

# STALEY NEWS

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## SOFTBALL PLAY TO BEGIN ABOUT JUNE 1

### GENERAL NOTES OF INTEREST TO MOST OF US

Sick supplies, better lawns, good publicity, so far—a profit.

#### FELLOWSHIP CLUB FIRST AID SUPPLIES

Are for the use of sick "Club" members *only*.

Following the recent description of the articles that are on hand at the First Aid office, a number of requests were made for various supplies by members who hoped to borrow for their family.

Mrs. May has had to refuse these so that it would be possible to fill the needs of actual Fellowship Club members.

#### SOYBEAN OIL MEAL FOR THE LAWNS OF STALEY EMPLOYEES

Can be purchased from Ed. Smith who will make out a petty sales ticket and handle it in the same way that he handles other purchases of Staley made products.

#### THE HANDICRAFT CLUB MAIL BAG

Has been fuller than usual since that picture appeared in Popular Science. Letters have been coming in from the far points of the country requesting information on the type of equipment owned and its method of installation. Last heard from was Santa Anna, California.

At the present time, the Handicraft Club is seriously considering making a number of blueprints to mail out to their inquiring brotherhood.

#### WE ARE IN THE BLACK

For the first quarter of 1938. Which should be good news for Staley employees as well as those

who have invested money in our business. After closing 1937 with a loss of \$71,542.15, our company was able to report a profit of \$332,127.50 when the quarterly report went to the New York Stock Exchange.

In the face of poor business conditions generally and losses reported on every hand along with further business declines predicted by business leaders, this is news of the most encouraging nature.

Compared to our record for the first part of 1937, however, we are not as well off as might be imagined. Just a year ago our balance sheet showed a profit of \$311,822.12. During the second quarter we were also able to make a profit how-be-it, not a large one. The slump which came later in the year managed to wipe that out completely and the seasonal demand for our products during the close of the year failed to make up the difference and we finished in the red.

This year, after a good beginning during the first three months, our profits have shown a substantial drop for April, the first month of the second quarter. Unless business decides to do an about face between now and the end of this month, May will show a small profit or slight loss.

As Dr. Greenfield once said when discussing the means by which it is necessary for us to show a profit, "We are in business in a large way. In order for us to show a profit at all, we must work in large volumes and work steadily. Small demand and limited operations bite heavily into our chance to show a profit."

Let's hope for the Company's sake, and our own, that we can carry through the rest of the year without sacrificing any more of the ground that we have gained.

#### Ed Smith Still Accepting Entries

An unusual amount of grading to be done on the grounds at 27th and Eldorado has made it necessary to delay the opening game of the softball season until the first week in June.

This delay may be welcome to a number who have not signed up for this popular pastime since the closing date for entries has also been extended. Already more than one hundred have signed up and are preparing to get in the game that has swept America.

No doubt the popularity of this game has been due to the amount of recreation that it provides at so little expense. Most of the positions require no equipment at all.

The speed and precision that the game requires coupled with the antics of the oversized ball as it comes off of the bat combines enough amusement that the game has been just as popular with the fans as the players and whole families are finding pleasure as well as comfort in these games during the hot summer months.

#### HAVE YOU A SPARE PIANO?

The Staley Boy Scout troops are anxious to find one that can be obtained for the asking, or at a small cost to their group. Anyone having one that they would like to dispose of is requested to get in touch with the Personnel Department on phone 255.

Recent activities among these boys have been leveled at a revival of enthusiasm and the addition of a piano will be of no small assistance to this program which has already had and still is enjoying the contribution of time and thought on the part of a number of Staley people who are anxious to provide every boyhood opportunity for these boys.

### HANDICRAFT CLUB IN NEW QUARTERS

By Glenn Hott  
Sec'y Handicraft Club

Eighty-four members of the Staley Handicraft Club have transferred their equipment and operations to their new club house at 2095 East Eldorado Street which was recently turned over to them by the company. Complete installation and electrical work will be finished by Wednesday the 18th when the doors will be thrown open for club operations.

The transfer from the third floor of the Administration building to the new location opposite the south gate will enable "club" members to pursue their projects at any time of the day that they like.

During the several weeks that were necessary to complete the alterations, partitions were removed, new windows added to give more light during the day and heavy wire screens placed at the windows and doors to prevent illegal entry into the building.

#### Community Interested

Community interest in our Handicraft Club was first aroused at Christmas time when several hundred toys were reconditioned by the group and distributed among local families. More recently an article in Popular Science used pictures of our up-to-date equipment which was being oper-

ated by Bill Jaske, Ray Marshall and Frank Grossman. Following the article in Popular Science, one of the local newspapers ran a story about the club and used some pictures with it to show the type of machinery we own.

People who had not heard of the Handicraft Club, immediately became interested in joining. Not a few believed that it was some sort of a community project that they could take advantage of. All were disappointed to learn that it was only open to Staley employees who were members of the Fellowship Club.

#### Simple Rules

Those who are entitled to membership and those who already belong will be glad to know that the rules for working in the new club house have been kept at a minimum. All that is necessary is that any member wishing to use the work shop must register at the Clock House in order to obtain the keys to the building. He must be accompanied by one other person while he is at work. This person need not be a member but it must be clearly understood that *if he is not a member, he must not use the machines.* The precaution of having two men present is taken to assure assistance to the member in case of injury while using the machines.

#### "WHO NEXT?"

Enclosed in the envelope with this issue of your "News" is a small leaflet entitled, "Who Next". Discussing tuberculosis, as it does, it deals with a topic which is of deep interest to all of us inasmuch as this disease kills 70,000 persons annually in the United States and untold thousands now living are suffering from its effects.

Education has done much to reduce the ravages of this disease and the information contained within this leaflet presents several minutes of thought provoking material worthy of anyone's time.

Your leaflet has been provided by the Macon County Tuberculosis and Visiting Nurses Association and is a part of their annual campaign against T. B. Your company appreciates the importance of their work and is glad to co-operate in the distribution of this material.

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## SAFETY YOUR BUSINESS?

Roy Rollins, Director of Safety

Joe Johnson was a good workman. Quiet sort of fellow. When they brought him in to the hospital with an arm so badly chewed up that it had to be taken off everyone was pretty sick about it. A week later the superintendent went out to the hospital to see him. They talked a while about things that didn't matter and finally the superintendent said, "Joe, why did you reach through the belt to shut off that valve? Why didn't you walk around?" and Joe said, a little surprised, "Why Mr. Martin, I've done it that way a thousand times and nothing ever happened before." *A thousand times!* Well, he probably had. People don't ordinarily get hurt the first time they take a chance because they know they're taking a chance and it makes them a bit wary. It's taking a chance and getting away with it once or twice or a *thousand times* that does the damage. They finally forget that they are *taking a chance* and then—

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If you want your eyes *left* treat them *right*.

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Glasses or goggles fogged over by perspiration are a nuisance.

They are also dangerous for if you wear them while they are fogged you can't see what you are doing and if you take them off to clean them you may be struck by a chip before you get them on again. They are also dangerous because you are tempted to leave them off altogether rather than be annoyed by them.

We have an answer to the problem this summer. We have obtained a number of cakes of "Anti-sweat Compound." You can get a cake from the Safety Office or Dan Owens in the Machine Shop tool room has some and so has Carl Bomball in the Yard Department tool room. Just rub the cake over the lenses of your goggles and wipe them off with a clean cloth. You'll find that they won't fog for at least twenty-four hours.

THE RECORD			
	MAR.	APR.	TOTAL THIS YEAR
TOTAL INJURIES	278	262	954
EYE INJURIES	64	40	195
NO GOGGLES	9	1	45
REPORTABLES	16	11	49
LOST-TIME	5	8	17
DAYS LOST	33	**112	**204
*WAGES LOST	\$203.52	**609.28	**1233.76
LATE REPORTS	14	14	48

\* FIGURED AT 68c PER HOUR. (STALEY AVERAGE RATE FOR 1937.)

\*\* ESTIMATED BECAUSE ONE OF THE INJURED MEN HAS NOT YET RETURNED TO WORK.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME

Back in "Ye good olden days" the names of families were taken from the father's occupation, some object of affection or a peculiar trait that the baby possessed or that the family wished that it would possess.

Here at Staley's we find that we could carry on quite a conversation about 'most anything from the season or weather to—war in Spain and never have to use a word, except for an occasional verb or preposition, that is not the last name of some employee.

Spring, for example, could be discussed with such names as Early, Hott, Cole, March, May, Greenwood, Greenfield, Green-Bush, Best-Girl-Ford-Carr, Raney, Wade, Boggs, Creek, Lake and Mudd, Rhodes, with sunsets of—Blue, Brown, White, Cherry, Green and Grey.

Young (*children brought*) Joy (*with a*) Penny (*or*) Nickel Moore (*to be*) Spent, (*or a*) Story (*of the*) Slaughter (*of the*) Broadbear, Coon, Fox, Fitch, Wolf, Baer, Lyons, Crabb (*or*) Bass.

Plenty of names are handy to describe friends. If you like them, how about, Goodman, Noble, King, Lukey, Witt, Rich, Hardy, Joy (*or*) Wright.

(*Even the Trading Post would find plenty to*) Barter. (*We have*) Vest, Hood, Kapp, Stone, Brix, Oak, Winchester, Ball, Bean, Coffey, Rice (*and can ship to*) Spain (*or*) France.

Scramble the above, use a few others that we have on hand and you might pull out something like this—

Sexson Toll (*the*) Bell Cable (*for*) Easter Carrol (*s*) Held (*by*) Pope (*and*) Bishop (*in*) Craig Hill Chappel (*of*) Stone, Brix (*and*) Oak, (*where*) May (*the*) Joy (*ful*) Story (*be given the*) Rankin-File (*by*) Noble Word.

TECTCHED IN THE  
POCKETBOOK

A study of the hidden tax situation made by the Northwestern National Life Insurance Company will revise a few ideas of the single fellow who may think he is escaping the burden of taxes because his income is under the income tax limit.

According to their findings, a single man earning a weekly income of \$18.00 pays out \$116.00 a year in hidden taxes with more than a bare chance that he does not know of their existence, thinking that the only interest the tax man has in him is for sales tax, amusements, auto—and others which are collected in his presence.

In terms of daily necessities he pays in addition, 25 cents out of every dollar he gives his landlady to make it possible for her to pay her real estate taxes. If he smokes a package of cigarettes a day, 6 cents goes to the government on every pack he breaks open. The food he eats in a restaurant requires 15 cents out of each dollar to make it possible for the farmer, wholesaler, and retailer to meet their tax bills and twelve cents out of every dollar spent on clothes goes for state and federal taxes.

The fellow who originated the expression, "What you don't know won't hurt you" couldn't have had hidden taxes in mind.

NEWS, NOTES AND COMMENT

Two hundred million dollars a year is spent on research to find a way to make the products of industry more cheaply, to find out what ails sick products, to maintain the standards of those we have and to make better jobs for the people who make those products. Perhaps this helps explain why the American people could supply but 52 wants and 16 necessities 100 years ago and to-day can supply 484 wants and 94 necessities.

American Motorists pay \$18 to \$72 in gasoline taxes annually. The average man pays \$30.

Worldly goods possessed by the average man in "The Good Old Days" averaged \$307. Today he has \$2,220 to his credit. Which reminds us, the Chicago Tribune recently reported that a Junior High School student in Aledo sued a High School principal for \$10,000 as compensation for two spankings. On the basis of that price scale, most of us would have been pushed into the millionaire class thirty years ago. If we could collect.



Illinois grows more soybeans than all the other states in the union combined.

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Most of the soybeans grown in Illinois are grown in the central part of the state close to Decatur with over 1,000,000 bushels being raised annually in Macon County.

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What's the difference how young you are, if you don't look it?

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The nation's annual doctor bill is close to \$1,000,000,000. There are 50 doctors to every undertaker and doctors treat more people every three days than undertakers bury in a year.

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Accidents and illness cost the American public about 13 percent of the total earned income.

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To judge a man well, you should know what he says of other men.



By Bill Brumaster

Departmental maple polishers picked up their last splits and spares April 25, to settle the issue of "who gets the dough" in regular league play. Final standings reveal that N. Smith, who represented the Office team, maintained the highest average in the league for the entire season's play with a 185. V. Roberts rolled the high game with a 251, R. Dash captured the High Man's series with a 661. The Office took high team game with 957 pins and the high team series was rolled by the Tanners with their 2759.

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Division of prize money and the final team ranking was as follows:

Laboratory—Champs .....	\$38.00
Office—2nd (tie) .....	49.50
Millwrights—2nd (tie) .....	34.00
Tanners—2nd (tie) .....	40.50
Pipe Fitters—5th (tie) .....	27.50
Boiler Makers—5th (tie) .....	27.00
Electricians—7th (tie) .....	30.00
Sheetmetal—7th (tie) .....	28.50
Painters—9th .....	27.50
Welders—10th .....	27.50
M and L—11th .....	26.00
Timekeepers—12th .....	21.00

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Senior League finals were completed April 27, with the Research established as Champs with a one game margin over the Yard team which finished in second place. The question raised in the "News", when the league first started play, over who was the best bowler in the league was pretty well answered by Buster Woodworth's high average for the season, a neat 194 although I. Smith trotted across the line with a 263 for the high individual game and Lynn Davis trooped in with a 683 for the high individual series.

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The high team series went to the Syrup Shipping with 2,788 pins to their credit, high team game competition resulted in a tie between the Research and Syrup Shipping by virtue of their 1009's. The Starch Shipping turned out the high team average with a grand average of 842.

The final team ranking and prize money captured by the eight in the Senior League:—

Research—Champs .....	\$49.50
Yard—2nd .....	42.00
Print Shop—3rd (tie) .....	23.50
Executives—3rd (tie) .....	24.50
Millwrights—5th .....	19.00
Starch Shipping—6th (tie) .....	36.50
Machinists—6th (tie) .....	16.50
Syrup Shipping—8th .....	33.00

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In the Senior League Sweepstakes where everybody but the pin boys and the high bowler for the year got a chance at the prize money by being spotted enough to start the race out even, Art Deibert, Machinist playing with the Machinist team, battered out a natural score of 577 to which his spot of 105 pins was added to give him a 682 for first place. Scotty Butler from 17 building took second, Syl Ivens, third and Frank Moore, 4th, to settle individual honors for the evening.

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In clearing up this bowling affair for the year, perhaps we ought to mention that three Staley bowlers, Buster Woodworth, Walt Koshinski and Bob Koshinski, who were bowling with Gebhardt's in the City League, saw their team into first place and the City Championship at Hill's Alleys. The feat netted the team around \$85.00 in cash.

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Buster, who is as modest as he is well liked, may be embarrassed by the mention of the fact but, he has played a lot of ten pins this year and his share of the prize money has made his hobby pay out in the black.

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A total of 20 entries have been paired for the first round of the Staley Fellowship Club's tennis tournament while 16 have gone to the barrier in the women's event. The schedule of games calls for a definite completion date for each round with the finals and trophy awards marked up for June 15.

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In both the men's and women's groups a double tournament will be held with the winners of the first round games being transferred into the "A" division and the losers dropping into the "B" bracket. Four nine inch trophies

have been provided, one for the winner of each division and 36 tennis balls, six to each second place winner and three to the holders of third place honors.

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In attempting to make the drawings as fair as possible, the contestants in the men's event have been classified on the basis of their reputation so that no two of the stronger players will meet during the first round. Unless someone manages to spill the dope the event will prove a hot clash from start to finish in both brackets with the better players surviving to the finals in the "A" division.

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No one could be found who would accept the headache of posing as a judge of the talent entered in the women's division and it was necessary to draft an impartial politician, a fortune teller and a brave bachelor, (names withheld) to make the pairings. As in the men's tourney, the winners will progress to the "A" division and the losers will transfer to the "B" group and prizes will be awarded to first three place winners in each division.



FOR SALE:

All metal ice box. 100 pound capacity. Porcelain inside and out. Excellent condition. Cheap. John Querrey, 953 S. 17th.

Dome coal burning hot water heater, used only short time. Heats 40 gal. per hour. 2325 E. Eldorado, Apt. 4.

Four burner Ace wickless kerosene range, like new. Fraction of original cost. 1900 N. 35th Street.

1935 deluxe Ford coach with trunk and a few extras. Has three new tires. Will take 30 or 31 model car as part payment. Condition excellent and thoroughly guaranteed. 1900 N. 35th Street

1935 Four Door Oldsmobile Sedan. 778 E. Lincoln.

Reasonable. 8 acres near lake. 5 minutes from Staleys. Robert Rostek, Boiler Room.