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# Familiar Faces

## Around the Plant



James Menard, Lathe Hand in 420, has been with Whitin 19 years. He lives in Linwood, has 7 children and is a member of the Blood Donors Club and of an orchestra



Fred Baker, 419 Lathe Hand, has worked 32 years at Castle Hill Farm and 3 in the Shop. He is a special police officer and has 2 sons, one an electrician and one a doctor



Ellen Holt, Stock Clerk and SPINDLE Reporter in 426, lives with her parents in Uxbridge. At present she is taking a night course at Salter Secretarial School in Worcester



Arlene DeManche is a stenographer in the Personnel Department. She lives with her parents in Hopedale and in her leisure she enjoys dancing and watching athletic contests



Francis Magowan, Lathe Hand in 421, is a veteran of World War II. He has 3 children and lives in Whitinsville. He enjoys TV and following the Braves' games



John Deland, Foundry Molder, came to Whitin in 1929. He lives on Williams Hill and has 3 sons. In his leisure he enjoys fishing and watching all kinds of sports



Elphege Marin, Crib Attendant in Department 429, started with Whitin in 1935. He has 2 children, lives in Linwood and operates an oil business in his spare time

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# U.S. WINS FRIENDS IN INDONESIA THROUGH WHITIN

Bounded by the waters of the Indian Ocean, the South China Sea, and the Pacific Ocean is the world's largest archipelago, the more than three thousand islands of the Republic of Indonesia. In this land of almost eighty-two million people a new pilot spinning plant recently was built by the Indonesian Textile Research Institute in Bandung, Java. This plant, costing over \$200,000, has been erected and jointly financed by the Indonesian Government and the U. S. International Corporation Administration (ICA) Mission to Indonesia. It is part of the widely publicized Point Four Program through which the American Government is helping to develop certain areas of the world where the people have shown both desire and initiative in improving their standard of living.

The preparatory equipment for the plant, starting with Opening and Picking machinery and on through Spinning, was installed by the Whitin Machine Works. The Whitin machinery, which operated with watch-like precision, was well received by the Indonesian people. They were particularly intrigued with the Model J Comber, the first Comber ever installed in Indonesia.

This pilot plant in the Textile Institute, known as Balai Penjelidikan Textil, is a significant step forward in developing textile production in Indonesia. At the present time there are only a few thousand spindles in operation in Indonesian mills, and it is estimated that the needs of Indonesia alone might require two or three million spindles.

A new chapter in the economic history of Indonesia was written on the morning of September 16, 1957 when the new pilot plant was officially opened. Among



As the financing and erection of the textile institute Balai Penjelidikan Textil was a joint Indonesian-United States enterprise, men of both countries showed deep interest in the plant at the opening exercises. From the left: Whitin Technical Engineer Albert H. Charbonneau, Minister of Industries Ir. Ingkiriwang, American Ambassador John M. Allison, Assistant ICA Director Gurow, and Director of Textile Institute Ir. Saefon



Among the many important guests at the opening was the Governor General of Bandung, center, shown conferring with an army officer, left, and the mayor of Bandung, right



Mrs. Ingkiriwang, wife of the Minister of Industries, opened the institute on September 16 by cutting a red-and-white ribbon. From the left: Mr. Rusli who is the head teacher of spinning, Mrs. Amen of the U. S. International Corporation Administration (ICA), Mrs. Ingkiriwang, and an attendant



## FRIENDS IN INDONESIA

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*Left:* From the far corners of Indonesia, men interested in textiles witnessed the making of superior yarn from Indonesian cotton. This group is interested in the Whitin Roving Frame

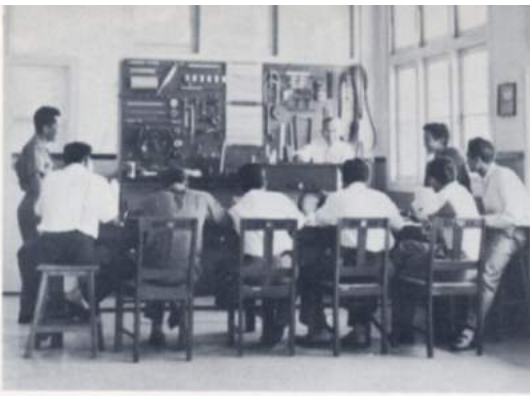
*Middle left:* Inside the school, in the building housing the opening line, a group consisting of an ICA liaison officer, a girl apprentice teacher, and a teacher, discuss the installation



*Above:* The textile institute is made up of a number of buildings similar to the one shown above, which houses the spinning department



*Left:* At the opening ceremonies Indonesian and American government officials heard Minister of Industries Ir. Ingkiriwang hail the Whitin-equipped plant as "one of our steps towards the materialization of our aim to industrialize Indonesia. This opening represents a sign of progress"



Upper left: During a two-hour morning question-and-answer period, Albert H. Charbonneau trains teachers in methods of instructing their students in the operation of Whitin machines. Upper right: Dr. Ralph W. Dunkle, Industrial Development Adviser for ICA, left, and Mr. Charbonneau, right, are entertained in the home of Whitin Representative Mr. Adnan. Mr. and Mrs. Adnan are pictured with their four daughters and son. Lower right: Each of the Indonesian teachers is able to demonstrate the proper techniques of operation. Here a teacher, left, and his assistant place stock in a Whitin Axi-Feed Blender



Another Whitin first—the first comber in Indonesia, is considered by Albert H. Charbonneau, left, and the Director of the textile institute, Ir. Safeon, right. This Model J Comber did an excellent job on 1½" Indonesian cotton

the guest speakers at the opening ceremonies was American Ambassador John M. Allison, who also pulled the switch which started the plant in operation. In his speech Mr. Allison made these comments: "The technicians who will be trained at this plant will be the leaders of the textile industry throughout Indonesia. The United States would feel fully repaid for its part in the project if it helps to build an Indonesian textile industry run by Indonesians for the Indonesians."

Albert H. Charbonneau, Whitin Foreign Service Representative, supervised the installation of all the Whitin machinery and trained the Indonesian students of the institute in the proper operation of the machines. Mr. Charbonneau spoke highly of the Indonesian students. He was pleased both with their eagerness to learn new skills and the speed with which they acquired them. The students worked after hours on their own time in order to complete the installation as rapidly as possible. The plant was in operation three months

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
OPERATIONS MISSION TO INDONESIA  
International Cooperation Administration  
DJAKARTA, INDONESIA

August 8, 1957

The Whitin Machine Works  
Whitinsville, Mass.

ATTENTION: THE PRESIDENT

Gentlemen:

I am taking the liberty of writing to you for the purpose of expressing my opinion of the splendid cleaning and spinning machinery manufactured by your firm and now being installed at the Textile Institute in Bandung, Indonesia. It will contribute greatly to the industrial development of this country.

I have worked closely with your Mr. Albert Charbonneau. In my opinion he is not only doing an excellent job but he is doing a vast amount of good in building good will for your firm and Americans as a whole.

I am writing this without his knowledge or consent, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Ralph W. Dunkle*

Dr. Ralph W. Dunkle  
Industrial Development Adviser

# FRIENDS IN INDONESIA

(continued)



Dr. Dunkle and Albert are shown with two friends from the Indonesian Army, Lt. Col. Abdul Kadir P.A. and Major Harsono. Both of these officers are interested in the textile industry of Indonesia. Pictured in the background is an Indonesian hotel which is noted for its delicious international cuisine



This unusual photograph shows the interior of a volcano. While currently slumbering, this volcano is constantly under watch by guards who live in five guard houses. These men warn the people in the area at the first signs of activity



Indonesia is world famous for the skill of its dancers. This troupe of highly-talented artists are Sundanese from the eastern part of Java



The Indonesians, who have a tremendous interest in education, have already built many schools. This is the Technical College of Indonesia at Bandung

ahead of the date originally anticipated. For this work in getting the plant started, Mr. Charbonneau received warm praise from both the American Ambassador and leading Indonesian officials.

It should be a source of satisfaction to the Indonesian people to know the textile preparatory machines in this pilot installation are as modern as those in use in leading mills in the United States and Europe. Among others, the line includes the latest Axi-feed Blenders, Axi-Flo Cleaner, Model L Card, Model J Comber, and Model F5 Spinning Frame. The machinery for the order was

planned by Mr. E. M. Kennedy, Whitin Export Sales Manager, and Mr. E. L. Richmond of the Export Sales Department.

Indonesia is made up of many islands: Java, Sumatra, Bali, Western Borneo, Celebes, Banks, and others. Indonesia is rich in natural resources such as tin, oil, coal, bauxite, manganese, copper, nickel, gold and silver. They produce rice, maize, casaba, soy beans, tobacco, kapok, coffee, rubber, tea, sugar and many other products.

Within the boundaries of Indonesia are many proud races: Achinese, Bataks, Menangkabaus, Javanese, Sundanese, Madurese, Balinese, Sasaks, Menadonese, Buginese, Dayaks, and Papuas.

We feel honored to have been selected by the U. S. General Services Administration to make this sincere expression of friendship to Indonesia. This Whitin machinery will contribute to the industrial progress of Indonesia.

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## USE THE OTHER HALF, TOO

A man once admitted stealing a piece of rope. Quite a while later he "remembered" about a cow that was on the end of the rope!

There are people who think telling a half-truth is a good way to meet certain situations. But often a half-truth does more damage than the whole truth.

No one wants to deal with a person who is honest only half of the time.

Facing and using all the facts may not always be easy. But it is the only way to make sure that something new—like a cow—won't turn up later to make trouble.

FRONT COVER: Fibers which are to be combed must first be formed into laps. Arthur Adams, Supervisor of the Demonstration Rooms at the Research Division, checks the draw-box where 28 card slivers are combined on a Whitin Sliver Lap. Article "Whenever Man Turns Fibers Into Yarn" is continued on Page 8.

BACK COVER: Nobody knows when blood will mean the difference between life and death. Your blood gift may save the life of a child like the one shown.



## Whitin Personality

RICHARD DAVIDSON, the modest Scot from Edinburgh, is the foreman of the Cabinet Making Department. A graduate of the Whitin Apprentice School in cabinet making and carpentry, he supervises the building of many items ranging from furniture to hand trucks.

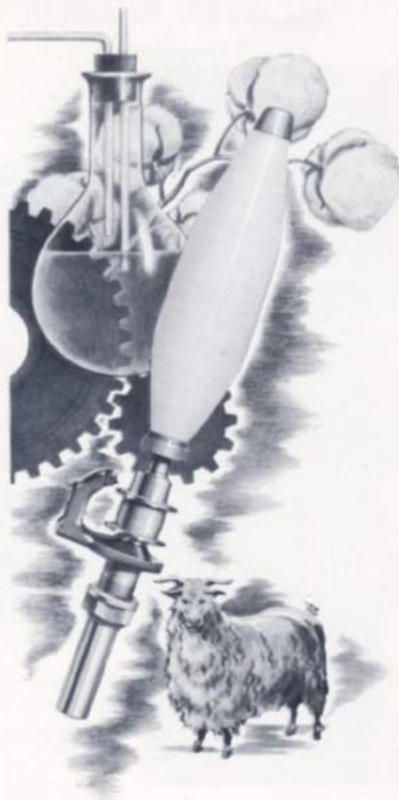
Born May 3, 1904, Dick came to the United States in 1920 with his father, mother, sister, and his four brothers. The family settled and remained in Whitinsville. Shortly after his arrival in the town Dick started his employment in the Whitin Machine Works on the Creel Job. He entered the Apprentice School in 1921, graduated in 1925, and worked as a carpenter for Whitin in 1926.

His continuous service at Whitin was interrupted when he worked elsewhere as a carpenter for two years. He later was for eight years in charge of Maintenance Supply, then for three years worked in the Maintenance Office. In 1945 he was made assistant to the foreman of Department 662. In September of that same year, Dick succeeded the foreman when he retired.

Dick married Beatrice Bell in Whitinsville on May 28, 1932. They now live at 11 Arcade Street where Dick shares with his brother James a duplex house they purchased in 1953 from the Whitin Machine Works.

He is a trustee of the North Uxbridge Baptist Church, a director of the W.M.W. Credit Union, a member of the Forest Products Research Society, of Granite Lodge A.F. & A.M. and of St. Elmo Royal Arch Chapter. In his leisure hours he enjoys taking 8 mm. home movies, gardening, golfing, and bowling.

He enjoys watching athletic contests, particularly college football, seeing every game he can strictly as a non-partisan. However, concerning baseball he would say only, "Those Red Sox—I'm always hoping . . . ."



# Whenever Man Turns Fibers into Yarn

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

## CHAPTER III.....

### FROM CARD SLIVER TO COMBER SLIVER

After carding, and depending upon the quality of cotton being used and the yarn desired, the sliver from the Card may follow either of two routes to the Drawing Frame. For the coarser carded yarns spun from short staple stock, the sliver goes directly to the Drawing Frame. For the finer, stronger, more lustrous combed yarns to be spun from cotton of more than one inch staple, the sliver has to pass through three additional machines—Sliver Lap, Ribbon Lap, and Comber—before reaching the Drawing Frame. This chapter of our story deals with this second route with its extra operations which increases the cotton's effective staple length by as much as an eighth of an inch and its appearance by a grade or more.

#### SLIVER LAP

Before it can be combed, the Card sliver must be converted into a uniform lap. The prime purpose of the Sliver Lap Machine (shown on the front cover) is to combine an average of twenty Card slivers into a lap in which, because the individual slivers still retain their identity, there is a ribbed effect leaving thick and thin spots. The lap has not yet become uniform. About 175 pounds of fiber an hour pass between three sets of drawing rolls. Here a draft of 1.5 makes the fibers lie

straighter. Calender rolls compress the lap so that it will keep its form. Six such laps from the Sliver Lap Machine in turn are placed in the creel of the next machine, the Ribbon Lap, as supply packages, and the process continues.

#### RIBBON LAP

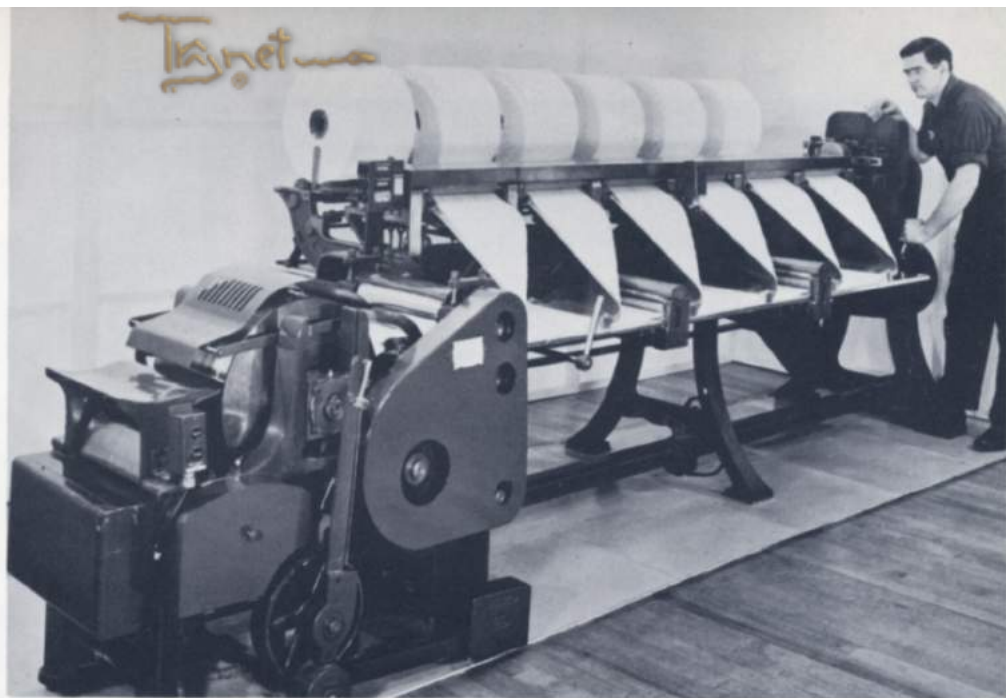
On the Ribbon Lap, these six laps, each passing between drawing rolls in a head, are drawn out into six thin sheets of fiber. This draft of about 5.5 continues the parallelization of the fibers begun on the Sliver Lap. These sheets pass over right angled guide plates and are delivered continuously one on top of the other, like a many-layered sandwich, onto a smooth metal table where they are compressed by the action of calender rolls.

We now have a uniform lap, ready for the Comber, for two reasons: the drafting has thinned out the cotton so that the individual slivers from the Card can no longer be distinguished; the sandwiching of the thin sheets into one lap is a doubling action which tends to cancel out variations in thickness.

As a usual rule, a Sliver Lap and a Ribbon Lap process sufficient fiber per hour to keep four Whitin Combers supplied. The task of these auxiliary machines



The Sliver Lap machine, shown on the front cover, makes laps which are not yet uniform enough for combing so six such laps are combined on a Whitin Ribbon Lap by Alden Toomey, demonstrator. The resulting lap is of uniform thickness, without thick-and-thin spots. The fibers have been partially straightened by the drafting action of these two machines



has been to put the cotton into a form which can be handled on the Comber. They have made a lap weighing a desired amount, from 700 to 900 grains per yard, a lap in which the fibers are not yet as straight as desired and which still contains all the short fibers, neps, and trash left after carding. Eight such laps from the Ribbon Lap form the supply for the next machine, the Comber.

## THE COMBER

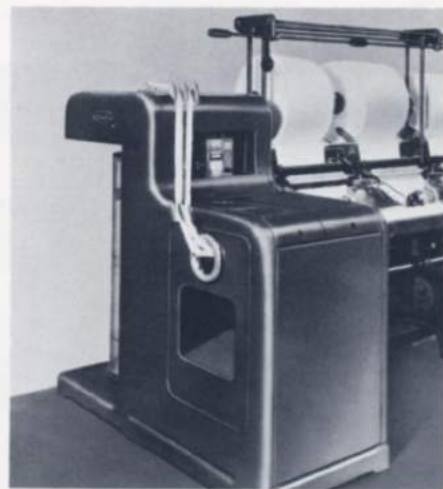
While Combers have been used for over a century (they were invented by Joshua Heilmann of Alsace, France in 1846) the process of combing still remains

the most exact and complicated operation in the manufacture of yarn.

On the Comber the eight laps are intermittently broken and rejoined in an operation as exact and artistic as a ballet. The laps are gripped firmly by jaws, a series of 17 needle-toothed combs is passed through the fringe of exposed fibers, and the processed fibers are drawn away through another comb. The combs remove the short fibers, neps, and trash; a brush clears this unwanted "noil" from the combs; the noil is collected by an air stream and condensed on a slowly turning perforated drum (this noil has many uses as high grade waste).

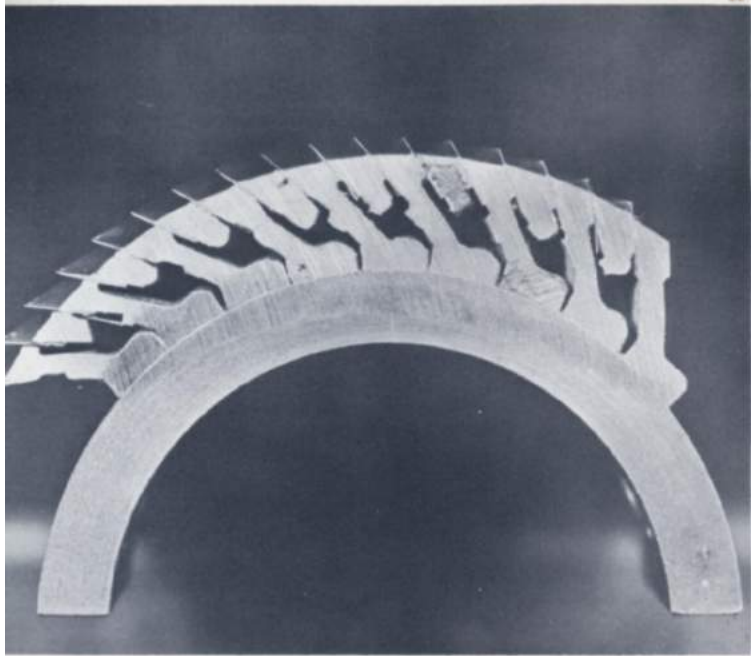
In this operation the remaining clean, straight fibers

Combing is a process by which the fibers are held and combed at each end, thus straightening the individual fibers while removing short staple and trash. Eight laps from the Ribbon Lap are transformed into two Bi-Coil slivers. This installation of Whitin Super-J Combers is at Corriher Mills in Landis, North Carolina



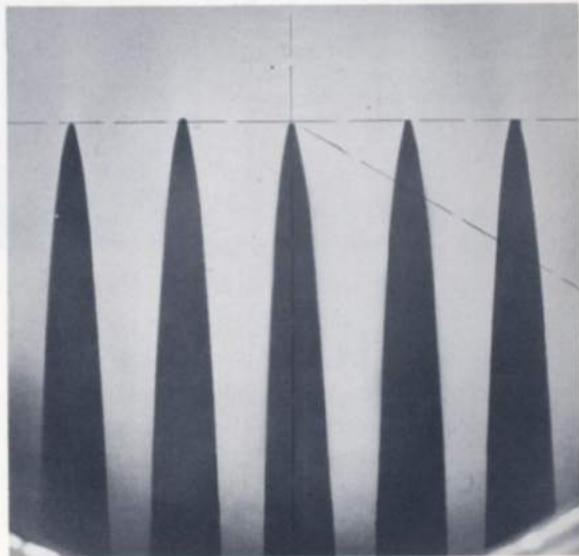
Two Bi-Coil drawn slivers emerge from the foot end of a Whitin Model J. Combed fibers such as these make finer, stronger, cleaner, more even, and more lustrous yarn when spun. These yarns are woven into fabrics for the highest-quality garments

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**A**

One hundred and fifty times a minute fibers are separated from the lap. (A) This is an end view of the half lap showing the 17 rows of needles which comb out the fringe. As the fibers are drawn away by the detaching rolls, the remaining portion of the fringe is combed by the top comb. (B) The teeth used in both the half lap and the top comb resemble those shown in this shadowgraph enlargement

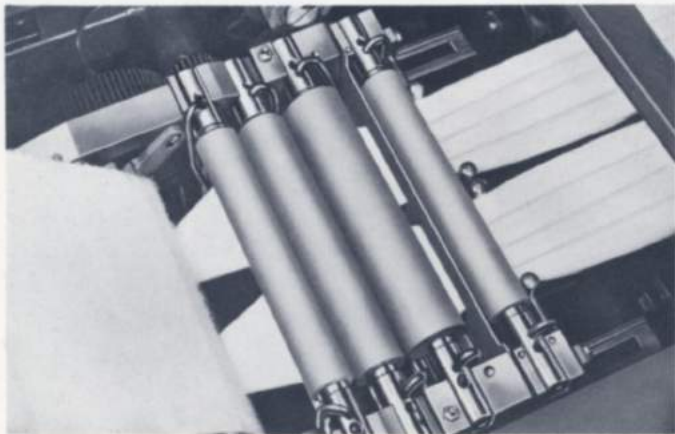


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### FROM SLIVER LAP TO COMBED SLIVER (continued)

are reassembled into a continuous, uniform lap one hundred and fifty times a minute. This miracle is performed by Whitin Super J Combers which are simple, efficient, rugged machines built to close tolerances, hold their settings and require little attention.

Each of the eight webs of combed fibers from the



And one hundred and fifty times a minute the combed fibers are reformed into continuous sheets which are condensed between calender rolls and then undergo a high draft between the rolls of the draw box. This draft makes the fibers even straighter. This is the draw box of a Model J Comber. Note that four of the condensed sheets pass to each trumpet

detaching rolls are condensed to slivers. In two channels, four by four, the eight slivers pass down the polished Comber table to the draw box, where a draft up to fifty completes the all-important task of making the fibers parallel. From the draw box, the eight slivers may pass through one trumpet or they may be divided to pass, four by four, through two trumpets (Bi-Coil). Thus either one or two combed slivers may emerge from the Comber to be coiled in cans.

As these Whitin machines produce the best quality product with the least possible amount of waste and at such high rates of production (approximately 40 pounds per hour), the advantages of combing are such that it is likely that in future years even wider use will be found for Whitin Combers.

This combed cotton after further processing will spin to a finer, brighter, cleaner, stronger, more even yarn suitable for the finest fabrics that go into the highest quality garments. The fibers still have a long way to go. The Drawing Frame is the next machine which will be discussed in the continuing SPINDLE articles on "Whenever Man Turns Fibers Into Yarn."



Red Cross disaster worker makes aid plan with elderly victim of hotel fire. In 1957 the Red Cross furnished disaster relief in Worcester and branch towns after 27 fires had caused hardship. Ten of these fires were in the towns of Grafton, Douglas, Leicester, Manchaug, Oxford, Spencer, Warren, West Boylston, and Webster

## *If* **DISASTER** *Strikes*

No one wants disasters, but they do happen. Here in New England in recent years we've had tornadoes, hurricanes, blizzards, forest fires, and floods—just about everything except an earthquake or a volcanic eruption. Over the past 71 years the Red Cross has carried out approximately 4,800 disaster operations in this country.

The American National Red Cross, chartered by the Congress of the United States to help in disaster situations, can fulfill its responsibilities only if we all give generously when the Red Cross needs our services, blood donations, or financial assistance.

Many people have the mistaken idea that their town never receives any aid from the Red Cross. In most towns some unfortunate person or persons receive aid of some kind every year. In 1957, in our own locality, the Red Cross gave disaster relief to families in Grafton, Douglas, Manchaug, and Oxford after their homes had been destroyed by fire. Out of the 1,424 military welfare cases taken care of by the Red Cross in Worcester County last year, 24 of the cases were in Whitinsville. The Whitinsville Hospital was one of the 16 local hospitals which shared in the 7,595 pints of blood given without charge to patients. Over 300 local boys and girls received Red Cross instruction in first aid and swimming.

When disaster strikes the American Red Cross is one of the first relief organizations to arrive on the scene. Its trained personnel provides two kinds of aid—emergency relief and rehabilitation aid. The first becomes effective on the spot, when all effort is directed to such activities as rescue and emergency medical care, together with meeting such human needs as food, clothing, and temporary shelter.

The second kind of assistance—rehabilitation aid—comes soon after the emergency. Families affected by

the disaster which are unable through their own efforts to meet their disaster-caused needs will find the Red Cross willing to help them. Rehabilitation aid may include clothing, furniture and other household goods, building and repair of homes, long-time medical and nursing care, farm supplies and equipment, and occupational training.

The record is clear. The Red Cross needs and deserves your help. Give generously in your home town! The drive will start March 17, and will be supervised by Richard Rawlinson, chairman, and Arthur Adams, vice-chairman. Mrs. E. Kent Swift, Jr. is the Red Cross branch chairman.



When the home of Corindo Debeneventura, Southbridge, was completely destroyed by the floods of Diane, the Red Cross built a new house for his family and in addition furnished it for them

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A new trademark in the American Steel and Wire Division's family of products identifies a screening in whose manufacture Whitin-Schweiter Winders are used

*Whitin*

# WINDERS

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Whitin-Schweiter Winders are used in winding six hundred feet of Fiberglas yarn onto quills at U. S. Steel's Cyclone Fence plant at Greensburg, Indiana. The quills hold the wool or horizontal threads in the loom

It isn't unusual when Whitin machines are used to assist the textile mills in the manufacturing of new products but it is unusual when Whitin machines are used to aid the U. S. Steel Corporation in the manufacturing of a new product. Whitin-Schweiter Winders are now part of the equipment used by the Cyclone Fence Department of the American Steel & Wire Division to make screens from Fiberglas yarn. It is only recently that Cyclone Fence has entered this field of manufacturing.

The Cyclone plant, located at Greensburg, Indiana, is the first steel products plant to produce Fiberglas screening. The yarn used consists of 408 glass filaments, each one-fifteenth the diameter of human hair, yet having a tensile strength of more than 250,000 pounds per square inch. The filaments are twisted into a fine strand that retains the qualities of pure glass, but is flexible in nature.

After twisting, the yarn is passed through a series of coatings and oven-curings where a pigmented vinyl impregnates and coats the yarn. The coated yarn is shipped to the Greensburg plant on spools containing about 33,000 feet of material. At Cyclone, by the use of Whitin-Schweiter Winders, the filling yarn, which constitutes the wool or horizontal threads, is wound onto bobbins or quills. Each quill holds about 600 feet of yarn. From 12,000 to 13,000 feet of yarn, the warp or vertical threads, is wound from the shipping spools onto drums or beams.

The beam, holding the vertical threads, is then placed on the loom. An operator must thread the loom with as many as 864 single strands from the beam for a 48-inch wide screening. Thirty quills holding the yarn for the shuttle are placed in a cylindrical battery on the loom.

**VACATION NOTICES POSTED**

Changes have been frequent since the last issue. Among them are the transfers from nights to days: John DeBoer, John Kapolka, and Armand McCollum with Francis Lachapelle on the ready line. . . . The welcome mat is out for second shift returnees John Straube, Lucien Gilbeault and Donald Johnson. They all are glad to be back. . . . John DeBoer, Tony Petrillo and John Kapolka recently were awarded 5-year service pins.

It is not often that we can write a human interest story in our columns, but the following could be a TV script writer's dream. Jack Collins, who works for Walter Departie on the woodwork packing section, lost the sight of one eye last year, and had to be fitted with costly special glasses. While working on December 6, 1957, Jack became aware during the day that he had lost his glasses. Disturbed no end, he hunted high and low, even taking ads in the papers but to no avail. It may be coincidental but Jack was that day packing an order containing creel work for the federal prison in Atlanta, Georgia. Jack was about ready to scrape together seventy-five dollars to purchase another pair of glasses, when, on January 27, a package was received in the Freight Office addressed to Mr. John Collins from the prison in Atlanta. The sun returned again from in back of two months' black clouds for Jack when he opened the package and found his glasses and also a pencil. They had slipped from his pocket into the carton while he was packing. It was only because of the shop policy of having all packers sign packing slips that Jack's property was returned directly to him. Despite the efforts of shop authorities to identify the person who found the glasses, be it a prison official or a prisoner, no information could be acquired. Regardless, this reporter feels that not all of the inmates at the prison in Atlanta are dishonest men. Harold Baszner, packing job foreman, wrote a letter of thanks to prison officials.

The sick list on the Paint Job includes Frank Rybak, Harry Jardine and Mrs. George Dykstra. . . . George Braman is working hard these days on a drive to get more members for the Rod and Gun Club. . . . Ross Rajotte has been seen attending town meetings in the surrounding towns to get a line on their procedures. . . . Cecilia Normandin and Herve Ayotte have returned to the Creel Job after long sieges of illness.

**ROVING SMALL PARTS**

*by Ed Allard and Ernest Gauthier*

Our congratulations this month to Ralph E. Walley who received his 15-year pin from Divisional Superintendent Robert Stewart. Five-year pins went to M. Perkins, Leo A. Hudon and R. Lariviere. . . . In the past months several changes have been made in Department 427. Leo Tosoonian has taken over as foreman of the job, replacing Bill Lyman who has

The 1958 plant vacation notices have been posted throughout the plant. The plant will close at the end of shift operations on Thursday, July 3, and will reopen for work on Monday, July 21, 1958.

Employees are expected to take their vacations within this shutdown period except where their services are required for specific duties such as maintenance work during the shutdown period. Such workers will be given comparable vacation leave at some other time which has the approval of the head of their department.

Employees whose seniority entitles them to a third week of vacation are also expected to make plans for this week by consulting with their department heads.

been transferred to Department 428. Cecil Baker, formerly of the Roll Job, is our new assistant foreman. . . . Have you seen the art gallery in Department 427? Scenes from the Caribbean, Egypt and Japan bring color to the office. . . . A few of our men who hail from Woonsocket were still thawing out the day after the Mardi gras parade was held there. . . . Birthday greetings this month go to R. Lariviere.

**TOP ROLL JOB**

*by George H. Bond*

Let us start off with congratulations to Agnes Cawley and Rose Gigarjian on receiving their 15-year pins from Donald Sangster and to Marion Isabelle on getting her 15-year pin from Everett Murch

recently. . . . Also let us pay honors to Noel Prefontaine on being elected Vice President of the Manville, R. I., Rod and Gun Club. We think he will be an excellent V.P., however, for we know that as a salt water fishing instructor he is tops. For instance, during the summer fellows who went fishing with him for the first time achieved great success while poor Noe, with his wealth of experience, got nothing. We understand he even tried to sell his pole after one disastrous trip. . . . William Greenwood is pleased to have his son, William, Jr., home again after four years with the Air Force in Europe, Africa, and the United States. Bill, who was discharged as a staff sergeant, was a specialist on B-52 jet engines. He was glad to get out of Loring Air Base before winter really set in. Good luck to him on his future studies at school.



Grade II—Grove School 1918. First row, from the left: Raymond Cooney, Bernard Kelliher, Omer Paquette, Etta Higgins, Velma Jacobs, Ellen Thompson, May McCarthy. Second row: Unknown, Ralph Hathaway, Bert Bolivar, unknown, Gregory McGuire, Ivy Wilson, Grace Taylor. Third row: Francis Blouin, Jack Milne, Sumner Snow, Howard Riley, Peter Higgins, Paul Wheeler, Andrew Mantell, Rusty Foss. The teacher is Mrs. Albin Nelson



Arthur L. Marshall, age 66, retired from Department 433 on February 28. A Whitin employee since June, 1907, he had served here as a carpenter and as a guard in addition to the position from which he retired. He lives at 15 Forest Street

**SPINNING, CARD ERECTING, AND POLISHING**

by Francis Horan

Beryle Doble, temporarily transferred from the light machining section of Department 433, recently received his 15-year pin. A resume of Berle's years here will appear at a later date. . . . Ward Guyles, light machining section, also received his 10-year pin from Mr. Wilson. "Wardie," an ardent fisherman, and Mrs. Guyles own the house in which they live on Sutton Street, Northbridge. . . . In the heavy machining section, Manuel Oliver received his 10-year pin. A Fisherville resident, Manuel enjoys many types of sports. . . . Ernest Pickup, now at home, is recovering nicely from his operation. . . . Bill LeClaire has returned to work looking fit after his long illness. . . . After fifty-two years of service, Arthur Marshall retired. Also joining the retired group are Louis Whitten and Albert Bowyer.

With the building of the new coilers, the Card Job of late has been a beehive of activity. A number of men from other departments have been transferred to the job to help out. . . . In an emergency when his employer came down with the virus, Bill Hall, a part-time employee in a local market, took over the meat cutting. . . . Walter "Dillinger" Ooligvian is a patient in the Veterans Hospital, Providence. He would be glad to hear from his fellow workers. . . . February marked the wedding anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Denis Cournoyer, Mr. and Mrs. Bill LeClaire and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gellatly. . . . Birthdays were celebrated by Carmen Defillipo, Wade Mills, Henry Barnett, James Scott, and Tony Iannitelli.

**BOX JOB**

by Alice Travaille

Gene Gervais, by making a hurried trip to Montreal over the week end of February 8, was able to see a sister he hadn't seen in twenty-one years. She is a missionary nun teaching Indians in Saskatchewan, which is way up north, who came down to Montreal on a short leave. Gene took advantage of the opportunity to see her and also to see his father. He reports that the snow is very deep there and that they traveled by sleigh. . . . The local auxiliary police unit will be having a series of lectures on radio-active fall-out, taught by Mr. Clayton Cleverly. . . . When the



Pfc. Raymond Strom, son of Ragnar Strom of Department 439, reports that he has met several other boys from this vicinity since being stationed in Nuremburg, Germany

jacket that he wears while working almost reached the point of no return, Paul Grenon solved the matter by sewing a neat seam with the stapler. . . . The cats who live at Department 441 provide us with entertainment. They roam on our desks, chairs, etc. Paul Roy was seen dragging a string for their amusement. . . . Al Blanchette and his grandson Michael have birthdays on February 1 and January 31 respectively. Al's daughter-in-law made a cake for the occasion and had a little party. . . . March birthday greetings go to Al Kapolka.

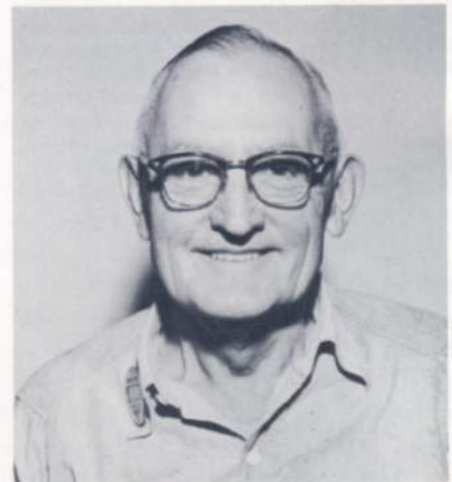
**MILLING JOB**

by Harry Ludvigson

Edward Squires, our personality for this month, began working at Whitin on January 8, 1947. Starting on Department 446 as an assembly man, he later was transferred to Department 416 where he now works in in the inspection section. Edward was born in East Killingly, Connecticut,

and at the ripe old age of two moved with his parents to Uxbridge. After his schooling, he was employed in various lumber camps around the state of Maine as a lumberjack. During the depression years he worked at the C.C.C. camp located in Pittsfield, Mass. He attended the Woonsocket Trade School for six months before taking employment here. He makes his home on Wallum Lake Road in Pascoag, R. I. His hobby would seem to be music, as he is an accomplished player on the electric guitar and the bass viol. He was for three years a member of Eddie Wilson's band, which was heard on radio station WWON of Woonsocket playing Polish music, and also toured around with the George and Dixie group playing western music during stage shows. We are all looking forward to hearing some nice music some noon hour.

Welcome back to Gerald Duval who returned on January 28 after a two-year hitch with Uncle Sam. Most of his service time was spent at the Nike site at Keyport, New Jersey. . . . Other arrivals this month include apprentice Robert Winiarski; Robert Wright and Anthony DiCillo back after sick leaves; Albert Gagnon, and Raymond Legassey from Department 409; and Alfred Chauvin from Department 433. . . . After being grandfather to four boys in a row, your reporter is proud to announce the arrival of his first granddaughter, Karen Jeanne, born at Whitinsville Hospital on February 4 to his daughter Norma and Clyde McNelly of 54 Crescent Street, Whitinsville. . . . Wedding anniversaries will be celebrated this month by the following: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Peckham, their 35th; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Martin, their 25th; Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Salley, their 23rd; Leroy and Mrs. Marie Krumbholz, their 16th; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bell, their 14th; and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Haczynski, their 3rd.



Arthur Bedard, age 65, retired from Department 429 on January 31. A resident of North Uxbridge, he had been employed here since January 19, 1924

**TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT**

by Marcel Turgeon

Our personality this month is that vivacious secretary of the Freight Office, Nancy M. Britten, who was born in Whitinsville on June 11, 1922. A graduate of North-bridge High and of Hill College, she began work in the Traffic Department in August, 1941. Nancy lives in an apartment on High Street. Her interests include her niece and nephew, Ellen and Richard Bisson, of whom she thinks the world, and the Methodist Church, of which she is an active member. Her hobbies include golf, swimming, and watching basketball and baseball. During her travels she has been to California, the Middle West, Florida, and Canada. Her chief characteristic is her willingness to help others.

Claire Hyland and Priscilla Draper motored to the University of Massachusetts gym at Amherst to see a basketball game between the Harlem All Stars and the New York Olympians. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Burnham Cook, with their son, traveled to Norfolk, Virginia, to visit their daughter. . . . The playroom in the basement of the house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Libby has been a busy place. There a TV party was held for members of the Shipping and Receiving Department. The same location was used by the art class one evening to watch their teacher, Fred Demars, do a seascape. All the users of the Libby playroom reported enjoying themselves. . . . We congratulate Mrs. Yvette Picard, who left us to assume domestic duties, upon the birth of a daughter. Agnes Creighton also has left us for similar reasons. . . . We welcome Arnold Hutchings to the parcel post section. . . . After a siege in the hospital, Arthur Massey is back at work. . . . For some reason a group of girls from the office were greatly attracted by the Sportsmen's Show. . . . Lorraine Dufault observed a birthday this month. . . . Beatrice Carpenter and Marcel Turgeon received their 10-year pins.



Mrs. Arnold, wife of Herman Arnold of Department 453, holds in her lap their daughters Linda and Janet

**MILLWRIGHTS, PLANT LAYOUT, AND INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION**

by Ernest R. Henry, Jr.

First we welcome back to work Earl Hammond, Department 407 Foreman. Earl underwent an operation in Doctors Hospital, Worcester. . . . On the sick list from the same department is George Gray, operator on number 16 elevator. We hope that George, who is recovering from a major operation at Woonsocket Hospital, will return to us soon. . . . Belated birthday wishes to the following men from Department 407: Wasyl Kaschouba, Alfred Bernard, John Zaleski, Amedeo



Two-year old Bruce is the brother of Janice DeBoer of Machine Accounting and the grandson of Peter DeBoer of Department 431A

Roy, and Armand Beauchemin. From the same department, celebrating in February, are Aldor Heroux, Henry Plante, Joseph Chausse, and Elzear Roy. Congratulations, 407, that's a real list of birthdays. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Willie Charette celebrated their twenty-second wedding anniversary on February 8. Willie is a millwright in Department 458 and has a son and a daughter. . . . To all employees of Departments 458, 407, and the Plant Layout Section: If you have any information that you would like reported in this column, pass the news along to your reporter. If you do, we will have more complete and satisfactory coverage for our departments.



On the shore of Lake Sunapee, New Hampshire, where Captain Stephen MacDonald has this cottage, the snow lay thirty inches deep after the January storm

Personality: Arthur J. Bachand, with twenty-seven years as a millwright, is next to the top in seniority in Department 458 for he began work here on March 28, 1931. Born in Canada on May 13, 1895, Arthur now lives in Woonsocket with his wife, Thelise. Their home is one of Arthur's most prized possessions, where he likes to do odd jobs on his days off. They enjoy traveling and during vacations use their 1954 Pontiac to visit the scenes of Arthur's youth in Canada. At other times Arthur, a quiet and reserved person, enjoys watching television in the peace and quiet of his home.

**PICKERS, WINDERS, AND SYNTHETIC SMALL PARTS**

by Roger J. Brissette

Abel "Trapper" Lortie has set his trap-line again. Last time he accounted for twelve mice. To date, the count this time is two. . . . In the noontime cribbage league the partnership of Joe Szerlag and Hank Pontbriant continues to give the partnership of Dave Desjardin and John Brezniak rough going. . . . We hope that Frank Rybak, painter, will soon return fully recovered from his operation. . . . Richard Porter, although now an Uxbridge resident, may still be seen on Saturdays doing his weekly shopping in Whitinsville. . . . It was good to have our old friend Sam Finney revisit the job. . . . Hector Sauve is now polishing a 1953 Dodge in place of his Oldsmobile. . . . The golfing combination of Joe Rembiszewski and Bill Maher should give Bill Ryan and Joe Tosches some sleepless nights when the season gets going. . . . While some depend on the groundhog as a weather prophet, we generally predict the coming of spring on the date Obe O'Brien removes the snowplow from his truck. Yes, Obe removed the plow, and yes, we had fifteen inches more of snow—so far. . . . While ice fishing, John Maloney caught a pickerel which weighed over six pounds. We can understand why his face was wreathed with smiles while relating the incident. . . . As Porky Pig says, "T-thaaaats aaall, folks."

**STEEL FABRICATION**

by Frank Milton Crossland

Once again we come to the news of the month. . . . Best wishes on the birthdays of Herman "Hap" Woeller, Arthur J. Mercier, Gerard Dagesse, and Gus Vanhouwe. . . . Since Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bibeault bought a Hi-Fi set for their daughter Constance, they are learning what rock and roll music really is like. . . . Liniment for aching backs and tight muscles was needed after the Frank Libbey benefit basketball game. Eugene Closson, Deputy Chief of Police, and Alfred "Sheriff" Nichols played for the Upton team. Also assisting in this worthy program were the police forces of Northbridge, Douglas, Uxbridge, Hopedale, and Milford. . . . When spring comes, our rabid baseball fans will appear again. We have a varied assortment: Pat DeBellis for the Yankees, Henry Melanson for the Red Sox, Ovila St. Germain for the Los Angeles Dodgers, and Frank J. Zayonc and Frank Milton Crossland for the Braves.

Personality: George C. Vacher, the son of Theodore and Ellen Vacher, was born in Woonsocket on April 23, 1898. A Whitin employee since January 22, 1951, George lives on Round Top Road in Pascoag. He and Mrs. Vacher, the former Melicity Berube, were married in Woonsocket on April 21, 1916. One of their two daughters, Lula, is married and lives in the South while the other, Dorothy, is still at home. George is and always has been interested in sports. While in school, he was active in basketball, baseball, and track. Today he enjoys fishing and woodworking, making such things as bird houses and lawn furniture. He drives a 1956 Chevrolet sedan, 210 series. George is known to his friends for his pleasant smile and the willing spirit of cooperation he shows. Fraternally, he is a member of Granite Lodge #26, A. F. & A. M., of Harrisville.



George C. Vacher from Pascoag is Department 432's personality of the month

**GEAR JOB**

by Stan Frodyma

Our personality is the well-liked and trusted James Menard who was born in Uxbridge on May 21, 1915. James attended the Uxbridge schools. On March 5, 1939, he and the former Irene Nolet of Linwood were married in the Church of the Good Shepherd. They now have a thriving family of four sons and three daughters. Their oldest son, James, Jr., and Lois Marisette of Rockdale were married in St. Peter's Church on January 11, 1958. James, Sr., began his work here on January 9, 1939, spending a large portion of his time on automatic lathes. For thirty years his hobby has been playing the drums, an activity that he plans to continue indefinitely. On week ends he



Heidi Sue, daughter of George Ranslowe of Department 420, celebrated her first birthday on November 15

plays professionally with John Witek's orchestra in such cities as Boston, Providence, Worcester, and Woonsocket. Jimmy is proud of his house and car.

Alfred Matte, our planner, was out for a week as a result of a cold and a fall on an icy sidewalk. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Berube, whose grandson Robert celebrated his third birthday on January 10, took their son to dinner at the Cottage Club, Bellingham. . . . Leo "Pop" Laveridiere, who has been skiing for twelve years, likes nothing better than swooping down the northern slopes on week ends. All he needs is a dog to be a real "Sergeant Prestone."

Birthday greetings for March go to Judith Collin, Bernice Kroll, George Cantara, and Louis Mayerson. . . . Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Jackson. . . . We are sorry that, at this writing, Eli Mooradian is in Whitinsville Hospital. We hope that he returns to us soon. . . . The new men in our department are Archie Gigarjian, Roger Lague, Stefan Takarowski, and Florian Boucher.



Raymond Valente III of Marlboro is the 13-month old grandson of Ray Valente of Department 424

**COMBER JOB**

by Terry Merolli

After the typical New England blizzard we experienced this week, winter is certainly still with us. We advise Andy Hoekstra to trade in that slow-starting Buick for a quick-starting model. . . . Oh well, spring is just around the corner. The vacation notices have been posted, so let's dwell on thoughts of swimming and picnics. . . . We haven't a single birthday or anniversary to report for March, so we'll extend greetings to all those who do celebrate during the month. . . . Hector Chase and Mabel Lemieux were out sick during the month. . . . Former inspector Stewart DeJong was home on furlough and dropped in for a visit. Stewart is with the Air Force. . . . Perhaps it's rather soon to be thinking of baseball, but we hear Andy Hoekstra, Yankee fan, and Mike Zylstra, Red Sox fan, discussing their team's chances for the coming year—sometimes their discussions become heated. May the best team win (that is, the Red Sox, of course).

**FLYER JOB AND INSPECTION OFFICE**

by Bernard A. Roddy and Lorna Abramek

Mrs. Isabelle Ferguson is back on the job after three weeks' absence battling the gripe. . . . Eva Labrecque has bought a new 1958 Dodge. We wish Eva and her husband the best of luck and hope they Dodge all accidents. . . . Since the birth of his daughter, George Hetherington is a proud daddy. . . . Archie Ledue and Malcolm Sweeney are still waiting for that big fish that Norman Cagnon promised them about six months ago. Speaking of fishing, Theodore Grzych just caught a 26 inch pickerel weighing 5 pounds. . . . William Bolt, an erecting apprentice from



**WOOD PATTERNS**

by Vera Taylor

The job is intact again with Dino Vetri returned from the Foundry where he has been spending some time as part of his training. . . . We hope that by the time this issue is distributed Archie Fournier too will be with us again. Archie has been hospitalized for a few weeks, initially with a virus condition but also with complications. . . . At the moment we have an addition to our personnel in the person of Robert F. Shugrue, an apprentice. Mr. Shugrue is observing patternmaking in conjunction with his foundry work. . . . Our annual Valentine snowstorm was postponed a couple of days this year and, right now, we are still in the process of digging



Carl Anderson is the year-old grandson of George C. Vacher of Department 432

Alabama, spent three weeks in this department. William's son spent six weeks in St. Vincent's Hospital but is now at home and reported much improved. . . . Joseph Prestnick has left this department due to lack of work. We hope he will be back with us again when work picks up. . . . Thomas Eccleston has got all the Flyer Job guessing. Some mornings he wears a Campbell tartan shirt, other mornings he wears a MacGregor tartan shirt. We have given up trying to figure out what clan he belongs to and have decided that he is wearing pajama tops he got for Christmas. . . . Some of the boys in the department are having quite a discussion whether the sun goes around the earth or whether the earth goes around the sun. We should get Copernicus or Galileo to come back to settle that question. . . . Birthday greetings in March for Al Gabriau, Bernard Roddy, and Joe Berkowicz.

Miss Ann Pendleton, daughter of Mrs. Olive Pendleton, received her nurse's cap at Framingham Union Hospital at a very impressive candlelight ceremony. Twenty-three girls received their caps after completing 600 hours of schooling and nursing. The girls now have two-and-a-half more years of intensive study and hospital procedure. . . . Your reporter thanks Mrs. Olive Pendleton for the scrumptious brownies. They were almost worth waiting for—three years, one week and four days. . . . We welcome Mrs. Nancy Arguin, our roaming clerical worker. Nancy is now dividing her time between the Gage Room, Department 420 Inspection and Department 446 Inspection. We think Nancy should be given an electric car for traveling. . . . Happy birthday greetings to Phil Larsen.

Anyone desiring carpentry work of any kind should contact Bernard Roddy. Not only is Bernard capable but very efficient, especially when it comes to sawing. Bernard was repairing some broken glass in his greenhouse and got over-zealous with his saw. Instead of sawing the broken window frame, Bernard sawed the brace on which his ladder was resting. Result: more broken glass, sore back, a slight limp, and a very red face.



John, Jr., the son of John Steele, Sr., of Department 432, keeps a firm grip on the reins of his horse while waiting for help in opening his Christmas presents

out. However, the weather notwithstanding, the boys are planning a deep-sea fishing trip in June. That's what is known as long range planning. . . . Raymond Stanovich is the lone birthday celebrant in March.

**RING JOB**

by Robert E. Balcome

We are sorry we neglected the birthday greetings for January, but here are our belated good wishes for Fred Brown, Arthur Lawrence, William Fogarty, William Malley, Albert Bouchard, and James Gusney. For this month we have Carl Johnson, Cecile Berry, Alphonse Turgeon and Cornelius Ebbeling. May they have many more. . . . Louis Dionne and family traveled to Brooklyn, New York, to attend the wedding of his son, Gerard. He arrived in New York's Grand Central Station during the evening rush hour and wondered where so many people were going so fast. He got to Brooklyn via the subways with a guide, his son. . . . Pete Kooistra recently received a letter from his daughter in Augsburg,

Germany, stating that they were staying another year. Her husband teaches school there. The trip to Augsburg was quite interesting as they came by way of Formosa, Okinawa, Hong Kong, and Ceylon. At Ceylon they had a brief visit with the Reverend DeRidder, formerly of Whitinsville, who is now a missionary in Ceylon. From there they went through the Suez Canal to Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, and Germany again. . . . We are sorry to lose the following from our department due to business conditions. We hope it is only temporary and that we will have them back: Stella Damarjian, Cecile Berry, Francis Laflemme, Robert E. Beausoleil, Bud Frieswyk and Joe Witek.

**FOUNDRY AND CAST IRON ROOM**

by Gerard Brouillette

Gus Forcier has returned to work. . . . Roland Larue has bought a green and white 1956 Ford. . . . Lucien Loddy has entered the hospital for a major operation. . . . Anyone interested in joining the Foundry Golf League kindly contact K. Blizzard, office, or Ralph Levesque, timekeeper. . . . Twenty-nine men of the Foundry Golf League are scheduled to attend a dinner at Treasure Island, Webster Lake, on Friday, March 14. . . . Normand Tessier has bought a 1950 Pontiac sedan. . . . Donald Bigwood entered the hospital on February 25 for a major operation. . . . Seven of our apprentices participated in the foundry contest. Normand Vadenais was the winner. His winning casting was forwarded to the Navy Pier, Chicago, Illinois to be placed in competition with the products of apprentices from other foundries.



Harold, Jr., is the six-month old son of Harold Rider, Sr., of Department 411



Lyla Ann, age nine, and Linda Gene, age eleven, are the daughters of Anne Black of Department 666

**RESEARCH DIVISION**

by Aram Sisoian

This is a banner month for the celebrating of birthdays at Research. Those enjoying birthdays for the month are John Hapworth, Myron Chase, Virginia Burke and Chris Walsh. Here's wishing them many more. . . . The George Gigarjians are observing their wedding anniversary this month. We wish them the very best. . . . Peter Strang has recovered from the flu. Welcome back. . . . Congratulations are in store for Joe Kostka who recently was elected as town constable in Douglas.

Personality of the month: Ed Holmes was born in McKinley, Maine, in 1921. He attended local schools there, graduating in 1940. His family moved to Uxbridge in 1941. Ed started working at the Whitin Machine Works as a gear cutter on the Gear Job. In 1942 Ed served his country by joining the Air Force. He was in the service three and a half years. During his

enlistment he attended machinist school. While in the service, Ed married the former Mabel Buckland of New Britain, Connecticut, at the Columbia Army Base in 1944. Upon his discharge, Ed returned in 1946 to the Whitin Machine Works as a lathe hand. In 1952, Ed left Whitin and worked at various job shops as a machinist. His daughter Holly was born that year. Ed took sick in 1953 and was unable to work for two and a half years. After his release from the hospital, Ed returned to his present position at the Research Division of the Whitin Machine Works as a draftsman. Ed states that his hobbies are fishing, woodworking and leather work. He can hardly wait for April 19 and the opening of the fishing season. Camping, however, is Ed's big thrill. He owns a trailer in which, when summer comes, family and all motor to Madison, Connecticut, where they enjoy the Long Island Sound atmosphere. Ed is a member of Montgomery Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in Milford. He is a Franklin inhabitant.

**BOLSTER JOB**

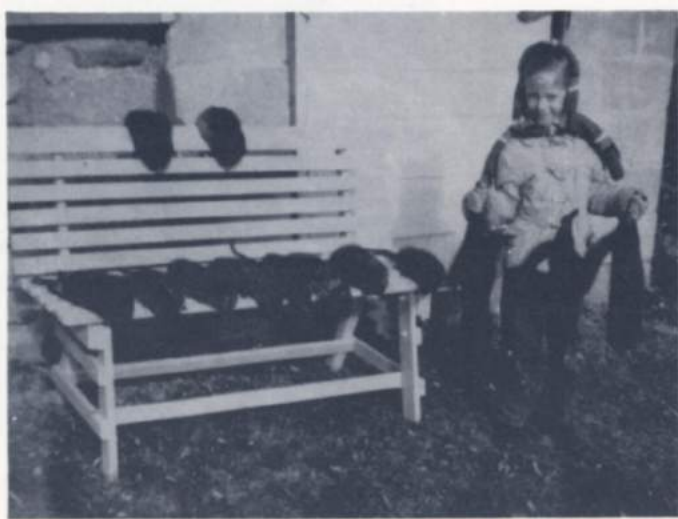
by Charles Kheboian

Harold Flinton has been bragging about his bowling of late. Harold hit 331 one night. . . . We welcome back Al Majeau after a bout with pneumonia and extend wishes again to Gene Thomas for a quick recovery from his accident. . . . Leo Bouley has been spending many of his free hours working for the Sea Scouts in town. His big project now is painting and repairing their sailboat at Meadow Pond. . . . Bill Vandersloot's son Andy played for the Northbridge High junior varsity and varsity this past season. . . . Bernard J. Gately received his 5-year pin from Ira Naroian. Bernie came to us from the H & B Company in Rhode Island. . . . Dona Perron's son Dona, Jr. was discharged from the service and came home in January. Don, Jr. spent one year of his three-year enlistment on duty in Korea. . . . Archie Gigarjian, Florian Boucher, and Roger Lague have been transferred to the Gear Job. Richard Schuyler has been transferred to the Tool Job as a surface grinder hand. . . . Al Girouard's son, Al, Jr., signed up for a hitch in the Air Force and took his examination in Springfield, Mass. . . . Lindsay Harding and Walter Fierly made plans to go ice fishing last month. The day and the hour were all set. Lindsay is still waiting for Walter to show. The morning of the chosen date was extra cold, so Walter thought it more comfortable in bed than outside. . . . Harry Powers' son, who is in the Service and is stationed in Japan, ran across Father Goddard, formerly of Uxbridge, who is doing missionary work in Japan. Sure is a small world.

**MACHINE ACCOUNTING, PAYROLL COMPUTATION, STATEMENTS, BUDGETS, AND TIMEKEEPING**

by Bob English

Machine Accounting: The new home for the Works Accounting Division is now under construction where Department 436 was formerly located. It is expected to be ready for occupancy in September. . . . Howard Cook attended a midwinter national directors' meeting of NMAA in Pittsburgh, February 19 and 20. . . . Nancy Porter has left Whitin for domestic duties. . . . The NMAA Worcester Chapter met at the Airport, Stockholm Restaurant, February 12. The speaker was Mr. John C. McAbee, vice-president of finance and property, United Air Lines. His topic was "Effective Management of a Machine Accounting Installation." . . . Birthday greetings for March to Janice DeBoer, Dot Hamblin, and Ruth Kellaher. . . . Apologies to Joyce Bagnall for not acknowledging her birthday in January and also to Mary Lussier whose birthday was in February.



Young ladies are attracted by fine furs. Joan Bromley, age 5, holds three fine mink while behind her are ten prime muskrats. The animals were trapped one morning by her father, Wilfred Bromley

**Payroll Computation:** The Wishing Well Club elected the following officers for 1958: president, Fay Goggins; vice-president, Evelyn Maziarka; secretary, Betsy Aldrich; treasurer, Elaine Lemire; auditor, F. Merwin Brown; gift committee, Ginnie Wood, Joan Sughrue, and Vicky Roy; entertainment committee, Joyce Bagnall, Mary Lusier, Ted Froh and Dick SanSouci; nominating committee, Bertha Bernier, John P. Shaw and Bob English. . . . Birthday greetings in March to Clariss Sareault. . . . Evelyn Maziarka received her 5-year service pin from supervisor William B. Hall, while Mrs. Edith Allen received her 15-year service pin from Works Accountant Henry R. Bailey. . . . Pauline Reynolds expects to move into her new home on 117 East Street in March.

**Budgets:** Our two ardent fishermen, Herb Barnes and Ted Froh, are anxiously awaiting the opening of the fishing season, which is tentatively April 12. Plans for stocking Riley's Pond are under way. The club is being incorporated, with proposal to lease the adjacent land near Riley's Pond from Whitin for development and further recreational facilities. . . . Birthday greetings in March to Harold Tallman.

**Timekeeping:** Dick SanSouci and Lucien Horent of Statements were passengers in a car, driven by Ralph Levesque of Department 404, which was involved in a three-car collision on January 17. Fortunately, the injuries were minor but the car was a total wreck. . . . Emily Quigley received her 15-year service pin from Works Accountant Henry R. Bailey. . . . Maureen McKeating, Department 451, has left Whitin for domestic duties. We welcome Priscilla Draper of Uxbridge as her replacement.

**ENGINEERING AND MASTER LIST DEPARTMENTS**

*by Jack Ratcliffe and Lou Lucier*

We open our column this month by extending belated birthday wishes for February to the following: Dorothy Magowan, Anna Mae Wood, Eva Dumas, Anne Briand, Clarence Olney, Phil O'Grady, Wally Meigs, Ted Widor, John Greenlund, Leslie Benton, Joe Dymek, and Armand Bibeau. Our March birthday calendar list includes Angela Zanchetti, Martha Fessenden, Earl Wood, Dick Ramsbotham, Bruno Kerner, R. K. Brown, A. O. Roy, Carlton Baker, James Ferry, Lou Lucier, and Dick Conlee. . . . Glad to have Jim Ashworth and Pete Tetreault back with us after brief illnesses. Jim spent a week in the Whitinsville Hospital. Pete was treated for a slipped disc. We hope that Ted Fior also will be back with us soon. . . . Ruth Duffy and Celia Beaudreau were feted at the N. V. Cafe during the noon hour of January 30 by the girls of these departments. Ruth has left to take up domestic duties and Celia will follow soon. Best wishes to both.

Four of our dyed-in-the-wool golfers, Ed Desjourdy, Penny Havener, Les Benton, and Elwin Elliott, with four companions journeyed to Oyster Harbors to play golf on February 1. The last seven holes were played in a blinding snowstorm, which incidentally was the first snow on the Cape this winter! . . . As of this writing, the Master List bowling team are the spoilers in the shop bowling league. Although they aren't going anywhere as far as the league standing is concerned, they have been knocking off the top teams. . . . Looking to spring, the Engineering golf league is making plans for another banner season. . . . Congratulations to Anne Briand who received her 10-year pin on January 26. . . . Bill Young has been picked for federal jury duty in Boston.

Two charming ladies are our personalities for this month: Hazel Creighton and Frances Healy. Hazel, who has been with Whitin for nearly twenty-one years, is a very modest person, always cheerful and eager to give you a helping hand. She started in the Production Department in 1937 and transferred to her present position in the Master List Department in 1949. Tray and china painting, along with knitting, take up most of Hazel's spare time. She also enjoys visiting her son and his wife and two children who live in Uxbridge. A graduate of Northbridge High, Hazel now makes her home on High Street in Whitinsville.

Frances, who comes to us from the Auld Sod, lives with her aunt on North Main Street in the New Village section of town. She was born in County Kerry, Ireland, and graduated from high school there. Swimming and dancing are Frances' favorite hobbies at the present time. Along with her congenial smile and pleasing personality, she has a good sense of humor. Some day in the future, our Irish lass hopes to visit her mother, father, two brothers and four sisters in good old County Kerry.

**WAGE STANDARDS**

*by Marilyn Blair and Eileen Jessume*

Personality of the month: Donald H. Amiro was born in Vinalhaven, Maine, on March 17, 1914. He attended public schools and after graduation from high school in 1931, like others of that depression era, had to turn to whatever work he could find. Consequently, among other things he has been a woodsman, truck driver, commercial fisherman and railroad section hand. During this period he had the interesting experience of working in a CCC camp in northern Maine during one of the coldest winters Maine has had. At the urging of a friend, he came to Worcester in search of work. Not being successful, he came to Whitinsville. He wanted work only for the winter but changed his mind after meeting Mildred Dean of Millville, who later became his wife and the mother of their two daughters, Donna and Beth. During World War II he served with the Army in Europe as a railroad



Children of Keith Kilbreath, roadman, are four-month old Pamela Ruth and five-year old Karen. Their mother is the former Helen Crothers of Engineering



Kathryn Anne is the seven-month old daughter of Al and Peggy Destrempe, both of the Cost Department

yardmaster. He received four battle stars for participating in four major battles. He has been with Whitin for nineteen years and has worked at many tasks in the shop, including the Yard, shop machining, erecting, and is presently working as an estimator. He is an elected member of the Republican Town Committee, secretary of the Whitin Male Glee Club, member of the PTA, junior warden of Granite Lodge, A. F. & A. M., member of Saint Elmo Royal Arch Chapter and vestryman and church school teacher of Trinity Episcopal Church. The Amiros reside at 367 Hill Street in a home recently purchased from the Whitin Machine Works.



**MYSTERY PHOTO**—The highlander on the left is John Davidson of #2 Office. On the right, photographed in Worcester in 1918, is a long-time Whitinsville resident who recently purchased a house

**REPAIR SALES DIVISION**

by Carol Corron

Our personality, Ann Wassenaar Wiersma, was born in Whitinsville and has lived most of her life in this town. It is true that for six months she lived in Cleveland, Ohio, where she attended the Hawthorn School, but she returned to Whitinsville to graduate from Northbridge High in 1932. After graduation, Ann worked first in McLellan's store, then in Cost, and later evenings in Production. In October, 1952, she joined the Repair Department as a keypunch operator, and recently transferred to the IBM and parts location section. Ann and Louis, who were married May 5, 1952, own the house in which they live on North Main Street, Whitinsville. Her many hobbies include sewing, knitting, oil painting, taking movies (she has some interesting shots of the flood of 1955), color photography, landscaping, raising flowers, and watching baseball.

**COST DEPARTMENT**

by Beatrice Gauthier

Birthdays for the month are being celebrated by Don Amiro, Earl Briggs, Milton Cohen, Vickie Gigarjian, John Romasco, Howard Sears. . . . Congratulations to Jean Cahill upon receiving her 10-year pin from G. L. Spence. . . . The recent concert by the Whitin Male Glee Club was well presented and accorded a good review by music critic Raymond Morin of the *Worcester Telegram and Gazette*. Especially so because of the praise given to our own Lewis Smith's fine solo in Greig's "Land Sighting." To use the words of Mr. Morin, the solo was "tonally appealing." To all the members, a job well done and a special tip of the hat to Lou.

Congratulations to Henry Lawton on receiving his 30-year pin in January. The pin was presented to him by Mr. J. Hugh Bolton, Mr. Erik O. Pierson and Mr. Henry Bailey. . . . We hope Helen Cotter has a speedy recovery from her recent operation, and that she'll be back with us soon. . . . Anniversary congratulations to Gloria and Bill Novack, their 14th. . . . Birthday wishes go to Oscar Erickson, Phil Johnson, Roland Farrar and Joseph O'Rourke.

After all the personnel changes we had last month, we have still more. Isabelle Hagoopian, who previously worked in the department annex as a typist, is now working in the Fayscott section. Her former job is now filled by Ruth "Deedee" Valentine, formerly of Production. . . . Nancy MacIntyre, who has worked here before, is back as a replacement for Peggy Thompson. . . . A lone birthday wish goes this month to Tom Marshall. . . . We hope that Charlie Pearson, who has been undergoing tests at the Memorial Hospital, will soon be back with us. . . . Riding around in new cars are Edna L'Esperance with a Dodge sedan and Mr. Rawlinson with a Dodge beachwagon. . . . I apologize for an error in last month's column. Cecil, not Cecile, Small is an alumnus, not alumna, of Production. . . . Many have told me that they enjoyed the long column that appeared last month. Such reports are possible only when others give the news. Pitch in, give me a little news, and we'll have a similar-sized column every month. . . . When Thomas Winstanley retired recently he received a radio, a gift from his many friends in the department.

**WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE ?**



**PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT**

by Marge Newton and Tad Wallace

The production personality this month is Ray Achorn. He was born in Waldoboro, Maine, and has lived in Gardner and in Portland. It was in Gardner, Maine, that Ray met and married Mrs. Achorn (nee Eva McQuade) some forty years ago. Ray is a World War I veteran who was a member of the 103rd Combat Infantry, a component of the famous Yankee Division. He participated in nearly every major offensive and has five bars on his Victory Medal to attest to that fact. He was discharged in April, 1919. In 1933 Ray came to work at Whitin. His first employment was on the Roll Job. The Achorn family moved to 42 C Street in



Counting her fingers is Judith Anne, eighteen month daughter of Robert Crossland, Engineering, and Janet Crossland, formerly of Engineering

Whitinsville in 1939. That home is now owned by Ray and Mrs. Achorn. The Achorns are the parents of three children: Virginia, wife of Don McKenzie; Ray, Jr., an inspector; and Maxine Palmer of Saco, Maine. They have four grandchildren and one great grandchild. Ray joined the Production Department in 1935. He has many interests. He enjoys TV and does some oil painting in the winter but, come summer, Roy will be busy gardening and cheering for his favorite ball team—the Red Sox, of course. It has been a pleasure to make you just a little bit better acquainted with Ray Achorn who, behind that quiet, affable manner, possesses a keen wit and a wonderful sense of humor.

On January 24, Mr. Rizer presented 10-year service pins to Anne McCann, Adrian Donatelli, Jim Wayland, Lucien Champagne and William Ryan. Five-year pins were awarded to Bill O'Connor and Robert Trottier. While on the subject of awards, we take this opportunity to congratulate Lucien Champagne and S. Butler Smith, as both were recent recipients of suggestion awards.

Ray Young, president of the Production Department Golf League, has announced that the teams have been selected for this coming season. This year the league has expanded to eight teams instead of six. This adds up to more players, more fun, more arguments, etc. This league enjoyed a fine season last year, which probably accounts for so many new people indicating a desire to play. The Thompson Raceway course will be the scene of all matches and,

to you sports fans in the department, let us say just this. If you want to see golf played in every conceivable manner, take a ride over to Thompson some summer evening when our league is playing and you will see what we mean. As we have noted before, this league may not be comprised of the best golfers in the world but we rank second to none in fun. (Incidentally, this column was written in February when the temperature was 10 below zero and the snow was piled up in 8-foot drifts. Hardly good golf weather.)

## Births

To George Stevens, Department 425, and Mrs. Stevens, a daughter, in Milford Hospital on February 4.

To Henry Rivet, Engineering Department, and Mrs. Rivet, the former Pat Murray, a daughter, Patricia Anne, weight 7 lbs. 6 oz., in Whitinsville Hospital on January 10.

To Henry Pandolfi and Mrs. Pandolfi, a daughter, Denise, weight 6 lbs. 13 oz. on February 9.

To Herbert Balcome, Department 434, and Merle Balcome, formerly of Department 465, a daughter, Merle Lynn, weight 7 lbs. 6 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on February 11.

To Roland Bruno, Department 404, and Mrs. Bruno, a daughter, weight 6 lbs. 9 oz., on January 14.

To Andrew Vierstra, Jr., and Louise Vierstra, a son, Scott Andrew, weight 8 lbs. 8 oz., at Mt. Auburn Hospital, Cambridge, on January 17.

## MARRIAGES and ENGAGEMENTS

June Sutcliffe, daughter of Alfred Sutcliffe of Department 401, and Freeman Lowell of Mendon will be married in the Unitarian Church, Mendon, in June.

Gerard Dionne, Department 427, and Ann Webb were married in The Church of the Holy Angels, Brooklyn, N. Y., on February 1. They will live in Whitinsville.



Ralph True, Department 426, and Judith Vincent recently were married in the North Uxbridge Baptist Church

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

Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Hazel Creighton, Master List, on the death of her brother, Ernest Hill, in Providence on January 31.

Jean Cahill, Department 485, on the death of her father, Joseph Cahill, in Brockton on January 30.

Richard Hare, Spindle Research, on the death of his father in Worcester, February 13.

Relatives and friends of Teake Wynja, 45, of Sutton Street, a Whitin employee who died January 21. A native of the Netherlands, he had lived here eight years.

Clarence Spicer, Department 432, on the death of his father, William A. Spicer, in St. Cloud Hospital, St. Cloud, Minnesota, on January 13.

Family and friends of Owen Flood, Department 416, who died in Woonsocket Hospital on February 1.

Walter Prince, Department 420 night shift, on the recent death of Mrs. Prince in Worcester.

William Laforce, Department 425, on the death of his mother on February 12.

Henry Cant, Department 465, on the death of his father, James Cant in Tenants Harbor, Maine, on February 12.

Ernest and George Bonoyer on the death of their father, Oliver Bonoyer, on February 15. Prior to his retirement in 1948, Mr. Bonoyer had been employed at Whitin for 51 years.

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