H.R.A. MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN OPENS

Drive Starts November 4 Ends November 15

The Hamilton Recreation Association opens its campaign for new members on November 4. The drive closes November 15.

That one-dollar entitles you to participate in all H.R.A. activities including dances, roller skating parties, picture shows, badminton, archery, basketball, quoits, tennis, checkers, and volleyball. Shuffleboard will soon be added.

Your membership also affords you the opportunity to attend the dances at Maple Grove at greatly reduced rates. Due to the size of the organization, H.R.A. officials were able to arrange this turnout agreement with the management of the Maple Grove ballroom. This is a new inducement provided by H.R.A. in its efforts to supply its members with all the entertainment possible.

H.R.A. has 270 members at the present time. It is attempting to bring the membership up to 400 in time for launching the 1948 membership campaign.

The H.R.A. started its work in 1943. Previous to this time it was known as the Hamilton Athletic Association.

Besides providing all the above-mentioned activities, the H.R.A. equipped the Men's softball team that recently concluded its campaign to be the strongest City and County League. It also lends assistance to the Hamilton Gun Club and the Hamilton Bowling Leagues in that it furnishes various prizes and awards during the season. The Gun Club and the Bowling Leagues are both independent projects, both having their own officers and treasury. But while both are independent of H.R.A., both are affiliated with it.

The present officers of the H.R.A. are: "Jim" Canoe (Inspt.), president; Dick Block (Machine), vice-president, and Kathryn Young (Act.), secretary and treasurer.

In a few days the above-men tioned officers will appoint a nominating committee of three, who in turn will select nine candidates for the 1946-47 official offices of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

Ballots will be given to H.R.A. members to vote on the nine candidates that the committee will select. The vote will be taken during the first week in November.

The Hamilton Recreation Association is YOUR organization. Through its active, co-operative, well-organized membership, the H.R.A. has created good fellowship and a closer relationship between employee and employer.

Join the H.R.A. Now.

CAPT. A. W. OPEHME LIKES CHRONOMETER

Uses the Boxes

Let's put those five Timely Topics to work throughout the factory to work.

You'll find them located at the following places: inside the West Tower main entrance, outside the Traffic Department, outside the cafeteria, inside the East Tower main entrance, and at the entrance to the library.

We've added some news contributions. Timely Topics invites all employees to contribute ideas and items for publication.

The editor reserves the right to edit or edit out any news. During the past few months most of the items dropped into the boxes were pennypackers, cigarette and cigar butts, empty packs of book matches and wood bottle caps. Even Ernest Hemingway couldn't write a story with that kind of material.

Put your thoughts on any event that may encounter during a day in writing, include in items connected with marriages, engagements, births, parties, or plain gossip. It all makes interesting reading.

Timely Topics is the Hamilton employee's contribution to the English perfection of part. It's not a who's who list of singles ready of you if it's needed.

The deadline for November copy is October 15.

1946 WELFARE DRIVE OPENS OCTOBER 14

Hamilton Watch Company's employees, who in past years have given generously to the American Red Cross, are again being asked to continue its outstanding record when the 1946 campaign opens on October 14.

Hamilton will hold on Lancaster during the war, but effects of the conflict are still with the community and will be for years to come. Homes and people can be destroyed with buildings, and today there is an intensification of such problems as juvenile delinquency, broken homes and families, and chronic mental and physical illness.

The 16 Red Feather agencies of the Welfare Federation are devoted to helping people in need of personal help, including guidance through new programs of youth and family counseling, and providing for family and child welfare.

The agencies are as follows:


Dental—Lancaster County Dental Society, and Workers' Compensation Fund.

Industrial—Lancaster County Employers Association, Lancaster County Manufacturers' Association, and Lancaster County Employment Service Association, which includes Children's Bureau, Family Bureau, Guidance Clinic, Day Nursery, and Social Service Exchange.

Other Health—American Red Cross, Lutheran Health, and Mobile Unit, West Chester.

"Let generosity be your guide."

HAMILTON AT LOCAL EXHIBIT

XMAS AD CAMPAIGN LARGEST IN HISTORY

The Hamilton Marine Chronometer, the first chronometer in this country (or in the world) to be produced in quantities by modern production methods, was and still is the master time source for marine navigation.

During the war it played a giant part in clinching victory over the Axis and Nazis. In the peace, it is still timing all of his big ships on their daily routines.

But during the war, when censorship heavy, the men who steered Uncle Sam's convoys to victory were silenced in their praise of the Hamilton Marine Chronometer. Now peace these men are anxious to tell to the company and particularly the Hamilton employees what a vitally important job we did in producing these clocks.

The following is a letter, typical of the many we've been receiving from the men returning from service in America's big ships. This one is from a well-known veteran of the sea. His name is Captain A. W. Opehme, master of the S.S. Loyds. (Continued on page 2, col. 3)

WHEN A CLAY BIRD'S DEAD PIGEON

Imagine how the clay birds felt facing a firing squad like the group above that includes (1 to R) Vic Warfel (Pres. of Gun Club), Harry Detwiler (Watch Design), Paul Rodgers (Cafeteria), and Lyman "Beanie" Folta (Maintenance). The fellow in the baseball cap springing the trap in the extreme left background is Joe McGrath (Balance Shop). The photo was taken on Sunday afternoon, September 8, at the Hamilton-RCA range.

The actual outcome of the shoot wound up in a five-way tie for first with Paul Rodgers, Joe McCrab, Ray Fouts (Statistics), Ted Franklin (Sales) and Beanie Folta all popping 21 birds out of 25. Before the shoot got under way, Charlie Warfel (Small Tool) had to join in as he had broken a fit from the shot gun.

It looks as if the clay pigeon's days of terrorizing the red-feathered set are numbered. Until recently, the birds were the major feature of any shoot held at the Hamilton-RCA range. After a couple of years of bad weather, the birds had grown so tame that they would walk up to the gunners and give them a touch-and-go look. After the above shoot, the birds were shot to pieces and the Hamilton-RCA range will be free of them for another season.

HAMILTON WILL SOON LAUNCH ITS LARGEST CHRISTMAS AND YEAR-ENDEAD ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN IN THE HISTORY OF THE COMPANY

Hamilton advertisements will appear in The Saturday Evening Post, Life, Time, National Geographic, Collier's, News Week, New Yorker, Colossus, Red Book, Vanity Fair, Esquire magazines.

Some 140,000,000 readers will be reached.

Some employees may wonder why Hamilton chooses this time—while the supply of Hamilton watches will still be inadequate to meet the demand—to launch its largest advertising program.

The answer lies in the steadily increasing production of Hamilton watches—already approaching the highest pre-war rate—which this year will end should materially reduce the back-log of orders from those who have been "waiting for a Hamilton." New year (early, we hope) the flow of watches will be sufficient to meet demand.

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Will Award Timepiece as Door Prize At Show

Hamiton Watch Company will be represented with an exhibit at the Lancaster County Industrial Show to be held October 8-9-10 at the State Armory on North Queen St. Hamilton will be the only manufacturer of watches and clocks primarily of a large background containing a large picture of the Hamilton Factory, an illuminated revolving photo-mural showing many Hamilton employees at their jobs and a large panel depicting scenes which illustrate some of the "fine points of fine matchmaking.

Some of these scenes will show close-ups of Hamilton employees at different stages in the manufacture of jezels and hairpins, and similar points.

The show will be sponsored by a group of some of our operations, we will show the smallest parts competed with the largest, a drill held through a hair and another through a block of steel. There is a line of steel so small to be seen by the naked eye.

In addition to the above, we will have a circular table showing a complete line of Hamilton watches current prices, and also a turntable unit containing samples of the various times made of transparent plastic so that the timepiece can be seen actually operating.

Since we are awarding a timepiece as a door prize, we would like to have a lady's watch, a man's watch, and an unmounted chronometer watch from which the winner will select.

"Industry On Parade," as the Lancaster News Letter is called, is designed to give the residents of Lancaster city and county opportunity to see the multitude of products made by local plants to increase materials for homes.

Admission will be free and the show will be open on each of the four days from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The huge show is being sponsored jointly by the Lancaster Foreman's Club and the Manufacturers' Association of Lancaster.

Arrangements are being made for 88 booths, each with enough material to make an individual part of the show.

Presents will be awarded and souvenirs will be distributed.

HELP STILL NEEDED

Since Hamilton's future position is assured by its watch, and since meeting the ever-reaching maximum production as soon as possible, it is important that all of us help secure the additional manpower needed.

YOU can play a major part in remediying this critical situation by referring a relative or a friend to the employment offices already in existence for this purpose. You can help in some way by bringing this message to your neighbors and friends. If you are a war worker, you can help in other ways by being patient with the people who are joining the industry.

The company will greatly appreciate the "lift" you give.
LET'S CO-OPERATE

The parking and traffic problems at Hamilton are big ones. They concern not only those who use their cars but also the welfare of everyone concerned.

When the 5 o'clock whistle goes, the parking lot at the Avenue exit begins to fill up. People who have no place to park their cars in the Westland Ave. lot seem to be the biggest offenders.

Traffic congestion arises nightly at the Avenue exit. Why? Because human nature prompts workers to "hit the road" as quickly as possible. The forgotten and tempers flare, the district judge of Hamilton, a man who could eliminate a little "right-of-way" cooperation, probably suggested "budge an inch" for the next car.

Rough statistics show that it takes five minutes for all traffic to "clear out" after work. Deduct five minutes from the Avenue exit area congestion and you find that it would take ten minutes to "budge an inch" by the district judge in a good frame of mind and without any mashed fenders.

One of the main reasons for the congestion in the Westland Avenue lot is that many employees park their cars there. The space is limited. It is quite possible the lot could be used if it is set up for 254.

Across the highway is the Barr parking lot for the use of Hamilton employees. This lot will hold 942 cars. The employees park their cars now so use it. Its exits are wide and no traffic congestion occurs. The main reason employees refuse to use the Barr lot is because they deem it too far to walk to their offices along with those employees living in the south end of the city.

Having suggested the idea several times might be to apper in the parking space in either lot for each department. The distance to the main answer lies with the drivers themselves who can eliminate the congestion by being a bit more courteous to the fellow in the next car.

The editorial was submitted by the official in charge of parking for the cooperation department in the traffic situation at Hamilton.

Evidently the employees of the plant prefer to "budge an inch" for the next car.
**Trees • Flowers • Bushes**

Too often a thing of beauty is taken for granted.

That holds true in the case of the Hamilton Watch Company grounds. It is only natural a situation like this should exist. Day after day association with it is taken for granted.

Few employees realize the variety of trees, bushes and flowers that adorn the grounds. Few understand the beauty and varied type plant life that grows here. The Hamilton grounds may be a garden of flowers, but it is a garden for those who appreciate the beauty and value of flowers.

According to Chet Bostick, gardener, and his partner, Raymond Fritsch, these two fellows take care of the grounds and they know all the plants.

"We have many types of flowers and bushes and a variety of trees. The grounds are a garden of flowers and they attract a lot of butterflies," said Bostick.

"There are many different kinds of bushes on the Hamilton 'campus.' In the tree department, spaced around the east, west, and center plots are: Norway spruce, white pine, magnolia, American pear, buckeye, pin oak, red oak, Douglas fir, white and pink dogwood, sugar maple, silver maple, grenville maples, pyramidal arborvitae, purple beech, American elm, flowering crab apple, holly, tulip poplar, and ginkgo.

Concerning the gingko trees, Chet had something to say about them. "The gingko tree is the oldest type of tree in the product of Asia. We have four of them in the west plot. The one bears fruit, the fruit looking like miniature apricots with an odor coming from it. The finest looking are the ones nearest the clubhouse to the right as you come out the main door to the West Tower.

"The oldest tree on the grounds is the pin oak west in the plot which has been standing over 40 years. In order to make any 'campus' beautiful a certain number of appropriate bushes must be planted. Hamilton's list includes butterfly, vites, cupressus, honeylocust, Philadelphia, forsythia, Dutzier, snowball, and rose of Sharon varied leaved.

"Flowers complete the well-groomed grounds. In the three plots will be found geraniums, crotalaria, sage, dahlias, phlox, asters, daylilies, geraniums, peonies, tulips, sweet williams, delphiniums, etc. This list appears to be endless. No plant is without color.

"When William M. Miller, Route 2, Philadelphia, director of the grounds and groundskeeper, has a new house built, he means business. The small greenhouse full of baby points, and chrysanthemums ready to burst their beauty in a few months, shows what will be ready when warm weather starts.

"There's a lot of work connected with the care of handling trees, flowers, and bushes, but Hamilton has two good doctors in Bostick and Fritsch.

The Jewel special held a doggi-roast at Eden, Harry Rickseker won the club championship for conserving the 'eats,' getting away with five hot dogs, two ham sandwiches, a box of Parker's potato chips and a half a cake and other things too numerous to mention.

Richard Schobler, the tennis champ of the Matal Dep't, although married, finds time for his favorite sport.

The Machine Shop held its annual picnic at Hoeigester's meadow along Chickies Creek. The affair was a great success in spite of the rain. A feature of the ball game which was played in a cow pasture was Ed Benc's slide to second base. Wow! Was a splasher!

Bose: "Henry Brister says you hit him in the stomach and knocked the wind out of him."

"I hit him in the stomach, but I didn't see any wind." At the Machine Shop picnic along Chickies Creek was a notable feature. The highlight of the day was a wrestling match between Albert Smith, the Blue Cooler and "Cyclone" Dick Paige. Bose cut no corners on his punishment for "diluting" which was given much time advantage.

The eighth monthly meeting of the foremen was held at the General Office. Dick Paige attended, but he thinks it's a pip. (Who said it wasn't?)

Anywho, the gas on the spot are Julia Heida (Prod. Cler.); Jackie Hoein (Watch Res.); Jean Graeff (Jewel Setting); June Hess (T. & C.); Don Annexm (Automatic); Carl Hess (Prod. Plan.); Ruth Reeser (Bal. Staff); Julia Hogan (Bal. Staff); Evelyn Furlong (T. & C.); Mona Younger (Bal. Staff); Lillie Sobie (Bal. Staff); Dot Dennis (Automatic); Carrol Hess (Prod. Plan); Ruth Reeser (Bal. Staff); Julia Gonzales (Bal. Staff).
How does a guy with muscles get that way? Charley Debus, Jr., Well, from pictures in magazines where a Joe Bugelwater eats yeast cream or swims under an arm deodorant and immediately after one year of charging himself up on a weight program, turns from a Casper Milktouast into a raging mass of muscular manhood. You know how they figure the average weight of a nurse's daughter? He'll weigh two with after dark.

220 now. He wants to get down to 210 before he puts his personal seal of approval on his future competitive plans.

Just how does a musclesman (no reference to a gymnast intended) get about his training?

Charley explains it this way: “It's a slow process. I work about two hours a night on three nights a week. I work on deep knees with a 350-pound barbell on my shoulders. I usually follow up with a series of

T.T. PICKS ITS 1946 ALL AMERICAN TEAM

Picking an All American football team before the 1946 season is easy in so far as your usuals are concerned. All Stars, pro grid entry in the first week, the Big Nine, the Bitter (Tab.) went grinding for ground before the other week end with All-American candidates...

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If you want to know more, Penn will top the Ivy League. Army will top the East. Notre Dame will wind up on the throne in the Midwest. Michigan will win the Big Nine Conference. Duke will take the southern spotlight and then play S. California or U.C.L.A. or the Rose Bowl. Texas will ride high in the Southwest. Denver will annex the Big Seven, while S. Carolina will dominate the Far West with U.C.L.A. forming short championship. Pass the snuff. Junior. The spell is wearing off.

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