 1950 softball rules call for the pitcher's mound to be moved back two feet.... Congrats to Bill Carey (Prod. Con.) and his committee for running the 1949-50 HRA Men's Basketball League without any gum beating from the performers.... If there are any girl softball teams around the factory or city looking for a good prospect they might contact Mae Evans (Order-Billing), who plays any position.... We couldn't see the point of taking the HRA Spring Bowling Tourney out to the Overlook Alleys on the Lititz Pike.... To our way of thinking Duffy's would have been the place since it is centrally located and accessible by bus for those who do not have cars.... Kitty Harclerode is looking forward to May



Bob Raver

when her husband, Jim, graduates from M.S.T.C.... Jim played center on the Marauders' football team for the past three seasons.... Roland "Bob" Raver (Budget), the new assistant secretary and assistant comptroller, a boat bug, says he'll be on the water by spring.... He's on the market for a new boat right now.... Bob Wilson (Sales) gave us a copy of the "Penn State Alumni News," March 1950 issue.... In it was the finest story we have ever read on Leo Houck.... The title of the story was, "Friends of Leo Houck Hold Cracker Barrel Session".... Incidentally, Leo was the proud owner of a Hamilton watch which was given a number of years ago by a group of his Lancaster admirers.



Len Kissinger

Here's a brief survey on how eleven employees think in terms of the pennant winners in the American and National Leagues for 1950.... Gloria Strantz (Tabulating), "Just say, the Yankees and Brooklyn. My husband won't agree with me anyway.".... Ed Breen (Machine Shop), "It'll be Detroit in the American. Charley Keller's gonna stage a comeback. Brooklyn's the winner in the National.".... Amy Kline, (Maintenance), "Boston in the American. Brooklyn in the National.".... Bags Broome (Machine Shop), "It'll be Boston and Brooklyn. Watch those A's. They'll be rough this year.".... Roy V. Kendig (Balance Staff), "I'm glad you came to an expert for an opinion. Just tell the boys the A's and the Phillies.".... Fred Walz (Accounting), "Give me Detroit and the Phillies.".... Paul Frey (Styling), "Boston and the Cardinals can't miss.".... Abe Young (Guard), "Because I like Connie Mack, I'm pickin' the A's. Put me down for the Phillies in the National.".... Charley Gehr (Machine Shop), "It'll be the New York Yankees in the American, while Brooklyn will take the National.".... Al Muehleisen (Print Shop), "Quote me as saying the Boston Red Sox and the Boston Braves.".... Doris Benson (Personnel), "Without a doubt it'll be the A's and the Phillies.".... Summing up the prognostications of the above selectors we get the Red Sox as the winners in the American League, with Brooklyn topping the National circuit.

Dick Vaughn (Cost Analyst) has just about made up his mind to bring his competitive wrestling career to a close.... He didn't enter the Middle Atlantic A.A.U. meet last month and he was absent from the National A.A.U. meet at Hofstra on Long Island this month.... This means that while he's through as a competitor, he'll probably switch to refereeing.... Dick knows the rules from A to Z and he ought to make a good third man on the mat.... Len Kissinger (Service), who has been umpiring baseball for quite a few years, was behind the plate for the college boys in M.S.T.C.'s game with Elizabethtown College.... He'll work his third game for the rahrahs tomorrow afternoon when M.S.T.C. steps in against Kutztown at M-ville.

Elections, Trophy Awards And Steak Features Of Service Dept. Bowling League Banquet

Election of officers, presentation of trophy awards, and a steak dinner were the highlights of the Service Department Bowling League banquet held at the Old Mill Inn on Wednesday evening, April 12.

The new officers for the 1950-51 season are: Abe Burkhardt, president; Noah Buckwalter, vice president; and Paul Heistand, secretary and treasurer.

Three trophies were awarded during the evening. Ken Kellenberger (Material Sales) took one home for his high average of 173-

31 for the season. Paul Bransby with a booming 254 high single took care of the award for that department, while Phares Ulmer with a 665 triple took away the third trophy.

Each bowler in the league (36) received a neat ten strike tie clasp.

The 987A team won the league championship. The club was composed of: Captain Phares Ulmer, John Hiemenz, Paul Bransby, Elwood Miller, Doc Hergenrother, and Gehman Miller.

With the prizes and elections out of the way, a steak dinner

BROWN - SHERTZ BOWLING WINNERS

Post 1057 Score To Win Two Hamilton Watches In 1950 HRA Mixed Doubles Spring Handicap Play At Overlook Alleys On Lititz Pike April 8

Paul Brown (Maintenance) and Ida Shertz (Train) fashioned a 1057 score, good enough to win the 1950 HRA Mixed Doubles Spring Handicap Bowling Tourney held at the Overlook Golf Course alleys on Saturday, April 8.

Bowling on the second shift (11 a. m.), the team of Brown & Shertz actually rolled 889 but their 168 pins handicap bolstered their score to 1057.

Brown rolled 160-168-174 for a 504, while Ida accounted for 104-142-139 for a 385 triple.

For their winning efforts Ida and Paul received two Hamilton watches. An Edna model went to Ida, while Paul received a Dunham model.

The top team without handicap was composed of Amy Kline (Maintenance) and Anna Severino (Train) who whammed a 1002. Anna came through with a 473 triple on games of 160-157-156, while Amy countered with 176-179-174 for a 529 triple.

Molly King (Plate) walked off with women's high triple honors with a 482 on single games of 160-167-155. Her partner was Dick Weaver (Dial).

Warren Sweigart (Machine Shop) took care of the men's high triple with a 564 on counts of 198-190-176. Warren's partner was Jean Longenecker (Dial).

In the high singles department, the winner of the women's honors was Bernice Hoover (Prod. Sched.) with a 191 which she recorded in her first game on the 9 a. m. shift. Bob Sherick (Service) with a 217 second game on the 3 p. m. shift was the top number in the men's division. Bernice bowled with Amos Hougendobler (Heat Treating) while Bob's partner was his wife, Myrtle Sherick (Train).

There were 72 bowlers forming a field of 36 teams in the competition. The tourney was under the co-chairmanship of Ken Kellenberger (Material Sales) and Arlene Hoff (Sec. to W. S. Davis). Ken is president of the HRA, while Arlene is treasurer.

The food committee was composed of Dot Prentice (Jewel Setting), Irene Harnish (Serial Records), Lloyd Fichtner (Jewel Setting) and Jack Harrison (Service), HRA vice-president.



Bernice Hoover's 191 was top high single for the ladies.

with all the added features was the meal ticket. Cards followed as the item of recreation.

Team standings and individual league averages will appear in the May issue of TIMELY TOPICS.



The co-chairmen of the tourney were Ken Kellenberger and Arlene Hoff.



A group snapped on the 9 o'clock shift were (l. to r.): George Gible, Jackie Gible, Al Marks, Caroline Book, Johnnie Sheetz, Amos Hougendobler, Bernice Hoover and Mary Tomlinson. The scorekeeper is Red Bauer.



The food committee was composed of: (l. to r.): Dot Prentice, Irene Harnish, Jack Harrison and Lloyd Fichtner.

Assembly "B" Champs

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shooting of player-coach Weaver, who made 4 out of 6 in the first fray and 4 out of 5 in the second argument which gave him a two game total of 8 out of 11 which comes under the heading of sensational.

During the regular season Wolf-er finished fourth among the high scorers with 128 points in 10 games, while Weaver was sixth with 93 points in 10 games.

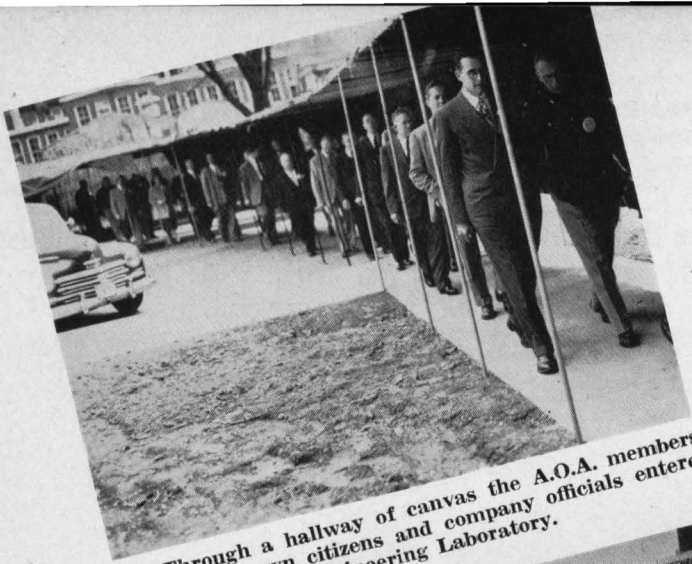
For Production Control the high man was Paul Ruzicka with 18 points in two games. The P.C. captain countered with 12 in the first game and six in the after-

piece. In the regular campaign Ruzicka finished in a tie for eighth place in the scoring department with 91 points in 10 games.

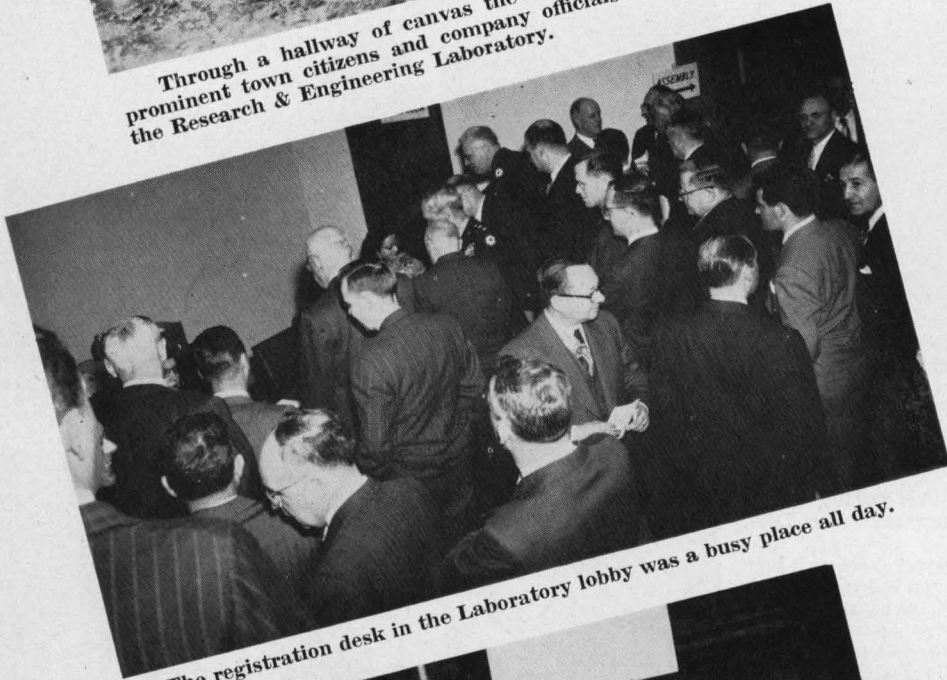
The winning Assembly "B" squad was composed of: Captain Wolfer, Bill Bradley, Dick Parke, Ted Smith, Jerry Hinkle, Ira Shank and player-coach Weaver.

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HAMILTON HOST TO AMERICAN



Through a hallway of canvas the A.O.A. members, prominent town citizens and company officials entered the Research & Engineering Laboratory.



The registration desk in the Laboratory lobby was a busy place all day.



With Tom Barber, Lancaster Sunday News Editor, John Carter, Lancaster New Era Editor, and an unidentified A.O.A. member on the right looking on, Ross Witmer (Small Tool) chases threads on a tap on a Lambert thread chasing machine.

Major General E. L. Ford is interested in the barrel turning operation in the Automatic Department.



A group of the principals relaxed in front of the technical information station for this picture. They are l to r: Frank Christoffel (Office Mgr.), general chairman of arrangements; Admiral J. A. Snackenber, Major General E. L. Ford, President R. M. Kant, G. P. Luckey, vice-president in charge of manufacturing; Major General G. M. Barnes and Major General R. C. Coupland.

Excerpts From G. P. Luckey's Speech

From G. P. Luckey's speech entitled, "The American Jeweled Watch Industry In National Defense", the following excerpts have been taken:

"This afternoon many of you have visited a jeweled watch factory for the first time. During this visit you no doubt noted that the essential manufacturing problem in a jeweled watch factory is the mass production of miniature parts to a very high degree of accuracy. A conception of the small size of these parts can best be obtained when it is considered that one hundred and sixteen are assembled in a ladies watch movement which can be hidden under a dime.

"To meet the demands of future military equipment, controls are becoming complicated, and more controls must be fit in a given space... As speeds become greater, accuracy and split-second timing becoming more important... Controls must be sturdier and operate with greater accuracy through a much wider temperature range. These conditions apply equally to mechanisms that function but once before they are destroyed, as well as to those that must operate for a long period of time.

"Recent experiments prove that these conditions cannot be attained when using stamped wheels, soft steel pinions and pivots, and brass bearings in small-sized instruments, because friction plays a more important role as parts become smaller and as increased accuracy is expected.

"The jeweled watch industry is the only one familiar with methods for mass producing miniature parts to meet these new requirements—the only industry that possesses equipment to make very small cut-wheels, hardened-polished steel pinions and pivots, and jeweled bearings. Although these parts cost more, this cost is still but a very small part of the cost of the equipment being controlled.

"In the first World War the country's jeweled watch making facilities were much larger than today. In World War II the then remaining facilities were completely engaged in making military timepieces, fuses and other wartime instruments.

"Although we sincerely hope we shall not have another war, we must plan our course of action against such a catastrophe. It now appears that should war come, the present American jeweled watch manufacturing facilities would be greatly overtaxed with even the requirements for the most essential military equipment.

"The present combined facilities can serve but approximately thirty percent of the peacetime demand. Many of us in this industry would feel better from the standpoint of national defense if our industry were several times its present size."

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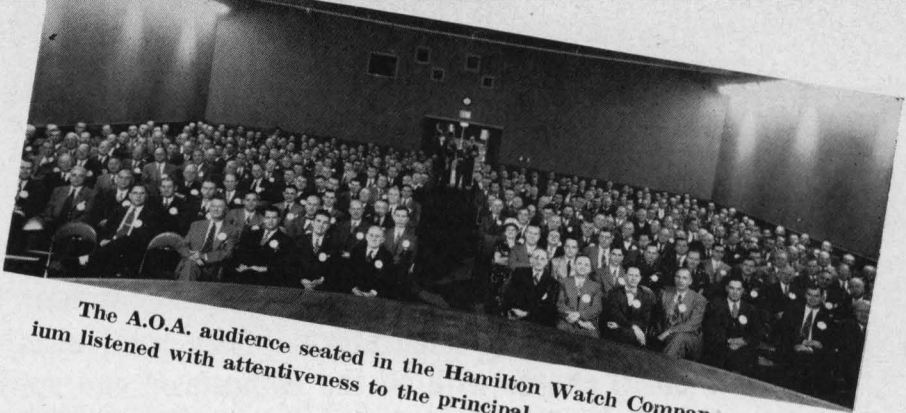
Operator Earl Eshleman (Small Tool) operates a die grinding machine in the Jig Boring Room while Admiral J. A. Snackenberg watches with interest.



At the No. 1 station, Press Dept., Guide Betty Bassett poses with members of her group. Dr. Theodore A. Distler, President of F.&M., and George C. Delp, President of New Holland Machine Company, are to Betty's immediate right.



When the tour and the meeting were over the A.O.A. members enjoyed the dinner. Gathered at the main table was this group: L to R: President R. M. Kant, Major General R. C. Coupland, Lt. Gov. Daniel B. Strickler, E. G. Budd, F. M.'s president Distler, General G. M. Barnes, Howard Petersen, H. W. Gadsden, G. P. Luckey and H. S. Lewis.



The A.O.A. audience seated in the Hamilton Watch Company auditorium listened with attentiveness to the principal speakers of the afternoon.



In the Timing Room (station No. 18) Guide Arlene Hoff (at door) had her A.O.A. group well assembled for this shot. Arlene Urban (seated) is shown timing chronometers.



While Guide Lois Reese (Personnel Res.) and Attendant Paul Zorger (Process Plan.) check on their group at station No. 10 (Balance Staff), A.O.A. members listen to the two minutes narration by recording at the display.



There were three rest stations along the route of the tour. Here members relax for five minutes at the No. 2 rest station in Timing & Casing.

Hamiltonians played a big part in the success of The American Ordnance Association Tour, Meeting and Dinner on April 5 in the New Research & Engineering Laboratory. They went about their many large and small chores with all the enthusiasm and spirit needed to make a big affair of this nature the success it was. As guides, attendants, maintenance workers, printing work, plans and arrangements and all the thousand and one details required to make it tops, Hamiltonians were on the spot wherever their help was needed.



Here is a group of the female guides and the male attendants who led the A.O.A. groups through Hamilton on the tour. Names of all guides and attendants are mentioned in the notes on page 3.



When it came time for a little music at the dinner, the Hamilton Chorus was on hand to fill the menu.



The cloak room was well taken care of by these three young ladies. L to R: Nancy Brown (T & M Study), Mae Evans (Order-Billing) and Dotty Mumma (Process Planning).



At the technical information department all questions were answered in a thorough and friendly fashion. L to R: Dick Dietz (Watch Design), Ed Shubrooks (Chief Chemist), Jack Weber, Wayne, Pa.; D. C. Connor (Process Engineering), answering phone; Dick Slaugh (Hd. Watchmaker) and E. W. Drescher (Supt. Prod. Engineering).



Here are the facts and figures on the new building. Looking on are L to R: Walter Breen (Maintenance Supt.), B. H. Prack, one of the architects; and R. A. Preston (Dir. of Industrial Relations).



Dispensing information throughout the day was Kitty Vogel. Standing around the desk for this picture are: L to R: R. Gebler, secretary of the A.O.A.; W. Graf of the Budd Company, Ed Shubrooks (Chief Chemist) and Paul McGeehan (Advertising).



Gathered for a chat and a picture are: M. F. Manby (Dir. of Engineering), B. H. Prack, architect; and Frank C. Beckwith (Member of the Board of Directors).