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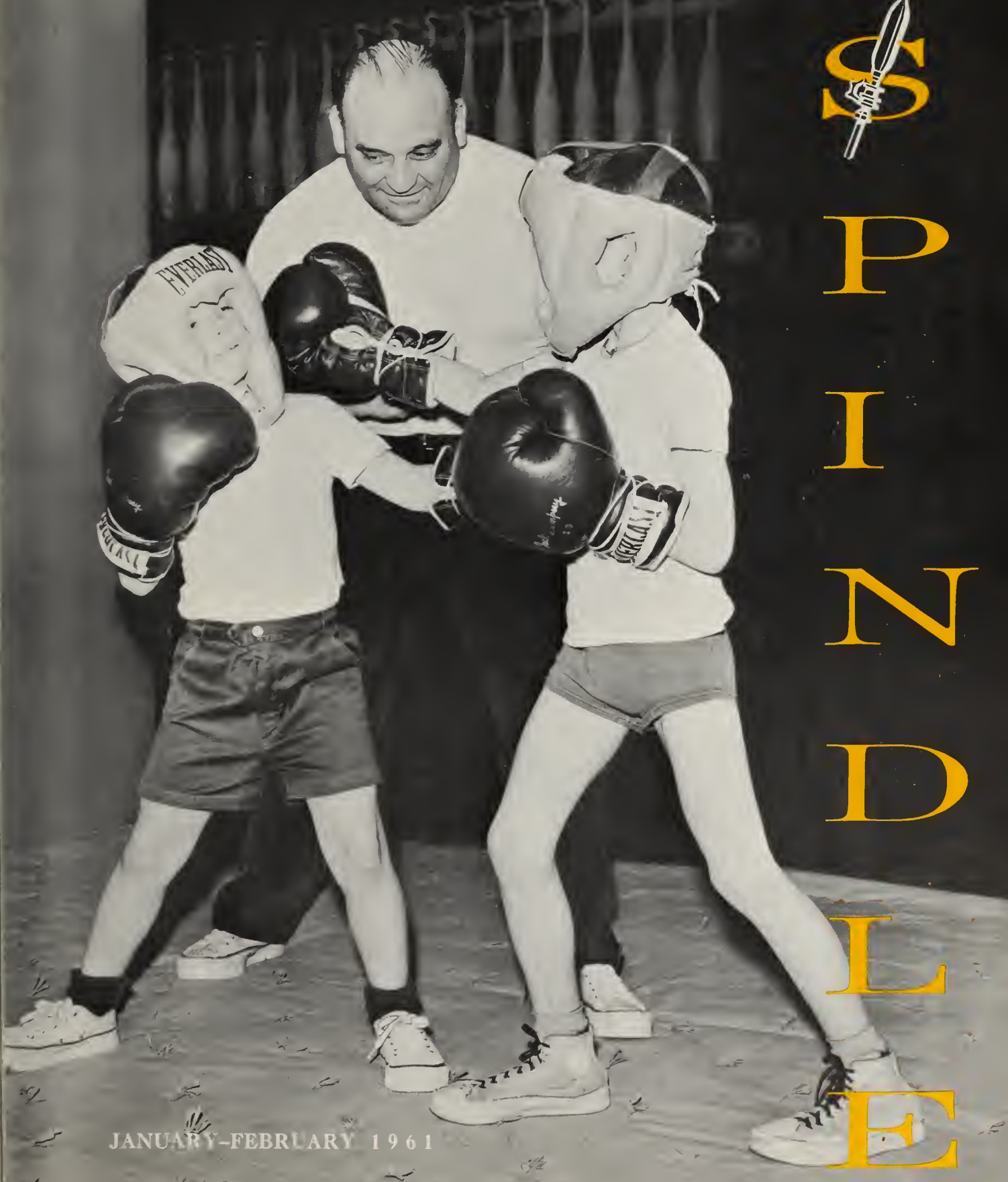
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Bernard Conlee, Comber Draftsman, came to Whitin in 1940. He lives on Plummer Road and has three sons, ages 8, 10 and 14. He is the Cub Scout Master in Whitinsville



Gordon Rankin, of the Accounting Department, started at Whitin 33 years ago. He is active in church work and for recreation enjoys being a spectator at athletic events



Helen Dogirmanjian, Secretary in the Production Department, has been with Whitin 12 years. She is a graduate of Northbridge High and her main hobby is bowling



Charles Creighton, Clerk-Typist and "Spindle" Reporter in the Traffic Department, is a Webelos Scout Leader in Uxbridge. For recreation he swims, reads and attends movies



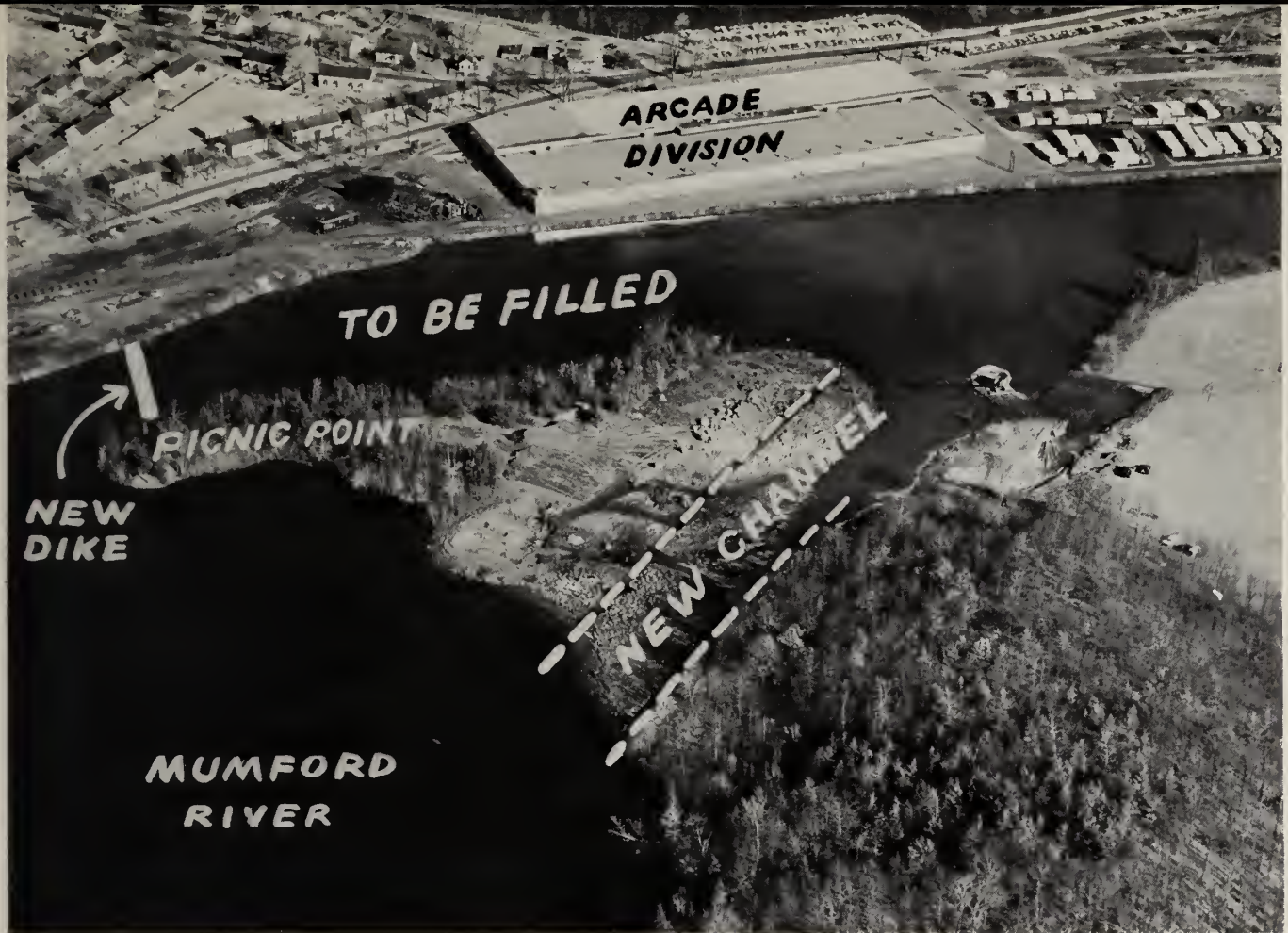
Lester Sheldon, Maintenance Carpenter, has 27 years at Whitin. He has one daughter and five grandchildren. In his leisure time, he enjoys being a caller at square dances



Jonice Hobbs, Receptionist and "Spindle" Reporter in Research, graduated from Northbridge High in 1959. She lives in town and lists bowling and dancing as hobbies



Edward Hoczynski, Inspector on ATF Presses and "Spindle" Reporter, is a veteran of the Korean conflict. He is active in the Naval Reserve, Woonsocket, and the Y.M.C.A.



The locations for the new channel and the new dyke are clearly indicated on this photograph taken by Malcolm Pearson from an airplane piloted by Hans Theiler. In exchange for the land which will be reclaimed from the Mumford River, the Whitin Machine Works is giving up a section of Picnic Point for the new channel

Picnic Point

Yields to Progress

LONG BEFORE the days of television, when Whitinsville residents provided much of their own entertainment, Picnic Point was a favorite outdoor location for many festive occasions. Who can forget the many gay field days and other colorful events sponsored by fraternal societies, local church groups and public spirited citizens?

One of the most spectacular of the activities was the Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera, "H.M.S. Pinafore," staged with local talent in 1924 under the direction of the late Mrs. C. W. Lasell. An immense "ship," the setting for the "H.M.S. Pinafore," was constructed in the water a short distance

from the Picnic Point shore. Even newspapers as far away as Chicago commented on the elaborate presentation.

Many changes have taken place at Picnic Point since those memorable days. For many reasons, some hard to pinpoint, it lost its popularity as a recreation area.

Now even greater changes are taking place. For the past few weeks a construction crew, operating a bulldozer, a power shovel and other earth-moving equipment, has been cutting a channel across the peninsula neck of Picnic Point.

This will change the course of the Mumford River,

making that part of the river between the Arcade Division yard and Picnic Point available for the disposal of foundry slag, burned sand, fly ash, waste from furnaces and other similar materials which accumulate from the plant's manufacturing operations.

The Whitin Machine Works considered a number of possible additional disposal areas. The Arcade Pond, a bay on the Meadow Pond, the town dump, and the land along the Douglas Road near Picnic Point, were all given careful study.

. . . But, the Arcade Pond would have presented many draining problems as this is the outlet for brooks and surface water in that area. In addition, it would have created a nuisance to nearby residents.

. . . The bay on Meadow Pond, at the rear of Border Street, would have filled up too rapidly as it is shallow. The use of this area would also have created annoyance for people living in the vicinity.

. . . The town dump was unsuitable. It doesn't have sufficient capacity to handle large amounts of rubbish. This waste material fills two acres of land a year.

. . . The area along Douglas Road near Picnic Point, also considered, would have taken many years to fill but would have invited public dumping unless the area was fenced. Then too, once this area had been filled, the land would be of little value to the plant as the river would separate it from the present yard land.

Furthermore, any of these additional areas, if

selected, would have presented a transportation problem.

To divert the Mumford River and fill in the former river bed was the best solution to the problem: no inconvenience to anyone, no drainage problems, no transportation problems, and the reclaimed land can be used by Whitin. Also, there will be sufficient space available for fill for years. And, after making a series of test borings at Picnic Point for ledge and large boulders, cutting a channel didn't present too many costly problems.

With the procurement of a license from the Massachusetts Division of Waterways to proceed with the project, work started on the channel December 1.

The channel will be 850 feet long and 154 feet wide at water level with banks tapering to 110 feet wide on the bottom. The normal water depth will be 7 feet with a maximum depth of 12 feet under flood conditions. This exceeds the depth called for on state specifications.

A dyke will be built from the yard bank across to Picnic Point. Waste materials will be dumped into the river from the dyke and from the yard shore. It will take approximately 20 to 25 years to fill this area at the present rate of volume.

It is estimated that the project, planned and supervised by the Plant Engineering Department, will be completed in the early spring at an estimated cost of \$40,000. Henley-Lundgren Company, Shrewsbury, is the contractor.

A bulldozer and power shovel are moving boulders, stumps and other obstacles before widening the channel. When completed, the channel will be 850 feet long and 154 feet wide at water level





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ENDS MUST MEET

YOU FINALLY "go broke" if you spend more than you take in. So does a company.

Today it is harder than ever for most companies to make ends meet. The Whitin Machine Works is no exception. Its earnings have gone up, but so has its cost of living. It has to pay out more than before in taxes and wages, and for raw materials, equipment and supplies.

To give a fair return to employees, to Uncle Sam, to the stockholders, and to customers, Whitin has to keep its cost in line. That's why it must watch every unnecessary expense and make every dollar go as far as possible.

When a company "makes ends meet," it provides jobs that help every employee to make ends meet.

WHITIN PERSONALITY



JAMES CHIRAS, Foreman of the Sheet Metal Maintenance Department, was born in Whitinsville on August 17, 1913. He attended Northbridge High School and completed a sheet metal course at Worcester Boys' Trade High School.

Unable to locate work at his trade in 1932, he found employment in one of the large local markets. During the next ten years he worked for several markets where he devoted his time to meat cutting and merchandising.

In May, 1942, he accepted a job as a sheet metal worker at Whitin. A few years later he was promoted to group leader and on March 5, 1951, he was appointed foreman of the department. In this capacity he designs a wide variety of sheet metal items used throughout the plant as well as supervising their fabrication and installation.

Jim lived in Whitinsville for 37 years before moving to Worcester in 1950. He lives with his family in a three-family house which he owns. He also has a four-family house which he rents on Thurston Avenue, Whitinsville.

He and Mrs. Chiras have two sons. Richard Chester, age 20, is a sophomore in the field of liberal arts at Assumption College, Worcester. Ronald Peter, age 19, a sophomore at the University of Massachusetts, is majoring in physical education. Ronald is a member of the University swimming team.

After working hours at Whitin, Jim spends much of his time improving his property. In his spare time he enjoys being a spectator at baseball games, football games or most any other sport. He is a member of the Lithuanian Naturalization and Social Club, Worcester.

FRONT COVER: At the Whitin Community Gymnasium, recreation programs have been arranged to meet the needs of all members regardless of age. Pictured learning the art of self-defense are Jeffrey Ashworth and Kenneth Howard. Dona Gamelin, ex-boxer, is the instructor.



Scrap reduces profit, limits expansion and curtails job opportunity. Each pound of product tossed into the scrap box is costing each of us plenty



SCRAP

These iron and steel parts are only a few of the hundreds which recently were scrapped in one day. Down the drain with the parts went many man hours of work and planning



YOUR JOB!

How would you like to put *Yourself* out of work?

Or your neighbor on the machine across the aisle?

You'd be teed off if someone put that question to you pointblank, wouldn't you?

But that's just what some of us are managing to do around here by turning out poor work.

Do you know that in eleven months of 1960 we scrapped parts in which we had over \$200,000 invested?

And that we spent \$138,000 in addition reworking parts that we'd already paid someone to make right in the first place?

Or that we spent over \$63,000 replacing defective parts in the field?

These figures just include the actual dollars spent on material and work time. They don't include intangibles that probably cost us much more, such as delayed deliveries, upset schedules when rework is pushed into a busy department, customer irritation, and a dozen more.

All told, the bill for inferior work right here at Whitinsville in 1960 was nearly \$500,000. That's the amount of capital you have to have invested in machinery, equipment and facilities to support about sixty jobs. It's a lot of money. And when we lose it, we penalize our competitive position and our ability to get more work and thus provide more jobs.

Without pointing the finger at any individual or any department, we're simply saying that we—and this means all of us—can't afford that kind of waste.

What can we do about it? Well, each one of us can do something, but the people in the Shop can do the most, and here are a few suggestions:

1. Work to the blueprint.
 - A. If you have any questions regarding the blueprint, talk with your foreman.
 - B. If you don't have the proper tools for making a part shown on the blueprint, tell your supervisor.
2. Don't operate from vest pocket information; work to authorized instructions.
3. Remember—you are responsible for doing a quality job. Therefore, do enough checking to be sure you're turning out acceptable parts.
4. If you do make an error, don't bury it, or save it, or pass it on. This will hide the problem, prevent a solution, and cause time and money to be invested in something which is already scrap.
5. Be sure to work in an orderly manner. This will prevent incompleting parts from reaching stock cribs.
6. Use the right materials for the job.
7. Handle all products in process with care. Place them carefully in barrels, tote boxes and other containers.
8. Be sure product is piled or stored properly.
9. See that all products are protected from weather, dirt, moisture, etc.
10. Load and unload all materials carefully. Don't overload trucks or other vehicles.
11. If material can be salvaged, don't scrap it, but don't salvage without proper authorization.
12. Be sure that the finished product is stored, packaged, loaded, and shipped properly.

Do any of these suggestions seem unreasonable? Of course not.

Yet if they were followed, we might be able to scrap some scrap boxes and concentrate on building, assembling, selling and shipping the kind of quality products we're proud of and famous for.

We're certainly not the only company in the world that has a scrap problem. Since we're all human beings we're going to make some mistakes, so we can't expect absolute perfection.

But let's start really tightening up. Let's see to it that each of us does all he or she can to make the job right in the first place.

Let's keep that \$500,000 working for us—protecting our jobs—right here in Whitinsville, instead of vanishing into thin air every year.

That doesn't do any of us anything but harm.

THE NEED FOR QUALITY

Complaint: Products should be better

The following article, which appeared in the December 5th issue of "Time" magazine, should be of particular interest to everyone employed in a manufacturing plant. Although no reference has been made to the textile industry, our jobs depend also on the quality of the products which we manufacture.

APPEARANCE is no longer the prime factor in selling," says American Motors President George Romney. "We are now in an era of functionalism." What he means in plain English is that the U. S. businessman today finds himself in a tough, competitive buyer's market where the U. S. consumer has become a poking, prying comparison shopper, his checklist topped by one word written out in budget black: *quality*. Buyers loudly complain that familiar products are just not so good as they used to be—and the figures tend to bear them out. Pittsburgh's Better Business Bureau reported a 19 per cent increase last year in complaints on defective merchandise.

Businessmen are well aware of the problem of quality. Many manufacturers are convinced that "planned obsolescence" has gone too far; that the annual addition of frills and fripperies takes money that could be better used to improve quality. "Certainly in cars," says International Harvester Vice President Mark Keeler, "the cost of restyling is a waste. From a performance standpoint, it contributes nothing." To combat rising labor and material costs, some manufacturers have tried to save by taking a chance on materials that often turn out to be inferior. On the other hand, the very productivity and ingenuity of U. S. industry has created quality problems: ten years ago, when a housewife had only two or three major appliances, the breakdown of one was not so noticeable. Today she may have three or four times as many, and if three break down within a week, she may well feel nothing works—and holler.

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Dealers are belatedly joining her in hollering, since they lose the housewife's confidence—and future sales—and are forced to provide excessive service repairs. For example, New York's Korvette chain last year found that a nationally advertised TV set had a bad part. Korvette refused to sell it until the flaw was corrected.

With sales dwindling, the entire appliance industry is in the midst of an ambitious program to improve quality. "I'm not saying the whole thing is lousy," explains one Norge executive, "but the automatic washer is probably more susceptible to service than any other appliance in the home." He speaks from rueful personal experience. For years there was no formal exchange between Norge's service department and its engineers, and chronic complaints never filtered back to the machine designers—a gap since

remedied. Maytag decided to drop annual model changes, use the savings for better quality control, and sales soared. To test its 1961 refrigerators, Westinghouse shipped them to nine representative dealers for home testing. The dealers found that the refrigerator doors began to bend and leak air, a design flaw that factory inspection had failed to turn up. Los Angeles Waste King Corp. employs Mrs. Sylvia White, a sociologist, to represent the consumer on the spot. She has shut down a production line because she concluded that a new change was not an improvement, explaining with housewifely common sense: "Engineers can design anything. But you may have to stand on your head to make it work."

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Detroit has launched a broad campaign to improve quality this year. Until recently Detroit relied chiefly on a final inspection of finished cars to catch flaws. "But because of pressures from the top down," admits Chrysler Quality Control Director C. G. Bauer, "there were few rejects—they were too costly." Inspectors were allowed a margin of individual judgment about whether a part was car-worthy. Now they have no alternative; a part must correspond exactly to the engineer's specifications or out it goes. Chrysler now holds back a car with 35 demerits in its final inspection, whereas a car with 75 demerits used to be considered good—and the demerit standards are also tougher now. General Motors is applying on its auto assembly lines a system of reliability controls that was first developed for close-tolerance defense work. Ford made 66 internal changes toward better quality in its 1961 models, ranging from an improved ignition system to a 30,000-mile no-lubrication chassis. Result: the auto industry is so sure of the quality of its 1961 lines that for the first time in history, it stretched written warranties on most parts to one year, or 12,000 miles.

U. S. industry is slowly rediscovering what its best businessmen have known all along: that quality will sell goods better than price alone. Zenith (radios and electronics) advertises today as it did in 1926 that "Zenith costs more but does more." The company has earned a quality reputation, sports a profit picture that is the envy of much of the industry. Despite the drop in house building, Builder William J. Levitt sold more than \$5,000,000 worth of houses outside Washington, D. C. in one recent week. Bill Levitt explains his feat simply: "The public is starved for values." The fact is that the well-heeled U. S. consumer is still willing to buy and buy high, but more and more he wants to be sure he is getting what he pays for.

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CREDIT UNION

Strong and Progressive

THE W.M.W. Credit Union has made remarkable progress since it incorporated on February 2, 1932. In financial strength, it is rated as the leading industrial credit union in Massachusetts.

The year 1960 was one of the most successful in the history of the institution. In all areas there was a considerable increase in the volume of business.

Total assets reached a new high of \$786,000. This was an increase of 11% in the past year. Share accounts, which increased 10%, now total over \$645,000.

In 1960 Whitin employees were granted 1,600 loans amounting to over \$750,000. There are 1,357 loan accounts with an outstanding balance of over \$514,000.

While most financial institutions have increased their interest rates on all loans during the past five years, it is interesting to note that the W.M.W. Credit Union has maintained its same low interest rates. Collateral loans remain at 3½% per annum,

automobile loans at 4% per annum, and personal loans at 5% per annum.

Dividends paid out during the year to shareholders amounted to a total of \$15,600. The present dividend rate is 3% per annum and is based on credit union earnings in 1960.

The sum of \$9,000 was added to the reserve account as further protection for the shareholders. The total in the reserve account is now \$124,000. The ratio of surplus to capital is 19%. This percentage is one of the highest among credit unions.

At an organizational meeting on November 29, the Board of Directors of the W.M.W. Credit Union elected the following officers for the year 1961:

- James Davidson, Jr., *President*
- Howard K. Anderson, *Vice-President*
- Henry S. Crawford, *Treasurer*
- Ernest J. Hartshorn, *Asst.-Treasurer and Clerk*

The Board of Directors of the W.M.W. Credit Union. Front row, from the left: Hope Rawson, Henry Crawford, Treasurer; James Davidson, President; Howard Anderson, Vice President; Carl Johnson, Past President; Ernest Hartshorn, Clerk and Assistant Treasurer; Elizabeth Graham. Standing, from the left: Norman Wright, Frederick Dexter, Gerrit Ebbeling, Lawrence Gilmore, Thomas Postma, Peter Jongsma, Irving Dalton, Thomas Marshall, Richard Davidson, Eino Johnson, Robert Wood, Thomas McCallum, Norman Burroughs, and Philip B. Walker





Present members of the School of Industrial Management, pictured with their guides, were taken on a tour of the Whitin Machine Works in December

MEETING A NEED

IN RECENT years, business leaders have recognized the need for the development of management personnel. Business is becoming so complex and specialized that supervisory and middle-management personnel often require additional training and a re-orientation of goals, usually difficult to obtain in one's daily work.

To meet the needs of industry, a school of industrial management was organized in 1949 by Worcester Polytechnic Institute in cooperation with Worcester area industries.

A four-year course was designed by representatives of industry and a group of the faculty of Worcester Polytechnic Institute to meet the practical needs of employees assuming increasing responsibility.

Each class includes employees of several firms coming together with a mutual problem. An opportunity to exchange experiences in the discussion of real situations contributes much to the attainment of this goal.

The program is sponsored and administered by the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. A board of executives of representative cooperating firms advises the institute concerning the needs of industry. Most of the faculty is provided from the W.P.I. staff, but wherever desirable instructors are secured from industry or other colleges and universities.

In classes which are held Tuesday evenings, October through May, the course of study is as follows:

- First Year—Effective Self-expression
Human Relations in Industry
- Second Year—Economics
Financial Controls
- Third Year—Marketing
Production Management
- Fourth Year—Problems of Administration
Policy Information

Who may enroll? Membership in each class is limited. To be eligible to participate, a person must satisfy the following conditions:

1. He must be a mature individual who has at least five years of industrial experience and has shown marked ability for management.
2. He must show an earnest desire to profit by this program of self-development.
3. He must be nominated by his employer.
4. He must show a likelihood of completing the full four-year program.

Whitin men presently enrolled in the course are Robert Stewart, Manager of Employee Services and Safety; Donald Sangster, Divisional Superintendent, and John Golder, Manager of the Order Administration Department. Those who have successfully completed the program are Robert Maynard, Senior Buyer; Wallace Meigs, Chief Product Engineer; Arthur Litke, Divisional Superintendent; and George Comeau, Divisional Superintendent.

The Road to Better Health

BY HAROLD CASE

The picture on the front cover and the one on this page show a couple of activities in which few people participate at the Gym. When the Gym is mentioned the recreation activities which come to mind are, of course, swimming and basketball. This is understandable because for years the pool has been the jumping-off point for many hundreds of embryo swimmers, many of whom later became champions. Some are now teaching the sport.

Basketball still holds the interest of many, especially the junior high boys and like swimming, this sport has contributed its share of outstanding athletes. A number of former basketball stars have chosen coaching as a career.

Although swimming and basketball seem to be the most popular sports, there are other activities in which you can participate in the Gym. How about weight lifting? Very few make use of the weights at the Gym, mainly because many do not know they are available. If you would rather lift weights than furniture, or even get in shape to lift furniture when spring house cleaning comes along, why not come in for an hour or so some evening?

The front cover picture of the boxers depicts a very minor activity but one which is being pushed this season for the first time in many years. The hope is that it will grow and that a lot of the boys will become interested in learning the art of self-defense. The goal is to teach them the fundamentals of the sport, not to develop them into professionals.

Some people are fortunate in having sufficient space in their home to play table tennis but there are a lot of players who just play when the opportunity affords itself. The odd thing is that some of these individuals are pretty fair players although

they don't play consistently. There are four excellent tables in the Gym and possibly a dozen men have made good use of them since the Gym reopened. They have found that an hour of this type of exercise will work up a lather. If you like to play and don't wish to put on a gym suit for exercise on the floor, try this game for a workout. You will need a shower but will feel great afterward.



Weight Lifter Jerry LeDuc, of Wage Standards, says it's easy to lift 150 pounds over your head if you practice regularly



Honor Roll



Edward Haggerty
Engineering
30 years



Albert Benson
Experimental
25 years



Arthur Bodwell
Misc. Woodworking
25 years



Etienne Brousseau
Machine Maintenance
25 years



Harold Cornell
Planers
25 years



Walter Curtiss
Tool Job
25 years



Alexander Gray
Quality Control
25 years



Harold Johnson
Half Laps
25 years



Edward Kmiolek
General Machining
25 years



Andre Labbe
Large Planers
25 years



Charles Malkasian
Chuck Job
25 years

Pictured below is a group of employees who received 25 Year Service Pins in December: front row, from the left, Clarene Prouty, Roving; John Megerdichian, General Machining; Joseph Malinowski, Cast Iron Room; Simeon Gravel, Cast Iron Room; Myrtle Cronan, Clearers; and Elphege Morin, Spinning Small Parts. Standing, from the left: Bernard Adams, Production; Edward Rice, Production; J. Russell Mowry, Production; Maurice Murray, Production; Chester Rymeski, Foundry; Paul Grenon, Box Job; Adolph Michalik, Aprons; Francis Lowe, Spinning Small Parts; and Donald Crosby, Automatics





G. Frank Martin
Methods
25 years



Richard O'Rourke
Punch Presses
25 years



Frank Rutana
Grinders
25 years



William Such
Large Planers
25 years



James Vanderzee
Tool Job
25 years

25 Years

Grace DeVries, Quality Control
Wilfred Sansouci, Tool Job

20 Years

Walter Abramek, Screw Machines
Charles Anderson, Order Administration
Arthur Roger Arpin, Engineering Dept.
Anthony Bellione, Screw Machines
Frank Berkowitz, Screw Machines
Arthur Bourassa, Screw Machines
Robert Conlee, Auto. Chucking
Frederic Erickson, Gear Job
Chester Farrar, Traffic Dept.
Leo J. Gardner, Core Room
Ludger Gauthier, Large Planers
Flora Grenon, Top Rolls
William Hall, Accounting
Irwin Hanny, Accounting
Aime Henault, Screw Machines
Romeo J. Heroux, Foundry Maint.
Robert Hoisington, Foundry
Albert Houle, Card Cylinders
Arthur Jackman, Milling
Arthur A. Jackman, Laboratory
Stephen Jionzo, Screw Machines
John Kennelly, Screw Machines
Vassyl Kozak, Foundry
Clement Laffash, Bolsters
Lucien Lefebvre, Machine Maintenance
Thaddeus Lewandowski, Methods
Abel Lortie, Picker Erecting
Albion Meservy, Experimental Constr.
Carl Porter, Wage Standards
Walter Pouliot, Paint Job
Carl R. Rein, Gear Job
Wilfred Rivet, Screw Machines
Jean Roy, Electrical Dept.
Everett Swenson, Tool Design
Albert Thibault, Foundry
Albert Thibeault, Traffic Dept.
John Torosian, Tool Design
Arno Wagner, Methods
Mary Whalen, Sub-Assem.
Kenneth Williams, Milling
George Wood, Erectors

15 Years

Ann Ashworth, Mfg. Engr. Dept.
Willie Boileau, Traffic Dept.
William Burroughs, Foundry
Lawrence Duhamel, Sub-Assemblies
John Larsen, Card Erecting
Henry Walmsley, Yard

10 Years

Claude Auclair, Quality Control
Elsie Baxendale, Production
Bettye Bolivar, Cast Iron Room
Walter Bomba, Chucking
Ellis Burgess, ATF Press Assembly
Lena Card, Industrial Relations
Leo Cardin, Sr., Milling
Stanley Chudy, Nickel Plating
George Columbia, Power House
George Dancause, Paint and Sanitation
Henry Deslauriers, Rings
Raymond Duggan, Stock Rooms
Anthony Furno, Plant Engr. Office
Thomas Furno, Woodwork
Philip Hali, Yard
Kenneth Johnson, Apprentice
Joseph Latourelle, Foundry
Gerard Lefebvre, Box Job
Mary Rabuffo, Traffic Dept.
Ernest Racicot, Milling
Rodolphe Roberge, Paint Job
Lloyd Rose, Engineering Dept.
Edward Sadowski, Sheetmetal
Gerber Schotanus, Large Planers
Paul Turcotte, Erectors
Leonard Walenty, Quality Control
Keith Wilcox, Quality Control

5 Years

Arthur Adams, Experimental Constr.
Walter Anderberg, Accounting
Mildred Amiro, Accounting
Clarence Bagley, Foundry
Eleanor Baillargeon, Engineering Dept.

Anita Bilodeau, Covering Half Lap
Napoleon Bisson, Electrical Dept.
Robert Blanchard, Top Rolls
Raymond Boucher, Duplicator
Wilfred Boulanger, Flyer Job
Arthur Brunelle, Power House
Frank Calzon, Tool Job
Hazel Caya, Punch Press
James Colton, Jr., Apprentice
Lawrence Covington, Foundry
Elaine Currie, Metal Lab.
Gerard Dagesse, Steel Fabricating
Leonard Dansereau, Chucking
Delauzia Deome, Production
William Ethier, Top Rolls
Joseph Ferland, Screw Machines
Edith Fior, Flyer Job
Robert Fougere, Traffic Dept.
Hector Gagnon, Polishing
Ovila Gagnon, Sub-Assemblies
Robert Gilmore, Erector
James Gorman, Chucking
Roger Gosselin, Metal Patterns
Lucien Guilbert, ATF Press
William Hemingway, Gen. Machining
Gloria Kuipers, Production
Arthur Lapierre, Small Parts
Anniebella Lemay, Half Laps
Frank Manyak, Erector
Edmond Michaud, Chucking
Raoul Peloquin, Sanitation
Francis Pepler, Polishing
Bernice Plante, Accounting
Joseph Plante, Sub-Assemblies
George Raimond, Large Planers
Ovila Rondeau, Sanitation
Leo Roy, Small Parts
Edmond St. Onge, Steel Fabrication
Andrew Sanborn, Steel Fabrication
Pasquale Saviano, Electrical Dept.
Bertrand Senecal, Quality Control
Carl Smith, Erector
Nelson Southwick, Lathes and Grinders
Oscar Tremblay, Box Job
Phyllis VanDyke, Milling
Camille Verrier, Picker Erecting
Gordon Walker, Top Rolls
Jacob Winiarski, Spinning Erecting

Whitin personnel completing forty or fifty years of continuous employment in 1961 will receive appropriate recognition at the senior employee banquet in the fall.



Jest a Joke



"Jim, wake up. There's a burglar in the kitchen and he's eating up the rest of the pie we had for dinner."

"Go back to sleep. I'll bury him in the morning."

* * *

Mrs. Brown: "When I'm down in the dumps, I get myself a new hat."

Mrs. Jones: "I've often wondered where you got them."

* * *

A Scotsman, who had worn the same hat for 15 years, decided with a heavy heart to buy a new one. Going into the only hat shop in the neighborhood, he said to the clerk, "Well, here I am again."

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"This car has a top speed of 130 miles an hour, and it'll stop on a dime," said the car salesman.

"What happens after that?" asked the customer.

"A little putty knife comes out and scrapes you off the windshield."

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Texas housewife to husband: "Will you get the car out dear, and drive the children out to the back yard to play?"

* * *

The Sunday School class was composed of three-year-olds. The teacher asked, "Do any of you remember who St. Matthew was?" No answer.

"Well, who was St. Mark?" Still no answer.

"Surely someone must remember who Peter was!"

The little faces were full of interest but the room was quiet. Finally, a tiny voice came from the back of the room.

"I fink he was a wabbit."

* * *

"I heard you advertised for a wife. Any replies?"

"Yes, hundreds."

"Good! What did they say?"

"Oh, they all said, 'You can have mine.'"

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Sales Manager: "Gather around me, you so-called salesmen—while I tell you about a sales contest I'm gonna conduct. A contest by which the winning salesman gets to keep his job! . . ."

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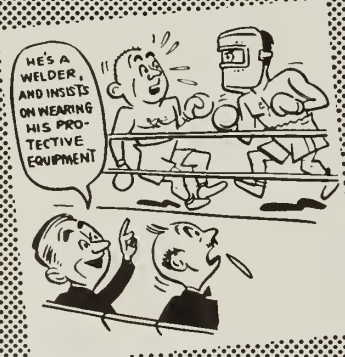
Three men were driving through the country very late on a pitch black night. Two were in the front seat and the other in the back, half asleep.

Suddenly the driver asked the man in the back to look out the rear window and see who the crazy driver was behind them. For the past 5 minutes he had been trying to let him pass and to top it off, his car had only one light on.

The man looked out the back and then said very excitedly: "No wonder he can't pass you—he's on tracks!"

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"I'll carry this case to the highest court in the land," said the lawyer to the prisoner, "but in the meantime you'd better try to escape."



The story of human progress is a history of faith. Almost every great inventor and scientist in the world was told, "It can't be done." The technical obstacles were insurmountable save by one means alone: determined faith.

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News Roundup

METAL PATTERNS

by A. J. Cencak

Happy New Year everyone! Just a few little highlights of the past year:— Paul Mintoft wins another golf trophy; Henry Forget again grows largest potatoes; Bud Martin challenges Henry Forget with large cucumbers; the get-together club of the repair gang fosters some poor dependent nags with food and blankets; Bart Shugrue discovers new secret detergent cooking formula; as usual our "Great White Hunter" and his trusty band failed again to bring back a deer.

Joe "my car will never get stuck" Prior had eight fellow pattern makers and repair men push him out of the snowed-in parking lot. . . . Henry Forget bought a stove from his very good friend Dick Zibell. They both made money on this deal. . . . Harold Kane is a regular Dick Button on ice skates. . . . Our boss Harry, his wife Mary and son David went to Florida for a few days. . . . Bob Dion makes like the ski troops these winter week ends. . . . Henry Forget went deer hunting in New Hampshire and he brought back some photos. There were no pictures of deer but he had a pretty good picture of a landslide he

shot. . . . Rollie Wilson really blasted a pheasant that attacked him after he shot it down. . . . Paul Mintoft shot two things, a pine tree and a juniper bush. . . . Bill Jedrzynski is such a good shot because his hunting clothes have the "Bulls-eye Bill" brand on them. . . . If you see my eyes watering some mornings, it's not because I am unhappy but because my sandwiches are usually loaded with onions. . . . Ed Scott's mother-in-law gave him a new razor for Christmas. Ed must be afraid to use it, because he came to work unshaven the day after the Christmas holiday. Ed claims it's part of his Santa beard. . . . Our clerk Florence Adams was very pleased with the jewelry the boys bought her. It was an appreciation gift to a very nice woman.

I received a new unused calendar from the boys in the Irish corner, but I would have appreciated it more if it were for the year 1961. . . . Bart Shugrue received a new electric blanket, but I think his wires are crossed. Bart also received a new sooner dog (sooner in the house, than outside). Speaking of dogs, our boss has a good strong Dalmatian, who gives Harry plenty of exercise. . . . Tom and Bill Jedrzynski, Red Vincent, Paul Mintoft and myself went ice fishing in Charlton. Paul tried to take ad-



Donald Menard, formerly of the Ring Job, had this photo taken during his basic training with the U.S. Army, Fort Benning, Ga.

vantage of us by removing our shiners from the hooks but it didn't work because we caught more than Paul. . . . Dick Zibell is quite pleased with his new five number registration on his Caddy. . . . There are a lot of neurotic people who worry about things that didn't happen in the past—instead of worrying about something that won't happen in the future, like us normal people.

Roland A. Wilson or "Rollie," as he is known in Metal Patterns is our personality of the month. Roland was born February 2, 1927 and he came to work here in 1953. His wife is the former Margaret Zanchetti of Whitinsville. Margaret and Roland have two children, Mary Margaret who is five and Peter Joseph 20 months. Roland also served in the Air Corps during World War II and for hobbies he is an avid Red Sox fan, great golfer and hunter.

CUTTING-OFF JOB

by Irene Mombourquette and Claire Legassey

We trust everyone enjoyed the holidays. . . . Our annual Christmas "grab bag" was a success and a lot of fun. . . . Emile Aussant reports to us that Oliver Ashton Post in Northbridge had their annual children's party. . . . Jackie Lemire was home for a two week holiday vacation from Washington, D. C. . . . Marc Patterson's daughter and son-in-law were also here from Washington, D. C.



Aimo V. Audio, Comber Erector, received a pleasant surprise just before Christmas. For a suggestion made several months ago, Aimo was presented a check for \$670 by Clayton W. Adams, Manufacturing Manager. Pictured from the left are Robert Holmes, Foreman; Aimo Audio, Erector; Mr. Adams; and George Comeau, Divisional Superintendent



Joe Machota, ATF Presses, is not going to be hungry this winter. Joe raises vegetables and his wife, Pauline of the Top Roll Department, preserves them for future use

. . . Mr. Thomas Driscoll was here on his annual tour before Christmas. He hasn't changed a bit, just as cheerful as ever. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Small on the birth of their third daughter, Debra. . . . Birthday greetings to Lorenzo Belanger, Arthur Lemire, Charles Atteridge, and Wilfred Milette. . . . December anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Marc Patterson on their 28th anniversary and January congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Boulanger. . . . Department 410 extends best wishes and congratulations to Melvin Henry of our second shift. On December 3, Mel married Donna Skiest of Worcester, in St. Augusta Lutheran Church.

TOP ROLLS

by *William Ethier*

I trust everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and that each of you will find much happiness in the New Year. . . . Birthday greetings are extended to Bobby Burnett, William "Jerry" Laforce, and Leon Dumais. Best wishes, boys, and may you have many more. . . . Our congratulations to the following people who received their 5-year service pins recently: Charles Atteridge, Robert Blanchard, Gordon Walker, Leo Dufault and yours truly. Bryon "Mickey" Deane made the presentations. . . .

While in the course of preparing this column, I, along with all the rest of the department, would like to wish Oliver Baker a speedy recovery.

A. T. F. PRESSES

by *Edward Haczinski*

Raymond Sewell, personality of the month, was born and raised in Fall River. He married the former Violet Dupuis, of Woonsocket, where they now make their home. Ray served with the U. S. Navy during the war with Japan. He saw service in nine major battles. In one conflict, his landing barge was hit by enemy shells and he was marooned on a deserted island. Raymond enjoys all sports but especially likes watching his son play baseball in the Little League. San Francisco Giants, Boston Celtics and New York Yankees are his favorite teams.

Since Roland Blondin's bowling has been the major topic for several months, the department has caught the bowling bug. The team of James Tetreault and Roger Poulait have challenged the team of Normand Gagnon and Ray Sewell. Pete Andonian and his partner, Harold Porter, were challenged by Gagnon and Sewell. If this keeps up, these noontime bowlers eventually will start a league. . . . Congratulations to Pete Andonian on his appointment to Chief Petty Officer in the U.S.N.R. . . . Welcome to Robert Blakely. . . . November and De-



Elaine Marie, 6 months, is the daughter of Walter Duso, Roving, and granddaughter of Joseph Brochu, Foundry



Roland A. Wilson, successful deer hunter, is the Metal Pattern Job Personality of the Month

ember wedding anniversaries will be enjoyed by Michael Avedisian, Ellis Burgess, Arthur Baillargeon, Paul Poulin. . . . Birthday greetings to Bill Beau-doin, Roland Blondin, Pete Andonian, Al Desrochers, William Griffiths, Harold Porter and Robert Brown.

GEAR JOB

by *Joseph Laverdiere*

At this writing Bernie Skillen is recuperating from a recent illness and we wish him a speedy recovery. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dawicki are the proud parents of a new daughter. . . . The Annual Christmas party was held at Treasure Island in Webster on December 17. A smorgasbord was served, after which dancing was enjoyed by all. . . . Romeo Turgeon and wife found it a long trip back to Woonsocket after the Christmas party. With gas stations closed, house key left elsewhere and baby sitter sound asleep, Romco finally awakened his landlord, who let him into the house at 5:00 a.m. . . . Anyone wanting a Santa Claus for next year get in touch with Joe Saad. The charge for his services will be explained by Joe. . . . This reporter and family saw the Christmas tree and beautiful decorations in New York City over the Christmas holiday. . . . Mr. John Cunningham presented Carl Rein his twenty-year pin. Carl is looking forward to his third week of vacation next year. . . . I, Joseph "POP" Laverdiere, am your new reporter for Department 420. If you want a "newsy" column, your cooperation is needed. Any bit of news is welcome.

MILLING DEPARTMENT

by Robert Vachon and
Peter Nash

Night Shift—Francis Olson, of the general milling section, is out on sick leave. We hope that he'll be back to work soon. . . . Welcome to newcomers Bolik Juros and Robert Ellis. . . . Albert Gagnon is back to work after receiving injuries to his hand. . . . Twenty-year service pins were presented to Kenneth Williams and Arthur Jackman by J. Cunningham and J. DeJong. . . . Those receiving 10-year pins were Albert Desjardin, Lucien Benoit, Aime Rainville, LaForest Lunt and Paul Dufresne. . . . Phyllis T. VanDyke was awarded a 5-year pin by George S. Dawe.

Sydney Vandersea, Gerard St. Germain and Pete Dupre went deer hunting in Petersham. Gerard shot a 180-pound deer. Sydney and Pete won't have to buy any shells when the next deer season comes around.

Day Shift—We welcome Peter Nash as the day shift SPINDLE reporter. . . . Normand Beauchamp went hunting in the northern part of Massachusetts. He took home a 90-pound deer. . . . Joseph Beaudoin was in an accident recently. We hope that he'll be back on the job soon. . . . Clifford Masson is sporting a new Mountain Rose Parklane Mercury.

CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

by R. E. Conlee

We welcome to Department 418 our new 1st piece inspector, Rene Fortier. Rene replaces Bob Boucher who is transferred to Department 411. Rene comes from Department 427. We wish both men good luck at their new jobs. . . . Ronald Handfield, seaman 1st Class, U. S. Coast Guard, son of Arthur Handfield has been transferred from Hull, Massachusetts to Newburyport, Massachusetts. Ronald is starting a 6 month course in electrical maintenance and telephone. Arthur is a set-up man in Department 418. . . . Due to the slow-down in work, James Osiecki, Omer Carriere, and Donald Trottier, have been laid off. We hope to see them back soon. . . . Twenty-five year pins were recently given to Charles Malkasian and Donald Crosby. Charley is the assistant foreman in Department 417 and "Bing" Crosby is a P & I set-up man in Department 418. I received a twenty-year pin.

The Benefit Club held its annual meeting at Wrights Farm. Doug Farley, was elected the new president. A good time was had by all. . . . Departments 417 and 418 also held a smorgasbord Decem-



John H. Osgood



William A. Newell

OSGOOD, NEWELL NAMED TO KEY WHITIN POSTS

Two key management positions were filled last month by Whitin Machine Works, substantially completing the Company's planned realignment of its Research and Development, and Marketing Divisions.

President J. Hugh Bolton announced appointment of John H. Osgood as Director of Development and of William A. Newell as Manager of Product Planning.

Mr. Osgood formerly was Manager of Engineering for the Jones & Lamson Company, Tool Thread Division, Springfield, Vermont. Mr. Newell formerly was Director, Textile Research Center, School of Textiles, North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. Osgood will report to E. Kent Swift, Jr., Vice President—Research and Development. He will be responsible for taking new machinery prototypes approved by Whitin's Research Department and finalizing their design and construction ready for full-scale production. He is a native of Charlestown, N. H. and a graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a B.S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is a registered professional engineer in New Hampshire and Vermont.

Mr. Newell will be responsible for product evaluation, product line management and development, liaison with research and engineering, price-cost relationships and mill surveys. He will report directly to John H. Bolton, Jr., Vice President—Marketing. Mr. Newell is a native of Holyoke, Mass. He attended the University of Massachusetts and graduated from North Carolina State College. From 1947 to 1952 he was Managing Editor of *Textile World*.



We salute these colleagues and associates who recently retired. Their long and valuable services have helped make Whitin a world leader. To them, our best wishes for many happy leisure years.

Chester Greenwood, 52 years

James Cahill, 50 years

Peter Kurek, 48 years

Otto Schlums, 26 years

Richard Porter, 20 years

Paul Chapdelaine, 15 years

Thomas Grenier, 5 years

ber 30. Plenty of food, practically everything from soup to nuts, was available. From reports, it was a big success. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fitzgerald, and daughter, traveled to Baltimore and spent Christmas with their son Bill, and his family. Bill is in his senior year at the University of Maryland Dental School. . . . The sick list is short this month, and we are very thankful. Sam St. Andre is the only one out at this writing. Reports are that he will be back soon.

WOOD WORKING AND KNEE BRAKES

by Alice Travaille

On December 13, Paul Grenon received his 25-year service pin at No. 2 Office. A photo of the fourteen employees who were recipients of pins appears elsewhere in this issue. On December 6, Eugene Gervais received his fifteen-year pin from Mr. Litke and Mr. Meader. We congratulate these men and hope they will continue at Whitin for many more years.

Within a month, three of our men became grandfathers. Al Blanchette became a grandfather for the fourth time, with the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blanchette (Della Jones) at Newport Naval Hospital, November 10. Henry Such was initiated into the grandfather ranks with the birth of a daughter, Paula Marie, to Mr. and

Mrs. Walter Lisak (Eileen Such) at Whitinsville Hospital on December 3. Chillo Lariviere is a grandfather for the second time, with the arrival of Cynthia Malmgren to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malmgren (Dolores Lariviere) on December 13 at Mercy Hospital, Springfield.

Charles Todd and Lester Wilcox have transferred here again. They have been seesawing between here and 441 from time to time. We're happy to have them. . . . Ronald Blanchard, Joseph Tomassian, Ernest Dunlop, Morris Wheeler and James Murphy have left this job. We hope they'll be back soon. . . . Ralph Nolet, Lincoln, R. I., Normand Hetu, Manville, R. I., and Raymond Staiger, Worcester, were hard hit by the December 12 storm. All were out for two days. . . . Birthday greetings to January celebrators Paul Grenon and this reporter; for February to Al Blanchette and Gene Gervais. Belated greetings for December to Ralph Nolet and Paul Roy. . . . We were happy to see George Gauthier back after his illness.

STEEL FABRICATION

by Alfred H. Nichols

We are happy to welcome as Assistant Foreman, Alan Blizzard, formerly of the Linwood Division. Al, as he likes to be called, has been in the employ of W.M.W. for 25 years! His experience and vast knowledge of sheet-metal work will surely be a boost to this department. Al welcomes this change and hopes to have full cooperation from everyone. . . . At this writing we have John Bartlinski and Ray Phaneuf at home on sick leaves. . . . Birthdays will be added on to Joseph Hospod, Pat DeBellis, Edward J. Hoard, Ovila St. Germain, Richard Flinton, Oscar Kronberg, Ray Phaneuf, Frank J. Zayonc, Claude Bolduc, Thomas M. Pottie and Rene F. Rock, Sr. . . . New co-workers in our department recently have been John N. Dunphe, George Lefrancois, Thomas Cawley, Cornelius Horan and Carl E. Goranson. . . . Don't forget the little lady with something sweet on St. Valentine's Day!!

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Charles Creighton

Marguerite Thayer is a grandmother for the third time. A son was born to Nancy Laffon on December 2. His name is Daniel Raymond. Nancy formerly worked in the Main Office. . . . The welcome mat this month is for Ronald Blanchard and Patricia Beaudoin. . . . Fred Roy and Walter Bloniasz are in sick bay this month. . . . We also welcome back after long illnesses, Fred Demars of the Packing Job, and Roland Dunn of the Freight Office. . . . Chris



Luckily no one was injured when this large bundle of creel channels rolled off a four poster platform truck. This is a case where the stock was just too heavy for the steel rods supporting the load. Many of the channels were badly damaged and could not be used in their original lengths. Very careful attention is required in loading operations

Lozier has left to take up domestic duties. . . . Carolyn Ebbeling looks real chic with her new hairdo. . . . Those who received service pins are Chet Farrer and Albert Thibeault, 20-year pins; Willie Boileau, a 15-year pin; and Mary E. Rabuffo, a 10-year pin; Bob Fougere and Armand Horent, each 5-year pins. Congratulations. . . . Henry Belanger has been transferred to Department 407, and Barney Henault has replaced Henny on the loading platform. Frank Hurst has taken over Barney's job on the night shift.

Birthdays: James C. Rice, Rita Turcotte, Mary Rabuffo, Marguerite Thayer and John McQuade. Many happy returns.

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by *Jacob Sohigian*

The ladies of the department held their annual Christmas Party at the Embassy Club in Woonsocket, R. I. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful evening. . . . The personnel of Department 429 held a party during the noon hour, on Friday, December 23, which everyone enjoyed. . . . If you should visit the Gym during the noon hour you will see quite a gathering from this department enjoying the Big Brother program over Channel 4. . . . It's nice to see Helen Anderson back with us after undergoing surgery in Worcester. . . . Our sympathy to the family of Arthur Bedard who died in November after a long illness. Arthur worked at Department 429 for a number of years before his retirement. . . . Harry Freeman spent the Christmas holidays in Virginia visiting his son.

Our best wishes and good luck to the girls and men who have been recently laid off, or transferred to other departments. We hope to see them back with us soon. . . . Dan Truesdell went hunting and when he returned told about a big deer he killed. We are waiting to sample the steaks. . . . Good luck to Thomas Grenier on his retirement in December. Tom's fellow employees gave him a purse. . . . Paul O'Connor is sporting a new 1957 Plymouth. . . . 13 men and women from the department are among 30 persons attending a night course on blueprint reading and shop mathematics in the Apprentice School every Thursday night. . . . Happy Valentine's Day.

ROVING SMALL PARTS AND ERECTING

by *William Markarian*

Well, Department 427 has invaded the field of bowling and Captain Andy Magill has served notice that they are out to win. The team is composed of



The new Lake Terrace Apartments on Lake Street, Whitinsville, which were completed last summer for people 65 years of age and over, were almost completely occupied by September 1 according to Joseph Jundanian, Chairman of the Northbridge Housing Authority. There are 32 apartments in the five newly constructed buildings of red brick and grey split shakes. Twenty-eight of the apartments have a bedroom, a living room, kitchenette, bathroom and storage closet. The four other apartments have an additional bedroom. A new electric range and a new refrigerator have been installed in each kitchenette. Electricity and heat also are provided for the base rent of \$54 a month

such competitive bowlers as John Skinner, Walter Duso, Vincent Erickson, Leo Tosoonian, and Norman Burroughs. This reporter "covered" one of their recent matches and feels that this team may live up to advance notices. Their competitive spirit is high and individual rivalry keen.

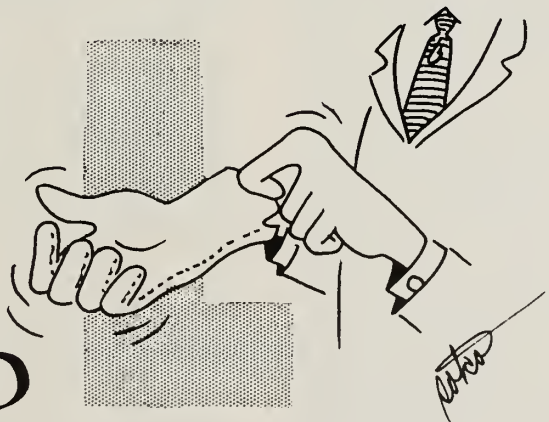
Another year is drawing to a close. As we read this, Christmas has come and gone and we are already in a new year. However belated, we wish every one a Happy New Year.

BOLSTERS AND SPINDLES

by *Leo J. Bouley*

Clem Laflash has received his 20-year pin. . . . Lindsey Harding, Walter Fierley and Harold Flinton have started ice fishing again this year. Harold caught 15 pickerel, 13 of them 2 inches smaller than the shiners he had for bait. Speaking about Harold, on his wedding day, he was given two bedroom lamps. For 22 years these poor little lamps never shone, because Harold was so busy with

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HAND IN GLOVE



In November James F. Brosnahan was appointed Changeover Control Coordinator for the Order Administration Department. His duties include control of all delivery information between sales and the shop, and coordination of entering and billing on all miscellaneous conversion orders

other things that he never found time to connect them up. So you can imagine his wife's surprise when Harold finally got them hooked up this past fall. . . . John Wisniewski has returned to work, after being laid up in the hospital with a very bad eye ailment. . . . All the mighty hunters and fierce trappers are not bragging about what they caught, so I feel safe to presume that they came home empty-handed. . . . I guess I can say that about all the bowlers around these two jobs. I don't hear too much



Richard Thompson, a new member of Wage Standards, is a minister of the Gospel

about them either. . . . Walter Turpack got stuck behind a line of cars that first snow storm. He couldn't make it to the shop that day, so he had to ramble his Rambler back home. . . . When Bob Cochrane's car boiled over one cold morning in Douglas, everyone thought it was a Stanley Steamer coming down the street.

Anyone who was at Meadow Pond New Year's Day, received an eyeful of super fancy skating by Walt Fierley. Walt was twirling and flying over the ice until one of his double runners came off, and then he really flew, through the air, of course.

QUALITY CONTROL DEPARTMENT

by Robert E. Balcome and Louise Krawczyk

After six years of Ring Job reporting I am endeavoring to cover a much larger area. I have asked Louise Krawczyk, who does clerical work for Albert Cummings and Leonard Walenty, to assist me in this work as Quality Control work penetrates every department in the shop.

. . . The establishment of this department gave promotions to several: Curtis Card, Raymond Achorn, Jr., and Robert Balcome. These, with the addition of Fred Kreusinger and Walter Gerzevitz, are all working under Messrs. Putnam, Delisle and Murch.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Walter Gerzevitz to the office force. He is from Warwick, Rhode Island and has just finished a term of duty in the U. S. Navy. We are a little late in welcoming Fred Kreusinger as Fred moved to Whitinsville from Long Island about 5 months ago. Fred lives in his own house on Benson Road with his wife and young son, Frederick Scott, age 5 months.

We are sorry to see Madeline Proctor leave and wish her luck and a Happy New Year. . . . Congratulations to Leonard Walenty and Claude Auclair on receiving their 10-year service pins. Both boys work together in the Gauge Room which was the old Inspection Office. Leonard took over Camille Peloquin's job.

WAGE STANDARDS

by M. Irene Barnett

Personality of the month: Richard Thompson came to Department 485 last March from a construction firm in New Hampshire. He is a group leader in the indirect labor section and is involved in many of the procedure changes about



Leonard N. Brock, Maintenance Engineer, has been appointed Chief of the Northbridge Fire Department by the Board of Selectmen. He succeeds Philip B. Walker

the plant. Dick is a graduate of the Baptist Bible Seminary, and an ordained minister. He has been a Home Missionary in New Hampshire and Vermont for the past ten years. While supporting his family by working in industry, he has been an assistant plant engineer, supervisor of cost and payroll, experimental engineer, and office manager. Dick, his wife Anne and their two children, Dave and Andy, live in Milford where Anne operates The Infants' Day Nursery. Dick is presently the pastor of the Community Bible Chapel in Hopedale. Dick says, with his two jobs, he leads a busy but happy life.



Ren Yeo, of Master List, Mrs. Yeo, Donna, Jay, Billie and John are pictured while on vacation in Florida



Miss Gertrude L. Boutiette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Boutiette of 17 Highland Terrace, Linwood, has received notice that she has passed the State Board Examinations for Registration of Nurses. She is a graduate of St. Vincent Hospital

Greetings to 1961, and a very Happy New Year to you all. . . . Many happy returns of the day to Arthur Broadhurst, Philip Kozak, Walter Lanagan, Thomas Stevenson, Julia Skeary, Evelyn Hobbs, Gordon Spence, Cecil Baker, and John Turpin. . . . A Christmas party was held at Wrights Chicken Farm, and a good time was had by all. . . . Hope Brown's husband, Chester, has become a Boy Scout leader of Troop 22. Congratulations Chet, we are glad to have capable leaders for our boys. We know you will enjoy it.

It was lucky for John Turpin that his baby wanted some lunch at 3 a.m. John discovered a faulty carburetor in the boiler had caused a fire. It did a lot of



Joe Rutana, former Whitin employee and now an operator of a gas station in California, started saving string three years ago in his idle moments. Today Joe's ball of string is the talk of the county. It weighs 500 lbs., and would stretch 131 miles if unwound

damage to the redwood paneling in his living room, and a lot of his tools in the workshop also were damaged. . . . Jessica Jones spent the Christmas week end with her parents in New York. . . . Carl Porter received his 20-year pin for continuous service with Whitin. . . . Don White's 2½-year-old son fell on the ice and broke his collarbone, but we are glad to hear he is doing O.K.

485 BOWLING TEAM RESULTS

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- Nov. 2—Timers 4, Printers 0
L. Skerry, high 312
- Nov. 9—Timers 4, Rovers 0
L. Skerry, high 356
- Nov. 16—Timers 3, Office 1
C. Baker, high 326
- Nov. 30—Timers 4, Cutters 0
Timers now in first place
L. Skerry, high 323
- Dec. 7—Timers 3, Listers 1
B. Tancere, high 338
- Dec. 14—Timers 1, Repair 3
Frieswyk & Rattray, high 321
- Dec. 21—Timers 4, Arcades 0
H. D'Alfonso, high 337
- Dec. 28—Timers 3, Packers 1
L. Skerry, high 349

ORDER ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

by Virginia Lindblom

Several members of this department visited the Christmas Bazaar at the Soorp Asdvadsin Armenian Apostolic Church, Friday noontime, December 2. They enjoyed a delicious luncheon. Isabelle Hagopian, of this department, was among the members of the church who contributed articles to make the bazaar a success. . . . This office held a Christmas party Thursday noontime, December 22. The caterer was Ruth Walker. Impromptu entertainment was provided by some of the office staff. . . . John Golder, Manager, presented a 20-year service pin to Charlie Anderson on December 16. Some of us would be glad to take the extra week of vacation for him. . . . Bill Baird has changed his stereo equipment again. We never did find out why he tired of his old stereo because from all reports it was wonderful. . . . During the Christmas holidays Ann Magill enjoyed a visit from her son Raymond and his family who reside in New Hampshire. Ann discovered a quick way to take down the family Christmas tree. She accidentally knocked the tree over and broke the ornaments. . . . The Order Processing Section, better known as the "little room," has moved



Evelyn is the one-year-old daughter of Leo Turcotte, elevator operator

to larger, roomier quarters formerly occupied by Whitbee. This was necessitated because of the receipt of a new piece of order writing equipment for export orders. Incidentally, judging from the sound effects, they seem to have had the merriest Christmas party of all.

METHODS

by Jean Cunningham

Now that the New Year celebration is over, we are starting to get back into the usual routine of doing things. . . . We welcome Mr. William Hartley to our department. He came to us from the Picker Job. We hope he enjoys his stay with us. . . . Happy birthday wishes in January, to Kurken Garabedian, James Shaw, Joe Bouley and son Brian, whose birthday is on the same day, Wendell Piper and Thaddeus Lewandowski. In February, best wishes to Charles Walker and Matthew Krajewski. . . . We hope that before this report is read Matty Krajewski will be back with us again. He has been out for some time and with a very bad case of pneumonia. . . . We



Mark, age 2 years and Judy, 4½ years are the children of Robert and Mrs. Crossland. Bob is a draftsman in the Engineering Department



MYSTERY PHOTO—On the left are Foreman Eino "Peanuts" Johnson and Mrs. Johnson—the December photo mystery. The Whitin employee on the right had this picture taken just before graduating from Northbridge High School

wish Charles Mateer better luck playing cribbage. He took an awful shellacking several times last year. . . . The department expresses its sympathy to William Lyman, and family, on the death of his mother. Also to Paul Wheeler, and his family, on the death of his mother.

ACCOUNTING

by Gloria Novack and Jean Legere

A farewell party was held at the Bluejay for Helena Bloem and May Ann

Labonte. About 100 employees from Accounting attended. . . . The annual Christmas Party was held at the Embassy Club on December 17. Nearly everyone from Accounting was present. All enjoyed a good dinner and dancing. . . . About 20 people from Tabulating, and their friends, brought in the New Year at Jean Legere's house. . . . Marilyn VanderLaan is back with us after spending the holidays at home in Michigan. . . . Oscar Erickson should receive a special award. He gave his 40th pint of blood in November. . . . Walter Anderberg and Mildred Amiro received their



Chester Rymeski, Foundry Molder, now owns a cottage which originally was the schoolhouse in which Henry Ward Beecher taught after graduating from Amherst. This house was one of the oldest owned by the Whitin Machine Works. Beecher, one of the most famous preachers of his time, taught here in 1831-33. The cottage remained on its original site, across the street from the west end of the clock tower building, until Chet recently moved it to Marble Village, Sutton

5-year pins in November. . . . Bob English is in Memorial Hospital after a fall in his yard that resulted in a broken leg. We wish Bob a speedy recovery. . . . We hope to see Kenneth Crossman back with us soon, after his recent operation, and also Ray Colby, who is in St. Vincent's Hospital where he recently had an operation. . . . Telix Richard is very proud of his new Dodge Dart.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Pat Mendillo and Tad Wallace

This being the first issue for 1961, your reporters have resolved to write a column for each issue of the SPINDLE even at the risk of writing of things "historical." If you will take the same attitude and pass the news along we are sure the department will be fully covered this year.

It is rather late to make mention of this but because several people have posed the question, it may be worth repeating. What ever happened to our good "old-fashioned" noon hour Christmas parties? We realize that the office party at the Nipmuc Rod and Gun Club was successful. We also heard that the B.O.S. clerks had a party at the Cumberland Manor and one or two smaller groups had parties but where is the one *nearly everyone* was able and willing to attend. These were fine parties, good food, exchange of gifts and some darned fine entertainment was provided. Shall we "wait 'til next year?" There are some good organizers in our midst, let's hope they think of something that will enable us all to get out and support these projects.

Our congratulations to Elsie Baxendale upon receiving her 10-year pin and to Delauzia Deome and Gloria Kuipers as they received 5-year pins. Mr. Rizer made the presentations. If we have omitted someone please tell us and we will correct the situation.

We purposely omitted naming each person who was transferred from the various storerooms to the office. We did this because we could not possibly name everyone and get his correct assignment. We are sure that by now you are fully acclimated and you are finding the office and its people pleasant to be associated with. Your reporters are particularly happy that Dorsey Devlin is in our midst. Dorsey is one of the SPINDLE's better boosters and has over the years written his own column or has been a co-reporter. We are pressing him into service again and are very happy to do so.

Some years ago, we ran some items in our column that ran something like this: Did you know that—Red Adams was a sax player in several dance bands? Vic Romasco played a "mean" trombone at



Maurice Chapman, Cast Iron Room, is another man who knows the value of wearing safety goggles in a hazardous area. A chip flew from an abrasive wheel, which he was dressing, and struck the center of the left lens as shown

one time? Gordon Anderson and Harry Mitchell are fine pianists? Sid Smith holds the rank of major in the Air Force Reserve? (And, also possesses a fine tenor voice.) Harvey Deslauriers was a star football player at N.H.S.? Dorsey Devlin was an original organizer of the old Whitin Crusader football team and despite his weight (or the lack of it) was one of the team stars? Bill Kearnan was a star performer on the basketball court both at N.H.S. and later with some outstanding Whitin Community Association Clubs? Paul Devlin is a better than average cook? Ray Achorn could (if you could get him to talk about it) relate some experiences of World War I that would amaze you? Don Gauthier and Ray Young were outstanding athletes during their high school careers? (Ray is currently considered to be one of the better high school basketball officials in this area.)

While much of the foregoing is repetition it is written to show you that even the least bit of news about anyone is interesting to many. It does not necessarily have to be confined to yourself. What are your youngsters doing? Where do they go to school? Do you have any member of your family in the service? What is your hobby? Any of these things are of much interest. Let us have the information, we'll see that it gets

printed. Remember there are now three of us trying to put the Production Department back into the SPINDLE this year, with your help it should be easy.

We would like to report your birthdays and anniversaries (no ages to be stated—we promise), just a note with your name, the month and occasion will be sufficient.



To Ernest Esposito of Department 462 and Mrs. Esposito, a son, Joseph Francis, 8 lbs. 7½ ozs., born at Milford Hospital, December 7.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jedrzynski, a daughter, Eileen Michaelena, weight 8 lbs., Webster District Hospital, November 29.

To Walter Zuidema of Department 432 and Mrs. Zuidema, a daughter, Robin Cindy, 6 lbs. 13 ozs., December 7 at Hahnemann Hospital, Worcester. Mrs. Zuidema is the former Lorraine Reneaud.

To Samuel Allen of Department 432 and Mrs. Allen, a daughter, Rachel Doris, 8 lbs. 2 ozs., December 9, at Woonsocket Hospital. Mrs. Allen is the former Gertrude Woods.



Rachel J. Rock, daughter of Rene F. Rock, Sr., of Department 432, was married to Roland Tardif at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, in Woonsocket, Saturday, November 26.

The engagement of Beverly Conway, of Worcester, to James Piper, of Department 462, has been announced. No date has been set for the wedding.

The engagement of Miss Minnie Nywening of Goshen, New York to Bernard Wiersma of Department 485, has been announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mombourquette announce the engagement of their daughter Joan to Alfred Venincasa of Worcester.

The engagement of Irene Kearnan, of Upton, to Leon Dumais of Department 425, has been announced. A spring wedding is planned.

In Memoriam

Edward B. Beaman, 85, a former employee of the Whitin Machine Works, died in Tupelo, Mississippi, November 3.

William A. McGuire, 59, a Whitin employee for 40 years, died December 1 at Worcester City Hospital. He was a Whitinsville resident for many years before moving to Oxford in 1958.

Hormidas Poulin, 84, died November 28. He was a 50-year Whitin employee.

Arthur Bedard, 67, a retired 40-year employee, died December 4. He lived in North Uxbridge.

Peter Ledoux, 73, died at St. Vincent Hospital, on November 20. He was a retired Whitin employee.

H. Elmer Gammon, 84, died in the Memorial Hospital, December 5. He was a Whitin tool maker for 31 years before his retirement in 1952.

Mary Gouin, 65, died in her home in Uxbridge on December 8. She retired from Whitin in 1948.

Arthur Hall, 80, a lifelong resident of Whitinsville, died December 21. He was a Whitin toolmaker for 58 years before his retirement eight years ago.

Charles Hall, 75, died at his home in Uxbridge on December 9. He retired from Whitin nine years ago.

John White, 86, former owner of Oakhurst Farm, died on November 16. He was returning home from a trip to Kentucky.

Louis Castonguay, 91, Holyoke, Mass., died November 24. He was the father of Al Castonguay, Department 428.

Joseph Cadrin, Sr., father of Joseph Cadrin of Department 416, died in Quebec on November 4.

Frank Bigbie, father of Francis Bigbie, died November 28 in Homestead, Florida.

Lena Williams, mother of Kenneth Williams of Department 416, passed away in November.

Mrs. Mary J. Noble Whittaker, mother of Charles Noble of the Order Administration Department, died on December 3.

Mrs. Florence Baker, 68, died November 25, in the Whitinsville Hospital. She is survived by her husband John Baker, her sons George of Department 426, Norman of Department 452 and her daughter Helen Tatro of the Order Administration Department.

Antonio Imondi, father of Leo Imondi, timekeeper, died December 20.

Mrs. Gertrude (Whipple) Gariepy, mother of Wilfred Gariepy of Department 432, died on December 16 in Woonsocket, Rhode Island.



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