

Familiar Faces

Around the Plant



Toros Norosian, Sweeper on the Tool Job, lives in Whitinsville and has 3 stepsons. He lists gardening as one of his hobbies



Henry Courteau, Diesel Locomotive Operator, has 39 years at Whitin. He lives in Uxbridge, has 4 daughters and 1 son



Lois Gellatly, Secretary in the Personnel Office, came here in 1947. She spends her leisure at home reading and sewing



Vera Taylor, "Spindle" reporter, is a Time-clerk and Foreman's Clerk in Department No. 401. She is married and has 1 son



Joseph Gregoire, Packer in the Shipping Department, received his 25 Year Service Pin in January. His favorite hobby is baseball



Charles Willard, Shop Guard, has 39 years seniority at Whitin. He lives in Whitinsville and has 2 sons working in the Plant



Cecil Small, Stock Dispatcher, started here in 1933. He has 2 daughters at Whitin. His hobbies are hunting and fishing

Trinet

There Are Whitin Roving Frames

BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

SORRY, folks, we didn't know things would turn out as they did! There are at least three hundred Whitin Roving Frames at work behind the Iron Curtain.

In 1912 we made our first 12 Roving Frames, and following World War I sold hundreds of frames to China. Those sturdy, long-lived machines are still at work and will be for many years to come.

There are a lot of Whitin Roving Frames at work. For example, in one year—1949—we made about 600 Dandy, Worsted Cone, and Flyer Roving Frames. Primarily used on cotton and rayon staple, some Whitin Roving Frames are used to process such unusual fibers as asbestos for miners' lamp wicks and collagen (made

from the sinews of the hind legs of calves) for tennis racket strings. Divisional Superintendent Robert Wilson has samples of such unusual products in his office.

Because of the varied requirements of the textile industry Whitin Roving Frames are built in several types to handle bobbins from 6" to 12" for regular three-roll, Long Draft, Inter-Draft, and Super-Draft systems.

Roving Frames are erected in Department 447 under the supervision of Foreman George Armston and Assistant Foreman James V. Connors. This job, which in 1949 employed thirty-three fitters, currently has eight men working.

The first step in the erection of a Whitin Roving



Precision is required from the initial step of laying out the roller beams. Here Romeo Gauthier, left, assisted by Henry Smith, checks his work against the blueprint



While others erect the skeleton, Wilfred Dupont fits the panels in the head end, one of a variety of jobs he performs

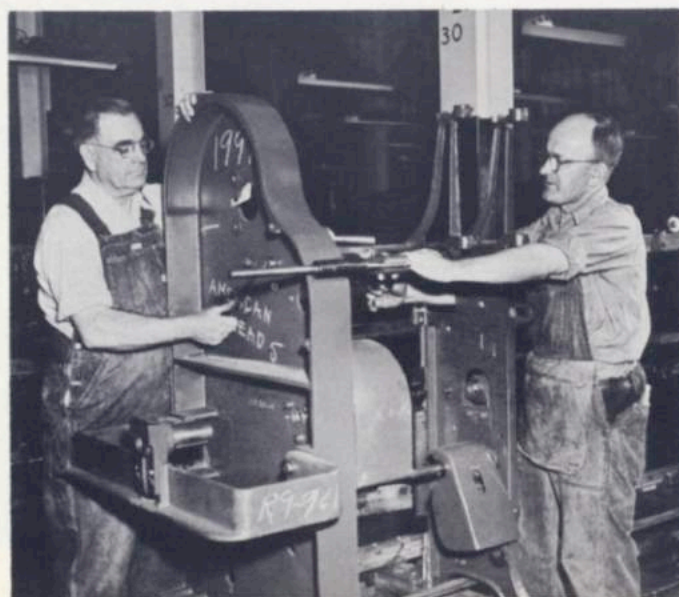
Frame is done by Romeo Gauthier who places the roller beams on tables, lays them out according to the blueprints, and makes between 50 and 600 precisely-located holes and slots. This work has to be done right. Then William Longton erects the skeleton, placing the roller beams on the sampsons and filing on the couplings. Erecting the skeleton takes about five man-hours.

Then Henry Smith, a first class fitter, works to close tolerances in laying out the step rails and bolster rails in the frame, a task that takes five to six hours. He files, plumbs and levels the racks and bolster rails, places the bolsters and sets them to gauge. After this Rene Truscott adds the steps to the step rail.



William Longton, left, erects the skeleton while Rene Truscott adjusts the shipper motion. Years of experience help insure that these men do their work exactly right

No time is lost in searching for parts, for Wilfred Liberty picks up and lays out all of the parts needed to complete the frame. On the left the skilled hands of Frank Clark assemble the Bijur oil system



Next Leon Gauvin sets the steps to the spindle and adds the top and bottom casings. The frame is turned over to Wilfred Liberty who lines the bearings between the headend and number one sampsons, and erects the builder motion and the center lift motion. Then Henry Smith puts the roll stands on the beam, lines up the draft gear bonnet and the footend traverse motion. Frank Clark adds the Bijur oil system. The frame is pretty well finished.

Meanwhile Wilfred Dupont has straightened, laid out and splined the shafting and added the motor drives. The frame is ready for inspection by Herbert Ashworth. Following inspection the frame is stripped down for



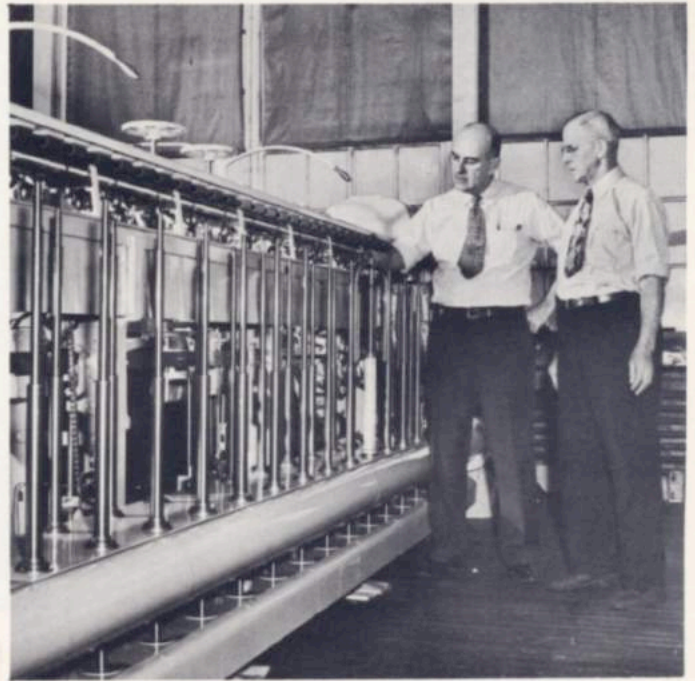
Inspectors and erectors work as a team. Inspector Herbert Ashworth, left, checks tolerances while Leon Gauvin fits a bolster rail casing

painting by Albert Hoekstra and is packed for shipment to the mill where it will be used.

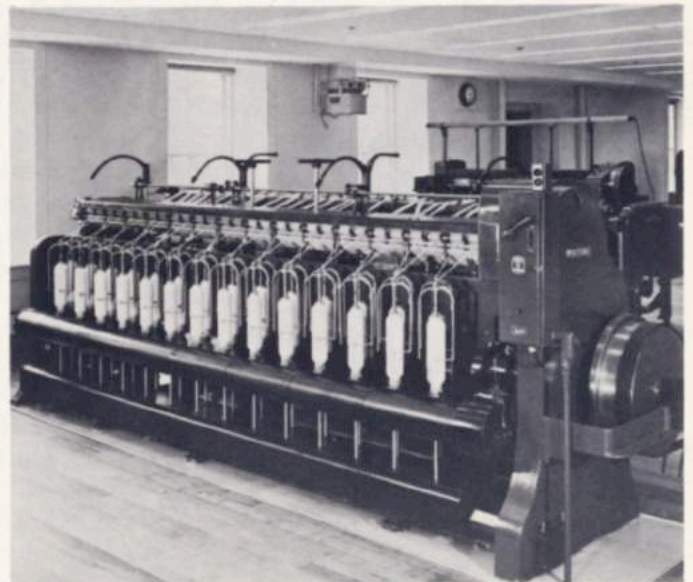
"The outstanding characteristic of the department," said Foreman George Armston, "is that it is, and always has been, a friendly job. The boys do good work." George, who has been a Whitin employee since 1911 was born in Manchester, England, on September 25, 1890, and landed in Boston in July, 1910. After working at H&B for ten months he came to Whitin where he was a roadman for twelve years. He and Mrs. Armston live at 32 Fletcher Street, Whitinsville. George enjoys watching wrestling and boxing on television.

Assistant Foreman James V. Connors, a Whitin employee since November, 1919, was born in Whitinsville on May 8, 1903. He has three sons: James V., Jr., age 29, who is employed in Department 423; John, age 27, who is office manager of Blair Motor; and Charles, age 24, who is with the Air Force at Chanute Field, Illinois. Jim is a bowler. "Most men look for the high strings—I look for the low ones."

Senior employees in the Department are: Wilfred Liberty, 38 years; Wilfred Dupont, 32 years; Leon Gauvin, 30 years; Henry Smith, 25 years; Frank Clark, 21 years; and Rene Truscott, 21 years.



Gleaming in its new paint, this roving frame is nearly ready for shipment. Foreman George Armston, right, discusses work progress with Assistant Foreman James V. Connors



The completed frames give years of service, earning them a proud reputation as "workhorses of the textile industry"

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MARCH

The belief that if March comes in like a lamb, it will go out like a lion—and vice versa—goes 'way back to what a few weather prophets believed in 17th century England. It even got quoted, and thereby widely spread, in a play called "Wife For a Month," current in London in 1624.

English colonists brought the old saying to America with them. Our U. S. Weather Bureau today declines to be quoted as to its accuracy. . . . Anyway, March 21 is officially the first day of Spring!

FRONT COVER: Seven attractive reasons why we are proud of American women in general and Massachusetts girls in particular, these members of the Whitin Community Association are part of the team playing in the Massachusetts AAU Girls' Basketball League. Counter-clockwise from the lower left: Nancy Spratt, Anna Marie Fournier, Shirley Otis, Marilyn Blair, Jean Labonte, Barbara Spratt, and Hilda Swart.



Whitin Personality

John F. Wasiuk, Traffic Manager, was born on Pond Street, where the Whitin Machine Works Foundry now stands, on May 11, 1907. "I didn't stay there long," said John, "for when I was two weeks old the Shop moved our family to 'D' Street, New Village."

Like most Whitinsville youths, John attended the local grade schools and graduated from Northbridge High. He completed his formal education by two years' study of accounting and secretarial work at Becker College in the period 1925-1927. His first position was as private secretary to the medical officer in charge of the Veterans Hospital, Rutland, Mass.

A little more than a year later John left government service to enter industry. After five years as a secretary at the Millbury Steel Foundry Company he began work in the Traffic Department in 1933. He was promoted to his present position of Traffic Manager in 1943.

As Traffic Manager he is responsible for all shipping and receiving at the Whitinsville plant. In normal times he controls over 200 workers and is responsible for the annual shipment of many millions of pounds of machinery. At the moment, because of business conditions his working force has been reduced to about 120. Mr. Wasiuk also controls the routing of all machinery out of Fayscott, Dexter, Maine.

John and Mrs. Wasiuk, the former Anne Stanick of Douglas, were married September 1, 1930, at St. Denis Church, Douglas. They and their eleven-year old son, John G., live on Northeast Main Street, Douglas. "John's interest in soldiers has already cost me a small fortune for juvenile military supplies" remarked Mr. Wasiuk.

In speaking about recreation, John said, "Golf? Yes, I'm a member of the Whitinsville Golf Club, but the less said about my game the better. It's terrible. But fishing is different. I've boated a few good tuna—one in the neighborhood of ninety pounds—and I also go rabbit hunting. Baseball too—I'm a Red Sox fan."

Mr. Wasiuk is active in a number of professional organizations, including the New England Traffic League, the Worcester Traffic Association, and Delta Nu Alpha traffic fraternity. He is a member of the board of directors of the Douglas Taxpayers Association.

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WORTH THINKING ABOUT

Two Questions — *For Parents and Citizens*

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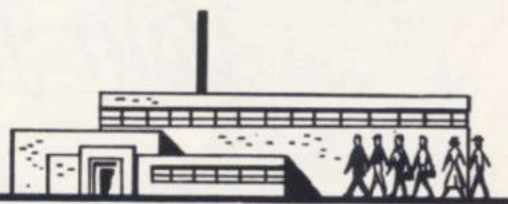
BY 1958—*will our 32 million children find adequate schools?*



THE \$11 BILLION QUESTION

2

BY 1975—*will these children—grown up—find productive jobs?*



THE \$294 BILLION QUESTION

One Answer — Reduced Federal Spending!

Today's schools are bulging—

More than 27 million crowded into space meant for 18 million.

Three children for every two spaces.

\$10.7 billion is needed right now for more schoolrooms.

And our communities will need billions more by 1958 when space must be found for another *four and one-half million children.*

Tomorrow—by 1975—these growing children will need $24\frac{1}{2}$ million more jobs than in 1950.

For each job, someone must save and invest \$12,000 in tools, equipment, and factory buildings.

To insure necessary jobs for our children, Americans must save and invest \$294 billion in job-making business and industry.

**These billions, the billions we need for local schools and for new jobs,
are now being taken away by high federal taxes.**

The Eisenhower Administration is making every effort to eliminate waste and unnecessary federal spending. Support these efforts.

Help the President Reduce Spending — Cut Taxes — Balance the Budget

Your Senators and Congressmen Should Have *Your* Views Now

Somebody is after Your Job!

SOMEbody is making a "fast" buck out of our "slow" deliveries—and frankly he's after your job! Already a husky infant and growing every year, this individual is the fellow turning out substitute and sometimes inferior Whitin-type parts in a small machine shop or foundry. Located usually in textile centers, he is taking a sizeable bite out of the Whitin parts business which keeps about 600 Whitin workers busy on repair orders.

Don't get us wrong—we welcome honest competition. There are manufacturers who design and develop machines to compete with ours. The fellows we are speaking of are those in the textile machinery business who live by cashing in on the reproduction of parts originally designed by Whitin. Today there are scores of small shops which will duplicate parts for anybody. Such shops do not employ designers, research workers, or draftsmen and so have lower overhead.

Lower overhead makes it possible for them to quote lower prices—one of their two advantages. The second is their closeness to the textile mills. Fortunately they do operate under certain serious disadvantages. In duplicating a worn part these outfits frequently make a blind guess as to the original dimensions. Use of substitute parts, such as bolsters, often results in further damage to other parts of the machines, such as spindles. The first problem is met in part by stockpiling at our Southern Shop standard parts frequently demanded. Secondly, Whitin stands behind its machines and always offers our customers real service on any order.

Quite frequently the products manufactured by these Southern job shops lack quality. However, these



Shops are bold and aggressive, using high pressure in their advertising. They solicit only repair orders that are large enough to give them a profit and moreover are interested in securing the work which is easy to manufacture. They do not stand behind all the claims made in their advertising.

Textile manufacturers know this, and are willing to pay slightly extra for original Whitin-built replacement parts. But there is a limit to how much extra cost and how long textile mills will wait for parts for Whitin, Providence, Woonsocket, Fales & Jenks and H&B machines. The answer is up to you!

You see, Whitin has never turned out shoddy material and has no intention of ever doing so. Quality depends on the work you do. Your efficiency is of the utmost importance in determining both price and delivery date—through high production, efficient operation, and careful attention to workmanship you can make it possible to meet our customers' demands for a reasonable price tag on promptly delivered products.

Only by meeting our customers' demands can we keep repair work coming to Whitin.

Already the Combed Yarn Capital of the World
GASTONIA, N.C.
 is Fast Becoming
 the TEXTILE MACHINERY and SUPPLY CENTER of the SOUTH

It is logical, with the heavy concentration of textile manufacturing in Gaston County, that this area should develop into a great textile machinery and supply center. Today from the county pours a continuous stream of textile machine parts, giant textile machinery, and textile supplies into plants all over the South, the Nation, and many foreign countries. The manufacturing and supply companies listed here are thoroughly experienced in their respective lines and can give prompt service.

NORLANDER - YOUNG MACHINE CO.
 Gastonia, N. C. — Tel. 5-4022
 Manufacturing And Repairing

Flyers, Pressers, Spindles
 All Types of Steel Rolls
 Lap Pins Lap Sticks
 Picker and Conveyor Aprons
 QUALITY AND SERVICE

Custom Cut GEARS



FERGUSON GEAR COMPANY
 GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

The Best in
FLUTED STEEL ROLLERS
 and
 General Mill Repairs
Piedmont Machine Shops, Inc.
 616 E. Franklin Ave.
 Gastonia, N. C.

Stewart Machine Company
 INCORPORATED

Pioneer Bolster Manufacturers of the South

GASTONIA, N. C.

QUAKER BRIDGE BRUSH FARM

MILL SUPPLY COMPANY
 Distributors of
 Industrial Textile, Electrical
 Plumbing Supplies
 & Equipment

SUPERIOR BOLSTER COMPANY

SPINNING and
 TWISTER BOLSTERS

222 N. LUMBER ST.
 GASTONIA, N. C.

- Quality Workmanship
- Prompt Service
- Satisfaction Guaranteed

Gastonia
 Roller, Flyer &
 Spindle Co., Inc.
 1322 W. Second Ave.
 Gastonia, N. C.

TEXTILE BRUSHES FOR EVERY NEED

GASTONIA BRUSH COMPANY
 Gastonia, N. C.

Listed on this page are a few of the typical ads which appear in trade publications each month. These particular advertisements are for those located in only one city.

Trinet



SNAGGING WOMEN'S HOSE—ON PURPOSE! Women's sheer hose of good quality must be snag-resistant. This technician is subjecting the hose to the action of sandpaper and counting the number of snags produced

Customers' Watchdog— Textile Testing Laboratory

THE long-discredited selling practice of "let the buyer beware" has been changed into the modern principle of "protect your customer."

This constitutes one of the great revolutions in American life. Yet it has taken place with so little fanfare that its accomplishments are hardly realized by the vast majority of the buying public.

One of the pioneers of this business-sponsored idea of protecting the customer is the J. C. Penney Company.

Today's Penney Company laboratory, with its complex scientific equipment and its large staff of chemists and technicians, had its inception more than 50 years ago when Mr. Penney, using primitive methods, tested merchandise in his first store for shrinkage, color fastness and wearing qualities.

Laboratory Activities

Most laboratory activity centers on quality control of the merchandise offered to Penney buyers. The corps of highly-trained technicians performs more than 2,000 separate tests every month (30,000 per year) to insure the uniform excellence of textile products pur-

chased by the central buying office for distribution to the stores. On a number of "staple" items such as sheets, denims, knitwear, etc., a method of periodic sampling is carried out to be sure there has been no falling off of quality of goods delivered over a long period.

In other cases, mill samples are checked for weight, strength, wear-resistance, behavior of colors and finishes to the destructive action of light, fumes, washing, perspiration, rubbing and many other tests—all these to aid the buyer in his decisions.

Charles W. Dorn, director of the Penney Company laboratory, and his assistant, P. J. Fynn, as well as the laboratory's senior technicians, are members of many technical associations concerned with the research aspects of textile development and testing methods. Chief among these organizations are the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists and the American Society for Testing Materials.

With textile technology expanding so rapidly and with new natural and synthetic fabrics appearing in a bewildering array, the Penney laboratory has become an indispensable information center. Not only buyers of the J. C. Penney stores, but many outside designers and manufacturers call upon the laboratory on problems which constantly arise in connection with modern textile products.

Here are just a couple of questions which are thrown at the laboratory every day:

"How much orlon must there be in a wool blend to assure permanent pleats?"—"Since the best available

water-repellant was used on this fabric, why won't it make a good raincoat?"

Some Industry "Firsts" from Lab's Work

A five-year guarantee against moth damage as a promotional feature for blankets and as a "good deal" for the customer was the result of laboratory pioneering in the application of moth-resistant finishes for Penney blankets.

The "Sanitized" program, first introduced as a special hygienic treatment for the interiors of Penney's shoes, and now being promoted in foundation garments, socks, hose, and in other lines as well, is another industry "first" introduced by the laboratory.

Recently enacted was a Federal Law governing the flammability of clothing fabrics. Mr. Dorn, for eight years, was active as a member of the research committee which realized the perilous nature of some types of clothing fabrics and, in the interests of the consumer, devised and perfected testing equipment and worked to get fair and technically-sound legislation.

Checks on Complaints

Every day the laboratory examines merchandise items returned by local stores, or directly by the customer, to determine the reason for customer dissatisfaction. In a great many of these instances the complaints arise from customer abuse, unusual conditions of wear or cleaning procedure or misunderstanding of instructions for proper care of the merchandise. However, if the examination reveals deficiencies in design or manufacture, the defects are reported to the appropriate buying department along with suggestions for improving the quality of the merchandise.

In one instance, after a number of complaints that color from buttons was ruining expensive overcoats, the laboratory arranged a conference with leading button suppliers, dyestuff producers and plastic molders. As a result, the problem was tackled at its source and the cause of complaint was eliminated. In many other cases a word from the buyer to the supplier is sufficient to correct the deficiency.

The Penney laboratory makes certain that Mr. and Mrs. America (and their children) get the right answers.



BLANKET SAMPLES TESTED FOR MOTH-RESISTANCE. Closeup view of black carpet beetle larvae used to test moth-resistance of blanket sample. Possible damage by moths and black carpet beetles is countered by chemically treating blankets during manufacture



HOW MUCH WEAR WILL A MAN'S SUIT TAKE? Will this fabric make durable suits for men? This device gives the answer. A specimen of suiting is stretched taut over an inflated rubber diaphragm and subjected to the rubbing action of specially selected abrasive paper. This test simulates the abrasive wear that occurs on trouser seats and the back of trouser legs. Fabrics must withstand several hundred cycles of this accelerated wear test to get a satisfactory rating

Below: GENERAL VIEW OF J. C. PENNEY COMPANY TEXTILE RESEARCH LABORATORY. This is a section of the J. C. Penney Co. Research Laboratory in New York which acts as a quality watchdog for the millions of customers of the 1,635 Penney stores throughout the United States. All types of merchandise must pass rigorous scientific tests in order to win a place on the Penney shelves. The laboratory runs more than 30,000 tests yearly



Trinet

Hobby

Witchhazel Water

FORKED stick held before him, Merrick L. Houghton, Jobbing Department, walked through the underbrush. The stick quivered, bobbed, then twisted earthward with irresistible force. "There, young fellow," Merrick said, "plenty of water down not more than twenty feet. No, there is no charge—I'm glad to be of service. I'll be back in a couple of years to ask for a drink from this well."

Merrick, who on next November 24 will have worked in the Whitin Machine Works thirty years, became interested in water dowsing during the dry spell of ten years ago. When twenty head of thirsty cattle complained because there was no water, Merrick attempted to deepen a shallow pool in his pasture. Hundreds of shovelfuls later he had a bone-dry hole twelve feet deep and large enough to park a truck in. At this point Merrick called in a dowser from Douglas.

The dowser, with a stick, walked around the hole. The verdict: "You missed it by three and a half feet. Dig here, and, if you have to go more than eight feet, let me know." In a mood to try anything, Merrick dug, and at seven and a half feet dug into a vein of water that has never gone dry since. Fascinated, Merrick began experimenting with forked sticks, and after long practice found that he could detect the presence of water himself. Today he uses either a dry or green stick, and it makes little difference if the stick be of witchhazel, apple, cherry, or peach.

Merrick makes no charge. Since that time he has located about twenty wells, about half of which have been developed. Among the wells is the one used by the Meadowview Gun Club.

Mr. Houghton does not know what makes his stick work—and he is not disturbed by those who doubt its powers. He is not a clairvoyant dowser like the famed Henry Goss who dowsed the wells which furnish part of the water used by the Whitin Machine Works. He is interested in Kenneth Roberts' experiments which indicate that there is a scientific basis for the dowser's art.

Roberts, who in his recent book "The Seventh Sense" devoted a full chapter to Whitinsville and the Whitin Machine Works, advocates the use of water dowsers to locate underground streams of water as less expensive than drilling deep wells. Many geologists have dismissed waterdowsing as a superstition, and refuse to consider Roberts' theories of underground "streams" and "domes." By wiring galvanometers to dowsers Roberts has demonstrated that, at the instant the stick is pulled earthward, the dowser's body carries an electrical charge. Non-dowsers copying the actions of the dowsers in the same spot do not show such a charge.

At the moment Roberts is in much the position of the first man to bring the mounted body of a duck-billed platypus to Europe. The leading experts of the day dismissed it as a clumsy fake and refused to examine it. Unlike Roberts, who has written books and drilled successful wells in supposedly waterless Bermuda, Mr. Houghton is content merely to locate wells for those who need water.

Merrick lives on Barnett Road, South Sutton, in the 250-year old house where his grandfather and father lived, and in which he was born in the upstairs front room on March 22, 1897. On November 20, 1915, he was married to Miss Alice M. Smith of Douglas. They have no children.



Association Athletic Activities

By HAROLD CASE

Girls' Basketball

A faster, more open, and improved game of basketball on the local scene is being played this season by the fair sex. The Gym girls are playing under the Amateur Athletic Union's rules in the Central Massachusetts League, playing a 14 game schedule against teams from Leominster, Framingham, Marlboro, Fitchburg, and Southbridge. The change has been popular with both players and spectators.

Coached by Miss Joyce Frietag, the squad includes Barbara and Nancy Spratt, Minnie Blair, Hilda Swart, Jean Labonte, Jean Anderson, Beverly King, Shirley Otis, Joan Mulligan, Mae Massey, and Anne Marie Fournier. To date the girls have won less than half their games, largely because it is the first season they have played under these rules. After a year of experience they should do well in '55.

Men's Basketball

Playing a variety of teams on a home-and-home basis, the men's team is holding better than a .500 record with the season almost over. Hampered by lack of practice and by the variation in membership, Coach Adam Davidson's "regulars" have lost some heartbreakers.

The "regulars," including Piper Coyle, Oscar Asadorian, Peter Misakian, Paul Sohigian, Bob Lash, Don Gauthier, Peter Young, and Don Coyle have scored some outstanding successes. During the game against the Athol "Y," with every player hitting the basket, the score skyrocketed to 104 points to Athol's 69.

Church League

The Church League, with eight teams, affords 80 boys who are not on high school teams an opportunity to play basketball. New to this league this year are the two clubs floored by the Good Shepherd Church, Linwood. They have made a good showing.

From the start of the season either the Christian Reform or the Upton team looked like the champs. Unless the St. Pats' Atoms stage an upset in the play-offs, a stunt of which they are capable, it now looks as though the Christian Reform entry should come out on top.

Junior High Boys' League

This year set a record in the number of boys signing up for basketball. Due to programing difficulties it was necessary to limit the number of teams to four in order that the season might end by the last of April. Most of the boys play in each game played by their team.

The captains select their teams at the start of the season. Usually the teams are fairly evenly matched. This year the Panthers and Indians are strong teams and can afford to throw in the subs. The other two, when they get far in the rear, also substitute freely so that all the boys may play.

Badminton Tournament

Badminton has always been played at the Gym on an informal basis. This year for the first time a formal tournament was held and trophies awarded. Seven pairs of players entered, and matches were played every Wednesday night.

From the start Harry Segal and Howard Cook were leaders, and as they advanced it became apparent that only an act of Providence would force them into losing a match. On some evenings they had their troubles, but at the conclusion of the tourney carried off the trophies.

Perhaps next year a mixed doubles tournament would be a success. If there is a demand for such a tournament, here is advanced notice to go after one of these racquet-wielders.

Just a Joke

the LIGHTER SIDE

NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL



Two privates paused at the side of the road to puzzle over a dead animal they saw there. "It has two stripes," said one. "That settles it," said the other. "It's either a skunk or a corporal."

First Clerk: "Poor Jones has completely lost his hearing. I'm afraid he'll lose his job."

Second Clerk: "Nonsense. He's to be transferred to the Complaint Department."

Jane: "Alice, where did you get that fur coat?"

Alice: "Just a piece of good luck; George fell and broke his leg and the insurance company sent us the money."

Woman (on telephone): "Is my husband at the club?"

Ellen: "No, ma'am."

Woman: "But I haven't told you who I am!"

Ellen: "Doesn't make any difference . . . there isn't any woman's husband at the club. No, ma'am—never."

Mrs. Jones answered a very faint knock at her front door. A little fellow of about six was standing there. "Please, Mrs. Jones, could I have my arrow?"

"Certainly," replied Mrs. Jones. "Where is it?"

"I think it's stuck in your cat," said the boy.

Suzie from the Sticks: "Pa's the best rifle shot in the country."

Sam the City Slicker: "And what does that make me?"

Suzie from the Sticks: "My fiancé."

A southern sailor passed away and arrived at the gates of eternity. "Gee," he gasped, "I didn't know heaven would be so much like Texas."

"Son," said the man at the gate, sadly, "this ain't heaven."

Waiter: "And how did you find your steak, sir?"

Diner: "Why, I just moved this little piece of fried potato, and there it was."

Professor: "Name two ancient sports."

Student: "Anthony and Cleopatra."

Mother: "Have you scolded Timmy about the low marks on his report card?"

Father: "No, every time I do he reminds me that he's an exemption on my income tax."

"Why is Brown pacing up and down in front of his house like that?"

"He's awfully worried about his wife, poor chap."

"Why, what's she got?"

"The car."

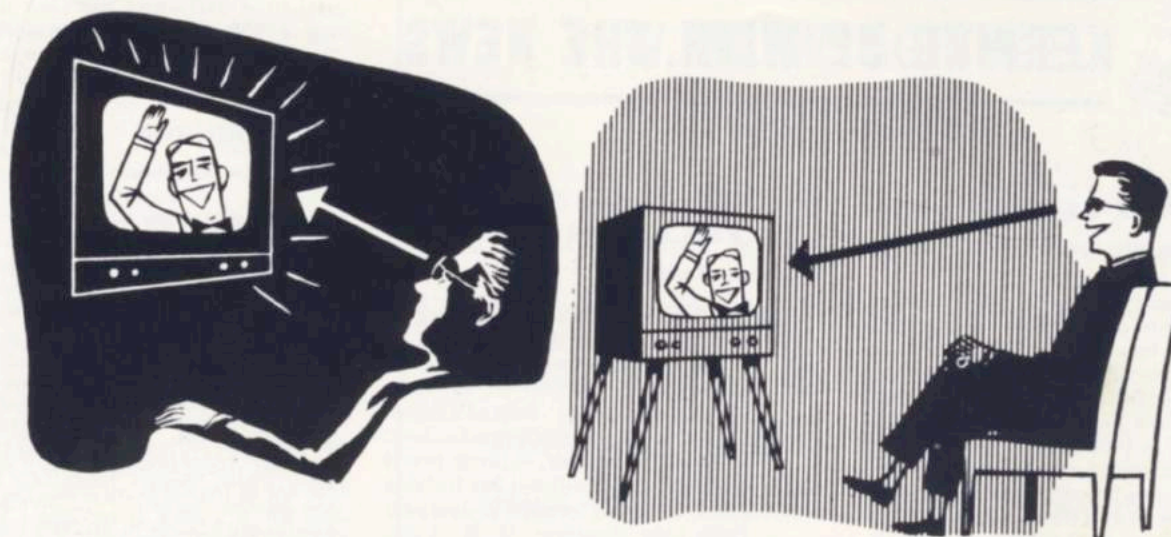
Mistress to New Maid: "I'm a woman of few words. If I beckon with my finger, that means come here."

New Maid: "Suits me, mum. I'm a woman of few words myself. If I shake my head that means I ain't comin'."

Teacher (in grammar class): "Willie, please tell me what it is when I say, 'I love, you love, he loves.'"

Willie: "That's one of them tri-angles where somebody gets shot."

We need not be dismayed. We have seen clouds before. Appearances have been just as dark. But the sun has always broken through. The Light has never been removed.—In WEEKLY UNITY.



How to Take the Eye-sting Out of TV

IF your eyes smart and your head aches after looking at television, don't blame the TV. It's probably your eyes that are at fault.

This is the verdict of most optical experts and eyesight specialists who have studied the problem, says the Better Vision Institute. There is a problem, without a doubt. Thousands of TV fans have experienced eyestrain after fixing their gaze on the screen, often for only a short time. This has given rise to rumors that invisible radiations from TV, or the flickering of the picture, cause actual damage to the eyes. About half of the television audience seems to believe this, investigators say.

Actually, the television screen in most cases merely reveals faults and deficiencies which already existed in the eyes—troubles which the viewer did not suspect he had. Close eye work of any kind, such as reading or sewing, will also show up the existence of these "errors." Many TV enthusiasts, however, make few close-up and continued demands on their eyes. If their eyes begin to sting and fog while reading, they merely close the book and do something else. But they continue to stare at the TV screen for much longer periods, usually at the end of a day when eyes are tired.

More than that, the conditions under which television

is viewed often violate the basic rules of good seeing. Here are some suggestions for easing the strain. Don't make the room dark—have a comfortable amount of light, not shining straight into your eyes. Adjust the instrument when it has warmed up, so the picture will be steady. Take a comfortable seat from which you can look level at the screen, or slightly downward—not upward. Shift your eyes around now and then, or close them frequently for short rests. Sit six to ten feet away from the screen.

But most important of all, if you have discomfort from viewing, see an eyesight specialist for an examination and wear glasses if he prescribes them. They will pay off in keener, more comfortable vision, not only in front of the TV but everywhere and all the time. They will increase working efficiency.

If these measures don't bring TV comfort, there are special viewing glasses that may hit the root of the trouble. It's a fact that the direct light from the screen is high in "blue" light energy and may affect sensitive areas of vision as well as cause out-of-focus effects in the eye. TV viewing glasses are designed to absorb the excess blue portion of the light, without absorbing too much of the other light.



KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

by John Wright

Our personality of this month is Edward Bergeron, our department maintenance man. Eddie was born in Fall River, and came to Whitinsville when he was two years old. He attended our public schools, and Worcester Boys Trade School from which he graduated in 1926 as an electrician, that same year he joined the Whitin Machine family. He owns his own home in Uxbridge and has two sons and three daughters. His hobbies are boxing, football and baseball.

In some of the quaint towns of England, some of the men go around knocking on doors and windows early in the morning to awaken the people in time for work. I haven't been able to find out whether one of our members is trying to bring this custom to Whitinsville or not. It seems our member from Rice City was in Fairlawn one Sunday morning doing some knocking or hammering when the local gendarmes appeared on the scene and told him to stop annoying the neighbors. So remember, Nel, this is not England. We have alarm clocks to wake us up.

We wish to thank the folks who gave William Dion information on well drilling, printed in the SPINDLE a couple of months ago. Now Bill would like to know how to get a broken drill out of an 11-foot hole.

CAST IRON AND RATTLER ROOMS

by James Fallon

Early in February, Roland Tardie helped a friend clean a barn. When Roland, in order to clean a stall better, shoved a cow, Bossy shoved back, stepped on Roland's foot, and refused to move. Roland's friend removed the beast from Roland's foot.

A. Michaud, grinder, is justly proud of his daughter who completed her training as a nurse in a Boston hospital in January.

Dolly, the daughter of N. Cota, grinding wheels, is teaching in the Uxbridge lower grades. . . . Business conditions can't be too bad. Three men in the department—Edward Jacques, Joseph Lavenskie, and George Gray—are wearing new overalls. George now owns a small brown and white hunting dog, formerly the property of Curley Dumas, Department 405. . . .

Lil Miller, electric grinder operator, has a new haircut. . . . Betty Bolivar, who works for Al Cummings, is now driving a '50 Ford. . . . Among those who saw Holy Cross play their first hockey game against Tufts on February 2 were Constance Deslaurier, Department 462; Cliff Rivet, Department 431; and Jim Fallon, Department 405. Holy Cross lost. . . . As a hobby, John Szerlag, casting sorter, races homing pigeons. . . . Foreman John Hickey is out on leave of absence for reasons of health. . . . Joseph Gravel,

Rattler Room, is still in the hospital. . . . Two little girls on School Street, Linwood, celebrated their first birthday on February 4. They are the granddaughters of Edward Jacques, supervisor.

BOLSTER JOB

by Charles Kheboian

Once again signs of Spring roll around as members of the department sharpen their wits for the coming baseball season. Dominic O'Gara and Dick Baker promise to have new alibis for the Red Sox. "Fence Jumper" William Vandersloot promises to stay with one team. . . . Frank Machacz took his son Eddie to the Sportsman's Show in Boston. Eddie was impressed only by a \$24,000 boat. . . . Charles Kheboian and Jake Frankian were seen enjoying that Holy Cross-Niagara basketball thriller at the Boston Garden. . . . Walter Fierley has bought a home in Millville and is working on it in his spare time. He will be ready to move in very soon. . . . By the way, for those who want to know, Mr. Bruneau of Inspection is growing a mustache, not a feather duster. . . . Bob Cochrane discovered a photography developing set which he had put away years ago. His children and he had loads of fun developing some old negatives. . . . Leo Bouley brought in a new delicacy for the Bolster Job—pickled snails—and, before anybody makes faces, Lindsey Harding liked them so well that he came in with a fork to pick up fourteen at a time. . . . We are glad to see Alec Pawelczyk, Ed Landry, and Job Cournoyer all back and we send hurry back wishes to Armand Lavallee. We were also sorry to see two long-time employees of our department, Michael Swiszez and William Pare, transfer to Department 428. We wish them good luck on their new jobs.

METAL PATTERNS

by William Prior

Personality: Harry W. J. Daubney was born in London, England, October 4, 1913, and came to America in 1921 at the age of eight years. Before settling in Whitinsville his family lived in Providence, R. I., and then in surrounding towns. They finally settled in Whitinsville where Harry has lived for 28 years. On July 14, 1929, Harry started work at the Whitin Machine Works under the late C. M. Stuart, in Department 402. During the years up to 1945 Harry worked at all tasks done in the department. In 1945 he was appointed second hand under Foreman Gerritt Dykstra. Since 1946 the job has done two separate types of work—pattern making and repair. Harry works with both groups. He is married to the former Mary Parker of this town. Their son David, age 16, is in his junior year at high school. They now reside on Overlook Street, Whitinsville. Harry attended school in Northbridge, and later studied shop mathematics for a year at Worcester Trade. He is a United States citizen and is now a member of the Masonic



Ira Naroian and Albert Mascinica are the first of the 259 enrolled persons to complete successfully the Industrial Engineering Associates Correspondence Course sponsored by the Whitin Machine Works. They received from Mr. Frank N. Stone his congratulations on their outstanding progress and rebate checks for \$27.50. From the left: Mr. Frank N. Stone, Ira Naroian, Albert Mascinica, and Luke L. Lomartire

Lodge. His hobbies are reading, wood-working and building his new house.

John Sohigian, who recently retired, is at the Whitinsville Hospital for a rest. . . . Stanley Swidrak has left us to work at Framingham General Motors. . . . Ray Fletcher is on a leave of absence. We hope he will return soon. . . . Peter Bedigian is now at home after spending a few weeks at the Whitinsville Hospital.

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

Howard Walker, Jig Maker, has very good understanding and the patience to go with it. Some time ago he went to the supply room to get a pair of shoes but his feet were so large that they had to order a special pair. It was five weeks before he finally got them. Howard has lost a lot of weight in the past couple of years but it wasn't in his feet. . . . Armand SanSouci, Rudy Gniadek and Rex Baxendale have concluded their employment with the Whitin Machine Works. Armand has taken employment with the Wyman-Gordon Co. in Grafton and Rex and Rudy have gone to Pratt & Whitney in Connecticut. We wish them good luck in their new work. . . . Ever since George Moran, cutter inspector, attended the Sportsman's Show in Boston he has been wanting a new super-duper boat. George is our motorboat enthusiast and is waiting for the ice to go. . . . Sorry to report that as the SPINDLE goes to press Ted Nussbickel of the night shift, Ray Cnossen and Gene Demers of the day shift, are out sick. Ted has had an appendectomy and Ray and Gene have been out since some time in 1953. . . . The next time Homer Adams puts an egg in his jacket pocket we would suggest that he cook it first. One morning Homer put a raw egg in his pocket—the egg broke. Homer changed his jacket. . . . Russell Bailey rushed past the gym to the town hall to vote. When he got there he was surprised to see no one around. It finally came to him that the gym was the voting place.

SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Claude R. Bolduc

Steve Chiras and Jack Healey, Sheet Metal Job, have been out because of sickness. . . . William Tyler, Department 442, has been on the sick list since August. His fellow workers are looking forward to his return. . . . The Sheet Metal Job held a party at the N. V. Cafe, North Uxbridge. After the steak supper Francis Lachapelle was the master of ceremonies for the entertainment. Pictures of the activities were taken by Lucien Paulhus. . . . Due to lack of work, Albert Grillo has been laid off. . . . Ken Greenwood, foreman of Department 442, received his 25-year pin from Mr. Bolton, Mr. Pierson and Mr. Cunningham.

W. M. W. SOFTBALL

MEN — WOMEN

The Whitin Machine Works is again sponsoring the Men and Women's Industrial Softball Leagues for the coming season.

First official organization meetings will be as follows:

Women—MONDAY, MARCH 22—7:30 P.M.

Men—TUESDAY, MARCH 23—7:30 P.M.

Place—WHITIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, DIRECTOR'S OFFICE.

Any person or department interested in entering a team must have a representative at these meetings.

All rules and regulations pertaining to the operation of the leagues will be discussed at these meetings, so attendance of a manager or representative is important.

Many managers from last year's teams have already contacted players, and every indication points toward another interesting program in our Industrial Softball Leagues.

Line up your teams, and let's get started by attending this organization meeting.



Harry Segal and Howard Cook won the badminton tournament. Harry, second from the left, received his trophy from Harold Case, director of the badminton tourney. Howard, third from the left, received his trophy from Roscoe M. Marker, Whitin Community Association director



The Foundry crew are proud to salute Pfc. Charles O'vian of the United States Army. His father, Kirkor O'vian, is now employed in the Foundry

ROVING SMALL PARTS AND ROVING ERECTING

by Mary Hugley

Sidney Swart is back on the job after a trip to New Jersey as a delegate from the Christian Reformed Church. Mrs. Swart made the trip with her husband. Mrs. Swart is now in the Deaconess Hospital, Boston, for a major operation. . . . Red Muse is still catching fish nearly every week end. . . . Lester Murray and his family attended the wedding of their daughter, Mae, on February 12. . . . Not much news, but lots of baseball talk.

LINWOOD MILL

by Louise Sohigian

A weenie roast and party for Department 451 and outside friends was held at the home of Louise Sohigian. Games were enjoyed by all. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tebeau on their 32nd wedding anniversary. . . . A birthday candle was lit this month for Aldea Peterson.

TIN CYLINDER JOB

by Wilbur Baird

We at Linwood Mill wish Herve "Bat-esse" Vachon the best of luck in finding new employment. Herve was clean-up man. . . . Red Jones is coming along fine with his new home. He expects to move in by the first of April. . . . Carl Bosma, assistant foreman, has recently bought a new Oldsmobile. Some difference from the Chevrolet!!!! Your reporter also has a new 1948 Chevrolet. It's better than the old '37 Ford. . . . Birthday greetings this month to Frank DeJong.

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

Personality of the Month: Arsene Racicot of North Uxbridge was born in the small lumbering town of Eastman, Province of Quebec, on January 4, 1889. He attended district and boarding school in Montreal—a school also attended by Charles Stuart, Harry Stuart and their sister Emma.

Arsene came to the United States with his parents in May, 1903, to begin work at the Whitin Machine Works. He left in 1904 and drifted out west working for farmers and contractors in North Dakota, Montana and Washington. In 1916 he returned east to visit his parents and was re-hired by Whitin. During his 38 years' continuous service he has worked on many of the erecting floors.

Arsene and Mrs. Racicot, the former Miss Laura S. Brooks, were married in Uxbridge on June 22, 1917. They have two children and three grandchildren. His hobby is watching television.



Arsene Racicot, 448 Personality of the Month, and Mrs. Racicot, live in North Uxbridge

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in February were Bill Hall, Dennis Cournoyer, Armand St. Andre, Peter Andonian, Bill Leclaire and Bob Gellately. . . . Birthdays were observed by Wade Mills, Henry Barnett, Jim Scott, Tony Iannitelli and our barber of Seville, Mario Collabello. . . . I had a couple of the men come up to give me their wedding and birthday dates this past month. I hope that others who may have been left out of the list will do the same. The column does not mean to skip anyone.

I couldn't help but notice the wonderful job the committee on the March of Dimes did this year. However, in the local papers, I did not see the name of one who did a wonderful job. He visited business establishments of all kinds, placed collection boxes in every available location, answered mail subscriptions and all sorts of queries.

Thanks to Bernard Kelliher, assistant foreman of Department 448A, for a good job well done.

Jack Walker, recently moved up from Woonsocket, R. I. to Arcade Street, envied the ice fishermen on the Arcade pond while he swept rugs on his front walk. . . . Clint White is undecided whether to change to another car or rebuild his lawn. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Haringa of Carr Street recently were visited by a cousin of Mr. Haringa's. The cousin is an investigator for one of the largest Dutch airlines.

POWER HOUSE

by M. Richardson

Did you know, or did you ever stop to think of how many methods there are of putting coal into a boiler furnace to burn coal efficiently and save labor? Only thirty or forty years ago this process was done by a few simple tools, such as shovels to get the coal into the furnace and bars to break the coal up so the air could burn it completely. I will mention a few modern methods of firing a boiler.

We will start with stokers. There are two types of these in use—overfeed and underfeed types. The overfeed stoker has the coal come in contact with a spreader that looks like a lawn mower. This spreader throws the coal up into the air and onto a grate. There are various underfeed stokers. One type is like your mother's meat grinder in which the coal enters a warm affair and works its way into the furnace. Then there is the type of stoker that has rams, a little bigger than a quart milk bottle, that push the coal into the furnace.

There are still other methods of getting coal into the furnace. There is pulverized coal, which is coal in dust form which is blown in. There are various ways of pulverizing coal. One method is by a cylinder with iron balls which revolves and



Pete Nash, Milling Job, was crowned winner of the first half of the "Retired Business Men's Cribbage League." With Bill Scott of 466 as partner, Pete is leading the second half

breaks up the coal. Another method is by paddle wheels turning at high speed in a casing. Another method is by rolls revolving at high speed on the end of a shaft. The coal gets between the rolls and the casing and breaks up into powder.

Powdered coal gets to the furnace by a fan blowing it in through a pipe. The dust is carried by the air and the heavy particles stay behind. To make things more complicated there are automatic controls that run all these gadgets. Making steam today is quite a skilled operation compared to what it was a few years ago!!!

STEEL FABRICATION AND CUT-OFF JOBS

by Maurice P. Valois

A must in reporting news through this or any column is to spell the names of the individual parties correctly. . . . In a past issue of the SPINDLE, a slip was made and, our good-natured friend, we humbly ask your pardon. Now, I know how to spell your last name—Hvizdash and not Hyvidash. I also can pronounce it. . . . June Boisvert and Gloria LaRoche of 410 are always very busy. Busier of the two at this writing is Gloria, who has just moved into a new apartment in Woonsocket.

. . . Kept looking at Ralph Aspinwall and could not, right off hand, find what had happened, as he looked different. It finally dawned on me that the famous Aspinwall moustache had been trimmed and given a new 1954 look. . . . Very proud indeed is our John Wojcik, truck driver, who has a talented family of musicians. Two of his daughters, Mary and Ann, play piano and are featured at various times over local radio stations. John, Jr., plays trumpet and John, Sr., plays the violin. . . . Joseph Roy, Bob Anderson, Frank Tingley, John Pouliot and Alfred Briggs had no news, but they haven't seen their names in the column for some time—so there you are gents!!



Cpl. Robert Philbrook, on the left, is now serving with the 38th Inf. Regt. and the 2nd Division in Korea. Bob worked on the Spindle Job before entering the service in 1952. His father, Roland Philbrook, works in Department 411

. . . We must mention Emile Aussant who is 410's most ardent basketball fan—professional games that is. He knows all the Celtic team players personally. . . . Foreman Chester S. Bonezek presented Kilda "Pop" Monast his five-year pin—congrats Pop! . . . We must cut out now, as column space is limited—see you next month.

FOUNDRY

by Armand Roberts

Our personality of the month is Donald Gordon Bigwood who was born in Orange, Mass., on May 18, 1926. He received his education in Claremont, N. H. On September 6, 1948, he married the former Theresa Roy of School Street, Linwood, Mass., at the Good Shepherd Church, Linwood. They have one daughter, Rosemary, age four. Don and family make their home at 76 Oak Street, Linwood. He served two years in



A/B Louis J. Wiersma is training at Sampson, with the 3654 Training Squadron, Flight 2976. He formerly worked for Hank Hewett

the Navy during World War II and saw duty in the South Pacific. Donald was employed at the Fitchburg Paper Co., Fitchburg, Mass., before coming to work here five and a half years ago.

Congratulations to Fred Dexter who recently received his 30-year service pin. The presentation was made by Mr. Bolton, Mr. Pierson and Mr. Cunningham. . . . We hope that business will pick up in the near future so that we may welcome back the many friends, in the Foundry, who were recently laid off due to lack of work. . . . There is news about Charles Randall this month. It is understood that he is feeling much better. We are looking forward to seeing him again soon. . . . Say, fellows, this column is getting shorter all the time. I would appreciate hearing from you on any news item.



Shown in Navy blues is Donald G. Bigwood, Foundry Personality of the Month

GENERAL MACHINING

by Jim Magowan and Ken Harrington

We would like to know how George Cartier ran into that pole with his car the other day? George hasn't said much about it. It made a good job for Pete Babowitch, who is a great body and fender man. . . . This department gives an Oscar once in a while and this month it goes to Lionel Grondines. We don't know just how he won it, but Leo Mullen says he should have it. . . . Reynold Boucher and Marcel Plante are the Crib champs so far, but Matt Krajewski, if he could find a partner, might beat them.

RING JOB

by Robert E. Balcome

Do we keep the Ring Job column in the SPINDLE or not, that is the question? . . . At this writing, Lincoln's Birthday, the only news available is of one Joe Witek and his numerous fishing and hunting(?) expeditions with the usual results. . . . I might also regretfully add the transfer of Gertrude Ebbeling and Alice Travaille from our department. Two eligible—etc. We wish them the best in their endeavors in the new location. . . . I have never been a pessimist and I don't intend to start being one at this late date. We need more optimism. . . . I would like to say that if any of you go to Atlantic City to the Textile Machinery Exhibition in April, be sure to see the Ring Job Exhibit. It is a novel work of art.



Andy Hookstra, Comber Job personality, and Mrs. Hookstra, in their East Douglas home



Edward Roukema is the Spindle Job Personality of the Month

SPINDLE JOB

by Edward Bates

Personality: Edward Roukema began work for Mr. L. J. Ramsey in Department 427 in September, 1936. The following January he was transferred to Department 439 (the Spindle Job) where his job was to "finish straightening spindles." About four years ago he was transferred to grinder hand in Department 439 and is now a set-up man on centerless grinders in that department. He is married and has three children. He includes sports among his hobbies. . . . Lendall Pendleton will now be seen driving a Plymouth instead of his Chevrolet. . . . On February 10 a combination going away party and shower was held at the Oyster Cabin in Uxbridge for Jennie K. Chosta for her marriage.

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

Personality of the Month: Andy Hookstra was born in Uxbridge. The family later moved to Whitinsville where Andy attended school. His love of gardening prompted him to work on the estates of the late Mrs. Marston Whitin and Mrs. Josiah Lasell for three years. His next position was that of a herdsman for Elmwood Farms, where he continued working for eight years. In 1939 he married the former Ellen J. Carr of Holliston. They resided on Mendon Street, Uxbridge, until 1947 when they purchased their present home on Young's Road, East Douglas. Andy has done a lot of remodeling around the house in his spare time.

In 1940 he began working at the Whitin Machine Works, at his present job, as a drill operator. He served in the Army at Fort McClellan, Alabama, from 1942 until 1943.

Andy's favorite pastime is gardening. We at 424 think that his strawberries are the most delicious around. He also raises Pilgrim geese and East India ducks, besides a large vegetable and flower garden. Last summer, one of his prize accomplishments was his bed of asters of all colors. He always begins each day with a cheerful "Top of the Morning." That's Andy, a regular fellow, well liked by all.

George Catterson reports that his team came out in third place in the North Uxbridge Pitch Tournament. . . . We're glad to hear that Hugh Mateer is improving after his recent operation. . . . New transfers of the month are Russell Moore from 422 and John Larsen, an apprentice over at 445. Welcome boys. . . . Birthday greetings for the month go to Joe Swiszc and Joe Limanek. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ray Valente celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary recently.

NO CURE-ALL TOOTHPASTES, SCIENTISTS SAY

No toothpaste has yet been developed that has been proved to prevent tooth decay or diseases of the gums. That was the unanimous finding of six of the nation's leading dental scientists at the recent annual meeting of the American Dental Association.

The toothbrush, properly used, is more effective than any particular substance in a toothpaste for preventing tooth decay.

Toothbrush Counts Most

The experts stressed that the toothbrush can do more to keep the teeth and gums healthy than any ingredient put into toothpastes and powders.

Their conclusions applied to all toothpastes—the so-called anti-enzyme toothpastes—as well as the "ammoniated" and "chlorophyll" brands.

Dr. Thomas J. Hill, of Cleveland, professor of oral pathology at the School of Dentistry, Western Reserve University, who served as chairman of the conference, said:

Public Misled

"It would appear that the present advertising claims of dentifrices

are inclined to lead the public to put too much faith in some incorporated ingredient rather than on the prophylactic (cleansing) value of the dentifrice."

During the annual meeting, the American Dental Association took sharp issue with advertising for toothpastes. The Association's House of Delegates called upon manufacturers to be truthful in promoting the sale of products related to dental health.

Ad Claims Harmful

Many advertising claims are harmful to dental health because they tend to discourage such important procedures as brushing the teeth right after eating and avoiding excessive eating of sweets and soft drinks, the dentists said.

The delegates urged that "the American Dental Association call attention of the public in the strongest possible terms to the serious danger to health which arises out of the present flood of inaccurate and untruthful claims in advertising for dentifrices and other dental products."

GRINDER JOB

by Virginia Burke

Personality of the Month: Alfred "Fred" Bouffard, centerless grinder operator, is a man who has numerous hobbies. Fred built one of the very first radios, then known as wireless sets, in the Blackstone Valley. For the past 38 years he has taken and collected photographs, and now has an outstanding pictorial record of events in Whitinsville and surrounding towns. Fred has also taken pictures of the Grinder Job. Currently Fred is devoted to salt-water fishing, and as the picture establishes, sometimes catches fine specimens. His stories about fishing are also outstanding. Fred began work at Whitins in 1915 on the Roll Job under George Gill, then transferred to the Gear Job under Carlos Heath. During World War I he saw active duty with the 301st Supply Train in France. After his discharge he returned to the Gear Job. He transferred to the Grinder Job in January, 1941.

Henry Nejadlik surprised us by trading his '31 Model A for a new blue '54 Ford. Henry will miss his old faithful which chugged along in grand style. . . . Arthur Gauvin celebrated a birthday January 29. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barney celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Victor Fagnant celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. Congratulations and best wishes to both couples.

BOOSTER DART JOB

by Rita Deome

This is the premiere appearance of 428 in the SPINDLE. I hope you'll be as glad to have our news as we have always been to read about others. Thanks for inviting us to join you. As I haven't had time to gather news from around the 428 world, I'll just sign off by saying "Be seeing you next month." So don't forget, members of 428, tell me the news and I'll tell it to the SPINDLE.

YARD MAINTENANCE

by William Scanlon and Milton Crossland

George Bourassa, Garage, is going in for fishing in a big way. His equipment is ready and under the tutelage of McNelly he should do well. Bass and pickerel, beware! George is known as a singer and entertainer who may be heard at the Polish Club, Blackstone, on any week end. . . . Arthur "Baldy" White has been on the sick list for a couple of weeks. The boys hope for his return soon. . . . Paul Chapdelaine has been transferred from Erle Simmon's department to Charlie Common's outside maintenance. Paul was a well-known amateur who gave many boxing exhibitions



Both the fish caught and the fish stories told by Alfred Bouffard, Grinder Job personality, are worthy of note

in the Blackstone Valley. He still shows some of the old-time spirit. . . . Alyre Labrecque has been transferred from the Packing Job to Charlie Common's job. . . . Harold Buxton, father of ten children, entered politics and was elected a member of the Douglas School Board.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Tad Wallace and Dorsey Devlin

Another veteran Production Department employee has gone into retirement in the person of James R. "Jim" Clarke, who terminated his employment after having completed 45 years of service. Jim is well known in Whitinsville as an active member of the local American Legion Post. He has appeared in many functions of the town,

among these being a member of the cast of the local production of H.M.S. Pinafore. Our best wishes go with Jim Clarke as he leaves Whitinsville to take up residence with his sisters in Brockton—wishes that are also the sentiments of Jim's countless friends in the shop and in the town.

To all interested personnel: In the event that you have not seen the notice on the office bulletin board, an attempt is being made at forming a Golf League in the Production Department. I am informed that many have already signified their intentions of playing, so if you are interested and have not signed up, please contact Vic Romasco, Jim Kane or Hank Cant. This should be a good league and much enjoyment is planned plus some extra-curricular activity. It will be very interesting to observe the golfers and compare their stories with those of the fishermen in the office. Some of the fellows already in the fold are as follows: Bill Walsh, Vic Romasco, Jim Remillard, F. O. Rizer, Ted Bisson, Harry Segal, Ray Duggan, Walt Kominicki, Stu Hay, Dick Walker, Norm and Irv Lightbown, Tom Cawley, Pat Vipraio, Hank Cant, Joe Mercak, S. Ziemba, Bob Bethel, Andy Meszaro, Gene Closson, Bill Kearnan, Joe Tosches, Jim Kane, Charlie Wood, Jim Bernard, Haddo Kelliher, and Bill Lavallee. Looks like a good league not only from a golf but from an argument standpoint. . . . a belated birthday greeting to our good friend "Gummy" who observed the occasion February 14. . . . Welcome back to Bill "Hickey" Healy who has returned to his planning duties at Department 431A after being hospitalized for several weeks.



This team representing the Whitin Machine Works won the championship of the Industrial Triangle League for the season of 1922-23. They won every game. Front row, from the left: Dan Gonlag, Robert Holmes, James Scott, Harry Jackson, William Smith. Second row: James Connor, manager, Tom Stevenson, Roland Esmondholch, Frank Lightbown, Fred Cowburn, Ben Scott, coach. Back row: James Ashworth, Herbert Ashworth, William Wilson, John Davidson. Edward Nuttall was absent



MYSTERY PHOTO: Sure, we know—you recognized the lad on the left as Harold Baszner. Who is the distinguished gentleman on the right?

STOCK ROOM 406

by Claire Lapierre

Due to the lay-off through the Shop, there have been several changes in our department, and we do hope that the employees who have left us will be back real soon. . . . Harold Adams and William Spencer, who have been in the hospital, are now at their homes recuperating, and we wish them a speedy recovery. . . . Belated birthday greetings are extended to: Konstantine Rymeski, Leo Palmari, and John Toohey. Also, belated anniversary wishes to: Arnold Walling and wife on their 25th anniversary, and Leonard White and wife on their 15th anniversary.



A/2C Robert J. Paulhus, son of John Paulhus of Department 406, has completed training at Scott AFB and is going to Alaska. He worked in Department 420

PAYROLL, BUDGETS, STATEMENTS AND TABULATING

by Phyllis McQuilkin

Howard Cook, Bill Hall, Ernie Chase, and Frank Widor of the Tabulating Department are back in school once again. This time they are attending I.B.M. classes three nights a week in Worcester, Mass. Be good students, fellows! . . . Happy Birthday—Ruth Kellaher, Dorothy Hamblin, Henry Bailey, and Fred Garcelon. . . . We bid farewell to four girls from Payroll this month. Much success in your future plans—Lillian Levasseur, Alta Campbell, Anita Belanger, and Carol McCrea. We also say "good-bye" to Mary Brochu who has been a member of 462 for quite a while. We certainly will miss her.

COST DEPARTMENT

by Dick Hanny and Cleve Reynolds

The welcome mat is out for Eva Lundberg, transferred from Payroll Computation. Eva replaces Mary Flynn, leaving to assume her domestic duties. A farewell party was held at Aunt Mary's Riverside A.C., Wednesday, February 17, by the office gang. . . . Ann Wojtalik's political aspirations failed to materialize as she lost her bid to unseat the incumbents for the Douglas School Committee. Better luck next time, Ann. . . . A message to the fellows who ride with Norman Deragon—better check that Chevrolet for gas every morning! It's a long walk from the "Tower." . . . Pauline Hagan is all smiles again now that hubbie, Leo, is working again. The Friendship Fund elected Roland Farrar, chairman; Ann Wojtalik, secretary-treasurer; Joe Krol, Don Rae, and Jim Shaw, directors. That guy anonymous surprised Val Allega with a

lovely Valentine heart. Chocolates sure were delicious. . . . Our TV personality, John Chatty, had a busy schedule this past month. As program chairman for "Portrait of Rhode Island," he presented the U. S. Rubber Company, "Woonsocket's Largest Citizen," to the WJAR-TV audience on February 27, and as TV chairman for Woonsocket's Mardi Gras, sponsored by the Woonsocket Junior Chamber of Commerce, he presented the "Queen" and other leading citizens of the community to the public over WJAR-TV on March 1. For the next issue we hope to have interesting pictures of the Mardi Gras. . . . Birthday greetings to Oscar Erickson, Roland Farrar, Philip Johnson, and Nick Pacella.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

by Connie Maynard

Roland Lejeune, who has been with us for over three years, has left us and is now working at the Cumberland Engineering Co. Roland was honored at a stag party at the Klondike Inn and was presented a purse of money. We will all miss him around here. . . . Ruth Briggs, who has also been a member of our department for three years, has left us. Ruth and her husband are planning to settle in Michigan. Ruth was honored at a dinner by the girls in the department at Messier's in Worcester. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lobster dinner. Ruth was presented a corsage and a purse of money. We will all miss Ruth and hope she will come back to Whitinsville some day to pay us a visit. . . . Joseph Brannigan was presented his 30-year pin by Mr. Bolton. We all hope he will be with us for 30 more years. . . . We welcome Gerard Bousquet to our department. Gerard comes to us from Hammel-Dahl Company in Warwick, R. I. We hope he will like it here.

Penny Havener, one of our draftsmen, had an accident while coming to work recently. Penny's car skidded on some ice and hit a pole. Penny was thrown from the car but fortunately was uninjured. His car was badly damaged though. Penny says he doesn't mind the damage to his car at all seeing he came out of it safely. . . . Fritz Engel has left us to work for Rayon Consultants in New York. . . . Birthday greetings this month go to Wallace Meigs.

REPAIR SALES

by Joyce Rondeau

Due to Adam Davidson's constant high average, the Repair Department Men's Bowling Team is leading the league at this writing. . . . The department has acquired a new look in the last month, and we feel the new arrangement to be a great improvement for everyone concerned. The different sections of the department are now consolidated, which makes more efficient operation possible, and the desk arrangement provides a more open set-up which facilitates movement in and around the department. . . . Dick Rawlinson recently returned from a week's trip to the

Charlotte Shop. . . . The processing section recently held a party at the Town Crest Club in Worcester. . . . The girls in the office are now wearing lots of jewelry since Alice Der Torosian started giving jewelry demonstrations. . . . Chet Walker has started a new style, one red sock and one green, very striking. . . . Happy birthday this month to Lillian Mathurin and Albin Nelson. Also congratulations to Joyce Brown, who received her five-year pin.

MAIN OFFICE

by Elia Dell'Orco

*"Comrades and Cohorts, I come before you to stand behind you and tell you something I know nothing about,
"And since your 'newsman' can't be with you, best endure than do without."*

In other words, this is the Peter Lind Hayes of the Main Office, your substitute reporter standing in for Gloria Marshall who is taking time out for a motor trip with her husband, recently returned from service in Korea. . . . Pack up your sunglasses, folks, and like Mr. Gleason (who really went) away we'll go—to the sunshine state. The past month found Miami Beach welcoming Agnes Kalousdian while Mr. Foley favored Daytona Beach with a visit. . . . And not to be outdone, the M. O. extends its own special welcome to Helen Gilroy who has come down from the Engineering Department to join Mr. Gordon Spence's force. . . . Florida has its liquid sunshine and California has its smog, but we have our own peculiar kind of dew. Of course, I'm referring to the rose petals which rained down during the recent May Hutcheson showers. Some showers, huh? . . . We were all quite glad to welcome back Albert Callens after his long illness, but it remains a mystery to us how any poor little germ could survive midst the deafening clamor of the violent violet hue of Mr. Callens' "evening" wear. Hardy creatures these bacteria! . . . And

since our next number will be the four corners of the round table, let's jump on the March Merry-Go-Round and have a whirl for the birthdays of George Kellstrand, Edna Bergquist, Gene Kennedy, Jim Robertson, Sally Mantashigian, James Colthart, Leonard Baldwin and Dick Conlee and for the anniversaries of Florence Tupper and Gene Kennedy.

METHODS DEPARTMENT

by Jean Cunningham

A meeting of the Methods Department Sick Benefit Club was held on January 19, and the following officers were elected to hold office for the next year: John Lalor, president; George Shaw, vice-president; Helen Altoonian, secretary; and Paul Wheeler, treasurer. . . . Everyone in the office is very glad to have Joseph Smolenski back to work. . . . Joe experienced an accident but fortunately he wasn't badly hurt. . . . We hope by this reading that Mrs. Irene Barnett is back to work again. Irene has been hospitalized with a bad case of virus. . . . Helen Fronczak and her husband's eighth wedding anniversary and their oldest daughter's birthday were just one day apart, so they decided to have not one cake, but two, on February 9 at the Fronczak home. . . . We hope that Al Charbonneau, Walter Frieswick, Abram Lieber, Archie Misakian, Rene Morel, Everett Swenson and Larry Haymen enjoy their birthdays this month. . . . Frank Martin has decided he can't win playing cribbage at noon, and has spoken of resigning as soon as the boys can find someone who doesn't mind losing. Perhaps your luck will change, Frank! . . . Persons watching the drilling on Earl Mason's newly acquired homesite needn't get excited. It's only water that is being sought. . . . Archie Bolivar and family have settled themselves in their new home which Archie recently purchased in North Uxbridge. . . . Joe Bouley finally had to admit that it was cold. He has equipped his car with the best anti-freeze and a new super-deluxe battery.



Aurelia Lillian Mead, New York, and Clifford Chesley, U. S. Navy, were married in Key West, Fla., on January 10. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Perley Chesley of 292 Main Street, North Uxbridge.

Jennie K. Chosta and Bernard F. Kozlowski were married at St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville, on February 20.



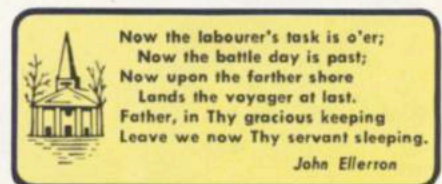
To Marcel Perial, Department 442, and Mrs. Perial, a daughter, born January 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trottier, a daughter, Ann Elizabeth, January 11, at Whitinsville Hospital.

To Joseph Gauthier, Foundry, and Mrs. Gauthier, a son, Joseph Maurice, at Woonsocket Hospital on February 3.

To Raymond Roche, Department 448A, and Mrs. Roche, a daughter, Jane Anne, at Whitinsville Hospital on January 24.

To Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Tumolo, a son, John Michael.



*Their friends and associates
extend heartfelt sympathy
to the bereaved*

Albert Charbonneau and Mrs. Charbonneau on the death of Mrs. Charbonneau's mother.

Earl Martinson on the death of his son.

Survivors of Thomas Halacy, Sr.

Family and friends of Henry E. Matte, 75, retired laborer, who died at his home on 44 Main Street, Linwood, on February 1. Born in Manchaug and 54 years a Linwood resident, he was employed by the Whitin Machine Works until his retirement.



When the Home Garden Club met in the Fire Station assembly rooms on January 26 a covered dish supper was enjoyed by 98 gardeners. This was the Garden Club's kickoff for the coming season

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\$9.05 SAVED EARL BURROWS' TOES

Minutes after Earl Burrows, elevator operator in the Foundry, entered the Nasonville woods on Sunday, November 15, the safety shoes he was wearing saved him from being crippled for life. The steel toe of the sturdy Knapp shoe stopped, at ten foot range, the full charge of number four chilled shot fired from a double-barreled sixteen gauge shotgun carried by his twenty-two year old hunting companion. While a few pellets entered his foot, had he not been wearing his safety shoes his toes would have been completely torn off. The photograph shows the shoe worn that day.

Earl recalls that as he kicked a brushpile, a cotton tail scurried out. Split seconds later the gun roared, and shot smashed at his foot with piledriver force. Twenty-two pellets entered his foot—but most of the shot pattern was blocked by the steel toe.

According to Earl's hunting companion, the accident was caused by a band-aid snagging the trigger as he aimed. Earl, who will carry seventeen shots in the bones of his right foot from now on, is concerned that his foot is still too swollen to wear a safety shoe. He has lost his interest in hunting, and is thankful that he was wearing Knapp shoes with steel toes.