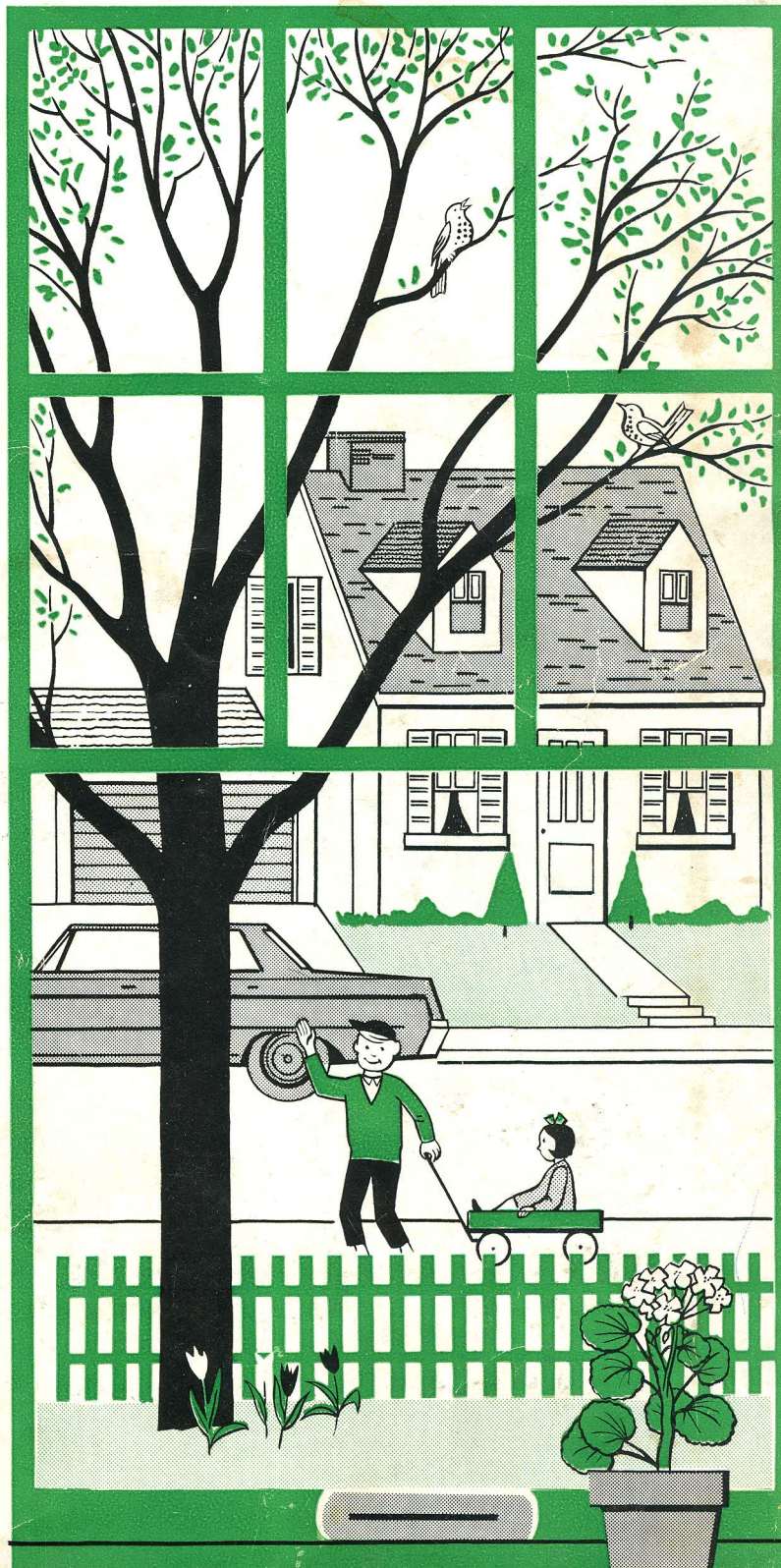


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Front Cover

One morning soon, you'll look out your front window and the scene on the left will have been replaced — happily — by the one on the right. Spring is just around the corner!

Back Cover

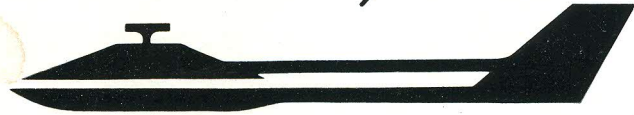
The Skating Party of the Legion Little League Hockey, held at Ridley College this month, allowed our photographer the opportunity to photograph all the members of this worthy, busy and dedicated group together at one time.

'Way Back When



George Hulls, General Foreman - Toolroom, is pictured here with a collection of old form milling cutters which were unearthed in the Tool Crib recently. How old? Well, they are dated from 1898 to 1917; some were used in the making of hames for harness, others for cutting sprockets for the chain drive in early automobiles. You could buy a steak for 10 cents when some of these cutters were in use — believe it or not!

GENERAL MOTORS *Futurama*



NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR

You are cordially invited to visit the General Motors futurama exhibit at the New York World's Fair. The Fair, which is scheduled to open April 22, will run for six months in both 1964 and 1965. The GM exhibit—and, in particular, the Futurama ride—will delight and entertain the many people of all ages from all parts of the world who will visit the Fair.

Because of the popularity of the Futurama at the 1939-40 Fair, the capacity of the new ride will be double that of the old. However, to insure that members of the GM family will not have to wait in line, special times for taking the ride will be set aside for them. One special period will be from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. before the exhibit is opened to the public and a second from 10:00 to 10:30 p.m. after it is closed. Further information on how to take advantage of these special arrangements will be made available in the near future.

The Futurama ride will take the Fair visitor on a global adventure into the world of tomorrow. It will begin with a brief trip to the moon and a return flight past a manned space station. Once back on earth, visitors will see how the earth's deserts, jungles, polar regions and ocean floors can be made both productive and livable. The exhibit will also show how the cities and suburbs of tomorrow can be made more efficient and comfortable for daily living.

GM people who are planning to attend the New York World's Fair will not want to miss the General Motors Futurama exhibit. It will be one of the most interesting and talked about exhibits at the Fair.

Our thanks to Jack Neilson, Safety Supervisor of Windsor Plant, for submitting "The Parable of the Dangerous Cliff" on the facing page — Ed.

The Parable of the Dangerous Cliff

Twas a dangerous cliff, as they freely confessed
Though to walk near its crest was so pleasant;
But over its terrible edge there had slipped
A duke, and full many a peasant.
The people said something would have to be done,
But their projects did not at all tally;
Some said, "Put a fence around the edge of the cliff"
Some, "An ambulance down in the valley."

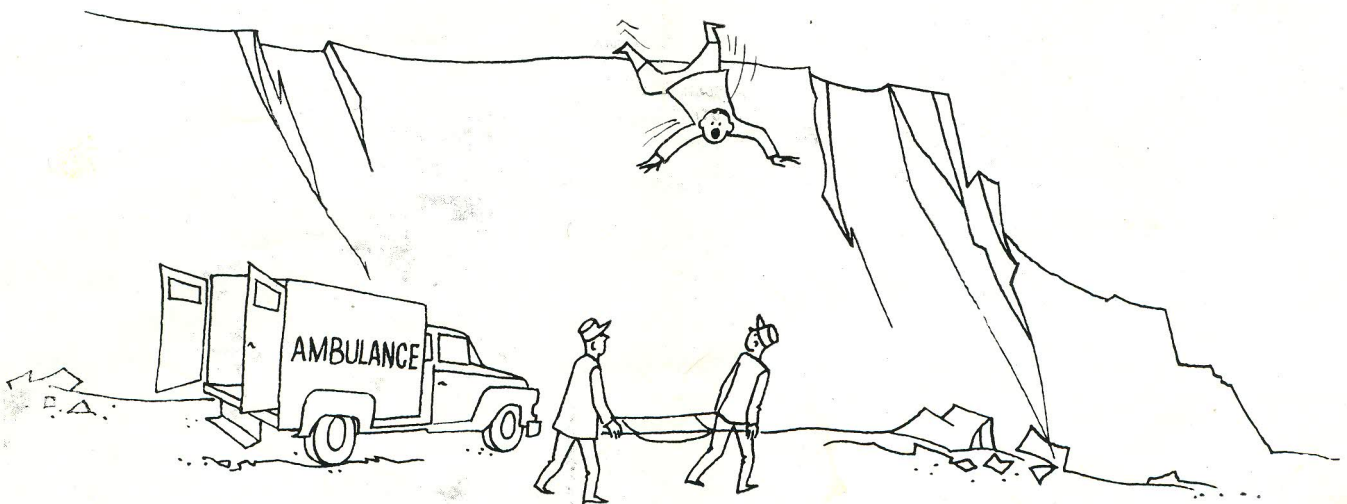
The lament of the crowd was profound and was loud,
As their hearts overflowed with their pity;
But the cry for the ambulance carried the day
As it spread through the neighbouring city.
A collection was made, to accumulate aid,
And the dwellers in highway and alley
Gave dollars or cents — not to furnish a fence —
But "an ambulance down in the valley."

"For the cliff is all right if you're careful," they said;
"And if folks ever slip and are dropping —
It isn't the slipping that hurts them so much
As the shock down below when they're stopping."
So for years (we have heard), as those mishaps occurred
Quick forth would the rescuers sally,
To pick up the victims who fell from the cliff,
With the ambulance down in the valley.

Said one, in his plea, "It's a marvel to me
That you'd give so much greater attention
To repairing results than to curing the cause;
You had much better aim at prevention.
For the mischief, of course, should be stopped at its source,
Come, neighbours and friends, let us rally.
It is far better sense to rely on a fence
Than an ambulance down in the valley."

"He is wrong in his head," the majority said;
"He would end all our earnest endeavour.
He's a man who'd shirk this responsible work,
But we will support it forever.
Aren't we picking up all, just as fast as they fall,
And giving them care liberally?
A superfluous fence is of no consequence,
If the ambulance works in the valley."

The story looks queer as we've written it here,
But things oft occur that are stranger,
More humane, we assert, than to succor the hurt,
Is the plan of removing the danger.
The very best plan is to safeguard the man,
And attend to the thing rationally;
To build up the fence and try to dispense
With the ambulance down in the valley!

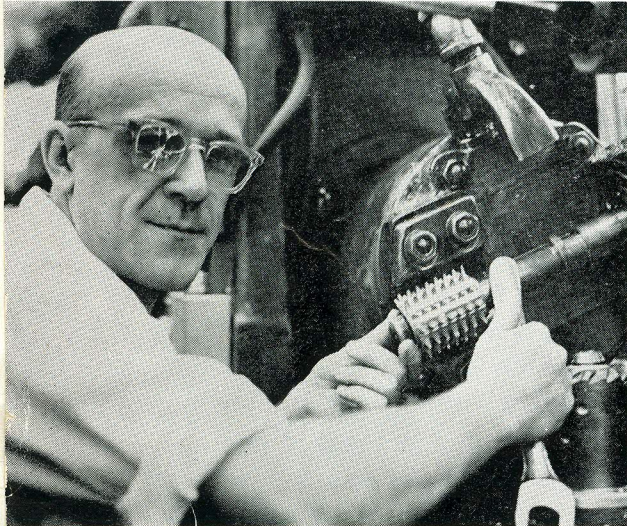


SAFETY



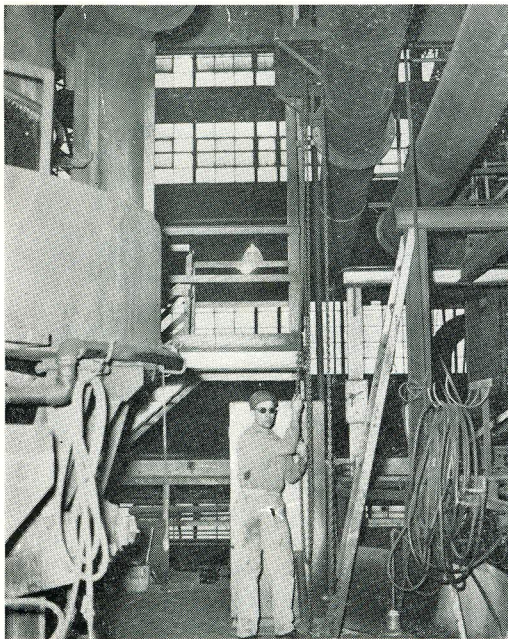
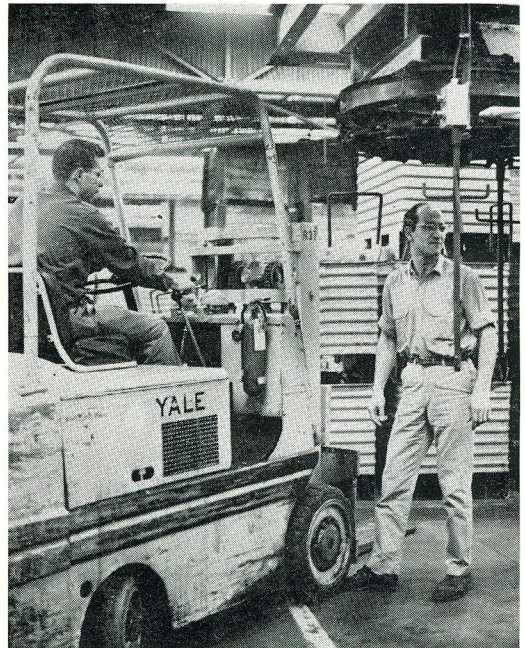
by BERN QUINLAN

The wearing of safety apparel has, over the years, prevented many serious injuries to McKinnon employees. The recent accidents described below emphasize the importance and necessity of wearing prescribed protective equipment at all times while at work. Safety equipment pays off!

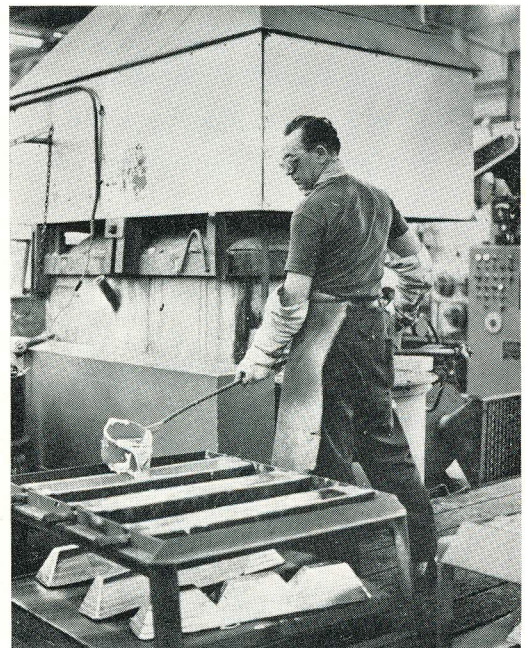


(Left) Michael Fronowicz, 42-031, Toolsetter on transmission machining demonstrates how he was tapping hobbing cutter while removing it from machine for change-over. Wrench struck tooth of cutter causing sharp steel tooth to fly and forcefully strike and shatter lens of his safety glasses. There was no injury to his eye. Without protection of safety glasses, serious eye injury would undoubtedly have resulted — perhaps loss of the eye.

(Right) Jack Halagian, 33-045, Assembly operator demonstrates how towmotor ran over the steel toe of his safety shoe. Injury . . . absolutely none. Jack agrees that he would have had several badly crushed toes without the protection provided by his safety shoe.



(Left) Hans Ullman, 21-027, Cupola operator, demonstrates how fellow employee avoided serious head injury when control wheel for bleed-off damper on blower pipe to cupola, weight 15 lbs., fell 18 feet striking his safety hat. No injury resulted. Without protection of the safety hat this accident could have culminated in a fatality. For some years, the wearing of safety hats has been compulsory in the cupola area of our Foundry.



(Right) Edwin Kaiser, 35-193, Precision Grinder, shows how fellow worker received splash of molten aluminum at remelt furnace in our Engine Plant. One lens of safety goggles badly burned by hot metal. Leak at down-pipe from roof allowed small amount of water to get into empty mold over week-end. Molten metal exploded when poured into mold. Injury — burn to side of nose — no eye injury. Safety goggles prevented serious eye injury and possibly loss of the eye.

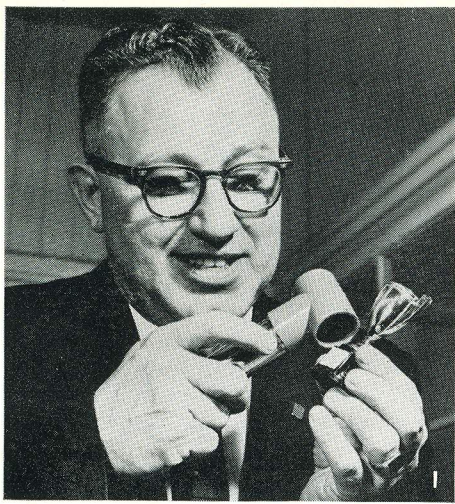
Once Over Lightly

by MARTY CAHILL



The beetle craze struck McKinnon immediately after the Ed Sullivan Show when HARRY KREKORIAN (who else?) arrived in to work with a beetle wig. Harry has a bit of a penchant for exotic hair-do's. If memory serves us correctly he was lead-off man with an "Indian" haircut during the Dave Crockett uprising . . . JOHN AUGERMAN denies the allegation being spread by DON SCHOURES that orders have been issued forbidding "beetle" haircuts for the McKinnon "Boys in Blue" . . . Still on the Plant Protection bit, JERRY COAKLEY, curling at the Lincoln Curling sheet with PETE DYKER, GRANT CAMPBELL, GORD MILLER, LLOYD HAYCOCK and WALT ABRAHAMS, was brooming so vigorously that he lost his footing and landed tail first on the moving rock. "To our utter amazement" reports Walt, "Jerry moved briskly along with the rock and there was some possibility that he might ride it right into the house." This turn of events would certainly have brought out some heated discussion on how the score would be affected and no doubt a broom handle or so would have broken over a recalcitrant head . . . ORVAL McAFREY was cited recently for parking in a restricted zone. The day Orval paid his debt to society for the misdemeanor he again parked in a restricted zone and found to his dismay that a milkman who also was parked in the restricted area had backed into his car and smashed the headlights. Orval was on the horns of a terrible dilemma. Should he call the gendarmes and report the accident and thus find himself the recipient of another ticket or should he write off the experience? Orval finally chose the latter course . . . BERT BOYLE had a cheque made out and was all ready to put it into JACK KROHN'S hot little hand for the purchase of Jack's car when some knave decided he needed the car more than even Jack or Bert and helped himself to it. The car was found out in the country the next day bereft of wheels and radio. Bert is knocking himself down patting himself on the back that he didn't take delivery a day or two earlier . . . JOHN CARSON'S boys are pretty adept in handling most emergencies but when it comes to replacing the high heel of one of the office secretaries' shoes they certainly fall by the way-side . . . TOM RYMER was spending a

quiet evening with some of his Army pals helping to celebrate one of their birthdays when he suddenly remembered that the next day was his own birthday. Needless to say the party had to continue past the witching hour of midnight to include Tom. "This double birthday business has got to stop" moaned Tom the next morning . . . JIM (Flash) THOMSON sent an A.V.O. to DOC CONLON asking to arrange the purchase of an ink marking unit called Speedry. Jimmy, who acquired his early education in Scotland wrote the letter "r" as they do in the old country which resembles a "v" more than it does an "r." Poor Doc nearly went crazy searching through books and catalogues trying to find the unit, finally gave up and called Jimmy on the 'phone. The only satisfaction he got was to be informed that his education must have been sadly neglected if he didn't know the Scottish way of writing "r" . . . Another case of possible mistaken identity came up in the Axle section, when DON McINTOSH received a purchase requisition for several manure forks. Having been on his new assignment for only a short period he figured the boys might be pulling his leg a little. Don played it cozy for a day or so and then began to make a few guarded inquiries and found that the request was legitimate as the forks are used in the chip crusher section . . . BILL REYNOLDS found to his amazement that this business of early morning delivery of newspapers is not all it's cracked up to be. His boy was unable to take his route on a recent Saturday morning and Bill took over for him. "It took me fourteen cups of coffee to make the rounds and I nearly froze in the process," moaned Bill . . . When JACK BEDFORD was transferred to Plant 2, it took him just one invitation to discover the somewhat exotic eating habits of ROY ETHERINGTON and CURZON CLARKSON and has firmly refused a return engagement . . . Back to the beatles again, HOWARD CAMBRAY had himself a birthday party recently and went all out on the beetle craze by procuring wigs, guitars, drums and a beetle record to dub in the sound. The pictures taken of HOWARD, FRANK CLAYTON, JOHN ALEXANDER WATSON and FRED MOORE are being closely held but our spies are working on the deal and we may have it for a coming plant paper.

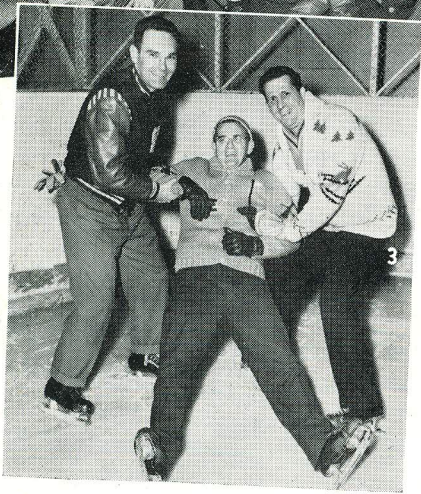


SPECIAL

(1) For the second consecutive year, Bill DeMars has won the New Departure Gauge Committee International Cribbage Championship. Last month at Bristol, Conn., Bill stoutly defended his title by defeating Chief Inspector Doug Hirst of the Meriden Plant. Here, aided by a magnifying glass, the two-time champion inspects the trophy which was awarded him.



(2) Coaches, managers and executives of the Legion Little League Hockey are included in this McKinnon group, pictured at the league's Skating Party which was held early this month at Ridley College. Front row: Earl McNeil, Bill Dickson, Terry Zaritsky, George Nicholson and Ken "Chic" Mann. Back row: Bob Bowman, Eric Adamson, Charley Boozan, Don Frick, Ralph Warren and George "Scotty" Campbell.



(3) Chic Mann, Little AHL Convenor, League Treasurer Bob Bowman and League Secretary Earl McNeil gag it up for the camera.

(4) The Department 31 Social Club executive is shown here making a last minute check at the Club's Dinner-Dance, the Club Capri, February 15th. From the left: Peter Romak, President Carl Giganti, Oreilo Antonello, Morley Peckham and Bill Black.



(5) Leroy Braun, guitar, and Dean Sullivan, drums, make like the Beatles at the Department 31 Dinner-Dance.



(6) A view of some of the McKinnon people who attended the Department 31 Dinner-Dance.



EVENTS



(7) McKinnon men who officiated at the Eastern Canada Speed Skating Championship held here February 1st and 2nd. Left to right: Ken Brisbois, Judge; Joe Huibers, President of both the Ontario Speed Skating Association and the Viking Speed Skating Club; and Leo Martineau, Starter.



(8) Charles Tye of Windsor Plant retired after 36 years of service. Here, he receives gifts and good wishes from his friends. Charles Dafoe and Joe Wissentz made the presentations.

(9) Roy Hopkins, Foreman of Windsor Connecting Rod Department, is pictured here receiving gifts and best wishes from friends in the department prior to transferring to the St. Catharines plant.



(10) Ferdine Rivard, retiring with 28 years of service, received a wallet containing money and all good wishes from his fellow workers on the Windsor Chevrolet engine assembly line.

(11) At the Sports Celebrities Dinner held at the Royal York last month, McKinnon men Ken Prodger, Don Nichols and Merrill Blank line up for autographs. Shown here at the head table, Rafer Johnson, 1963 Decathlon Champion and Timmy of 1964, Charlie McMullen of Windsor, Ontario.



(12) McKinnon men who attended the Sports Celebrities Dinner are shown here with Johnny Mowers, former NHL all-star goaltender, Detroit Red Wings. McKinnon's Al Barnes played with Johnny on the R.C.A.F. team which won the R.C.A.F. Overseas Championship in 1945. From the left: Tommy Rowdon, Bill Hutchison, Al Barnes, Johnny, Ken Prodger, Merrill Blank, Keith Fleming, Don Nichols and Ange Boccinfuso.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

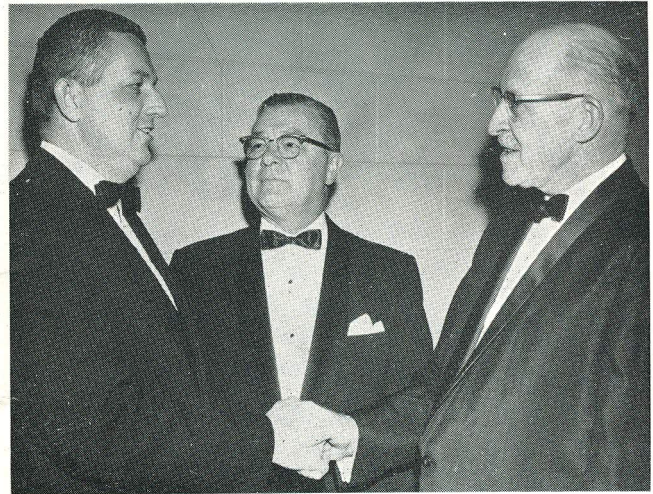
RECORD SALES

General Motors of Canada reports that its dealers have begun the new year with record shattering sales for the month of January of 26,839 North American cars and trucks. This total exceeded the previous all-time record for January, established only last year, of 21,562 vehicles. Nearly 2,700 more GM cars and trucks were sold last month than in December 1963.

The January sales total for GM included 23,056 passenger cars — 4,400 more than in the same month a year ago. Truck sales continued to advance and reached 3,783 units compared with 2,877 in January 1963.

During January, GM built 38,171 cars and trucks at Oshawa — the highest level of production for any month in the company's history.

Overseas sales of General Motors cars and trucks in 1963 passed the one million mark for the first time in a calendar year. In Germany, Adam Opel set a new record for one year, producing 570,293 passenger cars, vans and trucks in 1963, a 50.3% increase over 1962. In England, Vauxhall's sales totaled 248,227 vehicles, up 15% from 1962.



Surgeons' President—Dr. J. M. Schulde, Medical Director, Windsor Plant, was chosen President of the Windsor Academy of Surgeons, last month, at a special meeting held at the Knotty Pine Inn. From left, Dr. Schulde, Dr. C. D. Benson, Chief of Surgery at Children's Hospital, Detroit, and Professor of Surgery at Wayne State University Medical School, the guest speaker of the meeting, and Dr. E. K. Lyon of Leamington, the retiring President.

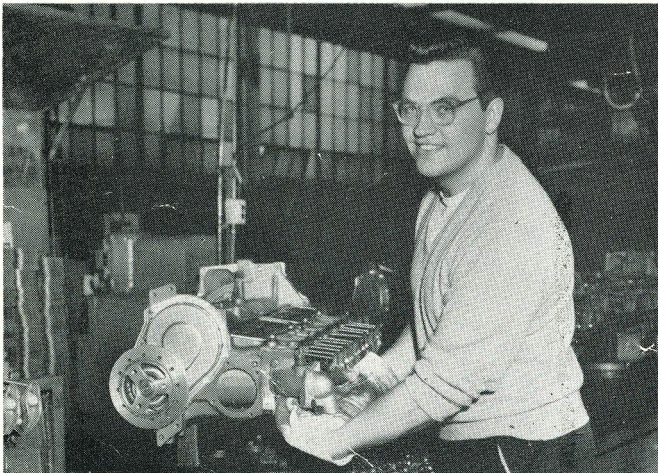
ENGINE PLANT ENTERTAINER

Jerry Allen, an Assembler on the Chevrolet Engine Line, spends his evening hours entertaining the customers at the Viscount Motor Hotel in downtown Windsor.

Jerry who joined McKinnon Industries in 1961 first played professionally at the early age of 14. For a number of years he was a member of the Freddie Masters band in the United States. The band in association with the U.S.O. travelled extensively in the U.S. visiting military

installations in such cities as New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, etc. When the band broke up Jerry again returned to his hometown of Windsor.

Approximately four years ago Jerry formed his trio with Bill Jones the pianist and Tom Simkins the bass player. Their first date was at the Ridge Valley Golf and Country Club. In 1962 the trio moved into the Viscount where they are currently appearing.



Jerry Allen at work on the Chevrolet Engine Line.



The Trio — Bill Jones, Jerry Allen, and Tom Simkins.

Breezing Around

by LOUISE KRAY



McKinnon People in full swing at the Department 31 Dinner-Dance at the Club Capri, Thorold, Saturday, February 15th.



Congratulations to prize-winner Shirley MacInnis at the Dept. 31 Dinner-Dance. From the left, Carolyn Giganti, Kay McIntosh, Shirley, Phyllis McCrae and Gwen Leach.



At the Legion Little League Skating Party. Back row: Ina Campbell, Ruth Adamson, Helen Zaritsky, and Shirley Bowman. Front row: Kay Frick, Mary Dickson, Mary McNeil and Ella Mann.

Nancy Altoft of Plant 2 Personnel has taken us by surprise recently when she announced that she will become Mrs. Gregg Scott on March 23th. Nancy will be leaving McKinnon and will take up residence in Newmarket, where Gregg is teaching school.

Two girls who have been walking on "Cloud Nine" since Valentine's Day are Glenda Dugan and Dolores Senese, both of the Purchasing Department. Glenda has her date set for August 15th and will become Mrs. Dave Earley, Engine Plant. Dolores and Pat Agnew of Product Engineering have not yet set their date.

Pat Oatley of the Sales said her good-byes to her many McKinnon friends and left to raise a family. Replacing Pat, we now have Vallerie Hill of the Suggestion Department.

Some people get all the breaks — Anne Kuzniar of the Windsor Office, recently decided to try her technique on the ski slopes of Pine Knob near Pontiac, Michigan. The following is a resume of Ann's day — 3:00 p.m. arrived at the ski resort; 3:20 p.m. ascended the hill on the ski tow; 3:30 p.m. descended the hill; 3:33 p.m. floating through the air; 3:40 p.m. removed from the hill on a stretcher; 4:00 p.m. arrived at the hospital where she is now resting quietly thoroughly convinced that skiing is not her sport. S-p-e-e-d-y recovery Ann.

A word of welcome to Sharon Hillier, Traffic; Audrey Dunlop, Purchasing; Donna Cushman, Switchboard; Nancy Hemphill (daughter of Fred Hemphill), General Accounting; Christine Piatowska, Cost Estimating; Pat Nestor, Factory Accounting and Janice Weslake, formerly of the Cost now in Receiving Office.

SUGGESTION PLAN MEETING



Plans to handle the increased number of McKinnon Employee Suggestions in 1964 were discussed at a recent meeting by, left to right, Suggestion Plan Co-ordinator Charlie Douglas, Suggestion Plan Supervisor Al Barnes and Don Morse, General Motors Corporation Director of Suggestion Plan.

SUGGESTION PLAN STATISTICS

General Motors employees in the United States and Canada received a record \$7,040,535 under the GM Suggestion Plan during 1963, Louis G. Seaton, vice president in charge of Personnel Staff, announced recently.

Awards were made for 168,348 suggestions adopted by the Corporation on how employees could make their jobs safer and easier, and at the same time improve plant operations.

The maximum award for a single suggestion was raised from \$5,000 to \$6,000 on October 31 last year. Eighty-seven maximum awards were made during 1963, including 72 awards of \$5,000, and 15 awards at \$6,000.

During 1962, the Corporation adopted 188,665 suggestions for awards totaling \$6,756,622.

"The increasing rate of employee participation demonstrates that the Suggestion Plan is a rewarding method for employees to contribute their ideas for the improvement of our products, our methods and job environment," Mr. Seaton said.

"Our 21 years of experience with the Suggestion Plan has shown that the individual employee is in an excellent position to make constructive contributions concerning his job. We believe employees should be rewarded for their initiative when their suggestions are adopted."

Since establishment of the Suggestion Plan in 1942, a total of \$55,176,464 has been awarded for 1,226,113 employee suggestions adopted by the Corporation.

Management Appointments

Roy A. Blaik — Supervisor Procedures and Office Services.

Retirements

	Years Service
Ferdine A. Rivard — Windsor	27.5
Charles P. Tye — Windsor	35.9

MANAGEMENT CHANGES

John F. Johnston — from Foreman Tool Grinding to General Foreman Tool Grinding — Windsor.

Elery L. Davis — from Foreman Inspection to General Foreman Receiving, Precision Layout and Salvage Inspection.

Jack Bedford — from General Foreman Machine Repair Plant I to General Foreman Machine Repair and Tool Maintenance Plant II.

Jacob Friesen — from Foreman Inspection - Nights to Foreman Receiving, Precision Layout and Salvage Inspection.

As of January 1st, Supervision of the Primary Heat Treat and Axle Shaft Manufacturing was transferred to A. G. Lines, Superintendent of Bearing, AC and Prop Shaft Division.



Recreation Roundup

by ALLAN BARNES



The McKinnon entry in the Thorold Industrial League is still hanging on in first place by a single point. The team is pictured here in their home lanes at Thorold Bowlaway, ready to go. Left to right: Ange Boccinfuso (Captain), Nick Ceci, Ralph Yeager, Nick Pisano, Eddy Cezhowski, Steve Kalynka and Fred Boccinfuso.

Softball

The Major Leagues are heading south, the birds are thinking about heading north and the grass is starting to show through the little snow that is left in McKinnon Park.

This year we hope to return to a normal schedule where we begin playing in May rather than in August as we did in 1963. Player interest shown in last year's games coupled with our increased employment would indicate that a ten team league is a real possibility for 1964.

All players, would-be players and managers, please keep an eye on the bulletin boards for an organizational meeting in March.

Curling

There is an old saying that roughly claims "a stone is a girl's best friend" especially if it is for her third finger left hand.

However, there seems to be a lot of men who are now showing interest in stones — a 40 pound stone of Balmoral Granite which they skip along in the local ice palaces. It would appear that if this interest continues to be shown that an attempt should be made to have a house league next season. Those who think they would like to participate in such a league should contact this office so we may have some concrete facts to present to the Curling establishments.

Windsor Bowling

Congratulations are in order for Larry Lacelle who recently hit games of 269, 232, and 201 while bowling in the McKinnon Industries Windsor Plant ten pin bowling league. Larry's total of 702 is high for the year and is only the second 700 series ever to be bowled in the Windsor League.

Leo Butnari and Tony Monteith were slightly amazed when they compared their record after bowling 48 games in the McKinnon Employees Bowling League. It seems their total pinfall was an identical 7,311. Even more coincidental is the fact that they bowl on the same team.

Windsor Golf

A meeting of the McKinnon Industries Windsor Plant Golf League was held on Wednesday, February 12, 1964 in the main office. The meeting conducted by the president, Tom Whitfield, was for the purpose of amending the rules and establishing a golf course for the coming season. It was announced that Golf fees have been increased and reserved tees would be used again this year.

If you are interested in joining the McKinnon Golf League please contact Harold Dube, the league secretary.



SKATING PARTY