

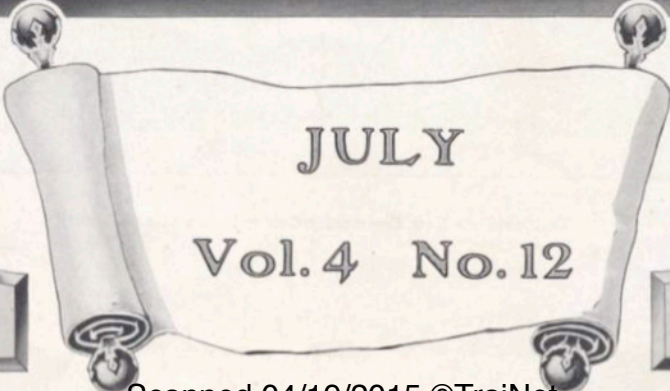
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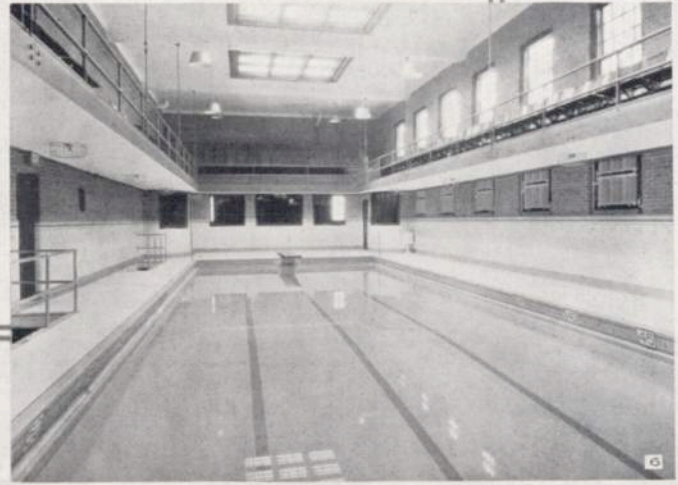
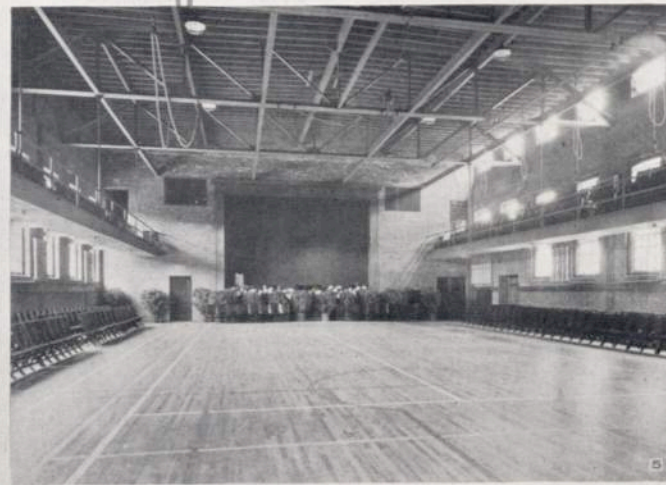


George Marston Whitin Memorial Gymnasium. Dedicated July 7, 1923



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Whitinsville's New Community Center is one of real beauty

## New Gymnasium Dedicated

Whitinsville can boast of possessing one of the finest community houses in the country. This much needed addition to our village comes as the fulfillment of a wish often expressed by George Marston Whitin, in whose memory the building was given by his four daughters, Mrs. Lawrence M. Keeler, Mrs. E. Kent Swift, Mrs. Sydney R. Mason and Mrs. William C. Crane.

We know of no other building of its type which surpasses it either in equipment, or in architectural beauty. The gymnasium is cool and spacious. The swimming pool is large and inviting. The lobby, the club rooms, the billiard room, the shower baths and the lockers are modern and up to date in every respect.

At four o'clock on the afternoon of Saturday, July 7, the building was opened for the first time. From four until six o'clock visitors from far and near passed through the building on tours of inspection. In the swimming pool there was a swimming and diving exhibition given by a juvenile group from the famous Brookline Swimming Club, under the leadership of Mr. McNamara. The spectators were highly pleased with their performance, as indicated by their frequent applause. Adams' and Brown's Orchestra provided music in the gymnasium during the entire afternoon.

In the evening, at eight o'clock, Mr. E. K. Swift, treasurer of the Whitin Machine Works, delivered the following dedication address to an audience of approximately 1,700 people:

### MR. SWIFT'S ADDRESS

"We are assembled here tonight to open a building which is dedicated to a great citizen, George Marston Whitin. Mr. Whitin was born here, lived his life here and died here. His thought and his life were given in service to this community. He was an unusual man and one to whom was given great executive ability and business judgment. His influence

was felt throughout the great textile industry, which his many interests touched. His advice and judgment were very highly valued, and many men came to him for help and advice in their difficulties.

"But Mr. Whitin's thought was always of Whitinsville and the development of this community. No citizen in my opinion has done so much for this town as he. He planned its material development. His business sagacity brought prosperity to the



George Marston Whitin in whose memory the new building was given

great industry, the Whitin Machine Works, which he managed, and where Whitinsville stands today is very largely due to him.

"What appeals I think to each one of us today is that in his work he gave of himself in endeavoring to bring happiness and well-being to the people here. His hours were long and his work unceasing. Quiet, unassuming and thoughtful, he went through life giving an immense amount of individual attention to the many practical details which are so essential to the proper development of a community. His wish was that Whitinsville would be a good place to live in for the average citizen. His memory is held in affectionate regard, especially by all those who were privileged to come in contact with him and know the real man. And to

those of us who came in intimate personal touch with him his life is still an inspiration, and the thought which constantly arises in our minds when any new piece of work has been done or any new result accomplished which has bettered this community is: 'I wish Mr. Whitin were here to see this; I wonder what he would think of it.'

"And so, as we are gathered here in this magnificent gymnasium, the thought that arises to my mind is—if he could only be here to see it—for the dedication of this building is peculiarly appropriate to him, for he planned before his death for this community building. For two or three years before his illness, his thought was for the erection of a gymnasium building which would be open to all the people of Whitinsville and to those employed by the Whitin Machine Works.

"His views as to what this building should be and what he hoped it would accomplish were very definite. He wished a building which would be open to all, that would be so democratic and so free that it could form a common meeting place for the people of Whitinsville, irrespective of race, religion, creed or politics. He also wanted a building which would serve as a meeting place for our young people, and so what he wanted was a gymnasium and also a swimming pool.

"Many an evening I can remember sitting before the fire as he quietly went over the details of what this building should be and how it should be organized; and so this building as it stands is to the best of our knowledge the building he would have wished to have erected.

"While he is not here tonight, his spirit is, and it will live in this building, in its bricks and in its mortar, and in its hopes for the future; and so this dedication of this building to George Marston Whitin is most appropriate—a tribute to a great citizen, the expression of his last wish for the benefit and well-being of this community.

"Illness prevented Mr. Whitin's carrying out this plan. It has been

left, accordingly, to his daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Whitin Keeler, Mrs. Elsa Whitin Mason, Mrs. Katharine Whitin Swift and Mrs. Lois Whitin Crane to carry it out, and it is due to their generosity that this building has been made possible. In carrying out the plan for the building others have contributed their share—the land being given by Mrs. George Marston Whitin, Chester W. Lasell and Josiah N. Lasell, and the Directors of the Whitin Machine Works by their vote contributing the swimming pool. Mrs. Whitin has also joined with her daughters in seeing that the building is appropriately furnished and ready for use.

"And now for the rest of us who have not as yet had an opportunity to contribute to this building, which we hope will be the center of the community spirit of Whitinsville, we can do our share by joining to make this institution a success. I think I speak for Whitinsville when I bespeak the friendly co-operation of every person here in aiding this Association to carry out the purpose of this building, which is to make Whitinsville a better, a happier, a healthier and a more congenial place to live in.

"The building in its conception is a gymnasium. "Mens sana incorpore sano"—a sound mind in a sound body—should do a great deal to undo the great unrest which exists almost everywhere today. In this gymnasium, young and old will find a center for their athletic activities. We can all learn to swim in the swimming pool, and the business man can learn again to use his muscles and keep fit. Aside from this, there are assembly rooms in which friends can meet and indulge in the mild sports of pool, billiards and shooting. The ladies are not left out, and this building is for them as well as for the men.

"I shall not dwell on the hopes which we entertain for what this building will accomplish, for as the slang expression goes, 'What this building is to mean is "Up To You." ' The building is now equipped, a general secretary selected, a physical director and staff are here. It is the purpose of the trustees, in whom the title of the building rests, and for

whom I speak, to turn this building, its management and operation over to you, who become members of the Association. The dues are small, so that all can avail themselves of its privileges.

"The plan of organization provides for an elective body elected by the members of the Association, the trustees being merely represented on the governing board. We trust that you will find the plan of operation both democratic and workable, for it is the hope of the donors and the trustees that everyone will make this building his own and feeling his own.

"And now that the building is completed and the Association has been formed and is ready to function,



The Main Entrance

I have the pleasant privilege of turning over to the executive secretary the keys of the building and to extend to him and to those who will be associated with him in its operation all the good wishes of the donors of the building for its successful operation."

#### MR. BRINE'S REPLY

Following Mr. Swift, Mr. M. J. Brines, Executive Secretary of the new building, replied with the following address:

"Mr. Swift, Ladies and Gentlemen: "In accepting these keys as a representative of the future Whitin Community Association, I desire to thank those who have made possible this beautiful and adequate building,

and those who for the past few months have labored lovingly and earnestly for its completion.

"We have today a splendid recreation building, a hall of neighborliness and a temple of brotherhood. The importance of recreation as a national asset has only recently been recognized. The wholesome use of leisure time has been and still is a problem for which national leaders seek an answer, for it is upon the way we use our free time that the safety of our Nation depends. The use of a nation's leisure is the heart of its civilization: nations that have forsaken healthy, active recreation for a passive, pernicious idleness have one by one passed into the discard. Egypt, Babylonia, Persia, Greece and Rome, one by one have fallen, and in the past few hundred years, Spain and Portugal. They gave over the hours of freedom to wantonness, and more and more paid the price that finally has left them unrecognized among the leaders of the world. France was born again to strength through play, and England's strength is in her playgrounds.

"Play is that link, that key which unlocks for us the joys of youth. We all want to keep youthful; we dislike to lose out of our lives the emotions which were awakened in those care-free days. Whether we will admit it or not, we all love to play. We may be shy—slow to start in the games, but the desire to get into the fray is there. Some of us are like the old Irishman who, on hearing a noise of fighting in an adjoining room, asked, "Is it a private foight or can anywan join it?"

"Too often we have a feeling that play is only for the young. As Herbert Spencer so well said—"We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing." Dr. Fiske of the Life Extension Institute has carefully compiled figures in his research which go to show that while there is a decrease in diseases, such as typhoid, pneumonia and tuberculosis, between the ages of 45 and 60, yet there is an increase in deaths due to the nervous system or lack of exercise, which is 23% to 40%. These are significant and challenging facts, and we must

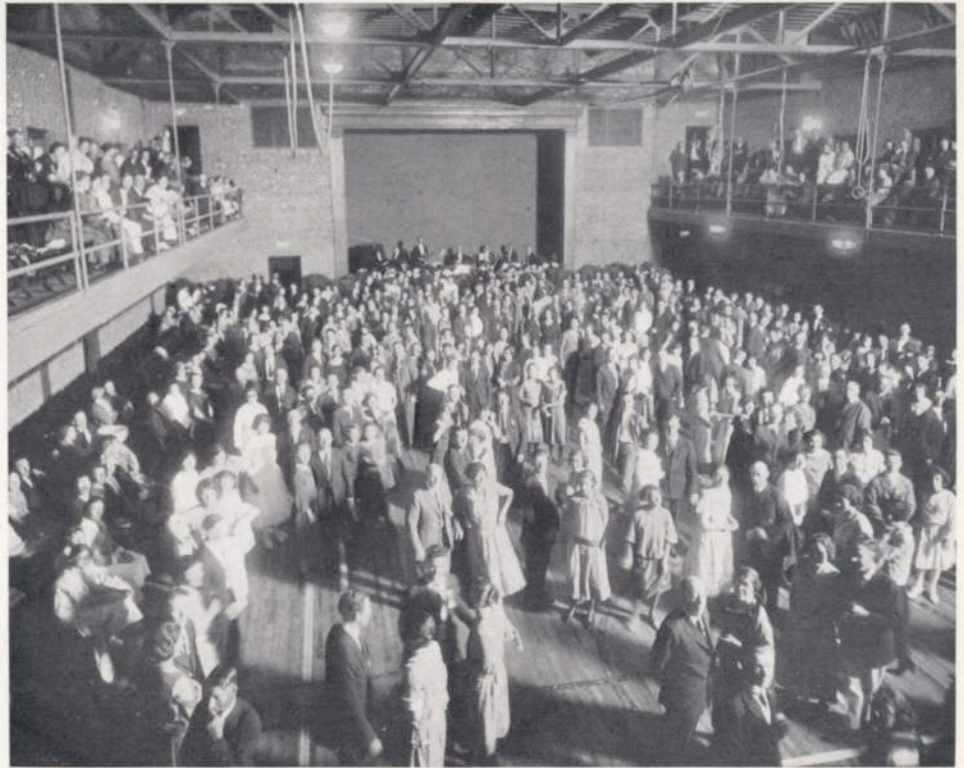
face them honestly. The Life Institute says that the outstanding cause of this high percentage is the decrease in outdoor life and muscular activity.

"Dr. Charles L. Dana recently wrote that it is not occupation, not work, but the things that are done when not working which most often cause disorders of mind and nerves. With fewer hours of labor for the workers, it is most essential that adequate provision be made for their added leisure.

The playground and the gymnasium are the laboratories for the practice of our religious teaching and for moral practice and development. Here we learn to act fairly with tolerance and concern for the other fellow, and to realize our own strength and weakness.

"But play is not the only phase of recreation which makes for the better life of a community. There is the library and the reading room where we may go to get inspiration and ideas that we may give them out the better to others, for if we give we must get. Nor should I fail to mention the great community asset of music. There is no more spiritual, no more natural, no more humanely harmonious expression of community feeling than music. Aristotle, the great philosopher, believed music the highest expression of mankind.

"The wealth of a community depends on the opportunities it affords for a fuller and more complete life. This building is an implement with which we help mould and make a better and healthier community. It has room within its walls for every form of recreation. It is a unifier and not a divider. It is an aid to neighborliness. From neighborliness, community spirit is born, not through living beside each other, but by sharing our joys and sorrows together in work and play, ever tolerant and considerate—helping and inspiring. In accepting this building, we have assumed a new responsibility as neighbors and citizens of Whitinsville. We should become leaders in extending the idea of fellowship and emphasizing the value of community spirit. Let us then accept the privileged task willingly, and as a united



A Flashlight Photograph of the Dance on the Opening Evening

community go forward toward a better patriotism, helping to build a better America by our example.

"This is the thought and the spirit, it seems to me, which was uppermost in the mind of him who conceived this building for this community. He longed for a greater Whitinsville. He saw with the vision of a prophet this needed inspiration to community life. He was beloved by all because he loved all; familiarly known to all of his men and all of his people as 'G. M.'—than which there is no greater tribute to a man. He carried upon his heart and mind the joys and sorrows of his fellowmen and desired that they should live together in peace and unity.

"Is it not fitting that in love and appreciation, as our testimonial to his memory, and with high hopes and purposes that this building, given to perpetuate his influence, may continue it to a very increasingly and greater proportion, that we rise and, in a moment of silence, dedicate this building to a GREATER NEIGHBORLINESS, A BETTER WHITINSVILLE, AND A LARGER HAPPINESS?"

When the dedication ceremony was over, the gymnasium floor was cleared and dancing was enjoyed until eleven o'clock, when the festivities came to

an end. Refreshments were served during the evening.

The committee in charge of the program were:

E. J. Driscoll, chairman; R. A. Henson, Jas. R. Clark, Fred Walker, Thos. H. Driscoll, R. G. McKaig, Wilfred Aldrich, E. C. Leonard, William Carvel, John W. Searles, J. F. McGuinness, Henry Bouvier, Joseph Spence, M. F. Carpenter, George Hanna, H. H. Bullock, Albin Nelson.

## Paragraphic Philosophy

*From Boston Traveler of Dec. 21, 1898  
Contributed*

When a man calls another the biggest fool in the world he sometimes forgets himself.

Some theories don't work; that is the reason why some philosophers don't make a living.

A relative need not be your great-grandfather to be a distant relative; some nearer relatives than that are more distant.

A man who leases his home gives up a temporary right to it, but when he releases it he does not give up all right to it.

## Proposed Constitution and By-Laws

(Subject to Revision)

### ARTICLE 1

#### NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Whitin Community Association. It is formed for social, educational and recreational purposes, with its headquarters in the George Marston Whitin Gymnasium.

### ARTICLE 2

#### OFFICERS

The officers shall be—President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Executive Secretary, a Board of Governors, and Executive Committee and a Board of Trustees; also, such other officers as the Trustees may deem it advisable to appoint. The election of officers shall be as hereinafter provided. Officers so elected shall serve for a period of one year from date of election and until their successors are chosen, except that the Board of Trustees forms a self-perpetuating body, and that this body appoints the Treasurer and Executive Secretary.

### ARTICLE 3

#### PRESIDENT

The President, and in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Governors and of the Executive Committee. In the event of the absence of both of these officers, the presiding officer may be elected by the members present.

### ARTICLE 4

#### TREASURER

The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Trustees. He shall have charge of all funds of the Association and pay all bills.

### ARTICLE 5

#### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Executive Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Board of Governors and the Executive Committee and shall keep the minutes of such meetings. He shall conduct necessary correspondence and keep the records of the Board of Governors and of the Executive Committee. He shall also be a member of every principal committee of the Association, and he shall be a member ex-officio of every sub-committee of the Association.

The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the Trustees.

### ARTICLE 6

#### BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors shall consist of the chairmen of the principal committees hereinafter designated, who shall be elected by the active members at the annual meeting of the Association, the Executive Secretary and a representative of the Employment Department of Whitin Machine Works.

The Board of Governors shall make up a yearly budget of estimated expenses for the approval of the Trustees and shall have the supervision of all the activities of the organization except such activities as hereinafter specified as allotted to the Executive Committee.

The Board of Governors shall elect from its membership the President and Vice-President of the Association.

The Board shall hold regular monthly meetings and such other meetings as may be necessary.

*Note:* Upon the organization of the Association the chairmen of the principal committees shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and shall hold office until the next annual election of the Association, as hereinafter specified.

### ARTICLE 7

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Executive Secretary and one member to be chosen by the Trustees.

In the Executive Committee shall be vested the power of veto over all decisions and actions of the Board of Governors.

Further duties shall consist of caring for the upkeep of house and grounds, supervising elections and summing up and completing the budget to be submitted to the Trustees.

The Executive Committee shall have no regular stated time of meeting but will be subject to call of the President or Executive Secretary.

### ARTICLE 8

#### TRUSTEES

The Trustees who represent the Incorporators, in whom the title to the property of the Association is vested, will have no regular duties; their meeting will be subject to their own by-laws.

The Trustees reserve the right at any or all times to dissolve the Association, or, through the Executive Committee, to modify, add to or cancel any of its rules of operation.

### ARTICLE 9

#### COMMITTEES

Each year after election of the principal chairmen of committees and the organization of the Board of Governors, the Board of Governors shall appoint the membership for each of the principal committees.

Each committee after organization shall, at its discretion, appoint such sub-committees as may, with the approval of the Board of Governors, be deemed advisable for carrying on the activities of the Association.

The acts of the various committees are at all times subject to the approval of the Board of Governors, and each committee shall make reports to the Board whenever called upon to do so.

The principal committees shall be as follows:

- House Committee
- Athletic Committee
- Swimming Committee
- Educational Committee
- Entertainment Committee
- Billiards and Pool Committee
- Membership Committee.

The above list may be increased, as deemed advisable by the Board of Governors.

### ARTICLE 10

#### MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Only residents of Whitinsville, Northbridge Center and Linwood, over the age of eighteen are eligible for active or voting membership. Any person who is employed in Whitinsville, but residing elsewhere—and over 18 years of age, may become an associate member.

Any resident of Northbridge not living in Whitinsville, Northbridge Center or Linwood, over 18 years of age, may become an associate member.

Membership shall be divided into four classes:

Senior Active—men and women over 18 years of age.

Senior Associate—men and women over 18 years of age.

Intermediate—Boys and girls over 13 and under 18.

Junior—boys and girls over 9 and under 13. Limited membership in Senior class includes full privileges of Association except use of Gymnasium, Swimming Pool and voting power.

All applications for membership shall be acted upon by the Board of Governors. Applications must receive approval of a majority present at the meeting of the Board.

The Senior Active members shall be entitled to full privileges of the Association.

The Senior Associate members are entitled to the same privileges as Senior Active members, except that they do not have voting privilege and may not hold office.

The Intermediate and the Junior members have the privileges as hereinafter defined for each class.

Any member at any time may be requested to resign, or in the event of not immediately doing so may be dropped from membership by the Board of Governors by a majority vote of its members present and voting, if the Board of Governors decides that such action is for the good of the Association.

The entrance fee and dues for the different classes of membership shall be as follows:

Senior Active—Men, \$6.00; women, \$4.00.  
Senior Associate—Men, \$6.00; Women, \$4.00.

Limited Senior—\$3.00.

Intermediate—\$3.00.

Junior—\$2.00.

Family Membership—If man and wife are members, other members of family between 9 and 18 years will be admitted for \$1.00.

### ARTICLE 11

#### MEETINGS

The annual meeting shall take place on the first Tuesday in April of each year at 7.30 P. M. in the gymnasium.

Special meetings may be called upon the request of one-third of the active members, subject to the approval of the Board of Governors.

The rules of Cushing's Manual shall be observed.

### ARTICLE 12

#### QUORUMS

At the annual meeting fifty (50) active members shall constitute a quorum.

At monthly meetings of the Board of Governors five (5) members shall constitute a quorum.

At all special meetings one-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

### ARTICLE 13

#### RULES

Subject to the Board of Governors, the various committees shall prepare and enforce rules regulating the use of the building, its appurtenances, and all activities in connection with the Association. The Board shall also prescribe rules for the admission of strangers and visitors, and from time to time establish additional rules which may be for the good of the Association.

### ARTICLE 14

#### MAINTENANCE

The By-Laws and Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Governors by a majority vote of the entire Board, provided three days' notice of the proposed amendments has been furnished the members of the Board and has been posted for the same length of time in the gymnasium building. Such amendments must be approved by a formal vote of the majority of the Executive Committee.

## BY-LAWS COMMITTEES

**House Committee.** The House Committee shall have as its duties supervision of the building with special reference to lobby, game room, library and club room. It shall pass on all general rules of conduct and receive all complaints.

**Athletic Committee.** The Athletic Committee shall have supervision of the gymnasium and all activities connected with same. Exhibitions, contests, etc., held in the gymnasium must receive its approval. It shall pass approval on all teams and members who desire to compete under the name of the Association, and no team or member shall compete in the Association without its approval. Department of athletes shall come under its supervision.

**Swimming Committee.** The Swimming Committee shall have jurisdiction over the pool and all contests and exhibitions held therein. Teams and individual representatives of the Association must receive the approval of the Swimming Committee before being allowed to compete under the name of the Association. This Committee shall pass upon all fees payable for use of the pool, except as otherwise stated herein.

**Educational Committee.** The Educational Committee shall have charge of moving pictures and determine the type and frequency of showing pictures. It shall also determine budget for operating machine and showing pictures, including fee of the operator. It shall have supervision over forms, lectures and classes other than physical culture.

**Entertainment Committee.** The Entertainment Committee shall have charge of all musical and dramatic activities.

**Billiards and Pool Committee.** This Committee shall determine the fees for the use of the tables and make rules for department of players. This Committee shall have jurisdiction over all contests and exhibitions.

**Visitors.** Persons who are not eligible for Active or Associate membership are entitled to use privileges of the Association as guests for a period not exceeding one week, when properly introduced by a member in good standing and approved by the Executive Secretary.

Persons eligible for Active or Associate membership may use the privileges of the Association once only, for a period of one day during each year, when properly introduced by a member in good standing and approved by the Executive Secretary.

Members must assume full responsibility for guests.

## HOUSE RULES

No dogs or other pets will be allowed. No subscription papers may be circulated. No sale of any article whatsoever will be permitted except under direct supervision of the Association.

No one may use another's private property without his written consent.

Smoking will be permitted in Billiard Room, Lobby and as otherwise specified by the House Committee.

All complaints shall be made to the Executive Secretary, serious ones in writing.

No credit shall be given to any member of the Association—nothing but cash transactions.

None but members and visitors introduced as herein provided shall be admitted to the building.

Persons having business with officials or members shall make their wants known at the desk and await in lobby for person whom they desire to see.

Members must sign the register for guest, and member introducing guest must also sign his name in register.

All members must show membership card on entering the building.

Gambling and use or possession of intoxicating liquors on the premises of the Association are forbidden.

Intermediate and Junior members shall surrender card to the person in charge of the building upon entering and shall receive the same upon leaving, with the following exceptions:

Any violation of rules or failure to make good accidental damage shall result in the loss of card or suspension from privileges of the Association, as may be deemed expedient.

**Boys and Girls.** Intermediate and Junior members must have consent of parent or guardian before joining Association.



## “There is real pleasure behind a safe driver”

“Yes, I’ll go with you if you will promise to drive safely,” says the young woman to her escort as he waits at the curb with his new car. And father, as he looks over his paper from his seat on the porch adds: “She’s right, John. Be careful.”

The expert driver is not always the safest driver. The skilled workman is not always the safest worker in the shop. The champion long distance hiker may die a jay walker’s death. It’s the thought we put into our work and our play which determines our success or failures.

The man at the wheel has a responsibility towards others on the streets and highways which requires the utmost in careful and continual driving. These suggestions for motorists, broadcasted simultaneously by the National Safety Council from 60 of the nation’s most powerful radio stations recently, should be borne in mind by every driver of an automobile or truck:

(1) Always test your brakes before you have gone a block from your garage in the morning—and if the brakes are not working properly,

have them adjusted or repaired at once. Never drive your motor vehicle unless the brakes are in safe working condition.

(2) Use your horn sparingly and your brakes frequently to prevent accidents.

(3) Always keep fifteen or twenty—twenty-five feet is better—behind the vehicle ahead of you when travelling at a speed of more than fifteen miles per hour. If the vehicle ahead of you strikes another vehicle or stops suddenly to avoid an accident, you will find that you cannot stop quickly enough to avoid hitting it unless you have sufficient distance between you all of the time.

(4) Keep a sharp lookout for children and never drive more than fifteen or twenty miles an hour when there are children nearby.

(5) Be sure that your headlights and tail-lights are lighted when travelling after sundown. And check up on your headlights to see that they do not glare in the faces of motor vehicle drivers going in the opposite direction. Always dim your headlights when approaching a car going in the other direction on a country road.

(6) Always remember that “speeding” is not limited to sixty miles an hour or more. You may be speeding when going ten or fifteen miles an hour in congested districts. The charge of “speeding” implies “excessive speed under existing conditions.”

(7) Remember that the courteous driver is usually the safe driver. Half of the road belongs to vehicles going in your direction. Give the other fellow his full share.

(8) Many accidents will be avoided if we give the other fellow the right-of-way in traffic. Your “right of the road” is of no value or importance after the accident for the damage done is not lessened and the persons injured or killed in a collision is not benefitted.

“Say it with safety—and save the flowers.”

National Safety Council.

A marriage license sometimes cost a dollar down and the balance is paid on the installment plan.



In Charge of the Program and the Care of the Memorial Gymnasium. Left to Right, 1st Row: Thomas Colthart, Mrs. James Collins, Edward Barrett; 2nd Row: Harry Malette, M. James Brines.

## Community House Notes

### KNOWING HOW TO SWIM

This is the time of the year when people long for the "ol' swimmin' hole." When factories get too hot to work in, and houses and office buildings drive us into the open, we all seek some spot where we can cool off. Even under the trees in the country, there isn't a maximum of comfort. But in the water it is different. People were heard to say, as they sported in the water while the heat wave was at its worst, "This is the first time I've been comfortable this week."

Relaxation, rest and exercise may all be found on the borders of lake and pool. A dip cools the body, a brisk swim gets the muscles working; then the swimmer may loll on the shore till such time as he feels impelled to take another dip. This is a pretty good combination, and those who can swim well enough to feel confident in the water are fortunate.

Of course, swimmers are not the only ones that may seek the comfort of the water, but they can do it with a feeling of safety that is denied those who splash about near shore. A good stroke and a little common sense open the water world to them. They needn't worry about stepping into a hidden hole, for if they do they can swim out. Moreover they can combine exercise and fun with their trip to the pool as the others cannot.

He who does not know how to swim should learn. Few accomplishments are more pleasant or more valuable in emergency. He who can swim well will be equal to the occasion. If not, someone may suffer seriously, as so many drowning accidents show.

### SWIMMING CLASSES

With the opening of the new swimming pool, comes the opportunity for every non-swimmer in Whitinsville to learn how to handle himself in the water. Mr. MaLette is planning to start swimming classes immediately. There will be a notebook at the desk in the lobby in which all non-swimmers are requested to sign up for instruction.

### LIFE-SAVING CORPS

Plans are under way for the organization of a life-saving corps, under the leadership of Mr. MaLette. He will give the regular Red Cross Life Saving examination and will award badges to the successful candidates. All those interested, please consult Mr. MaLette.

### SWIMMING SCHEDULE

	Intermediates	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.
Mon.	—Women & Girls—	3.00 to 6.00	—7.00 to 8.30	Jr. Girls—10.30 to 11.30
Tue.	—Men & Boys	—3.00 to 6.00	—7.00 to 9.00	Jr. Boys—10.30 to 11.30
Wed.	—Women & Girls—	3.00 to 6.00	—7.00 to 8.30	Jr. Girls—10.30 to 11.30
Thur.	—Men & Boys	—3.00 to 6.00	—7.00 to 9.00	Jr. Boys—10.30 to 11.30
Fri.	—NO SWIMMING			
Sat.	—Women & Girls—	2.00 to 4.00		
	Men & Boys	—4.00 to 6.00.		

### SWIMMING COMMITTEE

The swimming committee, composed of R. E. Meek, chairman; A. Porter, E. C. Leonard, and Leon Houghton, will have charge of all swimming pool activities under the direction of Mr. MaLette.

### THE GYMNASIUM

The gymnasium will be open all summer for those who want to come in and have a work out, but there will not be any organized classes until the latter part of September.

### THE BUILDING

The building will be open to Seniors at all times; to the Intermediates from 10 A. M. to 8 P. M., and to the Juniors from 10 A. M. to 6 P. M.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

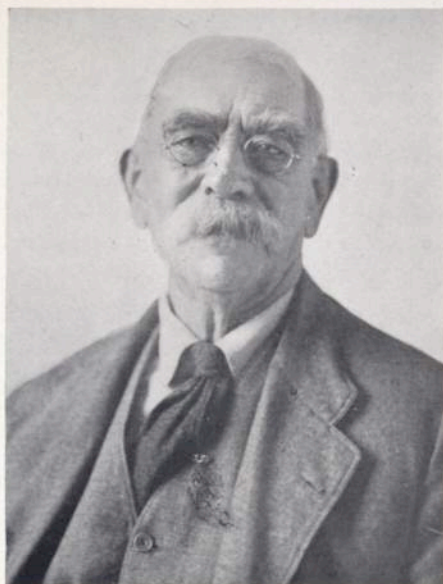
Please consult the bulletin boards frequently. Notices will be posted there from time to time concerning swimming instruction, changes in schedules, etc.

Mr. Glashower, of the comber job, has a good joke on himself, over the attempted delivery of one of his cows to a purchaser in Linwood. The cow, and Mr. Glashower and one helper started out for Linwood in perfect order, but did not get far before a retreat was made for the barn. We will leave the rest of the story for Mr. Glashower to tell to those who may be interested.

Henry Thorngren returned from Cape Ann without his "flivver." There are vague rumors as to what has become of it, and we wonder what to believe.

Even dolls suffer and perish from the trip—of the baby.





Jesse Jeffers

### Service Pins Awarded in the Month of July

*50-Year Pins*

Thomas Fox      Jesse Jeffers  
Maurice Walsh

*25-Year Pins*

E. D. Whitney

*20-Year Pins*

Henry Cronin      Oscar Martin  
Bowe Postma

*15-Year Pins*

Frank Magowan

*10-Year Pins*

Peter Kooistra      George Kuindersma  
Mamed Mostofa      Harry Mulligan

*5-Year Pins*

Annie Cowburn      J. Wm. Denoncourt  
William Dion      Edward Kane  
Margaret Meade      Jasper Travaille  
Joseph Turgeon      Fred Vincent

George Gannon, of the Drafting Room, and other members of that department, were on a bass fishing trip at Riley's Pond. Mr. Gannon was casting from the center of the pond in a canoe while the others were trying their luck from the banks. He reached around suddenly for his wiggler bait, and the next thing he knew he was treading water about three feet below the surface. Being a swimmer he caught the canoe, but reports that his fishing pole and paraphernalia are still at the bottom of the pond, a prize for any youngster who wants to form a salvaging company.

### Three New Fifty-Year Veterans this Month

Mr. E. K. Swift, Treasurer and General-Manager of the Whitin Machine Works, had the pleasure of presenting service pins to three fifty-year veterans in his office this month. These veterans were Jesse Jeffers, in charge of building Quillers, Thomas Fox of the spinning job, and Maurice Walsh of the Core Room.

Detailed accounts of the service records of these three gentlemen can be found in the "Spindles" of September, October, and November of 1921. The management and employees of the Whitin Machine Works extend their congratulations to the new members of the half century group, and hope they will continue to enjoy their pleasant associations here in the shop.

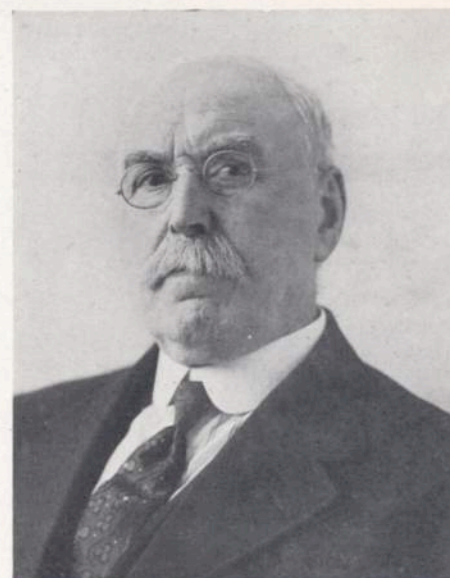


Thomas Fox

On the morning of July 16, word was received of the death of William Boyce, a former member of the Tin Shop. Mr. Boyce was employed for 28 years by the Whitin family on their estates, and since 1914 has been employed in the shop. He was retired from active work on account of ill health in December, 1922. Our sympathy is extended to his family at this time.

Always make a written contract; if you make a verbal one you may get a verbal salary.

Tuning the fiddles before the performance is an utterance of false notes.



Maurice Walsh

### Service Pins to be Awarded in the Month of August

*40-Year Pins*

John J. Regan

*25-Year Pins*

Joseph Paquette      George Tebeau

*20-Year Pins*

Ernest Smith      John Wasiuk  
S. E. Durrell

*15-Year Pins*

George Bowman      W. J. Allen  
Cram Casbearian      G. E. Witcher  
J. A. Howard

*10-Year Pins*

Kirk Kotorian      Benj. Scott  
O. Sissian

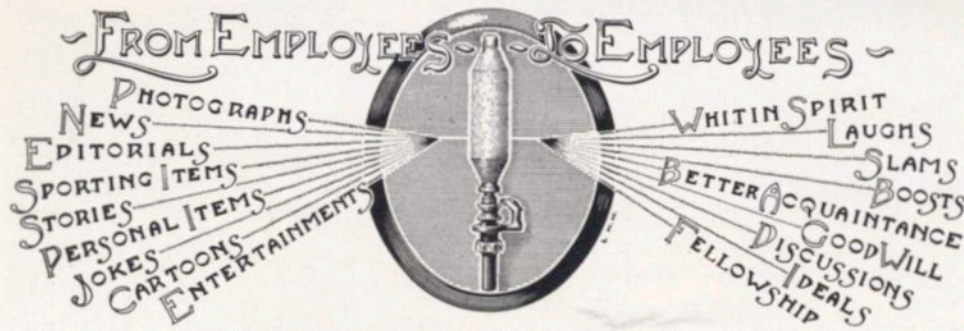
*5-Year Pins*

Louis Chabot      B. A. Dixon  
Thomas Dorsey      William Dowd  
Bern. Farrar      Aur. Giguere  
Mary Hemenway      Russell Jackson  
Francis Kelliher      Alice Lawson  
J. Mattoonian      H. Zadorian

#### "Those We Love the Best"

*They say the world is round—and yet  
I often think it's square;  
So many little hurts we get  
From corners here and there.  
But there's one truth in life I've found  
While journeying East and West—  
The only folks we really wound  
Are those we love the best.  
We flatter those we scarcely know,  
We please the fleeting guest,  
And deal full many a thoughtless blow  
To those we love the best.*

(Author Unknown).



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## The "Crabber"

Wherever a group of individuals is gathered together, there is always to be found the type that is popularly known as the "Crabber." He never is happy unless he is engaged in his characteristic pastime of sowing the seeds of discontent. Nothing pleases him. He finds in his friends nothing but faults of which he is constantly reminding them. As for himself, he can say with Metternich, "My mind has never entertained error."

The world to him is but a barren waste devoid of love, sincerity and happiness. He starts the stone rolling that strikes and injures other people's feet, and then returns to pass over his own toes. He has never seen a good show, or a good movie; he never has had a good time, or enjoyed a good meal; he can laugh at the expense of others, but never at the expense of himself; he has never seen an honest umpire or referee at any athletic contest; he never appreciates the efforts of others, and in spite of the contempt in which he is held by his associates, he always knows better than anyone else just what should be done in any situation.

That these persons are permitted to exist is a worthy tribute to the progress of self-control and brotherly feeling among the other members of the race.

If things don't suit you, Mr. Crabber, try oiling your shoulder blades and your elbows instead of your tongue. No man has ever yet "crabbed" his way to success. It's the quiet, hard-working man who "gets there." When he has "arrived," he looks back over the road and smiles at the little difficulties which back there seemed so tremendous. He remembers having passed a man who had tripped over an old stump, and he is surprised to find him still kicking at it with his foot. Soon he sees the fellow kick so hard that he actually injures his own foot, and thus incapacitates himself for further progress. That, gentle reader, is the "Crabber." He has nobody to blame but himself, but we must admit that he should be presented with a leather medal for his ingenious alibis.

## Believing the Worst

There is very little charity in this world. There are too many people who are ready to believe the worst that can be said about anyone. Scandal gets credited where truth goes unbelieved. Let a person or a newspaper say something bad about somebody and there are plenty of people who will believe it instantly; while if something good is said the public becomes at once skeptical. Why is it that we are so prone to believe unsupported lies while we demand positive facts before believing what is obviously true?—Wareham Courier.

## Interesting Facts about Cotton

In the June issue of the "Spindle," we attempted to show how steam power, which was so necessary an accessory to the earlier water power in driving the new textile machinery, was made available through James Watt's improvements on the previous researches and inventions of Thomas Savery (1650-1715), Thomas Newcomen (1663-1729), and John Smeaton (1724-92). By a series of experiments running between 1765 and 1781, Watt was able first to make the steam engine a practical instrument in driving machinery, whereas its former use had been limited to crude pumping operations in mines. By the time of his death in 1819, Watt had perfected the main principles of the steam engine which it has retained until the practical development of the turbine in very recent years.

#### THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE IRON INDUSTRY

To make these large heavy engines and machines, much iron was needed, but it could not be obtained without coal. The main reason why England became the center of the Industrial Revolution was because she had enormous deposits of coal and iron, lying near to each other, which could be easily mined. Hence, in the vicinity of these deposits there soon appeared blast furnaces, huge forges and rolling mills to supply iron to meet this new demand.

The invention of a cylinder blast furnace with a rotary fan by John Smeaton, 1760, and Henry Cort's discovery of the process of "puddling" iron, whereby pig iron could be transformed into malleable iron, revolutionized the iron industry in much the same way that the inventions of such men as Hargreaves, Crompton and Cartwright had transformed the textile industry. These early inventions and innovations in the processes of the iron industry laid the basis for the development of the future great iron and steel industries in the United States.

An account of all the contributions which have been made to this industry since 1760 we fear would prove

too technical and dry to the readers of the "Spindle," so we will pass on to a brief review of the present processes employed which have developed from the early English discoveries.

An example of one of the modern methods is to be found in our own foundry. The iron from which our castings are made is called "pig" iron. This is iron which has already been through the blast furnace process before reaching us. A blast furnace is merely a cylindrical steel shell lined throughout with fire-brick. This shell measures in height from 40 to 100 feet, or even higher. The walls of the hearth near the bottom of the furnace are pierced with openings through which so called "tuyeres" supply a strong blast of heated air. A wood fire is built in the bottom of the furnace, and into the top is continuously charged fuel, ore and "flux," or limestone. The blast is gradually turned on as the fire increases.

In this manner, heat of about 2,200° F is produced. The ore is melted and sinks to the bottom, while the limestone or flux rises to the top bringing up with it the ash of the coke, and certain impurities in the ore. This substance which floats on top is known as "slag." The ore and "slag" can then be easily tapped off separately through openings located at proper levels. The molten iron is then run off into what are known as "pigs." These "pigs" are cooled and shipped to the various machine foundries for further transformation.

What we do here is to charge our cupola, or stack, with coke, pig iron and flux. Iron scrap and sprues (sprues are overflow iron in the



A View of the Whitin Machine Works Yard Showing Pig Iron Piled on the Ground

moulds) are often mixed in with the new pig iron. A wood fire is built in the stack, as in the blast furnace process, and a cold air blast is produced by means of a rotary fan. This heats the material likewise to a temperature of about 2,200° F. This melts the pig iron again, which sinks to the bottom, and the flux carries up the coke ash and more impurities. The slag is blown off the top, and the product, molten gray iron, is poured into the waiting sand moulds. When these have cooled, the sand is knocked off, and the castings are sent to the snagging room where they are roughly prepared for machining processes in other parts of the shop.

For our whole commercial and industrial development, which is another way of saying "our present civilization and mode of life," we are almost entirely indebted to the researches and inventions of the English. It was the English who invented the simple textile machines from which our present modern contrivances have been developed; it was the English who discovered the fundamental principles in the utilization of iron ore for the manufacture of these machines; and it was an Englishman who invented the steam engine which has made possible our America of today.

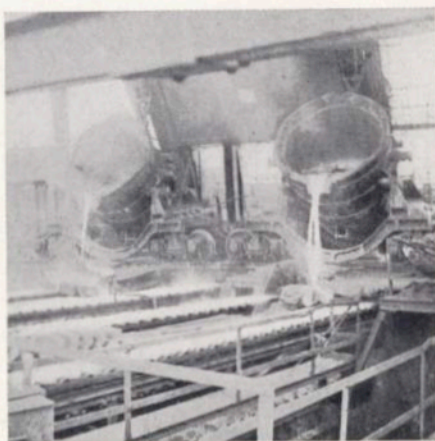
A reward of \$5.00 for the return of each of the following drills will be paid at the Electrical Department: Nos. 16, 28, 70, 72, 85, 98, 120, 125, 137.

Charlie Bozoian, a Williams College student who is working in the Yard for the summer, is charged by the Uxbridge police with exceeding the speed limit. "Can you imagine it," says Charlie, "in a Ford!"



If you want to give up walking, this style of shoe is recommended

The above photograph of worn-out shoes are far from being a good advertisement or a beautiful picture. From a standpoint of safety they are one of the hazards around the shop which we all desire to get rid of. These shoes were found by a member of the cleaning department and had evidently just been discarded. They should have been discarded weeks ago. We wish that the men would realize that thin soles around the shop are a dangerous proposition, and we urge that all shoes be tapped before the outside sole wears through.



Making "Pigs" at Blast Furnace

## Whitin Machine Works Leads Industrial Triangle League

### Team Work and Heavy Hitting Win

In the Industrial Triangle League, the Whitin Machine Works team leads in the pennant race, having won nine games and lost two the week ending July 14. Their position at present is due to the heavy hitting of the team, eight members batting for better than 300. In the last two games the Whitin team has won by eight run rallies in the eighth inning. In the league the team has played four games since the last "Spindle" went to press.

On June 23 they were defeated in the ninth inning by one run by the Hamilton Woolen team. This run was scored after two men were out and two strikes on the batter. In the second inning, Jack Leonard, who was substituting for Hartley, out due to an injury, hit a home run. Pitching honors were even between Murray and Colucci, each allowing but six hits. Malgren secured the most hits for the home team, securing a single and a double. His double scored Leonard in the sixth inning, accounting for our second run.

The Norton team was badly defeated on their home grounds in a slugging match in which our team scored thirteen runs on seventeen hits. Due to ground rules caused by a short centerfield, the long drives were only good for two bases. Six drives went over the centerfield fence, one of them by Malgren going over the factory buildings. Murray allowed but six hits to his opponents.

On July 4, the Whitin Machine Works won a forfeited game from the Norton team, due to the failure of the team to appear at the Pythian Field Day. Over 1,200 people paid at the gate and the crowd was saved from a complete disappointment by an exhibition game which the team put on at that time. The feelings of the baseball team and the Pythian officials need not be expressed here, but can be well imagined by those who have followed the team during the season.

On July 7, on Vail Field, the Hamilton Woolen team was defeated in an up-hill fight 12 to 9. The

Hamilton team started by scoring three runs in the first inning on two bases on balls and a home run by Colucci. In the third inning they followed up their three-run advantage by scoring four more. During this inning Colucci connected for a three bagger, which was followed by another by Houle. With the score 7 to 0 against them, the home team showed their fighting qualities by using the stick to good advantage, scoring three runs in the fifth on Denoncourt's three-base hit, Leonard's three-base hit and singles by Kearnan and McGuire. It looked as if more runs were due but the last batter struck out with three on. The Hamilton team followed this up by scoring two runs in the following inning, making the score 9 to 3. In the seventh inning Leonard hit another three-bagger and scored on Hartley's single. The eighth inning proved to be the feature inning of the game, and when it was over, the home team had scored eight runs. With three men on and no one out, Steele, pinch hitting for Murray, knocked a three-bagger which started the rally.

On the following Saturday, another weird game was played, this time on the Chase Mills grounds. With the score 9 to 7 against the Whitin team, due to a disastrous second inning when the Chase team scored six times, the team again pulled through with an eight-run rally in the eighth inning, repeating their performance of the previous Saturday, winning the game 15 to 13. Murray had an off-day, but his team-mates with their usual heavy hitting won the game. Hartley led the batting with four hits in six times at bat, one of them going over the center field fence—the first time this feat has been accomplished in six years.

Outside of the Triangle League the Whitin Machine Works team defeated the Draper Corporation on Vail Field, Thursday night, July 12. During the first three innings it looked as if it was going to be one of the closest games played here this season, the score being 2 to 2. In the fifth inning the home team scored two more runs. In their half of the

seventh inning the Whitins started another one of their famous rallies and scored six runs.

After the game the Draper team was entertained at supper at Mr. Bassett's home on Linwood Avenue.

A return game will be played at Hopedale on August 2. The Hopedale team brought with them a large following and a number of local fans are planning to take in the return game at Hopedale.

The batting averages and the league standing are as follows:

#### LEAGUE STANDING WEEK ENDING JULY 14

	W	L	%
Whitin Machine Works	9	2	.818
American Optical Company	7	3	.700
Hamilton Woolen Company	6	4	.600
S. Slater & Sons	4	5	.444
Norton Company	3	6	.333
Chase Mills	1	8	.111

#### BATTING AVERAGES

	AB	R	H	%
Leonard, J.	9	6	5	.555
Steele	10	4	5	.500
Kearnan	47	17	18	.383
Hartley	34	12	12	.353
Malgren	40	5	14	.350
McGuire	44	9	15	.341
Leonard, F.	48	13	16	.333
Denoncourt	42	9	14	.333
Cooney	15	7	4	.267
O'Neil	20	4	5	.250
McKinnon	44	4	10	.227
Campo	1	0	0	.000
Murray	29	4	0	.000

Lucia Bates, Jane Currie, Dorothy Vandershaft, and Helen Cotter, together with Earl Norton, "Red" Paine, "Walt" Commons and Harold Johnston, with Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester as chaperones, journeyed to Camp Wohelo on Friday evening, June 29, where they feasted on strawberry short-cake and steak. The short-cake, provided by Mrs. John White (they were kind enough to tell us), was exceedingly delicious.

The preparation of the peas by Miss Currie and Miss Bates provided a great deal of laughter. The guests are not sure even yet as to just what the final concoction might be named. One of the attending culinary artists advanced the theory that it was a cross between pea soup, fried peas, and stewed peas.

While "Red" Paine was packing away the steak, Dot Vandershaft inquired of him: "Say Red, how's the salt?" "I dunno," replied Red, with his mouth full, "I ain't seen it!"

## Foundry is Setting Fast Pace

The Foundry retains the lead in the Sunset League and now leads by two games.

On June 18 the Foundry defeated the Spinning 10 to 3, and on Wednesday, June 20, the Yard defeated the Pickers in a tight game 2 to 1. Feen, pitching for the Yard, allowed but three hits to his opponents. By bunching their hits in the second and fourth innings, the Yard was able to win the game.

During the week of July 4, no games were scheduled, and the following week, on July 9, the Foundry defeated the Pickers in a close game 8 to 7. Steele, of the Foundry team, led at batting with three hits in four times up, having a single, a double and a triple to his credit. One of the features of the game was the pitching of Jones when faced by Malgren. Malgren had made some long drives against the Norton team on the previous Saturday, but was fanned three times by Jones. Malgren personally congratulated Jones on the diamond on his success.

On Wednesday night the Yard defeated the Spinning in a close game 10 to 9. The Spinning team came very close to overcoming their opponents in the last inning when they scored seven runs. A home run was made by Brennan, a three-bagger by O'Brien and a double by Jackman. With two out and two on, Saragian made a shoe string catch of Brennan's drive to right field, saving the game.

The league standing and batting averages are as follows:

### LEAGUE STANDING WEEK ENDING JULY 18

	W	L	%
Foundry	5	1	.833
Pickers	3	3	.500
Yard	2	3	.400
Spinning	1	4	.200

### BATTING AVERAGES JULY 18

	AB	R	H	%
O'Brien	3	1	3	1.000
Allard	4	1	3	.750
Melia	10	4	6	.600
Kane	5	1	3	.600
Malgren	16	5	9	.563
Nash	13	6	7	.546
Steele	14	3	7	.500
Postma	4	0	2	.500
Donovan	11	5	5	.455
Finney	11	4	5	.455
Hartley	11	5	5	.455
Hall	10	0	4	.400
McGuire, F.	5	2	2	.400
Saragian, M.	13	5	5	.385

Leonard, J.	8	3	3	.375
Denoncourt	19	7	7	.368
Britton	11	3	4	.364
Ashworth	18	6	6	.333
O'Neil	9	3	3	.333
Sweeney	3	0	1	.333
Benoit	13	4	4	.308
Campo	13	3	4	.303
Leonard, F.	13	2	4	.308
Jones	14	6	4	.286
Corron	18	6	5	.278
McGowan	8	1	2	.250
Brennan	4	1	1	.250
Jackman	4	1	1	.250
Veau	4	0	1	.250
McGuire, C.	13	1	3	.230
Simmons	13	0	3	.230
Herberts	14	1	3	.214
Keeler	14	2	3	.214
Buma	16	0	3	.188
Anderson	13	2	2	.154
Cooney	7	2	1	.143
Murray	7	0	1	.143
Clark	11	0	1	.091
Saragian, P.	11	2	1	.091
Hill	2	0	0	.000
Sullivan	5	1	0	.000
White	14	1	0	.000

Albert Kershaw, of the setting up job, found a horse the day after the Fourth, and so far has been unable to locate its owner. He says that as soon as he can find Glashower's milk wagon, he's going into the dairy business.

Forest Peck, of the roll job, has returned to us after a week's vacation, which he spent touring Connecticut in his Ford.

The "Spindle" wishes to extend to Mr. and Mrs. William Proffitt its sincere sympathy in the loss of their little girl, Edna.

Blanche Gregoire is a new member of the Freight Office. May B. Wilde is substituting in the same office for the summer.

Although he never bets, Edgar Bazner claims unqualified success in picking the winners of baseball games, prize-fights, etc. His prophecies have come true so often that the boys who do the betting always select the exact reverse of Mr. Bazner's opinions. He'll fool them yet.

The Brookside Club gave a turtle supper on Saturday night, July 7. The turtle, weighing 40 pounds, was presented to the Club by Buck

Herberts. The kitchen mechanics who did the honors were Irving, Charlie and Herbert Peck.

Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, of A. H. Gill's job, is convalescing at her home after an operation performed at Whitinsville Hospital. We hope for her speedy recovery.

K. L. Benner, of the Production Department, has returned from a week's vacation spent at Oakland Beach.

The burglar that stole a package of gum from Johnson's and Whitehead's strong box has not yet been apprehended. The local police force has been requested to investigate.

## Vacation Pictures

Now that the good old summer time has rolled around again, and the men all through the shop are going away on their vacations, please don't forget to take a'ong that little camera when you go, so that, we can have a picture of "The Ole Swimmin' Hole," "The Farmhouse," "The Seashore," or "The Lake in the Moonlight," for the "Spindle" when you return. Other people will enjoy seeing your pictures, and, undoubtedly, you will be interested in looking over the vacation "doin's" of the rest of the bunch.

"Bill" Draper, of the spinning erecting job, presented himself at the Chinese Laundry, Saturday evening, July 7, and after explaining that he had lost his check, wanted to know if he could get his laundry. The laundryman looked at the number on the shirt Bill was wearing, and after searching through half a hundred packages, gave it up in despair and told him to return on Monday. Monday night, Bill went back. Again the Chinaman looked carefully through the uncalled-for bundles of the previous week and being unable to find it, asked Bill to return again on Tuesday. He returned to his room, and as he sat on his chair contemplating his misfortune, his eye fell on a bundle protruding from under his bed. Hastily he fished it out, and upon examination found it to be his soiled linen which he believed was at the laundry.

## The Mystery of the Ice Chest, or the Quest for the Royal Steward's Clams

Friends, Romans, Countrymen! Lend me your ears! Let every wind be hushed that you may hear the wonderous things we have to tell the world.

It was not many moons ago when the Royal Steward of the House of King "Steve" had placed in his Majesty's ice-box two full measures of clams, on which he had planned to feast his friends and relatives who were journeying to him from a far country.

One drowsy afternoon, the King was roused from his after-dinner nap by two fair gentlemen who demanded a consultation. "Know ye, oh King," quoth the mighty Hanna, "that there lies in your ice chest two measures of quahogs sent hither by the Market of the Circle, whereon we would feast and make merry tonight?"

"Do tell," replied the King "thou hast brought me news of great import. Verily, I will go in unto the ice chest and learn the truth of your saying."

Whereupon the King entered the ice chest and there found two full measures of clams, which he thought were quahogs, and he gave them to the fair gentlemen, and bidding them godspeed, sent them on their journey.

Now, when these two gentlemen had gathered unto themselves the supposed "quahogs," they made haste to go into the market place, for one of the men, Carrick, by name, was a merchant of no mean repute who dealt in all manner of goods.

There was in Carrick's shop a great electrical meat grinder, and when the fiery current had been turned on, they did empty the two measures of "quahogs" into it. Now Carrick, the gallant knight that he was, couldn't see putting his fingers into that grinder to push down the "quahogs," so he betook himself to the shelf whereon lay the butcher's implements, and selecting his best knife-sharpener, poked it down into the grinder. The grinder began to sputter and kick, and finally stopped completely in silent rebuke to such treatment.

"'Tis meet," suggested the noble Carrick, "that we seek out another grinder, for lo and behold the voice of mine is silent forever!" and he wept bitterly.

Whereupon the two made their way to the house of Hanna, and when Hanna's mother had learned the fate of the electrical grinder and perceived what they were about, she did go secretly in unto her cupboard and slyly put her grinder away where it could not be found.

Despairing of ever finding the grinder, the fair gentlemen then journeyed to the home of one, John Joseph Regan, a guard in the King's army, and there rejoiced at the finding of a grinder. In their happiness they did laugh and poke all manner of fun at each other as they ground the unfortunate clams.

Now when they had returned into the royal feasting grounds, whereon waited many gallant knights and fair ladies to partake of the savory chowder, they perceived that they had been duped, for the "quahogs" now in their possession were not sufficient to feed so vast a multitude. Undaunted they made up the deficiency with huge quantities of potatoes and onions and added them unto the chowder.

And when they had sat down to feast, and tasted the chowder, they marvelled at it, and pronounced it with one accord to be the best "quahog" chowder they had ever tasted.

Soon the royal carpenter, one Charlie Snow, spoke up:

"'Tis well," said he, "that we were given a short measure of 'quahogs' for had there been more or less, the chowder would not have been so good."

"Yea, verily," replied the multitude in chorus.

While all these things were coming to pass, the royal steward of the House of King "Steve" raised a mighty howl which rang throughout the King's court. The King ordered the steward to be brought before him, and demanded of him an explanation for his unseemly conduct.

"Most worthy King," explained the steward sorrowfully, "the royal ice chest has been entered, and two

full measures of my choicest clams on which I had planned to feast my friends and relatives on the night of the Bath, have been stolen from me."

And when he had finished his saying, the King became strangely silent and after a long pause said unto the royal steward: "Let us go together in unto the ice chest and see if we cannot find thy clams."

And when they had gone thither they searched in vain, but there was nary a clam in the whole chest, and when they had come again into the kitchen, the King did stumble over a basket of the largest clams he had ever seen.

"There," said the King threateningly, "aren't those your clams?"

The steward shook his head gravely. "No," he replied, "those are quahogs. The merchant left them here for a secret order of the Knights of King Arthur's Round Table, known as 'The Grange,' and said they would call for them."

The King's eyes lit up with understanding, but he dared not tell the steward of his folly, for the steward was a mean cook, and he dreaded to lose him.

Even unto this day the noble chowder connoisseurs, C. S. Snow, Archie Bowen, Leon Houghton, Bert Dixon, Bert Richardson, and Bill Donlon remember the marvellous broth and swear it was the finest *quahog* chowder that was ever prepared.

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When the office girls took a swim in the new pool on Tuesday evening, July 10, Nellie Vail, of Wood's office, neglected to remove her shoes before taking a shower bath. The absent-minded professor has nothing on Nellie.

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Is the bottom of the swimming pool hard? Ask "Benny" Leonard. His nose knows!

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A man may get to his office in half an hour's time in the morning and it may take him all night to get home.

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One reason for an early marriage is that the golden wedding may come sooner.

## Steam Hammer Reflections

By C. T. BURLIN

It may not be generally known, but nevertheless, it is a fact that in the year 1858, there was found a parchment describing the ceremonies of dedicating the temple of Solomon, King of Israel. This parchment was lost during an Arab raid on Jerusalem. An uncle of mine, visiting the Holy City a good many years ago, read it, and made a copy of it that I still preserve.

The first thing on the manuscript recorded the inspection of the temple by the King. When he beheld the wonderful wood carving, he bid his prime minister and chief bottleholder, Sehla, to bring in and introduce the master who had wrought such marvelous work, so that he could be crowned King of the Craftsmen. After some remarks concerning his art, the King asked the man where he got the tools with which he did his work. Without prejudice he replied that the blacksmith had made them.

Following this interview, the goldsmith, the silversmith, and the copper-smith were all asked the same question about their tools, and each one admitted that the blacksmith had made them. Whereupon Sehla was commanded to bring forth the blacksmith. Like each of the rest of them the King asked the blacksmith also where he got the implements with which he had fashioned all the other tools.

"Why, your Imperial Majesty," he replied proudly, "I made them myself." The King immediately ordered him to be crowned King of the Craftsmen. And his fame is great in Israel, even unto this day—and the King gave him a service pin.

Professor: "What is ordinarily used as a conductor of electricity?"

Student (all at sea): "Why - er—"

Professor: "Wire, correct! Now tell me, what is the unit of electric power?"

Student: "The what, sir?"

Professor: "Exactly, the watt. Very good; that will do."

Elizabeth McCrea has joined the Production Department Office force.



## Polish Army Chief Decorates Whitinsville Man

Mr. Charles Burlin, foreman of the Blacksmith Shop, recently showed us a letter from the War Department which was written to his son, Lieut. Charles W. Burlin, U. S. A. The first paragraph reads, "The War Department has been advised that the Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Army and the Chief of Staff, Marshal Joseph Pilsudski, has bestowed upon you the decoration of 'Krzyz Walecznych.' " This cross was bestowed in recognition of services rendered the Polish Republic by Lieut. Burlin in aiding a delegation of Polish Army officials to secure supplies for their country.

Lieut. Burlin worked in the shop summers while going to Worcester Tech.

His father, Charles Burlin, tells us that only eight United States Army Officers have received a similar honor.

F. N. Guertin, of the planer job, brought in the good news of the birth of his son, Raymond Ernest, at the Whitinsville Hospital, July 10.

Raymond Ernest Guertin, whose birth announcement appears above, has a cousin, Mary Yvonne Benoit, of whom he is the senior by one day. Miss Benoit was born at the Whitinsville Hospital, July 11, and is the daughter of Olliver Benoit of the flyer job.

## Bugs from the Cupola

C. T. Moffett, of the Foundry, W. J. Ward, of the Core Room, C. M. Stuart, of the metal pattern job, and A. W. White, of the Drafting Room, attended the New England Foundryman's outing at "The Hummocks." They spent the morning visiting the Universal Winding Company's plant at Providence, R. I. They then journeyed to "The Hummocks" for an old fashioned R. I. shore dinner.

The Weona Club held a quahog supper July 3 at the club house on the Mumford River. Ed. Jennings, "Husky" Johnson, and Bill Murphy were in charge. The entertainment was furnished by Joe Checchi, and "Benny" Leonard, with solos and banjo selections.

Peter Johnson and Nushian Khnegian were delegates to the Armenian Revelation Federation Convention at Boston the week of July 2. There were 117 delegates from the United States and South America.

Archie Bogosian and Almas Avarikian were united in marriage at the home of John Soregian, 14 North Main Street, Saturday, July 14, by Rev. T. M. Huston of the United Presbyterian Church. Their honeymoon was spent at Coney Island. On their return they will live at 3 A Street.

Gert Bosma and Arthur Kroll are training for their bicycle race. This race is a hill climbing contest to decide which style of riding is the best for hill climbing.

C. F. Melanson received a severe burn, when a crane carrying a ladle of molted iron dropped and spilled. This accident was caused by a defective cable which broke while it was being hoisted. He received burns of the third degree on the ankle and foot.

No matter how long a clock runs, it always winds up in the same place.

Johnson reports cunner fishing as very good. He caught six in one day. He used Periwinkles for bait.



A Few Members of the Office off duty. Note the Smallest and the Largest Fish and you know how they were biting

## Tautog Fishing Party Enjoys Cruise in Narragansett Bay

On the week-end of June 23, a fishing party from the Whitin Machine Works motored to Oakland Beach and there shipped on board a fifty-five foot yawl bound for the fishing banks off Newport, R. I.

A wakeful night was spent in Newport Harbor. The would-be sleepers on deck had settled down about midnight for a short snooze before dawn, when a downpour of rain drove them below decks. The cabin had a capacity of eight bunks, and with twenty-five men seeking shelter one can imagine the grand amount of sleep enjoyed.

At daybreak the anchor was pulled up and a merry hunt for bait was carried on for a little over an hour and a half and then the boat was pointed out to sea. As a fishing trip it was far from being a success, but as a hospital boat it had enough patients to class it as a popular one. The wind was blowing gently from the east and the ground swells were a pleasure to few and a disaster to many. The tautog were not biting but every member of the crowd turned out to have a good time in

spite of the weary spells of leaning overboard.

A fine group of photographs were taken by William Dunleavy and John Minshull, a few of which we print here. The largest fish was caught by M. F. Carpenter, and the prize for the smallest fish had been awarded to George Gannon, but just as the ship was pulling up anchor to start for Oakland Beach, Amos Whipple stole the booby prize by hooking a fish almost exactly the same length as the hook on which it was caught.

It was a sleepy crowd that showed up at the shop on the following Monday. The trip was full of interest, in spite of the fact that the captain of the boat was far from being a fisherman. There is yet a dispute over his ability as a sailor.

One conclusion has been reached, however, that anchoring beside a deep sea bell buoy is not conducive to good fishing, nor to the nerves of the fishermen. The fishermen have come to the conclusion that the fish themselves have ears and do not care for the monotonous tone of the bell.

Those who shipped as deckhands were as follows: Jas. Dundas, Jas. Scott, Raymond Meader, William Greenwood, Frank McGowan, Elmer Hilt, H. O. Nelson, Paul Grant, A. S.

Kingman, George Gannon, Jas. Orrell, John Minshull, A. W. White, Geo. Bliss, A. W. Nelson, W. T. Norton, M. F. Carpenter, Chas. Noble, W. J. Dunleavy, Ernest Lee, John Scott, Chas. Schoneman, Amos Whipple and Wilfred Aldrich.

## Main Office Girls Entertained

On the evening of Tuesday, June 26, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence entertained several young ladies from the Main Office at a supper dance. It was planned to serve supper on the lawn, but an untimely rain spoiled the scheme. The girls arrayed themselves in Japanese costumes and danced to the music of an electric pianola. A novelty musical number was rendered on a hand-saw by Mr. Keeler. "Gweny" Searles attempted to play an encore on the same instrument, but gave it up when the listeners could no longer suppress their laughter. Part of the evening was spent playing "Mah Jong," the new Chinese game which has recently become so popular.

Those from the Main Office who attended were: Gwendoline Searles, Florence Baldwin, Mary Meade, Mary Cooke, Dorothy Vandershaaf, Kathryn Walsh, Florence Barr, Jane Currie, Gladys Hanny, Elaine Brown, Alice Magill, Lucia Bates and Doris Aldrich. The other guests were: Mr. E. K. Swift, Mr. Murray Keeler, Mr. Chester Heywood, Mr. Ernest Cleary, Mr. Sydney Mason, and Mr. John Lasell.

The United Presbyterian Church Choir had an outing on Saturday, July 7, at Marblehead. They enjoyed a shore dinner at Adam's House Annex of Fort Beach, during which they sang several songs: "Keep A-Rolling," "Watermelon," "Barney Google," "Yes, We Have No Bananas," and "Swanee River." After dinner, they proceeded to Gloucester, and from there, went on to Nahant. After taking in the sights at Revere Beach, they returned home. Those who went were: David Marshall, Fred Caston, Albert Kidd, Mildred Magill, Robert Magill, Alice Magill, Tommy Hamilton, Isabel Hamilton, James Marshall and Walter D. Brown.



## Comber Expert Sends News from Italy

We have received word from Dyson Barker, machinery expert who is now setting up Whitin frames in Italy. The first source was a letter from the American Textile Machinery Corporation, of which the Whitin Machine Works is a member, stating that readers of the "Spindle" may be interested in some photographs which they enclosed.

Mr. Barker has been in Italy directing the erection of Whitin machinery in the Campione Mill since the early part of May of this year.

The second source of information came to us in the form of a postcard, which we reproduce here, showing a photograph of the mill where Mr. Barker is located. This postcard was received by Harry Mitchell of the Superintendent's Office. Also in a letter to Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Barker states that he did not remain in England long on his arrival there, for in a letter from Mr. Alberzoni, of the American Textile Machinery Corporation at Milan, he was informed that the Whitin machinery had arrived in Italy. He states they were anxious to have this machinery erected at once, so he left immediately for Italy.

The Campione Mill, in which he is installing machinery, is situated on the edge of the largest lake in Italy, at the foot of a steep mountain. The lake is sixty miles long, and in some places thirty miles wide, but where he is, it is only seven miles across. The mountains are covered with snow as you will notice in the postcard.

He states, "Last week we had a little excitement. There was a pleasure boat on the lake which sprung a leak. One of the port holes gave way below the water line. The boat had just time to run aground. She was carrying 850 passengers and they were pretty lucky to all get ashore.

"I am keeping in good health considering the amount of macaroni and spaghetti which I am getting.

"I will have all the machinery ready before the mill is ready to start. I am erecting the combers and move them into position afterwards."



Campione Mill in Italy. Whitin Machinery now being installed

In a postscript Mr. Barker states that he has not as yet seen William Ferguson, another member of the Whitin Machine Works who is erecting machinery in Europe, as he is tied up with some spinning frames in France.



George Rae and Dyson Barker on Board Ship. Mr. Rae Returns from Abroad

## Mr. Rae Returns from Abroad

Two members of the Whitin Machine Works sailed April 22 on the *S. S. Carmania* from Boston to Liverpool. They were George Rae, of the Main Office, and Dyson Barker, one of our experts on textile machinery.

Mr. Rae has recently returned from England where he spent about

two months and a half visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Rae was kind enough to give us the photograph taken on board ship which is shown on this page. The little fellow in his arms was one of the interesting passengers who soon made friends with Mr. Rae. With keen eyesight, one would notice Mr. Dyson Barker over Mr. Rae's left shoulder.

Mr. Rae told us that the people in England and Scotland appear to be happy and are seemingly enjoying life. He believes, in spite of the reports which are received here of conditions on this great island, that the people are striving and will soon improve their countries' business and their living conditions.

We welcomed Mr. Rae back to his duties on Monday, July 9 from what he tells us was a very pleasant vacation.



Dyson Barker



Joseph Morin

## Retires After Long Service

Joseph Morin, a member of the Yard force, has recently retired on account of ill health, after twenty-eight years' service in the Whitin Machine Works. Mr. Morin is at present taking it easy and enjoying life at his home in East Douglas. He was first employed here in 1895 in the Blacksmith Shop and ran one of the big drop hammers. In 1902 he was transferred to the Yard to take charge of laying and repairing the railroad tracks, not only in the Yard, but on the Linwood Street Railroad. He has held that position ever since.

Mr. Morin has been a resident of East Douglas for thirty-six years, and was employed on the New England Railroad as a track layer before coming to Whitinsville. He has an exceptionally fine home in East Douglas and, until the recent system of motor transportation between Whitinsville and East Douglas was installed, he kept a team of horses and drove a large number of men back and forth to work for a number of years.

Mr. Morin always had the interest of the Whitin Machine Works foremost in his work, and we were told by those with whom he was employed, that we could not overdo it by stressing how faithful a workman he has been. We hope Mr. Morin will take it easy and will be in much better health very soon.

Walter Lovely, of the Carpenter Shop, and Northbridge Center, has a story that is going to keep Loren Aldrich and George Williams busy finding its equal. George Williams says he takes his hat off to Walter and tells us the story as follows:

On Sunday, June 24, Mr. Lovely went out to his barn to investigate a stolen hen nest which he had brought to his attention under the barn floor. He raised up three planks, and at first took out from under the hen five chickens, then three kittens, and in feeling around a third time, found six more chickens. The kittens, by the way, had their eyes open and the mother hen and the cat were evidently raising their brood under the co-operative plan.

We suggest that those, who think this is too big a yarn, have a talk with Walter.

Mrs. Addison Wilson, of Prentice Corner, reports that she is having a successful year with her poultry, and sends us a note telling us of an egg which she recently secured from a hen that measured four inches long and six inches in circumference. The egg weighed four ounces. We recommend the poultry raisers to find out what special brand of feed she gives her hend.

Several young ladies went to Lake Pearl, Wrentham, Mass., to celebrate Orangeman's Day, July 12. Those who made up the party were: Mamie Shaw, Hattie Shaw, Letiacha Cochrane, Margaret Duncan, Mabel Dyer, and Mrs. Mary Leach.

Irving Peck says that turtle soup is the finest dish on any menu. Loren Aldrich maintains that Mr. Peck's gustatory organs must be paralyzed, and argues that alongside of frog's legs, turtle soup would have about as much chance as a snow-ball in purgatory.

Dexter Goodspeed, of the Experimental Room, was called away a few days before the Fourth on an emergency road call. His brother sent him a live rooster for a fourth of July feed. Mrs. Goodspeed says that every day in every way the bird is getting bigger and fatter, and inasmuch as Mr. Goodspeed, up to the

present writing, has not yet returned, she is beginning to wonder for which fourth of July the chicken was intended.

## Strong on Detail

"Am They a Hell?"

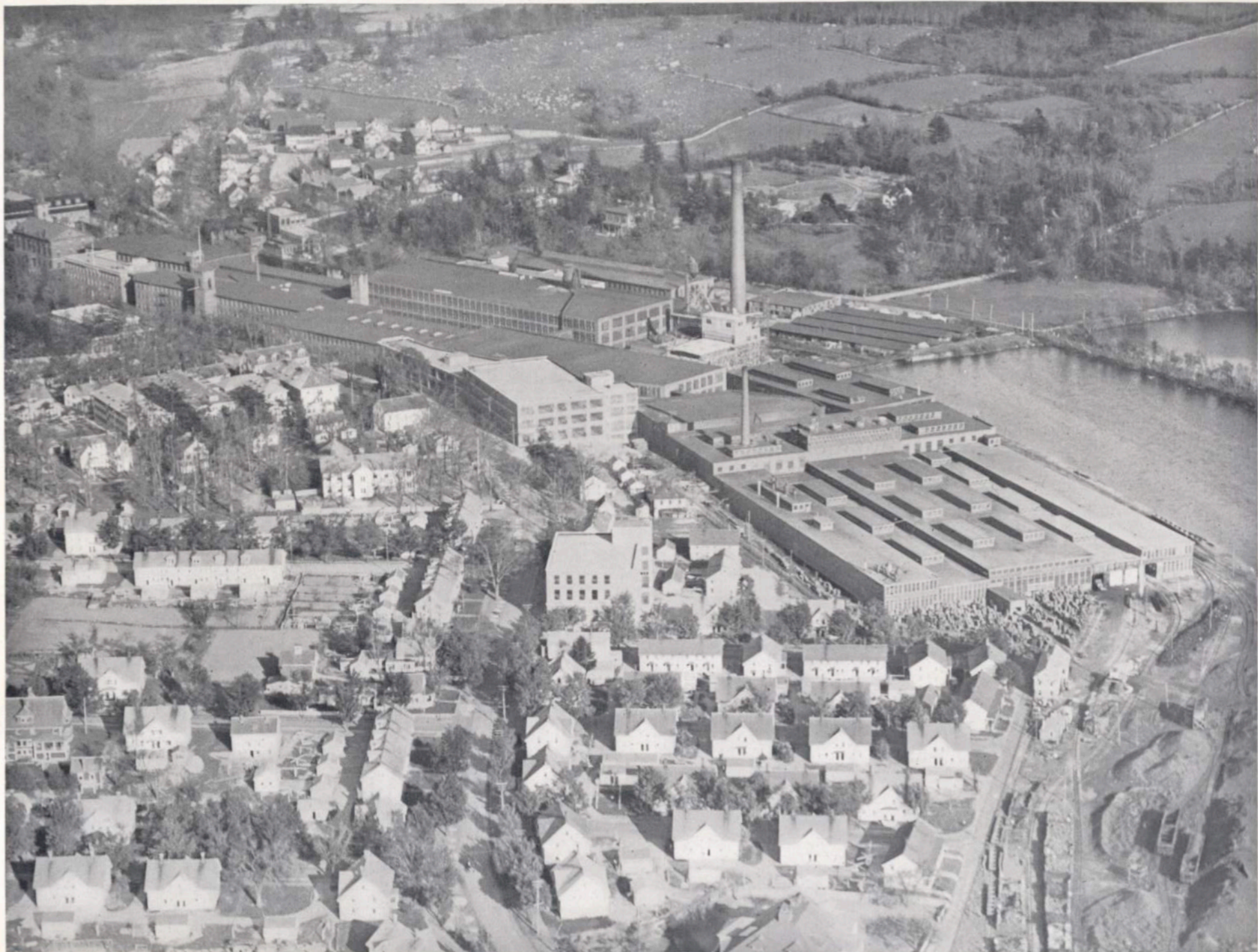
The newly appointed pastor of a colored church announced that his first sermon would be, "Am They a Hell or Am They Not? An' I Will Prove That They Am."

The church was packed as the new pastor arose to prove his assertion.

"Brethren," he said, "the Lord made the world round like a ball." "Amen," cried the congregation. "And the Lord made the world so it could go round and round." "Amen," was the response. "And the Lord made two axles for the world to go round on, and he put one axle at the north pole and one axle at the south pole." "Amen," agreed the congregation. "And the Lord put a lot of oil and axle grease in the center of the world so as to keep the axle well greased and oiled." "Amen," said the congregation. "And then a lot of sinners dig wells in Pennsylvania and steal the Lord's oil and grease. And they dig wells in Kentucky, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas and in Mexico and Russia and steal the Lord's grease and oil. And some day they'll dig so many wells that they will have all of the Lord's oil and grease and them two axles is going to get hot. And then, that will be hell, brethren, that will be hell." *Locomotive Engineers Journal.*



German Police Dog Owned by Ray McKinnon of the Carpenter Shop



Whitin Machine Works as Photographed from the Northwest at an Altitude of 350 Feet



A. Roadman's Express of 1900

## Reminders of a Quarter Century Ago

We are indebted to Dexter S. Goodspeed, of the Experimental Room for the following photographs taken of a group of Whitin roadmen in 1900. Our fitters were putting in spinning in the South at the time these pictures were taken. The two-horse mule team was photographed at Anderson, S. C. The fitters, left to right, in the four-seated express wagon are D. S. Goodspeed, David Gahan, Frank Adams, H. R. Adams, Frank Cudday, and James McNulty. At Baltimore, Md., underneath the balancing rock, left to right, are Frank Cudday, James Ferguson, Joseph Doyle, and D. S. Goodspeed.



Off Duty Among Nature's wonders. Beneath a Casting Not Made by Hand

In the shop mail recently we received the following joke with a notation that it might be interesting for insertion in the "Spindle."

An Englishman, a German, and an Irishman were arguing and boasting from which race came the greatest inventors of machinery.

The Englishman said, "The English are the greatest inventors of machinery," and mentioned Lord Kelvin, Crookes, etc.

The German said, "Das ist nicht so, the Chermans are der wonderful peoples of the world for machinery—like Krupp, Steinmetz, etc."

Next spoke the old Irishman. He thought hard for a comeback but could not think of any Irishman who invented machinery in Ireland—but he got a bright idea. He said, "Did either of you ever see much machinery?" "Yes." "And so did I, and the divvil a shop have I ever entered that the machines didn't have old 'Pat Pending's' name on it—why, suren' he's so well know that all new machinery calls him 'Pat' and puts his date on it."

### This Isn't Bad

A warning sign  
A friendly yell  
A wise gazeek  
That says "Aw, hell."

A falling brick:  
It could be worse:  
The stretcher squad—  
"Goodmorning, Nurse."

*Namco Eagle.*

## Forty-Two-Year Veteran Drops from the Ranks

Just after we went to press last month we heard of the death of Albert J. Snyder, of the milling job, who was one of our forty-year service men. Mr. Snyder joined the Whitin Machine Works in 1881 and for the past twenty-one years has been a member of the Milling Department. His death came after a short illness. Mr. Snyder complained of ill health and left his department on May 18. His death occurred one month later on June 18.

Mr. Snyder was a quiet, efficient workman and had many friends in the shop. His death is keenly felt by the management and his fellow workers.



Albert J. Lynch  
A photo taken soon after he started in the shop

It is a well-known fact around Whitinsville that several of our famous fishermen have not as yet learned to swim. We are thinking of two of them at this writing and know they have been thrown into the pond several times. It was suggested to us by several of their friends, who often accompany them on fishing trips, that they be allowed the privilege of giving them a few private lessons in the new gymnasium pool. There are plenty of instructors who would be glad to offer their services.

More seriously, there have been several spills lately which have fortunately turned out well, but there always is the possibility of the canoe sliding too far away for the non-swimmer to reach.