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Hamilton Plays Host To Fifty Local School Teachers As Its Part Of "Pennsylvania Week" Celebration On B-I-E Day, October 17th

The Hamilton Watch Company played host to fifty teachers of the Lancaster city schools as its part of the "Pennsylvania Week" program on Business-Industry-Education Day, October 17th.

The basic purpose of B-I-E-Day was to increase the teachers' understanding of the American economic system, how it functions and how they contribute to and depend upon its expanding productivity.

Hamilton's part in the program furnished the teachers with a brief but thorough insight of our Company in operation.

The program got underway at 10 A. M. in the new auditorium. President R. M. Kant welcomed the teachers and gave a brief history of the Company.

Following President Kant's address, the teachers were conducted on a one-hour tour of the factory. It was impossible to cover the entire plant in that short span of time, so the departments visited were limited to Automatic, Train, Plate, Balance & Hair-spring, and Assembly A & B. An interesting bit of human interest took place on the tour as the teachers met many of their former students who are now Hamilton employees.

The guides who escorted the five groups of ten teachers each were Russ Brubaker, John Rill, Al Miller, Woody Miller, Jack Harrison and Jay Miller, all of the Service Department.

At the conclusion of the tour, the teachers returned to the auditorium where they listened to brief talks by G. P. Luckey, (V.P. in charge of Mfg.), Paul Seibel (District Sales Mgr.), John Owen (Personnel Res. Supv.) and R. B. Thompson (Comptroller). Hamilton's two movies, "How A Watch Works" and "The Story of Your Job" were also shown.

Lunch in the cafeteria was served to all the teachers by John Montague (Cafe Mgr.) and his group of waitresses as the concluding item on the program. At this luncheon, Hamilton officials had an opportunity to answer the many questions asked by the teachers about the Company.

R. A. Preston (Dir. of Ind. Rel.) acted as the master of ceremonies for the program.

The detailed program was ar-



(Top): The teachers gathered in the new auditorium and heard short talks by President R. M. Kant, G. P. Luckey, R. B. Thompson, John Owen and Paul Seibel. (Bottom): At lunch time the teachers ate in the Cafeteria and asked questions about the tour.

ranged by Al Mathews (Personnel Training Supv.) with Bob Waddell (Dir. of Adv.), who was Lancaster County Chairman for Pennsylvania Week, working in an advisory capacity.

Hamilton was one of 12 local business and industrial firms who took part in the Oct. 17th B-I-E-Day.

The local teachers on hand for the program here were: Mildred S. Haug, Ruth E. Coble, and Elizabeth Arms, of George Washington; Raymond Roden, Hattie B. Robinson, Ada M. Hook, Ella H. Kendig, Anna L. Shroy, Josephine Darmstaetter and Blanche Frey of Edward Hand Jr. H. S.; Evelyn Warfel, Marion Schneider, B. Arvilla Miller, Edith M. Fridy and W. A. Stohl of John Reynolds Jr.

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Armistice Day Dance To Be Held Nov. 10 At The Stevens House Under The Sponsorship Of The HRA

The Armistice Day Dance, the first big affair of the 1950 fall social season, will be held on Friday evening, November 10th, at the Stevens House.

The dance, under the sponsorship of the Hamilton Recreation Association, will feature the music of Roy Lincoln and his orchestra from 9 p.m. until midnight.

The affair is themed toward honoring Hamilton servicemen who fought for their country in World Wars I and II and those Hamiltonians who are engaged in the present crisis.

The decorative theme will be

red, white and blue.

All Hamilton servicemen of any war will be admitted free. HRA members and their dates will be admitted for \$1.00 per couple or 50 cents apiece. Outsiders will pay \$1.00 per person.

The committee in charge of the dance is composed of: Janet Balmer (Tabulating), Nancy Frankenfield (Sec. to Paul Kutz), Arlene Hoff (Sec. to W. S. Davis), Jay Herr (Tabulating), Betty Bassett (Watch Res.), Ken Kellenberger (Mat'l Sales), Bob Gunder (Sales Promotion Mgr.), and Jack Harrison (Service).

HRA's 2nd Annual Christmas Toy Drive Starts November 1st

For the second consecutive year the HRA will sponsor a "Christmas Toys For Needy Children Drive" which will get under way tomorrow.

The barrels for the toys will again be located in the East and West Towers, in the lobby of the Main Office Building, and at the Guard House at the rear of the factory.

The HRA requests you bring the dolls in first so the Tick Tock Club has sufficient time to make the necessary repairs and clothing for them.

When the toys start rolling in, it will require volunteers to help the Maintenance employees make

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NOTICE

Congressman Harold D. Donohue of Massachusetts recently clarified the domestic versus foreign watch situation so well, in rebuttal to the biased version offered earlier by Congressman Wagner of Ohio, that officials of our company and union felt all Hamilton employees should know about it. Reprints are inserted with this issue of Timely Topics. We believe you will find it interesting and well worth reading.



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Hamilton Watch Employee Chorus Appoints Miss Dorothy Schock New Director

Miss Dorothy E. Schock, vocal instructor and director of the Glee Club at McCaskey High School, is the new director of the Hamilton Watch Company Employee Chorus. She was elected by the members of the chorus.

Miss Schock, who lives in Mount Joy, is soprano soloist at the Temple Shaarai Shomayim in Lancaster. The new Hamilton Chorus director studied voice in New York under Amy Ellerman, Syrene Lister, W. Warren Shaw and Queena Mario.

A graduate of Mount Joy High School and the Millersville State Teachers College, Miss Schock has her B.S. in Music degree from New York University.

She was formerly soprano soloist at St. Paul's Reformed Church, First Reformed Church, Trinity Lutheran Church and Bethany Presbyterian Church, all in Lancaster. She was formerly choir director at the First Reformed Church in Lancaster and the Neffsville Lutheran Church.

Miss Schock has been working with the Hamilton Chorus since October 3 when rehearsals for the 1950-51 season started.

At the present time there are 45 employees in the Chorus which will officially open its season on December 3 at the Chambersburg Methodist Church.

Miss Schock and the membership committee welcome any new members who wish to try out for the chorus. A tryout doesn't involve anything difficult. You are merely requested to sing the scale or a portion of a song in order to determine your vocal classification. If you are interested in auditioning for the chorus you are requested to contact any member of the membership committee. This group includes Harry McCullon (Insp.), Francis Meyer (Watch Design), Herb Roberts (Prod. Dispatch), Helen Harmon (Case Office), Esther Miller (Jewel Setting) and Ira Wolf (Material Sales).



Miss Dorothy Schock

The Hamilton Chorus officers for 1950-51 are as follows: Jack Harrison (Service), president; Ira Wolf (Material Sales), 1st vice president; Bill Gassman (Works Lab), 2nd vice president; Anna Mae Snader (Sec. to G. P. Luckey), secretary; Julia Heida (Stocks & Stores), treasurer. The executive board is composed of: Bob Fickes (Assembly D), Helen Harmon (Case Office) and Ed Jo-line (Maintenance).

The Chorus will do its rehearsing and hold several of its concerts in the new Hamilton auditorium of the Engineering and Research Laboratory Building. Rehearsals started October 3.

The employees will have an opportunity to hear the Chorus in its annual Christmas program in the Cafeteria which will be held several days before December 25.

The Chorus is in dire need of a regular pianist. At the present time Jean Doll (Prod. Dispatching) is doubling as pianist and soloist. If there are any piano players in the factory who are interested in playing for the Chorus they are requested to contact any member of the membership committee as soon as possible.

Hamilton's Annual Report Wins Top Honors For Excellence For The Second Straight Year

For the second consecutive year the Hamilton Watch Company's annual report was judged tops in the watches and clocks industry in the final ratings of the Financial World Survey of Annual Reports.

The bronze "Oscar of Industry" trophy was presented to R. M. Kant, president of Hamilton, at the Annual Awards Banquet held yesterday in the Grand Ballroom of New York's Hotel Statler.

More than 5,000 annual reports were submitted this year in the international competition, the tenth in the series of surveys, and these were judged in one hundred industrial classifications for the "Best-of-Industry" awards. In the watches and clocks industry category General Time Corporation was runner-up for top honors, while Bulova Watch Company placed third.

The jury who made the final selections was headed by Dr. Lewis H. Haney, professor of economics at New York University. He was assisted by Carmen Blough, research director of the American Institute of Accountants; Elmer Walzer, financial editor of the United Press; Mrs. Denny Griswold, publisher of Public Relations News; John H. Watson III, National Industrial Conference Board; and Guy Fry, president of the National Society of Art Directors.

Weston Smith, executive vice president and originator of the annual report surveys, presented the "Oscar of Industry" trophies at the annual awards banquet, which was attended by more than 1,200 business and financial executives from all over the United States and Canada.

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HAMILTON'S NEW, MODERNIZED, AUDITORIUM FINEST OF ITS SIZE IN THE COUNTRY



Front view of new auditorium

Within the past month, Hamilton's new auditorium was approved by State inspectors. This means that Hamilton now has one of the finest auditoriums in the country for meeting purposes.

In the past, Hamilton did not possess a proper meeting room that would adequately take care of large groups of employees when certain necessary assemblies were required. Today, with the completion of the new Hamilton auditorium, this condition will no longer prevail since it will be possible to provide an auditorium for the monthly meetings of the Hamilton Management Association; to assemble the supervisory staff for group discussions and the communication of Management policies; to present to employees training and visual educational material in an effective manner; to provide a meeting place for sales groups and visiting horological organizations; providing a rehearsal and concert location for the Hamilton Chorus and for other HRA activities as the need arises; and providing proper facilities for certain Company award and other plant ceremonies.

To have a meeting hall that would suit the requirements and provide facilities for such diversified groups as mentioned above,

it was necessary to construct an auditorium that had certain physical accommodations. Hamilton's new auditorium was constructed and built to meet these requirements and today possesses the following facilities:

The stage measures 16 feet deep by 62 feet long, and has overhead lighting, controlled by dimmers to provide the proper lighting for the type of programs scheduled. The stage also contains sets of curtains that are electrically controlled and a large perforated movie screen that can be lowered and raised at will. On the stage is located a public address system, proper microphone outlets, and a movie sound system connected to the Projection Room.

The auditorium proper can comfortably seat approximately 250 people. Individual, upholstered, folding chairs are arranged in circular rows to provide two aisles so that every seat in the auditorium has an unobstructed, clear view of the stage. The walls are covered with special cloth and acoustic material, and a special forced-air system changes the air constantly in the room. The auditorium proper is lighted by cove lights employing fluorescent lights for general illumination, and individual, concealed, colored bulbs

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Rear view of the new auditorium

Jack McNelis (Damask.) likes the comical antics of Jerry "Bean Bag" Lester, the Friday nite M.C. on the "Broadway Open House" TV show. George! ...Frank C. Beckwith, a member of Hamilton's Board of Directors, was 80 on Sept. 11. Blake (Sales) Dulaney's wife is presently vacationing and visiting her parents in England. Paul McGeehan (Adv.) bakes cakes for a hobby.

G. P. Luckey (V. P. in Charge of Mfg.) vacationed in the Poconos and at the seashore for a wk. in Sept. ...That southern gent, Joe Houghson, is back and working in Assembly "A". ...He formerly worked out of the Service Dept. ...Phyllis Patton (Sec. to Ken Weeks) used to be an organist in several of the local churches. Harry Deverter, formerly of Assembly "A," is now a student at M.S.T.C.

Ken McMillen (Damask.), Joe Butson (Damask.), Gene Wiley (Flat Steel), and Charley Dietrich (Flat Steel) went on their annual fishing trip to Brielle, N. J. on Sept. 16. ...Cap Schaeffer (Guard) warns all cigarette and cigar smokers around the factory to be as careful as possible with their butts and ashes. Make sure they're out when you're finished smoking.

Three new engineers added to the Company are: Bob Herman, George Atkinson and Ed Blair. ...Herman is a Lehigh grad. Atkinson is a Syracuse grad, while Blair received his diploma from Lafayette. The HMA tried to get the 1950 World Series movies for its November meeting, but received word back that the series flicker wouldn't be available until Jan. 1951.

The 1950 Christmas Seals go on sale Nov. 20. Al Peifer has replaced Bob McCachran in Export Sales. Dapper Dude Williams, a retired Hamiltonian, dropped in for a business visit on Sept. 14. Dude's in the watch business in Florida. A new set of molars gives Harry Longenecker (Print Shop) that new

look. Cal Allison (Engraver) found a cat the other day that had an extra toe on each foot. The cat's name is Calvin. Paul Kinaley (Guard) has Myrtle, the squirrel, trained to the point where she takes peanuts off the desk inside the West Tower.

Merv Beck, formerly of Watch Research, left the Co. on Sept. 14 to take a civilian job with the government in Virginia. Sam Evans (Bal. Staff) informs us the Friendly Fellows Fishing Club has suspended operations for 1950. They were on June and August trips to Indian River



this summer. Erla Sheaffer (Plate) threatens to go on a diet. Dieting took 57 pounds off Andy (Spec. Mfg.) Andrews' frame. He used to weigh 275. Now he's down to a streamlined 218.

Bill Carey (Prod. Con.), who was married on Sept. 30, met his new bride thru Gene Barber (Prod. Con.), his pal. Now Bill and the missus live next door to the Barbers on George Street. Frances Greiner (Dealer Serv.) was a cheerleader at Catholic High last year. Sammy Gast (Case) traded in his '49 Chevvie for an Olds. Took him a spell to get acquainted with that hy-dramatic feature.

The Boston Red Sox lost a great rooter when Ed Braner passed away on Sept. 18. Ted Williams was his favorite. There are quite a few close followers of quots who pick Adam Brinkman (Maint.) as the top

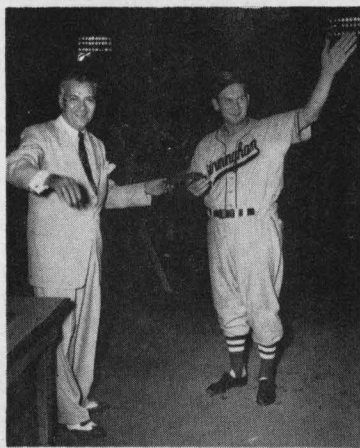
pitcher at Hamilton. Johnnie Dudley (Mainspring Mfg.) was wearin' a bow tie without lights the other day. Bob Reese (Parts Stock) says if the Phillies would not have won the National League pennant, he would have blamed it on Bags Broome (Machine Shop) since Bags jinxes any team he's rootin' for.

Evelyn Burke (Credit Union) spent the wk. of her Sept. vacation visiting her sister who lives in New Jersey. Bob Melsom (Mat'l Sales) is one guy who stuck with the Boston Red Sox right down to the wire. John Montague (Cafeteria) has one top rule in life—Keep Smiling. John has a pleasant way of spreading it among his friends. Ed Crowl is new in Production Control. Dotty Brignola (Display) brought some ripe figs into work the other day which came off a tree near her home. Sailor Johnnie Hanna visited his mates in Screw Mfg. on Oct. 25.

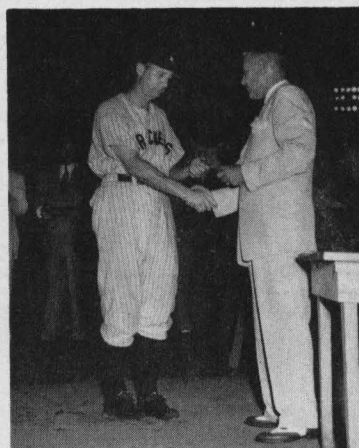
Rosie Wilson (Service) was explaining Guy LeBow's "The Wrestling Scene" to Flossie Haug (Service) the other noon in the cafe. The ladies really go for pro wrestling in a big way. Arlene Bullock (Timing) was a busy gal, working in the kitchen of the food stand at the Sept. 16 Millersville Recreation Association festival. Our No. 1 spy tells us that Len Kissinger (Service) nearly popped an optic watching Baby Dumping at the York Fair.

Dotty Hain (Prod. Con.), a Lebanon Valley alumnus, was relieved of a number of Hershey bars when the Flying Dutchmen were beaten by F. & M. in that Chocolate Bowl game at Hershey on Sept. 23. Bob Welsh (Dealer Service) and Jim Heider (T. & M. Study) can't see anybody but the Cleveland Browns winning the 1950 professional loop championship. That was a beaut of a plug Art Huber, a Lancastrian, gave the Hamilton Watch Company on Sept. 13 when announcer Wayne Griffin interviewed him at the wrestling matches via TV from Rainbo Arena in Chicago.

FINEST IN WATCH PRECISION TO THE FINEST IN DIAMOND PRECISION



(Left) Charley Hurth, Southern Association League prexy, presents a Hamilton to Pinky Higgins, Mgr. of Birmingham. (Center) Dixie Walker, Mgr. of Atlanta, receives his Hamilton from Southern Association prexy Hurth. (Right) Rogers Hornsby and Bobby Bragan, who managed Texas League All Star teams, are presented with Hamilton watches by Milt Price, executive vice president of the Texas League.



Back in July, Hamilton shared the spotlight with the stars in Southern Association and Texas Baseball Leagues. The occasion was two All Star games played in Atlanta, Georgia and Fort Worth, Texas. The two games involved the presentation of 162 Hamilton Neil model strap watches with special dials. These watches were given to members of the four teams and various officials.

League All Star fray played on July 18th under the lights at Atlanta, 110 Hamiltons were awarded. Dixie Walker, formerly a star outfielder for the Brooklyn Dodgers, managed the one club, while Mike "Pinky" Higgins, who played third for the A's and the Red Sox during his major league career, handled the other team.

These Southern Association League watches were purchased through Harold L. Shyre: Jewel-

ers, Nashville, Tennessee, and Gerber Bros., New Orleans, La.

Down in Fort Worth on the night of July 21st when the two all star clubs tangled, 52 Neil models were awarded.

Rogers Hornsby, whose colorful career in the major leagues is in the history books of baseball, managed one of the teams, while Bobby Bragan, a former Phillie

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Truth—Not Fiction—About Timing Mechanisms and Our National Defense

SPEECH
OF

HON. HAROLD D. DONOHUE

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 1950

Mr. DONOHUE. Mr. Speaker, I am greatly concerned about the recent attack made upon our small domestic jeweled watch industry by the importers of foreign watches. The importers have circulated a misleading statement which was placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for August 2 by the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. WAGNER].

This statement, entitled "Domestic and Foreign Production of Watches," apparently has been mailed to every jeweler in the United States, to many Government departments and agencies, and to many other persons.

While the statement is so plainly exaggerated that many readers will cast it aside, its implications are too dangerous for it to be left unchallenged.

The production of jeweled watch movements here and abroad is a subject to which I have given a great amount of study, and I have several times spoken about it on the floor of the House. Two years ago my interest was aroused by difficulties which confronted the Waltham Watch Co. of Waltham, Mass. As the congressional Representative of Waltham, I spent a great deal of time and effort in studying the problems of that company. I became aware that the problem of jeweled watch production is not merely a local question, or one of restricted importance, it is a matter in which the entire Nation has a very real stake.

The jeweled watch industry is one of the most vital industries to the national defense. Without the most accurate

timekeeping devices, the Air Force, the Navy and the ground forces would be virtually impotent in modern, high-speed warfare. Recently, Mr. Hubert Howard, chairman of the Munitions Board, made the following statement in a letter to a subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee:

As I pointed out in my prior letter, the maintenance of a healthy watch industry is essential to the national security. In addition to the items which it alone can produce, the industry undoubtedly would be called upon for the production of other items for which it is not the sole producer. In view of this, it is our feeling that, as a matter of precaution against probable future needs, every effort should be made to prevent the dissipation of the productive capacity of the industry and to maintain it in a healthy condition.

It is a well known fact that during the last war the facilities of our domestic jeweled watch industry were devoted 100 percent to military production. The United States Tariff Commission stated in a report in 1947 that—

Except for the existence of established manufacturers of jeweled watches of quality, the Army and Navy could not have procured precision time instruments of the high quality, and in the large quantities and in the limited time in which they did. In any future national emergency, the Army and Navy would again almost certainly be dependent upon such manufacturers. The continued existence of facilities such as these manufacturers possess may, therefore, be regarded as essential to the maintenance of our national security.

There is no jeweled watch industry of any importance anywhere in the world except in the United States and Switzerland. In the event of war, we would be entirely dependent upon our own industry for military timepieces of all kinds, as we were during the past war. The Swiss industry is much larger, has strong support from its Government, and pays

wages which are, on the average, only about 40 percent of the average wage paid by the industry in this country. The American industry has been faced with intense competition from imported Swiss movements for many years and the effects of that competition have been becoming increasingly more evident.

Today there are only three wholly domestic producers—Hamilton Watch Co., Elgin National Watch Co., and Waltham Watch Co.—and Waltham is operating on a limited scale at present. Bulova, the largest importer of Swiss movements, has facilities for manufacture of part of its products at Woodside, Long Island, N. Y. Whether it is actually manufacturing any completed movements for which no parts are imported from Switzerland, is not known. Gruen Watch Co., a large importer, has set up some facilities for the manufacture of parts for a small part of its product in Cincinnati. Gruen's chief plant is located at Bienne, Switzerland.

Before the war, the domestic industry made overtures to our Government to increase the duties on Swiss watches to a point that would give the domestic industry an equal chance in the domestic market. They have renewed these requests since the war. The importers have at all times opposed these efforts. Bulova Watch Co. has recently been less vigorous in its opposition, but a small group of other importers have fought savagely to preserve their commercial advantage.

In their many recent appearances before the Government agencies and before congressional committees, the domestic producers have tried to present facts and figures which could be supported. It has been their conviction apparently that their case can rest upon the record and the facts before any group which is willing to separate facts from fiction. The importers, on the other hand, have

sought to confuse the issue by generalizations based more often than not on unsupportable assertions and deliberate misstatements. The contents of the remarks of August 2, which were circulated by the importers, represent an aggravated example of these tactics.

I have every respect for the integrity and ability of the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. WAGNER], but I question the accuracy of the statements made in the remarks to which I refer. It is not surprising that people are confused by statements of that sort, for they have been built up over a period of years for the specific purpose of muddying the water. The cleverness of this campaign does not alter the fact that it is for the most part a tissue of misstatement and exaggeration, most of which have been repeatedly exposed in other places.

It is extremely important that the Congress and the executive departments and agencies, as well as the public and the importers themselves, understand that there is here a question vital to national defense, and that it deserves better and more factual treatment than it has hitherto been accorded by the importers.

Alarmed at the fact that both the legislative and executive branches of the Government are finally beginning to realize the dangers of allowing the domestic jeweled watch industry to decline, these importers are now seeking to persuade this country that it is dangerous for the Nation to take any steps to assure that we have within our borders a strong and healthy jeweled watch industry. They seek to convince the Congress, the public, the retail jewelers, and all who will listen that it is to our national interest to continue to be dependent on a foreign country for the majority of our horological instruments. The remarks of August 2 state that the American companies are operating at a level which currently supplies less than 30 percent of the domestic peacetime market and that total capacity is only about 40 percent, and yet those remarks urge that the Government should not take steps which might gradually improve this situation. The importers' figures are assumed figures and have no real basis, for published statistics show that in 1949 the three domestic companies sold 1,860,000 watches in a market of ap-

proximately 8,700,000. This is about 21 percent, not 30 percent, of total apparent consumption. But even using the importers' incorrect figures, it is quite clear that the needs of the Nation in case of an emergency would be far in excess of its peacetime resources. The domestic industry is not even large enough now to supply the horological instruments which would be required of it by the armed services for this country alone in the event of a real emergency. It certainly could not supply the armed services, and essential civilian needs, and the needs of the other members of the United Nations. And yet we are told that it is actually against the interests of the United States to take even the mild measures proposed by the domestic manufacturers to improve our domestic source of supply. We are urged instead to rely upon a tenuous foreign source.

It is difficult to understand how such a position can be justified. An attempt was made to justify it on the ground that a contraction in the American market would result in Switzerland providing Russia with the products of its technical skill. It is said that we must keep the mechanical genius of the Swiss occupied in supplying us. This is not a threat from the Swiss themselves, it sounds more like the pronouncement of a prejudiced importer. But the argument itself indicates how uncertain our supply from Switzerland may be. If it is true that the Swiss industry is so ready to trade with a nation unfriendly to the United States, that is all the more reason that we assure ourselves of a strong domestic industry. In all probability we should take quicker and more positive action than the domestic industry has proposed. Moreover, aside from this obvious fact that the importer's suggestion would perpetuate a dangerous situation, it is true, as these importers well know, that the greater portion of the Swiss production is already available to countries other than the United States. The United States buys roughly 30 percent of Swiss watch production.

The authors of this statement then repeat the old claim that the importers of finished movements are just as much watchmakers, and just as important to our national defense, as the companies who can actually produce timepieces in this country. They attempt to create

the impression that there is no difference in the skill and training required to manufacture movements for watches and the skill required in making the case, putting the movement in the case, and other similar small operations. Nothing could be further from the truth. The skill required to produce in volume the extremely small parts of a movement, to tolerances in some cases as close as one part in ten thousand is not found anywhere but in the organizations of watch movement manufacturers. The fact is that although movements for military timepieces were badly needed during the war no assembler ever made such a movement, with the exception of Bulova Watch Co. Bulova supplied a very small percentage of two out of ten military items. All the remainder were made by the Hamilton, Elgin, and Waltham companies.

I have not overlooked the fact that some of the assemblers produced less intricate military items, and in large quantities, especially mechanical time fuzes. They made a substantial contribution in these fields. But other industries also produced and can again produce the same items, while no other industry has produced or can produce timepieces.

Moreover, the suggestion that the importers participated in the war effort to an extent equal to that of the domestic producers is intolerable. The importers in general grew fat on commercial business during the war by selling imported Swiss movements, while Hamilton, Elgin, and Waltham were virtually out of the commercial market because they were devoting 100 percent of their efforts to military production. For example, a report on the Gruen Watch Co., of Cincinnati, prepared by Shields & Co., an investment house, on July 3, 1945, stated:

The company was also called upon to undertake some precision-instrument work for the Government but such business has been relatively small, never exceeding 10 percent of sales, and because of the low margin basis on which these war contracts were accepted, the contribution to net profits from this source was less than 1 percent. War work is expected to be finished during the next 60 days, so that the company can thenceforth concentrate exclusively on regular business.

The company faces no reconversion problems. Only \$50,000 of special war equipment is owned, and this will shortly be sold. Moreover, no large outlays are believed to be required for plant expansion for this will mainly involve new equipment and more labor than additional plant construction.

The importers did war work, but they also had and seized the opportunity to take over an additional share of the commercial market formerly supplied by the domestic industry. Many of the importers first went into business on the strength of the war-created shortage of watches. I have no objection of giving the importers whatever credit may be due, but because of these facts, I especially dislike their dangerous and misleading efforts to underplay the vital wartime importance of the skill of our domestic-movement industry.

These same facts lead me to resent the crocodile tears which these importers are shedding over the American consumer. The importers know that the American producers have asked the Trade Agreements Committee to increase existing duties by a maximum of \$1.37. But to alarm consumers, they state without mentioning the figure, that this would greatly increase the retail cost of watches and even say that it would create a void or scarcity of watches. As far as price is concerned, the brand name importers probably could absorb this increase and still retain a substantial cost advantage over the American producer. As for the suggestion that such an increase in duty would exclude foreign-made movements in the face of our domestic demand for watches, the idea would be laughable under other circumstances. The importers well know that from 1930 to 1935 when the rates in question were at approximately the level which the domestic producers are now seeking, there was no shortage of imported watches.

The increases in retail price charged by many importers during the last war showed how little they are concerned about consumers. They also show how little the domestic industry is asking in comparison with what the importers will take whenever the opportunity arises. In October of 1938, a popular ladies' model, with bracelet, sold to the consumer at \$42.50. The same watch in July of 1943 sold for \$57.50. This watch

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was in the line of one of the largest and most firmly entrenched importers. The smaller, less known, importers took advantage of the situation to an even greater extent. As illustrative of what happened, a ladies' 17-jewel movement in a rolled-gold plate case having a steel back and cord attachment, which in 1937 sold to the consumer at \$22.75, sold in 1944, without tax, for \$33.75. Again, in 1937, a ladies' 7-jewel movement, with a rolled-gold plate case and cord combination, was selling at \$17.74 retail. It sold in 1944, without tax, at \$24.75.

Direct increases in prices were not the only means employed in obtaining larger margins of profit by the Swiss importer. Some of the larger importers limited purchases by retail jewelers to 25 percent in the lower price brackets, thereby forcing them to accept 75 percent of their orders in the consumer price bracket of \$33.75 and over on which the importer generally enjoyed a larger profit. In some instances, too, the consumer price remained the same, but the retailer's mark-up was reduced.

But there were further increases. As of September 2, 1943, the Office of Price Administration authorized an increase in the ceiling prices of "assemblers of watches containing imported movements." Under the authorization, the assembler, in the case of watches identical to those sold prior to August 23, 1943, simply added to his price the increase, over March of 1942, in the landed cost of the movement. On new items, he totaled movement cost, case cost, and assembling cost; took the percentage mark-up over cost of the most nearly comparable watch he sold prior to August 23, 1943; and applied that percentage mark-up to the new unit. The Swiss superholding trust raised the prices of the Swiss manufacturers, and the increases, in turn, could be passed on to the United States consumer with OPA permission, whereas, the prices of American manufacturers were frozen. Under this system, both Swiss manufacturer and American importer had no difficulty in bettering their financial situation. The only limit was what the traffic would bear. Thus all importers and the Swiss producers profited, at the expense of American consumers.

In their efforts to enlist the aid of workers in the jewelry trade, these im-

porters advance another distorted argument, accompanied by a misstatement of fact. They say that a reduction of Swiss imports would imperil the jobs of thousands of American workers. They make no mention of the fact, which they know, that between February and June of this year approximately 2,000 workers had to be laid off at the plants of Hamilton and Elgin, or of the fact that while Waltham was closed, there were 4,000 fewer people engaged in producing watch movements in the country than on December 31, 1943. The effect of cheaper imports in putting these people out of work is of no concern to the importers. They seek only to alarm those who deal directly or indirectly with importers.

The statement that assemblers using Swiss movements, "in fact are the larger part of the industry," appears to be a deliberate distortion on the part of the importers. It was said that some 45,000 workers are engaged in the "production of American assembled watches." The assertion that there are "several thousand workers" on Time Hill, the home of Gruen Watch Co., in Cincinnati, is a fair measure of the accuracy of this claim. Best available estimates place Gruen's employment there in the neighborhood of five or six hundred employees, certainly less than one thousand. The reckless use of such figures is absolutely regrettable. To reach a total of 45,000, the importers would have to include not only employees engaged in placing imported movements in cases, of which there are probable not more than 1,000 all told, but those persons engaged in the manufacture of watch cases, straps and metal bracelets, boxes and cartons for shipments, plus approximately 40,000 clerks in the jewelry stores. The domestic manufacturers have repeatedly pointed out that those who make cases, bracelets, straps and boxes and cartons for the importers, can and do furnish the same items to the domestic industry. Every watch requires these accessories whether it contains a Swiss or American made movement. They have also pointed out that the employees of the jewelry stores will still be selling watches whether they contain American or Swiss made movements. It is an obvious fact that substantially every job performed in connection with an imported watch must

also be performed on a domestic watch. Yet, the importers continue to peddle their propaganda about the displacement of 45,000 American workers in hope of persuading the retail jewelers and the manufacturers of accessories that the requests of the American manufacturers would result in their unemployment.

The treatment accorded the question of comparative costs is typical of the importers. The contention is that the importers have no substantial advantage. It was stated that the average cost of American made movements is about \$10 and that the importer's cost, plus duty is about \$10. The importers have no basis for the suggestion that \$10 is the average cost of an American movement and have never furnished any figures to prove the average costs of imported movements after duty. Until such figures are made available in authentic fashion we have only the general information published by the United States Tariff Commission that the average cost of imported movements containing 7 to 15 jewels was \$4.87 in 1949 and that the average cost of imported movements containing 16 or 17 jewels was \$6.17. The average duty is approximately \$2.10. A pound of watch movements can be shipped by air from Geneva to New York

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for about \$1.20 and, on smaller sizes, 100 movements weigh considerably less than a pound. Consequently virtually no transportation charge is involved.

The problem of costs, although a complicated one, can be established by proper study and accurate figures. Until it is approached on this basis, no heed should be paid to confusing generalizations. The importer's argument requires convincing proof, for it is unreasonable on its face. The duties on watch movements were designed to equalize costs in 1930. Under the trade agreement with Switzerland, they were reduced by over 30 percent in 1933. Subsequently the Swiss devalued their franc by about 30 percent, and the United States had a period of inflation which exceeded the inflation in Switzerland. It is hardly likely that rates which have been so whittled down are now adequate to anywhere near equalize costs.

The State Department has announced that the Swiss trade agreement will be terminated in February of 1951, unless by October 15 of this year the Swiss agree to inclusion of a standard escape clause. This action came after the trade agreements committee had carefully considered evidence on behalf of the importers and the domestic industry—and that committee does not make such recom-

mendation lightly. It is certainly to be expected that the Swiss will agree to such a clause, since termination of the agreement would automatically place in effect the higher 1930 rates. The escape clause procedure is cumbersome and protracted, and the Swiss would naturally hope that they and the importers can stymie any efforts of the American industry to obtain relief under such a clause.

There will be concerted effort by the importers and the Swiss to defeat everything the small American industry can do. I for one believe that the best solution for all parties is to realize that we do not wish to exclude Swiss imports, but that it is necessary to make sure, beyond doubt, that we have a strong jeweled watch industry in this country, as an essential part of our national defense system, and to proceed in accordance with this purpose. If it is true that the importers have no advantage—that movements can be as cheaply made in this country—then let some of the importers become domestic manufacturers, if they will, as Bulova is doing. The domestic industry has always said that this is what the industry needs, and it most assuredly would be best for the country, especially now when we are engaged in a struggle for the very survival of America.

HMA's Sept. And Oct. Meetings Produce Interesting Speakers

Two prominent Lancaster lawyers—W. G. Johnstone, Jr., and Anthony V. Apple—both members of the Lancaster Bar Association, held a panel discussion on "Popular Misconceptions of Everyday Law" at the Oct. 16th meeting of the Hamilton Management Association in the new Hamilton auditorium.

It was a highly interesting discussion with everyday common legal matters brought to the attention of the Association members.

As an added feature, Miss Lberta Erisman, daughter of Ray Erisman (Maintenance) played a number of popular selections on her marimba. Miss Erisman's music was well received by an enthusiastic audience. She was assisted by Miss June Cook.

At the HMA's Sept. 18th meeting, Harry F. Gracey, director of management development, SKF Industries Inc., Philadelphia, was the principal speaker.

He took for his subject, "The Supervisor Looks Ahead in Labor Relations."

At the conclusion of the two meetings, coffee and doughnuts were served by the committee in charge.

Friction Jeweling Picnic Successful

Unintentionally TIMELY TOPICS omitted the story of the Friction Jeweling Department girls' picnic in the Sept. issue.

It was held on August 18th at Goldbach's on the Grofftown Road, east of the city.

Approximately 30 were present. The menu featured corn and hot dogs with all the added trimmings.

TIMELY TOPICS wishes to apologize for the previous omission of this story.

English Vacation



Strolling along the beach at Porthcawl, England, are Blake (Sales) Dulaney's wife, Evelyn, and five year old daughter, Kathryn. Mrs. Dulaney and daughter are vacationing in England. They left America on the liner Il de France, landing at Plymouth on August 8. They were met at Plymouth by Mrs. Dulaney's uncle, Jim Hurn, an English playwright, who motored them to Porthcawl. Blake's wife and daughter will leave from Southampton on Nov. 10, arriving in America on Nov. 15.

Edward J. Braner, 60, Died Suddenly Sept. 18

Edward J. Braner, sixty, watchmaker for 32 years, 20 of them with Hamilton, died suddenly of a heart attack on Monday morning, Sept. 18, in the Balance Staff Department.



Edward J. Braner

Ed, as he was affectionately known to his fellow employees, started his watch career in 1916 with the Illinois Watch Company. When Hamilton bought out the Illinois Company, Ed remained in Springfield until 1933. The following year he went to Waltham, but came to Lancaster in 1935 and remained with Hamilton until his death.

He started here as an inspector in the Plate Department, but was transferred to the Escape Department in 1936. In 1943, Ed was shifted to overturning work in Balance Staff.

He was a dependable, steady working employee whose work was of a high quality. He made many friends here and his sudden death came as a severe blow to all who knew him.

He was born in Springfield, Illinois, a son of the late Jacob and Christina Mimner Braner. He was a member of the Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Leona Boysel Braner; two sons, Robert L. (Sales) and Dr. Loren E. Braner, both of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. Katherine Jackson, of Springfield, Ill., and Emma, wife of Frank Furbach, both of Springfield.

He was buried from the Fred E. Groff Funeral Home on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 21. Interment was made in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Two of the six pallbearers were Samuel Evans (Balance Staff) and Leroy May (Spec. Assem.).

Hamiltons To Armstrong Quarter Century Group

Five hundred ninety-nine Armstrong employees and pensioners who complete or have completed 25 years of company service will be awarded Hamilton watches by the Armstrong company.

These Quarter Century watches will be presented to Armstrong employees who are actively employed and have completed 25 years of service and to all living pensioners whose service up to the time of their retirement exceeded 25 years. There are 489 active employees and 110 pensioners of the floor plant who will receive Hamiltons early next year.

The Hamilton watches to be presented by Armstrong's are models Donald (pocket), Hardy and Frances.

Armstrong will make other Quarter Century watch presentations to its employees who qualify under this group at its other branches throughout the United States. In all probability, there will be a total of approximately 2,000 Hamiltons given.

Mina Murray, Honor Roll Records Custodian, Retires After 38 Yrs. 6 Mos. With Company

When you work for a Company for 38 years 6 months as Miss Mina Murray did for Hamilton, it isn't easy to say good bye.

In that long span of years you build up many associations with good friends and those associations become a part of you, just as they have for Miss Murray. That's why, in one respect, she regretted leaving here.

Miss Murray doesn't look 65. She's in good health and her trim appearance gives her a look of 55. She admits that in her family long life runs true to form.

Officially, Miss Murray retired from the Company on Sept. 29. On the 28th, the employees in the new office building presented her with a number of fine gifts, including an Emerson table model radio, a Silex coffee maker, and a Mimarvel combination hair dryer and heater.

Since the start of her career at Hamilton back in 1912 as an employee in the Record Dept., to the present time, she has worked un-

der the regimes of four of the Company's presidents, Charles F. Miller, Frank C. Beckwith, Calvin M. Kendig and R. M. Kant.

In 1917 she was placed in charge of the Order Dept., and maintained that position until 1938 when she was transferred to the Honor Roll Dept. In this latter capacity she compiled special records of histories on approximately 500 Honor Roll employees and all of the retired members of the Company.

Before coming to Hamilton, Miss Murray was highly interested in linotype work. That was in 1910-12 when she was employed by the Schroll Printing Company of Mount Joy. She had to give up the idea because the work affected her throat.

Prior to that (1903-1906) she did general office work for the Rollman Mfg. Company and in 1906-10 she worked in the Payroll Dept. of the Mount Joy Handkerchief Company.

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Miss Mina Murray

Credit Union B-D's Hold Annual Mooseree

The Board of Directors of the Hamilton Watch Employees' Federal Credit Union held their annual "Mooseree" at Camp Fair Play in Perry County on Sept. 29-30, Oct. 1.

Fifteen directors, officers, one guest and an assistant cook were members of the party. The directors were: Al Mathews, Harry Hovis, Frank Remley, Lloyd Drybred, Harold Herr, Russ Hershey, Rowland Bitzer, Ray Foults, Al Kleiner, Matt Hauser, Chris Steckervetz, John Rohrer, Charles Funk, Don Smith and Ray Dirks. The guest was Paul Rodgers, former Cafeteria Manager and a former member of the Credit Union Board of Directors. Henny Starr, who has accompanied the Credit Union directors on many trips in the past, was the assistant cook. Henny, who retired from Hamilton on Sept. 29, was presented with ten silver dollars.

The activities on the two and a half day trip included hiking, a quoit tournament, target shooting, cards and movies. On Sunday morning, Oct. 1, the group went to church at New Germantown.

Bob Wenzel Appointed Foreman Assembly "B"

Bob Wenzel, who was acting foreman of part of the 8/0 line in Assembly "B" since last February, was promoted to foreman of Assembly "B" on September 1.

Wenzel started as an errand boy in the Finishing Department in 1935. He was soon promoted to general jobbing work. He then moved on to cannon pinion inspection and later to banking and banking inspection. After three months of schooling he became a finisher.

In 1942 he was schooled in Marine Chronometer work and soon worked as a jobber in the Chronometer Assembly Department. In 1945, he was transferred to Timing & Casing where he worked on the lapsed time clock for six months. That same year, he returned to the Finishing Department as a finisher on 911 watches.

In 1947 he was transferred to the Assembly "B" Department as supervisor of part of the 8/0 assembly line. Bob has been employed at Hamilton for 15 years. He's married and has two children, Tommy 11, and Barbara Ann 7. The Wenzels live at Bloomingdale Development across from the Overlook golf course.

CHOP TALK

George Biggs, with the Co. for 38 years 11 months, was transferred to guard in the new Research & Engineering Lab. For 37 years, George worked in the Finishing and T. & C. depts. If you're on the market for a new TV aerial, contact Eddie Joline (Maint.)...The kid's in the bizness.

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Jim Hostetter (Machine Shop) was the chief photog at the Shoppers party for Henny Starr at Elmer's on Sept. 18...Speaking of parties, the boys in Prod. Control did it up plush for Bill Carey on Sept. 26 at Elmer's...Bill was having his last fling before he waltzed up the middle aisle on Sept. 30...Ever know George Falk (T. & C.) used to be a runner?

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Those noontime radio jam sessions draw quite a male following in the West Tower...Joanne Myers is new in the Print Shop Section...Jackie Troop is new in the Display Shop Dept...Clarence Reese (Purchasing) visited his daughter, Lois, in Minneapolis in mid-Sept.

Theda Hallacher (Dealer Serv.), Katie Young (Sec. to R. Waddell), Helen Abel (Purchasing) and Helen Strawbridge (Sec. to L. Halligan) attended the stage production of "Claudia" sponsored by the Lancaster Optimists on Sept. 21 in the Hotel Brunswick Ballroom...Edgar Stehli, stage star, who portrays the role of the grandfather in the Broadway production "Happy Time," will handle the 30-second commercial at the end of the five minute Hamilton TV Christmas movie.

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For our dough, one of the finest of the new group of male crooners on TV is Dave Street of the "Broadway Open House" gang, seen every Friday nite at 11...Tommy Kahler (Guard) is one guy who really follows his baseball very closely...Nellie Trageser (Sec. to Frank Christoffel) is a happy gal again now that her husband, John, is back on the road to recovery.

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Don Gainer (Assem. "A") left the Co. on Sept. 22...He was called back into the Army from the Enlisted Reserve Corps...He has been assigned to the 3rd Armored Division at Fort Knox, Ky. Hal Feister, who used to work in the Machine Shop, is now a student at the State Barbers' School in Philly...Hal expects to set up his own tonsorial parlor one of these days.

Fred E. Orr Named Assistant Sales Mgr.

Fred E. Orr is the new assistant sales manager in charge of supervising sales policies and selling activities of Hamilton's wholesale distributors, according to an announcement made by Lowell F. Halligan, vice president and sales manager.

Orr came to Lancaster from Glade Springs, Virginia, in 1924 to attend Bowman Technical School. Immediately following the completion of the watch-making course at the local institution in 1925, Orr was employed in Hamilton's Service Department.

In 1929 Orr left Hamilton to join the sales staff of the Non-Retailing Company, local wholesale jewelry firm. He was sales manager of this firm before he returned to Hamilton on January 1, 1949 to become the Company's wholesaler contact agent.

Fred is married and has three children, Molly Ann, 11; Fred, Jr., 9, and Cassandra, 6. The Orrs live at 510 North School Lane.

HI HO, SILVER!



The female "Hopalong Cassidy" on the horse is Arlene Shue (Hspg. Mfg.). This shot was taken of her during vacation at "Ridin-Hy Dude Ranch" in New York State where Arlene had fun. Her only regret was there was a scarcity of cowhands.

Service Award Pin Design Contest Winner To Be Announced In November Timely Topics

Due to important business commitments during the month of October, the board of judges, comprised of President R. M. Kant, Lowell Halligan (V.P. and Sales Mgr.) and C. C. Smith (V.P. in Charge of Finance & Secretary), were unable to get to the task of selecting a winner in the Service Award Pin Design Contest.

The final judging will be completed in time for the November issue of TIMELY TOPICS, according to an announcement made by one of the judges.

A picture of the winner, his or her winning design, along with a complete story of the contest, will appear in the November issue.

Seventeen employees submitted 37 drawings in the contest that closed Sept. 30.

Those submitting entries were: Harry Longenecker (Print Shop), Joe Parr (Finishing), Charley

Miller (Plate), Bob Hartman (Assem. Casing), George Butt (Small Tool), Bob Gauker (Service), Herm Rueger (Mach. Exp.), Gil Leaman (Plate), Art Schneider (Chem. Lab.), Johnnie Westhaefter (Bal. & F. S.), Helen Kato (Engineering), Ian Nightengale (Assem. "B"), Charley Sheldon (Eng. Services), Ross Myers (Small Tool), Charley Shindell (Escape), Bob Kopp (Mach. Shop), Ed Smith (Plate), and George Miller (Assem. "A").

The winner will receive \$50.00. All drawings become the property of the Company.

TIMELY TOPICS
Wishes
All Of Its Readers
A Happy
Thanksgiving Day

• SHORT SHOTS •

AL MARKS (Heat Treat.) was a happy guy on Sun., Oct. 1, when EDDIE SAWYER'S Phillies clinched the National League pennant...At the end of the 1949 season when the PHILLIES finished third, Al immediately went on record as picking the Phils to cop the flag in '50...For further info on Al's success, contact BILL GASSMAN (Works Lab.)...He financed the project...ROY KENDIG (Train) and ED LONG (Works Lab.) were two guys who had tickets for the opening game of the series at SHIBE PARK on Oct. 4...FRANK KOZICKI and SAM BARD, both of Prod. Con., sent for tickets to the series, but neither received any...BLAKE (Sales) DULANEY'S little five year old daughter, KATHRYN, who accompanied her mommy on a vacation trip to England, visited the London zoo one day and had the buttons on her coat chewed off by a hungry goat...TOM STUMP (Prod. Con.) swapped his Ford for a station wagon...No reason given...Hamiltonians watching M.S.T.C. lose to EAST STROUDSBURG on Sept. 30 were: BETTY BASSET (Watch Res.), KEN BERNHARDT (Equip. Des.), MOLLIE KING (Plate) and ELVIE SILVIUS (Asst. Sales Mgr. Spec. Sales)...BILL BRADLEY is back in Assembly "A"...Used to work in Assembly "B"...MAURO SAX, formerly of Assembly "A," is now AIRMAN M. M. SAX...He's stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas...JACK SHERICK (Service) says he doesn't think watching TV all the time is too good for you...Admits he spent a recent week-end just listening to the radio and found it to be the most quiet and pleasant two days he experienced in a long time...Saw HARVEY STONE, the comedian, on ED SULLIVAN'S "Toast of the Town" show on Sun. nite, Oct. 1...He's just as funny as he was two years ago when he did a Xmas TV show for Hamilton out of New York...Was talkin' to BARNEY EWELL, Lancaster's only Olympic representative at the '48 games in London, the other day...He's broke and lookin' for a job...He was planning on going back on the Australian pro sprint handicap circuit, but had his program cancelled from the Aussie end of the line...TIMELY TOPICS picked Boston and Boston to win the 1950 pennants in the two major circuits...We were about as far from right as pickin' the Slackwater Wrinkle Bellies to beat Notre Dame...WALLY BORK (Proc. Eng.) was at Franklin Field on Sept. 30 to see PENN blast VIRGINIA...ED SHUBROOKS (Chief Chemist & Metallurgist) recently spoke on the subject, "The Fundamentals of Chemistry" to the Upper Leacock Pack 154 Cub Scouts of which MARV FREEMAN (Met. Proc.) is Cub Master...The mothers of the scouts attended.

Paul Brodhecker's Daughter, Mary Lou, Is Now A Member of 1951 Ice Capades

"She's had her mind set on being a figure skater for a long time," said Paul Brodhecker (Plate). He was talking about his youngest daughter, Mary Lou, who is 21 and now a member of the 1951 Ice Capades.

"I remember," continued Paul, "when Mary Lou first started skating at Herr's Ice Pond and in the quarry at Maple Grove. Since that time her interest has grown. She joined the Hershey Figure Skating Club in 1946. She was in a number of their spring skating carnivals.

"Last year," he said, "she spent the summer up at Lake Placid. That's where all the big stars work out. She learned a lot working with them. In order to keep going she did stenographic work at the Lake Placid Arena. At the end of the season she was in the Lake Placid Labor Day Ice Carnival."

It costs money to be a figure skater. The skates Mary Lou is now wearing in the Ice Capades sell for \$109.00. Paul made all of her costumes. Sewing is his hobby.

Mary Lou, who is a graduate of McCaskey High School, auditioned



Mary Lou Brodhecker

successfully for the Ice Capades last February when the show was at Hershey. She was given a five-year contract and joined the Ice Capades in Cleveland recently.

Mr. & Mrs. Brodhecker are mighty proud of Mary Lou. They are also proud of their other three daughters, Iris, Edith and Janet. Janet, who is the wife of Paul Afflebach, works in the Train Dept.

Ex-GI's, John Hooper And Michael Carosielli, Added To Hamilton Watch Company Sales Force Sept. 1



Introducing Johnnie Hooper and Mike Carosielli

Two new salesmen added to Hamilton's field force are, John Hooper and Michael Carosielli.

Both are ex GI's. Both were in the Pacific Theatre. Johnnie was a Marine combat pilot. Mike was in Army Air Corps. Hooper was in four years, Mike five.

Johnnie will work out on the Pacific Coast under Charley Gause. Mike will handle the Upper New York State territory under John Hall.

Both are college graduates. Hooper from F. & M. in 1950. Mike from the University of Bridgeport in 1949. Johnnie has a B.S. in Economics degree, Mike a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Hooper's from Lancaster. Carosielli is from Bridgeport, Conn. Both are married four years. Mike has two sons, Michael, 3 yrs., and Richard, 3 months. Johnnie has no children.

Once settled, both intend to move their wives to their respective territories. Hooper figures on

Los Angeles. Mike will settle down in Syracuse.

Mike is 29. Johnnie is 28.

Mike admits his hobby centers around his family. Johnnie likes to direct TV shows. He handled the directing of Lancaster's Little Theatre players in such WGAL video presentations as "Ironie Justice," "Last Visit," etc. At F. & M., Johnnie had the male lead in the Green Room production, "Command Decision."

Both are interested in sports. Mike is strictly a spectator. Johnnie is both spectator and competitor. Mike chooses baseball and the N. Y. Yanks are his favorite team. During high school days at McCaskey, Johnnie played football and basketball. During his pre-flight training he played tackle for the Del Monte (Calif.) Naval Air Station team, ranked 8th in the nation.

Both are highly ambitious and ready to get rolling in their respective territories.

Miss Murray Retires

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Miss Murray is a lady of many hobbies. If she had to choose her favorites they would be: (1). Working around the house, (2). Reading good books, (3). Flowers.

Now that she has retired she intends to keep active by working around the house. She also intends to maintain the many fr

WEDDING BELLS

Kitty Vogel, receptionist in the Research & Engineering Laboratory, is now Mrs. Kitty Banta. Hubby's first name is Bob. Kitty and Bob were married Sept. 30.

For A Night Of Dancing
And A Good Time—Try
The Stevens House—
November 10

Middle Aisle Notes

Mary Frances Ronan (Prod. Con.) became Mrs. William C. Al-lison on Sept. 9 in the rectory of St. Peter's Catholic Church, Columbia. It was a double ring ceremony with the Reverend Robert Maher presiding. The couple went on a honeymoon to New York City. They are presently residing in Columbia.

Bill Carey (Prod. Con.) and Eileen M. Fritsch were married on Sept. 30 in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. It was a double ring ceremony with Bill's brother, the Reverend Thomas F. Carey, chaplain (Capt.), 511th Airborne Infantry Reg., Camp Campbell, Kentucky, officiating. Gene Barber (Prod. Con.) served as usher. Bill and his bride honeymooned in the Poconos.

Births

Lloyd Cooke (Small Tool) became a father for the second time on Sept. 30 when Mrs. Cooke presented him with Richard Gilbert, an eight pound bouncer in the General. Cookie's other youngster is Ronnie, 4.

Leo Kilhefner (Small Tool) was presented with his third child on Sept. 29. It was Leo, Jr., who weighed in at 8 lbs. 10 ozs. at the Ephrata Community Hospital. Leo's other two youngsters are, Brenda, 6, and Martha Ann, 1.

On Sept. 21, Woody Miller (Service) was the man of the hour when Mrs. Miller presented him with Leslie Robert, who tipped the beams at 7 lbs. 2 1/2 ozs. at St. Joe's. It was the Millers' second boy.

Ken Derr became a father for the first time on Sept. 14 when Jeffrey William, 7 lbs. 14 ozs., entered this old world at the General.

George Brown (Small Tool) announced the birth of his daughter, Melissa Ann, on July 1. The little gal weighed 8 lbs. 7 1/2 ozs. She was born at St. Joe's. Brownie's other youngster is Phyllis Ann, 7.

Little Judith Marie Rill said "Hi" to her pappy, Johnnie Rill (Service) on June 9th at the General. She weighed 5 lbs. 12 ozs.

For Sale

If you have a small hand you might be interested in buying the Brunswick bowling ball that Bill Gutacher (Small Tool) has for sale at \$17.00. There's a zipper bag goes with it. If you're interested, contact Bill.

A portable carrying case, type 12 watt amplifier and public address system. It is bound in leatherette. The unit includes two speakers with baffles, turntable, record player and astatic microphone. The equipment is like new. If interested contact Werner Konrad (Machine Shop).

HALLOWE'EN NIGHT

Last evening the windows of your home were soaped. Kids, who normally were good 364 days of the year, turned rough and ready for the night. Dressed in all sorts of odd costumes and wearing hideous false faces, they pelted you with corn and confetti. They stuck pins in your door bell. They carried your front porch steps down the street. They put your porch furniture up on the roof or out in the gutter. It was Hallowe'en.



Just what is Hallowe'en? How did it originate? Why all the devilry? TIMELY TOPICS decided to do a little research on the subject. What follows ought to give you a fair idea of what Hallowe'en is all about.

All Hallows evening, or Hallowe'en as we know it is in reality a reproduction of heathen customs inherited from time immemorial. The occasion precedes All Saints Day which is November 1, but its actual origin hardly reflects saintliness.

Like so many of its other holidays, Christendom has inherited Hallowe'en from pagan times. It is claimed by some that the Druids of Briton started this eve of observation by celebrating its harvest of the summer. They built huge bonfires in honor of their Sun god who was good to

them. They also believed that on this occasion all the souls of the sinners who had died during the year were assembled by Samhain, the lord of death. They believed that for their sins the souls of the dead had been confined in the bodies of lower animals.

In ancient Rome, during the some era, the goddess Pomona was honored by a festival on about November 1. She was supposed to be the goddess of fruit and gardens.

Fusion of all these beliefs into one occasion has resulted in a night of revelry and bonfires for the ancient Celtic Sun god; apple ducking, nut cracking, the littering of porches with vegetables and displaying pumpkins—reflecting the fruit and gardens of Pomona; and that devilish Samhain is responsible for today's appearance of goblins, witches and other supernatural creatures that accompany an American Hallowe'en.

In England, where the customs of Hallowe'en are more strictly adhered to, apple ducking is extremely popular. The belief is that the fortunate maiden who wins the apple must sleep with it under her pillow, and she will be sure to dream of her lover. Or, some say the apple must be eaten before a mirror while she is combing her hair. At that time her future lover will peer over her shoulder and into the looking-glass. If she turns around, of course, the spouse-to-be will disappear.

The Irish, too, have a Hallowe's Eve custom of their own. Their evening meal consists of a concoction of parsnips, potatoes and chopped onions placed in a deep bowl in the center of the table. Somewhere in the bowl is a gold ring and whoever gets the portion containing the ring is to have good luck for a year or will be married within the year.

PARTY AND GIFTS GIVEN TO HENNY STARR AS HE RETIRES AFTER 43 YRS. 10 MOS.

After 43 years, 10 months, popular Harry L. "Henny" Starr (Machine Shop) said, "so long" to his many buddies and friends on Sept. 29.



Henry Starr is guest soloist of the evening at a party given for him by the Machine Shop on Sept. 18th, his 65th birthday, at Elmer's. Assisting in the vocal, to the left and right, are, Cal Allison, Bags Broome, Bob Smith and Bob Heean (behind the bar).

It was retirement day for Henny and his mates did it up top drawer. He received a neat little book with \$88.00 worth of crisp, new bills for pages.

On Sept. 18, Henny's 65th birthday, his Machine Shop friends had a banquet for him at the Old Mill Inn. Music for the occasion was furnished by Earl Myers and his Old German Band. Henny led the band in several numbers. Chairman Bobby Smith and mates made the shindig possible.

On top of his farewell gift on Sept. 29, he received a pair of gloves from the boys on the "second floor" and ten silver dollars from the Board of Directors of the Hamilton Watch Employees Federal Credit Union. This latter gift was presented to Henny at Camp Fair Play in Perry County on Oct. 1. The occasion was the Credit Union B. of D.'s annual "Mooseree" and Henny was on

hand to help Harry Hovis with the cooking.

Henny started in the Machine Shop on December 18, 1906. From that date until his retirement he

was a toolmaker in the Machine Shop and Plate Department.

His No. 1 hobby is cooking. For over 30 years he has been chief cook at all the Machine Shop picnics. He also cooked for many other departmental picnics. His specialty was "Starr Hamburgers."

His chief interest is baseball. He organized the sport in Rohrerstown, his home. In the Golden 20's he handled one of the finest independent clubs in Lancaster County. He was the manager and one of his stars was Ed Breen, who played first base. Henny still maintains a keen interest in county baseball.

He was considered by all who worked with him as an industrious craftsman, who produced top quality work. While he has retired from the Company, he still remains the No. 1 cook for all future Machine Shop picnics.

THIS & THAT

Ken Kellenberger (Material Sales) witnessed the third and fourth games of the World Series in New York... Had a short chat with Joe DiMaggio... Ken asked Joe if he was gonna play ball next year... Joe told him he'll play as long as his legs hold up... If you know the score of the Harrisburg Tech vs Cedar Rapids football game which was played in 1923, contact either Ed Breen or Bags Broome of the Machine Shop.

Mike Troop (Display Shop) came to work with two different shoes on the other morning... When Notre Dame dropped that Oct. 7 game to Purdue, Ernie Mester (Sect. Supt.) had a rough time explaining it to his many fans... Is it true that Theda Hal-lacher (Dealer Serv.) was nearly crowned queen of the Columbia Fair... Bob King and Casper Markert of Plate, along with Don Lentz (Assem. "A") were in New York to catch the final game of the Series... They didn't see the Phillies score their two runs in that tilt because they left the Stadium at the end of the 8th inning.

Peggy Dressendorfer (Display) is a J. DiMaggio fan... You should hear her argue with Bob Frymyer (Traffic) in defense of Banana Nose... Bob's a Ralph Kiner fan himself... Rhoda Weaver, formerly of Standards, is now Mrs. Don Savage... She was married recently and will reside in Tampa, Florida.

Francie Meyer (Watch Des.) had his Atlantic City Beauty Pageant photographs on display in Darmstaetter's window the early part of Oct... Billy Gates (Case Office) left the Co. on Oct. 6... Paul Kinalley (Guard) told us about the guy who unconsciously handed him five dollars instead of showing him his pass the other day in the East Tower.

Al Hanselman (Damask) was as proud as a peacock over his runnerup trophy he received in the 1950 HRA quoit singles... There are quite a few Hamiltonians who get a bang out of the Kukla, Fran & Ollie TV show... Maurice Shearer (Automatic) says he never brags about his prowess as a hunter... That way he can miss his share of birds and rabbits and never feel the verbal effects of his friends... Speaking of the small game season which opens tomorrow morning, let's take it easy and play safe... When deer season opens Herb Swisher (Plate) will try out his mystery hunting grounds, located up "thata-way"... Dan Denlinger (Print Shop) is ready for the basketball season and his favorite team, the Rockets.

Pennsylvania Week

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H. S.; Wilson Streightiff, M. C. Stallsmith, Lillian M. Rowe, A. Fred Rentz, Mary E. Powers, Mary B. Myers, Anna Knox, S. Ernest Kilgore, William F. Diller, Joseph M. Fellows, Harold B. Gehman, J. L. Hillegas, Cliff Hartman, Clifford E. Bair, Jerry Brooks, Harold S. Butz, Daisy Greiner, and Samuel F. Brown, all of McCaskey H.S.; Helen K. Smith, Dorothy R. Weaver, Jane Shissler, Mildred Scally and Jane L. Nagle, all of the Fulton School; Paul P. Steinmetz of Haupt School; Zola R. Bowers of R. K. Buhrle School; Marjorie M. Reiber of George Ross; William C. Bowers, Raymond J. Krushinski and Kathryn Rodman all of the Lafayette School; Caroline Miller and Harriet P. Smith of Wick-ersham School; Sona Aznavorian, Sara E. Brauer, Betty W. Wallick, and Ellen E. Lane all of the Administration Building.

AN AWARD FOR HAMILTON



Recently this diploma of merit was sent to the Company by M. Antonio Rosa, Hamilton's wholesale distributor in Honduras. Mr. Rosa entered our product in an industrial exhibit and for its chronometric precision, Hamilton walked off with top honors. As you can see, the diploma is written in Spanish. Transforming it into English here is what it's all about:

GRAND CONTEST FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PREFERENCE

The people of Honduras, by popular vote, have conceded first place to "HAMILTON WATCHES" for their chronometric precision. Agents: Union Mercantil De Honduras.

The organizers of this contest, published in the daily newspaper, "El Dia," certify the citation by awarding this DIPLOMA OF MERIT.

Tecugicalpa, D. E. Honduras

July 1950

(Signed)

Joaquin Coello Diaz,
Attorney & Notary Public

Derr And Sheldon Exhibit Art Work At N. Holland Farm Show

Hamilton was represented at the New Holland Farm Show on October 4 to 7.

This time it wasn't Hamilton watches, but the art work of two company employees, Ken Derr and Charley Sheldon, of Engineering Services.

Ken took first with his oil painting of the "John Tucker House" in Virginia. A pastel drawing of a "Stable Entrance" caught the eyes of the judges for another first. A pencil drawing of "Main Street" and a pen and ink sketch of a "Covered Wagon" were also good for two firsts. In the portrait division, his pencil drawing of "Marion" (his wife) also gained first place. His water color portrait of "Stonewall Jackson" drew a second place, while a water color sketch of a "Fall Scene" drew third place.

Charley exhibited only two drawings, both in the landscape class and both received honorable mention. The one was "Stage Coach" done in oil, while a "Covered Wagon" was done in pencil.

New Auditorium

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for special lighting effects. In the rear of the auditorium on the second floor is located the Projection Room housing a 35 m.m. Howell projector and other projection room equipment.

Entrance to the auditorium is gained through the main lobby of the Research and Engineering Laboratory, and this lobby is equipped with a cloak room and a ladies rest room.

The new auditorium has already proven its value since many meetings that were formerly impossible to hold have now been scheduled, and as time goes on, the auditorium will provide facilities that will prove of benefit both to the Company and to employees.

FOR SALE

Two rugs and rug cushions, like new — 9x12 and 8'3"x10'6". 9 cu. ft. Norge Refrigerator, Bengal gas range, Ward washing machine—all in good condition. Contact Jay Good (Machine Shop) or Ethel Good (Product Engineering).

Sport Shop: - *By Gym Nasium*

THINKIN' OUT LOUD

It's funny how so many pro football fans were ready to sell the Philadelphia Eagles down the river after they dropped that 35-10 decision to Paul Brown's Cleveland Browns in the N.F.L. opener on Sept. 16. There was no question that the Browns were tops in that game. But it's much too early to count the Eagles out. They've been beaten before, you know. Wait until it gets colder and the "old men" get zippy. Otto Graham is a good passer. There's no argument there. We heard several fans place him on a level with Sammy Baugh and Sid Luckman. Stop that, will yuh! Graham is a rookie compared to those two vets. Wait until he makes the rounds the second time. Right now he's new and different. When Dec. 10 rolls around then start talkin'. Just remember one thing, Cleveland will take its lumps this season.

For our dough Jim Konstanty, the Phillies' great relief hurler, is the most valuable player in baseball for 1950. The only trouble is that Jim, being a relief pitcher, has two strikes on himself in his quest for this honor since no reliever has ever received the award. In the case of Konstanty, who is the No. 1 reason why the Phillies finished on top in the National League, this silly idea should be lifted. For that matter, Jim's season record of wins and losses is just about good enough to qualify him in the bracket of a starting pitcher which could make him eligible from that angle.

We'd like to see the Hamilton quoitmen get the protective canopies over three of their boxes that they've been after for the past several years. Certainly they deserve it. There isn't a sport at Hamilton that draws as much interest and packs as much spirit the year around as quoits. In all kinds of weather at least 40 employees pitch daily. With this proven interest and the entertainment derived, certainly the quoitmen deserve canopies over their boxes. As for the cost, considering the pleasure they get from the sport, it would be cheap.

Right now is the time plans for the 1950-51 HRA Men's Inter-Departmental Basketball League should be in progress. Last year the circuit had a good, capable guy to run the show in Bill Carey (Prod. Con.). He handled the league without any serious arguments arising. When it was over everyone was satisfied. The reason we think plans should be formulated at this time is to give the teams a chance to build stronger rosters. This way there'd be more teams interested in coming into the league, making for keener competition and a stronger circuit. It's just a thought. Maybe someone will consider it and act.

We get a bang out of watching pro wrestling on television. Our only gripe is having to watch those fans in the background during interview time waving to Aunt Dahlia or Uncle Throckmorton back home. If they knew how silly and amateurish they looked they'd quit that carrying-on. And some of those guys who interview the people are just as stupid. For example, the announcer always says: "Do you enjoy wrestling?" or "Do you like Chicago?" or "Why are you here?" That stuff gets monotonous. It usually winds-up with the person being interviewed wanting to say hello to the folks back home. Then the announcer, very dramatically, has to tell them that the law doesn't permit him to allow them to say hello. The best job of interviewing we think is done by Wayne Griffin out of Rainbo Arena in Chicago every Wednesday night. Wayne picks his people he wishes to talk to and they usually have a message to tell. That way it breaks up the monotony.

We met Ed Braner at a sports event about eight or ten years ago. From that time on we were close friends. We were with him when he passed away very suddenly in the Balance Staff Department on Sept. 18. He was a wonderful guy. His passing was a terrific blow to his devoted wife and two fine sons, Bob, who works in the Hamilton Sales Department, and Loren, who is a dentist in town. We have never seen a father who idolized his sons more than Ed. To him they were the greatest two guys in the world. He didn't go around braggin' about them. His love was sincere and deep. The kids were just as proud of their Dad as he was of them. Ed was the kind of a Dad who was a pal to his boys. His ideas were modern. His likes were their likes. If it were sports and either Bob or Larry were participating, Ed would be there. We remember seeing them together at the movies many times. Yes, Ed has left us. In his place, he has given his wife and boys a beautiful lesson in love and friendship, worth more than all the gold in the world.

Short Shots: Johnnie Miller (Traffic) was a Boston Red Sox fan right down to the bitter end... Frank Koziacki (Prod. Con.) was one of the guys who waited in the local post office at 1 A.M. on Sept. 20 to send in his money order to the Phillies office for World Series tickets... The 1951 March of Dimes extends from Jan 15 to 31... Joe Brooks (Quality Control) was utility scorekeeper and No. 1 rooter for the Mountville baseball team in the City & County League this past season... Dick Benner (Traffic) was burned up over the article on the Detroit Tigers written by Red Rolfe in the Sept. 23rd issue of the Saturday Evening Post... His love for Rolfe has decreased... George King, who is back for his last season of football at M.S.T.C., is a brother of Mollie King (Plate) and Doris King (Stds. Cost)... George used to work on the Maintenance crew a few summers ago... There are any number of Red Sox fans who feel that if Steve O'Neil would have kept Ted Williams on the bench or used him just as a pinch hitter, Boston would have won the American League title.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



The Machine Shop softball team won the 1950 HRA Men's Inter-Departmental League title with seven victories and one defeat. Small trophies were presented to each member of the 15-man squad. When the above picture was snapped only ten members of the squad were present. They were: Front Row (L. to R.), Werner Konrad, Harold Feister, Mgr., and Don Lentz. Middle Row: Tom Breen, George Butt, Dick Bauer, and Harry Hutchinson. Back Row: Bill Wissler, Grant Laudermilch and Russ Lutz. Missing were: Charley Gehr, Jerry Gegg, Ted Morrison, Joe Slavoski and Paul Stauffer.

Harmony Reigns

For the 7th consecutive time, the Hamilton Watch Company and the Hamilton Watch Workers Union have reached harmonious agreement on a new contract. On Oct. 12, Union members accepted the contract by a vote of 807 to 5. The following day the contract was signed. It becomes effective Nov. 1.

21 Hamiltons Awarded U. Of Texas Baseball Team, '50 NCAA Champs

The 1950 National Collegiate Athletic Association baseball championship belongs to the University of Texas Longhorns.

In appreciation of their efforts, University of Texas officials presented each member of the squad, and there were 21, with a Hamilton CLD Norden model strap watch with a specially designed dial.

The dials were made to resemble a baseball, having a "V" type stitching printed down both sides of the dial on which appears the inscription, "TEXAS, NCAA BASEBALL CHAMPS 1950."

Joe Koen & Son, Austin, Texas, supplied the University of Texas squad with its presentation watches.

Christmas Toy Drive

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the necessary repairs and repainting. If you have any spare time to act as a volunteer Santa Claus, please contact Ken Weeks (Personnel) at your earliest convenience.

When a sufficient amount of toys are ready for distribution, the HRA will ask you to submit names of needy families whose kiddies might enjoy a happier Christmas with these toys.

Last year in the first HRA Toy Drive, over 1,000 toys were distributed to the kiddies of some 250 needy families throughout Lancaster City and County. The names of these needy families were supplied by Hamilton employees and from the Welfare Federation's list.

Let's make the needy kids smile on Christmas Day. Bring in your toys and help to fill the barrels.

HRA Roller Skating Party Attended By 45

The HRA Roller Skating Party held at the Rocky Springs rink on October 6 drew exactly 45 skaters.

According to chairman Woody Rathvon (Insp.), those who attended had fun.

The skaters glided around the floor to recorded music. There was supposed to have been organ music furnished for the occasion, but it seems the organist didn't show, so juke box tunes were substituted.

Presentation Watches

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and Brooklyn star, handled the other.

Gerber Bros., of New Orleans, supplied the Hamiltons for the Texas presentation.

During the regular league season, Walker manages the Atlanta Crackers, while Higgins guides the destinies of the Birmingham Barons in the Southern Association loop. Hornsby is full-time manager of Beaumont while Bragan in the

Joe Butson & Russ Kuhns Win Quoit Doubles Title Defeating Dick Mellinger & Warren Overly



After the finals were over and the pressure was off, the 1950 doubles champions and the runner-up team looked pretty for the camera. L. to R.: Joe Butson (Damask.) & Russ Kuhns (Dial), the champs; Ray Erisman (Maintenance), official of the finals, and the runner-up combo, Warren Overly (Parts & Mvts.) & Dick Mellinger (Model Lab.).

The 1950 doubles quoit champions of Hamilton are Joe Butson (Damask.) and Russ Kuhns (Dial). They won their title by defeating Dick Mellinger (Models Lab.) and Warren Overly (Parts & Mvts.) in a five games match by scores of 21-18, 21-11, 5-21, 12-21, 21-4.

It was the second time Butson was half of a winning doubles combination. Back in 1948, he teamed with Ken McMillen (Damask.) to win the title.

The Butson-Kuhns combo took an early lead by sweeping the first two games. Mellinger & Overly came roaring back to take the next two games and tie up the match. In the final game the winners turned on the heat and won 21-4 to annex the title.

It was the first time that either Mellinger or Overly reached the finals. It was also the first time for Russ.

The winning two-some sailed through three preliminary matches to land into the finals. They brushed aside Earl Brinkman & Amos Burkhardt 21-8, 21-2, Frank Lefever & Johnnie Springer 21-17, 21-10, Frank Hoffman & Jim Dinisio 21-1, 21-3.

Mellinger & Overly gained the select circle with early victories over Bill Butson & Bud Hoin 15-21, 21-15, 21-15, Lloyd Mowrer & Lefty Fritsch 21-13, 20-21, 21-18, Charley Hickey & Charley Williams 21-0, 21-10.

There were 19 teams in the tourney held in the Hamilton boxes at the rear of the factory.