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# Familiar Faces

## Around the Plant



Walter Kennedy owns the house in which he lives at 654 Hill Street, Town. He has two sons. He is interested in sports, particularly baseball, and fishing in local ponds



Michael Pontes is busy repairing his home at 6 Seagraves Street, Uxbridge. He has two sons (one a Whitin apprentice) and two daughters. His hobby is surf casting



Lorraine Brousseau, Clerk in 666, lives on School Street, Northbridge and plans to be married in May. One of her hobbies is collecting salt and pepper shakers



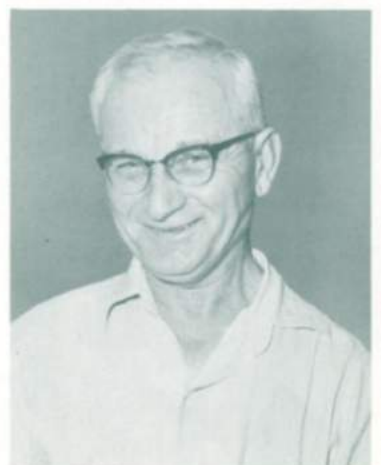
Peggy Thompson, Keypunch Operator in the Repair Sales Department, lives with her parents on Main Street, Whitinsville. She spends leisure hours dancing and reading



Frank P. Manyak, Roadman on Twisters, is a resident of East Douglas and has one son. After his day's work Frank spends his summer leisure hours on the golf course



Roy C. Noble owns his home in Blackstone where he spends most of his spare time watching television. His son is studying chemistry at Providence College, R. I.



John Galuski, who lives in North Grosvenordale, Connecticut, enjoys watching in his spare time baseball, basketball, and hockey on TV. He has one daughter

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# Fiber Research and Process Laboratory

In a quiet, temperature and humidity controlled room located on the demonstration floor of the Research Division, trained technicians using scientific instruments make tests on almost every kind of fiber used by man. This is the Fiber Research and Process Laboratory, serving both Whitin and the textile mills of many lands.

The technicians of the laboratory check, against established standards, the weight, evenness, twist and strength of laps, slivers, rovings, and yarn.

Frequently requests are made for similar tests for entirely different reasons. The mills must know the quality they are achieving at each stage of manufacture, what irregularities are present, and at what stage the irregularities appeared. The mills are interested in making the best possible product from the fibers they are processing and also are interested in the limitations of their equipment.

Whitin, on the other hand, is interested in the development of more efficient and more productive textile machinery. As each new improvement in Whitin machines is being explored, fibers processed on the machines incorporating new designs are compared against two standards: previous results on Whitin machines as well as results on competitors' machines.

It is essential that all tests be complete and accurate. Such accuracy is not achieved by guesswork. Complex and ultra-sensitive electronic and mechanical instruments when properly operated give the exact answers needed. These instruments possess almost uncanny powers. Some draw graphs, others possess almost brain-like memories, still others can separate a periodic variation from other variations.

The laboratory is operated as part of the Research Division under the guidance of Mr. E. Kent Swift, Jr.,



The quality of a yarn starts with the quality of the fibers from which it is spun. Arthur Adams, who has charge of the Demonstration Floor, uses a micronaire to test by compressed air the fineness of individual cotton fibers





Visitors to the laboratory are often fascinated by the Uster Single Strand Tester here being used by Hugo Meotti, laboratory supervisor. This machine may be set to break from twenty to two hundred samples from a bobbin of yarn. Electronic, it not only records the elongation and breaking strength of the yarn but also forms a frequency chart by dropping tiny balls into slots. In some ways it resembles a pinball machine



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## PROFIT INCENTIVE

Incentive to produce is supplied by the hope of earning a reasonable profit—a profit sufficient to justify the risk that always goes with enterprise.

In order to create and maintain jobs, goods must be produced and goods must be sold and moved. But without incentive, people do not produce goods. All the good-will and good wishes in the world will not build factories nor put goods into the hands of people who want them.

Many good people with the best intentions say that there is no need for profits. But the fact is that profit is the motive for everything we do, in one form or another. If nobody had the motive of profit, the world's work simply would not get done.

FRONT COVER: Herbert Bliss, Demonstrator, is testing the tensile strength of a skein of yarn. The results will guide him in making adjustments in a frame so that it will yield the best possible yarn from fibers submitted by a customer.



## Whitin Personality

NORMAN W. BURROUGHS, Foreman of Department 414, was born in Whitinsville on February 1, 1906. He attended the local schools and now lives at 7 West Street, Town. It was only natural that he should begin work at Whitin for his father was foreman of Department 415. The fifth of a family of eight children, Norman has three brothers—Roy, Ernest, and Darrell—who also are Whitin employees.

Norman began work at Whitin on June 27, 1921 on the Milling Job. In addition to working there and in Departments 427 and 415, during the summer months between 1925 and 1933 he worked on the Whitinsville golf course. He later moved to Department 414 where he became Assistant Foreman on September 8, 1945, and Foreman on August 31, 1946.

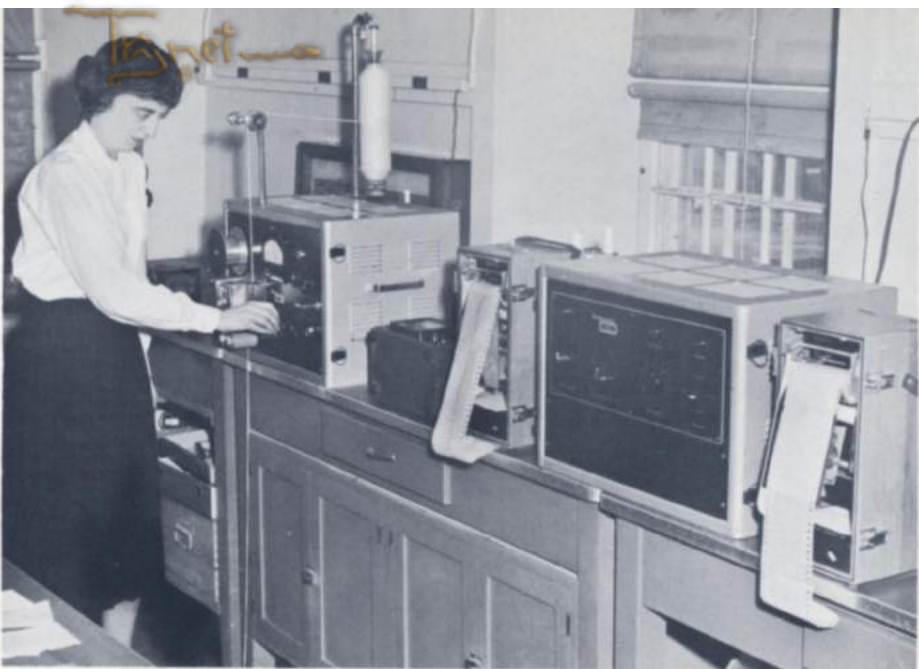
He and the former Helen Wallace of Whitinsville were married September 5, 1935. They are particularly proud of their 19-year-old son Bruce, a former Whitin employee who is now taking courses at both M.I.T. and Northeastern University while working at the Lincoln Laboratories, Bedford Airport.

Always interested in sports, Norman made his bid for fame in the Blackstone Valley as a pitcher for Swan A.C. of Whitinsville. At present his greatest recreation is bowling. He says, "The Planer Job bowling team does all right." In the fall he goes after pheasant and partridge with his 12-gauge pump shotgun.

In addition to serving as a director of the W.M.W. Credit Union, Norman holds membership in the United Presbyterian Church, the Northbridge Auxiliary Police, and in Granite Lodge A.F. & A.M.



Priscilla Sharps, technician, begins a test of roving on one of the laboratory's Uster Evenness Testers. These complex electronic instruments are used to test laps, slivers, rovings, and yarns



## FIBER RESEARCH AND PROCESS LABORATORY (continued)

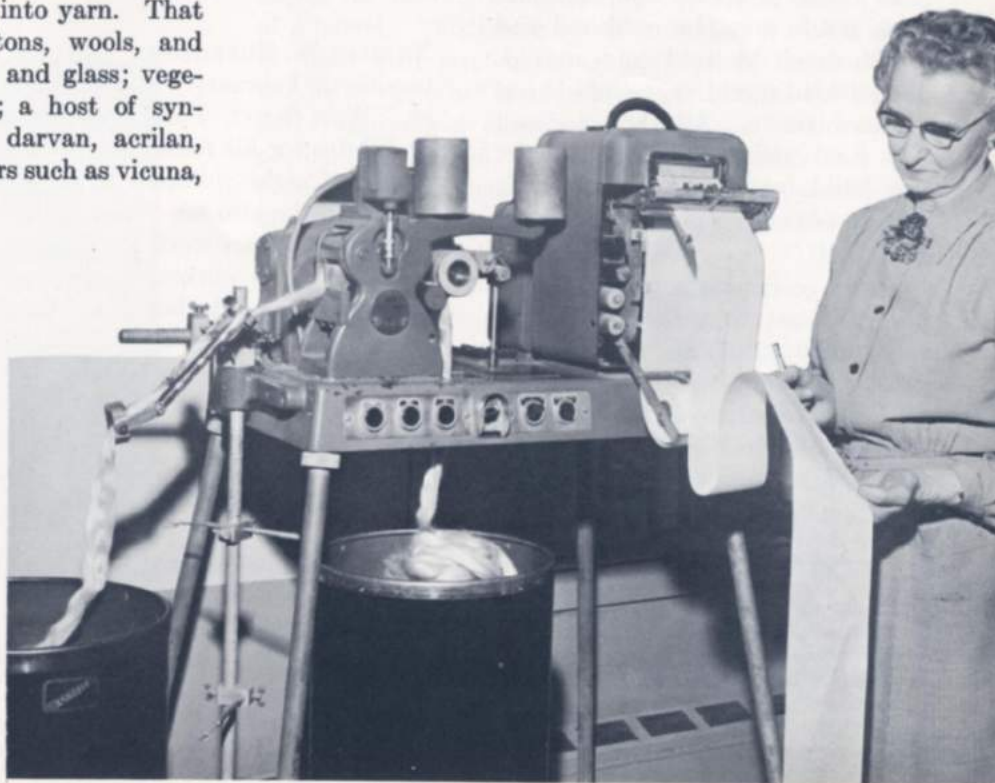
Director, and his assistant, Dr. Zolton Szaloki. It is under the responsibility of Arthur Adams assisted by Hugo Meotti, a graduate of the Apprentice School. Working with them are technicians Virginia Burke and Priscilla Sharps.

The laboratory personnel find their work interesting and varied, for in the course of a year they handle just about every variety of fiber spun into yarn. That includes common fibers such as cottons, wools, and worsteds; mineral fibers like asbestos, and glass; vegetable fibers including flax and ramie; a host of synthetics—rayon, nylon, orlon, dacron, darvan, acrilan, saran, and vicara; and less common fibers such as vicuna,

mohair, goat hair, rabbit fur, silk, angora, and even coconut fibers.

The work of the Laboratory cannot be overestimated in its importance to Whittin, to the textile industry, and to the public which makes endless use of the yarns manufactured on Whittin machines.

In making tests, the laboratory uses both mechanical and electronic instruments. Virginia Burke, technician, operates a sensitive mechanical device, a Pacific Evenness Tester, to test and record the thick and thin places in sliver. She may also use this instrument to test roving and yarn





# Hobby

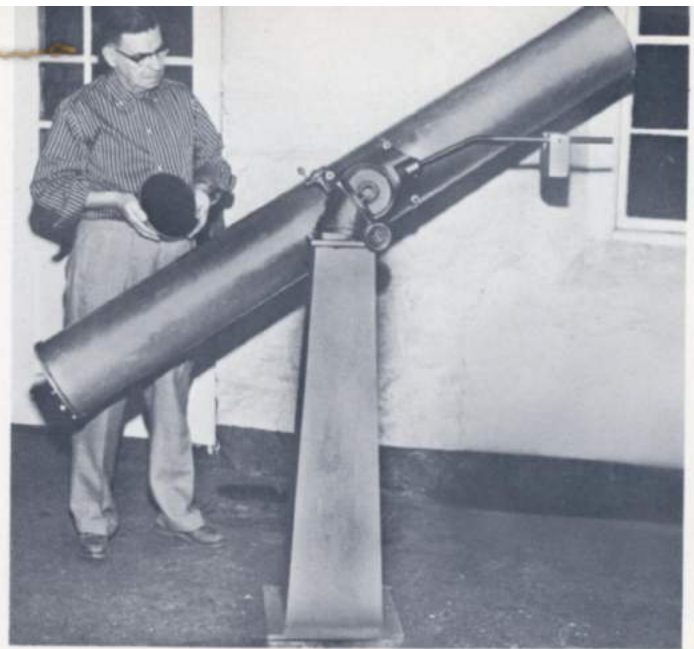
## EXPLORING OUTER SPACE

MAN, born with limited vision, has built giant eyes known as telescopes with which to explore the mysteries of outer space. Much of what we know about the heavens has been learned by thousands of amateur astronomers who have built their own precision instruments in order to explore the mountains of the moon or view the swirling rings of Saturn. Their telescopes will, in the future, make it possible to see our space satellites and space ships. Any Whitin employee can, at an expense of perhaps forty dollars, build a telescope worth several hundred dollars.

Foreman Ralph Baker of the Tool Job is a Whitin employee who has done just that. As long ago as 1919, working with Dr. Russell Porter who later designed the mount for the giant 200-inch mirror on Mt. Palomar, Ralph helped grind the 18-inch reflector for the Stella-phane's Observatory on Breezy Hill, Springfield. He has built and sold a 6-inch telescope and currently is building an 8-inch scope for his own use.



At the time the pictures were taken, Ralph had completed the grinding of his mirror. Using two tin pans which in size and shape resemble the blanks from which the mirrors are ground, he demonstrates the method by which the mirror is ground to the proper focal length



His latest telescope nearing completion, Ralph A. Baker prepares to mount the mirror at the lower end of the aluminum tube. The base is of welded steel and the mount, designed by his friend Dr. Russell Porter, is of cast iron. Such telescopes can be built at little expense by the average person

Ralph says that today it is possible to buy a kit containing all the necessary parts and materials. The most important part is the mirror which collects the light from the stars. This is made by hand by hours of patient and exacting grinding, working with two Pyrex glass blanks and wet carborundum powder. The blanks are bought from Corning Glass.

It's a messy job, so the first requirement is a place in which to work such as a cellar or garage. Ralph makes his mirrors by mounting one blank to the head of a barrel. This blank which is used as a tool is stuck in place with pitch. Using more pitch, he mounts a handle to the other blank which is to become the mirror. After applying a mixture of water and carborundum powder on the tool, Ralph grasps the handle and with even strokes, which overlap the diameter of the tool about a third, he works the mirror across the tool as he walks around and around the barrel. He makes about twenty to thirty strokes per circuit.

This process wears an even curve into the glass. With the kit come exact instructions for determining when the mirror has been roughed to the proper focal length. Then the coarse carborundum is replaced by finer grades, and the curve polished. The final polish is done with jeweler's rouge. It takes about nine hours to do the carborundum cutting and the rouge polishing takes several hours. The back of the polished mirror must then be silvered or aluminumized by professionals.

This mirror is then mounted in a length of tube resembling a stovepipe. A reflecting prism is mounted at the focal point, and a magnifying eyepiece at the spot where the light reflected by the prism falls. Some sort of a mount is added. The complete telescope, weighing about forty pounds, is then ready to explore space.





Head Table, from the left: M. F. Brown, S. MacDonald, J. H. Bolton, Jr., J. H. Cunningham, E. O. Pierson, J. Hugh Bolton, P. B. Walker, E. Kent Swift, Jr., R. E. Lincoln, E. M. Johnston, L. A. Hemenway, F. W. Dexter, L. N. Brock

# Whitinsville Firemen Feted

In honor of a dedicated group of volunteer firemen, the Board of Engineers of the Whitinsville Fire Department held its 51st Annual Banquet in the Cafeteria on the evening of April 8.

At the conclusion of a roast beef dinner, Mr. J. Hugh Bolton thanked the firemen for their cooperation, praised them for their esprit de corps and wished the department continued success in extinguishing fires. Mr. Bolton also extended greetings from Mr. Swift who was ill and unable to attend the banquet.

The members of the Board of Engineers are Messrs. E. Kent Swift, J. Hugh Bolton, Sydney R. Mason, Erik O. Pierson, John H. Cunningham, Jr., John H. Bolton, Jr., and E. Kent Swift, Jr.

The officers of the Fire Department are P. B. Walker, Chief; L. A. Hemenway, and F. W. Dexter, Assistant Chiefs; L. N. Brock and F. M. Brown, Deputy Chiefs; E. M. Johnston, Secretary and Treasurer; and R. E. Lincoln, Auditor.

Vaudeville acts by professional entertainers concluded the evening program.



Among the entertainers were Unicyclists Evy and Evert who are recent arrivals from Sweden

Klara and Eugene—juggling while blindfolded





No. 1 Company—  
Pumper Crew



No. 2 Company—  
Pumper Crew

No. 1 Company—  
the men that man the ladders  
and the gates





# BOWLING SEASON

## *Ends in Keen Competition*

BY HENRY CRAWFORD

The annual banquet of the Shop Bowling League was held at the Klondike Inn, Farnumville, Mass., on Wednesday evening, April 16 at 7:00 o'clock, with seventy-two bowlers and guests enjoying delicious steak and turkey dinners.

This concluded the most exciting season in the history of the Shop Bowling League which goes back to 1920. Going into the last four weeks of the schedule seven teams were battling for first place, with the final evening's matches deciding the teams that would qualify for the roll-offs. During the regular season the Apprentices finished first, followed by the Repair Department, Office and Warehouse. In the roll-offs Warehouse won, with the Repair Department second, the Office third and the Apprentices fourth.

The battle for high individual average was not decided until the final match when Phil Rae hit 347. His average was 103.6 for the season, followed by Leonard Skerry with 103.3 and Chick Gagnon with 102.9.

The high individual three strings went to John Steele of the Apprentices with 377, followed by Adam Davidson with 352 and Roland Dion 349. The high single string was hit by Ralph Nolet with 142 while Vic Gervais had 139 and Robert Tancrell 138.

Erik Pierson, Works Manager, presented the trophies to the winners of the high individual averages. Jack Cunningham, Superintendent, then took over. He presented trophies to the winning team, cash awards, and a trophy in memory of Bill Skillen, a former member of the Master List team.

As usual there wasn't a dull moment after Jack took over. Without Jack the evening wouldn't be the same. We are indebted to him again for donating the trophies which were presented to the winners of the high individual averages.



Henry Crawford presented the first place Apprentice team with their trophy: from the left: seated—John Steele and Henry Crawford; standing—Archie Jacobs, Donald Gauthier, and Gillis Beauchamp





John H. Cunningham presented trophies to the runners-up—the Repair Department: from the left, Richard Cunningham, Adam Davidson, John Cunningham, James F. Marshall, Henry Cant, and Sidney Frieswyck



The Office team landed in third place: from the left: seated—Leonard Skerry and Angus Parker; standing—Kenneth E. Benner, Robert Shaw, Varkis Asadoorian, and Warren Campbell



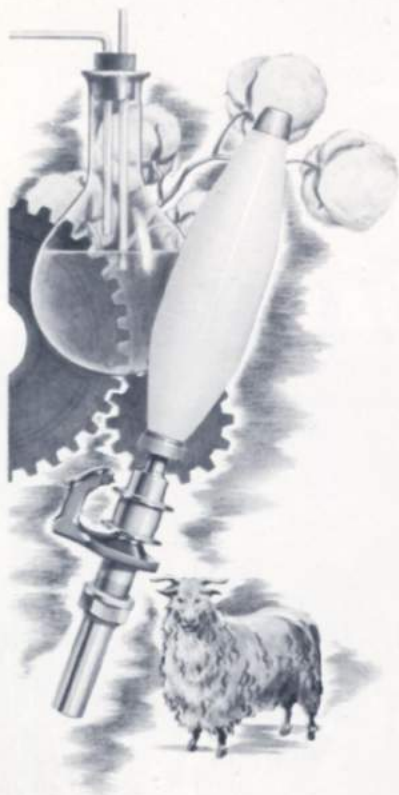
The roll-off was won by the fourth-place Warehouse team: from the left: Sidney DeJong, Albert Couture, Lawrence Gamelin, Albert Cencak, Philip Rae, and William Markarian



Erik Pierson presented high individual average awards to, from the left: Philip Rae, Leonard Skerry, and Armand Gagnon



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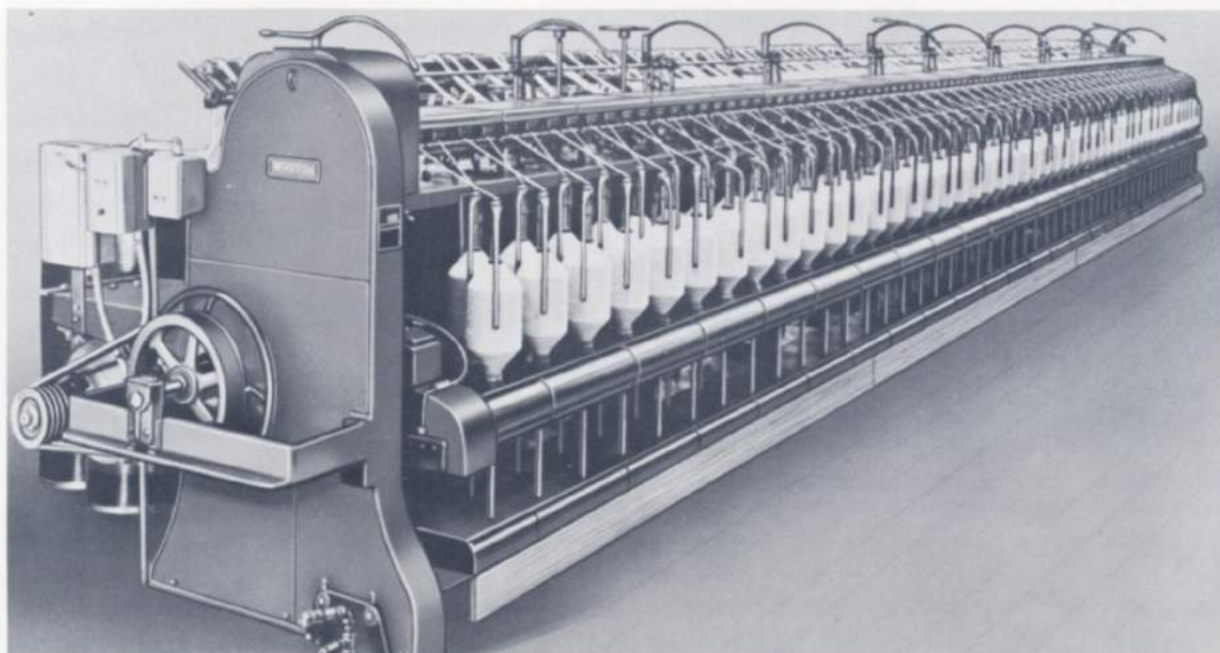


# Whenever Man Turns Fibers into Yarn

*a wide variety of highly specialized machinery is required to accomplish this complicated process. For generations, Whitin has been engaged in supplying these machines to textile mills in all parts of the world. The position of leadership in this field that Whitin reached over a century ago and maintains today is based on its policy of "Progress Through Research." Today, Whitin manufactures a complete line of preparatory machinery for processing practically all fibers, both natural and synthetic.*

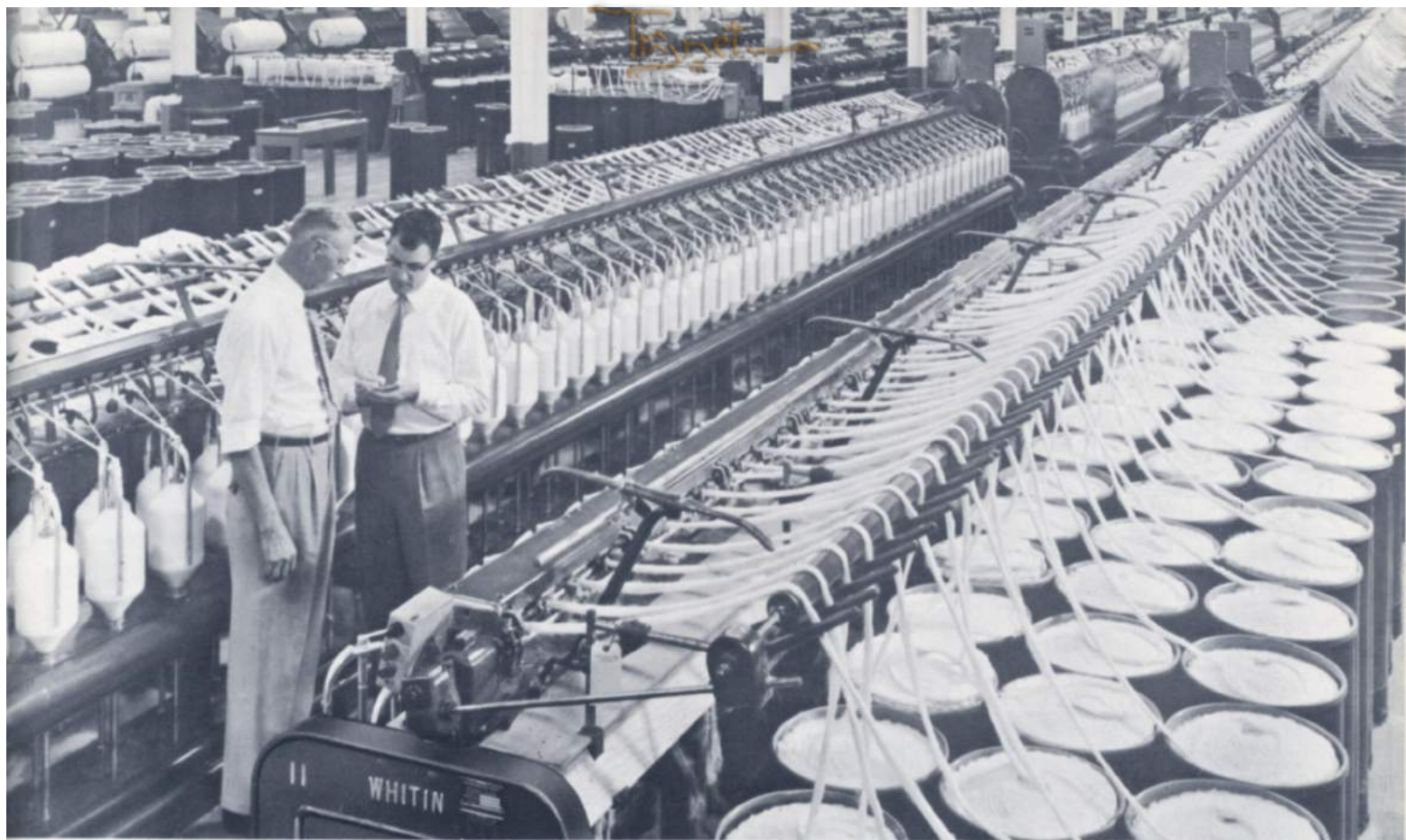
## CHAPTER V.....

### DRAWN SLIVER TO ROVING



In the process by which fibers are made into yarn, the Roving Frame follows the Drawing Frame and precedes the Spinning Frame. Regular, Long-Draft, Inter-Draft, and Super-Draft Roving Frames differ in design of their drafting elements and the degree they attenuate the sliver





This installation of Long-Draft Roving at Dundee Mills, Griffin, Georgia, shows, on the right, how the cotton sliver is drawn from the cans into the machine. On the left is the finished roving being wound on bobbins. The Drawing Frames, used in the preceding operation, are clearly visible in the upper part of the photograph

The drawing process, which was discussed in the April issue of *THE WHITIN SPINDLE*, has the double object of achieving parallelization of the fibers and the furtherance of sliver regularity, uniformity, and similarity, by drafting a single sliver from 6 or 8 slivers. The Roving Frame, which is the next machine to be discussed, has the task of making three further changes in the form of the fibers: to further attenuate or draw out the sliver, to insert a slight twist, and to wind the slightly-twisted strand onto a bobbin. When these operations have been completed, the fibers have been made into roving.

While Whitin manufactures a variety of Roving Frames to meet the needs of various mills, all our Roving Frames are alike in principle. Regular, Long-Draft, Inter-Draft, and Super-Draft Roving differ in that, due to the design of their drafting elements, some attenuate or draft the sliver more than others in producing roving. However, Whitin has in recent years tremendously simplified the roving process.

Today, in modern mills the entire process is usually carried out on one type of frame, with a second Roving Frame in series used only when roving for exceptionally fine yarns is being produced. With the introduction of simplified roving processes a host of secondary frames

are no longer necessary. These include such machines as Speeders, Fly Frames, Jack Frames, First Intermediates, Second Intermediates, and Fine Frames.

A Roving Frame is a big machine, varying in length up to 40 feet with from ninety-six to a hundred and forty-four spindles. The roving process is most easily understood if we follow one rope of sliver as it becomes one strand of roving.

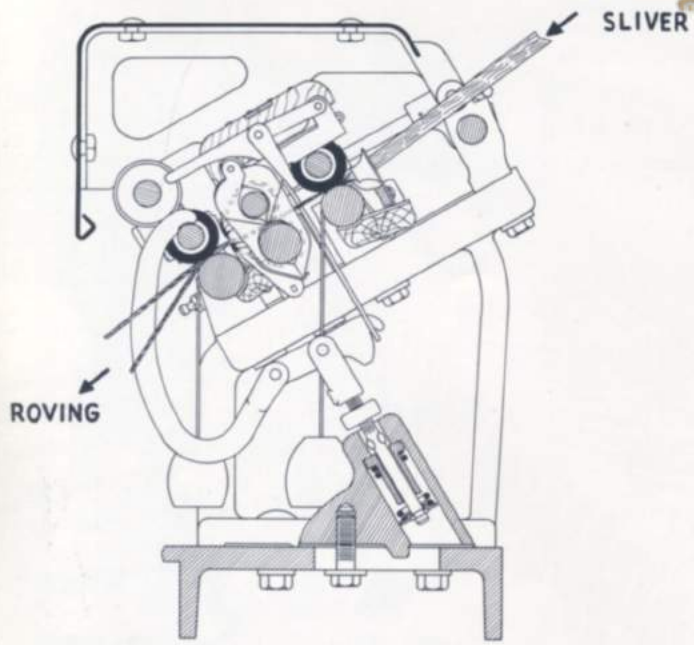
Cans of sliver as produced by the Drawing Frame are placed at the rear of the Roving Frame. The sliver, gently lifted from the cans by lifting rolls, passes through a trumpet and between a series of rolls where it is drafted.

As the attenuated sliver comes from the front rolls, a slight twist is imparted by the flyer. This twist, which makes the sliver into roving, is absolutely essential in order to give the strength that the roving needs before being wound on the bobbin and unwound in the spinning creel. The evenly wound roving on the bobbin is known as a package and in this form is suitable for processing on the next machine. This machine may be another Whitin Roving Frame, if finer yarns are desired, or it may be a Whitin Spinning frame, the operation of which will be discussed in the next chapter of "Whenever Man Turns Fibers into Yarns."

Whitin is one of the foremost manufacturers of Roving



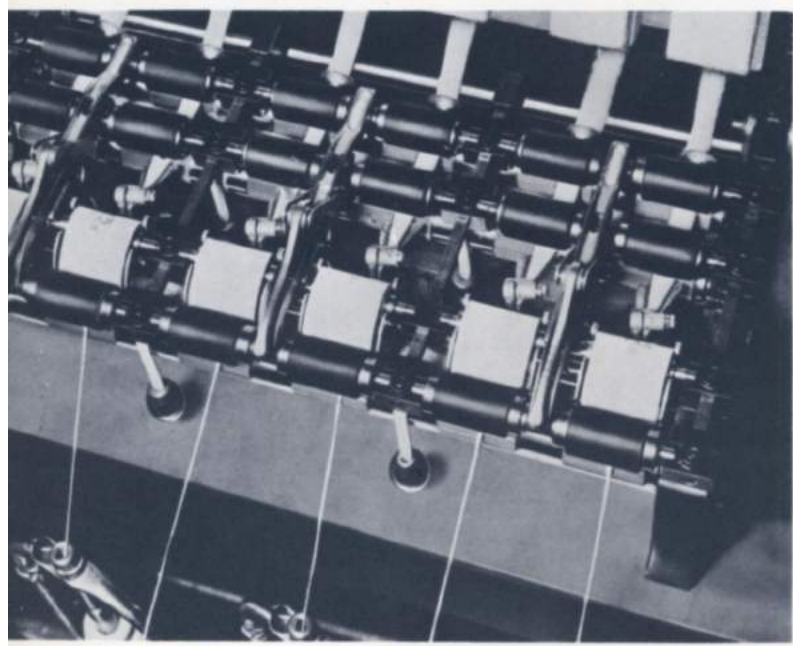
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### DRAWN SLIVER TO ROVING (continued)

Frames. While we face keen competition, Whitin Roving Frames hold a competitive edge in the industry because primarily they have the most efficient drafting elements available, resulting in high production of high-quality roving. Also, Whitin was one of the first in the field to increase roving drafts. This experience in building so many Roving Frames assures our customers of years of highly-productive and trouble-free operation when they buy Whitin.

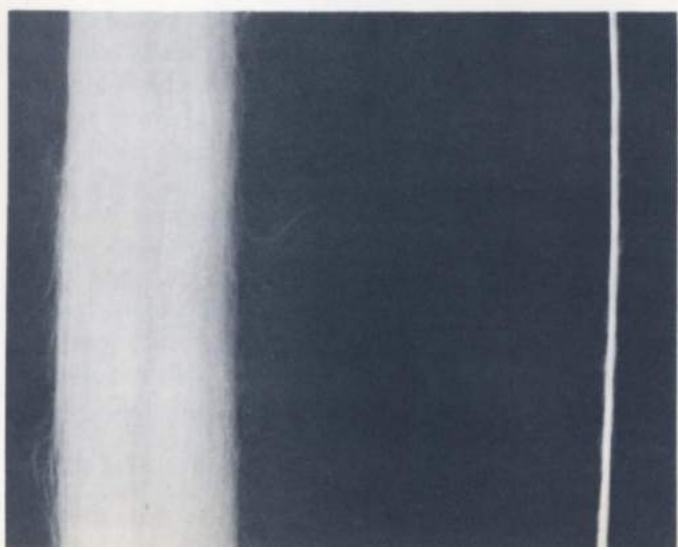
This diagram (upper left) of a modern Model GE Long-Draft with unit weighting drafting element shows how the sliver enters at the upper right and how it emerges in an attenuated form at the left. Two lines of roving are shown as they leave the drafting assembly. The second strand of roving comes from a similar sliver which is not visible in the diagram. With this system three sets of rolls are used together with two aprons for precise fiber control



(Left middle) With the covers up, this top view of the drafting element of a Super-Draft Roving Frame shows the thickness of the sliver as it enters the drafting system and its fineness as it leaves. With four pairs of rolls, two draft zones, and two aprons for fiber control, Super-Draft can draft as high as forty



The whirling flyers (above) slightly twist the fibers as the roving is wound on the bobbin. In this form the fibers are referred to as a package and are ready for the next machine



(Left) This close-up shows a round rope of sliver approximately  $\frac{3}{8}$ " in diameter before it enters the drafting area and how it appears as roving after leaving the frame. In addition to being attenuated, the roving has had a slight twist imparted to it, giving it sufficient strength so that it can be wound on and also unwound from the bobbin





# KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

## GEAR JOB

by Stan Frodyma

Personality—Bernard "Bunny" Howard, who is well known for his sunny disposition, was born in Whitinsville on January 23, 1921. During his school years he played basketball and was for two years captain of the baseball team. He began work here as a gear cutter in May, 1939, but from 1941 to 1945 served in the Air Force. As the flight engineer of a B-24 Liberator he flew twenty-three missions over Germany, earning an air medal with two oak leaf clusters. On June 26, 1948, he was married to the former Jeannette Courtemanche in St. Patrick's Church. They now have two sons, ages eight and six, and a daughter, age three. Bunny lives at 2 D Street and drives a 1956 Plymouth in which he enjoys touring the countryside. He still plays softball in the shop league, enjoys watching sporting events, and is a Red Sox fan.

Roger Taschereau has returned after a week with the gripe. . . . To the surprise of #15 Storesroom, Madeline Dean did receive her driving license. . . . Roland Roy bought a 1957 Ford hard-top Victoria. . . . Bernice Kroll left via Grey-

hound bus to visit her granddaughter in Albany. Little Katherine is two years old. . . . Floris Ebbeling, our part-time farmer, raises goats, pheasants, and Bantams on his Sutton farm. . . . According to Frank Dawicki, on a trip along the Mohawk Trail, Mr. and Mrs. John Meagher stopped to ask directions of an Indian. After asking his questions, John discovered that the Indian was an unusually silent type—made out of wood. . . . Fred Bagg has bought a 1953 Bel Air Chevrolet. . . . May birthday greetings to Madeline Dean, Bernard Skilens, James Menard, and Roger Lague. . . . An anniversary was observed by Foreman Peter Jongsma and Mrs. Jongsma.

A recent survey of our department shows that we have thirty-six Red Sox fans, fifteen Yankee fans, three Braves fans, two Tiger fans, an Indian fan, and Fred Erickson who still likes the St. Louis Browns. I say the Red Sox will win the pennant by three games. . . . Archie "Senator" Gigarjian enjoys talking politics with Ernest Riedle, who is interested in world affairs. . . . John Senkarik, who owns many rifles and shotguns, asks, "If spring comes, can fall be far behind?" He is looking forward to the next season of rabbit and partridge hunting.

## PICKERS, WINDERS, AND SYNTHETIC SMALL PARTS

by Roger J. Brissette

The gang sends get-well wishes to Tom Morvin who is on sick leave. . . . By the time this is printed, Mary Kostka will be recuperating from an operation. . . . Among the layoffs and transfers from Department 446 are Stephen Rapko, Joseph Rapko, Arthur Ducharme, Carl Frost, Joseph Maloney, George Legg, Silio Bilotti, and Norman Comtois. . . . The erecting floor of 443 and its junior partner, Winders, are out for a few weeks. . . . Leo Blanchet is still hacking away at that big rock in his garden. It might be easier and cheaper to use dynamite. . . . George Leland is now driving a 1952 Chevrolet. Another 1952 Chevrolet is being driven by Clarence Peterson. Joe Stevens is behind the wheel of a 1951 Pontiac. . . . Waldo Forsythe, Mike Swiszc, and John Sulyma are still planning a fishing trip some week end. Meanwhile Ernest Cote, fishing at Salt Pond, Point Judith, caught twenty-five flatfish and a few small cod. . . . Ben Varney has passed another birthday. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rembiszewski were pleasantly surprised when their son came home on an unexpected four-day pass from a Virginia naval base.

## FOUNDRY, CAST IRON ROOM AND RATTLERS

by Gerard Brouillette

We here in the Foundry are finally convinced that spring has at last arrived. The golf season is open and all the local champions are relating their achievements of past years and making many predictions as to the outcome of their games this year. If all of them come true, the Foundry can readily boast of the best golf league in the Shop. Hmmm! . . . The Golf League held its long-postponed banquet last month at Treasure Island, and a good time was had by all—I think. While at the banquet, a meeting was held and the officers were elected for the forthcoming year: president, George Gauthier; treasurer, Ralph Levesque; and secretary, Ken Blizzard. We are all hoping for a good year and that the league does well.

Jerome J. Rodman, better known in the Foundry as "Jerry," received his 10-year pin. Presentation was made by Raymon Meader. . . . Leland Allen has returned to work after undergoing surgery at St. Vincent Hospital. He was in the hospital for six weeks. All of us welcome his return. . . . We had a lucky winner in the Foundry. Gus Forcier bought tickets for a benefit for the Boy Scouts. He was the lucky winner of a one-gallon can of Heinz relish. All he needs now are the hot dogs to go with it! . . . Warning! Frank Shugrue who gave up smoking has started smoking again.



Richard Gauthier's working display of rocket propulsion elements took first prize among the hundred and fifteen projects displayed at the 5th Science Fair on March 25. This is the second year that Dick, president of the Jets, has taken top honors





Third prize went to Bernyce Moran who used colored ping-pong balls to illustrate fission in the U-235 nucleus. This is the second year that Bernyce has won a major award

**BOX JOB**

by Alice Travaille

Everyone was happy to welcome back Foreman Al Blanchette after his five-week absence for an operation. Much to our surprise, Chillo and I survived the rush, emerging with only minor bruises. . . . Paul Grenon, after having a sliver imbedded in the base of his thumb for a month, had minor surgery and now has the sliver as a souvenir. The sliver was found to be over an inch long. . . . Jim Dorsey and his daughter are happy to have Mrs. Dorsey back home after a stay at Whitinsville Hospital. . . . What will we ever do without the clownish antics of Fifi Turcotte, now that he is being transferred to another elevator? His vast store of tricks, including gigantic thumb, popeyes, and numerous hats, cheered up many a day and many a person. . . . Joe Gregoire and Paul Roy have resumed their annual Red Sox-Yankee feud, with Joe handing Paul a crying towel whenever the Sox lose. . . . Ralph Nolet attended the annual bowling banquet at the Klondike on April 16.

**TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT**

by Marcel Turgeon

Our personality this month is James F. Forsythe, twin brother of Raymond J. Forsythe, who was born February 18, 1916, in Whitinsville. After attending the local schools, he came to work in the Freight House in 1935. In 1942 he entered the service and did his basic training in Cheyenne, Wyoming, with the Quartermaster Corps. He then went to an ordnance company at Camp Gordon in Augusta, Georgia, and later to California for assignment overseas. He took part in the battles of Leyte, Luzon, and Cebu and was in New Caledonia with the 315 Ordnance Company. After spending thirty months overseas, he came back to California to be sent to Camp Devens for discharge. With the rank of T/5, he was discharged in January, 1946, and came back to his job here. Jim married Eileen Reilly, a Whitinsville girl, on June 28, 1946. They have two sons, James, Jr., and Raymond J. They live at 60 Main Street in town. Jim likes to go fishing with the boys. He is a member of the Whitinsville Fire Department and a member of Mumford Council, K. of C.

Celebrating anniversaries: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gagnon. . . . Observing birthdays: Emile Merchant, Katherine Kearnan, and Theresa Benjamin. . . . The 4th Annual Art Exhibition will be held at the Whittin Gym for two weeks beginning June 14. Plan to attend. You will not be disappointed. Best wishes to James Mele who is recuperating from an operation. . . . Several familiar faces are missed around here. Sure hope that it will not be too long before we see them again.

**STEAMFITTERS AND PLUMBING**

by Charles R. Smith

Personality of the month—Stanley Ciesielski of the Plumbing Department is thirty-eight years old and has worked for Whittin for seventeen years. Stanley, or "Peewee" as he is commonly called by his fellow workers, is a very pleasant, easy-to-get-along-with fellow. He is married and has four children, two boys and two girls. They are just enough to keep him hopping. Stanley is a World War II veteran, serving in the Army during the conflict. His favorite hobby is rooting for the Boston Red Sox.

Edward Harvey, our supervisor, is now a member of the jury, serving at the civil session in Worcester. . . . Louis Menard is still at home on the disabled list. . . . Wendell Coombs has again signed up for the Garden Club. He is hoping for better luck with his cabbages this year. . . . Robert Goyette is really having a rough time with his two children. In the past few weeks they have had chickenpox, measles and mumps. . . . We welcome a new addition, Vincent DeThomas, who will be assigned to the air conditioning section of our department. . . . After ten years, Robert McFarlane has moved back to his old apartment at Spring Terrace. The gang got together and helped him move. . . . John Farrar will know what to do with his spare time now as he has purchased a new home on Roy Street. . . . Lawrence Gamelin has completed his vacation. He and Mrs. Gamelin drove down

to Florida to visit relatives. . . . With the advent of good weather, Harold Branowicki expects to get rolling on the new home he is building on Providence Road. . . . Joseph Greenwood visited relatives in Philadelphia over the Easter holidays. . . . Oscar Barr is not happy unless he is talking about cars. . . . Henry Audette is now sporting around in a sedan instead of his convertible. Guess the winters were getting too cold for him. . . . Spring must be in the air, as Charles Higgins is talking about his cottage at Vinal Haven. . . . Melvin Young gave his snowblower quite a workout this past winter. . . . Things I would like to see: Joseph LeFrancis in one of those small foreign cars.

**CUTTING-OFF JOB**

by June Boisvert and Irene Mombourquette

Congratulations to June Boisvert who received her five-year pin on March 19. It was presented to her by our foreman, Mr. Simon Bosma. . . . Ernest Lemire entered the St. Vincent Hospital on April 9 for a correction to an injured knee. We all wish him a short stay and a speedy recovery. . . . Although spring greeted us with a three-day blizzard, we are at last enjoying warm, sunny days and green grass once again—to the joy of the golfers. . . . Now that the bowling season is over our interests have switched to the outdoor sports. The golfing, baseball, and fishing season is here, and of course vacation time is approaching. Many of us are planning motor trips, others will be camping out. There is still time to plan, folks.



**LINWOOD DIVISION**

by Louise Sohigian and Wilbur Baird

Foreman Alan Blizard and Mrs. Blizard are the proud grandparents of a girl born March 29. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Alan Blizard, Jr., of Puerto Rico. A grandson was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Blizard at the Milford Hospital on April 8. Grandpa is doing just fine. . . . Recently Frank DeJong bought a 1956 Ford. . . . Diet time is here! Harry Malkasian and Al Blizard are watching the scales these days. Harry says that he is getting in trim for the clambake season. . . . Albert Cupka's mother, Mrs. Francis Kolumber of East Douglas, died on Easter Sunday morning.

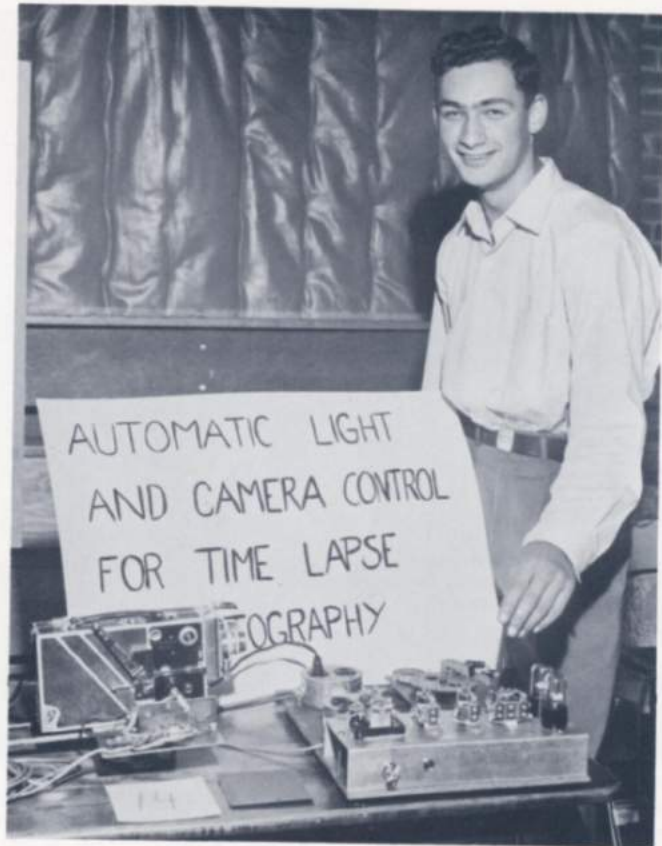
We are happy to welcome the return of Myrtle Cronan who was out on sick leave. . . . A speedy recovery to Mary Melville who is out because of illness. . . . We are happy to hear that our former time clerk, Maureen McKeating, is receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Malkasian on their 18th wedding anniversary. . . . Birthday candles were lit this month for Lillian Scott, Widgie Esposito, Annie Mantell, and Sam Gagne. . . . Congratulations to Annie Londergan who received her 15-year pin. . . . Edyth Fior is walking on air this month, for she now has two more grandchildren.

**TOP ROLL DEPARTMENT**

by George H. Bond

Jackie Labrecque journeyed to Canada for a family wedding this past winter and her experiences will long be remembered. The train trip up was uneventful, but coming back a blizzard began to blow as the train left Canada. By the time they reached the Berkshire hills, drifts were piling up as high as the train. Soon the train stopped, then backed and went forward again, and stopped again. Brakemen and conductors kept passing through telling the passengers to stay calm, that relief trains were coming. Rumors soon spread that the Army was sending a helicopter and dog sleds to rescue the passengers. Jackie began to wonder how she would look riding into Linwood on a dog sled. However, after a few hours of waiting in a now heatless coach, the train was pushed into the next station and eventually reached Worcester. Linwood looked mighty good to Jackie. She hasn't gone far from Linwood since.

Department 425 welcomes the return of Agnes Cawley after a month's illness at home and in the hospital. . . . Abe Koury, the inspection leader, is resting at home after a week's stay in the R. I. Hospital in Providence. . . . The past month we bid farewell to many of our old associates and welcomed in new ones from other departments. Birthday greetings to Katharine McGill and Jackie Labrecque.



Second prize in the affair sponsored by the Jets and the Kiwanis went to Peter Theiler, a junior who designed and built an automatic light and camera control for time-lapse photography

**RING JOB**

by Joseph Witek and Robert Balcome

Opinions expressed in the following lines do not necessarily reflect the opinions of your reporters. Alphonse Turgeon tells us that the major league baseball teams will end the season in the following order: American League—Detroit, New York, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Baltimore, and Washington; National League—St. Louis, Milwaukee, Los Angeles, Cincinnati, Chicago, Pittsburgh, and San Francisco. As we are all ardent baseball fans (or fanatics), we will refer to this issue in October. . . . A little news while it still is news. Everett Gaspar's new Pontiac "Chieftain" still looks real snazzy after a hard winter. . . . Herbert Smith and Mrs. Smith should have been congratulated at the time of their fifteenth wedding anniversary two months ago. Better late than never. . . . Bob Balcome played the organ at the Easter service in Old Douglas where his three granddaughters and one grandniece were baptized. . . . Everett Gaspar was elected a deacon of the Chestnut Street Congregational Church of Worcester. . . . Birthday greetings to Alice Dionne, Colbert Fontaine, Louis Roy and Alphonse Pariseau. . . . Baseball and fishing are the main conversational pieces now. When the Fish and Game Club opened its season here, Department 437 was represented by Joe

Witek, Louis Roy, and Bud Frieswyk. Joe used flies and caught seven in two days. Louis and Bud used garden hackle (worms to you). Bud caught six and Louis none. . . . Vacations are beginning to be discussed. Where are you going? If so, take your camera and let us have some pictures, even if it's only of the back yard.

**DUPLICATORS**

by Emil Wikiera

George Cartier has been selected as our official Union representative. Congratulations. . . . Department 488 will not be represented by a softball team this season. It seems that we have no one to manage a team this year, and that there also is a shortage of players. However, a few of the boys have expressed a desire to play again this year, so if any manager is looking for softball talent, this writer may be contacted for names. . . . If anyone wants to learn how not to play cribbage, they may have free lessons any noon hour. Our department experts may have difficulty counting but they do have a lot of fun.

**STEEL FABRICATION**

by Frank Milton Crossland

Personality—William F. Ryan, "Just Plain Bill" to his many friends, was born





William F. Ryan, Steel Fabrication personality, was a noted basketball player during his school days at Blackstone High

in Blackstone on April 27, 1930, the son of James and Esther Ryan. After attending St. Paul's grammar school, he graduated from Blackstone High School where he was a noted basketball player. He began work at Whitin in January, 1948, in the Production Department and is at present assigned to Storesroom #26. His fellow employees know him as a competent, sociable man who is pleasant to talk with. On November 11, 1954, he was married to the former Patricia Folding in St. Paul's Church. They have a son, Bill, Jr., age twenty-two months, and a daughter, Ellen, age six months. Bill's hobby is golf. He at times shoots in the low sixties.

Vacation plans—many from Department 432 will be motoring through New Hampshire and will stop at the Cathedral of the Pines, near Jaffrey. Eugene Closson, "Sheriff" Nichols, Bill Ryan, Henry Deslauriers and Herve Croteau have made reservations at Lakes Sunapee and Winnepesaukee, and also at Hampton Beach, all favorite vacation spots. Herman Hathaway, George C. Vacher, Paul Grenier, Sr., Mike Bodnar, and Maurice Landry will be driving through the New England states and will visit our southern neighboring state of Connecticut. Gerard Dagesse and Reno H. Pigalargi will visit the Mysis Sea Museum; Thomas M. Pottie will camp at a private beach along Long Island Sound, near Stamford; John Steele, Jr. has reservations at Lake Candlewood, near Danbury; and John W. Kortecamp will soak up the sun on the beaches nearby New Canaan. All in all, it will be an enjoyable two weeks for the majority of men from Steel Fabrication.

Things are changing so rapidly around here that I can hardly keep track of the goings on. One major complaint I must register with this issue is the lack of news available for publication month after month. Is it lack of interest on your part, or do we hold the distinct honor of being a group of "no-news" makers? We may be all employed in the Steel Fabrication Depart-

ment, but this reporter cannot fabricate stories newsworthy of your attention issue after issue—so how about getting on the ball and helping me? . . . A happy birthday to John Bartlenski, Maurice Landry, Herman Hathaway, and Henry Melanson.

**BOLSTER JOB**

by Charles Kheboian

Lindsay Harding is getting his boat house and boats on Meadow Pond ready for another season of fishing. . . . Al Pawelcyck has challenged Frank Machacz and Walter Fierly to a game of handball. Al says that he can beat them even if they play together against him. Frank and Walter take a "no comment" stand. . . . Tony Destafanis became a grandfather when his daughter, Mrs. Hoekstra, had a son born on April 10 in the Whitinsville Hospital. . . . The Bolster Job baseball club is going to only one Red Sox ball game. They decided to go in style and sit in box seats. The members, who are Dominic O'Gara, Bob Cochrane, Walter Fierly, Frank Machacz, Harold Flinton, Dick Baker, Leo Bouley and Charles Kheboian, have not yet decided which game to attend. . . . Walter Turpak and Art Bruneau, our two most vociferous Red Sox fans, have made their usual wager of a dinner with Dominic O'Gara and Bob Cochrane.

For those who remember "Lefty" Brochu, here is an interesting piece of news. Lefty left us twelve years ago to become a monk at the St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer. He is known there as Father Gabriel. He was recently selected to go to Rome for two or three years to further his education. After a stormy voyage across the Atlantic, he arrived safely in France and journeyed on to Rome. We all wish Lefty well. I know he has never forgotten any of us in his prayers and he remembers us every Christmas with a card.

**TIN SHOP, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS**

by Dorsey Devlin and Pete Paddock

News seems to be about as hard to dig up as new orders, so the readers of this column will have to bear with us until everything gets back to normal—very soon we hope. . . . Eddie Horan could have used one of these reporters on Friday, April 11, when on his way back to the shop his car caught fire. Eddie and the Uxbridge Fire Department did a good job in saving the car. . . . Speaking of cars, both Jim Fisher and Alfie Berube are driving new Fords.

Norman I. Spratt, planner at Department 452, is our personality of the month. Norman was born in Lonsdale, R. I., on February 13, 1902, and attended the local public schools. He then went to work at the age of 14 for the Pawtucket Nut and



Father Gabriel, now studying in Rome, formerly was "Lefty" Brochu of the Bolster Job. He is shown with his four brothers: Donat, who operates the Pythian Alleys, Joe of the Foundry, Wilfred of the Freight House, and Aime of the Gear Job

Bolt Company. Later he worked as an apprentice for the Potter & Johnston Company of Pawtucket from 1918 to 1923. In the latter part of 1923, he came to the Whitin Machine Works. Norman was the Assistant Foreman of Department 417 for seventeen years. He was married September 17, 1928, to the former Gladys E. Newton of Whitinsville. They have two sons, Norman Spratt, Jr., of Border Street, who is employed at the Ring Shop, and Stuart Spratt of Culver City, California, who is employed by the Rand Development Corporation. He has four granddaughters and a grandson. He is a member of the Methodist Church, the Methodist Men's Club, and is a Red Sox fan. His hobbies are painting and woodworking. He also enjoyed going to the New Hampshire seashore during the hot summer months. Before Norman's recent illness, he was an active golfer and bowler. His favorite page in a newspaper seems to be the sport page.

The 413 Club had their spring party at Treasure Island in Webster on Saturday, April 26. A full course turkey dinner was served, after which everyone enjoyed dancing. . . . Arthur Leferrier has been hospitalized for hernia. . . . Henry Pandolfi is working on his father's farm this summer. . . . Arthur Chasse is doing a lot of trout fishing in Rhode Island. . . . Cora Barsamian's new assignment is painting A.T.F. presses. . . . Ross Rajotte and family plan a visit to Benson's Animal Farm in New Hampshire. The farm opened to the public on April 20.

**TOOL JOB**

by George Jones

Adam Vrabel, boring mill, fell asleep in the Whitin Gymnasium one noon hour and didn't wake up until after one o'clock. We wonder if it's from too much over-



time or from walking the baby nights?  
 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lester Murray, Jr. celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary on April 26. . . . Harvey Departie has a 1958 black Ford convertible. . . . Lester Nutting, repairman, and William Leaver, night repairman, have been transferred to Department 426. . . . April, 1958, some of the men on Department 454 went on a four-day week, the first time since 1937. . . . The new apprentice in the milling section is Edward Danis who comes from Woonsocket. He is married and likes to play softball. Ed has been in the shop two and a half years, six months in the freight house and two years as an apprentice. . . . The new apprentice repairman is Donald Dion. He lives on D Street, is married, and has two daughters. He worked on the Picker Job for a year and has been an apprentice for two years. He likes to fish.

**FLYER JOB AND INSPECTION OFFICE**

*by Bernard Roddy and Lorna Abramek*

Planting time is here again. Everyone has the planting spirit, visions of large tomatoes and cucumbers, and it looks as if we would have plenty of time to garden this year. Let's hope we will have more rain this year than we had last year. . . . Dean Perkin's son, Dean, Jr., is now stationed at Arlington, Virginia. He is studying advanced personnel training. . . . George Plitouke's son, Robert, has spent a two weeks' vacation at home. He has been transferred from Atlantic City to Quonset Point, R. I. He is a second-class petty officer. . . . Joel Racicot has been out sick. He spent two weeks at Doctors Hospital in Worcester but is now back on the job. Also on the sick list was Archie Ledue, but he is now back to work and feeling fine. . . . Thomas Eccleston and his grandson Thomas Wharton, who have the same birth dates, celebrated at a family gathering at Sterling Inn. . . . Troy Smith from Anderson, South Carolina, is spending a few weeks in this department. He is an apprentice on Erecting Winders. . . . Bernard Roddy has bought an aluminum ladder, thanks to the boys in the department who remembered him at Christmas.

Robert Philbrook got quite a surprise the other morning. When he started the motor of his car, he heard an awful racket. Upon investigation he found a large cat under the hood. . . . Leo Turcotte, who operated elevator #4, has been transferred to elevator #9 at the Freight House. We will miss Leo and his cheerful disposition. . . . The Inspection Office bids adieu to Philip Peirce who has left us to enter the U. S. Army. . . . Birthday greetings in May go to Peter VanderSloot and Albert Cummings. . . . We are glad to see Lorna's walking is normal again. She had plenty of trouble with her toes, so we are happy to see her using her normal gait again. Now she can stand on the corner of Forest Street watching for the right car to go by.



Bidding farewell to Nishan Ahmadjian of Department 404 are Louis Veau, left, and Raymon Meader, right. When Nishan retired on March 28 he received a purse from his fellow workers

**COMBER JOB**

*by Terry Merolli*

In spite of the recent April snowstorm, we are all turning our thoughts to gardening and checking the lawn mower for future use. . . . A few brave souls, including Fred Chaffee, went fishing up at Riley's Pond on the opening day. After an hour of the chilling air, Fred went home minus a catch! . . . The baseball season is officially open and now the discussions will begin—a pleasant change from snow and storms. . . . The Ray Valentis have visited their cottage at the Cape during the recent week ends and the Bob Hopkins spent a week end up at New Hampshire with relatives. . . . Ken Hudson is back after an operation but Hector Chase is still out on sick leave. We have voted Hector our "Keystone Cop" of 424. We wish him a speedy recovery for we certainly miss his good humor. . . . Birthday greetings for the month go to George Audio, Joe Majeau, and Archie Fournier. . . . Wedding anniversary greetings to Ruth and Archie Fournier.

**WOOD PATTERNS**

*by Vera Taylor*

Happy birthdays in May to Ralph Houghton, James Ferguson and Francis Joslin. . . . Celebrating anniversaries in May are Mr. and Mrs. George Gauthier, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kroll, Mr. and Mrs.

Nelson Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. John Dominick and Mr. and Mrs. Albert John. . . . The Whitin Chapter of the Stamp Out Malaria League held its Spring Seminar at the Douglas meeting grounds on Friday, March 28, 1958. Slides showing the inroads of the dread disease were shown during the extended business meeting. Plans were made for the summer cruise of the League, and committees appointed for the proper administration of said plans. A light lunch was served by the auxiliary. . . . In the new car department, we have Raymond E. Fullerton of the Custom Royal Dodge Fullertons. Happy motoring.

**MILLING JOB**

*by Harry Ludvigson*

Anthony DiCillo, our personality for this month, has worked with us for the past eleven years, for he began at Whitin on February 11, 1947. Anthony, or "Toni" as he is better known to us in the department, has been a resident of the Blackstone Valley all his life, having always lived in North Uxbridge where he was born and raised. Toni received his early schooling as a student at the Good Shepherd Parochial School of North Uxbridge. He also attended Uxbridge High School. After graduation, he was employed for one year at the Waucantuek Mills of Uxbridge. He was married on August 26, 1944, to the former Claire Savage of Uxbridge. They at present make their home at 5 Bailey Street in Uxbridge. They are the parents





Gertrude Boutiette, daughter of Edward Boutiette of Department 416, received her cap at St. Vincent Hospital on March 24 after successfully completing her preliminary training

of one son, Kenneth, age 12. Toni served with the Navy during the second World War and also during the Korean conflict. He was stationed in Northern Ireland as an electronic technician at a repair base where he worked with James Vechione of East Douglas during World War II. During the Korean days, he served on the aircraft carrier *U.S.S. Salerno Bay*. His only hobby is watching various sports on television.

After being serenaded by the boys all morning, John Nelson received a cake complete with candles at noontime on the occasion of his sixty-fifth birthday on March 24. John has worked with us for the past forty-three years. . . . Water from the melting snow which ran into the cellar of Joseph Ashton on the Quaker Highway was a blessing in disguise. It enabled Joe, his brother John, Armand Vermette, and Arthur Leclair to float out the boat which they purchased last year and stored there. After getting the boat out of doors and putting it in order with a lot of scraping and painting, they plan a trip with it this summer. They will bring the boat by trailer to Narragansett Bay where it will be officially launched with the customary bottle of champagne (contents removed). After the ceremonies, they will sail the inland waterways to Florida where they will try to land a few sailfish. John Ashton will serve as the skipper and Armand Vermette will be harbour master. Armand claims the return trip homeward will be quite difficult as it will be all up hill.

Here is how the American League will look after all is said and done next October, according to a consensus of fifty baseball experts of our department. Points are based on 8 for 1st, 7 for 2nd, etc. New York (364), Boston (316), Chicago (293), Detroit

(247), Cleveland (244), Baltimore (118), Kansas City (113), Washington (110). First place votes were as follows: New York (24), Boston (13), Chicago (5), Detroit (2), Cleveland (3), Baltimore (0), Kansas City (1)? and Washington (2)? . . . Best wishes to the following who celebrate wedding anniversaries this month: Joseph Popek, Emile Laquerre, Benoit Briere, Thomas Daley, Raymond Smith, Clarence Sherman, Armand Methot, Albert Potvin, Kenneth Williams, Clifford Mason, Maurice Omar, Adrien Violette, Sidney Vandersea, George Beaudoin, Raymond Duhamel, Aime Rainville, George Vincent, and Annie Heerdt. . . . Everett Leclair left us on April 11 to assist his father who runs a chicken farm in Upton. They raise up to 18,000 broilers each year, so Everett will find plenty to do around the farm.

**SPINDLE JOB**

by Jacob Wassenaar

Congratulations and best wishes to Joseph F. Chabot, son of Joseph Chabot of Department 439, who made the dean's list at Oklahoma State University where he is a pre-veterinary student. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dixson on the birth of a baby boy weighing seven pounds nine ounces on April 7, 1958. Their son has been named Mark.

**RESEARCH DIVISION**

by Aram Sisoian

Last month George Burgess left our engineering section at Research to go back to General Engineering, main plant. He will be missed by everyone. . . . Con-



Anthony DeCillo, Milling Job personality, is a veteran of both World War II and of the Korean conflict



**FREDERICK ODELL  
PROMOTED**

Frederick A. Odell has been appointed Assistant Manager of the Export Sales Division according to an announcement recently released by J. Hugh Bolton, President.

Mr. Odell came to Whitin in 1952 as a member of the sales force when Whitin took over the textile machinery interests of the H & B American Machine Company.

He was educated in the schools of Cumberland and Pawtucket, R. I., and attended the Rhode Island School of Design. He joined H & B in 1937 and served in engineering and sales capacities.

During World War II he served in the United States Navy for several years.

He is married, has three children and makes his home in Cumberland, R. I.

gratulations to John Larsen who has been made a regular member of the Division. . . . Bill Strzelewicz is the new proud father of a baby girl. Every member in the engineering section got a SHEgar. . . . Although Research doesn't boast of its great singers, many can be heard during the noon hour in the machine shop section. Such versatile "machsingists" we have. . . . Your reporter is a member of the Armenian Choral Society and informs all that this group is planning on giving a concert which is to be held May 3 at the Town Hall. The concert is to be dedi-



cated to Archbishop Khoren Paroyan, who will be on hand. . . . On March 29, Ed Perry journeyed to Howorthy, New Jersey, to attend the marriage of his son, Richard. Richard married the former Eleanor Bahler of that town. He is the associate pastor of the Methodist Church in Natick. The service was performed by Robert Perry, his brother, who is the associate pastor of the Methodist Church in Melrose. . . . Ray Mooradian, Al Toomey, and Herb Cutler are celebrating birthdays this month. . . . Anniversaries are being observed by the Al Toomeys, Tom Codys, and the "Ike" Peloquins. To all, we wish the very best. . . . The Research volleyball team won the championship playoffs against Kupfer Brothers recently, four games to one. Those participating and receiving trophies were Ross Newton, "Spike" Smith, Leo Roy, and Bill Strzelewicz. A large trophy was given the team as a whole. This trophy is in the engineering section of Research.

**COST DEPARTMENT**

*by Beatrice Gauthier*

Anniversary congratulations this month to Roland and Dorothy Farrar, 16 years; Florence and Morris Perry, 14 years; and Armand and Theresa Plouffe, 11 years. . . . Happy birthday to Henry Lawton, Roy Benner, Marshall Clark, and Shirley McNamara. . . . The girls of this department and a few of their friends had an outing recently at the Lord Fox in Foxboro. There was no special occasion—they just wanted to dine out in style. The Lord Fox pleased everybody. Everyone ate heartily at the sumptuous smorgasbord. We are all looking forward to the next outing.

**PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT**

*by Marge Newton and Tad Wallace*

It is a pleasure to have Eileen Powers (nec McCann) as our personality this month. This personable young lady was born and raised in Whitinsville. She attended the public schools and was graduated from Northbridge High School in 1948. After completing her high school career, Eileen attended Becker College nights to become proficient in secretarial sciences. Prior to her present position she worked at the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company as a secretary and finally in 1955 she came to the Whitin Machine Works as secretary for Mr. F. O. Rizer. Eileen says hers is a rather normal and quiet life. She enjoys reading, particularly about current events and various other subjects. She enjoys television, dancing, and likes to watch sporting events. In September 1957, Eileen married Paul Powers of Millbury. Eileen and Paul reside at 3 D Street in Whitinsville. Eileen is a rather quiet type but she possesses a good sense of humor and attributes this to her Irish ancestry. She is always ready to lend a



This group from the New Bedford Institute of Technology is one of the student groups which recently toured the Whitin Machine Works and the Research Division. Field trips of this nature, in which Whitin cooperates, are considered particularly beneficial to textile students

hand and cheerfully helps anyone who may ask for her assistance.

Eddie Rice, who seems to be happiest when he is doing something for others, has asked your reporters and the SPINDLE staff to give him some assistance in bringing some measure of cheer to a twelve-year old girl who will soon have both feet amputated at Massachusetts General Hospital. The young lady is Miss Sandra Lee Henry and Eddie suggests that a card or some message of cheer would certainly make this youngster's life just a bit more pleasant as she faces this very serious phase of her life. To date, the results of Eddie's pleas have been most gratifying. He tells us that cards and letters of best wishes are literally pouring in at the moment and they are of great comfort to this young lady. Messages, for instance, from a sailor in the Red Sea, from people in Honolulu, Alaska, Brazil, Africa and even some taped messages which will be taken to the hospital and played for Sandra. This may be only coincidental but Eddie even wrote to President Eisenhower on or about April 7 and the President wrote a letter to Sandra an account of which appeared in the *Worcester Telegram* on April 15. We may be in error, but we like to think that it was Eddie's letter that prompted our president to write. So won't you take a few minutes and send a card or letter to this young lady who certainly can use every bit of cheer and encouragement she can get? The address again: Miss Sandra Lee Henry, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass.

Prior to her marriage, Shirley Fougere did some painting in the apartment she had rented. In trying to obtain a certain desired color, Shirley mixed an oil base paint with a rubber base paint. It is difficult to describe what this mixture turned out like but it had to be thrown out. It is our sincere hope that when Shirley has any cooking to do she will be very careful in her interpretation of recipes, at least more careful than when she reads the directions for mixing paint. In other words, we hope she is a better cook than a painter.

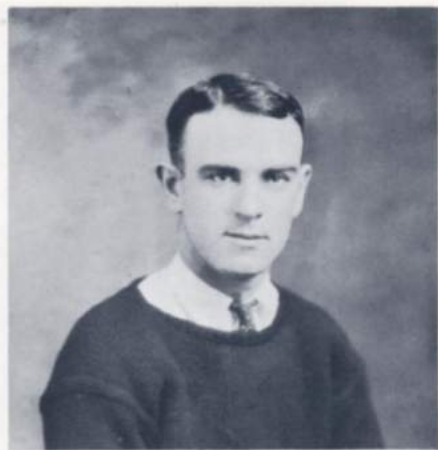
You may recall reading about a school teacher in Worcester who by his alert actions led his pupils to safety prior to the collapse of the walls and ceiling in the Ludlow Street School. The teacher was a Mr. George Stuart who is Jim Kane's nephew. Jim read the headline on an article but it was much later in the day when he discovered that it was his nephew. It made Jim feel justly proud.

**REPAIR SALES**

*by Carol Corron*

Our personality for this month is Joan M. Hutcheson. Joan was born on July 30, 1936, in Bristol, England. She lived in Bristol until she was four and then moved to Tillicoultry, Clackmannanshire, Scotland. She lived in Scotland until she was fifteen and then came to this country, making her home here in Whitinsville.





MYSTERY PHOTO—On the left is Julius Vierstra of the Tool Job. On the right is a civil service passport photograph of a former basketball player taken in 1925

She attended schools over in Scotland, completing her freshman year there. Upon arrival here in Whitinsville, she resumed her studies at Northbridge High, graduating in the class of 1954. Joan continued her studying by attending Alma College, Alma, Michigan. She came to work here in the Production Department in August of 1955 where she worked for Hugh Currier for a year and a half. She came to work here in the Repair Department Annex in March, 1957. Joan's hobbies consist of reading and knitting. She is very active in sports both as a participant and as a spectator. Joan plays basketball for the Whitin Machine Works girls' team and also plays softball for one of the shop teams. She also enjoys tennis and plays a little golf, hoping to improve it this year. She is an ardent fan of the Little League, Intermediate League and Babe Ruth League here in town. I couldn't think of a better month to have Joan as our "personality of the

month" than May. Joan will be married May 31 to James Davidson (who happens to be my brother) in the United Presbyterian Church in Whitinsville. They will live temporarily on Sherry Street after the wedding. Our best wishes to you Joan, with my special personal wishes added.

This month's wishes for birthday greetings go out to Billy Baird and Sari "Tootie" Delvin. . . . Anniversary wishes to Ann Wiersma, Cecil Small and Orrin Austin. . . . We recently had a party for Alice DerTosorian Sagherian at the Lord Fox in Foxboro. This party was delayed due to Alice's illness, as Alice was in Whitinsville Hospital with a slight case of the flu. Immediately on her return to the office we started plans for the party. A fabulous time was enjoyed by all of us. Alice was married on April 20 to Samuel Sagherian here in the Armenian Apostolic Church. After a trip to Florida Alice returned to work. . . . I guess they think Orrin Austin makes a good juror. Before he even completed his jury duty in Boston he was chosen for Worcester duty. We knew you could do it Orrin! . . . Congratulations to our bowling team which placed second in the shop league.



This is Repair Sales own mystery photo. Those unable to identify this young lady will find her name in next month's Repair Sales column

**WAGE STANDARDS**

by Marilyn Blair and Eileen Jussaume

For our personality this month, we will have a word about one of the "Office Old-timers," Howard Sears. He was born in Framingham but moved to Hopedale as a young boy. He went to Hopedale schools, was graduated from Northeastern University in 1932, and completed a course at Babson Institute in 1941. Howard married the former Katherine Braun of Millis in 1938. They have a boy, Howard M., 15, and a girl, Kathy, 9 years of age. The family now live in their own home in Uxbridge. Joining Whitin in 1942, Howard has been with Time Study continuously, except for 26 months' service during World War II. He left in 1943 for Fort McClel-

land, Alabama, where he was trained as an anti-tank gunner. Early in 1944 he was shipped overseas to Italy where he joined the 34th Infantry Division. He served as a rifleman; as a member of battalion intelligence; and with the division finance office. He received three campaign stars and the combat rifleman's badge. After the war was over, while stationed at Trieste, Howard visited Switzerland and Rome, spending a week in each. His favorite city in Italy is Venice. In scouting, he was assistant scoutmaster and scoutmaster of Troop 22, Uxbridge, for three years. Howard resigned last September, but continues in scouting as troop committee treasurer.

If you should see a beautiful 1958 Plymouth Station Wagon, color copper glo with an iceberg white top, you'll know it belongs to Lynn Richardson. . . . One of our favorite people, "Herb" Lindblom, is being hospitalized. Hope he is well on the road to recovery for he is missed by all. . . . Our old friend Ronald King, former Wage Standards employee, came in to pay us a visit. He has accepted a position with Builders Iron Foundry in Providence. . . . Lewis Smith, who has talent, sang "They Wouldn't Believe Me" in the minstrel show sponsored by the Woman's Club. His performance was enjoyed by all.

**METHODS**

by Jean Cunningham

It seems so good to be back in circulation again after nine weeks out since the first of the year. Not too much news to catch up on, though. The girls on the night shift have taken over the column this month. Eleanor Lloyd's daughter Cindy, grade 8, Northbridge Junior High School, won the D.A.R. award for her essay "Democracy vs. Dictatorship." . . . Muriel Garcelon's daughter Ruth, a sophomore at Sutton High School, won honorable mention in biology for a model of the inner ear at the annual science fair. . . . Ruth Benton also has reason to be proud. Her husband Les performed in the barbershop quartet in the Women's Club Annual show. Ruth also spent hours looking for the drive belt for her sewing machine. Her son, "Lone Ranger" Jeff, was using it for a lasso. . . . It seems a shame that we have to say farewell, adieu, and all that to this night shift, for Muriel was quite the one for providing entertainment during supper hour with her recitation of "Our Albert and the Lion." No admission charge either! Margaret Nelson is leaving with this group also. She says nothing important ever happens at her house. . . . The day shift is also losing some very nice people in Joe Smolenski, Merton Whatley, Larry Haymen, Frank Lorkiewicz, Bernie Cabana, and Irene Barnett. . . . Birthday congratulations this month go to Harley Buma, Frank DeHaas, Hjalmar Larson, G. Frank Martin, George Shaw, and Earl Mason. Also to Merton Whatley and Lewis Kenney who have been on the sick list for quite sometime. You'll be hearing from me again next month—I think—I hope.



## ENGINEERING AND MASTER LIST DEPARTMENTS

by Lou Lucier and Frances Healy

Seb Kalousdian and Kitty Sullivan recently received their five-year pins. Ten-year pins recently were presented to Ren Yeo and Stanley Witek. . . . Les Benton, Ren Yeo, Grace Kazarian, John Thompson and Ed Desjourdy represented our departments in great style on April 9. Their part in the minstrel show, "Mississippi Belle" was a real success and was greatly applauded by a capacity attendance. . . . Thelma Baker's red complexion can be attributed to her recent week's vacation in Miami, Florida. . . . Ann Briand and a couple of her girl friends took in the sights of New York City the week end of April 12. . . . On the night of April 10, Phil O'Grady was tendered a stag party at the Klondike by his fellow workers. . . . Our Engineering golf league have a couple of matches under their belts and are looking ahead to another banner season. . . . Birthdays for the month: Stanley Witek, Trina Ebbeling, Hazel Creighton, Ethel Braman, Edith Goodwin, and Warren Greene.



To Robert Dixon, 439 Inspection, and Helen Dixon, a son, Mark, weight 7 lbs. 9 oz., on April 7.

To Sterling Duffy, Department 434, and Ruth Duffy, formerly of Department 594, a son, Kent Brian, weight 6 lbs. 8 oz., in Milford Hospital on March 21.

To William Strzelewicz, Department 570, and Mrs. Strzelewicz, a daughter, Lisa, in St. Vincent's Hospital on March 22.

To Alden Toomey, Department 571, and Mrs. Toomey, a daughter, Kathleen, in Whitinsville Hospital on April 10.

To William O'Brien, Department 421, and Mrs. O'Brien, a son, John Francis, at Whitinsville Hospital on April 9.

To Paul Larossee, Cost Department, and Rita Larossee, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, weight 5 lbs. 8 oz., on March 21.

To Chester Frieswick, Tool Job, and Mrs. Frieswick, a daughter, Laurel Joan, weight 7 lbs. 13 oz., in The Memorial Hospital on April 8.

To Bill Warren, Department 446, and Dorothy Warren, a daughter, Sandra Gail, weight 8 lbs. 12 oz., on February 26.

To Ben Musket, Department 485, and Mrs. Musket, a son, David Brian, weight 7 lbs. 12 oz.

To David Richardson, Wood Patterns, and Mrs. Richardson, a son, Mark, weight 9 lbs. 8 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on April 6.



Samuel Sagherian and Alice DerTorosian, Repair Sales, were married in the Armenian Apostolic Church on April 20. The honeymoon was spent in Florida.

Roger Lauzier and Florence Bileau, daughter of Florence Bileau of Department 401, were married in St. Anne's Church, Manchaug, on April 12.

Francis Conley of Blackstone and Lillian Senkarik, daughter of John Senkarik of Department 420, were married in St. Denis Church, East Douglas, on May 3.

Philip O'Grady, Engineering Department, and Shirley Fougere, Production, were married in St. Denis Church, East Douglas, on April 12. They are living in East Douglas.

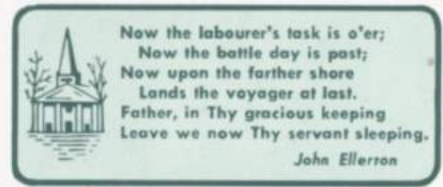
The engagement of Joyce Bell of East Milton to Philip Kozak of Department 485 has been announced. A June wedding is planned.

The engagement of Nena Donatelli, daughter of Maria Donatelli of Department 401, to William Bisbee, U. S. Army, was announced on April 5. The wedding will take place in the fall.



Joan M. Hutcheson, Repair Sales, will be married to James Davidson, Metals Laboratory, in the United Presbyterian Church on May 31

The engagement of Ruth Valentine, Repair Sales, to James Fournier has been announced. They will be married in Woonsocket on June 28.



Now the labourer's task is o'er;  
Now the battle day is past;  
Now upon the farther shore  
Lands the voyager at last.  
Father, in Thy gracious keeping  
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.  
John Ellerton

Their friends and associates  
extend heartfelt sympathy  
to the bereaved

Anthony Furno, Yards, and Thomas Furno, Linwood Division, on the death of their father.

Russell Lupien, Department 485, on the death of his father, Louis Lupien, on March 28.

Albert Cupka, Department 450, on the death of his mother, Mrs. Frances Kolumber of East Douglas, on Easter Sunday morning.

Roland Farrar, Cost Department, on the death of his father, Charles Farrar, 83, in West Boylston on April 2.

Lucien Mercure, Department 416, on the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Florence Orcutt, in The Memorial Hospital on April 8.

Friends and relatives of William Ratcliffe, 73, a former member of Department 416, who died at his home at 29 North Main Street on March 28. A native of Bury, England, and for thirty-one years a Whitin employee, he was well known as a soccer player and soccer referee.

Family and friends of Leon H. Horner, 85, retired Whitin engineer who died April 10 in St. Petersburg, Florida, after a short illness. He was a life member of Granite Lodge, A.F. & A.M., and of the Meadowview Gun Club.

Relatives and friends of Leroy A. Clarke, 65, of Sutton Street, Uxbridge, who died in Whitinsville Hospital on March 18. A veteran of World War I, he was, prior to his retirement, for forty-six years a Whitin employee.

Friends and survivors of Brenda M. Cook, 37, of 19 Linwood Avenue, Linwood, who died in St. Vincent Hospital on March 21. She was employed here as a production clerk.

Friends and family of Alfred C. Nolet, 59, a former Whitin employee who died recently at his home at 82 Main Street.

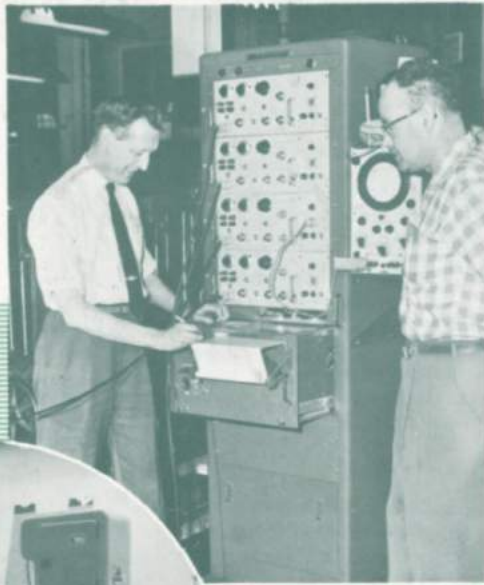
Shirley Zakarian, Engineering, on the death of her father on April 8.

Survivors and friends of Dexter S. Wood, 82, retired Whitin employee who died at his home on Albion Street, Millville, on April 14. He was a machinist here for fifty years.

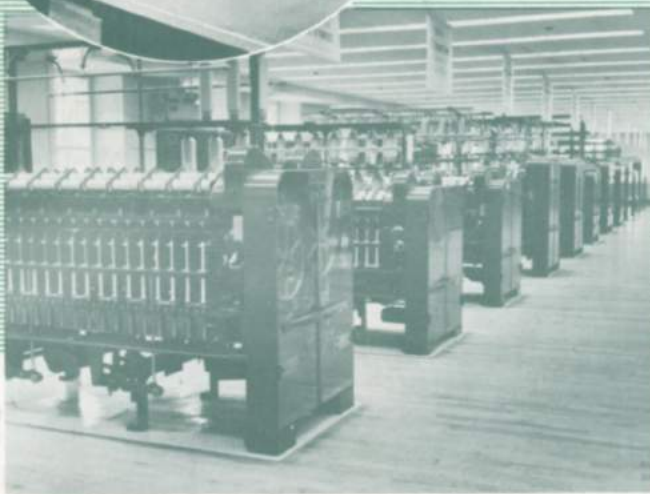




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