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In the interests of economy, we will limit ourselves to three issues of the News this year. So . . . your next News will be published in January, 1962.



### On Our Cover

Add buckles and spangles to the shoes, and those stockings "gams" of John Gallagher could easily have stepped out of the chorus of a Strauss operetta. Sans stockings the "props" could readily be the propellant that shot their owner to a sub 10-second hundred yard dash. The main thing is, though, that they stood up well on John's lecture tour of the plots on Amchem's Weed Control Field Day (see next page) when the picture was taken. Flanking John are Joe Duich (l), Penn State U. and Ken Dunster (r), Amchem Tech. Field Rep. Western Dist.

## Message from the Chairman

Ordinarily this would be a business message and the general tone of it would be to the effect that while sales in recent months have been good, profits are down because of increased costs which cannot be passed along in the way of higher prices for our goods. Then I would call for increased efficiency in our operations and economy in our expenditures.

But, these are not ordinary times. We are in a dangerous phase of the so-called "cold war" as a result of the Communist Conspiracy, with its goal of world domination. As I write this, Berlin is getting most of the headlines. All of us hope this will be settled without a war and most of us are sure that if and when there is such a settlement, the Communists will gain something and the free world will lose something.

Most of us know that irrespective of how the German situation is settled, we can count on the Communists creating new situations elsewhere in the world—in spite of which, the Communists will continue to talk about "peace" and "peaceful coexistence". In the light of experience over a period of years, we have found that when a Communist says that he wants "peace", he means he wants Communism. When he says he wants "peaceful coexistence", he means he wants no outward violence while he bores from within, with the aim of taking over through treason and subversion.

In southeast Asia, the Communists are gradually taking over in some of the small countries by means of a combination of treachery, subversion and guerrilla warfare. The thing to keep in mind is that the Communist leaders have a continuing policy of expanding their control over one country after another and they will not be satisfied until they dominate the whole world. How can anyone doubt their real intentions, in spite of all their talk about improving the lot of the "common man"? Their ruthlessness and disregard for the rights of others should be clear to all. Lenin, who took over Russia in the name of Communism, wrote "What does it matter if three-quarters of the world perish, if the remaining one-quarter is Communist?"

Communist propaganda and agitation continues. Perhaps they think their program is not moving fast enough; hence, the great amount of rocket rattling we are witnessing these days, along with a number of other indications that they may be preparing for war. Signs point to a Summit Meeting in the near future. Whether or not we have a war "in our time", may well depend upon decisions made at such a meeting,—but nuclear war is possible!

*Leon Chaskey*  
Chairman of the Board

### In Memoriam

Amchem lost one of its best friends when John E. Brownlee, president and general manager of the United Grain Growers Limited, Canada, died at his home in Calgary, Alberta, on July 15. He was 76. His death climaxed over 50 years of distinguished service in the fields of law, politics and agriculture.

It was in the last named field that Mr. Brownlee quickly recognized the time and money saving advantages of chemical weed killers when they were first brought to his attention, and thus he came to be a staunch booster of our products in Canada—not only in his office as president of UGG but also in the pages of THE COUNTRY GUIDE and the CANADIAN CATTLEMEN, publications of The Public Press Ltd. of which he was also president.

Amchem's association with Mr. Brownlee over the years will always have a special niche in the Company's storehouse of happy memories.

Representing Amchem at the funeral in Calgary were Daniel Shaw from the Ambler Office and George Williamson, V.P., Niles.



Guests assembled after registration prior to tour and inspection of plots.



ROBERT BEATTY

## Weed and Brush Field Day Was Best Yet

while the introductions of the Company's officers were made by Bob Beatty, ACD Director of Research, who also gave a short address of welcome.

Following the luncheon, reports were read by Hirsh Segal and Mel Sutherland on residue studies. Recent developments in work with Amitrol-T, Amiben and Fenac were reported by Tafuro, Stan McLane and Gallagher respectively. Bill Gannon, Amchem Patent Chief, said he was glad to inform his listeners that recent studies are showing that both Fenac and Amiben are non-poisonous.

This year's Field Day program differed in one respect from those of former years in that there was no guest speaker. The only non-Amchem employee to mount the rostrum was Fred Slife, president of the Midwest Weed Control Conference and a professor at the University of Illinois, who confined his remarks to a short tribute to his (and our) friend Bob Beatty.

In former years the organization of the Field Day largely fell on the shoulders of Mel Sutherland. However, this year Mel was all wrapped up in the Amiben program, so, after the basic plans were devised by Bob Beatty, responsibility was delegated to Dick Hart, who was ably assisted by Charley Jack, Barbara Emerson, Roy Johnson, Stan McLane, Dick Otten, Nancy Achuff, Herta Nagel and Mary Lou Carney. The latter two served as registrars.



Roy Johnson (c) answers a question on woody plant weed control propounded by Carl Wilderman (r), a contract sprayer. Richard Yashek of the J. C. Ehrlich Co. is attentive listener. Roy came well prepared.



Dick Hart escorts a group to the Soy Bean plots where he reviews history of 1961 Weed Control Program and demonstrates results.



Dick Otten explains the effect of pre-emergence crabgrass killer which had been applied to turf at the same time seed was sown.





CHARLES R. WIRSHING

## Western Dist. Sales Personnel Address Client Mgt. Groups

The entire MCD Western District Sales Staff, under Sales Manager Chuck Wirshing, has met with marked success in arranging and addressing client group meetings during the first half of this year. In all, one dozen groups from industry and the armed forces were informed how Amchem's family of metalworking chemicals could benefit them either as users or as sellers. Not only were the inherent qualities of our metalworking chemicals demonstrated to the user groups, composed of plant management personnel, but also the necessity for consistent quality control was especially emphasized in order that these people obtain maximum benefit from our products.

How customer satisfaction, profit and other benefits could be gained through the handling of our line of MCD products was explained to the various sales groups.



MCD District Sales Managers' Meeting held on last August 2 and 3: Seated (l to r) Ellis Stockholder, George Williamson, F. P. Spruance, Jr., Jack Price, Jack Breen. Second row: (l to r) Al Sinclair, Bob Entriokin, Greg Gibson, Oran Crisler, Leo Damskey, Ernie Davenport, Jim Abrams. Third row: (l to r) Chuck Wirshing, Gene Mendlow, Tom Rogers.

Reports from our Niles office state that our men were graciously received and highly complimented for their talks by all twelve groups.

It is believed the success of this MCD Western District endeavor could easily set a precedent for our other MCD Sales Districts.

The following are the companies and the Amchem personnel who addressed them.

**Golden Gate Paint Society, San Francisco, Calif., Management group. Amchem Speaker: PAT HENRY.**

**Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Mare Island, Calif., Officer and Engineering group. Amchem Speaker: PAT HENRY.**

**Travis Air Force Base, Solano Co., Calif., Military and Civilian Management group. Amchem Speaker: PAT HENRY.**

**Food Machinery & Chemical Co., San Jose, Calif., General Sales Meeting. Amchem Speakers: PAT HENRY, JACK MILLER, CHUCK WIRSHING.**

**General Electric Company, Atomic Power Division, Vallejos, Calif., Management group. Amchem Speaker: JACK MILLER.**

**International Metal Products Co., Phoenix, Arizona. General Sales Meeting. Amchem Speakers: JACK MILLER and CHUCK WIRSHING.**

**W. P. Fuller Co., San Francisco, Calif., General Sales Meeting. Amchem Speakers: JACK MILLER and CHUCK WIRSHING.**

**Electric Lighting Inc., Stockton, Calif., General Sales Meeting. Amchem Speakers: JACK HARSMA and CHUCK WIRSHING.**

**Bradley Paint Co., Riverside, Calif., General Sales Meeting. Amchem Speaker: BEN GAST.**

**Michael Rand Plating Co., Van Nuys, Calif., Management Group Meeting. Amchem Speaker: BEN GAST.**

### Stop the Presses!

**Flash!** Chuck Wirshing has been named Assistant General Manager, Western Division, according to an announcement sent out by F. E. Wilson, Director of Personnel. The announcement states that Chuck "is responsible to George Williamson, Vice President and General Manager, Western Division, and will perform his duties as Mr. Williamson's assistant in Niles." In addition Chuck will continue as MCD Western District Sales Manager.



Amchem and Neilson representatives gather 'round the table in Ambler for a briefing and exchange-of-ideas session. Seated (l to r): Jack Gray, Jack Price, Jack Collins, Gus Oleson. Standing (l to r): Jack Thomas, Larry Doyle, Jim Erwin. (The latter is no longer with the Company.) For Oleson, Thomas and Erwin, it was their first trip to Ambler Offices.



## 19 YEARS OF BACH



**Sound of Music.** Hugh Gehman (l) and Don Small (r) blend voices in an informal rehearsal of a Bach Cantata.

## Don Small, ACD Research Chemist, Is 19-Year Member of Famed Bethlehem Choir

During World War II, Uncle Sam was the responsible party for having brought many a young GI and his future spouse together, and the individuals involved often came from such widely separated areas as Alabama and Alaska, or New York and New Zealand.

For a long and happy association of another sort, Don Small, ACD research chemist, gives credit to the same elongated gentleman with the goatee and striped pants. For while Don, a 20-year Amchem man, was an R.O.T.C. professor of military science and tactics at Lehigh University, he wandered into a rehearsal of the famous Bach Choir of Bethlehem, one evening, asked for an audition, got it and came away a member of this famous singing group. This was in 1942.

### Don's "Bach" and the Choir's Got Him

Some four years and three purple hearts later Don exchanged his khaki for a tux, lubricated his larynx and again gave out with the bass notes. In the intervening 16 years he has missed but a single performance. (Don was just getting married that day.)

Once a week, from October to March, Don drives up from his home in Oreland to Bethlehem to practice with the choir. From March until the first day of the Festival in May, rehearsals become progressively more frequent, requiring attendance three times weekly as opening day approaches.

The present Bach choir is composed of 190 mixed voices—male and female—brought together by their devotion to the works of this great German composer.

### Don Started Young

Don has always considered music as his favorite form of recreation—not just as a listener, but also as a performer. One of his earliest recollections is of a certain Fourth of July when he played in a "four-tune" fireman's band in his native Greencastle, Pa. "I was about 10 years old," says Don, "and we played those four tunes over and over again from early afternoon to around eleven o'clock at night."

On Sundays Don can be found directing the choir in St. John's Lutheran Church, Ridge Avenue, Ambler.

### Gehman Also a Member

Don's love for Bach music and his interest in the Choir have helped him to recruit a number of singers from the Ambler area for the Bethlehem group. Included among these is Hugh Gehman, manager MCD Development, who has been a member for 11 years. Hugh is likewise a bass.

The Choir held its fifty-fourth Annual Festival in the Packer Memorial Chapel, with Welsh born and London trained Dr. Ifar Jones conducting, this past May 18, 19, 20, 26 and 27. Dr. Jones has been the Choir's conductor since 1939.

### Choir Formed in 1900

For its first Festival the Bach choir gave the "Mass in B Minor" on March 27, 1900, under the direction of Dr. J. Fred Wolle. This was the first time that this monumental work was ever performed in its entirety in America. The nucleus of this group of 80 voices, which had rehearsed for 14 months, was the Moravian Church Choir. Except for an absence of five years (1906-1911) when Dr. Wolle was head of the music department at the University of California, the Choir has given its annual Festival each May. In addition, it has appeared several times away from Bethlehem, including performances at Carnegie Hall and Manhattan Opera House, New York City, as well as on several occasions at the Academy of Music, Philadelphia. Dr. Wolle remained conductor until his death shortly after the 1932 Festival.

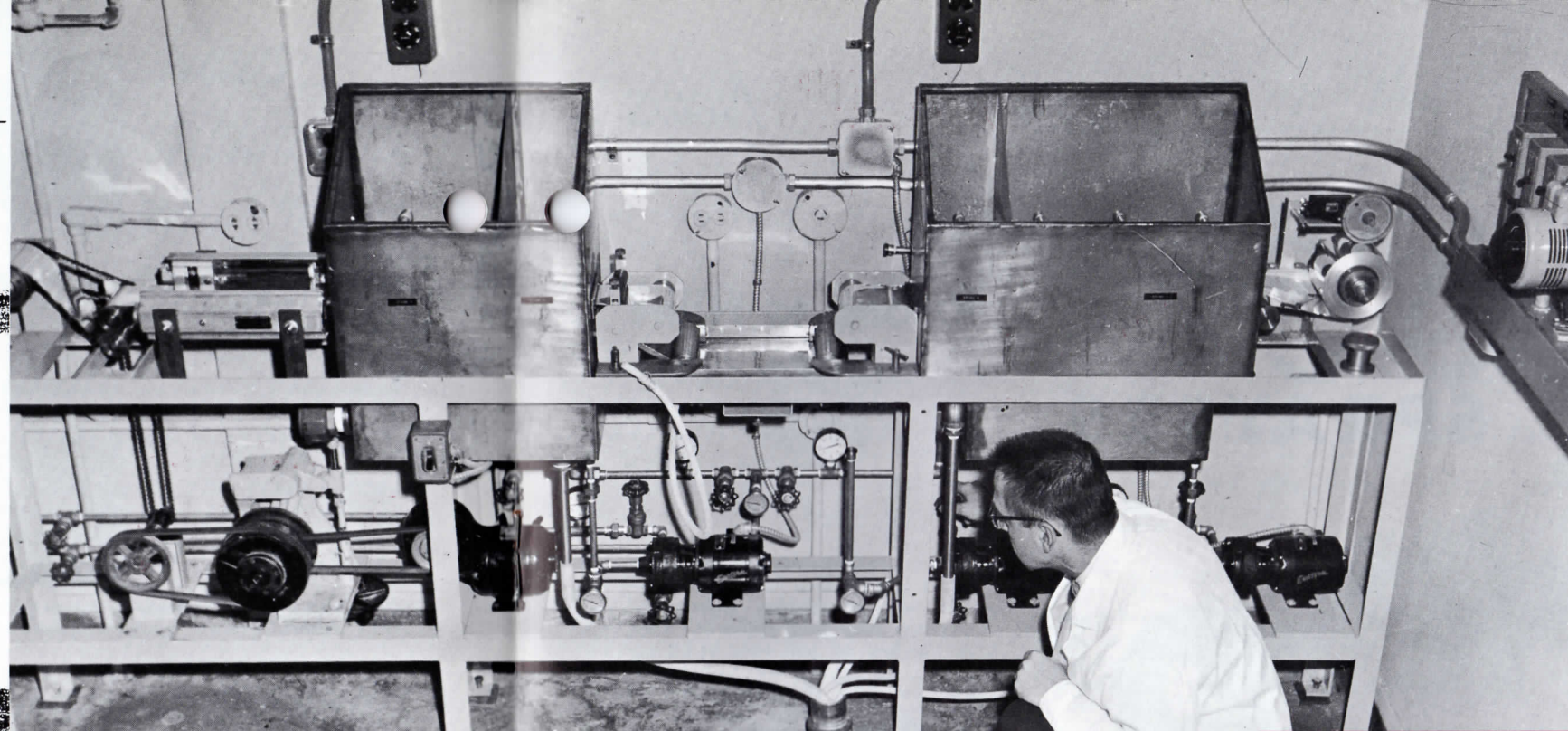
### Members Receive No Pay

The members of the Bach Choir receive no pay, neither do they pay any dues. They also pay for their own music. The only income of the choir is derived from ticket sales at the Festival. However, since this is not sufficient to defray the cost, the annual deficit is covered by subscriptions from Guarantors. This year's list of guarantors contains names from 30 different states, the Dist. of Columbia, India, Canada, and Nova Scotia. Many of these guarantors, as well as other Bach devotees, come thousands of miles annually for the Festival.



## *It's Little, But* **IT WORKS**

*Model of Continuous Strip Machine  
in Lab 10 Operates Like the Big Fellows*



*Nels Newhard intently observes the motors that drive the rollers and pumps on Amchem's new model strip machine in Laboratory 10. Model is designed, built, equipped and functions just like full-sized continuous strip machines.*

Ordinarily, Nelson Newhard is a retiring and industrious chemist. So when he came up the back stairs two-at-a-time and burst into our office bubbling over with excitement, we knew something unusual must have happened to upset the even tenor of his way—like copping first prize on a nationally televised quiz show or his wife presenting him with a triple tax exemption.

"What's the matter, Nels," we asked, "did somebody bump off Castro and send you his beard for a scrubbing brush?" "Oh no, it's nothing like that," he replied, "it's just that we've got a terrific piece of new equipment over in our lab and I know you'll want to write it up in *The News*." "Sure," we answered, "tell us all about it, the floor is yours."

### **Nels Elucidates . . . We Learn**

"Well, it's like this," Nels began, "do you know what a strip machine is?" "Certainly," we answered. "What an age we live in—sputniks, astronauts, proposed trips to the moon . . . and now automation at the Troc and Minsky's. The gals don't have to peel it off any more, the machines do it for 'em." "What are you," queried Nels in righteous indignation, "a wise guy or just plain dumb, and I might risk a fin you're both?" Our reply was, "Hold everything, Nels. Don't go away mad. Honest, Injun, we'll admit to both if it makes you any happier. Now go on with your story."

"Oh, all right," shrugged Nels, "we'll begin by explaining that a continuous strip machine has nothing to do with the 'bumps and grinds' but is a piece of apparatus that takes a big coil of freshly milled aluminum, gradually unrolls it and conveys it through various stages of cleaning, water-rinsing, coating with chemicals like Alodine, painting, baking and then rewinding it at the other end of the machine completely

ready for fabrication into siding, awnings, roofing or other similar types of finished products. These machines are usually about 100 feet long and approximately 6 feet wide.

### **What the "Little Fellow" Does**

"What we have in Lab 10 is a miniature or scaled down model of one of these continuous strip machines. This model is designed, built, equipped and it functions on the same principles as its big prototypes at Alscro (Amchem News, Dec. 1959), General Bronze (Amchem News, Dec. 1960) or at any of the other big aluminum fabricating plants, although it occupies only an over-all space of nine feet by 18 inches.

"It automatically cleans, water-rinses, coats with Alodine or other chemicals, water rinses again, gives a final water rinse and then dries a four-inch wide strip of aluminum at speeds varying from one foot to 12 feet per minute, while those big industrial machines process 24-inch strips at a rate as high as 150 feet per minute. Of course everything being relative, the treating stages in the full-sized operation are also proportionately longer, with considerably greater bath volume.

"The compartments for the various rinses in our little machine are constructed of stainless steel. The water rinses have a range of from cold to hot or vice versa.

### **Little Machine; Big Advantages**

"The main advantage in having our laboratory model is that it enables us to evaluate new cleaning materials, new Alodine chemical coatings and new final rinses under the same conditions as encountered in industry. This will give us a better understanding of our products in the lab before field testing them in a customer's plant. It will also enable us to evaluate competitive materials more fully and to in-

vestigate our own field problems. This is something we couldn't do in the past."

### **Request from NASA**

Intrigued by Nels' lucid description of this ingenious little piece of equipment we paid a visit to Lab 10 at our first opportunity to watch the machine in action. Nels unfortunately was on vacation that day, but Wilbur Hall, Amchem's gift to the "little theater movement," enlightened us on the project of the moment, which is a request from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to produce an Alodine chemical coating to be used on inflatable satellites which are made of two razor-edge thin layers of aluminum laminated to a Mylar (plastic film) core. It is required by NASA that the satellite temperature be controlled while it is in the sunlight portion of its orbit. Indications are that by controlling the thickness of the Alodine coating, the temperature can be controlled, according to NASA.

At the time of writing, Alodine chemical coating is being applied to the aluminum Mylar laminate material by the Schjeldahl Corporation, Northfield, Minn. This material will then be assembled for and tested by NASA.

Nels informs us that "Tex" Waldrum master-minded the construction of the little strip machine in Lab 10 and that Joe Mallozzi was the chief mechanic, while the Engineering, Electrical and Maintenance groups were all engaged in this phase of the project.

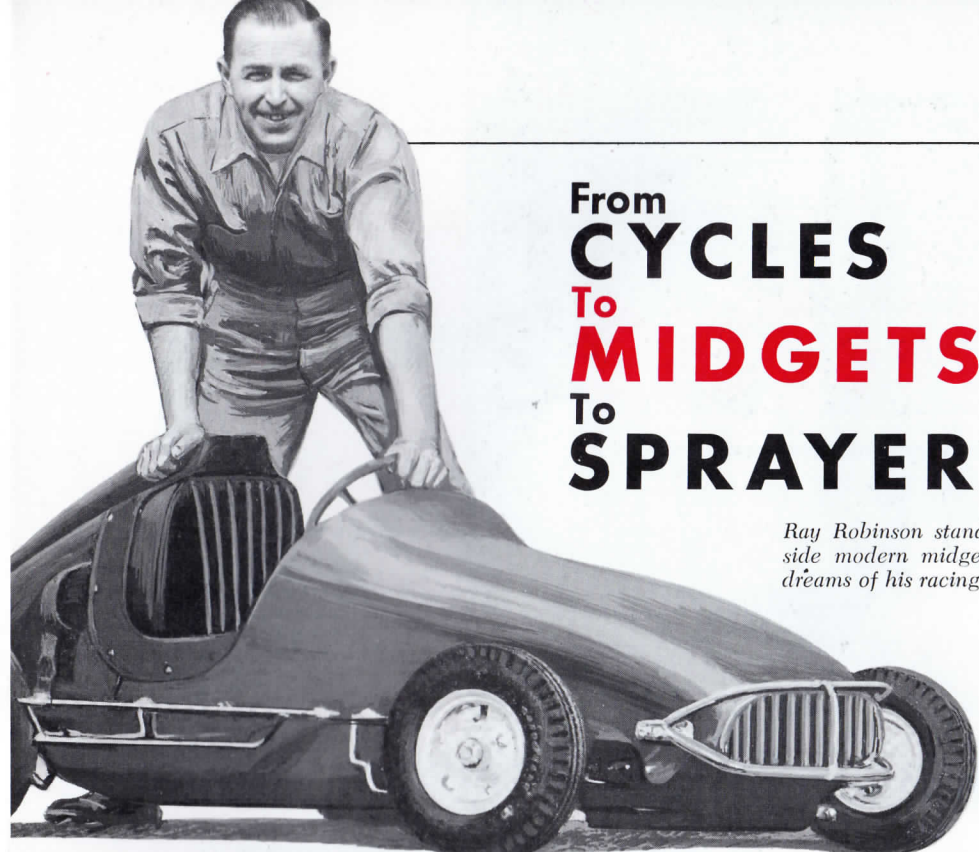
After witnessing a demonstration of the strip machine in operation and having listened to Nels Newhard's and Will Hall's praise of its efficiency, we're bounding into print with the story, two steps at a time, if you'll pardon a mixed metaphor.



*This 135-foot inflatable balloon satellite is expected to be put into orbit by National Aeronautics and Space Administration in communications experiment. Amchem was requested by NASA to produce Alodine chemical coating for similar satellites. This chemical is now being tested.*

*Photo courtesy of National Aeronautics and Space Administration*





## From CYCLES To MIDGETS To SPRAYERS

Ray Robinson stands beside modern midget and dreams of his racing days.

WHETHER it's the sensation of the wind tattooing the face with a thousand needles, the thrill of swooshing around a sharp curve at a 45° angle, or the display of skill and nerve that's required to thread through a maze of five o'clock expressway traffic at 60 M.P.H.—the motorcycle addict is a slave to the strange charms of his two-wheeled, two-cylinder thunderbolt.

With gleaming nailhead-studded jackets, eight-inch wide kidney belts, oversize goggles and odd-looking helmets, a cavalcade of motorcyclists looks like a Martian invasion. And what sort of "nuts" are these scooting "Martians"? They "ain't no nuts" at all, if we take Ray Robinson of Maintenance as a typical example, for there is no saner and more practical individual on the Amchem premises than Ray, who rode Harley-Davidsons long before he made the acquaintance of King Gillette and his blue blades . . . and he rode 'em up until three years ago.

In the heyday of his motorcycling exploits in the mid-thirties, Ray had as many as 12 different cycles in a three-year period. It was then that he rode the circuit that included many of the "big time" tracks like Langhorne, where he competed in the 100-mile event against the nation's best.

### Turned to Midgets in '38

Though still enthralled with the magic of the gas powered cycle, Ray turned to midget car racing in '38, when this sport was at the height of a popularity that endured until wartime restrictions swept the midgets off the fifth-of-a-mile ovals for the duration. During these three years, 1938 to 1941, Ray was a familiar figure at the weekly se-

ries of races which were held at the old Frankford "Yellowjackets" Stadium in Philadelphia. He also was well known at the tracks in Reading and Hatfield, Pa., and at the Municipal Stadium, Philadelphia.

Since cars more frequently than drivers become casualties in the midget game, a busy competitor has to have one or two cars always in reserve, and Ray was no exception. The three cars that he raced were all built by himself, the heart of them being Harley-Davidson two-cylinder motorcycle engines.

All competitive cars had to be built according to specifications established by the midget auto racing association. Thus driving skill rather than car performance most frequently determined the winner of a race.

### Drivers Never Got Rich

According to Ray, somebody other than the driver got the "spinach," because, he says, "we drove mostly for the fun and thrills, the prize money rarely paid even for the maintenance of the cars."

Ray still retains his love for things mechanical. It was this interest, plus his aptitude, skill and experience that landed him a spot on Amchem's Maintenance force three years ago. During the past few months Ray has been spending practically all his time working on Amchem's newer and heavier centrifugal sprayer.

The Robinsons—Ray, his wife Anna and three sons, John, 18, who has just joined the Navy, Dennis, 14, and Jimmy, 3—live in Ft. Washington. Ray and Missus also have a twenty-two year old married daughter.

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### Risolia to Niles Sawyer Is His Replacement

Quiet, gentlemanly Frank Risolia, ACD Sales Office Manager, transfers his ingratiating personality, industry and good looks to Niles, at the first of next year in an up-the-ladder move. We hate to use that horrible, old cliché, but it's the best we can do—"Ambler's loss is Niles' gain."



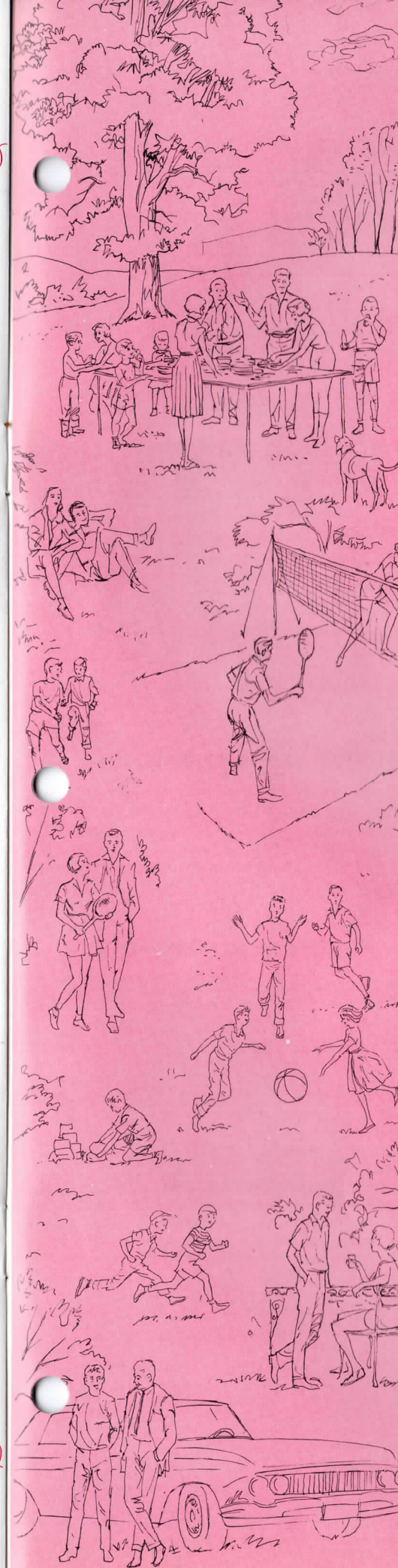
Frank's been around the home office ever since he looked like Sal Mineo, ten years to be exact, without a single derogatory remark ever escaping his lips—character assassination is not in his book . . . and come to think of it, we've never heard anyone say a mean thing about Frank either. His employment record is "straight A" across the board, also.

Frank is a local boy, coming from the Hatfield area where he graduated from high school right into the Air Force. He spent three years in the sky as a second lieutenant pilot—1943-'45. After the war, a few semesters at Peirce Business College, Philadelphia, prepared him for his O.M. duties at Amchem.

### Sawyer Is Successor

Replacing Frank is George Sawyer, ex-head of the Avionics Section, Naval Supply Depot, Philadelphia, BUT who chose the ARMY for his military obligations (1951-'53). Though working at NSD, George still found time in the evenings to earn his B.S. in business administration at La Salle College, graduating in 1959.

George and Mrs. S. live in Philly's "Great Northeast" with their three children—Sherry 7, Keith 8, and Christopher 2.



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### HIDDEN NAMES

# PUZZLE

How Many AMCHEM Personnel Were at This Amchem "Corn" Field Picnic?

AT A PICNIC held at the Amchem Farm there were many young people having a grand time, playing, singing, and eating clams on the half-shell and burgers, drinking beer and cavorting around.

Some liked the beer and quenched their thirst and got a little beery. Others went roaming around and looking into the barn.

One young man went into the barn and saw the blacksmith working there. The young man saw some straw fastened up into a bale. He said to the blacksmith, "Why put straw into a bale? It looks very wet. Why not spread it around to dry it, or throw it out on the rocks? Straw will dry fast out there."

Then he started back to the farm house and walked through the garden where the gardener and the shepherd were talking. The gardener said to him, "Please stay on the path." He replied, "I will, son. I will walk west on either Mack Lane or Dris Lane, because a little way down there, I see a guy or two and three or four girls. One of the gals is a living doll and one of the boys is a bum. He likes to see gals turn around, smile and clap their hands at him and then, when he runs towards them, they will frown at him and say, 'Oh, pshaw!' But I doubt he is the gay man he appears to be."

Then he went back towards the farm house and saw kites lying on a shelf at the side of the greenhouse. On the shelf he also saw some dried corn and picked up a few kernels and said to himself, "Shall I eat these? Yes," he said, "I think I ought to." Nearby, he saw, lying on the ground, a new hard nail or two. He picked them up and walked back towards the gardener and yelled at him, "Hey, man! What's all this junk? Are you hoping to sell it at a crazy price? Why don't you sweep it all away with a broom? Bah!"

Then he turned his back on the gardener and quieted down. One of the pretty girls walked rustling by, and he whistled at her. The gardener, still irritated by him, spoke loudly to him saying, "Even if she is a living doll, man, you should try to behave like a man, son."

The boy looked back at him and said, "Do you mean that I have committed a

sin? Clarify what you just said, but do not tell me to go to hell or go jump into the Rhein. Hold it!" Then he calmed down and said, "I think maybe you are right and I will give some thought to it. But when I whistled at that gal, did you think that I was faking?" And to himself he said, "I'll bet he did."

On the other side of the farm picnic area, a fairly large group was putting on a sort of a show. They were parading, waving banners and singing. At one time they sang, "Old Mother Hubbard lived in a cupboard." They also sang, "Three Sheets in the Wind". The leader of the informal parade was Harry's son, Joseph and one of the singing leaders was John's son, Robert. The other singing leader was Anna. Bob said, "Let's do 'Deck the hall with boughs of holly.'" Anna said, "But, Bob, that is a Christmas carol." Bob replied, "This is a free land, isn't it?" Anna said to him, "I won't say this is a free land or say it is not. Bob, you carry the torch. I, Anna will carry the tune." "If you don't agree you will have to shift, man, to the other side of the farm," Bob replied, "I'll wheel around and aim a cannon at you." Anna replied, "Robert! Oh, no! Oh, gee, run away! If anybody grieves because you leave this group, I will be surprised." He started to run towards the fence. Near the fence two or three boys were quarreling. A big boy named Pete, grabbed a smaller boy called Luff, and tried to sling Luff over the fence. Bob asked Pete why he did it. Pete said, "Because he spoke to me in a sassy manner."

Time marched on and the picnic was nearly over. Someone said, and I quote, "It's nigh der time to go home." One of the older boys said, "Let's not hurry. We still got an hour and we can go see the tailor on our way home. But I feel so darned tired I think I can hardly crawl home. Why do we have to try to keep up with the Joneses, day and night?"

On their way home, they went past the stock bower where the farmer kept most of his tools and other implements. As they left the farm they went past a sand hill into which Mother Nature used to spue ants, mostly as cold winter weather approached and walked slowly across the bridge. And here the picnic ended.

The above bit of frivolity was submitted anonymously. Its originality fascinated us to the extent that we publish it in its entirety.



## Maintenance and Packaging Win Safety Honors

Beginning this year, and in future, Management has decided to award the prizes to the winners in the Low Accident Frequency Classification of the Safety Contest according to the standing on each June 30th instead of at the end of December as in former years. The awards for the Percentage of Improvement Classification will be made as usual according to the standing on December 31.

According to the standing on last June 30, in the Low Accident Frequency Classification, Maintenance and Packaging both turned in perfect performances. As a result, the winners chose the following items from a long list of attractive and useful prizes: Car robes with zipper cases, steak knives, hot trays, outdoor-indoor thermometers, insulated tumblers, snack trays, walnut covered dishes and monogrammed ash trays.

We congratulate the personnel in both Packaging and Maintenance on their fine performance. Here they are:

**MAINTENANCE**—Harry Bailey, John Baranowski, Philip Baum, George Blatt-



Personnel of both departments assemble in Conference Room to receive prizes.

ner, Stanley Blichasz, Wolfgang Burlein, Arthur Carter, Jr., Alva Cassell, Stanley Clayton, William Cole, Ray Collmer, Lee Crouthamel, Valdo Dragani, Joseph Feckno, John Gaines, Robert Godorecci, Albert Lear, Joseph Mallozzi, David McInnes, Harold McKenzie, Raymond Robinson, Joseph Rocco, Edward Ruth, Leroy Smith, Theodore Sosnowski, Francis Super. ACD PACKAGING—Douglas Blosser, Leon Bolig, Anna May Brown, Grace Brown, Donato Calvano, Fanny Cram, Margaret Gagliani, Esther Hopwood, John Horn, Walter Krogh, Andrew Mayersky, Antoinette McBreen, Louis Serratore, Thomas Tedesco.

This is the Standing at the Completion of the Contest, June 30.

LOW ACCIDENT FREQUENCY RATE		
Frequency rate of each department is based on performance of the past 11 months plus current month.		
Standings	Department	Rate
1.	Maintenance	000
2.	Packaging	000
3.	MCD Production	092
4.	Construction	138
5.	Research	353
6.	Shipping	410
7.	Receiving	515
8.	ACD Production	560

## Realignment of Office Personnel . . . Other New Assignments

Several changes affecting the duties of Amchem personnel have taken place since the last issue of Amchem News. All of those involved in the changes have been in their new assignments now for several weeks.

With Robert Detweiler's recent assignment to home office accounting duties, Mickey Krisan moved into Bob's old spot in maintaining control of our out-of-town warehouse inventories. This situation created a vacancy on the Ambler inventory control staff which was filled by Joe Mancini, formerly of Receiving, whose long experience in dealing with materials has been a big asset to him in his new job.

Herb Hopwood has been made a supervisor in Receiving. Herb's general knowledge of materials handling and receiving, gained over a nine year period in this department, has been an important factor in helping him to make a success of his new job.

Detweiler, an Elizabethtown College graduate, class of 1951, has been with Amchem since February, 1954. He formerly worked for the B. F. Goodrich Company. Bob is a lifetime resident of Montgomery County and lives now on Weber Road, Worcester Township, with his wife and year-old son.

Krisan joined Amchem in May, 1953, in the Receiving Department. He obtained a degree in physical education

from Lock Haven State Teachers College in 1950. He is a native of Ambler. Mancini, who received a 10-year service award earlier this year, formerly worked for Cruce-Kemper, Ambler. He put in two stints as a member of Uncle Sam's Armed Forces—1936-39 and 1943-46. Joe lives with his wife on nearby Francis Ave. The Mancinis have two children.

Hopwood, who was employed by K & M before coming to Amchem in September, 1952, has always worked in the Receiving Department. He resides on South Chestnut Street, Ambler, with his wife and four children.

### Walter Dudlik Now in ACD

The following announcement was made by Al Douty, Amchem Technical Director, September 1.

"Walter Dudlik of the Analytical Section, MTD, has accepted the position of Formulation Chemist under Dr. Lynn Cummings, Chemical Director of the ACD.

"His associates in MTD will regret losing him, but all of us are glad that Walter found himself in a position to accept this opportunity.

"We all wish him the best of luck."

Walt, who formerly worked for the Barrett Division of Allied Chemical Company, came to Amchem in 1959.

He is a graduate of La Salle College, class of 1950 and is currently pursuing higher studies in chemistry at Temple U. He is a resident of Philadelphia and the father of a girl, 5½, a boy 2 and a baby boy four months old.

### Lowell Protz Goes to Houston

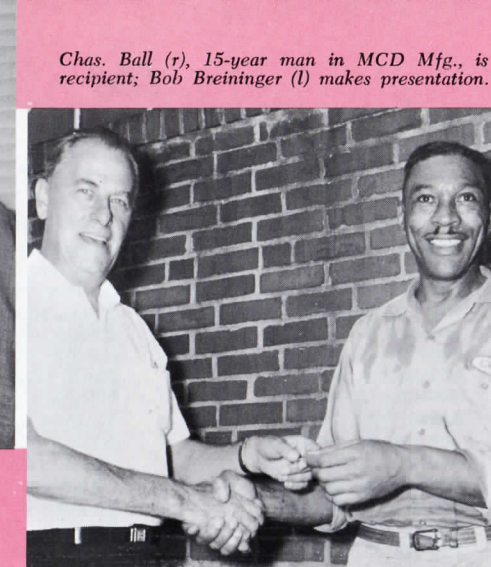
After Amchem acquired the Benjamin Foster Company as a wholly owned subsidiary in September, 1956, and it was decided to manufacture Foster products at our Niles, Calif., plant, Lowell Protz, plant foreman, came East and spent several weeks at Foster's Philadelphia facilities in learning how to make the Foster line.

Protz finds that this training and the additional experience he has gained in making Foster products at Niles for the past four years have been indispensable to him in serving as superintendent of Foster's new plant in Houston, Tex., which opened last July. With this appointment by Mr. Benjamin Foster also goes the responsibility of administering the Houston office.

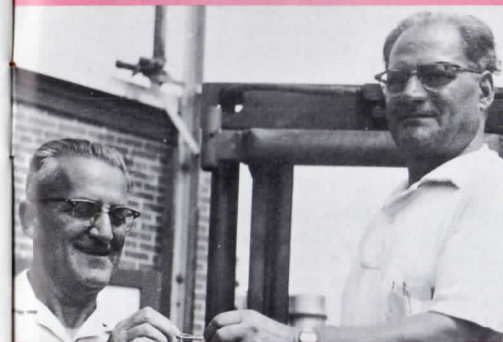
Lowell, who came to Amchem's Niles plant in February, 1953, after two years as a radar operator in the Armed Services, advanced to foreman in December, 1957. He is a native of San Jose, Calif., where he graduated from high school in 1947.



20-year man Gene Snyder (l), Dir. of Purchasing, is recipient; Pres. Romig (r) made presentation.



Joe Dudek (r), is recipient of 10-year award from Warren Weston (l), Int. Div. Mgr.



Cynthia Gehret receives 10-year award from Joe Torchiana, ACD Advertising Mgr.



Joan Detweiler is recipient of 5-year award from Tom Rogers, MCD Office Mgr.



Dick Hart (r) recipient; Bob Beatty (l) presenting 5-year award. ACD Research.



Celia Santoro is recipient; Lon Dorsay presenting 5-year award. International Div.



Karl Weigand (c) recipient. G. Smith (l) presenting 5-year award. Dick Rockstroh (r). Plant



## Congratulations

These are the men and women of Amchem who have received Service Award Emblems between June 1 and September 1, 1961.

★ 20 YEARS ★  
Eugene A. Snyder Anthony A. Varsaci

★ 15 YEARS ★  
Charles M. Ball  
Frank Sherwood George W. Whornham

★ 10 YEARS ★  
John Chimenti Joseph H. Dudek  
Cynthia Gehret Catherine S. Gramm  
Anna Nolan John Pistilli

★ 5 YEARS ★  
Joan Detweiler Bennett C. Gast  
John N. Harsma Richard D. Hart  
G. Wayne Helman, Jr. Wilma E. Kruggel  
Ferdinand Lieke Frank E. Manson  
Celia Santoro Howard W. Schroeder  
George L. Smith Willard R. Snyder  
Karl R. Weigand

Kay Gramm admires her 10-year award also presented by Warren Weston. Int. Div.



Kay Gramm admires her 10-year award also presented by Warren Weston. Int. Div.



## Introducing New Members of the Amchem Stork Club

LYNNE RENEE BUSH  
... July 8, 1961  
The Proud Amchem Parent: Dale Bush (ACD Weed Control)

ROBERT J. CARROLL  
... June 8, 1961  
The Proud Amchem Parent: John A. Carroll (MCD Chemist)

MARK DUDLIK  
... May 27, 1961  
The Proud Amchem Parent: Walter R. Dudlik (MCD Development)

CHARLES F. GORDON III  
... August 7, 1961  
The Proud Amchem Parent: Charles F. Gordon (International Div.)

DONALD MICHAEL GRIMES  
... June 10, 1961  
The Proud Amchem Parent: Donald R. Grimes (MCD Sales)

MICHAEL MURPHY  
... June 13, 1961  
The Proud Amchem Parent: Michael J. Murphy (Production, Windsor)

STEVEN M. O'CONNELL  
... April 17, 1961  
The Proud Amchem Parent: Edward P. O'Connell (MCD Sales)

DAVID JOHN PULLI  
... July 16, 1961  
The Proud Amchem Parent: Frank A. Pulli (Construction)

WILLIAM THOMAS RODZEWICH  
... June 30, 1961  
The Proud Amchem Parent: Edward A. Rodzewich (MCD Chemist)

SHERRY LYNN WRIGHT  
... July 31, 1961  
The Proud Amchem Parent: Robert F. Wright (Construction)

STACEY YVONNE WOOD  
... July 31, 1961  
The Proud Amchem Parent: Robert C. Wood (Receiving)

## Golf Team Ends Season

Jim Thirsk's Amchem golf team ended the season on August 14 in sixth place in the eight-team Suburban League.

Playing once a week at the Oak Terrace C.C. since May 1, the team completed 14 matches, winning 2, losing 11 and tying 1. Top team was Corson Lime followed by Philco and Leeds & Northrup.

Best score for Amchem was turned in by Maurie Turner who shot a low gross of 37 in nine-hole match play. Other low scores were posted by Dick Otten and Dwight Buczkowski. In addition to these three and Thirsk, the other members of the team were Joe Dudek, Walt Dudlik, Nate Giorgio, Bruce Green, Merv Hubbard, Jim Knight, Ed Nusbaum and Ells Stockbower.

## Welcome to our new employees

NAME	HOME TOWN	ASSIGNED TO
NANCY L. BELL	Hayward, Calif.	Office, Niles
BROOKE CHAPMAN	Lansdale, Pa.	ACD Sales Office
PATRICIA A. DELP	Ambler, Pa.	Accounting
JULIE A. GARCIA	Hayward, Calif.	Office, Niles
RONALD H. HANSON	Billings, Mont.	ACD Sales
ROBERTA A. LONG	Ambler, Pa.	International Div.
WILLIAM J. METZ	North Wales, Pa.	ACD Farm
MICHAEL J. MURPHY	Windsor, Ont., Canada	Windsor, Production
ANNA MAE PIERCE	St. Joseph, Mo.	Office, St. Joseph
GEORGE W. SAWYER	Philadelphia, Pa.	ACD Office Manager
ANITA B. SCOTT	Ambler, Pa.	Accounting
GEORGE A. SUMMERS, JR.	Oklahoma City, Okla.	ACD Sales
LINDA L. THOMAS	St. Joseph, Mo.	Office, St. Joseph
DAVID LEE WILSON	Prospectville, Pa.	Accounting
GERALD M. WILSON	Maple Glen, Pa.	ACD Research

## Along the Party Line

EVERYTIME MRS. A. DANIEL DEL ZOTTO (who was Anna Marie Baldwin, Ag. Sales Office, until September 2), picks up a kitchen utensil in her new role of housekeeper, she'll think of her good friends at Amchem, particularly HERTA NAGEL and MARY LOU CARNEY, who were hostesses at a bridal shower for Anna Marie on August 8. The take-home, we hear, was excellent.



SHIRLEY A. KROCH  
(see below)

Also, a group of her Amchem friends held a farewell dinner in her honor at Collegeville Inn, August 22. Anna, an avid devotee of the terpsichorean arts, is a specialist in the cha-cha, rhumba, tango, quick-step, waltz, polka, etc. You name it; she'll dance it! Her aunt, an expert instructress, saw to that!

Taking over for Anna Marie as Secretary to Office Manager Frank Risolia and his successor, George Sawyer, is NANCY PISTILLI GOURLEY, who returned to Amchem on August 21. Mamma Pistilli showers her affection on Baby John Britton while Nancy and husband John are off pursuing that elusive buck.

PAT CASSIDY, who was a summertime employee in Ag., entertained her co-workers at the Cassidy cottage on the upper Delaware on the evening of August 16 before heading back to Nursing School in Denver, Colo.

### Is there a gourmet in the house?

"You ain't never had spaghetti till you've tasted that dished out by Ag's Carm Della Donna", report those whom she entertained at a dinner celebrating the birthdays of DOLORES MARRANO, MARIE LIBERTO and MARY LOU CARNEY. And the group still drools over Carm's antipasto.

Area newspapers carried a picture and story of Pvt. Don Antonacio's assignment to the 2nd Engineer Group in Korea. His dad is the affable GEORGE ANTONACIO of Shipping.

WALTER KROCH (Packaging) and Mrs. Kroch, have recently announced the

engagement of their daughter, Shirley Ann, to Walter E. Thomas of Philadelphia. Shirley Ann is a 1959 grad of Council Rock High School and is employed by Fisher and Porter, Hatboro.

MARIAN JONES, Secretary to Mr. Cherksey, and GERTRUDE SCHEETZ, Acct'g, didn't take John Gunther's word for it—they both wanted to see inside Europe first hand. Result—a marvelous month on the Continent.

DOROTHY WISWELL, Acct'g, is currently enjoying the same fare. Dot has an extensive itinerary that caters to both cultural and sightseeing tastes, starting in Paris and going south to Lucerne, Milan, Florence, Rome, Naples, then west to Madrid and Seville, with a stop-off at Monte Carlo and Nice.

Still another visitor to foreign shores was GEORGE WILLIAMS. George leisurely took in the Caribbean area and then journeyed to Europe.

We are pleased to announce that the DAVID LEE WILSON, whose name appears in the "Welcome to New Employees" list, is the son of the late Wayne M. Wilson, assistant Director of Purchasing from October, 1946 until his death in August, 1960.

In the short time that we have come to know young Lee, we are happy to note that he seems to possess all the gentlemanly traits and other fine qualities that had endeared his father to all who knew him at Amchem.



Mr. and Mrs. Vito Manzo on their wedding day, June 3. Mrs. Manzo is the former Carol Bruno, Secretary to Amchem Technical Director Al Douty.