

Fourth Annual Employee Picnic Huge Success



Weatherman, Mosquito Board Assist

Chairman, Picnic Committee
by Holbrook Smith

From all indications, our picnic at the Slovak Sokol Camp this year was very well received by everyone. Our one regret is that so many found it impossible to join us on the occasion. The weatherman was on our side this time and with the assistance of the Morris County Extermination Commission who sprayed the grounds the famous "Jersey Mosquito" did not give us too much trouble.

The events of the day started

with the hotly contested Men's Softball Game. This one was won by the Lake Denmark team, thereby gaining possession of the trophy for the next year. Our young ladies somehow could not get together for their game, or for the horseshoes, as scheduled, but they were no doubt enjoying themselves elsewhere on the grounds.

Another big event of the day and one that always draws many laughs and fun was the Egg Throw. John Redmond and George Arkie accomplished the

longest throw without breaking their fragile hen fruit.

A new event on the program this year was the Treasure Hunt; from the records, 67 teams started the event, and 10 finished. The committee feels that this event, too, is something that should be repeated as an interesting feature.

Our events throughout the day were well attended, and for your information, we will list the winners at the close of this article.

The Children's Events for the 150 or more youngsters seemed to be well enjoyed, however, the little tykes just seemed to per-

fer their own uninhibited eating and drinking. It is of interest to say here that over 1,500 bottles of soda were ordered for consumption and we assume a great majority of this by the youngsters who certainly then must have had much need of close supervision the next day.

Winners of Events:

- Tennis—Lloyd Smith, John Kurtz.
- Men's Horseshoes—S. Zabriski, D. Keller, Jr., Stan Schmidt.
- Golf Chipping—A. Dondero, R. Kopituk, Sam Cowin and John Hyde.
- Treasure Hunt—J. Cragin, H. Tripp, H. Kleinman, F. Barker.
- Door Prize—P. Beaumont, L. Mizzone, H. Kleinman, W. Corleis.
- Egg Throw—L. Smith and D. Grish; R. Jones and A. Flisk; J. Redmond and G. Arkie.

Do You Know?

The Purchasing Department

by Dave Howard

If Mr. Average RMI Employee has ever been rash enough to conduct—voluntarily—a Friday evening shopping expedition for the little lady, he has gained—the hard way—a healthy respect for her ability to conduct an efficient purchasing operation. On a larger scale, an efficient purchasing operation is exactly what goes on in the RMI Purchasing Department in the south corner of the Rockaway Administration Building.

The eleven men and women who conduct RMI purchasing activities constitute a smoothly operating group, under the supervision of their department head, Wilbur Osenga the Purchasing Agent. Together, they perform one of the major Company service operations. "Service" is the key word in describing their work. The obvious service is the economic and rapid procurement of the great variety of materials, parts, supplies, equipment, etc., without which all Company operations—even paperwork—would cease. Less obvious, but also important, are the intangible services, such as maintaining supplier relations, collecting and analyzing information from supply markets, maintaining a catalog file, etc.

The fundamental operation—procurement of materials—has been reduced as nearly as possible, to an automatic system. Basically the system consists of buying, expediting and the related administrative services. Like any system, its success depends on the skill, experience and energy of the people who operate it; and it follows that the success of our purchasing operation testifies to the ability of the men and women in the Purchasing Dept.

Austin "Fitz" Fitzgerald is the Assistant Purchasing Agent and

number two man in the department. He not only supervises departmental detail and general operations, but finds time to carry out the duties of a buyer.

The Buying Section carries out the first major part of the purchasing operation, i.e., securing the right materials, at the right price, for delivery at the right time. Because of the specialized nature of many RMI purchases, the task requires expert techniques. Accordingly, each of the buyers—"Fitz" Fitzgerald, Joe Porter, Johnnie Stewart and Harry Carlsen—is an expert in his own special field. "Fitz" handles subcontract purchases and several other items, Joe handles all ferrous and non-ferrous materials, stationery, etc., Johnnie, electrical and maintenance items and Harry, hardware and mill supplies. Wilbur stresses the fact that his buyers are "buyers and not order placers." He considers, for example, that Joe Porter is "one of the smartest steel buyers in the area" and feels that "Fitz", Johnnie and Harry are similarly qualified. In order to keep on top of their fields the buyers must contact salesmen, brokers, agents, and manufacturer's representatives, and visit fairs, expositions and suppliers plants.

Once a Purchase is placed, the expeditors must see that the goods are delivered as ordered. Like the buyers, they are specialists. Usually, a buyer and an expeditor work as a team. However, since there are only three expeditors—Don Molloy, Bill Murphy and Bob Miller—and four buyers, it is impossible to keep the same teams for all operations. Expediting includes enough problems for a full-sized division, let alone a three-man section. A random selection of one current uncompleted Purchase Order reveals that Bob



PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS: (l. to r.) Bill Brown, Lou Maragliano, Fred Green.

Miller has already made twenty-seven supplier contacts concerning this one Purchase Order and is still making them. This is a typical example of the efforts which the Expediting Section constantly employs in your interests and those of your department.

Jane Smith, Rose Ann Hourigan and Judy Stoddard keep the Purchasing system operating smoothly and rapidly. Speed is a "must" in the system and the girls see to it that no paperwork is delayed in transit or in mail baskets. For example, it is a rule that all Purchase Orders typed in one day be checked the following day. In order to keep the paper moving, all purchase documents are coded to identify the buyer and expedite handling the purchase. This simplifies mail distribution and virtually eliminates delays and errors.

Within the last year the entire purchasing operation has been complicated by the Controlled Materials Plan. Under CMP, many of our vital materials can be procured only under rigid Government regulations, involving an intricate system of reports, forecasts and priorities. With hardly a change in pace, the purchasing group has picked up the whole complicated system and incorporated it into its operating routine.

Vendor goodwill is a vital service to the Company, and is a by-product of courteous fair and decent operating practices. While goodwill in all of its relationships is a basic RMI philosophy, the nature of RMI's operations requires an unusually high degree of supplier goodwill, and demands a dynamic and creative approach to supplier relations. Many of the Company's requirements are highly specialized, highly variable, and, by industrial standards, small;—characteristics which normally make suppliers somewhat less than enthusiastic. Nevertheless, through a consistent policy of fairness, the Purchasing Department has established RMI as a highly attractive customer to its many suppliers.

Not only is supplier goodwill beneficial for the Company's soul—it pays dividends. Bud Parker tells about an instance

where some Inconel X was urgently needed to continue work on a project. Inconel X was in extremely scarce supply, and was being offered for delivery only in excess of six months. On a Friday, Bud paid a visit to Purchasing and explained his problem. Purchasing immediately contacted the supplier and on the following Monday the Inconel X was shipped from the supplier's mill. To the people in Purchasing, this is merely a routine instance of the value of good vendor relations to normal Company operations.

As head of the Purchasing Department, Wilbur is, of course, constantly studying and planning methods of improving its operation. He feels, for example, that deliveries could be expedited by locating the department nearer the center of the heavy industrial markets of Eastern New Jersey. Similarly, he believes that a telephone tie line to New York would accelerate purchasing and reduce expenses. Whether or not these suggestions are ever realized, the fact that there is a constant search for new ideas shows that our Purchasing Department is not only good but determined to improve.

The Letter Box

Dear RMI Editor:

My husband has fished Flat Brook in New Jersey for years, and he has never produced a catch comparable to that shown beside the man of distinction asleep on the back page (bottom, that is) of your June issue.

MRS. F. I.

The Rocket

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MEMBERS OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT: (top row) A. Fitzgerald, W. Osenga, Jane Smith, Judy Stoddard, J. Stewart; (bottom row) H. Carlson, J. Porter, W. Murphy, D. Malloy. Roseanne Hourigan and B. Miller were on vacation when the picture was taken.

SPORTS

by Tom Harry

Of the six years since our entry in the Dover Industrial Softball League, none have compared with the exploits and accomplishments of our team this year.

Managed and directed by George Haynes, both off the field as well as on, there is assembled a combination that has yet to taste defeat this season. In putting together this year's team, which at this writing has won its first eighteen games, our boys have amassed a total of 197 runs against 61 for the opposition. This is better than three to one over our opponents which certainly indicates a team of excellent caliber.

One notable observation is, that although like all teams, faces are bound to change in the line-up from time to time, we have five men now playing, namely Jim Farrell, "Pep" Dondero, John Kramer, George Haynes and Fred Cresatella who were on our 1947 championship combination. Jim Farrell has returned after completing his studies at Syracuse University, as has Fred Cresatella, recently discharged from the Services. Two new faces this year, are Phil Donatelli, in Contracts from Engineering and quite recently out of Lehigh University and Don Ufer of our Assembly Department.

Our batting power as indicated by Joe Majkrzak who has faithfully recorded every game, shows that Don Grish leads in the percentage points followed closely by "Pep" Dondero and George Haynes. To cite a recent game with Eagle Picher Company, our boys had virtually a field day with home runs. "Pep" laced out two homers, one of which is said to be the longest ever poled on that field. Our cause was aided in that same game with homers by Grish, McAleer, Haynes and Farrell.

In second place right now in the league line-up, is Lock-Joint with four defeats and by the time this is read, it is hoped that their loss column will show a total of six inasmuch as we have two games with them in the next ten days.

Our neighbors across the tracks, Stapling Machines Company, hold third position with five losses. The remaining six teams follow in order and offer no very serious opposition that might affect the first three standings.

The success of our team, aside from its batting power and heads up fielding, can be well attributed to our pitching staff of Bill Harrison, Don Grish, and Doc Kramer. Bill Harrison's steady arm coupled with these other two have formed a capable trio with Fred Cresatella catching the "Frank Merriwell double shoots."

On the defensive power, "Pep" Dondero still sparks the infield with his lightning, octopus-like grabs of seemingly impossible catches. This ability coupled with an amazingly accurate arm make him most respected by our opponents in any game. It should be mentioned here, too,



RMI'S League Leading baseball team of 1952

that in 1948, the one occasion when the league named The Most Valuable Player, "Pep" received that honor.

Marotta Engineering Company, having read the accomplishments of our boys and being somewhat closely associated with Reaction Motors, invited our team to play a game with an All Star Team of the Boonton Community Industrial Softball League that also was previously undefeated. To make the game just a bit more interesting, a Half was to be put on the losing team. It was a closely contested battle all the way, with Reaction Motors taking the win in the last inning with the score tied and two outs. At this point, Marotta's pitcher, Guiseppi walked Bill Harrison. Next batter to hit was Phil Donatelli who hit a home run over the right field fence about 300 feet away, thus breaking the tie and winning the game by a score of 5-3. He was greeted at the plate in true Bobby Thomson style by the team and RMI Rooters and needless it is to say, absence of them at the games, was a most hilarious one.

And this brings us to the question of Rooters, or perhaps it would be better put to say, the absence of them at the games, for certainly a company of our size should show more than just a few of our fellows and girls. Such a winning combination deserves your support and whether the games are in the win or loss column, it is always nice for a team to know they have a crowd

rooting for them. Right now, our RMI Rooters are quite conspicuous by their absence and we do want that to change. Your Bulletin Boards will keep you informed of the remaining schedule, the fields are close by, so why not join our team for an evening of entertainment.

Naval Reserve Data Available At Office

There is available in our BAR Office at Rockaway, certain information concerning RECALLS to active duty for Naval Reserve Officers, transfers to different categories and other information of interest to both the Organized Reserves and the Volunteer Reserves. Reserve Officers desiring to keep abreast of the latest information are recommended to avail themselves of this source.

Your issues of "The Reservist," no doubt, supply you with current information. From time to time, however, there are items of interest that our BAR Office can, and will be glad to clarify further for you. They are in receipt of the latest publications and information and will answer any questions regarding the Volunteer as well as the Organized Reserves.

Those in the Naval Reserve might be interested in a new publication entitled "The Bureau of Ships Journal" which had its first issue in May of this year. The new publication will replace "The Electron," "The Conserva-



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tion Digest," "Industrial Notes," "Bulletin of Information" and "Shop Notes," thus eliminating the overlapping of information as well as effecting a conservation of publication material. Issues of the Bureau of Ships Journal may be purchased by addressing the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C.

News of the Industry

by Fred Ordway

The Lockheed "Starfire" fighter F-94-C has been receiving much publicity. This supersonic aircraft, now in production, is an all-weather, day-night type, with 1200 pounds of electronic equipment, including over 350 electronic tubes. A "mechanical brain" fire control mechanism has been developed, which aims and automatically fires the plane's forward-firing rocket projectiles. The pilot just sits back and watches.

Army Ordnance is working on a jet-powered helicopter. Two small engines will do the job of propelling the small, six foot high 'copter, which can be collapsed into a 5-by-5-by-14 foot container. Two men will be able to put it into the air in about 15 minutes.

Mystere MD 452, a speedy French jet fighter, is in production at the Marcel Dassault Aircraft Co. It is powered by a 600 miles an hour plus Hispano-Suize Nene engine, and mounts four 20 mm cannon. It is reportedly more maneuverable than the U. S. "Sabre".

Missiles to Antarctica. Air Force are thinking of the day when they will send off 5000 and 10,000 mile long range missiles over the southern continent, from their firing center in Cocoa, Florida. Officials caution, however, that such missiles are still a long way off, adding that guiding presents the chief problem.

Paris—Four of the biggest French aircraft builders have acted to speed up development of new transport jets. SNCASO has built a jet transport—its SO 30 Nene.

Comet Flight—2 May to Johannesburg—36 passengers, crew of 6, mail. 6,724 mile flight—17 hour 16 m. flying time, cutting off 10 hours from old time—Fare: \$490, R.T. \$822.

The British have announced that more than half of the design staff in the English aircraft industry are working in the missile field. Six major companies are engaged in high-priority missile production and development. Much of the testing will take place in the Australian desert.

The Philosopher's Corner

"He who every morning plans the transactions of the day carries a thread that will guide him through the labyrinth of the most busy life. But where no plan is laid, all things lie in chaos."—Victor Hugo

Over the Coffee-Cups

By EDITHY CRANDALL

Our three-day holiday over the Fourth was greatly enjoyed by the personnel of RMI. Beautiful weather and pyrotechnic displays, what more could anyone ask for! Vi Smith of Drafting and Patti Thomas of the Photo Lab took off for Asbury Park. Harris Gilbert spent the weekend at Asbury also. Barbara Howell visited at Freeport, Long Island. Rita Riley went to Beach Haven, Jerry Perry went to Seaside Heights and Edithy Crandall became engaged.

It's rumored that Bill Buckley is preparing to don Navy Blues. Ladies beware! Best wishes to Hal Kleinman who tied the knot the first of June. Anyone interested in advice on Landscaping, contact Wes Schelling. Wes has had plenty of experience lately. Lake Denmark's new horseshoe pits have been getting a workout at lunchtime. Donatelli and Iwanowsky are the team to keep your eyes on. Bill Wright has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Sparta Taxpayers' Association. From Budgets and Estimates an item. Bob Mulligan's stenographer Phillis Marelli became engaged. Toolmaker Curt Er-

tel is spending six weeks in Germany. Experimental Shop's Frank Case back from Military Leave at Camp Drum, New York. Poor Laura Barry; had a wonderful vacation at the shore all mapped out but her daughter came down with the measles and she had to spend her week at home. Greetings to Marilyn Rhodes, Sophie Matoveik, Barbara Phau, and Lorraine Hooper (Irene Johnson's younger sister) all in the Accounting Department, as well as Connie Bentrovato of Personnel. I hear Ann Jones is leaving us to move to Pennsylvania. Fred Hickerson was seen passing out cigars. A bouncing baby boy was the reason. Did anyone see Dr. Winternitz drive to work in his new grey Dodge. How about a ride, Doc? Engineering has taken on a new look. Four lovely ladies added to the personnel roster: Mary Wasilewski, Jean Williams, Marian Griffin, and Jean Robson. Plus the following male additions: Les O'Brien, Edward Allikso, A. Blessing, Stan Lehrer, E. Setescak, Peter Petruchik, Wally Britton and George Thompson. We bid you all welcome to RMI. And while we

are on the subject of departures, we will all miss Bob Jermain of the Chemistry Laboratory. Bob leaves us to go to Boston. Had a letter from P. J. Blatz says he is enjoying the California sunshine. Did you know Irene Johnson had her baby? A girl named JoAnne. Understand Cassie Emerick is in the hospital undergoing an operation but will be back with us soon again. Jenny Mahoney is leaving to join her husband who is in the service in New Mexico. The grapevine has Nellie Helmuth playing the ponies. And winning a neat little pile, what's more. Irene Smith was hostess at a surprise shower for Jo De Felice. Among the RMI women attending were Betty Ball, Rosemary Ryan, Marge Becker, Marion Bawkin, Rita Essig, Marie Parillo, Ann Dombros, Helen Olsen, Arlene Helm, Joan Reese and myself. "Jo" received many lovely gifts. Like to take this opportunity to welcome J. Hayes, H. Rech, J. Ryoul, R. Hodges to the Test Area.

Vacations, Vacations, Vacations, in all sizes, shapes and forms. Betty Ball and Shirley Rarick down at the shore in Seaside Heights. Hear they had a very enjoyable time basking in the sun. Proof positive, Shirl's

becoming tan! Doris Counterman of Metallurgy is also a shore enthusiast. Doris spent a week at Stone Harbor. Our Rockaway telephone operator, Sylvia Smith visited the Pocomo on her vacation. Tippy and Bill Bitting spent two weeks in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Bob Champion of the Chemistry Lab has a different slant. A relaxing vacation, he claims, is staying at home and smoking one's pipe. But tell us, Champ, does that go for the ladies also? Lil Struble and Nila George shared a wonderful five days at Atlantic City. Maintenance worker Ludlow Demouth visited West Virginia. Cape Cod was Audrey Sherwood's choice. Jim Fitzgerald's, two weeks in New England.

August Vacationers not to be outdone by July, have also planned big doings. Camp Sagamore, a Pennsylvania resort is the spot picked by Miss Rita Essig and her sister, Joan. Bob Felberg heads for up-state New York; Joe Pisani for Point Pleasant, N. J. The Physics Laboratory has Bob Ellison anticipating a ten day trip through Canada, Ronnie Storms Arkansas bound and Marv Olsen heading for Duluth, Minnesota. What's the story on the pencil-snatching feud between J. Hyde and R. Laurence?

