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# Firemen Feted



After a delicious dinner the firemen were invited to the west end of the Cafeteria where they relaxed and enjoyed four vaudeville acts by professional entertainers







Charles Manna, Master of Ceremonies, one of the best



Everyone enjoyed the popular songs by the attractive and talented Hampton Sisters

## BY BOARD OF ENGINEERS

THE THREE COMPANIES of the Whitinsville Fire Department were guests of their Board of Engineers at an annual banquet in the Cafeteria on the evening of April 3. After a superb tenderloin beef dinner, Chief Philip B. Walker expressed the sentiments of the firemen when he spoke of his deep regret that Mr. Swift could not be present because of illness. It was voted that a telegram be sent to Mr. Swift extending the greetings of the department and wishing him a rapid and complete recovery.

Chief Walker then paid tribute to the senior members for their long and faithful service to the department: E. Kent Swift, Sr., 51 years; Ralph E. Lincoln, 51 years; Sydney R. Mason, 46 years; Leland A. Hemenway, 35 years; and Merwin F. Brown, 34 years. In conclusion, Chief Walker thanked the Board of Engineers for the new uniform hats and badges which will be worn by the members of the department when they conduct fire inspection of the dwellings in the town.

Mr. Bolton, in a brief after-dinner speech, regretted that Mr. Swift was unable to attend the banquet but was happy to report that Mr. Swift was making a remarkable recovery. Mr. Bolton next congratulated the firemen on their esprit de corps and lauded them for their sincere interest in the welfare of the community.

Professional entertainers, with exceptional talent, concluded the program. The evening was pronounced a success and the thanks of the firemen go to the Board of Engineers.



The way Valentine the Magician made cocktails appear and disappear would have made even a bartender dizzy



Specialty dancers Rolly and Bonnie Pickert have performed on the Ed Sullivan Show. Dancing on stilts was one of their most amusing acts





# Freight House Wins Bowling Championship

BY HENRY CRAWFORD

THE Shop Bowling League successfully concluded its season with a delicious steak and turkey dinner at Treasure Island, Webster, on the evening of April 4.

For the first time since the Shop Bowling League was organized, the "Shaughnessy System" was used in the roll-offs to determine the championship. The fact that the first four places were not settled until the last match, and with eight of the ten teams having a chance to win a cash prize, intense interest was maintained throughout the entire schedule.

The Planer job won first place without too much difficulty, but as so often happens in a roll-off, were knocked off by the Freight House. Third place went to the Repair Department and fourth to the Electricians.

High team totals were hit by the Freight Office with 1619, the Planer Job with 1606 and the Spinning Job with 1604. The Freight House had the high team string



John H. Cunningham presented the league trophy to Richard O'Rourke, captain of the Planer Job team

with 581, followed by the Planers with 474 and the Repair Department with 561. Chick Gagnon showed the way in the individual totals with a three string total of 387 and a single of 158. The High Individual Average went to Phil Rae with Chick Gagnon and Adam Davidson close behind him.

Due to the rules which prohibit a team from winning more than one trophy and one cash prize, and an individual bowler one cash prize, forty-nine of the sixty bowlers won a cash award.

The "Magill Trophy" was awarded to Jack Gilchrist. This consisted of two packages of loose tobacco, a cigarette rolling machine and the necessary paper.

Guests present were Erik Pierson, Works Manager;



Erik Pierson presented the individual trophies to the Roll-Off Champions, the Freight House: Erik Pierson, Works Manager; Victor Gervais, Chester Jones, Newell Wallace, Ted Wilga, Dick Benner and Clarence Bisson, Capt.



The League Winners were presented individual trophies by Frank N. Stone, Personnel Director: From the left: Frank N. Stone, Richard O'Rourke, Norman Burroughs, Armand Gagnon, Andrew Fitzgerald, Henry Houle and Walter Duso



Right: Henry S. Crawford, President of the Bowling League, congratulates Phil Rae, High Individual Average; Armand Gagnon, 2nd High Individual Average; and Adam Davidson, 3rd High Individual Average



Left center: Seated from the left are Ralph Nolet, Ted Wilga, George Berghuis, Andy Fitzgerald, Paul Godbout, Al Couture, Con Roy, John Steele, Chet Flinton, John Onanian, Gordon Rattray, Bob Shaw, Bob English, Jack Gilchrist, Phil Rae, Sidney DeJong, Larry Gamelin

John H. Cunningham, Superintendent and Frank N. Stone, Personnel Director. All three were in rare form when it came to presenting the various awards, but as usual Jack Cunningham stole the show. We say "thank you" again to Jack for donating the trophies awarded

to the winning team. Next year Jack plans to donate a trophy to the man with the lowest average.

Looking forward to next year, if two or three of the teams can come up with one strong bowler the competition should be even keener than it was this year.



Right center: Seated from the left are Bill Skillen, Henry Houle, Norm Burroughs, Chick Gagnon, Walt Duso, Dick O'Rourke, George Aspinwall, Don White, Tom Queenan, Joe Roche, Chet Jones, Angus Parker, Francis Forsythe, Sidney Frieswyk



Right: Seated from the left are Lou Lucier, Roy Burroughs, Ren Yeo, Pete Bedrosian, Lawrence Keeler, Mike Marker, Andy Magill, Dick Benner, Vic Gervais, Bernie Gervais, Francis Snay, Dick Cunningham, Henry Cant, Dick Mombourquette, Adam Davidson, John Cunningham, Harry Cornell, Bill Hall



Right: Plow clearing drive-  
way of Walter Robb's home  
on Hill Street



# *Twin Blizzards*



Above: The residence of Max Thompson on Hill Street

Below: The home of Leonard White at Northbridge Center



Side entrance of the Main Office





Left: Front entrance of the Main Office

## REAL HUMDINGERS

ACCORDING to available records, the two snow storms of Friday, March 16 and Monday, March 19, were the worst in modern history. Whitinsville was blanketed with  $29\frac{1}{2}$ " of snow. Concerned about the safety of its employees, because of the condition of the highways, the Whitin Machine Works, for the first time in its history because of snow, closed down its production departments Monday afternoon.

Before the town recovered from the staggering blow of the two storms, an additional 11" fell on Saturday, March 24. The total snowfall in Whitinsville for the three storms was  $40\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Storms later in the month deposited 10 or more inches of snow making the total fall for the month of March  $50\frac{1}{4}$ ".

The photographs shown on these pages were taken Tuesday, March 20.



The day after the twin storms the snow was piled high at the residence of Bernard Clough, Cottage Street

Church Street plowed out and almost back to normal



Snow buries automobile at the residence of Dr. Roberts on Church Street





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## NO "DEAD CERT" IN AMERICAN BUSINESS

FLASHING DOWN THE HOMESTRETCH, the favorite streaks past the finish pole, ahead by a dozen lengths. The "dead cert," as our British friends call a sure winner, is in. There may be—in horse racing—such a thing as a sure winner. But the only sure thing in American business is that in the competitive race to win the customer's dollar, there is no finish pole. The race goes on and on.

Nobody can "guarantee" a company's earnings. Future sales and profits are not a certainty. Jobs . . . wages . . . profits . . . don't come from guarantees, but from constant product improvement and market study, hard selling, investment in better tools and methods—above all, from productive teamwork. These all add up to a bright prospect for future security and progress, but not to a "dead cert."

FRONT COVER: When this picture was taken it was a double thrill for young David T. Judson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barrett Judson, 9 High Street, Whitinsville. David not only had an opportunity to get behind the wheel of a fire engine but also wore his father's new fireman's uniform hat. These hats, gift of the Board of Engineers, will be worn by department members during the fire inspection of dwellings.



## Whitin Personality

"WHEN the chips are down, James Edward Orrell, Design Engineer, is a man who can be depended upon to come through," say his associates. His background and knowledge have been significant contributions to the success of Whitin machinery producing synthetic fibers. His associates regard him as a reliable leader and a constant source of information and advice.

Jim, who is patient and even-tempered, was born in Whitinsville on September 15, 1901. After attending the local primary and secondary schools, his constant search for knowledge led him to the Worcester branch of Northeastern University, where he took several specialized courses at night school.

Jim's first association with Whitin was in 1917 as a machinist. After attending the Whitin Apprentice School for two years he was graduated in 1921. Since then, he has capably filled positions as a draftsman and machine designer on Whitin Worsted machinery.

During World War II, Jim was liaison engineer between Whitin and Sturtevant Steam Engines, Hyde Park, Massachusetts. Later he worked in the Superintendent's office where he was in charge of steam turbines and acted as the liaison between Whitin and General Electric Company.

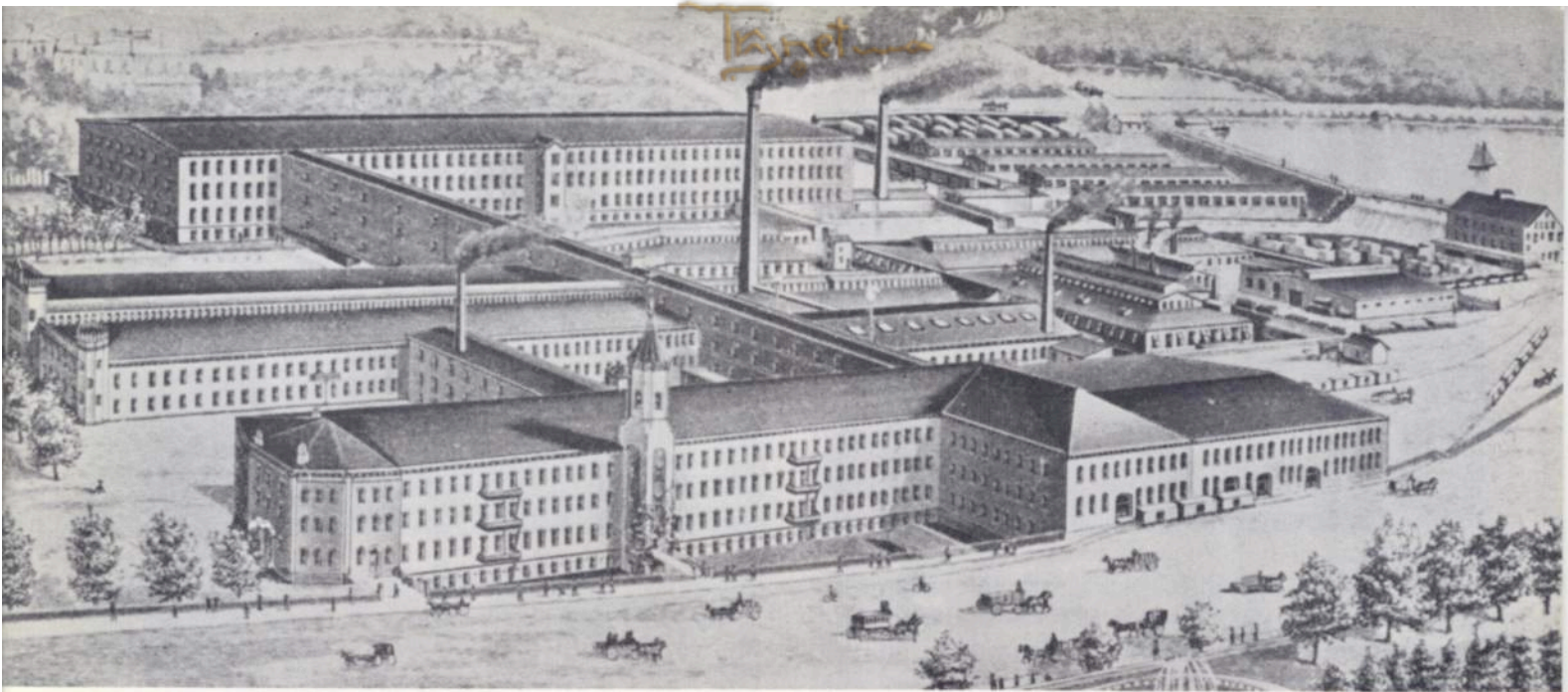
In 1942, he left Whitin and became Director, Secretary, and Assistant Manager of the MacNichol Packing Company, Eastport, Maine.

Jim's home is at 15 Elm Place, Whitinsville, where he lives with Mrs. Orrell and their three sons: Patrick, 8 years old; Stephen, 19, who attends St. Francis College, Biddeford, Maine; and David, 21, who attends Worcester Art Museum School.

Mrs. Orrell is originally from Eastport, Maine. She and Jim were married in 1931, and will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this year.

Through the years, Jim's leisure hours have been spent fishing and hunting, especially while living in Maine. He is a member of the Whitin Golf Club.





The number three building and the passageway to it across the Mumford River were the only major buildings erected from 1865 to 1883. This drawing which shows the plant in 1889 also shows the 1888 extension, which measured 65' x 80', on the Foundry

# WHITIN . . . . .

## A Great Textile Tradition

### CHAPTER V

*Under the guiding hand of John C. Whitin, the basic policies of the Company were established and many of the buildings we now use were erected. In the ten years covered by this chapter, a less obvious but equally important growth was taking place quietly within the Company's stout red brick walls.*

**A**N OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTIC of the Whitin Machine Works has been the ability to weather depressions that have forced less ably financed and directed companies into bankruptcy. This was evident during the depressions of the 1870's and 1880's. In spite of the fluctuations in orders and in business generally, through astute management the Company has always maintained an excellent financial condition and rating, and has thus assured the continuity of the enterprise and the gainful jobs which it provides.

In the year 1874 the Company, from profits accumulated during prior years, had declared a dividend of 50 per cent. Quite apart from his interest in the machinery business, in 1877 John C. Whitin could consider himself a wealthy man.

It was also characteristic of John that, in his declining years, he should continue to show an interest in the

welfare of the people of Whitinsville and should continue to protect his skilled labor. It is commonly known that during one of those depressions John hired laid-off Whitin employees to build the great stone walls around Castle Hill Farm providing for them gainful employment which otherwise would have been denied them because of general business conditions. There also is evidence that Memorial Hall was built partly to provide laid-off Whitin employees with a livelihood.

This building, erected on the site of the Betsey Whitin homestead, was first used on March 4, 1878, for the high school graduation exercises. In the graduating class there were fourteen seniors and two "advanced students"; Adelia F. White delivered the valedictory; Margaret M. Thurston, the class prophecy. It was not until February 8, 1882 that the building was given by the Shop to the Town as a memorial. At this time, as



## A Great Textile Tradition *(continued)*

before and since, there was close relationship between the Company and the Town, for the people who live in Whitinsville and those who work in the Plant are an essential part of the Whitin story of success.

Meanwhile, Josiah Lasell was busily handling the affairs of the Whitin Machine Works. As treasurer of the company since its incorporation, he was the principal active officer of the Company under President John C. Whitin. In 1882, upon the death of Mr. John C. Whitin, Josiah took over the presidency of the Company in addition to his duties as treasurer.

History fails to do full justice to the character and contributions of Josiah Lasell, perhaps because, to some degree, his own career coincided with the latter years of John C. Whitin's career. It seems that Josiah Lasell's contributions became overshadowed by Mr. Whitin's pre-eminence. It is even more probable that this situation would meet with Josiah's approval, for he was a quiet gentleman. A financier rather than a manufacturer, during the depression years "Lasell instituted major revisions in nearly all the company's time-honored selling policies." The pressure of circumstances forced him into a partial conversion to a hard-fisted, tough-minded business policy in which he stimulated business through price-cutting, engaged in aggressive promotional campaigns, and issued the first Whitin catalogues. All in all, he did a remarkably fine job in piloting the Company through a series of depressions while always conducting business transactions in the code of strictest honor.

Meanwhile there were changes within the manufacturing departments. While Lasell was revising the selling policies, Taft was improving the manufacturing techniques of the Company. The depression created both a demand for better products and better methods of production. By 1877, the water power had been increased from 10 horsepower to 375 horsepower by the use of reservoirs and the replacement of breast wheels with water turbines. These in turn were supplemented by the introduction of electrical power. (See Whitin SPINDLE, April 1948.)

In 1882-1883 new buildings were constructed. The principal new building was the Number 3 shop, a brick structure 386 x 86 feet, built between the river and the Douglas road. (This building now houses the carpenter shop, woodworking departments and several other manufacturing units.) While the rest of the Shop was still lighted by gas, this new building was lighted by electric lamps of the carbon-arc type. At the same time sheds were built for the storage of lumber.

One of the most revolutionary developments in the textile industry was the development and introduction of "high-speed" spindles at that time. While this was later to involve Whitin in litigation, by 1883, Gustavus E. Taft and Henry F. Woodmancy, head of Whitin's



From the earliest beginnings, the people of Whitinsville have been religious, for the separations from Mendon and Uxbridge were brought about by the question of the location of the Congregational Church. Those who came later were equally religious. This, the original St. Patrick's Church, was built of wood on Cross Street in 1870. In 1897 the building was moved to make

Spindle Department, had perfected the Whitin Gravity Spindle. This spindle, which had a bolster with close tolerances, tended to adjust its rotational center to "any change in the center of gravity caused by an inequality of bobbin or yarn load." This Whitin spindle was the forerunner of our top-quality spindles of today.

Interestingly, this expansion of plant and development of a new product were made at a time when both Lasell and Taft were in poor health. It became apparent that new and younger men would have to be called on to lead the enterprise and maintain its growth. Again it was a son-in-law who was trained to carry on. On October 1, 1878, Catherine Whitin Lasell was married to George Marston Whitin in a wedding that was comparable to that of John C. Whitin's daughter Jane (Jenny). There are indications that the aged John C. Whitin recognized in George Marston a promising young man, for in 1882 he was made one of the directors of the Company and by 1883 was the second officer of the Plant.

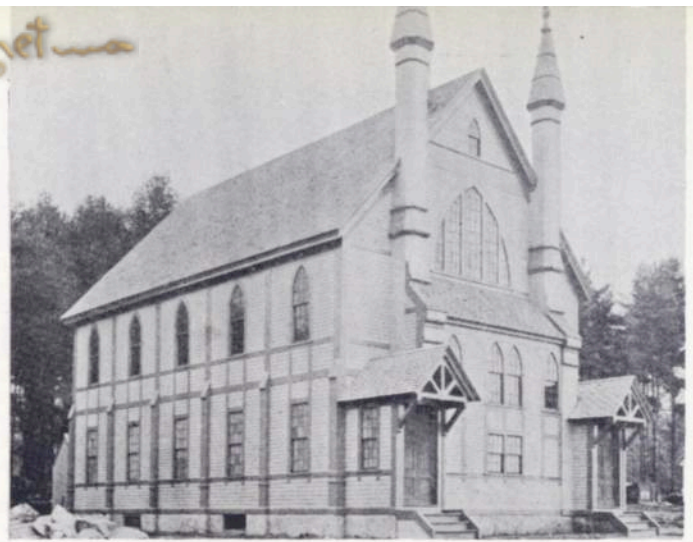
In 1881 the Whitinsville Social Library had 1,113 subscribers. During this decade, as it had since 1847, the stage still carried the mails between East Douglas and Whitin's Station. At this time the driver was the veteran L. B. Carr. During the 1880's there were organized in Whitinsville a host of secret fraternal orders, including the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Knights of Pythias, the Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The "second" depression reached its lowest point in 1885 and the Town had a heavy relief bill, especially for widows, who, in normal times, could have supported themselves and their young children by furnishing board and lodging for Whitin employees at modest weekly rates. Vagrants wandered the roads in search of work, and the Town arranged to have them given





Built in 1875 on Linwood Avenue, the first Methodist Church was dedicated October 22 of that year. Here the society worshipped for thirty-five years until the building was destroyed by a fire on February 27, 1910



The first church edifice of the United Presbyterian Church stood on the site of the present building on Cottage Street and was dedicated February 15, 1882. The original building, enlarged in 1895, was razed in 1914

food and overnight lodging at 30c each. By 1886 business conditions began to improve slowly.

In 1886 the graduating exercises of Northbridge High were held at Memorial Hall on Monday evening, March 22. Four students received diplomas. The valedictory, together with a history of the high school, was delivered by Mary Isabelle Crichton.

Tied with pink ribbon and written in a girlish hand, the original of her speech has been preserved. She traced the growth of the school from its founding in 1866. The first class—Hattie Hayward, Nellie Andros, and Ella F. Aldrich—was graduated in 1867. The first teachers were men, and she listed Streeter of Brown, Cowburn of Amherst, Goldthwaite of Harvard, Nason of Colby, Leonard of Dartmouth, Emery, Hill, and

Frost of Bowdoin, Clay of Dartmouth, and Brown of the Rhode Island Normal School.

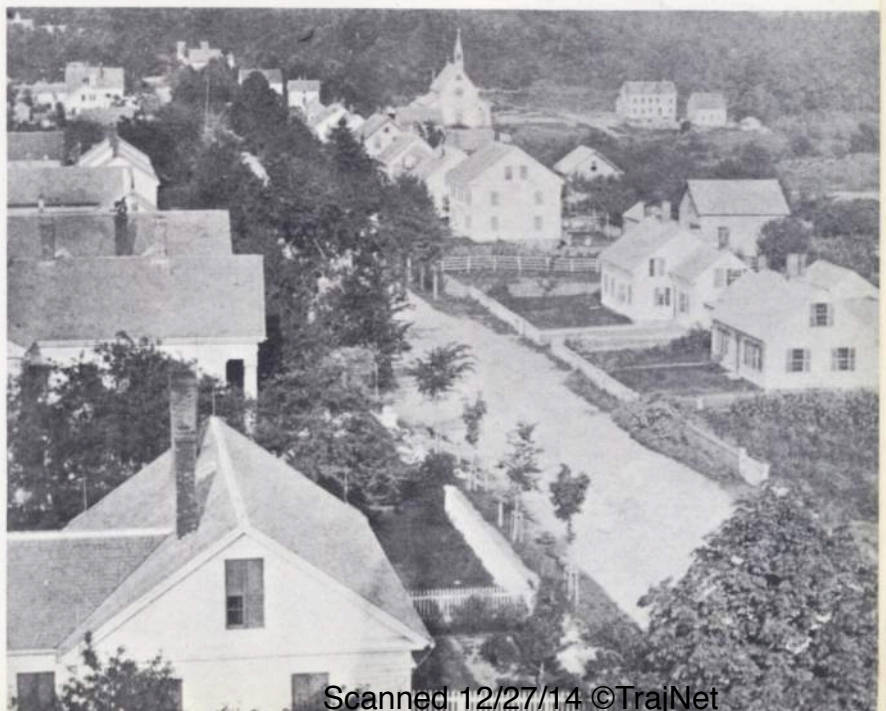
The School Committee, as usual, was worried about the younger generation. In their report they said, "the use of tobacco by children of school age produces upon them more injury than alcohol . . . Smoking should not be allowed on school premises."

On Sunday, March 14, 1886, Josiah Lasell, as usual, walked home from Church. Shortly afterwards he complained of a pain in his chest. He died the next day. With the passing of two such stalwart leaders as John C. Whitin and Josiah Lasell, the destiny of the Whitin Machine Works was in the hands of men who, though young in years, faced boldly the challenge of the future.

Below: And this is Church Street in 1876, shown in the days before paved roads and concrete sidewalks. Photo taken from First Congregational Church



Above: To this building, now used by an Armenian Club on East Street, the Whitinsville Post Office moved on April 4, 1886. The building was then located at the corner of Main and Forest Streets where the Cafeteria now stands. For 25 years the first Whitinsville Post Office was located in the Gibbs Store, later known as the H. H. Dudley Store. On April 3, 1907, the Post Office was moved from the building shown above and relocated in the Bank Building





# SIDELIGHTS

## On the Life and Times of 1877-1886

(Excerpts from the "Massachusetts Spy."  
Courtesy of the American Antiquarian Society.)

### WHITINSVILLE.

At the meeting of the Boston Presbytery, which met with the U. P. Church here, Rev. J. E. Mackey, pastor, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Superintendent of Missions and Financial Agent, Rev. J. H. Trumbull of Fall River; Superintendent of Sunday Schools, Rev. J. C. Mackey of this village. The following were chosen delegates to the general assembly in St. Louis, May 28: Rev. Philip Y. Smith of Wilkinsonville, principal, and Rev. John Hood of Boston, alternate; Elders Wm. Conway of Boston, principal, Peter Ferguson of Fall River, alternate.

Mrs. Sarah, widow of the late Hon. Paul Whitin, died Wednesday, after a long illness. She was 83 years old, and only survived her husband about two months. She was a sister of the wife of Rev. Mr. Halliday, assistant to Rev. Henry Ward Beecher. She was a member of the Congregational Church and leaves two sons, Hon. Charles E. Whitin and Henry of New York, and two daughters, Mrs. Orvis, who resides at the south, and Miss Anna, who resides at home.

**GLADSTONE.**  
It is the fashion for newspapers, American and British, to disparage Mr. Gladstone. It is admitted that as a parliamentary orator he is unequalled, and that his mastery of questions of national finance has not been approached by any statesman of this generation nor surpassed by those of any former age. But it is said that he is infirm of purpose, vacillating, and consistent foreign policy, lacking in that high spirit and steadfast courage with which a great statesman should confront the menaces or intrigues of foreign powers. In these days of Britain's perplexity, and perhaps peril, these comments of Gladstone say that he is lamentably unequal to the task he has taken upon himself, and that Britain needs a Palmerton or a Disraeli.

### LATEST MARKETS.

**Worcester Household Market**—For the week ending Feb. 2, 1881.

Florida Oranges now vary in price from 40 to 60¢ per dozen. The very best average about 65¢. Fine Dates sell at 18¢ 20¢ per lb and Figs at 20¢.

Flour remains the same, and there are no changes in the fish and meat markets.

Game is very scarce, but can be obtained to a limited extent.

Eggs have dropped to 32¢ 35¢.

The price list follows:

For Meats the market prices are as follows: Steaks, rump, loins and best roasting pieces 25¢ per lb; round 16¢ 18¢ per lb; rib roast 16¢ 20¢ per lb. Corned Beef 10¢ 14¢ for best pieces and 5¢ for coarse. Lamb—hind quarters, 18¢ 20¢; fores, 12¢ 15¢. Veal steaks 25¢, cutlets 15¢ 20¢. Pork—Fresh 14¢, salt 14¢; Sausage 14¢; Lard 16¢; Sliced Ham 20¢ 23¢; Whole Hams 13¢ 14¢. Tripe—plain 12¢, honey-comb 14¢. Legs of Mutton 20¢, fores 12¢, loins 16¢ 17¢. Dried Beef 25¢. Liver 8¢. Fowls 20¢; Spring Chickens 20¢ 22¢ per lb; Part-ridges 40¢ each; Squirrels 20¢ each; Rabbits 20¢ each; Quail 25¢ each; Duck, wild, 50¢ 75¢ each; tame 20¢ per lb. Turkey 22¢ 24¢ per lb.

**FISH**—Salmon, salt, 15¢ per lb; smoked, 25¢; canned 15¢ 30¢. Providence River Oysters 40¢ qt.; Cod steak 12¢ per lb; Market Cod 10¢; Haddock 8¢; Halibut, fresh, 20¢ 25¢; smoked 15¢; Lobsters 12¢ per lb; Quahogs 50¢ per peck. Salt fish, boneless, 10¢ per lb, plain 8¢; Clams 40¢ per peck; without shells 20¢ quart; Scallops 35¢ per qt.; white fish 20¢ per lb; smelts 15¢ lb; pickerel 20¢ lb; fresh water pouts 20¢ lb.

**VEGETABLES**—Beets 30 cents per peck; Cabbages 2 cents per lb; Turnips 20¢ per peck. Potatoes 33¢ per peck, or \$1.25 1.30 per bush; Squash, Marrow, 5¢ per lb, Hubbard 5¢ per lb; Carrots 6¢ per bunch; Spinach 25¢ per peck; Onions 8¢ per quart, 40¢ per peck; Celery 18¢ 25¢ per bunch. Lettuce 10¢ per bunch. Radishes 12¢ 15¢ per bunch.

**FLOUR AND GRAIN**—Haxall \$9.25 to \$10.25 per barrel, St. Louis \$8.00 9.00, Michigan \$7.50 8.00 per bbl. Grain—Meal \$1.50 1.55, shorts \$1.20 1.25, middlings \$1.35 1.40 per cwt., corn, \$1.65, and oats \$1.20 to \$1.25 per bag. Indian meal 2½¢ per lb, rye meal 3¢, oat meal 5¢.

**BUTTER**—Best Lump for table use, 38 to 40¢ per lb; Ordinary Lump 30 to 35¢ per lb. The cheaper grades for cooking purposes sell at 30¢.

**EGGS**—Best farmers' 32¢ 35¢ per doz.; Boxed and Western, 28¢.

**TEAS**—Oolong 40 to 80¢ per lb, Japan 25 to 75¢, English breakfast 50¢ to 75¢.

**COFFEE**—Java 25 to 33¢ per lb, Mocha 35¢, Rio 20¢. Cocoa 40¢ 58¢ lb, Broma 45¢, Chocolate 35¢ 38¢, Shells 8¢ 10¢. Tapioca 8¢ lb, Rice 8¢ 10¢, Corn Starch 9¢ lb.

**SUGAR**—Granulated 10½¢ per lb, brown 8 to 9¢, extra C 10¢, loaf 12¢, powdered 12¢.

**SPICES**—Cloves 10¢ 15¢ per quarter; Cassia 12¢ 15¢; Allspice 8¢; Nutmeg 25¢ 30¢; Pepper 8¢; Ginger 5¢ 8¢ per quarter.

**CANNED GOODS**—Tomatoes 15¢ per can, squash 15¢, corn 15¢; beans 18¢; peaches 20 to 40¢, pears 30¢ per can.

**DRIED FRUITS**—Apple, evaporated, 18¢ 20¢ per lb; prunes 15¢ 25¢ per lb; currants 8¢, choice 15¢; raisins, 10¢ 20¢.

**NUTS**—Almonds 22¢ per lb, soft shell 40¢, English walnuts 20¢, Brazil nuts 15¢, pecans 15¢, filberts 15¢, shagbarks 8¢ 12¢ per qt.

**SMALL FRUITS**—Lemons 25¢ doz. Apples 10¢ qt., 50¢ peck, \$2.50 4¢ per bbl. Oranges—Valencia 25¢ 35¢ doz.; Florida 50¢ per doz. Lemons—Prices rated according to quality and condition; Palermo \$7 10¢ per box; Messina \$5.00 to \$8.00 per box; both sell at 30¢ 35¢ doz. Dates 18¢ 20¢ per lb; Figs 20¢ per lb.

**COAL AND WOOD**—Prices firm in coal but varying in wood. The prices follow: Franklin \$9.00 per ton, stove \$7.50, egg and broken \$7, chestnut \$7, bituminous \$7.50. Hard wood, \$7 cord; Chestnut, \$5 5.50; Pine, \$5; Limbs, \$4; Cut Pieces, 6 to 8 baskets of chestnut \$1, 7 to 10 baskets pine \$1, 6 to 8 baskets hard \$1, 7 baskets of mixed \$1.

**HAY AND STRAW**—Prices are good. Good quality Hay commands \$22 to \$24 per ton; Meadow hay, \$10 per ton; Baled Hay \$20 23¢ per ton. Rye straw,



### A Great Snow Storm.

The snow storm which began the last day of January continued with unabated fury throughout the night and the next forenoon before its force seemed to be spent, and it is pretty safe to say fifteen or eighteen inches of snow fell during the time. It did not all fall on a level, however, for the wind blew a gale all of the time, and drifts six and even eight feet deep were not uncommon. Those who had occasion to be out Thursday night say it was the severest storm for several years, and the "young uns" think they never saw its equal. The streets presented a queer sight, huge drifts of snow blocking one side of the way, and spots as bare as the sides of a board fence showing places on the other side where the wind blew during the night. Wheels were out of the question, and everybody who was obliged to be out with a horse had him attached to a sleigh. Locomotion was tedious in the most favored places, and the market and milkmen were all late in making their usual calls. The highway department had its hands full breaking out streets and roads.

### Indian Troubles.

FORT ROBINSON, Neb., Jan. 10.—The hostile Cheyennes, imprisoned here since last October, having been informed a few days ago that they were to be taken back to their agency in Indian territory, determined to die rather than consent to such a movement. Fearing an attempt to escape the post commander placed a strong guard over their prison room. Last night the savages jumped through the windows of the prison room and made for the prairie, which is thickly coated with snow, firing on the guard from revolvers they had concealed since their capture, and dangerously wounding four of the guard, of whom one has died and another is not expected to survive. The main guard rushed out, and seeing the fleeing hostiles running for the bluffs, immediately followed, and, reopening fire, shot and killed over forty savages. Over 160 of the cavalry, mounted and dismounted, are still in pursuit.

### YELLOW FEVER IN MEXICO.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Surgeon Main of the marine hospital service, writing from Brownsville, Texas, under date of Oct. 14, gives a detailed account of the ravages of yellow fever in Mexico. He says that at Mazatlan the fever is still doing its worst. Up to the 8th inst. there had been 521 deaths at that place. In the state of Jalisco, at the towns of Coraco and Oualian 3000 persons fell victims to yellow fever, and the mortality in 92 days reached 381. Surgeon Main reports that the fever is traveling north and west, and says there is danger of its creeping into Arizona and upper California.

### COUNTY NEWS.

Fitchburg had but two deaths last week.

Holden had 46 births, 44 deaths, and 18 marriages last year.

Murphy's lieutenants began work in Fitchburg Tuesday.

Mrs. M. A. Richardson has been appointed postmaster at Douglas.

William H. Blanchard lectures on "South America," at Whitinsville, the 18th.

The Whitin Machine Works are making 150 new looms for the Clinton mill, Woonsocket.

Templeton had 54 births, 16 marriages and 46 deaths, last year.

Professor Stockbridge of Amherst lectures on "Chemistry as applied to agriculture," at Westboro, Feb. 22d.

### DEATH OF A VETERAN WOMAN SOLDIER.

[From the Philadelphia Ledger.]

Mrs. Elizabeth Hatzler, who died in this city on the 1st inst., was a veteran of the Franco-Russian war of 1812. She was born in 1790 at Landau, then in the possession of France. In 1810 she was married to George Hatzler, a sergeant of cavalry in the French army. Scarcely had their honeymoon passed when her husband received orders to join the memorable expedition against Russia, and she, unwilling to part from him, determined to go also. Her hair was cut short and the female apparel changed for a soldier's uniform, and thus disguised she passed through the whole campaign, riding by the side of her husband. She was present at all the principal battles and at the burning of Moscow. Through the promotion of her husband to the rank of a staff officer she had frequent opportunities to see the great emperor, and on several occasions conversed with him. Her husband having been injured by an accident, they became separated from the main body of the army, and for nine weeks she dragged him on a hand sledge over the frozen ground. A guide's treachery delivered them into the hands of Cossacks, and they were held prisoners for 19 months. Being exchanged at last, they gained their army, and were in time to undergo all the sufferings and privations of the disastrous retreat, which almost annihilated Napoleon's forces. Through all these vicissitudes her sex remained undiscovered. In 1846 she emigrated to this country, and lived for 12 years in Fort Delaware while it was being built by Major Sanders. Up to the time of her death she retained full use of all her faculties, and never had need even of spectacles.

**READING ROOM FOR TRAMPS.**—A little better class of the tramps, but thorough tramps nevertheless, habitually haunt the reading rooms at the Cooper Institute and Astor Library. They strive to wear some semblance of shabby gentility, shave themselves with razors which they carry carefully in their pockets all the time, wash their faces and hands occasionally, and are seldom seen without paper collars, even if their coats are pinned tightly over their breasts to hide the absence of shirts, and their pantaloons are held together by hundreds of pins. They do not frequent those places to read, but to have in the open books before them excuses to sit in a warm place. It is really wonderful how well a soundly sleeping bummer will simulate wakefulness. A lot of them used to frequent Mat Gooderson's in olden times, and sit about the stove to snooze, which annoyed the proprietor to such an extent that he took the chairs away. Then they would lean up against the wall and sleep standing. Determined to put a stop to their slumbers, he made a regulation that every one of them should hold a paper up before him as if he were reading, whether he could read or not, and if one went to sleep and dropped his paper he should be expelled. They speedily adapted themselves to circumstances, and learned to sleep standing, holding the paper up mechanically all the time. Then he required that they should keep one foot moving constantly to show that they were awake. Even that did not trouble them. They would stand up, hold the paper, wag one foot steadily, and still sleep soundly, and some of them, it is averred, acquired such practice in the art of deception that they could even do all this and sleep, with their eyes wide open.—*New York Times.*

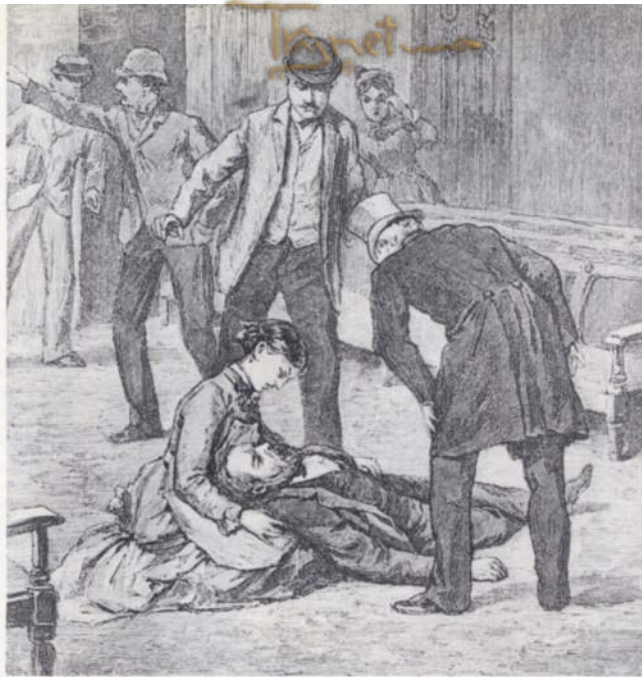


THE

AMERICAN

SCENE . . . . . Our Nation, 1877-1886

*Yes, this was the era of real cowboys—not the romantic imitations of Hollywood or of the comic books, but tough, sun-tanned men who wrote a colorful page in the history of the nation. In their wake came gunmen, cardsharps, and dance hall girls. Yet even then, when the West was still young, the Whitin Machine Works was a thriving enterprise.*



While on his way to the commencement exercises at Williams College, James Abram Garfield, 20th President of the United States, was shot in Washington railroad station on July 2, 1881, by Charles J. Guiteau. The President died September 19, 1881



Soaring across the East River, the Brooklyn Bridge was opened to the public May 24, 1883. The 1595½ foot span, designed by John A. Roebling, was for twenty years the longest suspension bridge in the world





From Bedloe's Island, New York Harbor, the Statue of Liberty gave hundreds of thousands of immigrants their first glimpse of their new homeland. The \$450,000 statue, the gift of the French people, is the work of Frederic Auguste Bartholdi. The combined height of pedestal and statue is 305½ feet, the cornerstone was laid August 5, 1884, and the statue was unveiled October 28, 1886

AT THE CLOSE of the Civil War, hundreds of thousands of lean Texas longhorns grazed on the limitless grasses north of the Rio Grande. Wild as deer and quick as lightning, with blue-white horns often measuring six feet from tip to tip, these cattle on their home ranges were each worth less than a dollar. Across the Red River to the north, between the Missouri and the Rockies, and stretching as far north as Saskatchewan, was an area of long luscious grasses on which cattle could fatten. Fattened on these grasses and delivered to the railroad, the cattle were worth twenty dollars each.

Soon longhorns by the hundreds of thousands were pouring toward the railroads across Red River, the Indian Nations, the Staked Plains, No Man's Land, over trails a thousand and two thousand miles long from every part of Texas—the Gulf Coast, the Rio Grande, the Nueces, the Frio, the Colorado, the Brazos. In all, over six million longhorns went up over the Chisholm, the Goodnight, and other trails, their destinations rough, tough cow towns. Abilene, Newton, Caldwell,

Ellsworth, Hays City, Ogallallah, Dodge City lived in succession their hour as trail end capitals.

These cattle were rounded up, branded, and driven by the cowboy, a man who developed his own lingo, folklore, customs, and dress. "His high-horned Mexican saddle, lariat, broad-rimmed sombrero, high-heeled boots, and shaggy chaparajos were perfectly adapted to his work. His jangling spurs with their enormous rowels were not too severe for his bronco—vicious little mustang of Spanish origin, hardy as a donkey and fleet as an Arab. The clownish posturing of film heroes has obscured the authentic cowboy: spare of frame and pithy of speech, reserved and courteous as the true gentleman that he was, yet with the cavalier's eternal swagger; alert with the sort of courage needed to fight Indians and bad men, to break broncos and rope steers, or to deal with stampedes and prairie fires; enduring and uncomplaining, asking no better end than to die with his boots on. Finest of our frontier types, he flourished for a brief score of years, and faded into legend with the passing of the open range."

There were gun men, too, both good and bad, for in those days in the West a man was hanged for stealing a horse but respected for killing a man, provided he gave his victim a chance to go for his own weapon. Many a New England police chief wrote in the police records of the era the letters GTT, standing for "gone to Texas," after the name of some hardened character. Curiously all the noted killers—Wild Bill Hickok, Ben



A traveling photographer took the only known picture of William H. Bonney, better known as Billy the Kid. The Kid's friends claimed the picture made him "appear too rough." Left-handed Billy the Kid, last and most famous of the gunmen of the southwest, killed twenty-one men, not counting Mexicans and Indians, in his twenty-one years, yet the girls cried when he went down with his .41 caliber double action revolver in his hand in July, 1880. His nemesis was the weather-beaten old buffalo hunter, Sheriff Pat Garrett



Thompson, King Fisher, Henry Plummer, Clay Allison, Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, Frank and Jesse James, the Youngers, the Daltons, and Billy the Kid—were blue-eyed. The list of others is long, but there was not a pair of brown eyes among them.

While in the earlier years of our country the grand political passions of the times had called able men into politics, in the decades immediately following the Civil War men of outstanding ability were more apt to be attracted by business. There were great fortunes to be earned and industrial empires to be won. As a result, the political history of 1877–1886 is a dreary chapter. Let us pass over it quickly.

Hayes was succeeded by Garfield who was assassinated by a disappointed office-seeker. Arthur assumed office and, to the surprise of many, proved rather an honest man before he in turn was replaced by Cleveland. The 1884 presidential campaign, between the austere, unbending, ungenial Cleveland and the smooth-talking Blaine, was the dirtiest on record.

During this period the normal constitutional relationship between the president and congress was restored, the decrepit navy, then weaker than that of Chile, was slightly improved, and minor improvements were made in Civil Service reform. The half-million members of the GAR raised havoc when Cleveland appointed a former Confederate, General Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Lamar, as Secretary of the Interior.

Although there were a few honest politicians like Hoar of Massachusetts, it was the day of political bosses like Hanna and of spellbinders like Ingersoll. In general, it was a time of labor unrest and depression.

Now both the great fortunes and the depressions were largely due to the over-building of railroads, about one-third of whose capitalization was "water." Between 1870 and 1880 the railroads, by furnishing transportation of goods to market, added over one hundred ninety million acres to the cultivated area of the coun-

try. The population was not big enough to consume all the added production and farm prices fell. Between 1866 and 1878 the price of cotton fell from 30c a lb. to 8c a lb.

But those who held out were due to prosper, for the country was growing both by native births and by immigration. Thousands of Poles, Italians, Slovenes, Bohemians, Hungarians and others entered the country to further enrich our population with their strengths, skills, and culture. Between 1870 and 1880 the population grew from 38,558,371 to 50,155,783.

It was a time when there was demand for inflation: the Greenback Party had been founded in 1876 and in 1877 "free silver"—unlimited coinage of 90c silver dollars—was a national issue. Another problem was child labor, for the census of 1880 showed 1,118,356 children between the ages of 10 and 15 years employed in manufacturing establishments. Although the depression that started in '73 ended in '78, another depression began in '83 and lasted through '85.

But there were signs of more modern times. Steam had replaced water power in the textile industry, and Fall River had displaced Lowell as the "city of spindles." George Seldon of Rochester, N. Y., was tinkering with a gasoline automobile as early as 1879. By 1880 there were 54,000 telephones in operation. Hard on the heels of John Wanamaker's introduction of the one-price system and money-back guarantee in 1876, in 1879 F. W. Woolworth started the first five-and-ten-cent store. The era of the travelling salesman or "drummer" had arrived.

The present system of keeping time was established in 1883. Prior to that year, almost every city and town in the country operated on its own independent time system, with considerable confusion to the railroads. (One leading minister, not in Whitinsville, was so angry over the change that he pounded his gold watch to pieces in the pulpit.)

Left: During the 1880's the travelling photographer was a common sight. Right: Sara Bernhardt, recognized as the greatest actress of the day by 1879, made her first visit to the United States in 1886







Whitin booth at the New England New Products, New Methods and Patents Exhibit, Boston

# New Masterlith Duplicator Exhibited in Boston

THE NEW Whitin Masterlith Duplicator made its first public appearance when it was displayed at the New England New Products, New Methods and Patents Exhibit held in Boston from March 26 to March 29. The Duplicator functioned perfectly all week and attracted a great deal of favorable attention. An attractive four-page pamphlet, which listed the twenty-six exclusive features of the Whitin Masterlith, was produced on the spot by the Duplicator and handed to the spectators as they stood watching the machine in operation. In view of the diversity of new products on exhibit and the corresponding diversity of interest of the people attending, it was a tribute to our machine that it attracted such a large percentage of the visitors.

The show not only enabled the public to see the Duplicator in action, but also provided an excellent opportunity to train our personnel in the handling of the Duplicator at a trade show.

Whitin personnel who were in attendance at the Exhibit were: Mr. R. A. Dooley, Sales Manager; Mr. George F. McRoberts, Advertising Manager; Mr. Rudolph Hertsch; Mr. William St. Laurent; and the Misses Jeannette Morrisseau, Lorraine Levasseur, and Constance Hazebrouck.

The Exhibit, held at the First Corps Cadet Armory, was sponsored by the governors of the six New England states in conjunction with the industrial planning boards and commissions of the several states, the New England Council, and the Smaller Business Association of New England in cooperation with the Department of Commerce and with the U. S. Department of Defense.



New England Governors admire Whitin Duplicator. Upon opening the Show, the six New England Governors and many leading business men toured the hall to mark the official opening ceremony. From the left: Gov. Joseph B. Johnson of Vermont; Gov. Edmund S. Muskie of Maine; Mr. Roger Johnson, Associated Industries of Massachusetts; Mr. R. A. Dooley, Whitin Sales Manager; Miss Constance D. Hazebrouck, Whitin Demonstrator; Hon. Walter Williams, Under-Secretary of Commerce; Gov. Lane Dwinell of New Hampshire; Mr. Richard Preston, Massachusetts Commissioner of Industry and Commerce





## KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

### MILLING JOB

by Harry Ludvigson

*Personality:* Theodore Morel, an employee of Whittin since August 15, 1942, was a yardman until 1945 when he was transferred to the Milling Job. Ted, with his wife and six children, makes his home at 354 Paradis Avenue, Woonsocket. As hobbies he does a lot of reading and watches sports on T.V. As for his favorite team in baseball, he rather likes those Yankees.

The newly-formed Married Men's Club of 416 held its first meeting on April 4 and the following officers were elected: Harry Ludvigson, President; Ben Briere, Vice-President; Will Bouchard, Secretary; Russ Palmer, Treasurer; and Will Hugley, Transportation Manager. The main purpose of this club will be to spend as many Sunday afternoons as possible in Boston watching the Red Sox piling up victories over their less capable opponents.

The new timekeeper of the roll stand

section is Doris Arcand of 363 Dunlap Street, Woonsocket. She replaced Allan Baldwin. . . . Newcomers on the job are Michael Baghdasarian, formerly of the night shift of Department 439, and Mrs. Rita Lapointe who will work at inspection. Also a hearty welcome to Raymond VanDyke, back with us after a three-month sick leave and to Pasquale Criasia who has returned after two years with General Motors in Framingham. . . . Best wishes to Armand Bernier who left us on April 6 to take a position with Royal Electric Company of Woonsocket.

### PLANER AND PUNCH PRESS JOBS

by Ray Woodcome

Julien Thiebault and Leon Dumas have received their 5-year service pins. . . . Stella Stavenski is recuperating from her operation and is well on the road to recovery. Irene Croke is replacing Stella during her absence. . . . Department 414's bowling team was the winner of the season's

schedule. The big trophy is now on display in the office. Two more years of victory will keep this cup here permanently. Norm Burroughs says that it is here to stay. . . . The Bowling Banquet was held at Treasure Island, Webster. Dick O'Rourke led a five-car parade home by the way of Connecticut.

### CARD SMALL PARTS AND CYLINDERS

by Dorica Thompson

Birthday greetings to Charles Hoekstra, Joseph Tero, George Forsythe, and Leo Roberts. . . . Glen Leveille and Edward Guertin have left us. We wish them the best of luck on their new jobs. . . . Joe Gniadek is sporting around in a brand-new Ford. . . . Millie Turgeon is out on leave. We hope to have her back soon. . . . Sidney Daubney was transferred on days. It's nice to have him with us. . . . Pfc. Frederick W. Thompson was home on a thirty-day furlough and has returned to his base at Fort Lewis, Washington.

### ANNEALING ROOM AND BLACKSMITH SHOP

by Pauline Wunschell

Did you know that "Newky" Wallace was on the championship team for the shop league? . . . That Martha, our stock clerk, was given three little kittens by Nick DiMarco—keeping it in the 408 family, she decided to name them, "Cyanide," "Normalize" and "Temper." . . . That Fran has a new fireman's hat and thinks so much of it he even wears it to bed? . . . That Arthur McKane was confined to the hospital again, but is now on the road to recovery? . . . That Andon Asadoorian has 47 years with the W.M.W. and all of them were spent here at 408? . . . That normalize means 20/20 vision. . . . Motung is a Chinese steel. . . . Warplis means no Italians. . . . Temper—that's me . . . and it's "sparta" my job to write this? . . . That Francis found Fat-stuff's chicken *does* lay eggs. His wife opened an egg the other day, and lo, and behold there inside was a small white button (besides the white and the yolk). . . . That Chief became a grandfather again? His daughter, Verna Gracci, had a 7 lb. 14 oz. boy. . . . That I've run out of news and want you boys to help a little bit more?!!!!

Those out sick recently were George Emery and Bill Blair. George is back with us once more and looking none the worse, but Bill will be out for awhile yet. . . . Birth announcement—Raymond Legassey is a proud pappy!

### SPINDLE JOB

by John Visbeck

Miss Florence (Flossie) Hayward visited in Georgia for two weeks in April. . . .



E. Kent Swift, Jr.



John H. Bolton, Jr.

### NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS NAMED

At the annual meeting of the Whittin Machine Works, March 19, two new vice presidents were named: E. Kent Swift, Jr., Director of the Research Division, and John H. Bolton, Jr., Manager of the American System Machinery Division. Orrin G. Wood, of the investment firm of Estabrook & Company of Boston, was elected director.



Edward Bates seemed to be the only one in the department to observe St. Patrick's Day by donning a flashy green tie. . . . Vice President of our Union, Edward Roukema has had a busy time of late. He attended a wage policy committee meeting in Chicago the first week in April and also spent three days in Boston at the state convention. . . . After the last storm, we wondered why the Jones family shoveled out their driveway and then parked their car across the street.

## RING JOB

by Robert E. Balcome

Birthday greetings go to Louis Roy, Colbert Fontaine, Alice Dionne and Al Pariseau. . . . Al Brothers who put his foot on the wrong ice is back with us after a long, enforced vacation. . . . Louis Dionne has news for us about his three sons. Ernie, an ex-Ring Job boy, has been stationed in Japan for many months. When he comes home he is bringing with him a pretty little Japanese girl, Mrs. Ernest Dionne. Gerard is studying atomic warfare, and Roland is still at Scott A.F.B., Ill.

Chet Clark and Gerard Larochelle are listed as sick at present. Al Chauvin will probably be at work when this issue comes out. . . . The fishing season, flies, and fish stories are with us again. . . . Your reporter's son-in-law had extended an invitation for a cruise on the U.S.S. *Tirante*, a submarine. The trip was postponed until a later date, as this reporter was snowed in.

## COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

Frank Greene took a trip up to Rochester, New York to visit his daughter and got caught in one of our week-end storms. His car skidded and went down an embankment and he had to be towed out. It was a cold and expensive trip all around for Frank and his wife. . . . That lovely scent over at 445 can be credited to Don Simmons. He put some of his wife's perfume on thinking he had the after-shave lotion. . . . Lucien Blouin is beginning his 51st year here at W.M.W.—congratulations. . . . Birthday greetings for the month go to Ken Hudson, Charlie Harriman and Marion Larsen. . . . Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Young.

## YARD AND OUTSIDE CREWS

by Bill Scanlon

April has been an unlucky month for some of the boys: Baldy White is recuperating in the Whitinsville Hospital; Cliff Maynard has been out a few weeks; Charlie Commons had a minor operation which kept him from work for a few weeks. Harold Buxton took over for Charlie Commons. . . . Jack Barrett dropped in



When a lost article is found and turned in to the Security Office, steps are taken to locate the owner  
From the left: Claire O'Neill, of the Duplicator Laboratory and Lt. Howard F. Libbey

# Lose Something?

According to law "Finders are not necessarily Keepers." Under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, any person who finds lost money or other property is required to report the finding to the police officer in charge at a police station in the town.

To facilitate the reporting of the finding of lost money, articles or other property and to assist persons who have lost such property to recover the same, the Company has established a lost and found section in the Plant Security Offices on Forest Street.

The person who loses an article should immediately report the loss to his department head. If the lost article is not promptly recovered, the department head will report the matter to the head of the Security Department. When the article is found it will be returned to its rightful owner upon identification. If the item is not claimed within a three month period it will be returned to the finder at the end of such period.

This is a new procedure for handling lost and found items and it is the hope of the management that the procedure will be of service to Whitin employees.

to see the boys at the Garage and he sure is streamlined. The gang was glad to see him after an absence of several months.

## BOX JOB

by Alice Travaille

Having missed last month's column, we're a little late in welcoming some of the

new men, but we're happy to have with us Harry Megerdichian, Norman Choiniere, Paul Sweek, Gilles Beauchamp, and George Labbe. Hope they like our department.

Our grateful thanks to Walter Anderburg for taking over timekeeping and Margaret Robinson for taking over the clerical work on such short notice. Both did a wonderful job.





**MYSTERY PHOTO**—While the years have brought some changes, on the left is George Hartley of Routing. On the right is a 22-year old soldier who served in England, France and Germany



Andrew Sanborn and Ken Matthews have left the department for other departments. We wish them the best of luck in their new work. . . . Everyone was glad to see Paul Roy and Harry Megerdichian well enough to return to work. . . . A belated wish to Jim Dorsey for his April birthday.

## **SANITATION DEPARTMENT**

*by Stanley W. Krula*

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hoekstra of Highland Street, Northbridge, celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary on March 24, with a family dinner at the home of their daughter in Fayville, Mass. on March 25. They had open house for their brothers and sisters. The Hoekstras have four sons, three daughters and seven grandchildren. Names of sons and daughters are: Mrs. Rena Lisak of Whitinsville, Mrs. Anna Beliveau of Fayville, Mrs. Marie Pettiford of Charlton City, John, Ronald, and Richard at home, and Harold of Whitinsville. Mrs. Hoekstra works nights with the office cleaning group. Mr. Hoekstra is with Plant Security.

The following members of Department 660 have received service pins: 20-year Alton White; 5-year John King and Steven Krawczyk. . . . We hope that Fred Rondeau, Leo Imondi, Frank Hurst, Sr., Raoul Peloquin and Toros Norosian make speedy recoveries from their illnesses. . . . Welcome to Paul Desplechin of Woonsocket, R. I. . . . Fishing season is with us again. To many of us the longest part of the year is from the end of the ice-fishing season till the regular spring opening. In a department of this size, we're bound to get a few good fish stories for the SPINDLE.

## **BOLSTER JOB**

*by Charles Kheboian*

The Bolster Job baseball club has received their tickets to the four Red Sox night

games. The tickets are in Section 22, Row 25. Not a very good selection for sending in on January 6, but I suppose the Red Sox feel that anybody sending in that early doesn't care where he sits. . . . Lindsay Harding has been busily repairing and painting his boats, which he will rent out this summer at Meadow Pond. Any aspiring fisherman or those that wish a little exercise may see Lindsay about renting a boat. . . . Manning Arnold has been called to Grand Jury duty at Providence, R. I., on April 17. . . . Walter Turpak has an old Waltham watch about 45 or 50 years old. Walter says his father-in-law used to use this watch on the railroad. Walter claimed that this watch never lost a second but, when challenged, backed down and said that it "kept good time."

Dick Baker became a grandfather on April 10 when his son and daughter-in-law became the parents of a daughter, Sandra Ruth. . . . Clem LaFlash has returned to us after a short illness. . . . Bernie Gately is recovering from an operation at the Pawtucket Memorial Hospital. . . . Armand Grenier is back with us on the night shift.

## **CAST IRON AND RATTLER ROOMS**

*by Elizabeth Sherman*

We have as our personality of the month Steven Prymak. Mr. Prymak came to work at Whittin Machine Works July 18, 1922. His job is grinder of small parts in the cast iron room. He owns his home which is at Taft Street, Whitinsville, Mass. Mr. Prymak and his wife Kathleen have three children and twelve grandchildren. He was born in Poland and came to Woonsocket, R. I., in 1913 before coming to Whitinsville where he has lived for 25 years. He enjoys watching television and working in his flower garden.

Phillip Proulx has returned to his home after being in the hospital. . . . Sidney Zuidema is expected to return to work soon, after being out sick for some time. . . . Roger Vandemortele wants his friends to know his new residence is 251 Burnside Avenue, Woonsocket, R. I. We know it is a terrific job to move and hope he will get rested up now.

Jerry Demers certainly has the luck of the Irish. He was the lucky winner recently of a 16 lb. ham. . . . Bernard Lussier has left us for a new job. We wish him the best of luck. . . . We have two new men this month. They are James Kimball and Richard Laperle. . . . Joseph Usher's wife had the honor of sitting next to Ronald Reagan at a banquet for him at General Electric in Worcester. Mrs. Usher is a supervisor at General Electric. Joe said she had stars in her eyes, but she did come back home to him. . . . Herbert Henderson, of the maintenance crew, had quite a scare the other night when his 1949 Ford caught fire. The Whitinsville Fire Department was called out and, as usual, soon had the fire out. . . . Oscar Godding of the maintenance crew celebrated his birthday, Friday, April 13.

## **TOOL JOB**

*by George Jones*

Why Francis "Red" Lockwood is buying Walter Richardson candy is unknown even to Walter Richardson. . . . Emillio "Leo" Eramo received his 15-year pin. . . . Ralph Baker and George Fullerton attended the Society of Tool Engineers Convention in Chicago. . . . Repairman John Deschene claims that within a few years the best swimmers in town will come from Roy Street, where they can practice after every rain. . . . Roy Webb, shaper hand, is home from the hospital and is making a rapid recovery. . . . The cherry blossoms in Washington, D. C., were admired by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Youngsma during the week of April 7. . . . Bob Couture's springer spaniel had nine pups; Kenneth Guertin's beagle had ten. No cigars were passed out and both dogs are now for sale. . . . Peter Devries spent three days in St. Vincent's Hospital for observation. . . . Acting as a good neighbor, Richard Gjeltema, during a snowstorm, let the dog of Morgan Kelliher onto the Kelliher porch. The dog enjoyed the two pies which Mrs. Kelliher had cooling on the porch.

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

*by Roger Brissette*

While helping Pete Forget move some wood, Norman Baker by quick thinking prevented damage to Pete's car. The car was rolling down a hill when Norman placed his truck in front of the out-of-control automobile and brought it to a full stop. . . . After a four-year absence Ted



Morel is back with us. . . . The new stock clerk who replaced Doris Shaw is Juanita Manyak, formerly of Department 427. Her husband, Stephen, is in the Air Force stationed at Hanscom Field, Bedford. . . . Waldo Forsythe is an expert on the careers of the badmen of the Old West. . . . Al Vallee is fascinated by his hobby of raising goldfish in a thirty-gallon aquarium. . . . A likeable chap, Armand Labrecque, our new trucker, came to us from Department 416. . . . Abel Lortie is the unofficial mouse exterminator of Department 446. Each evening, before going home, he sets his mouse traps. To date he has caught many mice. . . . Arsene Racicot, who has forty years of continuous service, first worked for Whitin in 1903 but left to return in 1916. Harmas Dion received his 15-year pin from Mr. Wilson on March 19. . . . Peter Brothers has left us to drive a bakery truck. . . . Buster Caswell has been operated on at The Memorial Hospital. . . . Joe Tosches, the casting chaser for our departments, paid a garageman \$5.00 for removing one lug from a car wheel. It took the garageman a total of fifteen minutes. . . . William "Obe" O'Brien is recuperating at home after two weeks in Whitinsville Hospital. . . . Pete Andonian is an aircraft mechanic specializing in jet engines with the Navy Air Reserve. He hopes to be promoted to chief petty officer in the near future. . . . Leo Blanchet bought two garden rakes so that Mrs. Blanchet might have one of her very own to use in landscaping the grounds around their new house. The feeling generally is that she will probably have opportunity to use both of them.

Jimmy Nicholson, my fishing buddy, and I went in off Point Judith on April 15. The temperature was forty degrees so we stayed in for only half an hour. Although we wore rubber suits and our "long johns" our hands got cold. We saw only a few small fish, a conch, and a starfish, but within a few short weeks we should get tautog, pollack, and striped bass.

## CORE ROOM AND FOUNDRY PRODUCTION CONTROL

by Grace Heath and Earl Briggs

We welcome Konstantine Lipka and Charles Willard to our department. . . . We are glad to have Louis Yacino back with us again. . . . As of this writing, Marinus Bosma is in The Memorial Hospital recuperating from an operation; we hope he will be back with us soon. . . . Getwell wishes go to Norman Gendron who is out sick. . . . Vaughn Harding has taken a leave of absence and will go to California as his doctor suggested. We hope that climate will help you, Vaughn. . . . Our heavyweight John Lemoine is doing fine on his reducing diet—with a loss of 30 lbs.—but still weighs over 200 lbs. . . . We see a two-tone green 1953 Chevrolet about

town and understand John Kurowski is the owner.

Belated birthday greetings for April go to the following: Ralph McCray, Louis Bilodeau, Martin Sharkey, Margos Torosian, Francis Shugrue, James Benjamin, Henry Laplante, Elvin Winchell, Norman Gendron, and Henry R. Laplante.

Those celebrating birthdays this month are Zeigi Buczynski, Bedros Almasian, Garabed Bedrosian, and Omer Parent.

*Personality of the Month:* This month's salute goes to George "Red" Vincent. Red was born in Northbridge on June 22, 1921. His father is George A. Vincent of the Milling Job. He received his education in Good Shepherd Parochial School and Northbridge High is his Alma Mater from which he graduated in 1939. On December 26, 1941 Red enlisted in the U. S. Marines, and after serving 31 months in the South Pacific, Red was discharged on December 25, 1945. While in the service, Red married the former Elouise McClure on June 16, 1945 at the Good Shepherd Church in Linwood. They are the proud parents of two daughters and one son, namely Deborah, Dianne and Paul. They make their home at 80 School Street, Linwood. Red started with Whitin in February 1940 and with the exception of his four years in the service, he has been attached to the Foundry Division of Production Control serving as Planner on the Squeezer Unit. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and fly tying. After seeing some of the fish flies he has tied, it is no wonder they are much in demand by local fishermen.

Congratulations to Arthur Broadhurst on being a winner of the Weekly Portrait Drawing at Dickman's Department Store. His hand painted portrait, done by Jack Sneiderman, is now on display in the store and will be until Christmas. . . . At the time of this writing, Yvonne Gainer is on a

two-week leave of absence and is visiting her son who is in the U. S. Air Force in Florida, awaiting overseas assignment. . . . Birthday congratulations this month to William Healy. . . . Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald B. Turner who recently celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary. . . . So long and the best of luck to Bradley Brown who has been transferred from Foundry Timekeeping to the Cost Department. . . . Bob Paul, Foundry Timekeeping, is now sporting around in a '56 Chevrolet Bel Air and Romeo Tellier, Core Room Timekeeping, has traded his Chrysler for a '53 Nash. . . . Joe Mercak reminds me that although he and John Mercak made an open golf match challenge to Gerry Turner and Bill Taylor for two years, they have not accepted yet. What's the trouble men????

## STEEL FABRICATION AND CUT-OFF JOBS

by Maurice P. Valois

Many have complained that their name has not appeared in this column. The solution is very simple: just give your reporter a bit of news once in a while.

Congratulations to Gene Closson, Stockroom No. 26, on his reappointment as deputy chief of police in Upton. . . . Last month we failed to welcome two co-workers, so here's the red carpet for Milton Wallace and Francis Poitras. . . . Regards to all his friends from Plant Security Guard Alex "Sandy" Gray.

Birthdays were celebrated by Alfred Briggs, Herman Hathaway, John Bartlenski, and Henry Melanson. . . . The success of the 35th wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Croteau was in large part due to the efforts of chef Harvey Croteau.

Brenda and Brian Spratt, children of Bill Spratt, Night Superintendent, enjoyed playing with this rabbit fashioned for them out of snow by their father







St. Patrick's Atoms, coached by Franny McCool, are the champions of the 1956 Church Basketball League sponsored by the Whittin Community Association. The Atoms edged out the Upton Boys Club by a single game margin in a fourteen game schedule. They defeated Upton in two straight games in the play-offs. Front row, from the left: Walter Convent, Joseph Mahoney, Brent Trotter, Raymond Leclair. Back row, from the left: Richard Comeau, Timothy Murray, Eugene Kennedy, Paul Malkasian. Joseph Chabot and Leo Gosselin were absent



The Upton Boys Club was the runner-up in the Church League. A team trophy was awarded to both the league champions and the runners-up. Individual trophies were also awarded to players on each team. Front row, from the left: Donald Sanderson, Russell Halberg, Stanley Praskiewicz, and Peter Nydam. Back row, from the left: Frank Fletcher, Richard Schools, William Noe and Robert Hannaford

Notes: "Red" Poitras, newcomer on 432, wants to be called by the nickname "Fran." . . . Frank Tingley and Wilfred O. Milette, hard workers on 410, have been promised a spot in the SPINDLE in the popular "Familiar Faces Around the Plant" section. . . . A good handshake to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Finn who celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary as did Mr. and Mrs. George C. Vacher their 39th wedding anniversary. . . . Alfred "Pete" Montville, warehouse crane operator, hits the double jackpot this month by celebrating his 69th birthday and his 30th wedding anniversary. . . . Bob Anderson has been scheduled to appear as a "personality of the month" for the last two issues, but so far Bob's interview is not finished.

Personality of the Month: Let us meet

432's genial production planner, James M. Fitzgerald. Some one hundred times a day the phone rings with the caller asking for "Fitzy" or Jimmy, his two most popular nicknames. He was born August 3, 1923, in Whitinsville. His parents, who are still living in this community, are John J. and Ellen Hurley. He graduated from the local grammar and high schools, and in 1941 started at W.M.W., Department 448, as a drill operator. Jimmy's military record was four-and-a-half years in the rugged U. S. Marine Corps during World War II and the Korean conflict. He attended Texas A & M College for Radio Training, served as radio gunner in a torpedo bomber squadron on antisubmarine patrol, and flew over the Tinian, Guam, and Saipan areas. On November 13, 1943, at St. Mary's Church, El Centro, California,

Miss Dorothy Duggan became Jimmy's bride. To date, Dot's and Jimmy's offspring are James 11, Jo-Ann 8, Joseph 7, and little Judy, 2½ years old.

Jimmy likes all sports, participates in as many as time permits, and drives a Chevrolet. Jimmy's cooperation makes it a pleasure to work with him.

After a survey of baseball fans on 410 and 432, the prediction is that the Dodgers and Yankees will fight the World Series.

## SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

Edward T. Baker, who works on the twister erecting floor, has received his pin for twenty years of continuous service. Ed began work here in August, 1925, but due to business conditions his continuous service was broken. Before learning erecting he worked in several departments. Ed and Mrs. Baker live at 35 Overlook Street with their daughters, 16-year-old Shirley and 14-year-old Kathleen. Ed is a gardener and, I regret to state, a Yankee fan. According to that great mouthpiece, Dave Egan, I may have a chance to belittle his team this year.

Armand E. Gagnon of wool erecting received his 5-year pin. He is a bachelor from Woonsocket. . . . Arthur Taylor is much improved and is expected back at work after his bout with pneumonia. . . . Mrs. Helen McGregor, who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Scott, returned to Scotland on April 8. . . . On the Monday following the blizzard of April 7 many of our men were absent from work, including John Fleszar, that great supporter of the Sutton highway department. . . . Gabriel Carpenter has returned to the Card Erecting Floor and Bill Beaudoin is working on the Spinning Erecting Floor. . . . During a snowstorm Jake Haringa found his snow shovel missing from his car, then found he was in the wrong car. . . . Tension has decreased among the workers in the bargaining unit and the two-year contract seems to have created a much better feeling among this group. It certainly has done a lot to ease conditions at home. . . . Oscar Mayr has returned to work after a leave of absence. . . . The new workers on the Polishing Job are Raymond Morin, Roger Gosselin, Hector Gagnon, and Francis Pepler.

April birthdays were observed by John Fleszar, Frank Rondeau, Francis Coffey, Robert Roy, Ben Scott, and (a correction) Alfred Nolet. . . . Bill Taft has returned to his apple trees. . . . Bob Stewart, formerly a part-time worker on the erecting floor, has had his option as an umpire taken up by the American League.

## SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

This month's personality is Jimmy Gibbons, supervisor at Department 413.



Jim came to Whittin in 1936 and has never worked on any department but 413. He was married June 17, 1929 to the former Alice M. Trainor of Millville. They have two daughters, Mary, wife of Frank Flynn who is a teacher-coach at Bellingham High School and Alice, wife of Arthur E. Provost who also resides in Bellingham. They also have a grandson and a granddaughter. Jim is an ardent fox hunter and occasionally a follower of Izaak Walton. He was also a team mate of Gabby Hartnett when he played for the Millville Blue-Jays. He is a regular follower of all sports on radio and TV.

**The Hats Off Department**—To Ray Malley who was a real good neighbor to Sal Saccoccio during one of the March snowstorms. Sal discovered a flat tire on his car at noon, but had no time to change it, and also no spare. Brother Malley, who knew Sal was working until 9 o'clock, took the situation well in hand. After going home to supper he returned to the parking lot, took off the flat, went down and had it repaired and back on Sal's car before 9 o'clock. Well done Mr. Malley.

Department 413 held the annual Spring banquet for members and their wives at N. V. Cafe on Thursday, April 19. After a delicious steak dinner the program got underway with Lucien Paulhus giving one of his now famous speeches, and introducing Foreman Eddie Horan, Assistant Foreman Jim Fisher, and Selectman Paul Rutana who all made a few brief remarks. Songs by Tony Petrillo, Alfie Berube, and Jack Morrison rounded out the evening.

**Paint Job Drummings:** George Dumas purchased some new fishing gear to do some Brown Trout fishing in Athol. Al Lucier is now raising white King Pigeons. Al Hoekstra is out sick at this time. Phil Dion is about to take exams for a motion picture operator's license. Joe Brooks is getting ready to raise chickens and have a garden—that's a daily double combination if we ever heard one.

**Creel Job Shavings:** From all the talk and pantomime going on between "Mickey" Michalik and Frank Shea one might think that "Gaddabout Gaddis" might be looking for a new job. Francis Shea and Leo Leduc are back after a hospital sojourn.

## TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Marcel Turgeon

Our personality this month is Albert Pouliot who was born in North Uxbridge on March 5, 1909. He attended the local schools and in 1927 came to work for Department 453. He married Yvonne Isabelle in the Good Shepherd Church in 1931. They have two daughters, Jeannette, who lives in Millville, and Lucia, a sophomore at St. Mary's Center High School in Milford. Albert is looking forward to fishing season to open for he is an ardent fisherman and enjoys baseball as well.

Congratulations to Clarence Bisson and Richard Benner who were on the Freight



A music review, under the direction of Mrs. Walter Lanagan, was presented by the Northbridge Public Schools in the auditorium of the Northbridge High School, April 11. The program, which was a pronounced success, was sponsored by the Parent Teachers Association. Pictured above are some of the children who participated

Office Bowling Team which won the roll-off. They proudly displayed their individual trophies. They finished in second place in the league. Clarence Bisson qualified for the W&T Bowling Tournament with a score of 1153. He got 26 spares and 9 strikes in his 10 strings during which he never fell below 100. His tally sheet read 111-140-110-122-116-113-100-104-120-117. He depends on a medium speed cross-alley delivery.

We congratulate J. Harold Baszner and Joseph W. Brochu on receiving their 20-year pins. . . . Members of the office took Elwin Elliott out to supper at the Treasure Island Club Cafe in Webster the other night. Elwin has left our office to work in Master List. We all wish him the best of luck. Another member of our fold has terminated his duties as a dispatcher. Alex MacDonald has accepted a position

with the Federal Power Commission in Washington, D. C., where he will be an information specialist. A farewell party was held in his honor at the Fire Station Hall.

Departmental changes: Armand Horent is now dispatcher replacing Alex MacDonald; Robert Fougere is working in the Receiving and Shipping Department; Gerald T. McCarthy is working in Mr. St. Andre's office. . . . We welcome back Louis Laferriere and Kilda Monast after being out several weeks on account of illness. . . . On March 29 we had a surprise visit from James C. Rice. It is great to know that he is on the road to recovery. . . . William Morrisette, Jr., is really proud of his two-tone green Belvedere Plymouth. . . . Leo Gauthier has changed his car for a '53 DeSoto. . . . Baseball and softball fans are anxious to get going.



## CHANGES IN COCA-COLA PRICES

Last fall, for the first time Coca-Cola was made available in our plant at the prevailing price of 5 cents per bottle. At that time there was no indication that the price of Coca-Cola might be increased.

However, by letter dated March 16, 1956, the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Worcester notified us that it is necessary to increase the price of Coca-Cola to 10 cents per bottle. Outlining their reasons for this change in price, the Coca-Cola Bottling Company wrote:

"Since October we have received notices of increases on future bottle purchases, crowns, bottle cases; and we are now negotiating our first union contract which will result in an increase in labor costs. Because of these increases it is necessary that we revise our thinking as to the continuance of the five-cent selling price in our industrial markets. We feel that the ten-cent price is fair and justified. After all, there are not many items, if any, that sell today at the same price, for the same size and quality, that they sold for in 1890."

All of the large industrial users in the Worcester Area will be required to charge the ten-cent price. The Coca-Cola Company will start accommodating our vending machines to the new price on May 17, 1956.

ERIK O. PIERSON,  
Works Manager

## WOOD PATTERNS

by Vera Taylor

Everyone is no doubt quite content to forget about all the terrific snowstorms we had in March and April, but no one is more content to forget them than our esteemed Assistant Foreman Alfred Sutcliffe. On Tuesday following the day we were sent home because of the blizzard, Al made the superhuman effort to come to work in spite of the fact that his driver did not show up. After enlisting the aid of a neighbor with a bulldozer he got his own car out and his daughter drove him to work. He is firmly convinced now that he "should have stood in bed." He arrived here at about 9:00 from Mendon and spent a comparatively uneventful day but on the way home with his wife in the back seat and his daughter driving they were run into head-on by another car. Al was taken to the Milford Hospital for x-rays which disclosed a broken nose and Mrs. Sutcliffe and June suffered bruises and a general shaking up. The car is in a sad state of disrepair. Al is recuperating and we all hope there will be no repercussions from the bumps and bruises.

We have had the pleasure of the company of Nicholas DeHaas, apprentice tool designer, as an observer here for a few weeks. We trust he has assimilated the knowledge

he has been seeking in regard to wood patterns. . . . Ralph Houghton is again serving on Jury Duty in Boston and we see him in fits and starts. Possibly Ralph will have some interesting material for future SPINDLE columns. . . . Herman Buma has left with the good wishes of the department to pursue his funeral directing full time. . . . Osias J. Chenette made another errand of mercy trip—this time to New York to visit his son who was seriously ill. We hope he is better now and that soon Joe can make a trip under more pleasant circumstances. . . . Archie Fournier recently visited his second set of twin grandsons in Warwick, R. I. He claims they are progressing nicely and in a few years they'll be wrestling their grandfather. Archie had considerable prowess in that field in his younger days.

Ralph Houghton, James Ferguson, and Francis Joslin celebrated birthdays this month. There were even more anniversaries—Mr. and Mrs. George Gauthier, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kroll, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. John Dominick, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert P. John. Congratulations all! May seems to be the preferred month for weddings on this job with the traditional June running second along with February with four weddings each.

## GENERAL MACHINING

by Ken Harrington

Of course, the best story for last month was the big snow. We are happy to report that most of our department made out quite well. There were a few sore backs and Ralph Walley and Lionel Grondines were walking around for a few days with a limp due to falls, but nothing serious. . . . Art Mickulsky has just received another suggestion award. . . . We know that spring is here now for sure because the boys have another one of their fishing trips planned. If anyone wants a bird house built, see John Malley. . . . Can it be true that Pete Babowitch is ready to build that garage? . . . It's about the right time for the brush cuts to show up, but we are not sure that Charlie Tykes will get one this year. It took almost a year for his last one to get back to normal. . . . Birthday greetings to Joseph Baril, Joseph Caron, John Drainville, Ed Krajewski, and Sophie Sobon. . . . The Oscar award committee reports that no award will be given this month.

## RESEARCH DIVISION

by Bernice Taylor

The warmer weather has finally arrived—we hope, and with it comes thoughts of summer sports. Which is the better sport—golf or baseball? Hugo Meotti and Floyd Gudanowski have been arguing pro and con. As of now, no decision has been reached. . . . Jean Champagne took a trip to Montreal, Canada with her mother. They went by plane and Jean said that their visit was most enjoyable. However, the return trip was a little delayed due to our "delayed winter" weather. . . . Many happy returns to Ray Mooradian, Al Toomey and Herb Cutler who have May birthdays, and anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Al Toomey, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cody and Mr. and Mrs. Ike Peloquin. . . . Pin award congratulations this month to Eileen Holmes and Ray Cabana for having been with us 5 years, and to Charlie May who is a 15-year man. . . . Our farewells and best wishes to Bill McFarland who has left our company. Good luck to him in his new job.

A warm welcome to Connie Hazebrouck, who is working for the Whitin Business Equipment at Research. Connie is from North Smithfield, R. I. And again a welcome to Mr. R. A. Dooley, Sales Manager of Whitin Business Equipment. . . . Congratulations to Ed Perry who was recently elected Lay Leader at the annual meeting of the Whitinsville Methodist Church. His son Richard is in the news this month, too. On April 14, 1956, Dick appeared on the Perry Como show as a member of the Duke University Men's Glee Club. Dick is a senior at the University. . . . And again this month our "get well" to Virginia Burke. Hope she is back with us soon.



## LINWOOD DIVISION

by Louise Sohigian and  
Wilbur Baird

In Department 450 the question is, "What happened to Red Jones' coffee?" . . . Albert Cupka has a new Ford. His son, Albert Jr., is now on active duty with the Air Force. . . . Ernest Riedle's father is recovering from a heart attack in Milford Hospital. . . . Department 450 welcomes the return of Walter Parker and Thomas Schotanus and the arrival of new inspectors Gerard Peloquin and Bertrand Senecal. . . . Edward Jarvis is to study engineering at a Texas college. . . . Arthur Nolan from Franklin is the new fireman. . . . In strawberry time, remember Peter Kravatz who has over half an acre in strawberry plants. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harry Malkasian celebrated their sixteenth anniversary on April 13.

In Department 451, Widgie Esposito has a new Oldsmobile and Helen Sears a new blue Chevrolet. . . . Congratulations on the 31st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Mantell. . . . Birthday candles are lit this month for Widgie Esposito, Sam Gagne, Lil Scott, and Ann Mantell.

## DEPARTMENT 411

by Leon Atteridge

Our personality on the first shift this month is Helen Burroughs. Helen was born in Mt. Desert Island, Maine, and was educated in the schools in Maine. She still gets homesick for Maine and enjoys going back on her vacations. Helen is married to Roy Burroughs who is a supervisor in the Master List Department. They are the parents of two children—Wayne and Earl—and also are grandparents of two children—Donna and Nancy. Helen



Helen Burroughs, Department 411 day shift personality, is shown with her husband, Roy Burroughs of Master List. Helen and Roy operate the Neighborly Store during their leisure hours



Barren Jr. and Wayne are the children of Barren Wallace, Department 411 night shift personality

first came to work for Whittin in 1942 on the Magneto Job. In 1944 she was transferred to our department as a turret lathe operator. She is known to be one of the most efficient workers in our department. Helen and Roy don't have too much spare time because, when they're not working in the shop, they are working at their store. They own a variety store called the Neighborly Store which keeps them pretty busy. Helen also enjoys working around the yard at their home which they recently bought. Helen and Roy are proud of the fact that both sons are veterans. Earl is a veteran of the Korean War and Wayne is a veteran of World War II.

Our personality on the second shift is Barren Wallace. Barren was born in Monroe, Louisiana, as anyone can believe after hearing his southern drawl. In Louisiana he operated a combination meat and grocery market prior to World War II. At that time he enlisted in the Navy where he served three and a half years. He was assigned to the transport *Crescent City* and saw service in the Philippines, New Zealand, Guadalcanal, and Australia. Barren is fond of baseball, hockey, and likes to hunt and fish. He is married to the former Jennie Destefani whom he met in California, and they are the parents of two children—Barren, Jr., and Wayne. In August of last year he was operating a restaurant in Woonsocket. The restaurant was lost because of the floods. Barren first came to work in Whittinsville in 1955 in our department. We certainly hope that he has better luck than he has recently had.

Joan Mateer of our Inspection Department recently owned three cats and six kittens. So far she's been fortunate in giving them away, but she still has one kitten left now. Anyone interested in owning a kitten please get in touch with her

because her father has now threatened that either the kitten goes or she goes!

Cliff Goyette is the proud owner of a brand-new 1956 Dodge. . . . Welcome to the following who are now working with us: Henry Coutu, Lester Wilcox, Edward Legassey, and Joseph Keenan. . . . Best wishes to all those celebrating birthdays this month: Peter Vandersloot, Bob Pelletier, Dean McKinnon, Byron Heywood, Chet McQuilkin, Philip Belanger, Clifford Goyette, Frank Howard, Frank Berkowitz, Anthony Stasz, Angelo Geruso, Edmund Gerber, Bertrand Senecal, and George Charpentier. . . . Congratulations to the following who are observing anniversaries: Roger Boudreau, Aldred Desautels, Kelsau Davis, Kenneth McMahon, Clarence Beauregard, John Demers, Philip Belanger, and Lester Wilcox.

## CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

by Edward Rabitor

My apologies to Doug Farley and Bob Gardner for my comments on their card playing, as they are still champs at pitch. Nick Beccia and Grant Fournier seem to be still amateurs. How about getting a copy of the book on how to play cards, fellows? . . . Claire Houle has finally moved into her new house, and from what I hear, it is very nice. . . . Three very impatient fellows on the job have been swinging their golf clubs for a month and waiting for the snow to disappear. Have patience Charlie Malkasian, Bob Gardner and Grant Fournier, for the fairways will be open soon and those birdies and pars will be going down on the score cards. . . . Welcome to Beatrice Sabourin, our new inspector, who replaced Jennie Spratt. . . . Rose Onanian celebrated her birthday on April 6. . . . Department 417 is entering a team in the shop softball league, and Ray "The Lip" Achorn will be at the helm. More information next month.



Wilfred Paquette, Department 418, claims to get more mileage with a quart of oats than most people get with a gallon of gasoline. He doesn't have to use antifreeze in his hay-burner either



## CARPENTER SHOP AND MISCELLANEOUS WOODWORK

by Benjamin Brouwer

Happy birthday wishes for April to Evelyn Johnson and Edward Allega. We are glad to see Eddy back with us again, after being out for quite a while with a sprained back. . . . Many happy returns to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brule on their 35th wedding anniversary. . . . Our best wishes go to Lester Wilcox, Andrew Sanborn, and Norman Choiniere, who have left us to work in other departments. We were sorry to hear that Arthur Bodwell was badly injured in an automobile accident during the blizzard of March 16. He received two broken legs in the accident which occurred in Uxbridge. He will probably remain in the hospital for some time.

## PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Tad Wallace and Marge Newton

The "Gourmets," Jan Lawrence, Stella Betley, Joan Hutcheson, Lucy Kheboian, Helen Miller, Helen Dagirmanjian, Nancy Danahy, and Doris McCray held their most recent outing at Thompson's Lodge in Westboro. They report that it is another excellent establishment. . . . Master Route Section's "Good-Time Club" had its most recent outing at Bronzo's and they report a delightful evening. It was learned that it was also Betty Bonaventura's third wedding anniversary and the Master of Ceremonies made public announcement of the fact. Of course he was just a little puzzled to see just a party of girls celebrating an anniversary, so naturally he inquired as to the whereabouts of Mr. "B." The "MC" was astounded to learn that the husband was at home baby sitting with little Frankie, Jr. And then you women say that we husbands have such an easy life. The participants at this occasion were: Betty Bonaventura, Blanche Cassista, Blanche Fullerton, "Jackie" Duhamel, "Pat" DiSalvo, Shirley Fougere, Shirley Staniek, Pauline Demaris, "Fran" Gonsorcik, Henrietta Hoogendyke, and Mary Limanek. . . . New wrinkle has been added to the method of paying off a bet. "Andy" Magill lost a carton of cigarettes to "Jackie" Gilchrist on the bowling season and "Andy" picked the most unique method of paying off. He brought "Jackie" a cigarette machine, tobacco, paper and instructions as to how to make nice round, firm, and fully packed cigarettes. . . . This column is being written a week ahead of the scheduled opening of the Office Golf League, but if today is any indication, April 16 (rain, rain, and more rain), we will be lucky to get under way by Memorial Day.

All reports and predictions on the outcome of the American and National League pennant races must be in the hands of your reporters not later than September 1 if you want to be considered in the running



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fenner were married in St. Peter's Church, Northbridge, on January 21

for "prize" fence-rider of the year. To date, we have only received the selections of defending champion "Tom" Cawley and I have threatened to expose him in the next issue of the SPINDLE. Boy, wait 'til you see his pickin's. . . . From all reports, the Personality feature is being received quite well. We are most happy and it is you who are asked to participate who make it a successful feature. We plan to get out into the Storesrooms very shortly. We hope that you will be waiting for us and give us the necessary information. . . . A hearty welcome to Bill Mayberry, former planner at 411, now working in the Scheduled Parts Division.

## COST DEPARTMENT

by Dick Hanny and Pauline Hagan

We welcome Bradley Brown to our Foundry group and Mathew Zywiec to our Spinning group.

Margaret and Donald Crosby and their family recently celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary by visiting her sister in Washington, D.C. . . . Tom Altoonian has returned from a two-week active training course with the Army Air Corps Reserve. . . . Florence LeBeau and her husband spent a week's vacation visiting with friends in Washington, D.C. and relatives in New Jersey. . . . We are glad to welcome Ray Tebeau back after his recent siege at St. Vincent Hospital. . . . We hope that by now Howard Anderson and Harold Tolman have fully recovered from their operations at Boston hospitals. . . . Florence LeBeau is very proud of her husband these days and she has every right to be. During one of our big snow

storms this past winter Armand, who is a driver for Worcester Street Railway Bus Company, was marooned with his passengers for the night. He lent his jacket to a passenger and did his utmost to keep the bus running and his passengers comfortable as possible through the long, cold night. His company commended him highly for services beyond the call of duty.

Congratulations to Eve Lundberg upon receiving her 5-year pin. . . . Happy motoring to Leo Imondi who is the proud owner of a new '56 Chevrolet and to Shirley McNamara who has a '54 Buick Century.

Birthdays: Shirley McNamara, Henry Lawton, Leroy Benner, and Marshall Clark. . . . Anniversaries: Roland and Dorothy Farrar, their 14th; Florence and Morrice Perry, their 12th; Armand and Theresa Plouffe, their 9th; Rocky and Ruth Knight, their 19th.

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

by Bob English

*Payroll:* Rosalie Lent has been thumbing through several brochures of New York State and Canada. We learned she has a new car, with her vacation well planned. . . . Evelyn Maziarka reports a busy Easter in the floral trade. She and husband John have a sideline. . . . Stuart White and Albert Bokoski, two advanced apprentices, have been observing and learning all phases in the Works Accounting division. . . . Cathy Reeves has completed a five-week course in cake decorating.

*Machine Accounting:* We welcome Virginia Audette of Fletcher Street, Whitinsville, and Margaret Crosby of the Cost Department. They will become key-punch operators. . . . Carolyn Salatiello posed for a portrait sketch by Jack Schneiderman at Dickman's Store. . . . Nancy Trainor is on leave of absence. . . . Ruth Kellaher, we are sorry to report, is on sick leave. We hope to have her back soon. . . . Bob Courchene is fond of carrots. Now we know he has 20-20 vision.

*Statements:* Gus Ayotte, a rabid hockey fan, is real proud of the Rhode Island Reds' successful season. . . . Carolyn Schaapman is on leave of absence.

*Budgets:* Ted Froh is eagerly awaiting the fishing season. Riley's Pond has been stocked with \$500.00 worth of fish for the opening, with the date undetermined because of ice on the pond. Ted is recommending Georgia Red Wiggles this season in preference to Mrs. Lasell's king-size night crawlers.

*Timekeeping:* We welcome Arshag Karagoshian of 51 Border Street, Whitinsville, to Department 411, where he replaced Claudette Boucher, who is on leave of absence. . . . We also welcome Doris



Arcand of Woonsocket to Department 416. . . . Mattie Zywein, formerly of Department 416 and Bradley Brown of Department 404, have moved into the Cost Department. Congratulations, men! Loretta Cassista of Department 436 received her five-year service pin from supervisor F. Merwin Brown.

Members of the Whitin Home Garden Club this year again received flower and vegetable seed with the compliments of the Worcester Federal Savings and Loan Association. A mighty fine gesture!

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

by Philip O'Grady

We welcome Evelyn Hobbs. She replaces Shirley Bosma who has left to enter nurses training. We all wish Shirley the best of luck and think she will make a fine nurse. . . . It is good to have Stanley Witek back with us after his recent illness. . . . We also say good-bye to Janet Crossland, Mary Cooper and Art Wilson. Art, who will be employed at Draper Corporation, will be missed at our stag parties. . . . We wish Alice Naroian happiness in her married life, and congratulate Kitty Sullivan who celebrates her first anniversary this month. . . . The first meeting of the newly formed Philatelic Club of the Drafting Room was held at the home of John Lash on April 11. . . . Ernest Plante says the Easter Parade in Manhaug was as good as the one on Fifth Avenue in New York but Bernice Darcy must be from Missouri. She made the trip to New York to see for herself. . . . Spring is here and that means baseball. It looks to this writer like the Red Sox's year. Wouldn't it be nice to see the World Series played in Boston instead of New York?

## METHODS DEPARTMENT

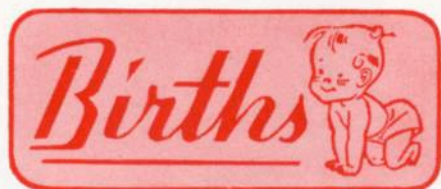
by Jean Cunningham

We were pleased to see big Bill Neulieb receive his ten-year pin from Mr. Brouwer on April 5. . . . Charlie Mateer's son-in-law, Capt. McGilpin, who has been stationed in Thule, is returning this month and is going down Florida way where further instructions will be waiting. . . . Ben Musket is again happy playing cribbage. Recently he had a twenty-nine hand. Let's hope his good luck continues.

Wendell Piper's son, Richard, performed remarkably well in the musicale presented by the Parent-Teachers Association at their last meeting for the year. Richard sang "McNamara's Band" and really brought the house down. His parents have good reason to be proud of him. . . . Happy birthdays this month to Harley Buma, Frank DeHaas, Lewis Kenney, Hjalmar Larson, G. Frank Martin, Earl Mason, Merton Whately, and George Shaw. . . . Paul Wheeler of Methods and his wife celebrated their twenty-first wedding anniversary on April 4. We hope they will enjoy many more.



Miss Jeannette Bishop, daughter of Everett Bishop of Department 439, was married to Mr. Donald Gauthier at St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville, April 7. The reception was held at the Progressive Club, North Uxbridge.



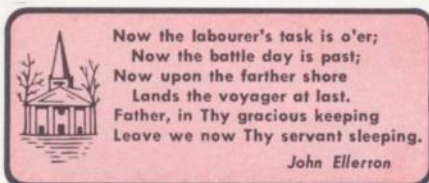
To Herve Bonin, Department 405, and Mrs. Bonin, a son at Woonsocket Hospital.

To Alden Toomey, Research Division, and Mrs. Toomey, a son, Allen Robert, weight 9 lbs. 6 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on April 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lamontagne, a daughter, Diana Vivian, on March 16.

To Aram Blanchard, Department 437, and Mrs. Blanchard, a daughter, Renee, weight 7 lbs. 12 oz., at Mercy Hospital, Woonsocket, on the Ides of March.

A daughter, Kathryn Mary, on March 26, to James L. Burke, Internal Auditor, and Mrs. Burke.



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

Rudolph Petrin, Department 421, on the death of his father, Joseph Petrin, age 67, who died on March 31.

Theodore Morel, Department 421, on the death of his son, Theodore Morel, Jr., age eight months.

Donald and Harmas Dion on the death of Mrs. Emma Boileau.

Family and friends of Abraham Twight, 65, of 903 Providence Road, who died in Whitinsville Hospital on March 23. A native of the Netherlands and a veteran of World War I, he was employed as a woodworker at the Whitin Machine Works for fifteen years.

Relatives and friends of John E. Hickey, 62, of Farnumsville Road, who died in Whitinsville Hospital on April 4. A native of Uxbridge and for sixteen years a Northbridge resident, he was Foreman of Department 405.

Survivors and friends of John P. Jackman, 61, of 149 Linwood Street, who died in Jamaica Plain Veterans Hospital on April 9. A veteran of World War I, he had been employed in Plant Security for six years.

Friends and family of Philip Brown, 24, of 17 Forest Street, who died April 5. A former paratrooper, he was employed here as a machinist.

Relatives and friends of William H. Baker, 82, of the Blue Eagle Inn, who died in Tampa, Florida, on March 24. A Whitinsville resident for thirty years, he was, prior to his retirement, an inspector at the Whitin Machine Works.

Bert Kroll, Department 408, on the death of his father, Arthur Kroll.

Bert Lauzon, Department 409, on the death of his father.

Albert Brouwer and family on the death of his father-in-law, Arthur Kroll.

To Alfred Boileau of No. 11 Storesroom, and William Boileau, on the death of their mother.

Zelma Benner on the death of her mother, Mrs. Arthur Peters of Lowell, Massachusetts.

Eve Lundberg on the death of her mother-in-law.

Benjamin and James Scott of Department 448 on the death of their father, James, in Dundee, Scotland, on March 19 at the age of 93.

William Guertin on the death of his sister, Mrs. Joseph Curran of Northbridge.

Henry Duquette on the death of his mother.

Family and friends of Philip Brown, Department 414, who was killed in an automobile accident on April 4.

Survivors and friends of Louis J. Wiersma, 75, former Whitin molder and prominent local dairyman, who died at the Milford Medical Home on April 16.

Friends and relatives of William St. Andre, 72, of Central Square, Upton, who died in West Roxbury Veterans Hospital on April 15. A veteran of World War I, he was employed at the Whitin Machine Works prior to his retirement.



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